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Virus and Spyware and Mail... Oh My!

Submitted by Laurie Scott

Here we are in 2009, and the days of thinking that our anti-virus and anti-spyware software will protect us is over. We live in a time when organized crime all over the world is trying to either get your personal information directly or turning your computer into a “zombie” that without your knowledge attacks other computers or sends out spam. Even Apple computer has posted (rather quietly) a recommendation that Mac users consider using anti-virus software.

The generic term for viruses, spyware, etc. is malware, and malware authors are getting more and more creative in getting their hands into your computer. A particularly nasty approach being used is to trick you by popping up a window that says your computer is being scanned for viruses, and that upwards of 40 have been found. It instructs you to click on a button to download their “anti-virus” software to clean your system. When you click on that button, you’ve just allow the spyware onto your system. It is a very convincing window and looks legitimate. Once downloaded, it adds insult to injury by telling you need to purchase the software to actually remove the viruses. Of course, it doesn’t remove any spyware or virus, and getting you to send them money is just icing on their cake. The most common names for this program is WinAntiVirus 2008 (and now a 2009 version) and Pro AntiSpyware.



The problem with these and many other malware programs is that they are increasingly difficult for your anti-virus and anti-spyware program to detect and almost impossible to completely remove. Many threats appear before the anti-virus companies even have a chance to update their software, leaving you completely unprotected.

So how can you keep your computer safe from such threats? The first thing you must do is be sure to keep your anti-virus up to date. If your subscription has expired, you should either renew it or else use one of the free anti-virus programs like AVG Free or Avast (they have paid versions but you don’t need them). Microsoft’s anti-spyware program “Defender” is included with Vista and can be downloaded free from Microsoft for Windows XP. Though the threat for Macs is low, programs like ClamXav and MacScan are available, as are programs from Symantec and McAfee.

Next is keep your operating system up to date. Both Microsoft and Apple frequently issue updates, and it’s very important you patch your computer before the bad guys worm their way in.

Finally and most important is your behavior when using your computer. You can own a Volvo or Mercedes with 12 airbags and 5-way seat belts, but if your behavior is to drive 120 miles an hour,

those safety features aren’t going to help you when you hit a solid wall. Likewise, when you’re using your computer, don’t click on links or open attachments in email, even if it’s from someone you know – they may not even know they sent it! If you’re expecting it, then ok. Don’t click on email links that look like they came from your bank, many people have given their banking login information to thieves because they thought they were logging into their bank, but really weren’t. If you use Internet Explorer, be sure you’ve upgraded to version 7 (click on Help | About to see the version number.) If you’re using Firefox, you should be using version 3. Safari users should be at 3.2 (4.0 will be released sometime “soon”.) Don’t click on pop-up’s, and don’t download music sharing sites like LimeWire, where malware is EVERYWHERE. Follow those few tips and you’ll enjoy a much safer computing experience.

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As 2009 is now underway, Cypress Cares would like to announce the dates that we will be boxing up our care packages for the year. All boxing events will be held at the Cole's Crossing Community Center, located at 13050 Barker Cypress Road at Jarvis Road.

Several of our packing days this year are specifically at times when Cy Fair ISD is not in session so that our students will have an opportunity to be involved as well. The dates are as follows:

January 31, 10:00

March 14, 10:00

April 25, 10:00

July 8, 12:00

August 17, 2:00

October 3, 10:00

Halloween Treats for Troops

November 14, 10:00

Christmas Trees and Decorations

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 to view the troop responses, as well as more current information about upcoming events, donation ideas and more.

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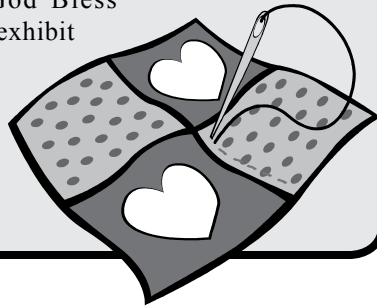
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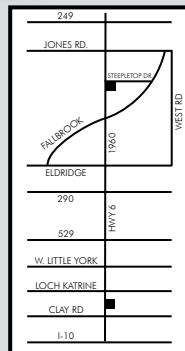
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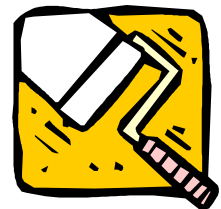
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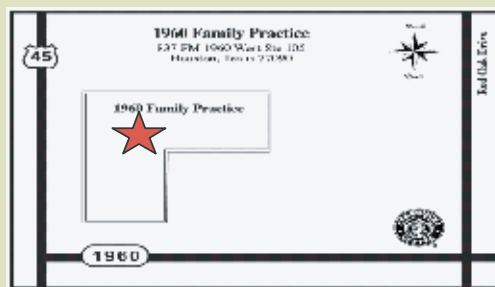
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Dianne Wentzell, Chairperson, WL Recreational Facilities Committee

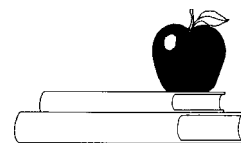
What's Happening On The Lakes...

