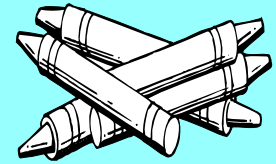


Walnut Creek Private School

# NEWSLETTER

January/February 2007



## REGISTRATION FOR 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR

**Current Student Enrollment Opens Thursday, February 1, 2007**

**Public Registration Begins Thursday, March 1, 2007**

### Early Childhood - 3 Year Olds

2 or 3 Day Classes 8:45 - 11:45

(Students must be 3 by October 31st, 2007 and potty trained to enroll.)

### Pre-Kindergarten - 4 Year Olds

2 or 3 Day Classes 8:45 - 12:15

5 Day Classes 8:30 - 12:00

### Kindergarten

Morning Classes 8:30 - 12:00

Full Day Classes 8:30 - 2:00

### Primary

1st Grade Classes 8:15 - 2:30

2nd Grade Classes 8:15 - 2:45

3rd Grade Class 8:15 - 2:45

4th Grade Class 8:15 - 2:45

(Must have 8 students enrolled by March 1st  
to offer a 3rd or 4th Grade class.)

WCPS must have 8 students enrolled to offer a class.

**Registration Packets Are Available In The Office.**

### Summer 2007 Programs Are Enrolling Soon

Must have 8 students enrolled by May 1st to offer a class.

#### Mother's Day Out

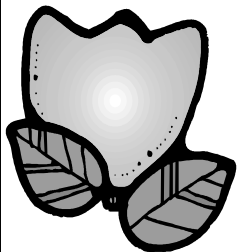
For 3, 4, and 5 Year Olds  
Tuesday/Thursday 9:30-2:00

#### Kid's Day Out

For Students Completed K-4th Grades  
Tuesday/Thursday 9:00-2:30

#### Kid's Full Day Camp

For Students Completed K-4th Grades  
Monday-Friday 7:00-6:30

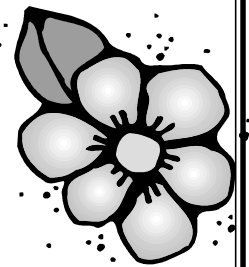


## SPRING OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, February 6th

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Bring A Friend & Come Visit the Classrooms  
2007-2008 Enrollment Will Be Open.



## Spring Individual & Class Group Picture Days February 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th & 16th

Watch for More Details & Schedules to Be Posted Around the School & To Come Home Soon.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CLASSROOM

### EARLY CHILDHOOD DEPARTMENT

December was here and gone in a flash! The children enjoyed all of their parties. Parents did a great job with helping us have some Yuletide fun! The teachers appreciate all that you did!

The staff would like to thank you for all the gifts, cookies, and candy that you gave to us. We love your children and we are so thankful that you share them with us!

On Western Days we enjoyed some "Trail Blazen" good times. All the students dressed western and had some cowpoke fun!

Also in February the teachers will finish conducting a midyear evaluation on all of the children. Your child's teacher will send home a short summary of your child's progress. If you have any questions, call Jackie Rines at Ext. 22.

Parents please remember that your child's classroom opens 5 minutes before class time. The teachers need that time before school so they will be prepared for your children. Here are those times:

#### Mrs. Jones' Class

Class Time: 8:30-12:00 Classroom doors open: 8:25

#### Mrs. Herrstrom's Classes

Class Time: 8:45-11:45 Classroom doors open: 8:40

#### Mrs. Pedigo's and Mrs. Windell's Classes

Class Time: 8:45-12:15 Classroom doors open: 8:40  
Extended Care Begins at 8:00

If you must drop your child before their class time, please take them to the Extended Care room. Thank you for your assistance.

ALSO, please be aware that the teachers in the 4 year old classes do most of their curriculum, letters, and writing work with the students the first 30 to 40 minutes of class. If

**Plan Now To Attend  
WCPS Spring Carnival  
Saturday, March 31st 2-6 p.m.**

your child is late sometimes the teachers will have to send home work so it can be completed.

Some fun events are coming up in the next few weeks - Valentine's Day Card Exchanges, President's Day Holiday, School Picture Days, and GrandFriend's Days. Watch your child's classroom information board and folder for more details.

