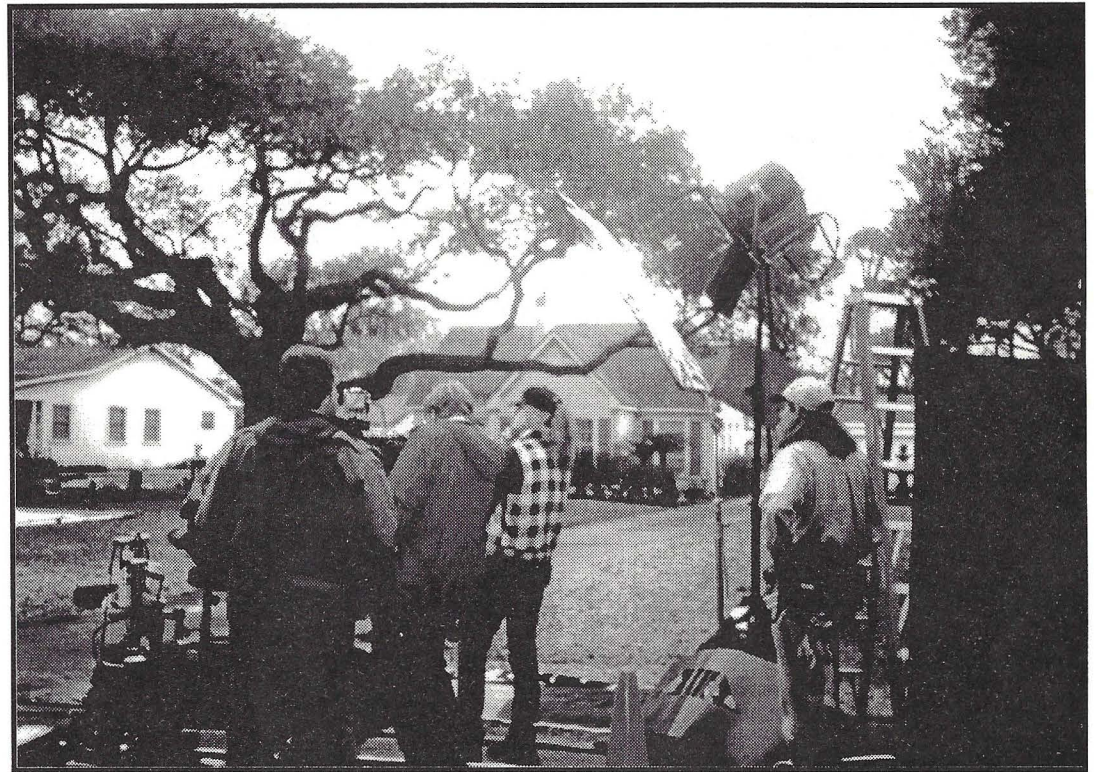




Garden Oaks Gazette

Volume 19, No. 2 Circulation 1550 February 1996

**LIGHTS,
CAMERA,
ACTION!**



If you were anywhere near the 3100 block of Lawrence on the morning of January 23, you had to wonder what in the world was going on! All of the nearby streets were taken over by cars, pickups, large moving trucks and a mobile home. Police were directing traffic, and a large number of people gathered in front of 3101 Lawrence. It turns out that a company called Times 3 Productions was filming a commercial there for Builders Square.

Times 3 Productions is locally owned by Gary Lankford, who also doubles as the director. His company was hired by Fogarty Klein and Partners, an advertising agency, to do a series of commercials for a spring campaign. These commercials are due to begin airing at the end of February.

In searching for a location, they came across resident Kenneth Smith's house on Lawrence and approached him about doing the commercial. Kenneth has been leasing the house for over a year, so he asked the landlord if it was okay. The owner approved, and the deal was done. There were some preparations made before any filming could be done, like spraying the grass green and placing flowers and plants throughout the yard. They have to make the commercial look like it's spring time. Kenneth said it's been very exciting for the neighborhood.

