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Congratulations

KYRIE CASSIN!



Kyrie Cassin, valedictorian of Pope John XXIII High School, is the daughter of Siobhan Cassin and Emils Skulte. Kyrie was enrolled in Advanced Placement (AP) and honors classes, was president of her school's National Art Honor Society, and held leadership positions in her school's National Honor Society, Student Council, and Link Crew. Kyrie will be attending Southwestern University in the fall, where she plans to major in Biology and minor in History. She received the National Art Honor Society Senior Scholarship at Pope John XXIII and the AP/IB Recognition Scholarship and Cody Scholarship from Southwestern.

LOEN Mother's Day Celebration

The mothers of Lakes on Eldridge and Lakes on Eldridge North gathered at the LOEN clubhouse for a MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION on May 6, 2010. It was the first annual celebration hosted by Heritage Texas Properties Realtors Ann Knoche and Kay Horsch. Chocolate dipped strawberries, wine, cheese and champagne were enjoyed by those who attended. Several drawings for gift certificates were held at the end of the two hour event which included Beautique Spa certificates and a week's stay for a family of 6 at the Pine Cove Christian Camp. Special thanks to Carla Schraub with Stewart Title and Amanda Sek with Allied Home Warranty Company for co-sponsoring the event by contributing to the refreshments and volunteering their time. Also, thanks to Jane Seaman, owner of Image Consultant, who shared her advanced color and style expertise with those who attended.

If you were one of the moms who shared the event, thank you again for taking time to join us. Please extend the word to your neighbors and friends in the community so that next year will be even better!

- SUBMITTED BY KAY HORSCH AND ANN KNOCHE

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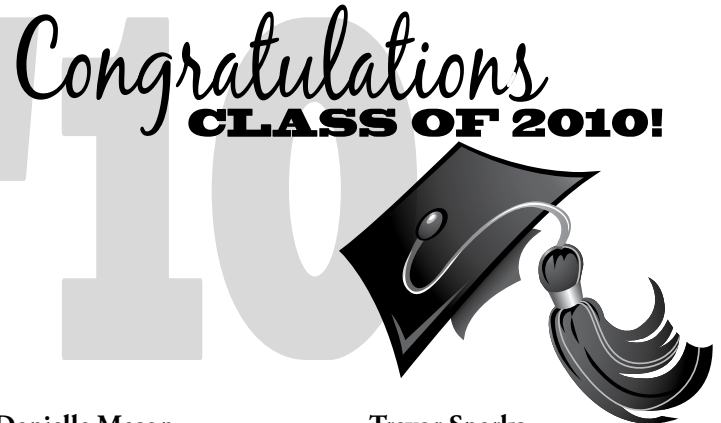
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be shared at the Kick Off and Fund Raising event to be held October 2nd in the parking lot of Barks 5th Avenue at 10620 FM 1960 West, Houston, TX 77070.

We will be announcing the event details on our web site soon but you can mark your calendar for Oct. 2nd now. Leashed pets will be invited to the event and we'll have lots of fun for people and doggies including a dog and car wash, frisbee dog demonstrations, doggie costume contest, and lots of local vendor tables with freebies and goodies to give away and win. We are seeking vendors and will also need volunteers to help setup and work at the event from washing cars and dogs to entertainment and set up/clean up. HDPa is also seeking sponsors and vendors as

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You can donate to the NW area dog park construction fund right now on our web site under Programs via Paypal or you can donate at the event. Dog park donations are tax deductible. HDPa has already raised over \$1000 for the NW area dog park. HDPa will be forming a "Friends of the NW Area Dog Park Committee" to help us plan and develop this new dog park and the event and we need volunteers. If you'd like to help us make this dream a reality for NW Houston dog owners email tiffany@houstondogpark.org to learn how you can help. HDPa is a 501c3 non-profit volunteer organization that advocates for dog parks and supports dog park patrons through education. Learn more about HDPa, how you can help, and what HDPa is doing to support dog parks all around Houston on our web site. For a map of all the dog parks around Houston visit www.HoustonDogPark.org. See you at the dog park!

