

January Meeting

When: 7:00 p.m.
Monday, January 9, 2012

Where: Trinity United Methodist Church
4001 Speedway

Note: HPNA general meetings usually take place on the first Monday of each month.

HPNA General Meeting Agenda for Jan 9th

- ❖ Presentation of HPNA 2012 Budget (*vote likely*)
- ❖ Resolution on Mixed-Use Corridor (*vote likely*)
- ❖ Resolution on East 43rd Street Development (*vote likely*)
- ❖ Resolution on Bruning Sidewalk (*vote likely*)
- ❖ Presentation on Energy Conservation Program by Texas Gas Service
- ❖ Update on the Hancock Golf Course

Looking Back at the 2011 Hyde Park Holiday Party

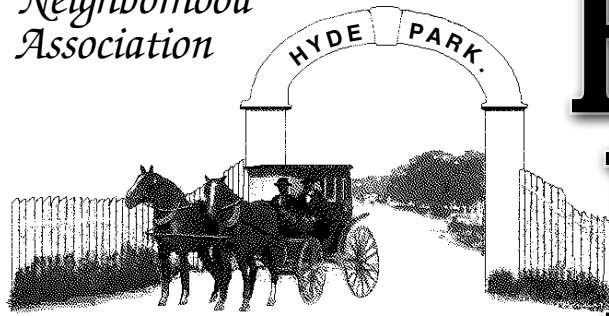
The Hyde Park Holiday Party is now just a memory with a lasting impression. Our neighbors, volunteers, friends and public servants are all interesting, interested, considerate and giving people. It was wonderful to meet new neighbors and connect again with those working together to create and sustain our community.

Many thanks to Charlotte Herzle for opening her home to host the 2011 Hyde Park Holiday Party. No doubt, many people came to celebrate the holidays together as well as admire the beautiful, serene home and festive setting created by Charlotte. Thank you, Charlotte.

The party focus for 2011 highlighted the importance of volunteers who worked throughout

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Baker School Not to be Sold!

On December 12, The AISD Board of Trustees approved the recommendation to reject all bids submitted for the purchase of the Baker School. The school, built 100 years ago in 1911 for Hyde Park children, and located on Avenue B, served as a school to thousands of children from 1911 until it was converted a few years ago to serve AISD as an administrative office space and teacher-training facility for the district.

Earlier this year AISD, put Baker School and the Administration building on W. 6th up for bids in an effort to raise revenue. The district offered Baker at a minimum bid of \$7.5 million. The district received two bids - one from Bula Lewis Farms, LP in the amount of \$8.1 million, and one from Hyde Park Historic Properties, LLC in the amount of \$7.8 million. The proposed uses were unknown. The property is appraised by Travis CAD much lower than surrounding property, but some sources estimate its value at \$10-15 million.

The Hyde Park Neighborhood Plan recommends returning Baker to academic uses. HPNA passed a resolution requesting Baker not be sold but leased if necessary. Several neighbors testified at AISD Board meetings and many neighbors wrote letters asking for Baker, not only Hyde Park's original school, but its largest civic space, not to be sold. Baker School holds many memories for neighbors and others in Austin who attended school there and embodies much

neighborhood history. The building is a solid masonry structure and AISD has spent millions on its renovation in recent years.

As reported by AISD Department of Public Relations & Multicultural Outreach:

"Superintendent Carstarphen explained that the district considered several factors in recommending that the bids be rejected. If the property were sold, the cost of moving staff and equipment to another location would be approximately \$3.1 million, leaving a net return of \$5 million for the first bid and \$4.7 million for the second bid. After expenses, this one-time profit for the district would be offset by the cost of leasing another facility in approximately four years. Retaining the property would offer flexibility for housing future academic options aligned to the Strategic Plan and Board priorities. Finally, it is likely that the BAC property will continue to increase in value. Keeping

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From the President's Desk:

A big thanks to Ellen Williams for agreeing to serve as our representative to Austin Neighborhoods Council. She participated in the Austin Neighborhoods Council meeting in late November and I was very impressed by her thorough preparation and thoughtful questions. I already can tell that she will represent Hyde Park very well!

