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Boy Scout Troop 61 meets from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. every Wednesday in the Activity Room at Peace Community Church.

Contact Mike Viator with Troop 61 if your son is interested in joining a local Boy Scout Troop. Cell: 713-409-1934, mike.viator@comcast.net

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Aggie Mom's Club NW Harris County

April Meeting – Tuesday, April 12th

Join the Aggie Mom's Club of Northwest Harris County for the April 12th meeting to be held at 7 pm at the Houston Distribution Center conveniently located near Willowbrook Mall at the corner of Cutten Road and 7100 High Life Center. All moms of current, future, and former Aggie students are welcome to attend for a time of great fellowship and fun!

One of the main goals of the Aggie Mom's Club is to provide scholarships for Aggie students, therefore the April meeting is all about scholarships! Join us as we listen to former Aggie scholarship winners and discover how these scholarships contributed to their Aggie experience. Find out which Aggie students will be recipients of the new 2011 scholarship awards. Attend the meeting for the chance to vote for your favorite TAMU on-campus organization to receive Aggie Mom funds! Join us as we elect the new officers for the 2011-2012 NWHC Aggie Mom's Club.

Another exciting event coming soon is the 2nd annual "Boots 'N Whoops" western fundraiser. The event will be held Sunday, April 3rd from 1 to 6 pm at Mulligan's & More and will feature music by Granger Smith and Grady Skelton. Barbecue, drinks, games, and a silent auction will all be part of the festivities for the whole family.

Future, Current, and Former Aggie Moms Invited to Join Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club Tuesday, May 10, 2011

Calling All Aggie Moms to join us for the end of the school year meeting on Tuesday, May 10th, 2011 at 7 pm at the Houston Distributing Center conveniently located near Willowbrook Mall at the corner of Cutten Road and 7100 High Life Drive. The NWHC Aggie Mom's Club supports our Aggie students through scholarships and donations to many campus organizations that enrich and enhance their experience at Texas A&M University. As Aggie Moms we support and encourage each other through fellowship and shared experiences parenting our Aggies through this important time in their lives.

Whether you are sending your first Aggie off to Aggieland or your last, we encourage you to join us this year and be a part of this special group of women! Please plan to attend one of our informal mixers held in neighborhoods throughout the northwest Harris County area this summer.

Our annual "Howdy Party" which kicks off the new school year will be held this summer on Tuesday, August 9th at the Houston Distributing Center. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend especially if you are a new "Fish" mom.

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For more information please check our website at www.nwhcaggie moms.org for a list of dates and locations or contact Vickie Hamley at 713-466-449 for more information. We look forward to meeting all our Aggie Moms!

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Spring Landscaping & Gardening Tips

Here in Houston it's time to start planning for the soon to come spring garden activities. For those of you who need a little guidance on what your landscape needs will be and some helpful hints to properly prepare we have outlined some of the most commonly asked questions. The following suggestions can help yield the desired results for you and your neighbors.

Before the weather starts to warm up have a plan to keep your landscape properly watered, this is very important. Those of you that have an automatic irrigation system can take advantage of this time to check it and make sure all repairs have been made prior to the extreme conditions we will face in the summer. Remember to set your irrigation controller to water between the hours of 2:00am and 6:30am. For those of you that do not have the benefit of an automatic irrigation system you will need to come up with a way to water with hoses and portable sprinklers. We suggest trying to use more than one sprinkler at a time if possible, this will save you some time. Set a schedule that will allow you to water in the early evening, when the sun is starting to set. Even though the best time to water is early in the morning this watering time may fit better in your daily schedule while still allowing you to help prevent the loss of water due to evaporation. Also make sure your hoses are in good condition and have no leaks. Don't over water and make sure your sprinklers are adjusted; this will help conserve water. The most important thing to consider is to evaluate the needs of your landscape and water accordingly.

Another item that many people have questions about is the type of fertilizer they should use and when to apply it. In our opinion, the most beneficial formulation for a spring lawn fertilizer with a post emergent, to take care of broadleaf weeds, would be the Scott's 29-3-4 blend with Atrazine. Another formulation we would recommend that is a well balanced lawn fertilizer without any post emergent

would be a 15-5-10 blend. Both of these fertilizers will promote a healthy green lawn. There are also special formulated fertilizers for your hibiscus, azaleas, camellias, bougainvilleas and other plant material that have special needs. All or most of these fertilizers can be found at your local lawn and garden centers as well as the Home Depot located along FM 518. Fertilizer needs to be applied at the rate recommended on the label, using the recommended spreader. Please remember one thing, "more is not better", especially when comes to fertilizers blended to control weeds with herbicides. Fertilizers should be applied during the first two weeks in March. After the fertilizer is applied make sure to wash down or sweep off concrete walks and driveways, this will help prevent discoloration caused from iron.

If you have any perennial plant material, such as ornamental grasses, groundcover or other such plants, cut back these plants to a one inch stub after the last chance of freezing temperatures. Other plants that have been damaged from the cold weather may need to be trimmed instead of cut back. The trimming required for these plants may be minor; this will be up to you. Crepe myrtles will also need to be trimmed not cut back. When trimming your crepe myrtles remove any rubbing branches and deadwood then trim only the tips that are no larger than approximately 1/4 of an inch.

We recommend mulching all beds and tree wells, doing this protects your plant's root system as well as adds a rich clean look to your landscaped beds. Apply the mulch after you have completed all of your trimming and cutting back any of your perennials. Try not to apply more than two inches of mulch at one time.

Spring is a great time to start enjoying your lawn and all of your hard work; however this is just the beginning of our growing season and all of the work it takes to have a beautifully landscaped yard.

