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Time to hit the water

Submitted by LCRA

*Have fun this summer but remember
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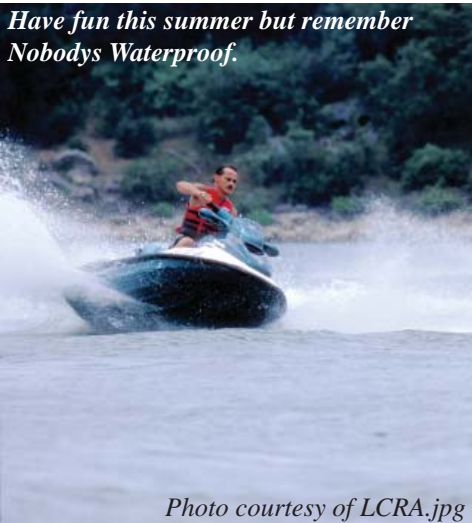


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Take the rains over the last two months. Mix with that the fact that the lakes are higher now than they have been during the drought.

What you have is a recipe for fun on the Highland Lakes. But that fun should be rooted in safety, especially as lake levels fluctuate and the number of boaters grows.

"Lakes Travis and Buchanan, the two biggest of the Highland Lakes, are water supply reservoirs," said Jim Richardson, LCRA's manager of Water Surface Management. "This means that their level is constantly fluctuating and it is very hard to learn the lake. Underwater dangers that were not there just a few days ago might be present today." So make sure you have a good map that shows the depths of the lake at various locations.

And slow down. "Slowing down will give the operator of the boat more time to avoid

a collision and take corrective action, if needed," Richardson said.

Jennifer Scharlach, boating and water safety coordinator for LCRA, suggested other precautions as well.

"The most important things to keep in mind are to always wear a life jacket, drink responsibly, know where you are on the lake, watch for your family and friends, have proper equipment, and know the rules and regulations of the lake," Scharlach said. Also, it is a good idea to consider what the weather will be like, the level of the lakes, and which boat ramps are open.

"It is very important to know your exact location in case you need to call for help," said Scharlach. "When you are on the lake and you need to call 9-1-1, make sure you know which mile marker is close to you. The dispatchers will not know where that yellow house with the red flag is. You also have to be able to describe your vessel and provide its hull number."

Both Scharlach and Richardson recommend that you use common sense and take precautions when enjoying one of the Highland Lakes. "We want you to have fun today and come back and enjoy the lake another day," added Scharlach. You can find more information on water safety and safe boating at <http://www.nobodyswaterproof.com/> and at <http://www.lcra.org/index.html>.

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Five to stay alive

1. **Always swim with a friend.** Recognize the signs of someone in trouble. Most drowning victims don't yell for help; instead, they panic and slip quietly under water.
2. **Always wear a life jacket.** And, don't overestimate your swimming abilities.
3. **Drink responsibly.** Many drowning accidents involve alcohol, which affects your coordination and judgment, especially when boating or swimming. Always drink lots of water.
4. **Boat safely.** Familiarize yourself with the lake, and be aware of your surroundings at all times.
5. **Have required equipment onboard.** And, make sure it works correctly!

*For more information, check out
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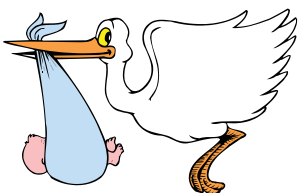


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Garage Doors Certainly are “Beasts of Burden”

Submitted by Bill Cook

One of the most ignored and overlooked maintenance components of your home is your garage door and opener. These “beasts of burden” are frequently ignored, neglected and taken for granted...that is until they stop working.

An average two-car garage door has nearly forty moving parts and weighs approximately 300 pounds. When in the up position, the door is usually 8 feet above the floor with your second most expensive investment parked directly underneath. Last year approximately 20,000 garage door related injuries were treated in America's emergency rooms.

Given these facts, proper maintenance and repair should be a higher priority on our never-ending “to do lists”.

Basic routine maintenance should be performed every six months to maximize performance and extend the life of the moving parts of your garage door(s). While repairs should be left to the professionals, the following activities should be completed every six months:

Door:

1. Lubricate hinge joints with a silicone-based lubricant. Be careful in selecting a product as many common spray lubricants are alcohol-based and can actually dry out moving parts.
2. Do not lubricate track and rollers. This common misconception only serves to attract dust particles and cause further wear.

While it does appear to be a short-term fix, over that short time, problems will become worse.

