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COVER PHOTO

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Do you take great photos? Would you like to see your photo published? We are looking for great cover photos for upcoming issues of the Fairfield Gazette. Our deadine for submittals is always the 9th of the month prior to the issue. All photos should be submitted electronically by the deadline date in high resolution (300 dpi) to fairfield@peelinc.com. Portrait (vertical) photos work best. Photo's taken with digital cameras work pest. Photos taken with iPhones may not be high enough quality.

This month's cover photo is Brock and Braden Hombs submitted by Niki Hombs Photography. To view other photos submitted please visit www.PEELinc.com/Fairfield, and view any of the past newsletters. By submitting your photo you agree to allow your photo to be published in future issues of the Fairfield Gazette or other Peel, Inc. publications.

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The Fairfield Community Gazette is mailed monthly to all Fairfield residents. Residents, community groups, churches, etc. are welcome to submit information about their organizations in the newsletter. Personal news for the Stork Report, Teenage Job Seekers, recipes, special celebrations, and birthday announcements are also welcome.

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Fairfield Women's Club Monthly Meeting

Tuesday Feb 16, 2016 7:00 -9:00

Location: To be Determined. Watch emails, evite, and marquee for location.

Fairfield Women's Club invites you to attend our February meeting. Our theme for this meeting will be, "Death by Chocolate". The details of this meeting are a Mystery, but we promise, there will be something "to die for". Join us and bring a "sweet friend", new ladies are welcome every month. Remember: Behind every successful woman is a substantial amount of Chocolate!

This meeting is sure to be one you don't want to miss.

SAVE THE DATES

FEBRUARY 13 BLOOD DRIVE 9-1 BRADFORD CREEK CLUBHOUSE

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Fairfield's Fifty Plus Fun-Loving Group The Fairfield Seniors

The Seniors of Fairfield are an active, fifty plus, fun-loving group of couples and singles who enjoy fellowship, monthly trips, and various activities together. If you or your spouse is fifty or older, a newcomer to Fairfield Village or have lived here in Fairfield for some time but have never attended one of our functions, you are cordially invited. Come and be a part of our fun-loving group. We're sure you will enjoy it.

OUR HISTORY: Over these past ten plus years we've taken over a hundred trips. The Fairfield Gazette's web site has back issues available from September, 2004. In order to go back to our beginning, we must thank Kelly Peel of Peel Inc. for locating all our articles from their archives and sending them to us. We now have every article submitted, which enabled us to put together Our History and a complete listing of all our trips. Just go to Our History in our weekly email to read about our beginning and all the trips we've taken. You can get the complete listing at... http://home.comcast. net/~seniorgroup/History.htm

OUR FEBRUARY BUS TRIP PLANS ARE FOR:

Thursday, February 11 will be a theater trip to Brenham, Texas.

Our February 11, 2016 bus trip will take us to Brenham, Texas to see the "Miss Firecracker Contest", a comedy/drama production by Beth Henley.

Camelle Scott is rehearsing for the Miss Firecracker Contest. Then the unexpected arrival of her cousin Elain a former Miss Firecracker winner, along with her eccentric brother, Delmount (just recently released from a mental institution) who wants to sell the family homestead. Camille aided by a touchingly awkward seamstress named Popeye and other cheerfully nutty characters add humor and suspense to this delightful play. Will Camille be able to preserve?

The cost of this trip is \$20.00, plus the cost of your meal at K-Bob's.

To sign up for this trip please look for the sign-up sheet at any of our Fairfield Fifty Plus club activities or you may call or email: Deb DeJarnette: at 832-220-6155, debslib@hotmail.com When emailing sign-up requests, please remember to add your phone number(s), addresses, and the name and phone number for your emergency contact person for the day of the trip. (The Harris County Precinct 3 Transportation Department needs this information on every trip)

We will depart: from the Fairfield Baptist Church, located at 27240 Highway 290. There is also convenient entrance off Cypresswood Drive. We will depart promptly at 4:00 p.m. please be there by 3:45 p.m.

OUR MARCH BUS TRIP PLANS ARE FOR:

Monday, March 21 a trip to Austin, Texas.

With our favorite tour guide "Larry" to Austin area!

