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Family Movie Night Friday, June 16th

Kids love movies and parents do too. So bring your blankets, pillows, and pop some popcorn, bring a drink and join other families at the clubhouse for the first family movie night. Show begins at 7:30pm. No drop offs for kids. (It's family night!) We will be showing Nanny PcPhee.

Nanny PcPhee – A new nanny enters the household of the recently widowed Mr. Brown and attempts to tame his seven exceedingly ill behaved children. Running time is 1 hour 38 minutes and rated PG for thematic elements, some rude humor and brief language.

If you have questions, feel free to email mperez51@houston.rr.com.



June Yard of the Month at Lakes on Eldridge

It's time for June 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. Yard of the Month is chosen on the merits of its landscaping. If you would like to nominate one of your neighbors for the Yard of the Month, please contact the Yard of the Month coordinator: Deborah Dunaway at 713-983-9651 or dsd1951@mac.com.

*Congratulations to the winners of
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Fourth of July Parade & Family Festival Tuesday July 4th

The LOE Social Committee, Greater Houston Pool and the LOE Swim Team will be hosting a 4th of July Parade & Family Festival, Tuesday, July 4th. So circle the lawn chairs, slip on an Uncle Sam hat and get ready for LOE's best ever Fourth of July blast.

- Have your child decorate their bikes or wagons with tape, streamers, balloons, ribbons, or even blue and red soda cans tied to the back with string. Or decorate a float if you are up for the challenge. (There will be a prize for best decorated bike/float)
- The parade will start at 10:15 AM, at the clubhouse. Line-up begins on at 10:00 in the order in which people appear. No promises about marching order will be made in advance.
- After the parade, join us at the clubhouse and pool for a family festival. There will be food and activities for all ages including water games and races, moonwalk, face painting, games and prizes.

So pause for a day to celebrate our precious freedoms: among them, the freedom to have fun all afternoon, dress in silly hats and parade through our neighborhood singing off-key.

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The cost for feeding the swans and waterfowl has been covered by a very small group of residents for the last 8 years. The cost to feed all the waterfowl for 2005 exceeded \$1800.00, this not including veterinary bills or DNA testing, to which the Board contributed \$300.00. It costs approximately 45 cents per day to feed each adult swan. The two pair of breeder swans hatched 11 cygnets this season increasing the swan count to 22. The new babies require a special diet to insure proper bone growth. It is our goal to locate a pair of swans on each lake in LOE, but it will require a commitment, which can be shared on a month-to-month basis, from the residents on each lake to feed the swans daily. We have accumulated approximately \$8,500.00 worth of exotic waterfowl on our lakes which has improved the esthetic appearance of LOE and has helped retain property values. We are requesting contributions to help cover the cost for the care of our waterfowl, and each contributor will be acknowledged in the monthly newsletter. The funds will be maintained in a special bank account and an annual report will be published in the newsletter reporting receipts and expenditures. Anyone incurring costs for care of the waterfowl can submit receipts for reimbursement from the fund. The records will be available for inspection at the end of each month if any resident should want to review them. If you wish to contribute to the fund, please send donations to the following:

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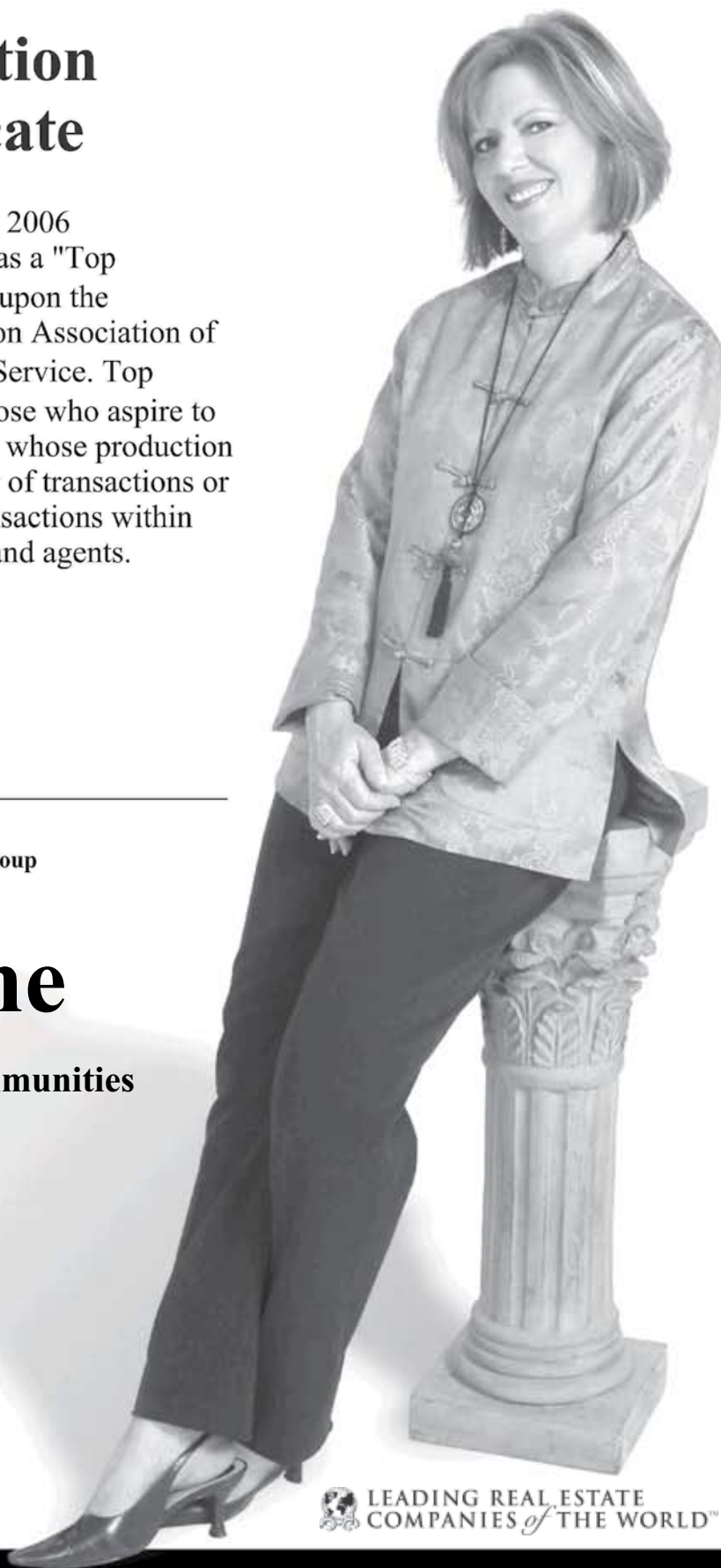
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SOMETHING NEW

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Classifieds

WANTED: Need someone energetic to help with my 8-year son with disability. Must be reliable, patient and in excellent health. Must have own transportation and speaks fluent English. Few hours/week and as needed. Very flexible. Call (713) 849-5993. References required.

WANTED: Mom is looking for a *special-education tutor* to help with home-schooling her 8-year old son with Autism. Mom is trained in Verbal Behavior instructions and the principles of ABA, so a similar background is preferred but not required. Hours are flexible. Location is west Houston on Eldridge and Clay Rd. Please email: ginam@houston.rr.com

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that Lakes on Eldridge has rules regarding parking on the street? LOE adopted a Resolution Regarding Parking on the Street in September of 2002 which states:

1. On street parking of vehicles is discouraged except for short periods of time.
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 - d. Block a clear view of any intersection.
 - e. Be parked directly across the street from a driveway.
3. Commercial vehicles must be parked in an enclosed garage at all times.
4. Vehicles that are not properly licensed, registered and inspected may not be operated on Lakes of Eldridge.

