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The Streets of Garden Oaks turn Red, White and Blue for the July 4th Parade. More photos on page 6-7.



4TH ANNUAL WINE WALK- Tickets on Sale September 1

Plans are already underway for the 4th annual Wine Walk to be held on Saturday, October 20th, from 4-6 pm in the lush back yard of neighbors Ed and Brenda de Alba, at 744 W. 43rd. The de Albas' yard was featured on the recent 2012 Garden Oaks Home and Garden Tour and on the city-wide pond tour in May of this year. It is the perfect setting to mingle, sip, stroll, and raise funds for our constable program.



AUGUST 2012

CIVIC CLUB MEETINGS

August 7th Civic Club Meeting
7pm at Garden Oaks Elementary School

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 4th, Civic Club
Meet the Candidates

August 17-19, Texas Sales Tax
Holiday

October 4, National Night Out

October 20, Garden Oaks Wine Walk

REMINDER

Complete your Constable and Civic Club membership forms found in this issue today. Your support is needed!

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HEARD UNDER THE OAK TREE *by Terry Jeanes*

Welcome, New Neighbors!
 Congratulations on joining us. We hope to see you at a civic club meeting soon.
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235 West 34th
1442 Sue Barnett
1050 Lamonte
926 Gardenia
1003 Althea
978 West 41st
328 West 32nd.
1011 West 42nd.
1023 West 42nd
403 West 32nd

Welcome to the newest neighbor:
 Taylor Jordan born June 28th weighing 9 lbs. 1 oz. Proud parents are Kristin and Keith Jordan and

big sister Payton.

August Birthdays
 Elizabeth Klein 4th
 Katherine Knauth 4th
 Rick Knauth 9th
 Gracie Marie Mulry 9th
 Warren Walden 14th
 Elizabeth Johnson 20th
 Matt Veech 22nd
 Tony Padon 23rd
 Isabella Ramirez 23rd
 Trent Salch 23rd
 Bridgette Martinez 26th
 Emma Kathryn Carvell 28th
 Debbie Padon 28th

Happy Anniversary
 Pat Buron and Shelly Rogers –5th

Congratulations
 Sheree' & Ron Peoples celebrated their 30th Wedding Anniversary with a trip to Macchu Picchu.
 John and Tina Beddow... John's son

was married in Boston in July. Trent and Megan Salch as uncle and aunt with a new niece Camille, addition to former Garden Oaks residents Victor and Colyn Benzanilla. The new addition is named after longtime original Garden Oaks resident and great-grandmother Camille Frazier.

Out and About
 The **Lister Bowman family** enjoyed a trip to the Netherlands visiting former Garden Oaks neighbors Joe Crownover, Jennifer Langdon, and kids Taylor and Garrett. Then it was on to Provence.
Tina Beddow enjoyed to trip to Wimbeldon.
The McLeans headed across the pond to visit family in Scotland.
Kylie S., Clare S., and Elizabeth J. all enjoyed girl scout camp Agnes Arnold.
The McGee Heath clan enjoyed a trip South Padre Island.

To highlight an event, celebration, or other tidbit for Heard Under the Oak Tree, contact Terry Jeanes at terry@terryjeanes.com or 713.812.9154.

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CITIZENS' PATROL

PROGRAM by Carl Waters, Jr.

Here is a safety tip for your consideration. Keep your car keys near you at all times. The panic button on them can be used to alert neighbors if you sense danger or see someone outside your home. Be sure to test the effective range of your transmitter before using this idea.

Here is another reminder. National Night Out will be celebrated in Houston and Harris County on Tuesday, **October 2, 2012**. Start planning your block parties now and let me know so we can have HPD and or the Constable stop by for a visit.

June Crime Statistics: 8

Burglary: 3

800 block of W. 31st St., on Tuesday, June 12 at 8:00 a.m. (residence).
800 block of Lamonte Ln, on Thursday,

June 14 at 7:34 a.m. (residence).
300 block of W. 34th St. on Tuesday, June 19 at 11:00 a.m. (residence).

