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Steiner Ranch Kick-Off for a Cause Charity Event June 23, 2007



Locally owned and operated business Diaper Baggies, founded and run by Steiner Ranch resident Tasha R. Collier, hosted a delightful charity event benefiting the Ronald McDonald House of Austin, recently for the Steiner Ranch community. In a wonderful show of support, the community turned out in full force! The event began with a little rain, but that quickly cleared up and the real giving began! This exciting event featured multiple family fun activities, including a moonwalk jumper, cake-walk, snowcones from Shivers-just down the street!, a petting zoo with pony rides, live musical performances by Meg Groves and Chelsey Raye, an extensive raffle lasting through the entire event, and free food and drinks. The biggest thrill for the kids however, was easily

the FunBus which allowed for many kiddos to tumble and roll to their hearts delight! The cake-walk and raffle were also a huge success, with lots of people leaving with big smiles!

Representing the Ronald McDonald House of Austin was Derrick Lesnau their House Operations Manager. Mr. Lesnau was happy to discuss the House operations and provided information on volunteer opportunities, donation options and just general Ronald McDonald House questions. He even signed some community members to volunteer at the House! Mr. Lesnau, Tasha R. Collier-the founder of Diaper Baggies, hosting company, and Meghan L. Coynerwho provides Public Relations services for Diaper Baggies, organized and ran the event that lasted from 11am to 3pm. Held at the Steiner Ranch Town Square Community Center and Pavilion, this event received amazing support and contributions from a multitude of local businesses, including many of the businesses in Steiner Ranch. The community itself, on the day of the event, also contributed generously through both cash donations, as well as, through physical "wish-list" items for the House. This event not only helped to highlight the generosity and kindness of local businesses, but perhaps even more importantly, the potential for giving a community like Steiner Ranch truly has. Thanks to the support and compassion of the Steiner Ranch business community and Steiner Ranch community this event was a complete and wonderful success!

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Cub Scout Recruiting Coming to Area Schools

By Charles Mead

Families have as many choices as ever when it comes to spending their free time together. But few of those choices will offer parents fun for their children, while allowing mom and dad to get involved, too. Scouting can offer all this – plus access and opportunity to people and experiences that can help your child succeed in the future.

The start of the school year is a great time for families who are interested in getting started in Scouting, as school districts across Central Texas offer "Join Cub Scouting Nights" at their elementary school campuses. Join Cub Scouting Nights offer families of boys in the first through fifth grades the chance to find out what Scouting is all about, and ask leaders questions.

"Scouts get out of the house and have fun with friends," says Capitol Area Council President, Winston Krause. "A child can try so many new things in Scouting, and moms and dads can be there with their children as they figure out what they like and what they don't. The most important thing is that no matter what a Scout tries, he promises to do his best."

Scouting aims to serve families in many ways, now and in the future. According to research by Harris Interactive, men who were Scouts are more likely than men who were never Scouts to graduate from high school and college, earn a higher annual household income, value family relationships, have lifelong friendships and believe in helping others. "I like what they have taught my son, in teaching him how to be a leader," says Sandra Conrad, mother and Scout leader. "He's learned leadership skills and he has the tools and he can move forward from here."

Cub Scouts and their families can take advantage of the Capitol Area Council's new 150-acre "Cub World" facility at Camp Tom Wooten, on the LCRA Lost Pines Scout Reservation in Bastrop. Every new Scout that joins this August or September will receive a free Pinewood Derby car kit courtesy of Gatti's Pizza - and will be invited to an exclusive practice of the University of Texas Longhorn football team, hosted by former Scout, Mack Brown.

For more information about Scouting or Join Cub Scouting Night, go online to www.bsacac.org and look for the "Join Cub Scouting Night"

link on the home page. If you don't see information for the Join Cub Scouting Night at your child's school, contact James Johnson at (512) 926-6363 ext. 33 or jajohnso@bsamail. org.







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Lake Travis, Mansfield Dam Spare Austin From Blunt of Recent Floods

Submitted by LCRA



Four floodgates were open at Mansfield Dam.

