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Neighborhood Watch News

Marie Trascher

Happy New Year to All

I am happy to report that December was another good month as far as incidents go. We had very few to cause concern. Our year-to-date total increased mainly due to an increase in "Contract Checks". We need to continue to report any and all incidents to the Harris County Sheriff's Office at 713-221-6000 to keep our community safe. We live in a community that has escaped the serious offenses. Let us pull together to keep our homes secure and a safe place to live. Our children should feel safe when playing outside and we can accomplish this by being ever watchful for each other.

I take walk every morning and afternoon along the "Seven Spring's Lake." Many friends old and young greet me, say hello to me; make me feel warm and young. Many years ago, after I retired; I wrote an article "Old Youngster" in Chinese, and published it in a Chinese news paper. Later, I translated it into English and my daughter Grace edited it.

I feel no matter, people young and old should always be "young in heart." I would like to share this article with Wortham Villages' friends and wish every one stay young forever!

Old Youngster

by Dr. Yee Chein Yu

When I was working in Taiwan my friends would call me "Old Hu." Perhaps they felt I was mature. My friends younger than I would call me "Young Hu." Perhaps they felt I was energetic. After I was married my wife would call me "Sir," perhaps because I was reserved. Around about that time, the neighborhood children would call me "Uncle Hu." More recently, many friends who had not seen me for a while would say that I was looking younger. Certainly, these were statements of courtesy because children had started to call me "Grandpa Hu". Even my wife began to call me "Old Man" sometimes. With this, I began to feel really old.

Nobody can avoid old age. Confucius spoke about human life transformation very clearly. He said: "When I was fifteen, I was determined to study hard. When I was thirty, I began to achieve. When I was forty, I really understood life. When I was fifty, I begin

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Incident Report December 2006

Code#	Offense	
251	Criminal Mischief	3
303	Theft other	2
313	Fraudulent Use ID	1
317	Credit card abuse	1
450	Suspicious person	1
501	Vehicle/suspicious	1
504	Vehicle stops	25
512	Alarm local	15
602	Dist/family	3
603	Domestic dist/prev	1
609	Dist/other	2
607	Dist loud noise	1
670	Meet the citizen	2
671	Info calls	2
679	Follow up	1
689	Contract ck	324
770	Vacation watch	7
831	Unk Med Emergency	1
901	Arson fire	1
911	Hang up	1
930	Illegal dumping	2

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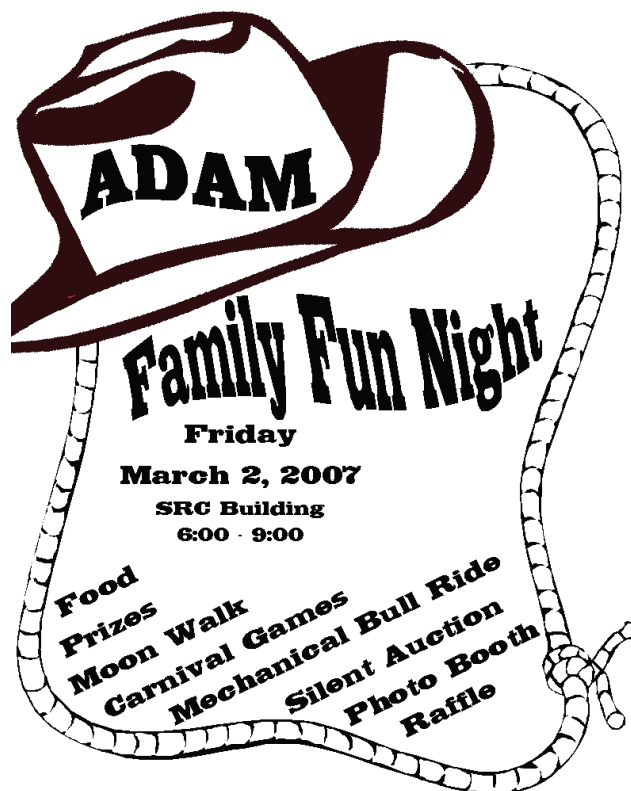
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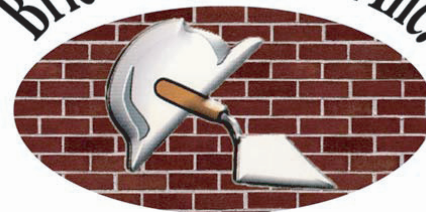
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Old Youngster - (Continued from cover page)