Theft: 5

700 block of Sue Barnett Dr. on Thursday, June 7 at 6:30 p.m. (driveway).
800 block of W. 42nd St. on Thursday, June 7 at 10:30 p.m. (residence).
200 block of North Loop West on Saturday, June 16 at 9:30 p.m. (convenience store).
500 block of W. 30th St. on Friday, June 22 at 10:24 a.m. (driveway).
700 block of W. 31st St. on Friday, June 22 at 3:00 p.m. (residence).

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**GO CIVIC CLUB
PRESIDENT'S NOTE**

by Mark Klein

Tasty Guest Slated for August Garden Oaks Civic Club Meeting

This August, join the Garden Oaks Civic Club meeting when one of our most popular guests will make a special appearance. That's right, it's Joe Muscara Night at the August GOCC meeting 7 p.m. Tuesday, August 7, at the Garden Oaks Elementary School. Join Joe and the rest of the GOCC in praising New York-style pies when we welcome a visit from Brothers' Pizza. The early bird catches the slice.

Then, make plans to attend the GOCC September meeting focused on the November elections. We have some key candidates slated to talk about their positions for the upcoming election. Yes, the President's office is at stake, but there are also several other key positions at stake, including Constable Precinct One and U.S. Representatives. Come out, listen to your candidates and make the voice of Garden Oaks heard.

For July, the GOCC meeting was cancelled due to the July 4 holiday. As such, there are no minutes for July. If you miss reading those, stay tuned for August. Better yet, come by the meeting, see some neighbors, participate in the Civic Club and enjoy some Brother's Pizza.

A GO-GOs

by Tina Sabuco

There will be no August meeting of the "Alzheimer's Group of Garden Oaks" (aka "A Go Go") due to most of the members being on vacation. The newly formed support group, for family and friends with loved ones who have Alzheimer's Disease or Dementia, normally meets the first Monday of every month from 7:00 –

9:00 at 859 Azalea Street, the home of Tina Sabuco, who is also the foundress of the group.

The September meeting date will be moved from the 1st Monday, which is Labor Day, to the 2nd Monday of the month, which is September 10th. We currently have approximately 12 group members and welcome anyone who is interested to visit at anytime.

If you are interested in joining us and would like to rsvp to an upcoming meeting or if you have any questions, contact Tina at goddess@abundanceretreat.com or 713-692-6778.

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On the second Sunday of every month at 2 p.m. (6 p.m. June through September; there is no tour in December). Preservation Houston presents a docent-guided walking tour of an architecturally and/or historically significant area of Houston. Cost is \$10 per person (\$7 for Preservation Houston members and students), with a \$2 discount if you walk, bike or ride public transportation to the tour. Reservations are not required unless otherwise noted.

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take place prior to Civic Club meetings at 6:30p.m.

advocacy and committed action, thereby creating economic value and developing a stronger sense of community.

August 12: Houston Heights **

The Heights was developed in 1892 as an independent city just northwest of downtown Houston. With more than 10,000 lots designated for residential, commercial and industrial development as well as utilities, schools and an electric streetcar line, the Heights was one of Texas' earliest planned communities. Today, it remains a fascinating historic neighborhood, from the grand Victorian homes along Heights Boulevard to the cottages and bungalows on the side streets. Our tour covers a section of the neighborhood, focusing on the evolution of residential architecture in the 20th century and fascinating stories about life in Houston in the early 1900s.

Tickets will be sold beginning at 5:30 p.m. [in the median of Heights](#)

[Boulevard on the north side of 11th Street](#). Admission is \$10 per person (\$7 for students with valid ID and Preservation Houston members). Children 11 and under are admitted free, and tour participants who walk, bike or ride public transit to the tour will receive a \$2 discount on admission. Free street parking is available nearby; be sure to observe posted parking regulations. Please note that this is an exterior walking tour only. The tour will not visit the interiors of any buildings.

