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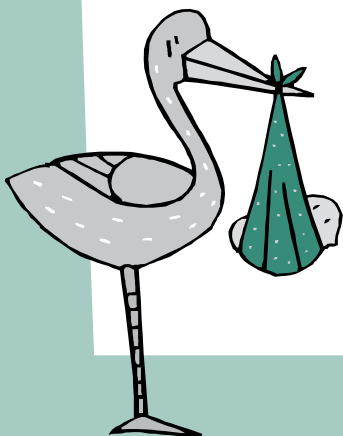
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## Fairfield Sports Association

Baseball and Softball is wrapping its season up but we have others around the corner. Summer Basketball is getting underway and we have Soccer and Volleyball in the Fall. We are making changes in two important areas. We have a new website so check it out. This is more user friendly especially for you MAC folks. We also have a new registration website This one will allow your family to create a family account. Once all your contact info is entered is in it for all long as your children play in Fairfield Sports. No more entering in the same information for each sport and each year. Also its one stop checkout with one payment.

- Login is through the Fairfield Sports Website.
- All families will be required to create an account the first time logging into our system. Please add all family members, players and parents by choosing the add children or add adult options (alternate contact information such as phone numbers and emails can be added when another adult is added to the account).
- This system will keep track of your account information for all sports that your children want to participate in. No more re-entering contact and address information each time you want to register.
- When each sport has its standard registration process usually 2-4 weeks before tryouts, you will be able to register and make payments for any of the available programs. Through the registration system you will have access to all account information, including payments due, payments received, due dates, outstanding balances, etc.
- ***If you have multiple players, please register them all at the same time. To do this after completing one registration click the continue shopping button to register another player.***
- The entire registration process occurs over a secure server using the highest security currently available.

### FAIRFIELD SOCCER

- Fairfield Soccer offers a fun and competitive program for 4 – 13 year olds (boys and girls.) Soccer Registration will begin June 26th through July 25th. Player Assessments for 7-13 year olds begin July 27-29th.
- Sports Quest is also offering a Soccer Camp here in Fairfield July 19-23rd. See [www.sportsquesttraining.org](http://www.sportsquesttraining.org) for more details

### VOLLEYBALL

- Volleyball Registration will begin June 1st through August 1st.

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## Seven Lemons Placed 3rd at the Texas State Competition



Months of teamwork and many hours of applying amazing, creative brain power has brought success to the Destination ImagiNation team “Seven Lemons” from Ault Elementary.

Destination ImagiNation (DI), is an extraordinary, non-profit organization that provides educational programs for students to learn and experience creativity, teamwork and problem solving. Teams are tested to think on their feet, work together and devise original solutions that satisfy the unique requirements of mind-bending challenges. Participants gain more than just basic knowledge and skills—they learn to unleash their imaginations, take creative approaches to problem solving and are highly encouraged to think “outside the box”.

A team works to develop an innovative solution to their challenge problem over the course of many months and start competition at regional level tournaments. Fueled by their success at the Gulf Coast Regional competition, the “Seven Lemons” placed third at the Texas State Competition in Dallas and have earned the opportunity to compete at the DI Global Tournament. This is the first team from Ault Elementary to advance to the global level. For five days at the end of May, the “Seven Lemons” will compete alongside teams from all 50 states and 35 foreign countries at the University of Tennessee.

*Photo Caption: The “Seven Lemons” Destination ImagiNation team from Ault Elementary— top row (L-R) Grace Pereira, Mabry Smith, Calvin Pearce. bottom row (L-R) Bryan Woh, Kenny Grau, Riley Reddington, Michael Chan. Not pictured team managers Janet Grau and Rita Chan.*

## DABOMB.COM Wins 5th at State!

First time Destination Imagination team, DABOMB.COM from Swenke Elementary is proud to announce their 5th place win. After receiving First Place at Regional Tournament in February, the team then qualified to attend State Competition in Carrollton, Texas. DABOMB.COM competed with other elementary schools from all over Texas in the challenge, 'You're Gonna' Flip'. We are so proud of their accomplishments!



