HOME The RANCH

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Hose-End Sprinklers

STAGE 2 WATER RESTRICTIONS

Automatic Irrigation

Hello Neighbors!

City of Austin is still under Stage 2 Watering Restrictions. Austin Water implemented Drought Response Stage 2 Regulations last September and they remain in effect. This is in response to the combined storage in lake Travis and Buchanan reaching the 900,000 acre-foot trigger outlined in the Drought Contingency Plan.

Your assigned watering day is determined by property type, type of irrigation used, and whether the street address ends in a even or odd number.

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> This information was obtained directly from the Austin Water Utility Company. You may find additional information on Rebate & Incentive Programs by going to www.Austintexas.gov. **Resources:** http://austintexas.gov/ department/waterconservation



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Avery Ranch Semi-Annual Garage Sale

It's time to clean out the garage, closets and under those beds! The Avery Ranch Semi-Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale is set for September 21st, Saturday from 7:00 a.m. until 1 p.m.

The Social Committee does all the promoting by placing ads in the Austin American Statesman, on Craig's List and other on-line venues. They will also post Garage Sale Announcement banners at the four corners of Avery Ranch Blvd & Parmer Lane to get shoppers into the neighborhood. All you have to do is set up shop on your driveway!

Stranger Danger Alert: If you plan on participating, either keep your garage door closed or keep out-of-sight items of value that you are not selling. Unscrupulous individuals use opportunities like our neighborhood sale to window shop for "five-finger specials" later.



From the President

The 2013 Avery Ranch Annual Home Owners Association Meeting will be held on Monday, September 16th at the Avery Ranch Golf Club Banquet Hall. Come and hear about the State of the Ranch, and learn more about your HOA.

The meeting will begin promptly at 7pm, so come early to get a good seat, meet the directors, and be prepared to vote on 6 seats that are available this year. On this issue, read the Candidate Statements of your neighbors who are running for a seat.

By now, you may have already received voting information and your annual meeting notice in the mail, so if you cannot attend, please designate your proxy and mail the form back in.

See you at the meeting!



Avery Ranch Home Owners Association Board Candidate Statement from RHIANNON PFULLMAN

Hello Neighbors, I am excited to be running for a position on the Avery Ranch Home Owners Association Board of Directors this year. My family and I are Granite Shoals residents. I am a Registered Nurse by day and a "Rutledge Rancher Momma" by night, with both of our children currently attending Rutledge Elementary School.

Professionally, I am a trusted medical staff partner that is viewed as knowledgeable and a reliable hard worker. Personally, I enjoy physical fitness and community involvement. I am looking forward to getting to know my neighborhood even better.

My primary motivation for stepping up to volunteer for the HOA is to continue to improve Avery Ranch. I love our community and am confident that my enthusiasm, experience, and talent of truly listening can represent the best interests of the community based on the community's feedback itself.

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For questions or concerns in your neighborhood contact our Property Manager and HOA Board at GetHelp@ AveryRanchHOA.com.

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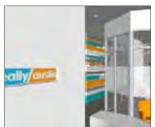
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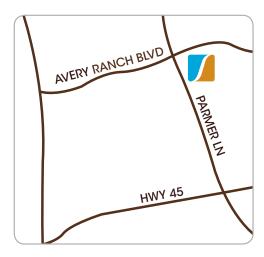
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Avery Ranch Home Owners Association Board Candidate Statement from BALA GOENKA

Hello my fellow friends and neighbors of Avery Ranch!

My name is Bala Goenka and I am thrilled about the opportunity to run for a board position on Avery Ranch's Home Owners Association. My wife Usha and I are new residents to the community after moving down from Michigan earlier this year. We moved down to Austin to be closer to our two grandchildren who reside in Brookside with my daughter and son-in-law.

While my tenure in Avery Ranch may be brief, my passion for community involvement and improvement is vast. I was extremely active in my previous home owner's association in Michigan holding VP, Secretary and Treasury positions for the past 5 years. Additionally, as a retired executive at Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, I am confident my energy, dedication, and business acumen will help re energize the community and a spark for even more progress in Avery Ranch.

Most importantly, I am passionate about helping people and communities having logged hundreds of volunteer hours in organizations such as Meals on Wheels, Boston Children's Hospital, and Vipassana Association (a non-profit focusing on meditation).