3. Release the door from the opener by disengaging the trolley (pull the red string down). * Raise the door to the halfway point. A properly balanced door should remain in that position. If the door falls or rises on its own this is a symptom of spring failure. Improperly balanced garage doors can cause opener and/or door damage. * Raise and lower the door manually. The door should require no more than ten pounds of force to raise. This is the maximum weight residential openers are designed to raise. Clacking, screeching or popping sounds also indicate moving parts failure. * Please Do Not attempt any repairs as certain garage door components can cause serious injury!

Opener:

1. Chain and belt drive openers should have a light coating of silicone-based lubricant sprayed on the boom (bar from the motor unit to the door) twice per year.
2. If the system has safety eye sensors (located at the bottom of the door tracks), make sure these are properly aligned and free of dust and debris. An obstruction could stop the opener from closing the door.

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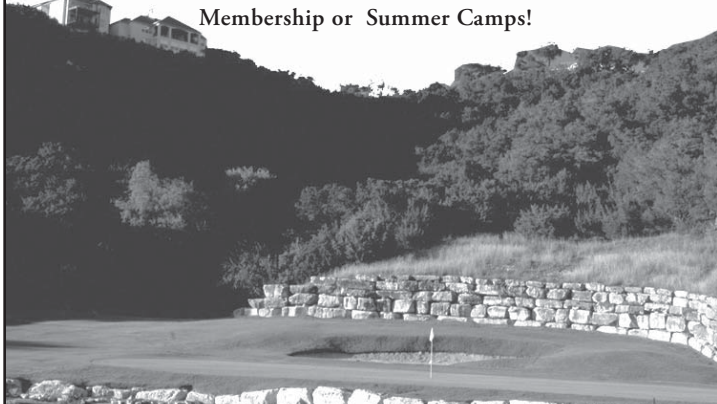
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April 24, 2007

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Whole Foods Market (525 N. Lamar Blvd) offers everything from groceries to home goods. Guests can also enjoy live music with "Music at the Market" on the outdoor rooftop patio every Thursday from 6-7:30 p.m. Featured bands include Kissinger, Betty Soo and other local favorites. www.wholefoodsmarket.com, 512-476-1206. Central Market (4001 N. Lamar Blvd.) hosts dinner and music on the patio, Fridays from 6:30-9 p.m. and Saturdays from 12:30-2 p.m. These free performances feature blues, Latin and more with such artists as White Ghost Shivers and Cienfuegos. Shoppers can even put on their dancing shoes and participate in a salsa dancing contest. www.centralmarket.com, 512-206-1000.

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Guero's Taco Bar (1412 South Congress Ave.) serves legendary margaritas and fresh corn tortillas with a side of live music, every Thursday through Sunday on the outdoor stage, weather permitting. Each Wednesday, enjoy the friendly atmosphere with Los Flames

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from 6:30-9:30 p.m. On Sundays, the menu features all-day breakfast items with music from 3-6 p.m. The third Thursday of every month features the FABS, and Johnny Gimble plays every fourth Thursday. www.guerostacobar.com, 512-447-7688.

The Oasis (6550 Comanche Trail), consistently named the best place in Texas to watch the sunset, is located 450 feet above Lake Travis and hosts music every Friday through Sunday from 7-10 p.m. Toast the setting sun with rock n' roll, salsa and dance music from the 70's, 80's and 90's. www.oasis-austin.com, 512-266-2442.

KGSR radio presents another season of an Austin tradition with Blues on the Green every other Wednesday evening, June 14-Aug. 23 from 7:30-9 p.m. at Zilker Park's Rock Island (2100 Barton Springs Road). Concert-goers can bring a blanket and picnic while watching the sunset over Town Lake and enjoying free performances from Ruthie Foster, Storyville, Jimmy Reed Highway and more. www.kgsr.com, 512-832-4000.

Austin Symphony gives back to the community with free Concerts in the Park, Sundays at 7:30 p.m. from June 3-Aug. 26. These free ensemble concerts, now in the fourth season at Wooldridge Park (9th and Guadalupe streets), feature selections from notable composers from Mozart to Ellington. In addition, Austin Symphony hosts Children's Day Art Park each Wednesday from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Symphony Square (11th and Red River streets) with local musicians,

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Musicians go acoustic for "Unplugged at the Grove" each Thursday at Shady Grove, 1624 Barton Springs Road. Performances at 8 p.m. on the restaurant's tree-shaded patio showcase Austin's diverse music scene with such acts as Bob Schneider, Patrice Pike and the South Austin Jug Band. www.theshadygrove.com, 512-474-9991.

