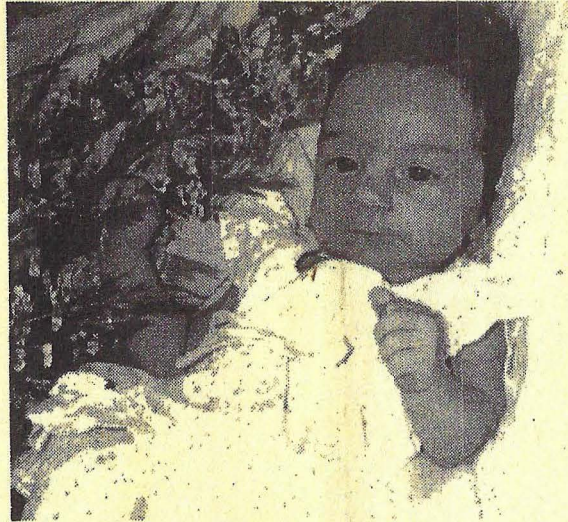


CIVIC CLUB SWIM PARTY

A swim party has been scheduled for **Saturday, June 18th, 12-4 p.m.** at **Fishes Pool , 933 Fisher St.** The cost is \$3.00 per person and food and drinks will be provided. Please call **Colleen Housley** at **863-7316** for any questions and plan to attend this big splash.

ANOTHER LITTLE MISS GARDEN OAKS



A very special delivery was presented to proud Section Five residents **David and Lisa Taul.** The Taul's bundle of joy arrived at 8:11 p.m. on April 6, 1994 and weighed 6 pounds and 6 ounces. She has been christened **Laurel Elizabeth Taul** and will rule David and Lisa with dignity, as long as they remain obedient parents.

CITY CRACKS DOWN ON TRASH VIOLATORS RESIDENTS TOLD TO CHECK COLLECTION TIMES

People who put their trash out after the truck goes by may be charged up to \$2,000 a day for code violations, city officials said.

Stricter enforcement of the city's long-standing garbage ordinance will take effect immediately. Officials said there's no change in the existing law against putting trash out earlier than 6:00 p.m. of the day before scheduled pickup. But the city is abandoning its practice of issuing warnings to offenders. Now they'll get citations and fines right away.

"They continued to desecrate their neighborhoods," said Buck Buchanan, deputy director of the city's Solid Waste Management Department. "The truck would go by, then they'd remember to put out the trash." Large discards, like old refrigerators and burned-out water heaters, would sit there for a month until the city's next scheduled pickup for heavy trash.

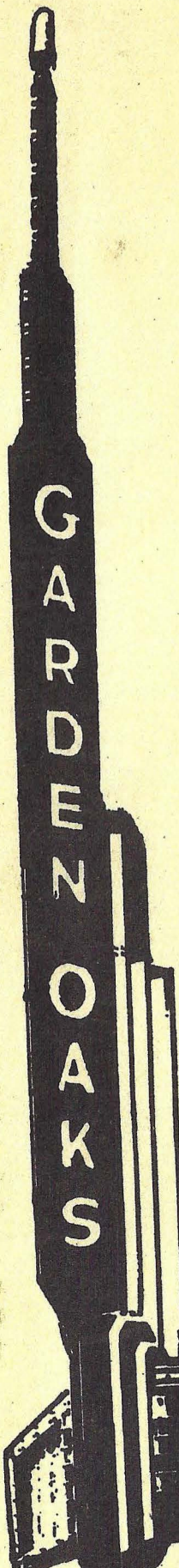
"The biggest problem is the small entrepreneurs, the people who have a little hauling business," Buchanan said. "They cut limbs, load up their trucks, then dump the stuff in their own front yards instead of taking it to the dump." The citations apply both to regular weekly trash and the monthly heavy trash service.

Terry Swinney, supervisor with the Community Outreach Program responsible for code enforcement, said some offenders put garbage out any time on any day. "Neighbors end up having to pick it up and put it in their own trash," she said. "Or they call us and we have to send out special crews to pick it up."

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FROM THE EDITOR . . .

All of the contributions that have continued to come in for the *Gazette* and other Garden Oaks Civic Club programs are greatly appreciated.

Since we are still running over budget, the next few issues of the *Gazette* will mainly consist of Civic Club news. The summer months are here and the *Gazette* writers can take a much deserved vacation to sharpen their skills and present you more news and features this fall. Thank you for your support.

-Jude Patronella

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Suzanne Debien

Whenever I hear complaints or negative comments about things happening in the neighborhood from residents who don't volunteer, I have to ask myself if they have overlooked the obvious. I wonder, have they missed something?