August 25: Glenwood Cemetery *

Located on rolling land near Buffalo Bayou with glorious trees and landscaping, as well as elaborate Victorian monuments and statuary, historic Glenwood Cemetery, established in 1871, is one of the most beautiful outdoor spaces in Houston. It is also the resting place of some of Houston's most famous citizens, including philanthropist George Hermann; Texas Governor and Humble Oil co-founder Ross Sterling; oil

wildcatter Glenn McCarthy; movie star Gene Tierney; and eccentric billionaire Howard Hughes. Our tour explores the unforgettable stories of the men and women buried here as well as Glenwood's beautiful landscape and elaborate monuments.

* Note that Glenwood tours are by reservation only, and space is limited. Reserve your spot on an upcoming Glenwood tour now.

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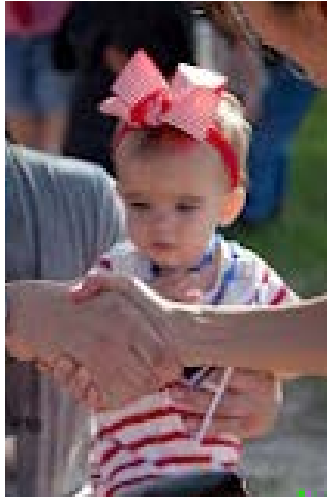
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Love Matters

Summarized by Lindsey Pollack, Principal of Garden Oaks Elementary, from the book *Why Love Matters: How affection shapes a baby's brain*, by Sue Gerhardt.

The importance of love and affection for a child's physical development and mental health are the subject of much current research among educators, neuroscientists and psychologists. Over 100 years ago, Maria Montessori recognized love and affection as important elements in a child's education and implemented multi-age classrooms and the element of peace education in her educational philosophy. She wrote, "Every work which is done according to the laws of nature and creates a harmony among beings attains consciousness under a form of love" (1942).

Montessori environments are designed to have uncluttered rooms with beautiful materials in the classroom and outdoor spaces for connections to nature. The classrooms are structured with three

age groups with a teacher (guide) who stays with them for three years. For example, a Lower Elementary classroom has first, second and third grade students in the same room. A child who enters as a first grader stays with this teacher and the cohort of children for three consecutive years. This stability in the classroom builds loving relationships among the children and a bond between the teacher and the family as they work together to ensure a child's success in school. Additionally, children who enter as a first grader are mentored and nurtured by the "upper classmen" in the room who are the leaders in the class. By the time the child is a third grader, they have become the experts in the room and welcome the incoming first graders. This cycle of classroom life in each level of Montessori education provides children and families long-term, lasting relationships with their school family and extends into the community!

As parents and guides in Montessori classrooms, it is of utmost importance



to recognize the trust and love children give to the adults in their lives. Children crave constant reassurance from adults throughout the day. Montessori suggested that even the child who has tantrums and misbehaves is struggling to balance his inner needs and ideas against demands of adults who cannot understand his needs. This does not imply that the adult acquiesce to the child, but rather it emphasizes the importance of adults recognizing the obstacles that may be in the path of childhood so we may guide children to control their bodies and vocalize their thoughts through an



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As any parent can attest, bedtimes can be one of those prolonged periods in which a child's attachment to an adult must be handled with love and consistency so the child feels safe, supported and secure that the morning will bring the reunion of parent and child. That early morning pitter-patter of feet down the hall to the parents' bedroom and jump into the parents' bed is the child's joyous celebration of finding the adults whom they love and adore! Through our words and actions, adults model for the child who they can become. Our examples, as parents and teachers, are the most important influences in a child's life. As we work together to create a world for our children, we must examine our personal paradigms and provide our children with examples of self-love and love toward one another as examples to model.

