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PARTY CENTRAL

Welcome to
The Hawaiian Luau



Come join your LOE neighbors for a Luau style potluck dinner on Saturday, May 20th at 7 p.m. at the LOE Beach Club. We are planning lots of fun and games at this event.

Please bring a pupu platter ([POO-poo] The Hawaiian term for any hot or cold appetizer) or a dish that will serve at least 10 to share. This is a great time to make a favorite appetizer, entree, salad, side dish or desert that is just too much for two people. If you don't want to cook, just pick up a bucket of chicken or a yummy cake or cookies from your favorite bakery. All the local supermarkets have great looking cakes and cookies.

We will set up the buffet tables inside and be able to plug in some crock-pots. The food will probably be on the buffet tables for a couple of hours so ice cream cakes will melt before desert time. Let's not all bring fruit salad this time.

Water, ice tea and some soda, wine and beer will be provided. Please feel free to bring another beverage that you would like but please NO GLASS containers around the pool.

We will be having a Hawaiian Shirt & Dress contest so this is the perfect time to wear that wild casual shirt or dress in your closet.

You might want to bring your own lawn chairs, if possible, as we have a very limited number of chairs at the Beach Club and are expecting a large crowd.

Call your babysitter as this event is for adults only. Please take notice that the pool will be closing at 6:00 p.m. for the Luau event.

E-mail Loesocial@hotmail.com if you have Luau decorations to lend, questions, RSVP or would like to volunteer to set up or clean up. This has been a fun event in the past. Hope to see you there.

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Fun Found at the Egg Hunt



The young children of Lakes on Eldridge, and their families, enjoyed a fun morning at the annual egg hunt held on April 8, 2006.

I want to extend my sincerest thanks to the many volunteers who gave so generously of their time by distributing flyers, collecting the eggs, hiding the eggs, and setting up before the hunt. I also wish to thank the members of the Lakes on Eldridge Social Committee who helped by purchasing the refreshments and by hiding eggs and setting up for the event. The additional help of some of our neighborhood Girl Scouts was especially helpful as well.

A big thank you to Ann Knoche of Heritage Texas Properties who painted dozens of smiling faces. Ann has volunteered to paint the children's faces for years at our egg hunts and her willingness to continue is most appreciated. Lastly, I wish to thank Jennifer Littlefield at AMI for making the copies of the egg flyer.

Also found at the hunt was a small, black Kodak camera case. It can be claimed from the guard at the front gate.

Happy spring!

By Elizabeth Tobin

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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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- FAA Hotline: 1-800-255-1111

Yard of the Month at Lakes on Eldridge

It's time for yard of the month. LOE would like to recognize those neighbors whose yards stand out from the rest. The extra time, energy and money these residents expend on their lawns, and the imaginative touches they bring to their landscaping not only enhance the value of the homes around them, but also foster a positive image of the entire neighborhood. If you would like to nominate one of your neighbors for the Yard of the Month please contact one of the Yard of the Month coordinator: Michelle Perez 832-731-0943 or mperez51@houston.rr.com. First yard will be selected in June.

Vehicle Decal

We cherish our life behind our gated community. It's quiet, pleasant, and private and it limits the amount of people who can come in. Therefore, all resident vehicles must display the proper LOE decal to enter the community. This is in effort to reduce the amount of unauthorized traffic in the community.

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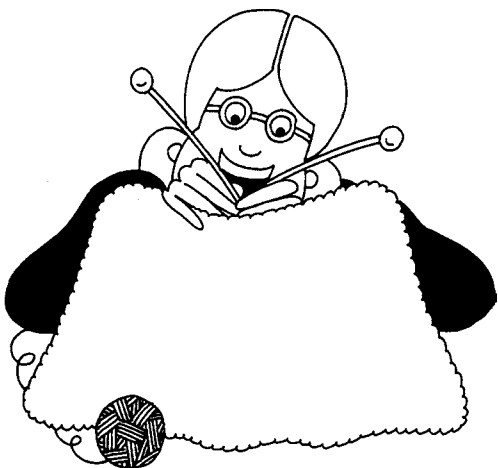
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LOE STITCHERS

The Stitchers regularly meet at the clubhouse on Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. This group consists of beginners to veterans, so if you want to learn or maybe share what you know, please come join us. We also welcome residents that want to just meet neighbors, enjoy a cup of coffee and fun conversation.

