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The President's Corner

The 2011 JHA Annual Meeting was held on February 22. We had a presentation on water conservation by the folks from the Clean Water Fund and reports from all our committees, including a briefing on developments along RM2222.

Congratulations to Diana Miller, Glen Brown and Teresa Gouldie. They agreed to continue to serve the neighborhood and were reelected to the Board of Directors.

At the annual meeting we had a long discussion about the Board resolutions recently distributed to members and published in the Warbler regarding property maintenance. A large majority of the folks present agreed the Board needs more tools to use in enforcing violations of the deed restrictions in Jester. However there were many concerns expressed about the wording of the maintenance guidelines included in the resolutions. In response to these concerns, the Board has asked a group of members who volunteered to help us to work on some recommendation to the Board to improve the guidelines. We will keep you posted as this effort progresses.

Remember to help watch out for your neighbor. Call 9-1-1 to report life-threatening incidents – crimes that are in progress and all serious or violent crimes. You can call 3-1-1 to report incidents and situations that are non-emergencies, not life-threatening or not currently in progress. Use 3-1-1 to request information from the Police Department.



Until next time, Philip Kolman

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Spring Garage Sale - Sat, May 14th @ 8am Register your location so you can get maximum exposure!

JHA is sponsoring a Jester Garage sale on Saturday October 3rd at 8 am. Ads will run in the American Statesman on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday promoting this neighborhood-wide sale. Please email Teresa at tgouldie@gmail.com or call her at 751-8000 if you would like to register your garage sale location. Maps with lists of garage sale addresses will be available at the entrances to Jester.

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JESTER STARS CAME OUT!

by Diana Miller

"My Place" at Jester Village had the red carpet rolled out for Jester residents who came to watch the Academy Awards. Paparazzi greeted guests as they arrived and tuxedoed men Mark Anderson (Co-owner of My Place) and Lloyd Terry (Jester resident) escorted ladies down the aisle.

The men attending were handsome and the ladies were stunning! Thanks goes out to Viva Rogers who offered makeup consultations at a pre-party held at her home in Jester. Fashion ranged from long elegant gowns, colorful capes and sequined dresses. All enjoyed watching the show and commenting on favorite movies, actors and actresses.

It was an elegant and fun evening – sure to be repeated next year! (Pics Continued on Page 4)





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WELCOME COMMITTEE NEWS

The Welcome Committee is pleased to welcome spring with its great weather and especially daylight savings! Delivering welcome packages in the dark is an experience, both for us and for the new residents who wonder who's visiting

them unannounced. We are always happy to find a readable address on the house or the street. Our experience has been that it's difficult to find new residents at home over the weekend, so weekday evenings have been our best times to deliver the packages.

Since the last Warbler the Welcome Committee delivered 4 new welcome packages. Deliveries included one on Guava Cove (Louie Runge and Pat Shults), one on Crabtree Cove (Natalie and Jared, with children Margaret and Davis), one on Vailview Cove (Susan and Steve), and one on Lakewood Point Cove (Julien and Rhonda, with children Justin and Ava). We've still been unable to deliver several packages but we do keep trying!

In 2010, we got word of 44 new sales in Jester, an increase of 7 over 2009. Twenty five were in the 2nd half of the year, although

the highest month for sales was May with 7 sales. July and September each had 6 sales. As of the beginning of March there were 10 houses in Jester or Canyon Ridge showing on the Austin Home Search website, with 5 of those

pending closes. Thanks go to Teresa Gouldie and her staff for getting us information on new sales.

The Welcome Committee delivered 38 welcome packages for those 2010 closes. Welcome packages include information about the Jester Club, plantings appropriate to our neighborhood, area restaurant menus, library information, voter registration forms, winery tours, potholders crocheted by Darla Rowan, and cookies provided by Debbie Lewis. The packages are delivered in reusable grocery bags or Lexus bags provided by Janice Toreki.

