

RANCH RECORD

*News For The Residents of
Blackhorse Ranch*

Cy-Ridge Juniors !!! After Prom Update – RAP '09

RAP '09 met at Pizza Factory at Little York and Eldridge in February and March. We discussed the plans for giving out RAP bucks. The talk centered around how many RAP Bucks would be given for each event, activity or fundraiser and how to give out the RAP bucks at the After Prom Party. We now have a table that lists the points to be given and our record keeper will make sure all points are recorded for each student.

Some parents in the group have been involved since day one of our kid's freshman year. Others joined in later years. But, the sad fact is that we have about a dozen volunteers right now. These few people will raise the money so that all of our kids can have fun, win great prizes and take home some awesome free stuff!! That event will cost a bunch of money!!! And it will depend on corporate donations and student and parent involvement. Please think about participating.

Class of 2009 has set the date for the Prom. Of course, the After Prom Party will be that evening. We have 1 year to pull everything together. Please visit us online to see where we can use your talents to help out. If you, your child or your spouse can help with any of these ideas, please send one of us an email or give us a call. If you can help one time, ten times, every month or every week, we would like to meet you.

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Check the web for:

END-OF-THE-YEAR
POOL PARTY info.....



Cypress Christian School Chamber Choir wins Gold!

Congratulations to the members of Cypress Christian School Chamber Choir for an excellent performance at the San Antonio Heritage Music Festival. Each choir was rated on a point scale from 0-100. All three adjudicators gave the CCS Chamber Choir scores in the 90s! This qualified the students for a Gold Award. In addition to the scoring, the students received an on-stage clinic with an adjudicator, Dr. Brumley (Director of Shreveport Singers), where he shared valuable choral insight. The CCS Choir was also invited to attend the National Festival of Gold in 2009!



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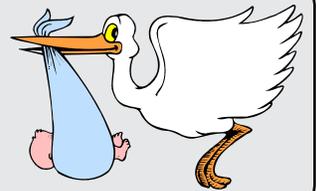
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Lone Star College-CyFair Perspective

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Hooray for Hollywood Evening set May 13- Enjoy a musical Hollywood evening at Lone Star College-CyFair as the Jubilee Banjo Band and the All-Stars of Houston, under the direction of Buddy Griffin, help audiences celebrate the greatest music from classic Hollywood films. This group has performed at the Opera House in Galveston every summer for 20 years. The Academy for Lifelong Learning (A.L.L.) at LSC-CyFair hosts this red carpet night with stars from the Silver Screen. For information on this event, call 281-345-9258. For information on the A.L.L. program, call 281-290-5991.

L.I.F.E. Lessons in May - The Learning, Inspiration, Fellowship and Enrichment (L.I.F.E.) programs are free and held Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Lone Star College-CyFair Branch Library (Room 131.) In May, programs feature insight into sonography May 7, songs of feathered friends May 14, tracing genetic lineage May 21 and secrets of curry May 28. Call the library at 281-290-3213 for L.I.F.E. program information or go online to CyFair.LoneStar.edu/library.

Teens Driver’s Education Available this Summer - Summer driver’s education courses for teens ages 15 to 17 are available at 4 p.m. and again at 6 p.m. Monday through Thursdays June 2 through June 26 and July 7 through July 31. The in-classroom driver’s education course covers road rules, road signs, and laws to prepare the teens for the Department of Public Safety’s written exam. Other topics are car maintenance, effects of drugs and alcohol, laws and penalties for drinking and driving, emergency situations, basic driving procedures, road rage, and insurance. Parents are responsible for the in-car instruction. Students are required to purchase the Texas Traffic Safety Education Student Manual, which is available at the campus bookstore. Call 832-482-1043 for information.

Library Offers Something for Everyone this Summer - The Harris County Public Library Lone Star College-CyFair Branch offers Summer Reading Program for children and adults. The library also offers free computer workshops, including new Undercover Librarian workshop. Topics range from basic computer functions to introductions to the Internet and various software programs. A variety of monthly book clubs are available including mystery, women of the world and sports page. There are plenty of youth programs with activities and book clubs for teens and storytime for younger children. Go online to CyFair.LoneStar.edu/library for information.

