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NW Harris County Aggie Moms

Club Meeting - Tuesday, March 9th, 2010

Please join us in welcoming our guest speaker, Dr. Robert C. Webb Sr., Interim Dean for the office of graduate studies at Texas A&M University. Our guest speaker, Dr. Webb, received his undergraduate degree in Physics from the University of Pennsylvania and MS and PhD in Physics from Princeton University. After serving on the faculty of University of California and Princeton University, Dr. Webb has served many years in several administrative positions at Texas A&M University in the Department of Physics as professor, Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies, and Interim Head for the Department of Physics. Dr. Webb will be speaking about the wonderful research opportunities available for the undergraduate students at Texas A&M University.

The Aggie Moms will gather on Tuesday, March 9th at 7 pm at the Houston Distribution Center conveniently located near Willowbrook Mall at the corner of Cutten Road and 7100 High Life Drive. All current, future, and former Aggie moms are welcome to attend! Our monthly meetings include refreshments, fellowship, guest speakers, the Aggie gift boutique, door prizes, and more! Also learn about upcoming events, fundraisers, and Aggieland trips. Aggie Moms will be hosting a baseball tailgate party and an upcoming "Boots 'N Whoops" western dance fundraiser in March. Please come and learn more about the great opportunities available through the Aggie Moms Club. For more information, see our website at www.nwhcaggiemoms.com.

Boots 'N Whoops - Featuring Singer Granger Smith Sunday, March 28 - Invite All Aggies & Their Friends

Come have a boot scootin' good time with the Northwest Harris County Aggie Moms Association at their big fundraiser this year entitled "Boots 'N Whoops" on Sunday, March 28. The fundraiser will benefit Aggie student scholarships and will feature the Texas Aggie recording artist, Granger Smith and his band. The fundraising event will be held at Mulligans & More at 14440 Stuebner Airline Road from 1 to 6 pm. The fun and entertainment includes western dancing, barbecue, games, golf, auctions, prizes, and more. Adult tickets are on sale in advance for \$28 (\$33 at the door) and student tickets are \$18 in advance (\$23 at the door). For ticket information, please contact Stacy Durham 713-899-1755 or Lisa Shive 832-515-1249.

Please come and join us in the fun and festivities for a great cause!



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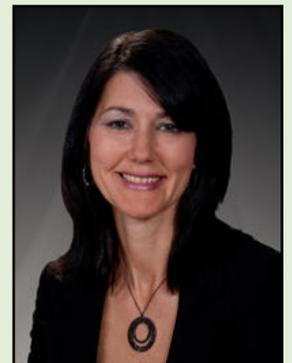
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ATTENTION

2010 Seniors of Cy-Fair Schools who graduated from Ault Elementary

The Ault Elementary PTO awards a \$500 scholarship to one male and one female applicant who is graduating from a Cy-Fair High School and graduated from Ault Elementary. Scholarship applications and guidelines can be obtained from the Counselors' office. The deadline for submitting applications is April 9, 2010.

Notes from the Cypress Ranch Mustang Band Roadhouse Ribs at the Ranch!

Once again the Cypress Ranch Mustang Band is offering the opportunity to purchase a delicious Texas Roadhouse Ribs or Chicken dinner without the drive down 290! Texas Roadhouse will be grilling those tasty ribs and barbeque chicken in the rear parking lot at Cypress Ranch High School on Tuesday, March 30, 2010. Drive through the band parking lot and someone will bring your food directly to your car. The food will be available 4:30-6:30 pm to those who preorder by March 23. Meals include ribs or chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, and those famous rolls with cinnamon butter for \$11.00 and children's portions of ribs, or two hot dogs, mashed potatoes and a roll for only \$6.00.

Order forms are available in the Band Hall or online at www.cypressranchband.org. Drop off the order form and payment in the Band Hall at Cypress Ranch or mail to Cypress Ranch Band, PO Box 1551 Cypress TX, 77410-1551 by March 23, 2010. Make checks payable to CRHSBBC. Questions? Contact Jeana Kech at 832-275-3395. Proceeds from the sale benefit the Cypress Ranch Mustang Band.



