

Answer: Who Is This?

(From page 4 A)

Linda Ford and her husband, Ronnie, have one child, Chris.

Linda is the owner of Act II Consignment Boutique located at 6342 Phelan Blvd. in Beaumont, where she helps outfit some of the area's top dressers.

Linda is Baptist by faith and enjoys shopping, working in her yard, travel and motorcycle riding in her free time.

She credits her father for instilling in her the desire to be a hard worker and



to always "do the right thing toward everyone." Linda would like to be remembered for her sense of humor and for being good to her family and friends, not to mention her staff members.

DANGER

from page 10 B

play on our personal computers. Antivirus, anti-spyware, and firewall software are imperative on our computers; after all, it is the personal computer that is the target of the zombie Trojan, and it is millions of personal computers like your and mine that make up these huge bots that can wreak such havoc.

For those who would be interested in seeing what a cyber attack warning might look like, an unofficial Israeli Web site that disseminates anti-terrorism information, the "DEBKAFile," has recently posted such a warning about a massive upcoming cyber attack on the US (www.debka.com/headline.php?hid=4723). I am typing this prior to the date of this next alleged "cyber jihad" attack on the United States (November 11, Veterans' Day) and you will certainly be reading this column after that date. I hope that this warning, as have many other such warnings, turned out to be false. In fact, several security authorities such as McAfee, and Computerworld magazine, have argued that the DEBKAFile warning is a hoax, and that the information

presented is unreliable. Another publication, Government Computer News, also belittled the warning, but the column that said that had the subtitle, "Don't cancel your day off yet" (www.gcn.com/online/vol1_n01/45386-1.html). This cyber attack warning is but one example of what Director Mueller is warning about.

Since the antivirus and anti-spyware on our computers can be compromised or neutralized by a zombie that slips through our defenses, it is a good idea to perform a free online security scan from one of the many available. My two personal favorites are Trend Micro's Housecall (housecall.antivirus.com), and Microsoft's online OneCare at safety.live.com (click on the shield in the middle of the window). A successful scan by either or both of these services will likely indicate that your computer is clean of viruses, worms, Trojans, spyware, and zombies. Make sure your firewall is installed and updated. As I complete most of my security presentations, I close with the expression, "Practice safe HEX."

Teens making a difference

Volunteers painted Beaumont home

By Jennifer Steeley
Staff Writer

Teens from Communities In Schools Southeast Texas Inc. (CISSET), a partnership of students belonging to 13 campuses from Beaumont and Port Arthur Independent School Districts including Steven F. Austin, DeQueen, Memorial High School and Memorial 9th Grade Campus, gave of their time and energy to brighten the day of one local lady in honor of USA WEEKEND Magazine's "Make A Difference Day," an annual event that takes place on the fourth Saturday of every October. This year's event, on Saturday, Oct. 27, elicited the goodwill of millions of Americans organizing community services in the form of canned food drives, literacy drives, beach cleanups and more.

Locally, the youth involved with CISSET, a 501 (c) (3) non-profit corporation founded in 1991, spent Oct. 27 painting Ms. Hypolite's Woodworth Boulevard home. Utilizing the afternoon to make a difference in the life of a fellow community member, the group forfeited lounging on the weekend day, choosing instead to spend the hours enhancing the outlook of another.

CISSET daily strives to meet the individual needs of its student members by working closely in a coordinated and collaborative effort with school personnel, parents and family, community volunteers, community businesses, and social service agencies, trying to meet its primary objectives to improve school attendance, academic skills, personal and life skills, parental involvement, pre-employment skills, career development, job skills, awareness of health related issues, graduation issues, and coordination of social services for students and their families.



Courtesy photos

Communities In Schools Southeast Texas Inc. volunteers spent the day putting work into their community.

More than 20 youth from CISSET participated in this year's Make A Difference Day, proving that the socially enriching program does work. CISSET operates on 13 campuses throughout the Beaumont and Port Arthur Independent School Districts and administers to 1,900 case-managed students and 22,000 students with general services including homework help and junior achievement workshops. According to CISSET representative Patty Williams, "We like to bring out the extra stuff for added

achievement." Williams said that the non-profit scholarly group offers students tutors, counseling, school supplies, job shadowing and field trips, "as a way to get them extra help for better enrichment."

CISSET is open to students at the 13 campuses of operation free of charge. The organization is partially funded by TEA, BISD, PAISD, United Way, grants and private donations. To find out more information look up the group's Web site at www.cisset.org.