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Calling all volunteers! The HOA needs your help this year with the 4th of July parade to be held on Saturday, July 2nd at the Swim Center Plaza from 9am to 11am. We need a volunteer MC for the event, volunteers to help coordinate and judge the 'Best Decorated' contest, volunteers to help set up and clean-up. If you can donate an hour or two, please give us a call at 288-8663 or send us an email at info@circlecranch.info. We need your help to make this event happen.

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Circle C Community Center and Pool Update



As many of you may have already noticed, construction is well underway for the New Circle C Community Center and Pool at the corner of La Crosse and Spruce Canyon.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the HOA office at 288-8663 or info@circlecranch.info. Please do not attempt to enter the site and speak with anyone onsite workers as it is a construction zone and not safe. For residents who live near this area and have children – please take a few minutes and speak to your children about the danger of trying to enter the site at any time.

We will continue to post updates in the newsletter and on the website at: <http://www.circlecranch.info/Development-Updates-250717-14837.htm>.

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If you have an article of interest to the community please submit to info@circlecranch.info by the 10th of the month. The newsletter can also be viewed online at www.circlecranch.info.

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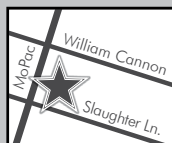
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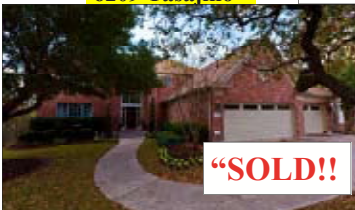
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June 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Swim Center Summer Hours Begin
5	6	7	8	9	10 Newsletter Article Deadline	11
12	13	14 Flag Day	15 Board Meeting, 6:30pm CDC	16	17	18
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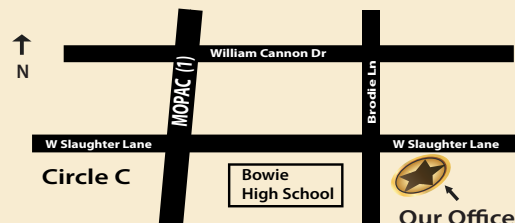
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HOA Manager Announcements:

Submitted by Denise Nordstrom, CCHOA Mgr.

DEED RESTRICTION REMINDERS

Please remember that you agreed to abide by the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions when you purchased your home – do your part in keeping Circle C a beautiful place to live!

As reported in each month's newsletter, the HOA staff drives at least two sections of the neighborhood per month to note violations of the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions. These commonly include: front yard landscape maintenance (mowing, edging, free of weeds), home maintenance (paint, screens, siding) and recreational vehicles (boats, RV's, trailers) parked in the driveway. The HOA is required by state law to notify owners in writing via certified mail and allow for the homeowner to request a hearing before the board of directors. If you receive a letter, please contact us at the HOA office and let us know your individual situation. We would like to work with you to bring your home into compliance. If you would like to report a violation, you can do so via our website at www.circlecranch.info.

PLEASE BRING US YOUR ALUMINUM CAN TABS FOR THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

So many of you are now in the habit of collecting the aluminum can tabs and we appreciate you taking the time to bring them to the HOA office. We will continue to collect aluminum soda can tabs in the management office so please DO NOT throw your cans away without taking off the tabs. The tabs will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Austin and Central Texas. To read more about the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Austin and Central Texas, you can visit <http://www.rmhc-austin.org/>

COMMUNITY LINK RE:WILDFIRES

The CCHOA has been communicating with residents via our email database in regards to wildfire prevention and safety. The following links provide additional information:
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CIRCLE C SWIM CENTER UPDATE

Submitted by Jessy Lieck



COMMUNITY MOVIE NIGHTS ARE STARTING AT THE CIRCLE C SWIM CENTER!

Come out and join us for Community Movie Nights by the pool Saturday, June 11 at 8:30pm! Entry is free for all Circle C residents. Make sure to bring your membership card! Guests are welcome. Standard guest fees do apply. It's guaranteed to be fun for the whole family!

The Swim Center will also be offering other events throughout the summer, so be sure to check our website (ccswim.net), Facebook page (facebook.com/circlecsc) and Twitter (twitter.com/circlecsc) regularly for dates and more information.

GROUP SWIM LESSONS

Group Swim Lessons are still going on and are filling up fast! The first two-week session for the month of June will begin on June 7 and will be ongoing through August. All swimmers must complete a required swim evaluation prior to enrollment. Evaluations will be held every Sunday by Coach Amanda from 4-6 p.m. There is no appointment necessary for evaluations, just show up anytime between 4-6 p.m. on Sundays. Let the front desk know you're here for a swim evaluation, and we'll direct you to the testing area. The swimmer will be in the water for less than five minutes and Coach Amanda will let you know which class will be most beneficial for the swimmer. Full details can be found in the online activity guide, www.ccswim.net.

SELECT SWIM TEAM LONG-COURSE

The Circle C Select Swim Team is currently accepting applications for the long-course season. Please feel free to check out the team's website, select.ccsim.net, to learn more. You are also more than welcome to stop by and meet Coach Hayley and check out a practice anytime. Tryouts are on Saturdays, 10:45-11:15 a.m. Send us email if you are interested in trying out, circlecsc.select@gmail.com.

The team began the long-course season on April 1, 2011 and it will run through the end of July. All facets of the swim team will remain the same except for Friday afternoon and Saturday morning practices. On these days, the pool will be converted and the lanes will run the length of the pool, making them 50 meters long rather than 25 yards.

SUMMER HOURS

JUNE 4 - AUGUST 21, 2011

Tuesday - Friday

Lap Swim Only: 6-10 a.m.

Lap and Recreational Swim: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Saturday

Lap Swim Only: 7-10 a.m.

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JUST A REMINDER!

The Swim Center will be closed Saturday June 18 from 6:00 am - 1:00 pm for a Seals swim meet!

