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New Principal at Kirk

Effective immediately, Mr. Doug Ogilvie (Mr. O) will be the new head Principal at Kirk Elementary. Mr. Ogilvie has fourteen years of experience in education, all within Cypress-Fairbanks ISD. He began teaching in 1991 at Wilson Elementary. In 1996, he was promoted to the position of assistant Principal at Moore Elementary. He has also been the assistant Principal at Hancock Elementary and currently at Willbern Elementary.

During his career, Mr. Ogilvie has received extensive training in a variety of programs including, instructional strategies, classroom management, and cooperative learning. The combination of Mr. Ogilvie's varied experiences at the elementary level and his extensive training make him well qualified to serve as Principal of Kirk Elementary.

New LOEN Garden & Nature Club

The LOEN Garden & Nature club is a group of neighborhood residents (guys and gals) who are interested in learning more about landscaping in our community, what good resources are available, addressing yard and pest problems, learning new planting techniques, exchanging plants, and participating in fun community activities. We would love to have you join us. We will be meeting every second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm. The next meeting will be a Q&A with Lisa Rawl, our very own neighborhood master gardener. If you are interested in joining our club, email Lisa Carpenter at lisacarpenter@houston.rr.com or Lisa Rawl at lmrjkk@earthlink.net.



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LOE Dolphin Swim Team is Under Way

The LOE Dolphins welcome our new Coaches, Sabrina Holub and Angie Womack, to the pool deck. Our head Coach Sabrina also coaches Fleet at Watkins Elementary. Angie grew up swimming for the Concord Bridge Dolphins and previously swam for and managed the Langham Creek High School Swim Team. **WELCOME Coaches Sabrina & Angie!**

Important dates to remember:

May 10th @ 5:00pm Swim Team Pictures
May 13th @ 5:00pm Time Trials (MANDATORY)

Reminder: Afternoon Practice Schedule

4:30-5:30 - 11 yrs. and Up
5:40-6:10 - 8 yrs. and Under
6:15-7:00 - 7 and 8, 9 and 10

Pizza Parties every Friday after practice, see you there!

Morning Practice Schedule starting May 31st

8:00-8:40 - 8 yrs. and under
8:45-9:25 - 7 and 8, 9 and 10
9:30-10:30 - 11 yrs. and up

DOLPHINS SWIM MEET SCHEDULE

May 21st	Home vs. Windsong
May 28th	Away @ Canyon Gate
June 4th	Away @ Bear Creek
June 11th	Home vs. Concord Bridge
June 18th	Away @ Enchanted Valley
June 25th	Away Divisionals
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Angels on LOEN- Day Angels Meeting- Wed May 4th, at 10am
Evening Angels Meeting – Wed May 4th at 7pm

Book Club- Meeting – Please contact Anne Glendinning with any questions 832-667-7298 anne.c.glendinning@shell.com

Bunco- Meeting 05/10/05 7pm-9 pm at the home of Cara Davis. Please RSVP to Julie Kerr juliekerr@sbcglobal.net.

Children's Play Groups- If you are interested in getting your children together for Playgroups with mom in LOEN, we have created some great playgroups. Please give us a call or email with your information so we can contact you. Playgroups have been divided by our children's age, but siblings are always welcome. Julie Kerr (Playgroup Coordinator) 713-896-1713 juliekerr@sbcglobal.net. Joy Baker (0 up to 1 year) 281-701-8511 joy_a_baker@yahoo.com Roxann Beutnagel (13 mo through 3yrs) 832-243-0377 rbeut@sbcglobal.net Jenny Baldwin (3yrs and up) 713-849-2733 jbaldwin9@houston.rr.com and Michol Ecklund (Weekend Playgroup) 713-983-0705 michol_ecklund@hotmail.com

Couples Dinner Club- Maggiano's- 2019 Post Oak Blvd on 05/21/05. RSVP by May 16th to Becky 713-856-6130.

