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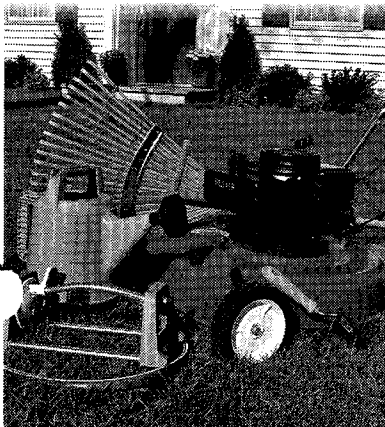
OLDE OAKS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Bert's Corner

A Note From Our Property Manager

When you receive this newsletter we will be rapidly approaching spring in Houston, and it is time for serious gardening to begin. Here are a few of the steps we will be taking at our home and tips you might want to consider:

- Dead bushes should be removed, dead branches removed and plants pruned to the desired shape prior to beginning of new growth. Roses are normally pruned about February 15 in this area.
- Leaves and debris should be removed from beds and lawn areas. After pruning and cleaning of the bed, roses should receive their first fungicide treatment to kill existing black spot spores.
- Beds should be tilled and new plants installed now so they can establish a root system prior to the summer heat.
- An all-purpose fertilizer such as 13-13-13 should now be applied to beds and watered into the soil.
- Beds should be mulched with about 2 inches of mulch or pine needles to provide protection and assist with retention of water in the soil during the long, hot summer that is just around the corner.
- If you do not already use soaker hoses or a drip system to irrigate your shrubs and flower beds, you might want to consider this addition. If we have continuing drought conditions, this will allow you to more easily keep your valuable shrubs alive and also can greatly reduce water requirements.
- An application of both pre-emergent and post-emergent herbicides to the lawn may be appropriate to assist with weed control.



It is too early to fertilize St. Augustine grass; the general recommendation is this step be delayed until the temperature is high enough so the grass greens and begins to grow.

Good luck with your gardening – we look forward to seeing the results later in the spring and summer.

Bert Williams, ACMI President

Notice to Homeowners of Olde Oaks CIA Board Meeting

When: 2nd Wednesday of each month unless otherwise posted

Where: MUD 44 Bldg. on TC Jester on south side of the bridge

Time: 6:45 p.m.

Agenda: Minutes from prior meeting, financial report, old business, new business, discussion period. A closed executive session will follow in which private issues related to collections, deed restrictions, etc., will be discussed.

If you want to receive an email reminder a few days prior to the meeting, please send an email request to info@ACMIgmt.com. Please include your name, address and email address. Please note that members are welcome as observers and will not participate in discussions or voting. There will be a question and answer period at the end of the meeting.

February 8, 2012 – Annual Meeting

March 14, 2012

April 11, 2012

May 9, 2012

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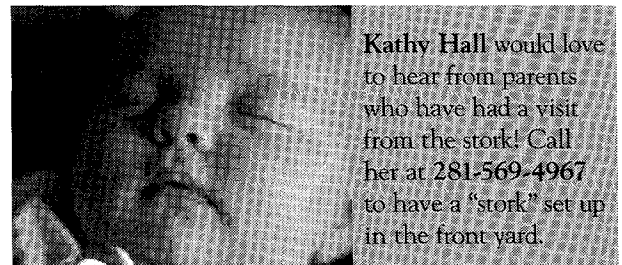
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NEW BABY?



Kathy Hall would love to hear from parents who have had a visit from the stork! Call her at 281-569-4967 to have a "stork" set up in the front yard.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The March newsletter deadline is February 10.

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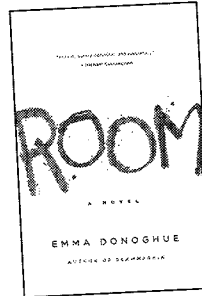
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“Footnotes”

Here it is February already. Book Club this month will be at the home of Heather George on Tuesday, February 28, and I'll be the discussion leader for *Room* by Emma Donoghue. The story evolves and gradually you realize the five-year-old boy, Jack, and his “Ma” are living in a very small windowless and locked-door shed behind the house of Ma's abductor five years ago when she was 19. Jack has never known anything else. Despite their confinement, Ma makes the best of the situation with creative activities and fantastic stories. However, she realizes they must escape this prison which they do manage. This life of captivity is balanced by their new life outside and how they adapt.