Also, the water will be temporarily closed on Fridays 3-3:30 p.m. and Saturdays 10-10:30 a.m. for the lane switches, through July.

All Swim Center hours and detailed information about the Swim Center can now be found online for easy access.

Website: www.ccswim.net

Calendar: calendar.ccswim.net

Facebook: www.facebook.com/circlecsc

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CITY OF AUSTIN OAK WILT SUPPRESSION PROGRAM

The City of Austin is losing one of its most important assets--the beautiful live oaks and red oaks that form a shady, green canopy over the city. These oak trees are being threatened by a contagious disease called oak wilt. Over the past twenty years, Austin has lost more than 10,000 oaks to the deadly and infectious oak wilt disease. For both individuals and the City as a whole, this loss is felt by increased utility bills, reduced property values, and a sense of devastation.

To address this issue, the City of Austin's Parks and Recreation Department (PARC) began the Oak Wilt Suppression Project in 1988 and it originally ran until September 2002. The City worked in partnership with the USDA Forest Service, the Texas Forest Service, and local neighborhood associations. The purpose of the project was to educate the public, locate the disease, provide technical and cost-share assistance, and monitor treatments for any continued spread. From 2002 until January 2006, the City of Austin was not involved in the oak wilt suppression partnership. Beginning in 2006, the City's Watershed Protection and Development Review Department (WPDR) renewed its partnership with state and federal agencies as well as neighborhood associations.

The City Arborist responsible for the Oak Wilt Suppression Program is: Chris Dolan (512) 974-1881 or chris.dolan@ci.austin.tx.us.

For general questions concerning oak wilt, including a list of certified private arborists, please refer to texasoakwilt.org.

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Circle C Landscape Update

Submitted by Susan Hoover

Trying to keep your lawn alive and looking good in hot, dry and windy weather on 2x per week watering? It poses a challenge, but can be done. As you are aware, the City of Austin's Water Conservation Ordinance restricts residential watering to two days per week from May 1 to September 30 of each year. Watering is prohibited between 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. and the watering days are Wednesday/Saturday for addresses ending in an odd number, and Thursday/Sunday for addresses ending in an even number.

If you have an irrigation system, you will want to set it to water in the early morning hours, generally around 3:00 a.m. On many days, the wind is lower overnight, and this will help keep the water on the grass and in the beds where it belongs. Generally, you can set the spray sections for about 8 to 10 minutes and the rotor sections for about 30

to 35 minutes. Two times per week on this type of schedule will keep your lawn alive. Obviously, if we get supplemental rainfall, the lawn will look better.

It is a good time to get an irrigation system check up, or at least run your system through a look for problems. These include missing nozzles, missing heads, leaks at the base of heads or leaks in a pipe. All of these problems contribute to water waste as well as higher water bills.

If a section seems to have low pressure, look for a pipe leak. Or, turn off all the water in the house and turn your irrigation system off. Take a look at your water meter. If it continues to run, it is likely you have an underground water leak and you will need to find it. Soft spots, overly green spots and water running over a curb in a small area are all signs of irrigation system leaks.

If you experience a lot of run-off of water, you can shorten your irrigation times for each section, and then run a double cycle. Sometimes the first cycle will soften up the ground and the second will allow more water to soak in. Other things that help keep moisture in are a good layer of mulch (up to 3") and top dressing your lawn with some organic material. You can use about 1/4" and get good results.

As tempting as it is, try not to over-fertilize. This can stress the lawn and the plants in drought conditions. The plants are doing the best they can and are stressed. They will go somewhat dormant in hot and very dry conditions, saving their energy for keeping alive. A little organic fertilizer in the spring and a good fertilization in the fall are a good way to go.

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CC Landscape Update- (Continued from Page 10)

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ATTENTION! FIRE DANGER! TIME TO CLEAN UP YOUR DEAD VEGETATION!

The Circle C Homeowners Association is asking your cooperation in taking a good look at your lot and taking out dead and dying vegetation. Here are some examples of items the CCHOA will be looking at over the next two months.

While it is always important to keep your property and landscaping in great shape, this year hot, dry and windy weather poses a true fire danger. The City of Austin Fire Department and the Texas Forest Service have put out information on what single family homeowners in urban settings can do to protect their property. You can access this information at:

The Circle C deed restrictions require that you remove dead vegetation from your lot. We are seeing a lot of the following and ask your cooperation in taking care of any situations that apply to you and your property.

Dead Trees: If the tree does not have any leaves on it and is brittle when you break a tree, you can pretty much determine that is not alive and will not recover. If you have any doubt about a significant shade tree, contact a certified arborist for the best advice. Once you have determined the tree is clearly dead, please have it taken down and remove the debris properly. One of our big concerns is tall dead trees. They are subject to falling on your or others property, large limbs can fall on people and things, and fires can be fueled by dead wood.

Palm Tree Pruning: Many people had freeze damage to their palm trees over the winter and have not removed the dead leaves. These are particularly subject to fueling fires and from their high vantage point, can cause embers to spread across rooftops and into attics, a particularly vulnerable place in the home. If your palm trees are tall, you will probably need a professional to prune them. The leaves that are completely brown should be removed, anything that is green can remain.

Wood Piles, Oak Pollen, Leaf Piles, Debris: Check your gutters! According to the Austin Fire Department, one big item that fueled the Oak Hill fire was oak pollen and dead leaves in the gutters. Just an ember or two caused the dead vegetation in the gutters to smolder, start the tar from the roof on fire and enter the attic of several homes. Likewise, keeping piles of leaves, twigs and debris will fuel a fire.