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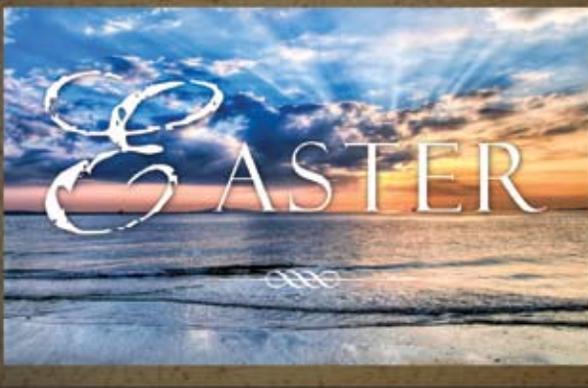
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Northwest Flyers Youth Track Club Information Session *Monday Evening, April 12th, 2010*

The Northwest Flyers Track Club will host a free open house / registration session for all middle and high school athletes and their parents interested in joining for the 2010 season. The event will be held on Monday, April 12, 2010 from 7:00 – 8:30 PM in the Cypress Room at the Methodist Willowbrook Hospital, 18220 Tomball Parkway, Houston, at the corner of FM 1960 and Highway 249. The session will begin with a very important program overview / orientation at 7:00 PM. All interested athletes and parents should report on time.

The Northwest Flyers is a youth (ages 6 -18) track organization, affiliated with USA Track & Field. The club provides a full program of “track” events such as sprints, hurdles, middle distance, distance and relays, and “field” events such as long jump, triple jump, high jump, pole vault, discus, shot put and javelin. It is an excellent “off-season” program for young athletes who currently compete on their middle school or high school varsity track teams.

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. Last year, the Northwest Flyers qualified 42 young athletes to compete at the U.S. Junior Olympics National Championships in Greensboro, NC.

Visit the team website at <http://www.northwestflyers.org> for registration forms and information prior to the session, or contact Linette Roach at (281) 587-8442 or linette.roach@sbcglobal.net.

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CY-FAIR ISD & VOLUNTEERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS (VIPS): "Volunteers Rock!"

VIPS is an acronym for Volunteers in Public Schools. VIPS in Cy-Fair ISD center the attention of their service on supporting students and staff and making a significant contribution to the education of children. These dedicated individuals, who give freely of their time and resources, impact the academic and personal development of Cy-Fair ISD students. Cypress-Fairbanks ISD is fortunate to be able to draw from a diversity of skills and knowledge in its community.

If you are interested in being a volunteer who "Rocks" and making a difference, or would like more information, please contact Pam Scott, Partners in Education Director at 281-894-3950.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR TRAINING

Register for training by emailing the PIE office at vipsrsvp@cfisd.net. Include your name, name of training/event and date you wish to attend. Registration is required to guarantee a seat & training materials. *Adults only please.*

March - April 2010 Upcoming Events

March 9 - Junior Achievement Volunteer Training

9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Berry Center

The purpose of Junior Achievement is to educate and inspire young people to value free enterprise, understand business and economics, and be workforce ready.

March 25 - VIPS General Meeting

9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Berry Center

Open to all CFISD volunteers, parents, staff and community members. Get the latest information on CFISD volunteering and learn through networking!

April 23 - VIPS Spring Workshop

7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Berry Center

A day of informative workshops is offered to volunteer leaders and chairpersons designed to help coordinate and enhance a successful volunteer program in the 2010-11 school year.

April 29 - VIPS General Meeting

9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Berry Center

The last VIPS General Meeting of the 2009-10 school year! Open to all CFISD volunteers, parents, staff and community members. Get the latest school district information and have the privilege of meeting our district and state volunteer award winners. April is National Volunteer Appreciation Month. Please join us for a celebration of our volunteers.

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Stay Informed by providing us with your email address to receive the latest news about WRAP. The only way WRAP knows to include you in the email list is by your request. Please send a complete Parent Information form (located on the Forms page) to [www.cywoodswrap@yahoo.com](mailto:cywoodswrap@yahoo.com).

MAKE YOUR MARK (Seniors only). WRAP 2010 is sponsoring a fundraiser to leave a legacy for the future classes of Cy-Woods High School. A life size bronze wildcat will be mounted on a base that will include all class of 2010 senior student donor's names. The cost of participating is \$50. Final deadline is March 20th. Please pick up your order form at the VIPS window or go to www.cywoodswrap.org.

WRAP PROM CLOTHES RESALE BOUTIQUE – Does your daughter have a dance coming up and need a dress? Do we have a deal for you! Come in and browse through our selection of gently worn long and short dresses. Sale begins Saturday March 6th and runs through Sunday March 7th at the Coles Crossing Country Club. Hours are from 12-5 each day. Please go to www.cywoodwrap.org for more information.

