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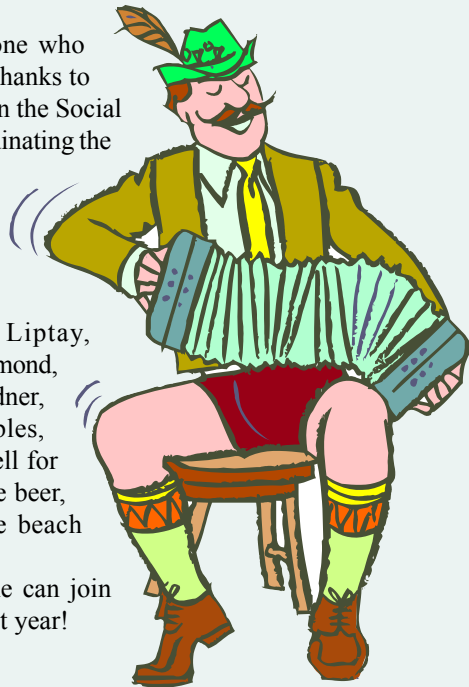
OKTOBERFEST FUN

On October 17th the Lakes on Eldridge Social Committee hosted the first ever Oktoberfest. Over 100 residents came out to sample beers from Houston's local brewery, Saint Arnold. The event was a huge success and everyone had a really great time. Quoting one resident, "Good job on the great Oktoberfest! It was a lot of fun." Another of our neighbors said, "It was a great night to get a sitter and enjoy time with other neighbors. We had a great time."

Lennie Ambrose, a representative from the brewery, was on hand to explain each beer and tell us a little about the brewery. Each resident attending got to take home a souvenir tasting glass. It was fun for everyone to sample beers they might not ordinarily try and sample a little German food. People were even a little surprised about how much they liked different styles of beer! For more information about the brewery or their weekly tours visit their website www.SaintArnold.com

Thanks to everyone who attended. A special thanks to Melissa Hunzeker on the Social Committee for coordinating the event and to Deborah Dunaway, Rosa & Bronson Clay, Anita Manning, Elizabeth Tobin, Friedel & Arthur Liptay, Angela & Cory Hammond, Clive & Nancy Gardner, Kim & Mark Knobles, and Georgia Shotwell for helping set up, serve beer, and/or clean up the beach club.

We hope everyone can join us for this event next year!



MINUTES OF ANNUAL HOMEOWNERS MEETING

The annual meeting of the owners of Lakes on Eldridge Community Association, Inc. was held October 22, 2008 at Kirk Elementary School.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Bronson Clay, President
Deborah Dunaway, Vice President
Carlton Thorpe, Secretary
Cory Hammond, Treasurer
Clive Gardner, Director

IN ATTENDANCE

85 homeowners in person or by proxy
Alex Taylor, Harriet Tunick and Helga Chandler representing the managing agent, Association Management, Inc.

CALL TO ORDER

Due notice of the meeting having been certified and a quorum being present the meeting was called to order. The President, Bronson Clay, presided and the managing agent recorded the minutes.

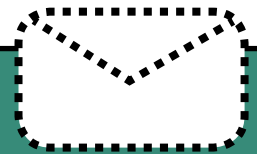
INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Clay introduced the Members of the Board and the staff of the managing agent.

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Minutes- (Continued from page 1)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the 2007 Annual Meeting had previously been approved by the Board as authorized by the membership at the 2006 Annual Meeting. Copies were distributed for the Members' review.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Clay reported on the status of the Association and reviewed the Board's accomplishments during 2008 including:

- New concrete pad for tennis seating area
- New tables, chairs, umbrellas and lounges for pool
- Replaced and upgraded chlorination system for pool
- Installed exhaust system for outdoor bathrooms
- Added three benches to complete seating for green areas
- Replaced missing Hollies
- Added boulders and landscape beds at Tanner entrances
- Painted, repaired arbors along Lake Center Run in Auburn Shores
- Repaired pedestrian bridge over Turkey Creek
- Replaced damaged playground equipment
- MUD 341 improved drainage (backslope and Turkey Creek outfall)
- Updated vehicle decals and continued urging residents to have "LOE sticker" on car for easy resident identification
- Continue to ask residents to update forms to identify regular maintenance staff
- Forms continue to be handed to owners without vehicle decals
- Continue working with ISSC to upgrade professionalism of gate attendants and identify needs
- Ongoing Sheriff's patrol
- Tanner Gates remain closed after midnight
- Upgraded gate remotes
- Established parts inventory for gates
- Added improvements to gatehouse (fan, phone, solar screen and chair)
- Updated maps for visitors (also on website)
- StarTex Power agreement continues at reduced rate of 8.45 cents per kwh through December 2011
- All Association funds invested in government backed securities
- Operated within budget limits
- Increased relevant content in Newsletter
- Maintain gate signs to inform residents of relevant affairs
- "Yard of the Month" continues
- Changed National Night Out venue to the Beach Club
- Continued support of resident clubs and local events
- Updated public website, improved private website

Mr. Clay next reported that the Board's efforts in 2009 would continue to focus on careful attention to maintenance issues within the community. Other priorities for 2009 would include:

