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Pearland Town Center will host Sweet and Sassy's 5 year anniversary!

It is a Girls Day! Do you want to meet all thirteen princesses including the Snow Queen?

Join us at Sweet and Sassy at the Pearland Town Center's 5 Year Anniversary event on Aug 10th from 10:00am-5:00 pm.

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Sweet and Sassy will host performances from the Reflex Jaguars Cheer Team, Princesses, and an American Idol finalist. Come enjoy games and activities, meet the Chick-Fil-A cow, jump in a bounce house and much more. Join us for a spectacular event you and your daughter will cherish for a lifetime.



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Pearland Democrats Club

At our meeting in June, we met Fredericka Phillips who was running for Vice Chair of the Texas Democratic Party. She won her election at the State Convention in Dallas and has now assumed her role supporting Gilberto Hinojosa, who was reelected as Chair of the TDP. We had a strong contingency representing Pearland at the TDP state convention and have all returned reenergized for success in November! We did not hold a PDC meeting in July, but several members were in attendance at the Brazoria County Executive Committee meeting held on Thursday, July 10th at Spring Creek BBQ.

We are actively recruiting precinct chairs (unpaid) and election clerks and judges (paid) across Brazoria County, if you know anyone interested, please have them contact us right away! (Sue Funkhouser, County Chair 713-553-1055)

Location: Monthly meetings of the Pearland Democrats will occur on the second Thursday of every month at 7pm at Spring Creek Barbeque (9005 Broadway (FM518), Pearland, Texas 77584). The next meeting is Thursday, August 14th. Networking begins at 6:30pm, food and drinks on your own, and the meeting will commence at 7pm. New members and guests are welcome to attend. E-mail inquiries may be directed to pearlanddems@gmail.com. We hope to see you there! Now is the time to get involved and engaged.

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Adult Reading Center Begins Planning of the 2nd Annual Red Carpet Gala

The Adult Reading Center is pleased to announce that the planning of the 2nd Annual Red Carpet Gala benefiting the Adult Reading Center is in full swing! As the planning begins, the excitement of the volunteers involved really shows. With still a few months out to the event, the Center believes in the importance of starting the planning so early. The 2nd Annual Red Carpet Gala will be held on October 11 at 7:00 p.m., at the Hilton Garden Inn Hotel, in Pearland.

“Much of the work done by the Red Carpet Gala Committee relies on the great work of volunteers and engagement of the community”, says the President and CEO, Mrs. Dale Pillow. “The Gala brings in sponsorships, ticket sales and donations. All of it allows us to hold such a wonderful event, but it primarily helps fund the Center’s free adult English literacy, GED, citizenship, computer literacy, and workforce development programs.”

The fundraising events hosted by the Adult Reading Center represent over 17% of the Center’s total annual income. In its first edition, the Red Carpet Gala raised close to \$15,000, exceeding all expectations. The goal for this year’s event is to raise \$25,000, which will be used towards funding the programs offered by the Center.

The 2nd Annual Red Carpet Gala will feature a night of fun with various casino-style gambling games, including poker, blackjack, craps and roulette, as well as a performance by a DJ and a silent auction. The Gala will be a great opportunity to get your dancing shoes and gala outfit out of the closet, while at the same time supporting the literacy cause.

If you’re interested in being one of the event sponsors’ or in purchasing tickets, contact Cecilia Madero, Events

& Communications Coordinator, at Cecilia.Madero@AdultReadingCenter.org or (281)485-1000.

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The Adult Reading Center accepts donations and sponsorships throughout the year through its website www.adultreadingcenter.org. Donations make a huge difference to someone with low literacy skills.

The Adult Reading Center is the only professional community-based literacy provider in our service area that utilizes volunteer tutors to support its mission of providing instruction at no charge to adults with limited literacy skills. Many of these individuals have difficulty functioning effectively in the community due to poor speaking, reading, or writing English skills.

