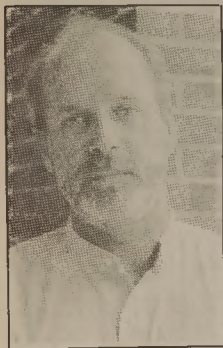


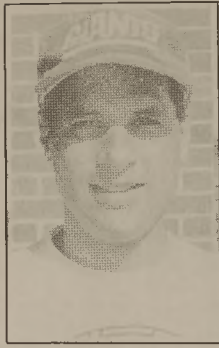
# Our Neighbors Speak

Do you plan to watch the televised portions of the Republican and Democratic conventions?



**TOM STEWART PRESTON**

Probably portions of them. A lot of it I don't care about.



**JOE SCARANO PRESTON**

No. It's a foregone conclusion who's going to be nominated, so I probably won't be watching.



**CANDICE DAVIES MORRISVILLE**

Maybe some small parts of it. I'm more interested in the Independent platforms.



**ALAN HEROSIAN PRESTON**

Maybe a little of the Republican convention, not the Democratic. I've got to figure out who the vice president is going to be.



**ANTWANETTE WATSON MORRISVILLE**

Probably not. I'm in school and I just don't have the time.



**DAVE CLARKE MORRISVILLE**

Probably not. If that's what's on, then I'll watch it.

## Cleaning up, comparing notes, on a trip home to mother's

By Roxanne Powers

Every year I fly home to visit family in East Texas, and every year I go armed with a planned project. You see, it makes me feel better to be able to help my mother, who lives alone. (Unless you count Bo, who isn't much help what with that extra set of legs he carries around.)

This summer I went with a "let's just wait and see what needs to be done" kind of attitude. My first few days there, my mother kept me occupied visiting other family and friends, and just generally keeping her company while she ran errands.

Finally, on my third day home I came out dressed in sneakers and with my sleeves rolled up. "Okay," I said, "time to go to work. What are we doing to the house this year?" "Well..." said my mother, "I've got a repairman coming to do an estimate, but he needs to get in

the attic crawl space..." "So what's the problem there?" I bravely ventured. "The crawl space is above the garage storage room."

"And...???" I prod with benign sarcasm. "...And you can't get in the garage storage room because of all the clutter," she replied sheepishly.

"Ahhh...thus my job?" "Oh, noooo!" mother replied in mock innocence, (it had to be mock innocence, because surely mother knows by now that I'm on to her!) "I can do it myself, I just need moral support." With affection, I teased, "Yeah right, mother...in the first place, you're not very convincing at the martyr stuff, and in the second, you've got Bo for moral support!" "No I don't," she said and laughed, "He doesn't like the heat!" "Oh well!" I rejoindered, "We wouldn't want him to sweat all over his Hermes collar!"

When we opened the door to the

approximately 4 by 12 storage room, I thought, "Piece of cake! The lawn mower alone takes up half the space!" Two hours later, we had the garage floor covered with two piles of assorted items, each of which was twice the size of my mother's Audi. "Well, I can see that you want this pile to go back in the storage room, but I don't see how we're going to get this pile to the dump...unless you think American Airlines will let me borrow one of their planes for about an hour." "No need to do that," she said facetiously, "I've circled three names of hauling services in the newspaper. You can call them while I clean out my lunch box." "Huh?" I said. "No, no, I heard you. But...clean out your lunch box? How big a job can that be?" "Well," said mother, "it's not really a lunch box, it's a six-pack size igloo box..." "Never mind," I said. "I don't think I need to know this."

Back inside, I sat at the kitchen table armed with the newspaper and telephone, while mother stood at the kitchen sink with the lunch box before her. I chuckled. "What?" she asked suspiciously. "With all your talk of cleaning out your lunch box, I just thought of Paige. The things that child can pack into her back-pack! You've never seen anything like it. I don't

know where she gets it from."

When no response was forthcoming, I looked up from the paper to see my mother wearing her perpetual know-it-all grin, and with great dramatics, she began to pull items from her lunch box while sing-singing "You dooooooo!!!" From that lunch box she pulled a half-eaten apple wrapped in a damp

paper towel, a baggy filled with nail clippers, a comb, hair bands, bobby pins, a comb, a paperback book, a canned drink, a bottle of water, a can of sardines, some crackers, a peach, a regulations handbook, paper napkins, aspirin, crossword puzzle, a dictionary, a set of keys, an address book, a walk-man, a small tool box...