The itinerary for this trip to the states capital is:

- Depart from Fairfield Baptist Church lot at 7:30 a.m.
- Comfort stop at Hruszka's Bakery in Ellinger, Texas.
- Stop at the Texas State Cemetery.
- Stop at Scholz Garten's for lunch.
- Visit the Elisabet Ney Museum.
- Stop at Mt. Bonnell. (Overlook of the city and Lake Austin)

- Stop at Treaty Oak.
- Stop at Zilker Park Botanical Gardens.
- Stop at St, Mary Cathedral. (If time permits)
- Comfort stop at Weikel's Bakery on our way home. The cost of this trip is \$10.00, plus cost of lunch at Scholz Garten's. Payment for this trip is due by March 14th.

To sign up for this exciting trip please look for the sign-up sheet at any of our Fairfield Fifty Plus Club activities or you may call or email: Lori Skadowski: at 281-782-5517, email: lorilynn@pdq.net. When emailing sign-up requests, please remember to add your phone number(s), addresses, and the name and phone number for your emergency contact person for the day of the trip.

Checks are to be made out to: Fairfield 50 Plus.

Checks can be given to: Lori Skadowski or Deb DeJarnette.

They can also be mailed to Lori Skadowski at 16906 Thomas Ridge Lane, Cypress, Texas 77433.

We will depart: from the Fairfield Baptist Church, located at 27240 Highway 290. Please park in the southeast parking area, by the fence bordering the storage business. There is also convenient entrance off Cypresswood Drive. We will depart promptly at 7:30 a.m. please be there by 7:15 a.m.

OUR FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES PLANS:

Thursday, February 11: Pot Luck at Lakeside Trails Club House. Is cancelled this month our February bus trip is scheduled for this date. Tuesday, February 16: Game Night at the Cooks' House.

It starts around 6:30 p.m. Just bring a snack and a healthy appetite. This is always a fun evening with great fellowship. The directions are in the Activity page on our website and will also be in our February 14, weekly e-newsletter.

Thursday, February 25: Game Night at Lakeside Trails Club House.

It starts around 6:30 p.m., and we have plenty of room at the club house. We would like to see you there to enjoy an evening of games and fellowship with us. Just bring a little snack and plan on having lots of fun. There are some card games, some games that the members bring and, of course, dominoes.

OUR FAIRFIELD FIFTY PLUS WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER:

An event reminder. It is emailed each week to our members and others who have requested it. It provides updated information on any changes from what appears here in the Gazette. We also include member birthdays and prayer requests, other news and items of interest, and links to all our web pages. If you would like to receive our weekly newsletter, send your email address, to:

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On February 13, 2016, the Cy-Fair Educational Foundation (CFEF) will hold its 8th Annual Salute to Our Heroes Gala at the Omni Houston Hotel Westside. Joe Myers Ford Lincoln is generously underwriting this gala that honors the brave men and women who have served to protect our freedom and liberty. Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center Hospital and North Cypress

Medical Center are Major General Sponsors for Salute to Our Heroes. The evening will include a Missing Man Table and Honors Ceremony to honor our missing loved ones [or missing comrades in arms, for veterans].

Gerald Coffee is the guest speaker. Captain Coffee served our country as a naval officer for 28 years; much of that service was as one of the longest held prisoners of war in the communist prisons of North Vietnam. His military decorations include the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross, two Bronze Stars, the Air Medal, two Purple Hearts, and the Vietnam Service Medal with 13 stars.

Salute to Our Heroes has raised more than half a million dollars over the past seven years. Proceeds from this event have funded three endowed scholarships for students graduating from the Cypress Fairbanks ISD.

CFEF was established in 1970 as a non-profit to raise money to fund a scholarship for high school graduates in the area. Over the past 45 years, the Foundation has grown tremendously through the efforts of the Board of Trustees and the generosity of the Cy-Fair Community. The Foundation has awarded more than \$6 million in scholarships to 1300 graduating seniors. CFEF is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, all contributions are tax deductible, as allowed by the law.

Sponsorships and tickets are available for Salute to Our Heroes Tickets: \$100 individual; \$50 veterans

For more information please contact marie@thecfef.org or visit our website at www.TheCFEF.org.



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Cypress-Tomball Democrats February Meeting

The Cypress-Tomball Democrats monthly meeting for the month of February will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2016, at Rudy's Grill & Cantina, 11760 Grant Rd., Cypress, TX 77429, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Everybody is welcome to attend the meeting and to join this growing club, which meets on the third Tuesday of every month. The meetings foster great fellowship and feature informative guest speakers. For further information, visit the website www.cytomdems. com; contact Glenn Etienne at cytomdems@yahoo.com; Follow us on Facebook at Cypress- Tomball Democrats.