This month we will vote on the resolution regarding changes at 43rd and Duval that was printed in the December Pecan Press. The resolution wording that was printed in the December issue may have given the impression that we already voted on it but that is not the case. At the December steering committee meeting, we voted to amend the wording slightly from

what you saw in December; the amended resolution and the other two resolutions we will consider this month are printed on pages 6 and 7 of this issue. We expect that a stakeholder meeting regarding 43rd and Duval will be held during the first week of January. When that has been scheduled the day, time, and location of the meeting will be published on our website and sent out to the Hyde Park Austin discussion group and the HPNA-notice google group.

A Ridgetop neighbor has requested that we amend the language in the mixed-use corridor resolution that reads, "HPNA is opposed to the designation of 51st Street or 38th Street between I-35 and Guadalupe Street as a "mixed-use corridor," "transportation corridor," or any similar designation." Her request was that we exclude the portion of 51st Street that is within Ridgetop, most especially the portion that is between Airport and I-35. I think it would be a good idea to amend the resolution to weigh in only on the portions of the roadways that directly adjoin Hyde Park rather than the larger portions currently described in the resolution. While residents of surrounding neighborhoods share our dissatisfaction with the term "mixed-use corridor," there is not universal agreement that all similar designations are unsatisfactory.

The trial closure of Bruning Avenue has concluded and I expect that the road will have reopened by the time you read this.

The primary purpose of the closure was to mitigate congestion on 51st Street. The Transportation Department did not find that the closure resulted in significant reduction in congestion. Gary Schatz, Assistant Director for Transportation Management, directed in early December that within two or three weeks from that date the following three changes would occur:

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1. The temporary closures at either end of Bruning Avenue will be removed and the intersections returned to previous conditions. The traffic signal at E. 51st Street, Duval, and Bruning will be returned to normal operation and the crosswalks revised to reflect the five-legged condition.
2. Two speed humps (not speed cushions) will be installed along Bruning Avenue prior to the removal of the temporary closures.
3. The temporary devices, turn prohibitions, and traffic signal at E. 51st Street and Clarkson will be removed. Two-way stop control will be reinstalled with Clarkson traffic stopping for E. 51st Street traffic.

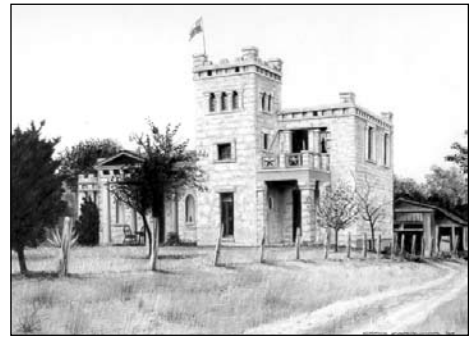
One frequent complaint that Northfield neighbors raised when they argued that Northfield should remain closed to through traffic was that having so much traffic (much of it speeding) on a road without curbs or sidewalks causes difficulties for pedestrians. The purpose of the Bruning sidewalk resolution on the agenda for this month is to communicate to Northfield and the North Loop

Planning Team that if they choose to lobby for sidewalks to be added to any portion of that street that we will advocate in favor if asked. If we adopt that resolution, I will send it to Northfield Neighborhood Association and the North Loop Planning Team so that they will know that they can call on us for support.

Seth Johnson has suggested we might also express support for a crosswalk on 51st Street in the vicinity of Ridgetop Elementary. I think that is a good idea; we should probably contact Northfield in the near future and see whether this is something they are working to accomplish and, if so, what their thoughts are on the best location for a crosswalk.

Finally, thanks to the Austin Independent School District's Board of Trustees for their December 12th unanimous vote not to accept either of the bids for Baker School!

— Lisa Harris
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Courtesy of Craig Farquhar

More Meetings Scheduled in January

- The Hyde Park Contact Team will have its quarterly meeting on Monday, January 23rd, 7 PM, at the Trinity United Methodist Church, 4001 Speedway.
- A special HPNA and Hancock meeting to discuss the Hyde Park Plaza project at 43rd & Duval will occur on January 5th, 7 PM, at the Trinity United Methodist Church, 4001 Speedway.