For more information, contact Catherine Spellings at 713-896-1652, 713-628-7083 or catherinespellings@aol.com



WHILE DRIVING AROUND

Due to the wet weather and cool temperatures the past couple months many homeowners are facing problems with mildew growing on siding and stucco – especially on the north or shaded portions of their homes. Left untreated the mildew is not only unsightly but can seriously damage paint and stucco resulting in expensive repairs.

Mildew, however, is easily removed when treated early. One of the simplest methods is a 10% solution of bleach and water applied with a garden sprayer. Wait 10 or 15 minutes and re-apply as needed. The typical pump-up garden sprayer will reach quite high on a house and the mildew most often disappears. Just spray with plain water afterward to rinse away any residue. Tougher problems may require stronger measures where a pressure washer is needed. Any number of contractors can safely provide this service if you have never used one (or don't care to!). Of course you want to be careful to cover any sensitive landscaping that might get hit by the spray or the run-off.

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LOE Book Club

Want to travel but just don't have the time or money right now? Book club has been to many places – Viet Nam, Ireland and even the future! Join us the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30 P.M. for the L.O.E. Book Club. 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 Celeste Fritz, 713-896-6942, cfritzt@houston.rr.com for additional information.

May 25th – Don't Lets Go to the Dogs Tonight by Alexandra Fuller. Alexandra Fuller remembers her African childhood with candor and sensitivity. Though it is a diary of an unruly life in an often inhospitable place, it is suffused with Fuller's endearing ability to find laughter, even when there is little to celebrate. From 1972 to 1990, Alexandra Fuller - known to friends and family as Bobo - grew up on several farms in southern and central Africa. Her father joined up on the side of the white government in the Rhodesian civil war, and was often away fighting against the powerful black guerrilla factions. Her mother, in turn, flung herself into their African life and its rugged farm work with the same passion and maniacal energy she brought to everything else. Though she loved her children, she was no hand-holder and had little tolerance for neediness. She nurtured her daughters in other ways: She taught them, by example, to be resilient and self-sufficient, to have strong wills and strong opinions, and to embrace life wholeheartedly, despite and because of difficult circumstances. And she instilled in Bobo, particularly, a love of reading and of storytelling that proved to be her salvation.

June 22nd – Five Quarters of the Orange by Joanne Harris, the author of Chocolat. Sixty-three-year-old Framboise Dartigen returns incognito to the tiny French village where she lived as a child, in order to confront a horrific tragedy that occurred 55 years earlier during the German occupation -- a tragedy that implicated her family and still haunts the town to this day.



Sprint Into Health Community Blood Drive & Health Fair

(Houston, Texas—June 8, 2006) Come out and be a part of this effort toward a healthier community. You will be exposed to better diet tips, a variety of screenings, community resource guides, children's attractions and a community blood drive.

The Health Fair & Blood drive will take place on Thursday, June 8, 2006, 10 am to 2 pm, at Kindred Hospital Houston Northwest, 11297 Fallbrook Dr., in the 290/1960 Jones road area. For more information please call 281-517-1008.

Health screenings will include blood pressure, blood sugar testing, diabetes education, cholesterol, body fat, bone density, pulmonary function testing, vision screening, children's fingerprinting, fire safety, breast cancer awareness, Heart health, pet safety, pool safety, women's health, foot screenings, dental health, Ask the Doctor booth, children's games and much more.

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Messiah Lutheran Church invites Children to attend Fiesta: Where Kids Are Fired Up About Jesus! This Vacation Bible School program is scheduled for June 12 - 16, from 9:00 until Noon.

