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Dear Homeowners:

Last month, two residents of Lakes on Eldridge North were victims of a home burglary. One of the thoughts about this burglary was that the criminals entered by tailgating at the subdivision's back gate on Little York. Though this event did not occur in our own neighborhood, it brings to mind that it has happened here, and could happen again.

The Board stresses very strongly how important it is that you not let anyone tailgate you as you come in through the Tanner Road gates unless that vehicle clearly belongs to an LOE resident, or to let a vehicle waiting outside enter when you leave through these gates. On numerous occasions, residents have reported cars sitting off to the side of one of our back gates waiting for a resident to drive through, so they can gain access, sometimes with the engine idling. Why would someone be prepared to waste time and fuel waiting there for an indeterminate length of time to come through one of these gates rather than simply going to the main gate and identifying themselves to the gate attendant to secure admission? If someone does not have an LOE sticker and their own access clicker, they have no business coming into our neighborhood through the back gate. Would you let an unidentified stranger come through the back door of your home? Well, this is home for over 700 of us. If something like this happens to you, just pull through the gate and stop until it closes. No exceptions. The Board asks that everyone be very vigilant about this.

The Board has again reminded our gate attendants that they must strictly enforce the requirements for allowing non-residents to enter LOE. This may result in some inconvenience for your visitors, but we urge you to understand the reasons. We hope you will continue to let us know, through AMI, of incidents where the procedures are not being followed.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Easter Egg Hunt for the young children of Lakes on Eldridge will be held on Saturday, March 24, 2007 in front of the Beach Club. The hunt begins at 10:00 a.m. **SHARP!**

To participate in the hunt, parents are asked to fill a dozen plastic eggs for each child hunting and drop them off at any neighborhood drop site no later than March 23rd. Egg hunt flyers, containing complete information, are distributed door to door throughout the neighborhood. Please also watch for gate signs.

The children hunt in two separate areas in front of the Beach Club. One area is designated for the younger children, ages 1-4 and the other for children ages 5 and up. After the hunt, everyone is invited to enjoy light refreshments. Also, Ann Knoche of Heritage Texas Properties will once again offer

her adorable face painting for the children. Please bring your Easter baskets and remember your camera!

Extra hands are always needed to hide the eggs and help with set up the morning of the hunt beginning at 9:00 a.m. For more information or if you can help with the hunt, please call Elizabeth Tobin at 832-467-1369.



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WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST NEIGHBORS!

We have a number of new residents who have moved into Lakes on Eldridge in the last six months. If you have not already, please welcome our newest neighbors - go over and knock on their door to say "Hi", or extend your hand when you see them outside. Everyone likes to feel welcome.