Lunch Bunch- PF Chang's at 11685 Westheimer on Wednesday, May 4 at 11:45 AM. RSVP to kvogel2263@aol.com

**** Ladies Club General meeting-** May 31th 7-9 PM, PLEASE NOTE-Location Change: We are meeting at Oakwood School- "VIP" Kids Section- at the corner of Tanner and Eldridge. Please ring the bell when you arrive.



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LOEN Easter Egg Hunt

The children all had fun at the LOEN Easter Egg hunt back in March. Many thanks to the volunteers who helped organize the event as well as Maureen Clemons and Ann Knoche for the drinks and face painting and Steve Hardcastle for the Easter bunny.



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Thyme Out for Gardening: Encouraging Wildlife, Part III

Since it's May and the school year is winding down, how about a quick pop quiz to see what you've learned about gardening for wildlife from previous columns: what are the basic requirements for a habitat garden? I know you answered, "food, water, and shelter(or cover)," didn't you? If you also said, "nesting sites," then give yourself some extra credit! But what do these basic requirements mean, exactly? Do birds and butterflies eat the same things? Do butterflies build little nests to lay their eggs? These silly questions illustrate the principle that in order to have a successful habitat garden, you need to know the specific food, water, shelter, and nest site requirements of the type of wildlife you're trying to attract. Birds, butterflies, and reptiles have different needs, and differences also exist within the same categories. Nutritional needs, for example, can change during different times of the year. Some birds eat seeds, while others prefer fruit. While raising their young, birds also need a steady supply of insects for protein. As we look at each of the general habitat requirements, we'll discuss how they apply to the various types of wildlife.

Food: For birds and butterflies, food can be supplied through plants and feeders. I've heard Mark Klym of Texas Parks and Wildlife refer to bird feeders as "fast food" for birds – nice to have, but it shouldn't be a bird's sole source of nutrition. Good quality, fresh seed (or nectar for hummingbirds) in a feeder that is kept clean should be a

supplement to the food birds obtain from plants in the garden, rather than the sole source of food. Plants like wax myrtle, standard yaupon hollies, and American hollies provide berries in the winter, while sunflowers and native grasses can provide seeds. Hummingbirds obtain nectar from tubular flowers on plants like sage, salvia, and cross vine.

Butterflies obtain their nectar from flowers like coreopsis, zinnia, and lantana, although they will also drink from feeders consisting of pieces of orange slices, fermenting banana, or brightly colored dish scrubbies soaked in sugar water. You can't have butterflies without caterpillars, and caterpillars need plants to eat. Called larval host plants, plants that serve as food for the caterpillars are often species specific. Monarchs, for example lay eggs only on milkweed plants. As the caterpillars grow and eat the milkweed, chemical components in the milkweed make the caterpillar and subsequent butterfly somewhat toxic to predators, a very powerful defense mechanism. If you're going to have butterflies, you need to plant the appropriate larval host plant, and accept the fact that these plants will be eaten. Plant extras, and put the plants in the back of a flower bed or other location where the gnawed foliage won't be noticeable.

Toads, frogs, and lizards need a steady supply of insects for their meals, although some large frogs may also eat small fish and other

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frogs. Frogs, toads and lizards use plants primarily for shelter and for hunting – insects attracted to a particular plant may find themselves on the menu for a toad's next meal.

For more information on appropriate food sources for the various wildlife species you want to attract, start with the following books: Butterfly Gardening for the South by Geyata Ajilvsgi, Attracting Birds to Southern Gardens by Thomas Pope, Neil Odenwald, and Charles Fryling, Jr., and Texas Wildscapes by Noreen Damude and Kelly Conrad Bender.

Water: All forms of wildlife need a reliable water source to survive. Ponds, bird baths, and fountains will all be appreciated by your garden visitors. Water sources for birds should have shallow areas and have gently sloping sides for better access. As birds enjoy moving water, fountains and water drips will be very attractive to them. Birds prefer to have trees and shrubs for perching near their food and water sources but be sure that vegetation isn't too thick below and around feeders and bird baths – birds need to be able to spot and avoid predators such as house cats.

