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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Hello everyone! Wow it has been a wild and crazy summer already. You think summer is about relaxation but no way has it been that way for me - at least! All I know is that there are already school supplies at stores and I'm still trying to plan vacations on the calendar!

As you already can see our parks are being renovated. I'm not exactly sure of the completion date but just think how much more we will enjoy our parks. We just have to get through the construction part of it first. The good thing is when the nicer weather comes the park should be completed.

You will see an insert about a recycling company right here in our neighborhood. Please take a look. This is something that is very important to me so take a look and try to start recycling. This might be the easiest way to recycle for many of you.

Other than that have a wonderful rest of the summer. But get your little ones ready for school in August and don't forget to check school websites for Meet the Teachers coming up in August!

Cindy

NEED SOME EXTRA CASH?

Home for the summer or just want some extra money? If you would like to add your name and phone number to the RR paper to babysit or dog sit for a fellow neighbor please send your information through the RR website which is: www.riataranch.net. We can then advertise your services in the RR paper for fellow neighbors who might need your services.

CAR DECAL

Hi everyone.....I see more and more cars everyday with the car decals. Good job everyone and thank you for helping make RR a safer and more united neighborhood.

WE NEED YOUR IDEAS!

Do you have ideas for an article or story that you would like your Riata Ranch community to hear? If so, please go to <http://www.peelinc.com/> and go to the link to submit an article under the Residents tab.

FINANCIAL FOCUS

Investors Can Learn from World Cup Teams

It's World Cup time, and soccer fans everywhere are focusing on South Africa, where 32 countries compete for what may be the most coveted championship in all of sports. As a spectator or casual athlete yourself, you can certainly admire the skills of the World Cup players — but as an investor, you can also learn a great deal from them.

Let's Look At Some Key Areas Of Soccer And See How They May Apply To Your Investment Philosophy And Techniques.

- **Offense** — When a forward, or “striker,” scores a goal in a soccer game, it can look almost effortless. But it's not that simple. Before the striker could even make the kick, the ball had to be moved around, sometimes by almost the entire team, before it was in the right place for the striker to shoot. As an investor, you, too must position your portfolio properly so that, when the occasion arises, you can take some “good shots.” Specifically, stay invested in the market, so you'll be prepared to take advantage of good buying opportunities, as when prices drop.
- **Defense** — In soccer, the defenders, such as the fullbacks and the goalkeeper, must anticipate the opposing team's moves and then react to them. And as an investor, you must be ready to cope with threats, such as

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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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market volatility, economic turmoil, inflation and so on. When these forces appear, you may need to adjust your portfolio in one way or another. However, your best defense is preparation — and one of the best ways to be prepared for any event that could affect your investments is to build a diversified portfolio. Diversification can help smooth out the ups and downs of the market to help reduce the effect any one investment may have on your portfolio. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification, by itself, cannot guarantee a profit or protect against a loss.)

- **Stamina** — As you watch World Cup matches, you will see very few substitutions. In fact, only three players can be substituted throughout the entire course of a game, which places a premium on players' stamina. As an investor, you also need to have the staying power to "go the distance," despite the bumps in the road you will encounter. But if you have the patience and discipline to keep investing for the long term, your efforts may be rewarded.
- **Teamwork** — For a World Cup team to succeed, it needs outstanding teamwork. The players must know one another's tendencies, must communicate well and must trust each other to make the right plays. When you invest, you can also benefit from working with a team, which may consist of your financial advisor, your tax advisor and your legal advisor. The investment world can be complex, with ever-changing laws and regulations, so you'll want to be confident that you're making the right moves at the right time.

You may never get to play in the World Cup, but, by observing the players and the games closely, you can learn some lessons that can apply to your portfolio.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

August 14, 2010

1 pm – 4 pm at Kids R Kids

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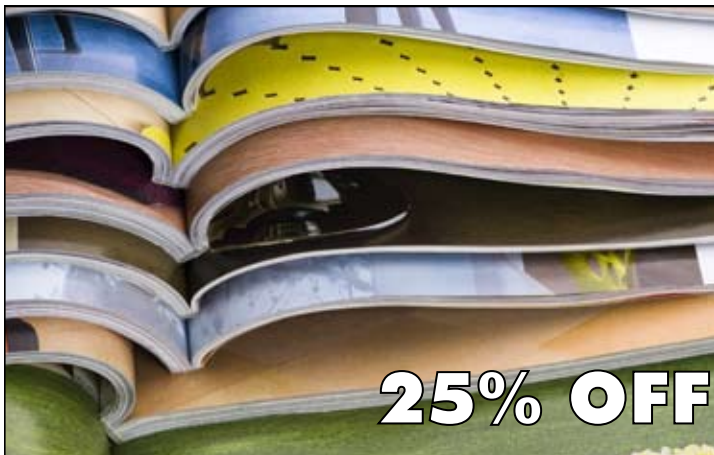
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3. Weekly pick-up on Mondays.