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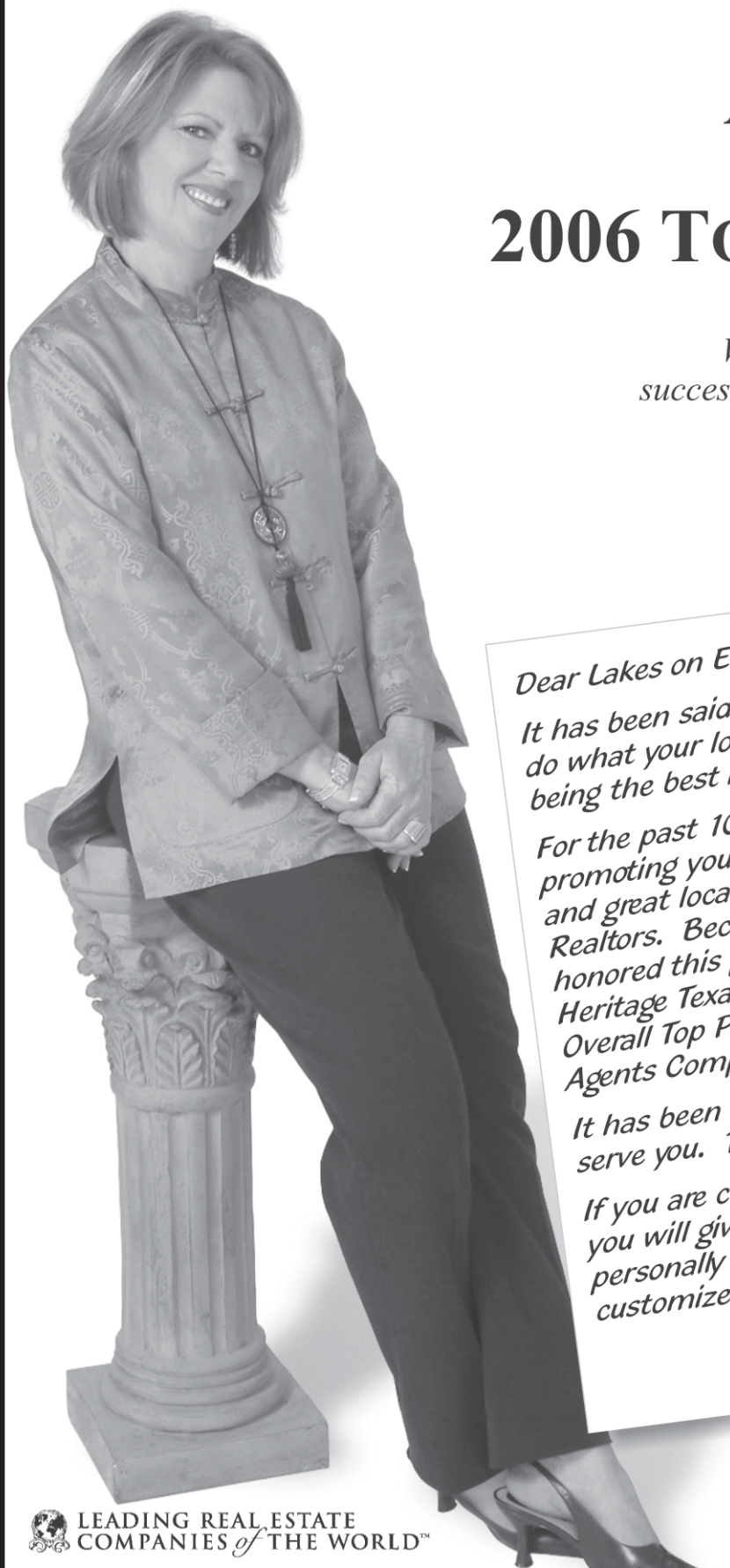
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Lakes on Eldridge Dolphins Swim Team Registration is Coming Soon!

The LOE Dolphins Swim Team is gearing up for another exciting swim season, and it's time to get ready! The team will hold registration at the Lakes on Eldridge Beach Club on the following dates:

- Sunday, March 25 from 4-6 PM – Registration for Returning Swimmers Only
- Wednesday, March 28 from 6-8 PM – Registration for New & Returning Swimmers
- Sunday, April 1 from 4-6 PM – Registration for New & Returning Swimmers

For new swimmers, no previous swim team experience is necessary. Swimmers from age 4 to 18 are welcome to join – the only requirement is that the swimmer can

swim from one end of the pool to the other (25 yards) without assistance (brief stops at the wall or on the lane ropes along the way are ok).

We are especially pleased to announce that we have a new coach, Kyle Horne, this year. Kyle has an impressive resume including coaching both summer league teams and all-star teams. He is currently the Head Coach for the Cy-Ridge High School swim team. Everyone will have a chance to meet Kyle at registration.

Beginning in February, as we get closer to the registration dates, we will post up to the minute information on the LOE Dolphins web site, www.loedolphins.org.

PLEASE NOTE

Landscapers and housekeepers should not have a remote to the community. Their names should be on file with the gate attendants and they should enter via the front entrance gate only. Please help control the access to our community by following these rules.