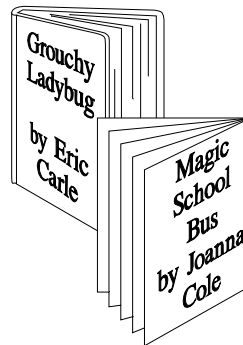
### ODYSSEY NEWS

February is Holiday time all the way!!

All Odyssey classes will be ready for their Spring Picture Days the week of February 12th and for Valentine's Card Exchange on February 14th. Next we're out of school on Monday, February 19th for President's Day Holiday. Then when we come back, students will be preparing for GrandFriend's Days the first week of March.

All the 4 year old Odyssey classes have divided into Reading Groups. Everyone is very excited about being able to read! Be sure to read with your student at home.

A BIG Thanks to PTO for the production of "Jack and the Beanstalk". It was enjoyed by all. Also, Western Days was a big hit thanks to Country Critters and the pony rides!



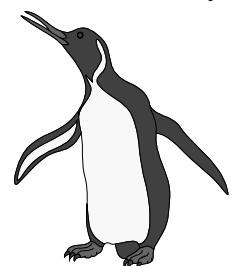
### KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Our Kindergarteners must be exhausted after traveling all around the world studying Christmas traditions! But, we decided there is no place like home for a great Christmas party. Thanks to all of the parents who helped to make our parties a huge success!

Also, special thanks to Mr. Weidemann for organizing our incredible Christmas program!

In January, we recognized Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. At the end of January, we had a week long unit on Texas ending with our Texas Western Days Party. There were games and a special Texas Snack. Now on February 19th we'll have a holiday for President's Day.

We will celebrate winter



Kindergarten News, continued

by having fun with snowmen, snowflakes and author Jan Brett. We will also study the hibernation of some special animals! Then, just add some penguins and polar bears, and you have a wonderful winter unit!

We are making great reading progress in our new reading groups. We can read so many words already!

In Math, we are counting by ones and tens. We love to play games to learn our numbers through 50! We are also working basic addition equations.

In early February, we will celebrate our 100th Day of Kindergarten! WOW! Ask your student what fun things we counted.

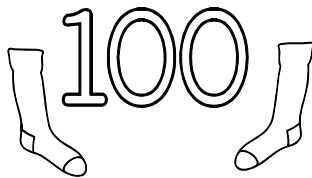
## FIRST GRADE NEWS

Happy New Year!! 2007 has begun with a bang. First Grade really enjoyed learning about Penguins. We found out how tough it is to be an Emperor Penguin Dad.

We have just begun a new unit all about the Solar System. We will finish it with a new field trip to the UTA Planetarium to watch "Honey, I Shrunk the Solar System".

February will be fun-filled with lot of activities. From Groundhog Day, Valentines' Day, The 100th Day, President's Day, and Black History Month, we will learn about so many things.

Keep your eyes out for our future leaders.



## SECOND GRADE NEWS

We had a great December! A BIG thank you to all of our parents and grandparents who planned parties, and helped to make our Christmas events so festive. We really appreciate all that you do!

We are off to a great start this year! This month we have already introduced some brand new concepts in Second Grade. We are learning about subtraction with borrowing and we have now begun to complete all of our work in cursive. And let us tell you -- the kids are doing great!

In January we are learning about Cowboys and soon



we will be able to talk like one!

In February we will be gearing up for our 100th Day of School celebration and we will be finishing up our Cowboy Unit.

We will also start our Social Studies Unit on American History. As a part of this unit we will be learning about some famous Americans and the students will be working on some reports at school.

We look forward to learning about some of our most important historical contributors.



## THIRD GRADE NEWS

**In Language**, we are studying dictionary skills, helping verbs used with "grown", "flown", "known", "rung", "blown", and "sung". We are also learning about irregular verbs, verb tenses and adverbs. The students are all reading chapter books and taking "Reading Counts" quizzes.

**In Math**, we are working through division, conversions, measurement problems, and simple measurement equations. We have also started Mountain Math.

**In Social Studies**, we are learning about Benjamin Franklin, the Revolutionary War, and the Constitution of the United States. We will then move on to the first President of the United States, George Washington.