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While many of the children come to the Home needing "catch up" in school, there are volunteers in the community who tutor them in the evenings in reading and math to help them build their skills. Because of the extra attention they receive, 60 youth who have graduated from high school while at Boys and Girls Country are now supported by the Home in their College and Career Program. Says Shirley Wright, Executive Director, "the overall goal of the Home is to ensure that our youth become successful adults and contributing members of society, and we have been blessed to see this accomplished."

Since Boys and Girls Country does not apply for state or federal grants or United Way funding, the Home must raise over \$4 million annually. This is accomplished from individual and corporate donations, special events, and foundation funding.

One of the significant special events held each year is the Spring Festival which will be held at Boys and Girls Country on Roberts Road on Saturday, May 3rd, from 10:00 – 5:00. This is a fun event for all ages of children and adults, and admission is free.

There will be games such as the Bugs Life Obstacle Course, the Amazon Extreme Obstacle Course, and even a hay ride on the ranch. For food there will be a Texas style barbecue along with all kinds of desserts, popcorn, funnel cakes, and ice cream. And then for adults, there will be a great auction where you can bid on a trip to Jamaica, to Montana, or a hunting trip to a ranch near Fredericksburg. People attending Spring Festival will also have the opportunity to visit a cottage and see where the children live.

The goal for Spring Festival is to raise \$400,000 to support the daily needs of the children.

Boys and Girls Country encourages all members of our community to get to know this tremendous resource for families in crisis. Without this Home and the support of our community, the needs of many children in the Houston area would go unmet.

May Landscaping

By Ron Kerwin

May is a great month to get full usage of our outdoor areas. The morning temps are nice and it has not yet become really hot in the afternoons. Continue to freely plant shrubs, trees, flowers and vegetables. Remember to put down a minimum of 2 inches of new mulch in all your beds. A good layer of mulch keeps the plant roots cooler, helps with weed control, and helps slow the water you apply from evaporating from the root zone.

Water your lawns less frequently and more deeply. Frequent short duration watering leads to shallow root systems. Less frequent longer duration watering leads to deeper root systems. Deeper root systems are more healthy and better for your lawns. They will hold up better in the extreme heat. Our lawns need one inch of water per week. Put out a container with straight sides and catch the water as you irrigate, you can easily measure the result. Two watering times at 1/2 inch each are better than 4 times at 1/4 inch, the water penetrates further and this will force the roots

down to find it. Regular mowing is critical for good lawn health. Mow only the top 1/3 of the total length. Letting the grass grow long and then cutting off more than the 1/3 is damaging to the grass, and makes the mulching process less efficient and less attractive.

There is a new soil disease coming into our area that I was made aware of late last year. It reveals itself in St Augustine grasses. It is not cinch bugs, it is not grubs although it does resemble their grass damages. The grass blades die and fall off the runners. The runners remain in place, but somewhat resemble a cobweb. It is NOT a grass disease, it IS a soil disease. The big chemical companies do have chemicals to treat it. This is a Gulf Coast epidemic that is moving North. Homeowners with no foot traffic and do their own yard work still get it. Its origins are a guess at this point. I am trying to be pro-active and let you know your turf may get the problem & to watch out for it.