Emma Donoghue is an award-winning Irish writer of several novels as well as some poetry. *Publishers Weekly* says she has an “extraordinary talent for turning exhaustive research into plausible characters and narratives. She presents a vibrant world seething with repressed feeling and class tensions.” *Room* was recently chosen as a *New York Times* Book Review Best Book of the Year.



Kathy Hall
Coordinator

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- To coordinate the submission and review of community news

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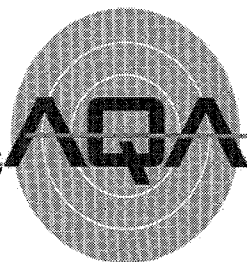
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Tickets: \$6-\$12

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"World of Song" Choral Concert

Saturday, February 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$6-\$12

Students from Klein, Klein Collins, Klein Oak, and Tomball high schools join to perform the 12th annual "A World of Song," with conductor Dr. Alan Raines of Baylor University.

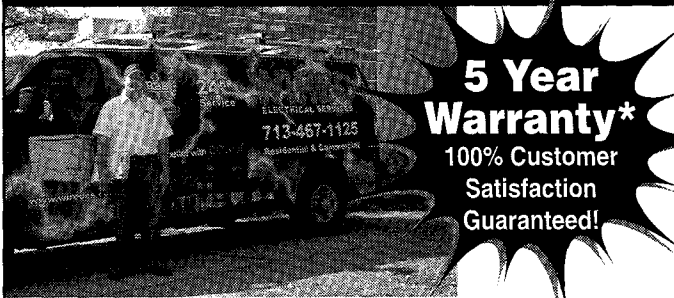
All events are held in The Centrum, located at 6823 Cypresswood Drive between the Barbara Bush Library and the Cypress Creek Courthouse. For additional information, please contact the Box Office at 281-440-4850 (www.cypresscreekface.org).

OLDE OAKS Interest Group Contacts

If you are interested in joining any of the Olde Oaks Interest Groups, please call the neighborhood representative listed.

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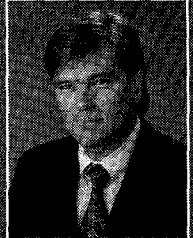
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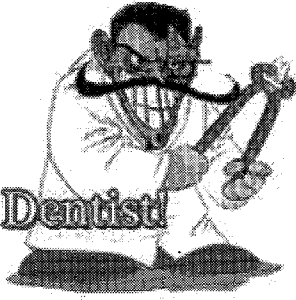
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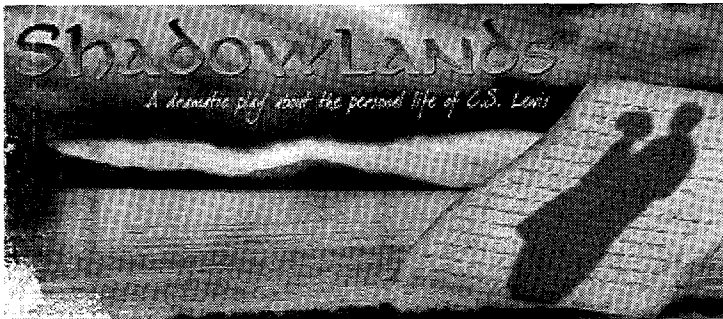
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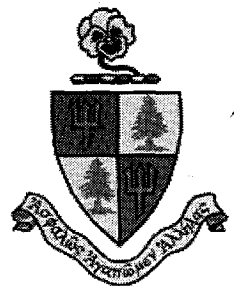
The Texas Repertory Theatre Co., Houston's Uptown Classic Theatre, continues its 7th Anniversary Season with William Nicholson's inspiring drama *Shadowlands*, the true life story of author C. S. Lewis, playing **January 26 through February 19**.

The life of famous British author and scholar C. S. Lewis is the basis for William Nicholson's inspiring play of love, family, and faith. The renowned author of *The Chronicles of Narnia*, *The Screwtape Letters*, *Mere Christianity*, and *The Great Divorce*, Lewis is an intellectual giant, and generally accepted as one of the greatest writers of the 20th century. As his carefully guarded

academic world is challenged by his friendship with the outspoken American poet Joy Gresham, Lewis – a committed bachelor, Christian, and Oxford professor – finds himself relearning the true meaning of life. In *Shadowlands*, their unlikely romance raises elemental questions about God and love, life and death, happiness and the meaning of family.

