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OFFICIAL FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



## Swenke Elementary School News

*Things are gearing up as we get ready for our  
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*Our theme for the 2009-2010 year is "Believe."*

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### **New student registration**

August 11, 13, 14 (Not on 10th or 12th)  
8:00-11:00 AM or 1:00-3:00 PM

#### **Swenke Sneak A Peek & Ice Cream Social**

August 4, 2009, 1:00-6:00 PM

#### **Meet the Teacher**

August 21, 2009

PPCD, Life Skills, Pre-K, 1st-5th Grades, 9:00-9:45 AM  
Kindergarten Orientation, 10:00-10:45 AM

#### **First Day of School**

Monday, August 24, 2009, 8:50AM - 3:50PM

#### **Curriculum Night**

September 14, 2009

PTO Meeting, 6:00-6:15 PM

PPCD, Pre-K, Life Skills, Grades K-2, 6:15-7:00 PM  
Grades 3rd-5th, 7:00-7:45 PM

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### **Questions?**

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## Attention Fairfield Homeowners

### 2009 Meeting Schedule for Fairfield Village Neighborhood Association and Villages

*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.

August 2009	Tuesday	NO MEETING
September 2009	Tuesday	22nd Board Meeting (Schedule Budget Meeting)
October 2009	Tuesday	NO MEETING
November 2009	Tuesday	NO MEETING
December 2009	Tuesday	1st Board Meeting

## Fairfield Community Gazette

### *Procedures for Submitting Articles & Personal Classifieds*

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

Articles, personal classified ads (limit 30 words), questions regarding regular columns and teen job postings (i.e. additions, deletions, changes) must be submitted to the editor, Holly Reichert, via e-mail at [FairfieldGazette-Editor@comcast.net](mailto:FairfieldGazette-Editor@comcast.net)

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

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

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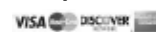
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## Attention Fairfield Homeowners

### Are You Concerned About Your Water Bill?

By: Jay Hartley

As I am writing this article today for the August newsletter, the temperature is once again supposed to be near 100 degrees with a 10% chance of rain. This would be normal if it was happening in August, but this has been the normal pattern all summer. Earlier in the week, our area benefitted from some rain. Areas north of Fairfield received much more than Fairfield but I guess we will take what we can get. My wife and I joke that Fairfield is surrounded by a force field that blocks the rain.

I am sure most of you have noticed the areas that are not under an automated irrigation system you can tell by the shades of yellow and brown that you would normally see in the dead of winter. There are a lot of trees stressed out and dying all over town due to the lack of rain and supplemental water. Thankfully we live in a subdivision that has an irrigation system that provides enough supplemental water to sustain the health of the trees and plant material.

But with all the water we are using, there comes a cost. By the time you are reading this, you will have received your bill for June and it may shock you. Or by the time of this article, our area could be on water rationing much like the Woodlands and other parts of our area that have already started restrictions. Water is a precious resource that most of us take for granted every day. We are fortunate in South East Texas that this part of the state

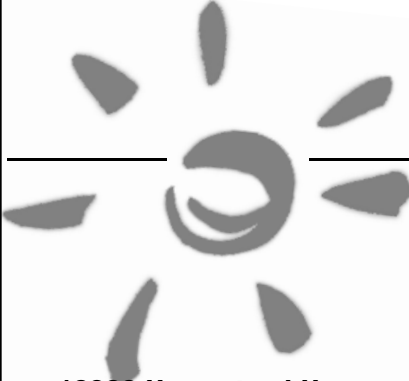
averages 50+ inches of rain per year. Texas is so diverse that you can travel 3 hours to the West and North and the average rainfall is 30+ inches per year. For the first time in four years, the lakes that feed the water infrastructure in the Dallas Ft. Worth area are full. These areas of the state have been dealing with water rationing for the last four years and have made changes in the way they water their yards. Our time has come that we must evaluate our watering needs and the plant material in our landscapes.

There are ways to reduce the amount of water that we use in our landscapes. First, make sure you are watering your lawn at night and not during the middle of the day. With these hot days, you will lose a lot of water due to evaporation. You may see landscape contractors watering during the day as they are installing new material and have to water immediately to help get the plants established. Second, seek professional assistance by having your system checked by a Texas Licensed Irrigator. The Irrigator is going to evaluate your system by checking all zones and looking for leaks or spray heads that are not operating efficiently, maybe not even operating at all. Your systems may have been installed years ago and the plant material has grown to a point where the water is not hitting the entire area it was originally intended for. The Irrigator is also going to make sure you are not watering

bed areas and grass areas at the same time. These should be on separate zones. Third, there have been new products developed in the irrigation industry that are more efficient and have water conservation devices built in. Change out the old devices and install ones that are more efficient. A rain sensor should be installed on every system. This device will not allow the system to run during or right after a sufficient rain event. Tell the licensed irrigator that you are interested in saving water! There are many homes that have had an irrigation system installed and the controller was set up by the installer and it has never been reset. The same watering schedule is being used 12 months of the year when the in the fall, winter, and spring the system could just about be turned off. And fourth, use of the proper amount of mulch in our flower beds and organics is a great way to reduce the amount of water our landscapes require. Contact the Master Gardener's for Harris County to get some very valuable information on the use of organics as well as listen to the Garden Line on the weekends. Randy Lemon has a complete schedule of using organics in our landscapes that will allow you to save the amount of water we consume.

I mentioned earlier in the article that we are fortunate for the amount of rain we receive and have very lush landscapes. Take a drive west to our neighbors in San

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## Are You Concerned - (Continued from Page 7)

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Our subdivision is one to be proud of. Our entries, esplanades, and green belt areas are nicely landscaped and kept manicured. I hope that you are also proud to live in Fairfield and will do your part to help police the water we use. If you are watering every day of the week, turn your controller back to 5 days a week and start getting your yard used to less water. You know your grass may show a little stress for that day but the next day the irrigation will come on. In another week, reduce it down to four days a week. It is not going to be easy with the record heat that we are having, but it is a start. Should the day come that we are forced into restrictions, our yards will be accustomed to less water.

Another topic that we face in our yards this time of year with the hot and dry conditions is Chinch Bugs. Are you seeing a halo of yellow, dying St. Augustine? It might not be a result of the drought.

It could be chinch bugs. Most people think that when they see that yellow spot they should water more. Overwatering ends up being the result, making this portion of the yard more susceptible to them. Over watering will also kill off beneficial microbes in the soil.

## Investigating the Crime Scene

Even if you've have yellowing patches, you may or may not have chinch bugs. The symptoms could be a result of a variety of ailments. Try these investigative techniques to find out whether chinch bugs are the culprits:

1. Slowly slide your feet through the grass. Watch for the bugs to crawl across your shoe. Adult chinch bugs are about 1/5 of an inch long, have shiny brown or black bodies, and some have white wings folded back over the bodies.
2. Or you can use a gallon can with both ends removed. Pick an area where the yellowing grass meets green grass. This is likely where the infection will be. Insert one end of the can about two to three inches into the ground. Fill the can with soapy water and keep an eye on the container for about five minutes. If there are chinch bugs, they will float to the surface. If the water infiltrates out of the can, refill it slowly, and wait. Repeat this process several times in different areas of suspected infestation.

