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CYPRESS POINT PROUDLY PRESENTS THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2010

"Graduation is a time of completion, of finishing, of an ending; however, it is also a time of celebration of achievement and a beginning for the new graduate." --Catherine Pulsifer

ANGELICA CARRANCO, daughter of Becky & Frank Diaz on Cypress Trace. Angela graduated from Cy-Woods High School. Angela was a member of the Hola Club, Fish Club, and the Green Starlets. She will be attending Houston Community College this fall. Angela will be taking her basics and prerequisites for nursing school. She will then transfer to a university that hasn't been decided on yet to complete her nursing degree. Angelica, we love you dearly and are very proud of you. We will help you to continue your dream and lifelong goals. We love you, Mom, Dad, Gabby, Desiree and of course your four legged family members, Scruffles, Sassy, and Bobby!

EDNA GOMEZ GUTIERREZ, daughter of Jonathon and Sadie Gutierrez on Cypress Waters. Edna graduated from the University of Houston with a degree in Communications-Public Relations and a minor in Spanish. She is currently employed at Technip and looks forward to a very successful career. Edna is the first from her family to graduate from college! Congratulations from your friends and family.

TARA O'BANION, daughter of Jon & Tammy O'Banion on Barker Ranch Court. Tara graduated from Cy-Woods High School. She played softball and held the positions of pitcher and shortstop. She has also been very active in Community of Faith Church and was a volunteer for many activities with the handicap children. Tara plans to attend Blinn College and then transferring to Texas A & M (Whoop!!) – Tara, we are so proud of you and all your accomplishments over all these years. It's hard to believe that our little girl is graduating. It seems like only yesterday you were starting your first day of kindergarten. Congratulations on all your hard work and devotion. We are so very proud of you and will miss you when you head off to college. Always strive for only the best. We love you so much! Love, Mom, Dad, Alyssa and Kristina

KEITH WAYNE STRAVOSKI, JR, son of Keith, Sr. & Emily on Cypress Point Drive. Keith graduated from Cy-Woods High School. While attending Cy-Woods, Keith belonged to the school's FFA chapter. Throughout the last 4 years, he has shown 5 pigs, 2 pens of chickens, and one lamb. He showed at the Cy-Fair ISD Livestock Show in addition to Harris County. In 2008 he won Reserve Grand Champion at the CyFair show and in 2009 he was 3rd overall with his pig at the Harris County Fair. He has helped many of

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NEWS, NEWS, AND MORE NEWS

Grayson Leads Tomcats to First Victory

Congratulations to Casey Grayson on his solid pitching performance in leading the Texas Tomcats to their first win in franchise history giving them a 1-2 record. The Tomcats are a new franchise team in the Texas Collegiate League out of Weimer, Texas. This was Casey's first outing with the Tomcats, on Saturday June 5, and he lead them to a 8-6 victory over the Victoria Generals their sister team. Casey also helped the team out by going 3-4 at the plate, raising his batting average to .667.

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AUGUST CALENDAR

High School Football Tickets Go On Sale.....	2nd-13th
Cy-Woods Freshman Orientation from 12-3	6th
New Student Registration ...	10th-13th 17th-18th
School Starts	23rd

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Casey is 2009 graduate of Cy-Woods High School and is attending Navarro Jr College on a baseball scholarship. His VERY PROUD parents are Kenny & Denise Grayson, along with siblings, Angela, Cory, Amber & Kelly on Spring Barker Drive. Cypress Point is extremely proud of you as well! Way to go, Grayson!

Light the Candles

Extra special birthday wishes are sent to Miss Kate Lindsey on August 19th. Kate will be turning the big "1" year old! Kate is the daughter of Amy and Eric Lindsey on Glade Point Drive. Happy first birthday to our little girl. We love you very much!! Love, Mommy and Daddy!

School News!

