

September Meeting

When: 7:00 p.m.
Monday, September 12, 2011

Where: Trinity United Methodist Church
4001 Speedway

Note: HPNA general meetings usually take place on the first Monday of each month.

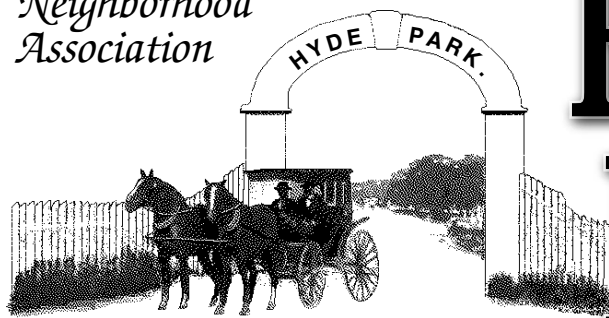
HPNA General Meeting Agenda for Sep 12th

- ❖ Nominations for 2011-2012 Officers and Steering Committee members
- ❖ District Attorney Rosemary Lehmborg will speak
- ❖ Juan Wah, Community Involvement Coordinator with Capital Metro will speak re: the Adopt-a-Stop Program
- ❖ Update on 3801 Duval Pocket Park Project (Huffstickler Green)

New Editor for Pecan Press!

We are delighted to report that as of the October issue, the *Pecan Press* will have a new editor! That would be Paul Kamprath of 4315 Avenue B, who responded in prompt and enthusiastic fashion to our "Help Wanted" announcement in last month's issue, and whose introductory letter on p. 8 of this issue makes clear that he has some long-time connections with the neighborhood, and brings considerable experience and skills to the position. In order to facilitate a smooth transition, long-time editor Grant Thomas has agreed to stay involved in an advisory capacity, and we encourage other neighbors to support the newsletter as well, in whatever way(s) they can. Not unlike other aspects of HPNA's work, this publication is a team effort; and under Paul's leadership, we are confident that the future of the *Pecan Press* will be as bright, informative and neighborly as its past has been. Many thanks, Mr. Editor, and welcome aboard!

*The Hyde Park
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Proposed Amendment to HPNA Bylaws

In the August issue of the *Pecan Press*, we provided background information on a proposed amendment to the bylaws of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association (HPNA) to institute consecutive term-limits for the Steering Committee members elected at-large from the HPNA membership.

This proposed amendment will be considered by the general membership of HPNA at the Monday, October 3rd, 2011 meeting. If you want your vote to count, ensure you are member of HPNA on or before midnight of Friday, September 2nd, 2011.

To become a member, send a \$5 check payable to HPNA (\$1 check if you are a senior) with your name and address to:

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Submitted by Deaton Bednar.

**Pecan Press' First-Ever
Word Find Puzzle! (see p. 4)**

Notice of Proposed Amendment to the Bylaws of Hyde Park Neighborhood Association

In accordance with the BYLAWS OF HYDE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, effective December 4, 2009, Article XVIII. AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS, this notice is to publish the exact wording of a proposed change to the bylaws in the *Pecan Press* at least 30 days prior to the October 03, 2011, general meeting of the membership of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association, which will be referred to in the remainder of this Notice as "HPNA."

The proposed amendment is to Article XI. Steering Committee. The intent of the proposed amendment is to limit the number of consecutive terms that may be served by Steering Committee members elected at large.

The complete bylaws may be found at <www.austinhypark.org/about/test/> under Quick Links. Questions pertaining to this proposed amendment may be addressed to Deaton Bednar, 512.371.3762 or <deatonbednar@grandecom.net>.

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From the President's Desk:

A big thanks to Hyde Park neighbor Paul Kamprath for stepping forward as the new editor for the *Pecan Press*! (See related items in this month's issue.) Thanks as well to Grant for coming out of "retirement" to edit the September issue, and show Paul the ropes. We're also grateful that Grant is willing stay involved with the newsletter in an advisory role.

At the September meeting the nominations committee (made up this year of Michael Nill, Cynthia Lyon, Carolyn Grimes and me) will present a proposed slate for next year's officers. It is possible that at the time you read this issue there will still be positions we are working to fill, so please contact one of us if you are interested in filling a position or if you would like to recommend someone for

a position. Also, if you would like to be eligible to vote in the election at the October general meeting, you need to have joined HPNA by September 3rd. If you were recently a member but your dues have lapsed, our bylaws indicate that dues must be current for you to be able to vote. (They do not set out a specific amount of time before the vote by which they need to be paid.)