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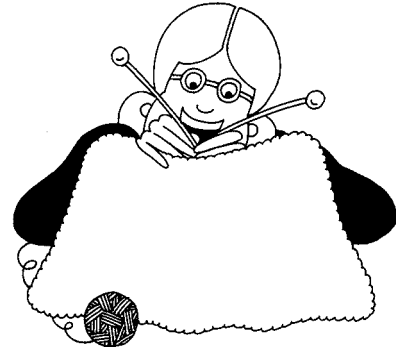
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QUICK REMINDERS

- Pet Owners – Please be courteous to your neighbors, clean up after your pets and walk your pets on a leash at all times. A thoughtful community is a happy community.
- Please remember to place trash out on TRASH DAYS ONLY, and return cans to your storage location on the same day. Trash and trash containers should be visible on trash days only, and should not be set where they block the sidewalk. Trash should not be put out for extended periods of time.
- Vandalism is taken very seriously at Lakes on Eldridge. Anyone found vandalizing or causing damage to LOE property including parks, playgrounds, nature areas, signs, lakes, etc., have and will continue to be prosecuted.
- As a reminder to all residents, any exterior modification, alteration, change or addition must be submitted and approved by the Architectural Committee prior to the start of construction. Forms and guidelines are available on the website www.lakesoneldridge.net or at AMI. If you are considering any of the following, please contact the committee or submit application: playhouse or swing set, outbuildings, permanent or portable basketball goals, gazebos, front yard accessories, outdoor lighting, applications for sealants, stains or paint on fences, front yard school or youth affiliated sports signs.
- Please notify us of any unsafe conditions that need repair or maintenance via e-mail.

Stitch & Chat



Needlework of all kind is one of the latest new things to do. If you would like to learn to knit, crochet, quilt, counted cross-stitch, etc some of our members would be glad to help you get started.

Please feel free to join us on any Thursday at the “Beach Club” Club House from 10:00 AM until 12:00 noon.

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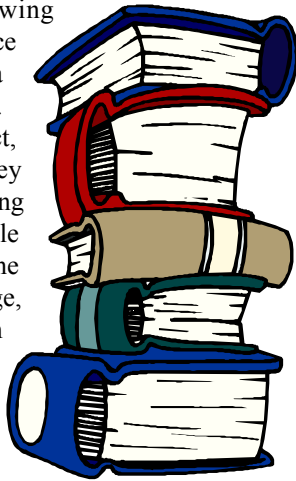
LOE Book Club

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.

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.

July 27th - *The Wild Girl, The Notebooks of Ned Giles, 1932* by Jim Fergus When Ned Giles is orphaned as a teenager, he heads West hoping to leave his troubles behind. He joins the 1932 Great Apache Expedition on their search for a young boy, the son of a wealthy Mexican landowner, who was kidnapped by wild Apaches. But the expedition's goal is complicated when they encounter a wild Apache girl in a Mexican jail cell, victim of a Mexican massacre of her tribe that has left her orphaned and unwilling to eat or speak. As he and the expedition make their way through the rugged Sierra Madre mountains, Ned's growing feelings for the troubled girl soon force him to choose allegiances and make a decision that will haunt him forever.

In this novel based on historical fact, Jim Fergus takes readers on a journey of magnificent sweep and heartbreaking consequence peopled with unforgettable characters. With prose so vivid that the road dust practically rises off the page, *The Wild Girl* is an epic novel filled with drama, peril, and romance, told by a master.



A message from MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers)

I went to a party, and remembered what you said. You told me not to drink, Mum, so I had a sprite instead.

I felt proud of myself, the way you said I would, that I didn't drink and drive, though some friends said I should. I made a healthy choice, and your advice to me was right, the party finally ended, and the kids drove out of sight.

I got into my car, sure to get home in one piece, I never knew what was coming, Mum, something I expected least. Now I'm lying on the pavement, and I hear the policeman say, the kid that caused this wreck was drunk, Mum, his voice seems far away.

My own blood's all around me, as I try hard not to cry. I can hear the paramedic say, this girl is going to die. I'm sure the guy had no idea, while he was flying high, because he chose to drink and drive; now I would have to die.

So why do people do it, Mum, knowing that it ruins lives? And now the pain is cutting me, like a hundred stabbing knives.

Someone should have taught him, that it's wrong to drink and drive. Maybe if his parents had, I'd still be alive. My breath is getting shorter, Mum, I'm getting really scared. These are my final moments, and I'm so unprepared. I wish that you could hold me Mum, as I lie here and die. I wish that I could say, "I love you, Mum!" So I love you and good-bye.