Cy-Fair Republican Women



Meet February 9th, 10:30 AM - Noon. (Second Tuesday each month)

Meeting is \$3 -- Meeting w/Lunch at Noon s \$20.

Hearthstone Country Club, 7615 Ameswood, Houston, TX 77095.

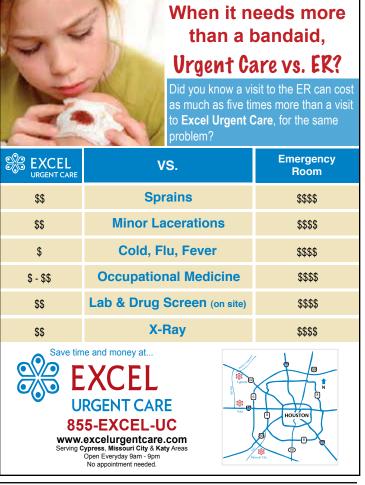
Our speakers will be Constable candidates for Precincts 4 and 5 and State Representative for District 130.

Invite your friends and join us for fellowship and getting to know our candidates.

Please RSVP to www.cfrw.net by 2/2/16.

CANDIDATE FORUM on January 28th at 6:30 at Hearthstone CC will include many candidates from the judicial races, county attorney, railroad commission, and sheriff who will be on the ballot for the March 1 Primary. All are welcome!





FAIRFIELD PHOTOS



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- 1. Libby and Riley enjoying beautiful Fairfield
- 2. Jake Gavigan at 10 acre park in Fairfield.
- 3. Kinsley Martin
- 4. Fairfield Lakes. Photo by Jacob Welsch





Fairfield Athletic Club News

Please visit our NEW website at www.fairfieldathleticclub.com If you just moved to the neighborhood be sure to come by the Fairfield Athletic Club anytime we are open to get your membership cards. Our hours are Mon -Thurs 5am-10pm, Fri 5am-8pm, Sat 7am-8pm and Sun 1pm-8pm. Be sure to bring proof of residency (HUD Statement from closing or your current driver's license with your Fairfield address). Membership cards are needed to get into the

weight room, basketball gym, tennis courts, pools and splash pads. Fitness Classes

Check out our fitness classes online. Go to www.fairfieldathleticclub. com to find the perfect class to help you achieve your fitness goals. Try the first class for free.

Tennis Courts

If you're a tennis fan be sure to try out our Tennis Complex of 6 lighted tennis courts located directly behind the Athletic Club. If you have any questions about tennis, be sure to call our Tennis Director, Alex Montes at 713-443-3689.

Parent's Night Out Friday, February 11th

If you'd like to plan something big for your valentine, but are in need of help with the kids, no worries, we have the perfect solution for

you. February 11, 2016 the Fairfield Athletic Club will be having our very first "Parent's Night Out." With plenty of food, games, movies, and gym activities, such as dodgeballs, basketball, handball, etc., the children will enjoy a night away from the house while parents enjoy a nice escape. Sign up and allow us to cater to you.

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Registration will begin

Monday, April 18th. Don't hesitate, secure your spot, and join the fun. This isn't something that you'll want to miss.

If you would like more information,

please contact
Darlene Sedelmyer,
Director of Child Care
at 281.373.0834.



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Harris County Precinct 4 Fairfield Village Community Association

Burglary Habitation:	1
Burglary Vehicle:	3
Theft Habitation:	1
Theft Vehicle:	2
Theft Other:	
Robbery:	0
Assault:	3
Sexual Assault:	0
Criminal Mischief:	2
Disturbance Family:	6
Disturbance Juvenile:	3
Disturbance Other:	30
Alarms:	82
Suspicious Vehicles:	42
Suspicious Persons:	28
Runaways:	
Phone Harassment:	
Other Calls:	154





"Learning to WIN with ABWA: The Insand Outs of Working in WIN"

Luncheon Details
Thursday, February 25, 2016
Networking 11a.m.; Luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m.
Sterling Country Club, 16500 Houston National Blvd.,
Houston, TX 77095

Costs \$25 with advanced reservations; \$30 at the door

At the February 25 Cy-Fair Express Network Luncheon, attendees will learn about working in and through WIN (Women's Instructional Network). They will learn more about how to update member profiles, upload items to WIN, and also learn about other scholarship opportunities. Members are encouraged to bring their laptops and/or tablets, and hotspot connection to actively participate in the presentation.