Article Submissions

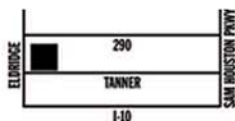
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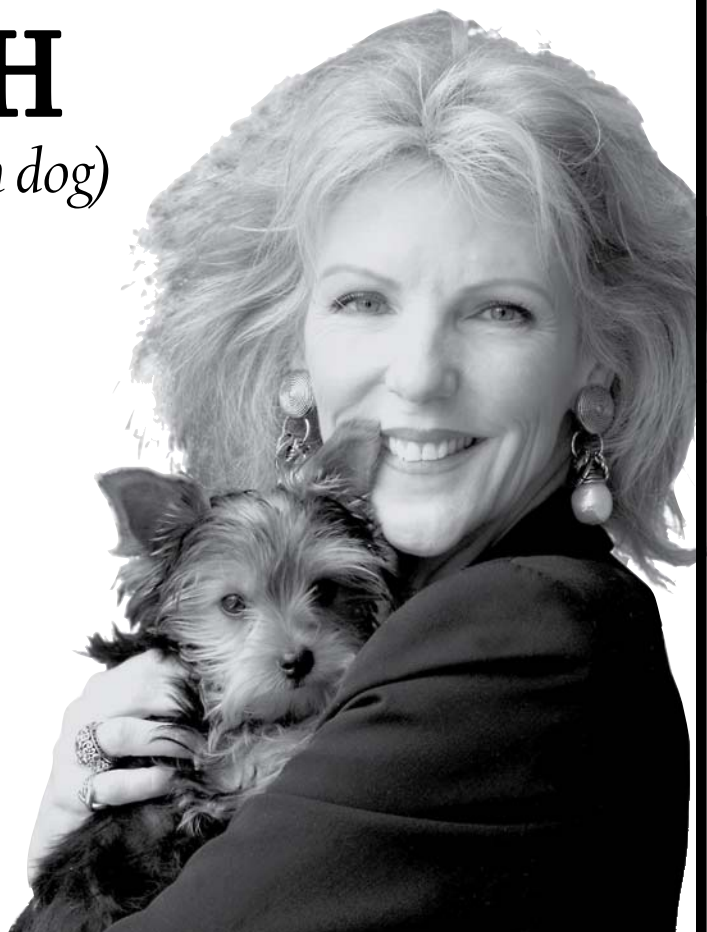
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Are My HOA Assessments Tax Deductible?

By Jim Holmes, CPA

Every year as tax time approaches, homeowners ask if their homeowner assessments are tax deductible. For most of us, the answer is no. (Revenue Ruling 76-495 specifically denies the deduction of annual assessments as property taxes.) Assessments are not charitable donations either, even when paid to a tax-exempt homeowner association. (The IRS prohibits tax-exempt homeowner associations [IRC Section 501(c)(4)] from accepting tax-deductible donations.) One twist - if the assessments are paid on rental property, then they are deductible as a rental expense on Schedule E.

On a positive note - the amount of the assessments that represents "Capital Assessments" will be an increase to the homeowner's basis in their property. (This treatment is provided by Revenue ruling 81-152.) This could help in reducing the amount of capital gain when you sell your home. Good news/Bad news for most homeowners - this won't help because of the very generous exclusion of gain on the sale of a residence (\$250,000 for a single taxpayer and \$500,000 for joint filers). However, the basis adjustments would be useful to the owner of a second home or a high dollar primary residence. As always, seek the advice of a competent tax advisor.

SUGGESTION BOX

Have you ever wanted to make a suggestion to the LOE Board of Directors but don't know how to go about it? Well, they have now made it very easy and convenient for you. The Board has placed a SUGGESTION BOX in the Member Section of the LOE website, www.lakesoneldridge. Please type in any suggestions for the Board to review and discuss. This Suggestion Box goes directly to the Board members and after such discussion; one of the members will be in contact with you. Please note that you may be called upon to be a part of the solution to the suggestion you make.

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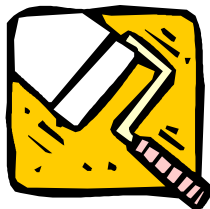
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MotherWise Group Begins New Bible Study

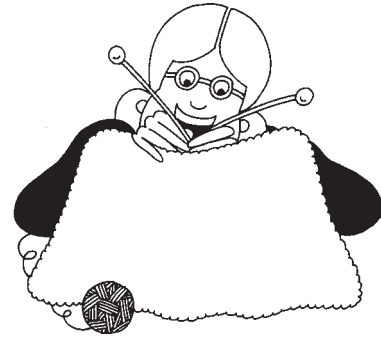
The Lakes on Eldridge MotherWise group recently began its spring study program of Karol Ladd's best-selling book entitled "The Power of a Positive Mom". MotherWise is a non-denominational bible study group and all are welcome and invited to attend the meetings.

