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Gazette!

The illustration on this month's masthead was created by **Timmy Pagel**, age 11 (Section 4). An aspiring artist and cartoonist, Timmy's work will be regularly featured in future issues.

Thanks for joining the *Gazette* Graphic Arts Department!

The *Gazette's* new Hand Delivery Department Head, **John McKenny** (Section 3) has worked his ear and phone arm off enlisting volunteers to deliver this paper. The entire neighborhood is now Hand Delivered! We welcome and thank the following neighbors for their commitment to this project. Anyone interested in joining up, call **John** at 692-2447.

The *Gazette* hopes to break even on expenses this year and it will be due to these volunteers bringing the finest little paper in Garden Oaks to your door. The money saved on postage will no doubt be put to good use by other committees.

Carla Hoyer has volunteered to help out with the Advertising Department when she's not organizing Beautification projects. Thanks for your time Carla. We are interested in acquiring four new ads for the rest of the year. If anyone knows any potential advertisers, call the editor or **Carla** at 699-8171.

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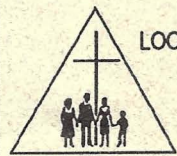
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President's Vision

So Houston finally knows what we knew all along. Garden Oaks was recently recognized as one of the HOTTEST neighborhoods in town! The articles were talking about property values, and sure, location had something to do with that, but I believe Garden Oaks is a desirable place to live because of this community's pro-active attitudes. It is the time and talents that you donate to this neighborhood that makes the difference.

Garden Oaksians don't wait around for someone else (like the City, County, etc.) to do something about a problem; someone usually feels strong enough about it to face the issue head on and resolve it. There are others who see the longer range vision and plan for the future.

Through Recycling, SPARK, Beautification, Home Tour, G.O. C.O.P., the new constable program, and the soon-to-be home improvement program, it is evident that we are willing to make long-term commitments for the betterment of our neighborhood. Education Matters! and Garden Oaks People Helping in Education Reform are prime examples of how this community makes the investment today for the future of tomorrow. The benefits of improving education not only improves our property values, but strengthens our community and improves society as a whole.

Let's continue making that investment for our future by getting involved with the Civic Club and the various committees. It does pay off.

Anita

Garden Oaks Property Values Remain Strong

Houston is in the grips of a technical recession. Garden Oaks is bucking the trend with property values continuing to increase, says prominent Houston economist Dr. Barton Smith. Smith, a U of H economics professor and senior economist with the UH Center for Public Policy, recently offered his Spring 92 assessment of Houston's economy.

Garden Oaks is seeing some Major increases in the values of homes, Smith said. "That may mean this neighborhood is seriously ready to turn (upward in property values), and if it does turn, it will represent a major neighborhood that has turned (upward) inside the city limits of Houston. That would be exciting and would probably indicate that we're going to see more of that."

According to Smith, most residential building activity is occurring outside the city limits with the strongest growth areas along Highway 6 and FM 1960.

Joe Izbrand(Section 5)
is news director of
KTRH NewsRadio(740 AM)

Building a Community Topic of June Meeting

The Civic Club meeting will be held 7:15 pm Tuesday, June 2 at the Garden Oaks Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Donald Raschkewill speak about how to build a community." Don is currently the associate pastor at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church. He has vast experience working with various cultures throughout the world and is an exciting speaker.

Refreshments will be served at 7:00 pm with the business portion of the meeting beginning at 7:15 pm. Baby-sitting will be provided for \$1.00 per child. Don't miss learning about the dynamics of a community and how we can make Garden Oaks a true community of caring individuals.

I have thought too much to stoop to action.

-Philippe Auguste Villiers de L'Isle-Adam 1839-1889

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It's the Taxman!

In 1968 we bought our 20 year old little house in Garden Oaks from it's first owner. In 1978 we added 700 ft. and the house was reappraised accordingly. Additional appraisals were made in 1987, 1989 and 1991, each for TWO years. We protested the 1991 appraisal based on incorrect land data and received an 8.5% decrease. Nevertheless, starting in 1987 the actual taxes paid increased:

1988 + 20.6%

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1991 +23.3%

The inflation rate stayed around 3%. If tax rates should stay the same, which is doubtful, our 1992 tax would increase by 54% to \$200.00 per month! Retired, on Social Security and a small pension, it is obvious we will be forced to sell and driven out of the community we helped to build these past 24 years. So will many Garden Oakers.