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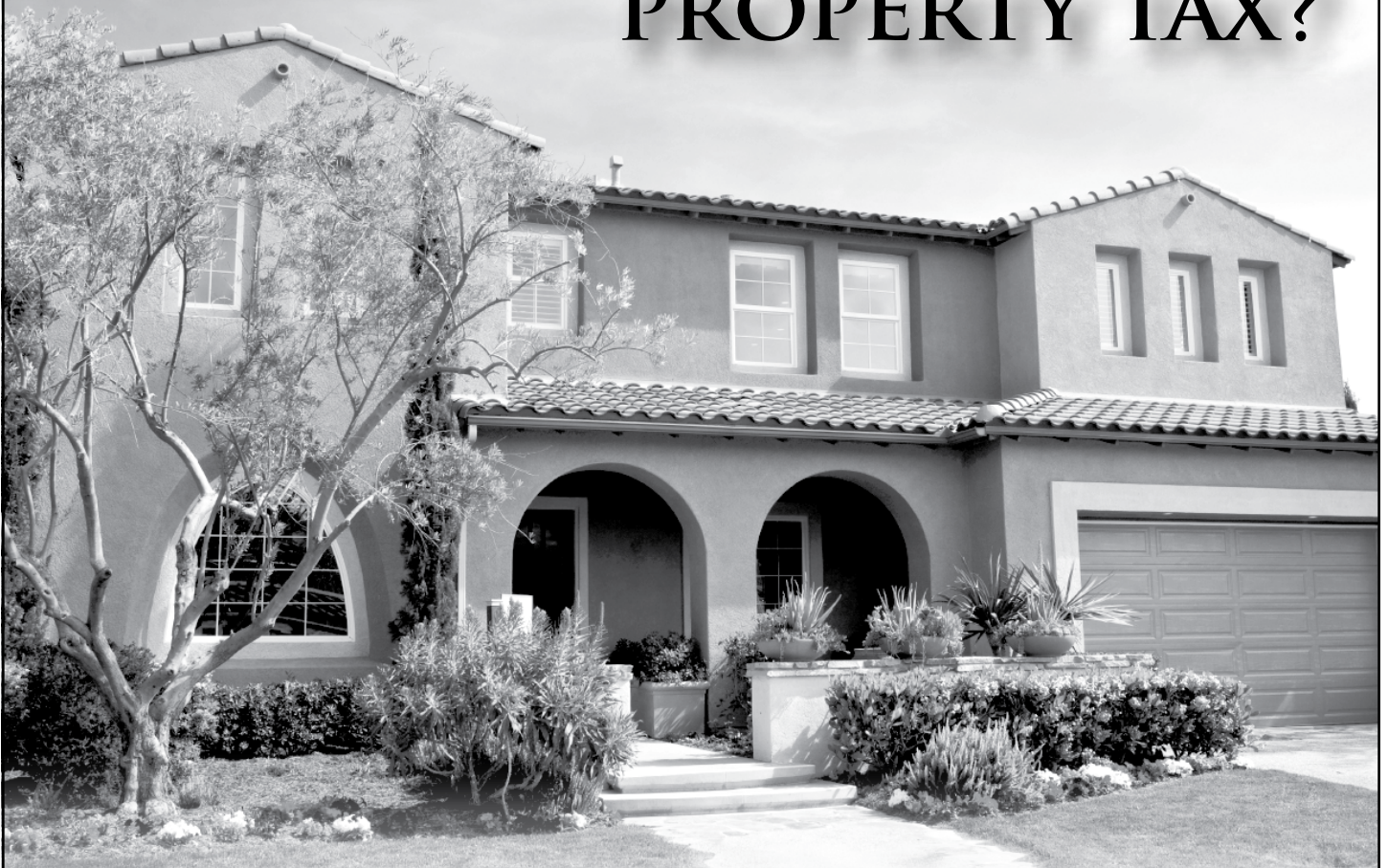
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Park West HOA News

Park West HOA News (Specifically for Park West Residents)

Submitted by Jackie Rollins

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Welcome to the new residents of Park West! A 'greeter' will be meeting with you soon (if you haven't already been met!) to give you a personal welcome and to deliver a packet of important information about the PWHOA.

Despite the dry weather, the neighborhood is enjoying a beautiful green spring due to the care and cooperation of our residents for the maintenance and upkeep of their yards and homes. Thank you for keeping your lawns watered and our community beautiful!

WORDS TO THE WISE

If an Austin fireman rings your doorbell and tells you to prepare to evacuate, are you prepared? Long-time Park West resident Carey Christian remembers that happening

in 1999 when a fire started north of Slaughter Lane as the commercial area was being developed. Within a few minutes, the fire jumped Slaughter and quickly spread through the City Park. Winds whipped the flames above tree tops and cedars exploded, spreading burning embers across Park West. Fire trucks began entering Park West and started the alert. Carey was given the warning and told the next time they appeared she would have five minutes to leave the area. Only a change in wind direction spared Park West from an evacuation and a possible fate such as Scenic Brook in Oak Hill experienced recently. Local news crews filmed the flames as nervous residents like Carey waited to see if their new homes would burn.

Later, when residents assumed management of Park West, an AFD Brigade Chief and

Texas Forest Service officer walked the City Park fence line with the Board. We saw all the "fire fuel" in our yards: dry unwatered lawns and beds, wood fences, straw door mats, leaves and birds' nests in gutters, firewood and scrap materials next to homes, charcoal starter and paint cans, nonnative plants and plants growing to and through our fences; fire fuels that would draw fire to your home.

So evaluate your yard and take some precautions. Then set up an evacuation plan and list items you would take. Remember pets, medications and those irreplaceable mementos! It looks like it is going to be a long, hot, dry summer.....will history repeat itself?

-Submitted by Joan and Dave Maril

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GET YOUR SPRINKLER CHECK

This can't be repeated enough. When parched lawns are observed, residents are immediately contacted and scheduled for a sprinkler check. In most cases, there was a problem with the sprinkler system (a broken head, valve or even pipe) and once repaired and the system working again at its optimum level, the grass begins its recovery. Do not turn your sprinkler system off so that you can operate it manually. In many instances this is what was done and the resident(s) actually forgot about watering!

