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## Stone Gate State

THE OFFICIAL HOA NEWSLETTER  
of Stone Gate, Canyon Lakes, Canyon Lake  
Villages and Canyon Lakes West

December 2009

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## Cookies with Santa & Toys for Tots Toy Drive



**Saturday, December 19th**  
**10am - Noon & 1-3pm**  
**at Houston National Golf Club**

**Saturday, December 19th**  
**10am - Noon**  
**At Canyon Lakes West Clubhouse**

You'll have three opportunities to take your  
photo with Jolly St. Nick!  
We'll be serving holiday treats &  
entertainment for children young & old!

This year we're hosting a Toys for Tots Toy Drive!  
If you'd like to contribute, please bring an unwrapped  
toy to the Clubhouse.

***Don't forget your camera!***

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*and much more!!*

## Annual Holiday Yard Decorating Contest December 6th – 12th

*Start Planning Your  
Holiday Decorations!*

Resident favorite Annual Holiday  
Decorating Contest returns.

Each section in Stone Gate, Canyon Lakes,  
Canyon Lake Villages & Canyon Lakes West  
will have winners, awarded a special prize.

Most importantly, they'll get to display  
a winning yard sign during  
the holiday season!

Make sure your lights are on from  
Sunday, December 6th to Saturday,

December 12th as our volunteer  
judges will be driving around  
the community to chose  
a winner!



*Happy Holidays*

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

### ON-SITE OFFICES & GATE ATTENDANTS

S-G Clubhouse Office .....	281-304-7448
S-G Guard Attendant .....	281-256-3620
Splashpad Texas Office .....	281-213-9777
Houston National Golf Club .....	281-304-1400

### PROPERTY TAXES

Harris County Appraisal District .....	713-224-1919
Cy-Fair ISD .....	281-897-4014
Water / Remington MUD #1 .....	281-579-4500
Water / MUD #165 .....	713-932-9011

### POLICE & FIRE

Emergency .....	911
Harris County Sheriff .....	713-221-6000
Precinct #5 Constable .....	281-463-6666
Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Station .....	713-466-4073
Texas DPS .....	281-232-4334
Cy-Fair Medical Center .....	281-890-4285
North Cypress Medical Center .....	832-912-3500
Poison Control .....	800-222-1222

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#### Electricity (call your provider)

Centerpoint Energy .....	713-207-2222
Power To Choose .....	866-797-4839
Gas (Centerpoint Energy Entex) .....	713-659-2111

#### Telephone & Cable

AT & T .....	800-464-7928
AT & T U-verse .....	866-298-1161
Comcast .....	713-462-9000
Alarm Monitoring (En-Touch) .....	281-225-1000
Trash Pickup (WCA Waste) .....	281-368-8397
Water (Remington MUD #1) (S-G-STES) .....	281-579-4500

### PUBLIC SERVICE

Harris Co. Animal Control .....	281-999-3191
Harris County Toll Road Auth .....	281-875-3279
Voter Registration .....	713-224-1919
Auto Registration .....	713-368-2000
Cy-Fair Chamber of Commerce .....	281-955-1100
Metro Park and Ride .....	713-635-4000
Lone Star College Library .....	281-290-3200
Gulf Coast Reg Blood Ctr .....	713-790-1200

### U.S. POST OFFICES

Stone Gate & Canyon Lakes .....	281-859-9021
Canyon Lakes West .....	281-373-3372

### SCHOOLS

Cy-Fair ISD District Office .....	281-897-4000
.....	www.cfsd.net

### CANYON LAKES WEST & PINE CREEK CONTACTS

Rec Center Office .....	281-855-0984
CLW Guard Attendant .....	281-858-6106
Warner Elementary .....	281-213-1650
Hopper Middle School .....	281-463-5353
Cypress Springs High School .....	281-345-3000
SW Water/Harris County MUD #165 .....	713-405-1750
Spring Cypress Post Office .....	281-373-3372
Property Tax: MUD #165 .....	713-932-9011

### ASSOCIATION'S MANAGEMENT COMPANY CONTACT INFORMATION

Planned Community Management (PCMI) has been contracted by the Board of Directors to manage the day-to-day activities of the community. In order to contact the community's Board of Directors or if residents have concerns, questions about their account, or deed restriction violations to report, please put the information in writing and send via e-mail to Sarah Hudson at shudson@stes.com or call PCMI at 281-870-0585.