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*Are You Concerned - (Continued from Page 8)*

## Controlling Chinch Bugs

- Don't concern yourself about using pesticides. Man-made pesticides are bad for the environment and they won't do any good anyway. Chinch bugs have developed immunity to almost every pesticide thrown at them.
- Don't overwater. Over watering forces needed oxygen away from the grass roots, and weakens the root structure. Most people think that if an inch a week on the lawn is good, two inches or more are better. This is simply not true.
- Remove thatch. Thatch provides conditions favorable for chinch bugs. There are mower attachments as well as professional services available.
- Mulch your grass with a mulching mower. The clipped grass does not become thatch; rather the nitrogen-rich mulched pieces decompose rapidly, adding nutrients back into the soil.
- Use an organic, low nitrogen fertilizer. This will help slow chinch bug reproduction.

A common indicator of chinch bug infestation begins at the curb line. Chinch bugs also give the appearance that the lawn needs additional water. This is not correct. Once the lawn is infested, applying additional water will not revive the damaged area. As I mentioned in the paragraph above, use the help of the Master Gardener's in our area as well as Randy Lemon's, the Garden Line.

If you are looking for a Texas Licensed Irrigator for our area, there are companies that advertise in our Gazette that have a licensed irrigator on staff. You can also go to the following website, [www.hgcia.org](http://www.hgcia.org) and open the "Find a contractor" tab, and locate one for our area.

Continue to enjoy your summer.

Jay Hartley

*Chinch bug information provided by Bob Dailey, Master Gardener.*

## A FRIENDLY REMINDER ...

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



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**Coach:** LeDoux

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Take a good look at the sweet faces in this picture. These girls are all sugar and sweetness - the most laid-back, easy-going group of 6 & 7 year olds (and one 4 year old) I've ever seen!! But don't be fooled - this is a collection of some of the TOUGHEST GIRLS I've known. For the past 6 weeks, they have gone out on five different weekends to play softball tournaments. They've endured scorching 100+ heat, tough losses, exciting wins, long days (12 hours at one tournament), and played more than 30 games in 5 weekends!! They never asked to stop playing, and ended each day with huge smiles on their faces. After each game, I could count on two questions from Michelle, "can I get a snow-cone?" and "when do we play our next game?"

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*by Mom*

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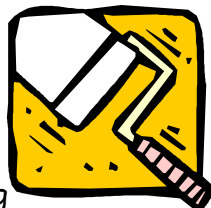
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## The Road of Uncertainty

By Mindy Ferguson

As I traveled along a remote road on my way to speak at a women's retreat, my GPS suddenly began an annoying repetition of the phrase, "lost satellite". After a few minutes, I picked up my cell phone to call for directions. No service. I found myself on an unfamiliar country road in East Texas, with no cell phone and a GPS that appeared to be as disoriented as I was.

Uneasy, I pulled over onto the side of the road, took a deep breath, reviewed my map and prayed. I studied the map and located a road that I remembered passing a few miles earlier. I estimated my location and eased back onto the road, following the map with my finger as I drove. Needless to say, I was grateful to discover a sign with the retreat center's logo and an arrow, indicating the turn was ahead.

Thinking back on my experience, it occurred to me that our journey through life often presents us with circumstances that make us feel as disoriented and uneasy as I felt that day when I was lost on an unfamiliar country road without cell service. It also occurred to me that our response to life's uncertainties should be the same as mine was that day on the road —Pause, Ponder, Pray, and then Proceed.

### Pause

When faced with uncertainty, we need to take some time to quiet ourselves before the Lord. Psalm 46 assures us, God is our refuge

and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Be still and know that I am God (vs. 1,10a NIV).

Regardless how lost or helpless we may feel, God is our refuge and our strength and He is always available to help us. We can rest in the truth that He knows every detail of our circumstances and He is never disoriented. It's important to "be still" in order to hear His voice and sense His presence.

### Ponder

Next, we need to take the time to gather information, reflect, and regroup. When conflict arose in the early church between Jewish and Gentile believers, the apostles took time to ponder the issues before deciding how to proceed. Acts 15:6 says, the apostles and elders met to consider this question (NIV). When we are unsure how to proceed, we need to gather information and ponder the facts.

### Pray

Prayer is crucial. Through prayer, we can come before the Lord with the facts of a situation and earnestly seek His guidance. James 1:5 assures us, If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him (NIV). We can count on God to listen and to grant us the wisdom that we need to move forward in His will.

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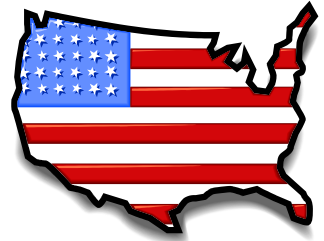
## *The Road-* (Continued from Pg 18) **Proceed**

Finally, after we have patiently paused, diligently pondered and earnestly prayed, it is time to act. You may step out cautiously, just as I did that day on the unfamiliar country road, but we can count on the truth of Exodus 15:13, which says, In your unfailing love you will lead the people you have redeemed (NIV). God loves us abundantly and although our circumstances can be frightening, we can trust that our God will lead us as He works out everything in conformity with the purpose of His will (Ephesians 1:11 NIV).

Are you facing uncertainty on an unfamiliar road? Pause... Ponder... Pray... and then Proceed. Our God faithfully leads the people He has redeemed!

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## Clubs & Announcements

### Fairfield Women's Club

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Come see what the Fairfield Women's Club is all about! Promote your business while meeting new friends and potential customers!

Reserve a table, have a question, please call Michelle Smith, 1st VP, 281.256.0678, or Laurie During, 2nd VP Membership, 832.922.7381 or email [Fairfieldwomensclub@gmail.com](mailto:Fairfieldwomensclub@gmail.com).

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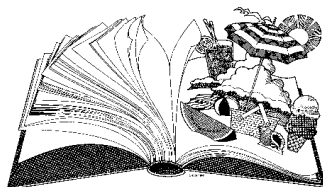
#### Spotlight Member of the Month Leslie Sanders

Leslie Sanders officially joined the Fairfield Women's Club last year, and immediately jumped in to assist wherever she was needed. As Sunshine chair this year, she will be in charge of helping our members as needed, whether that be learning what neighbors need after their house catches fire to the birth of a baby – she will represent the club to do what we can for Fairfield.

Leslie moved to Fairfield in July 2006. She and Greg have been married for 10 years. They have 2 sons, Sam who will be in second grade and Cade who will be in kinder. Leslie enjoys volunteering at Keith Elementary where her boys attend school. She loves taking advantage of everything Fairfield has to offer: sports, pools, Fairfield Athletic Center, bike/jogging trails, FWC, and some of the nicest people around. Come meet her and other fun people every third Tuesday at the Bradford Creek Clubhouse.