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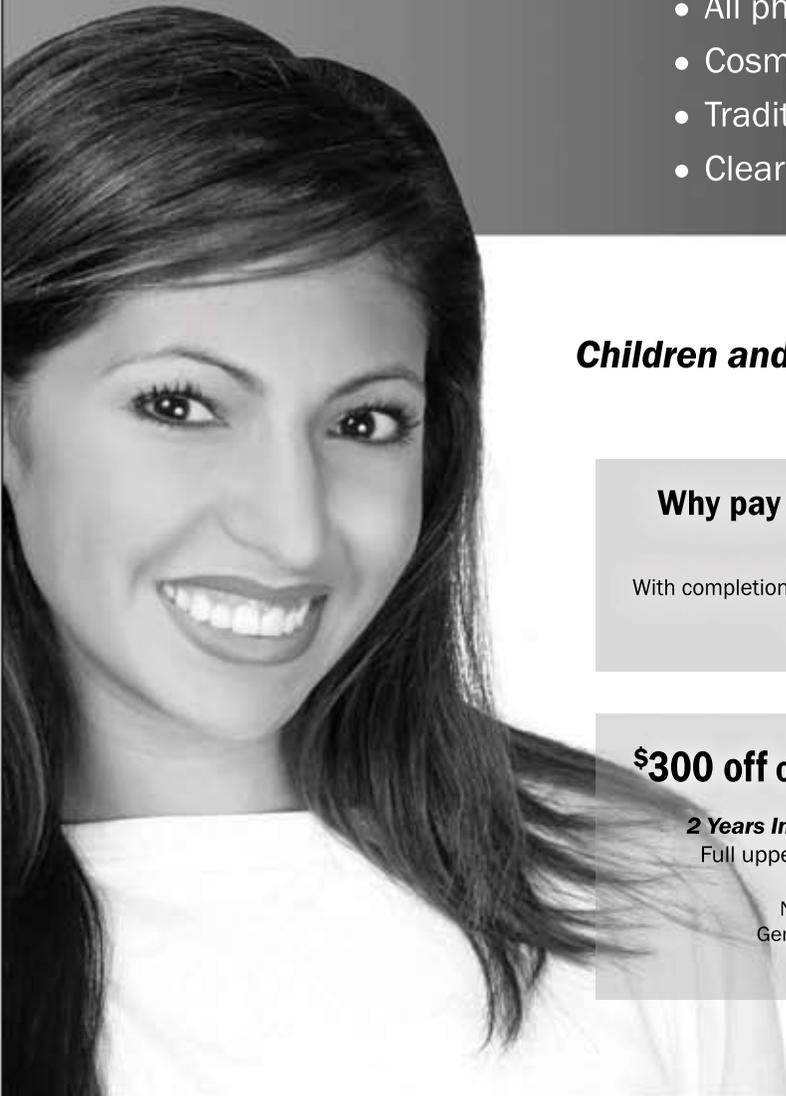
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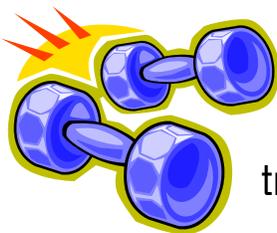
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What You Really Need to Know about Braces

One of the most common questions is: what is the best age to get braces? The American Association of Orthodontics (AAO) recommends that children begin seeing an orthodontist by the age of seven, to address any problems that could benefit from early orthodontic treatment. However, parents often believe that they must wait until all of the baby teeth have been lost. In some cases, the permanent teeth cannot erupt properly; there are no permanent teeth under the baby teeth; or there are bite issues that should be addressed before all the adult teeth come in.

Another misconception with many adults is that they are too old for braces. Over the past 10 years, there has been a dramatic increase in adults undergoing some form of orthodontic treatment (braces, Invisalign, and retainers, to name a few). The idea that losing teeth is part of the aging process is no longer accurate. In fact, getting permanent teeth pulled creates more dental problems over time-- and can compromise the surrounding teeth, gums, and TMJ.

One of the biggest changes in orthodontics is that, in many cases, patients no longer need to have extractions done in order to straighten their teeth. Due to advances in technology of braces, patients with very crowded teeth can still get a beautiful smile, without extractions, in less treatment time than before. In addition, the use of expanders, headgears, and other uncomfortable appliances can be avoided in some cases.

The AAO has an excellent website which addresses many general questions, and provides unbiased information about orthodontics. You can also locate experienced orthodontists in your area. The website is: www.braces.org. A new smile is just around the corner!