Holly McDonald, the producer for the Houston based production company, said this project has a nine day shooting schedule of seven days at different locations and two nights at the store. She is also proud to report that almost all the equipment and personnel are from Houston.

It will be interesting to see the final results next month. Who knows, this could get to be a habit in Garden Oaks!

FEBRUARY 6 CIVIC CLUB MEETING

On Tuesday, February 6th, the guest speaker will be Bob Frederick. He is a native Houstonian who worked for forty years as an engineer with Reed Tool Company. He has been a Master Gardener for five years and is a speaker on the subject, referred by the Harris County Agricultural Extension Service. Mr. Frederick will discuss lawn and garden preparation for the spring and related matters. Come to the meeting and take some notes and get a head start on that lawn or garden. Spring is just around the corner!

Carol Meyer



Call me for a free review
of your insurance coverage

(R) 681-2746 OR (O) 493-3012

HOME AUTO LIFE



GARDEN OAKS RESIDENT

**TAX PREPARATION
FINANCIAL PLANNING**

LOYD J. STEGENT

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

Over ten years experience in taxation.

*Fee only financial and
investment planing.*

**24 Greenway Plaza, Suite 515
621-5693**

Garden Oaks resident since 1986.

SERVING ALL YOUR FLORAL NEEDS

Offering

- Single floral arrangements
- Contract schedule floral deliveries
- Weddings & Receptions
- Silks & Drieds
- Special Events & Occasions
- Residential & Commercial
- Skilled Designers on Staff
- Providing National/International Deliveries



CITY-WIDE DELIVERY

the Floristry Mission is to understand our clients needs and exceed their expectations by providing consistent, responsive, quality floral products and services.

691-7373

4513 Old Yale • Houston, TX • 77018

**For all your
Printing & Bookbinding
Needs**



O.D.'s Printing

Neighbor helping neighbor

Oscar D. Ochoa
Owner

8924 Emmott Road
896-0052

Printer of our Gazette

FROM THE EDITOR:

Election year '96 is here, and it's the big one! It seems like everyone will be running for office, from the President on down. But what are we going to do about it? Exercise our right to vote? Vote how?

From the election of our local civic club officers, to the city, county, state and Federal officials, we are affected by politics everyday of our lives. The people we elect to office make decisions that we have to live with. Sometimes we approve, sometimes we don't. What amazes me is that so many people don't take the time to become informed and then use that information at the ballot box.

We are in the information age. Everywhere we look, there it is. Information is power. We can't be expected to know it all, but the more we know, the better off we are. Knowing the issues and the candidates come election time enables you to make an informed choice. When it comes to selecting a candidate, an informed choice is a smart choice.

This year we have primary elections in March for the Democratic and Republican Party's. We also have the general election in November. If you start now keeping your eyes and ears open, you'll know so much you'll have to go vote!

The March 5th Civic Club meeting will host candidates for the legislative race in our district. Incumbent Ken Yarbrough and challenger David Jones will speak. Come to the meeting and find out what these candidates are all about and which one you want to support. At the same time, find out what's going on in your neighborhood.

Have a say in what goes on in your everyday life, get informed and then vote!

Alex Martinez

**GARDEN OAKS COP
COORDINATOR NEEDED**

A volunteer is needed (maybe more than one) to take over the GO COP coordinators' duties. As stated in last months Gazette, Bill Chastain, the present coordinator, will be leaving Garden Oaks soon. He is willing to make himself available to ensure a smooth transition, but time is running out!

Bill has compiled a list of duties to provide us with an idea of what the job entails. They are as follows:

- Monthly meetings for patrollers and base operators (required by HPD)
- Record keeping (computer/printer helpful)
- Attend meetings of:
 - Local Positive Interaction Program (PIP)
 - Citywide PIP
 - Garden Oaks Civic Club
- Recruitment of new patrollers
- Coordinating and supervising the operation.

If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Bill Chastain at **681-5151**. This is an important job that needs to be filled, and it could be perfect for someone like you!

GO COP REPORT

Crime statistics for November and December will be made available to us in February and they will be published in the March Gazette.

