

Wortham Villages

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Neighborhood Watch News

Marie Trascher

As you read this, we will have two new Deputies in our contract. They are due to report between April 25 and May 9. Deputy Dwayne Polk and Deputy Darren Goforth will no longer be with us. I do not yet know the names of the new Deputies but will let you know. Deputy Polk and Goforth will be missed. They have done an excellent job of keeping our community safe.

Our "New Sheriff's in Town" deemed that contracts should be on a bid basis to Deputies that have the most seniority even if they are not already a part of our District V. He also has implemented other new rules that do not make much sense to me. One is eliminating the BARS division (the Burglary unit) and assigning those investigations to the already overworked detectives in other units.

He stated that he wanted to rid "The Good Ole Boys network" but quickly appointed his "Good Ole Boys" to the Sheriff's Office and promoted other "Good Ole Boys". Maybe this will be remembered when the next election comes around.

Be sure to get acquainted with our new Deputies. Stop them and say "Hi" and make them feel welcomed in our community. We do have a special community in that we are getting to know our neighbors and are concerned about what happens in it. We have been fortunate to have a very low incident of any real crime but have mostly vandalism by teenagers that live in or out of our area.

Splinters from the Board

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

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Change and challenge - two words forever in our vocabulary and you must be willing to take on both to succeed in life or so it appears. Our community is no different and you will read more about it in the Neighborhood Watch column written by our own Marie Trascher. Not to steal her thunder, she will have more details; we will have a change in our two Sheriff's Deputies. I consider Sheriff's Deputy Polk a friend, I know you join me in wishing him the very best in his new endeavors. Sheriff's Deputy Goforth is a great person, very new to the force, but you will be hard pressed to find a nicer guy.

It was asked of me to remind you that trash pickup is on Monday and Thursday. Many of our residents get their lawns mowed on days other than the day before and this results in trash bags lining the sidewalks until the trash can be picked up. The compounding of having this done on off days detracts from the look of the neighborhood. Please put your clippings out of sight until trash days.

Finance is a constant reminder on every newscast we hear and I want to again assure everyone that our finances at Wortham are in good shape. We have a plan, always have and always will, we are on plan and our money is safe in that we are very conservative and consistent and do not invest in stocks or jeopardize our funds. We also have annual audits and reserve studies; a study of our owned assets, what their value is and what it takes each year to maintain so we have an idea of how much money we need to reserve for future expenses.

We are looking at new signage at FM1960 and Wortham Blvd. We do not own this area but we are giving our input and will participate, to some extent, towards the signs and have no details at this time. We expect to have this updated but nothing drastic or dramatic.

Thank you for doing your part in keeping our community a desirable place to live and call home. We have a great neighborhood and wonderful residents.

Wortham, we're looking good! Make it a great day! See you at my table.

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Check Business	13	Theft Other	2
Check Park	62	Theft Initiative	4
Contract Check	334	Traffic Hazard	3
Criminal Mischief	7	Traffic Stop	13
Disturbance/Juvenile	1	Vehicle Speeding	1
Disturbance/Other	2	Vehicle Suspicious	5
Meet the Citizen	10	Vehicle Stolen	2
Meet the Officer	1	Welfare Check	3

Announcements

House numbers are included in our homeowner fees and we regularly touch up the paint on the outside of your home on the curb. There are people trying to sell you new numbers with fancy paint, you don't need to spend the money as the homeowner's association does this for you at no additional cost to you.

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Wortham Villages Community Association, Inc. -----POOL RULES -----

1. Proper swim attire must be worn to be admitted to the pool.
2. Only Wortham Village residents and their guests will be allowed to use the pool. Residents must accompany guests. Residents are allowed four (4) guests with each adult pool tag (this does not include children 10 - 15 years old). Under this guest policy, there must be one adult for every two kids under 12 years of age. No Wortham resident under the age of 18 is allowed to bring a guest.
3. Pool passes will be strictly enforced. It is the resident's responsibility to bring to the pool. It is very awkward and uncomfortable situation for everyone when the lifeguard must ask a member to go back home and get his or her tag.
4. Lifeguards are employed to insure the safety of swimmers, and they have the authority to remove from the pool area anyone disobeying the rules and/or endangering the safety of themselves or another person.
5. There will be a 10 minute break each hour. During this time the pool will be cleared with the exception of persons who are eighteen (18) years of age and older.
6. The following activities and items are not allowed:
 - Running or rough-housing
 - Skates, bicycles or skateboards
 - Glass containers and/or alcoholic beverages
 - Littering
 - Cooking
 - Loud music
 - Pets
 - Cutoffs
 - Loud, abusive or foul language
 - Cocoa butter, baby oil or other heavy suntan oil
7. Flotation items for swimming pool are allowed, but are restricted to small size tubes and floats.
8. Diving Rules:
 - No diving in the shallow end
 - No swimming in the deep end while the boards are open for diving
 - Only one person on the diving board at all times
 - Divers must jump straight out and not towards the sides
 - Divers must wait for person in front of them to get to the side before diving
9. Any child nine (9) years or under must be accompanied by said