The cost of an annual sprinkler check is factored into the landscape contract, so you pay only for any needed repairs and replacement parts. If you authorize Pearson Landscape to do the repairs/provide replacement parts, their price list is located on the right side of the mail center bulletin boards. By having it checked now, you can avoid more costly repairs down the road. Call Jackie Rollins, landscaper liaison, at 940-5745 to make an appointment, or e-mail her at JackieRollins02@aol.com. You might even be scheduled for the next day! You can also e-mail Scott Smith at scott@pearsonlandscape.com to set up an appointment.

LANDSCAPER NEWS

We have just experienced the warmest April in recorded history. These are strange days in climate history: extreme cold in February the past two winters and extreme heat the past two summers. The summer before last saw 67 days over 100 degrees and last summer had a very wet July with extreme temperatures in August and September. The main point is that this climate can contribute to a lot of plant damage and perennial plant loss. The City of Austin climate person has said that this dry weather is to persist for the next three months with normal weather returning after La Niña breaks up off the Baja coast. Sprinkler checks are a good idea.

We upgraded our weed control process and have begun including a second herbicide in each batch for a broader spectrum of control. All chemicals that we use are EPA-approved and all applications are done by following the label and are reported on the correct log for the Texas Department of Agriculture. We are licensed pest control applicators.

We did approximately 35-40 sprinkler checks in April. In May we will be mulching and fertilizing all beds and grass, using an organic fertilizer with iron so grass should green up and become a shade darker. We will have changed out the snap dragons at the mail centers. We mowed the east and west mail centers.

We had a handful of complaints from residents upset that we trimmed a bush or plant in the front yard. We do our absolute best to make everyone happy; however, unless we're told, we cannot possibly know not to trim a plant. I get between 0 and 20 e-mails and calls from Park West homeowners and Board members on a daily basis. Although we are not contracted to provide customized service in front yards, we do our best to accommodate as many people as we can. Thank you for your business.

-Scott Smith, Pearson Landscape

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Park West HOA News

Park West HOA- (Continued from Page 15)

SIDEWALKS UPDATE

Sidewalk repairs have been made and the tripping hazards due to major sidewalk level shifts, noted in last month's column, have been removed.

MATERIALS DELIVERY REMINDER

- If you're having any kind of landscaping or redesign work done (it goes without saying that you've requested approval for the work through the appropriate channels) and it involves rock, stone, gravel or the like, PLEASE ensure that you or your contractor don't just dump the load directly onto the street at curbside but first place some sort of covering on the ground to protect the sealcoat and the street from unnecessary wear and tear. Likewise, if anything is unloaded on your driveway, steps should be taken to protect its surface as well.
- Do NOT leave bags of mulch or other landscaping materials on the lawn – the grass underneath will die! Store them out of view from the street (and not on the driveway, please) until actually used.

HELPING HANDS

Contact Charlie Heard at 288-7557 for pick up of your gently worn men's work and casual apparel, including jeans, T-shirts, shoes, boots, socks and underwear as well as personal hygiene items, blankets and backpacks, for the Open Door Project and Fig Leaf Store at University United Methodist Church which benefit the homeless and others in need.

GOOD NEIGHBORS

To the unsung good neighbor: the one who brings in your paper/trash carts when you are away....the one who feeds your cat/dog/fish while you frolic at the beach....the one who runs to H-E-B and picks up a few things you need when you're under the weather....the one who takes an elderly neighbor to the emergency room when asked....the neighbor who picks up their dog's poop and any other poop found along the way. ...the neighbor who picks up trash at the mail center and cans it....the neighbor who offers other neighbors unused tickets to an event....the neighbor who helps another neighbor with their taxes. There are lots of "silent" good neighbors in Park West seeking no recognition and doing what good neighbors have always done. Hats off to each and every one of you!

-Reprinted courtesy of Dave Maril

Tell us about your favorite charity and volunteer efforts. Recognize a neighbor who is always there to help by e-mailing a few lines to JackieRollins02@aol.com.

UNTIL NEXT TIME

This is your column and your input is important. Without it, there wouldn't be a column. So, please contact Jackie Rollins at 301-1839 or JackieRollins02@aol.com with your suggestions and items of interest.

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Grey Rock Seniors Stage Ryder Cup Style Event

Submitted by Robert Swift, Circle C Resident

The Executive Men's League of Grey Rock Golf Club held its annual EML Cup competition in April. The membership of the EML was divided into two teams, Red and White, each coached by a member of the Grey Rock Pro Shop staff. The competition stretched over two days, during which time four different formats were contested. At the end of day one, the Red Team had established a narrow lead. During day two, the White Team staged a comeback, but in the end failed to overcome the lead held by the Reds. In a spirited meeting held afterwards to award prizes, the White Team made it known they conceded nothing, and pushed for a rematch as soon as possible. It is likely this re-match will be held in the fall of this year.

The Executive Men's League is but one of several groups with a regular program at Grey Rock Golf Club. Membership in the EML is open to the public with the only requirement being that applicants must be 60 years of age, or older. All skill levels are represented, and each member carries his own GHIN generated handicap index. Throughout the year, 18-hole rounds are played each Tuesday, with early morning tee times during the summer, and mid-day tee times during cooler weather. In addition to regular weekly rounds, several special events are held each year such as the EML Championship Tournament which was held in March, and the EML Cup Tournament reported above.

Anyone interested in becoming involved in the dynamic and fun filled Grey Rock Executive Men's League program should call the Grey Rock Pro Shop at 288-4297, ext. 2. Simply leave your name and number so that a member of the EML Advisory Board can contact you and answer all your questions. We look forward to seeing you at "The Rock", soon!

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Bowie Bulldog Tennis Camp 2011!!

Submitted by Angela Alexander

WHEN: Monday-Wednesday, June 6th- 8th, 2011 (9:00-11:15 am)

WHERE: Bowie Tennis Courts at the high school (of course!)