The Adult Reading Center is an economic incubator and a complete service center using a comprehensive approach that will take adult learners from learning to read, write and speak English to obtaining a GED and a job earning a living wage while becoming contributing members of our community.



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A Focus on Heat Emergencies

Healthy tips to stay cool in extremely hot weather



Heat emergencies fall into three categories of increasing severity:

HEAT CRAMPS, HEAT EXHAUSTION, AND HEATSTROKE

Heat illnesses are easily preventable by taking precautions in hot weather. Children, elderly, and obese people have a higher risk of developing heat illness. People taking certain medications or drinking alcohol also have a higher risk. However, even a top athlete in superb condition can succumb to heat illness if he or she ignores the warning signs.

If the problem isn't addressed, heat cramps (caused by loss of salt from heavy sweating) can lead to heat exhaustion (caused by dehydration), which can progress to heatstroke. Heatstroke, the most serious of the three, can cause shock, brain damage, organ failure, and even death.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS:

Heat Cramps

- Sweating
- Pain in arms, legs, and abdomen

Heat Exhaustion

- Moist, pale skin
- Fatigue and fainting
- Dizziness and lightheadedness
- Headache and confusion
- Nausea and vomiting
- Rapid pulse and breathing

Heat Stroke

- No sweating
- Dry, hot, red skin

- Confusion and loss of consciousness
- Rapid pulse
- Temperature over 103° F
- Seizures

CAUSES:

The following are common causes of heat emergencies:

- High temperatures or humidity
- Dehydration
- Prolonged or excessive exercise
- Excess clothing
- Alcohol use
- Medications, such as diuretics, neuroleptics, phenothiazines, and anticholinergics
- Cardiovascular disease

WHAT TO DO IN HEAT EMERGENCIES...

First Aid

1. Have the person lie down in a cool place. Elevate the person's feet about 12 inches.
2. Apply cool, wet cloths (or cool water directly) to the person's skin and use a fan to lower body temperature. Place cold compresses on the person's neck, groin, and armpits.
3. If the person is alert, give cool water or sports beverages. It's advisable to drink slowly and steadily, particularly if they are experiencing nausea.
4. For muscle cramps, give beverages as above, and massage and stretch affected muscles gently, but firmly, until they relax.
5. If the person shows signs of shock (bluish lips and fingernails, and decreased alertness), starts having seizures, or loses consciousness, call 911 and continue cooling procedures, as described above.

DO NOT:

- DO NOT underestimate the seriousness of heat illness, especially if the person is a child, elderly, or injured.
- DO NOT give the person medications that are used to treat fever (such as aspirin or acetaminophen). They will not help, and they may be harmful.
- DO NOT give the person salt tablets.
- DO NOT give the person liquids that contain alcohol or caffeine. They will interfere with the body's ability to control its internal temperature.
- DO NOT use alcohol rubs on the person's skin.

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- DO NOT give the person anything by mouth (not even salted drinks) if the person is vomiting or unconscious.

PREVENTION:

- Wear loose-fitting, lightweight clothing in hot weather.
- Rest regularly in a cool area; seek shade when possible.
- Avoid strenuous physical activity in hot or humid conditions.
 - Drink plenty of fluids every day. Drink more fluids before, during, and after physical activity.
 - Be especially careful to avoid overheating if you are taking drugs that impair heat regulation, or if you are overweight or elderly.
 - Be careful of hot cars in the summer. Allow the car to cool off before getting in.
 - Avoid heavy meals and hot foods.

For more information on how to cope with the heat, ask your Concentra health professional, or visit the CDC's Web site at: www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/heatstress/



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TENNIS TIPS

By USPTA/PTR Master Professional
Fernando Velasco



THE MODERN GAME: THE BACKHAND APPROACH SHOT

In previous newsletters, I offered tips on how to execute the basic strokes for players who are just beginning to play tennis or who want to resume playing.