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Pantry: On a pantry door, place a clear shoe organizer. It can be a useful place to store gravy/soup/sauce mixes, flavored rice and pasta packs, dry marinades and sauces, Jell-O, extra utensils, spices, or other small items. Shoeboxes are also great to use as inexpensive organizers for small pantry items.

Refrigerator: Before grocery shopping, examine your fridge. Discard any stale food & clean shelves with a damp cloth. Upon return, the new groceries can go right in.

Freezer/Fridge: For food in the freezer/refrigerator, rotate the oldest to the front and newest in back. Use adhesive labels to date items in storage containers.

Laundry: Before putting small articles of clothing into the washing machine, get a few inexpensive mesh bags (used for hosiery) and separate each

family member's socks, undergarments, and other small items into them. When washing is complete, these bags can be tossed into the dryer and dropped in everyone's room to put away.

Cleaning Supplies: Use a caddy with a handle to carry around cleaning products (sprays, rags, wipes, sponges) from room to room with ease. Also, items stay in one place and are quick to locate when needed.

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Games: Use Ziploc bags to store small game pieces, and then put those bags back in their correct boxes.

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Messina Hof Winery Announces the 31st Anniversary Annual Harvest Celebration

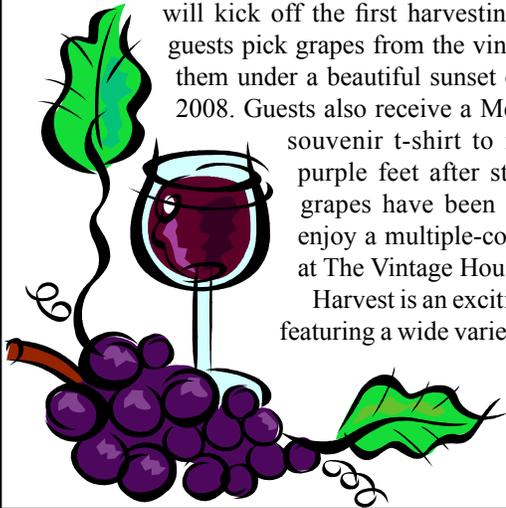
Messina Hof, the fastest growing award-winning winery and resort in Texas, is celebrating their Harvest from July 18 to August 17, 2008, announced Paul and Merrill Bonarrigo, co-founders of Messina Hof Winery & Resort in Bryan, Texas.

Harvest is a time when guests can experience the century-old tradition of making wine by picking and stomping of the grapes. Wine lovers, including special guests and local celebrities, will roll up their sleeves and pants and partake in the first phase of wine making with the Messina Hof Family. After guests hand-pick the grapes straight from the vine, the fun of squashing begins. Not only will they get their feet wet, they will be rewarded for their hard work with a Harvest Cuisine prepared by Award winning culinary team of The Vintage House restaurant.

"Harvest is our favorite time of year here at Messina Hof Winery," said Paul Bonarrigo. "It gives us a chance to share our love of making award-winning wine with people who not only love wine, but love having a good time!"

The second annual Moonlit Harvest will be an enchanted evening not to be forgotten. The romantic evening will kick off the first harvesting of the grapes as guests pick grapes from the vineyards, then stomp them under a beautiful sunset on Friday, July 18, 2008. Guests also receive a Messina Hof Harvest souvenir t-shirt to imprint with their purple feet after stomping. After the grapes have been crushed, they will enjoy a multiple-course special dinner at The Vintage House Restaurant.

Harvest is an exciting five-week event featuring a wide variety of food and wine events including



the Moonlit Harvest, Harvest, Harvest Murder Mystery Dinners, and the Harvest Vintner's Dinner each weekend.

Harvest events in chronological order:

Moonlit Harvest

Friday, July 18, 2008

The second annual "Moonlit Harvest" includes picking and stomping the grapes, a souvenir t-shirt, and a Vineyard Cuisine dinner at The Vintage House.

