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June 21, 1992

Dear Friends of Lindsey,

While her "Thank You" card on the front page pretty well sums up how Lindsey feels about the benefit party given for her on Saturday, I would like to add a heartfelt thanks from all the members of Lindsey's family. As you may have heard, Lindsey recorded very low white blood cell counts on Friday making her extremely susceptible to infection. Her doctor urged her not to come in contact with others until the counts improve. Even though she was confined to the car, she enjoyed seeing each of you. The video (of her party) given to her has eased the frustration she felt at not being able to get out and be with her friends. As of Sunday evening she has viewed it several times.

The money raised from the auction and contributions will make it possible for us to plan for her to be at Disney World in mid-July when the Toetappers dance company performs there. If her health does not allow for that, we'll let her decide on another time or place to take a well deserved vacation from medical treatment.

Lindsey's doctors remain hopeful that with chemotherapy and radiation she can look forward to a full recovery. In fact, Lindsey suggested a similar party this time next year to celebrate that occasion. In the meantime, we request your support in the form of prayer.

I will never be able to look into the face of my daughter, or for that matter, any of the beautiful young girls we saw yesterday, and not know there is a God who loves us all in spite of what we may never understand.

Sincerely,
Rick Russell

Good Karma

Lindsey Russell's Fundraiser party was a profound experience. This neighborhood became a community of friends as we gathered together to help out one of our own, a little girl. It was a happy occasion as this instant event brought out the best of feelings in all of us. Everyone wanted to enjoy themselves and by doing that, create a happy place for Lindsey to come and watch her friends and classmates (Sullivan School of Dance) perform for her. It was a delight to watch friends circle the auction table, eagerly outbidding each other, not really caring about whatever it was they were bidding on or what they were spending. The knowledge that the money was going to someone special (Yes, that's you Lindsey.) made the bidders feel really good. Our police friends from North Shepherd Substation closed Sue Barnett to create a tarmac dance stage where Lindsey and her new and old friends were treated to a wonderful performance of tapdancing.

The freewheeling spirit was helped by the good food, great moods and a feeling that this day was going to be a very special one for all of us and by way of that, for Lindsey as well. The hard reality of world class dramas was far away as we became a gathering of friends and neighbors united in the desire to make this event the success it was. A sincere thanks from everyone involved to all the amazing volunteers that worked so hard and did so many things, great and small, to make this party for Lindsey possible. Thanks to all the donors. Their willingness to help in any way was tremendous. Volunteers soliciting auction items and monetary donations were overwhelmed by the generosity of all those who gave. That things could not have gone better than they did was a feeling expressed by many.

I am sorry that I can't find the words to better describe the emotions I felt and picked up from so many of you. This is one of those times when words just won't do it.

I would like our loyal *Gazette* readers to take a few moments before reading the rest of this issue. This

edition was basically completed before Lindsey's party and now it seems a little detached to me as I am still high on Saturday's (June 20th) events. To include Lindsey's party in this edition, I dumped the original front page, pushed the deadline back (secretly) reworked some things and soooooo..

If you will, take a look at Lindsey's photo. Think of her and send her some positive energy. Visualize her surrounded in white light, it's a healing color. And every once in a while, as often as you like, pick up her photo and bathe her in light. Sending this little girl our focused positive feelings for a speedy recovery is good medicine indeed however you do it. Take some time, think good thoughts for Lindsey, then when you get around to it, read the rest...

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Cool Times in Garden Oaks

The July Civic Club will be an old fashioned Ice Cream Social. Everyone please bring some homemade Ice Cream and or cups, cones, toppings etc. Anne Kilgore will be bringing her to die for Anjeo Rhum Raisin. Rusty Day is bringing Texas Blueberry. Everyone please make and bring your favorite. The coolest social event of the season will happen at the Garden Oaks Baptist Church July 7th at 7:00 P.M. Come see, be seen, be a part of the scene. There will be a very short business meeting followed by a evening of eating ice cream. Please call Blanche if you are bringing Ice Cream at 680-1027.