Alex and Ben Hoffman: "We are two kids that live in Riata Ranch and are deeply concerned about the future of our planet, Earth. We noticed that we do not recycle in our neighborhood and feel it is time for us to recycle in order to reduce air and water pollution, conserve our natural resources, save energy, and help sustain our environment. Please join us in doing our part!!!"

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Fifth Grade: Olivia Crozier, Korey Cyr, Matthew Garcia, Mason Lebane, Chris Shadle, Shelby Wiley; Sixth Grade: Jacob Cyr, Emily Fredrickson, Karylina Parodi, Travis Parr, Kallie Rhea; Seventh Grade: Avery Barbisch, Kristin Beach, Ashlyn Boone, Jordan Crowhurst, Julian Logan, Andrew Rincon; Eighth Grade: Michael Boyd, Cody Callahan, Jade Harper, Amanda Swanton, Hunter Vick; Freshmen: Dillon Barbisch, Alyssa Beach, Dan Crozier, Shannen Longridge; Sophomores: Jase Clark, Lizzie Hilton; Juniors: Allison Mayo, Daniel Rodriguez; Seniors: Brian Fredrich, Alyssa Wynans



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Bus Buddies Volunteer Program In Cypress-fairbanks Schools

WHAT IS BUS BUDDIES?

Bus Buddies is a partnership between the Cy-Fair community and Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District to provide assistance to elementary students to help them in getting off the bus at the correct location. The program requires one "Bus Buddy" per elementary bus the first three days of school. The approximate time commitment is from 2:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. on August 23, August 24 and August 25. Duties include assisting the bus driver with getting the children off the bus at their correct stops.

WHAT IS REQUIRED?

(1) Attend one of the training sessions, if not previously trained.



- (2) Arrive and sign in at your assigned school where campus staff will assist you.
(3) Enjoy helping the kids and driver!

Training Sessions will be held at The Berry Center, 8877 Barker Cypress Rd., Cypress, TX. on Monday, Aug.16 (9:30 – 10:30 a.m.), Tuesday, Aug.17 (7:30 – 8:30 a.m.) and Wednesday, Aug.18 (6:30 – 7:30 p.m.).

The Partners in Education (PIE) department is looking for Bus Buddy support similar to the 2009-10 school year when approximately 400 volunteers in the Cy-Fair community rode buses to assist the nearly 9000 riders and their drivers.

Interested volunteers can RSVP and register for a training session by visiting <http://www.cfisd.net> and selecting Bus Buddies. For additional information about the program, please contact the CFISD Partners in Education Department at 281-894-3949.

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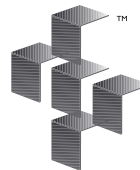


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August Texas Events

- 1, 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, 28-29—HOUSTON:** Free Summer Concert Series Concerts Begins at noon in the new gray expo building at Traders Village. www.tradersvillage.com 281/890-5500
- 3, 10, 17, 24, 31—CLUTE:** Brazosport Planetarium Show Begins at 7 p.m. Center for the Arts & Sciences. www.bcfas.org 979/265-3376
- 5, 12, 19, 26—KEMAH:** Rock the Dock Concert Series Kemah Boardwalk, Kipp Avenue. www.kemahboardwalk.com 281/334-9880
- 13-14—SOUTH PADRE ISLAND:** Surf & Turf Adventure Race Two-person teams compete in biking, running, a water event and mystery events. Registration is Friday night at Louie's Backyard. Race is Saturday. www.unlimitedsportsadventures.com
- 13, 27—HOUSTON:** Bats on the Bayou — Boat Tours Enjoy an amazing view of the bats' dusk emergence and learn more about these magnificent flying mammals. www.buffalobayou.org 713/752-0314
- 14—BEAUMONT:** Flower Power Summer Family Arts Day Families will make flower paintings with thick luscious paints in vibrant hues, create tissue flowers and decorate flower pots to take home. This Family Arts Day will help children and their families further explore artist George Wentz's artwork. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Art Museum of Southeast Texas. www.amset.org 409/832-3432
- 14—BEAUMONT:** Kid Fest Includes games, arts & crafts, and a petting zoo. 409/838-3435
- 14—PASADENA:** Second Saturday Series — Hispanic Heritage Hours are 10 a.m. to noon. Armand Bayou Nature Center, 8500 Bay Area Blvd. www.abnc.org 281/474-2551
- 14, 28—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