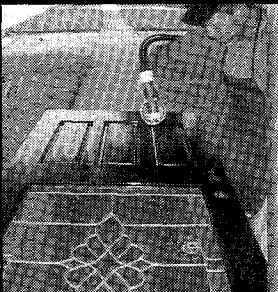
The Texas Repertory Theatre production of *Shadowlands* features a cast of Houston's finest actors, including Freeman Williams, Dave Maldonado, Beth Lazarou, and Texas Repertory Artistic Director Steven Fenley as C. S. Lewis, all under the direction of award-winning director Rachel Mattox. For tickets or more information call our friendly box office at 281-583-7573 or log onto www.texreptheatre.org.

ATTENTION: NW Harris County Tri Delta Alumnae



Mark your calendars to join your Tri Delta sisters for our monthly meeting on **Tuesday, February 7** at 7 p.m. for the "Boots, BBQ and Bunco" evening of fun, food and friendship! Our group usually meets on the second Tuesday of every month September through April but will be meeting a week early this month. We have a diverse group of women of all ages from a variety of colleges. For more information, please contact Patsy at 281-370-8516 or Karen at trideltanews@yahoo.com.

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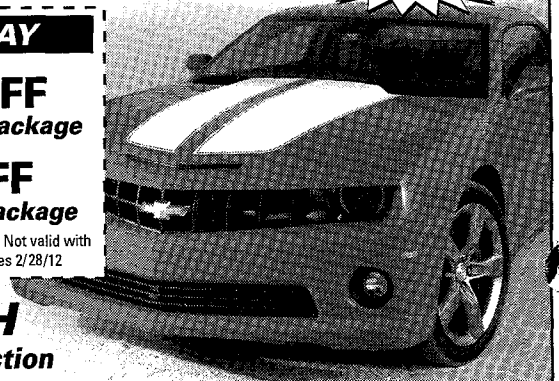
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Speaker – Melanie Lawson

Tickets – \$50

The fund-raiser proceeds will be used for educational programs and projects and for scholarships to local colleges. For more information, please contact Fund-raiser Chair Mary Gubert at 281-376-1663.

This is a lovely opportunity to honor two outstanding local women, enjoy a delicious lunch, do a little shopping, hear a well-known speaker, and contribute funds for local educational projects and local scholarships.

Friends and Neighbors of FM 1960 W

Friends and Neighbors of FM 1960, a women's club, will meet on **February 7** at 9:30 a.m. in the Christus Center at St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church, 7810 Cypresswood Drive at Squyres Road. We meet September to May at 9:30 a.m. on the first Tuesday of each month. Our purpose is to promote new friendships and to undertake charitable and humanitarian projects within our community. Our fun activities include mahjongg, book groups, bunco, bridge, canasta, golf, bowling, hiking, wine tasting, and both day and overnight trips.

Our February 7 program will be Pat Shaw's Historical Fashion Show. Vintage clothing/costumes will be modeled by our own FAN members and orchestrated by our very own Pat Shaw who became interested in this extraordinary hobby while residing in Canada. Mark your new calendars so you don't miss this fabulous fashion show. For more information call Lu Ann Kubis at 281-444-0469.



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Take a walk, paddle a canoe, or ride a bike. Harris County Precinct 4's contribution to the Spring Creek Greenway now features 7.5 contiguous miles of pristine trail and 2,000 acres of parkland available for all kinds of recreational activities. The linear park now stretches from Jesse H. Jones Park & Nature Center in Humble to Pundt Park in Spring.

A recently completed 5.5-mile hard surface trail and 10-foot-wide, 365-foot-long bridge stretching over Cypress Creek complete the connection between the two parks. The concrete bridge is capable of handling heavy equipment or vehicles needed for maintenance and emergency access, but is not open to motorized vehicles.

The connective trail and bridge are part of Phase 2 of the Spring Creek Greenway project, which will connect and protect up to 12,000 acres of forest on both sides of the creek, preserving an ecological gem and creating a mecca for ecotourism, education, and outdoor recreation just north of Houston.