to believe in fate. When I was sixty, I began to feel tolerant. When I was seventy, I found freedom." "Twenties are about promotion, thirties are about building reputation, forties are about understanding limitations, fifties are about experience, sixties are about intuition." Generally old age begins at fifty or more. People begin to accept fate and appreciate what they have. They become more homogenous with nature. They have accumulated experience and are able to use good judgment. Therefore, old age is a mature age.

During the Ming Dynasty, Liu Shin Wu had further observations of the life stages. He said "People's attitudes change with age. Before forty, people are of an impulsive mind but not necessarily completely knowledgeable. After forty, people are of a stable mind. They comprehend more and are able to form a plan for life. After sixty, people are of a retiring mind. They are very knowledgeable but may not be as energetic. However, not all people fit into the mold. There can be young persons who are unmotivated and may act like zombies. Also there can be crazy old guys who are aggressive and energized. Tung-yu even though young, was calm and systematic. The famous general Ma-Yuan was old yet ever alert. Although older people may be limited by their physical strength, they are unlimited by their rich experiences. If an older person can stand up, life is still unlimited.

Like Ma-Yuan, many people in their sixties or seventies can still make positive contributions. For example, after WWII, Charles Dugaulle helped to establish stability for France. Toscanini conducted a world famous orchestra. Da Vinci helped shape the Renaissance in Italy. Ghandi led India to independence. Deng Xiao Ping directed economic reform for China. These cases prove that even if people are older in age, they remain young at heart; many things can still be achieved. We can call these people "Old Youngsters". Although I am getting old in age, I am still young at heart. Old age looks like a new beginning.

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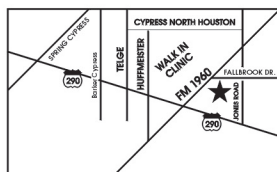
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Check Out the Exhibitions in the Bosque Gallery

Two exhibitions available this month: One featuring the work of visiting artist Lindsey Wolkowicz through Feb. 8 and ending with a 4 p.m. closing reception and lecture. Wolkowicz combines traditional drawing, non-traditional materials and constructed surfaces to create her mixed media art. Then an Encaustic Exhibition is on display Feb. 20 through March 29 with a 4:30 p.m. opening reception March 1. This ancient method of painting combines colored pigment with hot wax as a binder and features student talent in Robert McGehee's class. Call 832-482-1038 for gallery hours and information or go to www.cyfaircollege.com/goto/bosquegallery.

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Neighborhood Recreational Facilities Corner

By Rick Anderson

Well it's hard to believe that we are already more than a month into the New Year. Hope this year is a great one for all Wortham Residents. The recreational facilities include the pool, clubhouse, tennis courts and playground area (including the pool and retention pond areas).

We have identified some items for the facilities that we will be addressing as far as upgrades and maintenance to the pool area, tennis courts and playground equipment. For this year we are planning on replacing some of the pool furniture with new furniture and hopefully in 2008 will replace the remainder. We will also have to repair/replace the lifeguard stands.

Additionally we are planning a few things for the tennis courts, including replacing of the lights (glass covers, upgrade bulbs), new windscreens and repairs/repainting of fence poles/gates. On another note we are requesting that for any resident who uses the tennis courts at night, that when they leave and the courts are empty, to turn off the lights. Quite often we see the lights on with no one playing and they do not turn themselves off until the timer turns them off at 10pm. Obviously, we are wasting electricity/money, so please help us be energy conscious.

Another item we are looking at is installing new playground equipment at the pool area. The current playground equipment is beginning to break and we would like a more functional, multiple

option type of playground, while maintaining the space limitations. We will be taking this item under consideration as part of the Recreational Facilities Committee. We will be having a meeting of the Recreational Facilities Committee probably in February, so if you are interested in joining us and helping out on this committee, please contact Rick Anderson (rick_anderson@efiglobal.com). We are always looking for energetic/creative people to help us come up with ways to improve our facilities within a reasonable budget.