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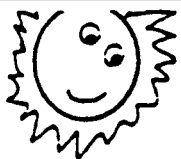
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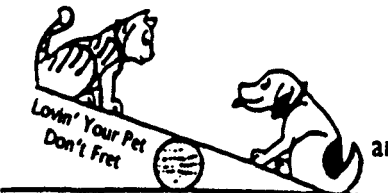
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When is a Cedar Tree Not a Cedar Tree?

When it's growing here in central Texas. Those folks around here suffering from "cedar fever" are several thousand miles from where cedar trees grow natively. What is causing those watery eyes and runny noses is not pollen from cedar trees but that from juniper trees. In this area there are two species of Juniperus: J. ashei and J. virginiana.



Juniper tree releasing a cloud of pollen

The Ashe juniper is found mainly on the west of Austin, while the other type is found toward the east. Generally the eastern juniper is thought to resemble a "Christmas tree" shape, while the Ashe juniper is a bit more shrub-like. With a hand lens you could examine the small, scale-like leaves to tell them apart: J. ashei has minute teeth along the edges, while J. virginiana has smooth leaf edges.

True cedars in the genus, Cedrus, are native to the Mediterranean region and the western Himalaya. The flag of Lebanon features one of these trees.

It was a somewhat common practice that as plants and animals were encountered in the Americas having some resemblance to those in the "old world" they were given the same name. Our "cedar" trees have a similar appearance to those in the Mediterranean area, and they also have very rot resistant and aromatic wood. Cedar chests were used to store clothing because the fragrant wood tended to repel insects that might harm the clothing items - particularly those made of wool.

Junipers are a type of conifer: plants having cones; botanically referred to as strobili. These cones produce either pollen or seeds, and there are separate plants

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with either pollen-producing cones or seed-producing ones. Often these are called "male" and "female" trees, respectively.

Unlike many flowering plants that attract insect or other animals to move the pollen from one plant to its seed-forming counterpart, junipers produce prodigious amounts of pollen that are released into the atmosphere to be carried by wind. When we breathe in air during the time the trees are releasing pollen, many of us show signs of an allergic response: watery eyes, runny nose, sneezing, etc.

The time frame for juniper pollen release starts as early as mid-November and runs into the middle of February.

Our immune system is a wonderful thing that protects us from all sorts of nasty things, but, as we mentioned in a recent Pecan Press article about ragweed, one cost of such protection is that it is activated even by some harmless things like pollen. While hay fever or cedar fever are quite unpleasant, we are better off having a system that is a little too protective than not having a good one.

You probably are aware of the things called juniper berries; botanically speaking these are not berries but one-seeded, fleshy strobili. Juniper berries are what give gin its distinctive flavor; furthermore the name gin is derived from the name of this plant in French. Before you ask: there is no evidence that drinking gin will inoculate you against the ravages of cedar/juniper fever; but I guess you could give it a shot.

— der Brat



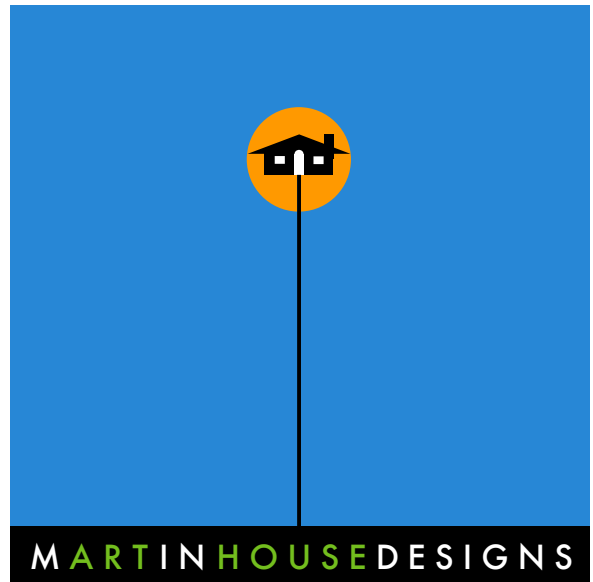
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the property would allow the district to place the property on the market at a more advantageous time in the future."