**In Science**, we have been doing experiments to explore how sound, light and temperature effect liquids. We are going to begin an Ocean Unit in the next couple of weeks.

In the next few weeks we are looking forward to Valentines' Days, the 100th Day of School, and Grand-Friends Day.



## GRAND FRIEND'S DAY

March 5th - 9th

All GrandFriends will be invited to participate in their grandchild's school day.

This includes all *Grand-Moms*, *-Dads*, *-Aunts*, *-Uncles*, & *Special -Friends!*

Watch for more details to come home soon.

# SCHOOL NEWS UPDATE

● Each month each family enrolled at WCPS will receive a billing statement by mail. The statement is a monthly receipt showing charges and payments. If your balance shows a "-" (minus) in front of the amount that means you have a credit balance. It does not mean that your balance is negative that amount.

● The Business Office **accepts Visa, Master Card, Discover, and all Debit cards** for tuition and fee payments. This convenience gives you an additional option for making payments for a small fee of \$2.00 per transaction. Information is available in the school office.

--- **PARENTS PLEASE NOTE** ---

● Primary & Preschool Monthly Tuition

Due by the 7th of each month  
After the 7th, a \$30.00 Late Fee will be applied to your account.

● Odyssey Weekly Tuition

Due by Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.  
After this time, a \$15.00 Late Fee will be applied to your account.

**\*\*PLEASE REMEMBER\*\***

**DO NOT GIVE TEACHERS TUITION PAYMENTS**

## EXTENDED CARE NEWS

### PRESCHOOL

Mrs. Morse and Mrs. Pedigo have had a fun time with the children in the last few months. We have been painting with water colors - and, of course, playing in centers and outside.

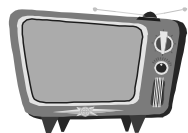
The teachers do a great job during Extended Care. Remember the hours are 8:00 to 8:45 a.m. and 11:45 to 3:00 p.m.

### KINDERGARTEN & PRIMARY

Mrs. Ruth and Mrs. Pedigo are enjoying working with the children after the Christmas break. However, we all miss Mrs. Christy and are praying for her speedy recovery.

The students are having fun with our newest game - K-NAX building system! They get really creative building different structures, like grandfather clocks, windmills, and more.

We still ensure that homework is done and put away before fun games. As much as the weather permits, we will still go out for recess this winter season. So be sure to send coats, hats, and maybe gloves everyday!



● As tax season approaches, please don't wait until the last minute to request information for your **child care expense write-off**. It gets very hectic! You can use your cancelled checks as proof of your payments to us. Our Federal identification number is at the bottom of your monthly statement. If you have any questions, please call Micah Lewis or Megan Morgan in the Business Office.

● If your **address or phone number** has changed at home or work since September, 2006, please notify the office as soon as possible. We need this information up-to-date in case we need to contact you.

● Cold and Flu Season is here! Just a reminder, if your child has been ill and **running a fever**, please allow at least 24 symptom-free hours before returning your child to school. It will be helpful to your child and to the other children in the classroom. Also, let the school office know if your child contacts a contagious illness so we can alert other parents.

### PHONE EXTENSION UPDATE

LaDonna Morgan, Administrator Primary - x15

Connie Carson, Administrator Odyssey - x14

Jackie Rines, Preschool Coordinator - x22

Business Manager - x10

Sharon Poller, Communications - x13

Reception Desk - x11

Odyssey Workroom (by Odyssey Orange) - x16

## P.E. NEWS

P.E. classes have been full of smiles and laughter. We have worked on several activities that encourage the kids to use their imagination.

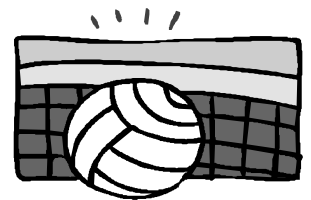
We had a snowball fight and all of the children really enjoyed it!

Additionally, the children have been learning about activities that get their heart rate up.

In our 1st through 4th Grade Classes, we have been again working on team sports by playing an indoor version of Kickball.

I hope that this new year is filled with joy for all of you. Thank you for sharing your children with me.

Blessings, Mrs. Burke



## SPANISH NEWS

¡ Feliz año nuevo! Also, I want to thank you for the gifts and cards I received during the holiday season. ¡ Muchas Gracias!