Today, many of the hypotheses and observations that were the

foundation of Montessori's work, have been verified by breakthroughs in neuroscience that have focused on brain development and the long-term effects of relationships on developing minds. The book outlines the lasting impact of love and affection on a child's developing nervous system and provides clues as to why adults behave as related to early childhood experiences! Critical formative experiences included safety, stability, consistency and unconditional acceptance of the child. As Margaret Stephenson, past president of the American Montessori Pedagogical Committee in America stated, "It is only the power of love that can enable the adult to come close enough to the child to understand him."

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GARDEN CLUB - YARD OF THE MONTH

by Janet Cones



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The Garden Oaks Garden Club August Yard of the Month is 858 West 41st Street. It has beautiful contrasting colors in the featured flowerbeds, yellow and purple, and blue and orange. The foliage has varying shapes and textures, and flowing grasses next to rounded shrubs. The color in foliage is also an interesting contrast. Red foliage is next to green clumping shrubs, which are next to purple grasses. All these elements make a very striking display. Congratulations!

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AIR CONDITIONING TIPS FOR THE SUMMER by Mitch Weigand

Tip No. 27: Why Indoor Air Quality is Important - Part Three
My favorite air filter ever

So, which is my favorite air filter for your home's central air conditioning system and the one I recommend most often? It is the **dust lock integration** or DLI filter. Most importantly, the DLI filter allows air to flow freely through it. As I have mentioned many, many times in previous columns, good air flow is absolutely essential to a properly functioning A/C system. It prevents the coil from freezing or the heat exchanger from overheating. The DLI filter can also trap up to 90% of airborne particles beginning at 7-10 microns* in size. For example, mold spores are 10-30 microns.

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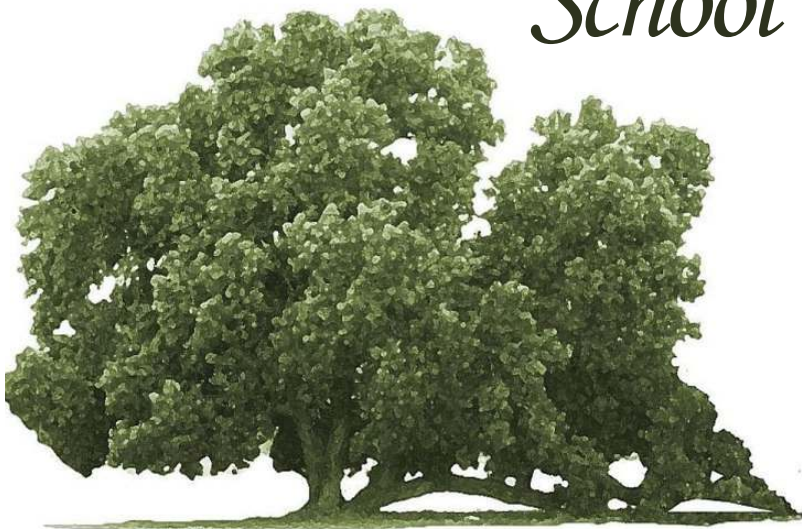
While simple in design (no complex pleating here), a DLI filter does its job

very well and lasts at least one month, sometimes longer, depending on the amount of airborne particles you have indoors. Children, pets and carpeting produce a lot of dust, dander and hair. With them in the house, I would replace the filter monthly. If you have no children or pets and have hardwood floors, it may last two to three months. A great rule of thumb is if you see dust on the white side of your DLI filter, it's time to replace it.

***Micron** - One micron is one-millionth of a meter. There are 25,400 microns in one inch. Airborne particles that you can see start at about 40 microns.

Mitch is the owner of Air Wise™ and a member of the Garden Oaks Civic Club. You can email Mitch with any A/C questions at mitch@airwisehouston.com or write to 1590 Sue Barnett Drive, Houston, TX 77018. All of his previous columns from the *Garden Oaks Gazette* can be found at www.airwisehouston.com.

