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A Newsletter for the  
Residents of Teravista

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*Submitted by Saralee Tiede*

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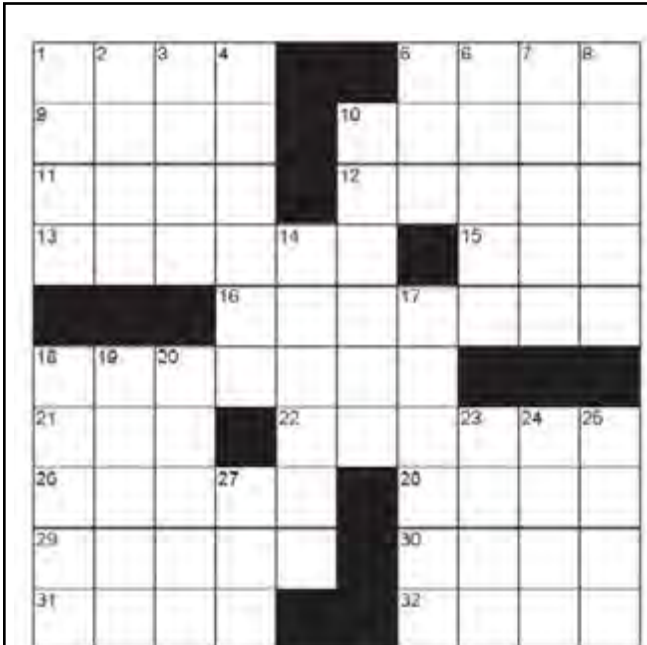
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28. Goad
29. Type of tooth
30. Refer
31. Posttraumatic stress disorder
32. Sieve

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2. Competition at the Greek games
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4. Symbol
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8. A ball out of bounds (2 wds.)
10. Twist violently
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2. Keep your pet safe in a secured, well-ventilated crate or carrier. It should be large enough for your pet to stand, sit, lie down and turn around. Letting him have free range in the car not only puts him at risk, but it also poses a risk to your family if you were to stop suddenly.
3. Never let your dog travel in the bed of a truck. Even if he is secured on a short line to prevent him falling or jumping out, your pet can experience discomfort from the weather and wind or sustain injury from debris.
4. Feed your pet three or four hours prior to departure and avoid

giving him any food or treats in the car.

5. Never leave your pet in a parked vehicle, which can quickly become a furnace and cause heatstroke, even with open windows. In cold weather, the car holds the temperature like a refrigerator.
6. Your pet's microchip should be up-to-date and he should be wearing a flat collar and ID at all times.
7. Bring a bowl and extra water in case you get stuck in the inevitable holiday traffic jam!
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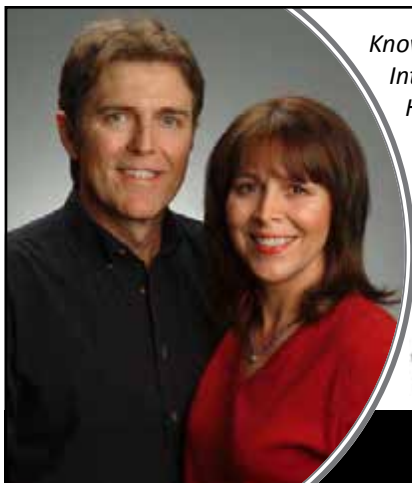
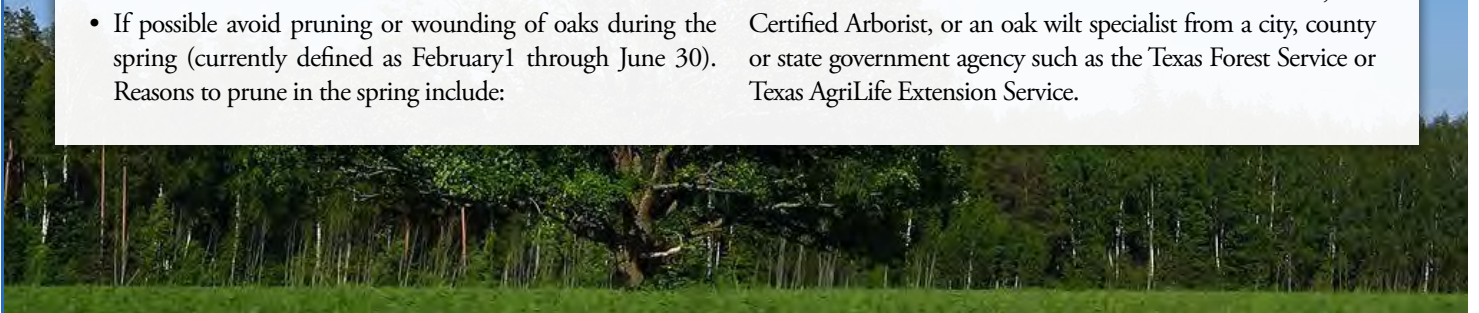
# NOW IS THE TIME TO PRUNE YOUR OAK TREES