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Pool Rules - (Continued from page 4)

- child's parents or person eighteen years old or older. Children 10 - 15 years of age may swim without adult supervision after passing a swim test and received pool tags.
- 10 Baby Pool Rules:
- Only non-swimming toddlers 5 years and under may use the baby pool.
 - Parents, not lifeguards, are responsible for children in baby pool.
 - Any child not potty-trained must wear rubber pants with elasticized waist and legs over disposable diapers when in the water.
- 11 Trespassers and vandals will be prosecuted.
12. Parents are responsible for their children and guests at the pool. Parents must closely supervise their children at all times. The lifeguards will always enforce pool rules throughout the facility, but children who cannot swim must have an adult (18 or older) within arms reach at all times. The same rule applies even if the child is wearing a flotation device.

(Pool Season Info on Page 6)

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2009 Pool Season

Wortham Villages Community Association, Inc. 2009 Pool Tag Distribution Information

In order to obtain pool tags for access to the pool facility, you must be current on your maintenance fees. Tags will not be issued if there is a balance on your account. Every resident that is issued tags will be required to wear pool tags for admittance to the pool area.

Pool tags can be picked up at the Wortham clubhouse located at 19011 Wortham Blvd on the following dates and times. An adult must be present to pick up tags.

Saturday, April 25	1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.
Sunday, April 26	1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.
Tuesday, April 28	6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

If you are unable to attend the listed registration days, tags will be issued by Crest Management Company via regular mail. Please complete the enclosed form and submit it to our office via regular mail or fax. There is a fee of \$20.00 per home if you come to the Crest Management office to obtain pool tags. **Again, you will not be admitted to the pool area without a tag. The cost for replacing lost tags is \$20.00.**

HOURS OF OPERATION: The pool will be open during the following hours:

MAY 2ND THROUGH JUNE 3RD

Monday through Friday	Closed
Saturdays	10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Sundays	12:00 pm - 8:00 pm

EXCEPTIONS:

Saturday, May 2nd (Opening day)	10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Saturday, May 9th, 16th (Swim Meet)	2:00 pm. - 8:00 pm
Saturday, May 23rd (Swim Meet)	12:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Monday, May 25th (Memorial Day)	10:00 am - 9:00 pm

JUNE 4TH THROUGH AUGUST 23RD

Mondays	4:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Tuesdays through Thursdays	10:00 am - 9:00 pm
Fridays	10:00 am - 10:00 pm
Saturdays	10:00 am - 9:00 pm
Sundays	12:00 pm - 9:00 pm

EXCEPTIONS:

Saturday, June 6th (Swim meet)	2:00 pm - 9:00 pm
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AUGUST 24TH THROUGH SEPTEMBER 7TH

Mondays through Fridays	Closed
Saturdays	10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Sundays	12:00 pm - 8:00 pm

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HEALTHIER HOMES

By: Michelle & Charlie Bubnis

WHAT DO LABELS ON PRODUCTS REALLY TELL US?

We are constantly reading labels because we believe that the product information listed will inform us as to whether the product is healthy for our home and family. Listed below are three best selling products. Each product is manufactured by U.S. companies with both domestic and international sales up to one billion dollars annually. One tends to believe that what is printed on the product label is what truly is in the product. However, many times there are toxic chemicals within that are not listed.