We are pretty busy and excited learning more Spanish. During this month, Pre-K and Kindergarten through 3rd Grade are learning about the family, "La familia". They are really excited over this unit.



### Seven Days

Kindergarten through 3rd Grade students are also learning "Days of the Week". 2nd and 3rd Graders will be learning adjectives too.

I would also like to congratulate all the First Graders - they received an award in Spanish Class for learning the entire "The Pledge of Allegiance" in Spanish!



Keep warm and safe.  
Hasta la proxima,  
Senora Crawford

## GYMNASTICS NEWS

January was an exciting month in gymnastics class. This was the month each child received a skill evaluation form and certificate of accomplishment.

During our next classes, we will be testing your child's gymnastics skills on tumbling, bars, balance beam, and vaulting.

For more information, please contact Jennifer Daley with JD Sports at 469-585-9510.

**For Information On  
School Closings and/or  
Delayed Openings  
Due To Inclement Weather**

**Tune In To:**

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KLTY 94.9 FM
WBAP 820 AM

Television

Fox4

NBC5/KXAS

ABC 8/WFAA

or website: [wcp-mansfield.org](http://wcp-mansfield.org)

## CHAPEL & BIBLE NEWS

### PRESCHOOL & ODYSSEY

Happy New Year! Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday.

We just finished the story of Joseph and learned to always "trust God". We will begin the story of Moses next.

Thanks to all the parents for helping your children with their prayer requests.

God Bless You, Ms. Erin & Mrs. Shipman

### KINDERGARTEN & PRIMARY

We have learned about Jesus as a baby and a young boy in Egypt; then as an older boy on the trip to Jerusalem. Now we will learn more about Jesus as a grown-up man. Mrs. Morgan

### BIBLE CLASS

Time is flying and we've covered so much in Bible Class! In First Grade we've discussed practicing the Golden Rule and how knowing Jesus changed Zacchaeus' heart. Next we will talk about the Lord's Prayer

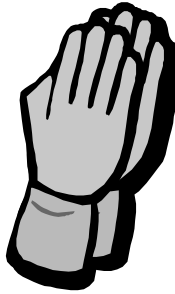
as a pattern for our own prayers. Then, we will learn how Jesus has power over the wind so we can trust him to help us with programs (look for our awesome boat pictures in Primary Hall soon).

In Second Grade we continued our study of the patriarchs. We learned what a kind and serving heart Isaac's wife, Rebekah, had. We even tasted lentil stew! We will learn about jealousy and deception when we study Jacob and his twelve sons! Then we will study Joseph, who is an amazing example of totally trusting God. Regardless of whether he was a slave or in prison or Pharaoh's second in command in all of Egypt, he kept on trusting!!

In Third Grade we are just about finished learning the Ten Commandments. We spent an entire class on each commandment and looked at New Testament verses to go with each commandment. If your student can recite all Ten Commandments, they may receive a surprise!

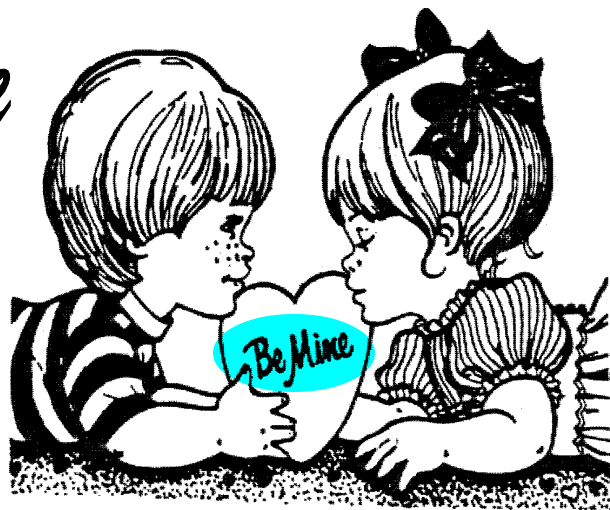
### MOUSE CLUB COMPUTERS

Mouse Club classes are held Tuesday or Friday afternoon. Please call 817-453-2208 with any questions you might have or contact us at [www.mouseclubuse.com](http://www.mouseclubuse.com).