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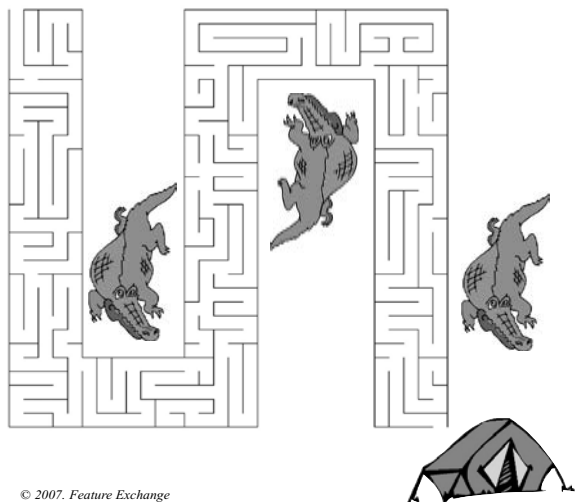
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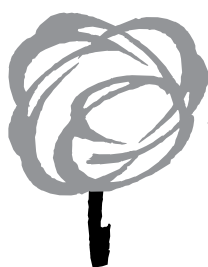
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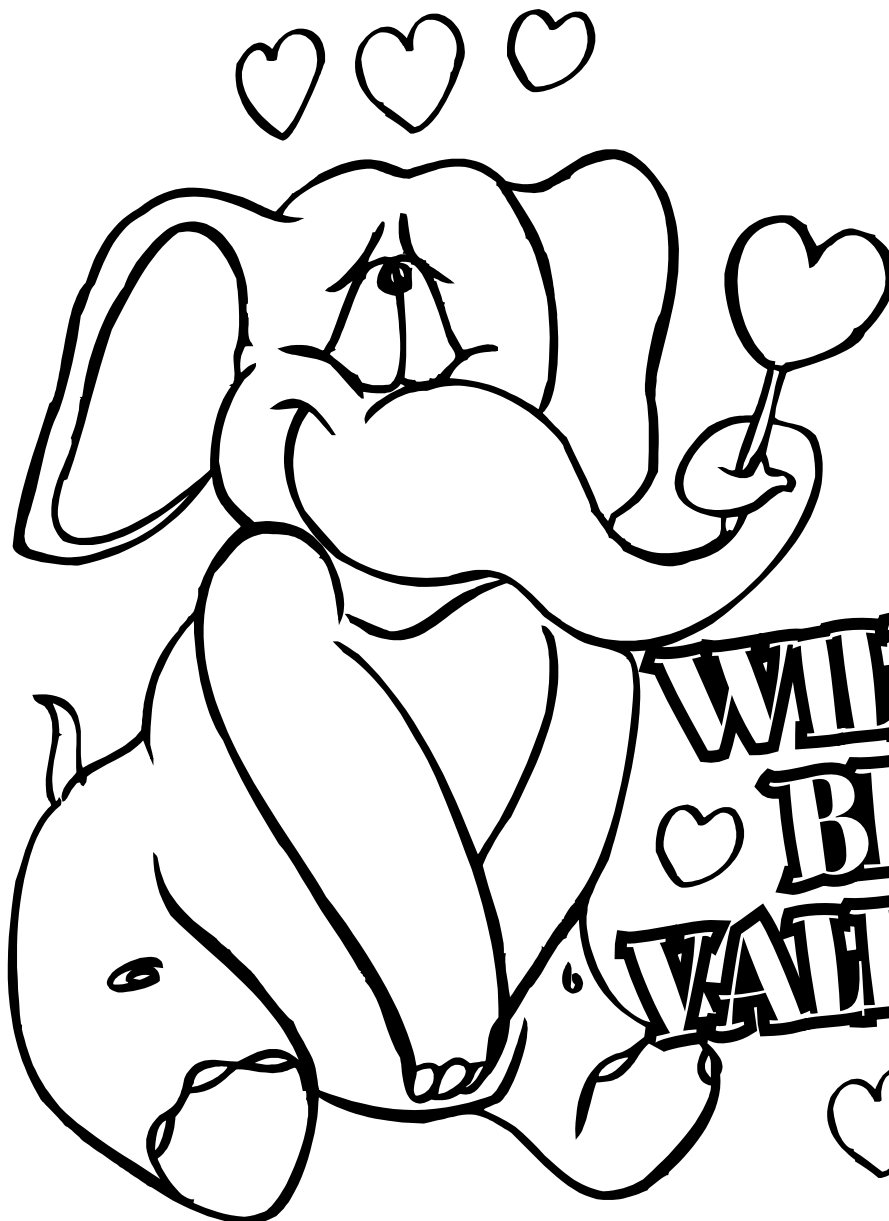
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