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Splinters From the Board

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Much progress is made with the professional building going up at FM1960 at Wortham Boulevard. With that comes more buildings and it looks like we're going to be getting a Lupe Tortilla and Goode Company Barbeque which gives you something to look forward to.

We have secured pricing for our proposed fences for each resident to read and decide what is best, if you are even interested or are shopping for a new one. This will be sent under separate cover and our decision as a community is that we cannot be involved other than to provide this pricing because there are so many variables such as who is going to pay for the fence and at what proportion and this is something each of us has to decide and negotiate with our neighbors.

Having the great weather we've been having we're all getting out a bit more and many of us are walking our dogs. Just a reminder that we do have leash laws and we should be responsible by having a leash on our dogs to protect our kids from a possible 'moment' that any animal is capable of having. Many residents have asked me to put this into this column and I am complying with those requests as it is justifiable. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this issue.

We hope you have enjoyed our new display sign on Wortham Blvd. as we replaced the older sign with a twin to the sign on N. Eldridge. This looks like a light beacon as it is bigger, bolder and hopefully more functional, certainly more user friendly for our own Phyllis who changes this sign when needed. For equal time, Fred changes the one on Eldridge.

Plans are ongoing for our National Night Out which is in August, with much more to be written in coming weeks. This will be an 'event' to be sure and we hope for a wonderful turnout by all of our residents as well as our neighbors in Wortham Grove. Our hopes are that this is not the end all but the beginning of a series of block parties and other 'socials' to get us to better know each other.

Make it a great day! See you at my table.

Neighborhood Recreational Facilities Corner

By Rick Anderson

Continuing on from my April article here is an update of what is going on with the recreational facilities we have in Wortham Villages. These facilities include the pool, clubhouse, tennis courts and playground areas. Several things have been accomplished over the last few months for the facilities.

The clubhouse interior renovations are complete. The clubhouse is now available for normal use and rental. As in the past contact Tina Clinkenbeard regarding setting up times for use of the clubhouse. We think you will all enjoy what has been done and the facility will now be great for all kinds of occasions.

The swimming pool season is upon us and by the time you receive this letter the pool will be open. The pool officially opens on April 29, 2006. See pool operation hours noted in another location in this Newsletter. The board of directors, once again as a courtesy, handed out pool tags for the residents. The pool tags were handed out on Saturday (4/22/06), Sunday (4/23/06) and Tuesday (4/25/06). The pool tag form, pool rules and times for pool tag hand out were distributed by Crest Management in a mail out in mid-April. If you were not able to pick up your tags at those times, you will need to contact Crest Management to get your tags. A pool opening neighborhood party was held Saturday April 29, 2006 from 12:00 to 3:00 pm and, as expected, it was a huge success with a large turnout. There was food, drinks and snacks to eat along with door prizes and games for the kids coordinated by our pool management company, Greater Houston Pool Management. They are back with us for another year and we are looking forward to a fun pool season for the entire community with the residents and Greater Houston Pool Management's cooperation.

Again, we are still looking for new members of the Recreational Facilities committee (formerly pool committee) to help us as we continue to look at ways we can effectively maintain, utilize and

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Recreational Facilities - (Continued from Cover Page)

upgrade our facilities. This committee is also responsible for assisting with the pool tag distribution for the residents and the Pool Opening Party. I have been notified by two residents who are willing to help and am looking for more. If you are interested please contact Rick Anderson at 281-890-4878 or email to rick_anderson@efiglobal.com. We had our first meeting in early April and will have more as the summer progresses.

BIBLE STUDY

Vacation Bible School

June 5 - 9th

Jersey Village Baptist Church, 16518 Jersey Dr., is having Vacation Bible School on June 5-9 from 9:00 a.m. - noon. VBS is a free week filled with fun activities for children who have completed PreK (4 years old by 9/1/05) to 5th grade (completed). This year's theme is "Trek North to the Artic Edge: Where Adventure Meets Courage". Registration forms are available at www.jvbc.org or at the church office. For more information call 713.466.6102. All are welcome!