When I see . . .

. . . **Anne Kilgore** and her volunteers digging and nurturing flowers to share with others in the Plant Co-Op . . .

. . . the dedication of the Go-Cop volunteers, giving their time to watch out for us when we can't watch out for ourselves . . .

. . . the Section One Constable on patrol through the neighborhood . . .

. . . the beautiful park at 43rd and Sue Barnett, the result of so much hard work on the part of many Garden Oaks volunteers . . .

. . . **Denise Sherwood, Trish, Carla, Karen** and all the Friends of Montessori raising money to we can have the Montessori educational experience available for our children . . .

. . . all the volunteers running around on recycling Saturday, making a difference to our little community of Garden Oaks and to our big community of Earth . . .

. . . the plans for the Home Tour shaping up thanks to the work of **Dian Austin** and others . . .

. . . neighbors responding to opportunities presented to us by the City of Houston to improve our property values and quality of life through traffic control, and the eight months of planning led by Paul Beck, and the tremendous effort expended in writing articles for the *Gazette*, distributing flyers and holding four different public hearings so all our neighbors could learn about the program at their convenience . . .

. . . all the contributions to the *Gazette* and the hours devoted to writing, editing and getting this information out to all of us . . .

I wonder, have they missed something?

When I see the complainers among those neighbors who pay the small fee to be active members of the Garden Oaks Civic Association and to have a voice in the projects we undertake for the benefit of the whole neighborhood, when I see them participate in making Garden Oaks the great neighborhood it is, when I see them working together, even when opinions differ, and staying focused on the constructive goals of maintaining and improving the quality of life and property values we all share here in "Garden Oaks, Texas," then I'll know that they haven't missed a thing.

GARDEN OAKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

Linda Ross, President, Garden Oaks PTA

SCHOOL'S OUT! SCHOOL'S OUT! That's right. June 2 - the last day of school for students in HISD. Teachers are off after June 3. Watch out for more bicycles, skate boards, and rollerblades on our streets.

Summer school is being offered at Garden Oaks June 8 to July 15. Call the school at 695-0475 for more information. Volunteers are always needed at the school, call if you can help during summer school.

On **Sunday, June 5 at 2:00 p.m.** there will be a special memorial ceremony in the SPARKS park to dedicate the tree planted last year in memory of **Lindsey Russell**. Friends and neighbors of Lindsey and her family are invited to share this special time. The tree is located inside the track at the southwest "corner" and has a flower garden at the base.

Market Day will continue during the summer with an abbreviated schedule.

June - Completed forms due June 2

June 24; 2 - 3 P.M. Food delivery

July - No Market Day

August - Completed order forms due August 5

August 19; 2 - 3 P.M. - Food delivery

Positions for two "Community Representatives" are open on our Shared Decision Making Committee. The SDMC meets twice a month, on the first and third Monday, at 3:15 p.m.. (Meetings usually last 1-2 hours.) This is an opportunity to REALLY be involved in the direction of our neighborhood school. Call the school for more information (695-0475).

Trash *Cont. from page 1*

Most people know when their weekly service is, but have trouble recalling when the monthly service is. To find out when service is scheduled for neighborhoods north of I-10, call 699-1114. For neighborhoods south of I-10, call 551-7300. Complaints go to the City of Houston Department of Solid Waste Management at 465-4100.