Avery Ranch Home Owners Association Board Candidate Statement from ERIC STRATTON

Howdy, neighbors! My name is Eric Stratton, and I live in Granite Shoals. Avery Ranch offers the best of all possible worlds: the Austin address, the Williamson County services, the exceptional schools, and most of all, the sense of community. I am running for the Board of Directors because I believe I can make a positive contribution to what makes Avery Ranch so great. I hope to improve communication between residents, the Board, property management company, and city/county/state officials, especially since we face unprecedented growth in the region.

I have 19 years of combined strategic planning and leadership experience in public policy, adult education, and health care. Prior to joining Texas State Rep. Ron Simmons as Chief of Staff, I was president of Stratton Strategies, a public policy consulting firm specializing in strategic planning and communications with experience in health care from a personal and industry perspective. I also spent five years in Washington, DC, serving as a grassroots lobbyist for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, educating membership and Congress on complex policy issues. I became a Registered Nurse and obtained my Masters of Science in Nursing shortly after my daughter's open heart, skull, and eye surgeries.

My wife, Jennifer, and I have been married almost 10 years and have two children, Jack (5) and Maddie (8) who attend Rutledge Elementary. I look forward to serving you and would appreciate your vote!

Avery Ranch Home Owners Association Board Candidate Statement from ROBERT BETTS

Having lived in Creekside for over 10 years, I have seen why Avery Ranch has become one of the most desirable neighborhoods in North Austin; because of its great neighbors, exceptional schools, and the large number of amenities. I want Avery Ranch to remain a highly desirable place to live. This is why I why I am asking for your vote. Having had the opportunity to serve one year on the Board, I have seen how the board works to find consensus, deal with conflict, rely on historic perspective and founding documents, and how we resolve homeowner issues in executive session. I feel that only now am I at a position where I can provide real measurable value to the Board and the community at large.

My number one goal while serving on the board is safety, where our community is safe from criminal activity and physical impediments (well-maintained sidewalks, common areas, trimmed trees, etc.). Another goal is to ensure that Avery Ranch continues to be a desirable place to live. This happens by promoting a sense of community and a feeling of inclusion in a way that honors our diversity. A third goal is to be financially responsible with our obligations, both short term and long term. I also have a goal to lead by example. We cannot expect to hold our community responsible for activities that we, the board, do not hold ourselves responsible to as leaders. We need to take the risk to ask how we might do things better; to ask, is our goal to generate revenue or is it to promote a sense of community. It is also critical that we reach out to the community for input and promote open dialogue.

I was raised in Montana with powerful yet simple values like hard work, being authentic, and giving back. I have lived these values by actively serving in my community. The attitude I bring to these organizations and to the AR Board is an emphasis on equity, transparency, fiscal responsibility, trust, and compassion.

Please consider participating in the annual meeting and meet the candidates. Please submit a proxy vote if you are unable to attend. You can reach me at robert.betts@averyranchhoa.com.

Avery Ranch Home Owners Association Board Candidate Statement from MARC BOUCHER

Hello Avery Ranch Residents!

My name is Marc Boucher. I've lived in Watersedge for 9 years with my wife Joan. We have been married for 36 years, and live in Watersedge on Ennis Trail along with our Greyhound rescue dog Nash. We have 2 grown children. Our son Craig is married and serving on active duty in the Army. He is currently stationed in South Korea. Our daughter Michelle is also married and works for a large software company in the Washington DC area, and is expecting our first grandchild in November.

A few years ago, we received a lucrative employment opportunity to move out of state. However, we turned it down because we really

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enjoyed living in Austin and the Avery Ranch community. It was then when we realized we needed to give back to the community, and do whatever we could to make it an even better place to live.

Professionally, I have a Bachelor's degree in Business Science, and have worked for many years in management for multi-billion dollar companies in high tech manufacturing and financial services. During my career, I was responsible for managing multi-million dollar assets, including forecasting business financial needs routinely, while working with tight deadlines and challenging target objectives. As a board member, I find that I draw on my business background extensively in understanding, dealing and resolving important financial issues affecting our community.

I've been a board member for 6 years, including 2 years serving as Vice President and a year as Treasurer.

While on the HOA board, I've been very active and worked on many projects including:

- * Revising outdated Avery Ranch by-laws to meet the changing needs of our community.
- * Transitioning the yearly fireworks display from our developers to the HOA.
- * Replacing our newsletter publisher with a more cost effective company.

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- * Securing competitive quotes and installation of security cameras at the Main Amenity Center.
- * Assisted in drafting and obtaining board approval for our Social Committee Charter.
- * Assisting in formulating our capital and operating reserve funding plan.
 - * Assisting in the preparation our yearly operating budget.
- * Preparing the commercial corner budget and securing board approval.
- * Assisting in formulating and obtaining board approval of our investment policy.

