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October 2007

Cypress Woods Key Club Drive for Supplies



(Caption): Cypress Woods High School Principal Sue McGown pictured with Administration, Key Club Members, and Sponsor with some of the supplies collected during Cy-Wood's Key Club's School Supply Drive.

The Cypress Woods High School Key Club under the direction of Mr. John Kent sponsored a school supply drive in support of Cypress Assistance Ministries. The drive was a targeted effort to provide school supplies for those in need in the Cypress, TX community. This was an inaugural event for the Cypress Woods Key Club and was integrated with school registration activities taking place on campus. Students and Parents were asked to bring donations to campus

as they registered their students. The Cypress Woods administrations led by Sue Mcgown were instrumental in providing support for the program. Over 1000 items such as backpacks, crayons, glue, and other needed supplies were delivered to CAM located in Cypress, TX. Cy-Woods Key Club is looking forward to partnering with CAM on future opportunities to help our community. Thanks to all Cypress Woods Wildcat staff, parents, and students for making this project a great success.

The Date is Set!

Saturday morning, October 27th, 2007 is the date for the 6th Annual Fairfield 5K for Life Fun Run/Walk.

Plan on joining us at the Fairfield Athletic Club on Mason Road right off of 290 early Saturday morning for a jaunt through Fairfield's beautiful hike and bike trails.

Look for entry forms at the Fairfield Athletic Club or you may register at Active. com. For sponsorship information or if you have any questions, call Jane Lakatos at 281-373-9767. This event benefits the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society helping to cure all blood-related cancers.

2007 Event Calendar

OCTOBER

- 20 Garage Sale
- 26 Halloween Carnival
- Fall Gift market

NOVEMBER

- 03 Sampson Fall Festival
- 22 Turkey Trot
- 24 Breakfast with Santa

DECEMBER

- 15 Jingle Bell Jog
- 24 Carriage Rides

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Cypress United Methodist Church

- Award Winning Pumpkin Patch, ranked in the top 10 of Houston area patches, will be open from Oct.12th through Oct. 31st. The hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. All the proceeds from the sales of pumpkins, flowers and baked goods go to support the missions of the church both locally and around the world. Don't forget your cameras! There are great picture opportunities
- The Path Student Ministry is very excited about their new format and redecorated youth rooms. The fun and fellowship begins every Sunday night from 5:30 7:30 @ the MAC. For details of the youth ministry go to www.cypress-umc.org under ministries or contact our Youth Director, Christie Atnip at 281-469-0730.
- C.A.P.S. (Community Activities Program for Seniors) meets every Thursday from 9 a.m. 1:30 p.m. for fun, fellowship, and a delightful noon meal for \$4. They also have some upcoming trips planned: Saturday, October 13 Texas Opry in Magnolia. Bus leaves at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$21/person. Friday, November 9 Alameda Theatre (Smithsonian) in San Antonio. For more details on the senior ministry go to www.cypress-umc.org under ministries or contact Rev. Harold Knolls at 281-469-0730.

Visit our entire website at www.cypress-umc.org for other exciting programs happening at the church. Cypress UMC is located at 13403 Cypress N. Houston Road in Cypress 77429.





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The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts at Cypress Creek is excited to announce the release of its first publication, Hush...Don't Say A Word: A Lullaby Book. The combination of fine art, lyrical music from an exquisite singer and classical guitarist, glimpses of childhood through the lenses of an acclaimed photographer and artwork from local students and young children is brought together in a beautiful book for all ages.

The Pearl is proud to announce that this publication will be featured in a book fair sponsored by Barnes & Noble Booksellers at Champions Village. Please join us in celebrating this masterwork of art October 13-20, 2007 at the Champions Village store located at 5305 FM 1960 West. There will be activities for all ages throughout the week including refreshments, book signings, and special performances. Also, a portion of all in-store purchases will benefit The Pearl.

Cheesecake Factory cheesecakes are available from the Barnes and Noble Café and can be pre-ordered. Get your Cheesecake Factory cheesecake for the holidays while supporting The Pearl at the same time. Cheesecakes can be picked up and paid for during the week of the book fair and can be frozen for the holiday season.

