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Saturday December 3rd, 2005

8:00-9:00am

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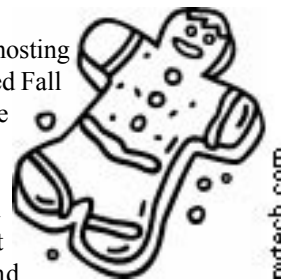
WOW – Cajun Cookie Exchange

By Reschele Lawrence

A big thanks goes to Margo Horton for hosting the October WOW and the Rita-postponed Fall Gift Exchange. Don't worry everyone will be a winner at next month's Cookie Exchange!

On Thursday, November 17th, Brenda Walker (12906 Azalea Creek) will host her Annual Cajun Gumbo Dinner and Cookie Exchange! The fun starts at 7:00pm. For the Cookie Exchange, you will need to bring four bags containing six cookies each; one bag to share as a snack and three for the actual exchange.

I hope to see everyone there as this WOW benefits the whole family (unless you want to keep all the cookies for yourself)!



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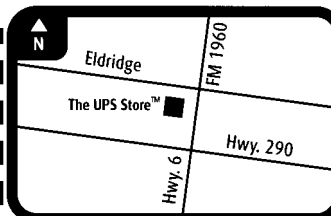


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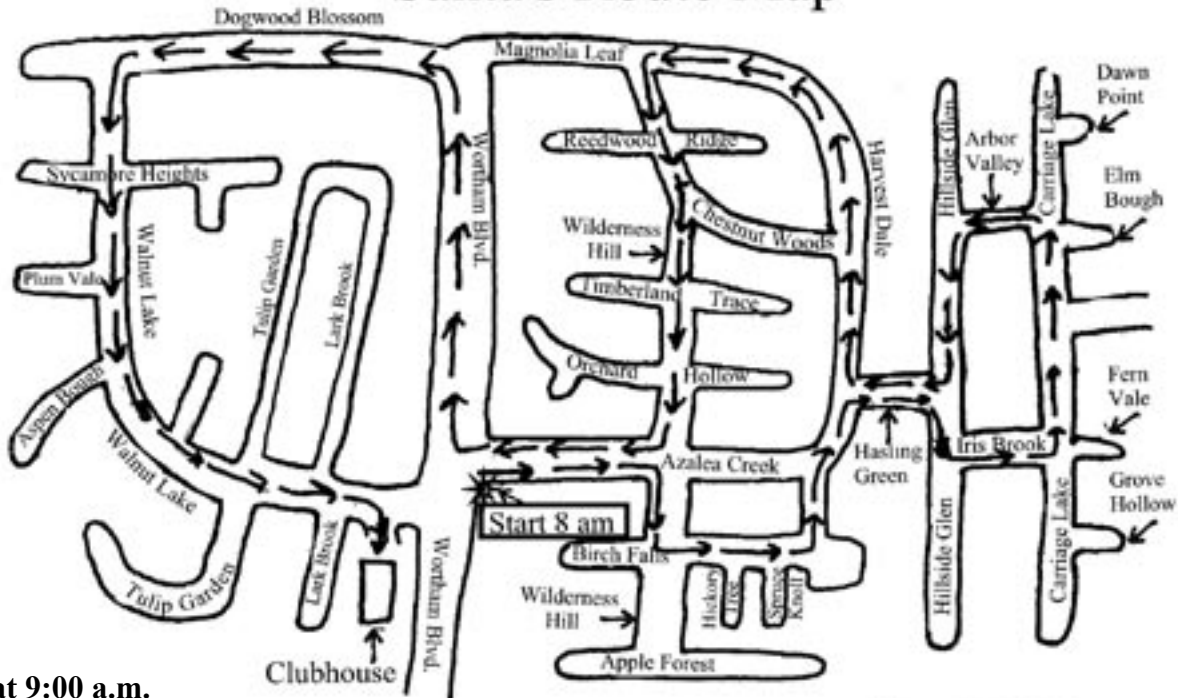
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Splinters From the Board

By Stan Schoen; E-mail: sschoen@worthamweb.org

The community made it past Rita and I hope all of our residents and families were safe during and after that hurricane. I had to make a trip two weeks after Rita passed and was amazed at the damage from both Katrina and Rita, just from what I could see off I-10 all the way from Beaumont, TX to Lake Charles, LA was simply incredible. The devastation was everywhere and the National Guard was ever present at each exit from the freeway for all those miles, allowing only residents into those exits. The reports we all see on television are not quite the same as witnessing all this in person. From everything I've witnessed and all the conversations I've had I would advise everyone to consider flood insurance even though we are not in a flood zone. It is relatively inexpensive insurance that you should discuss with your insurance provider and hopefully we'll never need to use this. This is NOT a part of your homeowners' policy but is purchased separate. I mention this because most people don't realize that it is not included in your policy. Flood insurance covers you for 'rising' waters while your regular insurance takes into consideration a 'downpour' or 'sideways' rain.