In conclusion, checking with neighbors appears to show an interim re-appraisal of Garden Oaks by 40 to 60%. The Appraisal District will show that recent sales to "yuppies" establish their value approach, and it is doubtful that individual cases can be argued on "technical" merit. Yet I believe that all Garden Oakers should protest along any available channel and that the interim appraisal 1992 could be illegal, based on court decisions that all areas should be re-appraised equally.

T.T. DeBoer (Section 5)

Editors note: This situation of increasing taxes until owners are driven out of their homes must be stopped. It is not right for people to be forced to sell their homes because they cannot afford taxes that rise beyond their ability to pay. What is happening to the DeBoer family could happen to all of us one day. This situation is being challenged in courts across the country. Find out what you can do and challenge these tax authorities!

Attention Patrollers

Be sure to turn your time into your Area Leader if you are walking your patrol hours. The car patroller's time will be recorded from the patrol log book.

Back to the Future or, Future to the Back or...

The April and May Civic Club meetings have showcased two of the many groups active in our community.

In April, the Garden Club decorated the room with colorful cut flowers and plant specimens to coordinate with the gardening program which was given by the Speakers Bureau of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Garden Club members provided the refreshments: DIRT DESSERT!


The May meeting was a Family Picnic at the SPARKS Park. Many families came out. There was an assortment of food prepared by our talented neighbors. The Babysitting Co-op provided face-painting and encouraged the children to participate in a parade around the track of the SPARKS Park, however, the children were much too interested in the playground equipment and only paraded around the park one time!

Editor's note:

I saw this little bumble bee named Kate Sly (age 3) buzzing around the park with two cool antennae.

Destination: Unknown

The Post Office lost an unknown quantity of last month's issue of the Gazette. I traced them to the Oak Forest Post Office and from there only The Shadow knows. Please ask your post person where in the world they are. Maybe with Carmen Sandiago?

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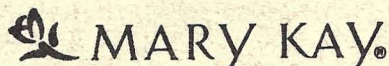
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Committee and Club Action Reports Plant CO-OP

The Garden Oaks Plant CO-OP has been organized to act as a clearinghouse for plant trading between neighbors. We now have Bromiliad pups to add to the list. If you have plants to trade, call Anne Kilgore at 697-0069 (machine).

Home Tour Update

The Garden Oaks Home Tour Committee is brushing off the "Welcome Mat," getting ready to invite neighbors and interested others to tour six area homes on Sunday, October 18. The homes have been selected and various sub-committees formed to make this years fundraising event a success. Volunteers are still needed to serve as docents (tour guides) on the day of the tour. Please call Jennifer Day at 699-8417.

Anyone who has an item to donate as a raffle prize, please call Lisa Foster at 880-2226 or Sandy Altman at 691-6505. We are also looking for florists to donate services.

Garden Club

We are hosting our Annual Backyard Tour on Thursday, June 18th. With good weather we will be meeting at Friendship Park (Section 1) at the corner of Lawrence and W. 30th at 6:00 P.M. Everyone is welcome! For more info call 861-6204 or 861-7073.

Garden Club would like to thank Allen Miller and Carlos Rios for mowing Friendship Garden, and to Lana Miller for picking up the trash. We do have the nicest people living in Garden Oaks.

Constable Patrol

Final steps are underway to begin the Deputy Constable Patrol in Sections 1 and 1A. residents have committed the amount necessary to fund the program and collections are almost complete. Additional participation is encouraged to further strengthen the program this year and in years to come. The contract with Precinct 1 Constables office is moving through the county and city approval process, and patrols by a full time

Deputy dedicated to Sections 1 and 1A should begin soon. A neighborhood celebration is being planned to introduce the Deputy and formally thank all the participants and volunteers who made the program happen. If you made a commitment but have not yet paid or if you now want to participate, please contact Mike Slaughter at 868-4868, Denise Epstein at 869-0128 or Jimmy Fox at 880-9219.

