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Yard of the Month

Jacqueline Chee
8910 Crazy Horse Trail



UPCOMING EVENTS

October 5	National Night Out
October 6	Board elections at clubhouse, 7 PM
October 19	Trails Treasures Luncheon; RSVP to Paulette Walker
October 25	Residents' bus trip

October 31	Happy Halloween!
November 2	Election Day
November 7	Daylight Savings Time ends; please set your clocks back one hour

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Milestones

New Teenagers - Happy 13th!

10/04 - Jongyeon You
10/05 - Blake Moss

New Drivers - Happy 16th!

10/31 - Katherine Roselius

New Voters - Happy 18th!

10/03 - Cody Chumley
10/03 - Cameron Chumley

New Adults - Happy 21st!

10/07 - Megan Zerr
10/26 - Erica Haude
10/28 - Jacob Pattillo

Happy 10th Anniversary!

10/28 - Michael & Robyne
Germany
10/28 - Omar & Larisa Tidwell

Happy 15th Anniversary!

10/07 - Mark & Jenna Whidby
10/14 - Randy & Linda Rucker
10/14 - Ken Santell & Dana
Wirth-Santell
10/14 - Blake & Ronique
Wilson

Happy 20th Anniversary!

10/06 - Herb & Karen Wright
10/13 - Tom & Eileen Mace

Happy 25th Anniversary!

10/12 - Coe & Leigh Wilson

Happy 30th Anniversary!

10/10 - Charlie & Diana
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GREEN THUMB CORNER

The first cool spells are encouraging us to get out into the yard, and although we're nowhere near winter it's already time to be thinking about the spring bulbs. They've been in some stores for a while already, and newspaper articles and radio talk shows have been covering the annual topic. Even if you're not ready to plant yet, now is the time to buy while the selection is still good. Bulbs may be safely stored in the refrigerator, just like a regular vegetable, and can be planted this month or next (except for tulips), or you can even procrastinate until Christmas.

In addition to the usual daffodils and tulips, try Amaryllis, Anemone, Calla, Iris, Lilies, Narcissus, Oxalis and Ranunculus, and select a variety of early-, mid- and late-bloomers to stretch out the flowering period. Plant in rich, loamy soil with lots of humus, and it helps to add bone meal at the bottom of the hole; planting depth is usually indicated on the packet, but a good rule of thumb is to use a depth of two or three times the width of the bulb.

Tulips require special treatment - they need to be chilled (not frozen) for 45 to 60 days before planting, and the recommended planting time is between Christmas and New Year's Day. The best bulb displays is usually obtained by mass plantings rather than single rows or small groups, and try to avoid too many different colors in the same area. Unfortunately, only the daffodils offer any hope of perennial performance in the Houston climate.

October is the recommended month for giving the lawn its final feeding of the year to promote root health through the winter, and it may also be needed to encourage some re-growth in areas damaged by dry periods earlier in the year. Use 15-5-10 or 16-8-8 or even a general-purpose 12-24-12. Watch out for Brown Patch - circular brown or yellow areas of grass; this is a fungus activated by cooler moist weather and is easily spread by people and pets walking across affected areas. Control with Terraclor granules.

Acid-loving azaleas like a pH of 5.0 or less, so check your soil and treat with powdered sulfur or copperas. Sprinkle around the base of the shrub without disturbing the roots, and water-in thoroughly. Groom as necessary and budding-out should occur where cut.

Dig up and store caladium bulbs this month or next - it's easier to locate them before the foliage dies back completely, and if left in the ground they may rot or freeze. Dry them in the shade, brush off any loose soil, dust with fungicide, and hang up in old pantyhose in the garage.

In the vegetable garden, plant strawberries between mid-October and mid-November in raised beds with good drainage, using slightly-acidic, rich, loose soil with lots of humus (bark mulch is good). Cabbage and collard plants can go in, and you can sow seeds for beets, turnips, carrots, lettuce, spinach, radishes and onions. Also try planting English garden peas this month or next for an early spring crop, but you may have to nurse them through any freezing spells.

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Saturday October 16th from 9-5



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Mark your calendars to join your Tri Delta sisters for our social gathering "Spice it Up--Cooking with Spices" Tuesday, October 12th at 7:00 pm. Our group meets on the second Tuesday of every month September - April. We have a diverse group of women of all ages from a variety of colleges. For more information, please contact Christina at 281-855-6893 or Karen at trideltanews@yahoo.com

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Value Averaging - A Discipline for Saving

Some have asked, "When the stock market is in a downturn, would it not be a good practice to increase contributions to your investment accounts, thus buying more shares at a lower price? And when the market has provided a high return, would it not make sense to scale back contributions, buying fewer shares at the higher price?"