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President's Message

For those of you that missed the last Civic Club meeting, you missed an inspiring presentation by Don Rasche on how to build community. Don knows whereof he speaks. He has had vast experience with community building around the world, in particular in Chicago with a riot-torn low income area. Although Garden Oaks doesn't have some of the problems that faced that poor crime-ridden area, the principles of community building apply to neighborhoods like ours.

Garden Oakeans already have a pretty good sense of community as was evident last month. Neighbors rallied together to produce an impressive and heart-warming fundraiser for Lindsey Russell. The aura of care, love and concern was mind-boggling. I was proud to be a part of a neighborhood that could come together so quickly in support of one another.

Now we have another challenge before us. Garden Oaks, and in particular Section One, has an opportunity to decide on the future composition of our community. As mentioned elsewhere in this issue, a petition, drafted by potential commercial real estate buyers, will be circulating to release two lots on Shepherd from their residential restriction, the building line restrictions and the restriction on advertising. (One of the residential lots originally thought to be included in the deal, will stay residential because the owner does not wish to sell, but to stay in her home of plus 40 years. The proposed 24-hour WhataBurger would be built on the adjacent two lots whose owners do not live in Garden Oaks.) Section One property owners will be deciding whether or not those lots will be made commercial with no building restrictions to allow a WhataBurger to be built there. The decision is YOURS! Please give this proposal serious thought and consider what would be best for ALL of us. It is up to YOU to decide the future direction of our community. And as Don said last month, if YOU don't decide what you want your community to be, SOMEONE ELSE will decide for you.



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Deed Restriction Alert!

The Garden Oaks Board of Trustees has been advised by McMahon Research and Data that, acting for a fast food chain (hamburgers) and another food business, they will attempt to overturn the deed restriction "No lots will be used for anything but residential purposes" on the three lots south of Garden Oaks Baptist Church on the east side of North Shepherd.

The deed restrictions provide that this can be done if the owners of legal title to lots having more than 50% of the front footage in section one agree to it. To obtain such agreement, McMahon plans to present a legal document to each property owner. If the owner approves of the change, the owner will sign the document and have it notarized. (McMahon will no doubt have a notary with them. ed.) No person who rents or leases a property may sign the document. Since there are a few property owners who own large pieces of property, it may not take 50% of the property owners to approve the change. If a property owner does NOT want to approve changing the deed restrictions, the owner should NOT sign the document presented. It will take more than 50% of the property owners NOT signing to defeat the proposed change. The Garden Oaks Board of Trustees urges each property owner in Section one to give serious thought to this matter. It is your opportunity to decide what is best for your neighborhood.

Board of Trustees

Garden Oaks Attacked by Giant Hamburger! (chain)

Yes, its true. Your neighborhood, the mint julep of the north side, the sleepy little island in a stormy sea, the next West U..., is under assault by a big bucks property development firm, Wulfe and Co. using a company called McMahon Research and Data, is attempting to convert three RESIDENTIAL properties on the east side of Shepherd near 610 into commercial property by changing our deed restrictions. The intention is to build a 24 hour WhataBurger

fast food outlet on the site. (The area would soon look like Ella Blvd.) Do we really need another fast food outlet in our front yard? WHAT DO WE STAND TO GAIN FROM GRANTING THEM THIS FAVOR? These property developers want to make money off of us and this fast business will no doubt offer the kind of high paying quality jobs that President Bush (the Unemployment President?) thinks will replace those jobs lost to other countries.

These properties will become commercial someday. This is inevitable, but we can control to some degree what will happen to this property. By refusing to sign the petition being circulated by this company, we can hold out until a better offer comes along. Hopefully by a business that will contribute to the area, does not have big garish signs and offers something better for the community.

I urge Section 1 residents to refuse to sign these petitions and help prevent North Shepherd, a street we all live with, from developing into another fast food alley. Some things in life are beyond our control. THE FUTURE OF THESE PROPERTIES IS UNDER SECTION ONE'S CONTROL. In case you were wondering, Board of Trustee members are prevented from publicly commenting pro or con about this affair due to various legal reasons. But as everyone knows, your big-mouthed editor publicly comments on everything.