PRODUCT #1 – PLUG IN AIR FRESHENER

Printed on the label: No ingredients listed

Laboratory testing showed that the product actually contained: d-limonene, alpha-pinene, beta, pinene, ethanol, ethyl butanoate, ethyl acetate, 3-hexen-1-ol, 1-butanol, 3 methyl-acetate, beta-phellandrene, acetaldehyde, benzaldehyde, carene isomer, 1-methyl-3(1-methylethyl-cyclohexane, isopropyl alcohol, 1-butanol, 2-methyl-acetate, camphene, acetone, methyl butanoate, dimethyl ethyl cyclohexane, alpha-phellandrene

PRODUCT #2 – DRYER SHEET

Printed on the label: Biodegradable cationic softeners & perfumes

Laboratory testing showed that the product actually contained: linalool, ethanol, loenyl acetate, cis-rose oxide, carene isomer, 2, 4-dimethyl-3-cyclohexane, 1-carboxaldehyde, d-limonene, 3-methyl -2-buten-1-ol acetate, 2, 7-dimethyl-2, 7-octanediol, alpha-pinene, trans-rose oxide, eucalyptol, alpha-phenyl ethyl acetate, beta-pinene

PRODUCE #3 – SCENTED LIQUID DETERGENT ADDED TO THE LAUNDRY

Printed on the label: Ingredients include biodegradable surfactants (anionic and non-ionic) and enzymes.

Laboratory testing showed that the product actually contained: ethanol, d-limonene, 2-methyl-2 propoanol, 1, 4-dioxane, 3, 7-



dimethyl-1, 6-octadiene, ethyl acetate, alpha pinene, beta-pinene, 2-butanone, 1-methyl-3(1 methylethyl) – cyclohexene, 2, 4-dimethyl – 3-cyclohexene – 1-carboxaldehyde, undecane, beta-terpinene

There is an obvious difference between the chemicals identified in the laboratory study and the chemicals listed on the product labels. Several of the products emit Hazardous Air Pollutants which are harmful to human health. Currently there is not a United States Law requiring that consumer products or fragrance chemicals be fully disclosed even though they are main sources of toxic volatile organic compounds (VOC's). Regulation of consumer products other than food, drugs, cosmetics, tobacco and pesticides largely fall under the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA). The CPSA does not require disclosure of all ingredients in all products. This is troubling since ninety percent of total human exposure to VOC's come from small sources, close to us and within our control, but they are not listed on the labels. Shouldn't we be concerned?

THE ABOVE INFORMATION WAS TAKEN FROM THE FOLLOWING STUDY:

Steinman A.C, *Fragranced Consumer Products and Undisclosed Ingredients*, Environmental Impact Assessment Review (2008) doi::10.1016/j.eiar.2008.05.002

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| 2 Medium | Granny Smith apples, cored and diced |
| 4 | Green onions, sliced, including tops |
| ½ Cup | Dried cranberries or cherries |
| ½ Cup | Chopped celery |
| ½ Cup | Chopped pecans |

DRESSING:

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| ½ Cup | Mayonnaise |
| ½ Cup | Sour cream |
| 3 Tbsp | Chopped Mexican mint marigold (or 3 Tbsp fresh tarragon or 1 tsp dried) |
| 1 Tbsp | Tarragon wine vinegar |
| 2 tsp | Dijon mustard |
| 1 tsp | Beau Monde seasoning (by Spice Island) |
| Dash | Tabasco |
| Salt and pepper to taste | |

Mix chicken salad ingredients in a bowl; toss gently to combine. In a separate bowl, stir dressing ingredients together. Combine dressing with salad, adding enough dressing to bind salad. Chill and serve on leaf lettuce.

Happy May!

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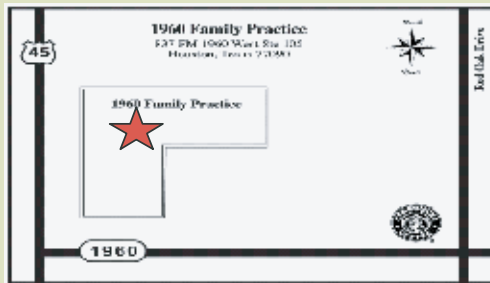
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Texas Events - May