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## Clubs & Announcements Cont.

### Year-Round Texas Terrapins Swim Team (TTST)

#### Announces Open Registration Days for Competitive Training

The Texas Terrapins Swim Team (TTST) will have Pre-Registration for the 2009 / 2010 year-round swim season on Wednesday, August 19th & Friday, August 21st from 5:15 PM – 7:30 PM @ Lakeside Pool in Fairfield. Open Registration for the 2009 / 2010 year-round swim season will be on Wednesday, August 26th from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM @ Lakeside Pool in Fairfield. For directions to the pool, please visit our website at [www.texaserrapins.com](http://www.texaserrapins.com) and click on pool locations. Registration forms are on our website and can be completed out ahead of time!

TTST has accomplished some great things this past year such as almost doubling our team size. We went from a peak season of 80 swimmers to a peak season of 155 and we are continuing to grow while keeping our family atmosphere. All of our swimmers improved tremendously throughout the year and topped the charts during summer league as most of them were invited to Ponderosa and Red, White, and Blue Invitationals where they were ribbon and medal winners. One of our swimmers, Sydney Stanford, won high point at Ponderosa for the 7/8 year old girls! Just before summer league started, we also attended short course T.A.G.S. and will be attending long course T.A.G.S. later this summer as well. We invite you to join our growing team and find out why we are a stroke above the rest.



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## Clubs & Announcements Continued

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**OUR AUGUST BUS TRIP PLANS ARE FOR: Saturday, August 8, Houston, Texas.** This month we will be headed back to the Alley Theatre in downtown Houston. We will be attending a performance of **"Sherlock Holmes and the Crucifer of Blood."**

Sherlock Holmes and the Crucifer of Blood...is a story with two murders and a treasure of jewels that lead to a blood oath and an uncanny mystery that the master detective must solve before more fall victim. Amid fog-shrouded London, Holmes and Watson confront danger and an ingenious villain intent on making a curse come true. This exotic and thrilling mystery driven by greed, deceit and murder is recommended for teens and adults. After the play, we will enjoy dinner at Birraporetti's Restaurant located conveniently next to the theater.

The cost for this trip is \$26.00 per person, plus your dinner. To get your name on the list for this trip, call Mary Lawrence @ 281-256-2831 or Mary Ann Tully @ 281-256-2342. Make checks out to: Fairfield 50 Plus. The departure time will be 1:00 p.m. from the Fairfield Village parking lot. Please be there by 12:45 p.m.

Note: All reservations must be paid for no later than July 9th as payment is due to the theater on July 10th.

**OUR SEPTEMBER BUS TRIP PLANS ARE FOR: Friday, September 4, Houston, Texas.** This month we plan on going to the Houston Symphony's Evening presentation of the hits of the 60's and 70's with Rockapella at Jones Hall, Downtown Houston. This program is performed with infectious energy by this five-part harmony vocal group and the Houston Symphony.

USA Today says: "Some say the best musical instrument of all is the human voice – If you've heard Rockapella perform you know that's the truth."

We will have dinner prior to the presentation at the Spaghetti Warehouse. The cost of the tickets will not be known till the 1st of August. However, we've been told it will be from \$30.00 to \$45.00 per person, plus the cost of your dinner.

To get your name on the list for this trip, call Jackie Wurth at 281-304-0805 or Mary Lou Cook at 281-304-8359. Make checks out to: Fairfield 50 Plus. The departure time will be 4:45 p.m. from the Fairfield Village parking lot. Please be there by 4:30 p.m.

**Thursday, August 13:** 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 Pot Luck. It is also at the Lakeside Trails Club House. However, plan on getting there early. Doors open around 6:00 p.m. for socializing and fellowship. Also plan on staying and joining many of our members that stay to play games after the meal and finish up the desserts. You may want to bring a favorite board game or card game if you have one that is easy to play and, of course, we have dominos.

**Tuesday, August 18:** 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 website and will also be in our August 16th email.

**Thursday, August 27:** 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 at 281-304-8359.

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

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Summer is drawing to an end, and our children are returning to school. Their younger brothers and sisters are going to miss them, so let's make an effort to get together and allow our younger children some playtime. Come join other moms and kids in many great outdoor and indoor activities. Are you 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! Our next meeting is Tuesday, July 14th, 10AM at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church located on Cypresswood Drive in Fairfield. We often have a guest speaker at our meetings discussing topics like finance, health, organization and other popular topics. As always, children welcomed!

For more information, please contact  
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Amy Wilkes, President, at 281-455-2807,  
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### CY-FAIR KIWANIS CLUB

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 with 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 August 4, 11, and 18th.

Membership in Kiwanis is open to persons of good character who adhere to the standards of good conduct in their community and believe in and subscribe to the objects of Kiwanis International. If you would like to know more about Kiwanis and the service programs it promotes, call John Carroll at 281-463-0373; George Crowl at 832-467-1998; or Robert Presnell at 281-304-7127.

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If you would like more information, please call Ken Parker at 281-384-1562. Visit our new website at 290Cypress.com.



### Attention Kappa Delta Sisters ...

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

### 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.

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**Why Fairfield PT?**

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In Fairfield PT you will be able to accomplish the goals you want to achieve - becoming more disciplined, raising self esteem, and obtaining better physical fitness. We compete against ourselves and are encouraged to challenge ourselves and not stay in a comfort zone.

**Where is Fairfield PT?**

Fairfield PT meets at the soccer fields next to the Splash-pad and the Central Park Pool Clubhouse on Heath Green Circle.

**What do I bring?**

Bring a water bottle with at least 32 ounces of water. If you wish, you may bring a workout mat. Wear a good pair of running shoes (not cross-training shoes).

**When is Fairfield PT?**

Fairfield PT workouts are held Monday thru Friday. Workouts begin promptly at 5:15AM and last for 60 minutes, ending promptly at 6:15AM. That still leaves you plenty of time to get ready for work! You may wish to arrive 10-15 minutes early to begin stretching.

Fairfield PT is a "Rain or Shine" workout group. However, we will not meet if there is lightning, hail or any other dangerous conditions. There is no need to 'sign up' or RSVP; just meet us there at 5:15AM. You WON'T regret it!

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For more information please contact Chris King at [fairfieldpt@yahoo.com](mailto:fairfieldpt@yahoo.com)



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## School News

### IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN!

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Commander William "Bill" Shaffer of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 2427 and its Ladies Auxiliary announces the kick-off of the years "Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Essay Competition." These competitions are designed to give local students the opportunity to earn Scholarships and savings bonds toward their education. Students from public, private, and parochial schools are encouraged to participate, as well as students in home study programs.

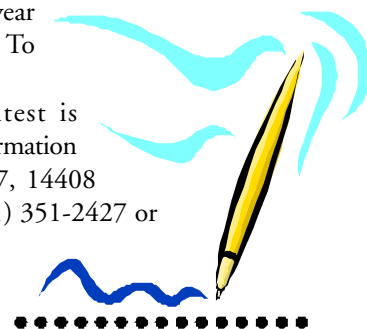
Students begin competing at the local Post level, Post winners advance to the District level, District winners then compete in the State competition. The State winners compete for more than 2.5 million in scholarships and savings bonds.