COST: \$70 plus physical approving tennis for the campers

SEND TO: Bowie High School, attn: Coach Ernie Grimes, 4103 Slaughter Ln, Austin, TX 78749

WHO'S ELIGIBLE? - This school year's 3rd thru 7th graders

Enrollment will be restricted to the first 32 campers who send in their checks!! Don't get left out of the fun!

MORE INFO: See Bowie High School website and follow links to athletics, tennis and summer camp. Or go directly to <http://bulldawgstennis.weebly.com/summer-camp.html>

CONTACT: Coach Ernie Grimes, cell 698-1981 or email bulldawgstennis@yahoo.com

South Austin Mystery Book Club

Submitted by David Schieck, a resident of Circle C

If you love a good mystery story, come join us once a month at the South Austin Mystery Book Club. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month, at 7:30 pm, at the Sunset Valley Barnes & Noble on Brodie Ln.

Our June 21st book selection is *Where Memories Lie*, by Deborah Crombie and our July 19th book is *The Unquiet Bones*, by Melvin Starr.

If you have any questions please give me a call, 301-4914. David

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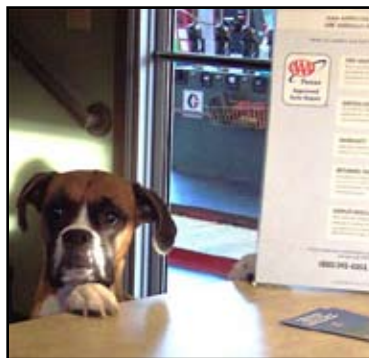
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HOURS

Morning Session only

8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Lunch 12- 1 p.m.

Afternoon Session only

1 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Full day Session

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Early drop off – 8 a.m.

Late pickup – 5 p.m.



FOR AGES 5 - 11, CHILDREN WILL FOCUS ON:

Creative Drama, Mask Making, Creative Movement, Poetry Interpretation, Theatre Games and Story Dramatization

FOR AGES 12 - 14, STUDENTS WILL FOCUS ON:

Stage Techniques, Oral Interpretation, Improvisation, Theatre Games and Stage Combat

- If you have any questions, please call our office at 414-2343 or email Betsy Cornwell at dconrwell@austinisd.org or Marco Bazan at marco.bazan@austinisd.org
- We will meet daily in the lobby shared by the gym facility and the theatre facility.
- Please send your child with a lunch if they are registering for the full day session.
- Lunches and snacks can be purchased from the concession stand.

- Each child will receive a t-shirt on Friday.
- There will be a free “sharing” performance at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 17.
- Students must be enrolled in full day or afternoon session in order to participate in the “sharing” performance on Friday afternoon.



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<input type="checkbox"/> Full Day	\$125 before June 03; \$150 after June 03
<input type="checkbox"/> Morning Only OR <input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon Only	\$80 each before June 03; \$100 after June 03
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Total Due: _____ (Make checks payable to Bowie High School)

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME(S)

NUMBER(S) that you can be reached at in case of an emergency _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL ADDRESS(ES) _____
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NAME OF PERSON with permission to pick up child

NAME OF CHILD(REN) also attending requested to be in same group _____
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PARENT INFORMATION – KEEP FOR YOUR INFORMATION!

If you have any questions, please call our office at 414-2343 or email us at dcornwell@austinisd.org or marco.bazan@austinisd.org

PAYMENT:	Morning or afternoon session only:	\$80 if registered by June 03; \$100 after June 03
	Full day:	\$125 if registered by June 03; \$150 after June 03
	Drop off before 8 a.m.:	\$25 additional fee
	Pickup after 5 p.m. :	\$25 additional fee

PLEASE NOTE – Students must be attending the afternoon or full day session in order to participate in the work-in-progress performances on Friday, June 17 at 5 p.m.

Please send the portion above with your payment (checks payable to Bowie High School) to:

Betsy Cornwell/ Marco Bazan
James Bowie High School
4103 W. Slaughter Lane
Austin, Texas 78749

You may also drop the registration form and payment off at Bowie High School and ask the secretaries to put it in our boxes. Please drop your child off at Bowie High School (in the lobby which is shared by the gym facility and the theatre facility).

Remember:

- ☐ Please send your child with a lunch if they are registering for the full day session.
- ☐ Lunches and snacks can be purchased from the concession stand.
- ☐ Each child will receive a t-shirt on Friday to wear for work-in-progress performance at end of day.
- ☐ Parents may view the "sharing" performance at 5:00 p.m. on Friday in the theatre.

Clubs & Announcements



James Bowie High School **Silver Stars** **Dance Clinic 2011**



DATES: Monday, June 20 – Friday, June 24, 2011
LOCATION: Bowie High School
FOR: Students entering grades 1st – 9th. No dance experience needed.
TIMES: Morning Session: 8:00am – 12:00noon
Afternoon Session: 1:00pm – 5:00pm
Both sessions: 8:00am – 5:00pm (lunch break 12:00 – 1:00)
COST: Pre-registration: On or before June 6, 2011
One Session (morning or afternoon):
\$90 for first child
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June 26th

Open Water Swim benefits Colin's Hope

Splash into Lake Travis for the Red Licorice Events Open Water Swim at the Mansfield Dam on June 26. The swim benefits Colin's Hope and you can choose from 800m, 1.2 mile or 2.4 mile options. Visit www.redlicoriceevents.com for more information.

August 27th & 28th

3rd Annual Colin's Hope Kids Triathlon

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Circle C Tennis Update

Submitted by: Fernando Velasco, General Manager, Circle C Tennis Club.



"CIRCLE C TENNIS CLUB PLAYERS RECEIVE AWARDS"

Several junior Members of the Circle C Tennis Club were recipients of special awards during the Capital Area Tennis Association (CATA) banquet held at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Austin on Sunday, May 1st. Guest speaker for the event was Dennis Ralston, former US Champion, Wimbledon Champion, and US Davis Cup player, coach and captain of the US Davis Cup team. Over 200 players, parents and coaches attended the event honoring Junior High, Senior High, Club players and scholarship winners for 2011.