Thanks to Lake Travis and Mansfield Dam, Austin has been spared the brunt of what state emergency officials call the most extensive flooding in 50 years.

Built and managed by the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA), Lake Travis captured and stored roughly 700,000 acrefeet – more than 228 billion gallons – of floodwaters that resulted from torrential rains in the Hill Country in late June, including a 19-inch rain in the Marble Falls area.

Before Mansfield Dam was completed in the early 1940s, such floodwaters would flow uncontrolled down the Colorado River channel, cutting Austin in half and sweeping away anyone and anything in its path.

One flood in April 1900 destroyed the original Austin Dam, built just a few years earlier. Basinwide, the flood claimed 47 lives and caused the equivalent of \$327 million of property damages in today's dollars.



Debris and high water from floodwaters make the lakes unsafe for recreational boating.

Unfortunately, floods of this magnitude were a frequent occurrence, which eventually led to the construction by LCRA of Mansfield Dam, which forms Lake Travis, from 1937 to 1942, as part of its mission of protecting people, property and the environment.

Of the six Highland Lakes created by LCRA from 1935 to 1951, Lake Travis is the only one that is specifically designed to hold Hill Country stormwaters that can cause horrendous flooding. The 266foot-high Mansfield Dam joins with the Colorado River's high canyon walls to form a giant holding area, called a "flood pool," where LCRA can store floodwaters until they can be released in a controlled manner downstream.

This gigantic holding pool is necessary, as all storm runoff from a 15,000-square-mile area in West and Central Texas eventually flows into the Colorado River – and into Lake Travis.



Water rushes into Lake Austin from floodgate operations in Mansfield Dam.

During the peak of the flooding in late June, floodwaters were flowing into Lake Travis at the rate of about 250,000 cubic feet per second (cfs), or about 162 billion gallons a day. Because of floodgate operations by LCRA, the amount of releases through Mansfield Dam was only about 26,000-30,000 cfs, enough to fill the river channel while keeping the floodwaters in check.

As of July 6 the rains of late June and early July had caused Lake Travis to peak at 701.52 feet above mean sea level (msl) – more than 20 feet above the lake's full elevation into its flood pool. This is the lake's fifth highest all-time peak elevation, almost 9 feet below the all-time high of 710.4 feet msl set during the Christmas Flood of 1991.

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National Night Out Reminder

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Key Dates

First Day of School	Aug. 27
Last Day, First Semester	Jan. 11
First Day, Second Semester	Jan. 14
Last Student Day	June 5

Holidays

Sept. 3
Nov. 19 - 23
Dec. 21 - Jan. 2
March 10 - 14
March 21
April 11
May 26

TAKS Testing Dates

Oct. 16-19	Exit-level TAKS
Jan. 21-Feb.8	TAKS Field Tests
Feb. 19	TAKS Reading (3,5,8 &9);
TAKS E	nglish/Language Arts (10&exit);
TAKS	Writing (4&7)
Feb. 19-22	Exit-level TAKS
April 8	
April 22	TAKS Math (3,4,6-7&10)
April 23	TAKS Reading (4&6-7);
TAKS	Reading Retest (3,5&8)
April 24	TAKS Science (5,8,10 & exit);
TAKS	Math (9)
April 25	TAKS Social Studies (8,10&exit)
May 13	

	Calendar Key
	Student/Teacher Holiday
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Aug. 6th - Evening Registration from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Aug. 6th – Pre-Packaged School Supplies cost is \$27.00

Aug. 16th - New Family Orientation at 6:30 pm

Aug. 23rd – Open House Grades 1 and 2 - 5:30 - 6:15 pm Grades 3, 4, and 5 - 6:15 - 7:00 pm

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Upcoming Events and Important Information:

- June 13 August 3 Office Closed Aug. 6th - Office Open 8 am - Noon and 1pm-5pm
- Monday Thursday Aug. 6th - 8:00 am - School Supply Sale
- Aug. 6th 6:30 7:30 pm Evening Student Registration
- Aug. 14th 6:30 pm Newcomers Skate Party at Round Rock Rink
- Aug. 16th 6:30 pm New Family Orientation
- Aug. 22nd 2:00 4:00 pm LWBE Kindergarten Camp
- Aug. 23rd 5:30 7:00 pm LISD Elementary Open House
- Aug. 27th First Day of School
- Aug. 27th 31st Dismissal at 2:35 pm

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Garage Doors: All Are NOT the Same

Most homeowners think all garage doors are the same. This misunderstanding leads many to spend money on "value priced" products which a year or two down the road turn one's situation into the typical throwing good money after bad scenario.