### TO CONTACT THE BOARD:

*Please address the Board of Directors via*

Sarah Hudson  
PCMI  
P.O. Box 219223  
Houston, TX 77218  
281-870-0585

### HAVE YOU LOGGED IN YET?

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*Features of the Stone Gate & Canyon Lakes West intranet include:*

- Email Blasts On Community News & Events
  - Resident Directory
- Current Events & Activities
  - News
- Official Documents & Forms
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### NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Article Submission .....	jclark@canyongate.com
Advertising .....	advertising@PEELinc.com

### ADVERTISING INFORMATION

Please support the businesses that advertise in the Stone Gate Slate. Their advertising dollars make it possible for all Stone Gate residents to receive the monthly newsletter at no charge. If you would like to support the newsletter by advertising, please contact our sales office at 512-263-9181 or [advertising@PEELinc.com](mailto:advertising@PEELinc.com). The advertising deadline is the 8th of each month for the following month's newsletter.

## CALLING ALL SENIORS

*Join the Nifty 50+*

The Nifty 50+ group is for the young at heart, 50 or older, retired or still working, male and female, and are residents of one of SG Owners Association sections (SG, CL, CLV, CL West or CL Pine Creek).

If you would like to know more about an activity or the group, please send an e-mail to [stonegateseniors@gmail.com](mailto:stonegateseniors@gmail.com)

Monthly games and/or visiting will be held at the SG Rec Center on the first Thursday of each month, 1-3 pm.

- **December meeting** moved from 12/3 to 12/5/09; activity/theme and coordinator TBD

If you are 50 or older and are interested in getting together for games and/or fellowship, want to receive our e-mail updates, or have questions, please e-mail [stonegateseniors@gmail.com](mailto:stonegateseniors@gmail.com) or call 281-256-3022 or 281-304-6271.



## ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS

*Due Soon!*

With Annual Assessments due very soon your Board of Directors would like to remind all homeowners that payment arrangements are offered by the POA. As soon as you receive your annual assessment bill please look in your bill for the included memo page that gives specific directions on setting up a payment plan for the 2010 assessments.

Payment via credit card can be made online only at [www.pcmi-us.com](http://www.pcmi-us.com). In order to pay online, you must have your POA account number provided on your statement.

As a payment alternative, if you would like to begin pre-paying your 2010 annual assessments please call PCMI at 281-870-0585. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact PCMI and speak with your property manager Sarah Hudson.

## Report It!!!

If you witness any suspicious behavior around the community please contact the local authorities immediately. Non-emergency numbers: Sheriff 713-221-6000 - Pct. 5 Constable 281-463-6666. DIAL 911 FOR EMERGENCIES.



### Christmas Service Times



<b>Wednesday, December 23</b>	<b>7 p.m. Candlelight Service</b>
<b>Thursday, December 24</b>	<b>3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m. &amp; 11 p.m. Candlelight Services</b>
<b>Saturday, December 26</b>	<b>No Service</b>
<b>Sunday, December 27</b>	<b>9:50 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Services</b>



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Recreation Center - Jr. Olympic Pool – CLOSED

SplashPad SLIDE Pool – CLOSED



**Yard of the Month ~ NEW!**

Do you have a neighbor or friend in the community who has an outstanding front yard? Nominate them for the Yard of the Month! Please forward your nomination and e-mail a picture of their front yard to [jclark@canyongate.com](mailto:jclark@canyongate.com).