Don't miss your chance to own the first publication of The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts at Cypress Creek!

For more information, please visit us online at www.pearlmfa.org or call 281-376-6322.

Cypress Assistance Ministries

11202 Huffmeister - 281-955-7684 www.cypressassistanceministries.com

Operation Jobs, an outreach ministry of Cypress Assistance Ministry, is sponsoring a **2nd Chance Job Fair** on **October 12**, at our location, 11202 Huffmeister. We are seeking employers to participate in the job fair that are willing hire persons with a criminal record. When persons with criminal records are employed, they gain self-esteem, become productive members of the community, and are able to provide for their families. If your company would like to participate in the 2nd Chance Job Fair, please contact, Darrell Christiansen, Operation Jobs director, at 281-955-5895.

The services provided at CAM are made possible by many dedicated volunteers. We have volunteer openings in several departments. If you would like to become a CAM volunteer, please contact Lisa at 281-955-76784.

Cypress Assistance Ministries (CAM), located at 11202 Huffmeister, exists to provide a safe place for individuals or families to tell their story and be offered some measure of hope during difficult times. For a description of all our services and volunteer opportunities, please see our Web site, www.cypressassistanceministries.com

Donations to Cypress Assistance Ministries can be made Monday through Wednesday from 10AM-6PM and Thursday through Saturday from 10AM-3PM.

If you need further information, please give us a call at 281-955-7684 and ask for Kelly or Lisa.



14th ANNUAL WOW CRAFT SHOW

Good Shepherd UMC - Fairfield

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13 - 9:00 - 4:00

This is your chance to get ahead of the holiday shopping rush. There will be indoor and outdoor vendors. Items range from jewelry, candles, purses, baby items, wooden arts, yard art, holiday decorations, etc. A sample of the vendors are:

- Inspirational Arts
- Kid in a Kandy Shop
- Homeade Gourmet
- Floral Bouquets
- Discover Toys
- Cookie Lee Jewelry
- Creative Memories
- Acrylic & oil paintings & mural service
- Two Sisters and a Friend
- Longaberger Baskets & Pottery
- Wooden crafts, bowls, pens, etc
- · Lia Sophia Jewelry
- Scent-Sations
- Wymsickle Creations
- · Ideal Jewelry
- Holiday metal & yard sculptures
- Wiltex Houston Wind Spinners

There will also be a Silent Auction, Bake Sale sponsored by Women of the Word, and food sold by Boy Scout Troop 533.

Also, the United Methodist Men will be sponsoring our annual Pumpkin Patch. So bring the kiddos to check out the pumpkins and capture that "Kodak" moment!

Admission to the Craft Show is \$1 for adults and kids are free. All proceeds go to support local and international missions.

Good Shepherd Church is located at 20155 Cypresswood Drive in the Fairfield Subdivision, off Mason Road and Highway 290 in Cypress.

Contact Leslie Doyle at 281-373-9579 or leslie.mark.doyle@sbcglobal.net for more information.



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The Foundry Church Craft Show and Tea Room

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Cy-Fair College Perspective

"Anna in the Tropics" Continues through Oct. 7

Ron Jones will direct "Anna in the Tropics" in the Main Stage Theater through Oct. 7 with a reception set following the Sept. 28 show. Winner of the 2003 Pulitzer Prize for Drama, this poignant and poetic play is set in Florida in 1929 in a Cuban-American family owned cigar factory in which cigars are rolled by hand and "lectors" are employed to educate and entertain the workers. This play is recommended for high school age and above. For tickets and information, call 281-290-5201 or go online to www.cy-faircollege. com/goto/cfcboxoffice.

It's Time for the Third Annual Cy-Fest

Cy-Fair College will host the third annual community day for all ages in the Cy-Fair community form 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13. Cy-Fest, the college's gift to the community, is a day of free food, festivities and family fun! For information go online to www. cy-faircollege.com.