Author Tiffany Moore is President of the Houston Dog Park Association and an Advisory Board Member on the Gragg Park Animal Campus project for BARC. www.animalcampus.org.

BY TIFFANY MOORE

Cy-Woods Crimson Cadettes Drill Team

The Cy-Woods Crimson Cadettes Drill Team will host their 5th annual dance clinic for K-12 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on August 11-13, 2010. This is a major fund-raiser for the team and enables them to participate in activities throughout the 2010 - 2011 school year. The fee is \$55 and includes dance technique, specially choreographed routines for each age group, t-shirt, drinks and snacks each day and a picture for each participant. Showoffs will held the last day at 11:30am. For more information email pjbassine@aol.com or check out our website at www.crimsoncadettes.com. On the website, you will find a sign-up form and a link to PayPal for payment.



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A family's most important financial strategies include defensive ones. What if you or your spouse might get laid off in the near future? But you might not get laid off too, so what types of things should a family do? The challenge is to protect your family's assets while staying on-plan to secure your future finances.

First, stay with your retirement savings plan. Keep on contributing because it reduces your taxes and your company may make matching contributions. Combined, these will do you more good than paying off consumer debt. And avoid borrowing against a retirement plan or worse, withdrawing funds early. The taxes and penalties for this are severe.

Next reduce your spending, say, by 10%. This is a good idea

regardless of your situation and the upside is you might reconnect with what is important. Distinguish between wants versus needs. Include the kids on the family decisions. Now that you have more money, it's time to boost your emergency fund. Everyone needs 3 to 6 months of expenses in a readily accessible account. This helps you avoid going into debt when emergencies arise.

Secure your life insurance. This protects your income stream. If you have a group life plan, it will disappear with a job loss. And group plans often have steep increases when you hit those magic milestones every 5 years after 40. Buying a policy outside the company is called portable insurance, and it's smart.

Next knock down your consumer debt. By that I mean anything with a "minimum payment" box – that's bad debt. Use debt-stacking techniques to get out of debt quicker while paying no more on a monthly basis. It's smart to open a home equity line of credit now but don't borrow against it. Think of it as a safety net.

Lastly, secure your home by refinancing while interest rates are low. While you could get a 15-year note, it's smart to get a 30-year loan and pay it off as though it were a 15-year note using higher payments. In this way if you get laid off you can always revert to the lower payments required by the 30-year note.

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Are you home yet?



We all need some sun exposure; it's our primary source of vitamin D, which helps us absorb calcium for stronger, healthier bones. But it doesn't take much time in the sun for most people to get the vitamin D they need, and unprotected exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays can cause skin damage, eye damage, immune system suppression, and even cancer. Even people in their twenties can develop skin cancer.

Most kids rack up between 50% and 80% of their lifetime sun exposure before age 18, so it's important that parents teach their children how to enjoy fun in the sun safely. With the right precautions, you can greatly reduce your child's chance of developing skin cancer.

Facts About Sun Exposure

The sun radiates light to the earth, and part of that light consists of invisible ultraviolet (UV) rays. When these rays reach the skin, they cause tanning, burning, and other skin damage.

Sunlight contains three types of ultraviolet rays: UVA, UVB, and UVC.

1. UVA rays cause skin aging and wrinkling and contribute to skin cancer, such as melanoma. Because UVA rays pass effortlessly through the ozone layer (the protective layer of atmosphere, or shield, surrounding the earth), they make up the majority of our sun exposure. Beware of tanning beds because they use UVA rays. A UVA tan does not help protect the skin from further sun damage; it merely produces color and a false sense of protection from the sun.
2. UVB rays are also dangerous, causing sunburns, cataracts (clouding of the eye lens), and immune system damage. They also contribute to skin cancer. Melanoma, the most dangerous form of skin cancer, is thought to be associated with severe UVB sunburns that occur before the age of 20. Most UVB rays are absorbed by the ozone layer, but enough of these rays pass through to cause serious damage.
3. UVC rays are the most dangerous, but fortunately, these rays are blocked by the ozone layer and don't reach the earth.

What's important is to protect your family from exposure to UVA and UVB, the rays that cause skin damage.

