



The Jester Warbler

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President's Corner

1) Champion Tract 3 (southeast corner of 2222 and City Park Road) – 45 acres was rezoned to Multifamily + awarded huge waivers that are certain to contribute to traffic and safety issues. Just days prior to the final Council vote in February, local entrepreneur Jonathan Coon purchased an option to purchase this property and has committed to building a significantly smaller senior living center if the amendment to his Camelback PUD is approved before September 1, 2018.

2) Camelback PUD (Pennybacker Bridge to City Park Road) – Jonathan Coon owns 145 acres of property zoned as a Planned Unit Development (PUD). On April 23, he amended the PUD plan. It will cluster the development and allow for a more vibrant mix of uses. Jonathan wants to develop single family and townhomes/condominiums, offices, an upscale and quiet restaurant, and private amenities such as a marina and clubhouse for use by future Camelback residents. He is also committed to dedicating 13 acres along the cliff west of the bridge as publicly accessible parkland to preserve the iconic and popular overlook. And in a most recent revision, Coon said, he would leave 58 acres — 40 percent — as open space, preserve the cliff side and protect water quality, heritage trees and his neighbors' views, among other attributes.

The Jester Board met with Jonathan Coon on Monday, June 11th and discussed his proposal more at length during our Board meeting June 13th. We believe that his development would be the best alternative and voted to endorse Mr. Coon's proposal. Feel free to contact us if you have any thoughts you would like to share.

As always, Jester is a great place to live!!!

Diana Miller / President / Jester HOA

NATURE WATCH

WHIPTAILS & RACERUNNERS

by Jim and Lynne Weber



Common Spotted Whiptail

Small to medium-sized slender lizards, whiptails and racerunners can be distinguished from other lizard species by their generally granular dorsal (topside) scales, larger rectangular ventral (underside) scales arranged in transverse rows, long tails, and forked, snake-like tongues. Additionally, these species belong to the genus *Aspidoscelis*, from the Greek *aspidos* or 'shield' and *skelos* or 'leg', relating to their well-developed limbs that enable them to sprint at rapid speeds. Terrestrial and diurnal, these lizards are primarily carnivorous or insectivorous, actively foraging for food while temperatures are warm, and quickly skirting between objects for cover. Of the 22 species occurring in the southwest, Central Texas is home to the Common Spotted Whiptail (*Aspidoscelis gularis*) and Six-lined Racerunner (*Aspidoscelis sexlineata*).

The Common Spotted Whiptail has a brownish-green body with 7 to 8 longitudinal yellowish-white stripes and similarly colored spots in the margins. Its tail is up to twice the length of its body, reaching a total length of just about 12 inches. It is found in prairies, grasslands, rocky hillsides, dense thickets, and canyon bottoms, often near water. Males are larger than females, having a red, orange, or pinkish throat and sometimes a

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PARADE & ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, July 4 - 9:30 am

Paint your wagons, decorate your bikes, your pets, and yourself, and join this festive parade! Gather at Jester Club at 9:30 am (you don't need to be a member of the club to participate).

Parade route will be up Jester, around Basil, and back. Games and activities to follow!

Please contact Teresa at 512-751-8000 or tgouldie@gmail.com if you would like to help at this event!

Jester Estates

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blue or light blue belly. Females have a white or cream-colored underside, and lay 1 to 8 eggs in July, typically in a separate chamber of their underground burrow, sometimes as deep as 11 inches. These lizards scare easily and often retreat in a straight line, but can best be viewed from April through August when their insect prey are most abundant.



Six-lined Racerunner

Just over 10 inches long, the Six-lined Racerunner has seven light dorsal stripes with a greenish wash on the head and upper body that fades to brown posteriorly. Males may also have a blue throat and belly, and juveniles often have more distinct stripes, lack the green wash, but have a bright blue tail. Females lay clutches of 1 to 6 eggs from May to August. Associated more with sandy soils, this lizard can occupy a wide variety of habitats, including grasslands, riverbanks, floodplains, and juniper woodlands. Spiders and grasshoppers are their chief prey, and adults actively forage during the day, but as summer temperatures rise by July, their activity becomes bimodal, peaking in the morning and late afternoon to avoid the hottest parts of the day.

Like many lizards, whiptails and racerunners have developed the ability to allow the tail to break free of the body when grasped by a predator. Called tail autonomy, this process involves wriggling the detached tail to distract the predator while the lizard itself is able to escape. Complex adaptations have evolved to enable the tail to be released along a series of fracture planes, which usually occur through weakened vertebrae, and not between them. Most amazingly, these species also have the ability to regenerate the tail, albeit slowly, so it can be lost again if necessary.

