

## The Way We Wuz

Reflections on chapters past filled my mind as I exited the Garden Oaks Theater with family and friends recently. I wondered if the era of Houston's great theaters would soon only be another memory. The recent closing of the Belaire Theater sealed another chapter.

Memories... Many a Saturday I skipped to Belaire Theater Funday's clutching my cherished quarter allowance from my grand-parents. That gift opened the door to Saturdays ritual of cartoons, popcorn, soda and the twist contest. (I won quite a few!) But the way it was at the Belaire is now just a memory.

A sweet sixteen date lead me across town, underneath the railroad trestle to another Houston landmark- the Garden Oaks Theater and the Garden Oaks community. My date and I sat in the enormous balcony and were treated to a showing of the film, *The Way*

*We Were. Wow, What memories! Who knew then that our roots would become so deep. A few years later we married, moved to Garden Oaks, and began to raise our family. Later years brought even more, an exciting year as Civic Club president and now a flourishing career as an area business woman.*

*From the simple days of childhood, through the romantic nights as a teen, to the recent fun times with friends and family, the great movie theaters always produced special memories. Our very own theater, the Garden Oaks Theater is no exception. Wouldn't it be sad to reflect on good times at the Garden Oaks Theater as only memories and the way it was? See you at the movies!*

Terry Jeanes, Section 5

## G.O.T. and the Com-mun-i-ty

I spoke recently to the Heights Association about the Garden Oaks Theater and my plans to re-introduce the theater into the community. Those Heights people were really enthusiastic. I barely explained my plans and they launched into a vigorous question and answer session.

Mr.Z has started advertising in the Leader every week and is hoping this will attract more movie goers. The response to my call for help in saving the Garden Oaks brought a better response than anything yet. I hope that interest brings everyone into the theater sometime soon. Two bucks makes a cheap date. If anyone has an interest in saving the Garden Oaks please call my machine (697-0069). Thanks to all who left messages, I will be in touch soon.

Some possible future events are:

1. A community screening for all civic club members
2. a Funday (clowns, cartoons) on a Saturday for disadvantaged children
3. Weekend showings of Rocky Horror Picture show.
4. A fundraiser for Civic Clubs Home Maintenance Sub-Committee (John McKenny, Chairperson)
5. What else?

If you have something to offer that could help bring this theater back to the future, call me (whatever you have to offer).

Remember, every Friday is Garden Oaks at the Movies night at 7:00pm!

## Thanks Y'all

Toe Tappers Dance Company has just returned from their performances at Disney World and MGM Studios Florida. We would like to thank the many friends and businesses in the Garden Oaks area that made it possible for Lindsey Russell to join us on the trip to Florida. Although Lindsey was unable to perform, we were very grateful to have her with us. Without your generosity and loving support, the trip would not have been possible for Lindsey. We would like to thank Garden Oaks for your help by inviting you to our concert at Miller Theater on Saturday, September 12th at 11:00 A.M.

## What's Going Down

The next Powwow(wow) of the Civic Club will be Tuesday, September 1st at 7:00pm at Garden Oaks Baptist church. We will have a "Town Hall" meeting where we may just vote to secede from the State and form our own Nation. We will also chat about Strange Ideas like a Whataburger in your Face. Also, Projected Projects like sidewalks around the school and Deed Restriction Stuff will be kicked around. Jeanne Daniels (Garden Oaks Elementary Principal) will talk about what's happening at the school. So come on down and have some funfun(fun).

## Hey you It's me!

Waldo Townley turned 80 on August 1. This young dude has for the last 50 years lived in Section 4. He also served on our Board of Trustees for fifteen years. Waldo wants his pals to know he is still prowling around the neighborhood and that he plans to hang around at least another 80 years. No big deal Waldo, after all, Cassie Sly just turned 32,332 and Carla Hoyer is 320,987! You are still a puppy. Waldo is hereby made a Friend of the Gazette for the great message he left on the editor's machine.

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### **President's Skinny**

Last month the Garden Oaks Civic Club joined the Houston Homeowners Association, a group of neighborhood and civic associations around town. The HHA is working to keep neighborhoods informed as developments occur concerning the new zoning ordinance. One of the main concerns of this group is that many of the committee heads of the Zoning and Planning Commission are real estate developers who may not always have homeowners interests in mind.