Over the course of the last 15 years garage door manufacturers have generally adopted a business strategy based on price competition. While this appears to benefit the homeowner for the initial purchase, cost savings are achieved at the expense of quality.

While most doors have similar outward appearances, the cost savings desired are achieved by reducing the quality and caliber of critical steel components on the inside. In most cases today critical moving parts are substituted with plastic Submitted by Kat Brogden

components. Most of these components tend to fail within the first year of use.

A few guidelines when selecting residential garage doors:

Steel doors generally come in 26, 25 and 24 gauge thick nesses. The 24 gauge is the thickest exterior while 26 gauge is something akin to a soda can. A 24-gauge door will last longer, resist dents and be less noisy than the other two.

Door exteriors generally have a 10, 15 and 30-year warranty against rust, paint fading and chipping.

The door hardware (hinges, springs, rollers and other interior moving parts are warranted by the manufacturer for one year. In many cases the parts will require replacement in 13 to 24 months. While these components can be manufactured to last much longer, this does not allow the manufacturer to offer value priced products.

Other cost reduction strategies used by the industry include the use of installers with limited experience, use of one spring instead of two on larger doors, use of extension springs instead of torsion springs and in some cases installation of used parts.

Many service companies sell doors over the phone. This creates a significant potential for surprises, hidden costs and mistakes. In home discussions will avoid these surprises and assure that you select the right door and color for your home

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August 10th	The Gourds
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August 12th	Jimmy LaFave
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August 16th	Texas Renegade
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August 18th	Ian Moore
Antone's	
August 24th	Reckless Kelly
Stubb's BBQ	-

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Parents Fight Childhood Obesity with Personal Trainers

Submitted by Alica Harrison

Nearly a million children nationwide are trading in their video games and TV for personal trainers and gym memberships. In an effort to fight childhood obesity or improve their sports performance, parents around the country have turned to personal trainers.

According to the International Health, Racquet and Sporstclub Association, 824,000 children between the ages of 6 and 17 regularly use a personal trainer. Hiring a personal trainer for your child may seem excessive but many parents are willing to spend the money to improve their children's eating and fitness habits.

"Trying to start exercise at an early age is so important, especially because a lot of programs in schools throughout the US have been cutting back physical education programs," says Rosemary Lavery, spokesperson for IHRSA. "Personal trainers are able to give people a focus."

"We are seeing children that are out of shape where their parents realize the exercise program needs to be safe and effective," adds Joe Moore, president of IHRSA. "A personal trainer is a good way to make sure that the criteria are met."

Childhood obesity continues to rise in the US. Nearly 1 in 3 children in the US are overweight, up from 6.5% in the 1970s, according to the US Centers for Disease Control. And with the sedentary lifestyle adopted by so many in our country, those numbers are likely to continue to increase.

In an article for the Associated Press, Kathleen Ballew decided her 7-year-old son needed some help from a personal trainer. Though involved in soccer and karate, Ballew noticed that he needed help with balance and coordination and was worried that her son was already a little overweight.

"I just want to get him in the habit of making exercise part of a daily routine," said Ballew.

"In addition to the obvious health benefits, children also build self-confidence and gain a growing sense of accomplishment when they improve their physical abilities," says Kirk Leavell, personal trainer and owner of Wild Basin Fitness. "A good personal trainer motivates their clients while providing a well-rounded, professional workout."



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2 t. soda

4 cups corn flakes

1 cup chopped pecans

2 cups butter or margarine

- 3 cups flour
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Cream sugar and butter. Add dry ingredients. Then, fold in corn flakes and nuts. Roll into balls and bake at 350° for 10 to 15 minutes.