Contact MADD to show your support for education and laws.
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Rail could save commuters hundreds of dollars, advocate says

HOUSTON (April 28, 2006) – As gasoline prices escalate, so does the potential savings that a commuter rail system would provide those traveling to and from work, according to the chairman of a nonprofit group that is developing a commuter rail line that will run along the U.S. 90A corridor between the Texas Medical Center and Houston's southwest suburbs.

Dalton Smith, chairman of Southwest Commuter Rail Corp. of Texas, was the guest speaker at the April 27 meeting of the 290 Passenger Rail Coalition, an initiative launched by the Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce to advocate rail service from College Station to Houston.

Although cost savings is only one of a long list of benefits of commuter rail systems, it may be near the top of almost every commuter's list as gas prices hover near or above the \$3-per-gallon mark. According to Smith, the average commuter rail rider saves \$400 to \$1,500 annually in transportation costs – and those numbers are probably low because they do not take into effect the recent spike in gasoline prices, he said.

In addition to saving consumers money, riding the rail saves them time. Texas drivers spend an average of 50 hours a year in traffic delays, and many employees must leave early to ensure they aren't late for work, Smith said. Commuter rail along the 90A corridor will give Texas Medical Center employees the certainty of knowing exactly how many minutes it will take to get to work, he said.

Other potential benefits of commuter rail include reduction in air pollution and the economic development that is often fueled by such rail lines, he said.

Commuter rail lines in both the U.S. 290 and 90A corridors are part of METRO'S Solutions plan, but the commuter rail service could be decades away without advocacy groups such as the 290 PRC to build a consensus and help move plans forward.

The 90A line was thought to be 20 years away from being built, but could now be operational within four years, Smith said.

"The most important thing you can be doing is the gathering of absolute support for the project," he said. "I think getting the resolutions in support of commuter rail in the 290 corridor is important."

The 290 PRC has taken a number of steps in building a consensus, Cy-Fair Houston Chamber President Darcy Mingoia noted. Thus far, the 290 PRC has signed resolutions from City of Jersey Village, City of Navasota, Commissioners Court of Waller County, Copperfield Community Association, Cypress Creek Flood Control Coalition, Greater Houston Partnership, Waller Area Chamber of Commerce and Waller Economic Development Corporation.

Public-private partnerships are also vital, Smith said. 90A Commuter Rail Partners include Fluor Enterprises, Inc., which will provide Project Management and Construction Management services; Bombardier, which will provide passenger rail cars and be responsible for the control and signaling systems, and will support METRO in maintenance of this equipment; and Public Project Management LLC, which will provide financing expertise and project oversight.

METRO's light-rail system, as well as bus lines, provides important infrastructure to help make a commuter-rail system viable, Smith said.

"To have a viable commuter rail project, you need to have a very detailed and connecting system in and around the city, so that those coming in on commuter rail can get around to other locations," he said.

As an example, Smith noted, one of the planned station stops on the 90A line is Westbury, where a new METRO signature bus line will take passengers to the Galleria area.

As helpful as commuter rail would be in saving commuters time and money and reducing pollution, Smith underscored that it is not a moneymaking venture.

"The economics of building and operating a commuter rail system are well known: They do not make money," he said. Smith said he expects a shortfall of about \$10 million on the 90A line, some of which could be made up by METRO.

However, he added that it's possible that tax revenue generated by new development spurred by the rail line could offset all or part of the funding gap.

For more information about the 290 Passenger Rail Coalition, visit www.290prc.com or call the Cy-Fair Houston Chamber at 281-955-1100.



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Competition Among Genetic Equals

Baylor College of Medicine

HOUSTON -- (May 16, 2006) - Competition between cells that have the same genetic makeup but different external attributes may not only result in stronger multi-cellular organisms but also bridge the gap between scientists who study development and those who study evolution.

In an essay that appears online today in the journal *Nature Reviews Genetics*, Dr. Gad Shaulsky, associate professor of molecular and human genetics at Baylor College of Medicine, and graduate student Anupama Khare argue that cells with the same genes compete.

"Twenty-six years ago, when I was an undergraduate, I started thinking about why cells become differentiated in a multicellular organism," said Shaulsky. "A friend of mine and I began to think about the possibility that there is competition between cells in our body."