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- Staffing of Committees - Volunteers always welcome and necessary to keep costs down.
- Keeping LOE a safe place to live - Continued focus on community awareness and access control. Work to resolve access control issues – both front gate attendants and gate reliability. Vehicle decals and new remotes still available with paid assessment.
- Well maintained grounds & amenities
- Updating of Beach Club - Additional Pool Furniture, Accessories for Beach Club, New Floor Covering, Window treatments, Considering Shade Cover for pool
- Landscape improvements/Cost Savings - Irrigation improvements to save water, Replace certain annuals with perennials, Reduced overseeding with winter rye
- Continued focus on addressing maintenance needs
- A sense of Community - Enhance communications, Master email list, More social events (with your help)
- Continued attention to caring for lakes and wildlife - Many thanks to Betty Burkett and her Wildlife Team
- Keep the pool and surrounding area clean and inviting
- M.U.D. 341 Relations - Thanks to Lee Mueller for attending and reporting on the M.U.D. 341 board meetings and to Bronson Clay and Tom Mohr for joining the M.U.D. 341 Board of Directors.

Mr. Clay also reported that the board was reviewing a number of suggestions for 2009

- Seasonal Decorations Committee (volunteers needed)
- Traffic Control Ideas
- Digital Message Board
- Need volunteers for HOA committees
- Need fresh ideas from you

TREASURER'S REPORT

The managing agent reported that the Association was in solvent financial condition and that 98.2% of the 2008 annual assessment had been collected – a 47% improvement over 2007 collections. The Association is actively pursuing collection of delinquent accounts by means of a collection agency or through litigation. Mr. Taylor reviewed current expenses and compared them to the 2008 budget and showed their affect on the annual assessment. He further reported that the 2009 budget was currently under development by the board and that a modest increase in assessment was expected for 2009. The report was accepted.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The terms of Bronson Clay and Deborah Dunaway were expiring. Mr. Clay was standing for re-election but Ms. Dunaway was not. There being no nominations for the vacancy, Mr. Clay was re-elected by acclamation and the Board was to appoint to the vacancy. The Board presented an award to Ms. Dunaway in appreciation for her service to lakes on Eldridge

GENERAL DISCUSSION

The floor was opened for general discussion. Both the Board and the managing agent responded to questions from the Members. In response to concerns about traffic enforcement, by show of hands the Members present declined installation of speed humps but overwhelmingly approved engaging patrol services at an estimated assessment increase of \$70.00 per household. The board was to take this input under consideration for future action.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.



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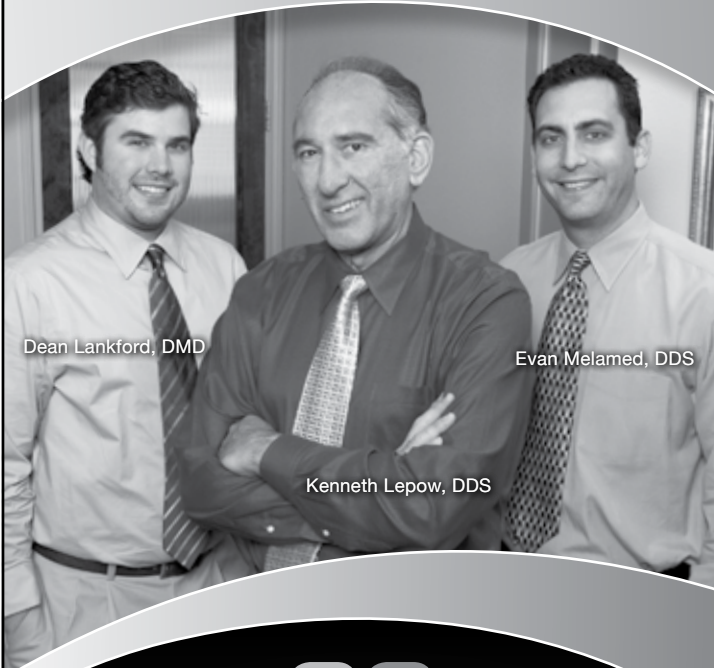
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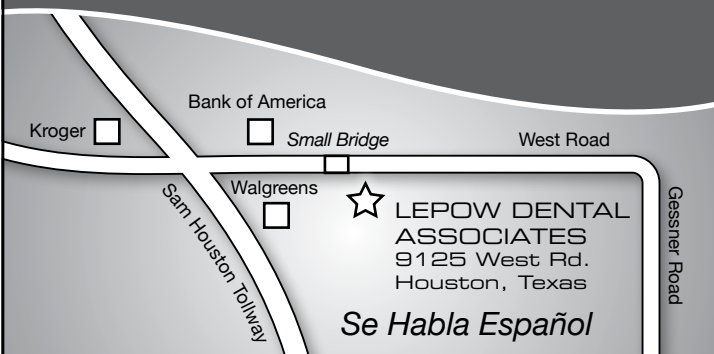
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You Are The Eyes And Ears of LOE Shot Swan Cygnet Released After 7 Weeks

Good news for LOE! Mark, the swan cygnet who was shot has been released after a 7 week recovery period and is proudly swimming and walking normally. He can be seen on Crescent Bay Lake with his sister, Beth. Many thanks to Dr. Mark Peckham and to the Craven family who allowed Mark to stay in their yard for such a long period as well as sharing their garage with him at night.