**SEEKING SECTION  
LEADERS AND BLOCK  
CAPTAINS**

*Section Leaders and Block Captains*

To increase community awareness, we are actively recruiting section leaders and block captains. You can e-mail your Section Leader by logging onto our community intranet at: [www.canyongate.com/residents/sg/login.php](http://www.canyongate.com/residents/sg/login.php) and click on the “contact us” option. For more information or to become a block captain or section leader, please contact Jennifer Clark, Director of Community Events at [jclark@canyongate.com](mailto:jclark@canyongate.com).

**Stone Gate Committees**

We are always looking for resident volunteers! Contact Director of Community Events, Jennifer Clark at [jclark@canyongate.com](mailto:jclark@canyongate.com) for information on getting involved. This is a great way to meet your neighbors & support your community.

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## Important Reminders

- Please call the Guard on duty at 281-256-3620 to report gate malfunctions. They are authorized to contact the gate repair companies & order immediate service 24/7.
- Any changes or additions to your home require the PRIOR WRITTEN APPROVAL of an architectural review form (ARC). The approval process can take two to four weeks.
- Annual Maintenance Fees are invoiced to owners usually in December & are due by January.
- For more information, please contact PCMI at 281-870-0585 or shudson@stes.com.

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### Basketball Goals

Basketball is a fun sport that many like to play. As a reminder, please make sure that all basketball goals are kept in an upright position in your driveway. Basketball goals should not be left in the street at anytime. Leaving basketball goals in the street can be a nuisance to drivers in the community and a hazard should there be a need for an emergency vehicle to gain access to your street. Please note this is also a violation and if you receive violation letters regarding this matter you could be sent to the attorney and be liable for these charges.

## NEW TO THE COMMUNITY?

*Just moved in?*

Make sure YOU register at the on-site community office for access to the SplashPad, fitness center & other community amenities! For office hours, directions and additional information, call 281-304-7448 or stonegaterec@att.net.

## Gates

Please remember & remind children that community gates are not designed to withstand horseplay, climbing or riding. Playing with gates in the community is dangerous and also places a burden on the Association due to repairs being needed.

The Association is not responsible for any incidents incurred by not utilizing the gates correctly. Should the Association become aware of any damages to the gates caused by individuals, they will be pursued by the Association for any repairs/replacement costs incurred by the Association.

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## NEED GATES OPEN FOR YOUR OPEN HOUSE?

*Every 3rd Sunday*

The 3rd Sunday of every month from 1:00PM to 5:00PM we will open the gates for residents needing to showcase their homes to potential buyers. For your gates to open, you must register your address and realtor name by the 3rd Wednesday of the month, with the Stone Gate Recreation Center at 281-304-7448 or [stonegaterec@att.net](mailto:stonegaterec@att.net).

## Gate Access

Please keep your account current. Make sure we have your most current information i.e. land line telephone number and EZ tag numbers in your file. If your tags are not working or your name is not in the telephone entry please call 281-304-7448 or email [stonegaterec@att.net](mailto:stonegaterec@att.net) us as soon as possible so we can re-enter your information.

All visitors during the time the gates are closed, weekends and daily between 7pm and 5:30am, will have to call the resident or the guard from the telephone entry key pad at the gate.

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**PLEASE STAY OFF THE  
RETENTION/DETENTION  
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PROPERTY AREAS BELONGING  
TO THE ASSOCIATION WITH  
ANY MOTORIZED VEHICLES**

It is against the law to ride motorized vehicles on the easements and water retention areas in and surrounding our community, as they are PRIVATE PROPERTY. Trespassing charges can be filed when the person or persons are apprehended. PLEASE report this activity to the Sheriff's Department (713-221-6000) to dispatch an officer to enforce this misconduct.