Virtually all the cells in the human body are almost genetically identical, he said. Yet different cells take on different roles. Shaulsky and Khare studied the activities of various organisms in trying to understand how competition might benefit a multicellular organism.

"If you look at the life of unicellular organism, there is no question. They compete and the fittest survive," said Shaulsky. However, multicellular organisms represent a paradox because they are a collection of individual cells.

"Some of these individual cells give up the two most important tendencies in biology - survival and reproduction," he said. "In our body, most cells will not survive. They are being replaced constantly. Most will not reproduce."

Giving up these biological imperatives is a requirement of multicellularity because cells must execute different functions so not all of them can participate in reproduction.

"What defines a unit of evolutionary selection?" he asked. "Why should we think there is no competition among genetically identical cells in the body in which the best cells will give rise to the germ line (sperm and eggs) and the next best cells will give rise to the progenitor (or stem) cells that keep renewing themselves and give rise to the more differentiated tissues of the body? The least fit cells will be those that eventually die, such as red blood cells, skin or hair."

"From an evolutionary perspective, it made sense to us," he said. "Competition is one of the strongest forces in biology. It didn't make sense to us that these tendencies would be wiped upon transition from unicellular to multicellular organisms. They might be harnessed to serve other purposes, but they would still be there."

The notion is not strange to scientists who study how organisms develop, but it runs contrary to the thought of most evolutionary biologists, he said. "Evolutionary biology says that competition

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Competition Among- (Continued from page 10)

happens to a point. The cost of competition is high and, from an evolutionary perspective, when organisms are genetically identical, they don't compete," he said. "We say, yes, they do compete and we give examples."

In the essay, Khare and Shaulsky find examples of competition in a variety of creatures - from the soil amoeba *Dictyostelium discoideum* that vacillates between unicellular and multicellular depending on external conditions to *Drosophila melanogaster* or fruit flies to mice and humans.

"What we are proposing is that evolution tinkered with what it had to work with," said Shaulsky. "It took the basic tendency of cells to compete and harnessed it to serve in developmental decision making processes. It was something that had to happen for multicellular organisms to work."

The work should bridge the gap between the two kinds of biologists, he said. "Developmental biologists should look at processes they are studying from the point of view of what is the evolutionary advantage of this competitive process. And evolutionary biologists could benefit from revisiting their notion that identical units don't compete."

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1-Jul. 2—HOUSTON: Contemporary Kiln-Glass: A Survey of Works from the Bullseye Collection, 1980 to the Present Experience spectacularly vibrant colored glass created for art and architecture through fusing, blowing, torch work and casting. Houston Center for Contemporary Craft. www.crafthouston.org 713/529-4848

1-Jul. 16—BEAUMONT: The Big Big Picture Show Artist Paul Manes' large-scale paintings and drawings are of subjects ranging from airplanes to collections of precariously-stacked empty bowls. Art Museum of Southeast Texas. www.amset.org 409/832-3432

1-Aug. 20—HOUSTON: Frank Stella 1958 Bringing these works together for the first time, the exhibition tracks the many changes of a young painter experimenting with the wide array of styles and formal possibilities available at a vital juncture in American art history. The Menil Collection. www.menil.org 713/525-9400

3-Jul. 9—GALVESTON: Gary Faye — Still Lifes Features color photographs. Galveston Arts Center. www.galvestonartscenter.org 409/763-2403

3-Jul. 9—GALVESTON: Sedrick Huckaby — Portraits & Quilts & Merrilee McCommas — Word Play Galveston Arts Center, 2127

Strand. www.galvestonartscenter.org 409/763-2403

4-Sep. 14—HOUSTON: The Architecture of Gee's Bend Quilts Exhibition examines in detail the basic structural patterns that appear to form the foundation of Gee's Bend quilt making. The Audrey Jones Beck Building, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston. 713/639-7300

8, 10-11, 16-18—HOUSTON: Don Quixote Ends the Houston Ballet season. The idealistic, eccentric Quixote goes on a quest in search of his ideal woman Dulcinea. Wortham Theater Center. www.houstonballet.org 713/227-2787