Young people as well as adults in LOE have tormented and injured our swans and cygnets. In the past 5 years, swans have been hit with rocks and sticks and an attempt to throw firecrackers on their backs has occurred. A pair of men were seen trying to get Randy, the protective and aggressive cob, to attack them. This was a very common sight last spring when the swans nested and their cygnets were hatched. Any kind of cruelty, taunting, or teasing directed at these magnificent birds is a FELONY.

If you hear of a harassing incident, please report it to AMI immediately and call the police. If you carry a camera in your car or purse, take a picture of the offender and turn it in to a board member or call (713) 302 9929. I appreciate so much those of you who have reported many situations such as swans flying off, flying into houses, flying into your pools and your yards. Thank you for caring and making the call to keep these birds safe and protected and for stopping in the middle of the street to help me "herd" a swan back to its lake or lend a hand in clipping their wings when I am able to catch one.

You are the eyes and ears of Lakes on Eldridge and your help is appreciated!

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Social Committee Brown Bag Lunch

All interested residents are invited to join us at 12 pm on the 1st Wednesday of each month in the clubhouse to discuss upcoming social events. Just bring your lunch, drink of your choice and meet some of your fun loving neighbors. For more information contact Deborah Dunaway at 713-983-9651.











Welcome
to our
Newest Neighbors!

We have 3 new families who have moved into Lakes on Eldridge in the last month. If you have not already, please welcomed our newest neighbors – go over and knock on their door to say “Hi” or extend your hand when you see them outside. Everyone likes to feel welcome.

Eagle Bend welcomes **Robert Trees and Karen Parker**

Lakeshore Estates welcomes **Alan and Dale Engberg**

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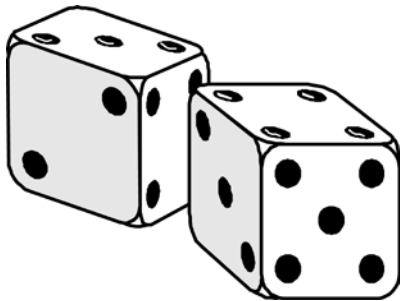
ATTENTION! ATTENTION! BUNCO JUNKIES!

Bunco is Coming to LOE

Starting Thursday, January 1, 2009 we will be playing "Bunco" from 12 noon until 2 pm once a month on the 1st Thursday of each month at the LOE Beach Clubhouse.

We need twelve players each month to have these tables. The first 12 people to sign up will make up our core group. We will need substitutes for those people who will not be able to play each month.

Contact Catherine Spellings at 713-896-1652 or 713-628-7083 or CTSpellings@aol.com for more information.



Stitch & Chat

HELPING YOU GET STARTED

Residents of Lakes on Eldridge that would be interested in learning to knit, crochet, do needlepoint or embroidery, please join us on any Thursday at the Beach Clubhouse from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. We will be happy to help you get started. Some of our members don't even sew; they just drop by for coffee and to chat. Please come join us.

For more information contact Catherine Spellings at 713-896-1652 (home) or 713-628-7083 (cell) or CTSpellings@aol.com or Tina Wang at 713-574-1654 or Yangingwang20022003@yahoo.com



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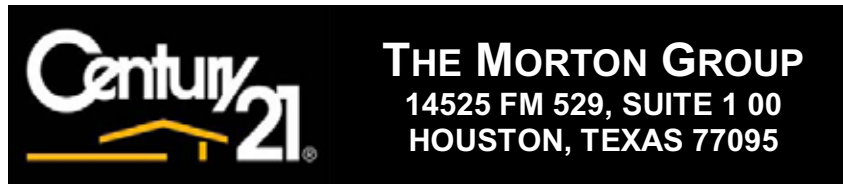
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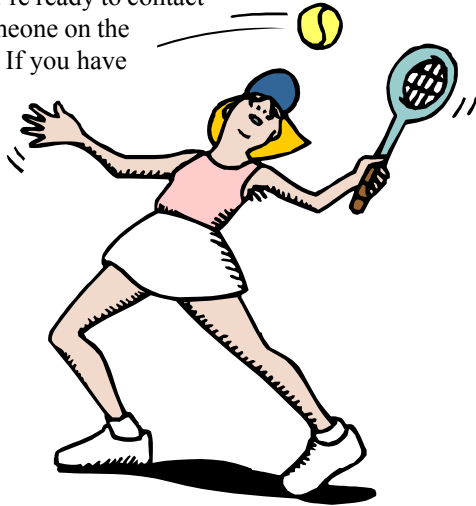
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Tennis Anyone?

If you're interested in neighborhood tennis and missed the sign-up at National Night Out, don't worry. Just visit the new Tennis website created on our LOE website, www.lakesoneldridge.net. You can sign-up giving your name, level, e-mail, phone number, day or night preference, week or weekend preference and singles or doubles preference. Then, you're ready to contact or be contacted by someone on the list to set-up a match. If you have any questions, please call Debbie Durkee at 713-983-6063. Hope to see you on the courts!



