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Will it be cold this winter? I like to tell people that live to the North of us that winter was on Tuesday last year but I have this feeling we could be in for a real winter this year. Not to worry though as we'll still be mowing into November.

Our dues structure has been the same for many years now and we were forced to take a hard look at what we all pay versus what we need to keep our subdivision running and looking as we would all like for it to. In order to do this we are going to be forced to increase our fees by \$40.00 which would still have us under \$450 per year in dues. This is a reasonable request and well justified and necessary as we have kept our fees low as compared to anyone else in our price range and delivered a high quality of services. There is much left to do and will always have things to do as we must do preventative maintenance on existing structures and upgrades as necessary, all of which we have done. Now we need to continue with this and add a new fence around the Eldridge side as well as other continuous projects. If you were at the annual homeowners meeting you would have seen our budget and all the numbers.

We are proud to tell you that we have an annual audit by an independent firm and are managed by an outside company, Crest Management, and all is well with Wortham and we need to make sure we continue to do so and this increase will help make this so.

The hospital on Huffmeister and 290 will be ready in December, '06 and will be owned by 88 doctors. I know of some moving from the Fallbrook complex on FM1960 so you might want to check with your doctors' office to see if you are affected by this change. The Professional Bldg on Wortham and FM1960 is to open soon and the hospital is yet to announce their intentions to my knowledge but I will keep you posted as I learn more on this subject.

Target is open next to the Home Depot as you probably already know and we now have our 'own' Italian Restaurant across from Panera Bread along with our two sub sandwich restaurants across from each other, Firehouse and Lenny's. Now when you leave the neighborhood to have a casual dinner with the family the conversation begins, where do you want to go...by the time you decide which place to eat you're at Willowbrook so plan ahead.

It's a slow newsday so let me end by saying Happy Holidays to you all!

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Neighborhood Watch News

Marie Trascher

I have recently received word of incidents in our community that needed attention by our Deputies.

Fallbrook was the scene of drag racing and loitering by teenagers causing noise and theft of "No trespassing" and "No motor vehicles allowed" signs. The Sheriff's Department was not notified of these incidents.

The theft of a bicycle on the front porch and later in the same week there was theft of baseball equipment from the garage of the same residence. Each incident was not reported to the Sheriff's Department as far as I know. The Block Captain was notified. Our Block Captains are part of the Neighborhood Watch but are not Deputies. It does no good to notify them without calling the proper people which are our Deputies.

Vandalizism was reported on another street. This was reported to the Sheriff's Department.

Our community has two full-time Deputies who are always on the look out for such activity but cannot catch each incident that happens. This is where all residents should be watchful for one another and report any suspicious activity.

Please remember to call the Harris County Sheriff's Department EVERY time there is an incident (713-221-6000). A report needs

to be placed and a Deputy dispatched to check on the status of the complaint. We cannot stop crime and vandalism from occurring if it is not reported. We also do not want these incidents to escalate to more serious crimes. Even if the complaint seems to be a minor one, it needs to be reported.

There is a program which is called "Meet the Citizen" where

any resident can call the Sheriff's Department and request a "Meet the Citizen" and a Deputy will be dispatched where you can voice any problem or complaint.

It is a good idea to program the Sheriff's phone number into your phones, especially for teenagers. They will not have to remember or wonder who to call. Of course, 911 for any emergency, this includes being afraid for any reason.

The Holiday's are fast approaching and we need

to be more aware of our surroundings and be ever cautious. This is the time of year that old scams and some new ones will occur.

Please take advantage of the protection we have in place. Each resident needs to feel safe and secure in their homes and we have the resources to make this happen.



WOW – Christmas Cookie Exchange

By Reschele Lawrence Everyone had a great time at Chapala in October. The gift exchange was fun, chaotic and full of laughs. Thanks to everyone who turned out for WOW!

In November, Brenda Walker (12906 Azalea Creek) will host her Annual Cajun Gumbo Dinner and Cookie Exchange! Check the neighborhood signs and your email for the exact date. The fun will start 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. Be prepared to share recipes as well – we all like new yummy ideas!

Also, my tenure as WOW email and sign guru is coming to an end. Please give this some consideration. If anyone has some extra time to spare every month and would like to help keep WOW together, please let me know. This will be our BIG topic in December.