On August 13th, Trinity United Methodist Church brought some extra kindness to our neighborhood with the Great Kindness Challenge. I was able to attend the portion of the event that was at Shipe Park. Elected officials (Judge Hohengarten, Representative Naishtat and Rep. Naishtat's guests, a City Councilmember and a State Senator from Colorado) were thanked for their service and then participants did a happy dance. I took a few photos of the happy dance, and hopefully there'll be room for at least one in this issue.

Hancock NA, North University NA and HPNA are now parties to a funds management agreement with the Austin Parks Foundation. The account contains mitigation money from Austin Energy and we plan to use it to develop a green on the city-owned strip of land at 3801 Duval. The fairly new owners of the property at 3803 Duval are applying for a variance to impervious cover requirements in order to enlarge their driveway so that all residents of their property will be able to park on the

property. Historically the residents of that property have relied heavily on the city-owned land for parking since the property has a driveway that is too narrow to turn a car around in. Because of proximity to 38th St. it is not safe for vehicles to back out from 3803 Duval and there is not street parking available in front of that house. The property does not have alley access. The owners asked me to share their reasons for asking for a variance

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with you so that those of you who live close enough to the property to get notice of the hearing regarding their variance request will know what they are asking for and why.

Quick updates on some some items discussed in previous issues:

On August 3rd and 18th there were pretrial hearings in the tire slasher suspect's trial. The trial in the case was set for August 22nd. We plan to give an update on it at the general meeting in September.

On August 15th the Austin Parks Foundation account agreement between HPNA, Hancock NA, North University NA and the Austin Parks Foundation was finalized, so I am hopeful we will have everything lined up so we can move forward on our

effort to beautify the city-owned land at 3801 Duval through the city's neighborhood partnership program by the time the weather is once more hospitable to planting things.

On August 22nd several Hyde Park neighbors attended the AISD Board meeting to raise concerns about the possible sale of Baker School.

The city's transportation department is in the process of scheduling a meeting about the effect of the closure of Bruning Ave. at 51st St. and 53rd St. Please contact Bob Breeze, our point person on 51st/Bruning/Duval/Clarkson issues, or me for updated information on its scheduling. You can also check the Keep Bruning Avenue Open Facebook page.


The Friends of Shipe Park are continuing work on the mosaic mural on the poolhouse wall. Updates on that and the pools are periodically being posted on the Friends of Shipe Park Facebook page.

Finally, let's welcome the Griffin School to its new home in Hyde Park! In August it moved into its new location, the former location of Trinity United Methodist Church.

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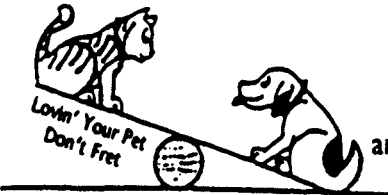
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- Pecan Press beat. (4,4) _____
- Dorothy, "Mayor" of HP. (7) _____
- Editor "Emeritus" of Pecan Press. (5,6) _____
- Prez of HPNA. (4,6) _____
- Bakery in downtown HP. (6) _____
- What's where Ave E should be? (8) _____
- Informal name of Guadalupe because it goes by ASH. (6,6) _____
- When is the Fire Station parade and festival. (7) _____
- Where to get gas in downtown HP. (6) _____
- Reason for the funny path of 40th Street. (9) _____
- Eastern boundary of original HP. (5) _____
- Where to shoot hoops on Ave. B. (5,6) _____
- Where to take a dip (twice) in HP. (5,4) _____
- HP Homes Tour this weekend. (7,3) _____
- It's usually parked at 43rd and Speedway. (6,6,4) _____
- What runs through Shipe Park and the rest of Hyde Park. (6,5) _____
- Tall landmark at Duval and Park. (3,4) _____
- Where to get veggie Tex-Mex in downtown HP. (7) _____
- Mimosa across from Shipe Pool. (3,6) _____
- Church that moved from 50th to Speedway. (7) _____