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Many of you who have GPS equipped vehicles may have noticed that the system does not always recognize our main gate as being the entrance to Lakes on Eldridge. More often than not, when locating a programmed address, this satellite-based travel aid will direct drivers to the Ginger Ponds gate, which is for residents only. So we end up with a different "GPS" – the GINGER PONDS SHUFFLE! This confusion increases traffic at this point, might cause mechanical gate problems, creates a safety hazard as visitors who cannot enter attempt to turn back to Tanner Road, and could result in unwanted visitors gaining access to our community. While a solution to this problem is being sought, please advise any visitors you have to use the main entrance on Eldridge, and not to rely upon their GPS devices to arrive at your home. Thank you!

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- ACC Corner -

Board Approves New Wood Fence Guidelines

The Architectural Control Committee recently submitted to the Board its recommendation for changes to the standard wood fence design. The recommendations were approved by the Board.

The changes were prompted by the need for some homeowners to replace fences damaged or toppled during Hurricane Ike, and the recommendations of fence builders to install a horizontal running board (or toe board) at the base of the fence. This board serves as a sacrificial barrier to rot that can be periodically replaced instead of replacing entire pickets. A summary of the guidelines follows:

- The overall height of wood fences shall be six feet (no change).
- The pickets shall be cedar (no change).
- The base running board shall be 1x6 cedar.
- Posts, support rails, and trim caps (required on fences adjacent to public areas) shall be treated pine (no change).
- Wood fences must not be stained. Application of a clear preservative sealant is allowed and encouraged (no change).

Lot fencing is covered in Section 4.6 of the Architectural Guidelines. The Guidelines are available for download in the resident section of the website. You may access the resident site through the public site at www.lakesoneldridge.net.

Landscaping Update

This year has been a transition year for LOE landscaping. We have completely modified our irrigation plan to minimize water usage, increase watering effectiveness and reduce waste and cost. One other obvious change is we are no longer planting rye grass. Our St. Augustine grass needs to rest over the winter time in order to grow more effectively during the rest of the year. When we plant rye grass, we strip the soil of any nutrients and the St. Augustine doesn't develop the deep root systems it needs to flourish. That is why we have several "bare" areas. If we want our grass to fill in we must respect the natural cycle of growth. Also without the rye grass to tend weekly, we can use our landscaping resources to do other maintenance items. We are in the process of changing out and adding many plants. Our goal is to move to significantly more perennials than annuals. This will enable us to have color more of the year without the cost of changing out plants on a regular basis.



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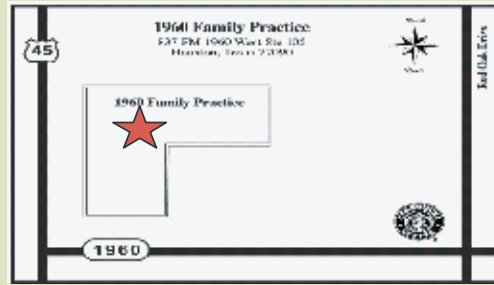
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Get Ready To Hit The Slopes

You don't have to wait for the snow to start falling to get ready for ski season. Start your training now and you'll be sailing past those other ski bums on your way down the mountain.

Dusting the competition or showing off to friends are not the only reasons to get in shape before ski season. Skiing is an activity that requires a variety of skills: strength, endurance, balance and coordination. Hit the slopes without developing these skills and you may be in for more than a little embarrassment - you might even hurt yourself.

Sports specific training

This is where sports-specific training comes in. Generally speaking, sports-specific training programs involve focusing on the various skills associated with a particular activity.

Depending on the sport, this may include health-related fitness components such as cardiorespiratory endurance, muscular strength and endurance, and flexibility.

A specific program may also take into account skill-related measures of fitness such as agility, balance, coordination, power, speed and reaction time. Most sports require a mixture of these components.

Skiing is a sport that relies heavily on skill-related fitness. A traditional fitness program, which includes a combination of weight training and cardiovascular exercise, will only take you so far.

A specific training program to develop specific skills for skiing will take you from the peaks to the valleys in record time.

Get ready to ski

There are several ways to begin a sports-specific training program. The simplest way is to include several new exercises in your regular workout schedule.

For example, performing wall sits that require you to "sit" against a wall will help build up the isometric strength needed for the tuck position in skiing. Squats and lunges will build lower body strength for skiing tough terrain like moguls.

Exercises such as crunches to work your abdominals are essential in creating a solid "core" for balance and agility.



It is important to train your body to withstand and absorb the impact associated with skiing. Plyometric movements, such as hopping from side to side, develop muscle power and strength as well as improve agility.

Set up your own ski circuit

A great way to integrate these elements into your existing routine is to create a circuit training program, which involves rapidly moving from one exercise to the next. You can set up a circuit in any large room, or at your club's aerobic studio.

Be sure and place all of your stations before beginning your workout so you don't have to stop in the middle. Set a specific time limit for each exercise, as well as a set period of breaks between each station. Thirty seconds of work followed by 30 seconds of rest are common interval periods.

