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**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH,  
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In the last several months and increasingly the last couple of weeks we have been hit by graffiti in our neighborhood. Whether you consider graffiti an art form or vandalism; either way it does not belong on the Riata Ranch walls, fences and bridges.

In recent weeks the walls and fences on Riata Ranch boulevard were hit by graffiti 'artists'. The amount of paint they applied indicates that they spend a significant amount of time there either during daylight or using lights after dusk. What is most surprising is that nobody reported this!

If you observe individuals applying graffiti, practicing baseball in our tennis courts, or climbing or taking down fences, there is only one correct action: Call the police! Your name is not important but the call is. All repairs in our neighborhood are paid from your dues. Phone numbers can be found in every copy of the Riata Ranch Newsletter.

Another property value depreciating 'art form' is the beer and soda can littering of Riata Ranch Boulevard every weekend. If your guests are leaving your party or food fest; please ask them to drink up and trash the cans before they leave. They may not care about your neighborhood, but you and I do. Don't mess with Texas! Let's start in Riata Ranch!

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

## Riata Ranch Homeowners Meetings

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

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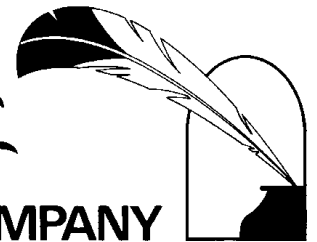
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The 2009-2010 school year has brought great things for the Mustang Band. The band has doubled in size from its inaugural year. In addition to regularly performing in the stands and on the field at the JV football games at Cypress Ranch High School, the band performed at the opening of Compass Bank in Cypress on September 26. Under bright sunny skies, the Mustang Band performed a number of “pep” pieces in the Compass Bank parking lot. The highlight of the morning was a parade around the bank, including marching through the drive-thru lanes. Compass Bank officers and Mustang Band members are shown with a donation made by the bank to the band.

This fall the Cypress Ranch Mustang Band has debuted its new show, “Australia” with a performance at Barber Hill High School, in Mont Belvieu on September 11, 2009. The show features specially commissioned music which evokes musical images from down under. The full show culminates with aboriginal chanting and motions.

In its first 5A marching competition at Blinn College in Brehm on Saturday, October 3, the Mustang Band brought home first place trophies for marching, solo, and color guard. Although performing in a downpour, the band showed their commitment to their motto “Trust, Commitment, Excellence” by performing their “Australia” show with precision. The Mustang Band is under the direction of Russell Holcombe, Director of Bands, with assistance from Kyle Straub, director. Fairfield residents Kourtney Kech and Sarah Guhl are drum majors.

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For more information, visit the WRAP website [www.cywoodswrap.org](http://www.cywoodswrap.org) or send an email to [cywoodswrap.org](mailto:cywoodswrap.org). Donations are currently being accepted for the silent auction. All donations and purchases for this event are tax deductible (501©3 organization).



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**The next WRAP General Parent meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 3rd @ 7:00 pm.**

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Submitted by Laurie Scott

As holiday spending approaches, here are some free programs to make your computing easier and more fun with zero impact on your budget.

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## Healthy Tailgating This Football Season

By Tarie Beldin

Now you finally know its fall, not because the temperatures are cooler, but because it is FOOTBALL season! With high school games on Friday nights, college games on Saturdays and professional games on Sundays, our weekends can be full of concession-stand food, barbecue, six-foot sandwiches and chips.

All of these game-day feasts can lead to extra calories, which can mean extra pounds, even before the holiday season arrives! The good news is that with a few changes, such as these tailgate make-over tips, you can decrease the fat and calories and increase the nutrition of your tailgating menu, without sacrificing taste:

### TYPICAL TAILGATING FOOD

- Regular chips
- Queso or guacamole
- Fried or buffalo wings with ranch or blue cheese dressings
- Traditional burgers or chili
- Sandwiches or hoagies made with salami, high-fat cheese and mayo
- New England clam chowder
- Pork brats
- Potato salad
- Cookies and cakes
- Regular beer and wine
- Soda or juice



### HEALTHY TAILGATING ALTERNATIVES

- Baked tortilla chips
- Salsa
- Boneless/skinless chicken breast tenders with wing or teriyaki sauces
- Burgers or chili made with lean ground beef or ground turkey breast
- Sandwiches or hoagies made with lean meats, low-fat cheeses and mustard on whole wheat bread
- Low fat gumbo
- Turkey brats
- Grilled corn on the cob

- Caramel or candied apples and low-fat brownies and desserts
- Light beer and wine spritzers
- Iced tea or diet lemonade

It is also never a bad idea to have a fruit and/or vegetable tray available for those who are vegetarian or for low-calorie snacking. If you have a favorite tailgating food or snack, allow yourself to indulge in it, but try to replace other tailgating options with healthier alternatives and be mindful of portion sizes.

Whether you are tailgating at the stadium or “tablegating” in your living room, it’s easy to keep game day food fun, tasty and healthy. Most importantly though, remember, it is about the camaraderie and the love of the game, not the food. Consider having your own game of touch football during half time to burn off those extra calories!