Austin City Hall presents "Live from the Plaza" with free performances at noon every Friday. Such local acts as Carolyn Wonderland and Ruthie Foster jam as downtown workers, residents and visitors sample foods from vendors or munch on a packed lunch under the shaded awning. www.ci.austin.tx.us/music/live.htm, 512-974-9310.

From July 8-Aug. 5, Zilker Hillside Theatre presents its annual summer musical, "My Favorite Year". Reserve a seat with a blanket and a picnic starting at 6 p.m. Located at Zilker Park, across from Barton Springs Pool, the show takes place Thursdays through Sundays at 8:30 p.m. www.ci.austin.tx.us/zilker/, 512-477-5335.

The East End Summer Music Series and Backyard Blues Series bring jazz, gospel and blues back to Kenny Dorham's Backyard (1106 East 11th street) each Thursday at 8 p.m. A \$5 donation is suggested. www.diversearts.org, 512-477-9438.

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which brings together vendors, cultural groups and entertainers for an open-air market along East 11th Street on the fourth Friday of each month from 5:30-9 p.m. All this takes place from Branch to Navasota Streets with music and vendors at Kenny Dorham's Backyard. www.diversearts.org, 512-477-9438.

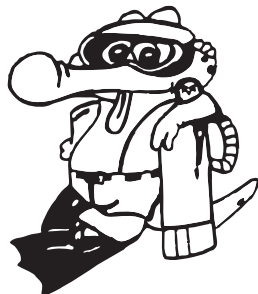
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Texas weather:

A hot summer, but conditions not as dry as last year

LCRA meteorologist Bob Rose shares his summer weather predictions



Bob Rose,
LCRA meteorologist.
Photo courtesy of LCRA.

Most long-time Texans will tell you it doesn't take a meteorologist to forecast Texas summer weather. It is going to be hot and generally dry with just occasional summer showers. Some summers work out that way but most come with surprise periods of rain, clouds and sometimes tropical storms out of the Gulf of Mexico.

This summer is shaping up to be one of those atypical summers. Overall, temperatures will be hot, but periods of rain will be more frequent than last year. Plus, there will be a greater than usual chance that Texas weather will be influenced by tropical storms and hurricanes from the Gulf of Mexico.

Weather conditions this summer will be influenced heavily by a moist flow of air off the Gulf of Mexico. Clouds and showers associated with this flow will produce periods of showers and thunderstorms throughout the summer. Long-range forecast solutions call for near-normal to slightly above-normal rainfall June through August due to occasional periods of rain and storms. Despite the rain, temperatures will be hot, with readings averaging slightly above normal. I do expect we'll see more than 10 days with temperatures above 100 degrees.

It's shaping up to be a busy year in the tropical Atlantic, with early forecasts pointing toward a well-above normal number of storms. The combination of favorable winds across the tropical Atlantic, unusually warm sea-surface temperatures and a developing La Nina phenomenon in the Pacific will cause the development of numerous storms from the Gulf of Mexico through the Caribbean. There is a higher-than-normal chance that storms will make landfall along the Gulf Coast, from Texas to Florida. Even a weak tropical depression or tropical storm could produce widespread flooding if it moves inland and tracks across Central Texas.

Yes, this summer will be hot — again. But hold on for some surprises.

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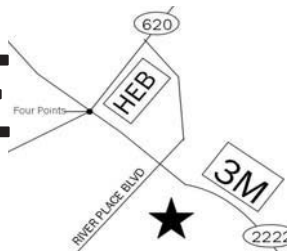
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hazardous waste free of charge to the Household Hazardous Waste Facility.

Staff at the facility will ensure that products are safely disposed of. Pouring chemicals down the drain, dumping them on the ground or putting them in your trash is dangerous!

The facility is open to residents of Austin and Travis County from noon to 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Businesses may drop off waste BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Please contact Mike Van Zandt at 974-4334 for details. Residents of Bastrop, Hays and Williamson Counties should contact their county offices to find out how they should dispose of their hazardous waste.

The facility is located at 2514 Business Center Drive, 78744.

How To Recycle Motor Oil

Motor oil is a hazardous waste and should never be put in the trash, poured down the drain or dumped on the ground. A single quart of motor oil can pollute 250,000 gallons of water.

Several businesses around town accept motor oil from the public free of charge for recycling. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality keeps track of these companies and has provided a list to Solid Waste Services. We recommend calling ahead to confirm the company is still accepting oil before dropping it off.