I am now offering suggestions on how to play the “modern” game mostly geared towards players who are happy with hitting the ball over the net and controlling the point with consistency. These players may be already playing for leagues or in tournaments and are looking for more “weapons” on the court.

In this issue, I will offer instructions on how to execute the Top Backhand Approach Shot. This shot is used when an opponent hits a soft shot that has bounced high over the net. The player will take advantage and will charge to the net, thus hitting with top spin high over the net and hit with power. When the ball hits the court, it will take a big hop, forcing the opponent to fall back close to the fence, or to hit the ball on the rise. This shot can be used as a “winner” or as an “approach shot.”

In the illustrations, Kaylen Combs, one of the top players of the Grey Rock Tennis Academy, shows the proper technique to execute this stroke. Kaylen is coached by the Director of the Tennis Academy, Darin Pleasant, who is showing her the proper point of contact on step 2. Kaylen plays with her left hand.

Step 1: The Back Swing: When Kaylen sees the opportunity, she makes a quick turn of her upper body and takes the racket high and back. The head of the racket is now at shoulder height, her shoulders are turned, the right hand gripping the racket and her left hand relaxed. Her weight is on the front foot as her momentum carries her forward to attack the ball. Her right wrist

is “laid back” to allow maximum point of contact.

Step 2: The Point of Contact: The success of a top spin shot is keeping the ball on the strings going from low to high in a 30 degree angle and accelerating the racket head around the outside of the ball. Kaylyn started the swing high and “looped” it to allow the head of the racket to drop down. She will be brushing around the outside of the ball as she makes contact with it. Her left shoulder is almost opening and her weight has is moving through the shot.

Step 3: The Follow Through: In order to get maximum control and power, Kaylen is keeping her right arm extended through the shot. She has “snapped” her right wrist and has the head of the racket facing down. Her weight is going forward.

Step 4: The Finish: Kaylen’s upper body acceleration forced the head of the racket to “wrap around” her left ear, thus creating the most power and topspin on the ball. Her legs are already in position to move forward the net for a volley. Her right foot should naturally move forward due to her momentum and racket speed. From her looks, she apparently hit a very wide cross court approach shot for a defensive return.

Step 5: The Volley Winner: Once Kaylen hit, she moved to the net for a “winner”. By the smile on her face, her backhand approach shot was successful and she won the point with a backhand volley.

Look in the next Newsletter for: “*The Modern Game: The Swinging Forehand Approach Shot*” Court Time at no additional cost and being able to reserve court time seven days in advance

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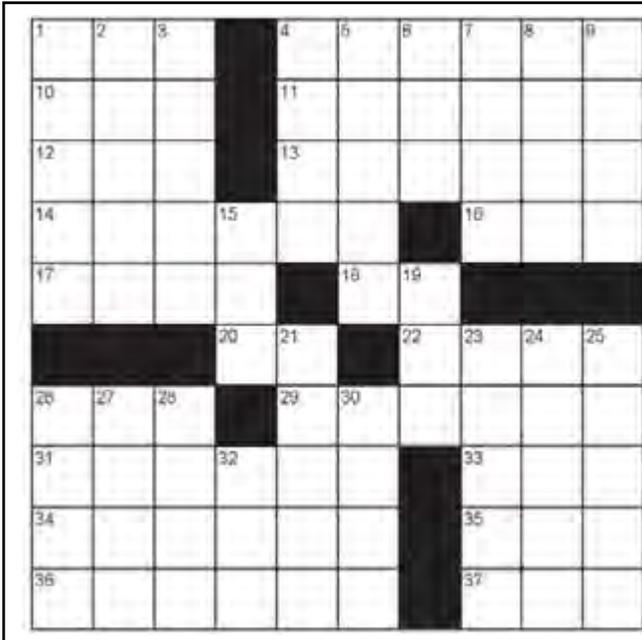


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14. List of errors
16. New Jersey's neighbor
17. In __ (together)
18. Kilogram
20. Post script
22. Too
26. Concord e.g.
29. Additions
31. Computer game
33. Killed in action
34. Ancient (2 wds.)
35. Antlered animal
36. Mourning
37. Ocean

DOWN

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2. Milk's food group
3. Type of enemy
4. Loony
5. __ havoc
6. Make a mistake
7. Stow
8. Greek stringed instrument
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- Kids Stuff -

Section for Kids with news, puzzles, games and more!



