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BETWEEN THE LANE LINES:

Thanks for the memories!

by Jonathan Armstrong

I have a great story. It's one of those stories that defines the Whitesharks legacy. I was at a Christmas party for work, when a young woman came up to me and said, "Did you coach the Wortham Swim Team?" Of course the answer was, "I still do!" Sara was a Whiteshark 10 years ago; not only did she still remember the Whitesharks, she remembered us fondly. She said that she has great memories of the Whitesharks and those summers were some of the best days of her childhood. Some would say, "Doesn't that make you feel old?" No it doesn't, it makes me feel great. One of my goals as coach of the Whitesharks, and certainly one of the goals of the Whitesharks team, is to leave lasting memories with our swimmers and their families. It speaks to the strength of our number one goal: to have fun. We may not be changing the world, but we are making a positive impact on our kids' lives.

I can tell you many stories about the memories my family has from Swim Team growing up. I could write a book in fact. That was my family's thing every summer. We didn't even take our vacations until after the season was over, and our season was longer than it is today. (Of course, as a Coach now, I can appreciate that!) Many of my best memories were of swim team, the kind you would like to hold on to forever. My parents were not swimmers; we were not a "swim family," we just became one because of the great atmosphere and the great fun. Sure we had busy lives, there were 5 of us kids, all with multiple activities, but we made time for it because it was well worth it. And it wasn't just us kids that had a great time, my parents were part of the fun as well.



I have several letters from and have had many conversations with my swimmers over the years telling me how much Swim Team meant to them. Some of them bring tears to my eyes, and all of them give me chills, because that is what this is all about.

You want to know the best part? Now I'm making memories with my own kids.

Why am I telling you this? Because don't you want to have these kinds of memories? For those of you who have never been on Swim Team, join us and see. For those of you who are trying to convince yourself to come back this summer, let your memories be your guide. You only live once, so spend it having fun with your friends and do something worthwhile at the same time. Not only will you make your own memories, but you never know if you will be the one that inspires someone else to improve and have fun, and you never know if you will pick up something that will enrich your life for a long time.

Online registration starts March 1 at www.worthamwhitesharks.com. If you have any questions, come see us for registration at the clubhouse on March 28.

Wortham Whiteshark Swim Team Registration
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or www.worthamwhitesharks.com

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SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

By Stan Schoen

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MARCH 2011 - You will notice that we are planting trees and bushes in the detention, lake and hike/bike areas. The M.U.D. is doing the most work and your H.O.A. is supplementing where we can and as appropriate, for our community beautification. The M.U.D. planned on doing this since inception of the hike/bike trail but all of this takes time and money so now we are fortunate to get this done and again fortunate to have such a great group of people who are also residents on the M.U.D. board.

I have been reading all of our newsletters and have been guilty of not having a regular article to contribute and frankly disheartened that there is so little substance in these publications when one of our board members reminded me that this is a failure by all of us to contribute to this media. I

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What's Happening in Wortham?

If you have some news or fun activities happening in your life, please let us hear from you! We'd like to share the news in our future newsletters. Are you or someone in your family running a marathon? Do you have a new member of your family? Any children accomplishments to brag about? Please share with your neighbors! Send your info and pictures to hdehoop@worthamweb.org.



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am writing this article in hopes that you all have a responsibility to contribute to make this more than just a grouping of advertisements. We need to make this interesting and each of you are interesting, you have family and pets and so many things to contribute so I ask you to send us pictures, send us articles just send something for publication that is of interest to all of us. We are Wortham, we are families, we have many accomplishments, our children have accomplishments, there are births, weddings, babies and hospitalizations. We all care! We care about each other and we are interesting so if you can, please contribute.

In an article I wrote back in November and will repeat here is similar to the above but we also have a website and these are worthy of repeating -

WEBSITE – A new resident stated that he feels we should have professional photos on our website to show off our beautiful neighborhood. While I absolutely agree and appreciate this comment, especially a new resident (I'm sorry but I did not get his name and I hope he e-mails me with his information) I am also hopeful that our residents send us pictures of your kids, your pet, each other, anything on our properties to show us off.

SHERIFF DEPUTIES – In the event of any incident regardless of how important you think it may be, you should contact 911 for an emergency or the Sheriff's non-emergency number for anything else. Please do not just 'tell' your spouse, your friend or any block captain, the first call you make should be to the Sheriff's office as we need to document any issue and again, as stated, call 911 for any emergency situation and you have to use your own judgment as to what makes this a 911 call but don't be afraid to contact your Sheriff! You can of course visit with your block captain but only after you make this first contact.

