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## Host an International Exchange Student!

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### ARTICLE INFO

The Silverlake News is mailed monthly to all Silverlake HOA residents. Residents, community groups, schools, etc., are welcome to submit information. Personal news is also welcome. All submissions will be reviewed for content and approved by the Board of Directors and Newsletter Committee Chair. The deadline for submission is the 8th of the month before publication.



## Announce February Meeting

The next Cypress-Tomball Democrats monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, February 17, 2015. It will be held at Rudy's Grill & Cantina, 11760 Grant Rd., Cypress, TX 77429, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

All are welcome to attend the meeting and to join this growing club, which meets on the third Tuesday of every month. The meetings are open to all, and always feature great fellowship and informative guest speakers. For more information, visit the website at [www.cytomdems.com](http://www.cytomdems.com); contact Glenn Etienne at [cytomdems@yahoo.com](mailto:cytomdems@yahoo.com); or "Like" the club on Facebook.

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Thanks to all the Silverlake residents who decorated their homes for the holidays. The final decision was a difficult one due to all beautifully decorated homes to choose from, but the winner of the 7th Annual Holiday decorating contest is Shannon and Doug Holden of Sheldon Cove. As the official winner, the Smith's will receive \$100 cash prize and bragging rights for the year.



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### SILVERCREST PTA

February is the month of love, and we love sharing all the great news about Silvercrest with you! Go Stallions!

### PTA GENERAL MEETING

Please take note that our next general meeting will take place on Thursday, March 19th at 6:30pm in the school cafeteria. Our PTA does great work and we look forward to seeing old friends and new, so come along and find out how the PTA works on behalf of our school and how you can help.

### PTA MEMBERSHIP

Come join us! We are so proud of the number of parents who get involved, but there's always room for more! If you would like more information, please contact Allison Byman at [adbyman@yahoo.com](mailto:adbyman@yahoo.com). At Silvercrest we enjoy being part of the local community and we also welcome any community members who would like to participate in our PTA. Please visit the PTA website, [silvercrestpta.org](http://silvercrestpta.org) for more information. To join, simply stop by the front office at Silvercrest or contact Allison for details on joining by mail.

### REFLECTIONS ART COMPETITION WINNERS



Silvercrest congratulates the winners of their campus 2014-2015 PTA Reflections Art Program. This year's theme was "The World Would Be a Better Place If..." All of our artists showed great creativity and character! Students with an asterisk after their names represent the top 20% of each art category and will go on to the next PTA Counsel level. Fantastic work!

### Primary Visual Arts

First Place-Ian Chau\*  
Second Place-Elizabeth Hu\*  
Third Place-Leilanie Turcios\*

### Intermediate Visual Arts

First Place-Isabella Benitez\*  
Second Place-Leslie Turcios  
Third Place-Emily Kopetz

### Primary Photography

First Place-Jaden Owens\*  
Second Place-Jack Prati  
Third Place-Luke Matthes

### Primary Literature

First Place-Elizabeth Hu\*  
Intermediate Literature  
First Place-Sai Kaushik\*  
Stallion Stampede

Silvercrest are excited to announce our 10th annual Stallion Stampede 10K, 5K and 1K Fun Run on Saturday, April 25th. The morning activities will also include a silent auction and pancake breakfast. Packets can be picked up in the school office or you can sign up online at [signmeup.com](http://signmeup.com). This is a wonderful event but we need your help to make it the best one yet! For information on how to volunteer, please contact Sarah Symecko at [atssymecko@aol.com](mailto:atssymecko@aol.com) or Kris Kem at [kristopher.kem@gmail.com](mailto:kristopher.kem@gmail.com).

We are looking for companies that would like to sponsor the run. We have sponsorship levels starting at \$100 and going up to \$1,000. For information on sponsorships, please contact Angela Elacqua at [angelae@elacqua.com](mailto:angelae@elacqua.com) or Caprice Smith at [cpricsmith@comcast.net](mailto:cpricsmith@comcast.net).

We are also looking for individuals to donate auction items. We need items from local businesses and we will be asking families to donate an item for the grade level baskets. If you have an item or would like to help with the auction, please contact Marla Jones at [mdcaswell@hotmail.com](mailto:mdcaswell@hotmail.com).