Fiesta is fun for all ages from our youngest group of 3 year-olds to our older groups of 5th grade students. Our Fiesta program will include plenty of action as children will enjoy making crafts, playing exciting games, experiencing stories, eating tasty snacks, and singing catchy songs as they learn about God's love for them. Fiesta is an exciting way to make new friends while learning important lessons of life and love.

Registration forms are available through our church office. Children will receive a Fiesta T-shirt, make a different craft each day, receive a Fiesta Learners Book, nibble on Maraca Munchies, and collect Buddies each day to remind them of the daily treasure verse. CD's and Tapes of the songs that will be learned are also available. As always scholarships are offered, just let us know when you register that you would like to be considered for one. We encourage you to register early, do not let your children miss out on this great adventure.

On Friday evening, June 16, there will be a special closing program to celebrate the end of a fun filled week. The children will sing some of the new songs they have learned and share some of their favorite memories from the week. We encourage family and friends to join in this celebration.

We look forward to seeing you at Messiah the week of June 12-16 from 9:00 AM until noon. Reserve your spot today and bring a friend!

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 5 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.

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HURRICANE PREPARATION

June 1 through November 30 is the Atlantic Hurricane Season. If a hurricane is predicted for the Houston area, the Houston/Galveston Weather Service Offices and the local Emergency Management Coordinator (Civil Defense Director) will release statements to the news media on the position and the intensity of the hurricane and their recommendations of which areas should be evacuated.

AMI hopes that the following checklist will assist you should a hurricane emergency arise:

HURRICANE CHECKLIST

- ___ Have you planned an evacuation route? Do you know where the nearest shelter is?
- ___ Trim dead or weak branches from trees.
- ___ Do you have flood insurance? There is a 30-day waiting period before coverage is effective. Property insurance normally excludes flood.

DURING A HURRICANE WATCH: LISTEN TO THE RADIO OR TV FOR HURRICANE PROGRESS REPORTS.

- ___ Check to be sure you have emergency supplies.
- ___ Fill all your cars with fuel.
- ___ Bring in all outdoor objects like lawn furniture, toys, garden tools, etc. Anchor objects that cannot be brought inside.
- ___ Protect your windows. While permanent shutters are the best protection, ½" plywood panels may be cut to fit each window. Mark which board fits which window and screw them into pre-drilled holes 18" apart.
- ___ Turn refrigerator & freezer to coldest settings. Open only when absolutely necessary.
- ___ Move boats to a designated safe place, or moor them securely. Secure boats to trailer with chain or rope. Use tie-downs to anchor the trailer to the ground.

DURING A HURRICANE WARNING: KEEP YOUR RADIO OR TV ON AT ALL TIMES.

- ___ Get to shelter. When inside, avoid elevators and stay away from windows, skylights and glass doors.
- ___ Fill all bathtubs, jugs, bottles, pots & pans with water.

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IF YOU MUST EVACUATE:

- ___ Leave as soon as possible, avoiding flooded roads. Watch for washed out bridges.
- ___ Unplug all appliances. Turn off electricity and main water valve.
- ___ Tell someone outside the storm area where you are going.
- ___ If time permits, elevate furniture to protect it from flooding.
- ___ Take emergency supplies, warm protective clothing and blankets or sleeping bags with you.
- ___ Don't forget your cellular phone and battery pack for recharging.

EMERGENCY SUPPLIES TO HAVE ON HAND...

- ___ Flashlight with extra batteries
- ___ Portable radio with extra batteries
- ___ First aid kit
- ___ Emergency food & water (bottled water and food that doesn't require refrigeration or cooking)
- ___ Hand operated can opener
- ___ Essential medicines (at least a 5 day supply)
- ___ Cash & credit cards (to buy necessities for at least 5 days)
- ___ Sturdy shoes and work gloves

AFTER THE STORM:

- Avoid loose or dangling power lines and report them immediately to the power company, police or fire department.
- Beware of snakes, insects or animals driven to higher ground by floodwater.
- Check gas, electrical and water lines for damage. Wear heavy shoes and work gloves to protect against debris and broken glass.
- Open windows and doors to ventilate and dry your home.
- Check refrigerated foods for spoilage.