## Mayor opens new office for visits

By Ron Page

Aside from some sort of window accent such as a valance or partial drape, perhaps a cover for a side chair, and polish to make the brass pulls shine on the mahogany desk and matching credenza she purchased herself for the room, Morrisville Mayor Margaret Broadwell has established herself in her office at Town Hall where she can be found every Wednesday from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

"That's not to say I won't be here at other times," the mayor said, "because I plan to be available to anyone who may have something to discuss about town business. But I do plan to be here at that time on a regular basis."

The office of the mayor drew public attention just after the election in which Mrs. Broadwell won office. The first notice came prior to her induction when the Board of Commissioners voted to abolish the office that had existed in previous administrations, and then moved

the desk that had been there into the town planner's office. Mayor Broadwell was left with a smaller version of the desk, a lamp, along with three chairs, one upholstered, a bookcase, and a black, 2-drawer filing cabinet.

The office is the one formerly used by recreation director Alan Carroll before he moved to the Community Center Building on Morrisville Parkway. The room is the first on the left after entering the Town Hall's double-glass doors to the vestibule area.

After a failed attempt by Commissioner Mark Silver-Smith to have the commissioners appropriate \$750, and when that failed, \$500 for furniture, Mayor Broadwell decided to make the purchases herself. During her endeavors one of the local mayors suggested she visit another elected official in Wake County whose business was moving and furniture was available.

"I was looking at the furniture

when a representative from Modern Office Mechanics in Morrisville suggested I look at some furniture available at their site. That's where I found the desk and the matching credenza which they allowed me to have at a very reduced price," she explained. "I bought the couch because I liked the neutral colors."

Mayor Broadwell said she plans to do some sort of window treatment, and she probably will make a covering for a side chair. She also tried polishing one of the pulls on a drawer and said it turned out to be brass. "I plan to polish the others on both the desk and credenza. I enjoy crafts and those sorts of things," she said.

She said she looks forward to meeting residents at the office, adding that a few have already visited. "If someone can't make the time on Wednesdays, they should just call for an appointment and I'll meet them here," she said. "They can call me at my home, 467-1623, to make them."

## Homeowner dues to increase in new budget

By Cynthia LaChapelle

The Preston Community Association elected for the first time two homeowners - Frank Stoltmann and Chuck Gibson - to its board of directors during an annual meeting held July 16.

Returning to the board will be Preston developer Tim Smith, as president, and Vanessa Jenkins and Robin Rose as representatives for Preston Development Co.

Smith, who chaired the meeting, announced that two additional homeowners would be elected to the five-member board next year, one of whom would take his place as president.

In his presentation of the budget, Smith announced that homeowner dues would be raised from \$180 to \$240 per year for 1997. Because the developer retains majority voting, there was no vote taken on the issue.

The new budget calls for \$300,000 in expenses, an increase from the \$283,560 spent in 1996. Few budget items increased and the developer contribution dropped from \$166,860 to a proposed \$130,240.

When homeowners questioned

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the rise, Smith cited bylaws allowing a 15 percent per year increase that could be imposed retroactively.

Smith and Stoltmann encouraged those present at the meeting to participate in the Architectural Review Committee, which was formed after last year's annual meeting.

Also discussed was an idea to form committees for a newsletter and to welcome new residents. Those interested in serving may call Stoltmann at 481-4303 or Gibson at 467-8940.

Other discussion included the use of fines for non-compliance of covenants, the handling of violations, and the installation and maintenance of plantings at signs and entrances.

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At its July 29 meeting, the Architectural Review Committee elected new members to fill posts vacated by chairman Stoltmann and Gibson.

Mike McMullan was elected chairman. Cynthia LaChapelle was named co-chair. Richard Arnold, Kevin Green and Harry Gersenhofner were added as voting members along with returning member Jayne Dukes. Dee Lieberman requested to be moved to alternate. Other alternates are Pete Josselyn and Despina Boindiris. Others still may be considered for alternates for the volunteer committee. For more information, contact McMullan at 467-5331.

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The new Preston Architectural Standards booklet is still pending distribution. Coupons are being sold to cover the cost of a nicer color booklet, and three ads were still available as of the July 29 meeting.

Those interested in purchasing space should contact Frank Stoltmann.

The booklet will contain several changes, and homeowners are encouraged to read it carefully upon arrival.

Cynthia LaChapelle is co-chairman of the Preston Architectural Review Committee.

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