Many things are happening with the zoning ordinance that could affect our neighborhood. Some of the issues being discussed include:

**HOME-BASED BUSINESSES -**  
What kind of businesses would be allowed in residential neighborhoods? The current criteria is the four NOs: no employees, no signs, no odors or noise, and no off-street parking. Will the City continue to enforce deed restrictions prohibiting home-based businesses in neighborhoods like Garden Oaks?

**IN-HOME DAY CARES -**  
Should they be permitted? Should there be limits on the number of children? Should there be distance requirements to limit the number of in-home day care on a street?

**COMMERCIAL BUFFER ZONES -**  
How much of a buffer zone should there be between residential and commercial areas? What kind of buffer zone is adequate? It is important to keep informed on the development of the ordinance pertaining to commercial buffer zones, especially those who live close to Ella, Shepherd and Yale.

Other areas being discussed include height restrictions, fencing, spacing requirements for group homes, and setbacks. It is important to note that neighborhoods like Garden Oaks could have stricter restrictions than the rest of Houston because the deed restrictions would still be enforceable. However, it is still important to keep informed on zoning developments because it will affect areas immediately around us.

I am looking for someone who would be interested in being the alternate representative to the HHA

for the Civic Club. If you are interested, please call me. Also if enough people are interested, a small committee could be formed to develop positions on some of these issues for Garden Oaks. Think about it, the future of our neighborhood and the immediate areas depend on a strong enforceable zoning policy.

Anita

### **Sues Hot Picks**

*Unforgiven*/Clint Eastwood 3.5  
popcorns: soon to be a classic western  
*Raising Cain*/John Lithgow: 1.5  
unpoppedcorns, disappointing, not  
scary, was this supposed to be funny?

*Honey I Blew Up the Kid*/ Rick  
Moranis: better than the first one, a  
kid's movie

*Death Becomes Her*/ Meryl Streep,  
Goldie Hawn. Bruce Willis:  
3 popcorns; Fun movie, not that dark  
for a black comedy.

### **Do you Walk or Jog Routinely?**

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in need of patrollers. We are not asking  
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## Can You See The Light? 8

The City of Houston has recently negotiated an agreement with Houston Lighting and Power Company to reduce the cost of upgrading street lighting. This will greatly reduce the cost to homeowners and civic clubs to convert residential area lights from mercury vapor to high-pressure sodium which provides three times greater illumination. Homeowners used to have to pay for three years of operation and maintenance costs per light which was a significant cost. Now only one year of operation cost is required and this may also be reduced.

Some believe that street lights are a major tool in reducing crime in residential areas. A survey printed in the January 1992 *Gazette* to determine what capital projects the Garden Oaks neighborhood wanted resulted in several Garden Oaks residents requesting additional or upgraded lighting on their streets.

Does Garden Oaks want to take advantage of this opportunity now? Please let your views be known by returning the following form to Anita Scherer, 4223 Apollo, 77018 by September 10. Once it is determined whether this project would be generally supported by Garden Oaks, additional information on costs and scheduling will be provided to allow the neighborhood a final decision as to whether or not this is something Garden Oaks would want and support.

YES, I would like the street lighting upgraded on my block.

NO, I do not want the street lighting upgraded on my block.

I live on the \_\_\_\_\_ block of \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

(Optional):

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Have you paid your 1992 dues? \_\_\_\_\_

## WANTED!

A thoughtful Bush/Quayle supporter to write an article for the *Gazette* expounding on the virtues of George Bush. I know that there must be someone out there that believes Mr. Bush is the "moral compass of the nation", and now is your opportunity to reach the masses. We have a preponderance of Clinton supporters writing the Neighborhood Views column and a dearth of opposition. Your Garden Oaks *Gazette*, the Voice of the People, likes to print alternative views. I have had only one person call my machine and offer to write something favorable to Bush but have received nothing. Remember, this paper will print all sides of any issue of interest to the community by any resident. Political stuff, events, sage advise, little ditties, bad habits, all concerns may be voiced in these pages.

## Duty Calls!

It's that time of year again. Time to look for individuals who will graciously volunteer to serve as officers and committee chairpersons. There are many talented people living in Garden Oaks. You know who you are.

A nominating committee will be selected in September to "smoke out" potential candidates for civic club office. The Civic Club Officers are; President, Membership (1st VP), *Gazette* editor (2nd VP), Secretary, and Treasurer. Also, several committees may be requiring chairpersons. Please seriously consider where your talents can be used best.