- 1-2, 8-10, 15-16—BAYTOWN:** The Producers A down-on-his-luck Broadway producer and his accountant come up with a scheme to bilk their backers out of millions of dollars. Only one thing goes awry — the show is a hit. Baytown Little Theater. www.baytown.littlertheater.org 281/424-7617
- 1, 3, 5, 7, 9—HOUSTON:** Brief Encounter Opera is based on a classic film adaptation of Noel Coward's Still Life. Brown Theater. www.houstongrandopera.org
- 1-24—DICKINSON:** No Sex Please, We're British A young bride, who lives above a bank with her husband, the bank's assistant manager, orders some Scandinavian glassware by mail and instead receives Scandinavian pornography. Presented by Bay Area Harbour Playhouse. 3803 Hwy. 3. www.bayareaharbourplayhouse.com 281/337-7469
- 2—BEAUMONT:** Free Family Arts Day Combines an exploration of the exhibits with hands-on activities and storytelling. Art Museum of Southeast Texas. www.amset.org 409/832-3432
- 2—GALVESTON:** The Drowsy Chaperone Spoofs Broadway musicals of the 1920s and '30s. The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894 or 409/765-1894
- 2—HOUSTON:** Rigoletto Houston Grand Opera co-production with The Dallas Opera. Brown Theater. www.houstongrandopera.org 713/228-6737
- 2-3, 9-10—GALVESTON:** Historic Homes Tour Magnificent architecture, creative home decor and intriguing history stories await through the doors of Galveston Island's oldest homes. Ten houses dating from 1839 to 1912 are on view for special tours. www.galvestonhistory.org 409/765-7834
- 3—GALVESTON:** Galveston Symphony Orchestra The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894
- 3—HOUSTON:** Cinco de Mayo Celebrate with live music, food, community service exhibits, games and activities for kids, fresh fajitas, turkey legs, margaritas and more. Traders Village. www.tradersvillage.com 281/890-5500
- 3-9—WHARTON:** Wharton County Youth Fair Enjoy agricultural exhibits, animal competitions, barbecue competitions, live entertainment, talent contests, kids activities and more. Crescent Fairgrounds. www.whartoncountyyouthfair.org 979/677-3350
- 5—BEAUMONT:** Cinco de Mayo Celebration Downtown will be alive with performers, art activities, food vendors, and a classic car and hot rod exhibit. Riverfront Park 409/728-0625
- 7-9—BEAUMONT:** 64th Annual YMBL Championship Chute Out Rodeo Some of the highest paid cowboys in the country compete. The event also includes spicy southern food, live Texas country entertainment and a Texas-sized dance floor. www.ymbbl.org/rodeo 409/832-9991
- 8—HOUSTON:** Aspen Santa Fe Ballet The company will perform a sophisticated repertory featuring some of the world's foremost choreographers. Begins at 8 p.m. Wortham Center's Cullen Theater. www.spahouston.org 713/227-4SPA
- 8-9—GALVESTON:** Annual Yaga's World Wild Game Championship & BBQ Cook-Off Backyard chefs, sports people and outdoor enthusiasts show off their culinary skills. Features entertainment, silent auction, fireworks and children's activity area. Pier 21. www.yagaschildrensfund.org 832/247-1311 or 713/818-5507
- 8-9—LA PORTE:** Porte of Call — Music & Art, the Universal Language Includes fine dining, music, arts and more. Enjoy live music from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday. 215 W. Main. Arts Market is from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday at South 2nd and Main Street. www.laportetx.gov 281/741-5020
- 8-10—CRYSTAL BEACH:** Texas Crab Festival Enjoy some of the tastiest crab and seafood dishes on the Texas . Includes food and craft booths, crab legs contest, Texas Crab Fest Weiner Dog Nationals, crab races, carnival/rides/games, and a kids stage. www.bolivarchamber.org/crabfestival.aspx
- 9—EDNA:** Take Mom Fishing Fishing is from 9 a.m. to noon. Fish printing is from 2 to 3 p.m. Lake Texana State Park. 361/782-5718
- 9—GALVESTON:** Chubby Checker & the Wildcats The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894
- 9—HOUSTON:** Hot Peas 'N Butter This unique children's musical group performs. Begins at 2 p.m. Wortham Center's Cullen Theater. www.spahouston.org 713/227-4SPA
- 9—LA PORTE:** Hard Hat Tour Take a guided tour of Battleship Texas and see areas rarely seen by the public. Bring a flashlight or headlamp, wear comfortable clothes and rubber sole deck shoes. Reservations required. 3523 Battleground Road. www.usstexasbb35.com 281/479-2431 ext. 236
- 11-16—BAYTOWN:** Baytown Youth Fair & Rodeo Gates open at 6 p.m. Baytown Fairgrounds. www.baytownyouthfair.org

