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Pinnacle Award for Excellence

Kids 'R' Kids of Fall Creek, a childcare facility in Humble Texas, received the Pinnacle Award for Excellence for 2007 from the Better Business Bureau on Wednesday May 2nd. Kids 'R' Kids of Fall Creek is the first childcare facility in Houston to receive this award.

The BBB Pinnacle Award for Excellence is given to the top member business in their category. The criteria for the award are: businesses that maintain a superior commitment to ethics, overall excellence, and quality in the workplace. Customer service and satisfaction is the primary basis for determining the recipients of this award. The Pinnacle award is awarded to the business that has proven to go above and beyond with customer satisfaction, ethics, quality and overall excellence.

Kids 'R' Kids of Fall Creek is a two-story state-of-the-art childcare facility, which prides itself on providing the best care and education for young children. Kids 'R' Kids cares for children ages six weeks through twelve years, offering a nationally recognized curriculum. It also offers internet camera access, four outdoor play areas, classroom computers, a library, a water park – (no standing water) and much more.

At Kids 'R' Kids of Fall Creek, the teachers are professional, experienced and trained in early childhood development. Many of the teachers have Child Development Associates in either infant and toddler care or preschool care.

As owner of Kids 'R' Kids of Fall Creek, Jim Cate believes first and foremost that children should always be "Hugged First ~ Then Taught". Learning should be a happy and rewarding experience for children!

Kids 'R' Kids of Fall Creek's foundation is built upon partnerships between parents and teachers. This mutual relationship offers a strong educational foundation and optimal care for every child. Jim believes in being supportive of the parents, and welcomes their positive involvement and presence at Kids 'R' Kids at all times. This is why Jim has put in place an "open door" policy, parents are welcome to visit the school at any time.

Although Kids 'R' Kids of Fall Creek has built a reputation for providing excellence in care and customer service. Being recognized with the BBB Pinnacle Award for Excellence has great meaning to Jim, the management of the school, and to all the teachers who have made their career in the early childhood field.

Summer Camps at Cypress Christian School

Cypress Christian School will once again host summer camps for children and adults in the community.

Camp Invention - June 4 - 8: This is a week-long summer enrichment program in the fields of science, mathematics, history, and the arts for children entering grades 1 - 6.

Computer Explorers Summer Camp - June 11 - 15: During this week-long summer camp, elementary students will discover how to become Master Builders with hands-on exploration of engineering, construction, and programming.

High Touch - High Tech Science Camp - June 18- 22: This is a one-week session that brings a child's imagination to life as he/she enjoys a variety of interactive, science-related activities. It will be an inspiring week of fun and learning!

St. Thomas University Summer Reading Enrichment Program - June-August: CCS will host this program again this summer. It is scheduled to run from June to early August and is available to children and adults.

Sports Camps - June-July:

- Volleyball Camps - Most Mondays and Fridays from June 4 through July 30
 - Students of all grade levels are encouraged to attend to improve skill levels and knowledge of the game.
 - All grade levels through grade 8 (2007-2008) - 5:30 to 7:00 pm (Students in grades 6-8 can qualify for the Advanced session upon recommendation by the Coach)
 - Grades 9-12 (2007-2008) - 7:00 - 9:00 pm
- Basketball Camps - The main purpose of the camps is to teach the fundamentals of dribbling, shooting, passing, and defense, while also developing self-confidence and a positive mental attitude.
 - CCS Basketball Camp 1, June 18 - 21, 9 am to 12 pm (Camp 1 is for students entering 2nd- 6th)
 - CCS Basketball Camp 2, June 25 - 28, 9 am to 12 pm (Camp 2 is for students entering 7th-12th)
- Sports Quest Soccer Camp- June 25-29, 5:30pm to 8:30pm

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Health & Safety

Researchers have concluded that Vitamin D offers benefits beyond just strengthening teeth and bones, such as increasing muscle mass and function. People as young as 40 can begin losing muscle strength if they are not getting enough Vitamin D.

Researchers have also found that Vitamin D helps metabolize cholesterol and can help ward off serious diseases such as multiple sclerosis, diabetes, and even cancer.