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#### Gazette!

So far this year as editor has been fun. I met some great people and have formed some good friendships as a result of this position. Some resistance to my approach was expected, but the tremendous support received compared to the negative stuff has been continually gratifying. My style is not for everyone but, like hey... so what! Soon, the Civic Club will be holding elections to select new officers and I will retire as editor at the conclusion of my term. And to quote Barry Lyndon, I mean Lyndon Johnson, if nominated, I will not run. If elected, I will move to Costa Rica. Or something like that. Come on all you closet editors. I know you're out there somewhere. Maybe hiding, or in denial. Please call my machine, volunteer for this highly entertaining position and you could turn out to be the next William Randolph Hearst! I will be moving on to other projects and hope the *Gazette* will stay punchy. However, I asked one of the neighborhood's extremist, right winger, Archie Bunker, Rush Limburger, Republican apologist types to take over next year. I did that because one of my masochistic sub-personalities demanded it. BUT....he/she refused.

### Home Tour

Mark your calendars now for Home Tour 92. It's guaranteed to be a winning day for all who either help out or attend. This year its planned for Sunday, October 18 from noon until 6 p.m.

Six wonderful homes have been selected to interest and inspire all who tour them. One is a specious new construction; another is a former ugly duckling that's now a neighborhood beauty: and the owner of one of the other houses painstakingly hand stenciled ceiling borders and window coverings in a variety of coordinated designs.

Doyles Delicatessen is underwriting a picnic in the park, where families and friends can gather anytime during Home Tour times. Area

residents will be cooking. Booths will feature Civic Club, Garden Club, Plant Co-op, GOCOP and Education Matters! If you are feeling lucky, generous or both, you may want to purchase some raffle tickets. Area merchants have donated about 75 prizes. A weekend getaway for two, dry cleaning certificates, a face painting party for kids or adults, plants, Garden Oaks Theater passes, lunches, a speakerphone and more!

The Home Tour 92 committee will recommend that Civic Club will vote to budget the proceeds to "Neighbors Helping Neighbors", whereby funds are allocated to paint or spruce up selected neighborhood homes and to the Garden Oaks Board of Trustees for use in helping enforce deed restrictions.

Volunteers are still needed to help out on tour day, selling tickets, T-shirts, or serving as doorpersons. If your interested in volunteering—meeting your neighbors and helping improve Garden Oaks— call Jennifer Day at 699-8417. She can let you know what volunteer positions are open. You could also promote the day by purchasing and wearing Section 3 resident Karen Benson's specially designed t-shirt. These shirts will be on sale next Civic Club meeting and on Home Tour day.

Pre-sale tickets will be available at Kaplans Ben-Hur, beginning Oct.1 for \$5. On Home Tour day, tickets will be \$6.

### Recycling

Earlier this year, I wrote a few articles about the paper industry and how it concerned our program. One month it was bad, the next month it was...not so bad. Today, it's back to bad. Paper continues to be a challenge. Last month, the company that provides the paper container called me 48 hours before pickup day to tell me they were quitting. After an hour of discussing the issues with them, I was able to persuade the company to honor their commitment to our program. We feel optimistic that we will be able to find a new recycler that will provide us with containers.

However, in the event we fail to obtain containers and are thus unable to collect your paper, we will publicize the situation via SIGNS in the PARKS and other STRATEGIC locations. "If" we cannot accept the paper, you must trash it or give it to someone else. We will continue to recycle glass, metal, and computer paper.

I may have worried some of you needlessly but in others, perhaps have sparked some interest. It is the time of year to ask other residents to lead this merry and illustrious band of recycling volunteers into the future. If you are interested in a leadership role, please call me.

With school starting this month, the recycling committee decided it would be an opportune time to present our local schools a financial gift that would assist students and teachers in the field of environmental awareness. Next recycling day, School principals Jeanne Daniels and Sharon Koontz will accept a check for \$100 each. Educating our children about the environment and allowing them to be a part of finding solutions to our problems is something we need to encourage and support. Finally, the G.O. resident whose name was drawn from last months list of "drop off recyclers" was Ms. Mildred Warhol. She is the recipient of movie passes to the Garden Oaks Theater. Thanks to Ms. Warhol and Al Zarzana for supporting the community.