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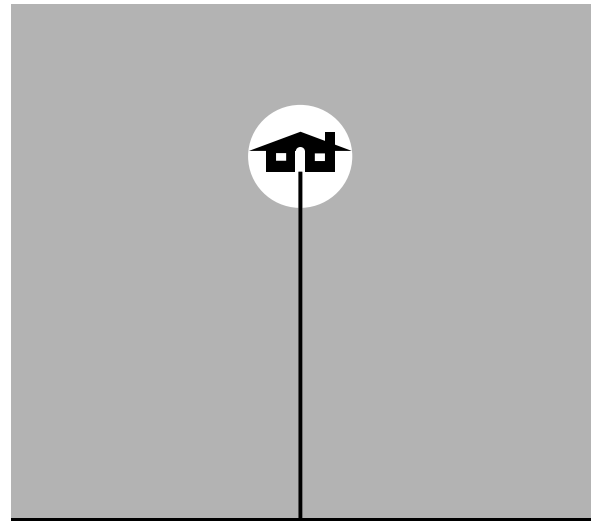
The second week of September is Fire Ant Awareness Week. While there hasn't been a lot of fire ant activity lately due to weather, be aware that they will be back.

When it's hot and dry outside, people may have fire ant activity and get stung but not see mounds to treat. Under hot and dry conditions, fire ants dig deep into the soil to find cooler temperatures and to be closer to the water table. Fire ant mounds often return after rainfall or with regular irrigation.

When temperatures are at the sweltering range, it's a good idea to bait for fire ants since the mounds may not be seen. Fire ants will still be out to forage for food and will pick up bait as a food and take it back to the colony to share with others. It is best to bait in the early morning or evening when temperatures are cooler.

Make sure that bait is fresh- it should have a nutty smell- and that it does not get wet from rainfall or irrigation. Read the label for the proper application rate and use the correct application equipment. Also, consider sharing some bait with your neighbors so their fire ants don't move into your yard.

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Ball Moss and Your Trees

So, you notice that your trees have a heavy growth of ball moss on the lower branches, and these branches seem to be dead or dying. It's not a bit unreasonable to conclude that there is an insidious attack on your trees by hairy gray blobs - they are killing your trees! You would not be alone: many people have come to this same conclusion. However, there is a lot more to the story. The truth may be less dramatic, but it could allay some of your fears. Read on for some facts that shed more light on what's going on.



Ball moss, photo by "der Brat"

Ball moss (*Tillandsia recurvata*), is a flowering plant in the pineapple family (bromeliads) - many of which, like ball moss, are epiphytes. Epiphytes live on trees but are not parasites; in fact sometimes ball moss can be seen growing on concrete bridges and electric power lines - objects not alive and thus not providing nourishment, merely physical support. Ball moss is happiest in relatively low-light, somewhat humid habitats - places such as found on the lower branches of trees. Wispy appendages on ball moss seeds allow them to stick most readily to rough surfaces such as bark on branches but a little less likely to smoother surfaces (like bridges, power lines, and even smooth-barked crepe myrtle).

Most trees around here do well in high-light environments, but their lower branches are not tolerant of low-light levels. In fact, lower branches frequently die off as a result of insufficient light - even in the absence of ball moss. So, the environment that

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favors ball moss is the one that is not favorable to tree branches. Voila! Ball moss found growing on dead and dying branches.

There's more. I sometimes encounter the claim that ball moss is "suffocating" the trees. Hmm. While it is true that, like most multicellular organisms, plants need oxygen, they produce their own oxygen during photosynthesis. They actually make more than they need, hence the atmosphere is packed with their waste oxygen.

Not only do ball moss growths not extract nutrients from their hosts, they have not been shown to produce any chemical that harms trees. [However, interestingly, they have recently found some chemicals extracted from ball moss that induce tumor cells to kill themselves as well as to have some anti-AIDS effects. But these effects would likely have no effect on host trees, inasmuch as the bark is dead tissue.]

There is the claim that ball moss takes mineral nutrients that would otherwise go to the tree, and this is true to a limited extent. However - again - this seems an unlikely problem for a couple of reasons: the biomass of ball moss is generally small compared to that of the tree, and when the ball moss dies, its nutrients end up in the tree, anyway. In fact there is speculation that ball moss helps trees recycle their own nutrients faster by causing the lower, dying branches to fall off sooner, and thus adding to the tree's nutrient supply.

I am aware of only one study showing an actual deleterious effect of ball moss on host trees. This occurs when young trees are found in somewhat reduced light conditions where the ball moss can grow in a way that blocks light from young shoots - even then this has a fairly minor effect. And, it does not apply to Hyde Park trees that live in an abundant light environment - this summer even more abundant than usual. Several other careful studies have shown no harmful effects of ball moss on their hosts.

It's up to you whether to worry about ball moss on your trees. But, if you do have it removed, do it for esthetic reasons and not because of any harm to the trees. As for me, I like seeing ball moss on trees.

