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Board Notes September 2005

The board of directors of Lakes on Eldridge Community Association met on September 20, 2005. The following is a summary of what was discussed.

The Board reviewed the financial statements for the month ended August 31, 2005. The Association had cash balances of \$182,950 in the Operating Fund and \$119,434 in the Replacement Fund. For the eight months ended August 31, 2005 the Association had Total Income of \$554,539, Total Expenses of \$579,448 and an Operating Deficit in the amount of \$24,908. The financial statements were accepted.

The managing agent obtained an estimate for the completion of Tanner Road from north Eldridge to Brittmoore road to be 6-8 weeks. The estimate was subject to change due to weather and field conditions.

The managing agent reported that there were 133 active service requests and that 132 had been closed in the month of August 2005.

Board meetings are generally held on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm at the Beach Club. It is recommended that homeowners who wish to attend confirm the dates with AMI since they change occasionally. In addition, homeowners are welcome to bring business before the Board but are required to inform AMI of their intention to do so in order to be placed on the agenda.



Thursday, November 24th

LOE's Santa's Toy and Food Drive

Santa will arrive in LOE by Fire Truck, the date is to be determined. The truck will circle the lake a couple of times and then stop at the clubhouse. Santa has made his list and checked it twice and knows that the LOE children have all been nice!!! So bring your little ones over to take a picture with Santa and his fire truck. There will be hot chocolate, apple cider and Christmas cookies to share as well as other holiday activities.

We also want to help Santa share the magic of the holiday with needy children. So bring a new, unwrapped toy or nonperishable food item and get your picture with Santa for free or make a donation to this worthy cause.

If you would like to help with this event or want more details, please contact Michelle at 832-731-0943 or mperez51@houston.rr.com.



Volunteers Needed

We are always looking for volunteers in the community. You drive the policies and procedures. But without your involvement, this is left up to a handful of people. So if you are interested in helping the community, please visit the website, register as a member and list your interests to volunteer and we will contact you.

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LOE is now in the flight pattern for both Intercontinental and Hobby Airports, which means air traffic has significantly increased. If you are concerned over the noise make a call to one or all of the numbers below. It is the number of calls and the people taking time to make them that make the most effective appeal for change for this situation.

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Do you know...

- Fireworks are NOT allowed in Lakes on Eldridge
- LOE amenities are for the exclusive use of LOE Residents. Trespassers will be prosecuted.
- Association facility keys may be purchased at the AMI office during office hours with ownership identification.
- Parks and playgrounds are open facilities for LOE residents and their guests to enjoy. LOE residents must accompany their guests.
- Please notify us of any unsafe conditions that need repair or maintenance via email.
- Please do not park in the Beach Club turn around area as this is a fire lane and must be clear at all time for emergency vehicles.
- Do NOT leave valuables in your vehicle and remember to lock your doors.
- Please try to avoid parking in the street. Not only is this a great inconvenience, it can be a potential safety hazard for your neighbors.
- Please keep your garage door closed. An open door may invite a thief to enter your property.

HEAR YE-HEAR YE!

THE PRINCE IS GIVING A BALL!

The Classic Rodgers & Hammerstein Fairytale,

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will be presented by the Fine Arts Department of
Cypress Community Christian School on December 2, 3, & 4

Cypress Community Christian School's Choir, Art and Drama programs are proud to announce their first joint production since *Scrooge*. With an all-star cast and beloved score by Rodgers and Hammerstein, *Cinderella* promises to be an unforgettable experience for the entire family. The part of Cinderella will be played by Alayna Matranga, the Prince by Josh Graber, the hilarious Step-Sisters by Keeley Lambert and Kasey Witherow, the charming Fairy God-Mother is double-cast played by Genesis Devine and Caroline Carthey, the part of the domineering Step-Mother is played by Courtney Higgs while Luke Jones and Michelle Anderson will warm hearts as the loveable King and Queen. Many other characters will grace the stage with unforgettable performances including Hunter Floyd as the Herald, John Medendorp as the Steward and double-cast Jon Obenland and Hasheem Thabeet as the Chef. Well known songs include: "Impossible," "Ten Minutes Ago," and "In My Own Little Corner."