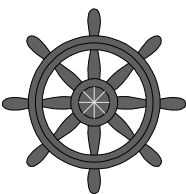
# Valentine Card Exchange

Students will be exchanging Valentine's cards on Tuesday, February 13th and Wednesday, February 14th. Your child should bring Valentine's cards for their classmates. Check with your child's teacher about the number needed. Your child will need 16 at the very maximum.



## MUSIC NEWS

Ahoy there! Pre-school and Odyssey Music Classes are off to a very "chilly" start in the month of January. We have started to learn some new songs in preparation for our Spring Program, and it's a nautical theme this year.



We're looking forward to setting sail on "The Slowest Ship On The Ocean" for A BOAT LOAD OF FUN!

Before you know it, we'll be saying ...  
Welcome Aboard! Karen Jones

What a talented bunch of singers WCPS has in Kindergarten and Primary! We've begun learning songs for our End of School Program and it's looking like we'll have a really great show. If the weather cooperates, I hope to have the Primary Program outside complete with a picnic. That's always a lot of relaxing fun!

More about this later, Mr. Weidemann

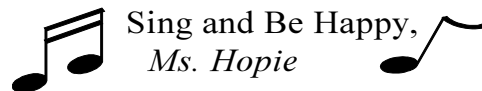
## MUSKIGARDEN NEWS

2007 brings "Snow" and "Ice Skating" to the Musikgarden classroom as a fun addition to our regular curriculum.

The children are mastering the signing of Do-Re-Mi's, reinforced with the music staff and the use of our new instruments, "Boom Wackers" (They love these!!) and the keyboard.

We are ensembling, echoing, and learning different melodic tones.

Welcome to our new students. We may begin another class soon as others join us with open enrollment!



## PTO NEWS

The PTO hopes that 2007 is getting off to a great start for you, and that the new year finds everyone happy and healthy. Below are some of the things to look forward to for the upcoming Spring.:

**Spring Fund Raisers** begin in mid-February with restaurant discount cards and cookie dough. Be watching for details to come home soon.

**Spring Carnival** will be Saturday, March 31st this year. We are still accepting volunteers and donations - anything you can give would be greatly appreciated.

**Spring Scholastic Book Fair** will begin the week of March 26th with the final day on the day of the carnival. Keep Reading!!!!

**Fort Worth Children's Opera** performed "Jack and The Beanstalk" for WCPS students recently. Everyone enjoyed this special production. The PTO sponsored the event using monies from this year's fund raisers.

## 2006-2007 YEARBOOKS

Are Now On Sale

\$15.00

Reserve Your Copy TODAY!

Order Forms Are Available in the Office.

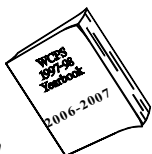
Yearbooks available on a First-Come, First-Served Basis

A limited number of yearbooks will be ordered  
and will NOT be reprinted.

Pre-Paid Yearbooks delivered before the end of school.

Make Checks Payable to WCPS.

(Sorry, we cannot bill Yearbook Orders to your account.)



# First Grade Thanks PTO For “Jack & The Beanstalk”

Mrs. Templeton’s First Graders enjoyed the “Jack and The Beanstalk” opera so much that they wrote Thank You notes complete with pictures of their favorite parts.

Dear PTO,  
I loved the play. I liked it when Diamond got to go on the stage and chop the Beanstalk. Sincerely, Sydney Barnett

Dear PTO,  
Thank You for The opera. It was great. MY favorite was when Jack and The cow were friends again. Sincerely, Amelia Cavazos

Dear PTO,  
I enjoyed the play. My favorite part was when the giant chast Jack. Sincerely, Alex Vo

Dear PTO,  
I enjoed the opera. My favorite part was when the fairy sang a song to the Giant to make him go to sleep. I also liked when I chopped down the beanstalk. Sincerely, Diamond Rowe

Dear pto,  
thank you. I liket when the fairy sang, and the Giant chaset jack. Sincerely Madelyn Richardson

Dear PTO,  
Thank you for the snack. Thank you for the Jack and The Bean Stalk. My favorite part is When the Giant chse Jack Out Side. My Favorite part is When The Bean grow up. Sincerely, Amy Vo

