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Get Ready for Windows 7

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For Lovers of XP and Haters of Vista

Users of Microsoft Windows have been waiting a long time for a great upgrade from Windows XP. Well, I have good news - Windows 7 is coming.

On October 22nd, the successor to the less than popular Windows Vista will begin to ship with new PC's and be available in stores and online. If you bought a new PC with Vista Home Premium installed in the last 3 months, you're probably going to get a free upgrade disk from the manufacturer.

Should you upgrade your current PC? There are some very compelling reasons to do so. In almost every area Windows 7 outperforms Vista and even XP in the time it takes to install, copy files on the hard drive or move files over a network. It also doesn't need quite as much memory to run well. It has MUCH better security than XP and is less annoying than Vista. Vista users know about the constant pop-ups of the UAC (User Account Control) every time you make the slightest change to the system, encouraging many to disable it altogether. Windows 7 has modified it so that it can be adjusted to be less intrusive while still protecting you from unwanted program installations. This makes it much easier

to run as a regular user rather than an administrator (an almost impossible task in XP), providing better protection from viruses and trojans.

The Media Center provides support for playing Blu-Ray discs (if you have a drive that can play them), and the Home Group feature makes sharing files and printers between computer really simple.

Windows Live is a separate but I think important product from Microsoft that works well with Windows 7. It's a set of free online products that features SkyDrive, offering 25 gigabytes of online storage, and Family Safety, that in conjunction with your Windows user accounts provides access control to web content, and provides activity reports as well as administrator access (i.e. the parent) from any computer, anywhere.

The Professional version of Windows 7 includes the ability to run Windows XP as a "Virtual Machine" in a window, so if you have programs that need XP to run, you can run them in the virtual machine while continuing to run everything else in the Windows 7 environment (I know, that was geeky and your eyes probably started to glaze over, but it's a great feature none the less.)

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Get Ready for Windows 7 -

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System requirements for Windows 7 are a 1GHz or faster processor and at least 1GB of memory. You can perform a check of your computer by downloading the Windows 7 Upgrade Advisor from microsoft.com. The upgrade for Windows 7 Home Premium will be \$119, but Microsoft will also be making a "Family Pack" available, giving you 3 licenses for \$149.

I've been using Windows 7 since the Beta version was released in January, having it on 3 systems without problems, including 2 desktops and 1 laptop. The interface is much cleaner with lots of great small features too numerous to list here. So if you're ready for a new computer, but it's not presently in your budget, consider upgrading your current computer to Windows 7. The only regret you'll have is that it took Microsoft so long to finally get it right.

Recipe of the Month

Chicken Spaghetti

Stew chicken. I season water with salt, pepper, and 2 or 3 bay leaves. About half-way through cooking time, add chopped onion and celery. When chicken is done, measure about 2 cups of broth and place in another pan. To this broth, add 1 can of tomatoes and one can of Cream of Mushroom Soup. Heat this mixture. Cook spaghetti in water in which chicken was cooked.

Place spaghetti in large baking dish, then boned chicken. Season with salt and pepper. Then pour broth mixture over spaghetti. Bake at 350° until heated throughout. Sprinkle with grated cheese about 10 minutes before removing from oven.

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Admission to the market is FREE; purchase tea room tickets at the event for \$10 each (all proceeds benefiting missions). Come rain or shine! Foundry is located at 8350 Jones Road, 1-½ blocks north of Hwy 290. For more information, call 713-937-9388 or see www.foundrychurch.org.



Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk®

Provides Fun Way for Northwest Houston Residents to Raise Critically Needed Funds for Alzheimer's Care, Support and Research

The Alzheimer's Association is inviting all Northwest Houston residents to become Champions in the fight against Alzheimer's by participating in the annual Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk®. HCR Manor Care-Heartland of Willowbrook will be the site of the Memory Walk (One Mile) on October 10, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. with registration beginning at 9:00 a.m. In addition, participants are invited to visit the Forget-Me-Not Craft Fair benefiting the Alzheimer's Association from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Memory Walk site.