This month's CYFEN meeting begins with networking at 11 a.m. followed with a prompt 11:30 a.m. start of the program. Luncheons are held at the Sterling Country Club, 16500 Houston National Blvd.

About Cy-Fair Express Network (CYFEN)

Now over 50 members strong, Cy-Fair Express Network's vision is to be a community and national leader for the support of professional women by providing a nurturing environment for business development, networking, education and mentoring. Our members have opportunities to pursue excellence and achieve both local and national recognition. CYFEN is part of the national organization of American Business Women's Association (ABWA), for more information go to www.CYFEN.org.

About American Business Women's Association (ABWA)

Founded in 1949, ABWA provides business training and networking opportunities for women of diverse occupations and backgrounds. ABWA has dedicated 60 years to women's education, workplace skills and career development training. For more information, visit, www.abwa.org.



















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DAR

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For more information, please contact the chapter Regent, Melinda Sims at melinda@mazzaroth.net.

We look forward to meeting you!

KIWANIS CLUB OF CY-FAIR HOUSTON

If you live or work in the Cy-Fair area, we would welcome the opportunity to meet you and tell you about the service the Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club gives to our community. Be our guest at our meeting on February 2, 9, or 16.

Time and place: Meetings are held at the Hearthstone Country Club. Lunch is served at 12:15pm, followed by a brief, informative program. Adjournment is at 1:15pm.

What is Kiwanis? Kiwanis is an international service organization focused on changing the world one child and one community at a time. Service is at the heart of every Kiwanis club, no matter where in the world it's located. Members stage nearly 150,000 service projects and raise nearly US\$100 million every year for communities, families and projects. In addition, Kiwanis members actively participate in many service projects in their home communities.

The Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club of Houston seeks to serve this community through sponsoring Key Clubs for high school students, Builders Clubs for middle school students, and Aktion clubs for adults with disabilities. Also, we sponsor Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops. We provide support to various other organizations in the community that serve children and families. Enjoy the pleasure of being a part of this service.

Visit the Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club website at www. KIWANISHOUSTONCYFAIR.COM.

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THE PLAIDS RETURN FROM THE AFTERLIFE TO PERFORM AT THE HOUSTON FAMILY ARTS CENTER

Stuart Ross's Off-Broadway Musical "Forever Plaid" is being resurrected on the HFAC Garza Main Stage

Stuart Ross's, "Forever Plaid", is one of the most internationally popular Off-Broadway musicals to hit the stage, and it's coming to the Houston Family Arts Center. This nostalgic, 50's revue opens on the Garza Main Stage January 29, 2016 – February 21, 2016.

"What is amazing about this show," says director Eric Domuret "is how it makes me feel. So many memories, successes, and life experiences have come from this show. This show and its legacy preserves so perfectly the heart of the generation of the 1950s that had big dreams and felt their decency and hard work was enough to get them there. What better way to preserve it than experiencing it, and making it take hold in the here and now in the hearts of a new generation. What makes this production unique is how much it is like the original production from the early 90s. The original Plaids have handed down their direction, traditions, and intricacies that cannot be discovered outside of this legacy. This is what is being brought to HFAC."

Frankie, Jinx, Sparky, and Smudge are The Plaids. One the way to their first big gig, their cherry red '54 Mercury collided with a school bus, and The Plaids were killed instantly. Now, they've come back to Earth for one final performance. Don't miss this charmingly fun show as The Plaids' sing some of the greatest hits of the 1950's including: "Three Coins in the Fountain," "Chain Gang," and "Heart and Soul" to name just a few!

The guardian angels of The Plaids' are Eric Domuret (director/choreographer), Jesse Lozano (music director), Michael Montgomery (producer), Mary Balest (costume design), Amelia Templeton (scenic design), Ron Putterman (lighting design), David Dean (sound design), Alex Brokmeyer (stage manager), and Mitch Lawyer (bassist).

