



# The Jester Warbler

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*Happy New Year  
Jester Neighbors!*

Hopefully your 2013 has gotten off to a great start already! The Jester Boards new year's resolution is to continue to make Jester a great neighborhood. We warmly welcome and would really appreciate more participation from you this year. We hope that with more involvement on the Jester Board, we can do more for our neighborhood. Please contact any of the Board members listed on the following page if you are interested in serving on the Board or on a committee.

We had many changes in 2012... new management company, more frequent budget reviews, and improved maintenance around the Jester entrance signs. This year we plan to have the Jester Homeowners Association, Inc. 2013 annual meeting on April 2nd at 7:00 pm at the Shepherd of the Hills Christian Church, 6909 West Courtyard Drive. We will have Board nominations, reports from our committees, and an open discussion period to hear questions and concerns of our neighbors.

We hope that 2013 will be a great year for more community involvement from our neighbors and look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting.

Jester is a great place to live...

*Diana Miller  
President*

## Congratulations Jester!

*by Alyssa Drury*

Jester Estates is the official winner of the 2012 Neighborhood Habitat Challenge sponsored annually by Wildlife Austin. Jester beat out neighborhoods all across the city with a whopping 57 newly certified wildlife habitats, including the Jester Club, as defined by the National Wildlife Federation (NWF). You will notice these homes with certified wildlife habitats by their signs proudly displayed in yards throughout our beautiful neighborhood. In addition, all 57 yards will receive a Canyon Mock Orange seedling from the Balcones Canyonland Preserve. Entries had to be submitted between April 15 and Nov. 15 of 2012, and residential properties were required to provide wildlife with the following:

- food (seeds, nuts, berries, nectar, pollen)
- water (such as a birdbath)
- cover (canopy trees, mid-story or understory trees, bushes or shrubs, ground cover, bunch grasses)
- places to raise young (nest boxes, rock piles or rock wall, bird house, thicket)
- at least two sustainable gardening practices in place

Jester has done an outstanding job in joining the City of Austin and the NWF in encouraging the creation and conservation of wildlife habitats. Our neighborhood is home to 164 certified wildlife habitats, 29 houses with solar power, and 81 hybrid or plug-in electric vehicles. We are truly a "Green Neighborhood."

A huge thanks is owed to residents Dale and Pat Bulla for their generous donation of time and valuable knowledge of Austin's unique wildlife and plant environments.

If you would like to get your home designated as a certified natural wildlife habitat, please visit either: [www.nwf.org/How-to-Help/Garden-for-Wildlife.aspx](http://www.nwf.org/How-to-Help/Garden-for-Wildlife.aspx) or [www.austintexas.gov/departments/wildlife-austin](http://www.austintexas.gov/departments/wildlife-austin) or contact Dale Bulla at 512-345-9528 or [dale-bulla@pobox.com](mailto:dale-bulla@pobox.com)



*Pat and Dale Bulla were instrumental in helping many residents achieve the Wildlife Habitat designation. Thanks, Dale and Pat, for your tireless efforts in making Jester #1!*

## Jester is Getting "Firewise"

*by Jeffrey Shapiro*

The Jester Firewise Committee held its first meeting on January 10th to begin the process of earning Jester a national Firewise Community certification. We were joined by representatives of Austin Fire Department, Texas A&M Forest Service and a liaison from a nearby community that is interested in modeling our process. As part of our community wildfire preparedness work, the Committee agreed on a 1-year plan with several 3-month interval goals. This will begin with training of Jester residents to serve as volunteer property risk assessors, who will work in conjunction with Austin Fire Department and the Texas A&M Forest Service.

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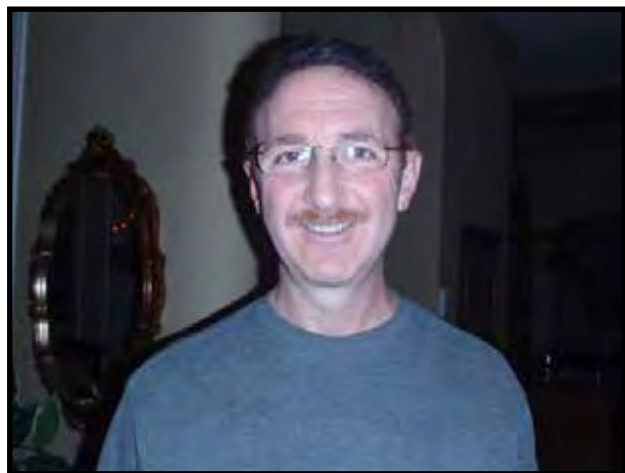
Two major events were planned. First, we will be having a **COMMUNITY-WIDE WILDFIRE SAFETY MEETING to be held on March 21st from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Shepherd of the Hills Church.** At this meeting, we will discuss Jester's wildfire risk and what you/we can do to prepare for a wildfire and how you can protect your home.