Dear pTlo,  
Thank you, It was riley silly. My farit land The Fairy seging. I had lote of fun. And we had a lote of fun will go to the opera. Guey silly, Sincerely, Campbell Harris

Dear PTO,  
Thank you so much for bringing the operat to our school. I really enoyed it. My favorite part was when the giant chased Jack. It was very silly. Sincerely, Mrs. Templeton

Deart pts,  
I enjoyed the opera alot. My favorite part was when the fairy singed. The giant told the fairy to sing. He said sing! Thank you for the snacks. I liked them. sincerely Erin Reigh

Dear pTo,  
Thank you for the opru. MY favrit part was wen Jack got them bens. I hade fun. today. sincerly, marcus Ambrose

Dear pto,  
thank you very much for bringing the opera. My favorite part of the play was when the giant chased Jack. Sincerely, Brett Kuster

Dear pto,  
Thank you for the opera. I liked the outside chase. It was silly. sincerely, Ryan Pierce

Dear PTO,  
Thank you for the opera. My favorite part was when the fairy came. Sincerely, Alyssa Bali



## STRETCH-N-GROW & BALLET/CREATIVE DANCE NEWS

Ballet & Creative Dance for ages 3 years and up came to WCPS starting in January. Experienced teachers will encourage creative expression through music and rhythm while building confidence, poise and self-awareness. These classes will emphasize large muscle groups, motor skills, coordination, balance, resistance, and flexibility. Students in the Ballet & Creative Dance classes, sponsored by Stretch-n-Grow, will perform an on-campus recital in May. Don't miss out - sign up in the office today!



Meanwhile, our Stretch-n-Grow Stars are ready to embark on a series about eating right! Our lessons for the first part of this semester will focus on the importance of healthy food choices. Discussions will teach the basics of food groups, vitamins and minerals.



If you're interested in enrolling your child in either Stretch-n-Grow or Ballet & Creative Dance classes, call Beth Cannon at 817-473-7870 or come by the Business Office for information.

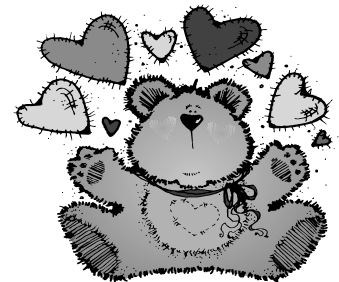
### Extra! We Need Your Extras!



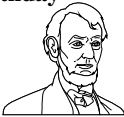
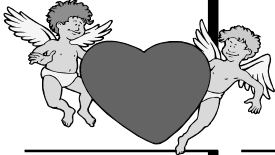

Extra clothing (especially a variety of sizes of underwear, socks, and shorts) is needed to keep at the school for those occasional accident days. Currently we need little girl panties, size 4-5.

If you have not returned WCPS clothing or have any you would like to donate from your spring cleaning, please bring them to your child's teacher. All donations or returns are appreciated.



# FEBRUARY 2007



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			 Fall & Summer Registration OPENS	1	2 Ground Hog's Day 	3
4	5	6 High Touch- High Tech  SPRING OPENHOUSE 5:00-6:30 pm	7 High Touch- High Tech	8 The 100th Day of School Celebrations	9	10
11	12 Lincoln's Birthday 	13 TTH Valentine's Card Exchanges 	14 Valentine's Card Exchanges  Happy Valentine's  Spring & Class Group Picture Days	15	16	17
18	19 PRESIDENT'S DAY HOLIDAY No School	20	21	22 Washington's Birthday 	23	24
25	26	27 1st Grade to UTA Planetarium	28	FALL REGISTRATION OPEN TO PUBLIC March 1st	GrandFriend's Days March 5th - 9th Check with your child's teacher for class schedules.	

## PRESIDENT'S DAY HOLIDAY

Monday, February 19, 2007

No School

for Both 9-Month and Odyssey Classes



FEBRUARY IS DENTAL HEALTH MONTH  
SO GIVE SOMEONE A SMILE EACH DAY!



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## SUMMER AND FALL REGISTRATION

### OPENS TO THE PUBLIC

### MARCH 1st, 2007



**Don't Miss Out - Call Today**  
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