Vacation Bible School

June 12 - 16th

Join us at the Jersey Village Church of Christ, located at 8810 Jones Road for a FREE VBS experience June 12-16 from 9-12.

Your children will have a "Royal" time as the Theme is King of Kings. Ages Pre K through Grade 5 (Fall '06) are invited.

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2006 YTD Review of the Market for Houston and Surrounding Areas

Houston Overall Statistics YTD February 2006

- Single-family home sales are up by 13% in sold units over February YTD 2005 sales with 8,276 MLS recorded sold units.
- Dollar volume sold in MLS through February YTD 2006 is \$1,540,532,320 which is a 21% increase in dollar volume sold over last year.
- Average sales price YTD is \$186,145 or 6% greater than this time last year.
- Active listings are down by 2% with 28,535 single-family homes on the market.
- Contracts written, which represent February YTD buyer demand in Houston are up 17% over this time last year with 7,172 homes that have gone under contract.
- Average sales price per square foot is \$83, which is 5% greater than last year.
- Days on the Market, a statistic that is good if it is declining, has gone down by 3% since last year and the average time to sell a home in Houston is 88 days.
- With sales and contracts pending on the upswing in the first two months of the year, and active listings and days on the market on the decline, home price appreciation, even in single digit denominations, is a high probability.

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Greater Houston Pool Management

Community Newsletter 2006

Greater Houston Pool Management, Inc. was founded on three guiding principles: safety, customer service and cleanliness. With safety as our # 1 priority, we spend a great deal of time, energy and money making sure that every GHPMI team member that enters your swimming facility has the appropriate tools to be successful. We also feel it's important that when you visit the swimming pool for an outing, that you are greeted by a smiling, friendly and professional lifeguard team. Equally as important to us is the overall cleanliness of your facility. Clear and properly maintained pool water, pleasant smelling bathrooms that are cleaned and stocked daily, and a debris free pool deck are what you should expect when visiting your facility.

Our team has been working extremely hard in the off season to provide for you a facility that you can visit with pride. The GHPMI team is excited to be able to offer to your community programs that will help enhance your summer experience. Our well trained and experienced programming team offers opportunities for you to go to the pool for a well organized and positive experience. We proudly offer swim lessons for all levels. Group and private lessons will be available throughout the summer. Group class sizes range from 3 to 6 students per instructor. Each session consists of eight 40-minute lessons. Your facility will also be available this summer for private

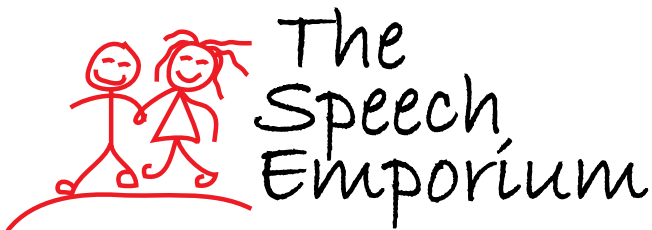
after hour pool parties. To make sure we are able to staff your party, we need a minimum of two weeks advance notice. For more information concerning swim lessons and/or pool parties, visit our website: www.greatherhoustonpool.com.

We at GHPMI feel that communication plays a very important role to the overall success of the summer swim season. Year in and year out, we receive many compliments on our proactive and preventative approach. By us taking preventative measures we feel that you and your guests will have a sense of real comfort while visiting your swimming facility. We understand that communication is a two way street, and appreciate any and all questions, comments and/or concerns you may have throughout the summer. Therefore, please don't hesitate to contact our office at anytime. Also, please take the time to introduce yourself to your lifeguard team. We truly enjoy getting to know the members we so proudly serve.

Finally, allow us to start the swim season off on a positive note and offer some valuable safety reminders. With your support we are confident that the 2006 swim season will be a safe and fun experience for all.

- Parents must closely supervise their children at all times. Remember, it only takes seconds for a child to drown.