CORRECTION:

The date for the G.O. C.O.P. 2ND AWARD PROGRAM is AUGUST 4th, Tuesday - Civic Club Meeting, in conjunction with National Night Out (not the July Civic Club Meeting as printed in last Gazette). The program will be at the Garden Oaks Baptist Church (regular Civic Club Meeting location). Call your neighbors and invite them and ALL you patrollers, plan to attend!

**Garden Oaks,
A Great Place
to Watch a Movie!**

The Garden Oaks Theater is a local landmark. The great old movie house has been suffering through the road construction with the rest of us and has completed substantial renovation itself. Anne and I watched *Thunderheart* (a film about the incredible suffering inflicted on Native Americans by the U.S. Government) there the other evening and had a good time. The theater has a huge screen and exudes charm and class, albeit a little faded from time, that's missing in the impersonal mall movie houses. When you drive between 610 and 43rd, the neon tower of the theater is about the only thing architecturally worth looking at. Do we REALLY need more strip centers, fast food joints and junky looking businesses?

People drive from all over Houston to go to the Bellaire Theater for the ambience and the low ticket prices to see second-run movies. The Garden Oaks Theater has similar architecture and has the potential of being a fantastic addition to our property values. If you haven't been to the Garden Oaks Theater, you should watch the marquee and find a movie you want to see and go. They have raised the prices to \$4.00 to discourage riff-raff and want local folks to come watch movies. There is a special ambience watching a movie in a huge room with painted walls and an art deco ceiling with curtains aside the screen. The fantastic detail and presence on a big screen is missing on T.V. I talked with Wynn Gajkowski during recycling on the theater parking lot the other day. He was lamenting that he was driving all the way to the Bellaire Theater to take his kids to a cheap flick. The Bellaire and River Oaks Theaters are great movie houses, but the Garden Oaks is right here and has the potential, with our support, of being a valuable asset to our community. We have our own vintage theater right in our neighborhood, a rare and invaluable asset mostly ignored by Garden Oaks residents. We are trying to talk Mr. Zarzano into running English language movies that aren't

necessarily violent. But they need to sell tickets, and if we as a neighborhood will not support the theater, who do we blame but ourselves for the format the Theater takes. Mr. Zarzano runs whatever people will pay to see. The management wants Garden Oaks residents to return, and is taking steps to ensure this happens. Call them, ask them to play English movies that you can take your kids to see. We could have a movie house that has Spanish language films on one screen and English language on the other. Both local communities could be served. Lets support one of our own and enjoy lots of good movies or one day it could be:

- A. Parking lot
- B. Whataburger
- C. Strip center
- D. A,B and C
- E. None of the above.

**Sue Sez Cheq Out
These Flicks**

Patriot Games - CIA espionage, intrigue, Harrison Ford
Basic Instinct - Sexy, good thriller, great ending
Far & Away - good story, great directing, a fun movie
ALIEN 3 - 3 times the danger, 3 times the foul language, but I liked it anyway
Lethal Weapon 3 - typical of the first two, but hey, its summer!
Encino Man - didn't want to see it, went anyway -loved it! Take the teens and have fun!
Sister Act - loved the story and the singing but it never clicked.
City of Joy - a little slow

Sue Pagel, Section 4

Editor's picks- *Thunderheart, Incident at Oglala*

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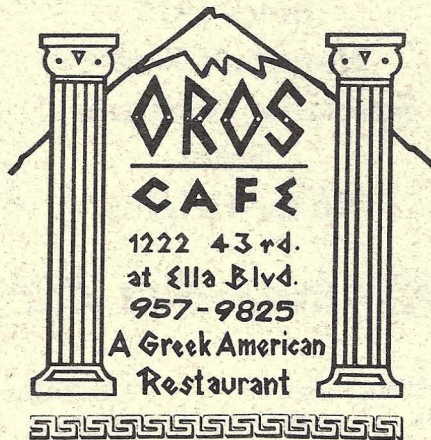


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Beautification

Work continues on the Art Park at Sue Barnett and West 43rd Street. We are looking into alternative plans to correct drainage problems. Once this situation is resolved, the berms can be top-dressed and planted.