Then, sometime in April, we will arrange for a community-wide "30-foot Weekend Event," which will focus on getting residents to work on reducing the high-risk ignition zone within 30 feet of a home. Contrary to what most people think, the biggest fire risk to a home isn't a "wall of fire" from a burning forest. The greatest risk is actually brush, debris or other combustibles near a home or "holes" in a home's envelope that allow flying embers from a nearby wildfire fire to start a spot fire, which in turn ignites the home. Providing a 30-foot "defensible zone" around your home will go a long way in helping your home to survive a wildfire event.

To make sure you get more information on these events, be sure to set up an account and provide an email address for Jester community email at [www.jesterneighbors.com](http://www.jesterneighbors.com). You can also email specific questions to [firewise@jesterneighbors.com](mailto:firewise@jesterneighbors.com).



*Attendees of the January 10<sup>th</sup> Firewise meeting*



*Our neighborhood thanks Jeff Shapiro for his commitment to organizing the Firewise committee and his dedication to educating our residents!*

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**CYCLING** - Want to join a Jester road biking group and participate in organized rides? Contact Troy Reish at troy.reish@gmail.com or call 241-0592.

**JESTER DOG LOVER'S GROUP** - Put a smile on your dog's face and a wag in his tail — sign up now to be a founding member of the Jester dog lovers group. Contact Carol Powell at 340-0321 or email her at carolpowell@austin.rr.com

**JESTER KIDS YAHOO GROUP** - This group is helping Jester parents connect with other parents who have children with similar ages or interests! Email jesterkids-subscribe@yahoogroups.com to subscribe.

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*In Vino Veritas -  
Karen Kershaw*

If you cannot make the happy hour, but have questions or suggestions, please contact Karen Kershaw at kershawk@me.com.



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# CLEVER CORVIDS

**NATUREWATCH**  
BY JIM & LYNNE WEBER

Crows, ravens, and jays are members of the Corvidae family, or corvids for short. Medium to large perching birds with strong bills and feet, and feathers that are predominately black or blue, they are bold, curious creatures, and are found in a wide range of habitats.

Corvids are known for their high degree of intelligence in the bird world, especially crows and ravens. Crows have performed as well as monkeys in psychological tests, and most employ intelligence in their daily routines, such as dropping nuts onto hard surfaces (like roads) to crack them. Ravens can recognize groups of different sizes up to seven, and often show problem-solving insight when posed with an intriguing new task.

Corvids are very social birds, with most living in extended family groups year-round. Groups give the birds an ability to guard one another, and those posing as sentries can warn other birds and wildlife when predators such as hawks and owls are near, sometimes mobbing them and chasing them away. While corvids are noisy birds with loud, often screeching calls, they are also excellent mimics of other birds, and those in captivity have been shown to mimic even human speech. During the winter, when food can be scarce and the weather harsh, corvids aggregate in large groups at abundant food sources and roost together to stay warm at night.

Found primarily east of the Balcones Escarpment in our area, the American Crow (*Corvus brachyrhynchos*) is an all black, thick-necked bird with a straight, heavy bill and a short tail that appears squared off (when folded) or rounded (when spread). Their loud cawing gives them away, and many times you will hear them before you see them. Highly adaptable, they will live in any open space that offers trees for perching and a reliable source of food. The Common Raven (*Corvus corax*) is a very similar-looking all black bird, larger but more slender, and with a wedge-shaped tail. Not so common in our area, it is found mainly in the Edwards Plateau west of the escarpment and in far West Texas. An acrobatic flier, one adult was observed flying upside-down for more than a half-mile, and young birds are often seen dropping sticks and diving to catch them in mid-air.

While there are two species of jays in our area, they overlap only slightly in range. The Western-Scrub Jay (*Aphelocoma californica*) prefers the juniper-oak woodlands of the Texas Hill Country while the Blue Jay (*Cyanocitta cristata*) largely inhabits the prairies and grasslands in the eastern part of town. Gorgeous azure blue above with a slate gray back and light gray breast, Western Scrub-Jays lack the head crest and black barring with white patches on the wings that distinguish them from the Blue Jays. Both species of jays have a mischievous streak, stealing other birds' cached food and chasing off smaller birds to steal sunflower seeds and peanuts at feeders.