Please read the guidelines before dropping off motor oil at these companies. Remember that these businesses are offering their services voluntarily in order to protect our environment.

Guidelines

- Drop off used oil during regular business hours only.
- Store your used motor oil in a sealed, leak-proof container. The best option is a reusable combination drain pan and storage container.
- Do not mix motor oil with other automotive products.
- Bring only motor oil to the collection centers. The Household Hazardous Waste Facility can accept car batteries, oil filters and other automotive fluids, such as gasoline, brake fluid, transmission fluid, car wax, car polish and car batteries.
- These centers are for individuals only. Businesses should refer to the yellow pages for disposal options.
- Fill in the Do-It-Yourself Log Sheet with the date, your name, address, and quantity of oil recycled.
- Recycle no more than 5 gallons of used oil at any time.

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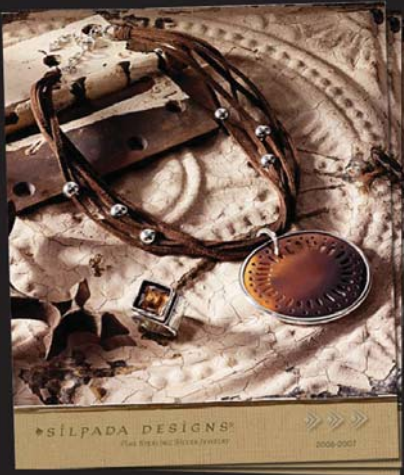
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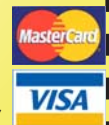
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Physical Activity and Health

Submitted By Alicia Harrison, Wild Basin Fitness

- Physical activity need not be strenuous to achieve health benefits.
- Men and women of all ages benefit from a moderate amount of daily physical activity. The same moderate amount of activity can be obtained in longer sessions of moderately intense activities (such as 30 minutes of brisk walking) as in shorter sessions of more strenuous activities (such as 15–20 minutes of jogging).
- Additional health benefits can be gained through greater amounts of physical activity. Adults who maintain a regular routine of physical activity that is of longer duration or of greater intensity are likely to derive greater benefit. However, because risk of injury also increases with greater amounts of activity, care should be taken to avoid excessive amounts.
- Previously sedentary people who begin physical activity programs should start with short sessions (5–10 minutes) of physical activity and gradually build up to the desired level of activity.
- Adults with chronic health problems, such as heart disease, diabetes, or obesity, or who are at high risk for these conditions should first consult a physician before beginning a new program of physical activity. Men over age 40 and women over age 50 who plan to begin a new program of vigorous activity should consult a physician to be sure they do not have heart disease or other health problems.

Facts

- More than 60 percent of U.S. adults do not engage in the recommended amount of activity.
- Approximately 25 percent of U.S. adults are not active at all.
- Physical inactivity is more common among:
 - Women than men.
 - African American and Hispanic adults than whites.
 - Older than younger adults.
 - Less affluent than more affluent people.
- Social support from family and friends has been consistently and positively related to regular physical activity.

Benefits of Being Physically Active

- Reduces the risk of dying from coronary heart disease and of developing high blood pressure, colon cancer, and diabetes.
- Can help reduce blood pressure in some people with hypertension.
- Helps maintain healthy bones, muscles, and joints.
- Reduces symptoms of anxiety and depression and fosters improvements in mood and feelings of well-being.
- Helps control weight, develop lean muscle, and reduce body fat.

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Pilates and the Performance Benefits for Golf

By Jackie Mohr

Pilates is one of the fastest growing fitness activities. It is an exercise regiment that stresses strengthening the core muscles which keeps the body posture well balanced and is essential to providing support for the spine to prevent back pain. People are discovering Pilates exercise is not only beneficial in every day activities but also improves performance in various sports such as Golf. Pilates consists of exercises initiating from the muscles of the abdomen, lower back, hips and buttocks. It is a great core workout and a perfect way for golfers to strengthen, stretch and gain more flexibility in their back and abdominal muscles.

According to a report stated in "USA Today" many professional golfers have found that the combination of strengthening and flexibility that Pilates offers has helped them to reduce injury and improve their Golf game. Per this report, "PGA Tour Pro Rocco Mediate found that using Pilates helped him improve his game and extend his career. After major back surgery in 1994 Mediate says he wasn't the same. He couldn't bend over for long periods of time to practice putting, and his back always went out after lengthy plane trips."