The Beautification Committee is still looking for volunteers to spruce up the Garden Oaks Boulevard esplanade. We have approximately \$3,500 worth of azaleas in inventory, which would look very well there!

The Home Maintenance Subcommittee is beginning to form its plan of action, anyone wishing to join and help out some of our local residents in need, contact John McKenney at 692-2447 or Carla Hoyer at 699-8171. We could use any ideas you might have. It is our intention to help our Seniors and anyone on a fixed income with yardwork, painting, gutter cleaning, etc. The subcommittee has located several potential sources of funding.

Beautification Notes:

Many thanks to **Bill Lehnert** in Section 1 for his efforts to keep Graham Park clean. Bill has been seen collecting unsightly trash behind the weekend revelers. Additionally, Bill has been known to voice a loud opinion, on our behalf, to the city of Houston when maintenance falls below par.

The residents of Garden Oaks owe a debt of gratitude to a number of area businesses and residents who together have donated thousands of dollars worth of plant and gardening material, including Home Depot, Builder's Square, Cornelius Nursery, Covington Nursery and Teas Nursery.

Section 3 resident Charles Warren and Warren's Auto Parts on Airline Drive (448-7331), made a substantial contribution to the Art Park project which came about from a conversation between Charles and a volunteer who wishes to remain anonymous. For this article we shall codename the volunteer **Randolf**. In a recent conversation, Charles told **Randolf**. "I like what ya'll are doing over there."

"**Randolf** replied, "How much do you like it, say about ten yards of mulch worth?"

To which Charles replied, "Yes, that's just what I had in mind, send me the bill." (Or something like that!) **Randolf** then called one of his clients, **Ted Hargrove** owner of Alert 249 a topsoil company, (847-5344) and ordered the material. Ted gave us the lowest price in town.

Randolf explained what Beautification was doing and asked Ted, "How about throwing in some more material for our project?" Ted replied, "Sure, how about four more yards?"

This typically is the way things have been happening. People are only too willing to give to a good project. We ask that all residents patronize these businesses and all other businesses that contribute to our community by advertising in this paper, donating various services and materials and promoting the neighborhood in general. Want to help us out? Call **Carla Hoyer** at 699-8171.

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Anne Kilgore is organizing the

Plant CO-OP and can be reached at 697-0069 if you have something to trade. Save money, trade plants and get to know other gardeners.

Gazette!

This months cover is a thank you card from Lindsey Russell to the community. This sensational Garden Oaks Elementary fifth grader is famous across the universe for her artistic talents. Lindsey is the youngest artist to have her work grace the front page of the *Gazette* and the staff is pleased to make her an honorary Graphic Artist-in-Residence. The pay is low,(non-existent) but the rewards are indescribable.

Timothy Pagel, last month's cover artist, is 15 years old. He is not 11 years old as erroneously reported in last months issue. And as you will see from the *Gazette's* first comic strip by young Mr. Pagel, he is the unforgiving sort. Geez! I wish someone would make that mistake about me. Sorry Timi! I Hope none of your girlfriends read last month's issue AND THOUGHT YOU WERE LYING ABOUT YOUR AGE! I mean it must have been really embarrassing, you know?

The *Gazette* thanks the following neighbors for joining John McKenney's Home Delivery sub-committee. Jaime Pierce, Cliff & Dianna Coldiron, Brian Amsdeen, Dian Austin, Martha Kennedy and Wynn Gajkowski. These neighbors and 42 others (see last month's issue) are responsible for delivering your *Gazette*, both Lindsey Russell flyers and other FLASH! information to you and will be seen walking up your driveways the last week of every month. Look for these community networkers and give them a smile AND maybe some cookies!

G.O. C.O.P. Report

Thank you Norris Carle for arranging to have G.O. C.O.P. signs made! We now have 10 more sets of magnetic signs. In addition to the G.O. C.O.P. door signs, we have signs that say PATROL for the rear of your car. They are \$30.00 for a complete set of three signs (2 doors and 1 rear) or \$22.00 for 2 door signs and \$8.00 for rear PATROL sign.