*Photo Caption: DABOMB.COM members include:(front row) Alyssa Price (5th), Amy He (5th), Carson Leonard (5th), Max Fondren (3rd), Aubrey Wells (4th)(back row): Melissa Broad (Team Manager), Areebah Ahmad (5th), Hannah Broad (5th).*



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If there is a natural or man-made event that overwhelms or delays the community's professional responders, CERT members can assist others by applying the basic response and organizational skills that they learned during their CERT training. These skills can help save and sustain lives until help arrives. CERT members also can volunteer for special projects that improve a community's preparedness.

CERT teams are now forming throughout the Atascocita area, including Eagle Springs. The Eagle Springs' Team currently has five resident members who have been through the CERT training program. More are needed!

CERT training is designed to prepare you to help yourself, your family, and your neighbors in the event of a catastrophic disaster. Because emergency services personnel will not be able to help everyone immediately, you can make a difference by using this training to save lives and protect property. CERT members are typically the first

responders to the scene of a disaster and as such, take command of the situation until professional emergency personnel arrive.

The 8-week course (24 hours of training) covers basic skills that are important to know in a disaster when emergency services are not readily available. Members are trained in:

- Emergency Preparedness
- Fire Suppression
- Utility Control
- Disaster Medical Operations
- Light Search & Rescue
- Team Organization
- Terrorism Awareness

With training, practice and working as a team, you will be able to do the greatest good for the greatest number of people should a disaster strike, while protecting yourself and your family from becoming victims.

There is no cost for this course. A backpack of emergency and medical supplies is provided to all CERT team members during training. This program is provided to you by Harris County Citizens' Corps and Judge Ed Emmett. ([www.harriscountycitizenscorps.com](http://www.harriscountycitizenscorps.com))

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## Lone Star College-CyFair Perspective

### New Student Orientations Available

Take a tour, learn about campus programs, meet with an advisor, choose a schedule and register for summer and fall classes. Free sessions set June through August for new, transfer and non-traditional students as well as family and veterans orientations. Space is limited so pre-register online [LoneStar.edu/cyfair-orientation](http://LoneStar.edu/cyfair-orientation). Call 281.290.3430 or e-mail [cfoutreach@lonestar.edu](mailto:cfoutreach@lonestar.edu)

### Just for Teens: Dual Credit, Driver's Education, Discovery College, Library Programs

Lone Star College offers several summer programs for teens. Earn high school and college credit simultaneously while experience college life with Dual Credit classes starting June 7 and July 15 held at LSC-CyFair. Go to [LoneStar.edu/jumpstart-cyfair](http://LoneStar.edu/jumpstart-cyfair). Summer driver's education courses for teens ages 15 to 17 are available starting June 7, July 6 and again Aug. 2. Go to [LoneStar.edu/drivers-ed-ce](http://LoneStar.edu/drivers-ed-ce). Discovery College summer camp for ages 6 to 14 is available June 7 through Aug. 6. Go to [LoneStar.edu/youth-classes-cyfair](http://LoneStar.edu/youth-classes-cyfair). To find out about book clubs, SAT practice exams, Wii, baseball carnival and more library programs, call the teen librarian at 281.290.5248.

### Cool off at the gallery, library and summer camp

Check out "Wabi-sabi" Objects by Chuck Schwarz, a visiting artist exhibition on display June 15 through July 8. An artist reception is set 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. June 16. Go to [LoneStar.edu/bosquegallery](http://LoneStar.edu/bosquegallery). The Harris County Public Library Lone Star College-CyFair Branch offers a Summer Reading Program for children and adults. Call 281.290.3211. Discovery College summer camp (week-long sessions June 7 through Aug. 6) for ages 6 to 14 is under way. Go to [LoneStar.edu/youth-classes-cyfair](http://LoneStar.edu/youth-classes-cyfair).

### Wanted: People Who Need a Massage!

Come get a massage from the LSC-CyFair Massage Therapy Program students. Get an hour massage for just \$25. It's a win-win situation – you get a massage and with your help, these students will earn credit hours to be eligible to take the state or national board exam to become a Massage Therapist at the end of the summer. Massages will be offered Monday through Thursday only, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. through Aug. 19. Call 832.482.1022 or e-mail [cfmtherapy@lonestar.edu](mailto:cfmtherapy@lonestar.edu) to schedule an appointment.

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### L.I.F.E. Lessons in June

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 June include "How Roads are Changing the World" with Harris County Judge Ed Emmett June 2; "Organic Sustainable Gardening" June 9; "Savvy Signing with Professor Leyer Hudson" June 16; "Watercolor in Spite of Yourself" with artist Tony Kram June 23 and "Fast for the Cure" with Chinese medical doctor, Dr. Mary Chen June 30. Call the library at 281.290.3214 for L.I.F.E. program information or go online to LoneStar.edu.