**January to August totals:**

Metals	\$888.33
Glass	\$624.95
Paper	\$163.92

Tim Pagel

**Beautification**

Thanks to Jim Ballash for attending to the grass at the Art Park. Jim is doing a great job and the park looks really nice.

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**Lotsa Pasta**

*Chris Cato has started a local restaurant group supporting local eateries.*

I hope this is the beginning of something good or at least something that tastes good. A word of caution however - I am not a food critic and these are not five star restaurants. These are mom and pops. Many of these places have been around for years. All of them depend on the patronage of the surrounding communities. One such mom and pop is De Pauls located at 1534 North Shepherd. It's the restaurant you don't see, or at the best, catch a fleeting glimpse of as you pass along North Shepherd. This is one of the oldest restaurants in Houston. DePauls has been in business since 1959 and is managed by Marcella Pagonis. A Greek immigrant born and raised on the island of Chios, Marcella has brought a few changes to the DePauls menu. Along with traditional Italian dishes, Marcella offers authentic Greek entrees, most of which she prepares herself. The Greek Moussaka is to die for. A connoisseur of such things and the one surrounded by the most empty dishes, Rusty Day was delighted with the pasta. Terry Jeanes toured the kitchen and commented about the cleanliness. She also noticed the orders were freshly prepared- no freezer to microwave here. The place is nice, Marcella is nice. You go there twice and your friends. I've been there four times and I'm part of the family. If you would like to join us next time out call me at 864-7864.

Chris Cato, Section 1

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## Neighborhood Views

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How can anyone vote for George Bush this year? George Bush is a man who talks about, "family values", but clearly has no values himself. After all, he betrayed his most sacred promise to the American people, "No New Taxes", which was really what got him elected. Not only did he betray the American people but he didn't even bother to come on T.V. to explain why he was raising taxes. Finally he missed a golden opportunity to reform the incredibly wasteful and corrupt way that the federal government spends money (i.e. he could have traded his no new taxes pledge for a line item veto or a balanced budget amendment). Incredibly the architects of the tax increase (which has given the country record federal spending and deficits along with a recession). Treasury Secretary Brady and Budget Director Darman are still on the job despite Bush's own admission that the tax increase was a mistake. And George Bush has the nerve to talk about values?

The second reason not to vote for George Bush is that he clearly has no vision of where he wants to lead the country in the next four years. I believe his problem is that he is a "country club Republican" and therefore is out of touch with the problems of middle and lower income America. So he must rely on other people to tell him what position to take on issues. Hence the flip-flopping and lack of leadership from the White House that we have seen on domestic issues for the last four years.

The cold war is over and we can be thankful that George Bush's foreign policy experience was available for the demise of communism. But foreign policy will probably be less important in the next four years. What WILL be important is a President addressing the many problems of this country that otherwise will continue to worsen. George Bush, with his willingness to compromise his values and his lack of leadership vision is clearly not the person for the job.

David Hoyer, Section 2

Watching the recent Republican Convention reminded me of old newsreels of an Adolf Hitler propagandea rally. Instead of Hermann Goering, now we have Pat Buchanan preaching among other things, white male supremacy, (does eye color matter?) the evil of women in the workforce, and that people working to save our environment are somehow to blame for the recession because they are interfering with big business profits. Democrats are not even considered Americans according to Buchanan. I was embarrassed to be a white male as hatred filled rhetoric was wildly cheered by the virtually all white delegates. Watching this made me realize that here was a group of hatemongers that were in their element. I know that all members of the Republican party do not agree with the way that the religious right has allied itself with hatemongers to take control of their party. I think it must be very depressing for average conservative Republicans to be faced either with supporting a party that has abandoned them as it has veered into right wing extremism or jumping ship to Clinton or simply not voting at all.

Like a lot of people, I have no party affiliation. The Democrats and Republican parties are dominated by persons determined to wield power until they die or are indicted. I am an independent voter that favors Clinton because I believe he would be better for the country than four more years of a failed administration and I don't believe that the feel good pills Mr. Bush is peddling now are going to work any better than the bad medicine we have swallowed thus far.

Scott MacClymonds, Section 2

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## "Toontown" Heights Festival October 4

The Heights Festival will be Sunday, October 4 from 12 noon to 6:00 pm at the 1400-1900 blocks of Heights Blvd. This year's theme is "Toontown in the Heights". Cartoon character decorations are encouraged.