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- 19—HOUSTON:** Epicurean Evening Enjoy culinary delights, live quarter horse racing, children's activity area and more. Sam Houston Race Park. www.houstonnwchamber.org 281/440-4160
- 20—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
- 21—HOUSTON:** Wings & Wheels — Experimental Aircraft Day See some of these home-built custom creations, as well as many other experimental-category airplanes. See vintage aircraft and automobiles. Fly-ins welcome. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The 1940 Air Terminal Museum, William P. Hobby Airport, 8325 Travelair Road. www.1940airterminal.org 713/454-1940
- 22—HOUSTON:** Houston Culinary Tour: A Taste of Asia Join

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27-29—PORT ARANSAS: Texas Women Anglers Tournament Tournament is for women only. Robert's Point Park. www.gofishtx.com 361/960-1362

29—HOUSTON: Theater District Day Downtown Houston's 17-block Theatre District will offer backstage tours, ongoing live performances, set and costume displays and sneak previews of the 2010/2011 performing arts season. www.houstontheaterdistrict.org 713/223-4544

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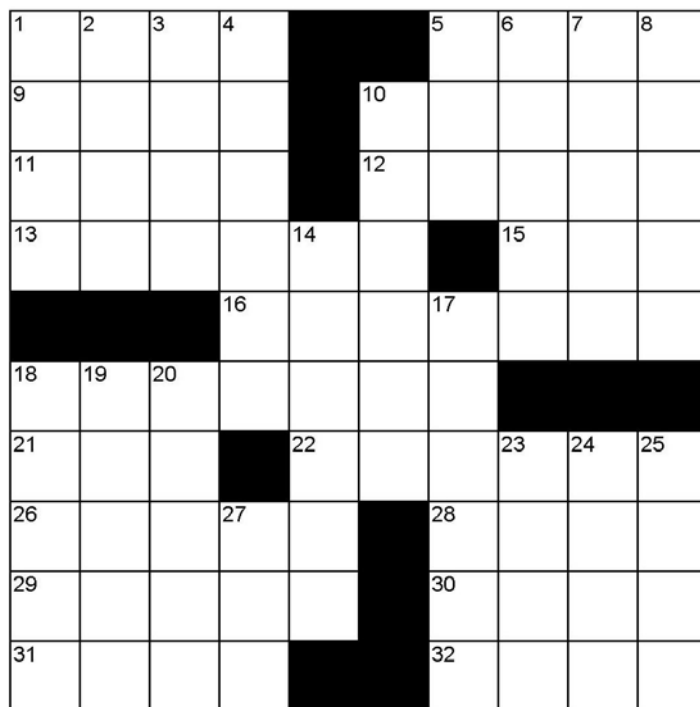
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Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. Green seedless plant
5. Syrian bishop
9. Singing voice
10. Tapestry
11. Oracle
12. High School dance
13. Camel seat
15. Kimono sash
16. Moslem
18. Ancient time piece
21. Environmental protection agency (abbr)
22. Naval fleet
26. From Asia
28. Aroma
29. Jeans
30. Back of the neck
31. Tuber
32. Removes the water

DOWN

1. Squash
2. Tub spread
3. Soup
4. Dirty
5. Creative work
6. Sweeper
7. Deer
8. Molded salad
10. Precision cut stone
14. People from Asia
17. Kitchen appliance color
18. Large mammals
19. Defeat
20. Simple
23. 6th month (Jewish calendar)
24. Foolish
25. Greek god of war
27. Place

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8 slices Swiss cheese	¼ - ½ C sour cream
1 egg salt & pepper	parsely, minced
2 C bread crumbs, with Parmesean cheese	

Directions

Flatten chicken breasts with meat cleaver or mallet. Place slice of ham and cheese on each chicken breast. Roll up and secure with string. Dip chicken in egg and roll in seasoned bread crumbs. Heat butter in skillet. Brown breasts. Reduce heat and cook until done, about 30 minutes. Remove breasts. Add wine and sour cream to drippings. Mix. Add parsely. Put chicken back in wine sauce. Heat and serve.

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Neighborhood Section	Active Listings	Pending Listings	Solds	Ave. Days on Market	Ave. Price per Sq. Ft
Section 1	5	-	-	-	-
Section 2	4	-	-	-	-
Section 3	5	1	-	-	-
Section 4	3	-	-	-	-
Section 5	5	2	-	-	-
Section 6	2	-	1	7	68.49
Section 7	-	1	1	7	66.82
Section 8	2	-	-	-	-
Section 9	1	-	-	-	-
Section 10	4	-	-	-	-
Section 11	3	1	1	142	70.26

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