-The Houston Post

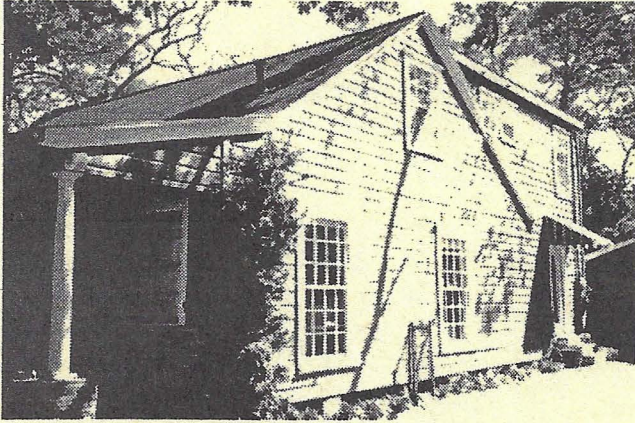
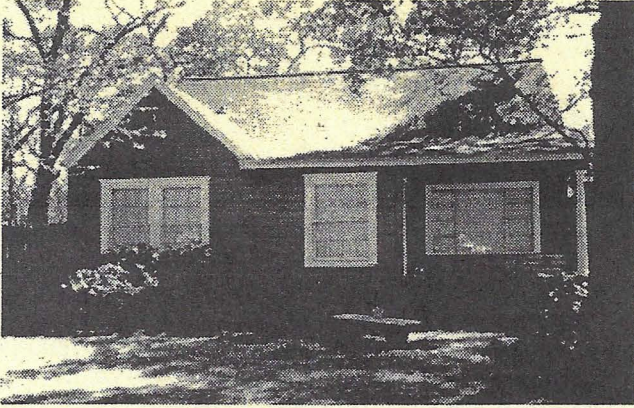
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2 Burglaries - 2 Auto Thefts.
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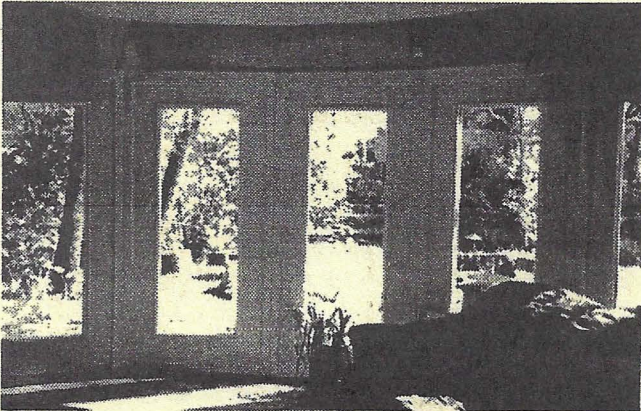
HOUSE OF THE MONTH

By Jude Patronella

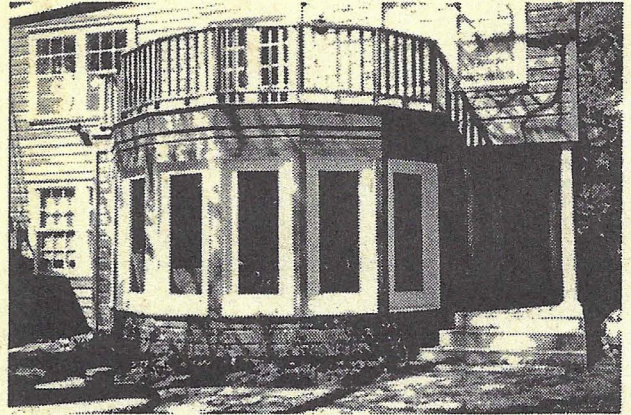
The house at 835 Lamonte is definitely a Garden Oaks home that grew! **James and Marian Mabry** purchased this two bedroom home to remodel and expand to accommodate their family of four children.



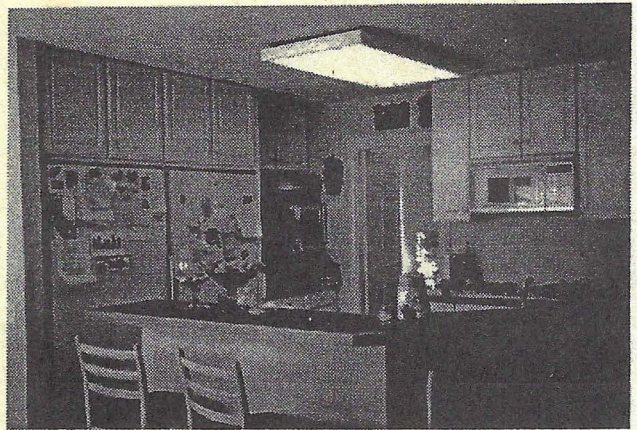
Marian Mabry describes her kitchen as "pretty wonderful." It has a glass oven and glass broiler that are eye level, a four burner cook-top that disappears into its unit, another four burner cook-top, a convection oven, and a Sub-Zero refrigerator and freezer with each containing 22 cubic feet of space. A wrap-around bar opens the kitchen to the family room. The family room has a curved wall



Keeping the exterior in its original character they extended the back of the house and created a second level of rooms and a balcony overlooking the backyard. The first floor of the home has a formal



living room and dining room, two bedrooms, a bath, a gourmet cook's kitchen and a large family room. Upstairs are four bedrooms, a library, a laundry room and a large bath that is divided into three separate rooms.



of bay windows facing a large backyard which has a fountain with a waterfall and a fish pond.

Other amenities include beautiful hard wood floors downstairs and plush Berber carpet upstairs. The dining room has a wall of cabinets with glass doors and shelves that display a water pitcher collection and glass ware. The library is lined with shelves for books, games and craft projects.