## CY-FAIR KIWANIS CLUB

The Cy-Fair Kiwanis Kids Triathlon was held MAY 22 at the Langham Creek YMCA. Kids ages 7 through 12 participated the events of swimming, biking, and running. Because of Newsletter deadlines, no further information can be provided at this time. The Kiwanis Club appreciates the youth who participated, the parents who supported them and the Key Club members and advisors who assisted in the activities.

Come join us at the CY-FAIR KIWANIS CLUB and be a part of sponsoring children's activities, such as the Triathlon. CHILDREN PRIORITY ONE is the motto of Kiwanis Clubs worldwide. The Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club sponsors nine Key Clubs in the Cy-Fair High Schools; supports the Cerebral Palsy SIRE group, Girl Scout, Boy Scout, and Sea Scout troops and activities; provides scholarships to outstanding Key Club members in our district; assists at Cypress Assistance Ministries, Bear Creek Ministries; the Houston Food Bank; and other charitable groups.

Membership is open to persons of good character who adhere to the standards of good conduct in their community and believe in and subscribe to the objects of Kiwanis International. If you would like to know more about Kiwanis and the programs it promotes, we invite you to be our guest at one of our monthly meetings. The Cy-Fair Kiwanis meet at Hearstone Country Club on the first, second, and third Tuesday of each month at 12:15 for lunch and informative programs. For more information, call John Carroll (Copperfield and Hearstone areas) at 281-463-0373; George Crowl (Jersey Village area) at 832-467-1998; or Peggy Presnell (Fairfield and CyRanch) at 281-304-7127. If you live anywhere in the Cy-Fair Communities, you may call any one of the above for information. COME, BE A PART OF OUR FELLOWSHIP. See [www.kiwanishoustoncyfair.com](http://www.kiwanishoustoncyfair.com) for more information.



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I recently had the pleasure of hearing David Walker, the former Comptroller of the United States, speak to my company at a training session. Mr. Walker, who made the famous movie "I.O.U.S.A." is an expert at knowing how the country can reverse the trends of increasing government debt and seemingly unlimited entitlement spending. Now the President of the Peter G Peterson Foundation ([www.pgpf.org](http://www.pgpf.org)) he paints a scary picture of what our future can hold if we don't act. In "I.O.U.S.A." he forecasts that without intervention, by 2035 the government will spend so much on defense, social security, Medicare and interest on debt that there won't be enough money to pave a street. But it doesn't have to be this way.

He believes that the American people are more knowledgeable now than at any time in history about how our government spends money. This is the key to action. Mr. Walker is not a man prone to exaggeration – he is a factual

man. And he showed us how various arms of the government can be reformed in a sensible, step-wise manner, starting with a rethinking of tax and entitlement policy. Sure, he expects our taxes to rise in the future but there is really good hope that our taxes will be used more sensibly. This is real stuff, not a fantasy. In fact in May 2010 he led a by-invitation only summit of the best thinkers on both sides of the political scene to create solutions.

How will your family navigate these waters? Creating a financial strategy for living in this new world of retirement is vitally important. Find out what it takes now to plan for rising inflation and taxes, future college costs, and changes to social security. Learn how to protect your assets from these headwinds and accumulate what you need for the future.

- Submitted by Rich Keith



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## American Business Women's Association Cy-Fair Express Network (CYFEN)

**Event:** Cy-Fair Express Network Monthly Networking Luncheon

**When:** June 24, 2010

**Time:** 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

**Where:** Houston National Golf Club

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Houston, TX. 77095

### Networking and Business Luncheon

Cy-Fair Express Network invites you to their monthly meeting and luncheon. Lots of fun, networking, and giveaways. Bring plenty of business cards. Please make reservations by June 18 to Anya Lucas @ (713)459-2331 or [anya@lucascare.com](mailto:anya@lucascare.com). More information @ [www.cyfen.org](http://www.cyfen.org).

Our mission is to bring together businesswomen of diverse occupations and to provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking support, and national recognition.