Please join me in congratulating the following volunteer patrollers who have accumulated over 200 hours :

La Vern Kelly	536
Woody Mehrkam	535
V.D. Kelly	534
Mildred Warhol	397
Edith Rider	393
Johnny Murphy	340
Wayne Armstrong	242
Walter Skeen	235
Joyce Skeen	235

If you volunteer two hours a week for fifty weeks, you've accumulated one hundred hours. Maybe that can put into perspective the effort these volunteers have made to make Garden Oaks a safer place to live. Thanks to all of our patrollers!

Remember that Positive Interaction Program meetings are the third Thursday of every month. The next one will be February 15, 7:00 p.m. at St. Matthews Methodist Church.

Bill Chastain

**YARD OF THE
MONTH AWARD**

Dian Austin, of 733 W 42nd Street, won the Yard of the Month award for January. Congratulations to Dian Austin!

CONSTABLE PROGRAM UPDATE:

Thanks to our call for commitment, as of December, nine households have signed on for the Constable Program. Almost all were re-subscribers, and several households have paid more than their share. In all, 206 residents are signed up for the program. It looks like we are going to meet our goal for the 1995-96 contract. For those who have not signed up, you can still participate. Remember, if you are a first-time subscriber, your share in the program can be pro-rated for the remaining five months. To participate, call **Warren Walden, 869-6534**, or **Denise Epstein, 869-0128**.

ENROLLMENT FORM - GARDEN OAKS CONSTABLE PROGRAM

Yes, I would like to enroll in the Garden Oaks Constable Program.

Name: _____ \$200.00 annual dues

Address: _____ Amt. Enclosed: \$

Phone: (hm) _____ (wk) _____

Make checks payable to: **Garden Oaks Civic Club**

Mail to:

*Denise Epstein, Garden Oaks Security Director,
527 West 33rd St., Houston, TX 77018*

GARDEN OAKS CAROLING PROJECT UPDATE

This years caroling project was again a huge success. Loving Arms supply closets are bursting at the seams at this time thanks to the generosity of the Garden Oaks residents! Almost \$1,000.00 in cash contributions was collected as well as a gift certificate for arts education classes. As for the rest of the donations, here is a list of the different items:

127 pkgs. of diapers	10 large bottles of apple juice
11 pencil boxes	10 twin sheets
98 containers of baby wipes	3 bottles of pedialyte
20 pkgs of pencils	10 crib sheets
462 rolls of toilet paper	27 pkgs. of plates
15 pkgs. of stickers	32 pkgs. of silverware
53 rolls of paper towels	14 boxes of latex gloves
1 box of golf pencils	41 items of clothing
45 containers of bleach	8 pkgs. of latex gloves
4 large pkgs. of construction paper	10 boxes of cereal
77 boxes of Kleenex	61 assorted videos
10 coloring books	62 bottles of juice
29 pkgs. of cups	22 cassettes of children's music/stories
21 educational instruction books	1qt. of apple cranberry juice
384 jars of assorted baby food/juices	45 childrens books
43 assorted children's books	24 instructional packs for mothers
56 boxes of baby cereal	39 containers of glitter
13 puzzles	1000-8oz cups
88 cans of baby formula	17 bottles of glue
6 toy cars	22 boxes of crayons
20 containers of powder formula	50 pairs of children's scissors
12 blankets (crib size)	14 pkgs. of markers



New Construction
2nd Stories
Renovations
Lots Available

See our work at:

701 Garden Oaks Blvd.	855 Azalea
718 W. 41st St.	839 Lamonte
818 W. 41st St.	738 Sue Barnett
862 W. 41st St.	1315 Cortlandt
718 W. 42nd St.	802 Arlington
729 W. 39th St.	530 Byrne
705 W. 39th St.	501 Woodland

HARRY JAMES BUILDER
523-5070

Pinnacle Homes



Specializing in
New Construction
Remodeling
and Additions
CALL 623-6601

Mark Harvie, President
Garden Oaks Resident

Garden Properties
SOLD
On Garden Oaks



MLS
686-5454

SOLD

Our Signs
Are Working!