There has been construction started behind us that is to continue Fallbrook towards Huffmeister which will include another detention pond to service a new strip center to be built on the intersection of Fallbrook and N. Eldridge.

By the time you read this we had our annual homeowner's meeting and the Neighborhood Watch Committee chair will have been in place. We will have introduced this to everyone and start progressing from there. A key piece to this Neighborhood Watch is for everyone to be involved. We need the e-mail address that you use most often so that we can correspond with you in the event that we need to do so. We will ask for this at this meeting and send out a separate flyer as well for this purpose. Please cooperate with us in trying to harvest this information for the benefit of all of us.

We are now putting finishing touches on our budget for 2006 and we are in good shape financially and have planned well for the next projects we have either committed or plan to do. Everything we plan on doing is for the benefit of all our homeowners, to keep us current and to improve the value of our homes and our community. There is a lot of uncertainty out there regarding financial markets, housing markets and many things you read about in the newspaper. We are focused and we are doing everything we know to do, with a plan, to keep our money safe and our community current to do our part as a hedge on whatever goes on around us. Make it a great day! See you at my table.

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Oct. 27th	November 4 - Adam Book Fair
Nov. 8th	Polling site
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Nov. 14th	4th Grade Program
Nov. 17th	Picture Retakes
Nov. 21-25th	Thanksgiving Holidays

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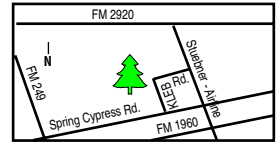


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Cypress Community Christian School's Choir, Art and Drama programs are proud to announce their first joint production since *Scrooge*. With an all-star cast and beloved score by Rodgers and Hammerstein, *Cinderella* promises to be an unforgettable experience for the entire family. The part of Cinderella will be played by Alayna Matranga, the Prince by Josh Graber, the hilarious Step-Sisters by Keeley Lambert and Kasey Witherow, the charming Fairy God-Mother is double-cast played by Genesis Devine and Caroline Carthey, the part of the domineering Step-Mother is played by Courtney Higgs while Luke Jones and Michelle Anderson will warm hearts as the loveable King and Queen. Many other characters will grace the stage with unforgettable performances including Hunter Floyd as the Herald, John Medendorp as the Steward and double-cast Jon Obenland and Hasheem Thabeet as the Chef. Well known songs include: "Impossible," "Ten Minutes Ago," and "In My Own Little Corner."

Don't miss this outstanding musical to be held at Cook Junior High Theater located at 9111 Wheatland off of West Rd. between Jones & Beltway 8. Performances will be held on Friday, December 2 @ 7 p.m., Saturday, December 3 @ 2p.m. and Sunday, December 4 @ 3 p.m.

To purchase advance tickets, contact Mrs. Lisa Matranga in our Drama Department at lmatranga@cccs-hou.org or 281-469-8829 ext.456. In addition, tickets may be purchased at the door! Also, you may access information on the school web site at www.cccs-hou.org - Upcoming Events Section.

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Musing on Cats

By Terri Welch, faithful cat servant

I may not have mentioned this before in my various ramblings to you, but we have cats in our house. Two cats, though if you look at the fur coating every surface in our house, you might be forgiven for thinking we have more. Notice I didn't say we "own" cats, because I think that's impossible. To own something implies you have some measure of control over it. And we have no control over these cats. You know how you're supposed to lose 40% of your body heat through your head? It must be true, because at night the male cat likes to climb onto my pillow in the middle of the night and **sleep on my head**. Let me tell you, there's nothing like waking up to eleven pounds of purring fur on your head.