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Peak electric demand exceeded 65,000 megawatts (MW) several times in June, and ERCOT expects to have adequate electric generation resources available to serve that load without issuing an Energy Emergency Alert. This takes into account current outages and the possibility of losing additional resources in the first heat wave of summer. One MW is enough power to serve about 200 homes during peak demand. ERCOT's record peak was 68,379 MW on Aug. 3, 2011.

ERCOT will use a variety of channels to keep the public informed this summer. ERCOT Energy Saver, a new mobile app now available for [Apple](#) and [Android](#) devices, will provide real-time alerts when conservation is most critical in the ERCOT region. Users of the free app need to enable push notifications to receive these messages. ERCOT also will provide information through the news media, Facebook, Twitter and ERCOT's new subscription-based EmergencyAlerts list (<http://lists.ercot.com>).

Consumers can help by shutting off unnecessary lights and electrical appliances between 3 and 7 p.m., and delaying laundry and other activities requiring electrical appliances until later in the evening. Other conservation tips from the *Public Utility Commission's "Powerful Advice"* include:

- Turn off all unnecessary lights, appliances and electronic equipment.

- When at home, close blinds and drapes that get direct sun, set air conditioning thermostats to 78 degrees or higher, and use fans in occupied rooms to feel cooler.
- When away from home, set air conditioning thermostats to 85 degrees and turn all fans off before you leave. Block the sun by closing blinds or drapes on windows that will get direct sun.
- Do not use your dishwasher, laundry equipment, hair dryers, coffee makers or other home appliances during the peak hours of 3 to 7 p.m.
- Avoid opening refrigerators or freezers more than necessary.
- Use microwaves for cooking instead of an electric range or oven.
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If the contract demand response does not relieve the capacity shortage, ERCOT escalates to a **Power Emergency** (Energy Emergency Alert Level 3) and will instruct utilities to reduce demand on the grid by conducting temporary outages at the local distribution level. These controlled temporary interruptions of electrical service - or rotating outages - typically last 15-

45 minutes before being rotated to a different neighborhood.

Consumers should contact the utility company/transmission provider listed on their electric bill for information about power outages at their homes or business, or about rotating outage procedures for their area.

ERCOT region

The ERCOT region includes Houston, Dallas, Fort Worth, San Antonio, Austin, Corpus Christi, Abilene and the Rio Grande Valley. It does not include the El Paso area, the Texas Panhandle, northeast Texas (Longview, Marshall and Texarkana) and southeast Texas (Beaumont, Port Arthur and The Woodlands).

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We are trying to top the \$10,000 we made last year. The rain date will be two weeks later, Saturday November 3rd.

As before, there will be 13 table hosts, each pouring a different wine. Our theme this year is the "Magic of the Mediterranean," featuring wines from countries that border the Mediterranean. Numerous table hosts from previous years have already committed to host a table again. If you are interested in hosting a table (and supplying at least a case of wine),

please contact Shelley Rogers at srogers@sheehyware.com. As we go to press, there are only a very limited number of table host slots left.

Ticket prices will be \$50, and only 200 tickets will be sold. Tickets will go on sale September 1st. Order forms will be published in the September Gazette, the www.gardenoaks.org website, and on the Garden Oaks Facebook page, so stay tuned! We will no doubt sell out early again so make sure you order your tickets promptly.

Sponsorships this year will be at the \$125, \$250, \$500 and \$1000 levels. Sponsors get event tickets along with all the free advertising and all the thanks we can give you. All monies raised will support our constable program, which is always lacking in funds as we reach the year's end. Sponsors will receive acknowledgment in the Gazette, on signage at the event, and on the Tasting Notes which will be furnished to all attendees.

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GO KIDS Upcoming Events
by Kristin Jordan

GO Kids Back to School Pot Luck – Saturday August 18th – SPARK Park 9am – 12 noon
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Join your neighbors for a splash filled potluck at Jaycee Park. Bring your favorite dish to celebrate the end of summer.