James and Marian Mabry have created a wonderful large Garden Oaks home for their four children - **Ally**, 13; **Lauren**, 10; **IV**, 7; and **Rose**, 2.

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GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Along with the regular monthly meeting of the Garden Oaks Garden Club, members, friends, and ex-members looked back 20 years to their origins. Back on April 1, 1974, there were fifty-three charter members. The first officers were: **Dee Smith**, president; **Ian Dillar**, 1st VP; **Dorothy Neuman**, 2nd VP; **Sarah Strybos**, recording secretary; **Gladys Meyers**, treasurer; **Viola Mitchmore**, historian; **Ethel Hildebrand**, chairman of telephone committee; **Mrs. Dan Bell**, parliamentarian.

Current officers are: **Nan Kittell**, president; **Misty Jones**, VP; **Bell Katzer**, secretary and **Christine Winkleman**, treasurer. The next meeting of the Garden Oaks Garden Club will be June 9. Persons wishing information on the place and time may contact **Nan Kittell** at 956-8600.



Misty Jones, encourages Garden Club charter member Katherine Hardin to blow out the candles on the cake. Seated beside her is charter club member, and neighbor, Christine Winkleman.

BUILDING SELF-ESTEEM

By Christine Adams, Ph.D.

Part I

A healthy self-esteem is built over time from many different factors. Despite being a complex, uniquely human characteristic, it's easy to spot someone with good self-esteem. We recognize it almost at once. These individuals are able to feel good about what they can do well and not dwell on their imperfections. They are comfortable with supporting others, even if they are outshined. They are able to admit mistakes and take on the challenge of self-improvement. They keep trying when a job is hard. They care about others, but they also take good care of themselves.

Self-esteem comes from a mix of individual qualities like temperament, physical attributes and innate talents combined with environmental circumstances like quality of living conditions, health care, educational opportunities, etc. Self-esteem can be defined as how a person feels about him or herself; a person's feelings of self-worth and self-respect. Conceit, an exaggerated opinion of oneself, usually covers low self-esteem. Bullies are the classic example of "covered up" low self-esteem. They feel good about themselves if they can make someone else feel weak or bad.

There are two basic components of self-esteem. Low self-esteem can result from a problem in one or both of these basic components. First, an individual must feel, "I have value and am worthwhile just because I exist". This means a child has felt, "I am loved just because I am me" by primary caregivers. Second, an individual must feel competent to handle his or her environment and to be useful to others. People feel competent when they know they can take care of themselves and also offer something of value to others. For example, when we are offered a desirable job, this gives us basic, external acknowledgment of the value of our talents to others. Self-esteem is bolstered when we are able to give our loved ones what they need from us.

Next month, Part 2 will cover some ways of building self-esteem.

GARDEN OAKS NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC PROJECT UPDATE

By Marc Roberts

A total of approximately 220 Garden Oaks residents attended the public meeting on April 27 and April 30 to review and comment on the proposed traffic management plans for the Garden Oaks neighborhood. These meetings were conducted as a follow-up to the public meetings held in February. A total of approximately 180 Garden Oaks residents attended the February meetings.

The goal of the proposed plans is to effectively manage through-traffic in Garden Oaks by making physical changes on Garden Oaks neighborhood streets which alter traffic circulation routes and/or reduce speeding without preventing public and emergency vehicle access to Garden Oaks or diverting traffic through another neighborhood. If the traffic proposals are approved, the City of Houston is currently prepared to implement the necessary street changes associated with the traffic proposals at no cost to Garden Oaks residents.

Reducing the volume and speed of through-traffic will reduce the noise and other pollution associated with cars and trucks as they pass near our homes and, as a result, will improve the quality of life in our beautiful neighborhood. In addition, our residential streets will be a safer and quieter place for residents to enjoy walking, jogging, bicycling and other social activities. Since its inception over eight months ago, this project has been publicized at the monthly civic club meetings, and in numerous articles appearing in the monthly Garden Oaks *Gazette* together with several door-to-door notices (containing names and correct telephone numbers) which were distributed to all Garden Oaks residents. In addition, this project has been publicized in recent editions of The Leader Newspaper.

The proposed neighborhood traffic management plans are being prepared by the traffic engineer consultants assigned by the City of Houston as a part of the Neighborhoods to Standard Program, together with input from the residents of Garden Oaks. Comments received from Garden Oaks residents since the February and April public meetings have been forwarded to the traffic engineer consultants for review and the traffic management proposals are now in the final stages of preparation.