Don't miss this outstanding musical to be held at Cook Junior High Theater located at 9111 Wheatland off of West Rd. between Jones & Beltway 8. Performances will be held on Friday, December 2 @ 7 p.m., Saturday, December 3 @ 2p.m. and Sunday, December 4 @ 3 p.m.

To purchase advance tickets, contact Mrs. Lisa Matranga in our Drama Department at lmatranga@cccs-hou.org or 281-469-8829 ext. 456. In addition, tickets may be purchased at the door! Also, you may access information on the school web site at www.cccs-hou.org - Upcoming Events Section.



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LOE Book Club

Book club will be taking the months of November and December off to enjoy the holidays. We hope to see you at our January meeting.



We meet the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30 P.M. We try to read a wide variety of material, so if this month's selection doesn't appeal to you, maybe next month's will. Do join us when we tackle a book on which you have comments or opinions. We will again be meeting in various members' homes, so call or e-mail

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Private School Preview

Please join us for the North West Private School Preview Sunday, November 6, 2005 from November 6, 2005 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm at Champion Forest Baptist Church 15555 Stuebner Airline Rd, Houston, TX 77069. This FREE event is open to the public. With over 300 private schools in Houston, and more under construction everyday, the choice of where to send your child for an education is overwhelming. Parents are constantly searching for information on the options available to their family. For this reason, the Northwest Private School Preview was formed. This event was designed to bring local families together with private schools, in one location, to make it easier for the parents to get a good overview of what is available. Parents can speak with representatives and obtain information to review at their convenience. Schools represented are: Abercrombie Academy, Concordia Lutheran High School, Covenant Academy, Cypress Community Christian School, Epiphany Lutheran School, Houston Learning Academy, Langtry Preparatory Academy, Lutheran High North, Northland Christian School, Northwoods Catholic School, Our Savior Lutheran School, Providence Classical School, Rosehill Christian School, Salem Lutheran School, Spell-Well Montessori, Spring Cypress Presbyterian School, St. Anne Catholic School, St. Edward Catholic School, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School, St. Pius X High School, Step By Step Christian School, The Banff School, The John Cooper School, The Woodlands Christian Academy, Trinity Lutheran School, Windwood Christian Academy

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Messiah Lutheran Church is a grace place, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Messiah is located at 11522 Telge Road, ½ mile north of Highway 290. Regular worship times are 6 PM on Saturday evenings (a casual service of song and sacrament), and traditional worship at 8 and 10:30 AM on Sundays. The Education Hour is 9:15-10:15 AM on Sundays. For more information, 281-890-3013 or www.messiahlc.org. All people are welcome at Messiah.

MotherWise News

The November MotherWise meetings will be held on November 7th and November 21st. Also in November, the group will assemble and deliver Thanksgiving food bags to the Bear Creek Assistance Ministries. MotherWise is a nondenominational group and all are welcome and invited to attend any of the meetings. For further information about MotherWise, please call Kathy Prusak at 713-937-7707 or Elizabeth Tobin at 832-467-1369.

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Dental Hygiene

Common oral hygiene problems:

A healthy smile not only looks good, it has a positive effect on the health of your entire body. Poor oral hygiene has been linked to a higher risk of certain diseases, and it can adversely affect the health of both adults and children. So what are some common problems with oral hygiene?

Not brushing and flossing:

Brushing and flossing is your first line of defense against tooth decay and gum disease. Ensure that you brush properly at least twice a day, and don't forget to floss at least once a day. Flossing removes food and bacteria from between teeth where a toothbrush can't reach.

Eating too many sugary snacks:

Eating a lot of sugary foods and carbohydrates allows the bacteria in plaque to thrive. It uses the sugars in your food as fuel, producing acids that dissolve the hard enamel that covers your teeth. This is how cavities get started. The less sugar you eat, the less damage these bacteria can do. When you do eat sweets, it helps to brush your teeth with fluoride toothpaste afterward. And keep in mind that a balanced, nutritious diet



is important for your oral health, as well as the rest of your body.

Missing too many dental checkups:

It is important to get your teeth cleaned and checked on a regular basis, preferably every six months. If you don't remove all of the plaque from your teeth every day, it hardens and becomes tartar. You can't remove tartar with a toothbrush. It must be removed professionally.

