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Camp Agnes



1st grade Daisy Troop 15330, went to their first day camp at Agnes Arnold in Conroe. The girls enjoyed hiking, archery & games. It was a great day to learn new things!

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Harris County Health Dept.....713-440-4800 or 3036
Animal Control281-999-3191
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Splinters From the Board

By Stan Schoen

I write this in September and you would think the heat would be gone for the summer but, it is still in the 90's! If your air conditioner made it through another summer my congratulations to you and it is sure not a luxury in Houston it is more the necessity.

Another necessity we have is an annual homeowner's meeting which again will be at Adam's Elementary School and the date is October 14 from 7 – 9 p.m. This year there are two board seats up for re-election, Jonathan Armstrong and Stan Schoen with a 2 year term. Every year we alternate with next year having 3 board seats up for election. We would love for someone to step up and run for the board as we don't have term limits but we pay a whole lot less than government and even if you double our salary our pay is zero! We encourage anyone and everyone to step forward and run. As a reminder when the board is elected there is no President, Secretary or any position, it is simply a seat. The board decides amongst themselves as to who will be in what position.

The annual dues is once again frozen in that we have put together another budget and we do not feel the need for more money and continue, as we have for the past several years, to live within our means so no new costs will be incurred that we cannot afford to pay for and especially with these difficult times we want to assist as much as we can. We have also developed ways for you to pay in the

future and you will learn more of that at the homeowners' meeting, again, we want to do our part to make things as easy as possible on our residents.

We really want to beef up our committees this next year as more people are needed to be involved in our community. Our feedback is that folks want to be involved but not as a chair but more of a backup position and with all the responsibilities everyone has while working and raising a family we certainly understand so we are asking for folks to volunteer to do 'pieces' of whole committees such as the social committee. Can you volunteer for the fall festival, the Easter Egg Hunt, breakfast with Santa or any other event that we may have at Wortham?

At this point I would like to thank my fellow board members, Steve Carter, Rebecca McShane, Jonathan Armstrong and Rick Anderson for the fine work and dedication they have for our community.

Thank you to Herman de Hoop and Shawn Lacagnina for the service they provide as Neighborhood Watch co-chairs and Herman for taking on the National Night Out piece with the help of his crew. Also to thank are our block captains who are very interested in our community for the most part and especially to those that attend the block captain meetings regularly to keep in touch with what is going

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Home Selling Tips...

- Potential buyers want to imagine your house as their house. Remove personal touches that make the house seem 'lived in'.
- Put away family photographs, awards, souvenirs and collectibles.
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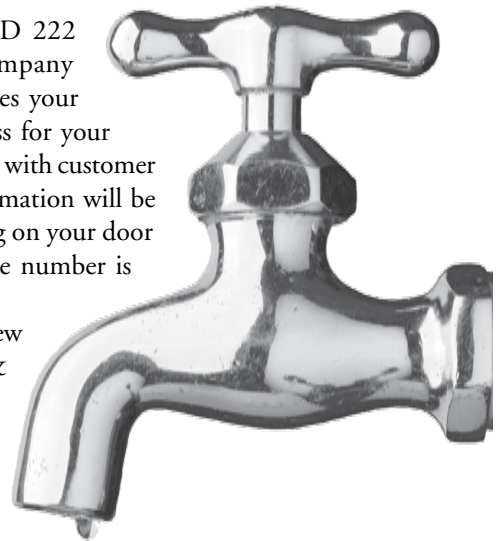
on around us and to be in position to pass the information along to our residents. To all of our residents who serve our community but not necessarily mentioned in this note as there are many we are so fortunate to have residing here, we thank you for the things you do in making Wortham who we are. A shout out to our wonderful M.U.D. and to their board, who have always supported us through the years and never fail us and always listen to our needs, a hearty thank you. I would also like to thank Marie Trascher for her work with the M.U.D. and Sheriff's Dept. Our wonderful vendors who have been really great to work with Crest Mgt, IMS Services (landscaping) and Houston Pools to name just a few of our largest. Mostly thank you to all of our residents for the wonderful people you are, taking care of your properties, paying your dues and just making this a place we are all proud to call home. Make it a great day! See you at my table.