Recently, there has been a dissemination of misinformation among some Garden Oaks residents concerning the resulting impact of traffic changes on safety and accessibility to our neighborhood. Briefly, all traffic plans must be reviewed and approved by the Houston Police and Fire Departments for safety and accessibility. Police, fire, and emergency medical vehicles would not have to honor any entrance-exit only prohibitions within the neighborhood. Furthermore, all traffic plans filed with the City of Houston must meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations.

In addition, contrary to rumors among some Garden Oaks residents and a published report in The Leader Newspaper, the proposed traffic management plans do not include any provisions for one-way streets in our neighborhood. The two-way streets will remain two-way with entrance-exit only prohibitions at some intersections to alter traffic circulation routes.

Although not required by the City of Houston, petitions will be carried throughout each section of Garden Oaks by official Garden Oaks Traffic Committee representatives who will explain the proposed traffic management plans. As Garden Oaks homeowners and residents, you will have the opportunity to either support or oppose a specific traffic proposal. It is important that your decision is an informed decision. Our position is, and has always been, that the Garden Oaks Traffic Committee encourages questions and any comments, either for or against the traffic proposals.

If anyone has questions concerning the proposed traffic management plans or the validity of any petition you are asked to sign related to this project please contact the appropriate Garden Oaks Neighborhood Traffic Committee member (s) as follows:

Section One between Shepherd and Yale:

Marc Roberts **861-8512**
Ann Spiering **862-6138**

Section One west of Shepherd:

Marcia Rawnsley **869-3837**
Rosa Swartwout **862-1302**
Rod Walker **868-2469**

Sections bounded by 43rd, Ella, 34th, and Shepherd:

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INSURANCE TIPS

By Carol Meyer

PART 2

Last month my article covered some basics about automobile insurance with regard to liability coverage, personal injury protection and medical pay. This month I'd like to continue with this topic by addressing the issues of Uninsured/Underinsured Motorists coverage, Collision, Other than Collision. Sounds like fun, huh? If you'd like to know your options on these coverages, read on.

Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist coverage (UI/UIM) is coverage for your car should someone else hit it and happen to be uninsured or underinsured. Sounds simple enough, but there are probably a few things that you might not know about this coverage. First, as an insured, you have the option to reject this coverage in writing and have it taken off of your policy. While this is not something that I would recommend (especially not if you are driving in Houston, Tx.), it is an option. The justification for rejecting UM/UIM is that if someone hits you and they either have no coverage or have too little coverage then you can actually claim this loss under your collision coverage on your policy (if you have collision coverage). The problem with this is that when losses are paid out through your collision coverage, the claim will be counted as an accident against you, even though it was not your fault. As a result, your rates are subject to an increase. To make matters worse, should you decide you would like to switch insurance companies in order to try and get a better rate, you will find that the best another company can do for you while you have this accident on your record is to offer you their non-preferred rates. For instance, Farmers writes auto insurance through three different companies, starting with the company that offers preferred rates and graduating to the company that has the highest rates for those people that are classified as "high risk." It takes three years for an accident or ticket to be taken off of your driving record. Therefore, you would have to have a clean driving record for three years before your rates would go back down to what they were before. If, however, you have UM/UIM coverage and claim a loss under this coverage, your rates will not go up as a result of this claim, and this accident will be considered a no-fault accident on your part. Deductibles on UM/UIM claims are always \$250. (This is an industry standard.) The next topic regards coverage for Collision and Other Than Collision (OTC). These

coverages are for damage to your car when you are at fault or the damage to the vehicle cannot be attributed to someone else. Collision is defined as "upset or collision with another object." OTC used to be called comprehensive, and rightly so because it covers such a wide variety of damages. I cannot list all the specific possibilities here. The easiest way to sum up what OTC covers is to say that it covers most damages caused by a peril other than collision. For instance, OTC covers damages if your car is stolen, if it is damaged due to falling objects and even if you hit an animal while driving. These coverage's are available with a deductible of your choice ranging from \$50 all the way up to \$1000. Your rate will vary a great deal depending upon the deductible that you choose. As most of you are probably aware, the lower the deductible, the higher the premium rate. My philosophy regarding this issue is to choose deductibles that are somewhere in between each extreme. The reason behind this is that you can save so much money by raising your deductibles so that if you do have a Collision or OTC claim, you can take the money that you didn't spend on premiums to pay for the higher deductible. This way, if you do not suffer a loss, the money still belongs to you, not the insurance company.

Since space in the *Gazette* is very precious, I'm going to wrap this article up now. In Part 3 of my Auto Insurance series, I'll talk about Towing, Rental, and Youthful drivers.