Then, simply turn up the music and make your way around the circuit. You might even want to create your own music tape with timed intervals of music for exercise and silence for rest periods.

Try these stations to help you gear up for the slopes: use the slide for lateral training, perform one-legged squats to develop balance and strength, and use a step-bench platform to improve power. Try catching a bean bag as it drops off your forearm to improve reaction times or bounce two tennis balls to improve coordination.

To improve agility, create your own slalom by running between cones. In sports-specific training, you are limited only by your imagination.



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The MotherWise group meets every other Monday at the Beach Club beginning at 7:00 pm. The meetings begin with prayer and the presentation of the study segment, followed by small group prayer time for those who wish to participate, and concludes with social time and refreshments. The MotherWise meetings are a wonderful way to meet other mothers in our neighborhood, gain some spiritual enrichment, and support one another in prayer.

The MotherWise group will hold eight meetings this fall on the following dates: September 8th (kick off social), September 22nd, October 6th, October 20th, November 3rd, November 17th, December 1st, and December 15th.

The leaders of the MotherWise group are Kathy Prusak (713-937-7707) and Elizabeth Tobin (832-467-1369). Please feel free to contact us for further information about MotherWise. We hope to see you at the Beach Club!

LOE Bible Study

The Lakes On Eldridge Bible Study resumed meeting on September 9 at 9:15 AM at the Beach Club at Lakes On Eldridge (at the pool). This Fall's study focuses on the Book of Acts as presented by the Life Change Series by NAVPress. From a small group of twelve men that Jesus entrusted with spreading the good news of salvation grew a community of believers that spread throughout the Roman Empire and beyond. The Book of Acts chronicles the explosion of Christianity as well as the persecutions that came with it.

The Bible study group gathers at 9:15 am on Tuesdays for coffee and fellowship. The discussion lesson begins around 9:30 and ends at 11:30. On the first Tuesday of each month we go out to lunch. Send your name address and telephone number to sableggett@sbcglobal.net to register. If you don't use email, call Stephanie at 713-560-0042. Hope to see you there!

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LOE Book Club

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NOTE: November's meeting has been pushed back to December 1st because of the Thanksgiving holiday. We will not meet in December. Happy Holidays!

December 1 – **Nickel and Dime** by Barbara Ehrenreich. Funny, poignant, and passionate, this revelatory firsthand account of life in low-wage America—the story of Barbara Ehrenreich's attempts to eke out a living while working as a waitress, hotel maid, house cleaner, nursing-home aide, and Wal-Mart associate—has become an essential part of the nation's political discourse.

January 26 – **The Story of Edgar Sawtelle** by David Wroblewski. Born mute, speaking only in sign, Edgar Sawtelle leads an idyllic life with his parents on their farm in remote northern Wisconsin. For generations, the Sawtelles have raised and trained a fictional breed of dog whose thoughtful companionship is epitomized by Almondine, Edgar's lifelong friend and ally. But with the unexpected return of Claude, Edgar's paternal uncle, turmoil consumes the Sawtelles' once peaceful home. When Edgar's father dies suddenly, Claude insinuates

himself into the life of the farm—and into Edgar's mother's affections. Grief-stricken and bewildered, Edgar tries to prove Claude played a role in his father's death, but his plan backfires -- spectacularly. Forced to flee into the vast wilderness lying beyond the farm, Edgar comes of age in the wild, fighting for his survival and that of the three yearling dogs who follow him. But his need to face his father's murderer and his devotion to the Sawtelle dogs turn Edgar ever homeward.

Coming up:

February 23rd - **The Lace Reader** by Brunonia Barry.

March 23rd – **East of Eden** by John Steinbeck

April 27th – **The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society** by Mary Ann Shaffer & Annie Barrows



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Precept is an inductive study method, which teaches you how to study the Bible, step by step, so that you can search out, with the Holy Spirit's leading, the truths of God's Word. God wants us to know Him through His Word, and as we pray and study, His truth is revealed.

This spring, we will offer 2 short studies. The 1st is Jude (5 weeks) – a short but powerful letter whose message is much needed in today's church. The church to which Jude was writing had members who were not following Christ's teachings. The church needed to remember that God judges sin and to recognize that they needed to take action, not for themselves, but for those who might perish. The 2nd study is Micah, Nahum and Habakkuk (6 weeks) – three short books of the Old Testament written by minor prophets who preached God's clear message. Even though these prophets did not prophesy at the same time in history, their messages were similar: God judges sin, whether it was Israel's national sin or those of Israel's enemies.

Precept Bible Study meets on Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 am at Tallwood Baptist Church. Childcare is provided. For more information, call Deana McCurdy at 281-550-1409.

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STRING PLAYERS NEEDED: LOE resident, who plays violin and viola, is looking for other string players to play quartet music, on a recreational level. Email: echavlik@earthlink.net or call Ellen at (281)741-1781.