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Check Park	173
Contract Check	34
Credit Card Abuse	1
Criminal Mischief	3
Disturbance/Family	1
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Disturbance/Other	1
Follow Up	1
Meet the Citizen	8
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Aggie Mom's Club Meeting

Tuesday, November 9th, 2010

"Study Abroad Opportunities"

st of your Aggie experience is what our November meeting is all about. All Aggie Moms are invited to join us on Tuesday, Nov. 9th at 7 pm when Jane Flaherty, Director of the Study Abroad Program at Texas A&M University, will speak to the Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club. Jane Flaherty will discuss the wonderful opportunities that the Study Abroad Program provides for Aggie students, the numerous study abroad programs available, and how to get started on the process. Learn how studying abroad can enhance each student's learning experience, help students develop wonderful lasting Aggie friendships, and earn college credits all at the same time. The Texas A&M Study Abroad Program offers diverse types of programs year round in countries around the world. Aggie students who study abroad will experience the history and culture of other countries, as well as educational and research activities related to their field of study.

The NWHC Aggie Mom's meeting will be held at the Houston Distributing Company at 7100 High Life Drive, Houston, TX 77066, located near Willowbrook Mall off Cutten Road. Refreshments and a casual social time starts at 7 pm and the meeting begins at 7:30 pm.

NWHC Aggie Moms will be hosting their 8th annual China Luncheon and Style Show on Saturday, October, 23, 2010. The luncheon will be held from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm at Lakewood United Methodist Church. Tickets are available for \$24/person and it includes a silent auction to support student scholarships. For more information please contact Cathy at 713-898-9820 or Robin at 713-705-2428.

Now is also the time to order Care Packages for Aggie students. The care packages contain goodies for the students to help them during finals and they are delivered Dec. 6th. The cost is \$18 and the deadline to order is 11/9/2010. For more information, contact Margaret at 281-357-4175. *For more information about these and other upcoming events, please go to our website at www.nwhcaggie moms.org or contact Vickie Hamley at 713-466-4494.*

National NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, October 5, 6 – 9pm



National Night Out is designed to: (1) heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs; (3) strengthen neighborhoods spirit and police-community relations; and (4) send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Along with traditional display of front porch outdoor lights, cities, towns, and neighborhoods celebrate National Night Out with a variety of events and activities. Wortham Villages will celebrate at the clubhouse with the Sheriff's presence of the fingerprinting division (have your children finger printed), K9, Mounted patrol. The fire department will have a unit. There will be other fun activities, including a Bouncing Tent, face painting, and balloon animals. A DJ will provide music for the event and Wortham's own Darbi Shaun will perform two sets throughout the evening. The Social Club and Block Captains are coordinating the activities and leading pool games and other fun activities for the kids. We will have food catered by Chick Fil A. Local merchants and Chick Fil A are providing door prizes.

Harris County first participated in National Night Out in 1986. In 1998, Houston/Harris County was awarded the top national honor for "Best Participation". Harris County shared in receiving the "All Star Award" presented in 1990. In 1994, 1995, 1997 and 1999 Houston/Harris County ranked nationally. In 2000, 2003, & 2006, Houston/Harris County received the second place for its effort.

We now have many new residents in our subdivision and it is no better time than now to meet our new neighbors and become involved in the safety of our community. We strongly urge you to join our celebration to give criminals a going away party.

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Dogs and Cats Leash Laws:

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Harris County Animal Control advises, "All dogs and cats must be kept under restraint while in the unincorporated areas of Harris County, Texas. The custodian of a dog or cat is not authorized to have, harbor or keep any unlicensed dog or cat, nor to allow any dog or cat to become a stray."