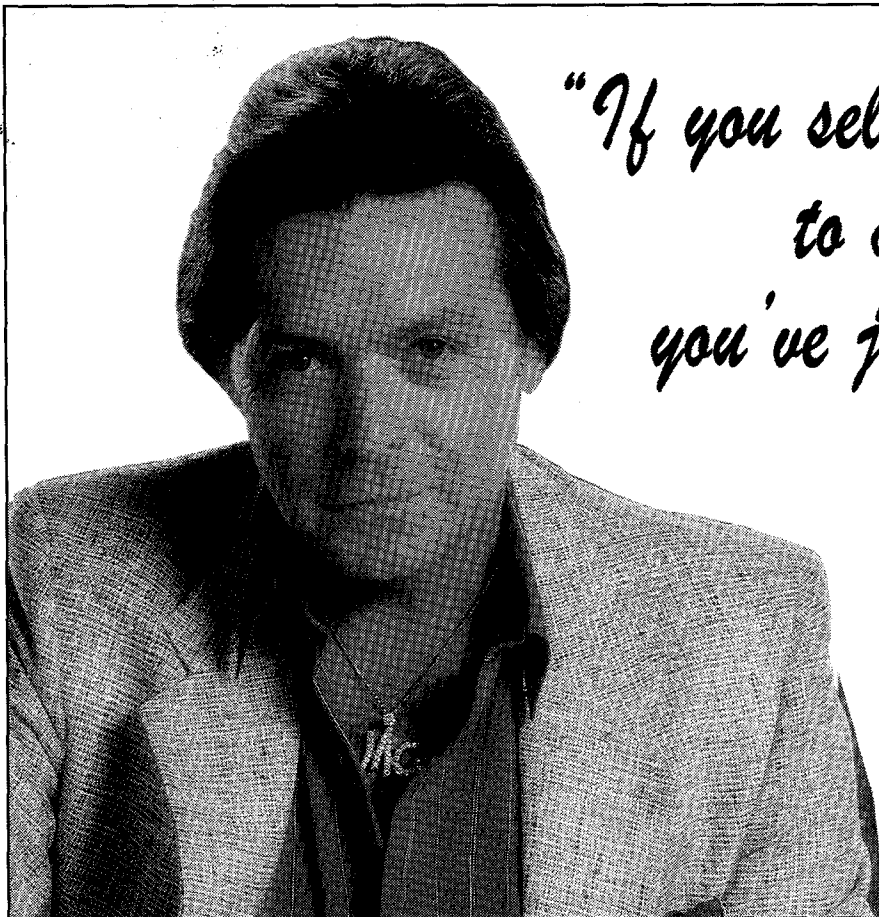
"The forests along Spring Creek look nearly the same as they looked over 200 years ago when Akokisa Indians roamed the land, hunting and gathering their food as they traveled this gorgeous spring-fed waterway," says Mike Howlett, project manager for the Spring Creek Greenway. Jones Park, one of the anchor parks of the Spring Creek Greenway, is a nature sanctuary for a wide variety of plants, fungi, and wildlife, including Bald Eagles, Osprey, bobcats, coyotes, armadillos, opossums, and deer. "For lovers of wildlife, the Spring Creek Greenway is home to a multitude of plants and animals."

The Spring Creek Greenway offers multiple input and egress points for those with canoes or kayaks. For equestrians, Precinct 4 will be creating a mulch-based trail that runs parallel to the new 5.5-mile hard surface trail in 2012.

"Spring Creek holds the distinction of being one of only two remaining waterways in Harris County that has not been concreted, channelized, or otherwise modified to handle more water. In its natural state, the creek's secondary banks filter the water that flows to the creek during times of heavy rain, resulting in cleaner water that flows into the San Jacinto River and Lake Houston," Howlett says.

Precinct 4 has partnered with many key players in bringing about the construction of this section of trail (valued at \$1.75 million), including the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Harris County Flood Control District, Texas Department of Transportation, Montgomery County Precinct 3, and many others. Engineering services were provided by LJA Engineering, and Menade, Inc., served as general contractor for construction of this section of trail. Precinct 4 has already begun acquiring land for Phase 3 of the project, which will connect Pundt Park to Riley-Fuzzel Road.

"Preserving urban forests improves every aspect of our quality of life. The Spring Creek Greenway not only helps to reduce flooding and improves air quality, but it provides a home for wildlife and an abundance of recreational opportunities for Precinct 4 residents," says Commissioner R. Jack Cagle.