A customized Pilates routine got him back to enjoying competitive golf. He stated "After a week I was turned around". "After two weeks I felt like I never felt before". Pilates never compromises your back,

and increased more motion in his shoulders, midsection and legs. For the golfer, Pilates helps to balance the body against the forces of the golf swing. It helps create manageable torque in the spine because you are more comfortable swinging from your core and not from your limbs. Pilates allows for strengthening of muscles without adding muscle mass and that encourages better flexibility and balance.

In golf, the power in the swing is the result of the correct weight transfer from club take away to follow through. Core strength with flexibility allows for better weight transfer as the hips and shoulders torque then release in a balanced rhythm and tempo. The result is more ball flight distance and accuracy. Without core strength and flexibility compensations during the golf swing with hands and arms doom the ball fight to poor results. Yoga and Pilates naturally build long lean muscles that are ideal for generating the kind of power needed for long and accurate drives.

As Director of Fitness at River Place Country Club I have seen a growth in the number of people interested in Pilates classes and it benefits. As a result River Place Country Club now offers a wide range of specialty Pilates classes for its members including Pilates on the Ball and Pilates for Golfers. Take a Pilates class and see if it makes a difference in your life and in your game. The benefits are noticeable with just one class!



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Austin Recognized as One of Top 25 Cities in America

City Ranked as 2nd Most Popular Overall in 2004

AUSTIN, TX - Travel + Leisure magazine and CNN Headline News have released the 2007 survey of "America's Favorite Cities." After ranking second as the overall favorite city in the 2004 poll, Austin again appears among the country's most popular destinations. Dallas/Fort Worth and San Antonio also make the list, as do Honolulu, New York, San Francisco, San Diego, Nashville and Santa Fe.

Travelers are asked to vote for their favorites at both www.cnn.com/travel and www.travelandleisure.com/afc. Voting continues through July 15. During this time, Travel + Leisure editors profile the cities on CNN Headline News' morning show "Robin & Company." Austin's profile is on the schedule for June 8, along with Portland and Seattle. Viewers can also submit their own pictures and video of Austin through

CNN.com's I-Report. Survey results will be announced on CNN Headline News and via the websites on Oct. 10, as well as in the November issue of Travel + Leisure.

The surveys rate the cities on such variables as cleanliness (Austin scored 7th in the '04 poll), attractiveness, weather, peace and quiet, shopping (at #25 Austin placed at the bottom in the last poll), romance, sexiness, outdoor activities and eating out (again, Austin previously came in last). Despite two last-place finishes, however, Austin scored a total of 85 points to trail only behind Honolulu with 88 points as "America's Favorite City." San Antonio came in fourth, and the last-place finisher in '04 was Washington, DC. Houston, which made the list at #21, is not included in this year's survey.

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Austin Historic Preservation

EVENTS

- **Through November 1: Historic Walking Tours**

Downtown Austin - Step back in time to journey through more than a century of Austin history and architecture. The Capitol Grounds tour takes place Saturday at 2 p.m. or Sunday at 9 a.m.; Bremond Block tour, Saturday and Sunday at 11 a.m.; Congress Avenue and East Sixth Street Tour, Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 9 a.m., Sunday at 2 p.m. 512-478-0098, www.austintexas.org

HISTORIC ATTRACTIONS

- **Austin History Center**

Ninth and Guadalupe Streets - The center houses the historical collection of the city of Austin and Travis County from 1839 through today. Check out the extensive photo archive. 512-974-7480, www.ci.austin.tx.us/library/ahc/

- **Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum**

1800 Congress Avenue - Discover the rich history of the Lone Star State with three floors of interactive exhibits, a special-effects show and Austin's only IMAX Theatre. A special exhibit, "Made to Walk the Skies: Texas & Space Travel," opens May 26 and explores the role of Texas and Texans in space travel. The museum is open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday, 12-6 p.m. 512-936-8746, www.thestoryoftexas.com

- **Capitol Visitors Center**

112 East 11th Street - The Capitol Visitors Center occupies the restored 1856 General Land Office Building. The three-story structure exemplifies mid-19th century medieval-style architecture and is the oldest state office building in Texas. Visitors can stop by to purchase souvenirs and learn about famous Texans and historic buildings. 512-305-8400, www.texascapitolvisitorscenter.com

- **Daniel H. Caswell House**

1404 West Avenue - Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Caswell House was built in 1899 as the home of a prominent Austin family. It showcases both Victorian and Colonial Revivalist architecture, boasting a turret, spiral staircase and expansive porches. 512-472-0779, www.caswellhouse.org