For the past few years the Garden Oaks Civic Club has sponsored a booth at the Heights Festival to raise money. Last year the Garden Oaks Citizens on Patrol organized and manned the booth as a fundraiser for their committee. In the past the Civic Club has sold drinks and ice cream, but ANY and ALL ideas are welcome.

If ANYONE or any committee is interested in sponsoring a booth at the Heights Festival as a fundraiser for the Civic Club or their committee, please contact Anita Scherer at 956-7809. The deadline for submitting an application for a booth is September 29, 1992.

## Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for all the fresh vegetables from your garden. The very first few tomatoes that Jan (Koenig) brought looked so good... I had had none so - you guessed it - I ate them! The very next morning I gave \$5 to the pantry fund and since then all have gone to feed the hungry.

I have always believed that feeding the hungry was everyone's problem and I like to think St. Matthews' Pantry does represent all our community. We get produce from you, food from Boy Scouts, Memorial N. West and Leader Fair to name a few. We get donations of money from neighbors, near-by business and even food from another church that has no pantry. I think that is great. If any of you would like to see our pantry, you let me know and we would love to have you visit - ya'll come!

Thanks and God Bless,  
Mabel Smith

Director of St. Matthews' Food Pantry  
(The Garden Oaks Community Garden is located on Alba, north of Sue Barnett. All produce is donated to the Food Pantry. For more information on how you can help with the Garden, call Jan Koenig 869-8997)

## Does Garden Oaks Want Sidewalks or What?

Mayor Lanier's neighborhood revitalization program includes the installation of sidewalks around neighborhood schools for school children walking to and from school. As many of you already know, Garden Oaks Elementary was targeted as one of those schools to receive sidewalks, if the school and neighborhood approve. According to the Capital Projects Department at the City of Houston, four-foot concrete sidewalks are planned where feasible. In areas where existing trees or ditches would not allow this, an asphalt pathway is planned. Gutters and curbs are not included in this plan.

This project is in the tentative stage right now. The streets tentatively chosen for these improvements are the 800 and 700 blocks of 41st Street, 700 block of Garden Oaks Blvd., 700 block of 38th Street, 700 block of Sue Barnett, Wakefield and Sara Rose. There will be no assessment to the homeowners living on these streets.

The question remains as to whether or not residents on these streets want sidewalks. If you live on the affected streets, please call my recorder at 956-7809 by September 4 and leave your name, the block you live on, and whether or not you want a sidewalk on your block. If this polling indicates that the neighborhood just won't support sidewalks on these streets, a letter from the Garden Oaks Civic Club will be written to the City of Houston requesting that Garden Oaks be removed from this project list. The Civic Club will continue to keep residents informed of the status of this project.

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- 11 Anna Benson, 2 yrs
- 15 Rusty Day, 36 yrs
- 19 Alex Ralston, 6 yrs
- 19 Rick Martini, 3221 yrs
- 20 Allison Bell, 8 yrs
- 23 Richelle Luck, 9 yrs
- 24 Trey Englert, 8 yrs
- 25 Jaime Pierce, 30 finally!
- 26 Benjamin Cato, 1 year!
- 27 Bill Shecter, 655 yrs
- 28 Carly Epstein, 10 yrs
- 28 Michele Markarian-Martini, 888 yrs
- 29 Kate McElvaney, 4 yrs
- 29 Celine-Marie Webb, 5 yrs
- 29 Kathryn Newlin, 7 yrs
- 29 Elissa Gaulden, 9 yrs
- 30 Rick Englert, 44 yrs

## Belated Birthdays

- Walter Townley August 1-80 yrs
- Kate Sly August 24- 4 years old
- Cassie Sly August 11-(32,332 yrs old)
- Carla Hoyer August 13-(320,987)
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September Action						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1 Civic Club 7:00 pm	2 Clinton Meeting St. Thomas University 6:30 pm	3 <i>First Quarter</i>	4	5
6	7 Labor Day	8	9 Clinton Meeting St. Thomas University 6:30 pm	10 C.O.P. Training Session 10:00 am Gazette Deadline 7:00 pm	11	12 <i>Full Moon</i> Recycle Pick-up 8:00 am
13 Grandparents Day	14	15 Heavy Trash Pick-up	16 Clinton Meeting St. Thomas University 6:30 pm Autumnal Equinox	17 P.I.P. Meeting 7:30 pm	18	19 <i>Last Quarter</i>
20	21	22	23 Clinton Meeting St. Thomas University 6:30 pm	24 C.O.P. Training Session 7 pm	25	26 <i>New Moon</i>
27	28 Rosh Hashanah	29	30 Clinton Meeting St. Thomas University 6:30 pm	1	2	3
4 Heights Festival	5	6 Civic Club 7:00 pm	7 Clinton Meeting St. Thomas University 6:30 pm	8	9	10