G.O. C.O.P. Report and T.O.P. C.O.P. Gossip

For those of you that don't know, Tom Mehrkam and I tied the knot April 24, 1992! I give some credit to G.O. C.O.P. for our new life together. We have spent many long hours planning and organizing since last June when I became the Coordinator for G.O. C.O.P. and asked Tom to be the Area 3 Leader. I never thought volunteer work would lead to marriage - everyone told me to go to Sunday School or church to meet the right guy! My advise is to get involved with your Civic Club! It's a pretty good way to meet people and make LASTING relationships!

I want to thank Johnny Murphy for his tremendous help with continuing the organization and spirit of G.O. C.O.P. while Tom and I planned our wedding - we have been a little side tracked, to say the least. Johnny has organized the base stations and got schedules made for our patrollers. There are a few holes to fill if you have time to patrol. Please call Johnny at 688-7337 or myself at 683-8461.

I also want to thank all the base station operators and patrollers for their long hours and genuine concern for the neighborhood's well being. For the month of April, Area 1 had a whopping 60 hours patrolled (up quite a bit from a regular 20 hours a month)!!!, Area 2 had a little more with around 130 hours, and Area 3 finished up with 160 hours patrolled.

The next G.O. C.O.P. meeting will be our 2ND AWARD PROGRAM in July at the Civic Club Meeting in conjunction with National Night Out. We plan to have a program on home safety and personal safety, plus acknowledge our faithful patrollers.

Trish

Beautification Springs Forth

Much like your garden, the Beautification Committee is experiencing a spring growth surge after a period of dormancy. We are in the process of organizing subcommittees for each park, esplanade and other areas in need of an aesthetic lift in Garden Oaks.

Here is a brief update on what's happening inside the Beautification subcommittees:

Graham Park:

Dana and Bill Montgomery are working with Councilmember Helen Huey's office to obtain any necessary approvals to plant a green screen (vines, or perhaps pineapple guava) along the back fenceline of this city-owned park.

Home Maintenance:

John McKenney heads up this group that hopes to try to help out our seniors and lower income neighbors by performing necessary repairs with public and private sector funds (See Ways and Means).

Ways and Means:

This subcommittee will help source any funding, material, professional services, plants, etc. required by other subcommittees to implement their plans. We hope to initiate a major fund raising campaign next month.

Current Ways and Means Wish List:

1. Shade-loving perennials and evergreens
2. Use of a forklift for 1-2 hours
3. Flowering perennials
4. Ferns
5. Low-growing ground cover for sunny areas (especially honeysuckle's)
6. Liriope
7. Drainage supplies (catch basins, PVC/leaky pipe, etc.)
8. Outdoor furniture, especially picnic tables, benches, trash receptacles
9. VOLUNTEERS!

If you have any extra plants, the Ways and Means folks will lovingly lift, divide, and transplant them in a common area.

43rd and Sue Barnett Art Park:

On any given Saturday, you're bound to see lots of action here. We are currently in the process of reclaiming the beds installed last

year, and putting in a new huge bed on the north corner of the park.

Coming Attractions!

The first of several brick walkways and seating areas; drainage correction; planting and top dressing of the berms, and more! Special Thanks to; Robin Klein and son Paul for tilling the new bed and use of their first class tractor and cart: Jim Marrish for mowing and trimming the esplanade: Anne Kilgore (chairperson for 43rd esplanade project), Scott (the whatever editor) MacClymonds, Rick and Michele Martini and others for weeding and planting; Rusty Day, Mrs. Fisher, Anita and Billy Scherer, Robin Klein and others for plant donations.