Good luck and safe driving! As always, if you should have any insurance questions, please send them to me in care of CAROL MEYER, INSURANCE TIPS, 1019 w. 41st St., HOUSTON, TEXAS 77018. I hope to hear from some of you.

All writers who are contributing articles - please furnish a hard copy and if possible, a 3 1/2 inch disk. Preferred software is Microsoft Word 5.0 - please submit anything else as ASCII Text.

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BOOKS

VAMPED BY SAVANNAH

By Louis Patronella

Although I knew Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil was not a work of fiction (there it was on the non-fiction best seller list), I couldn't help but be somewhat skeptical as I read the book. This had to have sprung from a very fertile imagination. It's a very funny, seductively enjoyable book but how much of it could be real? As it turns out - a lot. Some proof came to me in the form of an article in a recent People magazine. There were quotes and pictures of Lady Chablis, Mandy, Gloria, and Emma Kelly, along with author John Berendt. They live!!!

Berendt, a former editor of New York magazine and a columnist for Esquire, decided in 1982 that for the price of an evening out in Manhattan, he could take advantage of new cheap airline fares and have dinner in a number of other cities. In Savannah, Georgia he found the city of the eternal party and three years later moved there to stay for seven years and write this gem.

Savannah is a seaside city, off the main travel paths, that strives to maintain its ambiance. It has consistently refused to allow relocation of industries which then brought prosperity to other Georgia cities. Change is not what the city is about. It does, however, love a good party and good gossip, the juicier the better. In spite of its reclusiveness, the city is a grand hostess.

Midnight begins as a type of travelogue and about one third of the way through becomes a fascinating account of a local murder and its subsequent four trials. What makes the book special is the characters. Jim Williams, who made a fortune in real estate investments while restoring the historic downtown district and becoming the host of THE annual party of parties, kills his volatile young lover and endures years of trials while operating a very successful antiques business from jail through benefit of three-way calling. Williams enlists Minerva, a voodoo priestess, as insurance. Minerva appears at the trials to stare at the District Attorney and the Judge for hexing purposes, although her real work takes place in the graveyard near midnight where she does her thing with the forces of good and evil. Given the opportunity she scatters graveyard dirt in the courtroom. Williams' corporal assistance comes in the form of Attorney Sonny Seiler, the University of Georgia's number one fan whose bulldogs, each named Uga, have served as the teams' mascots - like a canine dynasty.

There are more. Emma, "Lady of 6000 Songs", certified by none other than Johnny Mercer (the famous songwriter who was also a native of Savannah and who is buried there under a marker that says, what else? "And the Angels Sing"), travels the state endlessly appearing wherever there is a piano and a group in need of her. There is Joe Odom the lawyer who delights in staying afoul of the law and is the town's ultimate con artist with even the recipients of his hot checks accepting more checks from him. His girlfriend Mandy lives out of town and makes productive use of the long drive by applying her make-up while steering with her knees. There is Luther, the quiet one, an inventor whose moods swing between morose and less morose. Luther has an edge over the town in that he is reputed to have a small bottle of poison powerful enough, if dropped in the city's water supply, to kill the whole town. There is the Married Women's Card Club with its ritualistic obedience to the clock. After all, married women have to be home to greet their husbands.

Above all, there is Lady Chablis, the black female impersonator who is Savannah's most outrageous citizen. Upon meeting Berendt as she leaves her doctor's office (for hormonal injections) she immediately appoints him as her white chauffeur. Lady Chablis literally jumps off the page. Her foray into the Black Debutante's Ball in her finest gown is a comic masterpiece. Her tale of meeting her young white hunky boyfriend's parents is hilarious. The People article provided a picture of Lady Chablis (a Mary Wilson look-a-like) performing at a Savannah night club, as well as an essence-of-the-lady quote. It seems that Berendt has sold the book to a movie producer with the stipulation that any of the characters who want to play themselves be screen tested. Quote Lady Chablis: "If they don't hire me, there will be no movie!" Now that the book is published and successful, what of Berendt? Will he suffer the fate of Truman Capote who was banished from the company of his society friends after pulling back the curtain in Answered Prayers? Not likely. Some feathers will probably be ruffled, but everyone knew what Berendt was up to and continued to talk and drink and party with him. And they only helped him present a portrait of a very colorful city and share it with the rest of us. Should this attention bring too many outsiders, however, Berendt will probably have graveyard dirt and pieces of roots scattered around his New York home.