Community talk on Financial Exploitation set Oct. 26

Save the date Oct. 26 for an eye-opening community talk on "Education and Awareness: The Best Defense Against Financial Exploitation," set 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Cy-Fair College Conference Center. Leading this informative talk on financial industry terms, spotting investment schemes, "real life" examples of investment fraud cases, assistance resources and more is Benette

Zivley, Director of the Inspections and Compliance Division with the Texas State Securities Board. Hosting this community event is the Academy for Lifelong Learning (A.L.L.) at Cy-Fair College. For information on A.L.L., e-mail Twana York at twana.m.york@nhmccd. edu or call 281-290-5246.

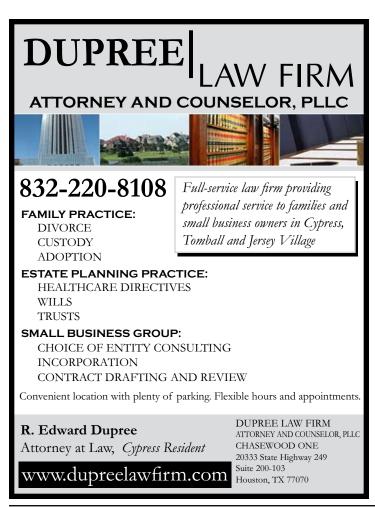
Ever Thought About a New Career in Teaching?

Cy-Fair College will host an information session on two teaching programs Tuesday, Oct. 9 (and again Nov. 8) on the Barker Cypress campus in the Conference Center. The session will start at 5 p.m. and will cover information on the Associate of Arts in Teaching/Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies (AAT/BAIS) joint enrollment program, in which participants can earn a University of Houston bachelor's degree while taking classes on the Cy-Fair College campus. Then at 6 p.m., learn how to enter the teaching profession through the Alternative Certification Program. Call 281-290-3957 or go to www.cy-faircollege.com/tcp for information.

Visiting Artist Exhibition and Lecture

Don't miss Inside Voices set Oct. 9 – Nov. 1 in the Center for the Arts Bosque Gallery. This exhibition features Houston area artists Robbie Martinez, Trish Klenow and Lizbeth Ortiz. The name of the exhibition and lecture is titled "Inside Voices". The title relates to the dialogue these artists carry out within themselves when they

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CyFair College - (*Continued from Page 6*) create a piece. It also relates to the struggle and the need to make those voices heard. An informal discussion with the artists about the process they use to create their art will be held at 4 p.m. Oct. 11. For gallery hours and information go to www.cy-faircollege. com/bosquegallery.

L.I.F.E. in October

The Learning, Inspiration, Fellowship and Enrichment (L.I.F.E.) programs are free and held Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Cy-Fair College Branch Library (Room 131.) October programs include treasures found at the beach, organic coffee talk, downloadable books, Autumn foods and quilting (the AIDS Memorial Quilt is on display.) Call the library at 281-290-3213 for L.I.F.E. program information or check the library web page online at http://cfclibrary.nhmccd.edu.

Cy-Fair High School Project Prom 2008 Fundraising Kicks Off

Huddle up, CFHS parents, seniors, extended families, friends, and neighbors – support Project Prom and have fun at the same time! We are off to a great beginning with our starting lineup of fundraising events, sales, and other activities. You can purchase flats of bedding plants, evergreen wreaths, and more through Project Prom. There are many other ways you can help. Check out our website at www. cyfairprojectprom.com to see the many different opportunities and our detailed calendar of events.

General membership meetings. CFHS cafeteria at 7:00 p.m. on the following dates: Oct. 15, Nov. 26, Dec. 17, Jan. 28, Feb 25, March 24, and April 21.