Harvest

Saturday, July 19, 2008 – Sunday, August 17, 2008

(Saturday and Sunday only)

Murder Mystery Dinners

Saturday, July 21, 2008 – Saturday, August 18, 2008

(All Murder Mystery Dinners begin at 6:30 PM)

Mystery Dinner theme's are as follows:

July 19 - "Pirate Murder Mystery"

July 26 - "Celebrity Celebrations"

August 2 - "Storm Survivors"

August 9 - "Case of the Missing Matchmaker"

August 15 - "Murder on the Mound"

Harvest Vintner's Dinners

Friday, July 25, 2008 – Saturday, August 16, 2008

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Aisha, Lee, Layiron and Ayisha are waiting for their Forever Family!



Aisha and Ayisha DOB: February 1997
Lee DOB: May 2003
Layiron DOB: November 2004

Aisha and Ayisha are adorable twins. Aisha is more outgoing than her sister and enjoys being outside. She enjoys cooking (loves making guacamole), cheerleading and playing soccer. Ayisha loves to read and would much rather spend her time reading than anything else. Ayisha also enjoys being outdoors, playing soccer and shopping. Both Ayisha and Aisha are in the 5th grade and LOVE Mexican food. Lee is a sweet little boy who enjoys school and playing with his siblings. Layiron is an energetic male who loves to sing and enjoys hugs. These children were removed from their biological family due to abuse and neglect and are hoping to find a family that will adopt all 4 of them.

For more information about becoming a foster or adoptive parent, please contact Tracy Eilers at tracyeilers@adopttexas.org. For information about Aisha, Lee, Layiron and Ayisha, please contact Vanessa Coppola, Adoption Coalition of Texas/ Wendy's Wonderful Kids Recruiters at vcoppola@adoptioncoalitiontx.org or 512-687-3209.



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Diet and Your Health

By Jeannette Quickenden S.A.C. Dip, MIGHT, AADP

Welcome to our new feature 'what you eat and your health' our aim is to help you help you.

The old saying "we are what we eat" is so true. Everything we consume is digested and absorbed into our bloodstream to 'fuel' our bodies. At the same time, without realizing it, we are feeding ourselves large quantities of chemical additives and preservatives, which can cause numerous health issues.

A large number of the things on your grocery list contain food additives that are intentionally added to modify visual appearance, taste, texture, processing, or the storage life of food. Not all of us can tolerate these additives. A reaction for some can lead to major health issues.

We all know that eating too much junk food is bad for the waistline but did you know that there are also numbers of 'good' foods that can have an adverse effect on some individuals?

Forexample do you or a family member suffer with any of the following?

- headaches
- indigestion
- depression
- candida
- difficulty sleeping
- poor memory
- constipation
- poor digestion
- menstrual problems
- irritability
- fatigue

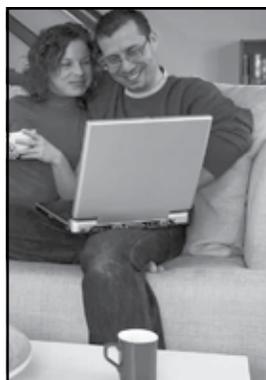
And these are to name just a few ailments which can be diet related.

Finding the right dietary combination has also been known to help those suffering from autism, heart disease, diabetes, osteoporosis and certain cancers – while increasing your energy and stamina. Healthy eating can even lower "bad" LDL cholesterol.

Our first article will hit home to many parents - **A hyperactive nightmare on two legs – does this sound like your child?** We will be looking at possible dietary causes for behavioral problems.

If you have any questions please e-mail us at jeannette@qhealth-naturally.com.

Please note to assist others, individual questions may be used in further features but no personal details will be disclosed.