One of the best ways to get the proper daily amount of Vitamin D is from sunlight – using little or no sunscreen – for short durations so your skin doesn't burn. This seems to contradict warnings from medical experts about the harmful effects of the sun's rays; however, researchers have concluded that people living in cold climates, and those who use the strongest sunscreens can, over time, lower their levels of Vitamin D.

Because it is a fat-soluble vitamin, people on low-fat diets may be at risk for lowering their ability to properly absorb Vitamin D. Eating fish such as cod, snapper, salmon, and tuna, and using olive oil are good ways to ensure you are getting the correct amount of healthful fat for proper absorption.

Helpful Hints

High-definition TVs offer excellent picture quality – notably higher than their analog predecessors because they have a higher resolution. However, there are some differences in the technologies of HD TVs on the market, and you should become familiar with them before you shop:



LCD (Liquid Crystal Display) – These TVs are thin, lightweight, and wall-mountable. However, they are currently only available with screens up to 46 inches and their picture quality is slightly less than that of their plasma counterparts.

Plasma – These offer the best picture quality, offer 180° viewing, or side-viewing ability, and are also thin enough to be hung on the wall. On the down side, plasma TVs are only available with a 42- inch screen or larger.

HD Rear-Projection Microdisplay (cathode-ray tube) – These flat screens provide superb picture quality, are much cheaper than plasma TVs, but are not wall-mountable.

Finally, a note on wall-mounting your TV: be sure to use a reputable television wall-mounting kit, and remember that it is generally a job for at least two people.

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Did You Know?

The smallest plane ever flown is the Bumble Bee Two, designed and built by Robert H. Starr of Arizona. It was 8 feet 10 inches long with a wingspan of 5 feet 6 inches.



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Outdoor Play Is Key To Healthy Child Development

(NAPSA)-In the past, most kids spent the bulk of their play time outdoors, socializing and exercising in backyards, at playgrounds and parks. With technology advances and the ever-growing amount of cable and Internet content, children now are more likely to be found plopped in front a television or computer screen than exploring and interacting with the natural world. The contemporary child's play environment has changed dramatically and not all the effects are positive.

According to the American Association for the Child's Right to Play, playing outdoors is more than just a joy of childhood. It is essential for both the mental and physical well-being of children-outdoor active play promotes cognitive development, encourages creativity and keeps children moving. In fact, research has shown that children who actively play outdoors during early childhood have a tendency to be smarter, to score higher on tests and to exhibit more creativity.

The good news for parents-the best learning environment for children may be right in the backyard. The backyard provides a great outlet through which children can nurture creativity, develop social and cognitive skills and get physical exercise. It's a natural environment for kids to explore and isn't too far from supervision. Follow these tips to design a kid-friendly, playful yard.

Sun vs. Shade: Where does your yard receive the most sun? Play areas should be positioned where shade is available during the hottest

times of day.

Specialized Play Areas: Outdoor playcenters-complete with slides, swings, climbing walls and sandboxes-are great additions to keep kids on the go. Do your research and choose equipment that is safe, easy to assemble and built to last. For something that keeps the kids active but also won't be an eyesore, you can check out Hufffy's new Playcenters at www.hufffyplaycenters.com.

Gardens: Keep delicate, toxic and thorny plants away from play areas. Instead, incorporate into your yard flowers that are bright (zinnias), fragrant (lavender) and tactile (lamb's ears) so that kids can explore their unique colors, smells and unusual textures. Let older children help you pick out flowers to plant.

Water: Keep in mind that children should never be left unattended around fountains, water features, pools or spas. Drowning can occur in as little as one inch of water.

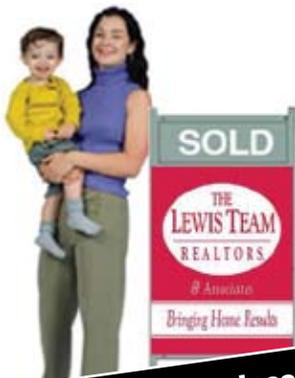
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Garage Doors Certainly are “Beasts of Burden”

Submitted by Bill Cook

One of the most ignored and overlooked maintenance components of your home is your garage door and opener. These “beasts of burden” are frequently ignored, neglected and taken for granted...that is until they stop working.