WANT ONE?
Call Today

SUZANNE DEBIEN and Henry S. Miller



Teamed up to give GARDEN OAKS more . . .

**S
A
L
E
S**

ervice that begins and ends with my personal touch
 ccessibility with 24 hour answering service, direct line and pager
 osts of proven marketing techniques, now featuring premier relocation services
 xperience as REALTOR for 17 years joining 80+ years of Realty success
 uccess throughout the near northwest area, Houston and the State!

Call me today!!
861-0045
 Henry S. Miller, Realtors
 13130 Memorial Drive
 Houston, Texas 77079
 468-8311



skin care customized

Mary Kay offers a line of skin care products designed to keep your complexion looking its best. Call me today for a free consultation and to customize a skin care program just for you.

Nicole A. DeVautour-Ray
 INDEPENDENT BEAUTY CONSULTANT
 (713) 861-4128

**GARDEN OAKS
 DECALS ARE
 AVAILABLE AT THE
 CIVIC CLUB FOR \$1.00**

COME HOME TO JESUS



GARDEN OAKS BAPTIST CHURCH
 3206 North Shepherd Drive
 Houston, TX 77018 - 713/864-4447
 Jeffrey W. Rees, Pastor

MONTESSORI SIGN-UP/CAMP-OUT

Registration will begin March 1st for the Garden Oaks Elementary School Montessori Program. To be eligible for the program the students must be zoned to Garden Oaks. Acceptance is on a first come, first served basis within ethnic age-groupings as defined by the school's demographics. In the past, parents have camped out to assure their child a slot in the program.

This year, the program will expand to include an upper elementary class serving third, fourth and fifth graders. There will be a number of spaces available for 3 year olds, 1st graders and fourth and fifth graders. Currently there are two 3-6 year old classes (pre-K thru kindergarten) and two 6-9 year old classes (1st thru 3rd grade). These classes are open for observation. Please call the school to make an appointment.

For further information or camping arrangements please contact the school 696-2930.

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

This months Garden Club meeting will be held on February 8th, at Lynn Sievers' house, located at 851 Lamonte. Don Olhausen from the Mercer Arboretum and Botanic Gardens will be the speaker on the subject of Butterfly Gardening. Starts at 6:30 p.m. On March 16, there will be a workday at Friendship Garden (30th & Lawrence).

**SHAKLEE ...
 NATURE'S
 NATURAL PALATTE**

- VITAMIN SUPPLEMENTS/ANTI-OXIDANTS
- BIODEGRADABLE, NONTOXIC CLEANING PRODUCTS
- LAWN & PLANT CARE
- SKIN CARE
- WATER PURIFICATION
- SPORTS & FITNESS DRINKS

TOM AND BOBBIE KISTNER
 (713) 861-2127
 (800) 788-9097

CITY OF HOUSTON HOT LINES

- Public Works & Engineering 754-0600
24 hrs., 7 days
- Pothole Repair (48 Hours) 754-0600
24 hrs., 7 days
- Solid Waste 865-4177
8-5 M-F
- Deed Restriction Enforcement 652-3272
24 hrs., 7 days
- Parks & Recreation 645-HELP
24 hrs., 7 days
- Neighborhood Protection 525-2525
24 hrs., 7 days
- Sign Busters (illegal signs) 754-0600
24 hrs., 7 days

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN
 ADVERTISING IN THE
 GAZETTE, PLEASE
 CONTACT OUR PRINTER,
 OSCAR OCHOA (OD'S
 PRINTING) AT 896-0052.**

**GAZETTE
 AD RATES**

**\$40 PER MONTH -
 \$200 FOR 6 MONTHS
 \$385 FOR 1 YEAR -
 FLYERS ARE \$75.00
 DEADLINE FOR THE
 MARCH GAZETTE IS
 FEBRUARY 10TH**

St. Matthew's

United Methodist Church
 SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:15 & 10:30 am
 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 am