Thanks to everyone who contacted the Board. At least this unfortunate idea is off the table for now! We all know that in Hyde Park, Austin's model and "complete" neighborhood, that nothing is safe from being threatened, cut, closed, removed or irrevocably harmed! But for now, we still have Baker School.

— Karen McGraw



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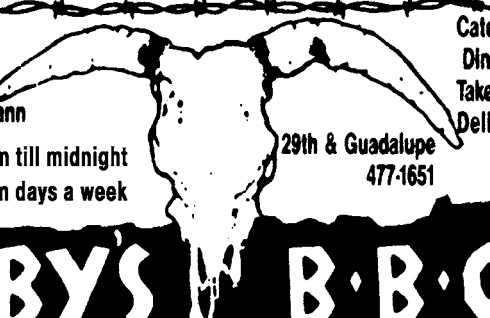
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Votes Likely on Three Resolutions

The following resolutions will be considered for adoption at our January general meeting. For additional information on the resolutions see "From the President's Desk" on page 2.

Resolution in Opposition to Mixed-Use Corridors in Imagine Austin Plan Draft

Whereas, In Chapter 4, the September 26, 2011 draft of the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan describes a Growth Concept Map which "focuses new development in mixed-use corridors and centers accessible by walking, bicycling, and transit as well as by car"; and

Whereas, Numerous smaller streets, including but not limited to 51st Street and 38th Street, have been classified as mixed-use corridors in this draft of the plan; and

Whereas, In response to clarification of what this would mean for those streets, planner Greg Claxton indicated, "Despite the name, we don't interpret this designation as requiring a change in future land use maps or zoning to include more mixed-use entitlements"; and

Whereas, In 2006 the City of Austin established vertical mixed use and initiated a time-intensive opt in/opt out process that asked residents and property owners to look at each property along certain corridors in the city and identify the properties suited to vertical mixed use; and

Whereas, Subchapter E of Chapter 25-2 of the City Code defines Mixed Use Zoning Districts, including Mixed Use Combining Districts and Vertical Mixed Use Overlay Districts; and

Whereas, In numerous neighborhood plans stakeholders have examined and addressed the question of where mixed use should be located; and

Whereas, The proposed new term "mixed-use corridor" closely resembles the terms above which are already in use but is proposed to mean something different from what those established terms convey; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That HPNA is opposed to the use of roadway terminology in the comprehensive plan that is the same as, or similar enough to be confused with, land use terminology used in the zoning regulations; and, be it further

Resolved, That HPNA is opposed to the designation of 51st Street or 38th Street between I-35 and Guadalupe Street as a "mixed-use corridor," "transportation corridor," or any similar designation.

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Resolution in Favor of 43rd & Duval Streets Intersection and Safety Improvements

The Hyde Park Neighborhood Association resolves that the Hyde Park Plaza project indicating reverse angle parking on Duval Street, relocation of public sidewalks, pedestrian crosswalks on Duval and E. 43rd streets, outdoor seating areas, bicycles lanes and parking, and alignment of parking lot driveways on E. 43rd has our support. We request that the City of Austin seek funding for this project as soon as possible to improve the safety of pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists in this heavily traveled local intersection and to foster outdoor seating and community use.

Draft Resolution in Support of Sidewalk for Bruning Avenue

Whereas, The City of Austin Transportation Department is reopening Bruning Avenue to through traffic; and

Whereas, Northfield residents have expressed concern about difficulties an absence of sidewalks causes for pedestrians when there is significant car traffic on Bruning; and

Whereas, Sidewalks along Bruning would benefit Hyde Park residents who walk in that area; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That Hyde Park Neighborhood Association is in support of efforts by Northfield Neighborhood Association and North Loop Neighborhood Plan Contact Team to bring sidewalks to Bruning Avenue.



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HPNA President Lisa Harris reviews HPNA accomplishments for 2011 with Congressman Lloyd Doggett (right). Photo by Liz Lock.

the year for Hyde Park. Lisa Harris, HPNA president, recapped the year and expressed our appreciation for the volunteer support we receive. Lisa also introduced Congressman Lloyd Doggett, State Representative Elliott Naishtat and County Constable Bruce Elfant who work for and support Hyde Park.