An average two-car garage door has nearly forty moving parts and weighs approximately 300 pounds. When in the up position, the door is usually 8 feet above the floor with your second most expensive investment parked directly underneath. Last year approximately 20,000 garage door related injuries were treated in America’s emergency rooms.

Given these facts, proper maintenance and repair should be a higher priority on our never-ending “to do lists”.

Basic routine maintenance should be performed every six months to maximize performance and extend the life of the moving parts of your garage door(s). While repairs should be left to the professionals, the following activities should be completed every six months:

Door:

1. Lubricate hinge joints with a silicone-based lubricant. Be careful in selecting a product as many common spray lubricants are alcohol-based and can actually dry out moving parts.
2. Do not lubricate track and rollers. This common misconception only serves to attract dust particles and cause further wear. While it does appear to be a short-term fix, over that short time, problems will become worse.
3. Release the door from the opener by

disengaging the trolley (pull the red string down). * Raise the door to the halfway point. A properly balanced door should remain in that position. If the door falls or rises on its own this is a symptom of spring failure. Improperly balanced garage doors can cause opener and/or door damage. * Raise and lower the door manually. The door should require no more than ten pounds of force to raise. This is the maximum weight residential openers are designed to raise. Clacking, screeching or popping sounds also indicate moving parts failure. *Please Do Not attempt any repairs as certain garage door components can cause serious injury!

Opener:

1. Chain and belt drive openers should have a light coating of silicone-based lubricant sprayed on the boom (bar from the motor unit to the door) twice per year.
2. If the system has safety eye sensors (located at the bottom of the door tracks), make sure these are properly aligned and free of dust and debris. An obstruction could stop the opener from closing the door.

POWER SURGES to your home can severely damage the electronics of electric door openers. Should your opener operate erratically, DO NOT attempt to continue using it as it may damage your garage door.

It is always wiser to error on the side caution concerning this large, heavy moving wall in your home.

The Pearl Days Bus Trip to the Museum of Fine Arts Houston

The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts-Cypress Creek is offering northwest residents a bus excursion to the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston on Friday, June 29, 2007.

The MFAH is currently showcasing several exhibits including: The Great Wall of China: Photographs by Chen Changfen, Arms and Armor from the Ancient World and Fit for a King: English Silver from the Collection of Geroge S. Heyer, Jr.

Participants will have the opportunity to attend a private docent-conducted tour of the exhibition at 10:30 a.m. as well as the noon Lunchtime Tour of Highlights of the European Galleries.

The bus leaves the parking lot behind the Cypress Creek Christian Church/Barbara Bush Library at 6815 Cypresswood Drive promptly at 9:00 a.m. Participants must be 50 years of age or older to ride the bus. If you are under the age of 50, we encourage you to carpool and meet the bus at MFAH. The Pearl Days Bus Trip is sponsored by the Volunteer organization for The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts-Cypress Creek. A \$5.00 non-refundable donation to The Pearl Fincher MFA will reserve your seat.

It’s your museum! The renovation process of turning what once was the Harris County Library into a world class museum of fine arts is underway. Don’t miss your chance to become a part of this exciting time. Participating in Pearl Days is one way you can show your support of our new museum. Don’t miss the bus! Reserve your seat today by calling Laura Barousse at 281-370-5474 or Judi Redilla at 281-469-3434.

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Texas Events - June

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1-2—HOUSTON: Summer 2007 Houston Postcard & Paper Show Hours are noon to 7 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Arabia Shrine Center. www.houstonshow.com 281/565-0771

1-3—HOUSTON: Animal Magnetism Includes performances of Clear, Svadebka and Carnival of the Animals. Wortham Theater Center. www.houstonballet.org 713/227-2787

1-17—HOUSTON: Spamalot Based on the classic film comedy Monty Python and the Holy Grail. Hobby Center for the Performing Arts. www.tuts.com 713/558-TUTS or 888/558-3882

2—HOUSTON: The Big Squeeze Texas Folklife Resources first-ever concert for the next generation of Texas accordion royalty culminates with the 18th annual Accordion Kings & Queens concert at the Miller Outdoor Theatre. www.texasfolklife.org 512/441-9255

7, 9-10, 15-17—HOUSTON: Coppelia Wortham Theater Center. www.houstonballet.org 713/227-2787

8—HOUSTON: Summer Dance with Houston Met Offers high-energy dance ranging from jazz and modern to tap and hip hop.