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GHPM Pool Management- (Continued from Page 4)

- Do not dive in areas marked "NO DIVING". Nearly 90 percent of all spinal injuries occur in the shallow end of the pool.
- Breath holding games can be very dangerous and may cause cardiac arrhythmia or seizures. Games like who can hold their breath the longest, and swimming the longest distance underwater should be avoided at all times.
- Don't allow children to play with or around the main drain. The main drain suction can be very powerful, and has been known to cause severe injuries, and in some cases death.
- The safety of the children in the baby pool are the parents or guardians responsibility. The lifeguards will always enforce the pool rules throughout the facility, but children who cannot swim must have an adult within arms reach at all times. The same rule applies even if the child is wearing a floatation device.
- Define a safe zone for your children where they can always touch the bottom. One of the most common saves a lifeguard must make is when a swimmer strays to an area that is too deep for them to stand.
- Access rules to the facility will be strongly enforced and is the responsibility of each member to understand and follow. It is a very awkward and uncomfortable situation for everyone, when a lifeguard must ask a member to go back home to get the appropriate access tag.
- Remember that there are several different types of people who

like to use the pool throughout the summer. Both young and old, everyone wants to have a good time.

•If you should ever have a question about the pool rules, ask a lifeguard or manager. It is better to be safe than sorry!!!

•Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

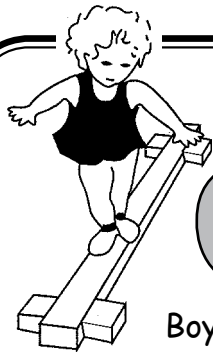
The GHPMI Team wants to welcome you to the 2006 swim season. We sincerely look forward to serving you and your guests throughout the summer.

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Sundays	12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

*Saturday May 13, 2006 pool will not open until 2:00pm due to swim meet

Thursdays	10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Fridays	10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Saturdays	10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Sundays	12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

*Saturday June 10 & 17, 2006 pool will not open until 2:00pm due to swim meet

May 25th through 31st

Thursday, May 25 th	10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Friday, May 26 th	10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 27 th	2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 28 th	12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Monday, May 29 th (Memorial Day)	10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 30 st	4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 31 st	10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

*Saturday May 27, 2006 pool will not open until 2:00pm due to swim meet

August 9th through September 4th

Mondays	4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
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Wednesdays	4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Thursdays	4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Fridays	10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturdays	10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Sundays	12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Exceptions:

Monday, September 4th (Labor Day) 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

June 1st through August 8th

Mondays	4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Tuesdays	10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Wednesdays	10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

September 9th through 17th

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Happy 3rd Birthday David Armstrong
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Hayley and Daniel were selected as semifinalists in the Wearever Ultrabake Cookie Challenge. Out of the hundreds of cookie recipes submitted from around the country, the ladies' recipe was one of 5 recipes chosen to compete for the grand prize of \$6,000. The Wearever Company flew them to NYC for the event finale on March 29th; and although they did not come away with the grand prize, a great time was had. Their inspiration for the recipe came after a night of trick or treating. Everyone in their family chose a favorite Halloween candy, and cookies were made using the candy.



Trick or Treats

3/4 cup sugar	1/2 tsp salt
3/4 cup brown sugar	6 snack size Nestle Crunch bars
2 sticks butter	4 snack size Snickers bars
2 eggs	4 Recess peanut butter cups
2 tsp vanilla	4 100 Grand bars
2 1/4 cup flour	2 Take Five bars
1 tsp baking soda	

Directions:

cream the butter and sugar.
add eggs and vanilla beat well.
mix the flour, soda and salt together
mix the wet and dry ingredients together. add chopped candy
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L.I.F.E. Programs in May

The Learning, Inspiration, Fellowship and Enrichment (L.I.F.E.) programs are free and held Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Cy-Fair College Branch Library (Room 131.) May programs include marriage rituals and trends, Billy Wilder films discussion, basic poker lessons, physical therapy for the back and using a new genealogy database. Call the library at 281-290-3213 for L.I.F.E. program information or check the library web page online at <http://cfclibrary.nhmccd.edu>.

