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CY-FAIR PROJECT PROM

Cow Plop

Thursday, January 14, 2010

4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

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All proceeds go to Cy-Fair 2010 Project Prom

"WHAT HAPPENS

In Vegas ..."

The 2010 S.N.A.P. (Senior Night After Prom) Committee of Cypress Creek High School will host a Las Vegas-style Parent Night Out on Sunday, February 21st, 2010 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. This fun evening, featuring dinner, casino games, silent and live auctions will be held at Parkway Chevrolet, 25500 Hwy. 249. Tickets are \$25 per person, and include dinner, \$3,000 casino money and 2 drink tickets. The event is open to everyone – being a Cy Creek parent is not required. For casino night tickets and/or contributions, please contact Jeannette Harris at 713-560-6666 or jharrissix@comcast.net.

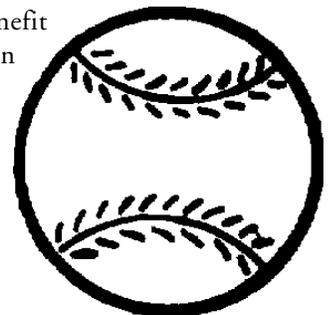
A 2010 Cougar Blue Camaro will also be raffled off during the casino night in support of S.N.A.P. Raffle tickets are \$20 each or 6 for \$100. You do not have to be present to win. Contact Mike Wilson at 832-496-2748 or mew0954@sbcglobal.net for raffle tickets. Details about the 2010 S.N.A.P. are at www.cycreeksnap.org.

TEE OFF

With Larry Dierker!

Larry Dierker, retired Astros pitcher and author of My Team and It Ain't Brain Surgery will host the 4th Annual Larry Dierker "My Team" Celebrity Golf tournament to benefit Literacy Advance. The event takes place at the award-winning BlackHorse Golf Club on Monday, February 22, 2010. Dierker is a previous recipient of the prestigious Champions of Literacy award and has logged an impressive 400+ hours of tutoring at Literacy Advance.

All proceeds from the event benefit Literacy Advance of Houston, an organization that has provided free literacy programs to adults in the community for the past 45 years. For team reservations and more information, go to www.literacyadvance.org or call Judy McFarland at 713-266-8777



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NORTHWEST FLYERS TRACK CLUB

The Northwest Flyers Track Club will host its annual free information / registration breakfast on Saturday, February 6, 2010, for all boys and girls, and their parents, interested in joining for the 2010 track season. The breakfast starts at 8:30 AM 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 2010 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 (ages 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 and 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 285 members, boys and girls. The club was founded 23 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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Attention Kappa Delta Sisters ...

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Business Networking Group

The 290 Cypress Business Networking Group meets every Thursday morning at 7:30 am at Cypress Station Grill located at 26010 Hempstead Road. Behind the Target shopping center at 290 and Spring Cypress. The group is open to all business owners and professionals who want to increase their exposure to the residents of Cypress and the surrounding areas. Job seekers are welcome. There is no cost to attend the meeting. If you would like more information, please call Ken Parker at 281-384-1562 or visit our website at 290Cypress.com

THE AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION

Of Cy-Fair Express Network

Event: Cy-Fair Express Network, **When:** January 28, 2010
Time: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm, **Where:** Houston National Golf Club • (281)304-1400, 16500 Houston national Blvd • Houston, TX. 77095
Networking and Business Luncheon: The American Business Women's Association Cy-Fair Express Network invites you to their monthly networking meeting and luncheon. Lots of fun, networking and giveaways. Bring plenty of business cards.

Reservations: Contact Anya Lucas at (713)459-2331 or anya@lucascare.com, or go to www.cyfen.org for more information. Please RSVP by Friday, January 22.

CYFEN is an ABWA Express Network organization providing opportunities to network with other professionals in the Northwest Houston area, and offers professional development and educational advantages through ABWA. CYFEN meets the fourth Thursday of each month (except November and December), and visitors are always welcome.

