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Newsletter for the Residents of Fair Oaks Ranch

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St. Patrick's Day Facts

1. St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland, although he was born in Britain, around 385AD. His parents Calpurnius and Conchessa were Roman citizens living in either Scotland or Wales, according to different versions of his story.

2. As a boy of 14 he was captured and taken to Ireland where he spent six years in slavery herding sheep. He returned to Ireland in his 30s as a missionary among the Celtic pagans.

3. Legend has it that he used the native shamrock as a symbol of the holy trinity when preaching and brought the Latin alphabet to Ireland.

4. Miracles attributed to him include the driving of serpents out of Ireland. However, evidence suggests post-glacial Ireland never had any snakes in the first place.

5. Wearing green, eating green food and even drinking green beer, is said to commemorate St Patrick's use of the shamrock - although blue was the original colour of his vestments.

6. St Patrick was said to have proclaimed that everyone should have a drop of the "hard stuff" on his feast day after chastising

an innkeeper who served a short measure of whiskey. In the custom known as "drowning the shamrock", the shamrock that has been worn on a lapel or hat is put in the last drink of the evening.

7. Popular Irish toasts on St Patrick's Day, include: may the roof above us never fall in, and may we friends beneath it never fall out.

8. St. Patrick's Day was first celebrated in America in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1737. Around 34 million modern Americans claim Irish ancestry.

9. It is believed that St Patrick died on March 17 in 461AD. It is a national holiday in Ireland, and on the island of Montserrat in the Caribbean, which was founded by Irish refugees. It is a bank holiday in Northern Ireland and a provincial holiday in the Canadian province of Newfoundland.

10. Dublin has a parade that attracts hundreds of thousands of people, while in Chicago the river is dyed green for a few hours. The biggest parade is normally held in New York, while the largest celebration in the southern hemisphere is in Sydney, Australia.



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MARCH EVENTS

March 11th

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March 15th

City Council Meeting
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City Council Chambers

March 17th

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Buck Decries Change

In an exclusive interview to the Fair Oaks Gazette, Major "Big Daddy" Buck shared his unhappiness with the Fair Oaks Ranch does who are now sporting ear rings in assorted colors with numbers. "It's disgusting," he said. Though he doesn't know what's going on, Big Daddy thinks that with the San Antonio city limits bordering Fair Oaks Ranch, the does have easy access to the big city and its influence. On returning to Fair Oaks Ranch, they're different. The does are "citized."

Big Daddy said the ear rings are unattractive. He acknowledged that deer behave like humans in many ways but he's against becoming more like them. He asked, "What's next with the does, tattoos and body piercing?" The does may have new interest in how they look but Big Daddy's preference is the natural look – chin whiskers, ear hair, and fluffy white tails. His type remains the country doe with dirt on her coat, one that plays in water puddles after a rain; one that makes the chase an adventure.

"I may just leave for the hills further west," he said, "far away from the city lights and the incessant noise. For me Fair Oaks Ranch is no longer country living."

Minor Buck, his son, has a different perspective. "Big Daddy finds change difficult but I'm OK with it. The does are just being cool and hip." Minor is even thinking of getting an ear ring himself. And he's not leaving. Minor likes the variety of food in Fair Oaks Ranch, especially the Crawford lettuce and deer corn.

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City ordinance requires all dogs and cats to be licensed 30 days after obtaining a dog or cat over 4 months of age. You can obtain the city license / tag at City Hall. Licenses are valid for one year, concurrent with the pet's annual rabies vaccination. All dogs and cats must have their city tags and rabies tags attached to their collars and or have a current working microchip provided when registering your pet.

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Any wildlife that appears to be suffering from an infectious, contagious, or communicable disease, or that is showing signs of a physical injury physical disorder, or traumatic injury needs to be reported immediately to animal control at (210) 698-0990 during normal business hours or (830) 816-3194 for dispatch after normal business hours.

It is advised that all of your pets are currently vaccinated against all diseases. This will help prevent pets from contracting diseases from most wildlife in the event they come into contact with a wild animal. Your veterinarian can help you with the required vaccinations. Equine (horses) should also receive their required vaccinations to prevent disease's from being contracted from wildlife or other animals.

NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD

for the May 12, 2012 Election

The Mayor's seat and City Council Places 1 and 2 are up for election this year and deadline information on filing an application for a Place on the City Council can be found online here - www.fairoaksranchtx.org/DocumentView.aspx?DID=184.

Applications can be picked up at City Hall or can be downloaded from the Secretary of State's website www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/index.shtml.

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Submitted by Murray Chanow



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Bianca has started to draw and color using hand-over-hand guidance by her caregivers. She receives occupational, physical and speech therapy at school. She requires 24 hour care and supervision due to her special needs. Bianca needs a family that will take care of her and love her forever.

