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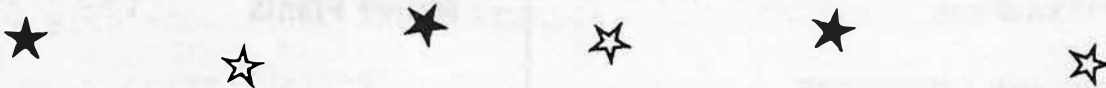
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GARDEN OAKS BAPTIST CHURCH 3206 NORTH SHEPHERD



FROM THE PRES:

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!!!!!!!

Hope your 4th of July is a happy, as well as, a safe one.

Join us in celebrating at the local level--Tuesday--JULY 5TH at our next civic club meeting. Please take the effort and be there; for we are only as strong as our support. With you, we can make GARDEN OAKS a stronger community.

We are restructuring the Gazette. This handy means of communication is brought to you by our advertisers and loyal neighbors, who contribute their time and creativity. We need your help!!!!!! The Gazette's expenses have recently increased. Please support our Gazette advertisers because without them--the Gazette would not be possible. With this in mind, remind those establishments that you patronize, that you are from GARDEN OAKS and we would appreciate their assistance in our GAZETTE and/or ANNUAL HOME TOUR. In addition, we are forming a GAZETTE ADVISORY BOARD. Fresh ideas will be generated in this THINK TANK.

Thank you Mr. Ed Grauke, of the city attorney's office, for speaking at our June meeting. Also, thanks to our strong Broad of Trustees and hope their continued support will protect the neighborhood that we call home.

SEE YOU ON THE 5TH AT OUR NEXT CIVIC CLUB MEETING.

GRACE

GOOD NEIGHBORS

LARRY NORDENSTROM HAS GENEROUSLY OFFERED TO PAY FOR A NEW WATER METER AND ITS INSTALLTION ON THE GARDEN OAKS BLVD. ESPLANADE. THIS IS A VERY ESSENTIAL STEP IN MAINTAINING THE LANDSCAPING THAT ALREADY EXISTS AND ANY FUTURE LANDSCAPING PLANS. THANK YOU LARRY FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

JAMES MABRY CHASED OFF TWO WOULD BE EARLY MORNING CAR THEIVES IN FRONT OF HIS HOUSE MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND WEARING ONLY HIS BVDS. YEA JAMES!!!! OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY PATROL STOPPED A GROUP OF LATE NIGHT THIEVES FROM STEALING 24 AZALEAS FROM THE GARDEN OAKS BLVD ESPLANADE JUNE 15. THE GROUP HAD ALREADY DUG THE PLANTS UP AND WERE LOADING THEM IN A TRUCK WHEN THE SECURITY GUARD SPOTTED THEM. THANKS TO THE SECURITY GUARD AND THE EFFORTS OF LARRY NORDENSTROM WHO STAYED UP TILL 3 A.M. REPLANTING THE AZALEAS NONE OF THE PLANTS WERE LOST.

A BIG THANKS TO WOODY MEHRKAM FOR HIS EFFORTS IN REBUILDING THE GARDEN OAKS MEMERSHIP TREE---ANOTHER JOB WELL DONE---THANK YOU.

BIRTHDAYS

COLLIN EASTERLING	JULY 27 1984
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WHO OCCASIONALLY WALK, JOG, RIDE BIKES
AND HAVE BEEN SCARED BY A SPEEDING
VEHICLE.

REMEMBER: IT IS SUMMERTIME, THERE WILL
BE LOTS OF CHILDREN PLAYING IN THE
NEIGHBORHOOD AND LET US NOT FORGET THE
CONSTRUCTION OF SHEPHERD---WE SHOULD
REALLY SEE A TREMENDOUS INCREASE IN
TRAFFIC DUE TO THIS CONSTRUCTION.

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

YARD OF THE MONTH
JUDY AND JERRY SCRUGGS ON WEST 42ND.
DRIVE BY AND CHECK OUT THE HARD WORK.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE IN SEPTEMBER
WITH A BIRD PROGRAM BY DAVID VESELKA.