Yes, and of course this is the essence of what investors wish to do, namely buy low and sell high. But what is an actual practice which will force you to do it? After all, putting money into the market when the market is down can give a person a queasy feeling. Yet it is that very behavior which investors need to cultivate if they are ever to sell high.

Enter value averaging (also known as dollar value averaging). VA refines the practice of dollar-cost averaging, which is more widely known. Either technique helps you reduce risk because you are buying shares at a variety of prices throughout the year instead of buying all the shares at a single price. When prices are dear, you buy fewer and when they go on sale you buy more.

VA is good because you start with a goal in mind of how much you can invest and an expected rate of return. Example: You wish to accumulate \$450,000 over the next 20 years. If you figure you can earn an annualized 8 percent, then you would need to put away about \$820 per month. You can then chart your progress month by month towards that goal.

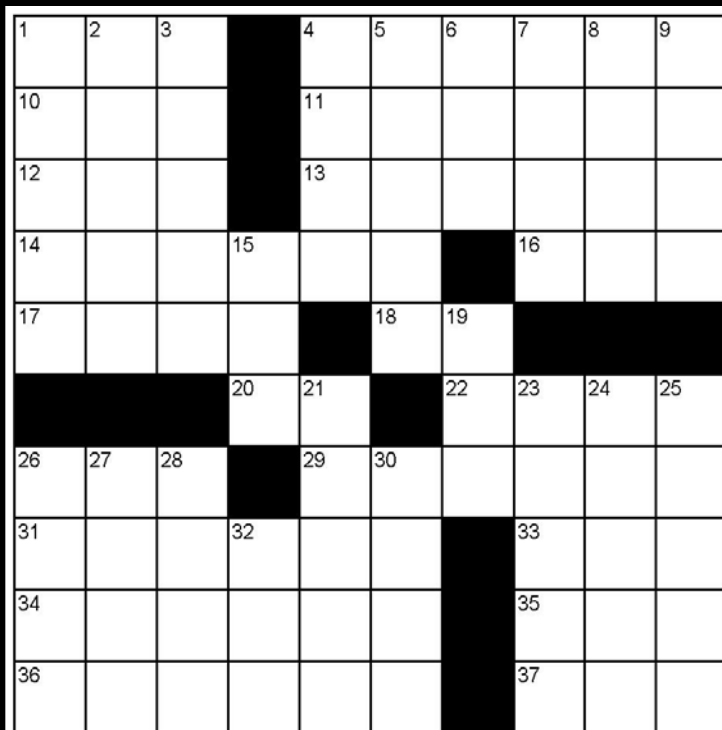
Now let's look at the "value" part of value averaging. Assume at the end of the first year, instead of having the \$9,840 you should have to be on track toward your goal, a downturn in the markets leaves you with just \$9,500.

That would mean that the next month, instead of investing your usual \$820, you would invest an additional \$340 to bring your portfolio's value to where it should have been to remain on track toward your goal. In fact, you would go through this process each month. In months where you fall behind, you would add to the amount you invest each month. And in months where your returns are higher than expected and your portfolio's value gets beyond where it needs to be, you would scale back your monthly investment, or even possibly end up selling some shares and removing money.

The VA discipline forces you to buy when low and buy less (or sell) when high. While it's not perfect the approach makes sense for many families. The biggest benefit to VA is that it provides a reason and a discipline for saving. Most families are not saving enough to cover their future needs. Source: Michael Edleson, Harvard Business School; CNN; The Intelligent Asset Allocator by William Bernstein.

- Submitted by Rich Keith

Crossword Puzzle



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|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Owns | 1. Coat hangers |
| 4. Short people | 2. Root beer brand (3 wds.) |
| 10. Grain | 3. Stone |
| 11. In the air | 4. Aurora |
| 12. Single | 5. Ponder |
| 13. Nun's headwear | 6. Build up |
| 14. Musician (3 wds.) | 7. Holes |
| 16. Homesick | 8. Syllables used in songs (2 wds.) |
| 17. Booty | 9. Sledge |
| 18. Horsepower (abbr.) | 15. Gone by |
| 20. Cincinnati locale | 19. Not against |
| 22. Hasten | 21. Cycles per second |
| 26. Mountain Standard Time | 23. Pimpled |
| 29. Eras | 24. Glob |
| 31. Cover | 25. Organic compound |
| 33. Eccentric | 26. Soft mineral |
| 34. Beaches | 27. Prig |
| 35. Vane direction | 28. Tyrant |
| 36. Hug upon greeting | 30. Mexican money |
| 37. Danish krone (abbr.) | 32. North American country |

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