With the last football games in both pro and college football set for the beginning of next year, we still have many opportunities to load up on calorie-laden and high-fat tailgating food. Practice these easy and tasty substitutions to help you stay healthy this football season.

Tarie Beldin is a registered and licensed dietitian at St. David’s Round Rock Medical Center.



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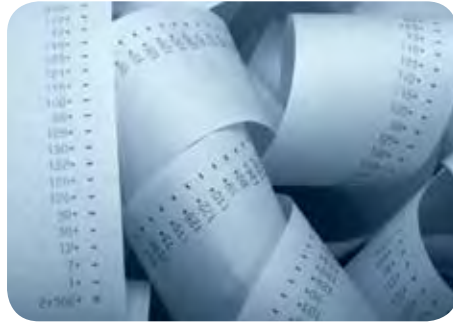
## Roth IRA Income Limits Lifted

Submitted by Rich Keith

Did you know that in retirement, taxes are second only to housing as the biggest cost? When you reduce tax expense, you reduce retirement risk. Roth IRAs offer tax-free withdrawals in retirement, and new Roth IRA changes could really benefit people now out of work who find themselves in a much lower tax bracket. This is because the tax on Roth assets is paid upfront. That's how Roth IRAs create a tax-free income stream when the investor retires. Paying in post-tax dollars today, the saver gambles that income taxes will be higher in the future, which would make paying taxes on the assets now a smart thing to do. Do you think taxes are going to go up?

Traditional IRAs work in the opposite way—investors pay in pretax dollars now, paying income tax on withdrawals when they retire, a strategy that can pay off if an investor requires a smaller annual income in retirement, putting them in a lower tax bracket.

But as of Jan. 1, for the first time, people earning a modified adjusted gross income of over \$100,000 will be able to convert any amount of assets in their traditional IRAs to Roth IRAs. For higher wage earners,



this is a prime opportunity to convert money into the Roth IRA to allow your money to have tax-free growth at retirement. For 2010 only, investors will also be able to spread those upfront tax payments over two years.

And you don't have to wait until 2010. For wage earners that make less than \$100,000 adjusted gross income, you can actually convert now. Converting now when the market remains at low levels means your tax bill may be reduced.

Now is the time to prepare. If you know that you are going to convert in 2010, begin accumulating the tax money now. You can estimate what the tax bill will actually be at the time of conversion, so why not add a little extra to your emergency fund to insure that you have enough to pay the tax bill for this exciting event?

The IRS' 2010 conversion "gift" is not limited to just your traditional IRA. If you have any old 401(k)s or any other retirement plans from a previous employer, those will also be allowed to convert as well. Now might be a good idea to convert them all. There are several restrictions; check with your tax advisor and your financial coach before to get all the details before making any decisions.



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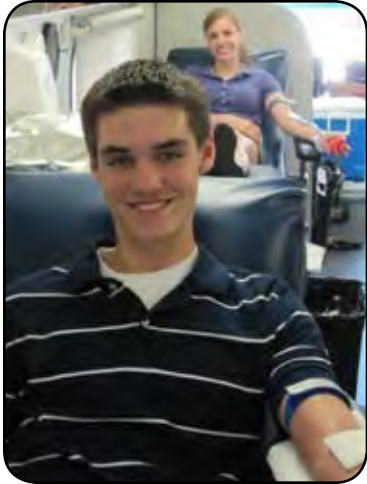
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This fall, CCS students participated in an on-campus blood drive through the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center. The Student Council sponsored a blood drive to offer students, family members, and the Cy-Fair community an opportunity to give the “gift of life” close to home. According to the GCRBC website, blood is always needed for individuals being treated for cancer, for babies that are born prematurely, for individuals with anemia, and for many others in need. Every donation can help save up to three lives.

As the holidays approach and the roadways become increasingly crowded with shoppers and travelers, there is an added need for blood. CCS students encourage you to give a “life-saving” donation to your local blood bank. For more information on how to give and the

locations of donation centers, please see [www.giveblood.org](http://www.giveblood.org).

Cypress Christian School is located at the corner of Cypress N. Houston Rd. and Jones Rd. For future blood drive information and other community events, please check the CCS calendar via [www.CypressChristian.org](http://www.CypressChristian.org).

### **Celebration Women’s Ministry at Cypress UMC**

Cypress Women’s Ministry invites Village Creek residents to join them on Saturday, November 7th in our Fellowship Hall at 13403 Cypress N. Houston at 9am to 12 Noon. They are serving a light breakfast, having praise and worship, fellowship and prayer time. They gathering will feature guest speaker, Rev. Kelly McIntosh of Waller UMC. Her topic will be, “The Forgiven Daughter”. There is no cost to this event but a love offering will be taken. The nursery is available upon request. Please contact Karen at [celebration@cypress-umc.org](mailto:celebration@cypress-umc.org) or RSVP by phone, 281-304-8888.

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