Preschool - Mon -Fri 9-2
 Mother's Day Out - Wed -Fri 9-2
 ages 3 mos. - 5 yrs.
 Parent's Nite Out - Fri 6:30-11:30

Senior Adult Exercise
 Mon, Tues, Thur - 4:15-5:00

4300 N. Shepherd at Crosstimbers
 697-0671
 Pastors: Tom Crowe, Susan Buchanan

GARDEN OAKS CIVIC CLUB ASSOCIATION - MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday, January 2, 1996, 7:00 PM - Garden Oaks Baptist Church

Officers in attendance: Ed de Alba, President, Craig Lee, V.P. Membership, Ray Housley, Treasurer, Lynn Sievers, Secretary, and Alex Martinez, Editor, Gazette.

Committee chairs in attendance: Oscar Ochos, Advertising Director, Brenda de Alba, Gazette Hand Delivery, and Terry Jeanes, Hospitality and Refreshment.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President Ed de Alba.

President de Alba mentioned that there was no speaker scheduled for tonight's meeting. He asked for suggestions for speaker's topics for the rest of the year. Ideas discussed included Councilwoman Helen Huey, estate planning, neighborhood and home safety, and having HPD present area crime reports. Gardening was decided on as a topic for the February meeting.

Ed will be on a work project in Mexico for approximately the next three to five months. Craig Lee will assume the president's responsibilities while Ed is out of the country.

Craig Lee asked for a status report on the the New Directions Correctional Facility (halfway house) located at 518 Thornton. Ed said that volunteers from the facility have helped with the recycling project and cleaning up the pocket park on 42nd street; however, the volunteers have been requesting payment lately. Ed will talk to the head of the halfway house to see if help can be hired to work on the recycling project and maintaining the green spaces in the neighborhood.

Terry Jeanes brought up the Garden Oaks signage topic. The sign at 43rd and Apollo has rotted off its' post and other signs at the Art Park and Friendship Garden are also deteriorating. No sign was ever up at the Garden Oaks Boulevard and Shepherd intersection due to road work on Shepherd at the time the other signs were installed. Options for new signs, such as metal or brick construction, were discussed. Ed will check with the Trustees to see which group should maintain the signs. The subject will be discussed further at a future meeting. Also, one of the metal signs announcing civic club meetings was stolen from Section One. It will be replaced with a similar sign.

President de Alba said he hoped for more committee reports at the February meeting and mentioned that one of the updates might be the Garden Oaks 2000 project.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. by President de Alba

Respectfully submitted: Lynn Sievers, Secretary

This minutes report has not been adopted by the membership as of this writing.