Melanin: The Body's First Line of Defense

UV rays react with a chemical called melanin that's found in most people's skin. Melanin is the first defense against the sun because it absorbs dangerous UV rays before they do serious skin damage. Melanin is found in different concentrations and colors, resulting in different skin colors. The lighter a person's natural skin color, the less melanin it has to absorb UV and protect itself. The darker a person's natural skin color, the more melanin it has to protect itself. (But both dark- and light-skinned kids need protection from UV rays because any tanning or burning causes skin damage.)

Also, anyone with a fair complexion — lighter skin and eye color — is more likely to have freckles because there's less melanin in the skin. Although freckles are harmless, being outside in the sun may help cause them or make them darker.

As the melanin increases in response to sun exposure, the skin tans. But even that "healthy" tan may be a sign of sun damage. The risk of damage increases with the amount and intensity of exposure. Those who are chronically exposed to the sun, such as farmers, boaters, and sunbathers, are at much greater risk. A sunburn develops when the amount of UV exposure is greater than what can be protected against by the skin's melanin.

Unprotected sun exposure is even more dangerous for kids with:

- moles on their skin (or whose parents have a tendency to develop moles)
- very fair skin and hair
- a family history of skin cancer, including melanoma

You should be especially careful about sun protection if your child has one or more of these high-risk characteristics.

Also, not all sunlight is "equal" in UV concentration. The intensity of the sun's rays depends upon the time of year, as well as the altitude and latitude of your location. UV rays are strongest during summer. Remember that the timing of this season varies by location; if you travel to a foreign country during its summer season, you'll need to pack the strongest sun protection you can find.

Extra protection is also required near the equator, where the sun is strongest, and at high altitudes, where the air and cloud cover

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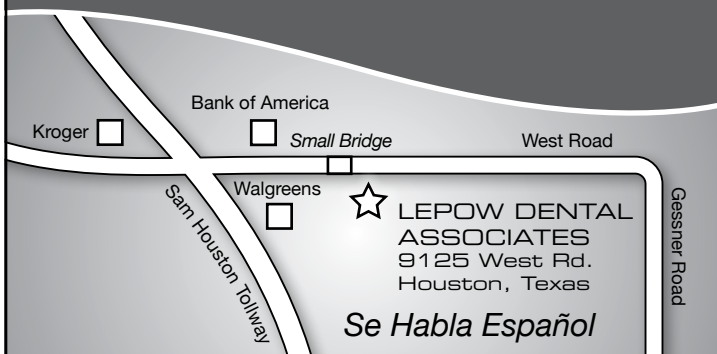
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are thinner, allowing more damaging UV rays to get through the atmosphere. Even during winter months, if your family goes skiing in the mountains, be sure to apply plenty of sunscreen; UV rays reflect off both snow and water, increasing the probability of sunburn.

With the right precautions, kids can safely play in the sun. Here are the most effective strategies:

Avoid the Strongest Rays of the Day

First, avoid being in the sun for prolonged times when it's highest overhead and therefore the strongest (normally from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM in the northern hemisphere). If kids are in the sun between these hours, be sure to apply protective sunscreen — even if they're just playing in the backyard. Most sun damage occurs as a result of incidental exposure during day-to-day activities, not at the beach.

Even on cloudy, cool, or overcast days, UV rays travel through the clouds and reflect off sand, water, and even concrete. Clouds and pollution don't filter out UV rays, and they can give a false sense of protection. This "invisible sun" can cause unexpected sunburn and skin damage. Often, kids are unaware that they're developing a sunburn on cooler or windy days because the temperature or breeze keeps skin feeling cool on the surface.

Cover Up

One of the best ways to protect your family from the sun is to cover up and shield skin from UV rays. Ensure that clothes will screen out harmful UV rays by placing your hand inside the garments and making sure you can't see it through them.

Because infants have thinner skin and underdeveloped melanin, their skin burns more easily than that of older kids. But sunscreen should not be applied to babies under 6 months of age, so they absolutely must be kept out of the sun whenever possible. If your infant must be in the sun, dress him or her in clothing that covers the body, including hats with wide brims to shadow the face. Use an umbrella to create shade.