The Voice of Democracy contest is open to Students in grades 9 – 12 who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school, and those in a home study program in the United States, its territories and possessions; or in an overseas U.S. Military/civilian dependent school. Foreign exchange students, students age 20 or over and

previous Voice of Democracy first place winners are ineligible. The theme for the year is, "Does American Still Have Heroes?"

The Patriot's Pen Contest is opened to 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students enrolled in public, private or parochial schools in the US, its territories or its possessions. Home-schooled students are also eligible. Dependents of U.S. of military or civilian personnel in overseas schools can participate too. Foreign exchange students and former winners that placed in the National finals are excluded from the contest. The theme for this year is, "When Is The Right Time To Honor Our Military Heroes?"

The deadline for this contest is November 1, 2009. For more information please contact V.F.W. Post 2427, 14408 Alice Road. Tomball, Texas (281) 351-2427 or go online at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org).



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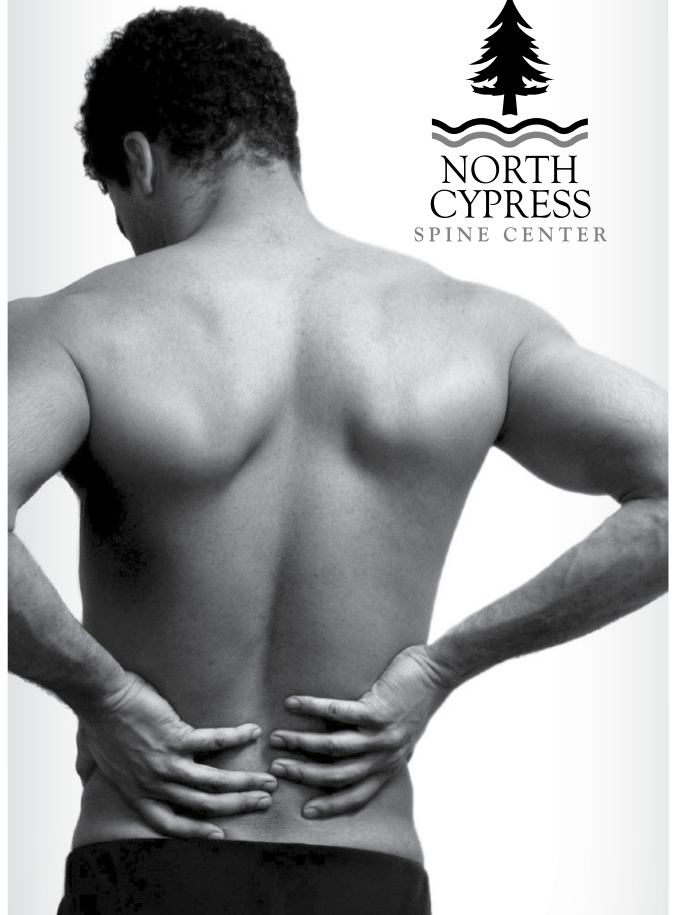
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## School News *Continued*

### New Club Charter Granted to Cypress Ranch Key Club



*Picture of Bob Presnell, Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club President, and Aliah Kelly, Cypress Ranch Key Club President*

Cypress, Texas – July 2, 2009 – A new Key Club has been chartered by Kiwanis International at one of Cy-Fair's newest high schools, Cypress Ranch. The new school club of 238 members has been meeting since the school's opening in August 2008 and made formal application for a charter in January 2009. The official Club Charter was presented to Key Club President Aliah Kelly at the club's first annual banquet held on May 21. The charter presentation was made by Bob Presnell, President of the Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club, and Peggy Presnell, who serves as Kiwanis Sponsor for the new Key Club.

Members attending the banquet were presented with membership items including their membership cards and pins. New officers for the 2009-10 school year were installed by Madhumita Govindu, a Cy-Fair High School student who serves as Lt. Governor of Division 3N of Key Club. Miss Govindu oversees the Katy and CFISD Key Clubs for the Texas-Oklahoma District of Key Club.

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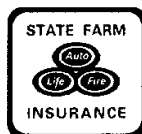
## School News Continued



Attention Cy-Woods 2010 Senior Parents! WRAP is Cy-Woods High School's parent-driven Project Prom organization. The purpose of WRAP is to provide a drug and alcohol free all-night party for the graduating seniors and their guests after their prom.

Please join us on Thursday, August 20th @ 7:00 pm in the Commons area at Cy-Woods High School for our 1st 2009-2010 WRAP General Board meeting. For more information on WRAP, please visit our website at [cywoodswrap.org](http://cywoodswrap.org) or contact us via email at [cywoodswrap@hotmail.com](mailto:cywoodswrap@hotmail.com). We look forward to seeing you on August 20th.

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Each session will include dance technique, specially choreographed routines for each age group, performance dance shirt, drinks and snacks each day and a picture of each participant.

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## Church News

### Harvest Bible Church

#### Did You Know?

Who has the right to the land of Israel and Palestine? Jews? Arabs? Consider Genesis 12:1-3, 7; 13:15: *Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go forth from your country, and from your relatives and from your father's house, to the land which I will show you; And I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and so you shall be a blessing; And I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed"... 12:7 The Lord said to Abram, "to your seed I give this land"... 13:15 "for all the land which you see, I will give to you and your descendants forever."*

God spoke to Abram in Gen. 12:1 (circa 2100 BC) telling him to leave his country Ur (which was in modern Iraq), his family, and his father, and proceed into a land that God would grant to him and his descendants – the land of Canaan (modern Palestine). In v. 2 God said, first of all, that he would make Abram a great nation. This meant that Abram (whose name was later changed to Abraham) would be the patriarch of a nation of people. Over 200 years later, Abram's offspring evolved into the nation of Israel, a nation that has withstood more persecution than any other yet continues to exist today. Second, God promised to bless Abram and to make his name great so that he would be a blessing to others. In much the same way that God blessed Noah and his sons after the Flood so that they would be fruitful and multiply (Gen. 9:1), He blessed Abram so that he could become a great nation. Genesis 22:17 explains what God's blessing entails, namely, the power for life, the enhancement of life, and the increase of life.

Genesis 12:3 expounds on God's blessings. With Abram and his nation being blessed by God, anyone who would bless Abram would also be blessed by God, but any nation that would curse what God had blessed would themselves be cursed. Finally, in v. 7, once Abram arrived in the land of Canaan, God promised to give all the land to

him and to his descendants. Of course ancient Canaan is modern-day Palestine, and this land that is continually at war over boundaries is actually the land given to Abram and his offspring, specifically the Jewish peoples.