WRAP is a Cy-Woods High School's parent-driven Project Prom organization. The purpose of WRAP is to provide a drug- and alcohol-free overnight lock-in party for the graduating seniors and their guests after their prom. Held at the CFISD Berry Center on May 28, 2010, from 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., it is a fun-filled evening of shows, games, activities, food, gifts and prizes!

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HOUSTON BALLET STARS DANCE IN THE SUBURBS *HRB presents Sleeping Beauty and Other Tales at the Berry Center*



Houston Ballet principal dancers Sara Webb and Connor Walsh will perform as Princess Aurora and Prince Florimond in the timeless tale of Sleeping Beauty's Aurora's Wedding staged by award-winning HRB Artistic Director Victoria Vittum and Barbara LeGault to Tchaikovsky's musical score. Sara Webb, from Dallas, Texas, joined the Houston Ballet in 1997 and was promoted to Principal in 2003. "A ballerina who dances from the soul, bleeding musicality, technical virtuosity, speed, fearlessness and spunk through her gracefully arched feet and liquid

arms," writes Molly Glentzer of the Houston Chronicle. Her partner in this famous pas de deux is the talented Connor Walsh. Connor, born in Fairfax, Virginia, began dancing at the age of seven. He joined the Houston Ballet in 2004 and was promoted to Principal in 2007. "We are thrilled at the opportunity to have our community see Sara and Connor close up and personal at the Berry Center," states Victoria Vittum, founder of the Houston Repertoire Ballet (HRB). HRB is the premier junior ballet company in Northwest Houston which provides quality performances in the community – including its annual Nutcracker performances in Tomball.

Sleeping Beauty and Other Tales includes a collection of pieces designed to delight children and introduce them to classical and contemporary ballet and modern dance: Storybook Fantasy and Tangled Web choreographed by Victoria Vittum and the premier of I'm in Charge of Painting My Soul (based on the children's book Bear's Picture by Daniel Pinkwater) choreographed by Jane Weiner, founder of Hope Stone, Inc. Performances will be held at the Berry Center Saturday, April 10 at 2 and 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 11 at 3pm. Tickets, \$18, are on sale now and can be purchased by calling 281-861-0199; or going to www.hrbdance.org. Girl Scout and other group

discounts are available. Sara and Connor will be showcased in the Saturday 7pm and Sunday performances. Houston Ballet II dancers will fill the role at the Saturday matinee performance, specifically Liao Xiang and Aaron Sharratt, both having excellent placement in the recent Prix de Lausanne competition in Switzerland.

HRB is a non-profit civic organization dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in the art of classical ballet. It provides young aspiring dancers the opportunity to discover within themselves a source of enrichment, beauty, and the means of aesthetic expression that will last a lifetime. HRB dancers have gone on to dance professionally with the New York City Ballet, Miami City Ballet, Atlanta Ballet, Walt Disney World, Texas Ballet Theater, American Ballet Theater (ABT), and Dayton Ballet. HRB is directed by Victoria Vittum, a nationally recognized teacher and choreographer who has been a faculty member of the Houston Ballet Academy and has served as Resident Choreographer for the Gwinnett Ballet Theater in Atlanta, GA. She is the recipient of a Choreography Fellowship awarded by the Cultural Arts Council of Houston and the Texas Commission for the Arts for outstanding Choreographic merit and contribution to the City of Houston.

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The Miller family asks everyone to pray Psalm 91, The Soldier's Psalm, for all soldiers who are in harm's way. It is said that, during WWI, the soldiers of the 91st Brigade recited the 91st Psalm daily. This brigade engaged in three of that war's bloodiest battles. Other units suffered up to 90% casualties, but the 91st Brigade did not sustain a single combat-related death. Cypress Christian School is honored to support our troops through prayer and donations. For more information on this story, please contact Sharon Miller at the school at 281.469.8829. Articles on how students support our troops are published in the school newsletter, CONNECTION, which is available via the school website at www.CypressChristian.org. (both C's should be capitalized for clarity).

Oil & Gas Networking

If you work in any aspect of the Oil & Gas Industry and would like to network and meet your Cypress neighbors in your field, please come say Hi!

