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Deed Restrictions of the Month:

12. Animal Husbandry: Article IX, Section U-

No animals, livestock or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred or kept on any lot, except dogs, cats or other common household pets (not to exceed two of each category) provided they are not kept, bred or maintained for commercial purposes. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no animals or fowl may be kept on the Property which result in an annoyance or are obnoxious to residents in the vicinity. Animals are not permitted to roam the Property and must be controlled on a leash if they are not on a lot.

13. Walls, Fences and Hedges: Article IX, Section 13

All walls, fences, planters and hedges shall be controlled strictly for compliance with the Declaration and architectural standards established by the Declarant or the ARC.

No wall, fence, planter or hedge in excess of two (2) feet in height shall be erected or maintained on a side lot line beyond a point located three (3) feet back from the front exterior wall of the main residential structure located on a lot to the front lot line. For the purpose of this provision the front wall of the main residential structure excludes bay or box windows, chimney structures or any other similar appendage.

No wall, fence, or hedge shall in excess of six (6) feet in height be erected or maintained on a side lot line from a point located three (3) feet back from the front exterior corner of the main residential structure, back to the rear property line on a lot. No rear fence, wall or hedge shall be more than six (6) feet high.

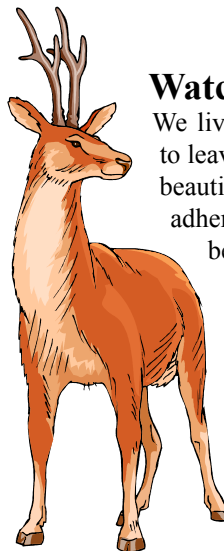
On corner lots, side yard fences must be set back from the side property line a minimum of five (5) feet or 1/2 of the side building line setback shown on the plat for the applicable recorded section of Village Creek.

Perimeter fencing on all lots shall be maintained to a fence standard equivalent to original construction and all fencing must be consistent with the Declaration and architectural standards established by Declarant or the ARC.

Fences of wire or chain link construction are prohibited, and the design and materials of all fences shall be approved by the ARC prior to construction.

Community Garage Sale:

The community garage sale is quickly approaching! Now's the time to gather all those things that could be someone else's treasure. Watch for the date in next month's issue and on the sign.



Watch out for our furry friends!

We live in a neighborhood that has taken care to leave some wooded areas which are home to beautiful wildlife. These creatures don't always adhere to traffic laws, though and can routinely be seen darting out in front of cars. Please take care to try and avoid these animals if at all possible. Not only do they help keep the landscape of our community thriving, but they are an important part of the ecosystem. Having our streets littered with dead animals is not appealing and can be dangerous.

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Take advantage of the Constable's vacation watch when you are out of town. Before leaving call the Constable's office and let them know when you will be leaving and when you will be returning. Your home will be checked during the Constable's regular neighborhood drive-through. To contact the Constable's Office, call 281-376-3472

Identity Theft Warning

Remember to shred all personal information including credit card applications and old checks before putting them in the garbage. Incidents of people going through trash have been reported in other neighborhoods and serve as a reminder that no one is above this terrible crime. For more information on how you can protect yourself from Identity Theft visit the Constable's website at www.cd4.hctx.net.

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Cypress Assistance Ministries

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If one of your New Year's resolutions was to spend more time volunteering in the community, then CAM is the place for you. Volunteers are making a difference in the lives of families in crisis throughout the ministry. Opportunities for service are available in Angels' Attic Resale Shop, the donation center, and the food pantry. By volunteering at CAM, you will experience warm, friendly fellowship and the satisfaction of knowing you have helped families in need.

The CAM Web site, www.cypressassistanceministries.com, features other volunteer opportunities, up-to-date information on our current donation needs and a description of all our services. For more information or to sign up for a volunteer tour, contact Lisa Bassett or Kelly Thomas at 281-955-7684. Hours of operation are Monday – Wednesday, 10:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M. and Thursday – Saturday 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Reminder:

There are lots and lots of kids living in Village Creek – and we love them all! Please be aware that as the weather turns warmer more and more of them will be out and about playing. If at all possible please park in driveways and not on the street. Parked cars along streets can make it difficult for drivers to see children running back and forth.



Pet Owners

Pet owners; please keep your pets on leashes when walking in the neighborhood, as a courtesy to others. Also, take care to pick up after your pooch if they leave a gift in someone else's yard or in any common area. No one likes to see, smell or step in those gifts!

HOA Meetings

The Home Owners Association (HOA) meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. to discuss general business and special concerns. The meetings are held at the Fairwood club house, located at 14701 Spring Cypress. All residents are encouraged to attend.