Library Offers Free Computer Classes and Book Clubs

The Harris County Public Library Cy-Fair College Branch offers free computer workshops, including a family-friendly class. Topics range from basic computer functions to introductions to the Internet and various software programs. A variety of monthly book clubs

are available including women of the world (discussing "Lie by Moonlight" – May 16), mystery (discussing "Death at the President's Lodging" – May 31), democracy (discussing "The Arab Predicament" – May 25) and sports page (discussing "The Teammates" – May 11.) There are plenty of youth programs with activities and book clubs for teens and storytime for younger children. Go online to <http://cfclibrary.nhmccd.edu> for information.

Discovery College Registration Open for Ages 6 to 15

Cy-Fair College's Discovery College offers youth ages 6 to 12 and this year 13 – 15, too, a wide range of camp classes in academics, sports and for various talents and interests. Beginning June 5, sessions run for one week during the months of June and July, except the week of July 4. Morning and afternoon sessions are available. Parents can go online to www.cy-faircollege.com/goto/DiscoveryCollege to download registration packets and registration information for both campuses. For information on Barker Cypress camps located at 9191 Barker Cypress, call 281-290-5273 and for Fairbanks Center camps located at 14955 Northwest Freeway, call 832-782-5038

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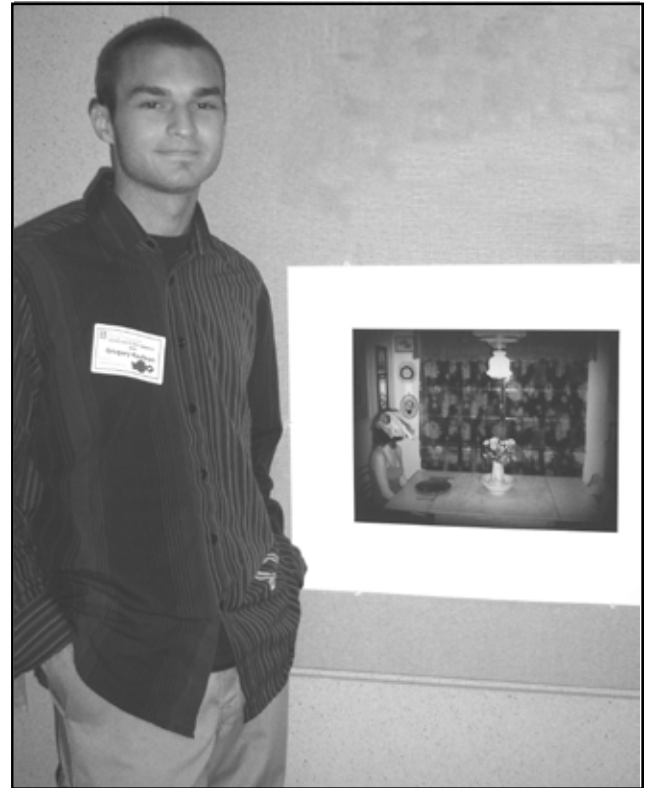
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Gold Key Art Winner

Greg Kaufman, a senior at Cy-Fair High School is a Gold Key art winner in the 2006 Scholastic Regional Art & Writing Awards. This year there were a record, 1,279 entries of art submitted and Greg was named one of the 150 finalists here in Harris County. His winning portfolio for digital photography will advance to New York City to compete in the national judging from regions all across the country. Greg also won a **Gold Key** for an individual digital photo. The Harris County Department of Education sponsored a ceremony on February 14th where all the art was displayed and awards were presented to the winners. Cypress-Fairbanks ISD has 11 high school students win *Gold Key* awards and all 11 students attend Cy-Fair high school. **Congratulations Greg** for this remarkable achievement.