Butterflies need moisture too, although they prefer to drink from areas called "muddles". Muddles are created when water collects in very shallow, depressed areas in rocks or soil, creating a nutrient rich mud for the butterflies to "sip." If your garden doesn't have any rocks or lower-lying soil areas for a muddle, you can create one by

moistening sand and soil in a shallow plate or saucer and adding a small sprinkle of salt. Place the saucer in the garden and add a little water periodically to keep it moist.

Toads and frogs may live in your flower beds, but they need water to reproduce. Toads and frogs breed and lay their eggs in the water. The resulting tadpoles live in the water until they grow into adults. Although some frog and toad species are able to reproduce quickly in temporary puddles that form after a rain shower, a back yard pond makes an ideal water source for the others. The pond should have gently sloping sides (or some sort of ramp) so that the frogs and toads can get in and out of the pond easily.

Shelter and nesting site requirements are next on our discussion list. We'll leave those topics for the June column, so that we have room for this month's gardening notes.

May Gardening Notes: The inaugural meeting of the LOEN Garden and Nature Club was a lively gathering last month – special thanks to Lisa Carpenter for getting us organized! As the mosquito season is well underway, our group had a good discussion about ways to reduce our neighborhood mosquito population. For those who weren't able to join us, following are a few mosquito reduction reminders. According to news reports last fall, mosquito spraying/fogging from trucks and back yard systems is becoming less and less effective as mosquitoes develop resistance to the various insecticides

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that are being used against them. If fogging isn't working as well any more, then what can a homeowner do? Invite birds and reptiles into your yard (as we've been discussing) to eat mosquitoes, and work to reduce mosquito habitats in your yard and elsewhere in the neighborhood by eliminating sources of standing water.

Large numbers of mosquito larvae can develop within 3 to 4 days in an amount of water the size of a bottle cap. Pet water bowls, bird baths, saucers under outdoor container plants, french drains, corrugated drainage pipes, in ground water meter boxes, leaky sprinkler system runoff, and even children's toys left outside to collect water are just a few of the areas where mosquitoes can breed. To eliminate standing water mosquito habitats, routinely walk around your yard and look for problem areas. Take simple steps to correct problems by making sure sprinkler heads are in good repair, rinsing and refilling your bird baths every 2 to 3 days, and emptying out plant saucers as needed. Use mosquito dunks or other environmentally safe mosquito elimination products in drains and other areas where water can't be easily removed. If you see any puddles of water in common areas around the neighborhood that stand for more than 3 days, such as those around broken sprinkler heads, report them to VanMor.

If you're having an outdoor party, strategically placed fans will help keep mosquitoes away from the area and keep your guests cool. Mosquito coils and citronella candles and torches can also help repel the little pests!

And speaking of pest reduction, if you couldn't put your fire ant bait out last month, May is still one of the best months to effectively treat the fire ant mounds in your yard. Remember to broadcast a bait product over your entire yard, and use a different mound treatment for any ant colonies found in high traffic areas. Please follow all package directions and visit <http://fireant.tamu.edu> for more information.

Until next month, happy gardening!

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Investor Vs. Speculator: Which Are You?

By: Kurt Box and Paul Palmer

A huge misnomer is that anyone holding stocks or bonds is an "investor." In fact, this couldn't be further from the truth! In making this statement, we must then attempt to define investing and speculating. According to Benjamin Graham, "An investment operation is one, which upon thorough analysis, promises safety of principal and an adequate return. Operations not meeting those requirements are speculative." (The Intelligent Investor, 1973 ed. Updated and revised in 2003, pg. 18). Before we move further, just who was Benjamin Graham and why should we listen to what he has to say? Ben Graham was not only one of the most successful and famous investors who ever lived, he may have also been the most practical investment thinker of all time and is considered the "father of value investing." Graham's pupils and protégés include some of the most famous investors of all time; including Warren Buffett, Charlie Munger, Walter Schloss, Tom Knapp and Ed Anderson (who ran Tweedy, Browne Partners from 1968-1983), Bill Ruane (who ran Sequoia Fund from 1970-1984), Rick Guerin, Stan Perlamer and so on.... Now, you may not recognize many of these names, but each learned (some in formal classrooms) from Ben Graham and each went on to achieve astounding and consistent investment records by following and applying Graham's investing philosophies.