Mom’s Night Out – August 9th – Shepherd Park Draught House 7:30pm

Join us for a fun ladies night out.

Friday Fun Day – Friday, August 31st 10am – 1pm – Children’s Museum of Houston - 1500 Binz, Houston, TX 77004

Come beat the Houston heat at the Children’s Museum of Houston! The school year will have started for HISD so we will hopefully have the museum to ourselves! The Tot Spot located on the 2nd floor is the perfect place to play for children from birth to age 3! Admission is \$9 per person and FREE for Museum Members.

Playgroups – GO Babies is having playdates every two weeks, so watch your calendar for some fun mommy and baby time!

GO Buddies - Next outing will be August 30th – Watch for details!

Weight Loss Challenge:
Round two GO Weight Loss challenge has just ended. Carissa Mills was the top winner with 14.73% of her total body weight lost and Katie Swick came in second at 11.22%.. Round One Winner, Devin Hunter came in third. Devin lost 21.8% while participating in both challenges!!! We had a great bunch of ladies – thank you all for the support you brought to the group.
Are you interested in joining the challenge? We’ll put a reminder for sign-up in the November and December Gazette so keep your eyes open!! The annual challenge begins the second week of January and the buy-in is \$20. Winners split the pot.

Running Club:
Running club generally meets every Tuesday at 8:30pm in Section 1. Interested in joining? Contact Devin at devin@provishr.com or 832-647-9405. Let’s get a group together for the Firefly 5K on November 3rd benefitting the Houston Food Bank. Note – it is an evening run involving glow sticks... fun!!! We could probably even win the costume contest. Registration begins July 18th. Register online at <http://www.fireflyrun.com/houston.htm> and email me so we can coordinate a group presence!

Firefly Run
Charged only by the moon, glowing costumes, and a desire to help local charities, participants in the Firefly Run take over their city streets for friendly 5K competition. During the race, runners cut through the cool night air decked out in incandescent gear, leaving little neon trails behind them like a gaggle of baby comets. Participants are encouraged to sign up in teams and coordinate outfits for the postrace costume contest, and DJs gather around the finish line to welcome them back from moonlit journeys.

Cookbook –Order today at GardenOaksCooks.com. All proceeds go to the Garden Oaks Constable Program

Bouncy House – We are still collecting bouncy house money. It is a \$30 donation. Payment by mail (check or cash):Kristin Jordan4223 Apollo Street Houston, TX 77018
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Website / Communication – WWW.gardenoakskids.com
Our website continues to grow; now offering information on contributing to our annual bouncy house fund, and purchasing your Garden Oaks Cookbook. Check it out and share with your friends.

Dinner Drops
Are you or someone you know an overwhelmed, sleep deprived new parent? Don’t worry because help is on the way! We are happy to provide several meals to new families during those stressful few weeks. If you are expecting or know a neighbor who is please contact our Dinner Drop coordinator, Angelica Sullivan, at angelicapuerto@hotmail.com and she’ll set you right up.

GO Kids was started by a group of parents who wanted to build a family friendly neighborhood where children and parents know each other and grow together. All Garden Oaks families are welcome. Not on the GO Kids list serve? Want more information about GO Kids? Contact Kristin Jordan (kriki@me.com) or Ashley Henke (ashleymariehenke@gmail.com) for all the details.




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CRITTER CORNER

by Casey and Dorothy Dan Farris

Are you singing “Rain, Rain, Go Away?” I’ll bet your pets are! Some dogs still need to be walked even if it is raining. If that is the case, look for trees, bushes, awnings, homes or buildings to block some of the rain and wind in order for your dog to “do his business.” You can also hold an umbrella over your dog to stop the rain from falling on her back and face. There’s still the issue of wet ground, but keeping the rain off is half the battle. Our Pet of the Month family is a pair of Chihuahuas. This is the smallest breed of dog but a breed with very large personalities, so this month Dorothy and I discuss the breed.