*"If you sell your gold or silver
to anyone else,
you've just lost money!"*

**Mickey
Gilley**





Dear Artist,

John Wesley United Methodist Church is pleased to announce the establishment of the **John Wesley United Methodist Church Art Fest and Sale** to be held on **September 14-16, 2012**.

The purpose of this letter is to inform interested artists and organizations from the Houston area of the contest and determine what interest they may have to enter. All entries must be submitted by **August 31, 2012** in order to allow enough time to prepare for the Art Fest.

The inspiration for the theme of the contest comes from the Old Testament, Genesis 1:31: *God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning.* The interpretation of this scripture will be left to the artist. Categories of art for the contest will be oil or watercolor or sculpture and mixed media.

All artwork submitted will be reviewed by a panel and if accepted, will require a fee of \$25 per entry. Each winner of the "Best of Category" will receive \$250 and the "Best of Show" will receive \$1,000.

Contest rules and details will be forthcoming as soon as we can determine the art community's interest in this project. To help us gauge interest in this project, please indicate the number of interested persons in your organization who would like to participate in the contest. Please fill out the information below and return it to John Wesley United Methodist Church, 5830 Bermuda Dunes, Houston, TX 77069 or email to dreding@jwumc.org.

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"Trees store energy reserves which they can draw on in times of stress, including drought, but if they're not able to replenish those reserves, they can go into a downward spiral," says Michael Merritt, bayou region urban forestry coordinator for the Texas Forest Service.

Dennis Johnston, Precinct 4 parks administrator, estimates that an average of 15 percent of the trees in Precinct 4's parks system have died. "Older trees like those in Spring Creek Park or areas which have 100 years or more of natural mulch on top of the root system are faring better than others. Newer parks like Matzke and Pundt Park, where the soil has been recently disturbed, or Meyer and Collins, where the natural soils underneath have been altered or compacted, have suffered exceptional losses – up to 40 percent of the canopy."

He explains that newly planted trees (one to five years in the ground) are most at risk, especially those without an irrigation system, where losses are in the 80 to 90 percent range.

Though funds are limited, Precinct 4 is working to remove trees located near trail systems and populated areas. "When conifers like pine trees go brown, we have to remove them. Hardwood trees, like sweet gum, elm, and oak, may not be dead, but may have entered an early winter dormant state. With these, we're waiting until the spring to see if they produce leaves again," Johnston says. He explains that the effects of this year's drought will linger for another five years especially in hardwood trees. "Stressed trees are at risk for pathogens and pests. Most recently, park personnel have noticed severe outbreaks of pine bark beetles wiping out entire stands of mature pine trees." Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens will provide tough, drought-tolerant plants and trees at this year's March Mart sale on **Friday, March 23** from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and **Saturday, March 24** from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Merritt says that although native trees can usually withstand the wide fluctuations in weather typical to the area, any tree will suffer under times of extreme drought. "Make sure to select a tree that works with the type of soil you have in your area. Also, since it takes a tree two to three years to become established, owners should have a plan for tree maintenance which includes appropriate watering. Newly planted trees need about five gallons of water per inch of diameter up to twice a week, though less in the winter when the tree is dormant." He encourages residents to visit the Texas Forest Service at www.tfs.tamu.edu for tips on tree selection, planting, and maintenance and notes that the ideal planting season is from late October until early March.

Additionally, Precinct 4 welcomes groups interested in replanting trees within the parks system to contact Precinct 4 at 281-353-8100. "Trees provide shade and shelter for wildlife, keep our air conditioning costs down and improve our air quality. The summer drought was bad, and we lost a lot of our canopy. But I think we can survive this, and if we all pitch in, we can come out of this with an even better urban forest," Merritt concludes.