In the wild, corvids are long-lived birds, often reaching over 15 years of age. During their lives they clearly learn to act intelligently, and we have yet to determine how their intelligence might be distinguished from pure instinct. But the more we observe and record their behaviors, the more we can appreciate and enjoy these clever corvids!

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*American Crow*



*Common Raven*



*Western Scrub-Jay*



*Blue Jay*



# Financial Focus

## Investing is a Marathon — Not a Sprint

Investors sometimes may get frustrated with their investments because those investments don't seem to produce quick results. And perhaps that's understandable in our fast-paced society, in which we've grown accustomed to instant gratification. But investing is, by nature, a long-term activity. If you look at it in terms of an athletic event, it's not a sprint, in which you must pull out all the stops to quickly get where you're going. Instead, it's more like the 26.2-mile race known as a marathon.

And as an investor, you can learn a few things from marathoners, such as:

- **Preparation** — No one gets up one day and is ready to run a marathon. Marathon runners train for months, and even years. As an investor, you, too, need to prepare yourself for the “long run.” How? By learning as much as you can about different asset classes, types of risk and all the other factors associated with investing.

- **Patience** — Marathoners know they have a long haul in front of them, so they typically create a “game plan” — one that takes into account such factors as their physical condition, the weather on race day, and the characteristics of the course, such as whether it's hilly or flat. Investors should also create a strategy — one that encompasses their goals and ways of working toward them — and stick to this strategy.

- **Perseverance** — Marathoners may deal with injuries, dehydration and other setbacks, either while training or during the actual race. But as long as they're able to keep going, they do so. As an investor, you, too, will face

obstacles, such as market downturns. But as long as you continue investing and don't head to the “sidelines,” you have a good chance of making progress toward your goals.

- **Vision** — Marathoners study the course they're on, so they know what's ahead — and where they're going. As an investor, you also need a vision of what lies in front of you — the number of years until your retirement, the type of retirement lifestyle you anticipate, what sort of legacy you plan to leave, and so on. Your vision will help drive your investment decisions.

- **Proper coaching** — Not all marathoners have individual coaches, but many have at least gone to clinics or joined running clubs so they could learn more about the various aspects of this grueling event. As an investor, you can certainly benefit from guidance or “coaching” in the form of a financial professional — someone who knows your individual needs, goals and risk tolerance and who has the experience to make recommendations that are appropriate for your situation.

Every marathoner is familiar with the difficulties of the challenge and the satisfaction of finishing the race. As an investor, you also will be tested many times. Furthermore, you'll never really cross the “finish line” because you'll always have goals toward which you'll be working. Yet, by emulating the traits of successful marathoners, you can continue working toward your objectives — and perhaps you'll avoid the blisters, too.

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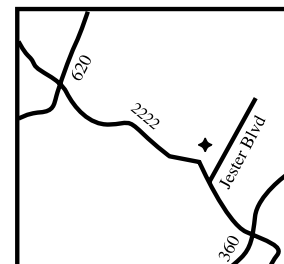
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# Headaches

*Submitted by Dr. Jeff Echols*

I've been treating headaches for over 25 years and I believe they are very misunderstood by the general public.

It's only human nature to have a reason for why something is occurring, so when people get a headache they usually try to determine the reason for their headache. Some of the reasons I hear are quite amusing. "My husband gives me a headache, ...my boss, ...my kids." "I sit at a computer all day and THAT is the reason I have a headache." Sometimes people think that headaches are just normal and everyone gets them. I can assure you that headaches are not normal. Headaches are a sign that there is something wrong. Just like all symptoms are signs that something is wrong.

Headaches can be caused by a lot of different things. They can be caused by exotic and dangerous things like a brain tumor, but more often they are caused by common things. The most common reason is pressure on the nerves of the neck that radiate back into the head. When the bones of the spine are misaligned it will put pressure on the delicate nerves that exit the spine. This will in turn cause the muscles of the neck and shoulders to become

tight and develop knots in them. You can actually reach up and feel the knots in your muscles. These knots are not normal and are a sign of spinal misalignment and soft tissue damage. Once the spinal misalignments are corrected the muscles relax more and the headaches are gone. Just for fun, I sometimes ask a headache patient when was the last they had a headache, once they have had their spine corrected. They will usually say something like "Gosh I haven't had a headache in months". I will ask them if they got divorced and they will look at me funny and say "NO, why?" You said your husband was the cause of your headaches! "Oh I guess I was wrong!"