Oak wilt, caused by the fungus *Ceratocystis fagacearum*, is the most destructive disease affecting live oaks and red oaks in Central Texas. Most of the tree mortality results from tree-to-tree spread of the pathogen through interconnected or grafted root systems, once an oak wilt center becomes established. New infection centers begin when beetles carry oak wilt fungal spores from infected red oaks to fresh, open wounds on healthy oaks. Wounds include any damage caused by wind, hail, vehicles, construction, squirrels, birds or pruning. Research has shown that both oak wilt fungal mats on infected red oaks and insects that carry oak wilt spores are most prevalent in the spring. Below is a brief description of how you can reduce the risk of fungal spread when pruning.

- Always paint fresh wounds on oaks, including pruning cuts and stumps, with wound dressing or latex paint immediately after pruning or live tree removal at all times of the year.
- Clean all pruning tools with 10% bleach solution or Lysol™ between sites and/or trees.
- If possible avoid pruning or wounding of oaks during the spring (currently defined as February 1 through June 30). Reasons to prune in the spring include:

- To accommodate public safety concerns such as hazardous limbs, traffic visibility or emergency utility line clearance.
- To repair damaged limbs (from storms or other anomalies)
- To remove limbs rubbing on a building or rubbing on other branches, and to raise low limbs over a street.
- On sites where construction schedules take precedence, pruning any live tissue should only be done to accommodate required clearance.
- Dead branch removal where live tissue is not exposed.

Pruning for other reasons (general tree health, non-safety related clearance or thinning, etc.) should be conducted before February 1 or after June 30. Debris from diseased red oaks should be immediately chipped, burned or buried. Regardless of the reasons or time of year, proper pruning techniques should be used. These techniques include making proper pruning cuts and avoiding injurious practices such as topping or excessive crown thinning. If you are uncertain about any of this information, you should consult with a Texas Oak Wilt Certified arborist, ISA Certified Arborist, or an oak wilt specialist from a city, county or state government agency such as the Texas Forest Service or Texas AgriLife Extension Service.