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Get Into the Swim of Things

Are you ready to take the plunge and try a new fitness activity? How about water exercise? Also known as aquatics, water exercise is one of the best non-impact fitness activities around and just about anybody can participate. Pregnant women, the elderly or overweight, individuals with arthritis or those recovering from an injury can all benefit from the wide variety of aquatics classes currently available.

Get into the swim of things

Here are the facts: The buoyancy of water reduces the "weight" of a person by about 90 percent. This means that the stress on weightbearing joints, bones and muscles is similarly reduced. For this reason, it is unlikely that a water workout will result in injury or leave you with sore muscles. That's why the pool is such a great place for people with arthritis or back problems to exercise, and for those who are new to exercise.

But don't get the idea that just because it doesn't hurt, you can't get a great workout in the pool. Water exercise can encompass all of the components of fitness: cardiovascular fitness, muscular strength and endurance, and flexibility. And, when done regularly, water exercise can help reduce body fat.

Water works your heart

Aerobic workouts in the pool are perfect for those who find the same movements on land too jarring or painful: running, striding, kicking, leaping and even dancing. Keep in mind that in the water, heart rate will be reduced by as much as 17 beats per minute when compared to land exercise. That's why it's so important to pay attention to how you feel. Your heart rate might indicate that your intensity is too low when you are actually exercising quite strenuously.



Water adds resistance

The resistance of water is perfect for a strength-training workout - instead of weights, the water itself provides the resistance. One of the easiest ways to create resistance in the water is to cup your hands and push or pull the water away from you. Other devices, such as hand-held paddles and water chutes can increase the resistance to provide a more intense workout.

The flexible benefits of water

One of the greatest benefits of water exercise is its effect on flexibility. Water is a welcome environment for performing stretches that might otherwise be difficult on land. Because the effects of gravity are lessened, you can move your joints through a wider range of motion and achieve long-term flexibility.

Aquatics 101

Once you've decided to take the plunge, it's simply a matter of finding the right class for you. Check with your health club or YMCA to see if they offer aquatics classes and drop in on one or two to see if they are right for your fitness level. A good class should include a good warm up, a period of cardiovascular and muscle conditioning that gradually increases and then decreases in intensity, and a cool down. The cool down should include plenty of flexibility exercises for the entire body.

If you have a preference for music, find a class that suits your taste. Don't be afraid to ask about instructor qualifications and safety precautions. Your instructor should be certified and may also have special training in aquatic exercise.

The pool is a fun place to feel like a kid again and get a great workout. In fact, instead of feeling out of breath or exhausted, a water class can leave you feeling surprisingly calm, yet energetic. So, even if you're a dip-yourtoe-in-the-water type of person, don't be afraid to take the plunge into water fitness.



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August - September Events in Austin

- **2007 National Poetry Slam -** August 7, 2007 to August 11, 2007 A five day eruption of spoken word performance featuring eighty teams representing venues from across the globe. Plus free themed shows, workshops, performances, and more.
- Austin Bamboo Festival August 24, 2007 to August 25, 2007 This annual event features tours of the Taniguchi Japanese Garden, traditional dances, bamboo crafts and flute music
- Austin Chronicle Hot Sauce Festival August 26, 2007 Join amateurs and pros alike as they compete their hottest sauces in a taste-off. With categories for individuals, restaurants and commercial bottler's, there are plenty of hot sauces for festivalgoers to sample. The festival also includes live music, popular Austin restaurant vendors and merchants from across the Southwest selling cookbooks, fresh peppers, and chili pepper memorabilia.
- Austin BatFest September 1, 2007 to September 2, 2007 Two days of bat mania on the Congress Avenue Bridge includes more than 150 art and crafts and food booths, musical performances, bat education displays and, naturally, bat watching.
- Rehearsing the American Dream: Arthur Miller's Critical Theater - September 4, 2007 to January 1, 2008

The American playwright Arthur Miller (1915-2005) articulated an unparalleled engagement with his historical moment through such

plays as Death of a Salesman and The Crucible. The exhibition uses Miller's plays to explore conscience in its theatrical expression: as an intertwined and interdependent political and emotional life.