GUESS WHAT???

Our Garden Club ladies will no longer
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PLEASE WISH THESE GIRLS GOOD LUCK!!!!!!

MELISSA BOTTOMS
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HOW ABOUT A BIG THANKS FOR PAULA AND JOHN AND THE SULLIVAN SCHOOL OF DANCE
FOR MAKING THIS OPPORTUNITY---POSSIBLE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

CRITTER CORNER
BY DAVID HORSLEY

SO MAYBE I'M A BAD PERSON. OTHER PEOPLE HAVE THEIR DEPENDENCIES ON CHEMICALS, I GUESS I CAN HAVE ONE, TOO. I JUST NEVER THOUGHT I'D BE USING THIS COLUMN TO CONFESS A CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY, IS ALL.

THIS GOES BACK SEVERAL YEARS, AS SUCH STORIES OFTEN DO. I WAS KEEPING BOX TURTLES AT THE TIME, LOTS OF THEM. HAD THIS LITTLE TURTLEPEN BUILT ONTO THE SIDE OF MY GARAGE, WITH ALL THE AMENITIES A TURTLE COULD WANT: SOME SHADE, SOME SUN, A SHALLOW WADING POOL, DEEP SAND FOR LAYING EGGS, THE WORKS. THESE TURTLES ATE OFF PLATES---IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME, ASK THE OWNER OF PLATES, MY WIFE. WHAT DID THEY EAT? WELL, FOR STARTERS, THERE WAS CANTALOUPE, STRAWBERRIES, AND LETTUCE, ALL OF WHICH I HAD TO BUY AT THE GROCERY. A TURTLE NEEDS LOTS OF FIBER.

BUT THEIR DIET WAS LACKING IN PROTEIN, SO I GAVE THEM CANNED DOG FOOD SEVERAL TIMES A WEEK. AS MUCH AS THEY LOVED CANTALOUPE AND STRAWBERRIES, THEY THOUGHT THEY WERE IN HEAVEN WHEN THE DOG FOOD WAS SET IN FRONT OF THEM. THEY WOULD CLIMB ALL OVER EACH OTHER, HOGGING AND FIGHTING AND DODGING, EVEN THOUGH THERE WOULD ALWAYS BE ENOUGH FOR ALL. OF COURSE, CANNED DOGFOOD WASN'T QUITE THE SAME AS THE PROTEIN THEY GOT IN THE WILD, NAMELY, INSECTS. SO WHENEVER I FOUND A BUG, I FED IT TO MY TURTLES. HEY, YOU THINK OF BOX TURTLES BEING SLOW, RIGHT??? TRY THIS: DROP A FAST-MOVING ROACH DOWN RIGHT IN FRONT OF A TURTLE AND SEE WHO WINS THAT RACE. I PUT MY MONEY ON THE REPTILE, HANDS DOWN!!!!

OKAY, I'M GETTING TO THE CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PART. ONE DAY SEVERAL YEARS BACK DURING MY TURTLE YEARS, I NOTICED THAT SOMETHING WAS CHOWING DOWN ON MY NEW LITTLE PECAN TREES. I HAD EXPENDED A GOOD DEAL OF EFFORT TO PERSUADE THOSE TREES NOT TO DIE, AND IT HURT ME THAT SOMETHING WAS EATING THEM BEHIND MY BACK. EATING THE LEAVES, I MEAN, NOT THE NUTS. (THE SQUIRRELS ALWAYS STRIP ALL THE PECANS FROM THE TREES, BUT THAT'S NOT UNTIL LATER ON IN THE SUMMER.) AT THE RATE THE LEAVES WERE DISAPPEARING, I COULD SEE THAT SOON I WOULDN'T HAVE ANY LEAVES LEFT TO PRODUCE WHATEVER LEAVES MAKE FOR THEIR TREES. CHLOROPHYLL, I GUESS. BUT I NEVER COULD SEE WHAT WAS EATING THE LEAVES----THERE WERE NEVER ANY INSECTS AT ALL WHEN I DID MY INSPECTIONS. VERY MYSTERIOUS.