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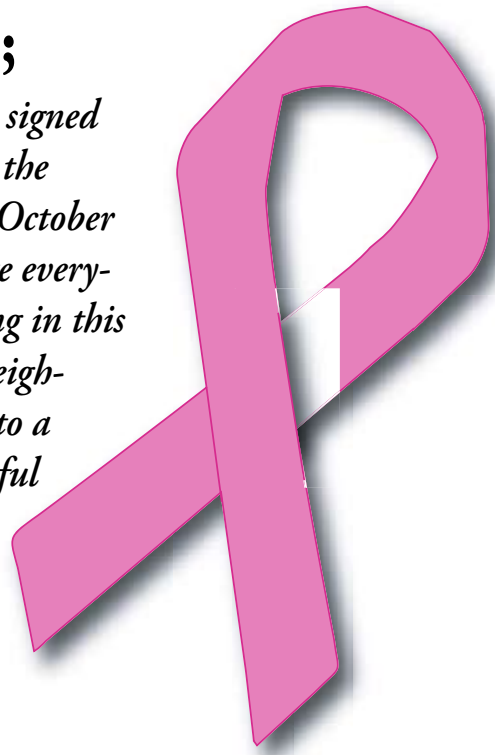
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EDGING FOR FLOWER BEDS

All of us enjoy a well-manicured or landscaped yard – whether it's our neighbor's or ours. Proper edging of shrub and flower beds enhances the appearance and reduces maintenance by helping keep the beds clear of St. Augustine runners that can take over a bed. Selecting the proper edging depends on the size and style of bed you have or plan to create.

Although edging is not required, it is encouraged for maintenance purposes and to define the shape of planting beds. Loose brick, plastic, concrete scallop and corrugated aluminum, wire wickets, vertical timbers, railroad ties, etc., are not in character with the desired landscape effect and are prohibited by Lakes on Eldridge's Design Guidelines. Among the acceptable edging is Ryerson steel, brick set in mortar, horizontal timbers (2 inches by 4 inches, 2 inches by 6 inches, 4 inches by 4 inches, and 4 inches by 6 inches). No landscape timbers laid horizontally, stone set in mortar, and continuous concrete bands will be permitted.

Spring is a great time to plant and to make sure your beds are up to the standards of your community. A copy of the Design Guidelines is available on the Lakes on Eldridge website or may be requested via AMI at 713-932-1122.



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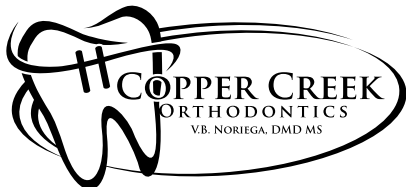
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Volunteers Needed!

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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1) If you haven't fertilized your lawn, this needs to be done now! Below are some other items you can do as well.

2) With St. Augustine grass in full growth pattern right now, we can start filling in low areas with sand (no more than 1" at a time) and lightly rake in. Doing this after your grass has been cut, makes things a lot easier.

After this you can fertilize your grass.

3) Dethatching and aerating your grass (if needed) should be done now. Lower mower height down as low as you can get it with out going into dirt.

Dethatch first, then pick up debris left over, make sure you clean up real well. Afterwards you can go ahead and aerate. Any plugs that are left over can stay in the grass, as they will dissolve. You can fertilize after these functions.

4) Make sure that you are on a regular watering program at least 3 to 4 times per week, etc.

5) The fertilizer that you use is recommended

for St. Augustine grass or Bermuda (Southern Grasses), like a 28-5-10 or equivalent, slow release fertilizer that will last about 3 to 4 months.