Begins at 8 p.m. Miller Outdoor Theatre, Hermann Park. www.milleroutdoortheatre.com 281/373-3386

9—HOUSTON: Anything That Floats Parade & Family Day on Buffalo Bayou Buffalo Bayou becomes an exhibition space for unique sculpture and artistry displayed in this water parade. www.buffalobayou.org 713/752-0314

9—HOUSTON: Second Saturday of the Month Boat Cruise along Buffalo Bayou No reservations. www.buffalobayou.org 713/752-0314 ext. 3

9—HOUSTON: The Kings & Queens of Spoken Word Offers an evening of poetry, storytelling, music, hip-hop and more. Miller Outdoor Theatre, Hermann Park. www.milleroutdoortheatre.com 281/373-3386

10—HOUSTON: Fourth Annual Classy Chassis Vintage Auto Show Showcases more than 100 vintage American and European icons, rare and exotic hand built sports cars, hot rods and full-out racing machines. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Reliant Stadium. www.classychassis.org 713/838-9050

11, 25—HOUSTON: Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Artists younger than age 18 give a 45-minute program of classical music. Miller Outdoor Theatre, Hermann Park. www.milleroutdoortheatre.com 281/373-3386

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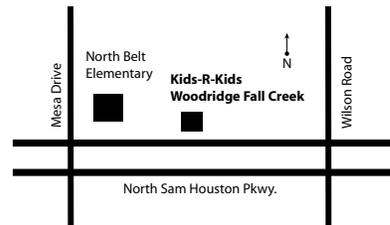
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19—HOUSTON: Juneteenth Celebration Includes blues, gospel and jazz performers, plus smaller events. Miller Outdoor Theatre. www.milleroutdoortheatre.com 281/373-3386

21—HOUSTON: African Tales & Rhythms Miller Outdoor Theatre, Hermann Park. www.milleroutdoortheatre.com 281/373-3386

23—HOUSTON: Houston Pride Parade GLBT parade blends light, color and sound with beautiful floats, costumes and performances. www.pridehouston.org 713/529-6979

23-24—HOUSTON: ClayHouston Festival Artists demonstrate and discuss their individual approaches and techniques for creating ceramic art. Includes a table where children make objects. Houston Center for Contemporary Craft. www.clayhouston.com 713/263-1919

26-Jul. 8—HOUSTON: Sweet Charity E-mail: tuts@tuts.com • www.tuts.com 713/558-TUTS or 888/558-3882

28—HOUSTON: Street Beat Begins at 8 p.m. Miller Outdoor Theatre. www.milleroutdoortheatre.com 281/373-3386

30—HOUSTON: Movies & Music of the Motherland Features pieces from southern, eastern and western African traditions. Miller Outdoor Theatre, Hermann Park. www.milleroutdoortheatre.com 281/373-3386

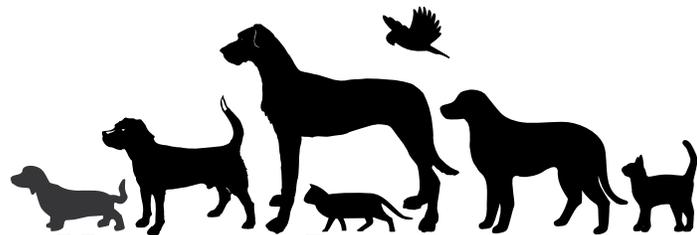
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Sudoku

The challenge is to fill every row across, every column down, and every 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9. Each 1 through 9 digit must appear only once in each row across, each column down, and each 3x3 box.

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\$300,000+	4	3	0	1	3	5
\$250 - 299,999	-	2	1	1	4	3
\$200 - 249,999	5	5	2	4	4	11
\$170 - 199,999	6	7	1	2	11	7
Under \$170,000	-	3	0	1	3	4
TOTAL	11	15	4	9	25	30
Avg \$/Sq Ft	83.25	88.27	75.52	73.78	78.67	80.28
Avg Days on Mkt	75	113	115	149	85	126

Summerwood Resident



Shalene Fox
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