The Jester Warbler

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How it works:

• Bring your gently used or unused children's toys, books, and clothes to donate at 3pm the day of the swap. Please pre-sort them by age. There will be tables set up for various age groups.

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• Anything remaining at the end will be donated to Safe Place.

For questions please contact Kelly Smentek at 714-876-5839 or Kelly@smentek.com



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JHA is sponsoring a Jester Garage sale on Saturday May 21st at 8 am. Ads will run in the American Statesman on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday promoting this neighborhood-wide sale. Please email Teresa at tgouldie@ gmail.com or call her at 512-751-8000 if you would like to register your garage sale location. Maps with lists of garage sale addresses will be available at the entrances to Jester.

> Saturday, May 21st 8:00 AM

NatureWatch: Mud Hens

by Jim and Lynne Weber

Spend any amount of time observing wildlife around freshwater wetlands, swamps, marshes, suburban lakes, and sewage ponds, and you'll no doubt see a Mud Hen or American Coot (Fulica americana). Commonly mistaken to be ducks, coots belong to a distinct scientific order and differ significantly from other species of marsh birds.

An overall blackish, plump, chicken-like bird with a rounded head, red eyes, a sloping whitish bill with a dark band near the tip, and a small reddish brown forehead shield, coots swim like ducks but do not have webbed feet



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like ducks. Their yellow- American Coots are commonly called 'Mud Hens'.

green legs end in long toes with broad lobes of skin on either side that help them kick through the water. Each time the bird lifts its' feet, the lobes fold back to facilitate walking on dry land. Their tiny tails and short wings make them awkward and clumsy fliers, and they often require many wing beats and long running takeoffs to get airborne. Coots mainly eat aquatic plants and can dive in search of food, but they can also forage and scavenge on land for terrestrial plants, arthropods, fish, insects, and mollusks. Mating season occurs in May and June, with coots requiring heavy stands of aquatic vegetation along a shoreline with some standing water within those stands. It is here that they make their nests, which consist of multiple structures used as display platforms, egg nests, and brood nests. Egg nest material is woven into a shallow basket and lined with finer grasses to hold the eggs. The entire nest is anchored to upright plant stalks and is generally a floating structure. Females deposit eggs between sunset and midnight, one per day, until the average clutch of 9 eggs is complete. Both males and females share the 21-day incubation responsibility.

Being persistent re-nesters, coots will replace lost clutches within 2 days during the deposition period. Additionally, once hatching begins and a certain number of chicks are present, coots will abandon the remaining eggs. Unlike the drab color of the adults, coot chicks are quite colorful, having conspicuous, orange-tipped,

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WELCOME COMMITTEE NEWS

There was only one delivery scheduled last month, but the resident's move was one that we loved to hear about. Rhonda and Julien moved 3 blocks to the 7100 block of Foxtree Cove. They wanted to stay in Jester but needed more room for their teenagers and found it almost literally down the street. It's not the first time, by any means, that we've heard about an intra-neighborhood move, but it's always fun to find out our new resident is someone that a lot of people in Jester already know!

If you live near any new residents, please stop by and introduce yourself! Also, please contact JoAnn Welles at (512) 484-7599 or joann-welles@sbcglobal.net if you've moved to Jester lately and we haven't welcomed you officially. We may have tried to deliver a bag to you but not found you home.





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ornamental plumes covering the front half of their bodies, often referred to as 'chick ornaments.' While these plumes get bleached out after about 6 days, experiments have shown that chicks with more of this ornamentation are given preferential treatment by their parents. The oldest known coot lived to be more than 22 years old.

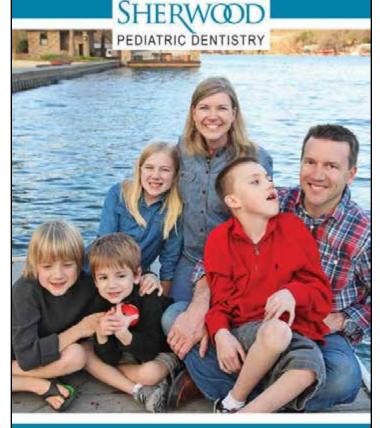
In winter, coots can be founds in large groups or 'rafts' of mixed waterfowl and in groups numbering thousands of erican Coot showing its' individuals. They can consume very large

amounts of aquatic vegetation, but because they live in wetlands, they can accumulate toxins from pollution sources including agricultural runoff, industrial waste, and nuclear facilities. As such, scientists monitor coots as a way of measuring the effect these toxins have on the health of the environment at large.

Send your nature-related questions to naturewatch@austin.rr.com and we'll do our best to answer them. Check out our book, Nature Watch Austin, published by Texas A&M University Press, and our blog at naturewatchaustin.blogspot.com if you enjoy reading these articles!



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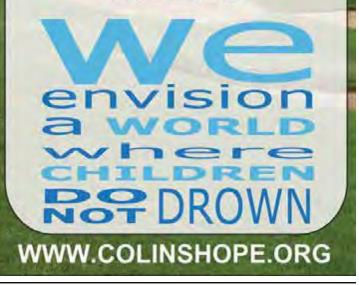


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Spring Forward with GOOD FOOT CARE

Ana Urukalo, DPM ADC. Podiatrist Steiner Ranch



Show your feet some love this spring!

According to estimates from the American Podiatric Medicine Association, the average person will travel 75,000

miles on their feet by the time they reach the age of 50.

Popular shoes like high heels and flip-flops lack good arch support so, it is no wonder many Americans are often complaining of tired, achy feet.

Feet need to last a lifetime, so ADC podiatrist, Ana Urukalo, DPM shares her tips for keeping your feet in tip-top shape this season.