Jim Genevro welcomed our guests again this year and reported that 161 adults and 20 children attended. Jay Aarons served again as the bartender and for the first time, the children were entertained with activities relating to Hanukkah. Elise Krentzel led the children's activities and provided imported chocolate. Liz Lock photographed the event for us.

And our neighbors are great cooks. We had marvelously delicious desserts to accompany the feast prepared by NeWorldeli.

Because of your generosity to the troubled children at Helping Hand Home, their holidays were a little brighter. Linda Pennington delivered all the gifts and contributions from you to the children at the Home. Thank you.

Linda van Bavel speaks of the difference between a neighborhood and a community and that we have a community. Our community includes not only our neighbors but also our volunteers, friends and public servants. Life in the Hyde Park community is good.

2012 brings more opportunities for us to come together as a community. I hope to see you at each and every event.

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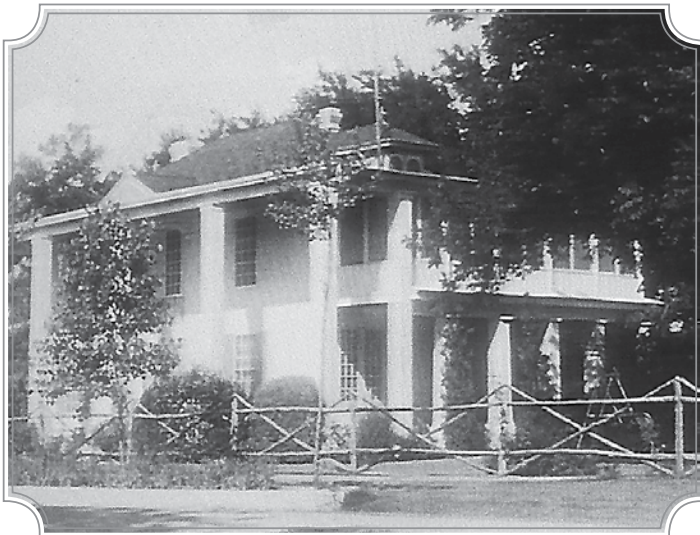
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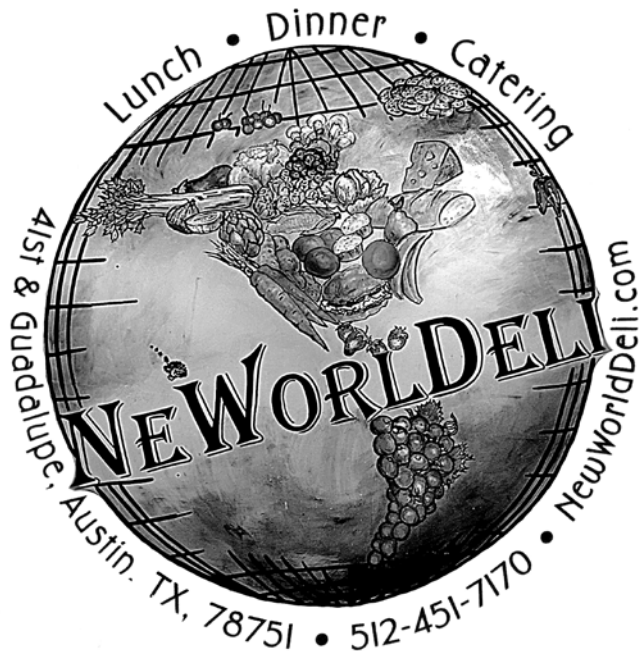
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Clotilde Shipe's Schoolwork Survives All These Years

In the many boxes I found in the attic of the William T. and Valerie Mansbendel Williams House, I found two handwritten English papers penned by Clotilde Shipe. This is the first of two.

Clotilde Shipe was the daughter of Colonel Monroe Shipe, the wife of Peter Mansbendel, and the mother of Mrs. Valerie Williams. Clotilde was born in 1881 and died in 1963. She was a junior in high school when she penned this paper.