*Holiday Recipe*  
**Peppermint Bark**

INGREDIENTS

- 12 oz. of high-quality white chocolate chips or dark chocolate chips
- 5 regular sized candy canes, crushed up
- 1/2 teaspoon of peppermint extract

METHOD

- 1 Break up peppermint candy into little pieces. Melt the chocolate according to the manufacturer's instructions. Once melted, add the peppermint extract and stir.
- 2 Pour the melted chocolate out onto a cookie sheet lined with wax paper and spread out with a spatula or wooden spoon. Sprinkle the peppermint candy chunks on to the chocolate and gently press them in with yours hands.
- 3 Place in the freezer for 5 minutes or until hardened. Break into pieces and serve or store in the fridge in an airtight container.

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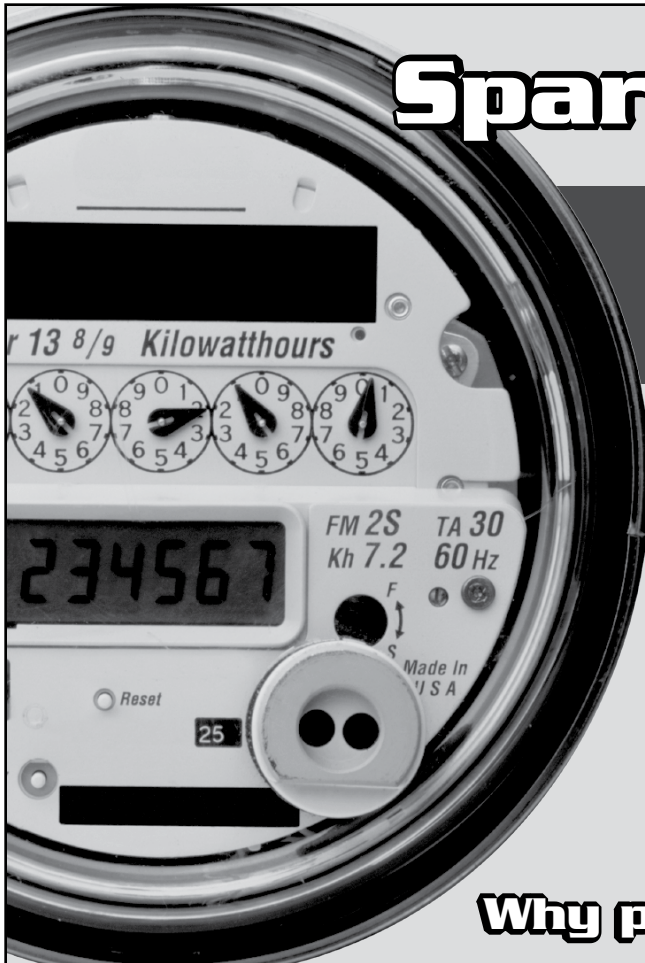
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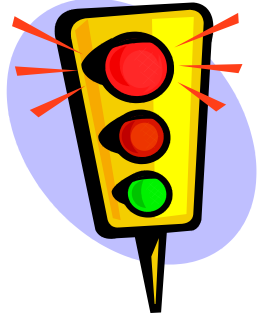


## Please Control Your Pets!

It is a deed restriction violation if your pets are not confined to a fenced backyard or within your home. They must not be allowed to bark all night or cause a nuisance to your neighbors. They must also be on a leash at all times when not in a contained environment. It is also the pet owner's responsibility to keep ALL areas of the community FREE from pet debris when walking your pets. Please remember that cats must also be confined. Animal Control can be reached at 281-999-3191.

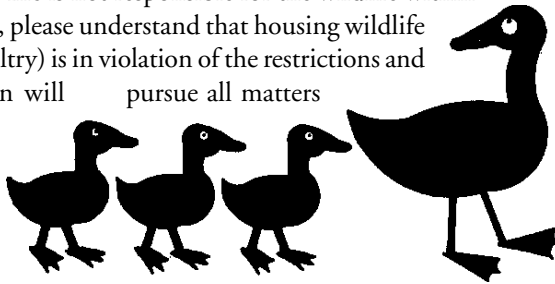
## Street Light Maintenance

To report a street light that is not working, contact Centerpoint Energy at 713-207-2222. You will need to provide them with the number located at the base of the pole and the street address. You can also report outages online at [www.centerpointenergy.com/outage](http://www.centerpointenergy.com/outage).