Even older kids need to escape the sun. Long exposure can make them feel tired and irritable. For all-day outdoor affairs, bring along a wide umbrella or a pop-up tent to play in. If it's not too hot outside and won't make your child even more uncomfortable, you can have him or her wear a light long-sleeved shirt and/or long pants. Before heading to the beach or park, call ahead to find out if certain areas offer rentals of umbrellas, tents, and other sun-protective gear.

Use Sunscreen Consistently

Lots of good sunscreens are available for kids, including formulations for sensitive skin, brands with fun scents like watermelon, long-lasting waterproof and sweat-proof versions, and easy-application varieties in spray bottles.

What matters most in a sunscreen is the degree of protection from UV rays it provides. When faced with the overwhelming sea of sunscreen choices at drugstores, concentrate on the SPF (sun protection factor) numbers on the labels.

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For kids age 6 months and older, select an SPF of 15 or higher to prevent both sunburn and tanning. Choose a sunscreen that states on the label that it protects against both UVA and UVB rays (referred to as "broad-spectrum" sunscreen). To avoid possible skin allergy, avoid sunscreens with PABA, and if your child has sensitive skin, look for a product with the active ingredient titanium dioxide (a chemical-free block).

For sunscreen to do its job, it must be applied correctly. Be sure to:

- Apply sunscreen whenever your child will be in the sun.
- Apply sunscreen about 30 minutes before kids go outside so that a good layer of protection can form. Don't forget about lips, hands, ears, feet, shoulders, and behind the neck. Lift up bathing suit straps and apply sunscreen underneath them (in case the straps shift as a child moves).
- Don't try to stretch out a bottle of sunscreen; apply it generously.
- Reapply sunscreen often, approximately every 2 to 3 hours, as recommended by the American Academy of Dermatology. Reapply after a child is sweating or swimming.
- Apply a waterproof sunscreen if kids will be around water or swimming. Water reflects and intensifies the sun's rays, so kids

need protection that lasts. Waterproof sunscreens may last up to 80 minutes in the water, and some are also sweat- and rub-proof. But regardless of the waterproof label, be sure to reapply sunscreen when kids come out of the water.

Keep in mind that every child needs extra sun protection. The American Academy of Dermatology recommends that all children — regardless of their skin tone — wear sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher. Although dark skin has more protective melanin and tans more easily than it burns, remember that tanning is also a sign of sun damage. Dark-skinned children can also develop painful sunburns.

Use Protective Eyewear for Kids

Sun exposure damages the eyes as well as the skin. Even 1 day in the sun can result in a burned cornea (the outermost, clear membrane layer of the eye). Cumulative exposure can lead to cataracts later in life (clouding of the eye lens, which results in blindness). The best way to protect eyes is to wear sunglasses.

Not all sunglasses provide the same level of ultraviolet protection; darkened plastic or glass lenses without special UV filters just trick the eyes into a false sense of safety. Purchase sunglasses with labels

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But not all kids enjoy wearing sunglasses, especially the first few times. To encourage them to wear them, let kids select a style they like — many manufacturers make fun, multicolored frames or ones embossed with cartoon characters. And don't forget that kids want to be like grown-ups. If you wear sunglasses regularly, your kids may be willing to follow your example.

Double-Check Medications

Some medications increase the skin's sensitivity to UV rays. As a result, even kids with skin that tends not to burn easily can develop a severe sunburn in just minutes when taking certain medications. Fair-skinned kids, of course, are even more vulnerable.

Ask your doctor or pharmacist if any prescription (especially antibiotics and acne medications) and over-the-counter medications your child is taking can increase sun sensitivity. If so, always take extra sun precautions. The best protection is simply covering up or staying indoors; even sunscreen can't always protect skin from sun sensitivity caused by medications.

If Your Child Gets a Sunburn

A sunburn can sneak up on kids, especially after a long day at the beach or park. Often, they seem fine during the day but then gradually develop an "after-burn" later that evening that can be painful and hot and even make them feel sick.