- **The Driskill Hotel**

604 Brazos Street - Built in 1886 as the showplace of cattle baron and Colonel Jesse Driskill, this historic property was recently restored to its original grandeur. From Texas Governor Sul Ross' inaugural ball in 1887 to Lyndon Johnson's first date with Lady Bird in 1934 and beyond, The Driskill stands as a modern monument to local history. 512-474-5911, www.driskillhotel.com

- **Elisabet Ney Museum**

304 E. 44th Street - One of the oldest museums in Texas, this landmark is the former studio of 19th-century sculptor Elisabet Ney. The life-size statues of Stephen F. Austin and Sam Houston that welcome visitors to the Texas Capitol are some of her most famous works. The museum is open Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, noon-5 p.m. 512-458-2255, www.ci.austin.tx.us/elisabetney/

- **French Legation**

802 San Marcos Street - Built in 1841, the French Legation is

one of Austin's oldest standing buildings. The home to the former French representative to the Republic of Texas was restored in the 1950's. Hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 1-5 p.m. 512-472-8180, www.frenchlegationmuseum.org

- **George Washington Carver Museum & Cultural Center**

1165 Angelina Street - The museum, built in 1926 as Austin's first library, promotes local African-American history and achievement. Named for notable scientist George Washington Carver, this was the first African-American museum in the state. Hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m. and Saturday, 1-5 p.m. 512-974-4926, www.ci.austin.tx.us/carver/

- **Grove Drug Building**

209 E. Sixth Street - The distinctive architecture of the Grove Drug building, built in 1874, features the city's first neon sign and now houses the Austin Visitor Center. 512-478-0098, www.austintexas.org

- **Jourdan-Bachman Pioneer Farms**

10621 Pioneer Farms Drive - Return to life on a working turn-of-the-century farm. Upcoming events include "Daily Life on the Rural Prairie," a quilting bee, Maypole dance, Juneteenth celebration and Texas cultures day, held on the first Saturday of each month. 512-837-1215, www.pioneerfarms.org

- **LBJ Library & Museum**

2312 Red River Street - In addition to the permanent exhibits honoring the 36th President, the LBJ Library features a special exhibit, "Power to the People: The Electrification of Rural Texas," through May 28. This free exhibit is open daily from 9 am-5 p.m. and chronicles Johnson's campaign to light up Texas in a time when electricity was still a luxury. 512-721-0200, www.lbjlib.utexas.edu

- **Lyndon Baines Johnson National Historic Park**

Johnson City, TX - This park tells the story of former President Lyndon Johnson, from his ancestors through his legacy. Visitors can hike the grounds, take guided tours of Johnson's boyhood home, explore exhibits and more. The park is open daily, 8:45 a.m.-5 p.m. 830-868-7128, ext. 244, www.nps.gov/lyjo/index.htm

- **Madison Cabin**

Rosewood Park, 2300 Rosewood Avenue - The log cabin was home to pioneer Henry Green Madison from 1843-1912. Located in Rosewood Park, the cabin houses historic documents and items from Austin's Black heritage. 512-472-6838, www.ci.austin.tx.us/parks/rosewood.htm

- **Moonlight Towers**

Downtown - Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Austin is the only city in the United States where the tall towers that once lit the city at night still stand. Of the original 31 towers installed in 1894 throughout the city, 17 still remain. www.austinpostcard.com/moontower.html

- **Neill-Cochran House Museum**

2310 San Gabriel Street - Built in 1855 as a suburban estate, the house sheltered Confederate troops and served as a hospital during the Civil War. The cost is \$5 for general

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admission, Tuesday through Saturday from 2-5 p.m. 512-478-2335, www.neill-cochranmuseum.org

• O. Henry Museum

409 E. Fifth Street - Visit the restored home of William Sidney Porter, the author who became famous under the pseudonym of O. Henry, to view artifacts and original documents. The museum is open Wednesday through Sunday, noon-5 p.m. 512-472-1903, www.ci.austin.tx.us/parks/ohenry.htm

• Old Bakery & Emporium

1006 Congress Avenue - This former bakery, built in 1876, now serves as a community center where senior citizens operate a noontime cafe and sell handmade crafts. Open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 512-477-5961, www.ci.austin.tx.us/parks/bakery1.htm

• St. Mary's Cathedral

203 E. Tenth Street - Built in 1872, this was the first church to be designed by noted Victorian architect Nicholas Clayton, who eventually became best known for his ecclesiastical structures. A natural theme is evoked with tree-like columns with foliage-carved capitals, vines and leaves in murals, and pointed arches that resemble mountains. Mass times vary by day; sanctuary remains open for touring. 512-476-6182, www.saintmaryscathedral.org