— Steve (der Brat) Bratteng,
4313 Avenue D

Editor's Note: Steve Bratteng [der Brat] is a former supervisor for biology labs at UT Austin and a retired high school science teacher who now teaches part-time at Austin Community College. He has lived in Hyde Park since 1974.

This is the first of what we hope will be an ongoing series of articles about the natural history of plants and animals found in Hyde Park.



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Letter from the (New!) Editor

Dear Neighbors,

Hi, my name is Paul Kamprath. I will be the new editor for the Pecan Press. I want to give credit and thanks to Grant Thomas for his 31+ years of service as editor, and also to Sarah Sitton, who served for many years as associate editor. I hope to rely on them as valuable resources as we transition.

To tell you a little about me, I was born in Austin and have lived in most of the central Austin neighborhoods. I attended Stephen F. Austin High School and graduated from The University of Texas with a Bachelor of Arts as an English major. I have worked in the Texas legislative environment since 1993, so I do have some political opinions. I also have some long-time ties to the neighborhood — among them, I was a 6th-grader at Baker School in 1976, and in the late 80's I worked for several years at the former Hyde Park Pharmacy at 4017 Guadalupe.

My side interests include golf, biking, running, Shakespeare in the Park, Blues on the Green, and more recently swimming at Barton Springs because it's free before 8 a.m. I also like barbecue, Tex-Mex, and good friends.

If you have articles that you want to contribute, send them to pecaneditor@gmail.com.

Thanks, and I look forward to working with all of you!

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Baker Center backboard & hoop installation, before (left) - by Karen McGraw and after (above) - by Paul Kamprath

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Chinese Language School to Open

Dear Neighbors,

We are writing to inform you that the educational legacy of the Perry Estate on 41st Street continues. With the recent departure of the Griffin School, several new occupants—collectively known as the Waller Creek School—will offer unique educational opportunities to children and adults of all ages.

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XI. STEERING COMMITTEE

The Steering Committee shall be the principal representative, governing, and policy-recommending body of HPNA. Actions of the Steering Committee shall be governed by the will of the membership as expressed at general and special membership meetings.

The Steering Committee shall be comprised of the officers of HPNA, the immediate past president of HPNA and 6 current voting members of HPNA who are elected at large for a 2-year term. These 6 positions will be staggered so that 3 positions are filled each year at the same time officers are elected. ~~There is no term limit on how long a single person can hold this position.~~ A revised list of the members of the Steering Committee will be listed in the *Pecan Press*, web site, and email list each year.

The voting members elected at large may be re-elected; however, a voting member elected at large shall not serve in excess of two consecutive full two-year terms. The two consecutive two-year term limitation for voting members elected at large shall not prevent the election of such persons from further service as a voting member of the steering committee after an absence from that committee for two or more years. Serving more than one year of a two-year term is treated as a full two-year term for the purposes of term limitation. Serving one year or less of a two-year term is not a full two-year term for the purposes of term limitation.

In the event that the Steering Committee position of the immediate past president of HPNA is vacant, an additional member shall serve on the Steering Committee in the place of the immediate past president. If the position is vacant at the regular time for the election of officers, it shall be filled in accordance with the terms of these bylaws for the election of officers. If the vacancy occurs during a term, it shall be filled by a candidate nominated by the Nominations Committee upon a vote of the Steering Committee.

The President shall serve as chairperson of the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee shall meet at least at a standing time and day to be determined annually by the Steering Committee. Notice shall be given by e-mail or telephone to all Steering Committee members.

The Steering Committee meetings are open to the all members of HPNA; however, only Steering Committee members can vote on issues.

The Steering Committee can appoint any ad hoc committee or positions such as chairs. All appointments shall be announced to the next meeting of the general membership, as well as on the official announcement e-mail list and in the *Pecan Press*.



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HPNA General Meeting Minutes for August 1, 2011

Hyde Park's Baker School and its fate provided the basis for much of the August meeting's agenda. About twenty neighbors listened to a presentation from Nicole Colley-Abram, chief financial officer for AISD, and Paul Turner, chief of facilities, who presented an overview of challenges facing the district that led to the current proposal to sell Baker, as well as the Carruth Administrative Center (CAC) downtown.

President Lisa Harris called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Ms. Colley-Abram said the proposals to sell CAC and Baker were originally proposed several years ago by a consultant studying resource usage in the district. The recommendations were made purely as a business case and did not take any political factors into consideration, including neighborhood support. District administration is coming up with a proposal to bring before the school board in September, with an eye toward action at the November meeting. Any decision about campuses, including Baker, will be made at the board level, and the board is the proper place to make neighbors' views known. (N.B.: Neighbors are already organizing to speak about the Baker School issue at the September trustees' meeting.)