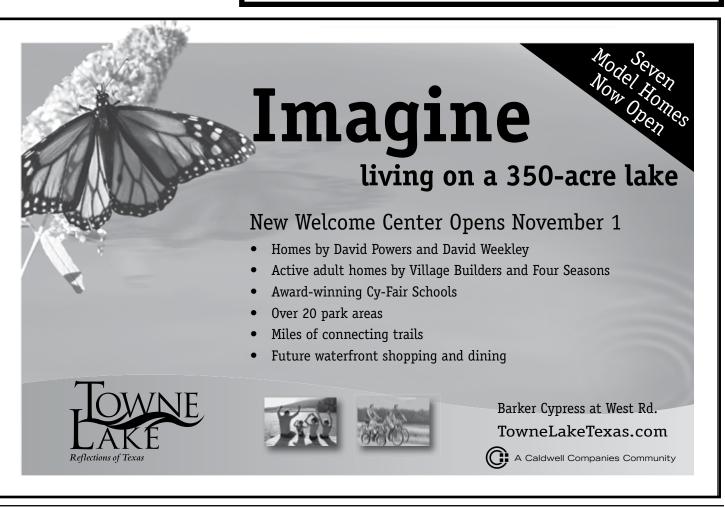
Golf Tournament. Friday, November 2, 8:30 a.m., Houston National Golf Club. Sign-up form online. Contact:

Robert Calloway, 281-744-9476, robert@calloway.com.

Riverboat Casino Night. Sunday, November 11, 5 to 9 p.m., Parkway Chevrolet. Dinner, auction, prizes, and charity casino games. Businesses and individuals are invited to sponsor tables. Tickets \$25. Contact: Susan O'Hara at suzanneohara@yahoo.com.

Denim & Diamonds. Saturday, February 2, 2008, House Plantation. Dinner, live band, silent auction. Contact: Dina Thomas at dinathom@yahoo.com or Vicki McCain at beamccain@comcast. net.

The Busy Parent Fundraiser form on our website provides an easy way to contribute. Donations of money, goods, and services to Project Prom are tax deductible as allowed by law.





Friday November 2, 2007 Houston National Golf Club

www.HoustonNationalGolf.com
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www.CyFairProJectProm.com

Entry Fee: \$100 / player

Golf will include 18 holes, green fees, cart, lunch & range balls.

Prizes will be given for individual and team play.

We hope you can join us! If you don't have a foursome, one can be arranged for you. All money must be paid before the start of the outing .

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You may sign up online or download our registration forms.

www. CyFair Project Prom. com

If you have any questions please call or email Robert Calloway.

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Bethesda- Good Samaritan Golf Tournament

The Bethesda Good Samaritan Lutheran Home is hosting their 17th Annual Golf Tournament on Monday, Oct. 1st. at Cypress Lakes Golf Course in Cypress. The Good Samaritan Campus is the sole recipient of the net proceeds and all contributions are tax deductible. This year's proceeds will be used to send 70 clients to summer camp at Camp Lone Star and camp for all. You can register on line at www. blhs. org/golf. For more information please call Nikki Whayland at 281-450-3470.



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Sampson Chess Club

The Sampson Chess Club will begin its 2007/2008 season on Friday morning, September 28th, at 7:15 a.m. in the Sampson cafeteria. The chess club is open to 1st through 5th graders who already know how to play chess. For more information, please contact Toni Fojtasek at tfojt@entouch.net

GEMS

The GEMS Guild of The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts at Cypress Creek will be holding their monthly meeting at the Forum at Cypress Creek Christian Church on October 22, 2007. Please join the GEMS for a presentation, "Pompeo Batoni: The Best Painter in Italy" from 9:30-11:00am. A reception will follow the lecture. For more information, call 281-376-6322.

To learn more about The Pearl and upcoming events, visit us at www.pearlmfa.org.

Stork Report

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Cypress Christian Students Serve Locally and Worldwide

From Mexico to Honduras to Viet Nam, from Spain to Guatemala, from England to Norway, from Texas to Louisiana to Mississippi and back home to Houston, students from Cypress Christian School made a difference in our community and the world this past summer!

Many CCS students served on missions and evangelistic teams throughout the summer. Recently, they shared how they helped to impact the lives of their fellow Americans, as well as those in other countries, by:

- Holding vacation bible schools and religion classes
- Handing out food and clothing
- Praying and sharing the gospel with others
- Performing puppet shows and making balloon animals for children
- Building new homes, painting and repairing old ones
- Visiting orphanages
- Leading worship

When asked to describe their experiences, these students responded, "Amazing," "Humbled," "Useful," "Excited," and Life Changing." When asked if they would serve again, they enthusiastically replied, "YES!" Also, they highly recommended that others become involved because, as one student commented, "You will never be the same!"