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# TENNIS TIPS

By USPTA/PTR Master Professional  
**Fernando Velasco**



## The Modern Game: “The Backhand Return Serve Drop 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 already be 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 Backhand Return Serve Drop Shot.” This shot is used when an opponent is expecting a deep service return and the player “surprises” the opponent with a short angle drop shot. It can be used in both singles and doubles play.

In the illustrations, Fernando Velasco, Director of Tennis and teacher at of the Grey Rock Tennis Club, shows the proper technique to execute this stroke. Velasco is presently ranked #1 in Singles and Doubles in the USTA Men’s 70 Division in Texas, and #13 in Singles

and #8 and #10 in Doubles in the US.

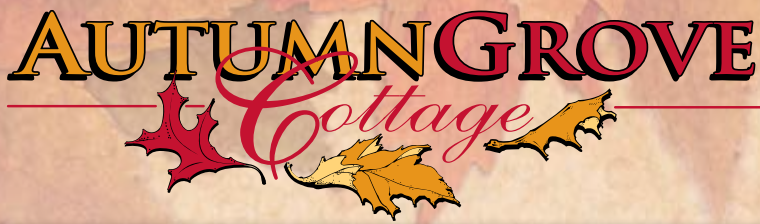
**Step 1: The Back Swing:** When Fernando sees the opportunity, he makes a quick turn of his upper body and takes the racket high and back. The head of the racket is now at shoulder height, his shoulders are turned, and his eyes are focused on the incoming ball.

**Step 2: The Point of Contact:** The success of the drop shot is to “cup” under the ball with the strings. The grip is relaxed and ready to push the ball forward and under the ball as he makes contact with it. His left shoulder is almost opening and his weight is moving through the shot.

**Step 3: The Follow Through:** In order to get maximum underspin, Fernando is keeping the right hand extended as long as possible. His weight is going forward. The left hand is left leaning forward for better balance.

As the shot goes over the net, and it was successful, Fernando will run towards the net, expecting his opponent to either lift the ball short, or try to drop shot his drop shot.