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## 14 YEAR OLD, ALICIA ADAMS

### *Inspires Houston To Takes Steps To Fight Digestive Diseases*

Alicia Adams from Cypress is inspiring people in the Houston area to participate in the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation's South Texas Take Steps Walk on June 12th at 5:00pm at Discovery Green in Houston. Alicia Adams lives with Crohn's disease, which combined with ulcerative colitis, are painful and unpredictable digestive diseases impacting over 1.4 American adults and children including over 66,000 in Texas.

Alicia was diagnosed with Crohn's disease at 9 years of age. She lives with unpredictable and at times, excruciating pain. She has endured several surgeries and must remain on medication for the rest of her life, or until a cure is found.

"I HOPE THIS WALK WILL HELP TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT CROHN'S & COLITIS, AND THE MONEY NEEDED TO ONE DAY SOON FIND A CURE." says Alicia. "I JUST WANT TO BE NORMAL AND NOT HAVE TO LIVE IN SO MUCH PAIN."

The walkers raising funds in honor of Alicia Adams have been given all the necessary fundraising tools to raise critical research dollars for these diseases, including a free customizable Web page for fundraising support, fundraising advice and assistance, and banners for social networking sites like Facebook.

For more information about becoming involved in Take Steps for Crohn's & Colitis, visit [www.cctakesteps.org](http://www.cctakesteps.org) or contact Angela Fay at 713-572-2232 or [afay@ccfa.org](mailto:afay@ccfa.org)

### ABOUT TAKE STEPS

At over 100 Walk sites across the country, thousands of people will gather this spring and summer to join the fight against Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis. Together we'll raise money for crucial research and raise awareness of these painful and unpredictable digestive diseases that afflict millions of people. After only two years, CCFA's Take Steps Walk has raised over \$13 million for research and

patient service programs. Our goal is even higher in 2010. We're committed to help transform the lives of those impacted by these diseases to one of a brighter future based on well-funded, cutting-edge scientific research. Join us now -- register today and take a step toward a future free from Crohn's and colitis!

### ABOUT CROHN'S DISEASE AND ULCERATIVE COLITIS

Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis are painful, medically incurable illnesses that attack the digestive system. Crohn's disease may attack anywhere from the mouth to the anus, while ulcerative colitis inflames only the large intestine (colon). Symptoms may include abdominal pain, persistent diarrhea, rectal bleeding, fever and weight loss. Many patients require hospitalization and surgery. These illnesses can cause severe complications, including colon cancer in patients with long-term disease. Some 1.4 million American adults and children suffer from Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis, with as many as 150,000 under the age of 18. Most people develop the diseases between the ages of 15 and 35.

### ABOUT THE CROHN'S & COLITIS FOUNDATION OF AMERICA

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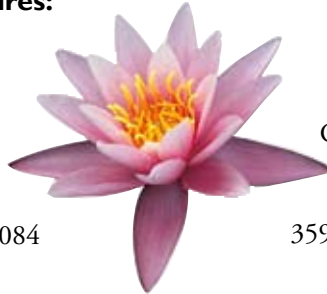
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## Master Gardener June Schedule

June 15

**Master Gardener Evening Lectures:  
Extension Office  
Shade Gardening**

by Carol Fraser, Master Gardener  
6:30 p.m. - Desserts and coffee  
7:00 p.m. - Lecture begins  
Texas AgriLife Extension Service  
3033 Bear Creek Dr, Houston, TX 77084  
Free and open to the public.



June 17

**Green Thumb Lecture Series  
WaterSmart Landscapes**

by Dr. Carol Brouwer  
County Extension Agent - Horticulture  
6:30 - 9:00 p.m.  
Tracy Gee Community Center  
3599 Westcenter Drive, Houston, TX 77042  
Free and open to the public.

AgriLife Extension is proud to present June 15th, the Master Gardener Lecture – Shade Gardening, with Carol Fraser, Master Gardener. Desserts and coffee begin at 6:30pm, followed by the lecture at 7:00pm at the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, 3033 Bear Creek Drive, Houston Tx 77084. This event is free and open to the public.

AgriLife Extension is proud to present June 17th, the Green Thumb Lecture – Watersmart Landscapes, with Dr. Carol Brouwer, County Extension Agent - Horticulture. The Lecture begins at 6:30pm at the Tracy Gee Community Center, 3599 Westcenter Drive, Houston Tx. This event is free and open to the public.