WVCA Newsletter Policies

Call Vicky at 281-955-7312 or Email to Worthamnews@ houston.rr.com any articles or information you would like to put in the newsletter. **NOTE: Articles must be submitted as Word documents and photos and graphics as separate files. Photos imported into a Word document or PDF files are not acceptable.** Please include your name and phone number, also. The deadline for submitting news is the 12th of each month for the following month's newsletter.

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Cypress Assistance Ministries (CAM), located at 11202 Huffmeister, exists to provide a safe place for individuals or families to tell their story and be offered some measure of hope during difficult times.

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10-11—PEARLAND: First United Methodist Pearland Gift Alley Includes high-end arts & crafts, silent auction, music and a children's activity area. First United Methodist Church. www.fumcpearland. org 281/485-1466

11—EDNA: Christmas in the Outback Arts & crafts show is held in conjunction with the Texana Chili Spill at Brackenridge on Lake Texana. Hafernick Center, Brackenridge Plantation Park. www. jacksoncountytx.com 361/782-7146

11—GALVESTON: Eighth Annual Texas Aviation Hall of Fame Induction Gala Black-tie optional event celebrates aviation pioneers and heroes of Texas. Begins at 6 p.m. Lone Star Flight Museum. www.lonestarflight.org 888/354-4488

11—PORT ARTHUR: St. Catherine of Siena "Taste of Culture" Includes cultural music and food. 409/962-3011

11-12—HOUSTON: 17th Annual Texas Championship Powwow Includes colorful tribal dance contests, an Indian artist and traders arts & crafts tent, honoring ceremonies, singing, dancing and more. Traders Village. www.tradersvillage.com 281/890-5500

11-12—PASADENA: 25th Annual Martyn Farm Fall Festival Includes demonstrations, farm animals, antique machines, crafts, music, storytellers, rides and more. Armand Bayou Nature Center. www.abnc.org 281/474-2551 11-12—TEXAS CITY: Model Train Festival Features modular layouts and interactive kids layouts. Museum & Showboat Pavilion. www.texas-city-tx.org 409/643-5799

11-Dec. 24—SPRING: Home for the Holidays Celebrate the season with more than 150 shops offering unique gifts from around the world. www.otsid.com 281/288-2355

12—GALVESTON: 16th Annual Lone Star Flight Museum Fly Day Feel the excitement as WWII bombers and fighters take to the skies. Lone Star Flight Museum. www.lonestarflight.org 888/354-4488

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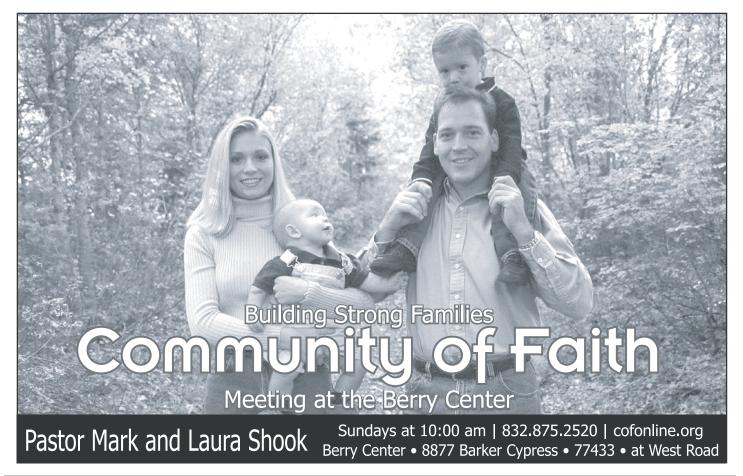
12—TEXAS CITY: Taste of the Town & Auction Showcases area restaurants. Mall of the Mainland. www.texascitychamber.com 409/935-1408

16—HARLINGEN: Christmas Tree Extravaganza Opens the Christmas Tree Forest Exhibit. Hours are 6 to 9 p.m. Harlingen Arts & Heritage Museum. 956/216-4901

16-19—HARLINGEN: Murder at the Howard Johnson's (Comedy) Harlingen Performing Arts Theatre. 956/412-7529

16-Jan. 8—HARLINGEN: Christmas Tree Forest Exhibit Be enchanted by the creativity and spirit of a forest of Christmas trees. Call to schedule a tour. Harlingen Arts & Heritage Museum.