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2. When it is within a fully enclosed vehicle
3. When it is on the premise of the custodian and the animal does not have access to sidewalk or street."

While it may be nice to have your animal out in the yard while you work or play, it is against the law, unless the animal is properly restrained.

Let's all help keep our community a safe and comfortable place for all our residents by being responsible pet owners. This will not only protect anyone who may be walking or bicycling in the area, but also the pet owner who could be held legally responsible or possibly sued for failing to properly restrain their pet.

TO MAKE A COMPLAINT OR REPORT AN ANIMAL THAT IS NOT PROPERLY RESTRAINED PLEASE CONTACT:

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Yes, and of course this is the essence of what investors wish to do, namely buy low and sell high. But what is an actual practice which will force you to do it? After all, putting money into the market when the market is down can give a person a queasy feeling. Yet it is that very behavior which investors need to cultivate if they are ever to sell high. Enter value averaging (also known as dollar value averaging). VA refines the practice of dollar-cost averaging, which is more widely known. Either technique helps you reduce risk because you are buying shares at a variety of prices throughout the year instead of buying all the shares at a single price. When prices are dear, you buy fewer and when they go on sale you buy more.

VA is good because you start with a goal in mind of how much you can invest and an expected rate of return. Example: You wish to accumulate \$450,000 over the next 20 years. If you figure you can earn an annualized 8 percent, then you would need to put away about \$820

per month. You can then chart your progress month by month towards that goal. Now let's look at the "value" part of value averaging. Assume at the end of the first year, instead of having the \$9,840 you should have to be on track toward your goal, a downturn in the markets leaves you with just \$9,500.

That would mean that the next month, instead of investing your usual \$820, you would invest an additional \$340 to bring your portfolio's value to where it should have been to remain on track toward your goal. In fact, you would go through this process each month. In months where you fall behind, you would add to the amount you invest each month. And in months where your returns are higher than expected and your portfolio's value gets beyond where it needs to be, you would scale back your monthly investment, or even possibly end up selling some shares and removing money. The VA discipline forces you to buy when low and buy less (or sell) when high. While it's not perfect the approach makes sense for many families. The biggest benefit to VA is that it provides a reason and a discipline for saving. Most families are not saving enough to cover their future needs. Source: Michael Edleson, Harvard Business School; CNN; The Intelligent Asset Allocator by William Bernstein. - **Submitted by Rich Keith**



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PROJECT PROM 2011

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MONTHLY MEETINGS THIS FALL

Join us on September 27th, October 25th and November 29th. All general meetings are held at Cy-Fair HS Cafeteria and begin at 7pm. You'll have a chance to learn about Project Prom Points. Earn Project Prom Points just for attending!

FUNDRAISERS

Project Prom relies solely on the efforts of Senior Parents and the surrounding community for funding and resources. The Executive Committee has decided to continue to use the same methods and events that have proven to be successful in the past. We hope that you will consider joining us in our efforts to raise money for this event. There are a number of opportunities for parents, seniors, and folks from the community to join in on!

- We will be working an Aramark concessions booth at all the Texans Football games. For more information, contact Brett Biding at brett@bidingdesign.com.

- Homecoming is October 2nd. We will be selling Homecoming Mums & Garters. A limited number will be sold so be sure to submit your order! Order forms can be found at www.cyfairprojectprom.org.
- Casino Night is a fun filled night of fellowship, dancing, and best of all gambling! Mark your calendars and save the date for Nov. 14th – You definitely won't want to miss out! This is a major fundraiser and we are in great need of volunteers to help make this night a success. For more information, contact Karen Geisler at cfprojectprom@yahoo.com.
- The holidays will soon be upon us. We would appreciate your support in our annual Christmas Wreath Fundraiser. For more information, contact Michelle Leech at cfprojectprom@yahoo.com.