Front row: Paige Johnson and Jackson Cobb, Most Valuable Players from Circle C Tennis Club; Rachel Cole, Most Valuable Player

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CC Tennis Update- (Continued from Page 26)

Austin High School; James Bronson, Most Valuable Player Anderson High School; Spencer Cobb, Most Valuable Player Bailey Middle School.

Back Row: Danny Rodriguez, Mandon Maloney and Darin Pleasant, Tennis Professionals who train these players at the Circle C Tennis Club.

In addition, Samantha Jorden, was the recipient of a 2011 CATA Scholarship. Three former members also receiving awards included Summer Biggs, Lorenzo Salazar and Caitlin Camp.

“CIRCLE C TENNIS CLUB HOSTS TRAINING FOR WHEELCHAIR TENNIS PROS”



The Circle C Tennis club recently hosted a Professional Tennis Registry Wheelchair Workshop. Geoff Norton from Augusta, Georgia conducted the workshop for eleven instructors, tennis pros and USTA leaders from all over Texas. Each participant was given a “tennis wheelchair” to perform all the drills, and learn to play tennis as a person would when in a wheelchair. General Manager, Fernando Velasco, mentioned after the event that “I have much more respect for the players that I see and coach in a wheelchair, but after having been in a wheelchair for several hours and trying to play tennis, I have even and even higher level of respect for them”. Velasco, Dennis Ralston, and Circle C Resident Mike Haynes, who is also a wheelchair tennis player, are presently training a 14 year old young man who is in a wheelchair, Dustin Strelsky. A year ago in January, Dustin, was in a car accident that left him paralyzed from the waist down. Dustin is presently playing for his junior high team and has a 6-2 record.

Participants of the workshop will continue working with players in wheelchairs and eventually conduct clinics and events for them. The Circle C Tennis Club will be hosting an event that will include a “run and roll” exhibition consisting of players in wheelchairs and players with able bodies.

Summer cinema!

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Community Changes Lives

By Sarah S. Jordan, MS

In late April, I was fortunate enough to be a small part of an incredible event in my neighborhood called "BBQ4JD." The theme on the back of the event t-shirts read "Community Changes Lives," and I don't think any other words could have summed it up better than those three words did.

What I witnessed was a large community coming together to support a child and family with love, donations, many hugs, and ongoing prayers. I could not believe how many people, children, volunteers, and businesses came out to contribute their time, energy, and love to the event. It definitely showed the true colors and generosity of the neighborhood and the wonderful people that live there.

We moved there almost two years ago, and I have to say that I feel very fortunate to be part of such a great community. Through family time at the pool on weekends, attending business networking meetings, offering free

women and stroller fitness classes, attending holiday events, and volunteering at a few things, great connections have been made and a large community feels much smaller to me.

This got me thinking... what are some ways that we can all get more plugged into our own neighborhoods? Here are some great ways to do just that.

VOLUNTEER

Communities put on so many great events throughout the year, and there are always volunteer opportunities and ways to get more involved.

DONATE

If you own a business or have a product that could be helpful to an event or silent auction, donate your time and/or an auction item. As they say, you have to give in order to receive, and there is so much to be gained in the spirit of giving to others. I cannot tell

you how many incredible people I have been fortunate enough to meet through the giving of my time and services.

READ THE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER EACH MONTH

A great deal of time and energy is spent in creating those newsletters, and they are a great way to stay updated on what is happening around you and to connect with the members, events, and local businesses in your community.


GET MOVING TOGETHER

Start a running or walking group. Plan a fun run/walk for parents and their children in your area to promote being active.

FIND PEOPLE WITH SIMILAR INTERESTS,


and join or form a group, whether that is a book club, moms group, or business-networking group. So much is gained from partnerships and networking.

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Enhancing business while giving to the community

After experiencing some life changing events, Laurie Loew created a business model focused on helping others and giving back to the community.

She soon found out that she had created a “social” business, and was at the forefront of a new business model called “social entrepreneurship”.

She was now being consulted by business owners and organizations on how businesses could become more “socially responsible”. Helping others realize the benefits of giving – both personally and professionally – has become Laurie’s passion.

Starting a business during a poor economic climate was not easy. Then there was the perception that the industry is largely self-serving. Laurie chose to focus on the opportunities and embarked on a mission to create value beyond the bottom line. In doing so, she created a business, which gives back to the community, thereby enriching the lives of those who are helped and a sense of satisfaction for herself for the good that comes from it.

Since she started this business, she has been able to donate over \$110,000 to the nonprofit community in less than three years. She is also the proud recipient of the 2010 Ethics in Business Award.

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Leaf-footed bugs feed on a variety of fruits, nuts and seeds, but I most often get calls from people who have them on tomatoes, peppers or sunflowers. The insects have piercing-sucking mouthparts and puncture fruit to suck out plant juices. The opening left behind can allow access to secondary invaders.

Leaf-footed bugs can be managed by hand-picking (be sure to wear gloves if utilizing this method), sucking off the plant with a hand-held vacuum or by spraying plants with pesticides. If choosing to use a pesticide, read the product label and make sure it can be used in the area you are treating (i.e. vegetable garden).

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com

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Deafblind Awareness Month

"Once I knew only darkness and stillness... my life was without past or future... but a little word from the fingers of another fell into my hand that clutched at emptiness and my heart leaped to the rapture of living." - Helen Keller

Imagine a world that is limited to the distance to your outstretched fingertips. If you aren't being touched, for all you know, you are alone. This is the world for many individuals who are deafblind. It's a world that I'm often exposed to as a mother of a son with CHARGE syndrome, a leading syndrome-related cause of congenital deafblindness. It's a world about which I continue to learn, to advocate for its members, and to raise awareness. The last week in June is Deafblind Awareness Week, and here in Texas, the entire month of June is recognized as Deafblind Awareness Month. The week originally celebrated the birthday of Helen Keller, famous both for the condition that defined her as well as the condition that did not limit her.