9-11—TEXAS CITY: Funfest Enjoy arts & crafts, food, entertainment, amusements, barbecue cook-off, Star Search, tennis tournament, fun run and more. Nessler Park. www.texascitychamber.com 409/935-1408

10—ALVIN: Police & EMS Bike Patrol Challenge Watch police and EMS officers compete. Browse vendor booths. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. National Oak Park. www.alvintexas.org 281/585-3359

10—CLUTE: Brazosport Art League Gallery Opening: Paint-In Show Center for the Arts & Sciences. 979/265-7971

10—CORPUS CHRISTI: C-101 C-Sculptures Enjoy sand sculpting, sand volleyball, live music and more. Padre Island. 361/289-0111

10—DACOSTA: Volunteer Fire Department Annual BBQ & Auction Sons of Hermann Hall. 361/575-2959

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10—KATY: Kid's Day Includes hands-on activities, contests and entertainment. Bass Pro Shops at Katy Mills Mall. 281/644-2203

10—PASADENA: Owl Prowl Enjoy a moonlit walk through the woods while looking for owls and listening for fascinating night sounds. Hours are 8 to 10 p.m. Armand Bayou Nature Center. www.abnc.org 281/474-2551

10—PORT ARTHUR: Nighttime Alligator Count & Marsh Tour Take a ride in some awesome bottomlands alligator habitat and census the alligators. Hours are 8:30 to 10:30 p.m., weather permitting. Reservations required. Tony Houseman State Park and Wildlife Management Area. 409/866-4742

10-11—GALVESTON: Carolyn Ehman School of Dance The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. www.thegrand.com 409/765-1894

10, 24—PASADENA: Guided Canoe Trips Meet at Bay Area Park for a leisurely morning of wildlife watching, wetland education, relaxation and fun. Travel is about 3 miles round trip. Reservations required. Armand Bayou Nature Center. www.abnc.org 281/474-2551

11—ALVIN: 13th Annual Tour de Braz Bike Ride Offers five

historical and scenic rides from which to choose. Begins at 7 a.m. Alvin Community College, 3110 Mustang Road. www.alvintexas.org 281/585-3359

11—PORT ARTHUR: Alligator Spotlight Count Take a boat trip and census the alligators. Hours are 8:30 to 10:30 p.m., weather permitting. Reservations required. J.D. Murphree Wildlife Management Area. 409/736-2551 ext. 23 or ext. 25

11—SANTA FE: Bert Wills Blues Hours are 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Haak Winery, 6310 Ave. T. www.haakwine.com 409/925-1401

11-17—VICTORIA: Victoria Bach Festival Leo J. Welder Center for the Performing Arts and other venues. E-mail: info@victoriabachfestival.org • www.victoriabachfestival.org 361/570-5788

11, 25—DALLAS: National Safety Month Operation Lifesaver Weekend Includes lecture and multimedia presentation. Age of Steam Railroad

12—FULTON: Music at the Mansion Begins at 7 p.m. Fulton Mansion State Historic Site. 361/729-0386

14—SAN BENITO: El Second Weensdee Enjoy an oral history series on conjunto music. Begins at 7 p.m. The Narciso Martinez Cultural Art Center. 956/361-0110

15-Aug. 3—NASSAU BAY: Summer '06 Open Juried Exhibition Features juried works by area artists in all media. The Arts Alliance Center at Clear Lake, 2000 NASA Parkway. www.taaccl.org 281/335-7777

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

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

16-17—INGLESIDE: Skinny Water Adult Fishing Tournament Includes amateur two-man team division; children's tournament; Calcutta; spot pot; and largest redfish, trout and flounder pots. Cove Park. www.inglesidetxchamber.org 888/899-2906

16-17—OYSTER CREEK: Creekfest Oyster Creek Municipal Park. 979/233-0243

16-17—PORT ARANSAS: Powderpuff Fishing Tournament Women only. Woody's Sport Center. 361/749-5252

16-18—BEAUMONT: Southeast Texas Wakeboarding Wakeboard Competition Riverfront Park. www.beaumontcvb.com 409/880-3749

16-18—GALVESTON: The Jubilee Banjo Band The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. www.thegrand.com 409/765-1894