The other cat is female and very vocal. That may be redundant, but anyway. She likes to go outside. She *lives* to go outside. She is not supposed to go outside, as she is partially declawed, but she does not care. This does not deter her from telling us she wants to go outside. Over and over again. Loudly. At all hours of the day and night. In fact, my mom and dad won't come visit us anymore. They say it's because they're in the seventies. I think it's because they couldn't sleep through the midnight caterwauling.

I always tell my childless friends that if they want training in being parents, they should get some cats. You will be awakened at all hours of the night, you have to break up fights, you have to get used to dealing with excrement, and there is vomit involved.

As we say at our house:

"What's the only thing worse than stepping in warm cat vomit?"

"Stepping in cold cat vomit."

Remember how I said the female cat loves to go outside? The main reason, apparently, that she wants to go outside, is to eat grass. Lots and lots of grass. Which would be fine, I guess, if she just needed more fiber in her diet or whatever, plus it usually needs to be mowed anyway, but then we'll scoop her up and bring her back inside and she'll **THROW THE GRASS UP**. So, what's the point? Is it just feline bulimia, is she watching her little kitty figure, or just another of those Sisyphean¹ tasks that make up my day?

Don't get me wrong, there's a lot to love about kitties. They're soft, and warm, and cuddly (usually, especially if I'm reading the paper.) And they can have more fun with a paper sack than any other species I know. Still, if you happen to phone us, and you hear a plaintive, continuous sound from the background, Kitty says "Hello," and "Let me out."

(Footnotes)¹ My DH tells me that no one else but the other four English lit majors living in Wortham know who Sisyphus was. He was a Greek guy condemned to push a big rock up a hill every day, only to watch it tumble back down when he reached the top. Better than having your liver eaten out by a bird every day, like Prometheus, but still.

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Musings on Mosquitoes

By Terri Welch

Is it just me, or have the skeeters taken over Wortham? I avoid the outdoors like we are under quarantine, and the only time I venture outside is the thirty seconds it takes to get to the van, or to put the trash outside by the curb. Still my skin is so mosquito-bitten, it looks like I have the pox. I think the skeeters wait outside my door for me in a big skeeter confabulation.

It's my own fault, of course. I have recently taken to making fruit smoothies in the morning for breakfast. My new diet for trying to lose weight is: fruit smoothie for breakfast, whatever I want for lunch including a regular Coke, and roasted veggies for supper. I'll let you know if it works. It probably won't have the roaring success of DH's diet, though.

DH decided last year that he was overweight, and announced to me that in the future, he would no longer be eating my home-cooked suppers. He would be eating Wheaties. Or Total, or one of those tastes-the-same-as-the-cardboard-box cereals. And that's what he did. Bam. Overnight, from eating whatever tasty Hamburger Helper glop I had prepared, to eating cereal. Can you imagine that? In case you are wondering, here, in its entirety, is his diet: a breakfast bar in the morning, a salad for lunch, and cereal for supper. That's it. And he lost the weight. In fact, he's getting pretty close to my weight now. Dang it.

But I digress. Back to the skeeters. Someone once told me that if you eat bananas, you are more likely to get bitten by mosquitoes than

if you don't eat bananas. Apparently, if you eat bananas, your skin emits this irresistible "eau de banana" scent that only mosquitoes can smell. And of course, bananas are a major part of my fruit smoothies.

Now, if I could just find a counterfood, something that mosquitoes find repulsive. Then, once I find it, I could let y'all know so we could all be mosquito free. So far, I've tried chocolate, cookies, pudding, ice cream, pasta, potato skins, creamed spinach, and apple pie. Nothing has worked to keep the mosquitoes at bay. But fear not, dear reader. In the pure spirit of altruism, the search goes on. I think I'll try baklava next....



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WORTHAM MARKET REPORT

Courtesy of Super Dave

This market information report is provided to keep you informed of resale market activity in your subdivision.

	Apr 05	May 05	Jun 05	Jul 05	Aug 05	Sept 05
\$210,000 +	1	0	1	1	0	0
\$190,000-209,999	1	0	1	1	0	0
\$170,000-189,999	2	1	2	0	0	0
\$150,000-169,999	3	0	1	2	1	0
\$130,000-149,999	1	0	2	0	0	0
\$130,000 -	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	8	1	7	4	1	0
Highest \$/Sq Ft	74.28	72.38	72.99	74.96	65.23	

This chart represents the homes that have sold and closed in the past 6 months according to the Houston Multiple Listing Service.

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