THEN ONE NIGHT I CAME HOME LATE AND FOUND MY PECANS SWARMING WITH BEETLES!!! I BROUGHT ONE INSIDE AND GUESS WHAT IT IS? THE COMMON "JUNE BUG!" I HAD NO IDEA THAT JUNE BUGS ATE PECAN LEAVES, BUT THESE SURE DID. IMMEDIATELY, I THOUGHT OF MY TURTLES, SO I FETCHED A BUTTERFLY NET AND WENT OUT AND CAPTURED A COUPLE HUNDRED JUNE BUGS IN A FEW QUICK MINUTES. THE NEXT DAY THE TURTLES HAD A REGULAR FEAST. FROM THEN ON OUT, THE TURTLES WERE NEVER WANTING FOR PROTEIN, AND I KEPT DAMAGE TO MY PECAN TREES AT A MINIMUM.

JUMP FORWARD IN TIME TO JUNE 13, 1988. MY TURTLES ARE GONE, ALL RELEASED UP IN THE WOODS FROM WHENCE THEY CAME. AGAIN SOMETHING IS DINING ON THE PECAN TREES. I SUPPOSE I COULD GO LOOKING FOR THE TURTLES, BUT INSTEAD I GO TO SEARS AND BUY A SPRAYER AND A CAN OF 50% MALATHION. THE CAN OF POISON HAS A WARNING: "CAUTION: THIS PRODUCT IS TOXIC TO BEES, FISH, AND BIRDS." I HATE USING CHEMICAL POISONS, BUT I ALSO WOULD HATE TO LOSE MY PECANS. SO I BLAST THE TREES WITH CHEMICALS ONE EVENING. NEXT MORNING BY EARLY LIGHT, I SEE THE DEVASTATION OF CHEMICAL WARFARE: HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS OF JUNE BUG CORPSES SCATTERED ACROSS THE DRIVEWAY, SIDEWALK AND LAWN. I CAN STILL SMELL THE PUNGENT ODOR OF MALATHION.

AT MIDMORNING, I STEP OUTSIDE TO RUN AN ERRAND. NO MORE JUNE BUG BODIES, NOT A SINGLE ONE. WHERE ON EARTH DID THEY GO, I WONDER, THEN THE ANSWER HITS ME: THE BIRDS ATE EVERY LAST POISONED BEETLE. A LARGE FLOCK OF GRACKLES AND STARLINGS HAD BEEN SCOUTING ACROSS THE YARD, AND I HADN'T PAID THEM ANY NOTICE. THEY HAD PICKED THE LAWN CLEAN OF DEAD CORPSES.

I SHOULD HAVE KEPT THOSE TURTLES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

HEARD UNDER THE OAK TREE:

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALLISON WEED WHO RECENTLY WON 1ST PLACE IN THE "SAFE AT HOME" POSTER CONTEST AT EXXON. FOR THE WINNING DRAWING, ALLISON AND HER FAMILY WERE TREATED TO AN ASTROS GAME IN WHICH THEY ALMOST SAW MIKE SCOTT GET HIS SECOND NO-HITTER.

WHERE WERE YOU, CHRIS BELL?????? YOU MISSED LAST MONTH'S JACKPOT DRAWING AND YOU WOULD HAVE WON!!! DON'T YOU BE THE ONE WHO LOSES OUT ON NEXT MONTH'S JACKPOT DRAWING..

OUR VOLUNTEER, CINDY WEED, COLLECTED ANOTHER \$100 FROM SAFEWAY FROM ALL YOU NEIGHBORS WHO SAVED YOUR CASH REGISTER RECEIPTS... OH! BY THE WAY, THE SAFEWAY STORE HAS RECENTLY SOLD AND WE NEED TO GET IN ALL THOSE RECEIPTS, BEFORE WE INCUR ANY COLLECTION PROBLEMS.

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