S.I.T = STAY IN TOUCH

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Project Prom is not financially supported by CFISD. It is a private non-profit event run by concerned parents supported in effort by the staff of Cy-Fair HS. The purpose of Project Prom is to provide a drug and alcohol-free overnight lock-party for the graduating seniors and their guests after their prom. private non-profit event run by concerned parents and supported in effort by the staff of Cy-Fair HS.



HEALTH BRIEFS

TOBACCO SMOKE CAN TRIGGER CHILD'S ASTHMA ATTACK

Exposure to smoke can worsen your child's asthma and should be eliminated to help effectively manage symptoms, said a pediatric pulmonologist at Baylor College of Medicine.

When children with asthma are exposed to smoke, medications don't work as well and flare-ups or attacks can be more severe, said Dr. Harold Farber, associate professor of pediatrics - pulmonary at BCM and medical director of the Texas Children's Health Plan at Texas Children's Hospital.

"Our best medications to treat asthma are inhaled steroids that go down the breathing tube and tell the breathing tubes to 'chill out, act like you don't have asthma,'" said Farber. "Smoking irritates the breathing tubes and reduces the benefit of this important asthma control medicine."

If your child has asthma and you are a smoker, Farber said it's critical for the child that the parents get their tobacco dependence treated. He encouraged smokers to talk to their doctors and to call the free national smoker's help line at 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669) for assistance to become smoke free.