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'Ere we left our mother's outsized knees.
So good it is to have that happiness

Designed to grace each subsequent caress,
All future love and joy to underlie,
Yearning backwards towards a mother's sigh.

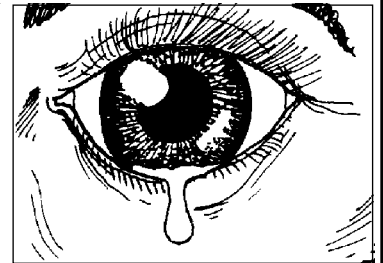
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Operation Jobs is a service offered to unemployed and under-employed individuals of the community. The goal of Operation Jobs is to help the job seeker by offering direction in their job search by providing the tools they need to become a long-term and more valuable employee. To learn more about Operation Jobs, call Loretta at 281-955-5895

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The food pantry at CAM is currently stocking for the summer in anticipation of children being home from school. We will need peanut butter, jelly, snack foods, presweetened drink mixes, pasta, Spaghetti Os, and cold cereal. We also need shampoo, paper towels, and toilet paper. Of course, meat is a luxury, therefore, hot dogs, hamburger and chicken are always appreciated.

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May 4 - District Choral Festival
Kindergarten Tours Science Resource Center (1/2)
May 15 - 2/3 to Chuck E. Cheese for those who meet AR goals
May 16 - K/1 Field Day
5th Grade TAKS Retest:
Math May 17 - 4/5 to Mountasia for those who meet AR goals
May 18 - Papa John's Pizza Night
May 22 - 5th Grade Recognition Night
May 23 - 5th Grade Play Day
May 24 - Last Day of School
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Increased Antioxidant Capacity Reverse Some Effects of Aging

Baylor College of Medicine

HOUSTON — (April 13, 2006) - Decreasing oxidant levels by increasing the amount of an antioxidant enzyme can reverse declining memory skills and other pathological effects of old age, say researchers at Baylor College of Medicine (BCM) in Houston. The findings are reported in the current issue of *Journal of Neuroscience*.

"This is one of the first studies showing that a genetically engineered mouse that overexpresses an antioxidant enzyme actually performs better when they age with respect to memory," said Dr. Eric Klann, principal investigator of the study and professor of molecular physiology at BCM.

The study is one of the first to assess memory performance among aging mice genetically engineered with an abundance of an antioxidant enzyme called extracellular superoxide dismutase. As this group of mice aged, they performed better on memory tasks and demonstrated cellular improvements in the hippocampus, a part of the brain required for memory.

Conversely, the same experiments in younger mice showed that high levels of the antioxidant were detrimental to memory function.

Previous studies have concluded that oxidative stress contributes to aging and aging-related impairments in memory. Klann conjectures

that high antioxidant levels, within reason, could promote longevity and reduce the risk of dementia associated with normal aging and neurodegenerative disorders such as Alzheimer's disease.

Klann's study advances the debate over the utility of antioxidant supplements, which some claim eliminate hazardous free radicals from the body and reduce the risk of cancer, among other disorders. On the other hand, recent reports claim that excessive intake of vitamin and mineral supplements pose no benefit and can even do harm in some cases.

"The balance of oxidants is very important," said Klann. "In animal studies, it's bad to have too much or too little. That could be part of the reason for conflicting findings on antioxidant supplements in humans."

Klann says further research in mice will be necessary to approximate ideal antioxidant levels and whether antioxidant enzymes can prevent dementia and other aging-related impairments.

Daoying Hu and Dr. Faridis Serrano at BCM and Dr. Tim D. Oury at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center also contributed to this paper. The study was funded by the National Institutes of Health and the Cynthia and George Mitchell Foundation.



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10—SAN BENITO: *El Second 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—PORT 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

12-14—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

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

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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

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

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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—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

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.stagestheatre.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

27-28—ROCKPORT: Festival of Wines Offers wine tasting, entertainment, cooking demonstrations and more. Texas Maritime Museum. www.texasmaritimemuseum.org 361/729-1271

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