- Austin City Limits Music Festival Sept. 14, 2007 to Sept. 16, 2007 The annual Austin City Limits Music Festival will rock Zilker Park on Sept. 14–16, 2007. Each year, the Festival features more than 130 musical performances across multiple stages, giving fans a mix of rock, roots, gospel, bluegrass, funk and hip-hop, among other genres.
- **Moon Festival Celebration -** Sept. 22, 2007 to Sept. 23, 2007 Come celebrate the Moon Festival at Chinatown Center Austin.

This free two day event will have authentic Asian entertainment, vendors, prizes, a kid's area, and much more. Bring the whole family to be enchanted by this yearly lunar festival.

Ballet Austin Season Premiere: A Midsummer Night's Dream-September 27, 2007 to September 30, 2007

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Texas Events - August 2007

10—AUSTIN: California Guitar Trio One World Theatre. www. oneworldtheatre.org 512/329-6753

10—CASTROVILLE: Fiorella Friday Fiorella Street. 830/538-2349 10-12—MARBLE FALLS: LakeFest Drag Boat Race Watch more than 100 boats on a liquid quarter mile racing at speeds up to 200 mph. Lakeside Park & Johnson Park. www.marblefalls.org 800/759-8178 or 830/693-2815

11—BANDERA: Bandera Music Hall of Fame 2007 Inductees Honored Includes an afternoon of music at the Kronkosky Library. 800/364-3833

11—BOERNE: Cibolo Songs & Stories Featuring Peacefield — alternative, folk, rock and country. Cibolo Nature Center. www.visitboerne.org 830/249-4616

11—BURNET: Hot Dog! It's the Second Saturday Bluegrass Show Inks Lake State Park. 512/793-2223

11—BURNET: Simple Sounds Concert in the Cave Reservations required. Longhorn Cavern State Park. 877/441-2283 or 512/756-4680

11—CASTROVILLE: Market Trail Day Houston Square on Angelo Street. 830/741-2313

11—GEORGETOWN: Market Day Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Historic Downtown Georgetown. www.downtowngeorgetownassociation.com 512/868-8675

11—KERRVILLE: Second Saturday Art Trail Features art galleries in Kerrville and Ingram. Includes special exhibits and receptions. www. artinthehills.com 830/895-5184

11-LAMPASAS: Indian Artifact Show 512/556-5172

11-12—BOERNE: Market Days Main Plaza. www.visitboerne.org 830/249-5530

12—GRUENE: Gospel Brunch with a Texas Twist Gruene Hall. www. gruenehall.com 830/629-5077 or 830/606-1601

12—KERRVILLE: Second Sunday Summer Serenade The Sentimental Journey Orchestra performs. Louise Hays Park. www.bankofthehills.com 830/895-2265

16-18—JOHNSON CITY: Blanco County Fair & Rodeo Includes youth rodeo, junior lamb show, queen contest, parade, junior steer show, washer pitching contest, rodeo and dance. Blanco County Fairgrounds. www. lbjcountry.com 830/868-7684

16-Sep. 1—KERRVILLE: Cheaper by the Dozen Kathleen C. Cailloux Theater. www.caillouxtheater.com 830/896-9393

17-19—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

18—BLANCO: Market Day Old Blanco County Courthouse, 301 Main St. www.historicblanco.org 830/833-2211

18—FREDERICKSBURG: Roots Music Concert The Pioneer Museum. www.pioneermuseum.com 830/997-2835

18—ROUND ROCK: 5-K for Clay Run/walk begins at 8 a.m. Clay Madsen Recreation Center. www.5Kforclay.com 512/218-5540

18-19—ANDICE: Andice Crafters Fair 254/793-9438

18-19—AUSTIN: Citywide Garage Sale Palmer Events Center. E-mail: info@cwgs.com • www.cwgs.com 512/441-2828

18-19—GRUENE: Old Gruene Market Days Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. www.gruenemarketdays.com 830/832-1721

19—CASTROVILLE: 125th Annual St. Louis Day Includes barbecue plate. brisket, homemade sausage and all the trimmings. Koenig Park. 830/931-2826