To join any of these sub-committees call me at 699-8171. Several common areas are waiting for volunteers, including the 42nd and Sue Barnett esplanade, SPARK park, Azalea and Alba esplanade, Garden Oaks Boulevard, and various areas on Shepherd between 610 loop and 43rd. Special Commendations go out to, Mrs Cornelius (G.O. Plaza) for procuring 200 Azaleas, 5 bald Cyprus and one ailing specimen donated by the good folks at NorthWest Mall, and Rick Luck for watering them until fall planting season.

The first June meeting of the Beautification Committee will be 7:00 P.M. Thursday, June 4 at 720 W. 43rd street. Come on over, bring your friends and lets beautify!!!

Carla Hoyer



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Dead Slugs in the Middle of the Bowl

The recent rainy season has caused an increase in the slug population around my house, and if something is eating your leafy plants at night, you may have these unwelcome pests.

There are commercial pellets that kill slugs but these pellets are both attractive to and poisonous to pets and children. Another 'greener' option is to put out a small bowl at dusk and fill it partially with beer. In the morning, the bowl will be full of dead slugs that will need to be disposed of. So far, I have found that Lone Star is very popular among Garden Oaks slugs, but have yet to try any import beers.

Charlie Dickson (Section 5)

More Slimey Tales

I have this slug that has been drinking my Shiner Bock for years and have tried to get rid it using everything from foul language to throwing my cat at it. I caught the slithering little beast in my kitchen one night slurping a cold one and before I could say "There's slime in the fridge!", the slug bandito had oozed out though a crack under the door, gurgling at me as it made off with my last bottle. So tell me Charlie, what can I do?

Scott MacClymonds, Section 2,
Private Citizen

So You Want to Save An Acre of Rain Forest!

Here's how according to the Museum of Natural Science:

1. The Nature Conservancy has launched an Adopt-an Acre Program in which you can buy protection of specific acres of threatened rain forest. For \$30 you will receive an honorary land deed. All funds support the acquisition of rain forest land. For more information, write Adopt-an-Acre Program, The Nature Conservancy, 1815 N. Lynn Street, Arlington, VA 22209.
2. For \$25 you can become a Guardian of the Amazon through the World Wildlife Fund. The money is used to set aside land; hire local people to fence it in and protect it; teach locals how to successfully harvest rain forest crops and products; and help tribes protect their land from devastation. For more information contact World Wildlife Fund, 60 St. Clair Ave. E, Suite 201, Toronto, Ontario M4T1N5.
3. By contributing to a special fund set up by the National Wildlife Federation, you can support the establishment of extractive reserves throughout Amazonia and in other tropical areas of South America. The fund is named for Chico Mendes, a local rubber tapper and ecologist from Brazil who was assassinated in 1988 while he led the fight to protect rain forests by showing people that extractive resources can work. Send checks or inquiries to National Wildlife Federation, International Division, Chico Mendes Fund, 1400 16th Street, NW Washington, DC 20036-2266. Be sure checks are marked for this fund.
4. The Programme for Belize is raising money to buy a 110,000-acre tract of tropical forest in Belize. This tract will be managed in cooperation with the government of Belize to save the biological and archaeological treasures of the region and will also be used for sustainable agricultural research. For information on this program, write to Programme for Belize, P.O. Box 385X, Vineyard Haven, MA 02568.
5. Mountain gorillas are the most endangered of all the great apes. Scientists estimate there are fewer

than 400 of these creatures left in the wild. In 1979, the African Wildlife Foundation began a conservation program called "The Mountain Gorilla Project" to help protect these vanishing apes. The project helps fund management and education programs in the Parc National des Volcans, Rwanda, Africa - one of the few remaining places gorillas are found. To find out more, write to African Wildlife Federation, 1717 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20036.

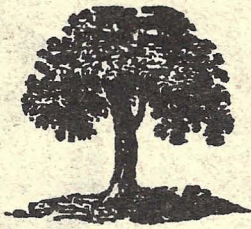
6. The Malayan Nature Society, a private nature group, supports local education programs and nature reserves in tropical rain forests. For more information about what they do and how you can help, write to Dr. Sallah Mohd, Nor, President, Malayan Nature Society, c/o The Forest Research Institute of Malaysia (FRIM), Kepong 52109, Kuala Lumpur, Selangor, Malaysia.