6) You can also start treating for Chinch Bugs, Sod Webworms, Grubs, etc. (right around the corner and needs to be treated for prevention), your local Nursery, Home Depot, Loews, etc. will have these products. This will also take of any ant problems at the same time, treat all areas of your lawn.

7) You still have at least through April and May to fertilize your Azaleas, after May you should stop, no more fertilizer unless it is Iron to help in greening. If Azaleas have finished blooming go ahead and trim back fairly heavy, because you do not want to trim any later due to any blooms that may have developed for fall or early Spring blooms, etc.

*Please note that the Dethatching and Aeration machine can be rented at most Rental Stores.

Thank you, Todd May

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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.

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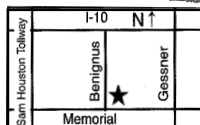
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10—SAN BENITO: El Segundo Weensdee Enjoy an oral history series on conjunto music. Begins at 7 p.m. Narciso Martinez Cultural Art Center, 225 E. Stenger St. 956/361-0110

11-13—HOUSTON: Grand Prix of Houston Offers three days and nights of speed and entertainment featuring world-class Champ Car and American Le Mans Series auto racing. One Reliant Park. www.grandprixofhouston.com 713/659-7223 or 713/867-3180

1-14—POART NECHES: Riverfest "Thunder on the Neches" Features boat races, food and craft vendors, carnival and more. Port Neches Park. E-mail: pncoc@swbell.net • www.portnecheschamber.com 409/722-9154

12—HARLINGEN: Sixth Annual Chamber Golf Tournament Format is a three-man Texas scramble. Shotgun start is 1 p.m. www.harlingen.com 956/423-5440

12-14—CRYSTAL BEACH: Texas Crab Festival Celebrate Mother's Day Weekend with live music, Crab Legs Contest, crab races, Texas Crab Festival Weiner Dog Nationals, shopping, carnival, festival foods and a cook-off of the tastiest crab dishes on the Texas Gulf Coast. Gregory Park, Hwy. 87. 409/684-5940 or 800/386-7863 Gulf

2-14, 18-19—VICTORIA: The Odd Couple (Female Version) Shows are 8 p.m. with a 2 p.m. Sunday matinee. Leo J. Welder Center

13—HARLINGEN: "Blues on the Hill" Features blues music with several bands performing. Lawn chairs and beach towels are welcome. Hours are 6 to 10 p.m. McKelvey Park, 1325 S. 77 Sunshine Strip. 956/427-8870

13—HOUSTON: Everyones Art Car Parade Showcases Houston's most outlandish folk art creations on wheels. The Fruit Mobile, a 1967 Ford

station wagon, started the craze in 1986. www.orangeshow.org 713/926-6368

3—PASADENA: Bayou Boil Annual fund-raising event includes crayfish boil, silent and live auctions, music and crafts demonstrations. Armand Bayou Nature Center, 8500 Bay Area Blvd. www.abnc.org 281/474-5221

13—WEST COLUMBIA: Brazoria County Bluegrass Concert Bluegrass bands perform beginning at 7 p.m. American Legion Hall, 213 N. 14th St. www.westcolumbia.org 979/265-4757

13-14—PORT ARANSAS: Anglers on Wheels Sponsored by Door in the Wall Inc., this fishing tournament is for the physically challenged. Woody's Sport Center. 210/637-8316

14—BROWNSVILLE: Pedal to Padre! Adventurous bicycle tour begins at the Brownsville Event Center and ends at Louie's Backyard on South Padre Island. www.RiverRockets.com 956/451-1500

15—PORT ARANSAS: Songwriter's Showcase Local singers/songwriters perform in the courtyard of the historic Tarpon Inn. 361/749-7334

18—HARLINGEN: Golden Palms Luau Reservations required. Golden Palms Retirement & Health Center. www.goldenpalmsrgv.com 956/389-4014

