

Each time I travel to see my parents after Christmas, I approach my neighborhood like a lion stalking its prey on the African plain. I am not looking to frighten or pounce on anything; rather, I fearfully gaze down rows of houses in the neighborhood. I am trying to determine if another murder has been committed on Kathy Circle – a murder of a crape myrtle (*Lagerstroemia*

Peyton Manning in ~~to~~ games, I cannot do it all (I say that ~~in a~~ ~~bay~~ ~~bart~~ ~~b~~ ~~because~~ ~~I~~ ~~really~~, ~~really~~ ~~wanted~~ ~~him~~ ~~to~~ ~~inv~~ ~~te~~ ~~for~~ ~~BLTs~~ ~~or~~ ~~k~~)

According to ~~the~~ ~~orient~~ ~~critical~~ ~~ist~~, ~~R~~ ~~B~~ ~~gren~~, ~~t~~ ~~the~~ ~~top~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~tree~~ ~~is~~ ~~a~~ ~~tree~~ ~~that~~ ~~appears~~ ~~like~~ ~~an~~ ~~upside~~ ~~down~~ ~~boom~~. ~~In~~ ~~w~~ ~~orse~~, ~~the~~ ~~style~~ ~~of~~ ~~pruning~~ ~~year~~ ~~after~~ ~~year~~ ~~rests~~ ~~in~~ ~~an~~ ~~ob~~ ~~vious~~ ~~point~~ ~~of~~ ~~pruning~~.

~~The~~ ~~method~~ ~~of~~ ~~climbing~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~ ~~spot~~ ~~each~~ ~~year~~ ~~is~~ ~~called~~ ~~po~~ ~~arding~~. ~~It~~ ~~is~~ ~~pro~~ ~~posed~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~done~~ ~~on~~ ~~some~~ ~~tree~~ ~~types~~ ~~and~~ ~~in~~ ~~certain~~ ~~situ~~ ~~ations~~; ~~non~~ ~~ethe~~ ~~less~~, ~~is~~ ~~this~~ ~~method~~ ~~so~~ ~~often~~ ~~used~~ ~~on~~ ~~crape~~ ~~myrtles~~, ~~how~~ ~~is~~ ~~it~~ ~~pro~~ ~~duced~~ ~~a~~ ~~more~~ ~~sus~~ ~~ceptible~~ ~~to~~ ~~disease~~ ~~and~~ ~~insects~~?

~~The~~ ~~reason~~ ~~is~~ ~~because~~, ~~crape~~ ~~myrtle~~ ~~s~~ ~~do~~ ~~not~~ ~~die~~. ~~By~~ ~~essential~~ ~~ly~~ ~~is~~ ~~this~~ ~~method~~ ~~of~~ ~~pruning~~ ~~other~~ ~~trees~~. ~~We~~ ~~must~~ ~~understand~~ ~~that~~ ~~this~~ ~~technique~~ ~~is~~ ~~why~~ ~~many~~ ~~crape~~ ~~myrtles~~ ~~today~~ ~~look~~