When kids get sunburned, they usually experience pain and a sensation of heat — symptoms that tend to become more severe several hours after sun exposure. Some also develop chills. Because the sun has dried their skin, it can become itchy and tight. Burned skin begins to peel about a week after the sunburn. Encourage your child not to scratch or peel off loose skin because skin underneath the sunburn is vulnerable to infection.

If your child does get a sunburn, these tips may help:

- Keep your child in the shade until the sunburn is healed. Any additional sun exposure will only increase the severity of the burn and increase pain.
- Have your child take a cool (not cold) bath, or gently apply cool, wet compresses to the skin to help alleviate pain and heat.
- Apply pure aloe vera gel (available in most pharmacies or taken directly from within the leaves of the plant) to any sunburned areas. It's excellent for relieving sunburn pain and helping skin heal quicker.
- Give your child a pain reliever like acetaminophen or ibuprofen and spray on over-the-counter "after-sun" pain relievers. (Do not, however, give aspirin to children or teens.)

- Apply topical moisturizing cream to rehydrate the skin and help reduce swelling. For the most severely burned areas, apply a thin layer of 1% hydrocortisone cream. (Do not use petroleum-based products, because they prevent excess heat and sweat from escaping. Also, avoid first-aid products that contain benzocaine, which may cause skin irritation or allergy.)

If the sunburn is severe and blisters develop, call your doctor. Until you can see your doctor, tell your child not to scratch, pop, or squeeze the blisters, which can become easily infected and can result in scarring.

Heat-Related Illnesses

such as heat syncope (fainting from heat), heat exhaustion, and heat stroke are far more serious than a sunburn. These conditions occur when kids become overheated and dehydrated, and in many cases, are accompanied by sunburn.

Call the doctor if:

- your child has an unexplained fever higher than 102° Fahrenheit (38.9° Celsius)
- the sunburned skin looks infected
- your child has trouble looking at light (this may indicate a sunburn of the eye's cornea)

Contact your doctor for immediate assistance if your child has:

- nausea
- vomiting
- fainting
- delirium (seems temporarily mentally confused)
- diarrhea

Be Sun Safe Yourself

Being a good role model by wearing sunscreen and limiting your time in the sun not only reduces your risk of sun damage, but teaches your kids good sun sense.

Reviewed by: Steven Dowshen, MD

Date reviewed: September 2007

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There's a simple alternative to bottled water: buy a stainless steel thermos, or a reusable water bottle and use it. If you don't like the way your local tap water tastes, inexpensive carbon filters will turn most tap water sparkling fresh at a fraction of bottled water's cost. This message is brought to you by Alexandria Morgan, Isabel Mujica and Nicole Riso, Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council, Houston, Texas



RESOURCES:

Olson, Erik D. et al., Bottled Water: Pure Drink or Pure Hype?
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Baseball and Softball is wrapping its season up but we have others around the corner. Summer Basketball is getting underway and we have Soccer and Volleyball in the Fall. We are making changes in two important areas. We have a new website so check it out. This is more user friendly especially for you MAC folks. We also have a new registration website. This one will allow your family to create a family account. Your contact info is retained as your children play in Fairfield Sports. No more entering in the same information for each sport and each year. Also its one stop checkout with one payment.

- Login is through the Fairfield Sports Website. <http://www.fairfieldsports.net>
- All families will be required to create an account the first time logging into our system. Please add all family members, players and parents by choosing the add children or add adult options (alternate contact information such as phone numbers and emails can be added when another adult is added to the account).
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before tryouts, you will be able to register and make payments for any of the available programs. Through the registration system you will have access to all account information, including payments due, payments received, due dates, outstanding balances, etc.

- ***If you have multiple players, please register them all at the same time. To do this after completing one registration click the continue shopping button to register another player.***
- The entire registration process occurs over a secure server using the highest security currently available.

FAIRFIELD SOCCER

Fairfield Soccer offers a fun and competitive program for 4-13 year olds (boys and girls). Soccer registration for another exciting year has begun. Our registration will go from June 19, 2010 to July 18, 2010. The fees for the 2010 season will be \$115 for 4-6 year olds and \$125 for 7-13 year olds, and individual sponsorship fees are \$15 per player. As teams have successfully done in the past, we recommend that you speak to local businesses and ask them for sponsorships (they will receive a plaque in recognition of their generosity). Player assessments for 7 - 13 year olds begin July 27-29th.