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, check out our books, *Nature Watch Austin* and *Nature Watch Big Bend* (published by Texas A&M University Press), and our blog at naturewatchaustin.blogspot.com.

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If you live near any new residents, please stop by and introduce yourself! Also, please contact JoAnn Welles at (512) 484-7588 or jawelles1@gmail.com if you've moved to Jester lately and we haven't welcomed you officially. We may have tried to deliver a bag to you but not found you home.

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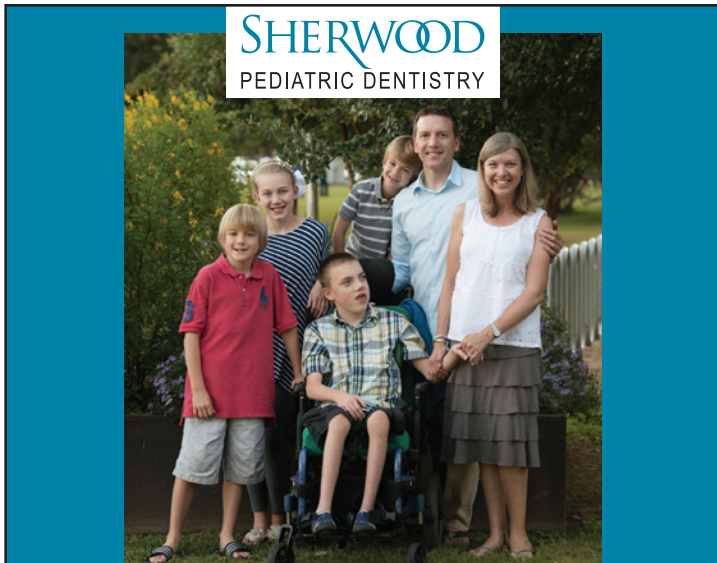
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JESTER TOY SWAP

by Kelly Smentek

A big thank you to everyone that came out and made the 3rd Toy Swap a great success!! Luckily this year we missed the rain! I love how kids spend time selecting toys they don't play with anymore to give to another kid and then they get a new treasure to enjoy! Thanks for participating!



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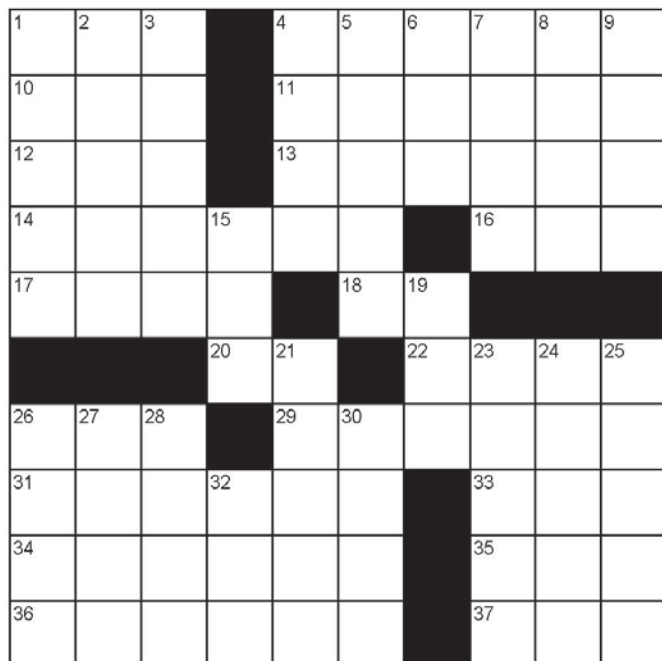
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1. Food and Agriculture Organization (abbr.)
4. Scales
10. Hovercraft
11. Type of phone
12. Regret
13. State capital
14. Indian weapons
16. Part of a min.
17. Information
18. Hey!
20. Fire department (abbr.)
22. Captain (abbr.)
26. Pouch
29. Woman in the Old Testament
31. Absence of values
33. Time period
34. National capital
35. Official canine registry (abbr.)
36. Pseudonym
37. Change hue

DOWN

1. Unit of electric capacitance
2. Sporty car brand
3. Unconcealed
4. Animal stomach
5. Crummy
6. Possessive pronoun
7. Welcome rugs
8. Cheese
9. In __ (together)
15. Clod
19. Fall mo.
21. Divinity
23. Leading
24. Jaunty
25. Draw over
26. Baby's "ball"
27. After awhile
28. __ girl
30. Sew together
32. First day of wk.

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| Jul. 6 - 22 | Austin Chamber Music Festival | austinchambermusic.org |
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