OVERVIEW OF DEAFBLINDNESS

Deafblindness isn't always a complete loss of hearing and vision, but covers the spectrum of any amount of dual sensory loss. The degree of loss may differ from individual to individual, but in the end, it limits the individual's access to auditory and visual information. Furthermore, an estimated 90% of the approximately 1 million deafblind nationwide have additional disabilities. The fundamental challenge is simply getting access to and interpreting the world. Both are necessary to develop language and communication, a cornerstone of education. Beyond this, the hope is that a Deafblind individual receive the necessary support and tools allowing them to communicate in broader settings, to study, to work and to live as independently as possible and to the best of their ability.

CAUSES

Congenital deafblindness occurs at or soon after birth and stems from over 90 known causes while acquired deafblindness occurs over time due, primarily, to Usher's syndrome and also by aging and by trauma. Rubella used to be the leading cause of congenital deafblindness (an expectant mother with Rubella would pass it onto the fetus as congenital rubella syndrome) until

the late 60's and early 70's during which time a vaccine for Rubella became available. CHARGE now leads as the primary syndrome related cause of deafblindness at birth. First described in 1979 and named in 1981 based on the acronym for the set of unusual congenital defects affecting most children, CHARGE syndrome has been linked to a specific gene but only in about 2 out of 3 of those affected and usually in a family with no previous history of CHARGE. Over 50% of the current Deafblind population has one of three types of Usher's syndrome (also genetic), characterized by the absence or gradual loss of both hearing and sight. Many of the deaf and blind come from our military service men and women. The VA estimates close to 60,000 servicemen and veterans have endured military operations related hearing loss and estimates another 159,000 legally blind and 700,000 low vision veterans due both to trauma and age.

SUPPORT

While most families are eager to advocate for members with deafblindness, many families start out knowing little about how best to support the individuals themselves. There are numerous local, state and national agencies, support groups, and educational institutions that help the deafblind and their families cope, endure, and reach their full potential. The Deafblind Multihandicapped Association of Texas (DBMAT) has been recognized as one of the most effective advocacy groups in Texas. Texas Chargers provides support for the emotional and educational needs of families with CHARGE afflicted members who are often deafblind, multihandicapped, and overcoming a multitude of life threatening and complex medical issues. Support service providers and interveners are specially trained in deafblindness and help access the environment and make informed decisions for the deafblind. Their support may include providing vocabulary and language development, being an intermediary for

communication, ensuring safe mobility, and being a source of emotional support. Local school districts may have special needs educators trained to deal with varying degrees of deafblindness. However, the Texas School for the Deaf and the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired both serve as exemplary institutions dedicated to serving the education and social needs of deaf, blind, and deafblind children and young adults of Texas. Both schools provide a place that fosters the most productive communication channels for their students in order to promote language, learning, vocation, and independent living. Both provide a centralized place to serve children who would not otherwise be served effectively in their local schools. Both provide a sense of community that fosters confidence in their students who turn into confident adults. Texas Department of Aging and Rehabilitation has a multitude of offices, divisions and services that support the deafblind population from birth through old age. Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) supports children from birth to age three – an absolutely critical period since children's receptive vocabulary and basic language are in place by age two. They provide families information, services, and an understanding of what communication mode(s) can be used to ensure as little impact as possible to a child's access to the world around them and the language to describe it.

COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION AND BEYOND

Deafblind communication and mobility/awareness can be developed through the use of signing (both visual and tactile), print on palm (tracing letters on the palm), preprinted communication cards (or the equivalent on today's phones and computers), touch cues, large print, printed Braille, Braille to text or voice, hearing aids, lip reading, captioning, GPS, walking sticks, and many telecommunication devices and adaptations. Once a communication

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mode(s) is established, the further education of a deafblind individual can be tailored to their assessed capabilities. Programs have been developed that address at or near age-level academic proficiency, pre-academic readiness, practical academics and basic life skills. A recent deafblind census of school aged children in Texas noted many students are taking required assessments tests without modification for their grade level. Some deafblind can achieve bachelors and masters levels education, some can work in a variety of situations with the appropriate technological and communication supports, and many provide goods and services, in some instances while owning their own business. The FCC has recently allotted funds to ensure the Deafblind have access to 21st century communication modes so critical with interact with people and the world today.

YOUR ROLE

Here are a few things to consider about what deafblindness may mean to you now and in the future.

Have your vision and hearing tested regularly and be informed on the conditions and diseases that effect sensory loss. Deterioration can stem from issues independent of age. Vision and hearing loss can often go undetected in children for years and in some cases decades. Many children and adults learn to function with, compensate for, or altogether hide vision and/or hearing loss. Many times, behavioral

issues are actually manifestations of an individual's frustration with communication due to underlying vision or auditory problems.

Learn to sign! Your signing may never develop into real American Sign Language or any signing language for that matter. Nonetheless, being able to use the manual alphabet and being able to produce/ receive a few signs that would be helpful in engaging someone in the deaf or deafblind community has many other potential benefits. Many parents have found it invaluable for sharing with their babies who can often express themselves with signing months before they develop spoken language. It is also an amazing way to communicate over distance (no yelling required), in a noisy environment (no yelling required), and when someone else in the room is fast asleep (no yelling required).

The Deafblind community is not one to merely be polite around or to try and fix – it's a community worth engaging, understanding, empowering, and employing. Make yourself familiar with how to approach and engage the Deafblind. Never assume anything about their situation (so ask if you must but politely) and remember that having sensory loss impacts the cues we take for granted in meeting new people and being in new situations. Also don't assume that they see themselves as impaired or disabled or even that they are seeking medical cures for their deafblindness.

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Finally, do your part in ensuring Texas and particularly Austin continues to be a world renowned place for the deaf, blind, and Deafblind to supported, educated, and transitioned into a future that is as independent as possible. The rights and protections given by the Americans with Disabilities Act are not always upheld or even understood. The services and institutions that reach out to the Deafblind are often under the threat of being limited, reduced, or revoked. Awareness is the first step in a life long journey of advocacy in whatever capacity you might see fit – classes, volunteering, or donating time or money.