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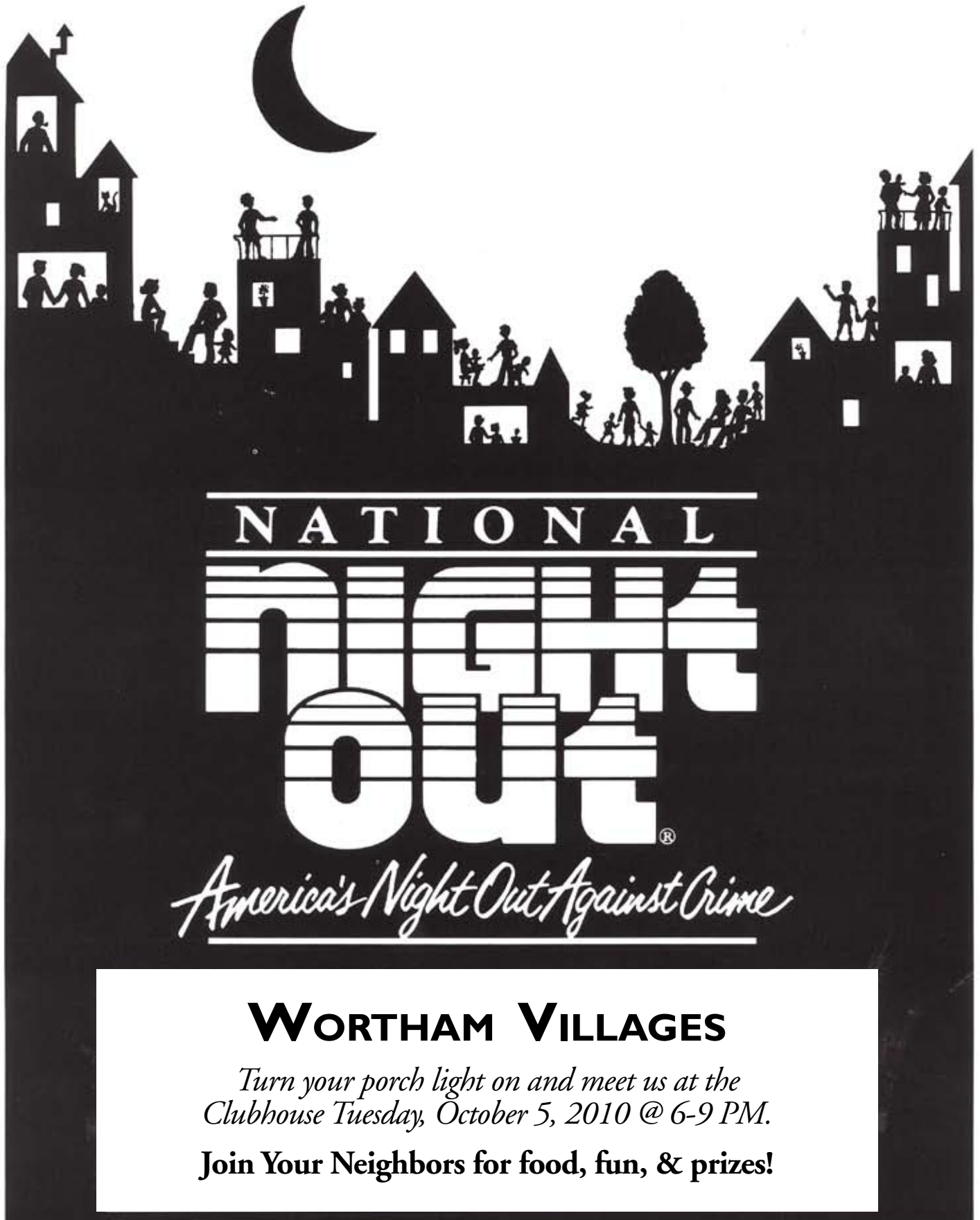
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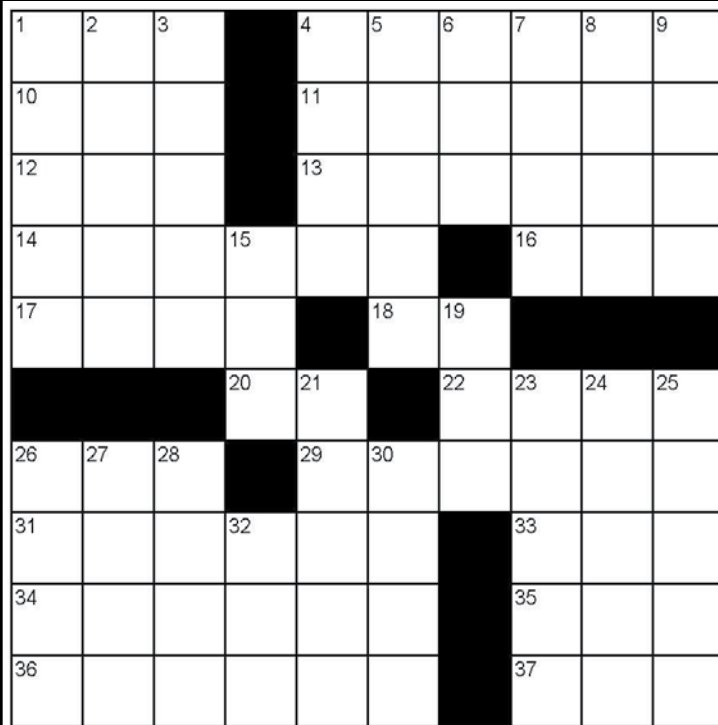
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|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Owns | 1. Coat hangers |
| 4. Short people | 2. Root beer brand (3 wds.) |
| 10. Grain | 3. Stone |
| 11. In the air | 4. Aurora |
| 12. Single | 5. Ponder |
| 13. Nun's headwear | 6. Build up |
| 14. Musician (3 wds.) | 7. Holes |
| 16. Homesick | 8. Syllables used in songs (2 wds.) |
| 17. Booty | 9. Sledge |
| 18. Horsepower (abbr.) | 15. Gone by |
| 20. Cincinnati locale | 19. Not against |
| 22. Hasten | 21. Cycles per second |
| 26. Mountain Standard Time | 23. Pimpled |
| 29. Eras | 24. Glob |
| 31. Cover | 25. Organic compound |
| 33. Eccentric | 26. Soft mineral |
| 34. Beaches | 27. Prig |
| 35. Vane direction | 28. Tyrant |
| 36. Hug upon greeting | 30. Mexican money |
| 37. Danish krone (abbr.) | 32. North American country |

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EXCEPTIONS:

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