The MotherWise group meets every other Monday in neighborhood homes from 9:30-11:30 a.m. The meetings begin with prayer and the presentation of the study segment, followed by small group prayer time, and concludes with the discussion of a mothering skill topic. The meetings also include social time and light refreshments. Children are welcome at the meetings. The MotherWise meetings are a great way to meet other mothers, support each other in prayer, and gain some spiritual enrichment.

The MotherWise group will hold its meetings this spring on the following dates: March 5th, March 19th, April 2nd, April 16th, April 30th, May 7th, and May 21st.

The leaders of the MotherWise group are Kathy Prusak (713-937-7707) and Elizabeth Tobin (832-467-1369). Please feel free to contact us for further information about MotherWise. We encourage you to attend a meeting and check us out!

Stitch & Chat



Stitch & Chat meets at the clubhouse every Thursday morning at 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. for coffee, needlework & comradeship. Please feel free to join us on Thursdays. For more information contact Catherine Spellings at 713-896-1652 (home) or 713-628-7083 (cell) or CTSpellings@aol.com or Tina Wang at (713)-574-1654 or Yangingwang20022003@yahoo.com

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Loe Book Club

Book club has meets on the 4th Monday 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 Celeste Fritz, 713-896-6942, cfritzt@houston.rr.com for additional information.

URGENT: I am trying to update the contact list for book club. If you are currently receiving e-mails about our meetings and wish to be taken off the list, or are not receiving e-mails and want to be added to the list, please send me an email at cfritzt@houston.rr.com Thanks.

February 26 – Barbara Bush, a Memoir by Barbara Bush. Barbara Bush endures as one of America's most popular First Ladies. She has won worldwide acclaim for her wit, compassion, and candor as both a presidential wife and mother. In this #1 New York Times bestselling memoir, Mrs. Bush offers a heartfelt portrait of her life in and out of the White House, from her small-town schoolgirl days in Rye, New York, to her fateful union with George H.W. Bush, to her role as First Lady of the United States.

March 26 – Disclosure by Michael Crichton Tom Sanders is an up-and-coming executive at the computer firm DigiCom. When his new boss turns out to be a woman who is both his former lover and a business rival, Sanders determines to be professional. But after a closed-door meeting, the woman accuses him of sexual harassment. It's her word against his, and suddenly Sanders finds himself caught in a nightmarish web of deceit in which he is branded as the villain. As he scrambles to save his career and his reputation, Sanders uncovers an electronic trail into DigiCom's secrets . . . and the cynical scheme devised to bring him down.

April 23 – A Wedding in December, by Anita Shreve. Seven former high school friends reunite for a wedding in the Berkshires, 26 years after their graduation. This Big Chill-like gathering stirs old passions and feuds, some of which have been festering since the death of a charismatic schoolmate at a high school party. As usual, Shreve puts her characters through the emotional wringer before she sets them out to dry. Wedding in December is one of her most effective and moving works.

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Katherine Tyra Library

Friends of the Library provide funding and support to the library, which makes it possible to offer programs to the community, which are otherwise unfunded. The Friends is made up of people who love books, love to read, learn, expand their horizons, research, and dream.* Whatever special meaning the library holds for you, come join us, share your ideas, and make a difference. The Friends meets at the library, 2nd Mondays from 6-7 pm.

The library is located at 16719 Clay Road, west of Highway 6, adjacent to the Harris County Court Annex.

Our next event will be the Spring Book Sale to be held Saturday, April 21, 2007 at the Bear Creek branch. Be sure to mark your calendars so you can get there early for the best bargains! (Ongoing donations, cash as well as books in good condition, are happily accepted.)

*Friends of the Library is a group of "friends" who enjoy supporting literacy programs and making books and learning a priority in the community by making it fun!