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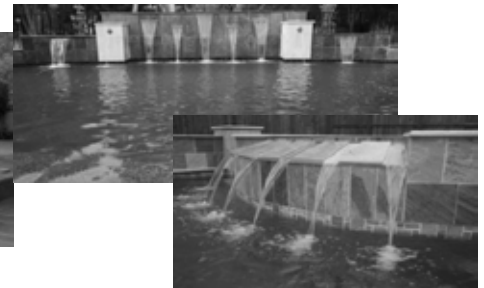
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US Olympian to Speak at Northwest Flyers Registration Breakfast on February 7

The Northwest Flyers Track Club will host its annual free information / registration breakfast on February 7, 2009 for all boys and girls and their parents interested in joining for the 2009 season. The breakfast starts at 8:30AM at the Cypress Creek Christian Community Center Forum located at 6823 Cypresswood Dr., Spring, TX, 77379.

The breakfast is the annual opportunity for youth athletes to register for the 2009 summer track season, and to meet the Northwest Flyers coaches and staff, and other new and returning athletes. The event will be highlighted by a special presentation from a member of the USA Track & Field Olympic team.

The Northwest Flyers Track Club is a youth (age 6 -18) track organization, affiliated with USA Track & Field (USATF), that provides a full program of sanctioned "track" events such as sprints, hurdles, middle distance, distance,

relays and sanctioned "field" events such as long jump, triple jump, high jump, pole vault, discus, shot put and javelin. The Northwest Flyers has approximately 195 members, boys and girls. The club was founded 21 years ago by Olympic gold medalist Fred Newhouse to foster the development of youth track & field in the Northwest Houston area.

The Northwest Flyers is a member of the "Win with Integrity" program, a partnership between USATF and the American College of Sports Medicine. "Win with Integrity" brings elite track & field athletes and school-aged kids together to promote healthy lifestyles, keeping active, and living with integrity through the sport of track & field.

For additional information on The Northwest Flyers Track Club, please visit the team website at <http://www.northwestflyers.org> or contact Linette Roach at (281) 587-8442 or linette.roach@sbcglobal.net.

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1-28—HOUSTON: A Christmas Carol Follows Ebenezer Scrooge's journey with the three ghosts that visit him on Christmas Eve. Alley Theatre. www.alleytheatre.org 713/220-5700

1-28—HOUSTON: The Nutcracker Presented by the Houston Ballet. Wortham Theater Center. www.houstonballet.org 713/227-2787 or 800/828-2787

1-31—DICKINSON: 11th Annual Dickinson Festival of Lights Stroll along the banks of Dickinson Bayou through a spectacular wonderland of more than a million lights. Visit Santa, ride a train, listen to music and more. Hours are 6 to 9:30 p.m. Paul Hopkins Park. www.dickinsonfestivaloflights.org 281/337-2795

1-31—LA PORTE: Yuletide Texas See the Battleship Texas adorned with lights, ornaments and decorations in the spirit of the season, just the way the crew members who served aboard her did. Battleship Texas State Historic Site. www.tpwd.state.tx.us 281/479-2431

1-Jan. 3—GALVESTON: Festival of Lights Moody Gardens glistens with more than a million lights and dozens of festive scenes. Includes choirs, picture-taking with Santa, a giant poinsettia tree and outdoor ice rink. One Hope Blvd. www.moodygardens.com/seasonal_fun/festival_of_lights 800/582-4673

1-Jan. 4—HOUSTON: Art & Power in the Central African Savanna Features a selection of about 60 works from public and private collections in the United States and Belgium. The Menil Collection, 1515 Sul Ross. www.menil.org 713/525-9400

1-Jan. 19—HOUSTON: Outdoor Ice Skating at Discovery Green Includes public skating, toddler rink, skate shop, performances by regional skating stars, live music, film and DJ nights, and skating with Santa. www.discoverygreen.com 713/434-RINK

1-Feb. 15—HOUSTON: Max Ernst in the Garden of Nymph Ancolie Features about 75 important and rarely exhibited paintings, drawings and sculptures by Ernst from the early 1930s to the late 1940s. The Menil Collection. www.menil.org 713/525-9400

1-Mar. 1—HOUSTON: Imaginary Spaces: Selections from The Menil Collection The Menil Collection. www.menil.org 713/525-9400

1-May 31—LA PORTE: Developing Houston: Photographic Treasures from the Cecil Thomson Collection Features more than 200 photographs and artifacts from 1885 to 1945 during a period of change and growth. San Jacinto Museum of History, San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site. www.sanjacinto-museum.org 281/479-2421

3-28—HOUSTON: Panto Cinderella Stages Repertory Theatre introduces audiences to the beloved British holiday tradition of pantomime with this rousing new version of one of the world's favorite stories. www.stagestheatre.com 713/527-0220

4-7, 12-13—CLUTE: Elizabethan Madrigal Feast Begins at 7 p.m. Center for the Arts & Sciences. www.bcfas.org 979/265-7661

4, 11, 18—BEAUMONT: Eggnog Thursdays at the McFaddin Ward House Sample eggnog and tea cookies before touring the first floor of this historic home. www.mcfaddin-ward.org 409/832-1906

4-21—HOUSTON: White Christmas Theatre Under the Stars presents its own dazzling production of this Irving Berlin classic. www.tuts.com 713/558-TUTS or 888/558-3882