Her high school teacher made some corrections in red pencil, but I typed exactly what Clotilde wrote in her longhand.

— David Conner

A Journey

By Clo Shipe, High Junior

November 23, 1897

In June 1891, our family consisting of mamma, brother, and myself, left Austin, on a trip to my sisters' and brother in the East.

We took the Missouri, Kansas and Texas trains for St. Louis. When we arrived at St. Louis, we waited two hours; and then changed in the Vandalia route which runs from St. Louis to Jersey City. It is one of the fastest routes in the United States.

When we arrived at Jersey City, we had to wait about an hour for a train to take us to Oak Tree, New Jersey. My brother and myself watched the ferry-boats as they went back and forth from Jersey City to New York. There were great many people hurrying about; and, I was very much confused at the loud talking and the large crowd.

We then took the Lehigh Valley route, which stops at a station near my sister's home. We reached our destination on June twenty-first. My sister and her husband ran out to meet us. They were pleased to see us, as they had not seen mamma in eight years.

My sister lived on a beautiful farm about four miles from Plainfield, New Jersey. They have a very large number of Jersey cows! The house was very large and comfortable. Surrounding the house was a fine orchard of cherries, peaches, pears, and apples. They also had a nice vegetable garden, and a strawberry bed. We were very much delighted with the place, and we planned to have a nice time.

Sister had a little dogcart and a black pony, so we went riding a great deal. A few days after we arrived, I became acquaintance with some girls. They asked me if I had seen many Indians, as I lived in Texas! I told them there were

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Austin's Sunday Supper

—A MLK Holiday Celebration & Peace Through Pie Social—

Sunday, January 15 from 5-7:30 pm
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not any Indians running loose in Texas. We soon became quite intimate with one another and began to make plans for riding trips, chestnut hunting, and other amusements. I soon became acquainted with a girl who had a sail-boat and a little lake near her home. We had a delightful time sailing. We took a great many walks in the woods; and I found some pretty flowers and wild cherries.

In a few days, my sister said she was intended to go to New York on a shopping trip. Brother and I went with her and we had a nice time. At Jersey City, we took a ferry-boat across to New York City. We went to many beautiful stores, among which were Macy's and O'Neill's. Sister took us to a large doll store where I saw a doll that said the Lord's Prayer.

As I had a sister living in Jamaica, Long Island, we all decided to pay her a visit. My sister had two little boys, and I took them out riding and walking. Sister had a large house, and while we were there, she celebrated her wooden wedding. She received a great many wooden presents.

On the way back, we stopped at New York and went to Central Park. I saw a number of different kinds of animals, among which were monkeys, whales, bears, wild-cats, and seals. We walked through the grounds, saw the obelisks and among the trees, were little lakes. There were some swan boats on one of the lakes, and one boat could accommodate four persons. We then took an elevator railway car, and went to the Museum of Natural Science. There, we saw many curiosities, stuffed birds, whales, different kinds of wood, and rocks, and many other curious things.

The next day, we went to Philadelphia to see my brother and family. In the afternoon, we went to Bluff Park, and played games. We had a nice time, and then we went to my sister Mai's home.

We began to prepare to go to Paris, Ohio, to visit my grandpa and grandma. We packed our trunks, prepared the lunches, and said goodbys to our friends.

We boarded the train, and my sister Mai stayed with us until the train was about to start. I felt very sad, and cried a good deal.

When we arrived at Canton, Ohio, we had to ride in a freight train to Paris. I did not enjoy this part of the journey, as it took such a long time to get there.

We arrived at Paris in safety, and my grandpa was at the station. He was very glad to see us, and he took us to his home. I became acquainted with a great many of my cousins and other relatives. We stayed here about two weeks, and then started for home.

We took the train at Canton and arrived at St. Louis, where Papa met us. Before we arrived in St. Louis, the train broke down, and we were delayed a day. The rest of the journey passed without any accidents.

We arrived home November twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, after having enjoyed ourselves very much.

(Transcriber Note: Clotilde Shipe and her family arrived home Thanksgiving Day 1891.)

