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Building Frostwood

Grab your tools and come join the construction crew on March 2 at the Frostwood Elementary Auction at Norris Center at City Centre. The construction-themed party is Frostwood's largest fundraiser and will celebrate the school's new building. At press time, auctions items included an "ultimate Texans fans package" and an autographed football by Texans player **Andre Johnson**. Pictured (back row, from left) are students **Landon Lord, Jeb Burkhart, Liam Amling, Anthony Pinera, Alden Farrow, Grant Farrow, Zach Bassett**, (front row, from left) **Dominic Pinera, Annie Amling, Reagan Farrow, Isabelle Burkhart** and **Kate Bassett**. See frostwoodpta.com.



More Eagles have landed

Scout Troop 642, sponsored by Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church, awarded the rank of Eagle Scout to **Austin Riddle** (at left), a senior at Memorial High School, and **Cullen Cosco**, a senior at Houston Christian High School. For Riddle's Eagle Scout project, he and his team of scouts constructed a pergola over an existing outdoor deck at Angela House, a transitional, residential facility for women just released from incarceration. He was also able to purchase patio furniture with surplus funds from donations. For Cosco's Eagle Scout project, he collected and shipped new/lightly used baseball equipment to teen-age players in the Dominican Republic in cooperation with Daystar Baptist Missions.



Bravo to young actors

Students, including **Daniel Fonseka** (pictured, playing Aladdin), from Theatre Under The Stars' (TUTS) Humphreys School of Musical Theatre won awards in the national Junior Theater Festival. Students from the school were awarded Outstanding Achievement in Music, Outstanding Student Director, Outstanding Student Choreographer and Outstanding Performance. More than 4,000 young actors from 23 states participated in the celebration of musical theater in Atlanta. Other TUTS students winning awards were **Scott Fonseka, Ellie Sondock, Kelley Parsons** and **James George**. (Photo: MTI / Marcus Woollen)



50th annual Spring Thing

The 50th annual Spring Thing Market, an annual production of Chapelwood's United Methodist Women, starts with a 5-8:30 p.m. preview party March 5. It's followed by the shopping market March 6, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and March 7, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The event will feature more than 80 high-quality vendors selling items including jewelry, clothing and accessories, home and seasonal decorations (spring and Easter), and gourmet foods. There's also a silent auction featuring sports tickets, vacation-home stays and more. Spring Thing benefits women's and children's missions, with last year's event raising \$96,000. More than 200 Chapelwood volunteers work on the event for six months, led by the Spring Thing Steering Committee, including (pictured, starting from top of stairs) **Lory Margraves, Betsy Humphrey, Diana Bates, Shawn Wall, Katie Fields, Carol Whitley, Amber Sanders, Julie Treadwell, Dinah Huthnance, Susan Bolling, Ann Ramsey, CJ Yeoman**, (ground, from left) **Karyl White**, chair **Carrie Hoye, Sherry Lind, Dawn Powers** and **Teresa Skrabanek**. See umwspringthing.org.



Cradle, shoot, score!

Five St. Francis Episcopal Day School student athletes, including (pictured, from left) eighth graders **Brent Bishop, Dylan Poynter** and **Braden Hovermale** and seventh graders **Reese Sullivan** and **Parker Browne**, competed in the Dick's Sporting Goods Tournament of Champions in Tampa, Fla. Their Houston Lacrosse Academy U13 team, called HouLAguns, enjoyed a tourney run that saw them crowned the top U13 team in Texas and the fourth-ranked team in the nation. They had a total 4-2 record, losing the third-place finals game to the Baltimore Breakers on the last day of tournament play.

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Dolls come to life

Addy, Caroline, Josefina, Kaya or Rebecca? Who is your favorite American Girl? Thespians from the Stratford Playhouse visited Blue Willow Bookshop to engage the imaginations of several young girls in the bookshop's American Girl Club. The club meets the second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m., from September through May. At each meeting, the girls bring their favorite American Girl doll and make crafts and share stories about their dolls. The actors included **Ashley Karolys, Noelle Flores, Tucker May** and **Molly Richter**.



Dads vs. dads

It all began when **Billy Tilotta** and **Philip Armentor** started some friendly banter about who was the better softball player, and it has evolved into an annual softball tournament with more than 100 dads of students at St. Cecilia Catholic School. On May 11, those dads will play in the 4th Annual Dads' Softball Tournament at Baseball USA to raise money for school scholarships. The players wear jerseys from 1970s-era Major League baseball teams. Representing their teams are Billy Tilotta – Astros, **Gil Ramon** – Royals, **David Gruenwald** – Mets, **Bo Barrett** – Indians, **Dwayne Hyzak** – Padres, **Brock King** – Cardinals, **Jamie Duffner** – A's, and **Ken Guidry** – Orioles.



Stratford on stage

Stratford High School Playhouse presented the musical *Crazy for You* by George and Ira Gershwin this winter. Directed by **CeCe Prudhomme**, the show, about a New Yorker named Bobby Child who is sent to a small town in Nevada to shut down the local theater but falls for the theater owner's daughter instead, included classic Gershwin musical numbers like "Someone to Watch Over Me," "I've Got Rhythm," "They Can't Take That Away From Me" and "Embraceable You." Pictured are student performers (from left) **Caitlin Ellinger, Calli Martin, Hannah Goodearle, Graham Baker, Katie Moore** and **Kirby Morris**. For information on upcoming shows, see shsplayhouse.org.



Traveling fencers

Anton Piskovatskov (pictured), 16, and **Ariel Simmons**, 16, are making their mark in the sport of fencing. Their weapon of choice is the epee. At the European Cadet Circuit Tournament in

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Klagenfurt, Austria, Piskovatskov and members of the USA-I Men's Epee Team earned team gold medals. Competing as the tournament's top seed, USA earned a bye into the quarter-finals, where the Americans won eight of nine bouts against Israel. Piskovatskov anchored his team to a 45-28 win. At Chalons, France, in the European Cadet Circuit, Piskovatskov and Simmons continued their medal collection. Piskovatskov earned a silver (missing gold by one touch) and Simmons a fifth place. (Photo: Alliance Fencing Academy)



Cub scouts in action

There are lots of things to do as a Cub Scout – crafts, games, sports, songs, stories and puzzles, and one more is to give back to those in need in the community. The Hunters Creek Elementary School Cub Scout Den #5 did just that over the holiday season. They went to East Spring Branch Food Pantry to help bag rice and beans for less fortunate families. Pictured are scouts (from left) friends **Zac Gould** and **Derek Nguyen**.

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