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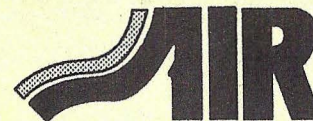
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INSIDE GARDEN OAKS

By Shannon L. Nelson, ASID

My gosh, I had no idea that the little blurb in last month's column on the Lampes Berger would have created such a rave response. As of today, inquiries count at 42! That's quite a return for our readership. To assist those of you who "just can't wait", the following is a condensed price list:

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A Section Four resident's question regarding placement of furnishings in relationship to area rugs prompts the following tips. The general rule of thumb is that furniture and furniture groupings should either be "all on" or "all off" the rug. That is, do not straddle the rug's edge with a large piece of furniture, such as a sofa. It is O.K. to place chairs at an angle in corners with a partial straddle, though. In typical living area placement, the sofa and lamp tables will be "off" the rug, cocktail table "on" at sofa's front. Chairs can either be "on" or "off" the carpet depending upon the depth of the room and ultimate size of the carpet. To test dimensions and placement I have found full scale cut-outs of furnishings helpful to illustrate space planning to clients when no physical elements exist prior to purchasing. Designers think in 1/4" or 1/8" scale, whereas clients often need the life scale equivalent.

Newspaper cut outs, or butcher paper if you are lucky to have it on hand can really give you a sense of "what would happen if". Rug shape and dimension can be illustrated by laying string in the periphery of where you are considering placing one. All this looks a little odd to the UPS man when he drops by, but it really works. For those of you interested in standard rug sizes, I offer the following. Hand knotted carpets have been made in these sizes for centuries,

machine made versions generally follow the same size progression. (There will be a test later, so pay attention.)

2 x 3	5 x 8*	9 x 12
2 x 4	6 x 9	10 x 14
3 x 5	7 x 10-11*	12 x 16-18
4 x 6	8 x 10	

anything larger is called an Embassy size
* indicates what is called an "odd size"

Runners are available in many lengths and are usually 2.5' in width. Rounds and squares are available, but be reminded that as with runners and odd sizes, your selection is limited when compared with the standard rectangle as they make comparatively fewer of them.

Sectionals and freestanding furniture arrangements require that a portion of the rug is visible from behind the grouping. When placing a rug in a dining area remember that when the table is configured as it is on a daily basis (meaning not when you have 47 leaves in it at a holiday) the back legs of the chairs when pulled out should remain on the rug. China cabinets and case pieces should be off the carpet with ideally a minimum of one foot of bare floor showing around the rug's edge. The mistake most people make is selecting a rug that is too small. If you buy a rug to put under your cocktail table you should actually be able to tell that there is one under there!

Sorry for cutting INSIDE GARDEN OAKS a little short this month, but I have been working on a paper on color response. Information pertinent to interior design will be shared with you next month.

(INSIDE GARDEN OAKS addresses the special character of our neighborhood. Shannon Nelson is a professional member of the American Society of Interior Designers and a registered Interior Designer, Texas #2026. She may be reached by phone (713) 802-9301 or by pager (713) 285-4287. Please forward any questions, hints or comments to her c/o Shannon & Associates, 208 W. 34th Street, Houston, Texas 77018.)

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"I LOST MY INNOCENCE THE SPRING OF 94"

By Emmett Doherty

Now that I have your attention, please read on and I will elaborate on the title. The 1994 Multiple Sclerosis (MS-150) Bike ride from Houston to Austin took place on the 23rd and 24th of April. It was a lot of fun and raised lots of money for a worthy cause. In preparation for the ride I had to get four things in order: * A well-tuned bike; * A well-tuned body; * A proper mental attitude; and * A minimum pledge of \$150.00!

I knew I could handle the first three, but I was not sure of the willingness of people to support the cause. Never having participated in an event like this, I did not know what response to expect. A pleasant surprise, you folks opened your hearts and wallets and pledged your support. I reached my minimum pledge and surpassed it tenfold!! Thank you for your generous contributions and support of the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Your support really fired me up!!!

In training for the event I rode every Saturday starting in late February with the Houston Bicycle Club's "Virgin Century Training" - Spring 1994. The rides are geared for first time century (100 mile) riders. The rides start at 40 miles and increase gradually to 100 miles. On our sixth and final training ride, the group would ride our first Century. It was on this ride, on April 9, "I lost my innocence" by completing a route of 102 miles! It was a feeling of accomplishment and boosted my confidence for the "Big Ride" to come.