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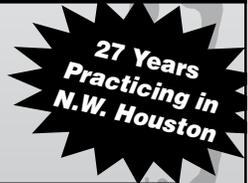


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Back row (l-r): Shason Briscoe, Andrew Rincon, Noelle Horan, Mariza Lashley, Ashlyn Boone

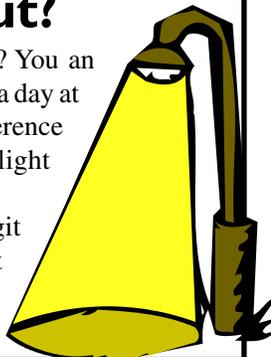


The Duke Talent Search is in its 30th year and is the largest program of its kind in the nation. This program identifies academically talented seventh graders based on standardized test scores achieved while attending middle school. Candidates are identified and invited to complete either the SAT Reasoning Test or the ACT Assessment college entrance examinations. Taking the SAT or ACT in seventh grade gives students an opportunity to practice and become familiar with the exams that play a major role in college admissions. Students' early experience with the college entrance exam is helpful in preparing them to take the test in high school. All talent search participants receive resources and publications to assist the students' educational growth.

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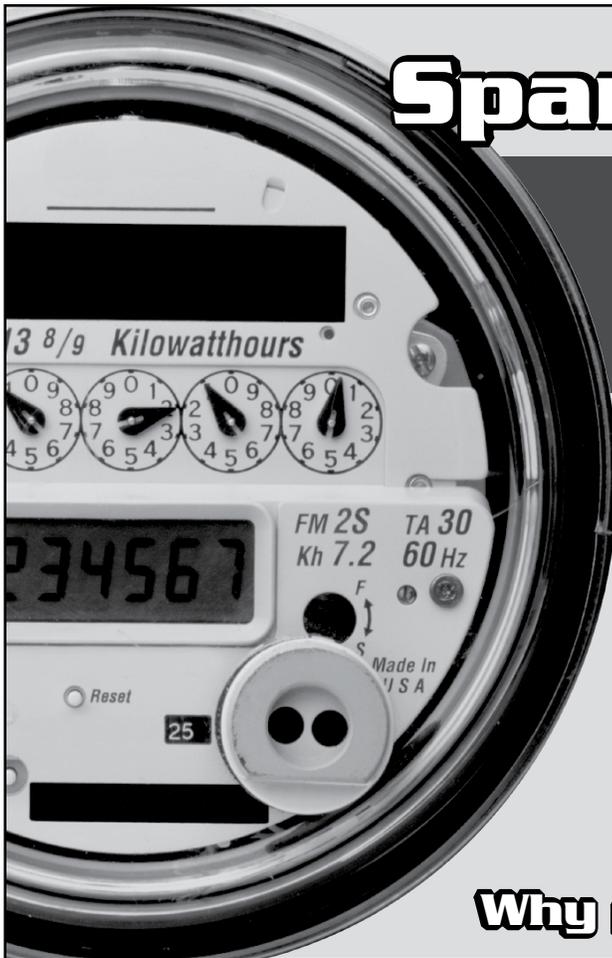
Meet Lisa

*Submitted by Tracy Eilers, Executive Director,
Adoption Coalition of Texas*

Lisa is a 13-year-old girly girl. She loves to be pampered and is a people person. She is very outgoing, energetic, loving, and kind. She counts singing and dancing among her favorite things and loves to keep busy. Lisa looks to learn from all her experiences and move forward with her life. She is a joy to be around, is funny, sweet, and grateful for all that she's been given.

She's hoping there will be more things to be thankful for, like being adopted into a loving family. More than anything, she's ready to stop hoping for a family and to start loving one. For more information about adoption, please call Adoption Coalition of Texas at 512-301-2825. For more information about Lisa, email gracelindgren@adopttexas.org

The Adoption Coalition of Texas is a nonprofit organization (operating under the Austin Community Foundation), created in 2003 to focus on finding forever families for children languishing in the foster care system. Adoption Coalition of Texas partner agencies include Arrow Child and Family Ministries, Child Protective Services, Lutheran Social Services of the South, Marywood Children and Family Services, and Pathways Youth and Family Services.