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Northwest Flyers Youth Track Club Information Sessions

THURSDAY EVENING, APRIL 7TH, 2011 AND
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The Northwest Flyers Track Club will host 2 open house/ registration sessions for all middle and high school athletes and their parents interested in joining for the 2011 season. The events will be held on **Thursday, April 7, and Friday, April 22, 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 sessions 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, 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 24 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 36 young athletes to compete at the US Junior Olympics National Championships in Sacramento, California.

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



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Despite these challenges, these children can be resilient. They bring strengths to their situation that can help to overcome the obvious challenges they face. Take Treyvon, for example. He is anything but an average child! In fact, he is an extremely bright child, who excels in all subjects at school. His future is hopeful as he desires to become an architect, engineer or author. Treyvon is a well rounded child who enjoys outdoor activities like football, swimming and riding horses. Like most boys his age, he loves to eat, with his favorite foods being pepperoni pizza and spaghetti with meatballs.

Treyvon needs a structured family that will provide him the love, encouragement and discipline that he needs while understanding the challenges he faces in adapting to a world much different from his early life experiences. He has a great mind that needs stimulation and direction to help him accomplish his goals. Adopting a child like Treyvon from the foster care system is not difficult or expensive. Perhaps you and your family would be a good place for Treyvon to learn and grow.

For more information, please contact Stephanie Berka, Wendy's Wonderful Kids Recruiter, Adoption Coalition of Texas at 512-450-8750 or email at stephanieberka@adopttexas.org

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Lakes on Eldridge *Dolphins* Swim Team News

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Please visit our website at www.loedolphins.org for up to date information.

We have several open Chair positions, including hospitality and apparel. If you are interested or would like to get more information on the positions please contact Carolyn Jenkins at carolyn1997@gmail.com.

In the meantime, please mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

LOE DOLPHINS 2011 CALENDAR

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MAY 21: AWAY MEET - NORCHESTER

MAY 28: HOME MEET - DEERFIELD

JUNE 4: AWAY MEET - JERSEY VILLAGE

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Never Lived In	1	79	\$115.64	0	0	-
1500-2000 sq. ft.	1	50	\$108.13	0	0	-
2000-2500 sq. ft.	4	53	\$105.59	0	0	-
2500-3000 sq. ft.	8	42	\$104.12	5	67	\$123.08
3000-3500 sq. ft.	14	71	\$100.38	28	79	\$112.38
3500-4000 sq. ft.	10	69	\$99.89	19	48	\$107.74
4000-4500 sq. ft.	7	81	\$128.18	17	37	\$117.97
4500+ sq. ft.	7	104	\$116.28	4	39	\$124.15
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Sandwich Generation Needs “Stress Busters”

You may be too busy to realize it, but April is Stress Awareness Month. Sponsored by the Health Resource Network, a non-profit health education group, Stress Awareness Month is designed to promote awareness about ways to reduce stress in our lives. And if you're a member of the so-called “Sandwich Generation,” you may well have plenty of stress to deal with — especially financial stress. And that's why you may want to look at this month as an opportunity to explore ways of “de-stressing” yourself.

To understand the scope of the problem facing people in your situation, consider this: One out of every eight Americans aged 40 to 60 is both raising a child and caring for an aging parent, according to the Pew Research Center. The definition of “caring” for an elderly parent can range from actually having the parent living in one's home to helping



pay for the parent's stay in an assisted living or nursing home facility. When you consider the costs involved in this type of care, added to the expenses of raising your children, and possibly even providing some financial support to them as young adults, it's easy to see that you could potentially face enormous strains, both emotionally and financially.

To help ease this burden, consider these suggestions:

- **Save.** As a Sandwich Generation member, you're probably within shouting distance of your own retirement — so you need to be saving for it. This may not be easy. You don't know how much financial support you may someday have to provide your elderly parents — and even after your children are grown, they may need some help from you. Unfortunately, in helping these “boomerang” children, many people have to disrupt their day-to-day cash flow and raid their savings. That's why it's important to try to “pay yourself first” by deferring part of each paycheck into your 401(k) and by automatically moving money, each month, from your checking or savings account into your IRA.

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- **Talk.** Many people in the "Greatest Generation" (over age 80) have not even prepared a will, so, if your parents are in that group, you may want to talk to them about taking action. Also, find out whom, if anyone, is handling their investments. And ask if your parents understand how Medicare works and if they need to add supplemental health insurance, such as Medigap. Plus, you need to find out if your parents have created a power of attorney or health care directive. It's best to have these conversations sooner, rather than later.

- **Delegate.** You eventually may have to take some responsibility for your parents' care — but you don't have to do it alone. You could, for example, work with a financial services provider that offers trust services, which can be invaluable if your parents are incapacitated, but which are useful even if they aren't. A professional trust officer can, among other duties, help manage your parents' investments, pay their bills, keep their records and supervise distribution of their assets to beneficiaries. In short, a qualified trust officer can make life a lot easier for you.

Stress Awareness Month only lasts 30 days, but by taking the right steps, you can de-stress yourself for many years to come. After all, just because you're in the Sandwich Generation, it doesn't mean you have to be "squished."

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!

We will meet the 1st Monday of each month at IHOP on Hwy 290 (Next to CVS on Fry Road) between 5:30 am and 8:00 am.

Come by have a cup of coffee and get the latest events and happenings in the Industry. If you have any questions please feel free to email me at Kevin.Kays@sbcglobal.net

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I am an International Exchange Coordinator for EF Foundation. I will be working with the community to secure host families for a number of students this year.

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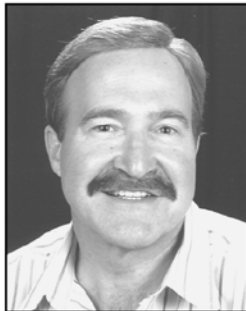
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