Brushing improperly:

Many people brush their teeth too hard. This is not only ineffective because it can expose the root surfaces and cause sensitive teeth. When you brush your teeth, ensure that you do it gently, using a soft toothbrush in a regular, circular pattern. Use a pea-sized amount of toothpaste that contains fluoride and brush along the gum line at a 45-degree angle. Vibrate the brush while you move it in short, wiggling motions and in small circular strokes.

Brush two or three teeth at a time. Then move to the next teeth, allowing some overlap. Tilt the brush and use the tip to brush the backs of the front teeth. End by gently brushing your tongue and the roof of your mouth. This removes germs and keeps your breath fresh.

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Dental - (Continued from page 6)

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Even if you don't have a powered toothbrush, you can clean your teeth effectively with a manual brush. Simply brush twice a day, following the guidelines we've provided, and you can maintain your smile for many years to come. (And don't forget to floss!)

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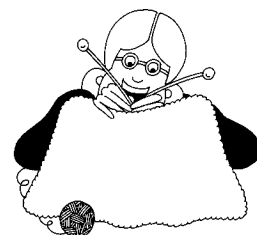
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It isn't about what kind of stitching you like to do. It's about getting together and sharing the passion for sewing and this opportunity is open to anyone who wants to make friends with others and join in the fun of saying "I made it myself!"

So, if you are interested in joining this group, please call Catherine Spelling at (713) 896-1652 or 713-628-7083 or email CTSpellings@aol.com or just join us at our next meeting.

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Exercising In The Cold

The biggest concern for exercising in the cold is hypothermia, or too much heat loss. When you exercise in a cold environment you must consider one primary factor: how much heat will your body lose during exercise?

Heat loss is controlled in two ways:

1. Insulation, consisting of body fat plus clothing.
2. Environmental factors, including temperature, wind and whether you're exercising in the air or in the water. Each of these factors plays a role in the body's ability to maintain a comfortable temperature during exercise.

Insulation

Although many people aspire to have a lean figure, people with a little more body fat are better insulated and will lose less heat. Clothing adds to the insulation barrier and is clearly the most important element in performance and comfort while exercising in the cold. One study showed that heat loss from the head alone was about 50 percent at the freezing mark, and by simply wearing a helmet, subjects were able to stay outside indefinitely.

Clothing is generally a good insulator because it has the ability to trap air, a poor conductor of heat. If the air trapped by the clothing cannot conduct the heat away from the body, temperature will be maintained. Unlike air, however, water is a rapid conductor of heat and even in the coldest of temperatures, people will sweat and risk significant heat loss. With this in mind, you want to choose clothing that can trap air but allow sweat to pass through, away from the body.

By wearing clothing in layers, you have the ability to change the amount of insulation that is needed while many new products can provide such a layered barrier, it is important to avoid heavy cotton sweats or tightly woven material that will absorb and retain water. Because these materials cannot provide a layer of dry air near the skin, they can increase the amount of heat your body loses as you exercise.

Keeping the hands and feet warm is a common concern when exercising in the cold. Lower temperatures cause blood to be shunted

away from the hands and feet to the center of the body to keep the internal organs warm and protected. Superficial warming of the hands will return blood flow to prevent tissue damage. Blood flow will not return to the feet unless the temperature of the torso is normal or slightly higher (.5-1.0 degree Fahrenheit (F) above normal). So, to keep your feet warm you must also keep the rest of your body warm at all times.

Check with the weatherman

Always check the air temperature and wind chill factor before exercising in the cold. Data from the National Safety Council suggest little danger to individuals with properly clothed skin exposed at 20° F, even with a 30 mph wind. A danger does exist for individuals with exposed skin when the wind chill factor (combined effect of temperature and wind) falls below minus 20° F.

That can be achieved by any combination of temperatures below 20° F with a wind of 40 mph and temperatures below minus 20° F with no wind. If you are exercising near the danger zone for skin exposure, it also is advisable to warm the air being inhaled by wearing a scarf or mask over your nose and mouth to warm the air being inhaled.