Wear the appropriate shoe for the activity.

You might think this is common sense, but how many people still mow the lawn in flip-flops? Wearing the correct footwear for whatever activity you are doing will limit your risk of injury.

Wear the right size shoe.

Although feet do not actually "grow" past our teenage years (when growth plates close) they do "lengthen and widen" as we age. Dr. Urukalo recommends checking your shoe size at least once a year. Wearing shoes that are too small can cause hammertoes, bunions and ingrown toenails.

Change up your heel height.

If you wear high heels, be sure to alternate between high and low heels daily to limit your risk of injuring your tendons and muscles.

Apply sunscreen to the tops of your feet.

Remember to extend the sunscreen past your ankle and in-between your toes to help limit your skin cancer risk.

Take a nail polish vacation.

Going without polish every few months will keep your nails from becoming brittle or developing a fungus.

Dry your feet thoroughly after bathing.

Make sure your feet are dry, including between your toes, before putting on socks and shoes to decrease your chances of developing athlete's foot fungus.

Retire your running or walking shoes after six months or 500 miles.

The inside and support for your shoes begin to break down after repeated use. Replacing your shoes regularly will reduce the risk of foot and heel pain.

Keeping your feet in tip-top shape will reduce your risk of injury or pain. If you have had a nagging foot pain that hasn't gotten better with rest or home remedies, make an appointment with a podiatrist, your feet will thank you.

Dr. Urukalo is a board-certified, podiatrist practicing at ADC's Steiner Ranch Clinic where she is also an active resident in the Steiner Ranch and Lake Travis area. She joined ADC in 1999.



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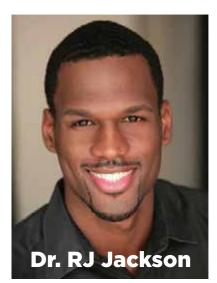
Braces at 7-Years-Old, Is That Too Young?

For years, orthodontics have been a "reactive" profession. Parents would slowly watch their child's teeth go from bad to worse while waiting for the baby teeth to fall out, then finally visit an orthodontist for a set of braces. Today, orthodontics has evolved into a "prevention focused" profession. Longterm research studies have proven that preventing a problem from occurring is better than allowing the problem to occur and then fixing it. The American Association of Orthodontics (AAO) and the American Board of Orthodontics (ABO) both recommend every child have an evaluation no later than age 7. Timing is of the essence, because the ability to correct certain problems greatly diminishes as the child develops over time.

Early detection and correction can also prevent future extractions, improve self-esteem, decrease the overall cost of orthodontic treatment, and decrease the chances of dental complications later on. Another benefit of early correction includes improved stability which decreases the likelihood of teeth shifting back to the original, improper position later in life.

Although there are many benefits to treatment at an early age, it is not recommended for every child. Children treated unnecessarily can negatively impact their dental health, and increase the total overall expenses for parents. This is one reason it is imperative for parents to choose a board-certified orthodontist for treatment. A board certified orthodontist has demonstrated competence and is held accountable for their work by the American Board of Orthodontics. Only 1 out of 3 orthodontists are board-certified, so do not make the mistake of assuming an orthodontist holds this recognition. Your board-certified orthodontist will inform you if the time is right for orthodontic treatment.

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Problems to Watch for in Growing Children

Malocclusions ("bad bites") like those illustrated below, may benefit from early diagnosis and referral to an orthodontic specialist for a full evaluation.



Crossbite of Front Teeth

Top teeth are behind bottom teeth



Crossbite of Back Teeth

Top teeth are to the inside of bottom teeth



Crowding



Open Bite

Front teeth do not meet when back teeth are closed



Protrusion



Deep Bite



Underbite

The lower teeth sit in front of upper teeth when back teeth are closed



Spacing



Oral Habits Sucking on thumb, fingers

In addition, if you notice any of the following in your child, check with your orthodontist:

- early or late loss of baby teeth
- difficulty in chewing or biting
- mouth breathing
- jaws that shift or make sounds

- speech difficulties
- biting the cheek or the roof of the mouth
- facial imbalance
- grinding or clenching of the teeth

Final treatment decisions should be made among the parent, child's dentist and orthodontist.

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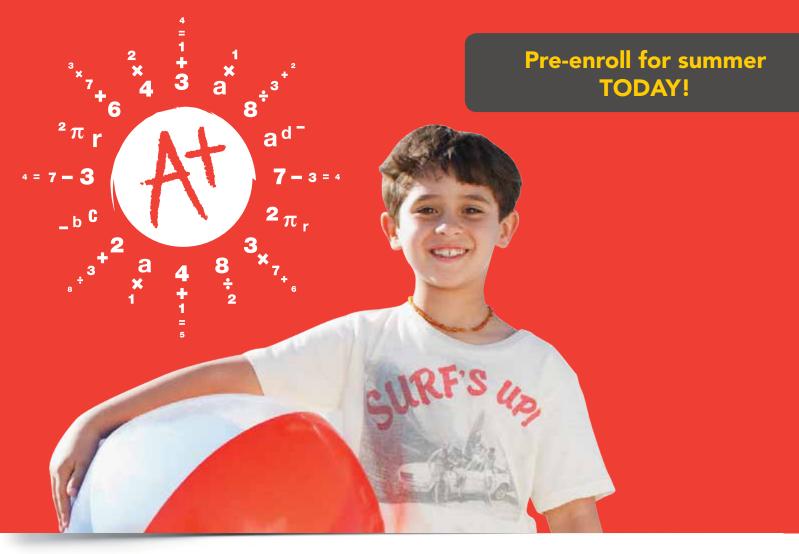
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