I'm a fiscal conservative, and tend to be very frugal when voting to spend our HOA funds.

I've also been a member of the social committee for many years and have served for 2 years as Chairperson and Co-Chairperson. During this time I have introduced several new events and assisted in the preparation and execution of many other events. Currently, I'm working with our committee members on new ideas to help bring our residents together and get acquainted; while participating in fun activities.

I'm running for re-election because I thoroughly enjoy working on management issues for the community, and on projects that benefit our residents. In the coming years, I'm looking forward on addressing new challenges facing our community, and new projects to make Avery Ranch a safer and better place to live.

Please help me continue improving our fantastic community by voting for me as your board member.

Thank you for your support.

Avery Ranch Home Owners Association Board Candidate Statement from APRIL AGUREN

Hi, I'm April Aguren and I would like you to consider me for a Board of Director position in the upcoming Annual Meeting election. I am a stay-at-home, homeschooling mom who works from home. I've been an online marketing and events consultant, marketing

director, a website developer, conference organizer, neighborhood champion, homeschooling matron, teacher, volunteer, martial artist, army-wife and go-to-person for finding information, lost keys, socks and sunglasses. I've lived in Morningside since June 2002 and also have a town home in the Greens since 2005.

I've served as a resident Board member for Avery Ranch Owners Association continuously since 2004. I've served as an officer on the Board as the Board Secretary from August 2004 through August 2012. I have been a Board liaison for the Avery Ranch Social Committee and the point-person for the Avery Ranch Moms Playgroups. I have also served on the Architectural Design & Review Committee for three years. Currently, I am the Chartered Organization Representative for Avery Ranch's Cub Scout Pack 371 and Boy Scout Troop 371 and chair the Partner Benefits Committee. While on the Board I championed our community's landscaping projects along Avery Ranch Blvd, for which the community has received awards, instrumental in requesting shade canopies and water fountains installed at the playgrounds. I am a founding member of Avery Ranch's Cub Scout Pack and successively the new Boy Scout Troop.

If re-elected, I would continue to lobby for our communities' interests and foster activities to help more residents be involved with their neighborhood. Thank you for considering my candidacy.





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Calendar of Events

HOA MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Next meeting - Monday, September 9th

Board Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7pm, except for holidays. Board members will meet on these dates to discuss issues related to Avery Ranch. Agenda can be found on the Avery Ranch Website in the discussion forums section no later than Friday prior to the meeting. If you have an item you would like discussed during one of these meetings, please contact Alliance Association Management, Inc. at 347-2888. The location for meetings is at the Morningside Amenity Center.

ANNUAL HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION MEETING AND BOARD ELECTIONS

September 16th, Monday at 7 p.m. *Avery Ranch Golf Club Banquet Hall*

UPCOMING AVERY RANCH EVENTS:

Neighborhood Garage Sale September 21st, Saturday from 7a.m. to 1p.m.

> Movie in the Park by Austin Realty Evening of October 19th, Saturday

> > Harvest Hayride October 26th, Saturday

Bazaar! Bazaar!

Daytime of November 9th, Saturday

Main Amenity Center (Morningside)

Movie in the Park

Evening of November 9th, Saturday

Amphitheater of the Main Amenity Center (Morningside)

Holiday Sleigh ride December 14th, Saturday



PRESENTED BY



Saturday, October 19, 2013 after sunset
(around 7:30 p.m.)
At the outdoor Amphitheater,
Avery Ranch Main Amenity Center
(Morningside)
Admission is FREE

Realty Austin is excited to join the Avery Ranch community with a new location in the Shops at Avery Ranch. Avery Ranch residents are invited to join the Grand Opening celebration with a MOVIE IN THE PARK on Saturday, October 19th sponsored by Realty Austin.

Bring your blankets and chairs and come enjoy this free family event! Be sure to get there early for raffles, prizes, and refreshments!





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Do you enjoy the events organized by the Avery Ranch Social Committee?

Did you know that ARSC is an all-volunteer organization made up of your neighbors? Funded by the Avery Ranch Owners Association and volunteer donors, the ARSC puts on the annual Mardi Gras, Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween Hay Ride, Movies in the Park, Holiday Sleigh Ride and many more activities. Please consider a donation that will stay in the community and help fund events that we all enjoy. To donate using PayPal, Navigate to www.AveryRanchHOA.com, click on payments, then click on Donate.