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To start with, let's quickly look at some of the most common forms of investment risk:

- **Risk of losing principal** — This is the type of risk most commonly associated with investing. You could lose some, or even all, of your principal if you sell an investment, such as a stock, whose value has dropped lower than the purchase price. You can't eliminate the risk of losing principal, but you may be able to reduce it by buying quality stocks and holding them long enough to overcome short-term market drops.
- **Inflation risk** — With an investment that pays a fixed rate of return, such as a certificate of deposit (CD), you run the risk of not keeping up with inflation, which means you could lose purchasing power over time. Consequently, it's a good idea not to "overload" on these types of investments.

- **Interest-rate risk** — When you own a bond, your investment is somewhat at the mercy of changing market interest rates. For example, if you buy a bond that pays four percent interest, and market rates rise so that newly issued bonds pay five percent, the relative value of your bond will go down; no one will pay you face value of your bond when they can get new ones that pay higher rates. Of course, if you hold your bonds until maturity, which is often a good idea, you can avoid being victimized by interest-rate risk.

- **Concentration risk** — This type of risk occurs when you have too much of your money concentrated in one area, such as in a particular stock or in one industry. If a downturn strikes that stock or industry, your portfolio could take a big hit. To combat this type of risk, you need to diversify your holdings among stocks, bonds, government securities and other investments. While diversification, by itself, cannot guarantee a profit or protect against a loss, it can help reduce the effect of volatility.

In addition to understanding the above types of risk, you also need to be familiar with your own risk tolerance and how it affects

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your investment strategy. If you are constantly worried about “the market,” you’ve probably got too many investments that are at risk of losing principal. At the other end of the spectrum, if you’re always concerned that your portfolio won’t grow enough to generate the income you’ll eventually need for retirement, you may be investing too conservatively — and, as a result, you’re inviting inflation risk.

Ultimately, you need to match your own risk tolerance with a strategy that allows you to achieve your goals. This will require self-awareness, patience, discipline — and, at times, a willingness to move outside your own “comfort zone.” By learning to balance and manage risk, you can ultimately put yourself in a position to pursue your investment strategy.



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## **What a Fire Ant Is**

There are many different types of fire ants, and they are found all throughout the southeastern and southwestern United States. The most common and aggressive kind is the red imported fire ant, which is reddish-brown and measures about 1/8-inch long (about half the size of a pencil eraser).

Red imported fire ants live in colonies that first nest in the ground, and then create a mound of dirt over the nest. These mounds can grow up to 18 inches high and over 2 feet wide! Red imported fire ants' nests can be found on lawns, in parks, on playgrounds, in fields, and in pastures. Some red imported fire ants create nests in walls of buildings.

## **What a Fire Ant Sting Looks and Feels Like**

A person who gets stung by a fire ant will feel a sharp pain and burning. A person who steps on a fire ant mound will get a lot of stings at once because the ants have been disturbed where they all live together. Each sting will turn into an itchy white blister over the next day.

## **What You Should Do**

If you ever think that you have been stung by a fire ant, tell an adult immediately. That's because the venom (poison) in the fire ants' stings can cause the area of the sting to swell up quite a bit, and a doctor may want to have a look to make sure you

are not having an allergic reaction. The symptoms of an allergic reaction include hives (red patches on the skin that sting and itch), nausea, dizziness, a tight feeling in the throat, or difficulty breathing. If these symptoms occur, the person needs to get medical attention right away.

But more often, you can follow these steps after a fire ant sting:

Wash the area with soap and water.

Apply some ice to the area.

Check with the doctor if you have redness, swelling, or itching.

## **What a Doctor Will Do**

A doctor may suggest giving a medicine called an antihistamine to control swelling and itching. If you are having a more severe allergic reaction to a fire ant sting, he or she may give you a shot fights the reaction. People who know that they are allergic to fire ant stings also sometimes carry emergency medicine that they can give to themselves to prevent a severe reaction from happening.

## **How to Avoid Getting Bitten**

The best way to avoid getting bitten by fire ants is to keep your shoes on when playing near fire ant mounds. If you come across one, don't ever poke at it or try to play with it.

Reviewed by: Elana Pearl Ben-Joseph, MD

Date reviewed: September 2007

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\$176,000--\$200,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$151,00--\$175,000	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$141,000--\$150,000	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$121,000--\$140,000	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$101,000--\$120,000	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$100,000 and below	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
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