The posthumous harmonic quartet includes: Eduardo Tercero





(Frankie), Daniel Rosales (Jinx), Brian Chambers (Sparky), and Taylor Fisher (Smudge). Fisher has appeared in several HFAC shows recently as The Baker in "Into the Woods," John Adams in "1776," and Javert in "Les Miserable." Tercero, Rosales, and Chambers are all newcomers to the Garza Mainstage. Eduardo Tercero is known in the Houston opera community for his vocal work with the Houston

Chamber Choir, Houston Symphony, and Ars Lyrica. Daniel Rosales is a recent musical theatre graduate from Sam Houston State University and has been seen at Stages Repertory Theatre and the former Masquerade Theatre. Brian Chambers is a director and teacher for the Cypress Academy of Performing Arts.

Performances of "Forever Plaid" are Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30 p.m., with Sunday matinees at 3 p.m., January 29th – February 21st on the HFAC Garza Main Stage. Tickets are on sale now and may be purchased online at www.houstonfac.com, or by phone at (281) 587–6100. Special pricing is available for groups of 10 or more.

Performance Location:

Houston Family Arts Center Garza Main Stage 10760 Grant Road, Houston, TX 77070

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Performances:

Friday, February 12th at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, February 13th at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, February 14th at 3:00 p.m. Friday, February 5th at 7:30 p.m. Friday, February 19th at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, February 6th at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, February 20th at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, February 7th at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, February 21st at 3:00 p.m.

Ticket Prices:
Adults: \$26
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About Houston Family Arts Center Houston Family Arts Center (HFAC), founded in 2005, is a not-for-profit performing arts and educational organization, with a passion for entertaining, enlightening and engaging audiences in Texas. Recent winner in seven categories for the Broadway World Houston Awards, HFAC has also been named Houston's "Best Gem of a Theater" by the Houston Press and "Best Arts and Entertainment" by the "Best of the Northwest" Readers' Choice awards. HFAC is a proud winner of the prestigious national American Association of Community Theatre Twink Lynch Organizational Award. HFAC produces a broad mix of classics, comedies, dramas, musicals and new works. Through its award-winning Actors Academy, HFAC offers acting and singing classes, and provides performance opportunities for all ages. To purchase tickets, sign up for auditions or classes, or for more information, please visit www.houstonfac.com or call HFAC at (281) 587-6100.



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Leaf cutter ant mounds have a central opening and often a crater shape at the top.

Leaf cutting ants typically forage when the temperatures are cooler, such as at night or in the morning. They can sometimes cause complete defoliation of plants or small trees overnight. These ants remove leaves and buds from plants in the landscape. The ants do not eat the plant pieces, but take the pieces back to their colony and feed them to a fungus garden. They tend a particular species of fungus and weed out any other fungus from the garden.

Colonies may exist for years and can exceed over two million ants. It is not unusual for a single colony to cover an acre of land. Colonies are usually found in well drained, sandy or loamy soils.

Plants can be temporarily protected by using spray adhesives around the base of the plant. The adhesive would need to be refreshed often when dirt or debris accumulates. Temporary protection can also be provided with contact insecticidal spray or dusts labeled for "ants". If mounds are located in an area, the bait product labeled for leaf cutter ants, Amdro Ant Block, can be broadcast with a hand-held

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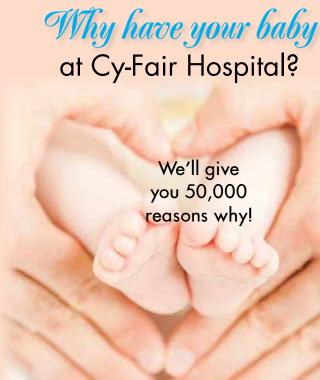
spreader around the mound area. If no mounds are seen, then residual sprays and dusts labeled for "ants" can be used along foraging trails and around openings.

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"Life - On A Shoestring ..."

Top Three Tips To Be Remembered In Any Situation *Rule Number One: Must Have Clean Humor*

Networking. This will either sound exciting to you or send a shudder up your spine. Whether you are a spouse wondering what in the world you are going to talk about at the next office get together outside of business or wondering how you can stand out in the crowd of other entrepreneurs, here are Rules to Successful Networking that may help smooth your nerves.

Nothing says stay away from me faster than a bad, tasteless joke, or worse, to have someone remember you for the wrong reasons. It is hard to find clean jokes to make everyone smile and for certain have someone else remember you as they repeat a clean joke when they get home or at the office the next day to get a few laughs.