Over 90 people of all age groups and from all walks of life participated in the training rides. One rider was 72 years of age. With proper training the MS150 can be a rewarding experience. I encourage all of you who sport an adventurous spirit to join "Virgin Century Training - Summer 1994" beginning June 4th. The rides will expose you to many 40, 60 & 100 mile routes all within 50 minutes of Downtown Houston. The rides take you through rolling hills spotted with rustic old barns and homesteads. The only prerequisites to enjoy these rides are a helmet, a bicycle, and a positive attitude. For more information on the Summer training series, call Bill Cameron at 783-5660.

Again, thank you for supporting the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

**Garden Oaks Decals
available at the
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GARDEN OAKS CITIZENS ON PATROL

By Bill Chastain

The patroller of the month of June is **Rusty Cornelius**. He will receive a gift certificate to a restaurant of his choice, along with a grateful thanks for his faithfulness of patrolling two hours a week for over two years. When Rusty reports, while touring, it is quiet. In general, Garden Oaks can feel pretty safe. He realizes that a "quiet" patrol is the desired goal because it is the result of no suspicious activity.

OF HUMAN INTEREST - **Patsy Gantt's** mother recently gave Section One Constable **Richard Mathias** a wedding picture of his mother and father, of which none existed in Richard's family. This is a picture from an old newspaper Patsy's mother had saved. The Gantt family are longtime Section One residents.

BEWARE - A senior citizen of Garden Oaks was approached by two men who claimed they were working for the contractor who had just put a new roof on the senior citizen's home. They said the contractor wanted them to spread a gallon of solution on the new roof and it would cost additional money. After they finished the job they said it took five gallons and would cost more. When refused, they followed him in his home and seemed very interested in his home. Needless to say, these scam artists were not affiliated with the roof contractor. Please watch out for these scums and if you can, help your neighbors who are senior citizens. They are often victims of criminals.

NEW MEMBERSHIP - JUNE 1994

By Colleen & Ray Housley

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David & Lisa Taul	\$10 for Beautification. \$10 for Gazette

We are still trying to reach our goal and appreciate all of those G.O. residents who have paid their memberships and sent in extra contributions. If you haven't already joined, send in your membership TODAY!

IN THE BACKYARD

By David Veselka

I heard the Swainson's Thrush singing in the backyard this afternoon. The sound sent me vividly back to an evening campsite on the shore of a glacial lake in a tall spruce forest in northwest Montana. In the crisp summer air and dim light, an extraordinary voice had floated through the trees and taught me a new

meaning of dusk. The flute-like voice of the Swainson's Thrush, a series of upward spiraling phrases that seem to carry their own echo, is one of the most hauntingly beautiful in the Americas, no matter whether you hear it hiking in the shadows of jagged snow covered peaks or standing in the warmth of Texas sunshine.

The thrush singing in the backyard undoubtedly spent the winter in the shadows beneath a thick tropical forest, perhaps as far south as Argentina. His large eyes indicate his adaptation to the dim light of his search for food in the leaf litter on the forest floor. The gray-brown back and light breast with dark spots provide perfect camouflage in the dappled light of the understory. Now, driven by a biological imperative, millions of years of evolution, and an uncanny navigation system that appears to be almost beyond human comprehension, he flies each night on a long treacherous journey to nest in a dense moist coniferous forest of the northern United States or Canada.

This morning the Swainson's Thrush found sanctuary in a dense Texas oak that held several more thrushes as well - a pair of American Robins and two of their recently fledged young. The least shy and most familiar member of the thrush family, robins are present in Garden Oaks much of the year. Wintering robins leave about the time our nesting summer residents return. Our wonderful urban forest of mature mixed oaks and understory in combination with our large planted beds and lawns make Garden Oaks one of the few areas in Houston where robins still nest and where cousin thrushes on long journeys can find refuge. Indeed, a week ago, late on a clear spring evening, both parent robins bathed in our bird bath after feeding their hungry children, only to be followed by a wary Gray-cheeked Thrush and finally a very cautious Swainson's Thrush. Only healthy forests produce such a sight, and for a few precious seconds I forgot my fear that deforestation is sending our neotropical migrant birds on a fast track to extinction.

And then today, another shy thrush of remote forests, tested his voice over and again in a solid Texas oak in the midst of one of the largest metropolitan areas of the western hemisphere. His voice mixed with barking dogs and passing cars and echoed the tropical rainforests and northern coniferous forests and all the wild spaces in between. He found a little wildness remaining in Garden Oaks and brought more with him as he sang a song that spans the Americas and the backyard.

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12	13	14	15	16 PIP Meeting 7:00 pm	17	18 12-4 Swim Party City Drop-Off Recycling
19 Happy Father's Day	20	21 Heavy Trash Pick-up	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

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