Sports Quest is also offering a Soccer Camp here in Fairfield July 19-23rd. See www.sportsquesttraining.org for more details.

NEW FOR THIS SEASON

We upgraded the uniforms (images will be posed to the Fairfield Sports Association Facebook page.) In the spirit of the World Cup this summer, all uniforms will be part of an International Series from Xara Sports. We are very happy with the improved quality and look of the jerseys, and think you will agree. Also, this year we are including the jersey, socks, AND SHORTS, AND A SOCCER BALL with your fee. New, better quality jerseys, a complete uniform that includes socks and shorts, and a soccer ball; we hope you're as excited about the improvements in the uniforms as we are. The changes we've implemented also include a new training package for coaches. This package is optional to use, free, and will be included with your team uniforms when you pick them up.

START OF THE SEASON

The start of the season depends on the ability to have the fields ready on schedule. Three years ago, 10 people worked to prepare the fields and the work was complete in 4 hours. Two years ago we had 6 people and it took a day and a half. Last year only 3 people set up all of the fields and it took 4 days to complete. We are seeing negative participation in this effort, and I believe it is largely due to poor communication on our part, and your concern about the commitment when

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asked to volunteer. Therefore, this year I am scheduling Saturday, July 17th as the official field set up day, and I need 40 people to volunteer for only 1 hour. Just 60 minutes, and we'll have everything done... if we get enough people. I'm asking you to make this minimum commitment to make sure we can start the season on time (again, the committee will be short staffed this year). We will meet at the Schiel Road fields (Weaver Complex) at 9:00am (and you'll be done by 10:00am).

Fall Soccer Schedule Summary

Registration opens June 19
Field Maintenance – July 17
Registration closes July 18
Coaches Meetings
4/5 boys/girls July 20 7:00pm
6 boys/girls July 21 7:00pm
7/8 boys/girls July 22 6:30pm

9/13 boys/girls July 22 7:30pm
Player Assessments will be conducted July 26-30 6:30pm
Team selections will be August 1
Practices can start August 2
First weekend of games August 28
Final week of season October 30, 2010
Tournament November 1 -14, 2010
Soccer Day SATURDAY NOV 20, 2010

VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball Registration will begin June 1st through August 1st.

Cy-Fair Republican Women

Come join us this summer and see what we're all about! CFRW meets the second Tuesday of every month at Carraba's Italian Grill on Hwy 6 near Copperfield at 10:30 a.m. Check our website CFRW.net for the latest information. There is always something to learn from our diverse and interesting speakers. CFRW members are also volunteers that try to make a difference in our community, state and nation. Get involved a little or alot, it is up to you. Come hear what's going on with the Jim Murphy Campaign July 13 as he tries to reclaim his Texas Representative seat in the upcoming election. Our August meeting will be very exciting as we welcome Texas Secretary of State Roger Williams to speak at our August Social (held at night). Mr. Williams is running for the U.S. Senate in 2012 (seat of Sen. Kay Baily Hutchinson). Check website to RSVP. Hope to see you there!