We at Cypress Christian School wholeheartedly support and encourage service to others. In fact, it is part of our mission statement. Whether you are a student or an adult, we believe you will experience much joy by helping to provide for those in need.

A note to parents: Recently, a report was published stating that children who participate in service projects are more likely to volunteer as adults, because they have conquered their fear of the unknown and found joy in serving others. We hope you will encourage your son or daughter to become involved in such worthy endeavors, so that the tradition of service to others will be carried forward to the next generation.





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Pumpkin Patch.

What you'll find at Cypress United Methodist Church

It has been a tradition at CUMC each Fall to sell pumpkins from our front lawn. Yes! We're the church who has the big Pumpkin Patch located on Cypress N. Houston Rd.

just east of Huffmeister. We invite you to join us

Friday, October 12 through Wednesday, October 31st from 10 am - 8 pm.

You'll find homemade bread,

yard decorations and pumpkins of all sizes! FREE Popcorn and snow cones from 4 - 8 pm and all day Saturdays and Sundays. A special treat, LIVE MUSIC and concessions on Friday, October 19th, 6 - 8:30 pm. All proceeds go to our Youth missions.

It's a great place to take pictures, too! Please join us for worship services on Sunday. With Sunday School classes for children of all ages, over 17 Adult classes and a wide range of ministries, we are sure you'll find your place here at CUMC.

Sunday Worship Services

8:15 am – Traditional Worship in Sanctuary 9:30 am – Contemporary Worship Center 11:00 am – Sanctuary & Worship Center

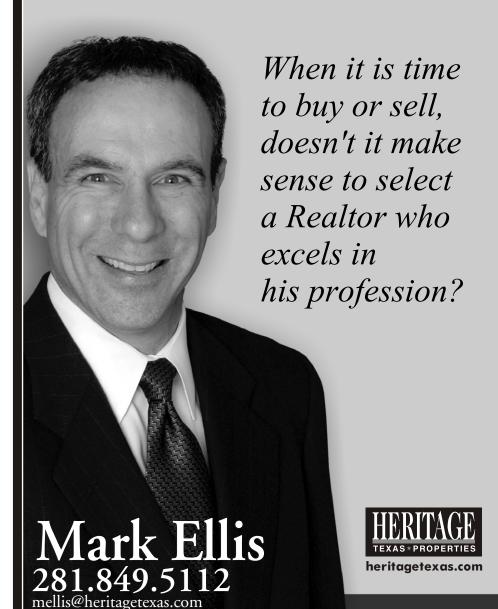
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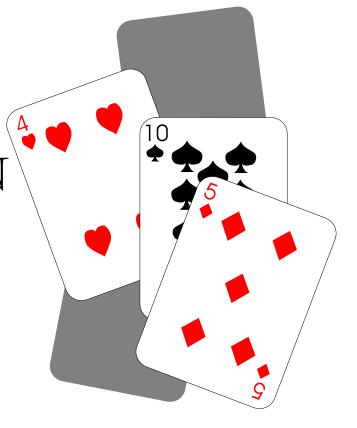
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Music Education and Your Child: Part 2 - How to Start Your Music Study?

By Cyrus Albertson

"When should my children begin music lessons? What instrument should they start with? How do I find the right teacher? Is music just a waste of time?" I hear these questions daily from concerned parents who want the best for their children. Over time, music education is being removed from the primary and secondary education curriculum, and more and more parents are finding themselves in the position of being responsible for their child's musical education.

To get started, first decide what instrument to pursue. The age of the student has a bearing on instrument selection. Many students as young as three years old can be successful with either piano or violin. Students should usually be at least 7 or 8 years old to pursue guitar, drums, or voice study. Woodwind and brass instruments are usually best undertaken after the age of 9 or 10. The cost of the instrument should have less bearing on the instrument choice, as rental instruments are readily available. Many parents choose to rent an instrument during the beginning phases of study, until they are sure that the students likes the instrument they have chosen. That way, parents can postpone a sometimes expensive purchase.