The Committee Members, which include HCR ManorCare, The Hampton Brookdale, Cypress Fairbanks Hospital-Senior Services, and HealthCare Marketing Professionals, invite you to participate in the Kick-Off Party for the Alzheimer's Association "Mini" Memory Walk on September 11, 2009 at The Hampton Brookdale Healthcare Center, 13500 Breton Ridge, Houston, Texas 77070 from 11:00 am to 12:00 Noon.

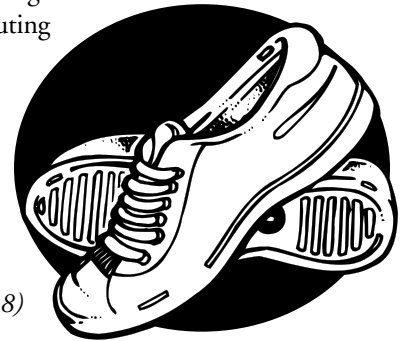
Alzheimer's disease is a growing epidemic that is now the seventh leading cause of death in the United States. It is estimated that

someone in America develops Alzheimer's disease every 70 seconds. By mid-century someone will develop Alzheimer's disease every 33 seconds.

"There has never been a greater need for Northwest Houston citizens to join in the fight against Alzheimer's disease by participating in Memory Walk," said Donna Martin, an Alzheimer's Association event spokesperson. "As many as 5.3 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease and funds raised will provide support services to the residents of Texas living with Alzheimer's, while also contributing to critically needed research."

The Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk is an empowering event that gives participants an opportunity to be Champions and take action in the fight against

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About the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk®:

The Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk® is the nation's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer care, support and research programs. Held annually in hundreds of communities across the country, this inspiring event calls volunteers of all ages to become Champions in the fight against Alzheimer's.

About the Alzheimer's Association:

The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer care, support and research. Our mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; to advocate for policy change; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.

For more information and to register visit www.alz.org, Texas, The Woodlands, Sign Up for the Northwest Houston Mini Walk, 10/10/09.

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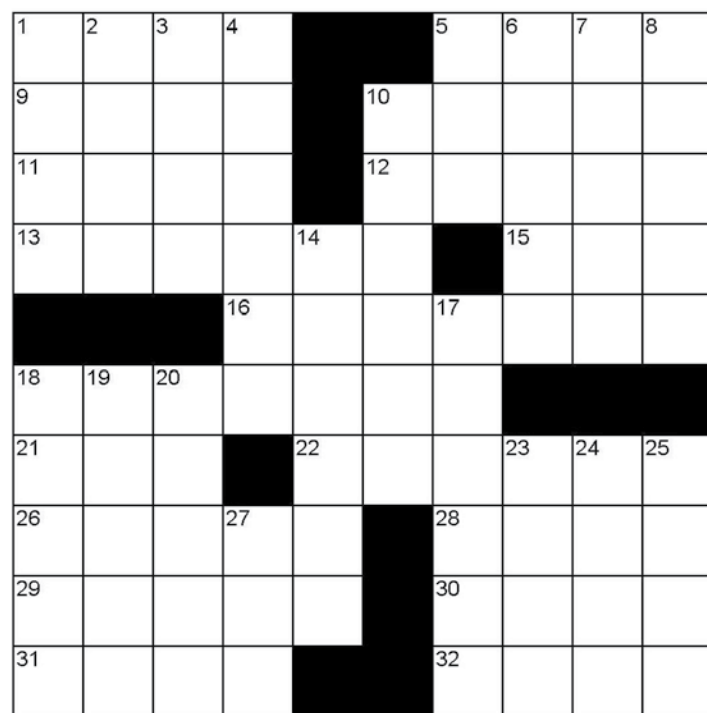
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9. Waterless
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11. Unwanted plant
12. Striped animal
13. Seasickness symptom
15. Affirmative
16. Set loose
18. Pups
21. Epoch
22. Vapors
26. Vapor
28. Singing voice
29. Japanese city
30. Not mine
31. In __ (together)
32. Skewer

DOWN

1. Worship
2. Domain
3. In __ of (instead of)
4. Totals (2 wds.)
5. Wood chopper
6. African country
7. Tiny skin holes
8. Hit
10. Rhododendron
14. Mystery
17. School writings
18. Spanish coins
19. Salaam
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\$351,000--\$450,000	2	4	0	1	2	0	0	3	2	2
\$276,000--\$350,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
\$231,000--\$275,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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