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956/216-4901

17—HARLINGEN: Feast of Sharing Dinner celebrates Thanksgiving Day. Harlingen Community Center. 956/423-5440

17—VICTORIA: Country Opry Hours are 7:30 to 10 p.m. Victoria Community Center Annex. 361/552-9347

17—WHARTON: Christmas-on-the-Square Take in the holiday season with the Christmas tree-lighting spectacular at 6:30 p.m. 979/532-1862

17—WHARTON: Lighted Holiday Parade Begins at 7 p.m. 979/532-1862

17-19—WHARTON: Cowboy Christmas 979/531-0000 or 979/532-1862

17-19, 30—VICTORIA: Nuncrackers Leo J. Welder Center for the Performing Arts. www.theatrevictoria.org 361/576-6277

18—BAY CITY: Market Day www.visitbaycity.org 800/806-8333
18—BEAUMONT: Jefferson Theatre Presents Vocalist Cassandra Black Begins at 7:30 p.m. Jefferson Theatre. www.sost.org 409/892-

2257 18—GALVESTON: Jesus Christ, Superstar The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894

18—KEMAH: Seventh Annual Beat the Heat Kemah Boardwalk. www.kemahboardwalk.com 281/334-9880

18—KINGSVILLE: Ranch Hand Breakfast Cooked and served outdoors on the King Ranch. 800/333-5032

18—LA PORTE: Hard Hat Tour Battleship Texas State Historic Site. 281/479-2431 ext. 234

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18—LAKE JACKSON: Festival of Lights Lake Jackson Civic Center & Plaza. 979/297-4533

18—SAN BENITO: Arts & Crafts Show Fun 'N Sun RV Resort. 956/399-5800

18—TOMBALL: Holiday Parade Features more than 175 entries. FM 2920/Main Street. Miss Tomball Pageant is held at the Tomball Intermediate School. www.tomballchamber.org 281/351-7222

18—VICTORIA: Market Days DeLeon Plaza. www.victoriatx.org 361/485-3200

18-Jan. 7—GALVESTON: Moody Gardens Festival of Lights Moody Gardens. 800/582-4673

19—EL CAMPO: Polka Expo Features polka dancing, various bands and craft booths. Silver Wings Ballroom. www.kulpradio. com 979/543-3303

19—GROVES: Christmas Tree Trail to Groves Find specialty gifts and more. Downtown Groves. 409/962-3631

23—BEAUMONT: Thanksfest Historic Downtown Beaumont. www. crockettstreet.com 409/832-2944

23—HOUSTON: Holiday Parade Route travels 20 blocks throughout downtown Houston. www.hebparade.com 713/654-8808

24—GALVESTON: Harbor Parade of Lights & Boat Festival View (Continued on page 10)



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the decorated boats. Pier 21. 409/763-7080

24—SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Lighting of the Island Join Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus for the official lighting, refreshments and caroling. South Padre Island Visitors Center. 800/767-2373

24-25—SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: South Padre Island Division I Invitational Basketball Tournament Teams from around the nation hoop it up. 800/767-2373

25—GALVESTON: ArtWalk Galveston's Historic Downtown District. www.galvestonartscenter.org 409/763-2403

25—KEMAH: Nutcracker Vignette Kemah Boardwalk. www. kemahboardwalk.com 281/334-9880

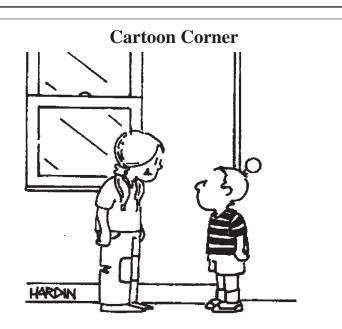
25-26, 30-Dec. 3—CLUTE: Elizabethan Madrigal Feast Begins at 7 p.m. Center for the Arts & Sciences. 979/265-7661