So headaches are not normal, but are very common. They're usually caused by nerve pressure built up in the neck which causes tight muscles in the neck and shoulders. They can usually be corrected with gentle chiropractic therapy. You should get this checked even if the headaches are mild because if the bones of the spine are misaligned it will cause arthritic changes to form in the bones of the spine which will limit your ability to move and bend as well as other difficulties. Be proactive about your health.

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	MBB	Texas Lutheran	7:30 p.m.
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2/15	BB	Sul Ross State	10:00 a.m.
	SB	Trinity (DH)	4:00 p.m.
2/16	BB	Ozarks	10:00 a.m.
	WBB	Howard Payne	1:00 p.m.
	MBB	Howard Payne	3:00 p.m.
	BB	Howard Payne	4:00 p.m.
2/17	BB	Texas-Dallas	12:00 p.m.
	SB	George Fox (DH)	2:00 p.m.
2/22	BB	Louisiana College	7:00 p.m.
2/23	BB	Louisiana College (DH)	1:00 p.m.
3/8	SB	Mary Hardin-Baylor (DH)	5:00 p.m.
3/9	SB	Mary Hardin-Baylor (DH)	2:00 p.m.
3/12	BB	Dallas (DH)	3:00 p.m.
3/22	BB	Sul Ross State	7:00 p.m.
3/23	BB	Sul Ross State (DH)	1:00 p.m.
3/28	SB	Texas Lutheran (DH)	2:00 p.m.
3/28	BB	Mary Hardin-Baylor	7:00 p.m.
3/29	BB	Mary Hardin-Baylor (DH)	1:00 p.m.
3/29	SB	Texas Lutheran (DH)	2:00 p.m.

MBB (Men's Basketball)

WBB (Women's Basketball)

BB (Baseball)

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Approximately every 60 seconds, an American will die from a coronary event. According to the American Heart Association (AHA), an estimated 71 million Americans have some form of heart disease, the most common being high blood pressure. And most of these problems are self-created by poor lifestyle choices.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO TO LIVE HEART HEALTHY? THE AHA RECOMMENDS:

- Eating a healthy diet
- Lean, skinless meats and poultry
- Fat-free, 1% fat, and low-fat dairy products
- Avoid foods containing partially hydrogenated vegetable oil or added sugars
- Avoid foods high in dietary cholesterol
- Prepare foods without added salt, saturated fat, and trans fat
- Exercising regularly
- 20-to-60 minutes per day, 3-to-5 times per week
- Avoiding tobacco products and tobacco smoke
- Limiting your alcohol intake
  - Women: 1 drink per day (maximum)
  - Men: 2 drinks per day (maximum)

In addition to poor lifestyle choices, heredity plays a factor in

heart disease, too. It is therefore important to know your family history to help identify familial risk factors and help prevent the development of certain familial illnesses.

## WHAT SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN A FAMILY HISTORY?

- Any known congenital or hereditary disorders
- Major illnesses
- Chronic ailments or risk factors
- Smoking
- Obesity
- Alcohol problems
- The cause and age of death of any deceased relatives
- Childhood conditions
- Major illnesses
- Vaccinations
- Surgeries
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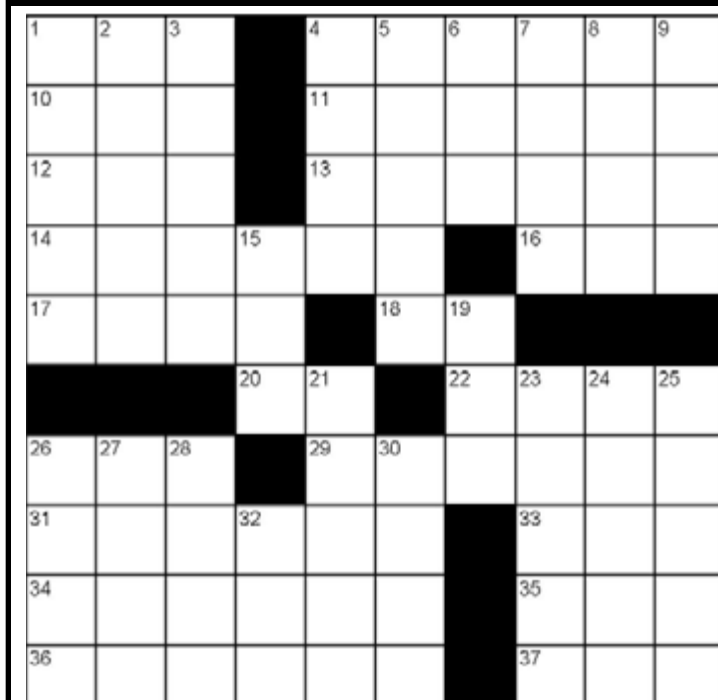
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### ACROSS