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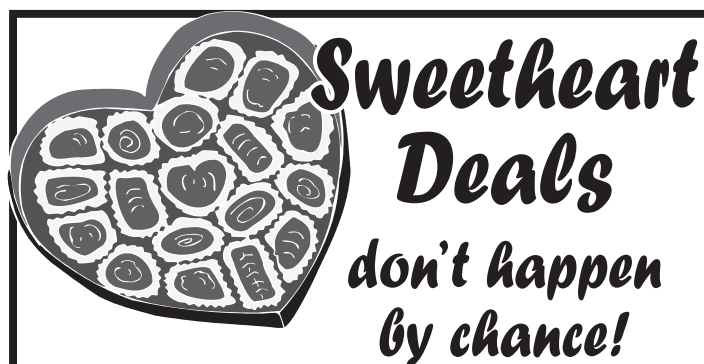
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February is the official month to celebrate the gift of "love," and many people will celebrate that gift in their life with those they hold dear. The students, administration, and faculty of Cypress Christian School challenge you to express God's love to those less fortunate than yourselves this month.

There are many ways to show others that they are loved. For example, get involved in a community project like Habitat for Humanity, serve at your local food bank/mission, write a letter to someone who needs encouragement or bring food and flowers to an elderly person who might be lonely and missing family members. No matter what you do, your actions will be greatly appreciated and will serve as an encouragement to that person or group.

The mission of Cypress Christian School - "to produce students from Christian families who are academically prepared with a biblical worldview to take their place in the world as servants of Jesus Christ" - includes the goal of teaching students to serve. In recent months, students have helped build a house, collected food and supplies for a local food bank, visited and entertained residents in an assisted living facility, collected gifts for children whose parents are in prison, served at a home for incarcerated youth, and more.

As we strive to serve others in our community, we hope you, too, will join the effort to make those less fortunate feel loved through acts of kindness - small or large. To partner with our school in a service project or suggest a service project for our students, please contact Todd Clark, Chaplain, at 281-469-8829 or todd.clark@CypressChristian.org.

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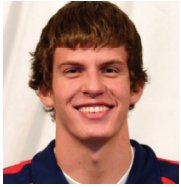
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Neil Caskey Competes at 2007 Junior Pan Pacific Championship in Maui, Hawaii!



Neil was selected to the U.S. National Junior Team in September. Traveling to the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado in October, Neil trained with the 40 other National Junior Team members, (17 males and 23 females).

The team traveled to Kihei, Maui, Hawaii on January 9-15 to compete with 11 other countries, including USA's swimming rival, Australia. Neil is swimming the following events: 200 Freestyle, 200 Butterfly, 100 Freestyle, 100 Butterfly, 50 Freestyle and a 10k Open Water Swim. He will also participate on various relay races.

Neil has already qualified for the 2008 Olympic Trials in Omaha, Nebraska in three events: 200 butterfly, 100 butterfly and the 200 freestyle. The Olympic Trials will be held June 30 – July 7, 2008.

Neil began swimming for the Wortham Whitesharks at the age of 6 and began swimming in a year round swim program when he was 12. He is now a member of the Elite group, swimming for the Cypress-Fairbanks Swim Club. He also swims for the Cy-Falls Eagles.

Chrysalis Announces New Facility/ Open House

Chrysalis: A Grace Place for Children, a ministry of Messiah Lutheran Church, announces the opening of a new Learning Center. The Chrysalis program includes Chrysalis, A Christian Preschool and Chrysalis After-School Enrichment. 2007 is a time of new beginnings at Chrysalis as the new Learning Center is opened. The bright, new Learning Center contains well-equipped classrooms and administrative space. In addition, much of the previously used Chrysalis space has been freshened and updated. The public is invited to come explore the new facilities at an open house on Thursday, February 8, 5:30-7:30 PM or anytime during regular school hours.