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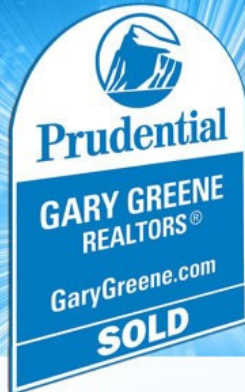
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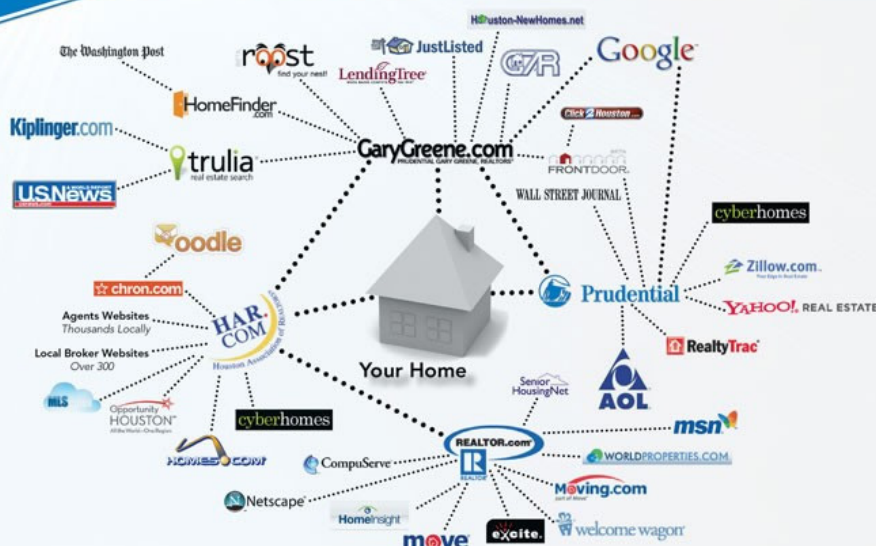
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- 6, 13, 20, 27—KEMAH:** Christian Concert — Boomin' on the Bay Kemah Boardwalk, Kipp Avenue. www.kemahboardwalk.com 281/334-9880
- 9, 16, 23, 30—PEARLAND:** Summerfest Relax to the tunes of a live band July 16 and 30, or enjoy a movie July 9 and 23. Hours are 7 to 9 p.m. Independence Park. www.pearlandparks.com 281/652-1673
- 9, 16, 23, 30—ROSENBERG:** Hot Summer Concerts Includes The Level One Band July 9, Third Coast Swing July 23 and Sugar Land Brass Company July 30. Begins at 7 p.m. Third Street Park www.rosenbergevents.com 832/595-3525
- 9, 23—HOUSTON:** Bats on the Bayou Boat Tours Enjoy an amazing view of the bats' dusk emergence and learn more about these magnificent flying mammals that share the city. www.buffalobayou.org 713/752-0314
- 10, 24—ARANSAS PASS:** Farmers' Market/Trade Day Includes vegetables, arts & crafts, and animals. Hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. 130 W. Goodnight, off Hwy. 361 in the parking lot of the Chamber of Commerce/Visitors Center. www.aransaspas.org 361/332-6574
- 16—VICTORIA:** Victoria Country Opry Barbecue is served from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Hours are 7 to 10 p.m. Jaycee Hall. 361/552-9347
- 16-17—ORANGE:** Sheriff's Posse Rodeo Includes riding, roping, bronco busting and rodeo bonanza. Hwy. 105 at Sheriff Posse Arena. www.orangecountysheriffsposse.com
- 16-18—PORT ARANSAS:** Outboard Fishing Tournament Offers a tournament for vessels powered exclusively by outboard motors. Registration is Friday, and fishing days are Saturday and Sunday. Robert's Point Park. www.outboardfishingtournament.org 361/749-4923
- 16-Aug. 29—VICTORIA:** Exhibition: John Palmer & Chris Silkwood Nave Museum. www.victoriaregionalmuseum.com 361/575-8227
- 17—GALVESTON:** Artwalk Galleries, restaurants and other businesses host artists from 6 to 9 p.m. Galveston Historic Downtown District. www.galvestonartscenter.org 409/763-2403
- 17—HOUSTON:** Wings & Wheels See vintage aircraft and automobiles. Fly-ins welcome. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The 1940 Air Terminal Museum, 8325 Travelair Road. www.1940airterminal.org 713/454-1940
- 21-25—ROCKPORT:** Rockport Offshore Challenge Fishing tournament. www.rockportoffshore.com 361/729-8264
- 22-24—GALVESTON:** Texas Race Week in Galveston More than 50 sail boats race on the waters of the Gulf of Mexico. Race begins between 10 a.m. and noon daily. Recommended places to watch are East Beach, Stewart Beach or a few miles down the Seawall. 888/425-4753
- 22-25—HOUSTON:** 33rd Annual Reliant Park World Series of Dog Show This is a family-friendly event with a student art show, information about pet health, "Meet the Breed," Best Puppy Competition and pet-related trade show. Reliant Center. www.reliantdogshows.com
- 23-24—PORT ARANSAS:** Blue Wave Owners Tournament Fishing tournament is held for owners of boats manufactured by Blue Wave. Robert's Point Park. www.bluewaveboats.com 800/432-6768
- 23-25, 29-31—VICTORIA:** Summer Musical Begins at 7:30 p.m. Sunday matinee is 2 p.m. Leo J. Welder Center for the Performing Arts. www.theatrevictoria.org 361/576-6277
- 24-Sep. 26—BEAUMONT:** George Wentz Exhibition: A Retrospective Features the colorful and joyful paintings and collages of Beaumont artist and lifelong resident George Wentz. Art Museum of Southeast Texas. www.amset.org
- 25—BROWNSVILLE:** Kids Appreciation Day On a scavenger hunt around the zoo, kids can visit themed activity stations focusing on health and wellness, safety, animal conservation and enrichment. Gladys Porter Zoo. www.gpz.org 956/546-7187
- 25—HOUSTON:** Houston Culinary Tour: Grocery Stores & Ethnic Markets Join Houston Chefs Chris Shepherd (Catalan) and Randy Evans (Haven) to discover the hidden gems offering up live abalone, frozen mochi and pungent durian. www.houstonculinarytours.com 713/527-4454
- 27—HOUSTON:** 2010 MLS All-Star Game Reliant Park. www.reliantpark.com 832/667-1743