Depending on who you are, this could be good news or this could be bad news. School starts on August 23rd. Are you ready? In other school news: Crimson Cadette 5th annual dance clinic will be held on August 11 – 13, Cy-Woods Cheer Clinic, August 28th 9 – 2, Meet the Wildcats Pep Rally, August 13th. Goodson Growl Express, August 17(6th gr.), 18th (7th gr.) & 19th (8th gr.). For more information for these events please go to www.cfsd.net and click on your school campus.

Stolen GPS

A Garmin GPS was stolen from the homeowners car in a drive way on Spring Glade Drive between the evening of July 7 and morning of July 8. Reward for successful return. Please contact Eddie at 281-804-7673 or eflyerman@gmail.com if you have any information.

Congratulations to Class of 2010 -

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his fellow FFA members with their projects as well. We are very proud of the fact that many parents commended us on what a good kid he was and how helpful he was to them. He will be greatly missed at Cy-Fair's Livestock Barn located off of Telge Rd. His future plans include attending Blinn College and then transferring to Texas A&M. (Gig 'em Aggies!) He is planning on majoring in Wildlife Management and becoming a game warden. J.R." we are so very proud of you. You have accomplished so much during your high school career and you have such a bright future ahead of you. Never settle for anything less than what you deserve and always shoot for the stars. We love you very much, Mom, Dad, and Tyler.

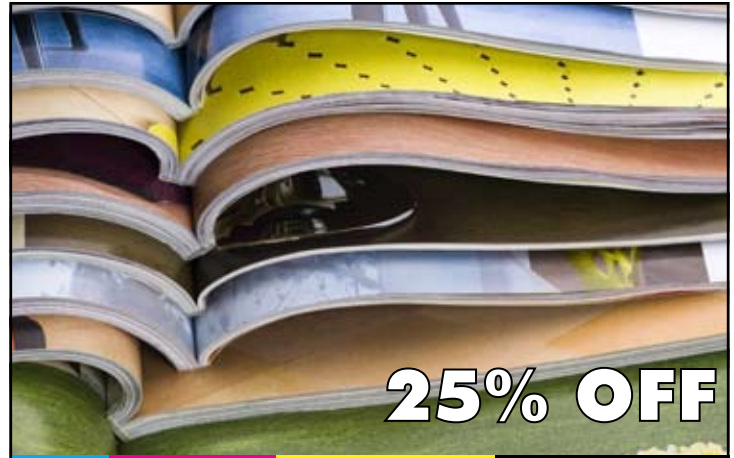
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KEEPING YOUR DOG IN YOUR OWN YARD



Recently, as I was driving on Barker Cypress, I saw yet another loose dog, this one in Cypress Point Park. I have picked up a number of loose dogs in our neighborhood, posted found signs, then waited to be contacted by the owners. Only one time was the dog wearing a tag with a working phone number.

The most common reason I hear for the dog being loose is that the dog got out of the yard. There are a number of ways for the dog to get out of the yard – through an open gate, a hole in the fence, under the fence, or over the fence.

The most important thing I can do as a dog owner is to keep the gate to the backyard locked at all times. I use a padlock and only unlock it for immediate access, then relock it. To remember to relock the gate, I keep the padlock with the key from my keychain inserted in it. When I have had to allow access to my backyard in my absence, I have unlocked the padlock and left it in place so it appears to be locked. When I return, I always check it and it usually has been relocked. If a gate key is easily accessible, you may not know the gate is open until your dog is missing. I will never leave a key outside to the back gate (even though I do keep a key to my front door outside).

Another thing... my dogs have never seen me open the gate to the backyard, so they have no reason to become preoccupied with the gate or the area around it.

Next, I'll deal with a hole in the fence caused by a broken or missing board. The fence in my backyard is made up of panels where the nail heads alternate every 7 feet of fence boards. I assume that if the nail heads are on my side, then those boards are my responsibility. When one of my boards is damaged I replace it immediately. Along

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my back fence there was a board that wasn't mine which had split in half but the ends were together. I bought a new board and put it over the fence beside the damaged board. The home owner got the idea and replaced the board within a few days. I was so grateful the first time I think I taped a Thank You note on the board after it was done.