Regardless of the student's age, piano is an excellent first instrument for several reasons. First, children learn to read both treble and bass

clefs. Second, piano is a linear instrument which helps develop an understanding of musical scales and note reading.

Third, piano is the only instrument that teaches both chords and melody, and how the two relate. Fourth, students don't have to be concerned about proper tuning of the notes - this is helpful because beginning students can be easily demotivated if the music they produce sounds bad because the notes are not in tune. Many parents are concerned about pursuing piano because of the size and cost of pianos. However children can begin their study on an inexpensive keyboard for the first few years. During that time, parents can make sure the child is interested in continuing piano study before purchasing one.

Once you and your child choose the instrument to study, the next challenge is finding the right teacher.

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The Foot Wellness Center





Music Education- (Continued from page 16)

Unfortunately, too often, parents pick teachers for all the wrong reasons. Parents often choose teachers because they play their instrument well, because they have a master's or doctorate degree in their instrument, because they are located close by, or because they charge a low tuition rate. However, the most competent player or the most educated person may not interact well with children. The neighborhood teacher may not have any training

in how to teach. The cheapest teacher is almost never the best teacher. So what should a parent look for when choosing a teacher? First, find someone with formal musical training, which will ensure that your child will be taught the correct fundamentals of music. Second, it is essential that you find a teacher who enjoys working with young people and can help inspire and motivate your child. Remember, this person will have a huge influence on your child. Third, ensure that the teacher you choose has been properly trained in the proper methods to use when teaching children. There is a good chance that your child will remember their music teacher for the rest of their life – choose wisely!

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Recognizing National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Submitted by Mary Esther Middleton

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (NBCAM). Since the program began in 1985, mammography rates have more than doubled for women age 50 and over and breast cancer deaths have declined.

While this is exciting progress, there are still women who do not take advantage of early detection at all. Others do not get screening mammograms and clinical breast exams at regular intervals.

- Women age 65 and older are less likely to get mammograms than younger women even though breast cancer risk increases with age.
- Hispanic women have fewer mammograms than Caucasian women and African-American women.
- Women below poverty level are less likely than women at higher incomes to have had a mammogram within the past two years.
- Mammography use has increased for all groups except American Indians and Alaska Natives.

If all women age 40 and older took advantage of early detection methods – mammography plus breast exam – breast cancer death rates would drop much further, up to 30 percent.

The key to mammography screening is that it be done routinely – once is not enough! For more information about NBCAM, please visit www.nbcam.org. For additional information, please call one of the following toll-free numbers:

- American Cancer Society (800) 227-2345,
- National Cancer Institute (NCI) (800) 4-CANCER
- Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization (800) 221-2141

For a local source of information, education and support contact the Breast Cancer Resource Center of Austin: www.bcrc.org or by phone (800) 309-0089

Austin (512) 472-1710

Round Rock (512) 248-2645

Brackenridge (512) 324-7992

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For special events in Austin during National Breast Cancer Awareness Month: http://www.lululemon.com/austin/austinshowroom/events

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11-14—BROWNSVILLE: 11th Annual Brownsville Jazz Festival Jacob Brown Auditorium. www.utbtsc.edu/jacobbrown 956/882-

11-14—SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: SPI Bikefest Includes a Saturday concert. www.spibikefest.com 956/668-7484

11-21—BEAUMONT: YMBL South Texas State Fair Enjoy Ferris wheels, spicy southern cooking, children's games, agriculture, flavorful treats and carnival rides. Ford Park. www.ymbl.org 409/832-9991 or 409/951-5400

12—HOUSTON: Dia de la Hispanidad Professional theatrical production of folkloric music and dance. Miller Outdoor Theatre. www.milleroutdoortheatre. com 281/373-3386

12—HOUSTON: Feast with the Beasts Features more than two dozen of Houston's hottest independent restaurants and musical entertainment. Houston Zoo. www.houstonzoo.org

12-13—GALVESTON: The Spinners The Grand 1894 Opera House. www. thegrand.com 800/821-1894 or 409/765-1894