Now that we've established Graham's credibility and why you should listen to him, let's look a bit further into what he has to say about investing. Delving a bit further into his definition of investing we find that by (1) "thorough analysis" he meant "the study of facts in the light of established standards of safety and value"; (2) "safety of principal" he meant "protection against loss under all normal or reasonably likely conditions or variations"; and (3) "adequate return" he meant "any rate or amount of return, however low, which the investor is willing to accept, provided he acts with reasonable intelligence." (Security Analysis, 1934 ed. pg. 55-56).

According to Graham (in 1973) Wall Street, with their millions of advertising dollars, "would be well advised to reinstate this distinction and to emphasize it in all its dealings with the public. Otherwise, the stock exchanges may some day be blamed for heavy speculative losses, which those who suffered them had not been properly warned against." How prophetic! Graham, through his truthful and thoughtful discourse, is prophetic time and time again in his writings. Remember the bursting of the tech bubble and the lawsuits that followed? Terms such as "reckless investing or investor" are thrown about, when in fact the two words are completely contradictory. There is no such thing as a "reckless investor."

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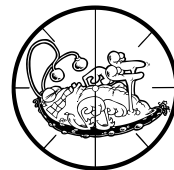
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An investor purchases a stock based on the value of the underlying business as compared to its current price while a speculator gambles on a stock believing it will go up in price because someone else will pay more for it. Unfortunately, many so called "professionals" in the money management business (such as stock brokers, television analysts, mutual fund managers) don't seem to understand the difference between investing and speculation any more than the average investor. For example, Jason Zweig (The Intelligent Investor, pg. 16) cites a quote from James Cramer in February 2000 who proclaimed that Internet-related companies "...are the only ones worth owning right now." Cramer goes on to say that these "...winners of the new world are the only ones that are going higher consistently in good days and bad." Cramer even took a shot at Graham when he said: "You have to throw out all the matrices and formulas and texts that existed before the Web....If we used any of what Graham and Dodd teach us, we wouldn't have a dime under management." Think Cramer regrets those comments today?

Do note, however, that there is intelligent speculation just as there is intelligent investing. However, Graham tells us that there are many ways in which speculation may not be intelligent; namely (1) speculating when you think you're investing; (2) speculating seriously instead of as a pastime when you lack proper knowledge or skill for it; and (3) risking more money in speculation than you can afford to lose. Of course speculation is critical to the functioning and growth

of the US economy as it allows untested companies the ability to raise capital and expand (one reason the US is such a world economic power is the efficiency in our capital raising systems) and it serves as a medium for the exchange of risk.

The crux of the matter then; if you invest in individual stocks, do you know the intimate details of each company? Do you understand the business and the business model? Do you know all of the company's current and historical fundamentals? Do you know why it appears to be undervalued? Do you know the fair value at which you would sell the proposed stock? Without knowing all of these details (any many more), you are speculating, not investing. And that is a dangerous game to play.

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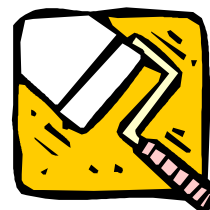
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Pride of Texas Decorative Artists

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Wine Club Update

The new contact information will be Cliff and Sherri Buster Ph. - 713-849-5393; E-mail - LOENwineclub@houston.rr.com

The Bluebonnet Stencilers of Texas

The Bluebonnet Stencilers of Texas, a non-profit group serving all of Houston, meet each first Monday of the month from 6:30-9 PM at the Tracy Gee Community Center, 3599 Westcenter (One block east of Sam Houston Toll Road West). This chapter is actively seeking new members in the Houston area. Membership is open to anyone who is interested in stenciling and the related arts of faux finishing and decorative painting. For more information concerning meetings, call Joanne Wafer at 281-376-1466 or Moliede Null at 281-991-5870.

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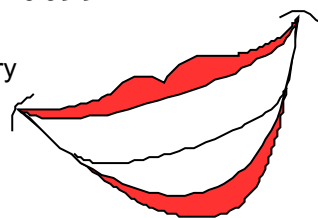
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