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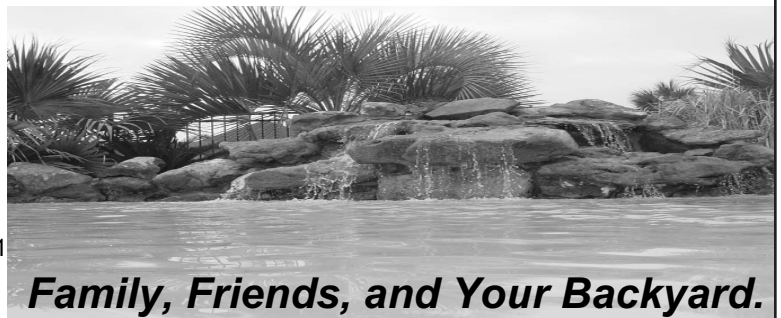
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Looking ahead – we will be gathering for a Good Friday service at 7pm on April 6th. And we look forward to celebrating the resurrection of Christ on Easter Sunday, April 8th.

When are our Gatherings?

Our Sunday morning service begins at 10:30 am. Children's programs are

provided for those 6 months – 5th grade.

Mid-week small groups are another opportunity to join us. We study the bible together, pray for each other, and do life together. Email or call for more info.

Teenagers can join us on Sunday nights at 6 pm for The Gathering.

What is our Location?

We are located on Cypress North Houston between Huffmeister and Telge.

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What is our contact information?

Visit our web page at www.TrinityVineyard.cc. Our phone # is 281-897-8463. Our email is info@TrinityVineyard.cc

Cypress Christian Students Contribute to Fight Cancer

Since 1994, millions of dollars have been raised in pennies and other spare change by more than 10 million elementary, middle and high school students throughout the country. The funds, collected during a three-week period, benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society to help patients' battle blood cancer and assist researchers to continue to strive for a cure.

This year, elementary students at Cypress Christian School contributed a total of \$1,012.63 to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. The "Pennies for Patients" program was truly a success this year. The class that raised the most money for kids with cancer was Grade 4A, Àì Mrs. Dice, Æs class.

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1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

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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.

Vehicles that do not have a proper vehicle decal displayed will be asked to show identification to enter the community. If you need a decal, you can contact AMI at 713.932.1122.

Cypress Christian School Enrollment Events

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Administration, we invite you to attend one or more of the enrollment events listed below to learn more about the benefits of a Christian education. If you are not able to attend or would like to schedule a tour outside of the enrollment events listed below, please feel free to contact the Admissions Director, Vicki Moore, at 281-469-7745 or Vicki.Moore@CypressChristian.org. Also, please visit the school web site at www.CypressChristian.org.

Cypress Christian School Enrollment Events

K-12 Prospective Parent Open House

Tuesday, March 6, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Prospective parents may visit classes and gather information. A map and list of classes will be available at the registration tables in the foyer of both the Elementary Building and Secondary Multi-Use Facility.

K-12 Prospective Student Visitor Days

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4 tablespoons butter and/or olive oil

1 pound Wild American Shrimp, peeled

1 medium tomato, chopped

1 to 2 garlic cloves, chopped

1 tablespoon julienned fresh basil or parsley

Reheat grits in the microwave or over low heat, with additional liquid if necessary.

Melt butter and/or olive oil in a saucepan, preferably non-stick. Add shrimp and sauté until just before they turn pink. Add tomato and stir until liquid exudes slightly, just a minute or so. Add garlic and cook briefly.

Divide grits between 2 plates, pour shrimp and tomato mixture on top, garnish with basil or parsley and serve.

For more information about Wild American Shrimp, including locations where it can be purchased and additional recipes, visit www.wildamericanshrimp.com.

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1-18—HOUSTON: Kickin' It with Joyce J. Scott Her extraordinary beadwork and sculptural forms capture the imagination. Houston Center for Contemporary Crafts. www.crafthouston.org 713/529-4848

1-18—HOUSTON: Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Includes championship rodeo action, superstar concerts, livestock and horse shows, children's activities, carnival, educational exhibits, unique shopping opportunities and fun food. Reliant Park. www.rodeohouston.com 832/667-1000

1-22—NASSAU BAY: National Society of Artists National Juried Exhibition Arts Alliance Center. www.taaccl.org 281/335-7777

1-31—GALVESTON: Elite Excursions: The Victorian Vacations of a Prosperous Galveston Family Ashton Villa, 2328 Broadway. 409/762-3933