16-18—WHARTON: Juneteenth Celebration Riverfront Park. 979/532-1862 or 979/531-0916

17—BAY CITY: Market Day More than 100 vendors sell handmade crafts, homemade jellies and more. Courthouse Square. www.visitbaycity.org 800/806-8333

17—BEAUMONT: Juneteenth Blowout Celebration www.beaumontcvb.com 409/880-3749

17—CORPUS CHRISTI: Juneteenth Celebration Commemorates African-American freedom and emphasizes education and achievement. Includes guest speakers, musicians, dancers and food. Heritage Park. 361/883-0639

17—EDNA: Juneteenth Fun & Games Enjoy horseshoes, volleyball, sack races and more. Begins at 2 p.m. Lake Texana State Park. 361/782-5718

17—EL CAMPO: Ricebelt Antique Tractor Show & Pull Features antique tractors, antique engines, machinery and harvesting equipment. Includes demonstrations, first-time peddle tractor pull, craft show and more. E-mail: sherry_rrprint@sbcglobal.net 979/543-9498

17—HARLINGEN: Blues on the Hill Features blues music with several bands participating. Hours are 6 to 10 p.m. McKelvey Park, 1325 S. 77 Sunshine Strip. 956/216-5950

17—PORT ARTHUR: Garage Sale Bob Bower Civic Center. 409/985-8801

17—PORT NECHES: Trade Day on the Avenue 409/722-4023

18—SANTA FE: Sweet Mama Cotton Hours are 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Haak Winery, 6310 Ave. T. www.haakwine.com 409/925-1401

18-Sep. 10—HOUSTON: Courbet & the Modern Landscape Exhibition brings together about 50 landscape paintings by Gustave

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19—GALVESTON: Juneteenth Includes a ceremony and parade to commemorate the end of slavery in the south. 409/744-1491

19—PORT ARTHUR: Juneteenth Celebration Includes a pageant on Friday, lecture series on Saturday, gospelfest on Sunday and parade on Monday. Downtown Port Arthur. 409/982-8040 or 409/985-7768

23—GALVESTON: Dance Tree The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. www.thegrand.com 409/765-1894

23-24—WHARTON: Freedom Fest Riverfront Park. 979/532-0927 or 979/532-0134

23-Jul. 1—WHARTON: The Wizard of Oz Presented by The Community Theatre of Wharton. 979/282-2970

24—BEAUMONT: Beaumont Enterprise Garage Sale Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Beaumont Civic Center. www.beaumont-tx-complex.com 409/838-3435

24—KEMAH: Classic Car Show See automobiles from the 1920s through the 1970s. Kemah Boardwalk. www.kemahboardwalk.com 281/334-9880

24—SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Moody Clinic Classic Bay Fishing Tournament 956/542-8504

24-25—CORPUS CHRISTI: Seashore Marketplace Includes arts & crafts vendors from around Texas, specialty displays, live bands and more. On Padre Island. www.seashoremarketplace.com 361/779-

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24-25—GALVESTON: Bonnie Sisco School of Dance The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. www.thegrand.com 409/765-1894

25—SANTA FE: Prime Time Band Hours are 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Haak Winery, 6310 Ave. T. www.haakwine.com 409/925-1401

30-Jul. 1—BEAUMONT: Kidmunity Presents Its 4th-7th Grade Production www.beaumontcommunityplayers.com 409/842-4664

30-Jul. 1—HUGHES SPRINGS: Hometown Fourth & BBQ Cook-Off Includes crafts, "no motor" parade, and a Lone Star Barbecue Society-

30-Aug. 5—GALVESTON: 1776 Musical follows John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Richard Henry Lee and Thomas Jefferson as they attempt to convince the members of the Second Continental Congress to vote for independence. Island Etc. 409/762-3556

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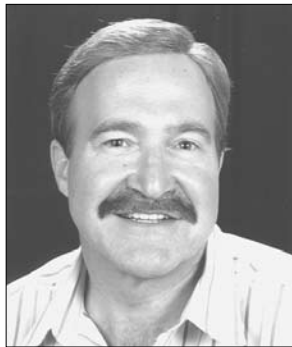
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