Finally, we are having a meeting in a few weeks and will meet with another Landscape Designer to work on the front of our subdivision. The 1st interview we had was unsuccessful because that prospect wanted a contract before we did any planning, drawing, sharing of ideas or anything. We want a partner who will work with us and our budget to get the best value for our money and have a good looking and functional entrance we can all be proud of.

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Stan

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Neighborhood Watch

By the time you read this, we will have had our first block captain meeting of the year. We have 3 or 4 per year. Each meeting is an opportunity for the block captains to communicate with each other. The Wortham neighborhood has several long streets. We try to cover them with more than one block captain. The truth is that we never have enough block captains, so if you see a few names already listed for your street, feel free to join in. The benefits are that you meet more neighbors, get a feel for what is going on in the neighborhood and in return it costs you time for 3 or 4 short meetings per year (maximally an hour each). We also hope that you will help out with National Night Out in October, which has been a very successful neighborhood activity.

This year we are working on updating an email list of all neighbors. This is the fastest and best way to communicate with most of our neighbors. If you have changed your email, please let your block captain know (or Shawn or Herman). We will only use that to communicate neighborhood news.

Last Thursday, Shawn and Herman attended our first session (of 13 weeks) of the Citizens Police Academy, sponsored by the Harris County Sheriff. This looks like a great set of classes that will help us appreciate the work that is done by the Harris County Sheriff's office and give us more information on working on problems that

may occur in our neighborhood.

We are fortunate in that we have a quiet neighborhood. Sometimes unpleasant things do happen. That is why we have a neighborhood watch and why we encourage all neighbors to call the sheriff (713 221 6000; for emergencies dial 911) if they see any suspicious activity.

The next paragraph is from one of our neighbors who lost decorations at Christmas.

"Our house was one of those houses hit by the criminal mischief during Christmas. Since we lost decorations that can never be replaced, we felt the need to take down everything. We had so much fun putting all our decorations out, remembering the days when we had nothing and how each year we added items. Some of our blowmolds were 40 yrs old. But what made our day was the nice people that stopped and commented on our yard...the little boy down the street made his mother walk several times that first day to see what all we had put up...he was so excited. People stopped to take pictures in the few weeks we had everything up. Then it all had to come down....a very sad day. People stopped to ask what had happened...It really upset my mother the most. She loves to decorate for all the seasons, sharing her joy with others, and now is

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no longer interested...." people have no respect for themselves...how can we expect them to act any other way or teach their children to respect other peoples property" she said. "

Together, we as a band of neighbors can make a difference. This is the reason for the Neighborhood Watch and the job Block Captains carry out. Wortham continues to be one of the safest neighborhoods in Harris County, however it can always be better. We get better by knowing each other and caring enough to watch out for each other. The stronger our bond as neighbors, the less opportunity for crime.

- Herman and Shawn

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Wortham Blvd.	NEED BLOCK CAPTAIN	

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Northwest Flyers Youth Track Club Information Sessions

THURSDAY EVENING, APRIL 7TH, 2011 AND
FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 22ND, 2011

The Northwest Flyers Track Club will host 2 open house/registration sessions for all middle and high school athletes and their parents interested in joining for the 2011 season. The events will be held on **Thursday, April 7, and Friday, April 22, from 7:00 – 8:30 PM** in the **Cypress Room at the Methodist Willowbrook Hospital**, 18220 Tomball Parkway, Houston, at the corner of FM 1960 and Highway 249. The sessions will begin with a very important program overview/orientation at 7:00 PM. All interested athletes and parents should report on time.

The Northwest Flyers is a youth (ages 6 -18) track organization, affiliated with USA Track & Field. The club provides a full program of “track” events such as sprints, hurdles, middle distance, distance, relays and “field” events such as long jump, triple jump, high jump, pole vault, discus, shot put and javelin. **It is an excellent “off-season” program for young athletes who currently compete on their middle school or high school varsity track teams.**

The club was founded 24 years ago by Olympic gold medalist Fred Newhouse to foster the development of youth track & field in the Northwest Houston area. Last year the Northwest Flyers qualified 36 young athletes to compete at the US Junior Olympics National Championships in Sacramento, California.

Visit the team website at <http://www.northwestflyers.org> for registration forms and information prior to the sessions, or contact Linette Roach at (281) 587-8442 or linette.roach@sbcglobal.net.