## Ducks, Geese and other Wildlife in Community

S-G Owners Inc is not responsible for the wildlife within the lakes. Also, please understand that housing wildlife (i.e. ducks/poultry) is in violation of the restrictions and the Association will pursue all matters accordingly.



## Unwanted Solicitors:

NO SOLICITING signs are posted through out the entrances of community. If this continues to be a growing issue at your residence and would like to place a NO SOLICITING signs in your yard you may certainly do so. Please be sure that the sign placed by your front door and you place only place (1) sign at your home.

If you feel in danger and think the solicitor will be in the community long enough to call the authorities out we suggest you call the local Police Department.

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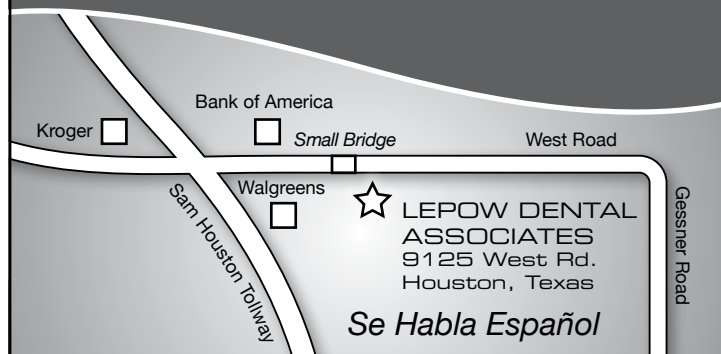
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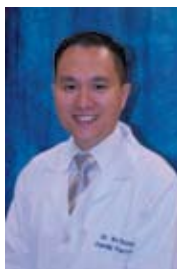
## meet our team

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Blandina Sison, MD  
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Shital Patel, MD  
Heidi Nashed, MD  
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## 1960 Family Practice Is Pleased To Introduce Our Newest Physicians



Dr. Vu Phung joined 1960 Family Practice in July 2009. Dr. Phung graduated from Texas Tech University and is board certified in Family Medicine. He completed his residency in Family Practice and in pursuing his special interest; he completed his fellowship in Geriatric Medicine. Dr Phung welcomes patients of all ages to his practice.



Dr. Annie Hoang joined our practice in August of 2009. She graduated from Texas A & M University and finished her training in Family Practice at Texas Tech University. She is board certified in Family Medicine and has been providing comprehensive care for adults and children with compassion and kindness for the past 10 years. She welcomes all new patients to her practice.

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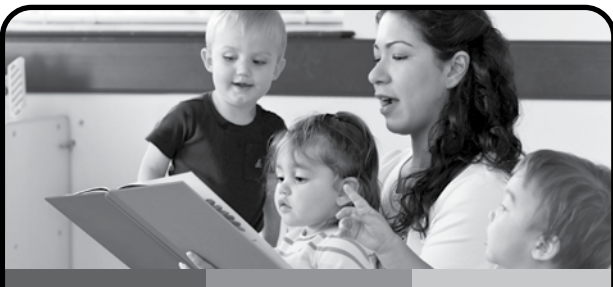
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## TIPS FOR TEACHING CHILDREN

### About Table Manners

Submitted by Rebecca Beavers

Teaching your children table manners may sound old fashioned, but it never goes out of style. Having good manners shows your respect for other people, and it's more than saying "please" and "thank you." It's about helping your children develop habits and behaviors that will help them relate to adults and other children in a positive way. "To make your family mealtime time special and relaxing, slow down, sit and talk with your children and expect good behavior. You will be pleasantly surprised at how much easier and enjoyable it will become," said Dr. Mary Zurn, vice president of education for Primrose Schools. "This is important because children with good manners often find it easier to make friends and get along with others at school and at home."