The land of Palestine belongs to Abram then, now, and forevermore. His descendants are both Palestinians (Arabs) and Jews, but God only promised the land to the Jews through Abram's son Isaac, who was the son of promise, born to Abram and his wife in their old age. Middle East tensions today involve both Jews and Arabs, and they are fighting for that land. But the Bible is clear that the true owners of the land are Jews through Isaac who begat Jacob whom God renamed Israel. Israel's line bore the Christ – Jesus, who saves all people who call upon him alone for salvation and includes them in his eternal promises which include that beautiful land. The land is theirs – from the river in Egypt to the Euphrates. And it will be forever. No war and no nation will ever be able to take it from the Jews, at least not permanently.

Genesis 12:1-3, 7 shows that God blessed Abram and his seed. It reveals how God gave land to Abram's offspring – the whole land of Palestine and then some. It also shows that making enemies with Abram's people is a fruitless endeavor. Relating this passage to our modern world isn't difficult. Praise God that the USA is allied with Israel and is friendly with this small nation. To turn on them would be to turn on God because those who curse Israel (Nazi groups, Muslims, and ignorant people) are cursed by God. America has much to be ashamed of: materialism, soaring murder and crime rate, drug abuse, abortion, and other blatant sins. Maybe our only saving grace is that we're friends of Israel, and God blesses us in spite of ourselves.

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### Fairfield Baptist Church

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Grades 5 & 6 check out our Zone 65 webpage (under Kidz tab) for fun mid-week activities.

#### Student Ministry

Not sure what your student (grades 7-12) can do this summer? Visit Student Ministry on our website for our weekly event schedule!

#### Information & Resources

Many people are facing today's economy with a spirit of fear. You don't have to be one of them! Financial Peace University shows you how to follow God's plan to beat debt, build wealth and keep your own economy thriving ---- even if the nation's isn't. For more information and schedules please visit [www.FairfieldFPU.com](http://www.FairfieldFPU.com) Free orientation August 16 at 5 pm, FPU begins August 23.

Can you imagine going to bed Sunday night, eager for Monday morning to come and your workday to begin? Prepare to have your

world rocked when we uncover and lay out what is wrong with "work" in today's world. Join us for 48 Days To The Work You Love Workshop – beginning August 9 Prepare to get excited about your passions and workweek!

Knowing God does not come through a program, a study, or a method. Knowing God comes through developing a relationship Him. Through this relationship, God reveals Himself, His purposes, and His ways; and He invites you to join Him where He is already at work. Visit FBC's Women's Bible Studies as we walk through "Experiencing God" by Henry Blackaby on Sunday at 9:45 am beginning August 9, Wednesday from 9:30-11:30 am and/or 6:30-8:00pm beginning September 9

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

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**WANTED:** Looking for an Electric Bass Guitar teacher in Fairfield... please contact 281-650-6430.

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

**WANTED:** Wanted: Poker players. Come join us and play No Limit Texas Hold'em. We host games on most Saturday nights. We live in Inwood Park. Women are welcome. Contact me if interested. 281-731-1199 or john@skatetexas.com.

**BOOKKEEPER FOR TEXAS TERRAPINS NEEDED:** The Texas Terrapins Swim Team is looking for a Bookkeeper/Registrar to start August 2009. Some accounting experience and knowledge of QuickBooks is preferred, however training will be provided. Compensation based on qualification. Contact Elisa at Treasurer@texasterrapins.com

**FOR SALE:** Two, Pair One Bar Stools originally \$125.00 each, selling two for \$50.00. Dark wood, excellent condition. contact Cindy @ 281-304-7199

**CAR FOR SALE:** 2000 Champagne Honda accord EX V6 Tan Leather Interior, 166k, asking \$6000 obo. Call 832-655-7775. email for pictures rafaeldleon76@yahoo.com )

**PEEK AND PLAY DISCOVERY DOME FOR SALE:** Lots of activities to explore and discover: "peek-a-boo" curtain, ringing doorbell, opening door, phone, shape-sorting mailbox, ball drop chute, monkey rattle, built-in animal picture book, mesh ball pocket with 3 balls, spider & fish teether, plus 5 links for hanging toys. Asking \$20. Will e-mail pictures. Please call Julie 281-256-0607, juliebridgeslamarche@yahoo.com

**FOR SALE:** Car seat & stroller \$30, 2 upholstered swivel bar stools \$75 for both, wall mount TV stand \$25, Girls twin bed set (pinks, greens, flowers) \$40, Handmade girls crib set (yellow & purple) \$30, flower girl dress size 3 \$40, infant dress size 6-9 mths \$10, call Christina for pictures @ 281-749-5778.

**FOR SALE:** Disney Princess 3-Wheel Kick Scooter. Great for a 3 or 4 year old. Easy to balance. Cute & good condition. Paid \$24. Asking \$10. Will e-mail pictures. Please contact Julie 281-256-0607, juliebridgeslamarche@yahoo.com.

**MATERNITY CLOTHES FOR SALE:** Lots of maternity clothes that must go. Mostly size Small, some Medium. Dressy to casual and in between too. 3 pairs jeans, 10 pairs pants, 4 capris, 1 shorts, 1 overalls, 22 short sleeve tops, 11 3/4 length sleeve tops, 8 long sleeve tops, 4 dresses. Items priced from \$1 - \$5. Will make a deal for the whole lot for the best offer. Please contact Julie 281-256-0607.

**FISHER-PRICE STRIDE-TO-RIDE LION FOR SALE:** Paid \$35 asking \$10 Converts between walker and ride-on toy for little ones, music and lion sounds, perfect condition, only used inside. Will e-mail pictures. Please call Julie 281-256-0607, juliebridgeslamarche@yahoo.com

**FURNITURE FOR SALE:** LARGE, U-shaped, neutral color, sectional couch with two recliners on each end; high back sectional. Purchased at Star Furniture in 2002. Great condition - used only by husband and wife. Extremely comfortable. \$700 OBO. FLOWERED print sleep sofa; great condition. \$300 OBO. Please call 281-373-0120.

**BABY TREND INFANT TRAVEL SYSTEM FOR SALE:** Baby Trend Flex Loc Infant Car Seat- Paid \$100 Asking \$40. Navy blue and Gray, perfect condition. 2 Baby Trend Flex Loc Infant Car Seat Bases- Paid \$40 each Asking \$15 each. Baby Trend Snap & Go Stroller- Paid \$60.00 asking \$20. Will sell separately or all together for Best Offer. Will e-mail pictures. Please call Julie 281-256-0607, juliebridgeslamarche@yahoo.com

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**FISHER-PRICE SOOTHING MOTIONS GLIDER FOR SALE:** Paid \$90 Asking \$40. Glides in 2 directions with a steady and calming motion, Cradles baby in comfort with 10 soothing tunes. Like new. Will e-mail pictures. Please call Julie 281-256-0607, juliebridgeslamarche@yahoo.com.