12-20—ANGLETON: Brazoria County Fair 979/849-6416

13—BEAUMONT: 13th Annual Girls Haven Gumbo Cook-Off Awards are given for the best gumbo in three categories: seafood, poultry and combination. 409/832-6223

13—BROWNSVILLE: Sabores del Valle: Sugar Making for Day of the Dead Workshop Brownsville Heritage Complex. www.brownsvillehistory. org 956/541-5560

13—EDNA: Local Lore Includes a talk about Native American lore and hike along trails. Lake Texana State Park. 361/782-5718

13—HOUSTON: Second Saturday of the Month Boat Cruise along Buffalo Bayou No reservations. First come, first served. www.buffalobayou.org 713/752-0314 ext. 3

13—KEMAH: American Heart Walk Kemah Boardwalk. www. kemahboardwalk.com 281/334-9880

13—LA PORTE: Hard Hat Tour Reservations required. Battleship Texas. 281/479-2431 ext. 234

13—PORT ISABEL: Lighthouse Market Day Enjoy arts, crafts, jewelry, trade-show items and specialty foods. 800/527-6102

13—ROSENBERG: Ride to Rosenberg Show features pre-1972 classics, hot rods, customs and rat rods. Cars are displayed from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 281/342-6804 or 713/816-2624

13-14—HOUSTON: Bayou City Art Festival Showcases the works of 300 fine artists, as well as interactive art, multicultural musical and dance entertainment, and wine. Downtown. www.bayoucityartfestival.com 713/521-0133

13-14—HOUSTON: 29th Festa Italiana www.houstonitalianfestival.com 713/524-4222

13-14—SPRING: Pet Fest Features rescue groups and shelters, blessing of the animals, costume contest, micro chipping, demonstrations and educational activities. www.shopspringtexas.com 281/288-2355

13, 27—PASADENA: Guided Canoe Tour Begins at 8 a.m. Reservations required. Armand Bayou Nature Center. www.abnc.org 281/474-2551

14—HOUSTON: Early Irons in Texas Swap Meet Sam Houston Race Park Horse Track. www.swapmeettexas.com

14—HOUSTON: Seventh Annual Volks in the Village Volkswagen Show Features more than 100 Volkswagens. Enjoy the VW swap meet. Traders Village. www.nhvwclub.org 281/890-5500

14—LA MARQUE: Scott Todaro Texas A&M Memorial Scholarship Benefit Concert Highlights the best of Texas music. Features Cross Canadian Ragweed. Gulf Greyhound Park. www.scott-todaro.com

14, 21, 28—HOUSTON: KPFT 90.1 Fall Concert Series Begins at 4 p.m. Miller Outdoor Theatre. www.milleroutdoortheatre.com 281/373-3386

15—TOMBALL: Texas Master Chorale Fall Concert Tomball United Methodist Church, 1603 Baker Drive. www.texasmasterchorale.org 281/351-

18—BROWNSVILLE: Grand Opening of the Old City Cemetery Center Brownsville Heritage Complex. www.brownsvillehistory.org 956/541-5560

18—WHARTON: Wharton County Junior College — Band Concert Wharton Campus. 979/532-

18-20—VICTORIA: MHS Drill Team Texas Kickin Bull Ride Community Center Arena. 361/550-2083

18-21—SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Sand Castle Days Enjoy this international competition with an amateur competition on Saturday. Includes free sandcastle lessons Oct. 13–20, music, vendors and more. Sheraton Beach Hotel. www.sandcastledays.com 800/767-2373

19—DACOSTA: Victoria County Music Show Sons of Hermann Hall. 361/552-9347

19-21—VICTORIA: Gem & Mineral Show Community Center. 361/552-5857

19, 21, 27, 30—HOUSTON: A Masked Ball Houston Grand Opera. www. houstongrandopera.org 713/228-6737

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20—GALVESTON: James Earl Jones — Poems I Love to Read The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894 or 409/765-

20—HARLINGEN: Seventh Texas Conjunto Music Indiction Awards Knights of Columbus Hall. 956/399-0923