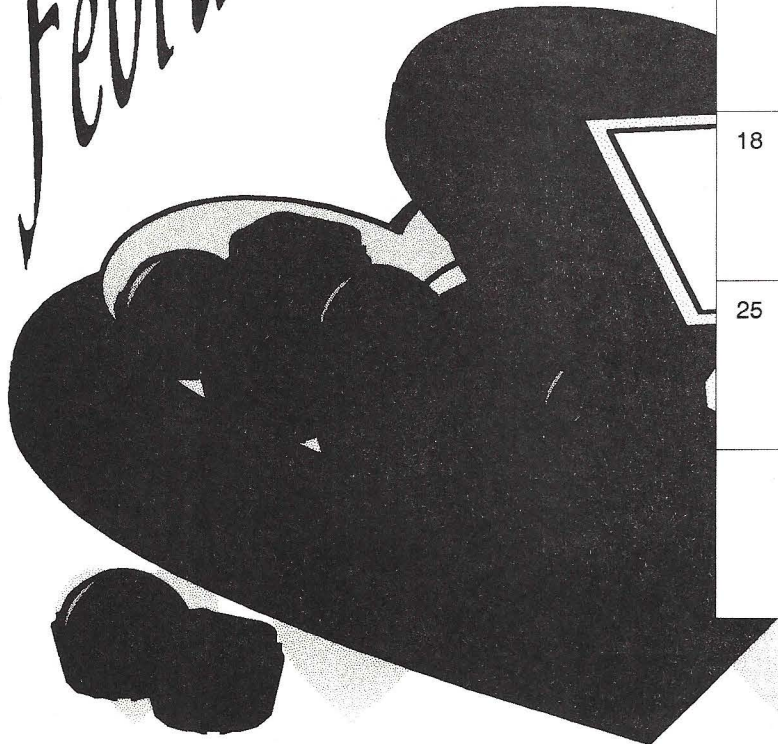
--Editor

Since 1913
Houston's Finest
Speciality Department Store
"in the Heights"
Kaplan's • Ben Hur
Mon - Sat 2125 Yale
9:30 - 5:30 861-2121

**Terry Jeanes**
your Garden Oaks neighbor
and area specialist
528-1800
680-8550 **R**

GARDEN OAKS CIVIC CLUB
P.O. Box 92155 Hou., TX 77206
Ed de Alba, President
858 Lamonte Ln. 694-5934
Craig Lee, V.P. Membership
212 W. 34th St. 802-0079
Lynn Sievers, Secretary
851 LaMonte Ln 691-4789
Ray Housley, Treasurer
407 W. 34th 863-7316
Alex Martinez, Editor
419 W. 31st St. 862-1927
Gazette Advertising Director
Oscar Ochoa 896-0052
Gazette Hand Delivery:
Brenda de Alba 694-5934
Beautification:
Carla Hoyer 699-8171
Citizens-on-Patrol:
Bill & Jinny Chastain 681-5151
Constable Program:
Constable, Dick Matthias
Denise Epstein 869-0128
Warren Walden 869-6534
Education Liaison:
Jane Ann Roberts 861-8512
Friends of Montessori
Anita Cuevas, President 956-7809
Garden Club:
Janice Walden 869-6534
Hospitality & Refreshments:
Terry Jeanes 680-8550
Neighborhoods to Standard:
Rich & Rebecca Stark 691-1067
Neighborhood Traffic Program:
Marc Roberts 861-8512
Plant Co-op:
Anne Kilgore 697-0069
Programs:
Deborah Cartwright 697-1624
Recycling:
Gilbert King 523-5874
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Section One
Brent Batis 861-3209
Rod Walker 868-2469
Greg Wolfe 869-1982
Section Two
Susan McMillian 695-8245
Tim Pagel 692-7431
President-
James Doyle 694-4134
Section Three
David Veselka 692-1384
Bill Hudson 694-1330
James Mabry 695-2157
Architectural Review Chairman
Herb Kellner 692-2776
Section Four
Stan Bohon 680-9631
Richard Broad 957-8075
Jaime Pierce 688-3237
Section Five
Vee Gaines 686-5042
Ria McElvaney 682-6707

February 1996



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6 Civic Club Meeting 7:00 PM	7	8 Garden Club Meeting 6:30 PM	9	10 Gazette Deadline Recycle Drop-off 8AM-11AM
11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 Saint Valentine's Day	15 Positive Interaction Program 7:00 PM	16	17
18	19 President's Day Chinese New Year	20 Heavy Trash Pick-up	21 Ash Wednesday	22 Washington's Birthday	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		
					January S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	March S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

\$100.00 REWARD!

LOST CAT

Short Hair Female Tabby.
Black stripes w/ Brown & Gray hair,
some White hair on Chin.
Green Eyes w/ one eye that
occasionally tears.
Flabby Tummy (about 11 lbs.).
Her name is "China".

Call 862-7394

Save this number in case you see her
(put it on your refrigerator).
Please help us, we miss her.

Lost Cat
Female Tabby
Black, Brown/Gray
862-7394

Lost Cat
Female Tabby
Black, Brown/Gray
862-7394

Lost Cat
Female Tabby
Black, Brown/Gray
862-7394

Lost Cat
Female Tabby
Black, Brown/Gray
862-7394

Lost Cat
Female Tabby
Black, Brown/Gray
862-7394