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Follow Up	1
Information Call	1
Meet the Citizen	19
Meet the Officer	1
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Runaway	1
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Vacation Watch	25
Vehicle Stickered	8
Vehicle Suspicious	6
Welfare Check	1

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- Wortham Blvd
- Dogwood Blossom

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Cy-Fair Project Prom

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- February 28th
- March 21st
- April 11th

ARAMARK CONCESSIONS PROJECT PROM BOOTH #546

We have 4 events we can do to help raise more funds for the Project Prom but we need your help - Monster Jams & Moto-Cross! Please, please take few seconds to check your crazy schedule and contact Brett Bidinge at brett@bidingerdesign.com for more information.

The following are the dates:

- Feb 5th - Monster Jams
- Feb 12 - Moto- Cross

Project Prom will be working Aramark Concession booth #546. If you can't help, then be sure to come buy and purchase all your food and beverage needs! Aramark will be donating a percentage of the proceeds to Project Prom! This takes a lot of work and effort from many of our awesome parents! Stop by, make a purchase and make it worth their while or even better make it worth your while and come volunteer your time with us! A big shout out to Brett Bidinge for pulling this all together for us!

DENIM & DIAMONDS DINNER & DANCE

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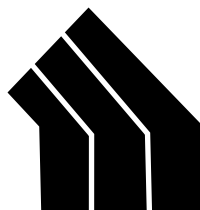
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EF exchange students come from more than 30 countries around the world and are between the ages of 15 and 18. The majority of students stay for a full high school year. In the past, exchange students have come to live in Texas from as far away as Germany, Hong Kong, Australia and Norway, to name a few.

I am an International Exchange Coordinator for EF Foundation. I will be working with the community to secure host families for a number of students this year.

In order to raise awareness of this life-changing opportunity, we need the community to see local narratives of the wonderful families and students who have had unforgettable experiences through the program.

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Sudoku

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				5		2		
	8					5		
			6		3			9
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7	6							3
3					2		1	
				8		4		
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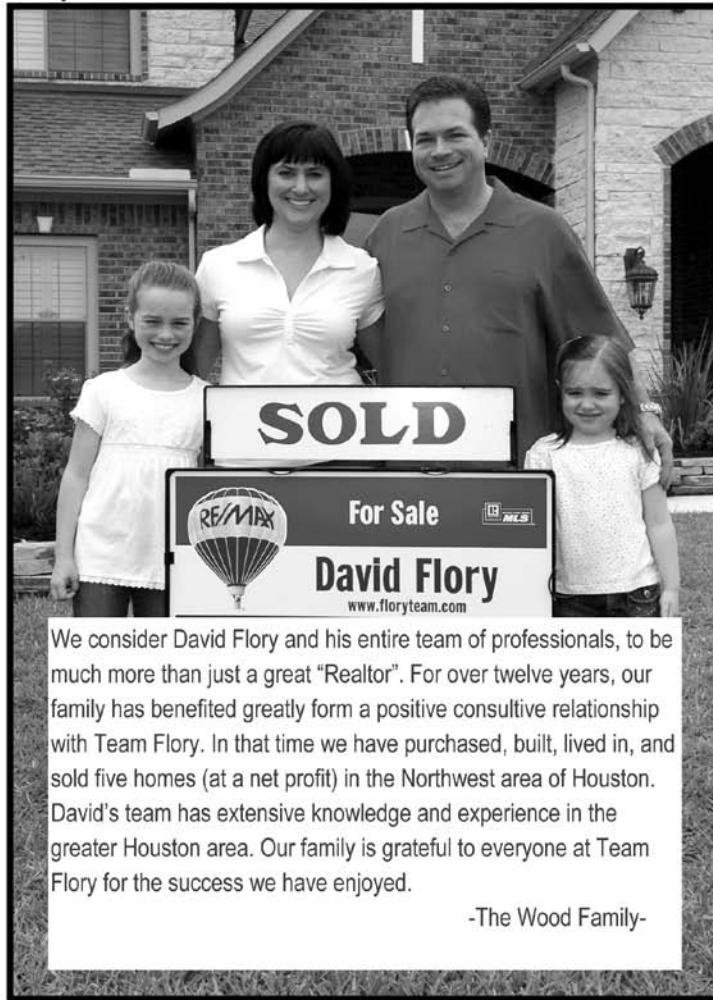
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