1. Dad
4. Panther
10. Time period
11. A Nissan car
12. Admiral (abbr.)
13. Programmer
14. A deviated one makes you snore
16. Vane direction
17. Time periods
18. Letter afterward
20. Evening
22. Garden tools
26. Pod vegetable
29. Egg dish
31. List of errors
33. Wrath
34. Tie clip
35. Rival
36. Stoles

### DOWN

1. "\_\_\_ porridge hot..."
2. Special request
3. South American plain
4. Tropical island
5. Holding device
6. And so forth
7. Enjoy
8. Sign
9. Weed in a wheat field
15. Cooking measurement
19. Her
21. Pattern
23. \_\_\_ Oyl (Popeye's girlfriend)
24. Spooky
25. Strong metal
26. Domestic friends
27. Little Mermaid's love
28. Region
30. Pilots
32. April (abbr.)

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- ★ 360 South: *Defending Champions* Westlake High School
- ★ 183 North: Anderson High School
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Feb. 2 -	<b>Goodnight Moon</b>	ZACH Theatre
Mar. 23	<i>Iconic children's book is brought to life</i>	<b><a href="http://zachtheatre.org">zachtheatre.org</a></b>
Feb. 2	<b>Carnaval Brasileiro</b>	Palmer Events Center
	<i>Live samba music, conga lines, costumes &amp; wild abandon</i>	<b><a href="http://sambaparty.com">sambaparty.com</a></b>
Feb. 6	<b>Wynton Marsalis &amp; Jazz at Lincoln Center</b>	Paramount Theatre
	<i>Described as the most outstanding jazz musician and trumpeter of his generation</i>	<b><a href="http://austintheatre.org">austintheatre.org</a></b>
Feb. 8 - 9	<b>Monster Truck Show</b>	Travis County Expo Center
	<i>Awesome metal munching monster truck superstars</i>	<b><a href="http://co.travis.tx.us/exposition_center">co.travis.tx.us/exposition_center</a></b>
Feb. 14 - 17	<b>Sesame Street Live "Can't Stop Singing"</b>	Frank Erwin Center
	<i>Elmo, Abby, Big Bird and all their Sesame Street friends are taking to the stage to share their love of music</i>	<b><a href="http://uterwincenter.com">uterwincenter.com</a></b>
Feb. 15 - 17	<b>The Rite of Spring - three ballets, 3 composers</b>	The Long Center
	<i>Classically scored displays of dance</i>	<b><a href="http://balletaustin.org">balletaustin.org</a></b>
Feb. 16	<b>Bill Maher</b>	Moody Theatre
	<i>For the last 18 years, he has set the boundaries of where funny, political talk can go on American television</i>	<b><a href="http://acl-live.com">acl-live.com</a></b>
Feb. 17	<b>Livestrong Austin Marathon and Half Marathon</b>	<b><a href="http://youaustinmarathon.com">youaustinmarathon.com</a></b>
Feb. 17	<b>Engineering Student's Day at the Museum</b>	Austin Children's Museum
	<i>Engineering student societies from UT will present fun, hands-on activities</i>	<b><a href="http://austinkids.org">austinkids.org</a></b>
Feb. 22	<b>Brian Regan</b>	Bass Concert Hall
	<i>One of the premier comedians in the country</i>	<b><a href="http://texasperformingarts.org">texasperformingarts.org</a></b>
Feb. 22 - 24	<b>Austin Jugglefest</b>	<b><a href="http://juggling.place.org/jugglefest">juggling.place.org/jugglefest</a></b>
	<i>Three days of circus art, juggling and unicycling with demos, workshops &amp; plenty of games</i>	
Feb. 26 - Mar. 3	<b>Erth: Dino Petting Zoo™</b>	The Long Center
	<i>Feed, water &amp; care for an amazing selection of dinosaurs (thanks to the wonders of some incredible puppetry!)</i>	<b><a href="http://thelongcenter.org">thelongcenter.org</a></b>

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