Rules for exercising in the cold

- Check the temperature and wind conditions before you go out and do not exercise if conditions are dangerous.
- Keep your head, hands and feet warm.
- Dress in layers that can provide a trapped layer of dry air near the skin (avoid cotton sweats and other similar materials).
- Warm the air you are breathing if temperatures are below your comfort level (usually around 0° F).



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Key Maps don't show the entrances on Tanner Road are gated. Because of this, delivery and service vehicles pull into these entrances and either can't or won't turn around. This leaves the next resident entering the neighborhood the choice going to another gate or letting in these vehicles.

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2nd quarter	44	29	66%	52	38	73%	23	11	48%
3rd quarter	38	17	45%	52	33	65%	16	6	37%
4th quarter	29	19	65%	26	16	61%	4	3	75%
Total	144	91	64%	171	120	70%	51	24	47%

Notice that the 4th quarter is still in progress. Computations took in consideration Oct 1st-oct13th 2004.



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Prepare Your Child for the Holidays

As the holiday season approaches, the kids are excited about vacations, gifts, and playing with friends- things children should concern themselves about. As parents, grandparents, guardians, and caring friends, we should know there are other things to prepare for.

We make sure that are children are dressed for the weather, wear their helmets and kneepads, and eat a healthy diet- but we also have to prepare our children for other realities.

Does your child know what to do if a stranger asks them for help? Does your child know how to reach you in the event of an emergency? Does your child know your full name? Do you have a recent color photo of your child? Do you know all the medications they may be taking? Do you know your child's friends?

We live in a time where these are just the basics. We can prepare ourselves and our children for the dangers that can be just outside our doors. With just a few basic rules, for both you and your children can better prepare you for an emergency situation.

1. Teach your children that the police are their friends and that they can rely on them if they are in trouble.
2. Set-up a password. A secret word only between you and your child. In the event someone else has to pick them up- your child knows only to go with them if they have the password.
3. Teach your children that strangers should not ask a child for assistance. Adults should ask adults for help.
4. Always accompany your child on door-to-door activities.

5. Know your neighbors and neighborhood. Regularly check for registered offenders in your area.

6. Rethink the signs on your lawns and vehicles that give strangers too much information. (Their name, team name, team number, sport, school, address, and vehicle information all in a glance.)

7. You should not put your child's name on their clothes where it is visible. Children feel more comfortable around others that already know their name.

8. Teach your children that no one should ever touch any part of their body that a bathing suit would cover.

9. Never leave your child alone in a public place, stroller, or car for even a minute.

10. Always accompany your child to the restroom in public places.

These are just a few of the basics. Too often we hear terrible stories that break our hearts. We need to start preparing our children for some of the realities that are just outside our doors. We also need to prepare them from some invaders in our homes, namely the Internet. Know where your children are going. Put a computer in a place that you as an adult can easily see where they are and what information they are giving out. Use the tools that are out there that filter out the garbage you don't want your children to see.

For additional safety information, links to the Amber Alert, for links to registered Texas Offenders, or if you would like a free pair of shoe labels, visit www.myfamilycd.com/houston.

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So here is a somewhat better solution. There will be black magnetic clips, and small poster board donated at the guardhouse. Type up your sign as usual, drop by the guardhouse, tape your sign to the poster board, and pick up 4 clips for each sign that needs to be posted. Use the clips at each corner of your sign and magnetically adhere to the gates. It's less messy, looks prettier and gives us a uniform style of posting information. When you are finished, please return all clips to the guardhouse.

If you need help typing up a sign, you can contact Michelle at 832-731-0943. If you would like to donate some clips or poster board, drop off at the guardhouse. (clips should be the black magnetic kind)

Also, get your information to the Webmaster to post your information on our website. See article about website for information.

Pumpkin Cake

Wet ingredients:

2 ¾ cups of sugar

1 cup shortening

3 eggs

1 tsp. vanilla

Mix wet ingredients together then add **one 15 oz. can of pumpkin**. Beat until smooth. In a separate bowl mix together the following Dry ingredients: **3 cups of flour, ½ tsp baking powder, 1 tsp of baking soda, 1 tsp of cinnamon, 1 tsp of allspice, and 1 tsp of nutmeg**. Mix into wet mixture slowly with a mixer. Beat well for at least 5 minutes. Grease & flour a Bundt cake pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour 15 minutes. Check after 1 hour. Enjoy!