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If you should be so unfortunate as to be burglarized, please call the G.O. C.O.P. Hot line (688-4008) and give us the details after you have reported it to the police and calmed down from the ordeal. We would like to keep abreast of the problems in the neighborhood as they occur, rather than waiting for HPD's list from the PIP Meetings -which is a month old when we receive it. The information is valuable to our patrollers. And please call when you are out of town - let us know for how long, so we can keep an extra eye on your house.

We now have a cross reference list of all Garden Oaks houses, thanks to Bill Harbaugh and Bill Chastain. Harbaugh typed all entries and Chastain checked house numbers on a coordinated map. The cross reference list is used by base stations to locate home owners when suspicious activities are observed, such as an open garage with no car (indicating no one is home). Our intent is to notify the owner or neighbor of owner when mischief may be occurring. If your phone number is unlisted, please notify us, so we can add it to our cross reference. It is a valuable tool to help keep Garden Oaks a safe place to live.

Please call 688-4008 Hot line and leave your unlisted number for the cross reference or tell your Area Leader. Emergency numbers also, are needed to complete the listing.

We had over 300 hours of patrolling in Garden Oaks for the month of May. Keep up the good work - it makes a difference. Watch out for your neighbor's property and ask your neighbor to keep an eye on yours.

Trish

Constable Program

On June 2nd, the Constable Program became a reality for the residents of Sections 1 and 1A. The program supplements C.O.P. and H.P.D. to maximize crime prevention. Deputy Matthias is the full-time deputy assigned to our area. His presence has already been effective in relocating vagrants from Graham Park, issuing traffic citations and monitoring residents homes. This program allows 24 hour access to Constable officers even when Deputy Matthias is off-duty. Constables have already made an arrest of a gun-carrying youth in Graham Park! A neighborhood celebration has been tentatively planned for the third Sunday in July at Graham Park to formally introduce Deputy Matthias and thank all the participants in the program. (Not the arrested ones I hope! ed.) Thanks to the following block captains over \$36,000 has been raised to fund the program: Joe & Cynthia LeDonne, Gay Thorpe, Wynn Gajkowski, Ernie Fruge, Earl Thomas, Francis Burnett, Paul & Dawn Bick, Mike Abrams, Suzanne Debien, Marc & Jane Ann Roberts, Tom Glass, Chris Cato, Sam Quisenberry, Margaret & Jack Welker, Charlie Burns, Barry Morris, Mike Slaughter, Bud & Ann Hudson, Kathy Huber, Jan Ericson, Kerri & Robby Epstein and Shirley Cox.

Special thanks to Denise Epstein and Jimi Fox for spearheading the program, Suzanne Debien for underwriting the cost of decals and to all participants for making this program possible. Anyone interested in organizing a similar program in their sections, please contact Section 1 resident and Security Director Mike Slaughter at 868-4868.

April Crime Reports

4/26/92	2345	Assault Residence	500 W. 33rd
4/16/92	1450	Burglary Residence	300 W. 32nd
4/16/92	1200	Burglary Res/Garage	400 W. 31st
4/03/92	1339	Burglary Residence	500 W. 30th
4/14/92	1700	Burglary Res/Garage	800 W. 41st
4/17/92	1415	Burglary Residence	900 W. 41st
4/20/92	1800	Burglary Residence	900 W. 42nd
4/08/92	1510	Burglary Residence	1000 Gardenia
4/10/92	0730	Burglary Residence	4200 Apollo

Letter to the Editor

In last month's letters, Mr. T.T. DeBoer (and our hard-working editor) objected to the hardships brought by rising property taxes. I don't doubt that Mr. DeBoer's hardship is real, and he deserves our compassion, but I am bothered by his implication that his rising property taxes are inherently unfair. The taxes which fund our public services come in a lot of different shapes and sizes: sales taxes, income taxes, property taxes, etc. They all have at least two things in common though - they all hit some people harder than others, and some of the people hardest hit deserve it the least.