So when "Want to hear a dirty joke?" has everyone leaning in.... say, "Actually, I do have one (Dramatic pause or have everyone lean in....)

"White horse.....fell in the mud......and got dirty! Argh. Argh. Say "Oh yes, you are groaning, but I'll bet you'll find yourself repeating it somewhere down the line!"

Laugh or Groan. Hey, someone will fall for this joke. Okay, Okay, you'll just have to know your audience, but when it was my job a long time ago to find good, clean jokes I really, really found out how hard it was to FIND a good, clean joke. At networking events, you'll have only a few minutes and all heads turn when you hear laughter, right? Here is one that I bet you'll repeat at least once!

Best Clean Joke

The local sheriff was looking for a deputy, so a young woman (or gentleman), went in to try out for the job.

"Okay," the sheriff drawled. "What is 1 and 1?"

"Eleven," she/he replied.

The sheriff thought to himself, "That's not what I meant, but that is right."

"What two days of the week start with the letter "T"?"

"Today and tomorrow."

He was again surprised that the young woman/man supplied a correct answer that he had never thought of himself.

"Now, listen carefully: Who killed Abraham Lincoln?"

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The young woman (or gentleman) looked a little surprised herself/ himself, then thought really hard for a minute and finally admitted, "I don't know."

"Well, why don't you go home and work on that one for a while?" So, the young woman (or gentleman) excitedly met with her/his friends, and they just couldn't wait to hear the results of the interview.

The young woman(or gentleman) was excited beyond belief. "It went great! First day on the job and I'm already working on a murder case!"

At least start the chuckling yourself. Go ahead be bold and say a joke anyway. A clean joke.

Second Best Clean Joke ...

A jock and a geek were applying for the same job. The boss said, "Boys, you need to take a test before you can get this job."

So they took the test and the next day they came back to see who the boss chose. "Well, he said, "Both of you got the same score except I'm going to choose the geek."

The jock complained, "Don't you think that's unfair?"

"Well," the boss said, "Let me tell you what happened. Both of your papers were right all the way through until the last question came up, and the geek answered, "I don't know," and then when I looked at your paper, you answered,

"Me either!"

When the chuckling subsides, say "I only have two jokes". I am always looking for another one to trade up, has anyone heard something funny lately?

Rule Number Two: Be Interesting

To be remembered as someone who IS interesting, you'll have to BE interested in other people. Yes, it pays to have something to add to the conversation, and you'll be forearmed after reading the rules of Networking above. Have a few questions ready in case there is a pause in the conversation.

What keeps you occupied outside of your business? This question will help you gain common ground or something interesting to write about in your follow up note.

Have you seen any good movies lately? Did you see? See, this is where you will sound interesting.

That was terrible aboutDid you see it on the news this morning? What are your thoughts on?

Getting other people to talk about themselves and their interests ultimately makes you more interesting.

Your mission: look in the newspaper, look at your local networking clubs and go make some new clients, friends or even dates! You don't have to be a Toastmaster to feel comfortable in new environments.

Oh, a Bonus Rule. Keep your nails nice. Keep your nails nice.

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Business Section

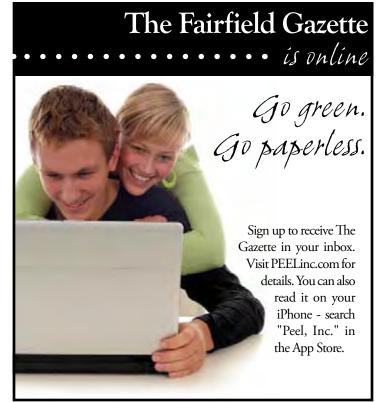
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Whether handing your business card over to your next big client or holding a drink (preferably soda), you'll be sending a message that you think about yourself as much as you'll care about them as an account.

Rule Number Three: Remember Names

Actually, Rule Number Three: Remember Names should be Rule Number One. Remembering names is crucial. Asking for a business card. Ask how they spell it. Except for the easy, easy names. Try "Is that Linda with an "i" or a "y"? Making up a rhyme, word association, movie association, actor association. Be deliberate and really slow to repeat their names in your head or at least in reworking the introduction. "My pleasure to meet you, Linda". You'll already be thinking of your next question, so please think slowly on remembering someone's name. As crazy as it sounds, try saying "Linda, Linda, Banana Fanna Bo Binda Fee Fi Bo Binda, Linda" (ahem, in your head, please). Anything works. ;You'll surely brighten someone's day and impress them with your Savant-mindedness. Don't use this if you wind up saying "My pleasure to meet you, BInda"? or worse "Bimba".