What's The Hurry?

Recently I was almost rundown by a Garden Oaks resident near the Sue Barnett and 42nd St. pocket park. The truly frightening part of this was that I was pushing my two children in a stroller. For a brief instant, as the car came barreling towards us, I saw their short lives flash before my eyes. At the last moment the driver saw us, swerved and missed. As she passed I threw up my arm (it was not an obscene gesture) and shouted "GEEZ". Evidently this was too much of a response for the driver because she slammed on her brakes and came back to shout at me, "Look, I didn't hurt you." I pointed out that she did scare the heck out of me, to which she replied "Yea, well you scared the heck out of me too", and then zoomed off down Sue Barnett.

What I want to know is; what's the hurry? I see people speeding all of the time and it scares me. At the end of the day we are all in a hurry to return home and relax, however daylight savings time is here and children are playing on the streets, families are out walking and riding their bikes together. If you hit someone you will find it very difficult to relax and you will never have that moment back. PLEASE SLOW DOWN!!!!!!

Karen Benson, Section 3



Heard

Under the Oak Tree

Don and Lisa Howie, Section 5, won the May door prize, a potted azalea. The April door prize, a flat of petunias donated by the Garden Club was won by someone in Section 1. Dian Austin, Section 2, received the March door prize, a flashlight. You can only win if you attend the Civic Club meetings and are a member. Don't miss your chance!

Thank you Garden Club for decorating the tables, providing the delicious dirt cups, and donating the door prize at the April Civic Club meeting. The gorgeous cuttings of plants and flowers from members' yards emphasized the beauty that is abundant in our neighborhood.

If you missed the May meeting at the SPARK park, you missed a great picnic and an enjoyable Children's parade. The business meeting was short which made it even better!

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church Garden Club has dedicated a bench in memory of Nell Armstrong, formerly of Section 5 for her work and leadership. The bench is located outside the Bahler-Reese classroom at the church.

In Memoriam

Original Garden Oaks resident A. C. "Spark" Carter died April 27 at the age of 83. He is survived by his wife Lucy Carter. Lucy, a "Heights Gal," reports that theirs was the first house built on their street in Section 2.

Long time Section 4 resident Willard Mills died Monday, May 11 at the age of 77. Willard had served as Treasurer of Garden Oaks Civic Club and Board of Trustees for 12 years and is a long time member of Garden Oaks Baptist Church. He was a dedicated recycler and G.O. C.O.P. base station operator. You could always count on Willard to volunteer whenever Garden Oaks needed a helping hand. The community will truly mourn his loss.

Garden Oaks SPARK Park Rules

These rules were published when the park opened on October 19, 1990 and bear repeating. Please clip and save this reminder.

1. Park use is restricted to exclusive school use during the hours of 7:30 am and 3:15 pm of days when school is in session.
2. Place all incidental trash in the receptacles provided.
3. NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. This is H.I.S.D. property and, as such, all alcoholic beverages are prohibited at ALL times.
4. No vehicles on school grounds. The increased usage of the park by small children makes this rule even more crucial.
5. Clean-up after your pets. This is a serious health consideration where small children run and play in the sand.
6. NO GLASS CONTAINERS. Just as in a regular City Park, this safety should be followed.
7. Report all maintenance needs promptly. Notify the school office of any problems with the equipment. If a part is loose, please report it to the school office as soon as possible for repair.
8. Remove your own trash from special events. Be a good neighbor and bring your own trash bags for big events (birthday parties, team sports, etc.) so that you don't leave a large problem for someone else to clean-up.
9. MOST OF ALL, ENJOY THE PARK!

Vacation Plans?

Now that summer is here, neighbors will be out of town for vacation. Please call the G.O. C.O.P. hot line (688-4008) with your address and dates you will be gone and we will give the information to G.O. C.O.P. patrollers.