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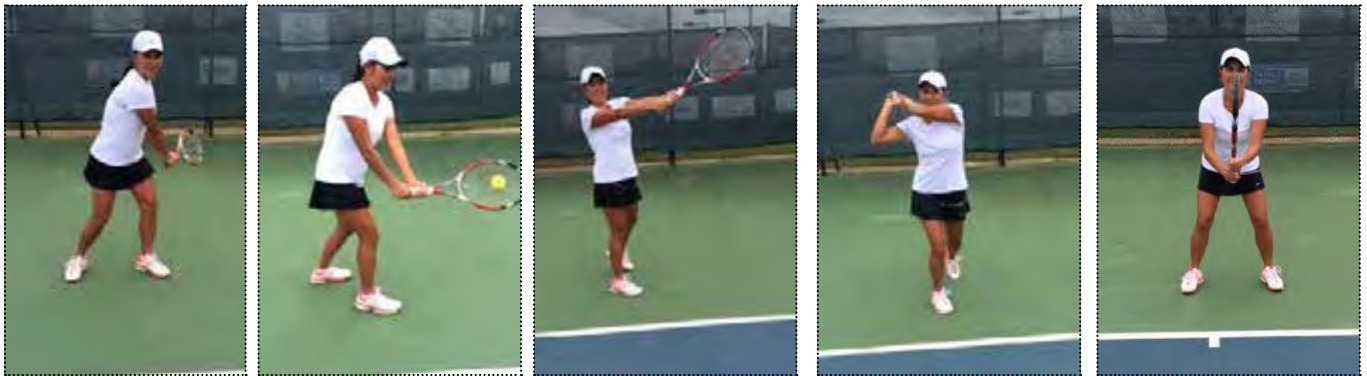


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## TENNIS TIPS

By USPTA/PTR Master Professional  
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### How to execute The Two Handed Backhand Lob

In previous newsletters, I offered tips on how to hit the forehand groundstroke, the two-handed backhand, the one-handed backhand, the forehand volley, the two handed backhand volley, the serve, the forehand half-volley, the one-handed backhand volley, the overhead “smash”, the forehand service return, the backhand service return, the forehand high volley approach shot, the two handed high volley approach shot, the one-handed high volley approach shot, and the forehand lob.

In this issue, I will offer instructions on how to execute the Two Handed Backhand Lob. This shot is used when a player is forced to retrieve a ball that is hit deep to the backhand side of the player, and the opponent is either charging to the net or staying far back. The player hitting the lob is looking for “air time” to regain balance and court space. This ball should be hit high enough so the players at the net cannot reach and “slam” the ball down, or force the opponent at the base line to retrieve back. In the illustrations, Marimel Ansdell, a Member of the Grey Rock Tennis Club, shows the proper technique to execute this stroke.

**Step 1:** The Back Swing: When Marimel is forced deep into the backhand side and realizes that she has to hit a defensive lob, she pivots to the left and gets her racket back early. Notice that the head of the

racket is low and her left hand is on the handle of the racket. Her eyes are focused on the path of the ball and her weight is on her left foot.

**Step 2:** The Point of Contact: Marimel is now ready to hit the ball. Her eyes are now focused on the point of contact and the face of the racket is tilted at a 45 degree angle in order to create height and depth on her lob. Her goal is to keep her head still and not start looking up to her opponent or to the other side of the court.

**Step 3:** The Follow Through: The success of a deep lob is the follow through. Marimel’s left wrist is still “laid back” and her shoulder is lifting the racket above her head. Her right hand is holding the racket slightly, but still in control of the racket.

**Step 4:** The Finish: In order to create a natural top spin on the lob, Marimel is now finishing her stroke with the racket behind her right ear. This will make the ball bounce higher and/or force the opponent to hit a tennis ball that is still rotating on the air.

**Step 5:** The Shuffle Back: Once Marimel finishes the stroke, her goal is to either move forward toward the net top to hit an overhead, or to shuffle back to the middle of the court in order to drive the next ball back to the opponent. In this caption, she moved back to the center of the court waiting for the opponent’s shot to come back.

*Look in the next Newsletter for: How to execute “The One-Handed Backhand Lob”*



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I enjoy watching *Hotel Impossible* on the Travel Channel. For those who don't know, the Star is Anthony Melchiorri is an enjoyable, thoughtful, and smart individual who goes around to hotels that are in trouble, and have asked for his help. Recently, he came upon a hotel in Arizona which didn't have a working fire alarm system, and all of the fire extinguishers were out of date. There are several fire safety related items in our lives which we all need to consider:

A. Check smoke detectors and replace batteries yearly. Replace the entire smoke detector every ten years or at intervals recommended by the manufacturer.