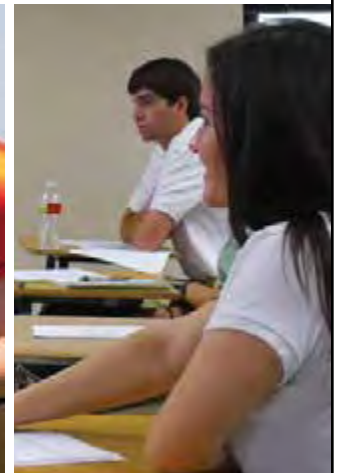
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Pick up the Pile

Happy New Year to all! As we embark on 2012's journey, some will think of ways to improve upon themselves. I'd like to offer an idea to those that still think dog poop is fertilizer, let's try picking up after our dogs. In case you were not aware, scientists have established the fact that the dog's gut harbors a particular type of bacteria known as the coli form bacteria. This bacterium includes the dreaded E. coli bacteria and also contains strains of salmonella and giardia. Now, since the rains have finally come, all the piles that have been left behind will be washed into our storm drains and contaminate our water supply. Not only is our water supply affected but perhaps even the air we breathe...I came across this article:

SCIENCEDAILY (AUG. 18, 2011)

"Bacteria from fecal material -- in particular, dog fecal material -- may constitute the dominant source of airborne bacteria in Cleveland's and Detroit's wintertime air, says a new University of Colorado Boulder study."

This was the first test conducted, for air borne disease so far, however, scientist presume other cities, with an abundance of the canine kind, will show similar results. Please be kind, don't leave it behind. To those that pick up....THANK YOU

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ORAL HEALTH UPDATE

IT MAY NOT BE "JUST A TOOTHACHE".

Going to the dentist may not be on the top of your To Do list, but if you're experiencing dental pain, a trip to the dentist may be just what you need. If you have a toothache that lasts more than one or two days, you notice swelling around a tooth, bleeding, or experience severe pain or fever, it's time to make an appointment with the dentist as soon as possible. A thorough examination and diagnosis is important to prevent more serious complications to your teeth, jaw, and gums. Dental decay and gum disease are progressive in nature. Early diagnosis is essential to a quicker and easier treatment.

THERE ARE SEVERAL CAUSES OF DENTAL PAIN, INCLUDING:

- Tooth decay affecting the enamel and the dentin, or inner layer of the tooth
- Tooth abscess caused by severe tooth decay or a trauma causing an infection at the root of the tooth or between the gum and tooth
- Damage to existing fillings due to pressure from chewing, grinding, or clenching
- Teeth grinding that causes fracturing, loosening, and excessive wear
- A fractured tooth from a traumatic dental injury
- Infected gums as a result of gingivitis or gum disease (periodontitis)

During your exam, your dentist will typically ask about the nature of your dental pain, when it started, and if anything makes it better or worse. Then, your dentist will conduct a physical examination of your mouth, teeth, gums, jaws, tongue, and throat. X-rays and other tests may be recommended, depending on what the dentist suspects is causing your toothache.

Once your dentist has determined the cause of your dental pain, you will be presented with treatment options. If a cavity is causing your pain, a simple filling may do the trick. However, if there is an infection that has spread to the tooth's nerve, a root canal may be necessary. An antibiotic may also be prescribed if you have swelling of the jaw or a fever.

DENTAL PAIN IS PREVENTABLE!

Because most toothaches are caused by decay, practicing good oral hygiene is the easiest way to prevent dental pain. This includes brushing and flossing every day and visiting your dentist for professional cleanings and checkups on the schedule determined by the Dental Hygienist. In addition, eating a healthy, balanced diet that is low in sugar will not only help you prevent cavities but will improve your body's overall health.

Submitted by Dr. Flury



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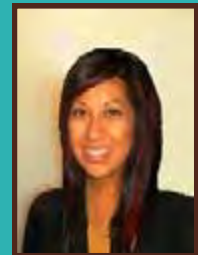
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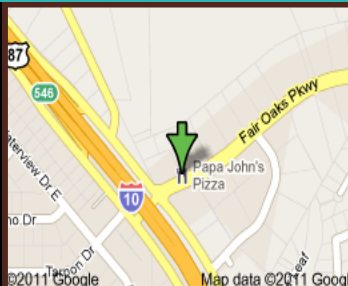
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Clam Chowder

INGREDIENTS

- 2/3 C diced salt pork
- 1 T butter
- 3 C diced onions
- 3/4 C common crackers
- 1 can clams
- 3 C diced potatoes
- 1 bay leaf
- 3 C milk or Half & Half
- salt & pepper



Place diced salt pork in 2 qts. simmering water. Boil slowly 5 mins. Rinse and drain. Saute slowly with butter for several minutes, until pork begins to brown. Stir in onions. Cover and cook slowly 8 to 10 minutes, until tender & translucent. Blend in crackers. Set aside. Drain clams, saving liquid. Add enough water to make 4 cups. Pour over onions. Add potatoes and bay leaf. Simmer, loosely covered, for 20 minutes.