27—HARLINGEN: Folkways Harlingen Arts & Heritage Museum. 956/216-4901

28—DEER PARK: Christmas Tree Lighting Includes musical entertainment, Santa appearance, and turning on of Christmas lights. Municipal Court Building. www.deerpark.org 281/479-1559

28—SAN BENITO: Fall Fun Festival Fun 'N Sun RV Resort. 956/399-5800

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Resistant Bacteria Increasing Source of Muscle Infection

Baylor College of Medicine

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HOUSTON -- (Sept. 25, 2006) – An antibiotic-resistant bacteria called methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) is increasingly a cause of muscle infections in children, said Baylor College of Medicine (BCM) researchers in a report in the journal Clinical Infectious Diseases.

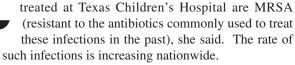
The report appears online at http://www.journals.uchicago. edu/CID/journal/contents/v43n8.html in the October 15, 2006, issue.

"We had noticed an increase in the number of muscle infections," said Dr. Pia Pannaraj, a post-doctoral fellow in the department of pediatrics' section of infectious diseases at BCM. She said that in recent years, she and her colleagues at Texas Children's Hospital had started to see a case of the MRSA muscle infection every month. In the cases she studied, the infection was acquired in the community, she said.

"I think it is important for parents to be aware that this bacterial infection can exist," she said. "They should seek care from their child's primary physician if there are symptoms of such an infection, such as a child limping or if there is redness or swelling in an extremity."

Houston, in particular, has a high rate of MRSA infections. More

than 75 percent of community-acquired staphylococcal infections



In surveying patient records, Pannaraj and her colleagues found that in 60 percent of the 45 previously healthy children with the muscle infections called myositis and pyomyositis, the cause was a form of bacteria – either Staphylococcus aureus or Streptococcus pyogenes. The infections occurred between 2000 and 2005. Fifteen of the 26 S. aureus infections tested were methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) forms of the bacteria that were circulating in the community. The other infections were forms of staphylococcal bacteria that were not

resistant to methicillin, an antibiotic.

It is important the doctors treating patients for skin infections such as cellulitis to use antibiotics that will cure the resistant forms of the bacteria, said Pannaraj.

"Be aware that this is out there," she said. "When someone comes in, doctors should be aware that this could be a muscle abscess."

Antibiotics that successfully treat MRSA include oral clindamycin

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and trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole, which are usually used out of the hospital, and vancomycin or clindamycin, which is given intravenously, usually to hospitalized patients.

The form of MRSA that is acquired in the community spreads more easily than that usually caught in the hospital, said Pannaraj.

"That's why I am seeing it in otherwise healthy children," she said.

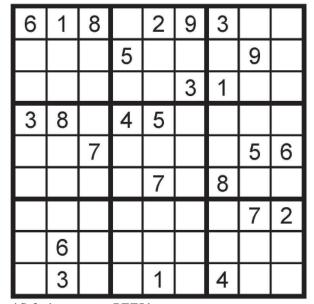
She and her colleagues are trying to find out why this particular form of the bacteria spreads so easily. Her studies are focusing on specific genes. One, pvl, permits holes to be poked into the cells, damaging them irreparably.

"There seems to be an association between bacteria carrying the pvl gene and the severity of disease," she said. However, she said, they have not yet determined whether the problem is this specific gene or another that is close to it.

Others who participated in this research include: Drs. Kristina G. Hulten, Blanca E. Gonzalez, Edward O. Mason, Jr., and Sheldon L. Kaplan, all of the section of infectious diseases in the department of pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children's Hospital. Funding for this study came in part from Pfizer Pharmaceutical Company.

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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 06	May 06	Jun 06	July 06	Aug 06	Sept 06
\$210,000 +	2	0	1	1	2	1
\$190,000-209,999	1	0	3	1	2	3
\$170,000-189,999	1	0	0	1	1	0
\$150,000-169,999	0	1	0	0	1	0
\$130,000-149,999	0	0	0	0	0	2
\$130,000 -	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	4	1	4	3	6	6
Highest \$/Sq Ft	68.10	75.66	76.12	73.46	69.20	70.97

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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- Top 1% of Realtors in the U.S.
- Over 600 Homes SOLD in 2005
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