#### Dr. Zurn offers five table manners tips to get parents started:

1. Start early: Don't wait until you think your child is "old enough" to learn polite behavior. Just as children learn to crawl before they learn to walk, they also learn manners in stages. Even infants watch parents for rules of expected behavior. Very young children can learn to sign key phrases such as "please" or "thank you" and then transition to the spoken words around age two. By age three, children should be able to stay seated at mealtime if you sit down with them.
2. Give specific feedback: Children learn best when they receive specific feedback about their behavior which is far more effective than generic praise. For example, instead of saying, "Good job," you can say, "I'm so glad you set the table."
3. Encourage polite conversation: Children as young as two can learn to engage in polite conversation at the dinner table with the right kind of guidance. As you are at the table eating together, show them how to take turns listening, talking, and asking questions.
4. Set a good example: Make sure your words and actions match. Children watch parents all the time for behavior clues. For example, if you want your child to eat broccoli because it's a healthy food choice, you will need to let them see you enjoy eating it as well.
5. Create a routine: Children learn best from consistency because it helps them know what to expect. Start with the repetition of a few simple steps such as putting a napkin in your lap when you sit down. Create a routine that is easy for them to repeat and remember. For more tips from Dr. Zurn and a list of book suggestions on teaching your children table manners, visit [www.Dr.ZandMe.com](http://www.Dr.ZandMe.com).



## JANUARY NWHC AGGIE MOM'S CLUB MEETING

*With Guest Speaker Jackie Sherrill*

Please join the NWHC Aggie Moms as they welcome, Jackie Sherrill, former head coach and athletic director at Texas A&M University to their January meeting. Jackie Sherrill will be discussing his book, *No Experience Required*, written by Caleb Pirtle III. This book was written in collaboration with the 12th Man Kickoff Team Foundation comprised of over 80 former players and founded in 2007. Come hear a truly inspirational story in which the 12th Man Kickoff Team brought Texas A&M fans and players together to win 3 consecutive Southwest Conference titles. The 12th Man Kickoff Team Foundation currently works to provide scholarships for students with financial needs and encourages students to follow their dreams.

The Aggie Mom's Club meeting will be held Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at the Houston Distribution Center conveniently located near Willowbrook Mall at the corner of Cutten Road and 7100 High Life Drive. Please come enjoy refreshments provided at 7 pm and learn about valuable information regarding student activities, scholarships, the Aggie Boutique, door prizes, and more. Help support our outstanding Aggie students!

The Aggie Mom's Club is accepting Scholarship Applications for the 2010-2011 school year. Applications must be postmarked no later than Feb. 7, 2010. Last year 8 scholarships totaling \$8,750 were awarded to area students.

For more information, check out our website at [www.nwhcaggiemoms.com](http://www.nwhcaggiemoms.com).