Chop clams. Stir into soup along with milk. Bring to just below the simmer point. Salt & pepper.. (Allow chowder to season several hours or overnight.) Bring to just below the simmer point before serving. Don't boil - this will make clams tough.

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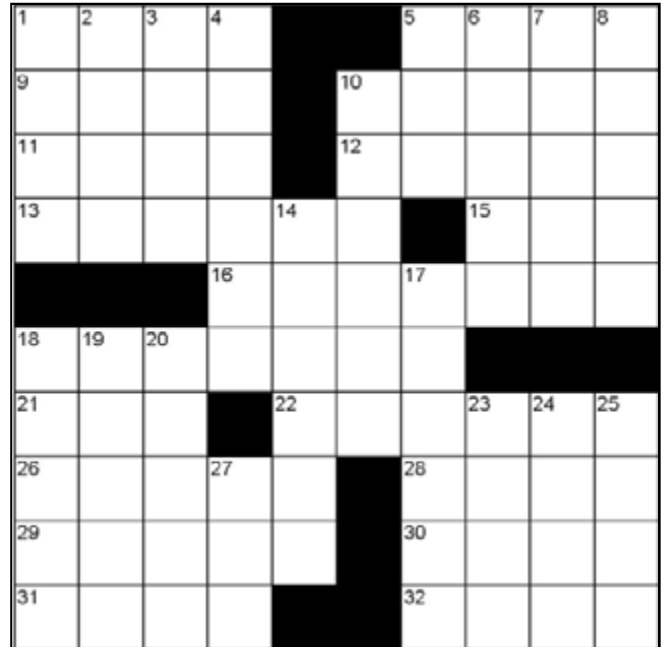
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Eleven-year-old Cait was trying to fall asleep when her 8-year-old brother, Doug, came into her room. He looked around a bit, but seemed really out of it. Then Doug went back into the hallway and stood there staring up at the hall light. Little brothers can be weird, but this was really strange. Cait didn't know what to do. Just then, Cait's father appeared and explained that Doug was sleepwalking.

WHAT IS SLEEPWALKING?

Not all sleep is the same every night. We experience some deep, quiet sleep and some active sleep, which is when dreams happen. You might think sleepwalking would happen during active sleep, but a person isn't physically active during active sleep. Sleepwalking usually happens in the first few hours of sleep in the stage called slow-wave or deep sleep. Not all sleepwalkers actually walk. Some simply sit up or stand in bed or act like they're awake (but dazed) when, in fact, they're asleep! Most, however, do get up and move around for a few seconds or for as long as half an hour.

Sleepwalkers' eyes are open, but they don't see the same way they do when they're awake and often think they're in different rooms of the house or different places altogether. Sleepwalkers tend to go back to bed on their own and they won't remember it in the morning. Researchers estimate that up to 15% of kids sleepwalk regularly. Sleepwalking may run in families and sometimes occurs when a person is sick, has a fever, is not getting enough sleep, or is stressed.

IS SLEEPWALKING A SERIOUS PROBLEM?

If sleepwalking occurs frequently, every night or so, it's a good idea for your mom or dad to take you to see your doctor. But occasional sleepwalking generally isn't something to worry about, although it may look funny or even scary for the people who see a sleepwalker in action. Although occasional sleepwalking isn't a big deal, it's important, of course, that the person is kept safe. Precautions should be taken so the person is less likely to fall down, run into something, or walk out the front door while sleepwalking.

WHAT WILL THE DOCTOR DO?

There's no cure for sleepwalking, but the doctor can talk to you about what's happening and try to find ways to help you sleep more soundly. Most kids just grow out of sleepwalking.

For kids who sleepwalk often, doctors may recommend a treatment called scheduled awakening. This disrupts the sleep cycle enough to help stop sleepwalking. In rare cases, a doctor may prescribe medication to help someone sleep.

HERE ARE SOME TIPS TO HELP PREVENT SLEEPWALKING:

- Relax at bedtime by listening to soft music or relaxation tapes.
- Have a regular sleep schedule and stick to it.
- Keep noise and lights to a minimum while you're trying to sleep.
- Avoid drinking a lot in the evening and be sure to go to the bathroom before going to bed. (A full bladder can contribute to sleepwalking.)

HOW DO I TAKE CARE OF A SLEEPWALKER?

One thing you can do to help is to clear rooms and hallways of furniture or obstacles a sleepwalker might encounter during the night. If there are stairs or dangerous areas, a grown-up should close doors and windows or install safety gates.

You also might have heard that sleepwalkers can get confused and scared if you startle them into being awake. That's true, so what do you do if you see someone sleepwalking? You should call for a grown-up who can gently steer the person back to bed. And once the sleepwalker is tucked back in bed, it's time for you to get some shut-eye, too!

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