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By: Kevin Henkes

Cy-Woods Theatre to present
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The Cy-Woods High School Theatre Company is proud to announce they will present their very first main stage children's show, *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse*, adapted from the popular children's book by Kevin Henkes. The stage production of this story will be brought to life to represent the adventures and imagination of young mice as they go to school, encounter bullies, interact with their families, and make new friends. Directed by senior students Katie Bennett and Allison Houser, "Lilly's" will perform from February 4th - 6th at 6:00 PM, with a Saturday matinee at 2:00 PM. Performances will be in the Cypress Woods High School Auditorium, 16825 Spring Cypress Rd. Ticket prices are \$7 for Adults and \$5 for Students. Reduced ticket prices of \$1 will be available for children ages 10 and under. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

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January Texas Events

- 15-16—HOUSTON:** Mark Morris Dance Group Morris continues to remain true to his conviction of performing dance with live music played by the best musicians, a feature of every performance. Begins at 8 p.m. Wortham Center's Cullen Theater. www.spahouston.org 713/227-4SPA
- 15-16, 22-23, 29-30—BEAUMONT:** Dealt a Deadly Hand The story takes place at Rick's club, the first legal gambling casino in the Poconos. Rick dreams of striking it rich, but others are trying to interfere. "Making a killing" takes on a whole new meaning, and someone will cash in his or her chips tonight. www.beaumontcommunityplayers.com
- 15-17—HOUSTON:** Rhapsody in Blue Presented by the Houston Symphony. www.houstonsymphony.com
- 15-Feb. 7—NASSAU BAY:** A Play: The Hollow An unhappy game of romantic follow-the-leader explodes into murder one weekend at The Hollow. Clear Creek Community Theatre, 18091 Upper Bay Road. www.clearcreekcountrytheatre.org 281/335-5228
- 16—HOUSTON:** Birding Walk & Talk Walk is led by members of the Friends of Sheldon Lake State Park. Begins at 8:30 a.m. Sheldon Lake State Park. 281/456-2800
- 16—HOUSTON:** MLK Day Youth Parade Marching bands, floats, and dancers will gather to originate at the Houston City Hall on Bagby Street in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. 713/953-1633
- 16—HOUSTON:** MLK High School Battle of the Bands Bands compete for a chance to perform in the MLK Grande Day Parade. Begins at 6 p.m. Robertson Stadium at University of Houston. 713/953-1633
- 16—HOUSTON:** Wings & Wheels See vintage aircraft and automobiles. Fly-ins welcome. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The 1940 Air Terminal Museum. www.1940airterminal.org 713/454-1940
- 16—LA PORTE:** Hard Hat Tour Take a guided tour of areas rarely seen by the public. There will be four 3 1/2 hour tours at 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Reservations required. Battleship Texas State Historic Site. 281/479-2431 ext. 234
- 16-17—BROWNSVILLE:** Texas Outdoor Family Workshop Teaches families all the basic outdoor skills they need to enjoy a great overnight camping experience. Reservations required. World Birding Center, Resaca de la Palma State Park. E-mail: tofsp@tpwd.state.tx.us 512/389-8903 or 956/350-2920
- 17—GALVESTON:** Amalia Hernandez — Ballet Folklórico de México Golden anniversary tour features the "best of the best" from 50 years of performances. Begins at 3 p.m. The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894
- 17—ORANGE:** Goodnight Moon & The Runaway Bunny Based on favorite children's books, both tales feature endearing rabbit characters. Lutcher Theater. www.lutcher.org 409/745-5535 or 800/828-5535
- 18—HOUSTON:** MLK Grande Parade Martin Luther King Jr. celebration begins with the Grande Parade originating at Allen Parkway and Taft Street. There will be marching bands, decorative floats, dancers and other festivities. 713/953-1633
- 20—GALVESTON:** Goodnight Moon & The Runaway Bunny Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia's whimsical puppetry and evocative original music will bring a new sense of appreciation to stories that have delighted several generations. Begins at 10 a.m. The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894
- 21, 23-24—HOUSTON:** The Planets — An HD Odyssey Presented by the Houston Symphony. www.houstonsymphony.com
- 22—BEAUMONT:** Beaumont History Conference Local history enthusiasts tell about intriguing figures and true tales in the Golden Triangle history. Includes cultural, ethnic, economic and political topics relating to Beaumont and Southeast Texas. www.mcfaddinward.org 409/832-1906
- 22-23—BEAUMONT:** Hot Hearts 2010 Combines the messages of the most effective youth communicators and the best in contemporary Christian music with state-of-the-art video and light shows for a high energy weekend. www.hothearts.org 409/951-5400
- 22, 30—HOUSTON:** Tosca Presented by Houston Grand Opera. Sung in Italian with English supertitles. Brown Theater. 713/228-6737
- 23—PORT ARANSAS:** Garden Club Tour of Homes Visit unique homes in Port Aransas by bus or private vehicle. 361/319-2925
- 23—PORT ARTHUR:** 23rd Music Hall of Fame Show Offers a tribute to Janis Joplin and Southeast Texas musicians. Bob Bowers Civic Center. 409/548-4444