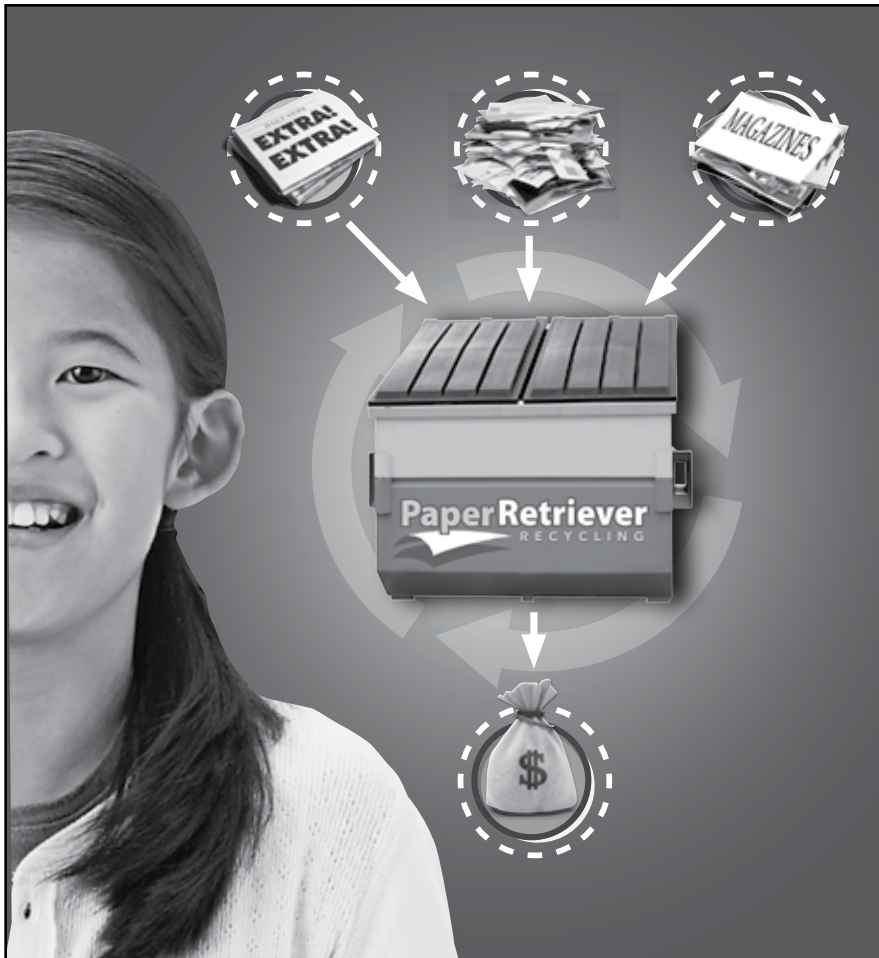
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			5				7	
			9					
	1				8			
2	8	6	3		1			4

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## "A TRUE TEXAS INSPIRATION"

*Same Kind of Different as Me by Ron Hall  
and Denver Moore*

At the core of *Same Kind of Different as Me*, a true story written by Ron Hall and Denver Moore, are the relationships that Ron and Denver have with each other, their friends, Ron's spouse and children, nature, the environment in which they were raised (especially Denver) and most importantly, God.

Denver, an illiterate and homeless African American man from Louisiana has suffered at the hands of many throughout his life but through it all become a true messenger for God. The book begins with Denver recounting his heartbreaking life—from the back breaking work of picking cotton to seeing the people he loved most in the world disappear. The book so graphically reveals the gut wrenching life of a boy who wants for almost nothing, but is treated terribly.

Ron is a self-made millionaire whose heart was open to being guided by God, at the hands of his wife Deborah. Deborah—a person so filled with faith—heard God speak to her and conveyed these very specific and detailed visions to Ron (including seeing Denver's face even though they had not met him yet) and together, they became an integral part of a community of homeless people in Fort Worth, Texas. And this is where Ron's and Denver's lives intersected and forever changed.

The writing is relatable and each personality (the book alternates between Ron's and Denver's voices) is clearly unique and endearing. For example Ron, who worked on this grandpa's farm during summers writes of the land, "...the land is miserable, cursed with soil that may well be the original inspiration for cement."

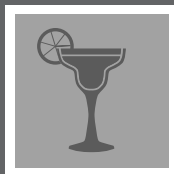
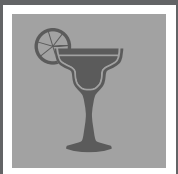
The book addresses a question that all of us have asked, "Why did God let that happen?" It challenges faith in a very personal way. The book also encourages each of us to believe that God has a purpose for us, even if it isn't clear at this moment.

*Same Kind of Different as Me* demonstrates that the human spirit is fragile while at the same time immensely strong. It shows how trust, prayer and unconditional love can bring out amazing change and a life long friendship.

The book ended with a wonderful reminder, "...everybody's different...We're all just regular folks walkin down the road God done set in front of us...this earth ain't no final restin' place. So in a way, we is all homeless—just workin our way toward home."