If you're interested in joining us, please contact JoAnn Welles at 512.346.0349 or joann-welles@sbcglobal.net. Also contact JoAnn if you've moved to Jester lately and we haven't welcomed you officially. We may have tried to deliver a package but not found you home!





<u>Jester Estates</u> NatureWatch - Arboreal Ardor

by Jim and Lynne Weber

From late winter into late spring, many of the night sounds you hear are not insects at all, but members of the wide-ranging Hylidae family, a group of cricket, tree, and chorus frogs. This group of true treefrogs and their allies have adaptations that reveal their mostly arborrel lifestyle such as forward facing ever for binocular like vision

family, a group of cricket, tree, and chorus frogs. This group of true treefrogs and their allies have adaptations that reveal their mostly arboreal lifestyle, such as forward-facing eyes for binocular-like vision, adhesive pads on their fingers and toes, and a fondness for eating insects. Often not seen due to their diminutive size, these frogs are commonly mistaken for insects, due to their ability to produce loud and varied mating calls. Known as 'advertisement calls', these calls are produced by the males to attract females and warn other rival males during the breeding season.

The Green Treefrog (Hyla cinerea) is a common, 1-2 inch frog with a slender, bright green body, cream-colored belly, and white lips that extend into lateral stripes along the sides of its body. Found in the eastern third of our state, this frog walks rather than jumps when on the ground. It is nocturnal, and prefers wet areas such as swamps, edges of lakes, and streamsides. During its breeding season from March to October, the males start calling just before dark, and sound like groups of tiny ducks quacking. Females, which are slightly larger than the males and lack the wrinkled vocal pouch, lay their fertilized eggs enclosed in a jelly envelope attached to floating At ¹/₂ to 1 ¹/₂ inches, the Northern Cricket Frog (Acris crepitans) is found throughout most of the state, except for the Panhandle and West Texas. Gray to green-brown, this frog has a long rounded snout, dark bands behind its limbs, and a distinguishing triangular patch behind the eyes that points down its back. Diurnal and active all year, these frogs prefer shallow but permanent ponds with vegetation and full sun. Often seen basking during the daytime, they will jump quickly into the water or away when disturbed, and are capable of covering 6 feet in one leap! Although they are part of the treefrog family, they are much more terrestrial and are excellent swimmers. When chorusing, especially at night, the male's call sounds like clicking small rocks or pebbles together. Mating occurs in late spring, with the female laying one egg at a time on submerged vegetation.

Strecker's Chorus Frog (Pseudacris streckeri) is a less common 1 – 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch nocturnal frog that inhabits moist, wooded canyons and rocky ravines in the eastern half of the state. Its color can vary from gray to brown to olive, with a thick, dark stripe through and a dark spot under each eye, with longitudinal spots on its back. Often, this *(Continued on Page 7)*

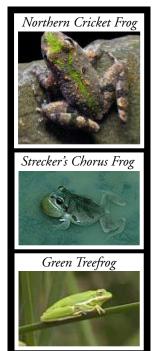


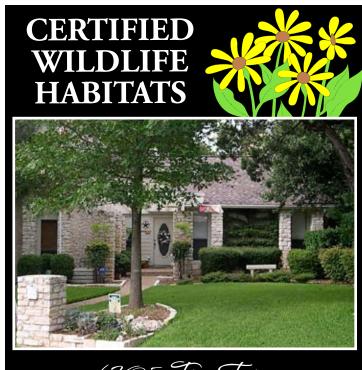
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Often, this frog can show a deep orange or yellow coloration around the groin. While it prefers loose soil where it can burrow to protect itself from predators, drought, and daytime heat, it is also a strong climber. Unlike many other frog species, this frog breeds from November to April or May, when you may hear a single male's call of one belllike note, repeated rapidly, or a chorus of asynchronous calls that sound like a squeaky wheel.