The theory behind property taxes based on assessed value is that as a property's value increases, the owner's capacity and responsibility to shoulder the tax burden increases also. It doesn't always work out that way (as in Mr. DeBoer's case), but it works about as well as it does with any other theory. Of course, widespread, gross inequities do show up in our tax system, and when we find them we should do everything we can to correct them. But that doesn't mean that every hardship is an injustice that needs to be fixed.

The problem is that the taxes are like a balloon full of air, if you squeeze the air out of one part, the balloon just gets bigger some place else. If Mr. DeBoer gets a break on his taxes, then somebody else's tax bill gets bigger - and the people that pay the bill for him probably don't deserve to pay it any more than he does. Mr. DeBoer's new "yuppie" neighbors might have a higher income, but paying higher taxes to help out Mr. DeBoer and other folks like him might mean they can't save money to send their kids to college. Is that any more fair?

Mr. DeBoer shouldn't give up hope. He does not have a growing income, but he does have a home that is worth a lot more than he paid for it. There may be a way that he could (directly or indirectly) use the equity he has built up from the appreciation of his home to reduce, if not eliminate the burden of his property taxes without giving up his residence. I have a few ideas along those lines

that I will be happy to share if he is interested.

Mr. DeBoer's plight is unquestionably unfortunate, it might even be tragic, but it's not necessarily unfair.

Jan Koenig, Section 1

Neighborhood Views

After 8 years of George Bush and his friends propping up Ronald Reagan and four years of Bushonomics, it is now time to add up the damage and take our country back. We have added 3 TRILLION dollars to the debt and the interest payments paid to wealthy and foreign investors eat up two thirds of the taxes paid by individuals each year. We spend \$270 BILLION dollars a year to feed our military machine but cannot find the money to feed our needy children. There are no funds for 35 million Americans health care and one out of ten of us are on food stamps, more than at anytime in history.

It is time to restore social justice to the value system of this country and we cannot afford to wait another four years. Our cities are divided by race and economic class as never before. It is very likely that we have not seen the last of urban rebellion such as triggered by the Rodney King verdict. Individual acts of racial violence bred by despair and hopelessness after a decade of neglect and failed government policies are on the front page of every newspaper and news program.

Building more prisons is the domestic policy of a country at war with its own people. As most of these people are young, black, addicted to drugs or violence, we are breeding the conditions for a more organized urban terror than we have ever known. Today's inmates will be tomorrow's ghetto politicians.

This will be the first election in 25 years that suburban voters will constitute the majority. These voters will decide whether we continue the flight from our declining cities to the fantasy of suburban safety. Suburban voters will decide if we will continue as two nations. They will decide if we will finally end the worship of the free-market at the expense of the community.

Those of us who live in the suburbs, yet love the city, must realize that we have a special opportunity this year - and a heavy burden. We can cast our lot with the politics of division and abandon the city - it's children, their education, their safety. Or we can embrace the politics of unity and demand that our politicians use our valuable resources to invest in the services that restore lives and create opportunity. This may be our last chance.

I recommend the following books that inspired this article. They are available at BookStop.
Savage Inequalities- Jonathon Kozol
America: What Went Wrong?- Philadelphia Inquirer
Two Nations: Black and White; Separate and Unequal - Andrew Hacker
Chain Reaction- Thomas Edsall

David Jones Section 2

David is host of a T.V. show entitled *Pressing Issues*. This program airs on the Access cable channel, Tuesdays at 9:00 P.M., Sundays at 10:00 A.M., Fridays at 7:00 P.M.

Did you know?

- The U.S. spends 2 billion dollars a day on health care but 37 million Americans are uninsured.
- Two thirds of the uninsured are working people whose jobs provide no benefits and who do not qualify for public health benefits.
- The U.S. wastes more money on health insurance bureaucracy than it would cost to provide health care to the uninsured and end all co-insurance and deductibles for all U.S. citizens.
- The U.S. infant mortality rate is higher than that of 21 other industrialized countries.
- Five million American children under age twelve suffer from hunger.
- One in four American children has not been fully immunized. One in six children has no public or private health insurance.
- Homicide is the second leading cause of death among adolescents. Every day a child under age 15 is killed by handgun violence.
- One in five American children is living in poverty.
- One hundred thousand children are homeless.