June Birthdays

- 6 Taylor Bean, 2 yrs
- 6 Maren Weinberger, 3 yrs
- 8 Mark Benson, 38 yrs
- 9 Katherine Koenig, 5 yrs
- 11 Marian Mabry, ?
- 13 Genevieve Cato, 4 yrs
- 13 Christopher Ness, 7 yrs
- 15 Lauren Pierce, 2 yrs
- 16 Miranda Leonard, 4 yrs
- 18 Joshua Braastad, 7 yrs
- 19 Mark Conover, 30 yrs!
- 20 Leighnae Stewart, 18 yrs
- 24 Katie Dickson, 5 yrs
- 25 Kevin Byers, 1 yr!
- 29 Courtney Glass, 9 yrs

Sorry Charlie

We jumped the gun! Charlie Dickson turned 29 on May 18 not 30 on May 27 as was previously reported. Skeptics are welcome to look at his driver's license.

Join the Summer Reading Club!

Discover the new world of reading. Join the 1992 summer Reading and "Read-to-Me" clubs at the Oak Forest Branch Library at 1349 W. 43rd. Read ten books, or have someone read them to you, and win two free tickets to a Houston Astros game. Read 30 books, or have someone read them to you, and win a prize from AMC Theaters and a chance for two to attend a special movie party at an AMC theater with 36 winners per library location.

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☺ *A difference in taste in jokes is a great strain on the relations.*

—George Elliot 1819-1880

February and March Crime Reports

Area	Date	Time	Crime	Address
Area 1	2/10	2230	Auto Theft, Driveway	200 W. 34th
	3/14	1400	Burglary, Res/Garage	500 W. 33rd
Area 2	2/22	1530	Burglary, Residence	800 Lamonte
	3/2	0740	Burglary, Residence	800 Azalea
	3/6	1600	Burglary, Residence	700 W. 38th
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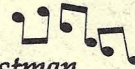
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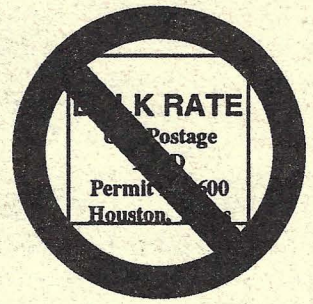
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Won't You Find My Gazette For Me.

(Sing to the tune by Martha Reeves and The Vandellas-
words provided by the Gazette Music Staff)



June Action						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1	2 Civic Club Meeting SPARK Park 7:00 pm	3	4 Beautification 7:00 pm	5 Texas Democratic Party State Convention Houston	6
7	8	9	10 Gazette Deadline 7:00 pm	11 C.O.P. Training Session 10 am	12	13 Recycle Pick-up 8:00 am
14	15	16 Heavy Trash Pick-up	17	18 P.I.P. Meeting 7:30 pm Garden Club Backyard Tour 6:00 pm	19 Texas Republican Party State Convention Dallas Emancipation Day	20
21 Father's Day	22	23	24	25 C.O.P. Training Session 7 pm	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4 Independence Day
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SUMMER, 1992

Suzanne Debien REALTORS,
INC. is working in
GARDEN OAKS!

See the GARDEN OAKS Market
Up-Date on Page 4 of this summer
newsletter!

HOT FUN IN THE SUMMERTIME

Suzanne Debien Realtors, Inc. announces some summer fun for children that might earn them a \$50.00 U. S. Savings Bond! The last of four coloring contests, running from July 2 through August 12, has for its theme "What I did on my Summer Vacation". The original artwork must follow this theme and can be entered by children in one of



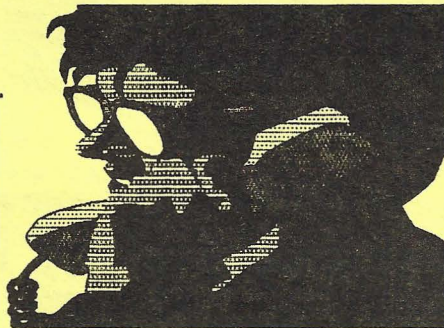
four age groups; 5-6, 7-9, 10-12 and 13-15 years old. Entries must be mailed to:

**Suzanne Debien REALTORS,
Inc. at 1235 N. Loop West
Suite 1215
Houston, Texas 77008**

Please call our office, 861-5040 and ask for OFFICIAL RULES or pick up a copy of these published rules at the Oak Forest Public Library, corner of 43rd and Oak Forest Street.