Trinity UMC office administrator Amy Duncan then informed neighbors about a new program sponsored by Trinity, **Kids for Peace**. The first event will be the Great Kindness Challenge on Saturday, August 13th, when participants will make treats and share them with the crew at Fire Station 9, assemble lunches for the homeless, and perhaps do a neighborhood walk and trash pickup.

Adam Wilson reported on the status of **Shipe Pool** for 2012. It appears that at this point, closing Shipe and other neighborhood pools has been taken off the table. Currently, the city is proposing instead to close Dick Nichols and Balcones pools for the winter months. We have asked for city to put together a working group with citizen input to think about the longer-term issues of aging infrastructure and budget constraints, which will continue to come up. PARD is contracting for an independent organization to provide an assessment of their resources. We hope HPNA will be part of the framing of the questions in that study.

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Lisa reported with regard to the proposed **Huffstickler Green** at 38th and Duval that Hancock Neighborhood Association asked for changes in agreement language which the Parks Foundation didn't like, but they now appear to have agreed on final language and the construction and maintenance agreements can go forward.

Lisa ended by reminding all neighbors that officer elections and bylaws amendments are both coming at the October meeting, so be sure to keep your **membership dues** paid up to preserve voting status. New members must join by the September general meeting in order to vote in October.

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

– Sam Waring
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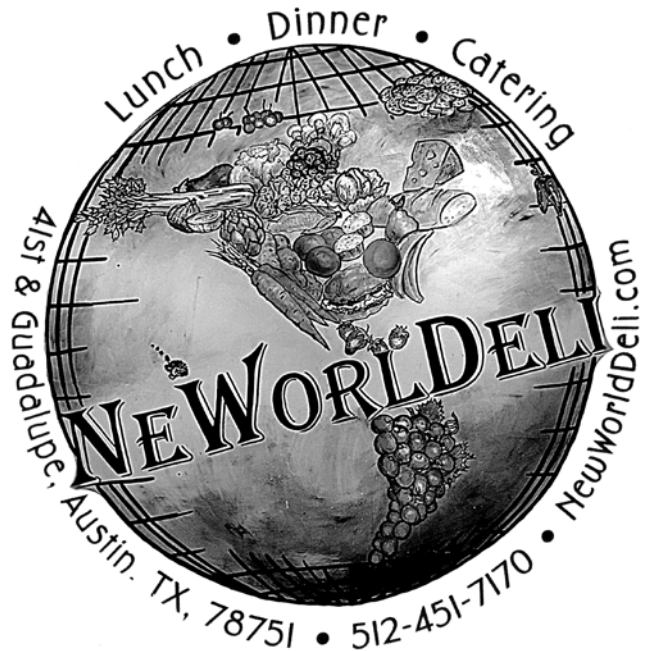
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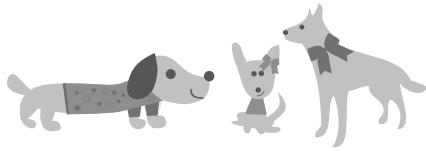
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This year the deer are hungry,
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the lithe leaps that take them
through the fields between homes.

Dogs in fences think they're sport
and waken masters with shouts
as though these refined creatures
planned to intrude and to plunder.

The fawns are fast like does,
and playful enough to circle
pencil-like legs of worried parents.
A brutal sun bakes barren sand.

Nature prunes her progeny
and only witless walkers ask
how suffering can have such weight
in the balance bar of time.

When we see death among our own,
we are the ones who need to find
reasons for what comes down.
It's a malady of an artful mind.

On behalf of innocent fawns
we would even take to task
the artificer of the universe,
who knows where every buck stops.

— Elzy Cogswell

Steve's Garage

Come with me now to Steve's garage
and see his handiwork in the backyard,
where the building leans on doors open wide,
with a cavernous dark nestled inside.

Now that the overhead work light is off
step round where the spray-paint cans were tossed,
watch out for a vise or a rusty wrench,
come right on up to the carpenter's bench.

Here in the dawn the figures seem to glow
with the patina of care the craftsman bestowed.
Each one unique and now neatly arrayed,
see how they shine, their parts ready to play!

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Hyde Park neighbors will be pleased to learn that this house at 3820 Avenue F has a new owner, David Conner, former President of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association and chair of the 2011 Hyde Park Homes Tour.