1-31—GALVESTON: Myth to Momus: Mardi Gras at Menard, 1856 to Present Michel B. Menard House. 409/762-3933

1-Apr. 7—TEXAS CITY: Museum Quilt Exhibit Features more than 100 quilts. 409 6th St. E-mail: tcmuseum@prodigy.net • www.texas-city-tx.org 409/643-5799

1-May 10—CLEAR LAKE AREA: Bones, An Exhibit Inside You Learn how doctors see bones inside us, walk through a bone brought to life and see items made from bones. Space Center Houston. www.spacecenter.org 281/244-2100

1-Jun. 23—PORT ISABEL: Full Sails, Full Nets: Fishing the Texas Scow Sloop Includes photographs, artifacts, a replica of the scow sloop and interviews by fishermen along the Texas coast who used the scow sloops. Museums of Port Isabel. www.portisabelmuseums.com 956/943-7602

1-Jul. 1—ROCKPORT: Life on a Rig Displayed on large photographic panels, this exhibit accurately portrays the oil and gas industry as it really is in day-to-day life. Texas Maritime Museum. E-mail: curator@texasmaritimemuseum.org 361/729-1271 or 713/661-9440

9-10—BEAUMONT: Beaumont Main Street's Classic Film Festival Historic Jefferson Theatre. www.jeffersontheatre.org 409/838-2202

9-10—EL CAMPO: Heatin' It Up for Hospice BBQ Cook-Off Muldoon's Saloon. 979/541-5833

9-18—KEMAH: Spring Break Celebration Kemah Boardwalk. www.kemahboardwalk.com 281/338-9880

10—ROCKPORT: GospelGrass at the Beach 866/772-5633

10, 16-17, 24, 31—LAKE JACKSON: Story Time Have fun and learn

as storytellers read books about the sea and nature. Begins at 10 a.m. Friday and 10:30 a.m. Saturdays. Sea Center Texas. www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/visitorcenters/seacenter 979/292-0100

13—BEAUMONT: Cirque Dreams Jungle Fantasy This new adventure takes audiences soaring into a magical forest through the air and on stage. Jefferson Theatre. www.beaumont-tx-complex.com 409/838-3435

13-25—HOUSTON: Seven Brides for Seven Brothers Hobby Center for the Performing Arts. www.tuts.com 713/558-TUTS or 888/558-3882

16—WHARTON: U.S. Army Field Band & Soldiers' Chorus Begins at 7 p.m. WHS Auditorium. 979/532-0404

17—FULTON: Harriet's Trash to Treasure Bazaar Shop the donated treasures offered for sale. Enjoy baked goods, arts & crafts, antiques, collectibles and more. Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fulton Mansion State Historic Site. 361/729-0386

17—GALVESTON: Steve Solomon's My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish & I'm in Therapy The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894

17—HOUSTON: Birder Walk & Talk Enjoy a guided hike while seeking spring neotropic migrants and nesters. Begins at 8:30 a.m. Sheldon Lake State Park. 281/456-2800

17—LA PORTE: Hard Hat Tour Take a guided tour and see areas rarely seen by the public. Reservations required. Battleship Texas State Historic Site. 281/479-2431 ext. 234

17—VICTORIA: Crossroads GospelGrass City's Multi-Use Pavilion on Ben Wilson. 866/772-5633 or 361/576-0370

17—VICTORIA: Market Day Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. DeLeon Plaza in Downtown Victoria. E-mail: parks@victoriatx.org • www.victoriatx.org 361/485-3200

17-18—HOUSTON: 18th Annual Auto Swap Meet Browse through booths filled with old, new and used automobile parts, paraphernalia and memorabilia. Traders Village. www.tradersvillage.com 281/890-5500

17-18—NEEDVILLE: Citywide Garage Sale Includes more than 80 locations. 979/793-6357

18—GALVESTON: St. Patrick's Day Bike Parade Kids 12 and under

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are invited to participate. With parents' help, kids decorate the bikes then parade through the campgrounds. Begins at 10 a.m. Galveston Island State Park. 409/737-1222