**BABY TREND SIT AND STAND STROLLER FOR SALE:** Paid \$130 asking \$55. This stroller allows for a toddler child to sit on the rear bench or stand on the back platform. The front converts from infant car seat carrier to upright sitting. This is the ideal stroller for families with an infant / baby and an older toddler. Will e-mail pictures. Please call Julie 281-256-0607, juliebridgeslamarche@yahoo.com

**2 EVENFLO SIMPLE STEP BABY GATES FOR SALE:** Paid \$40 each Asking \$15 each. The gate stands 32" tall and fits openings from 29" - 39" with the 6 inch extension, easy to install, requires no hardware, features a one hand open and close mechanism. The gate is metal and is a neutral gray color. Will e-mail pictures juliebridgeslamarche@yahoo.com Please call Julie 281-256-0607

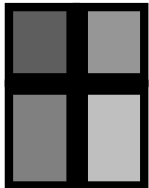
**FOR SALE:** Samsung SIR-TS360 Directv Satellite Receiver, 2 Directv D10 Receivers... all 3 for \$30. Please call 281-304-8748.

**KID'S & BABY ITEMS FOR SALE:** Thomas the Train complete wooden Mountain train set with lots of extras and engines including Thomas, Gordon, Trevor, Annie, Bertie, Terrence, Percy, Harold, etc. \$125 obo., Thomas the Tank Engine Costume excellent condition \$10.00 obo., Thomas the Train Engineer Costume Excellent condition \$10.00 obo., Thomas the Train overalls 4t excellent condition \$8.00. Girls Baby Martex Blossoms Mobile and crib bumper \$20.00 for both. Big box of girls clothes newborn to 18 months \$40.00 for entire box. Little Tikes Dunk'n Cheer Basketball set excellent condition \$12.00. Sesame Street Playard/Sleeper \$10.00, Evenflo car seat and stroller combo \$10.00. Please call 281-304-5479.

**FOR SALE:** American Girl Dolls - \$35 each. Kit, Samantha, Kirsten...all in good condition. Also My Twin Doll with blonde hair and hazel eyes - \$15. Please call 281-304-8748.

**FOR SALE:** HP Officejet 6110 All in One Printer/Scanner/Copier/Fax, with extra ink cartridges.... \$50. Please call 281-304-8748.

**SEWING MACHINE CABINET FOR SALE:** Oak finish, used only a few times. My mom bought it for me in hopes that I would take up a new hobby. Just have no time or room. Asking \$75. (281)256-8559  
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## Classifieds Continued

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**POTTERY BARN KIDS:** Cameron bench in espresso with green gingham cushion \$100.00/ End table in espresso \$175.00/ Activity Table and Carts in Espresso \$225.00 / 2 Carolina Chairs in Espresso \$50/each. All items in excellent/like new condition. Please e-mail me at eldecor@msn.com for more info or pictures.

**GREAT CAR!** 1995 Honda Civic EX 5-speed; 1-owner! Sun-roof, 6-disk CD. Great gas mileage, interior and exterior in great condition. Great for going off to college! 281-256-8634. \$3,500 OBO.

**BABY ITEMS FOR SALE:** Pack N Play \$35, Exersaucer 3 stage learning center \$35, Smart Stages 3 n 1 Rocker Swing \$35, Sound & lights activity walker \$10, rainforest open top take along swing \$30, Leapfrog bouncy chair \$15 email aubreydriggs@aol.com or call cell @ 307-231-0185 for pictures & info.

**BRIGHTON PURSE FOR SALE:** Reversible leather/cloth. Cloth side has a neutral floral print and the leather side is mustard. Never been used, still in box w/stuffing inside. Original price \$145 (sticker is on the box). Asking \$75/OBO (281)256-8559

**FOR SALE:** Six ladder back mahogany chairs (5 without arms; one with arms). Arm chair \$80; armless chairs, \$70 each. Complete set, \$400. Call 281-304-7127.

**BABY PHOTO ALBUMS FOR SALE:** Holds 300 4x6 photos w/memo spaces to write in next to each picture. Still wrapped in plastic. I have four albums: yellow checkered, blue checkered, pink checkered, blue stripped. Asking \$15 for all four. (281)256)8559

**SEALY POSTURPEDIC PILLOW TOP TWIN MATTRESS:** Gently used (2-semester) by college student. Has been protected by allergy cover. Great for college student or child. Cost \$400.00... asking \$200.00 or best offer... Contact 713.349.3073.

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**BOY'S HALLOWEEN COSTUMES FOR SALE:** Toddler Tiger Costume size 1-2 \$5.00, Toddler Batman costume size 2-4 \$5.00, YU-GI-OH costume size 4-6 \$8.00, Blue Power Ranger costume size 4-6 \$5.00, Harry Potter costume size 8-10 \$8.00. Please call 281-304-5479.

**FOR SALE:** Ultra comfortable large lounge chair and matching ottoman. Soft green, taupe, and rose print made by Clayton Marcus. Cost \$1100; will sell for \$550. Excellent condition. Ph 281-304-7127.

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**MOVING SALE:** Queen pillow top bed \$50, Queen headboard and foot board \$30, Blue Queen comforter set, nearly new \$20, Nightstands \$10, Lamps \$5 each, Loveseat \$30, 2 ivory Leather recliners \$75 each, Glass Top Dining Table and 6 chairs \$100, Large Gas grill \$50, Set of Drawers \$20, Baby high chair \$20, as new, George Foreman grill cost \$100 used twice \$25, Shark hand held Steam Cleaner \$29. Can email photos. Call 281 256 3965

**FOR SALE:** Huffy Green Machine (a big wheel type bike) loads of fun, good for ages 6-12 with adjustable seat-\$25. Next 18" boys bike (approx. ages 5-8) Good condition-\$10. Please call: 281-460-2515.

**FOR SALE:** Peg-Pergo train set \$40, Little Tykes swing along castle \$40, cream colored nursery glider with ottoman \$50 (like new), white metal baby gate \$20. RCA 32 inch television \$40. (281) 213-9800.



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# A Sensible Plan for College Funding

Submitted by Rich Keith

As a parent, you may feel a moral obligation to fund your children's education, but you don't want to sacrifice your current lifestyle or rob your future retirement in order to fund education costs. Well, to make funding both their education and your retirement a non-issue, you must consider how to:

- Maximize your cash flow so that you can invest funds in education and retirement accounts. This includes both reducing debt and lowering expenses.
- Utilize the numerous education tax incentives provided by the IRS to reduce taxes and produce so-called "tax scholarships" for your family.
- Qualify for merit and need-based financial aid offered by colleges

If you can maximize the benefits produced by the above strategies, you may not have to compromise your education and retirement goals. Historically, we see that college costs have risen at 2 to 3 times the inflation rate of the Consumer Price Index. And college really costs you more than you think because it is paid with after-tax dollars. Depending on which tax bracket you are in, the amount you must earn to pay for college is a good deal more because you must first pay the IRS...before you pay the college.

How old will you be when your last child graduates from college? Assume that you are 45 years old and you plan to retire in 20 years and that a public college costs \$60,000 for 4 years. You take the money out of your retirement savings today. The money you give to a public college for four years will cost your retirement fund about \$280,000 at an 8% return. Elite colleges cost more, but there is a hidden benefit which we will get to later. And remember, these numbers are for just one child's college education.