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23-24—GALVESTON: The Oak Ridge Boys Begins at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday. The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894

24-Mar. 21—PORT ARTHUR: Boot Scootin' Legends: Images of Classic Country This is a traveling exhibition from the Honky Tonk Hall of Fame. Museum of the . www.museumofthegulfcoast.org 409/982-7000

25—PORT ARANSAS: Merchants Dine Around Visit local restaurants to sample great cuisine. 361/749-6405

26—SAN BENITO: San Benito High School Conjunto Band Concerts at the Amphitheater Enjoy the traditional sounds of conjunto music by San Benito's young musicians at 6:30 p.m. W.H. Heavin Amphitheater. 956/361-3804 ext. 302

26—SAN BENITO: Welcome Back Winter Visitors Sponsored by the San Benito Chamber of Commerce. Begins at 6 p.m. Fun N Sun RV Resort. 956/399-5321

27-Feb. 21—HOUSTON: A Picasso It's 1941 and the father of cubism suddenly finds himself forced to choose between art and politics, creativity and survival. Stages Repertory Theatre. www.stages theatre.com 713/527-0220

29, 31—HOUSTON: The Turn of the Screw Presented by Houston Grand Opera. Brown Theater. 713/228-6737

30—HOUSTON: Annual Gala Enjoy dinner, dancing, and live and silent auction. Shirley Acres. www.houstonnwchamber.org 281/440-4160

30—PORTLAND: 22nd Annual Taste of Portland Enjoy an evening of culinary delights, live auction, silent auction, and live music. Begins at 6:30 p.m. NorthShore Country Club. www.portlandtx.org 361/643-2475

30—VICTORIA: Victoria Symphony Master Series Pop Concert Featuring Kelly Willis Victoria College Auditorium. 361/576-4500

30-31—ROCKPORT: Piecemakers by the Bay Quilt Show 361/345-4559

31—GALVESTON: Galveston Symphony Orchestra Begins at 7 p.m. The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894

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Spring semester weekday classes begin Jan. 19 with weekend classes starting Jan. 22-24. It's not too late to register for spring as well as some late start and continuing education courses. Lone Star College-CyFair provides a variety of options such as weekend, evening, online or new CORE Fridays (one-day-a-week) courses. For information, call 281-290-3200 or 832-782-5000 or go online to LoneStar.edu.

FREE NEW STUDENT ORIENTATIONS SET

Take a tour, learn about campus programs, meet with an advisor, choose a schedule and register for spring classes at LSC-CyFair's free New Student Orientations. Morning, afternoon and evening sessions are available. Sessions will be held at the Barker Cypress campus at 9191 Barker Cypress Jan. 5 -7 and Jan. 12-14. Sessions are free, but students must pre-register online at LoneStar.edu/cyfair-orientation to receive a confirmation with room location and parking information. Call 281-290-3430 or e-mail cfoutreach@lonestar.edu for information.

A SEASON OF ENTERTAINMENT

Enjoy a variety of choral, music and theatre performance this spring including "The Good Times are Killing Me" Theatre; "MusicNCo" Symphonic Band; "World Music Festival" Choral; "The Wager" Theatre; "Make Mine Jazz" Jazz Band and "Musical Review" Choral. All performances are held in the Center for the Arts on the Barker Cypress campus at 9191 Barker Cypress. For tickets and information call 281-290-5201 or go to LoneStar.edu/boxoffice.

L.I.F.E. LESSONS IN JANUARY

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.) Programs in January include: yoga talk in "Are You Wind, Water or Fire?" Jan. 13; basics of an old-fashioned compass in "Find Your True North" Jan. 20 and life in the universe in "Are We Alone Out There?" Jan. 27. Call the library at 281-290-3213 for L.I.F.E. program information or go online to LoneStar.edu.