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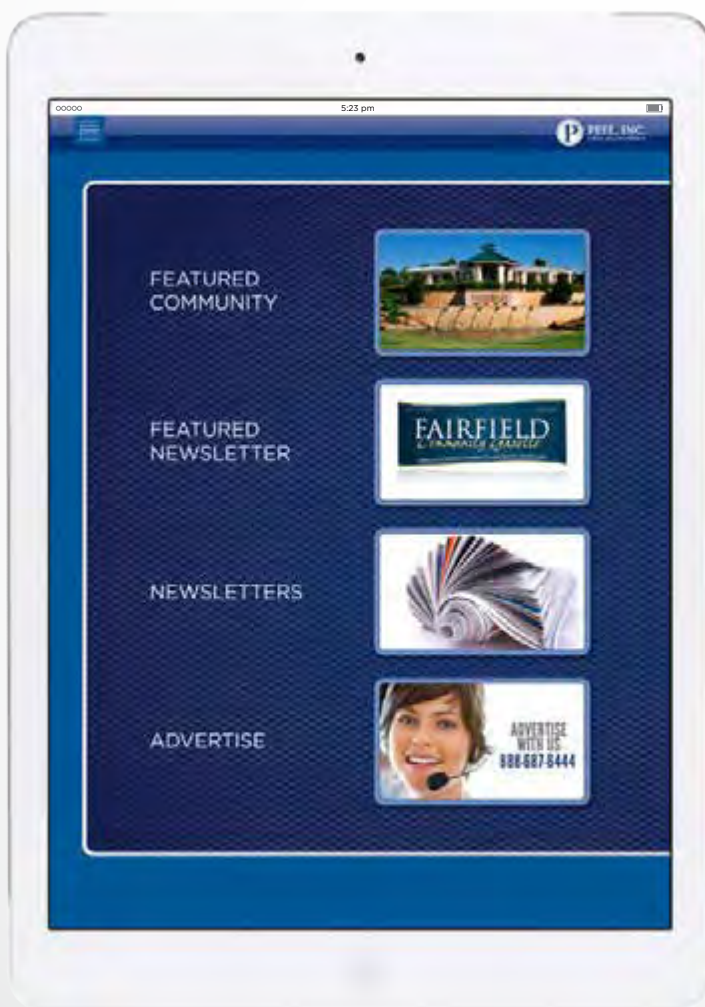
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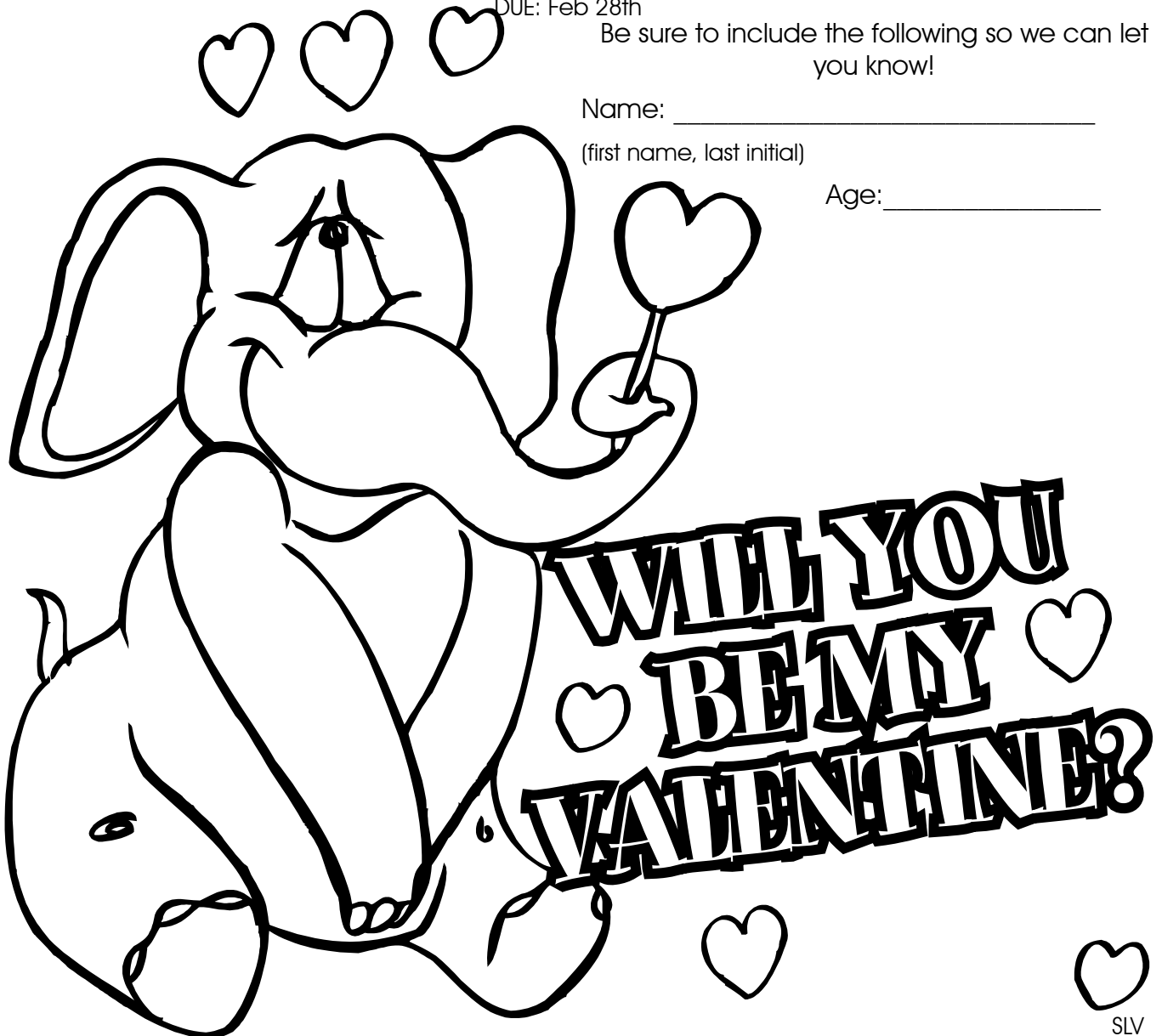
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