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MAKING THE CASE FOR GEN Y: WHY THEY SHOULD CHOOSE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Generation Y is the marketing term for children of the electronic age, born from 1981-1995. Media stories abound about ways in which they are reshaping the workforce, how they view life differently and the brashness they exhibit. Making the Aggie message relevant to Generation Y and attracting them to Aggieland is just one of the challenges facing Texas A&M University Chief Marketing Officer and Vice President for Communications Steven B. Moore. Moore will share his plans with Northwest Harris County Aggie Moms on Tuesday, February 12. He will also discuss what is on the horizon for communications at A&M.

Moore assumed the newly created position at his alma mater on August 1, 2005 with a charge to provide campus-wide oversight for marketing, media relations, internal and external communications, brand architecture and content for top-level Web site communications, along with market research and positioning and branding efforts. That daunting job description comprises much of the electronic world that is the core of Generation Y.

Having earned both a BBA in marketing in 1979 and an MBA in 1986 at Texas A&M, Moore understands the university's traditions and values. His experience in the corporate world includes a stint as

Senior Vice President at IMG, the world's largest sports marketing company and he served as Vice President of Worldwide Sports for the Coca-Cola Company. Moore's other experience includes corporate consulting regarding the role of sports in corporate development and he served as Vice President of International Marketing for Outback Steakhouse.

The February meeting is open to all Aggie Moms and will be held at the Houston Distributing Company, Inc., 7100 High Life Drive, Houston, TX 77066. Refreshments and a casual social time begin at 7 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

NWHC Aggie Moms will host a "Fabulous Fifties" Dinner and Auction Fundraiser at Wyndhaven Terrace, 12716 Cutten Road on Friday, February 29, 2008. Proceeds from this event fund scholarships and support Texas A&M organizations. The Aggie Moms will also host the Texas A&M Singing Cadets Concert at Foundry United Methodist Church on Friday March 28th. Come join us for these events!

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Cypress Christian School Students Win Chemistry Challenge

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- engage students in science
- encourage parental support and participation
- appeal to community and organizations, and
- provide tools that can help develop strong relations with communities.

Congratulations to Cypress Christian middle school students who recently participated in the *You Be the Chemist* Qualifying Test. Expo Chemical Company, Inc. sponsors this competition and awarded prizes and trophies to the top winners. This year's winners include:

First Place - **David Hurst**, grade 8

Second Place - **Raine Hasskew**, grade 7

Third Place - **Alan Norman**, grade 8

David and Raine will go on to represent Cypress Christian School at the Regional Competition to be held here in Houston in February. Alan will serve as the alternate if either David or Raine are unable to attend. CCS students qualifying will advance to the national competition later in the year.

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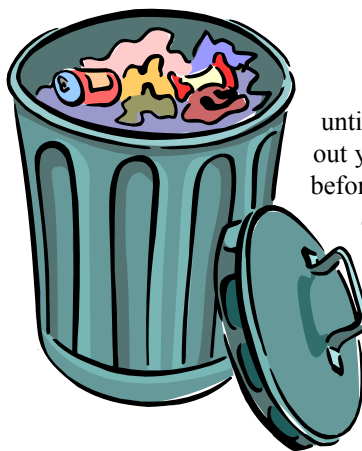
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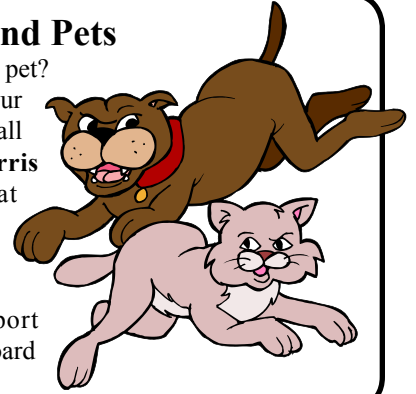
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Lost and Found Pets

Have you found someone's pet?
Have you lost your pet? If your answer is yes, we encourage all residents to please call **Harris County Animal Control** at **281-999-3191**. The HOA offers their sympathy when one has misplaced a cat or dog, but please do not report lost or found pets to HOA Board Members.



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Sudoku

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		2		7				
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			9	5			6	
4	1	7			6			
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	9		6			5		

*See solution at PEELinc.com

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What is the Main Goal in Little League Baseball?

Submitted by Robin Cox

What should your main objective be in coaching, teaching or parenting a Little Leaguer?

Is the objective to win? I would say Yes but also No. Winning is important but it is a result. Results, especially in sports are many times determined by actions outside of our control.

A game may be won by the opponent on a bad hop, a ball lost in the sun or lights or even by an umpires supposed "bad" call. A game may be lost when a batter with bases loaded does everything right and hits the ball hard on a line drive but right at the left fielder that doesn't have to make a move to catch the ball.

Yes, in baseball, we may do everything right but still lose.

Many times we stress the "results" when instead we should be emphasizing what produces the results. When we teach to do the "little things" right we are putting our players in a position to win. Note: This often means doing repetitive drills which can be boring. A bored player is not learning. One thing that kids love is to make a game or competition out of the drills.