18—LA PORTE: 24th Annual Fords of the '50s Old Car Show & Picnic See hundreds of classic cars, none newer than 1980 models. Gates open at 9 a.m. San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site. For registration, call David Jackson at 281/599-7920. www.fordsofthe50s.com 281/479-2431

22—BEAUMONT: Go for the Gold Art Museum of Southeast Texas. www.amset.org 409/832-3432

22—BEAUMONT: Lamarissimo — Concert Bands Jefferson Theatre. www.jeffersontheatre.org 409/880-8144

22-24, 29-31—HOUSTON: Don Giovanni Presented by Opera in the Heights. Begins at 7:30 p.m. Lambert Hall. www.operaintheheights.org 713/861-5303

22-Apr. 15—HOUSTON: Cirque du Soleil's Corteo www.cirquedusoleil.com 800/678-5440

23-24—VICTORIA: The Quilt Guild of Greater Victoria Inc. Quilt Show 361/574-9869

23-25—HOUSTON: Bayou City Art Festival More than 300 national artists are invited to show and sell their original art. Memorial Park. www.bayoucityartfestival.com 713/521-0133

24—GALVESTON: Say Goodnight, Gracie The Life, Laughter & Love of George Burns & Gracie Allen Begins at 8 p.m. The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894

24—LOS FRESNOS: Junior Angler Education Workshop Children between the ages of 7 and 14 can learn the basics of traditional fishing. Begins at 9 a.m. Reservations required. Liberty Memorial Middle School. 956/882-8979

24-25—NURSERY: Seventh Annual Small Engine, Antique Truck & Tractor Show Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Hwy. 87, seven miles northwest of Victoria. E-mail: pereida@tisd.net 361/578-8484

25—KATY: Annual All Around Liar's Contest Anglers, hunters and liars are invited to share stories about the one that got away. Begins at 2 p.m. Bass Pro Shops. 281/644-2200

26—HOUSTON: Old World to New Texas Presented by the Houston Chamber Orchestra. Begins at 7:30 p.m. Zilkha Hall, The Hobby Center for the Performing Arts. www.uniquelyhouston.org 713/315-2525

26-Apr. 1—HOUSTON: Shell Houston Open Golf Tournament Some of the world's best golfers compete. Redstone Golf Club. 281/454-7000
29-31—BEAUMONT: Cinderella Julie Rogers Theatre. 409/892-0169

29-31—KINGSVILLE: International Isabel Scionti Piano Competition This event has been reorganized and offers bowed (string) and piano competition on a rotating schedule. Texas A&M University - Kingsville. www.kingsvillemusic.com 361/592-2374

29-Apr. 1—GALVESTON: Featherfest 2007 Includes expert-led workshops; field trips by foot, van, boat and kayak; some non-birding events; Saturday banquet at the Hotel Galvez; Birders Bazaar and more.

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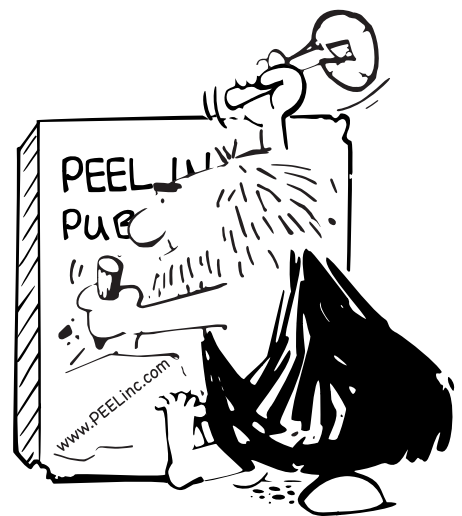
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29-Apr. 1—PORTLAND: Windfest Features a carnival, music, arts & crafts, chili cook-off, Dachshund Dash, golf tournament, 5-K run, parade, kite contest, kids fair and more. Friday is Tejano Tribute Day, Saturday is Texas Music Day and Sunday is Flashback '80s. Community Center. www.windfest.org 361/643-2475

29-Apr. 17—NASSAU BAY: Art Exhibition The Art Alliance Center at Clear Lake. www.taaccl.org 281/335-7777