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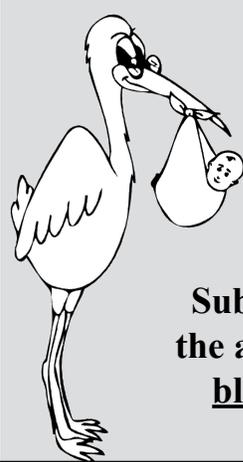
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Texas Events - May

2, 4, 9—HOUSTON: Billy Budd Accusations of mutiny and an accidental death leave a sailor in danger of hanging for murder. Houston Grand Opera. www.houstrongrandopera.org 713/228-6737

9-11—LEAGUE CITY: Lions Club Village Fair & Texas Music Festival Includes a petting zoo, circus acts, carnival rides, craft vendors and festival foods, highlighted by three days of premiere Texas music. Walter Hall Park. www.lcvillagefair.com

10—LA PORTE: Hard Hat Tour Take a guided tour and see areas rarely seen by the public. Reservations required. Battleship Texas State Historic Site. 281/479-2431

10—PASADENA: Bayou Boil Annual fundraising event includes crayfish boil, silent and live auctions, and demonstrations of turn-of-the-century crafts. Armand Bayou Nature Center. www.abnc.org 281/474-2551

16-17—HUMBLE: Humble Trade Days Find antiques, crafts, collectibles and more. Includes more than 60 booths. Humble Civic Expo Hall. www.humblecc.com 281/446-4140

16-18—PASADENA: 35th Annual Strawberry Festival Features arts & crafts, carnival, barbecue cook-off, beauty pageant, entertainment, children's pavilion, mud volleyball, specialty acts and more. Pasadena Fairgrounds. www.strawberryfest.org 281/991-9500

16-31—BEAUMONT: Promises, Promises Beaumont Community

Players presents this heart-rending musical comedy written by Neil Simon with music by Burt Bacharach. 409/833-4664

16-Jun. 1—HOUSTON: Mr. Marmalade This is a grown-up play about playing grown up in which a precocious 4-year-old enacts a wild vision of adult dysfunction as seen through a child's eyes. www.stagestheatre.com 713/527-0123

17—BEAUMONT: 2008 Boomtown Film & Music Festival Showcases local and national music and film talent while cultivating the appreciation of both. Features panel discussions with industry professionals, as well as Indie movie screenings. 409/466-0007

17—GALVESTON: Family Fishing Clinic All the basics will be taught then practiced with hands-on fishing. Galveston Island State Park. 409/737-1222

17—KEMAH: Bay Day The Galveston Bay Foundation presents interactive exhibits, activities and demonstrations to introduce people to the Galveston Bay System. www.kemahboardwalk.com 281/334-9880

17—LAKE JACKSON: Gordon the Grouper's Birthday Party Kids of all ages are invited to explore coastal mystery boxes and make a fish print. Sea Center Texas. www.tpwd.state.tx.us/seacenter 979/292-0100

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17—ORANGE: Texas Cajun Heritage Festival Enjoy Cajun music all-day, Cajun crafts and more. City Boat Ramp/Recreation Area. www.orangetexas.org 409/883-1011

17—PORT ARTHUR: Cajun Celebration Jefferson County Singles Club. 409/983-5118

17-18—HOUSTON: Seventh Annual Country Roots Music Festival Harken back to the roots of “real” country, with juke box covers and original tunes reminiscent of the honky tonk days of Ray Price, Hank Williams Sr. and Patsy Cline. Hours are noon to 4 p.m. Traders Village www.tradersvillage.com 281/890-5500

18—LA PORTE: 18th Annual Monumental Bug Bash Includes bugs, beetles and other Volkswagen vehicles. San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site. www.bayareavwclub.com 713/398-0183 or 281/479-2431

19—HOUSTON: Contrasting Moods: Shostakovich & Bizet Dmitri Shostakovich’s introspective Cello Concerto is a stark contrast with Georges Bizet’s light and lively Symphony in C Major. Zilkha Hall, Hobby Center for the Performing Arts. 713/315-2525

20—SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Plaza Suite South Padre Island Convention Center. www.elpaseoarts.com 956/772-9097

20-Jun. 1—HOUSTON: The Drowsy Chaperone Hobby Center for the Performing Arts. www.tuts.com 713/558-TUTS or 888/558-3882