OUR STORY

Our son with CHARGE hears well with a special type of hearing aid and despite his three known visual defects, is not low vision. However, he is dual sensory loss and thus falls into the deafblind category. He's currently being serviced by Austin Independent School District (AISD) in their early childhood program geared specifically to auditory impairment using oral communication. He's blossomed under their outstanding instruction and care. We've signed with our son from the beginning, but have collectively only recently started learning in earnest. Although his receptive language and cognition is age appropriate, his speech is several years delayed. Our hope and AISD's mission is to transition him to his home school,

Kiker, one day. We are also aware and open to the possibility that his speech may never be wholly intelligible, that he might become self-conscious or more frustrated, or that he might seek a place where he feels more at "home." As such, Texas School for the Deaf may be in his future education path and is already in our family's lives as a place for training and support.

We were told he wouldn't live past three days. He's now four. We assumed we'd never be able to share music with him. He can sing on pitch (which he clearly didn't inherit from his notoriously tone-deaf mom) and keep beat on the drums. I used to cry thinking I couldn't use my voice to sooth him as an infant but have found so many ways to communicate and bond that don't need a voice at all. We have had three major surgeries already and know of at least two in our future. He has medical needs that rival a newborn's need for attention and time, 24 hours a day. We've dodged a lot of bullets and may be surprised by a few speed bumps, but we know that we have the opportunity to grow old with him and all learn a lot along the way.

In my efforts to connect and support others with CHARGE and deafblindness, I've found inspiration from many different sources. We've come to know a 29 year old CHARGE adult who will soon graduate with his bachelor's. I've seen an adult with Usher's who was born deaf and gradually lost her vision in her 20's and 30's. She told her stories standing on a stage with her husband using tactile signing. Their hands were alternately touching and interlocking, giving information and taking information and sharing adventures ranging from successfully navigating the crowded streets of New Orleans with 20 Deafblind in tow to braving sky diving. I've seen a mother of a 23-year-old deafblind, multihandicapped CHARGE woman sign an entire song to her daughter on the dance floor. She is not sure how much her daughter saw or understood what was signed, but was confident that she enjoyed the music and the experience. Another family spoke to the Texas Chargers group about how it's been tough never hearing or seeing the signs "mom, dad, or I love you" from their 8 year old son. The father, a tough Texas man on the exterior trembled through the sentence about not getting his hopes up too often. In the last month, they've seen their son discover the joys of eating and signing "more" with intent. Simple yet incredible, these moments renew hope in us all. There are countless stories, challenges, setbacks, and successes that have shown me how, across the spectrum, the deafblind can reach their full potential with the support of families, friends, educators, and with the sheer will to connect to the world that lies well beyond their fingertips.....

Local, State, and National sites for further information, outreach, resources, and ways to donate time, advocate and provide financial support:

Texas Chargers www.texaschargers.org

Deafblind Multiple Handicap of Texas www.dhmat-tx.org

Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired www.tsbvi.edu

Texas School for the Deaf <http://www.tsd.state.tx.us/>

Helen Keller National Center www.hknc.org

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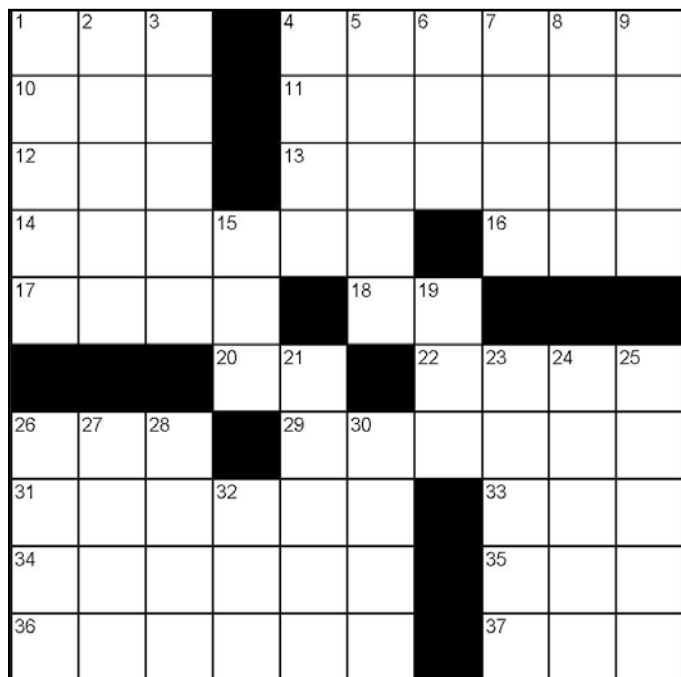
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Circle C Central	28	2,899	\$ 104	\$ 302	1994	62	13	14
North	13	1,845	\$ 131	\$ 241	1995	39	8	7
Wildflower	6	2,257	\$ 120	\$ 271	2001	54	2	1
On The Park	5	3,183	\$ 106	\$ 336	1998	61	5	0
Vintage Place	2	3,604	\$ 99	\$ 356	2003	4	1	0
Hielscher	8	2,864	\$ 119	\$ 340	2004	86	4	3
West	11	3,697	\$ 110	\$ 406	2005	136	9	6
Park West	11	2,236	\$ 130	\$ 292	2001	91	3	2
Park Place	3	2,587	\$ 116	\$ 299	2005	41	1	0
Muirfield	5	3,914	\$ 124	\$ 486	2006	42	4	0
Enclave/Stone Creek	3	3,061	\$ 114	\$ 349	2005	18	6	1
Alta Mira	8	2,854	\$ 123	\$ 351	2008	43	5	3
Fairway Estates	2	3,829	\$ 110	\$ 423	2009	139	1	0
Circle C Ranch Total	105	2,829	\$ 116	\$ 328	2000	67	62	37
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