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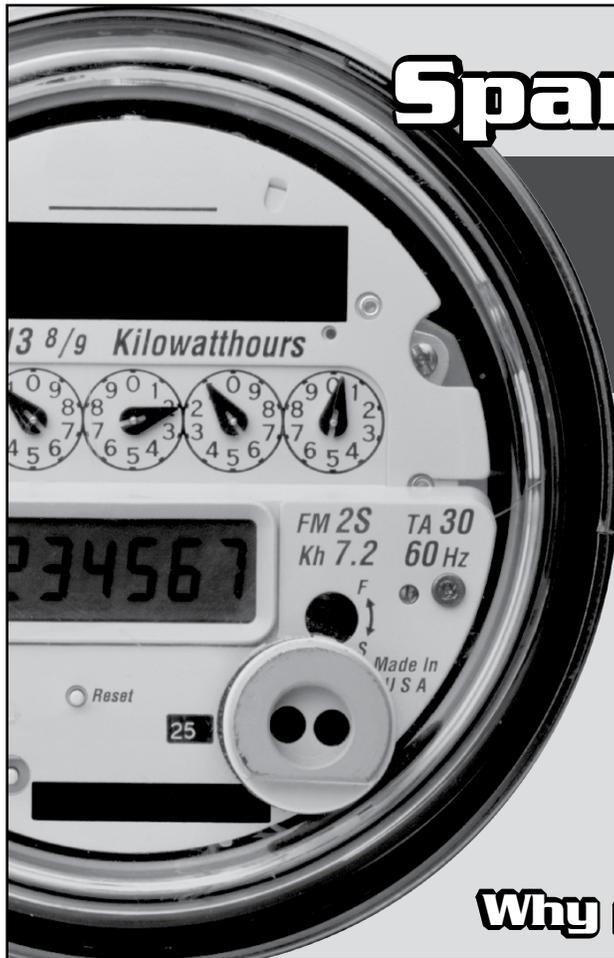
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Cypress Christian Spelling Bee Winner Heads for Regional Competition



Students at Cypress Christian School competed in the ACSI (Association of Christian Schools International) District Spelling Bee in Huntsville, Texas. Fifth grader, Michael Pogson, placed first overall - beating out all third through eighth grade students participating in the event. His victory enabled him to advance to the Regional Spelling Bee Competition to be held in March 2010 in Dallas, Texas.

Congratulations to Michael and other CCS students who placed at the district competition: Britney Bailey, Avery Barbisch, Ben Holman, Tori Ibarra, Wesley Hill, Layne Jackson, Kolton Link, Catherine Perry, Anna Priesmeyer, Lauren Storey, Allison Strange, Wesley Wilson, and Christina Wyr.



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Mark Ruffalo & Leonardo DiCaprio Star as U.S. Marshals Investigating a Disappearance In "Shutter Island."

STARRING: LEONARDO DICAPRIO, MARK RUFFALO, BEN KINGSLEY
DIRECTED BY: MARTIN SCORSESE ("THE DEPARTED")
WRITTEN BY: LAETA KALOGRIDIS ("ALEXANDER")

There are times during Academy Award-winning director Martin Scorsese's ("The Departed") thriller "Shutter Island" where you can feel the anxiety of the picture frothing up inside your gut. Once Robbie Robertson's disturbing Hitchcockian score and Robert Richardson's misery-stricken cinematography merge to create the ominous tone during the opening scenes, it is obvious Scorsese plans to keep you as uneasy as he possibly can for as long as he can.

There is only so much, however, that a masterful director like Scorsese and a few members of his technical crew can do before its foundation collapses from under them. Adapted from the Dennis Lehane ("Mystic River") novel of the same name, screenwriter Laeta Kalogridis ("Alexander") rides Scorsese's coattail as far as she can before the work itself shrinks back into predictable dark corners. The twist and turns might be sharp, but that doesn't make them any less dull.

Collaborating for the fourth time with Scorsese, Academy Award nominee Leonardo DiCaprio ("The Aviator") plays Teddy Daniels, a U.S. marshal investigating the disappearance of Rachel Solando, a murderess from a mental hospital known to house the most criminally insane patients. Teddy's new partner Chuck (Mark Ruffalo) joins him on his tour through the facilities where he plans to interrogate every one who knows Rachel, including psychiatrists Dr. Cawley

(Sir Ben Kingsley) and Dr. Naehring (Max von Sydow) who aren't exactly cooperating with Teddy's methods of inquiry.

Teddy, however, has more to worry about than unsupportive head doctors who seem to be hiding the truth. Nightmares of his dead wife (Michelle Williams) and his time in the war begin to haunt him as he and Chuck end up stranded on the island during a vicious thunderstorm. They are the type of hallucinations that would easily be dismissed if they were in any other horror-type movie, but since Scorsese is directing the scenes we're led to believe that they should be considered more artistic than overly-stylistic. However you want to identify them, they have no bearing on any emotional aspect of the story, which is unfortunate since they are revisited numerous times.