31—DEER PARK: Easter Egg Hunt Enjoy an egg hunt, petting zoo, bunny bingo and more. Community Center. www.deerparktx.gov 281/478-2050

31—EL CAMPO: Hodge Podge Day Enjoy a citywide garage sale from 8 a.m. to noon at the El Campo Civic Center. 979/543-2713

31—FULTON: Joye's Follies Paws & Taws Convention Center. 361/790-9828

31—PEARLAND: Easter Egg'stravaganza Children can bring their baskets and join the bunny in Centennial Park. Includes inflatable games and activities, plus food vendors. Begins at 10 a.m. 3219 McLean Road. Rain date is 6 p.m. April 3. www.pearlandparks.com 281/652-1673

31-Apr. 1—HOUSTON: 12th Annual Bayou City Cajun Fest Live bands perform from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Enjoy shrimp etouffee, red beans and rice, fried boudin balls, seafood gumbo and spicy boiled crawfish. Traders Village. www.tradersvillage.com 281/890-5500

31-Apr. 1—HOUSTON: H-E-B Children's Festival Includes six entertainment stages, more than 350 games and 10 family adventure areas. 713/522-9723

31-Apr. 1—ROSENBERG: Spring Fling Car Show Revisit times gone by as proud owners cruise to Rosenberg to display their antique and classic cars. Knights of Columbus Hall. E-mail: br37chevy@ev1.net 713/774-2945

31-Apr. 1—TOMBALL: Tomball German Heritage Festival Includes a music street festival with ethnic German and Czech music and folk dancers. Old Town Tomball. E-mail: gradsand@yahoo.com • www.tomballsistercity.org 281/379-6844 or 713/829-7116

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An earthworm has five pairs of "hearts" in the front part of its body. The hearts help circulate the worm's blood.



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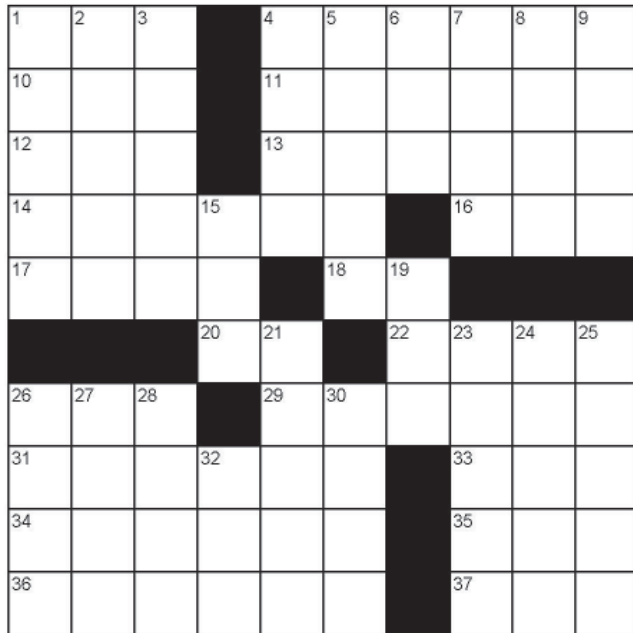


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12. Shade tree
13. Napkins
14. Filament
16. Shekel
17. Hula ____
18. Iowa (abbr.)
20. Man's title
22. Type of dressing
26. Short-term memory
29. Exodus
31. Hype
33. Airport abbr.
34. Glistening
35. Cask
36. Star system
37. South southeast

DOWN

1. Wood
2. Ice house
3. Fast food meal
4. Ashen
5. Excuse
6. Cocktail drink
7. Follow
8. Eaten
9. Association (abbr.)
15. Words per minute
19. Abridged (abbr.)
21. Become less tight
23. Onion like vegetables
24. Painter Richard
25. Utilization
26. Thick carpet
27. Roman cloaks
28. Gangster's girlfriend
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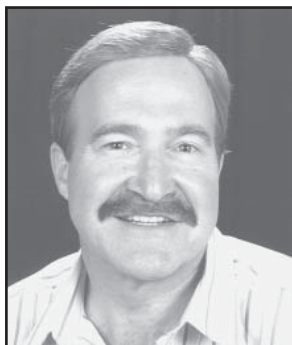
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