**Clip and Save Recycling Reminders:**

**WHEN:** Second Saturday of the month at 8 a.m.  
**WHERE:** Drop-off at The Garden Oaks Theater parking lot (8 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.) or Curbside (by 8 a.m.)  
**WHAT AND HOW:**  
**ALUMINUM CANS:** Non-magnetic, RINSED.  
**NON-FERROUS (Not Steel) METALS:** Items such as copper, brass, and aluminum. No refrigerators, dishwashers or other appliances.  
**GLASS:** Separated into clear and colored glass; RINSED and CLEANED; NO LIDS; Labels can be left on; NO PLATE GLASS!; No plastic bags, please.  
**NEWSPAPERS:** Bundled or placed in paper grocery bags; No plastic bags please.  
**COMPUTER PAPER:** Bundled, boxed or placed in paper bags; No carbon inserts, no binding, no staples.  
**WHITE LEDGER:** Bond paper bundled, boxed or placed in paper bags; NO glossy junk mail, NCR (No Carbon Required) paper, or telephone books, no binding.  
**BROWN PAPER GROCERY BAGS** are also recyclable so use them whenever you can.  
**NO PLASTICS**



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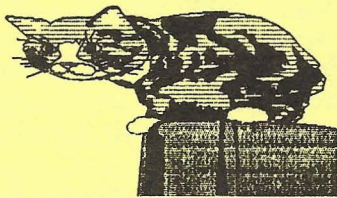
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## Pet Halloween Costume Contest

The second annual Pet Halloween Costume Contest will be held on Halloween day, Saturday, October 31, 1992 from 2:30-4:30pm in Candlelight Park at Candlelight Lane and Oak Forest. Entrants must be in line to register by 3:00pm and judging for the 5 categories will begin at 3:15pm. Included in



this years categories are:

- Funniest
- Best owner/pet dress alike, look alike
- Most original
- Traditional Halloween
- Best Political look alike

There is no entry fee, but caretakers are asked to bring food as donations for local food pantries. Caretakers must keep animals leashed, kenneled or caged for the protection of their pet and other participants.

Judges will award the prizes at 4:00pm and photos will be taken by 4:15pm.

For further information on this day of fun for you and your pet, please contact our office at 861-5040 for a list of rules prior to October 15, 1992.

## SHE'S HERE!

Suzanne Debien, REALTORS, Inc. is pleased to announce that **BETTY HALL** has joined her office of residential sales specialists. "Betty is a dedicated professional who will serve our clients extremely well," said Suzanne Debien. **Ms. Hall** will be the ambassador in the Heights and Timbergrove subdivisions and her knowledge and experience in these areas is extensive. **Betty** has lived in the Timbergrove area for the past 15 years and prior to that she lived in neighboring Heights. She has been extremely active in civic endeavors and served as recent past President of the 1991-1992 Timbergrove Manor Neighborhood Association. **Betty's** professional real estate career began in the early 80's when while working for the nation's largest mortgage lender, she studied for her real estate exam at night. Both agent and broker, **Betty** is readily available to assist customers with all real estate needs and may be contacted by phone at 861-5040, Ext. 225.

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

## NOTABLE "QUOTES"

**M**ichael Wiesenthal of Harold's in the Heights, 350 West 19th at Ashland, reported that cotton sweaters will be tremendous for the fall and winter in Houston. Crew-neck styling will dominate, but v-neck and cardigans will still be popular. The texture, while not flat, will depart from the bulky cotton's of previous seasons and



colors will tend toward the earth tones and away from the primary colors. Suits will be dark and dressy, featuring a new shade, deep petro-blue. The suit shoulders will narrow a bit and Michael stated that "double breasted is still good."