— The U.S. Military pollutes more than all industry combined and does not have to obey our laws.

— NATO countries refused to allow the subject of military pollution to be placed on the agenda at the Earth Conference held recently in Rio.

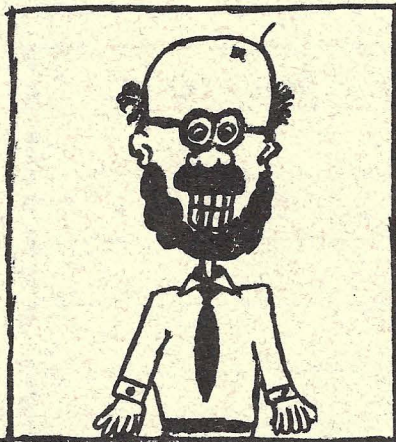
— The U.S Military uses enough fuel in one year to power all the cars and trucks now running for 21 years.

What has happened to our country? Let's change things by becoming more active personally and by electing a vigorous, sane, environmentally and socially responsible President and public officials that protect people and gives us jobs without selling our health, our environment and our children's future. Register to vote and think about what's at stake.

From information provided by CISSY FARENTHOLD, THE Coalition for America's Children (202-857-7829) and Rep. Marty Russo. Rep. Russo is sponsoring H.R. 1300, known as the Universal Health Care Act of 1991

Let's Do the Numbers

Did you know that only 6% of Garden Oaks houses (99 out of 1476) have legible house numbers?!! Thank you, Neighbors, for installing better lights and house numbers and for those of you that keep that light burning all night! It makes a difference!



Meet Scott. He's an incompetent editor who thinks he knows what he's doing. (Yea, right.)

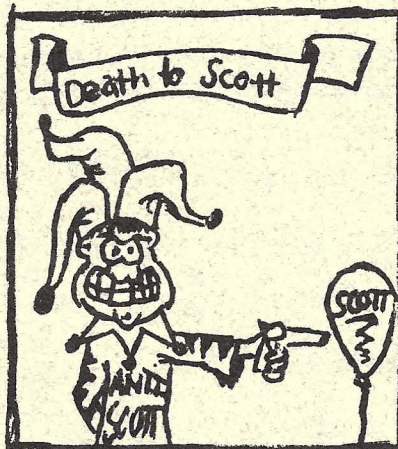
ATTENTION:

We are looking for a few good patrollers - retired people for day time patrolling between 6 AM - 6 PM. Also, Area 1 is in looking for one more Base Station. Anyone interested in participating as a Base or if you can help patrol during the day, please contact Johnny Murphy 688-7337 or Trish Mehrkam 683-8461.

Do You Have a Permit?

To comply with Houston City ordinance, you must have a permit to install an alarm in your home. There is a \$50.00 fine if you do not have a permit. The basic alarm permit is \$10.00 with an additional \$10.00 if you have a panic button on the alarm system. Applications will be available at the next Civic Club Meeting or you can obtain one at 901 Bagby, License Dept., Houston, Texas 77001. For more information call 247-1834.

Congratulations to
Ria McElvaney
for her election to the
Board of Trustees for
Section 5.



Meet Timi He's an intolerant 15 Year Old who knows how to deal with old bald guys: Public Humiliation.