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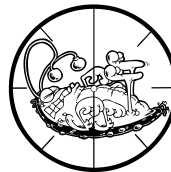
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1, 4, 6, 10, 12—HOUSTON: Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro* Houston Grand Opera. Wortham Theater Center. 713/228-6737 or 800/626-7372 **Gulf Coast**

3—HARLINGEN: Dinning by Design More than 40 table settings are designed by talented individuals from across the Rio Grande Valley. Harlingen Country Club. 956/793-8050 **Gulf Coast**

3—PASADENA: Taste of the Town Local restaurant owners fill the Pasadena Convention Center with food booths ranging from hors d'oeuvres and soups to Tex-Mex and ethnic cuisine. www.pasadenachamber.org 281/487-7871 **Gulf Coast**

4-5—BAYTOWN: Arts & Crafts Show Baytown Community Center. E-mail: pard@baytown.org 281/420-6597 **Gulf Coast**

4-5—HARLINGEN: Annual School Festival/St. Anthony Includes kiddie rides and children's games, raffle tickets and more. St. Anthony Church & School Grounds. 956/428-6111 **Gulf Coast**

4-5—LAKE JACKSON: St. Michael's Craft Show 979/297-4139

4-6—CORPUS CHRISTI: The Peddler Show AmericanBank Center. www.peddlershow.com 800/775-2774 **Gulf Coast**

4-6, 11-13—BROWNSVILLE: Arsenic & Old Lace Camille Lightner Playhouse. www.camilleplayers.cjb.net 956/542-8900 **Gulf Coast**

4, 11, 18, 25—HARLINGEN: Country Western Dance with Texas Country Band Fun N Sun RV Resort. 956/399-5800 **Gulf Coast**

5—HARLINGEN: Chili for Children Chili Cook-Off Hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jackson Street, Downtown Harlingen. 956/428-9900 **Gulf Coast**

5—HARLINGEN: Jackson Street Market Day Offers antiques, crafts, sidewalk sales, produce cart and food vendors. Jackson Street, Downtown Harlingen. 956/423-4933 **Gulf Coast**

5—HARLINGEN: Marine Military Academy Birthday Parade 956/423-6006 **Gulf Coast**

5—HOUSTON: Fall Repertory: Mussorgsky's *Boris Godunov* Wortham Theater Center. 713/228-6737 or 800/626-7372 **Gulf Coast**

5—LAKE JACKSON: BASF/Wholesale Electric Walk for Habitat Hours are 8 to 10 a.m. MacLean Park. 979/415-6273 **Gulf Coast**

5—LAKE JACKSON: Family Day Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge. 979/849-7771 **Gulf Coast**

5—PORT ARTHUR: Garage Sale Port Arthur Civic Center. 409/985-8801 **Gulf Coast**

5-6—KEMAH: Symphonies by the Sea Presents a classical concert. Kemah Boardwalk. www.kemahboardwalk.com 281/334-9880

5-6—ROSENBERG: Fort Bend County Antique & Collectible Fair Fort Bend County Fairgrounds. www.cwgs.com 512/441-2828

6—GALVESTON: Lily Tomlin Come prepared for an evening of giggles with this "Laugh-In" favorite. Begins at 7 p.m. The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894 **Gulf Coast**

6—PORT ISABEL: Annual World's Championship Shrimp Cook-Off Local teams cook. Wal-Mart Parking Lot. www.portisabel.org 956/943-2262 **Gulf Coast**

8—CORPUS CHRISTI: Sensational Seafood Taste mouth-watering Gulf of Mexico delicacies prepared by local chefs. Aquarium lobby. www.texasstateaquarium.org 361/881-1341 **Gulf Coast**

8—SAN BENITO: El Second Weensdee Presents an oral history series

on conjunto music. Begins at 7 p.m. The Narciso Martinez Cultural Arts Center, 225 E. Stenger St. 956/361-0110 **Gulf Coast**