21-26—BANDERA: Buck Sloan Old-Time Musicians Reunion Includes nightly jam sessions at Bandera Beverage Barn Pavilion. 800/364-3833

23—MASON: Country Opry Features Curtis Potter. Odeon Theater. www. hillbillyhits.com 325/597-2119

23-ROUND ROCK: Field of Dreams Tasting Enjoy a grand slam

tasting of fine wines and cuisine. Round Rock Express Ballpark. www. winefoodfoundation.org 512/327-7555

23-26—FREDERICKSBURG: Gillespie County Fair Old-fashioned country fair includes pari-mutuel horse racing, dancing, concerts, carnival and more. Gillespie County Fairgrounds. www.gillespiefair.com 830/997-2359

24—AUSTIN: Kenny Rankin One World Theatre. www.oneworldtheatre. org 512/329-6753

25—AUSTIN: Keep Austin Weird 5K & Free Concert Features one of Austin's only evening runs combined with music, food and drink. Auditorium Shores. www.keepaustinweird5K.com 512/448-2336

25—BIG LAKE: Santa Rita Days Enjoy all-day entertainment, games, arts & crafts, food vendors and ranch rodeo. Reagan County Park. www.biglaketx. com 325/884-2980

25—BOERNE: Cibolo Songs & Stories Features Nobuko — extraordinary jazz trio. Cibolo Nature Center. www.visitboerne.org 830/249-4616

25—FREDERICKSBURG: USO Hanger Dance Hangar Hotel, 155 Airport Road. www.hangarhotel.com 830/997-9990

25—KERRVILLE: Kerr County Market Day Courthouse Square. www. kerrmarketdays.org 830/792-4655

25—OZONA: 15th Annual Davy Crockett Festival Includes arts & crafts, food vendors, kids activities, dance at night in the Convention Center and more. Crockett County Fair Park & Convention Center. E-mail: davycrockettfestival@yahoo.com 325/392-2512

25-26—AUSTIN: Texas Bamboo Festival Celebrate bamboo with speakers, bamboo plants and crafts for sale. Includes presentations, demonstrations and educational information about bamboo. Zilker Botanical Garden. www. bamboocentral.net 512/929-9565

25-26—STONEWALL: Grape Stomp Try stomping grapes to extract juice. Becker Vineyards. www.beckervineyards.com 830/644-2681

26—AUSTIN: Austin Chronicle Hot Sauce Festival Amateurs and pros compete for bragging rights. Waterloo Park. www.austinchronicle.com 512/454-5766

26—AUSTIN: Guzman & Fox www.oneworldtheatre.org 512/329-6753

27—STONEWALL: 34th Annual Wreath Laying & Birthday Commemoration Honors the late President Lyndon B. Johnson's birthday. 830/644-2252

28-Jan. 1—AUSTIN: Rehearsing the American Dream: Arthur Miller's Critical Theater Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center. www.hrc. utexas.edu 512/471-8944

30—AUSTIN: Guitars & Saxes 2007 One World Theatre. www. oneworldtheatre.org 512/329-6753

30-Sep. 30—GEORGETOWN: Will Rogers Follies Georgetown Palace Theatre. 512/869-SHOW

31—AUSTIN: Paula Poundstone One World Theatre. www.oneworld
theatre. org 512/329-6753 $\,$

31-Sep. 1—HARPER: Frontier Days & Rodeo Features a parade, fishing contest, washer and horseshoes pitching, domino tournament, crafts, mutton busting and two days of rodeo and dancing. Harper Community Park. E-mail: jsivells@ktc.com 830/864-4912

31-Sep. 2—KERRVILLE: Wine & Music Festival Features three evening concerts and two afternoon concerts by two dozen singer/songwriters. Texas' top winemakers offer tastes of their current vintage wines. Quiet Valley Ranch. www.kerrvillefolkfestival.com 830/257-3600

31-Sep. 3—ROCKSPRINGS: Camp Eagle Classic Mountain Bike Festival Camp Eagle. www.campeagleclassic.com 830/683-3219

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