B. There are probably few people who, after fighting a fire, said that their fire extinguisher was too big.

C. When you buy an extinguisher, the warranty is a good indication of how long it will last (commonly ten years). I would have a hard time throwing a ten year old extinguisher away, but would use it as a backup.

D. Check the pressure gauge on the extinguisher. It will indicate that it is full or Empty.

E. If you partially use an extinguisher, replace it. Most home units are not refillable.

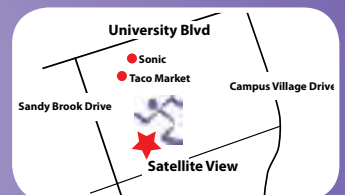
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# - Kids Stuff -

Section for Kids with news, puzzles, games and more!



Eleven-year-old Cait was trying to fall asleep when her 8-year-old brother, Doug, came into her room. He looked around a bit, but seemed really out of it.

Then Doug went back into the hallway and stood there staring up at the hall light.

Little brothers can be weird, but this was really strange. Cait didn't know what to do. Just then, Cait's father appeared and explained that Doug was sleepwalking.

## WHAT IS SLEEPWALKING?

Not all sleep is the same every night. We experience some deep, quiet sleep and some active sleep, which is when dreams happen. You might think sleepwalking would happen during active sleep, but a person isn't physically active during active sleep. Sleepwalking usually happens in the first few hours of sleep in the stage called slow-wave or deep sleep.

Not all sleepwalkers actually walk. Some simply sit up or stand in bed or act like they're awake (but dazed) when, in fact, they're asleep! Most, however, do get up and move around for a few seconds or for as long as half an hour.

Sleepwalkers' eyes are open, but they don't see the same way they do when they're awake and often think they're in different rooms of the house or different places altogether. Sleepwalkers tend to go back to bed on their own and they won't remember it in the morning.

Researchers estimate that up to 15% of kids sleepwalk regularly. Sleepwalking may run in families and sometimes occurs when a person is sick, has a fever, is not getting enough sleep, or is stressed.

## IS SLEEPWALKING A SERIOUS PROBLEM?

If sleepwalking occurs frequently, every night or so, it's a good idea for your mom or dad to take you to see your doctor. But occasional sleepwalking generally isn't something to worry about, although it may look funny or even scary for the people who see a sleepwalker in action.

Although occasional sleepwalking isn't a big deal, it's important, of course, that the person is kept safe. Precautions

should be taken so the person is less likely to fall down, run into something, or walk out the front door while sleepwalking.

## WHAT WILL THE DOCTOR DO?

There's no cure for sleepwalking, but the doctor can talk to you about what's happening and try to find ways to help you sleep more soundly. Most kids just grow out of sleepwalking.

For kids who sleepwalk often, doctors may recommend a treatment called scheduled awakening. This disrupts the sleep cycle enough to help stop sleepwalking. In rare cases, a doctor may prescribe medication to help someone sleep.

## HERE ARE SOME TIPS TO HELP PREVENT SLEEPWALKING:

- Relax at bedtime by listening to soft music or relaxation tapes.
- Have a regular sleep schedule and stick to it.
- Keep noise and lights to a minimum while you're trying to sleep.
- Avoid drinking a lot in the evening and be sure to go to the bathroom before going to bed. (A full bladder can contribute to sleepwalking.)

## HOW DO I TAKE CARE OF A SLEEPWALKER?

One thing you can do to help is to clear rooms and hallways of furniture or obstacles a sleepwalker might encounter during the night. If there are stairs or dangerous areas, a grown-up should close doors and windows or install safety gates.

You also might have heard that sleepwalkers can get confused and scared if you startle them into being awake. That's true, so what do you do if you see someone sleepwalking? You should call for a grown-up who can gently steer the person back to bed. And once the sleepwalker is tucked back in bed, it's time for you to get some shut-eye, too!

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