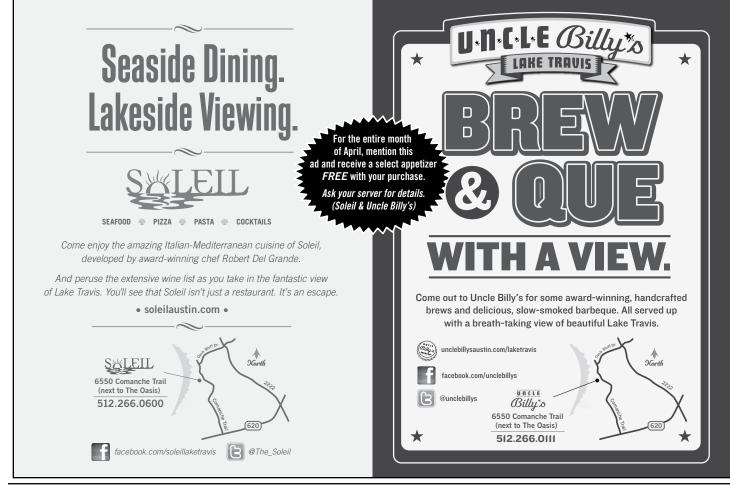
When you're out on a quiet night from winter to late spring or early summer and near one of our natural areas, see if you can hear and identify the sounds of arboreal ardor!

Send your nature-related questions to naturewatch@austin.rr.com and we'll do our best to answer them. If you enjoy reading these articles, look for our book, NatureWatch Austin, to be published soon by Texas A&M University Press.





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University of Texas Student Engineering Council Electronic-Waste Drive

The e-Waste drive is an event put on by student volunteers to collect electronic waste from the community, donating what can be sold to Goodwill, and disposing of the rest properly.

Event Details:

DATE: April 9, 2011

TIME: 9 AM - 2 PM

LOCATION: UT Parking Lot 53 located at approx. 2922 San Jacinto, across the street from Sao Paulo's Restaurante (the entrance is a bridge).

PURPOSE: To recycle household electronic waste

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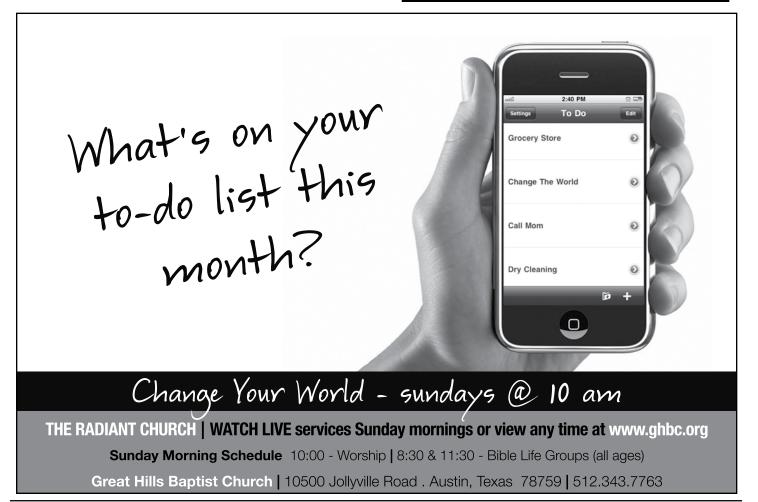
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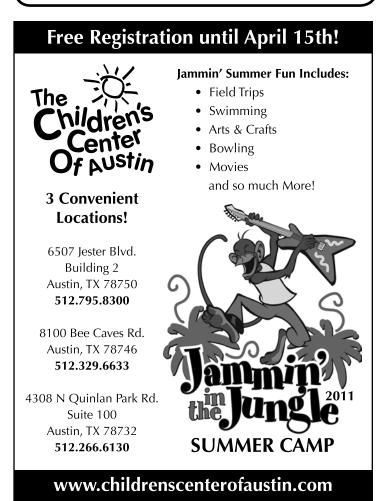
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