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- 12-24—HOUSTON:** Happy Days — A Musical Theatre Under the Stars. www.tuts.com 713/558-TUTS or 888/558-3882
- 13—SAN BENITO:** El Segundo Weensdee Enjoy an oral history series on conjunto music. Begins at 7 p.m. Narciso Martinez Cultural Art Center. 956/399-0110
- 15-16—ROCKPORT:** 10th Annual Babes on the Bay Fishing Tournament This is an all-women fishing tournament. ACND Festival Grounds, Rockport Harbor. www.babesonthebay.com 361/729-5353
- 16—GALVESTON:** Capitol Steps Provides up-to-the-instant political satire with side-splitting musical parody. The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894
- 16—HOUSTON:** Birding Walk & Talk Stroll around the park's many trails seeking spring neotropical migrants and nesting birds. Sheldon Lake State Park. 281/456-2800
- 16—PORT ARTHUR:** Cajun Celebration Includes bands and dancing. Jefferson County Singles Club. 409/983-5118
- 16-17—HOUSTON:** Eighth Annual Country Roots Music Festival Takes the audience back to the roots of "real" country, with two afternoons of juke box covers and original tunes. Hours are noon to 4 p.m. Traders Village. www.tradersvillage.com 281/890-5500

- 17—LA PORTE:** Monumental Bug Bash The Bay Area Volkswagen Club hosts this annual car picnic. All makes and models of VWs are welcome. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. San Jacinto State Park. www.bayareavwclub.com 832/205-2300 or 281/479-2431
- 23—EDNA:** Memorial Day Fun & Games Includes dunking booth, sack races, horseshoes, volleyball and other games from 2 to 4 p.m. Lake Texana State Park. 361/782-5718
- 23-24—PORT ARTHUR:** S.A.L.T. Fishing Rodeo Tournament includes a children's category. Pleasure Island. 409/963-0433
- 24—SANTA FE:** Pee Wee Bowen Band www.haakwine.com 409/925-1401
- 29-Jun. 14—NASSAU BAY:** Moonlight & Magnolias Presented by Clear Creek Country Theatre. 18091 Upper Bay Road. www.clearcreekcountrytheatre.org 281/335-5228
- 30—GALVESTON:** Steve Tyrell Begins at 8 p.m. The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894
- 30—PORT ARTHUR:** Children's Miracle Network Telethon Parkdale Mall. 409/983-5065

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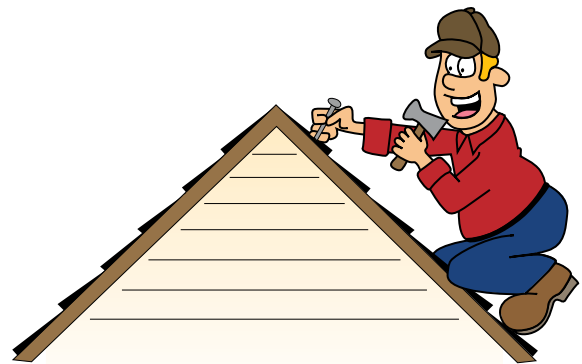


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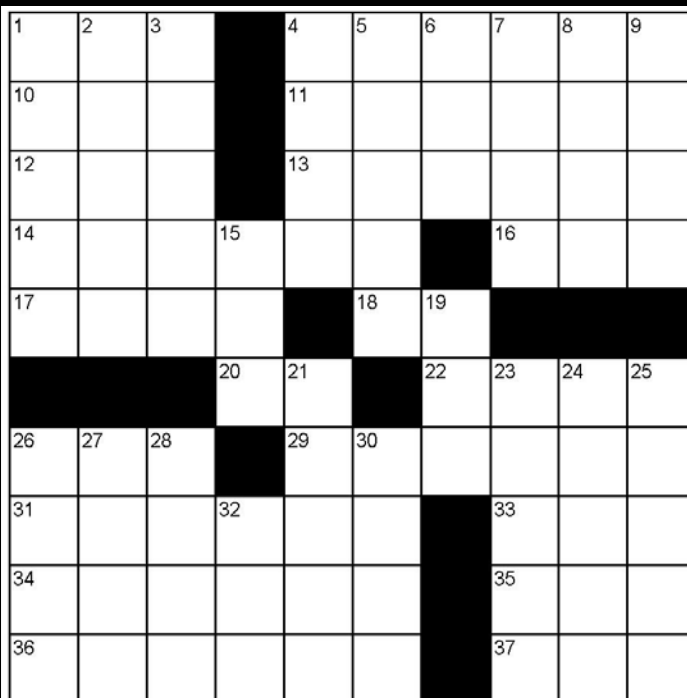
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1. Ornament
4. Sacred poems
10. Morse code "T"
11. Cover Girl's competitor
12. Hubbub
13. Docket
14. Searching for metal
16. Put
17. Ratify
18. Year (abbr.)
20. Kansas
22. Wager
26. Tax agency
29. "__ and World Report"
31. Harry
33. Pock
34. Lush
35. Whiz
36. Military attack
37. Downwind