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## "QUOTES" Continued

**T**aska Ventura, Owner of Ventura's Bridal Salon and her manager, Virginia Gray were delighted to discuss a new trend in Bridal wear that gives versatility for the bride of 1992. "The mini-wedding dress, camouflaged by a removable skirt and train gives the bride a multi-use dress for her special day and future events", stated Taska. "The underdress, with a length above the knee, is unveiled at the reception or for a going-away outfit, while keeping a traditional look for the wedding. Some brides have even stated their intention to wear this mini-dress for their first anniversary dinner as a special way to remember their wedding" Mrs. Ventura added. "We are always searching for unique and cost-effective alternatives for our bridal clients." Ventura's Bridal Salon is located on the corner of Yale and loop 610 at 102 North Loop.

**E**velyn Bishop, owner of Terri's Dress Shop, 1447 Yale said that "Fall 1992 offers exciting and expressive fashions with a creative mix of simple classics, nostalgic styles and non-traditional new comers. For a versatile fall wardrobe that is easy on the budget, take basic blazers, skirts and tops and blend them with unique new pieces. Express your wardrobe personality by choosing from a Western theme, 40's or 60's influence, or simple classics in updated bright jewel tones." Mrs. Bishop went on to state "for new 1992 items to spice up your mix, add wrap skirts, herringbone or plaid jackets, pleated skirts in various styles and pant suits to your fall and winter wardrobe."

## Coloring Contest Concludes

The 1992 Summer Coloring Contest for northwest area youths, offered by Suzanne Debien REALTORS, Inc., has concluded, and the winners have been awarded their \$50.00 U.S. Savings bonds as well as having their artwork framed and presented back to them. The four part contest featured the following themes for participation:

*Mother's Day*

*Father's Day*

*Fourth of July and*

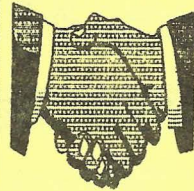
*Summer Vacations*

Winning for the Mother's day contest segment were **Francine Di. age 11** and **Krysten Oliphant, age 6**. Their contest sponsor was **John Thomas of Independence One Mortgage Company**.

**Racheal Arguelles, age 13** won a singular prize for the Father's Day contest with her gentle portrayal of her step-father's care for her family. **Harold Wiesenthal of Harold's in the Heights** was her contest sponsor and displayed her artwork during the month of June in his fashionable store. Taking the prize for the Fourth of July was **Kristi Ramsey, age 6** with her colorful rendition of fireworks, while **Xiomara Meriel Maya** was awarded her prize for what she did on her summer vacation. These girls were presented their awards by their contest sponsors, **Dian Parker, Personal Banker and Vickie Best, Manager of Team Bank, Oak Forest**, who also served as judges for the contest. Congratulations to all the 1992 participants!

## "GOOD NEIGHBOR"

### Awards Announced



The 2nd quarter has proved to be a very eventful time for Suzanne Debien's Good Neighbor Award campaign. Seven different subdivisions were represented by individuals and couples whose "caring manner and helpful actions" placed them in nomination by their friends.

Judges for the 2nd quarter were Senator John Whitmire, Mr. John Snider of Heights Funeral Home and Monsignor Tom Wendland of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church. Winners received their plaques and gift certificate for dining on Friday, July 17th at Cavatore Italian Restaurant, co-sponsor of the awards. On hand for the presentation were Suzanne Debien, Broker and President of Suzanne Debien, REALTORS, Inc. and Amad Affouri, Manager of Cavatore Restaurant. Winners and their nominators were:

**Mrs. C. I. McWhorter** of Timbergrove, nominated by Bob and Irene Haller; **Henry and Frances Supka** of Garden Oaks, nominated by Claire Bresnehan; **Juan and RosaLinda Herrera** of Forest Pines, nominated by Mrs. Ruby Plaster; **Don Blaise** of Shepherd Park Plaza, nominated by Chuck Blesener; **Mr. James Prichard** of Oak Forest, nominated by Mrs. William Wheeler; **Jim and Mary Elizabeth Schell** of Candlelight Estates, nominated by Dian Parker; and **Bob and Julie Bement** of Shepherd Forest, nominated by Mr. & Mrs. Arispe. Nominations are accepted anytime by writing Debien's office and awards are presented quarterly. For information, please call 861-5040: ext 237.