• Texas Governor's Mansion

1010 Colorado Street - Since 1856, the mansion has housed Texas

governors including Sam Houston, Ann Richards and George W. Bush. In 1982, the mansion was completely restored and now displays furniture and artwork collected by all of its residents. Tours are every 20 minutes, Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m.-11:40 a.m. Reservations required. 512-463-0063, www.txfgm.org

• Texas State Capitol

11th Street and Congress Avenue - The Texas State Capitol is often lauded for achievements in architecture. Made of "Sunset Red" granite, the classic Renaissance Revival-style building was placed on the National List of Historic Places in 1970. Texas paid for the building, not in dollars, but with three million acres of panhandle land. 512-463-5495, www.tspb.state.tx.us

• Texas State Cemetery

909 Navasota Street - Since 1854, Texas governors, legislators, war heroes and other notables have been laid to rest here. The gallery and visitors center are open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. 512-463-0605, www.cemetery.state.tx.us/

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- 10—KERRVILLE: Second Sunday Summer Serenade Harry & the Hightones perform a free concert in the park. Louise Hays Park. www.bankofthehills.com 830/895-2265
- 13—NEW BRAUNFELS: Comal Country Music Show Doors open at 6 p.m. 380 S. Seguin Ave. 830/629-4547
- 14—AUSTIN: Hot Time in the City Grand tasting of Texas wines and cuisine by Austin's top chefs. Four Seasons Hotel. www.winefoodfoundation.org 512/327-7555
- 14-16—SAN SABA: 67th Annual Rodeo Includes county team roping, full rodeo, dances each night, 10 a.m. Saturday parade and more. Rodeo Arena. www.sansabachamber.com 325/372-5141
- 14-30—INGRAM: Tom Sawyer Offers adventure, mystery and comedy. Smith-Ritch Outdoor Theater, Hwy. 39. www.hcaf.com 830/367-5120
- 15—AUSTIN: John Hammond Quartet One World Theatre. www.oneworldtheatre.org 512/329-6753
- 15-16—LAMPASAS: Lampasas Riata Roundup 512/556-5172
- 15-16—STONEWALL: Stonewall Peach Jamboree & Rodeo Features rodeo performances at 8 p.m. followed by a dance. Includes a peach judging, peach queen contest, barbecue and more. Stonewall Rodeo Ground. www.stonewalltexas.com 830/644-2735
- 15-17—BOERNE: Berges Fest Celebration includes a parade, live entertainment, food, watermelon-eating contest, egg toss, weenie dog race, lawnmower races, carnival, dance and a queen contest. Downtown Boerne. www.visitboerne.org 830/229-5230 or 210/240-3398
- 15-17—FREDERICKSBURG: Trade Days Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Hwy. 290 E. www.fbgtradedays.com 830/990-4900
- 16—AUSTIN: Robin Hood One World Theatre. www.oneworldtheatre.org 512/329-6753
- 16—AUSTIN: Family Fishing Celebration Kids, ages 6 to 13, become Certified Junior Anglers and go fishing. Registration required. McKinney Falls State Park. 512/243-1643
- 16—AUSTIN: Lake Travis Parks Cleanup Help clean up nine parks. www.keeapaustinbeautiful.org 512/391-0617
- 16—BERTRAM: Quasiquicentennial/Bertram's 125th Birthday Includes a parade, pony rides, arts & crafts vendors, quilt raffle, Model A car display and more. E-mail: ccross91@yahoo.com 512/355-3473
- 16—BLANCO: Market Day Old Blanco County Courthouse, 301 Main St. www.historicblanco.org 830/833-2211
- 16—BOERNE: Cibolo Songs & Stories Enjoy Our Religion, offering music that reflects a multitude of influences. Cibolo Nature Center. www.visitboerne.org 830/249-4616
- 16—SAN MARCOS: Juneteenth Celebrations Enjoy the oldest known annual celebration of the ending of slavery. www.toursanmarcos.com 888/200-5620
- 16—STONEWALL: Sauer-Beckmann Living History Farm Celebrates with the Stonewall Peach Jamboree See hands-on activities such as blacksmithing, rope making, soap making, clothes washing, quilting and other interpretive activities. Lyndon B. Johnson State Park & Historic Site. 830/644-2252