Chrysalis offers a Christian preschool with a unique variety of options for the convenience of families and working parents for ages infant through PreKindergarten. (Infant space is limited.)

The Chrysalis After-School Enrichment program offers homework assistance, games, and activities for elementary-aged children from 2:15-6 PM. New enrichment programs are being planned.

Alison Harley is the director of Chrysalis: A Grace Place for Children. She has twenty years of experience in childcare administration, and welcomes you to stop by and visit the new facility at 11522 Telge Road, across the street from Lamkin Elementary, one-half mile north of Highway 290, 281-807-0764.

Chrysalis: A Grace Place for Children, is a ministry of Messiah Lutheran Church, a grace place. All people are welcome at Messiah, www.messiahlc.org.

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WOW - Pajama Party and Game Night

by Reschele Lawrence

February's WOW will be at Jill Stevens' house (11338 Hillside Glen Trail) at 7pm on Thursday the 8th. Wear your crazy pjs and silly slippers. The craziest gets a prize. In addition to sharing snacks, put your competitive hat on and come ready to play some games. If you have some favorites, bring them with you. It should be a crazy good time for all! Hey, anyone for twister...

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Sudoku

The challenge is to fill every row across, every column down, and every 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9. Each 1 through 9 digit must appear only once in each row across, each column down, and each 3x3 box.

		9					2	5
6			2	8				9
	6	4						3
			9	7				
	8						4	
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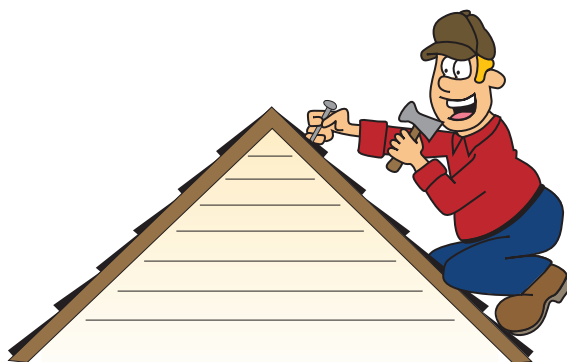
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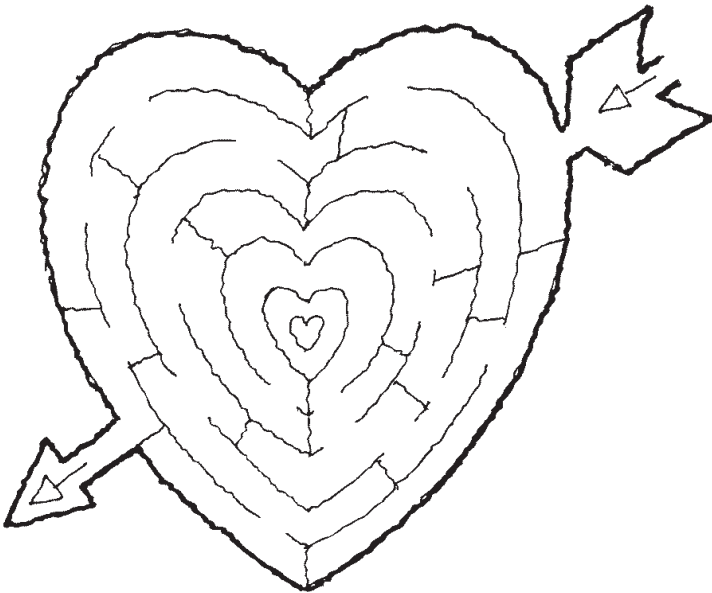
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WORTHAM MARKET REPORT

Courtesy of Super Dave

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	July 06	Aug 06	Sept 06	Oct 06	Nov 06	Dec 06
\$250,000 +	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$220,000 - 249,999	0	2	0	0	0	0
\$200,000 - 219,999	1	1	2	2	2	1
\$180,000 - 199,999	1	1	2	1	0	1
\$160,000 - 179,999	1	2	0	2	1	0
\$160,000 -	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	3	6	4	5	3	3
Highest \$/Sq Ft	73.46	69.20	70.19	75.16	73.42	68.70

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