22, 24-25, 30-Jun. 1—HOUSTON: Three Classics, Five Tangos Includes a world premiere by James Kudelka, Falling and Five Tangos. Wortham Theater Center. www.houstonballet.org 713/227-2787

24—HARLINGEN: Cemetery Clean Up Hours are 9 to 11 a.m. Harlingen City Cemetery. 956/216-5302

24—PALACIOS: Palacios Market Days 5th and Main Street. www.palacioschamber.com 800/611-4567

24-25—PORT ARTHUR: S.A.L.T. Fishing Rodeo Fishing tournament includes inshore and offshore and a children’s category. Pleasure Island. E-mail: jthompson14@qt.rr.com 409/718-8787

24-25—ROCKPORT: Festival of Wines Offers wine tasting, entertainment, cooking demonstrations and more. Hours from 4 to 10 p.m. Texas Maritime Museum Grounds. E-mail: klrld@pelicancoast.net 361/729-1271 or 361/729-5460

24-26—HOUSTON: Heroes for H.O.P.E. Music & Arts Festival Includes 18-plus live bands/musicians, more than 250 artisans and vendors, games, rides and more. Eleanor Tinsley Park. www.heroesforhope.com 281/768-6007

30-31—BAYTOWN: Little Old Ladies in Tennis Shoes Baytown Little Theater. 281/424-7617

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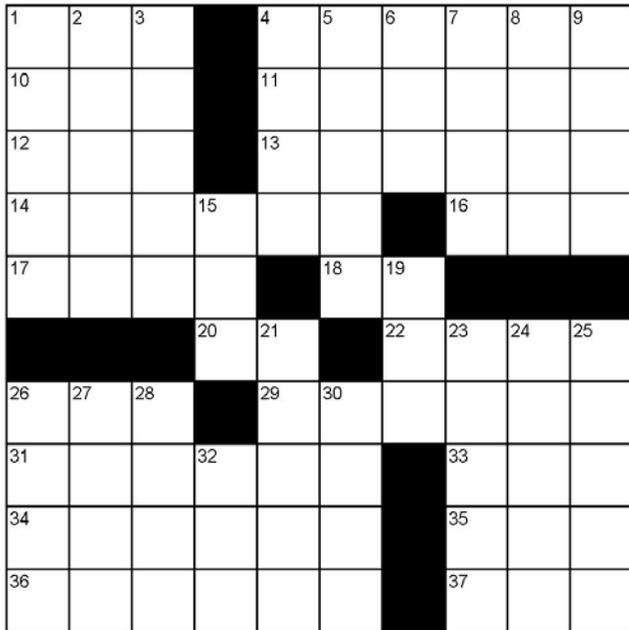
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1. Abdominal muscles (abbr.)
4. Appalled
10. Cut grass
11. Sharpshooter
12. Bard's before
13. Salt addition
14. Balm
16. Snacked
17. Shaft
18. Former spouse
20. Silver (abbr.)
22. Small particle
26. Viper
29. Lifted
31. At the same time
33. Wing
34. Intolerant person
35. Cask
36. Tennis player Andre
37. Cutting tool

DOWN

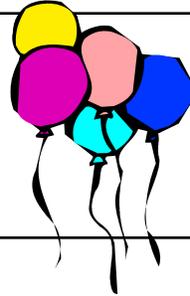
1. Very tiny animal
2. Soap
3. Dandy
4. East
5. Dwarf
6. Lurked
7. Capital of Western Samoa
8. Mailed
9. Beech
15. Ocean
19. Dozen
21. Yucky
23. City
24. Type of communication
25. Expression
26. Nimbus
27. Obstacle
28. .16 of an inch
30. Negative (prefix)
32. Sister for short

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\$351,000--\$450,000	2	1	3	1	1	2	1			1
\$276,000--\$350,000								1		3
\$231,000--\$275,000	1	1	1				2			0
\$201,000--\$230,000	1	1	1				1			1
\$200,000 and below	1	1	1	2	2					0
Total	5	4	6	3	3	3	4	1	-	5
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