Clearly this presents a funding dilemma shared by parents everywhere: how to fund college and retirement? Experts agree there are two methods to make this work:

The first method is by using your money through: (A) paying out of your current income, (B) paying with withdrawals from your savings accounts, or (C) borrowing. Most people use some combination of all three. The second method is to use money from others. This comes in the following forms: (A) financial aid, (B) by using special education tax strategies, (C) gifts from relatives, or (D) your child's resources (his/her income and assets). We will explore this topic in future columns, how to make a sensible, methodical plan for funding college expenses.

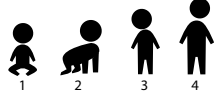


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### DROWNING CAN STILL OCCUR EVEN IF YOU KNOW HOW TO SWIM

NO ONE is "drown proof" – no matter their level of swimming ability.

Falls, entrapments, and injuries lead to drowning regardless of swimming level.

A majority of people overestimate their own and their child's ability to swim, especially in a panic event.

### DROWNING IS QUICK AND SILENT



Drowning occurs in as little as 2 minutes.



Irreversible brain damage occurs in as little as 4 minutes.



Most children are out of sight or missing for less than 5 minutes and usually in the presence of 1 or both parents.



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# Meet Johnathan


DOB: 10/1997

Johnathan is an affectionate child who loves to give and receive hugs. He loves trains, building with Legos and cardboard boxes. He also enjoys going on outings and watching cartoons, especially Scooby-Doo. His favorite food is pizza.

He has been diagnosed with an Autistic Spectrum Disorder which requires therapy. He is not able to communicate as easily as other children his age, which can be very frustrating for him. He has made tremendous progress in foster care and has a strong desire to please the adults around him. Johnathan requires a high level of supervision due to his activity level and his social skills. Johnathan's foster mom describes him as a "lovable child" and a "good kid."



For more information about adoption in general or Johnathan, please contact the Adoption Coalition of Texas at [info@adopttexas.org](mailto:info@adopttexas.org).



## The Tri-County Quilt Guild

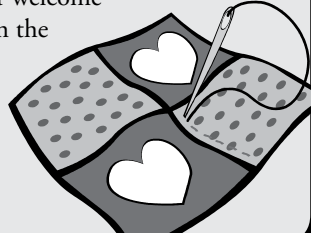
*Meets the 1st Tuesday of the month, 7-9pm*

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- 1—KEMAH:** Salsa on the Boardwalk Enjoy great food and the exotic sounds of salsa and Latin jazz. Kemah Boardwalk. [www.kemahboardwalk.com](http://www.kemahboardwalk.com) 281/334-9880
- 1—ORANGE:** OCARC Fishing Tournament (Began Jul. 31.) 409/886-1363
- 1-2—SOUTH PADRE ISLAND:** 70th Texas International Fishing Tournament Offers fun for all anglers of all ages. (Began Jul. 29.) [www.tift.org](http://www.tift.org) 956/943-8438
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- 1, 8, 15, 22, 29—CORPUS CHRISTI:** Live Music Bay Cruise Captain Clark's Flagship. E-mail: [CaptClarksFlagship@worldnet.att.net](mailto:CaptClarksFlagship@worldnet.att.net) 361/884-8306
- 2—PALACIOS:** Shrimporee 361/972-2664
- 2—SANTA FE:** Czech Festival Music provided by the Accordion Cowboy. Begins at 1 p.m. Haak Winery, 6310 Ave. T. [www.haakwine.com](http://www.haakwine.com) 409/925-1401
- 2—VICTORIA:** Our Lady of Sorrows Jamaica Community Center. 361/575-2293
- 5, 12—ORANGE:** Wild Wednesdays at Shangri La Offers a series of classes presented by Shangri La's summer scholars to educate the public about the natural world. Topics include invasive plants, spiders, snakes and Shangri la History. Shangri La Botanical Gardens. [www.shangrila.gardens.org](http://www.shangrila.gardens.org) 409/670-9113
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- 7, 14—ROSENBERG:** Hot Summer Concerts Performers include Karaoke Night on Aug. 7 and Mofo Party Band closing the series on Aug. 14. Begins at 7 p.m. Third Street Park. 832/595-3525
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- 14-16—ROSENBERG:** 35th Annual Festival of Glass & Antique Show & Sale Preview is 2 to 7 p.m. Friday. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Fort Bend County Fairgrounds. [www.houstonglassclub.org](http://www.houstonglassclub.org) 281/342-4876 or 713/729-4267
- 15—SAN BENITO:** Market Day & Farmer's Market Enjoy live music and arts & crafts at this open-air bazaar. Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Plaza de San Benito. [www.cityofsanbenito.com](http://www.cityofsanbenito.com) 956/361-3804 ext. 304
- 15-16—PORT NECHES:** Trade Day on the Avenue Includes antiques, collectibles, decor, entertainment, food and music. Port Neches Avenue. 409/722-4023

- 20-Oct. 8—NASSAU BAY:** Flotsam & Jetsam Artists respond to Hurricane Ike in this open juried show. The Arts Alliance Center at Clear Lake. [www.taaccl.org](http://www.taaccl.org) 281/335-7777
- 21—HOUSTON:** A Tribute to the Big Band Era Features original works by Conrad Johnson Youth Orchestra, Young Adult Orchestra and the Conrad Johnson Jazz Heritage Orchestra. Miller Outdoor Theatre. [www.milleroutdoortheatre.com](http://www.milleroutdoortheatre.com) 281/373-3386
- 22—BEAUMONT:** Downtown Jazz Fest The streets of historic downtown will be filled with the soulful sounds of Lou Ann Barton, Dean James, Jimmy Simmons, Billy McCormic, Dwayne Hildreth Band, The Greyhounds, Marion Meadows, Jack Edery and many others. [www.beaumont-tx-complex.com](http://www.beaumont-tx-complex.com) 409/838-3435 ext. 1
- 22—HOUSTON:** Keeping the Music Alive Concert event pays tribute to popular recording artists Marvin Gaye and Donnie Hathaway. Miller Outdoor Theatre. [www.milleroutdoortheatre.com](http://www.milleroutdoortheatre.com) 281/373-3386
- 22—SOUTH PADRE ISLAND:** USA Surf 'n' Turf Adventure Race Puts two-person teams through a multi-sport challenge including biking, running and some water paddling. Mystery events are also included. [www.unlimitedsportsadventures.com](http://www.unlimitedsportsadventures.com) 956/350-4247

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**24-Oct. 25—PORT ARTHUR:** Rauschenberg Tribute Exhibition The competition is open to artists who are 18 years or older and whose work is inspired by and/or reflective of Robert Rauschenberg. Museum of the . [www.museumofthegulfcoast.org](http://www.museumofthegulfcoast.org) 409/982-7000

**28-29—HOUSTON:** The Marriage of Figaro by Mozart Sung by the Houston Ebony Opera. Miller Outdoor Theatre. [www.milleroutdoortheatre.com](http://www.milleroutdoortheatre.com) 281/373-3386

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### "CONFLUENCE, STUDY ABROAD 2009" IN THE BOSQUE GALLERY

Check out this showcase of student installations and photography taken during this summer's study abroad trips to Italy and China. The exhibition will be on display Aug. 4 through Aug. 27 in the Bosque Gallery with a closing reception at 4:30 p.m. Aug. 27. Go to [LoneStar.edu/bosquegallery](http://LoneStar.edu/bosquegallery) for gallery hours and information.

