



Views Around The Lake

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"To be nobody but yourself in a world which is doing its best to make you everybody else, means to fight the hardest human battle ever and to never stop fighting." — E.E. Cummings, poet and writer

"Who ARE you, really?" The lady asking this in the TV movie was looking at her friend of ten

years, perhaps seeing him clearly, sharply, with complete unclouded and unbiased vision, for the first time in her life.

I'm into the fifth decade of my life, and there are many days in which I feel I cannot answer that question honestly, "Who am I?" So what would we tell the high school

and college graduates who are facing many personal challenges and opportunities in the coming weeks?

Poet E.E. Cummings, above, was a lover and writer of nonconformity, freedom of expression and uniqueness of the individual. He is many times referred to by name in lower case letters, because he frequently used the lower case personal pronoun "i" in his writings, but never actually stated preference for his name as such. I always thought this a mysteriously wonderful tribute to him - his renown search for uniqueness in the individual precipitated this controversy in the capitalization of his name.

There are 83 Rice graduates who will be crossing the football stadium Thursday night to receive their diplomas. They are each individuals of a class of 83 persons, and each will be bringing to the world his own unique style and unique preferences. Let's hope these young people never truly "get lost in the crowd" of life.

In today's world you can be just about anyone you want to be. That world -and then paid TV advertising alone - and at all hours of the night and day, guarantees one, with enough ambition and money to:

- lose 20 pounds of weight in 30 days
- "be fit for life"
- make lots of money in real estate (or selling knives or inventing the world's newest and greatest gadget or.....etc, etc.)
- enroll in online college courses and training that can change your life
- invest in just the right money-making stocks

--and on and on and onlots of noise and lots of promises.

Do we want our children - our new graduates - to conform?? To buy the right cooky-cutter stocks, live in the expensive cooky-cutter house and wear the always appropriate cooky-cutter suit??

On "American Idol" these past few weeks, contestants strived to be different, to stand out in the crowd, to do something that separated them from the ambitious competition. Judges and musical mentors respectively guided them and introduced them to new musical genres. They were asked to listen, practice and ultimately reveal their own personal, individual style.

Idol contestants have stated the program management constantly and consistently said, "Be yourself. Be yourself. Ultimately, always, be yourself."

Sometimes the simplest words are the hardest to live by. We would tell our new graduates to certainly listen to those words of advice from teachers, parents and mentors, to read those words of inspiration and famous quotes placed in graduation cards extolling success and ambition. There's lots of noise out there - lots of clashing sounds and chaotic people attempting climbs on those long, loud ladders of success. Just listen and don't lose yourself on the bottom rungs as you start that climb. In this aggressive, multi-tasking world, this in itself can be the most difficult task.

Be yourself.
"The more faithfully you listen to the voice within you, the better you will hear what is sounding outside." --Dag Hammarskjöld, former UN Secretary-General.

Healthy Marriage Program Available

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission has named Family Services of Greater Houston, as one of 12 Regional Intermediaries for the "Twogether in Texas" Healthy Marriage initiative.

As Regional Intermediary, Family Services will be responsible for ensuring healthy marriage services are available in its 13-county region, including Colorado County.

The healthy marriage initiative in Texas promotes free, skills-based marriage education and provides couples with the tools they need to manage the challenges inherent in relationships. Research has shown that couples who receive relationship education have more stable relationships, increasing favorable outcomes for themselves and their children.

Classes will be taught around the region. The classes include eight hours of training focusing on communication skills, conflict resolution and the elements of

a healthy marriage. Classes will benefit couples who are seriously dating, engaged to marry and those married for any length of time.

Beginning Sept. 1, couples completing the class will be able to waive paying \$60 for their marriage license fee, and they will not have to wait 72 hours to get married.

As the regional intermediary of Region 6, which includes Colorado County, Family Services is seeking local organizations and individuals to help them coordinate these services. Four contracts for up to \$50,000 each will be awarded by Family Services. Interested parties are encouraged to learn more about this opportunity through the agency's website at www.familystrcs.ocp.s

Family Services of Greater Houston is one of Houston's oldest non-profit social service organizations.

The agency has seven locations in Harris, Montgomery, Waller and Fort Bend counties, as well as providing services in 40 schools and 16 community locations.

Fair Tag-Ins June 7

Market hogs for the Colorado County Fair will be tagged, tattooed and weighed on Saturday, June 7, from 7 to 9 a.m. at the Ag Complex Colorado County Fairgrounds. Hogs must weigh 230 to 270 pounds (with a 5-pound tolerance) at official weigh-in on Sept. 11.

There is a \$5 tag-in fee per animal.

Market goats for the Fair will be tagged, tattooed and weighed on June 7 from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Ag Complex Colorado County Fairgrounds.

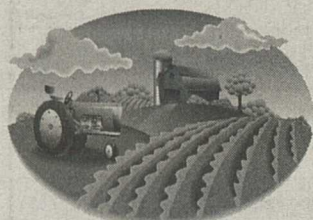
Goats must weigh no less than 60 pounds and no more than 120 pounds (with a 3-pound tolerance) at official weigh-in on Sept. 11.

There is a \$5 tag-in fee per animal.

Market lambs for the Fair will be tagged, tattooed and weighed on June 7 from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Ag Complex Colorado County Fairgrounds.

Lambs must be carrying temporary incisors (milk teeth) with no permanent incisors in view at the official weigh-in on Sept. 11.

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