19—VICTORIA: Victoria Country Opry Community Center Annex. 361/552-9347

19-21—INGLESIDE: Round Up Days Festival dates back to 1974 but was fashioned after the Great Cattle Round Up of the 1800s. Live Oak Park, 1874 Port Ave. www.inglesidetxchamber.com 888/899-2906 or 361/776-2906

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19-21—PASADENA: Strawberry Festival Offers a wide variety of food, arts & crafts, activities and entertainment for the whole family to enjoy. Pasadena Convention Center & Municipal Fairgrounds, 7902 Fairmont Parkway at Red Bluff Road. www.strawberryfest.org 281/991-9500

19-21, 26-28—BROWNSVILLE: The Graduate Camille Lightner Playhouse. www.camilleplayers.cjb.net 956/542-8900

20—BAYTOWN: Giant Yard Sale Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bicentennial Park. www.baytown.org 281/420-6597

20—LAKE JACKSON: Brazosport Symphony Orchestra Concert Begins at 7:30 p.m. The Clarion at Brazosport College. 979/265-7331

20—LAKE JACKSON: Gordon the Grouper's Birthday Party Hours are 10 a.m. to noon. Sea Center Texas. 979/292-0100

20—PORT NECHES: Trade Day on the Avenue Port Neches Avenue. 409/722-4023

20—RICHMOND: A Day on the Farm George Ranch Historical Park. www.georgeranch.org 281/343-0218

20—WHARTON: Southern Pacific Railroad Depot Restoration Dedication & Parade 979/532-8550

20-21—HARLINGEN: Super Rolling Thunder USSSA Tournament Begins at noon. Sports Complex Ball Park, 3139 Wilson Road. 956/245-0264

21—LA PORTE: 16th Annual Monumental Bug Bash The Bay Area Volkswagen Club hosts this annual car picnic. All makes and models of VWs are welcome. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site. 713/398-0183 or 281/479-2431

23-Jun. 4—HOUSTON: Bombay Dreams Hobby Center for the Performing Arts, 800 Bagby. www.tuts.com 713/558-TUTS or 888/558-3882

24-Jun. 11—HOUSTON: Nickel & Dimed: On (Not) Getting by in America Play adapts Barbara Ehrenreich's New York Times bestseller. www.stagetheatre.com 713/527-0123

25, 27-28—HOUSTON: Classical X 3 Includes the American premiere of Stanton Welch's hyper-kinetic tutu ballet Velocity; company premiere of Play, Welch's quirky take on modern city life set to the music of DJ/techno artist Moby; and Sir Kenneth Mac Millan's neo-classical masterpiece Gloria rounds out the program. Wortham Theater Center. www.houstonballet.org 713/227-2787

25-Aug. 20—HOUSTON: Frank Stella 1958 Exhibition tracks the many changes of a young painter experimenting with the wide array of styles and formal possibilities available to him at a vital juncture in American art history. The Menil Collection. www.menil.org 713/525-9400

27-29—PORT ARTHUR: S.A.L.T. Fishing Rodeo Pleasure Island. 409/735-4488 or 409/718-8787

29—BAYTOWN: Memorial Day Ceremony Honors veterans and heroes. Begins at 11 a.m. Veterans' Plaza at Bicentennial Park. www.baytown.org 281/420-6597

29—FREEPORT: Memorial Day Regatta Bridge Harbor Yacht Club. 979/233-2101

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Nicholas Gordon

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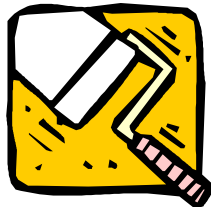
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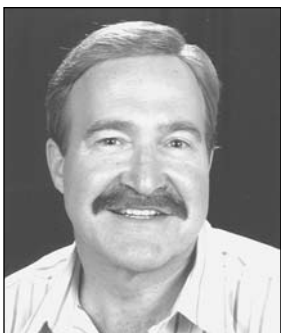
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