9-13—HARLINGEN: Rio Grande Valley Birding Festival Includes a Birder's Bazaar with vendors, seminars, keynote presentations, birding workshops, youth activities, guided field trips, special birding activities and more. Harlingen Municipal Auditorium and Casa de Amistad. www.rgvbirdfest.com 800/531-7346 **Gulf Coast**

10-13—HOUSTON: Nutcracker Market Features holiday decorations, food, clothing, jewelry and furniture. Reliant Park. www.nutcrackermarket.com 713/535-3231 **Gulf Coast**

11—HARLINGEN: Veterans Day Parade Begins at 4 p.m. Marine Military Academy. www.mma-tx.org 956/423-6006 ext. 252 **Gulf Coast**

11—WEST COLUMBIA: Veterans Day Open House Patriotic display includes honors, medals, uniforms and more. Columbia Historical Museum. 979/345-6125 **Gulf Coast**

11-12—GALVESTON: Oklahoma! The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894 **Gulf Coast**

11-12—HOUSTON: Minus One The Cullen Series features Les Grands Ballets Canadiens performing. Wortham Theater Center. www.houstonballet.org 713/227-2787 **Gulf Coast**

12—ARANSAS PASS: May Be Hot Maybe Not Bike Ride Includes a barbecue and live entertainment afterwards. Starts at the Aransas Pass Chamber of Commerce. www.aransaspass.org 361/758-2750

12—BROWNSVILLE: Wild Stories Listen to a story and meet some of the zoo's animal ambassadors. Enjoy storytelling stations, face painting and crafts for kids. Gladys Porter Zoo. E-mail: info@gpz.org • www.gpz.org 956/546-2177 **Gulf Coast**

12—EDNA: Christmas in the Outback Craft show includes holiday decor, toys, collectibles and more. Brackenridge Plantation Park. www.jacksoncountytexas.com 361/782-7146 **Gulf Coast**

12—EDNA: Flag Retirement Ceremony Commemorates Veterans Day. Begins at 1 p.m. Lake Texana State Park. 361/782-5718 **Gulf Coast**

12—EDNA: Texana Chili Spill Features a CASI cook-off, chili, beans, jackpot chicken, live music, games, dance, craft show and Veterans Day Ceremony. Brackenridge Plantation Park. E-mail: mprice@inra.com 361/782-5456 **Gulf Coast**

12—GALVESTON: Seventh Annual Texas Aviation Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony & Gala Honors Texans who have contributed to the advancement of aviation. Texas Aviation Hall of Fame. www.lsfm.org 409/740-7722 **Gulf Coast**

12—HARLINGEN: Giant Yard Sale Begins at 8 a.m. Valley Race Park. 956/430-6273 **Gulf Coast**

12—KEMAH: Classic Car Show Kemah Boardwalk. www.kemahboardwalk.com 281/334-9880 or 877/285-3624 **Gulf Coast**

12—LA PORTE: Hard Hat Tour Participants see areas of the ship rarely seen by the public. Battleship Texas State Historic Site. 281/479-2431 ext. 234 **Gulf Coast**

12—PORT ARTHUR: St. Catherine of Siena "Taste of Culture" Includes food booths, door prizes and a silent auction. Port Arthur Civic Center. 409/983-4006 **Gulf Coast**

12—SPRING: Christmas Parade Begins at 9 a.m. www.oldtownspringtx.

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com 800/653-8696 or 281/353-9310 **Gulf Coast**

12—WEST COLUMBIA: Brazoria County Bluegrass Concert American Legion. www.westcolumbia.org 979/265-4757 **Gulf Coast**

12-13—HOUSTON: 16th Annual Texas Championship Powwow Includes traditional singing and dancing, food, tipi villages, demonstrations, storytelling, educational exhibits and authentic Native American arts & crafts. Traders Village. www.tradersvillage.com 281/890-5500 **Gulf Coast**

12-13—KINGSLAND: Craft Show Kingsland House of Arts & Crafts. www.kingslandcrafts.com 325/388-6159 or 830/598-6213

12-13—PASADENA: Fall Festival Re-creates 1890s farm life on the Texas Gulf Coast. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Armand Bayou Nature Center. www.abnc.org 281/474-2551 **Gulf Coast**