In Little League there can be a wide variance of skills among players on the same team.

But there is one common denominator that all players need in increasing measure. (including High School, College and Majors) Can you guess?

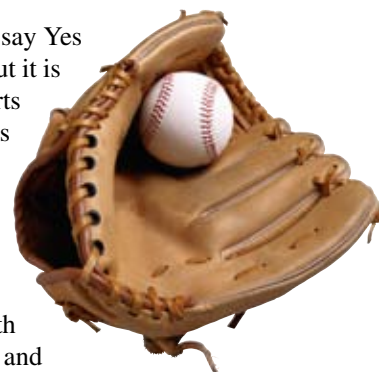
That one thing is Confidence. As the saying goes, Confidence is everything!

But confidence in what? Their arm, their bat, their glove? Given that all of those can and will fail what they need is increased confidence in who they are.

Many teams give out stars for the players caps after a game for winning. But I suggest giving out stars or rewards at practice for doing the little things right. Especially putting an emphases on "hustle" when making the extra effort for trying to stop a ball (whether they made the play or not) or as a batter hanging tough with a pitcher by fouling off many pitches (even though he may eventually strike out) or showing great attitude or encouragement toward a fellow teammate. What does this do? It builds confidence in themselves. They should be instantly rewarded for doing and being their best.

Lastly, as their confidence increases, you as a coach, teacher and parent are looking for one thing. It is called a "breakout." A breakout can occur in practice or in a game. It may be a breakout "at bat" when a batter gets a hit after a long slump. It might occur on a play he has never been able to accomplish until now with his increased hustle. It is that moment when he realizes, yes I can do this! It is that memorable point when he comes off the field smiling so big, it makes the whole season worth it whether your team is 10-0 or 0-10.

But remember, a "breakout" in confidence is not limited to sports and little leaguers.



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FOUR STAGES OF IMPROVING YOUR TENNIS GAME

Submitted by Fernando M. Velasco

Tennis players, as many other individual sports, need to have "personal" attention in order to improve their games. In my 35+ years of coaching, I have been successful improving games of players who have trusted me with their games, using the Four Stages listed below.

Stage One: Consistency

Our muscles react to repetition of something that feels good and natural. If a player needs work on a particular stroke, hundreds of balls need to be given so the production of their stroke looks the same regardless of where the ball is located. Consistency of grips, foot work, anticipation, point of contact and follow-through, need to be almost "carbon" copy of each other.

Stage Two: Control

Do you know that there are only eight shots that can be executed when you hit a groundstroke? They are: cross court, down the line, flat, top spin, slice, drop shot, lob and "miss-hits" Once a player reaches the consistency of getting the ball over the net and into the court, the player needs to start working on controlling the "where" and "how" type of shot. As players advance on control, they will combine these shots, such as "top spin cross court, slice down the line, top spin lobs, etc.

Stage Three: Depth

Most players want to hit the ball an inch above the net height. If players look at most of the great players, they will realize that most of the shots they hit are at least three feet over the net and land between the service line and base line of their opponents. The balls that are "skimmed" over the net, are usually passing shots when the players come up to the net, or great winners that only a Roger Federer or an Andy Roddick can do with great control and consistency.

Stage Four: Power

Once a player feels comfortable with the first three stages, then it is time to create Power. Unfortunately, most tennis players become injured by going to the Fourth Stage too quick into the game and become frustrated, thus ruining their weekend games and being sore for an entire week due to torn muscles. Power is generated mostly by good timing, good foot work, reading early where the ball will land, and by planning the shot even before the player gets to the ball.

Most players in League level 2.5 to 4.0 will end up winning their matches by mastering the first three stages, while the ones going to stage Four too quick, will be spending their time with ice packs and taking Ibuprofen pills until the next match and start the "vicious" circle again....

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\$250,000 - 299,999	2	4	0	0	2	0
\$200,000 - 249,999	2	2	0	3	2	2
\$160,000 - 199,999	1	1	1	0	1	1
\$160,000 -	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	6	7	1	3	5	3
Highest \$/Sq Ft	89.71	99.29	79.19	101.72	91.21	94.42

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

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Ranked by Houston Business Journal 3/2007

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Teenage Job Seekers



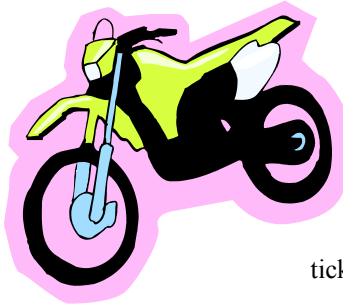
Notice:

There is a new stop sign at Imperial Crossing and Lake Vista making the intersection a four-way stop. Please take care to notice and follow all traffic signs.

Deed Restriction Reminder:

Village Creek deed restrictions prohibit residents from operating a business from their residential home. Selling items from your personal business, such as overstock and clearance items, are in violation of the deed restrictions.

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