DOWN

1. John __ (U.S. President)
2. Radiuses
3. Leather strip
4. Frame
5. Waterlogged
6. To be
7. Glasses part
8. Fixed
9. Louvre
15. Pen stuff
19. Dashed
21. Japanese dish
23. Asian country
24. Again
25. Sugar-free brand
26. Pixies
27. Rolled chocolate candy brand
28. Mumble
30. Eye infection
32. Eastern Time

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55+ Fun Day at iT'Z on May 27, 2009 from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm

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Church groups, community centers, and individuals over 55 are invited to the FREE event.

RSVP: Contact Donna Martin with Heartland to reserve your space for your group or individual seating: 281-253-2941

Location: iT'Z, 18355 Tomball Parkway, Houston, TX 77070

Cost: FREE buffet lunch and game card for all seniors 55+ with RSVP by May 1.

Event details contact:
Doothy Gurka, 281 290 0190
www.dgurka.com, dorothygurka@att.net

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.

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		9			7		6	1
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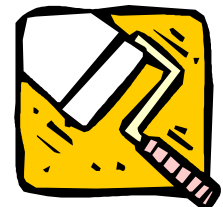
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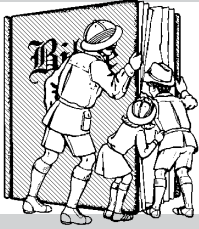
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Recipe of the Month:

Sloppy Joes

Grata Reber's Cookbook, Yield: 4 to 6 sandwiches

Ingredients

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| 1 lb. lean ground beef | 2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce |
| 1 (8 oz.) bottle catsup | ½ green pepper, diced |
| 1 tsp. brown sugar | 1 tsp. white vinegar |
| ½ tsp. dry mustard | 1 onion, finely chopped |
| 1 Tbsp. relish | 2 tsp. chili sauce ½ tsp. allspice |
| Salt & pepper to taste | |

Directions

Brown ground beef in medium skillet, drain excess fat. Add remaining ingredients and mix thoroughly. Simmer in skillet for 45 minutes. Serve on sandwich rolls or hamburger buns.

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Women and Finance

Submitted by Rich Keith

If you've not stopped to consider what your life could be like in retirement, consider these facts:

Women live longer. The average life expectancy for baby girls in the U.S. is now 80 years old, compared to 75 for boys. Some estimates show more than one-third of America women will live to at least age 90, meaning today's women will spend more time in retirement and need more resources.

Women earn less. It's a sad reality that women still earn 76 cents for every dollar a man makes. The average Social Security check for men and women reflects the disparity in income and working years: Women received \$867 in December 2006, while men received \$1,148. 30% of unmarried women 65 and older currently live on Social Security alone.

Women take time off to care for others. Not only are women more likely to take time off to have and raise children, they are also more likely to interrupt their working years to care for ailing parents or other relatives. Seven out of ten unpaid caregivers are women, and more than 50% of caregivers modify their work status because of it. This includes working fewer hours or taking unpaid leaves of absence – all of which affect their career paths, contributions to retirement

accounts and accumulated Social Security benefits.

Women aren't saving enough – if at all. Even though women will spend more years in retirement than men, women still lag behind in their retirement savings. According to new studies from the Employee benefit Research Institute, just 53% of women are currently saving for retirement, compared to 62% of men. And 37 of women are currently participating in a company 401(k) or other workplace plan, compared to 41% of men; and just 37% of women are likely to hold an IRA or other non-workplace retirement account, compared to 46% of men.

Women are more likely to retire in poverty. For all of the reasons listed above, is it really a surprise that women are 71% more likely than men to live below the poverty line in retirement?

It's critical for women to have a plan. Women need to save more money than men because they cycle in and out of the workplace more often. Over 75% of women are widowed at an average age of 56, and 1 in 4 of these women are broke within two months of being widowed. What do you want your retirement years to look like? Do start now. The earlier you start, the easier it will be to reach your retirement goals. Time is a powerful key to achieving financial security.