Smoking is one of the worst things kids or adults can do to their bodies. Yet every single day about 3,900 kids between the ages 12 and 17 start smoking.

Most middle school students don't smoke — only about 1 in 16 does. And most high school students don't smoke either — about 1 in 5 does (that means 4 out of 5 don't). But why do those who smoke ever begin?

There's more than just one answer. Some kids may start smoking just because they're curious. Others may like the idea of doing something dangerous — something grownups don't want them to do. Still others might know lots of people who smoke and they might think it's a way to act or look like an adult.

Fortunately, fewer people are starting smoking than a few years ago. Maybe that's because more and more people have learned that smoking and tobacco use can cause cancer and heart disease.

But sometimes kids can't really think that far into the future to worry about an illness they might not get for many years.

So let's talk about the problems that might affect kids more quickly:

1. bad breath, 2. yellow teeth, 3. smelly clothes, 4. more colds and coughs, 5. difficulty keeping up with friends when playing sports, 6. empty wallet — cigarettes and tobacco products are very expensive!

WHAT ARE SMOKING AND SMOKELESS TOBACCO?

Tobacco (say: tuh-BA-ko) is a plant that can be smoked in cigarettes, pipes, or cigars. It's the same plant that's in smokeless tobacco, known as dip, chew, snuff, spit, or chewing tobacco. Smokeless tobacco is not lit or inhaled like tobacco in cigarettes, pipes, and cigars. Instead, smokeless tobacco is put between the lip and gum and sucked on inside the mouth.

Tobacco contains nicotine (say: NIH-kuh-teen), a chemical that causes a tingly or pleasant feeling — but that feeling only lasts for a little while. Nicotine is also addictive (say: uh-DIK-tiv).

That means that if you start to use nicotine, your body and mind will become so used to it that you'll need to have it just to feel OK.

Anyone who starts smoking could become addicted to it. If you're addicted to something, it's very hard to stop doing it, even if you want to. Some kids get addicted right away. And adults are often addicted, which is why so many of them have a hard time quitting smoking.

WHY IS IT SO BAD FOR YOU?

Cigarettes and smokeless tobacco kill hundreds of thousands of Americans every year. You know those rubber bracelets that were created to bring attention to different causes? The Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids created a red one with the number 1,200 on it. Why 1,200? That's the number of people who die each day due to smoking.

The nicotine and other poisonous chemicals in tobacco cause lots of diseases, like heart problems and some kinds of cancer. If you smoke, you hurt your lungs and heart each time you light up. It also can make it more difficult for blood to move around in the body, so smokers may feel tired and cranky. The longer you smoke, the worse the damage becomes.

THE OTHER COST OF SMOKING

Using tobacco eats up a lot of money, too. A pack of cigarettes costs about \$6, on average. That means, even if you buy just one pack a week, you'll spend \$312 in a year. Some people smoke a pack a day, which adds up to \$2,190! That's a lot of computer games and clothes you could buy instead.

WHAT'S IT LIKE?

Usually, people don't like smoking or chewing tobacco at first. Your body is smart, and it knows when it's being poisoned. When people try smoking for the first time, they often cough a lot and feel pain or burning in their throat and lungs. This is your lungs' way of trying to protect you and tell you to keep them smoke free.

Also, many people say that they feel sick to their stomachs or even throw up. If someone accidentally swallows chewing tobacco, they may be sick for hours. Yuck.

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