5-20—RICHMOND: Campfire Christmas Experience Christmas at the Ryon Old Prairie Home as it was celebrated post Civil War. Then guests are transported to the Davis Victorian Mansion for holiday vignettes, 1890s-style. Includes a traditional Texas feast and a stop by the cowboy campfire for singing and storytelling. George Ranch Historical Park. www.georgeranch.org 281/343-0218

5-31—PEARLAND: Hometown Christmas Festival Includes holiday entertainment, concerts, movie nights, ice skating, Radio Disney and more. www.pearlandparks.com

9-Jan. 3—ORANGE: W.H. Stark House Christmas Traditions Features a holiday exhibit. Open house is Dec. 16 and 18. 610 Main Ave. 409/883-0871

11-14—VICTORIA: The Nutcracker Leo J. Welder Center for the Performing Arts. www.victoriaballet.org 361/575-2313

12-13—HOUSTON: 46th Annual Candlelight Tour Houston's most historic structures are decorated to portray an era in Houston's history. Includes carolers, storytellers and crafters. Santa's Workshop will feature a stage with musical and theatrical performances. Sam Houston Park. www.heritagesociety.org 713/655-1912

13—GALVESTON: Harbor Parade of Lights & Boat Festival Features a dazzling display of boats of all sizes dressed from stem to stern with glittering lights and twinkling decorations. Pier 21. 409/763-7080

13—KEMAH: The Preludes — Holiday Entertainment from The Royal Academy of Fine Art Features a 30-minute review style show featuring singing, dancing and high-energy entertainment. Kemah Boardwalk. www.kemahboardwalk.com 877/285-3624

13—LA PORTE: Santa's Swingin' '40s Christmas Write letters and mail them to Santa, have a picture taken with Santa, and more. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Battleship Texas. www.tpwd.state.tx.us 281/479-2431

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13—WEST COLUMBIA: Christmas Open House Hours are 6 to 8 p.m. Varner Hogg Plantation. 979/345-4656

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13-14—GALVESTON: The Nutcracker The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894

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14—HOUSTON: Buffalo Bayou Kayak Trip Enjoy a kayak adventure through Houston's stunning urban wilderness. Reservations required. www.buffalobayou.org 713/752-0314

18-28—GALVESTON: Moody Gardens & Island Star Performances Christmas Spectacular Enjoy caroling and hors d'oeuvres followed by a traditional three-course Christmas dinner and a dazzling performance. Moody Gardens. 800/582-4673 ext. 4404

20—SAN BENITO: Market Day Enjoy music and arts & crafts. Plaza de San Benito. www.cityofsanbenito.com 956/361-3804 ext. 302

20—VICTORIA: Market Days DeLeon Plaza. www.victoriatx.org 361/485-3200

21—HOUSTON: All Community Sing-Along of Handel's Messiah Begins at 7 p.m. Chapelwood United Methodist Church. www.chapelwood.org 713/465-3467

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- 1) There are big differences between store-issued and bank-issued gift cards. Over 90% of leading retailers have no fees associated with gift cards; however, some bank-issued gift cards may have an expiration date or add on activation, maintenance, inactivity and transaction fees. Some bank-issued gift cards even charge a fee for checking the balance.
- 2) Today's gift cards differ from traditional gift certificates because they have a 'stored value'. When a consumer spends only a portion of a card's value, the balance is updated electronically. Reissuing a new card with the updated balance is not usually required.
- 3) Improved technology has made it possible for some retailers to reissue a lost gift card if the consumer has the original receipt. Retailers also encourage gift card recipients to register their card through the store's Website, which enables them to check their balance online and receive a new card if they lose or misplace the original card.

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Cypress Christian School Athletes Serve Those Affected By Hurricane

On September, 20 several CCS varsity football players and parents got together to help people in the community who were affected by Hurricane Ike and clean up the grounds of CCS. The group met at CCS at in the morning, then split up into three groups and went to three different locations.

In the first location, the group completely cleaned the front and back yards, blew debris off the roof, cut up large limbs and hauled them to the street, and bagged approximately 20 bags of pine needles and debris.

Another group went to the house of an elderly woman who had requested help because she was unable to clean up debris from Hurricane Ike. With the help of parent Wes Van Pelt and CCS student Josh Rodriguez, two trees were cut down – one that was partly on a storage shed and partly in the pool. The group also cleaned the roof of a covered patio of limbs and debris, and hauled large limbs and debris from the property to the road.

The last group went to a single mom's house in Bear Creek. They pulled up and removed wet carpet, due to a hole in the roof, and hauled it to the street.

At CCS, a group hauled logs from trees lost during the hurricane to the street and stacked them. They were also able to clean up the front yard of the school.

Those who served included Coach Spenn, Coach van Pelt, Ron Hinn, Scott and Becky Morgan, Ray Groll, Michelle and Bud Bennett, Jim Alldridge, Alan Reed, Helen Mitchell, Austin Barton, Ben Bennett, Ben Mitchell, Mason McCollum, Brandon Galloway, Cameron Kostak, Clark Alldridge, Clay Buhler, Garrett Higginbotham, Jack Mitchell, Jacob Reed, Jason Groll, Josh Rodriguez, Kyle Hinn, Ryan Morgan, and Scott Ordeneaux.