12-Dec. 24—SPRING: Home for the Holidays www.OLDTOWNSPRINGTX.COM 800/653-8696 or 281/353-9310 **Gulf Coast**

13—GALVESTON: 15th Annual End of Season Fly Day Informal flying event features aircraft of the Lone Star Flight Museum and other fly-in guests. Doors open at 9 a.m. Texas Aviation Hall of Fame. www.lsfm.org 409/740-7722 **Gulf Coast**

15—GALVESTON: The Little Engine that Could Earns Her Whistle Watty Piper's timeless tale comes to life. The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894 **Gulf Coast**

18—HARLINGEN: Feast of Sharing Celebrates Thanksgiving Day. Begins at 11 a.m. Harlingen Community Center. 956/423-5440

18—VICTORIA: Country Opry Hours are 7:30 to 10 p.m. 361/552-9347 **Gulf Coast**

18-19—LAKE JACKSON: Festival of Lights Civic Center and Plaza. 979/297-4533 **Gulf Coast**

18-Jan. 8—VICTORIA: Exhibit: Victoria's Early Painters Nave Museum. www.viptx.net/museum 361/575-8227 **Gulf Coast**

19—BRIDGE CITY: Holiday Parade & Festival Parade is followed by a softball tournament, barbecue cook-off and vendor booths. B.C. Intermediate School. E-mail: chamber@exp.net • www.cityofbridgecity.org 409/735-5671 **Gulf Coast**

19—KEMAH: Fifth Annual Beat the Heat See police dragsters and high-power racecars. Kemah Boardwalk. www.kemahboardwalk.com 281/334-9880 or 877/285-3624 **Gulf Coast**

19—KEMAH: Tree Lighting Ceremony Includes Harbor Lights Choir, entertainment and more at 7 p.m. Corner of 6th Street and Bradford. 281/538-4632 or 281/538-4165 **Gulf Coast**

19—SANTA FE: Zydeco Music at Haak Winery Haak Winery. 409/925-1401 **Gulf Coast**

19—TOMBALL: Holiday Parade Features more than 175 entries. FM 2920. Miss Tomball Pageant is held at the Tomball Intermediate School. www.tomballchamber.org 281/351-7222 **Gulf Coast**

19—VICTORIA: Market Days Features more than 100 vendors and entertainment. Special Events Area in Riverside Park. www.victoriatx.org 361/485-3200 **Gulf Coast**

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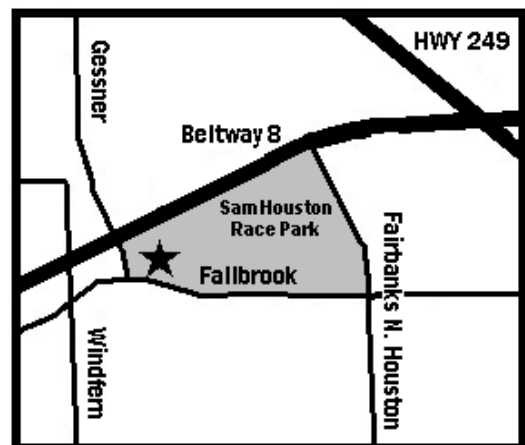
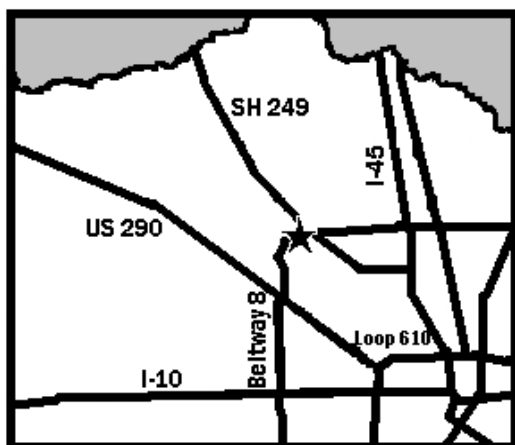
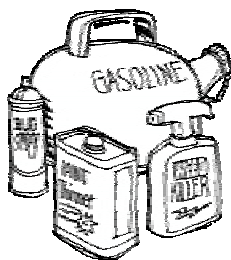
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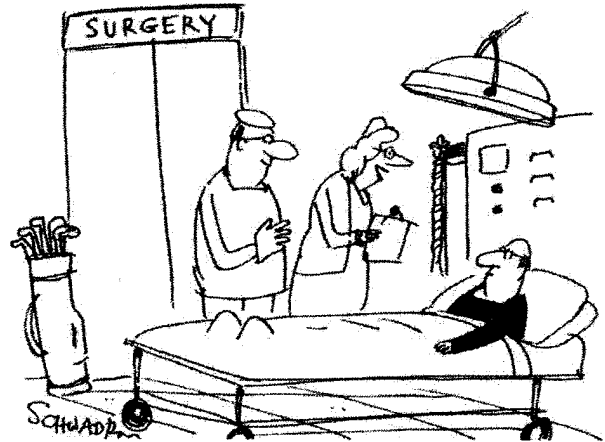