Linda Bates is a Freelance Writer who has been writing and volunteering in the Houston area community since BEFORE the word "Apple" actually meant fruit.





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ACUPUNCTURE

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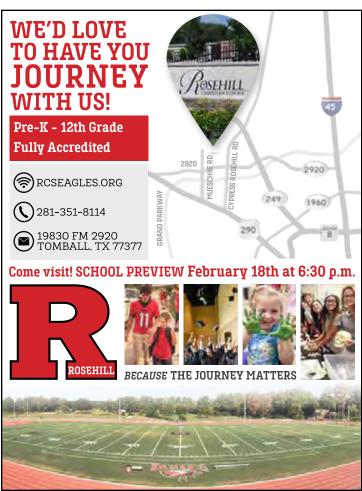
What is acupuncture?

Acupuncture is a form of treatment involving the use of very fine filiform needles that are inserted into certain specific points of the body. This stimulates the body to increase circulation and activate the body's own natural healing process. Acupuncture can be used to treat a wide range of conditions and illnesses and is a wonderful option when western medication does not work or is not tolerated.

What to expect?

Acupuncturists often use additional techniques, such as tui-na, cupping and moxibustion, in conjunction with acupuncture. Tui-na is a form of







Chinese manipulative therapy, consisting of massage, acupressure and other forms of body manipulation. It works by applying pressure to acupoints, meridians and muscles or nerves to remove blockages that prevent free flow of Qi (energy) through the body. Cupping involves the use of glass globes placed on the body to create a suction effect. The vacuum effect that draws up the skin is believed to open up the skin's pores to stimulate the blood flow to the muscles, balance and realign the flow of Qi. Cupping may result in small, circular bruises in the area where the cups were applied, but these bruises are usually painless and disappear within a few days after the treatment. You may have seen these cupping marks on the back of the Chinese Olympic swimmer Wang Qun at the Beijing Olympics in 2008! Finally, moxibustion is a traditional therapy that involves the burning of moxa made from dried mugwort, a soft and wooly herb, to penetrate to a deeper level of the body. Moxibustion has been used throughout Asia for thousands of years; in fact, the actual Chinese character for acupuncture, translated literally, means "acupuncture-moxibustion".

What about herbal medicine?

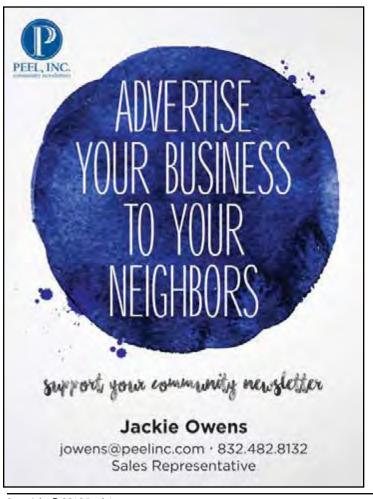
Chinese herbal medicine refers to the use of a plant's seeds, berries, roots, leaves, bark or flowers for medicinal purposes. Traditionally, this involves formulating a mixture of various herbs to create a formula based on a patient's specific needs. These herbs can be taken

in the form of herbal tea after boiling the herbs in hot water to extract the active ingredients. Although herbal medicine is still widely used and available, formulations in the form of tablets or capsules are more convenient and have become more popular these days.

What conditions can be treated?

Acupuncture and Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) is most commonly used to treat pain caused by various illnesses such as arthritis, bursitis, fibromyalgia and PMS. It can be very effective for treating migraine, back pain, neck pain, frozen shoulder and sciatica. Acupuncture can also achieve good results when treating stress related problems such as insomnia, anxiety and depression. It is an effective way to treat substance abuse, reduce substance dependencies (e.g. pain killers) or help you to quit smoking or reduce weight. Acupuncture may also be used as an adjunct to physical rehabilitation or surgical intervention to hasten functional recovery. Talk to your licensed Acupuncturist about what acupuncture and TCM can do for you. Please refer to the Classical Ads of this newsletter for our detailed information or visit www.amaranthacupuncture.com.