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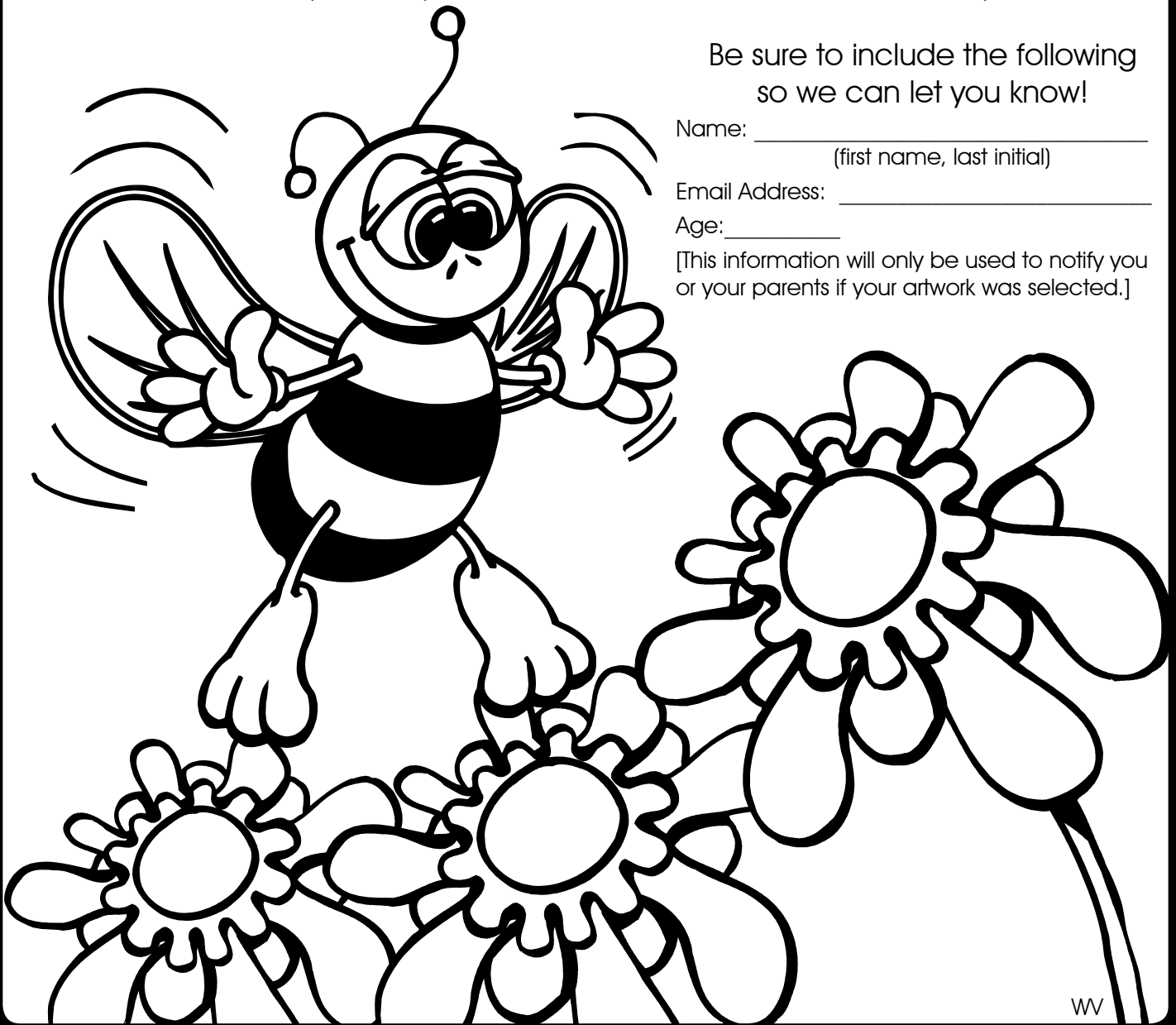
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	Oct 08	Nov 08	Dec 08	Jan 09	Feb 09	Mar 09
\$250,000 +	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$220,000 - 249,999	0	0	2	1	0	0
\$200,000 - 219,999	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$180,000 - 199,999	0	0	1	0	0	0
\$160,000 - 179,999	1	0	0	0	0	0
\$160,000 -	0	0	1	0	1	0
TOTAL	1	0	4	1	1	0
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