Summer Fun for FREE

There are several places in Houston where the fun is "free", and you can take the children or friends and spend some hot hours in cool enjoyment. We thought you would like a listing of some of these place, so here goes! (Page 2, Center Column)



OUR FORMAT HAS CHANGED!
Please let us have your comments and future news stories for the Fall issue by calling Laura Parsons, 861-5040 or send your fax transmission to 861-9816.

Hear those School Bells Ringing!

Parents whose children will be entering Kindergarten, first grade or moving into a local school district for the first time need to have a copy of the child's birth certificate and it's a good idea to order it now. Applications by mail take three to four weeks to process and can be ordered for a cost of \$8.50 by writing:

Bureau of Vital Statistics
8000 N. Stadium Drive
Houston, Texas 77054

Remember to make your check or money order payable to "City of Houston". You can call 247-1686 for more information.

NOTABLE "QUOTES"

THAT self-serve gasoline that appears so cheap may be costing you hundreds of dollars in repair bills! **Pete Santikos, of Santikos and Sons Texaco** says that many of us are caught up in the rush, rush of the day and stop only to fill up our cars, forgetting to check the fluids and oil essential to regular maintenance of an engine. "If you would make a habit of



stopping at a full serve every third fill-up, you will get these checked. You don't even have to fill up the car, just put \$10.00 if you want." Santikos and Sons Texaco and Auto Repair is located at the corner of 43rd and East T. C. Jester.

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"QUOTES" Continued

Jana Snider of Jana's Flowers says a "touch of Sprite" can add days of life to your fresh-cut flowers. "Just pour about 1/3 can of Sprite to 2/3 water in a vase and add days of life and vibrant color to your flowers". Jana's Flowers is located at 422 West 11th at Tulane in the Heights.

Harold, Michael and Darryl Wiesenthal of Harold's in the Heights are always looking for the "hottest" in men's and ladies fashions for their store. On what's hot for summer of 1992, Michael says "its cool fabrics. Lots of cotton poplins, seersucker and 100% all -wool tropicals" are the fabrics of choice for this summer. For casual wear, "the dress short is king" in all cotton and rayon blends with a light weight, full-fitting, pleat-front style. Micheal says we will be glad to hear that neckties are "turning a bit, back to the more conservative. The colors are still bright, but the patterns are tightening a bit." Harold's is located at 350 West 19th at Ashland in the Heights.

Gayleen Boriskie of Durham Clinic, 427 W. 20th says "Enjoy the summer, but be careful in the sun and heat. Drink plenty of fluids and don't forget that plain water is the fluid of choice for a thirsty body."

Evelyn Bishop, owner of Terri's Dress Shop, 1447 Yale states that the "City Short is at the top of the list in every area. Suited, dressy casual and play-casual looks can all be outfitted" depending on accessories. Lengths are "at the knee, a departure from last summer's shorter look." City shorts are even office appropriate when combined with colored hose "matched to the shoe" and jackets to top it off.

"FREE" Summer Fun Continued from Pg.1

The HOUSTON POST, located at 4747 Southwest Freeway can be toured by calling 840-6967. The tour lasts for 1 hour+ and is for fifth-grade and up only.

The HOUSTON CHRONICAL at 801 Texas Avenue can be toured by children 10 years and up by calling 220-7904 for details. You need to make a reservation for these tours which are held Tues.-Fri. between 9 and 2pm.

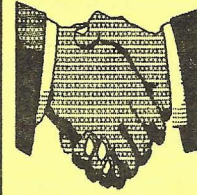
While downtown, tour through the underground tunnel system. The Public Library offers a map of the tunnel and you can enter from one of many buildings. For more information, call the Chamber of Commerce, 651-1313.

If you want to drive in your car, head for Blue Bell Creameries in Brenham, Texas, just 60+ miles northwest of Houston. Blue Bell offers 40 minute tours on a first-come, first-served basis. Tours begin at 10, 12 and every 30 minutes until 2:30. You can call 1-800-327-8135 for more information.