The Avery Ranch Homeowners Association are giving a shout out to the Avery Ranch Social Committee and to our community event sponsors ISS Grounds control (our landscapers), Lifeline Aquatics (our pool company),

Rudy's Country Store, Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union, Mighty Fine Burgers, G's Dental Studio, Peace Frog Carpet & Tile Cleaning, Campbell Dental and Hang Ups Framing in Cedar Park!

They continue to make our neighborhood activities possible!





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SAVETHE DATE!

Saturday, November 9, 2013 for the Holiday Bazaar! Bazaar! at Avery Ranch

Although we are in the dog days of summer, the Fall season and the holidays are just around the corner. The AR social committee is planning a fun-filled day that will include food truck vendors, merchandise, crafters, non-profits, business information booths and more!! You will not want to miss this event!!

We just kicked off with the planning stage but we've already identified that we are in need of many volunteers to help make this event a success. There are several specific roles that need to be filled. So, if you are an experienced event organizer or simply enjoy planning and organizing large events/parties, recruiting people to help or just like helping out your community...

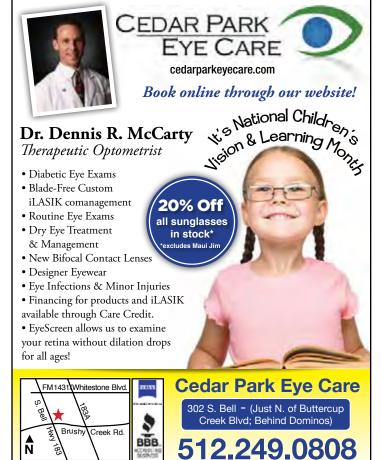


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- •Entertainment Chair responsibilities include organizing the entertainment, i.e. bands, dance teams, cheer teams, etc...
- •Family Activity Chair responsibilities include obtaining and organizing kid/family activities, i.e. inflatables, face painting, clowns, balloons, photo booth, etc...
- •Marketing and Communications work with the Marketing and Communications Chair to help market the event via flyers, social media, as well as, city and local advertising.
- •Silent Auction Chair overall creation and management of the auction will include collecting, organizing and presenting donated items to be sold via a silent auction during the event.
- •General Volunteers these volunteers will be available for a variety of roles before, during and after the event.
- •Bazaar! Bazaar! Sponsors we are actively seeking sponsors for
- •Bazaar! Bazaar! Committee Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend our meetings and help us put on this great community event.

To contact the Bazaar! Bazaar! Committee, please email bazaar@ AveryRanchHOA.com. If you would like to talk to someone by telephone, please email your contact information and a committee member will return your call.









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Kids 'R' Kids gives to Charity in celebration of 9th Anniversary

The children and staff at Kids 'R' Kids North Austin have a reason to smile and it's not because of the warmer weather. Nine years of excellence in education was celebrated at Kids 'R' Kids North Austin on August 9th. Their ninth anniversary was a testament to the dedication and devotion of their highlyqualified teachers.

Infants who started out at Kids 'R' Kids North Austin and graduated from the school as prekindergartners and after-school students are now leaders in the community. The school which was founded in 2004 now has a long waiting list and provides high-quality NAEYC accredited services to its children and families. The school now includes a private kindergarten classroom in addition to their infant, toddler, pre-school and after-school program.

Recognized as a model school by the International headquarters, Kids 'R' Kids North Austin mentors other schools in the Austin area and demonstrates a commitment to innovation which prepares students to be 21st century learners. A global leader in education, Kids 'R' Kids North Austin has a strong history of educational success, community involvement and successful child advocacy.

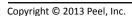
To celebrate their ninth anniversary, Kids 'R' Kids North Austin organized a silent auction for gift baskets. The money raised was donated to the West, Texas Relief Fund. Also, throughout the year, the preschool reaches out to the community to find other ways to make a difference. With the help of their generous and supportive families, Kids 'R' Kids North Austin has hosted food and clothing drives, as well as raised funds for Leukemia Society and The Make A Wish foundation to name a few. Kids 'R Kids North Austin involves the children in their fundraising efforts to teach them valuable lessons in compassion, generosity, and community service. Community involvement does great things for the children at Kids 'R' Kids North Austin — they learn lessons about the joy of giving and caring that will last a lifetime.