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Hazardous Waste Collection at Shipe Park

Saturday, February 4th, 8:30 — 11:00 am

On Saturday, February 4th, from 8:30 to 11:00 am there will be a hazardous waste collection at Shipe Park. This event is run by high school seniors and is free of charge.

This is your chance to properly recycle all of the automotive fluids, cleaning products, fertilizers, paint, pesticides, solvents, light bulbs, and batteries clogging up your garage. These items have a higher toxicity than typical household items and are meant to be recycled in a special manner, yet many people just throw these items away with general trash and recycling, thus plaguing our landfills. For this reason, we hope you can participate in our cause.

Our program is called "Clean the Creek" a local nonprofit whose primary purpose is to help recycle hazardous waste materials. The reason our service is so beneficial to residents in your neighborhood is because Austin's hazardous waste dump is located very far south, near IH-35 and Hwy-71, making it a pain to recycle the dangerous materials.

Our group has held several other waste collections in surrounding neighborhoods in north Austin. This is our first collection in Hyde Park. Usually, we try to move around from neighborhood to neighborhood in an attempt to recycle as much as possible; but we love Hyde Park. It's practically our home. It wasn't long ago that we spent our summer days biking around the avenues with friends. Therefore, collections will be held monthly on the first Saturday of the month at 8:30 a.m until 11a.m at Shipe Park, until we go to college in August.

– *Nelson Cole, McCallum High School and
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Now that Miss Ellen is gone, her nieces are selling her house. It needs updating from the ground up, but it has good bones and spacious rooms. The original character is largely intact. There are three bedrooms and one bath, a generous living room with a fireplace and built-in bookshelves, a formal dining room and a breakfast room with build-in table and china cabinet. It is pre-inspected so buyers can see what it needs to bring it into tip-top shape again.

According to the tax records, the house has 1256 sf of living space. The 50 x 130 foot lot has convenient alley access.

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Wide angle shot including most of the many neighbors merrily attending Hyde Park's 2011 Holiday Party. Photo by Liz Lock.

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Your gifts are helping children who have suffered the most severe abuse and neglect find hope and healing. Prior to arriving at Helping Hand Home, many of our children have never had the opportunity to celebrate during the holidays, let alone receive gifts. You are truly making this season special for them.

With the support of individuals and groups like yours, Helping Hand Home is able to offer the highest level of care to children who need it most. This year we have seen children like 4-year-old Sam feel safe and loved by receiving much needed individualized therapy from our highly skilled staff. We have also seen children like 11-year-old Ali believe in herself and discover she has a love for horseback riding, math, and gymnastics.

In this season of hope, we thank you for your trust, generosity, and belief in the mission of Helping Hand Home. Please contact us if you want to learn more about our services or are interested in additional ways to be involved.

— Ted Keyser, Executive Director,
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Austin's Sunday Supper

On Sunday, January 15, 2012 from 5:00 to 7:30 pm, HPNA is partnering with Trinity United Methodist Church and several other wonderful organizations to hold a community discussion about food insecurity. Inspired by the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Austin's Sunday Supper is part of a nationwide effort to bring awareness and action to pressing social issues.

The national sponsors of America's Sunday Supper are Hands On Network, Points of Light Institute, United Methodist Communications, and the General Board of Church & Society of the United Methodist Church. Trinity United Methodist Church is hosting the Austin event and is partnering with organizations including HPNA, Hope Food Pantry Austin, AHB Community School, Center for Inquiry Austin, Theatre Action Project, the Griffin School and Peace Through Pie.

Through creating partnerships such as these and by sharing ideas and energy, we can all better reach those most in need. The event will not have a religious or political focus; it will be an opportunity for open communication about the issue of food insecurity in our community.

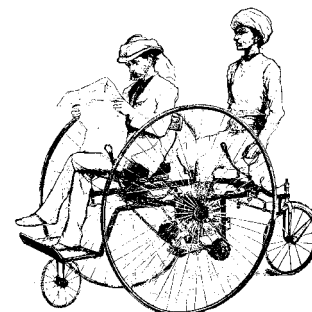
Details:

- Sunday, January 15 from 5 - 7:30 pm at Trinity United Methodist Church, 4001 Speedway.
- The event will include panelists and a film.
- The supper part of the evening is inspired by Peace Through Pies, so we'll all be enjoying pies of all kinds - sweet and savory, along with fresh greens.
- In order to go from talking about the issue to taking an active role in eliminating hunger we are working with the Griffin School, which has set aside part of their property to serve as a community garden, to have a volunteer garden-building event on the afternoon of Monday, January 16th.