A little closer to home, tour the Imperial Sugar Company, 198 Kempfer (off US 90-A) Monday - Friday at 10am or 2pm. Reservations are requested by calling 491-9181.

To commune with nature, head for the Mercer Arboretum and Botanic Garden, open 8am-7pm. There is much to do and see in this 200+ acres of gardens and take a picnic lunch. Parking is also free here and you can call 443-8731 for direction. Located at 22306 Aldine-Westfield Road off F.M. 1960.

"GOOD NEIGHBOR" Awards are Growing



The "Good Neighbor" Award has been well received in all of the northwest community

neighborhoods where it was introduced 4 years ago in 1988. The goal of this award is to recognize "neighbors whose caring manner and helpful actions have made them exemplary in the area where they live."

These awards are sponsored by Suzanne Debien REALTORS, Inc. and the prizes are awarded by local area businesses. To date over 25 "Good Neighbor" candidates have received recognition in their communities as well as a hand-crafted certificate, a photograph of the award presentation and gifts from area merchants and restaurants. The second quarter candidates will be chosen and recognized in July by our panel of judges. If you have a wonderful neighbor who is deserving of praise and recognition, send a letter detailing why this individual is a "Good Neighbor" to our office at:

1235 N Loop West
Suite 1215
Houston, Texas 77008

Please include your name and phone number. For more information, call 861-5040.

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MOVING in the Future?

As much as we hate to see our neighbors leave, sometimes a **move is unavoidable**. If you are planning a move to any lovely community surrounding Houston, such as the *Woodlands, Katy, Kingwood, Cinco Ranch, Sugarland, Clear Lake or others*, **CALL US FIRST!** We can recommend a REALTOR who specializes in your chosen community and who will give you the *personalized service* you deserve. Our referral and networking systems are sure to *match you with a qualified real estate professional* and give you the comfort of

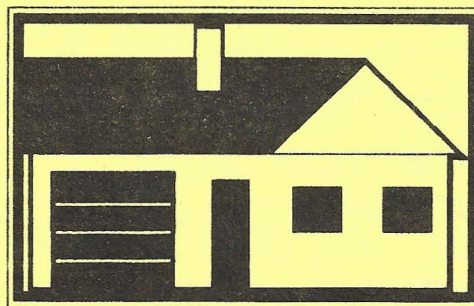


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The following excerpts from the "HOUSTON REALTOR" were condensed from an article published in May, 1992 and reprinted with permission.)

On the tenth anniversary of the 1982 "Houston bust", University of Houston economist, Dr. Barton Smith was modestly upbeat in his Spring forecast for Houston real estate. "Overall from March 1991 to March 1992, we've seen an increase of 3.1% in square footage values", he said. "The residential market has made great progress and eliminated most excess inventory. The strong performer is housing at the \$30-\$40 per square foot range, with high-end upscale housing weaker in performance."

Your Real Estate Market at a Glance!

Figures are for March 1, 1992 to June 1, 1992

(Date source: Multiple Listing Service-M.L.S.
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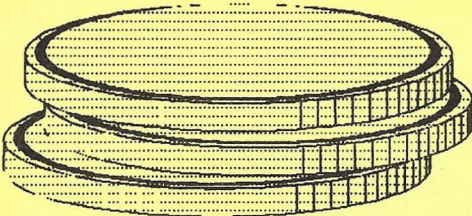
HOMES ON THE MARKET 54 **NUMBER OF BEDROOMS:**
(As of June 1, 1992)
2 BEDROOMS 22
3 BEDROOMS 26
4 BEDROOMS 5
5 BEDROOMS 1

PRICE RANGE **LOW \$** **HIGH \$** **AVERAGE \$**
66,400 238,000 118,496

HOMES WITH SALES PENDING 7 **NUMBER OF BEDROOMS:**
(As of June 1, 1992)
2 BEDROOMS 4
3 BEDROOMS 1
4 BEDROOMS 2
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