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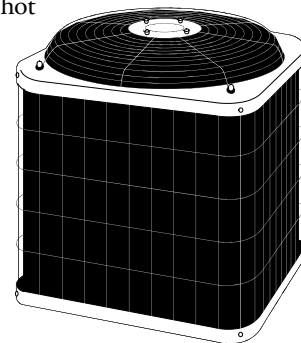
*Submitted by Robert Lee*

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## The “Four Awareness” Points When Playing Tennis

Submitted by Fernando M. Velasco

In past issues, I have written about how to choose proper tennis equipment and efficient ways to practice. This issue offers advice on how to tackle the “critical points” in your matches.

In every match, you will find critical points that can determine whether a player wins or losses. At these critical points, I suggest reviewing what I call the “four awareness” points:

### FIRST AWARENESS: SELF

Every player possesses certain shots that they feel more comfortable hitting on a critical point. For example, it could be a forehand topspin, or a slice one. When choosing which shot to hit on a critical point, decisively utilize the shot that comes more naturally without changing your mind. That is when mistakes are made.

### SECOND AWARENESS: OPPONENT

When the players decide on a shot at a critical point, they need to consider their opponent's strengths and weaknesses. During the match, they should notice the shots the opponent has less success with than others. On a critical point, players should use the shot they feel more comfortable with but also they will aim towards their opponent's weaknesses.

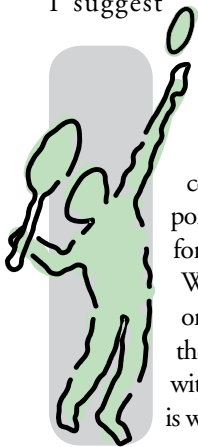
### THIRD AWARENESS: COURT

Once you decide on your most consistent shot, consider the opponent's weakness, you also need to take into account the court conditions. Factors such as the sun, wind, and surface will make a difference on the shot executed. When in doubt, you should either choose a shot toward an opening on the court, or directly at your opponent's feet; open spaces or shoe laces.

### FOURTH AWARENESS: SCORE

When you decide on your shot, the placement and being aware of the court challenges, a good player should also remember the score in hand. Players will be aggressive when the score is in their favor, and be more conservative when tied, or behind. For example, when a player is serving at 40-15, the serve should be a powerful and assertive. In contrast, if the score is 15-40, the player should serve the first serve with some power, but with more placement.

*Over time, these four awareness points will become both automatic and reactionary as players become more experienced in playing and competing. After the shot has been properly executed, they will sometimes give themselves a pat on the back for doing the right thing at the right time, and remind themselves that they followed the “four awareness” points.*



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 November 14, 10:00  
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 December 28, 1:00  
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**Your donations of the following would be greatly appreciated:**

- pocket folders with brads
- washable markers
- large & small packages manila paper
- large & small packages multi-colored construction paper
- pencil boxes/pouches

- scissors
- new socks and underwear in adult sizes

**For the Food Pantry, donations of the following will help families with children home for the summer:**

- Peanut butter & jelly
- Sweetened Drink Mixes
- Spaghetti Os
- Snack Foods
- Canned Meats
- Powdered milk
- Toilet Paper/Paper towels



*Donations can be made Monday through Wednesday from 10AM – 6PM and Thursday through Saturday from 10AM – 3PM For a description of the services and volunteer opportunities at Cypress Assistance Ministries please see our web site, [www.cypressassistance.org](http://www.cypressassistance.org).*



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**SATURDAYS:**  
6:00 PM  
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8:30 AM  
9:50 AM  
11:30 AM

**KIDS\***

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Most homeowners have some space in their garage reserved for storage – in some cases most of the garage, thereby not leaving enough room for their vehicles. Consequently, many owners park their vehicles on the street making it difficult for others to pass and creating hazardous conditions for the children.

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

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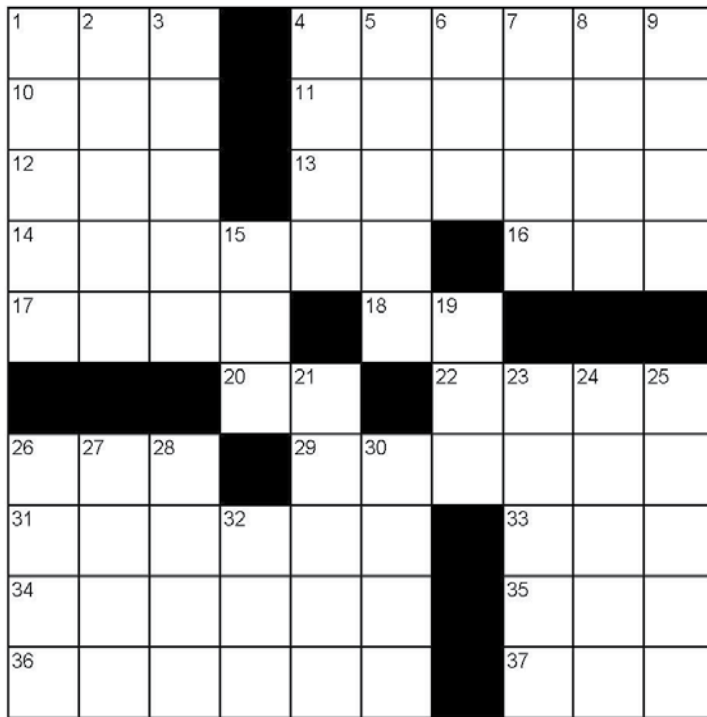
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# Crossword Puzzle



## ACROSS

1. Belong
4. Elevator alternative
10. Fire remains
11. Short guy, hairy feet
12. Manipulate
13. Indoor
14. Coaxing
16. Condensation
17. Adolescent
18. South Carolina (abbr.)
20. New Jersey (abbr.)
22. Hornet
26. Rock
29. Loves
31. Demonstrate
33. Government agency
34. Subordinate
35. Cause of sickness
36. Elapse (2 wds.)
37. Surface to air missile

## DOWN

1. Finds \_
2. Make available
3. Not here
4. Tibia
5. Fire iron
6. Abdominal muscles (abbr.)
7. As previously cited
8. Cycle
9. Soup
15. Hotel
19. Cash with order (abr.)
21. Rachel's husband
23. Regions
24. Reddish brown
25. Sacred song
26. Pearls
27. Vile
28. Brief
30. Refuse to believe
32. Pinch

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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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