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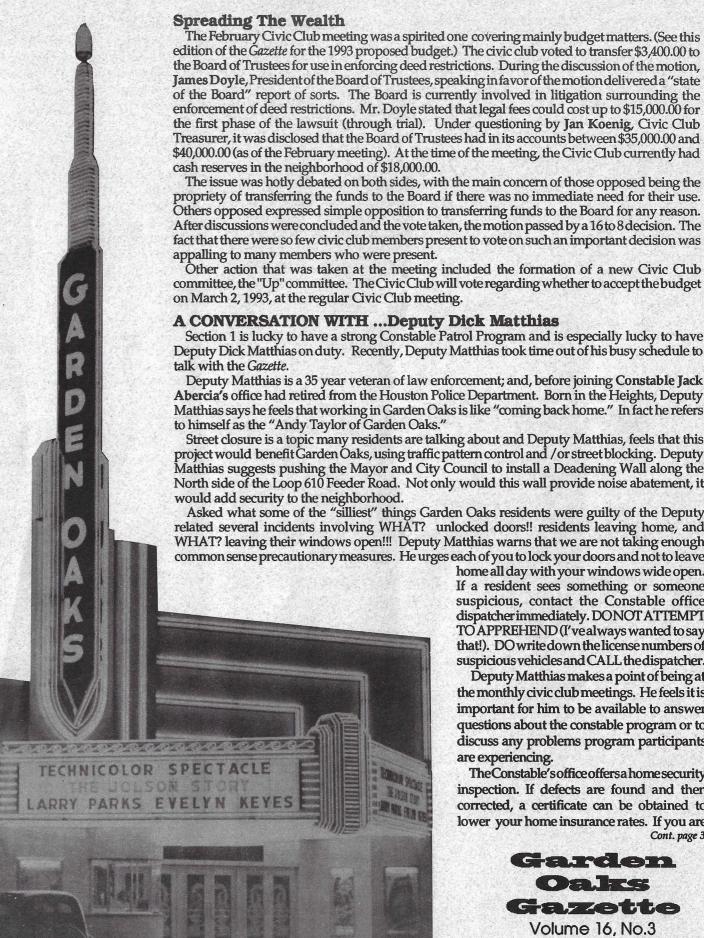
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A CONVERSATION WITH ... Deputy Dick Matthias

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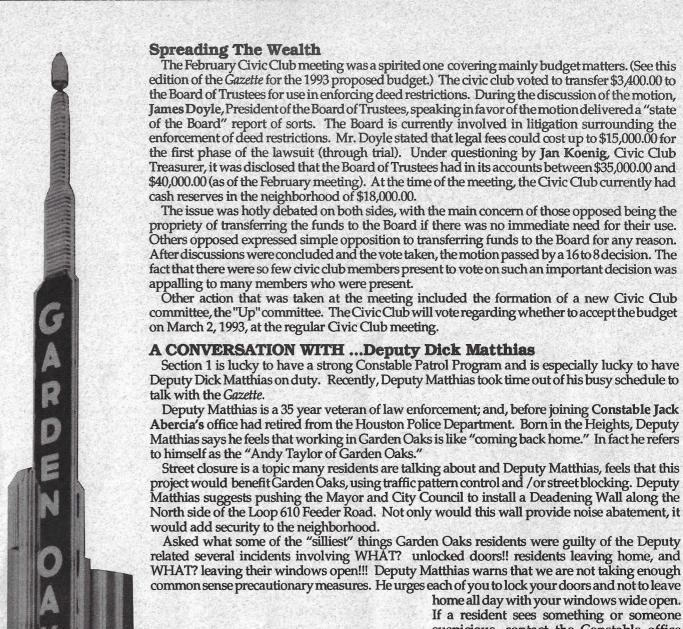
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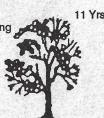
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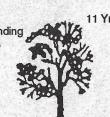
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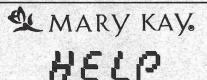
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Love blooms in Section 4! Wedding bells were ringing on February 27th for Gretchen Castro and Will Betts. They will make their home on Gardenia, in a house that they have transformed into a real beauty, inside and out. Will has done extensive work on the house, including replacing all the windows and has even custom designed some of the furniture. We are happy to have you and three-year-old daughter Kelsey as our neighbors.

Joan Tracy and Jaime Pierce found themselves at the same seminar at the Texas Weekday Ministries Conference at St. Luke's. A real coincidence, considering there were 750 teachers there! Joan is the toddler's teacher at St. Matthew's Mother's Day Out and Jaime is the toddler class teacher at St. Mark's. Small world.

Section 5

Brian and Denise Sherwood celebrated their sixth anniversary on February 6 which was also their son Brett's 4th birthday. In order for them to have their anniversary all to themselves, Brett's birthday party was January 30 and was a joint celebration with Chelsea Carter (Section 3) who also turned four that day. The main attraction was a

puppet show performed by the very talented puppeteers-Pene Carter and Denise Sherwood (who also handmade the stage, props and puppets) and narrated by Brian Sherwood. The kids were able to get into the actled by Dennis Carter with renditions of various songs from Achey Breaky Heart to Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star. Invitations to this party included a sock which the kids were to decorate into puppets. Some very interesting and adorable puppets came to this very enjoyable party.

Community Project

Garden Oaks residents will soon be asked to be a part of a major step in setting up a communication network that will greatly benefit our area. Our first step will be to seek, "block captains," (for want of a better term) who will canvass their immediate neighborhood in an attempt to gather information for a directory that will be of value to HOW and COP as well as to each of us as individuals. Garden Oaks has been sectioned off with something like 9 to 14 houses per captain. This is not set in concrete and changes can be made as needs dictate. The data gathered is to be used ONLY by our neighborhood residents for quick communication.

One of our first projects, which can even be done during this initial information gathering, is to urge our neighbors to install or allow a Garden Oaks representative to install at least 3" reflective house numbers within 36" of their door entrance. This size is the minimum height preferred by the City emergency departments and the placement suggested is where they look when trying to locate an address. You might be interested to know that brass numbers, although very attractive and legible during the daytime, wash out at night and cannot even be distinguished by a spotlight. Just this past week, I have seen two EMS vehicles on our street; one during the daytime and the other after dark. In an emergency, every minute counts, and with reflective, well placed housenumbers, it's possible that response time could be significantly reduced in

This undertaking should benefit the community and bring it closer together. Garden Oaks is a wonderful place to live and we want to keep it that way. One way to do that is for each of us to care about each other, and since we can't be everywhere, we can watch out for our immediate neighbors. With your cooperation, this task can be well on its way to a rewarding accomplishment.

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