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Animal Humane/Aggressive.....1	Solicitor.....1
Burglary to a Habitation.....0	Suspicious Person/Vehicle.....4/6
Burglary to a Motor Vehicle.....1	Traffic Initiative.....35
Criminal Mischief.....5	Vacation Watch.....0

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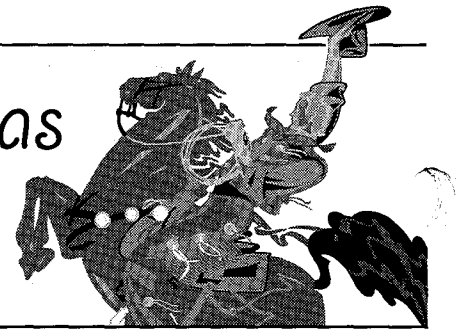
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2 – Clear Lake Area: Epicurean Evening

Sample cuisine from more than 40 area food establishments. Space Center Houston. www.clearlakearea.com/events/epicureanevening.asp 281-488-7676

2-5 – Canton: First Monday Trade Days

Includes more than 7,000 vendors on 200 acres. On I-20 in Canton from exits 523, 526, 527 or 528. www.visitcantontx.com 877-462-7467 or 903-567-1849

3 – Houston: The Harpsichord's Golden Century

Harpichordist Richard Egarr offers a compelling look at the works of 17th century composers Couperin, Purcell, Froberger and Blow. Presented by Houston Early Music. Begins at 7:30 p.m. with a pre-concert talk at 6:45 p.m. First Unitarian Universalist Church www.houstonearlymusic.org 713-432-1744

4 – Galveston: Igudesman and Joo

Aleksey Igudesman and Hyung-ki Joo combine enchanting music with hilarious theatricality. At 8 p.m. The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 409-765-1894 or 800-821-1894

4 – Lake Jackson: Abner Jackson Plantation Site Tours

Discover the sugarmaking process of the 1840s, how convict labor replaced slave labor during the 1870s, and how destructive the hurricane of 1900 truly was. Jackson Plantation Site. www.lakejacksonmuseum.org 979-297-1570

10-12, 23, 25-26 – Houston: Houston Symphony Orchestra Jones Hall. www.houstonsymphony.org

10-21 – Galveston: Mardi Gras Galveston

The island celebrates its 101st Mardi Gras with spectacular parades, elaborate masked balls, flamboyant costumes and live entertainment. Historic downtown. www.mardigrasgalveston.com 409-797-5143 or 888-425-4753

12 – Galveston: Chris Botti in Concert

Award-winning jazz trumpeter performs with his 7-piece band. Begins at 4 p.m. The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 409-765-1894 or 800-821-1894

13-25 – Round Top: Winedale Quilt Exhibit

Features part of the Winedale Quilt Collection, with historic quilts dating back to the 1700s. 3738 FM 2714. www.cah.utexas.edu

17 – Galveston: Sylvester and the Magic Pebble

With life-size puppets, masked actors, magical illusions, innovative sets and original music, Enchantment Theatre Company transforms this Caldecott Medal-winning book into a delightful adaptation for the stage. Begins at 10 a.m. The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800-821-1894

18 – Houston: Orbit: An HD Odyssey

With striking images taken from NASA missions to Earth's orbit and accompanied by Strauss' epic tone poem "Also Sprach Zarathustra." This event is not to be missed. Jones Hall. www.houstonsymphony.org 713-224-7575

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19 – Houston: French Evolution

Features world-famous soprano Ruth Ann Swenson with the full Houston Masterworks Chorus and orchestra performing Gounod's St. Cecilia Mass, Francis Poulenc's Gloria and other pieces. Stude Concert Hall at Rice University.

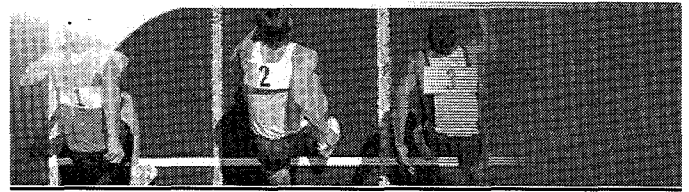
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28-Mar. 4 – Houston: Million Dollar Quartet