Most of the emotional pull comes from DiCaprio's performance itself. Walking a fine line between awareness and madness, his on-the-spot portrayal of a man uncertain of his own mental welfare as he caves in on himself is frightening. Still, the suspense refuses to take another step forward once the pieces start fitting together more obviously. Once that occurs, it is only a matter of waiting out the rest of the unsubstantial plot points in "Shutter Island." By then, all the dread has subsided and that ball of nerves that was floundering around inside you earlier feels more like bad indigestion.



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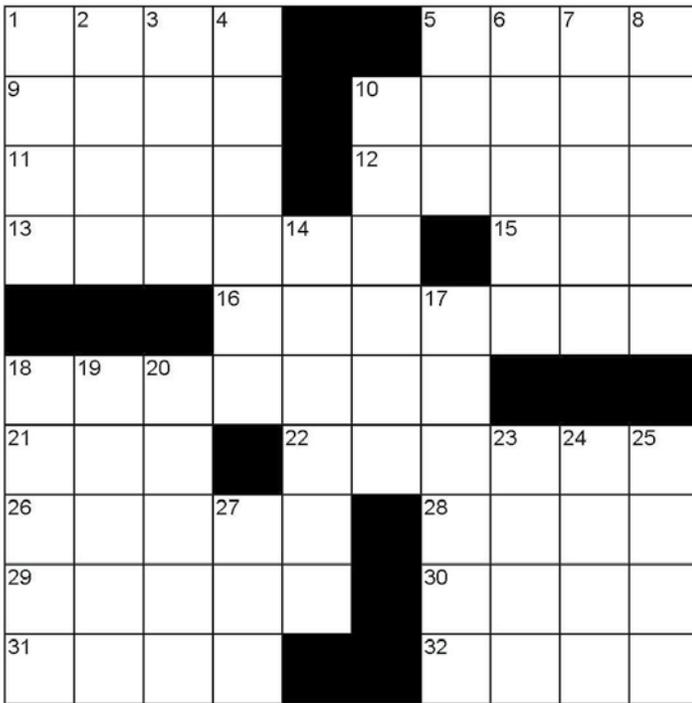
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10. Special case only (2 wds.)
11. Lemony
12. Passes at the bull
13. Of this
15. Feign
16. Long scoldings
18. Tutee
21. To be
22. Band instrument
26. ___ cotta (clay)
28. Too
29. Append (2 wds.)
30. Worker
31. Honker
32. University (abbr.)

DOWN

1. Fit together
2. Healing plant
3. Speak indistinctly
4. To this document
5. Food and drug administration (abbr.)
6. Leading
7. Time being
8. Beats it!
10. Wrangle
14. What the Tin Man needed
17. Naval fleet
18. Devil
19. Doctrine
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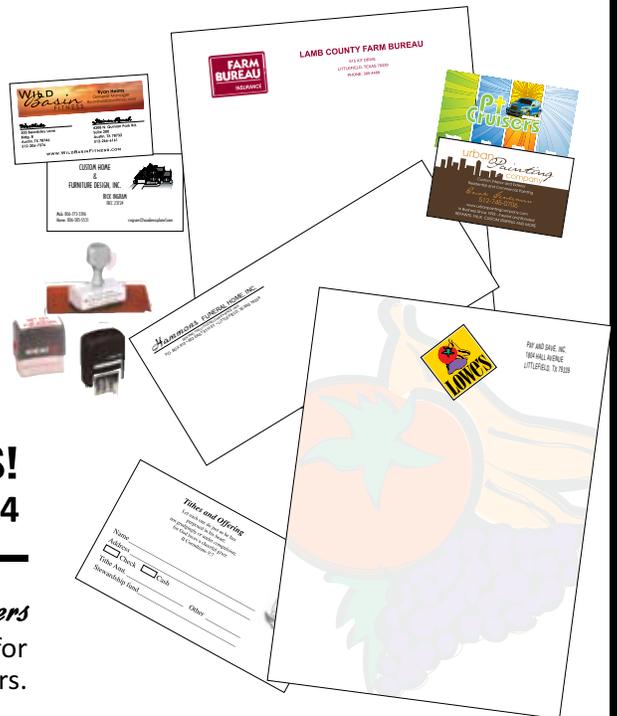
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\$276,000--\$350,000	1	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
\$231,000--\$275,000	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	2	0
\$201,000--\$230,000	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	2	0	1
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