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TENNIS TIPS

By USPTA/PTR Master Professional Fernando Velasco

In previous newsletters, I offered tips on how to hit a forehand groundstroke, a two-handed backhand, one-handed backhand, forehand volley, and the two handed backhand volley. In this issue, I will give you instructions on how to execute the serve, considered as the most important stroke, since the player has complete control of the game at this time. In these pictures, Adolfo Gonzalez, one of the tennis pros at the Grey Rock Tennis Club, demonstrates the proper form and technique for a right-handed player. For a left-handed player, the instructions will be the opposite hands.

Step 1: Ready Position: The body is sideways with the right hand holding the end of the racket in a forehand grip position and the left hand is holding the ball under the throat of the racket. The left arm is slightly straight and the ball is held with the thumb, index finger and middle finger. This allows for a consistent toss without using the wrist and/or elbow. Feet are a shoulder width apart and the body is in equal balance. For beginners, it is okay to change the grip slightly toward the forehand grip. As the player gets more advanced, the continental grip will be a better one to give more spin on the ball.

Step 2: Back Swing: The left arm comes down and the right arm follows it. It is vital to slow down the motions to allow for both of

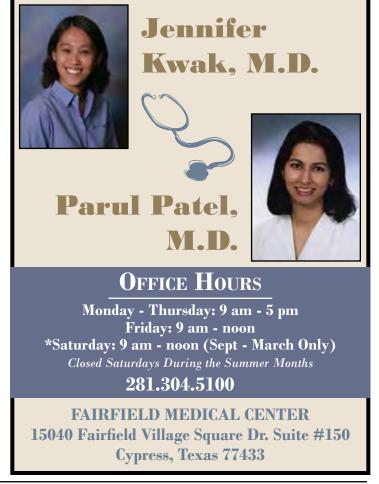
the arms to have good balance in the front and behind the body. Notice that the hand is in the process of tossing the ball in front of the body and the left wrist is bent down. It is imperative to have a good consistent toss since it will dictate the success or failure of the serve.

Step 3: Point of contact: Once the player is ready to hit the ball, the right arm will force the racket toward the point of contact, while the left hand will come down toward the body. This allows for the "snap" of the wrist to accelerate and bring the ball down. Notice that the point of contact is slightly higher than then center of the racket. Eyes are still focused on the point of the contact and will be ready to look down as soon as the ball leaves the frame. The right hip is extended to allow the body to extend up.

Step 4: Follow Through: The racket speed will extend to the left side of the body. The right foot is coming forward and is pointing toward the net. The trunk is straight and eyes are focused on the direction of the ball. At this point the player will take the split step and will jump either behind the base line to rally with the opponent or will move toward the net to serve and volley.

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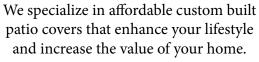




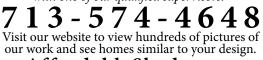
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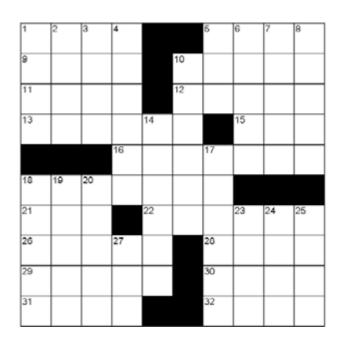
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Neighborhood	3 rd Quarter Results			
	Sold	\$ per SqFt	DOM	
Autumn Park	1	\$101.11	7	
Baker's Ridge	5	\$101.24	66	
Bluebonnet Glen	4	\$99.05	41	
Blue Meadow	6	\$103.81	40	
Chappell Ridge	5	\$92.06	44	
Cottage Glen	2	\$103.37	7	
Estates	4	\$104.98	28	
Garden Grove	7	\$87.09	36	
Glen	5	\$87.03	37	
Inwood Glen	2 7	\$96.82	25	
Inwood Park		\$96.54	11	
Lake Crest	2	\$108.33	30	
Lakes/Lake Point	8	\$100.47	36	
Crossing/Landing/Reserve	8	\$91.87	18	
Meadows/Park/Retreat	3	\$100.76	45	
Oaks/Trails	6	\$94.00	21	
Silver Crest	3	\$124.22	23	
Summer Crossing/Ridge	10	\$92.24	26	
Summer Gate	2	\$107.21	95	
Travis Point	6	\$108.78	30	
Tuscan/Villa Sul Lago	3	\$117.03	40	

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