At Kids 'R' Kids North Austin, we believe that children who are well prepared both intellectually and emotionally as they enter school progress faster, they are best equipped to learn new material, make friends, and take advantage of opportunities as they grow and develop. We recognize that 80% of learning and brain development occurs before the age of five. At Kids 'R' Kids North Austin, parents feel like they are leaving their children with a family member. They have, in fact, become an extended family in the North Austin community.

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Joing athletes

By Mike McTague

As another fall sports season approaches, a major goal of the coaches, trainers, and parents is keeping the athletes healthy and contributing to their respective sports. However, injury is inevitable and part of the game. Pediatric athletes present with a variety of injuries, the most common being the overuse type like Osgood-Schlatter disease and stress fractures. These injuries occur due to excessive stress placed on bone, muscle and tendon tissue that are constantly growing and not always at the same rate. Risk factors for these injuries include asymmetry in joint flexibility/mobility and muscle strength, impaired balance, training and recovery errors, and previous injury. There is potential for many overuse injuries to be prevented by knowing and following a few simple principles.

Pre-participation physical exams can be helpful for identifying many of the risk factors mentioned previously. It is recommended that these exams should include at minimum an assessment of joint mobility and flexibility and muscle strength and flexibility, as well as a thorough review of the past medical history to determine if the student is even appropriate for athletics. Recently, functional screening tools have been developed to reveal asymmetries and imbalances during basic movement patterns that are the foundation for many of the movements required during sport.

Training and conditioning play a major role in injury prevention as well. The term "cultural deconditioning" has been coined recently to describe the decrease in physical activity in our youth that has coincided with an increase in video game and computer use. So when the offseason ends and it's time

to get out and enjoy the 105 degree Texas heat, the body is not ready to stand up to the stresses suddenly placed on the body. A way to combat this is to promote an active, healthy lifestyle by putting down the Xbox controller and spending more time outside, taking part in offseason conditioning camps, or participating in local fitness classes.

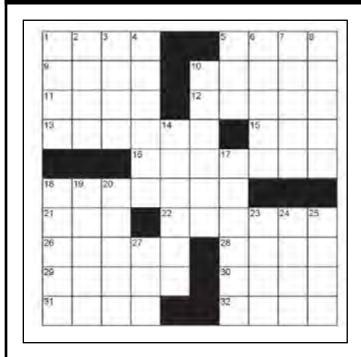
A guideline known as the "10% rule" has also been developed to allow student athletes to transition back into sports activities. The idea is that the amount of training time, distance, repetitions, or load should not be increased by greater than 10% per week. For example, if a student is running 10 miles per week, they should not run more than 11 miles in the following week.

Knowing the signs and symptoms of overuse injuries is paramount. They are all too often written off as "growing pains" and are allowed to increase in severity, resulting in extensive time away from sport during the recovery process. Common signs and symptoms include pain that is persistent in nature, takes longer than usual to resolve, visible swelling, tenderness that can be localized to one area, and/or require interruption of normal athletic activities.

Finally, having an open-line of communication between the coaches, trainers, other health care professionals, parents, and athletes is imperative in injury prevention. Lack of or inconsistencies in the transfer of information between any of these parties can result in delayed access to proper prevention or treatment techniques and keep the athlete from performing at the highest possible level.



CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1. Blow
- 5. Green Gables dweller
- 9. Not there
- 10. Ask for legally
- 11. Smooth
- 12. Island nation
- 13. Fertilized cell
- 15. Ex-serviceman
- 16. Rovers
- 18. Covered in coarse hair
- 21. Single
- 22. Sacred songs
- 26. Scrimmage
- 28. Prophet who built the arc
- 29. Remove
- 30. Canal
- 31. Eye infection
- 32. Tear

DOWN

- 1. Virtuoso
- 2. Airy
- 3. "Ribbit" animal
- 4. Singing voices
- 5. Wing
- 6. Innocent
- 7. Meat curing ingredient
- 8. Gives off
- 10. Sharks
- 14. Man's wig
- 17. Less nice
- 18. Houses
- 19. Sluggish
- 20. Electrical device
- 23. Tenet
- 24. Water pipe
- 25. Cote
- 27. East southeast

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A FOCUS ON BACKPACK SAFETY TIPS

By: Concentra Urgent Care

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Keep the load at 10%-15% or less of the child's body weight. Carry only those items that are required for the day. Organize the contents of the backpack by placing the heaviest items closest to the back. Some students have two sets of books, so as not to have to carry the heavy books to and from school.