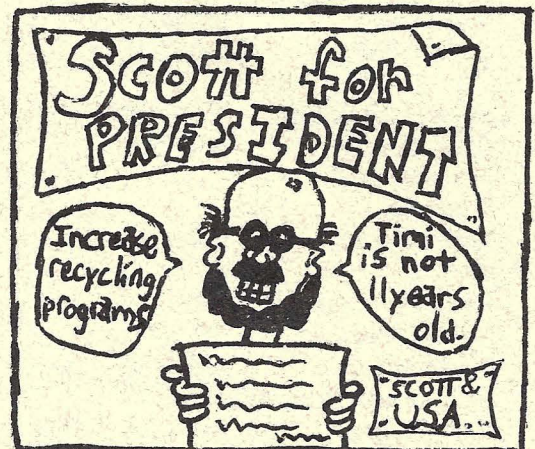
July Birthdays

2	Abigail Armstrong,	3 yrs.
6	Amanda Mitchell,	10 yrs.
9	Whiskers,	15 yrs.
10	Jack Peden,	6 yrs.
11	Annie Newlin,	3 yrs.
11	Brian Byers,	3 yrs.
11	Ollie Watson,	9314 yrs.
12	Scott MacClymonds,	400 yrs.
15	Bill McMillian,	575 yrs.
18	Karl Duncan,	231 yrs.
21	Fido,	14 yrs.
25	Matthew Welker,	5 yrs.
26	Kelly Benson,	5 yrs.
26	Joshua Marek,	9 yrs.
28	Susan McMillian,	574 yrs.
31	Spot,	7 yrs.



Welcome to our world!

Racheal Naff is a new addition to Garden Oaks! This fresh babe was brought onto our planet on April 30th by Kathy and Philip Naff of Section 5. Racheal weighed in at 7 lbs. 6 oz. Kathy says she has daddy's eyes.



Tim Page '92

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July Action						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4 Independence Day
5 <i>Reptiles</i> 1-4 Armand Bayou Nature Center 474-2551	6	7 Civic Club Meeting 7:00 pm	8	9 C.O.P. Training Session 10:00 am	10 Gazette Deadline 7:00 pm	11 Recycle Pick-up 8:00 am
12 Day the Earth Stood Still	13	14	15	16 P.L.P. Meeting 7:30 pm	17	18 <i>Marine Mollusks</i> 1-4 Armand Bayou Nature Center 474-2551
19 <i>Local Snakes</i> 1-4 Armand Bayou Nature Center 474-2551	20	21 Heavy Trash Pick-up	22	23 C.O.P. Training Session 7 pm	24	25 Wildlife Rehab 1-4 Armand Bayou Nature Center
26 <i>Local Snakes</i> 1-4 Armand Bayou Nature Center 474-2551	27	28	29	30	31	1 Skulls 1-4 Armand Bayou Nature Center 474-2551
2 <i>Spider Webs</i> 1-4 Armand Bayou Nature Center 474-2551	3	4 Civic Club 7:00 pm National Night Out	5	6	7	8 <i>Owls</i> 1-4 Armand Bayou Nature Center 474-2551

GARDEN OAKS CIVIC CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Children/Birthdates: _____

Years lived in Garden Oaks: _____

Phone: _____

Annual Membership Fees \$10 Family Membership
 \$5 Senior Citizens (Garden Oaks Roots)
 \$25 Business Membership

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: GARDEN OAKS CIVIC CLUB
MAIL TO: Blanche Leonard, V.P., Membership
1015 W. 41st, Houston, TX 77018

GARDEN OAKS

A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE

All Garden Oaks Neighbors are invited to the July Civic Club meeting which will be held Tuesday July 7th at 7:00 p.m. at the Garden Oaks Baptist Church Fellowship Hall at 3206 North Shepherd.

This is the meeting you do not want to miss! It will be an evening of **ICE CREAM** and chatting with your *neighbors*. If you have a favorite homemade ice cream recipe (or Blue Bell) please bring some, for your neighbors. The **Civic Club** will provide toppings cups, cones, and spoons.

Call Blanche at 680-1027 and let her know what your bringing.

Please bring this application to the meeting. We presently have **315 households** as members, out of 1450 homes in Garden Oaks. Please help support your neighborhood by joining the **Civic Club, Neighbors Helping Neighbors.**

Please Join us at your next Civic Club meeting and Ice Cream Social:

WHEN: Tuesday, July 7th, 1992 7:00 p.m.
WHERE: Garden Oaks Baptist Church, Fellowship Hall, 3206 North Shepherd
EATS: Bring your Favorite Ice Cream
KIDS: Sitters available \$1.00 per kid

GARDEN OAKS CIVIC CLUB

1992 MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Section _____

Years Lived in Garden Oaks _____ Do you wish to receive the Gazette? _____

\$10 Annual Membership

\$5 Annual Senior Citizen Membership

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