- 16-17—ANDICE: Andice Crafters Fair 254/793-9438
- 16-17—AUSTIN: Citywide Garage Sale Palmer Events Center. E-mail: info@cwgs.com • www.cwgs.com 512/441-2828
- 16-17—GRUENE: Old Gruene Market Days Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. www.gruenemarketdays.com 830/832-1721
- 19—BOERNE: Abendkonzerte Concert with the Boerne Village Band. Main Plaza. www.visitboerne.org 830/249-7277
- 21-Jul. 7—KERRVILLE: Guys & Dolls Kathleen C. Cailloux Theater. www.caillouxtheater.com 830/896-9393
- 22—AUSTIN: Hal Ketchum One World Theatre. www.oneworldtheatre.org 512/329-6753
- 22-23—BURNET: Burnet Rodeo Burnet Fair & Rodeo Arena. E-mail: info@burnetchamber.org 512/756-6642
- 22-Jul. 14—ROUND ROCK: The Actor's Nightmare & Sister Mary Ignatius Explains It All for You Sam Bass Community Theatre. www.sambasstheatre.org 512/244-0440
- 23—AUSTIN: Hill Country Doll Show & Sale Includes collectible dolls, supplies, books and more. Travis County Expo Center Banquet Hall. www.dollr.com 830/606-5868
- 23—AUSTIN: The Subaru Urban Assault Race Combines adventure and skill as teams embark on a scavenger hunt involving both physical and mental challenges. RunTex. www.urbanassaulttrace.com 512/472-3254
- 23—BANDERA: RiverFest Includes river activities, arts & crafts, children's activities, music and more. Bandera City Park. www.banderariverfest.com 830/796-4447
- 23—FLORENCE: Friendship Day 512/775-7395
- 23—KERRVILLE: Kerr County Market Day Kerr County Courthouse Square. www.kerrmarketdays.org 830/792-4655
- 23-24—AUSTIN: Celebrando 2007 Puerto Rican Folkloric Dance showcases dance masters and their company members with PRFD's dancers and musicians. Akins High School Fine Arts Center. www.prfdance.org 512/251-8122
- 23-24—BURNET: Texas Hill Country Railfair & Festival Features railroad-type items, miniature railroad displays, train rides and vendors. Burnet Community Center. www.austinsteamtrain.org 512/477-8468 or 512/756-4297
- 23, 30—BOERNE: Shakespeare in the Park Features The Merry Wives of Windsor. Cibolo Nature Center. www.visitboerne.org 830/249-4616
- 23-24—AUSTIN: 11th Annual All Artist Teddy Bear Show & Sale Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Holiday Inn Town Lake, 20 N. I-35. www.lulubears.com 512/280-8760
- 24—AUSTIN: Stanley Jordan www.oneworldtheatre.org 512/329-6753
- 24—HONDO: St. John's Catholic Church Annual Festival Includes contests, music, games, plants, rummage sale, cake wheel, fish pond and more. Medina County Fair Hall. E-mail: hondochamber@sbcglobal.net
- 24—ROUND ROCK: Texas Swedish Pioneer Association 90th Year Anniversary Meeting & Celebration Includes an organ concert at 2 p.m., a program of song and the Gulf Coast Scandinavian Dancers from Houston performing Swedish folk dances. Palm Valley Lutheran Church. 512/282-1083
- 26—HONDO: Medina County Extension Crops Tour 830/741-6180
- 28—BOERNE: Boerne Concert Band Main Plaza. E-mail: wendy@visitboerne.org • www.visitboerne.org 830/249-7277
- 28—MASON: Country Opry Features Tommy Horton. Odeon Theater. www.hillbillyhits.com 325/597-2119
- 29—BANDERA: Jam Session Begins at 6:30 p.m. 830/796-4447
- 29-30—AUSTIN: Strings Attached Series The Best of Pink Floyd. www.stringsattached.org 866/235-0270
- 30—AUSTIN: Heart of Texas Red, White & Blues Festival Local and national blues artists gather for an early Independence Day celebration and jam. Waterloo Park. www.redwhiteandbluesfestival.com
- 30—BURNET: Happy Birthday USA Bicycle Parade Begins at 11 a.m. Inks Lake State Park. 512/793-2223
- 30—FREDERICKSBURG: Roots Music Concert The Pioneer Museum. www.pioneermuseum.com 830/997-2835
- 30—KYLE: Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks Show Fireworks end a fun-filled day. Play horseshoes, washers, basketball or tennis or just relax. Gregg-Clarke Park. www.cityofkyle.com 512/262-3939

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