Pet of the Month: “Misses August” are Misti and Chili Larson. They live in Section IV with their family, Erik, Diana and Cade Larson. Misti and Chili are eight year old spunky Chihuahuas. Misti is blue and fawn and Chili is a tri-color (she’s white, fawn and black). Although they don’t have the same coloring, they are sisters and show their sisterly love – from kisses to growls. Misti is smaller but is definitely the dominant one. She keeps Chili in line. Misti may be the ruler, but Chili is the acrobat as she loves to walk on the back of the couches and jump to all heights. Misti and Chili were adopted on a chilly and misty day, hence the names. Misti and Chili spend the majority of their time taking naps and lounging around the house. They are great guard dogs and let everyone know if anyone comes near the house. Diana grew up with big dogs, but Erik never had dogs growing up (Misti and Chili think that is very sad), so Chihuahuas were a compromise and one that they would not change for the world. Misti and Chili are happiest on their parent’s lap under a blanket. The

saying goes, “If you want the best seat in the house, you’ve got to move the Chihuahua.”

Critters 101: Chihua – what?!

The Chihuahua is the smallest breed of dog and is named for the state of Chihuahua in Mexico.

Chihuahuas come in a wide variety of sizes, head shapes, colors, and coat lengths. Chihuahuas are commonly referred to as either Apple or Deer heads, the former having short noses and rounded heads similar to that of an apple, and the latter having longer noses and more elongated heads. Generally, the height ranges between six and ten inches and breed standards state that a Chihuahua must not weigh more than 6 pounds for conformation. Chihuahuas come in virtually any color combination, from solid to marked or splashed, allowing for colors from solid black to solid white, spotted, sabled, or a variety of other colors and patterns.

Chihuahuas have a tendency to tremble but it is not a health issue. Instead, it occurs mainly when the dog is stressed, excited or cold. Cold can also present a problem for these small animals. They often enjoy wearing coats or sweaters when outside and enjoy digging and snuggling in blankets when sleeping.

A Chihuahua must be chosen with care, as the temperament of its owner can make a difference in the temperament of the pup. The breed tends to be fiercely loyal to one particular owner and in some cases may become over protective of the person, especially around other people or animals. Chihuahuas love their dens and will often burrow themselves in pillows, clothes hampers, and blankets. They are often found under the covers or at the bottom of the bed, deep in the

dark and safety of what they believe is their den.

Casey Farris is owner/operator of Bone Voyage Pet Sitting Services which has been servicing Garden Oaks for 11 years now. Dorothy Dan is owner/operator of Casey. Please forward your questions and pet news to Casey@GoDogUSA.com or call 713-688-6363.



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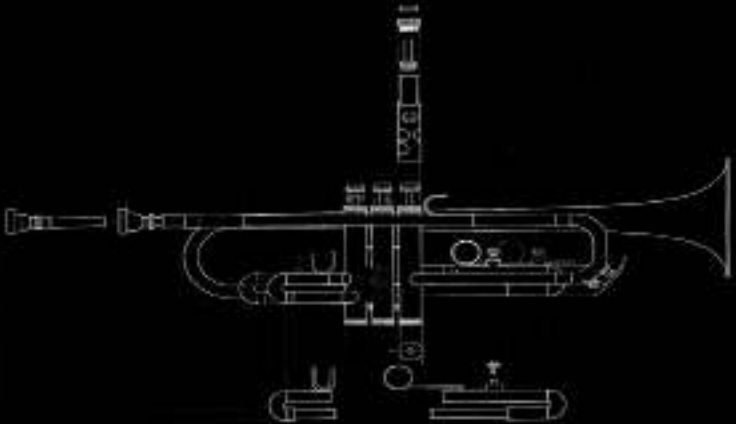
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