The administration and faculty of Cypress Community Christian School encourage students "to take their place in the world as servants of Jesus Christ" as stated in the school mission statement. As a result, many CCS students regularly take time out of their busy schedules to help others in need – whether it is local or far away – and each of them testify that their lives were changed as a result of helping someone else.
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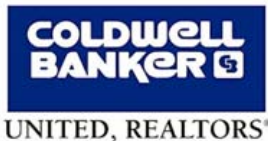
1. Infrared camera inspection of furnace heat exchanger
2. Test airflow for deadly carbon monoxide
3. Test ignition system for safe & proper operation
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6. Inspect blower motor bearings for wear
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8. Inspect and adjust fan belt tension (if applicable)
9. Check thermostat for accuracy
10. Inspect for combustible material around furnace
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12. Brush clean and vacuum heat exchanger
13. Test furnace flame for proper burn
14. Clean existing filters as needed
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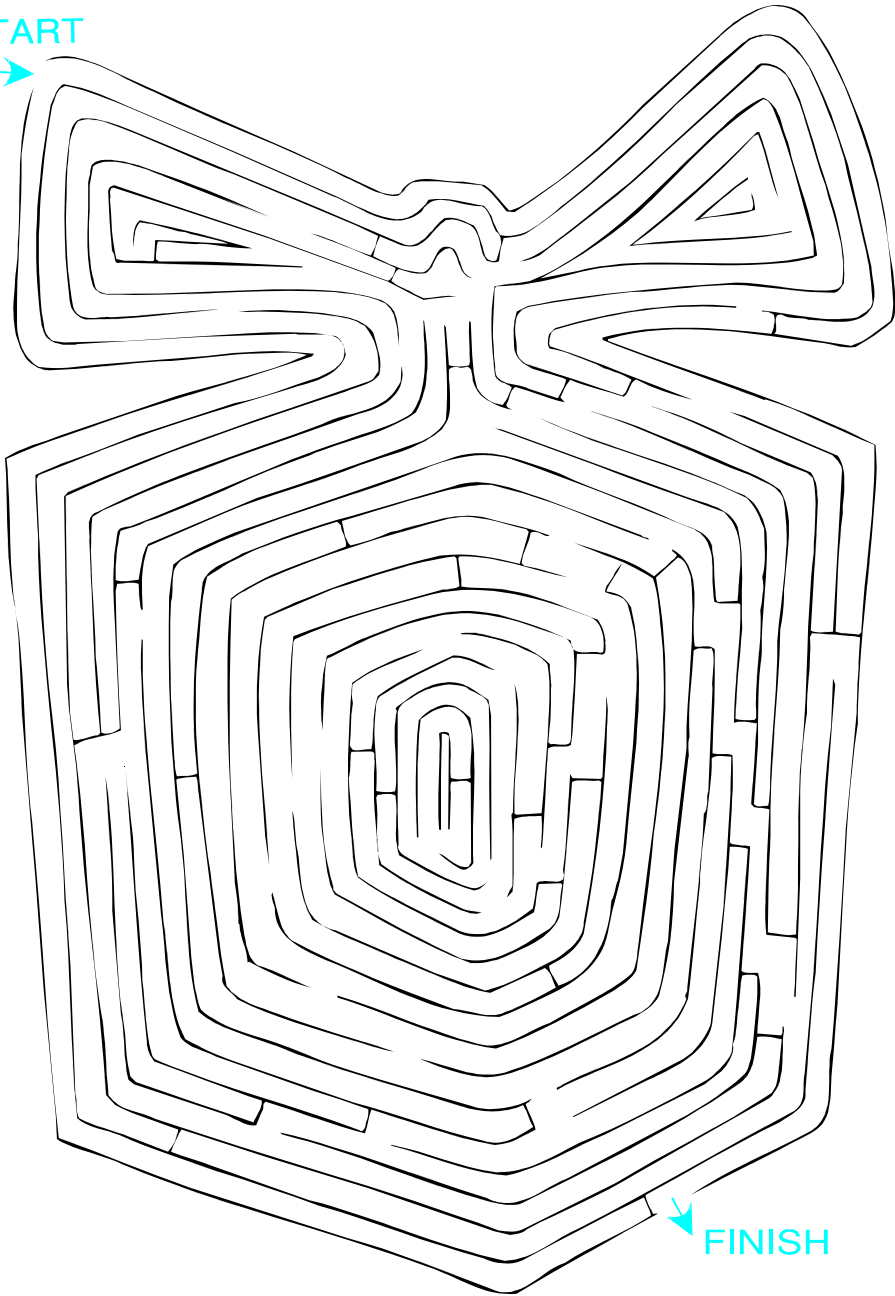
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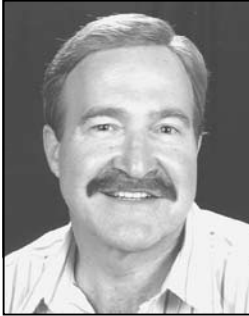
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