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- 27-Aug. 1—SOUTH PADRE ISLAND:** Texas International Fishing Tournament This is the largest bay and offshore fishing tournament in South Texas. South Padre Island and Port Isabel waters. www.tift.org 956/943-8438
- 29—BEAUMONT:** South West Dairy Farmers Association: Elsie The Cow Offers great activities that teach children about cows and other farm animals, the cattle industry, cotton growers, cheese-making and a lot more. www.campjunction.com
- 29-31—CLUTE:** Great Texas Mosquito Festival Enjoy entertainment, carnival, food, crafts and more. Clute Municipal Park. www.mosquitofestival.com 979/265-8392
- 29-Aug. 3—BAY CITY:** 2010 Babe Ruth Southwest Regional Tournament Championship teams from Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas and Oklahoma compete for a bid to the Babe Ruth 14-Year Old World Series in Leesburg, Va. E-mail: k_thiemer@yahoo.com

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Isn't the Fourth of July great? In addition to being a celebration of America's independence as a nation, there's no school, lots of families have barbecues or cookouts, and you can go see a fireworks display at night.

The safest way to enjoy fireworks is at a professional display. Some people light sparklers at home or even set off their own fireworks, but this is dangerous. More than 10,000 people were treated at hospital emergency rooms for fireworks-related injuries in 2005. And almost half of those injured each year are kids under age 15. Some of the people hurt each year aren't the ones setting off the fireworks, but people who are nearby.

It's best to stay away from areas where nonprofessionals are setting off fireworks. Fireworks can cause serious eye injuries, including blindness, if the eye tissue gets damaged or torn. Other common injuries from fireworks include burns to the hands and face, which can leave scars. Someone could even lose one or more fingers if fireworks go off the wrong way. Fireworks

can also start fires, which can hurt even more people.

If you know someone who plans to set off fireworks at home, here are some safety tips to share:

- Only adults should light fireworks.
- Never use fireworks indoors.
- Be prepared to put out a fire by having a hose or water nearby.
- Light fireworks one at a time.
- Stay away from a firework that has not gone off and never try to relight it.

Sparklers may seem less dangerous than fireworks, but they get extremely hot — as hot as 1,800° Fahrenheit (982° Celsius). Sparklers can light clothes on fire and can cause kids to get badly burned. In fact, in 2005, more than 1,000 people were treated in emergency rooms for injuries from sparklers. That would take the fun out of a great holiday!

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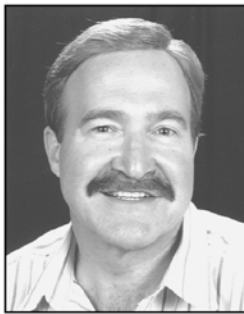
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