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A SENSIBLE PLAN FOR COLLEGE FUNDING

How you fund college expenses is divided naturally between using your money, and by using other peoples' money. This sounds simple but each scenario requires understanding of the long-term impacts. In this article we are going to focus on free money, and on "Tax Scholarships," where the Federal Government helps you send your child to college through tax savings and other methods.

Recently the federal government boosted financial aid for higher education, including various tax breaks. An expanded version of the Hope Scholarship tax credit appeared called the American Opportunity tax credit. The new credit can save taxpayers as much as \$2,500 in tax, or \$5,000 for two collegians, and a refund of \$1,000, if you satisfy certain rules.

Remember that you can't claim the American Opportunity credit for expenses paid with withdrawals from a 529 plan. So you may wish to limit 529 withdrawals so some college expenses are paid with other money, to allow the use of the new tax credit. Some students won't qualify for the American Opportunity credit. Fortunately, a Lifetime Learning tax credit provides a maximum annual credit of \$2,000 for tuition and fees, subject to rules.

The tax advantages of 529 plans are many. A down year for stock funds, combined with a poor year for many bond funds, has driven

down the value of many folks' 529 accounts. People with younger children can keep contributing and look to a rebound. Parents of college and pre-college students, though, may have few options other than using 529 plan withdrawals to pay for higher education. Having said that, it may be better to pay for college from cash flow or from cash reserves. This delays liquidation of 529 assets as long as possible, allowing for a recovery. Remember to reimburse yourself from your 529 plan before the end of the calendar year in which the expenses were incurred.

If the market does not come back in time for your needs, you still have options. If you have other funds that can cover college bills without disrupting your financial plan, keep the money in the 529 as long as feasible, in hopes of future tax-free growth. Of course, if a child is finishing school and there is no younger sibling who could use the funds in the future, then you should spend down your 529 funds. Tax tip: parents of college-bound children should realize net losses in their taxable accounts to lock in tax benefits. The proceeds can be reinvested in 529 accounts so that any future gains from today's low levels can be withdrawn, tax-free, to pay for college later on; perhaps in graduate school. Check with your financial coach and tax advisor for full details. - **Rich Keith**



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DON'T LOSE SLEEP OVER NIGHTTIME BED WETTING

Giving children control over bed wetting helps them overcome not only the nighttime nuisance but also the stigma of it, say doctors at Baylor College of Medicine.

“Because studies have yet to identify the cause of nighttime bed wetting, no one treatment is guaranteed to work for everyone. Nevertheless, the course of action with which the child is most comfortable tends to produce the best outcome,” said Dr. Edmond T. Gonzales, Jr., professor of urology at BCM. “With parents’ support, giving children an active role in treatment builds confidence.”

Some of the treatment options include prescription medications. One commonly used medicine makes the body react as if dehydrated so the kidneys retain liquids overnight. Another treatment involves an alarm system worn in pajamas that sounds when it becomes wet.

More commonly, doctors suggest parents limit the amount of liquids children drink in the evening and schedule a bathroom break before bed. Gonzales said family doctors can help rule out any major health problems that could be contributing to bed wetting before discussing the many options.

CELL PHONE USAGE MAY SEND WRONG MESSAGE

If you roll your eyes when people are chatting away on their cell phones in a public place, you’re not alone. According to an expert at Baylor College of Medicine, public cell phone use may show disrespect and impede social interaction.

“Depending on the situation, cell phone use can be problematic,” said Dr. Catherine Barber, assistant professor in the Menninger department of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at BCM. Talking on your cell phone at social events conveys that other people’s time is not as important as yours. Loud cell phone talk can intrude on others’ privacy and need for quiet, and it can even make people feel uncomfortable.

Romero suggests talking quietly if you must use the phone, or excusing yourself to take a call and making it brief. She suggests not accepting non-urgent calls. It’s important to be mindful and respectful of others around you, said Romero. If someone around you is disturbing you with their cell phone conversation, Romero suggests gently approaching them and asking them to reduce their volume. It’s important to convey that you are not angry. If they refuse, remove yourself from the situation.

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