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Teenage Jobseekers

The following young people are interested in making a little extra money. If you would like to be included, removed, or updated in the next issue, please contact Michelle Perez, mperez51@houston.rr.com. All information must be received by the 10th of the month.

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19-20—HOUSTON: The 11th Annual Houston Chronicle Snowfest George R. Brown Convention Center. www.texas-snowfest.com 800/831-3976 **Gulf Coast**

19-20—PORT ARTHUR: Quota Arts & Crafts Show Port Arthur Civic Center. 409/962-4978 **Gulf Coast**

1919-20—TEXAS CITY: Model Railroad Festival The Texas City Museum and Showboat Pavilion is filled with model train layouts and vendors. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 400 block of 6th St. www.texas-city-tx.org 409/643-5799 **Gulf Coast**

20—ALVIN: Victorian Holiday Includes Victorian sandwich plate desert and cider, entertainment by elementary students singing Christmas carols, auctions and craft booths. Hours are 2 to 6 p.m. National Oak Park. 281/331-2934 **Gulf Coast**

20—EL CAMPO: Polka Expo Features various polka bands, along with trade show booths. www.kulpradio.com 979/543-3303 **Gulf Coast**

24—HOUSTON: Washington Mutual Thanksgiving Day Parade Features floats, marching bands and Santa Claus. www.wamuparade.com 713/654-8808 **Gulf Coast**

25—SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Lighting of the Island Join Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus for the lighting of the island and caroling at 6 p.m. South Padre Island Visitors Center. 800/767-2373 **Gulf Coast**

25-27—HOUSTON: The Nutcracker This ballet is a holiday treat. Wortham Theater Center. www.houstonballet.org 713/227-2787 **25-27—KEMAH: Christmas in Kemah** Includes local bands and entertainment,

Santa, and more. "Blizzard on the Bay," with 30,000 pounds of snow on the ground is Saturday. www.kemah.net 281/538-4632 or 281/538-4165 **Gulf Coast**

26—GALVESTON: ArtWalk Historic Downtown Galveston. www.galvestonartscenter.org 409/763-2403 **Gulf Coast**

26—KEMAH: Nutcracker Vignette Kemah Boardwalk. www.kemahboardwalk.com 281/334-9880 or 877/285-3624 **Gulf Coast**

26—SAN BENITO: Arts & Crafts and Pancake Sale Fun N Sun RV Resort, 1400 Zillock Road. 956/399-5800 **Gulf Coast**

26-27—CORPUS CHRISTI: Seashore Marketplace Includes marketplace and live music. Balli Park Pavilion on North Padre Island. www.seashoremartplace.com 361/332-9978 **Gulf Coast**

26-Dec. 31—VICTORIA: Christmas Bazaar Hours are noon to 5 p.m. Community Art Center. 361/575-8968 **Gulf Coast**

26-Jan. 8—GALVESTON: Twenty to Watch Exhibits works of emerging artists from the Austin area. Galveston Arts Center. www.galvestonartscenter.org 409/763-2403 **Gulf Coast**

29—HARLINGEN: 14th Annual Lights for Life Ceremony Features a tree lighting, caroling, refreshments and a "special guest." Begins at 6:30 p.m. Valley Baptist Medical Center. www.valleybaptist.net 956/389-1024 **Gulf Coast**

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