PROPER BACKPACK USAGE

While a backpack is still one of the best ways to tote homework, an overloaded or improperly worn backpack gets a failing grade, according to the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA). Improper backpack use can cause injury, especially to children with young, growing muscles and joints. Injury can occur when a child, in trying to adapt to a heavy load, uses harmful postures such as arching the back, leaning forward or, if only one strap is used, leaning to one side. According to physical therapists, these postural adaptations can cause spinal compression and/or improper alignment, and may hamper the proper functioning of the disks between the vertebrae that provide a shock absorption. A too-heavy load also causes muscles and soft tissues of the back to work harder, leading to strain and fatigue. This leaves the back more vulnerable to injury. A heavy load may also cause stress or compression to the shoulders and arms. When nerves are compressed, the child may experience tingling or numbness in the arms.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN A BACKPACK

Physical therapists recommend the following features when selecting a backpack:

- A padded back to reduce pressure on the back and prevent the pack's contents from digging into the child's back
- A waist belt to help distribute some of the load to the pelvis
 - Compression straps on the sides or bottom of the backpack that, when tightened, compress the contents of the backpack and stabilize the articles
- · Reflective material so that the child is visible to drivers at night

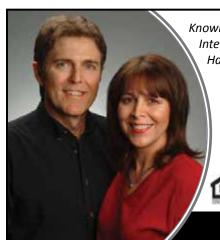
THE RESULTS

Worn correctly and not overloaded, a backpack is supported by some of the strongest muscles in the body: the back and abdominal muscles. These muscle groups work together to stabilize the trunk and hold the body in proper postural alignment.

HOW A PHYSICAL THERAPIST CAN HELP

A physical therapist can help you choose a proper backpack and fit it specifically to your child. Children come in all shapes and sizes, and some have physical limitations that require special adaptations. Additionally, a physical therapist can help improve posture problems, correct muscle imbalances, and treat pain that can result from improper backpack use. Physical therapists can also design individualized fitness programs to help children get strong and stay strong - and carry their own loads.

For more information on backpack safety, visit the American Physical Therapy Association at www.apta. org.



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Symptoms of food allergies can range from mild to severe and can affect various parts of the body, including the digestive system, the respiratory system and the skin. Hanson offers several ways that patients can manage their food allergies. The best tactic is to avoid foods that cause allergies altogether, Hanson said. But in addition, medications such as antihistamines and corticosteroids are available to help manage symptoms. Patients who suffer severe reactions should keep a device such as an EpiPenR on hand so that they can administer an epinephrine shot.

Allergy sufferers should wear a medical bracelet or necklace with information about their allergy, and schools, caregivers and even the parents of children's friends should be notified of food allergies.







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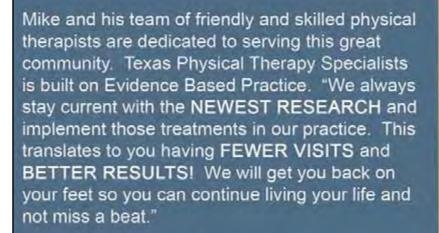
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THE TEXAS CLASSIC INCLUDES:

- Two new, high-visibility security threads join the existing security features embedded in the plate sheeting. Texas is the first state in the country to provide dual security threads, making it easier for law enforcement to spot legitimate plates.
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The Texas Classic also ushers in a new era for truck owners. "We will no longer be issuing separate license plates for trucks," Morton said. In September 2011, truck and passenger vehicle owners began paying the same fixed rate for registration, which eliminated the need for two different types of general-issue plates. "What's good about this change is that the state name will be as large on the pickup truck plates as cars," Morton said.

WHAT IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE TEXAS CLASSIC?

"The state offers all kinds of specialty plates," Morton said. "You can access the specialty plate designs and learn more about The Texas Classic on the TxDMV website (www.TxDMV.gov)."

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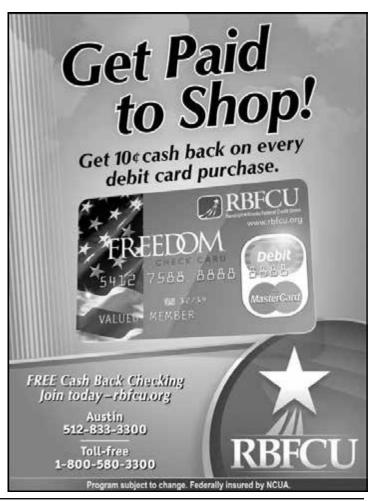
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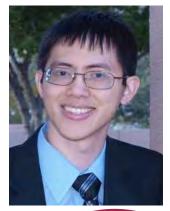
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