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1. Where you are. (6) _____
2. Namesake of Texas' 1st President. (7) _____
3. SMU calls it home. (6) _____
4. No mountain at the Golden Triangle, much less a pretty one. (8) _____
5. Not fully recovered from turn-of-the-century hurricane: i.e. the previous century. (9) _____
6. Since '74 home to downtown Water Garden. (4,5) _____
7. Residents call it the "Sparkling City by the Sea" (6,7) _____
8. Made famous by Marty Robbins? (2,4) _____
9. Childhood home of 43rd President. (7) _____
10. Definitely not a Black Sea port. (6) _____
11. Dell headquarters just north of Austin. (5,4) _____
12. East Texas town - not a disputed land in the Middle East. (9) _____
13. Sounds like a religious bldg. near Ft. Hood. (6) _____
14. Where you might find Bears on the field. (4) _____
15. Anagram of reload – something you might need to do (6) _____
16. As far south as you can go. (11) _____
17. Birthplace of Scott Joplin. (9) _____
18. Famous for missions – especially one of them. (3,7) _____
19. A colorful Panhandle town? (8) _____
20. Home of Cowboys, Rangers, Six Flags. (9) _____
21. Buddy Holly statue found here. (7) _____
22. Headquarters of Frito-Lay and Dr. Pepper. (5) _____

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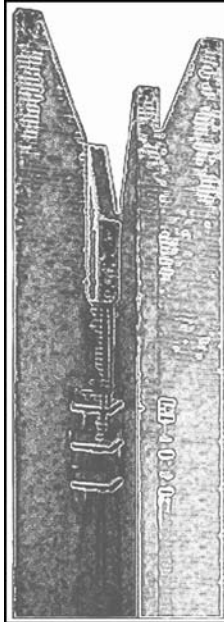
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And give him a letter,
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To be buried properly,
Because she had failed to fulfill a promise,
If the brother and sister did what she asked,
They could bury her properly, facing the sun,

The daughter went, immediately,
In search of the unknown-of next of kin,
She learned that her mother had been imprisoned,
Tortured, raped, and had given birth, in prison,
She begged, more like ordered, her brother to come,
I need you, she pleaded; they were twins,
So he came to where she was to do his part,

This film has subtitles, translated from French and Arabic,
This film has subtleties, untranslatable, from, or to
Any language, and what they learned, the twins,
Cannot be described, here,
You, literally, have to see for yourself.

If I had been hammered with this film I could not
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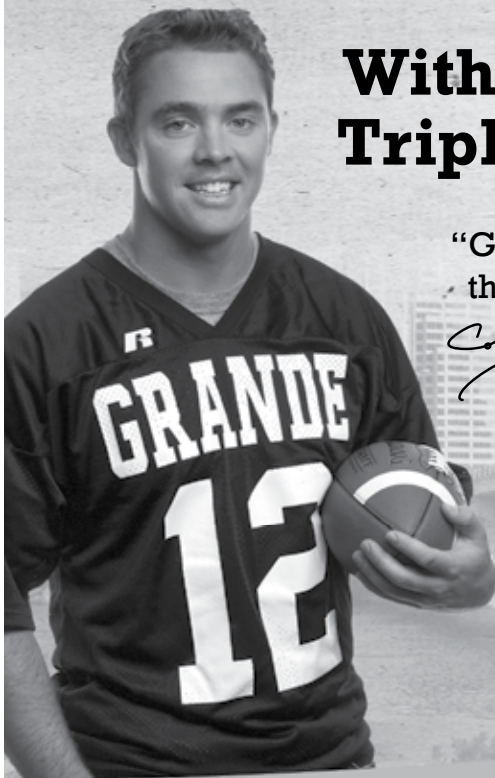


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