Feel free to comment on this review, your thoughts on the book or suggest a book for me to review on my blog: <http://brittsbuzz.blogspot.com>.

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### L.I.F.E. LESSONS IN DECEMBER

The Learning, Inspiration, Fellowship and Enrichment (L.I.F.E.) programs are free and held Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Lone Star College-CyFair Branch Library (Room 131.) Programs in December include: learning about the Texas Rangers Dec. 2, tips for permanent weight loss, Dec. 9 and creating a holiday wreath Dec. 16. Programs will resume Jan. 13, 2010. Call the library at 281-290-3213 for L.I.F.E. program information or go online to [LoneStar.edu](http://LoneStar.edu).

### HOLIDAY HAPPENING WITH A.L.L.

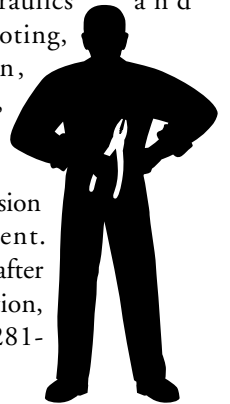
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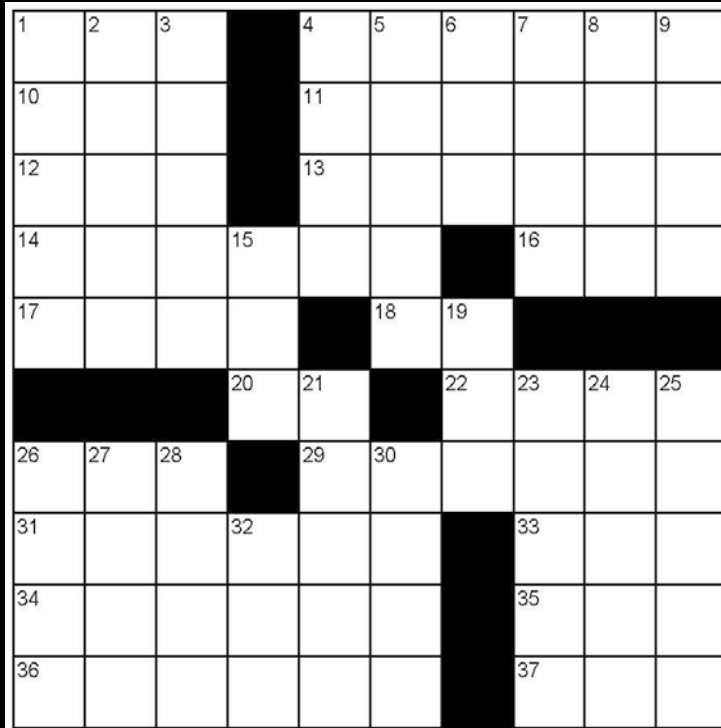
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## Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

1. Small amount
4. Metal bracket that holds stones together
10. Terminal abbr.
11. Timid
12. Mama
13. City in W. Oregon
14. Straighten
16. Spots
17. Stable gear
18. Gold (abbr.)
20. Mr. \_\_\_ (tv horse)
22. Canned meat brand
26. Oolong
29. Come out
31. Italian sausage
33. Wing
34. Busyness
35. Still
36. Parallelograms
37. Pigpen

### DOWN

1. Object
2. Repent
3. Deer
4. Prayer ending
5. Orange cheese
6. Floor covering
7. At sea
8. Defend
9. Potato sprouts
15. Compass point
19. Employ
21. Demobilize
23. Petitions to God
24. Metal tip on the end of a lance
25. Substantive
26. Despot
27. Every
28. Singing voice
30. Brief
32. Point

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December 28, 1:00

### Christmas Break Service Project for Cy Fair Students

Cypress Cares has received more thank you notes from the troops who have received packages. Visit our website, [www.cypress-cares.org](http://www.cypress-cares.org) to view the troop responses, as well as more current information about upcoming events, donation ideas and more.



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