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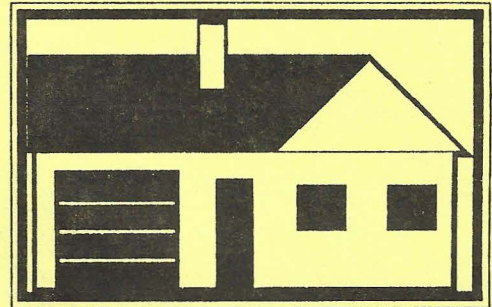
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**BACK ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT:** Linda Landry, REALTOR, Claudia Martinez, REALTOR Assistant, Gary Tidwell, REALTOR, Laura Parsons, Marketing, Charlee Peddicord, REALTOR  
**FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT:** Betty Hall, REALTOR, Veronica Cantu, REALTOR and Assistant to Suzanne Debien, Suzanne Debien, Broker/President and Susan Pesl, REALTOR Not pictured, Jane Caldwell, REALTOR

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Used-home sales slipped slightly in August despite the boost from the lowest mortgage rates in years. The Houston Association of REALTORS reported that 3,216 properties were sold in August, down 10.2 % from 3,581 sales in August of 1991. "I think we are seeing a healthy, steady market," said Beth Wolff, president of H.A.R. Sales in August were slowed somewhat by the impact of Hurricane Andrew and the Republican National Convention, she said. August is traditionally the strongest month of the year for home sales. The total dollar volume of sales closed in August, 1992 was \$327 million down from \$338 million in 1991. (Excerpts from Houston Post, September 12, 1992)

## Your Real Estate Market at a Glance!

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

(Date source: Multiple Listing Service-M.L.S.  
Compiled by Suzanne Debien REALTORS, Inc.)

<b>HOMES SOLD</b>	14	<b>AVG. DAYS ON MARKET</b>	121
<b>HOMES ON THE MARKET</b> (As of September 1, 1992)	54	<b>NUMBER OF BEDROOMS:</b>	
		2 BEDROOMS	29
		3 BEDROOMS	23
		4 BEDROOMS	1
		5 BEDROOMS	1
<b>PRICE RANGE</b>	<b>LOW \$</b>	<b>HIGH \$</b>	<b>AVERAGE \$</b>
	63,900	189,000	113,453
<b>HOMES WITH SALES PENDING</b> (As of September 1, 1992)	6	<b>NUMBER OF BEDROOMS:</b>	
		2 BEDROOMS	4
		3 BEDROOMS	1
		4 BEDROOMS	1
<b>PRICE RANGE</b>	<b>LOW \$</b>	<b>HIGH \$</b>	<b>AVERAGE \$</b>
	82,150	131,000	101,325

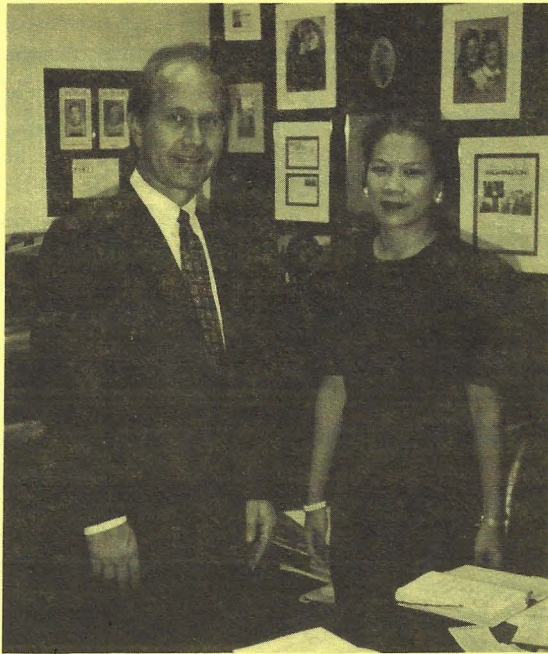


PHOTO LEFT: Senator **John Whitmire**, incumbent Democrat running for re-election in Senatorial District 15 takes a moment from his schedule to discuss Homestead Exemptions with Suzanne Debien of Suzanne Debien, REALTORS, Inc.

PHOTO BELOW: State Senator **Gene Green**, Candidate for Congressional District 29 stops by an office meeting of Suzanne Debien's agents and staff to discuss important homeowners issues relating to crime, deed restriction and property values.



**Remember . . .**

**Please vote, November 3, 1992!**