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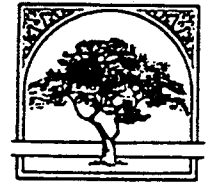
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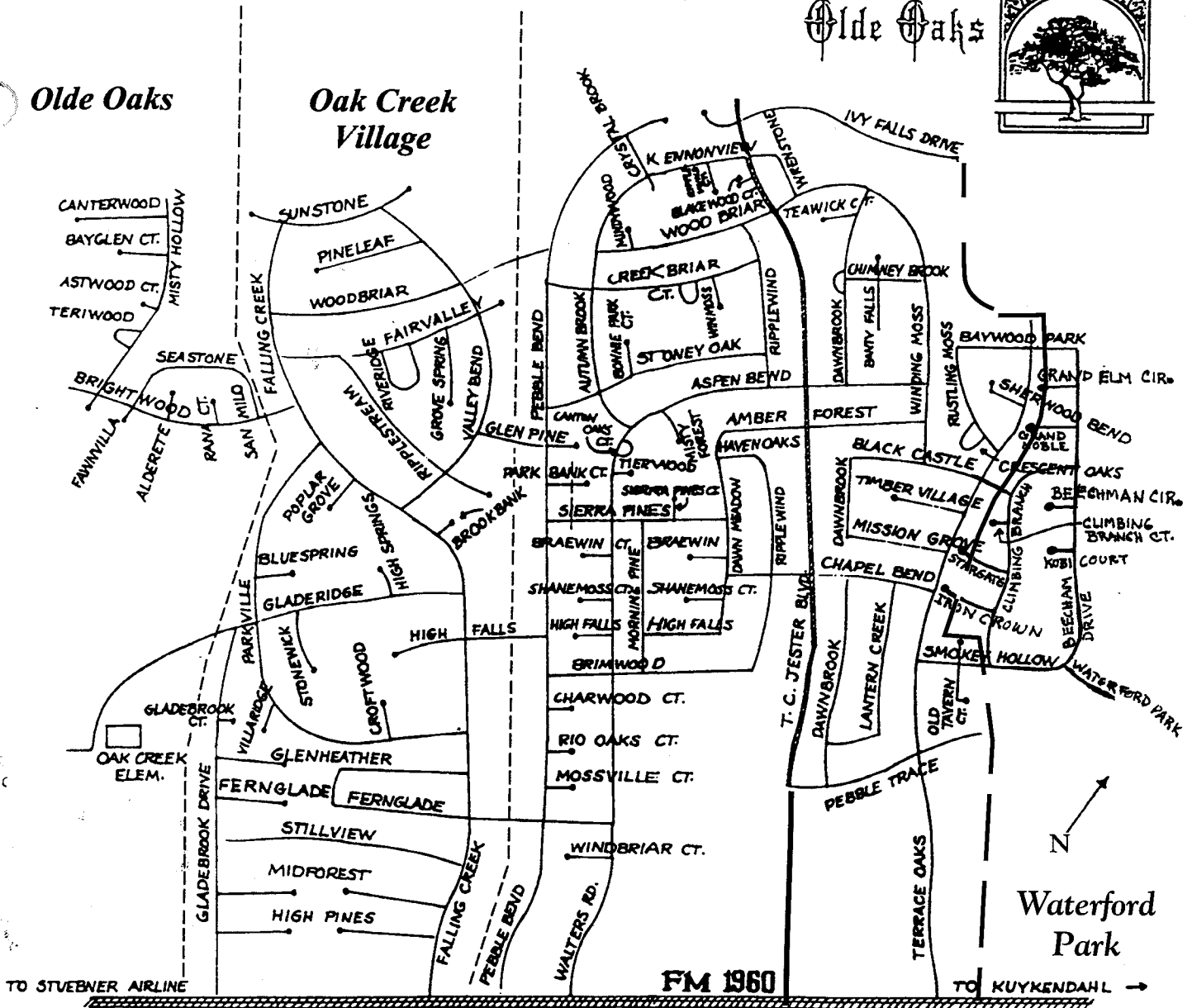
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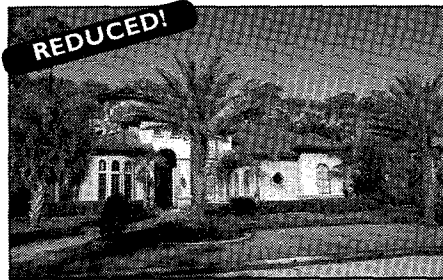
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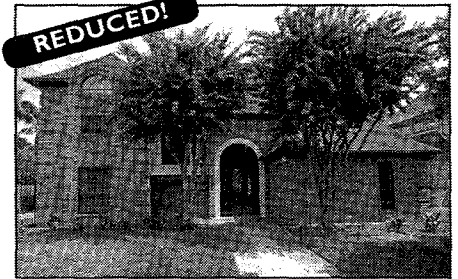
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