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A neighbor asked David why he didn't pay someone to paint the house, and he said "because this is the way I bond with my house. This way I know every inch of the house and what it needs." I wish every old house could have an owner who loves it the way David does this one and that every buyer could be as happy with their new home as David is with his!



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– Elzy Cogswell

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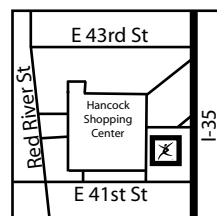
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to all of us as we shuffle backward
on the stage to see the curtain close at last.

Because you would not let the world
stop your constant naming of the things
that need first to be seen then
to be announced to everyone,

you sit in here at the table of my heart,
your words speak on, pausing only
occasionally to taste again the coffee
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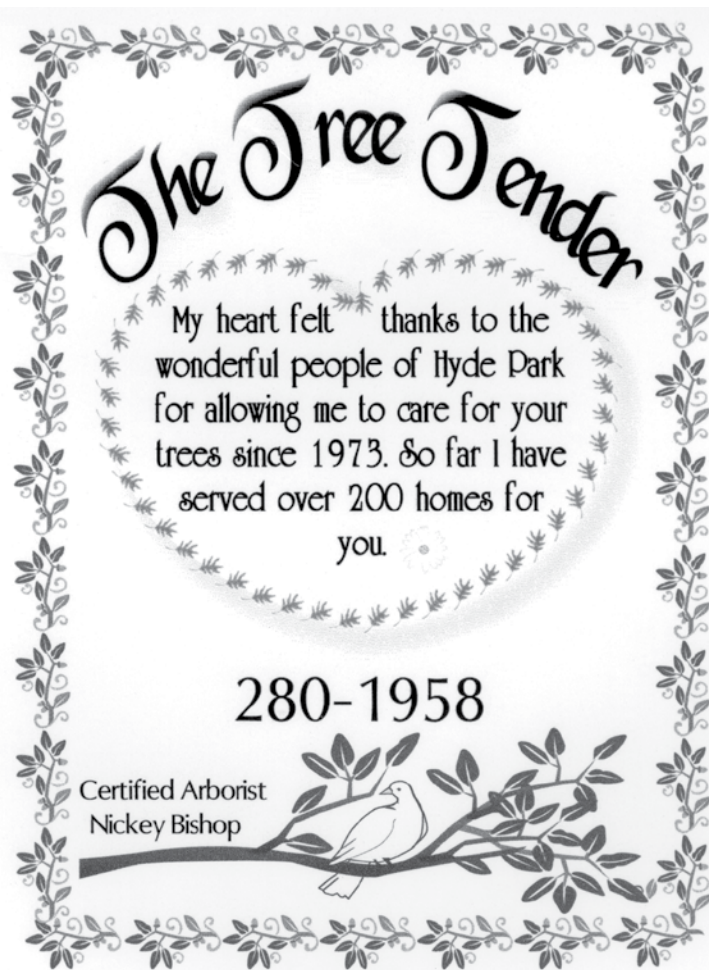
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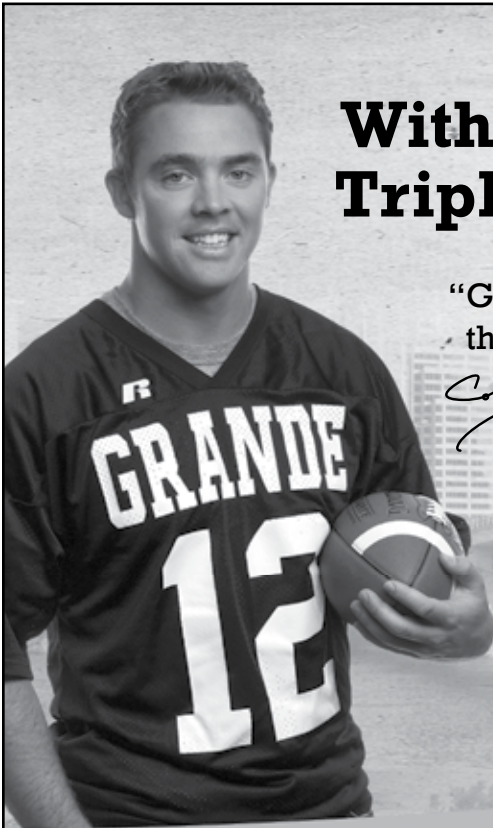
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