Dogs dig under the fence because there is usually some space between the boards and the ground, so they work on making the space larger. When I mow my backyard, I leave a border of grass along the fence line. I do not use the weed-eater along the fence. The grass grows taller and there is no longer a space for the dogs to explore.

Most dogs do not know that they can jump a fence. One of the main reasons that an un-neutered male dog will jump a fence is to get to a female dog in season. They say that a male dog can smell a female in season a mile away. If he gets out of his yard, his owners may never find him. A female in season is not safe alone in a fenced backyard. If a male gets to her, there may be an unwanted litter.

Speak! deals with dog behavior and training. If you have questions, please send them to DogTrainerCarol@aol.com or to Carol Pitlock, PO Box 2066, Cypress, TX 77410. Carol is a professional dog trainer and dog training instructor and will be including answers to your questions in her column.

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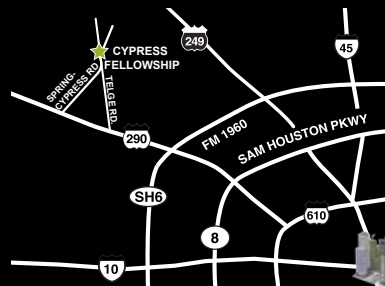


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PLANT TIP OF THE MONTH

There are a number of watering methods that have proven to be effective in the home garden. Deep watering is one of them. Deep Watering has proven over time to save water, reduce maintenance, and still promote lush and vigorous growth throughout your garden or landscape. It's basically very simple - you irrigate less often, say once every 1 to 2 weeks, although each time you irrigate more deeply. For example, you have flowers or vegetables that have been in the ground for at least a month. When the plants have started to put out new "top" growth (new leaves or buds), you know they've acclimated to their environment. Wait to start a deep watering program until your plantings start to show new growth. Even then you'll want to slowly introduce them to this system.

Cooler, shady areas will need much less water. Take a few minutes to till or loosen the top one-inch of soil in the plant bed. Be careful around newer plantings, as some of the roots will be nearer the surface and will be fragile. Deep watering will encourage the roots to go deep, looking for food and water, which is exactly what we want them to do. Loosening the top one inch of the soil will allow the water to penetrate and not run off. There's no need to be too fussy about tilling at this point, all the "hard" work was done when you prepared the bed for planting and will carry you through the

entire growing season.

A good mulch will help in retaining moisture and will protect roots from temperature extremes. Also, as an added benefit, mulch will help keep weeds down to a minimum. Start watering at a point in your yard that you can work your way back to. Slowly work your way around your garden, making sure to thoroughly water each individual plant, and any open or unplanted area around them. In a typical 10' x 3' bed, you may spend 5 minutes watering, then slowly work your way around the rest of your garden. Now you're done for about a week, depending upon the weather.

As you condition your plants to a deep watering system you will slowly stretch the length of time between watering. Your goal is to drive the water deep into the ground, and thoroughly saturate the soil to about 12 to 14 inches in depth. This will create a reservoir of moisture below the roots. As the upper part of the bed dries out the roots will naturally seek the water that's stored below them. This encourages a deeper root system which is healthier, and that is better able to tolerate low water conditions.

When you first start a deep watering program, you'll want to keep an eye on younger plants, and plants in hot areas of the garden. If

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you notice plants starting to wilt, water them deeply again. Over time you will find that watering twice, or even once a month will be all an established plant needs, depending upon specific species or variety of plant.

You can off-set this tendency by planting annuals in cooler areas of your garden or using taller plants to shade surrounding areas. In essence you're creating a small micro-climate to protect more sensitive plantings. Additionally, annuals generally need about 1 inch of water per week. As with most gardening activities, you may need to adjust this process to suit your particular growing conditions.

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