20—HOUSTON: 18th Annual Houston British Motor Expo Traders Village. www.houstonmgcarclub.org 281/346-2417 or 281/890-5500

20—KEMAH: Seventh Annual Pan Jam Festival Features steel drum bands. Savor music, food and variety of booths. www.kemah.net 281/538-4165

20—LEAGUE CITY: Sixth Annual South Shore Dockside Food & Wine Festival South Shore Harbour Resort & Marina. www.southshorefestival. com 281/334-4900

20—PASADENA: Owl Prowl Join a moonlit walk. Armand Bayou Nature Center. www.abnc.org 281/474-2551

20—PORT ARANSAS: Sand & Surf Beach Run Features a 5-K and 10-K run. Port Aransas Beach. 361/749-4450

20—PORT ARTHUR: Coastal Fisheries Bay Team Fishing Tournament Entrants must be age 21 or older. E-mail: adami@tpwd.state.tx.us 361/939-8745

20—VICTORIA: Market Day DeLeon Plaza. www.victoriatx.org 361/485-3200

20—WEST COLUMBIA: Halloween Haunted Hayride Includes a spooky storyteller and ghostly games. Varner-Hogg Plantation State Historic Site. 979/345-4656

20-21—GALVESTON: ARToberFEST www.artoberfest.com 409/762-3617

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20-21, 27-28—HOUSTON: Zoo Boo Enjoy the costume parade, trick-ortreat and craft booths, magic shows, jugglers and keeper chats. Houston Zoo. www.houstonzoo.org

20, 27—KEMAH: Halloween Costume Contest Kemah Boardwalk. www. kemahboardwalk.com 281/334-9880

21—GALVESTON: Centennial Sundays Performance — Davide Cabassi The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894 or 409/765-1894

23—BROWNSVILLE: Shades of History Cemetery Walking Tour Brownsville Heritage Complex. www.brownsvillehistory.org 956/541-5560

23—HOUSTON: Danceology 101 Explores dance from the 1920s' Charleston to today's Hip-Hop. Miller Outdoor Theatre. www.milleroutdoortheatre.com 281/373-3386

23-31—BROWNSVILLE: Song of Korea Exhibit is full of opportunities for children and their families to sing, dance and play along with ancient drum rhythms, children's songs and popular music. The Children's Museum of Brownsville. www.cmofbrownsville.com 956/548-9300

24-25—VICTORIA: South Texas Farm & Ranch Show Community Center. 361/550-1826

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25—ROCKPORT: A Visual Feast Fulton Mansion, 317 Fulton Beach Road. 361/729-0386 ext. 23, ext. 24 or ext. 26

25—WHARTON: Wharton County Junior College — Chamber Singers Fall Concert Includes chamber music and a variety of jazz and popular vocal pieces. Horton Foote Theatre. Wharton Campus. 979/532-6300

25-27—PORT ARANSAS: Harvest Moon Regatta Sail boat race starts in Galveston and ends in Port Aransas. City Harbor. www.harvestmoonregatta. com 281/474-2511

26—CLUTE: Harvest Fun Fest Clute Municipal Park. 979/265-8392

26—ROCKPORT: Halloween on the Harbor Enjoy Ghost Hunt, "Graveyard Games," "Ghastly Ghostly Costume Parade" and more. Texas Maritime Museum. 361/729-1271

26-27—BEAUMONT: Rockin' Blues Fest Features food booths, children's activities and blues music. Riverfront Park. www.beaumontcvb.com 409/896-5555 ext. 107

26-27—GALVESTON: 26th Annual Island Oktoberfest Enjoy authentic German food, entertainment by Alpenfest band, arts & crafts and gift booths, games, children's activities and much more. Grounds and streets adjacent to First Lutheran Church. www.1st.lutheran.com/oktoberfest 409/762-8477 26-27—HOUSTON: Fall 2007 Houston Book, Postcard & Paper Fair Arabia Shrine Center. www.houstonshow.com 281/565-0771

26-27—INGLESIDE: Round Up Days N.O. Simmons Park. www. inglesidetxchamber.org 888/899-2906

26-27—PASADENA: Creepy Crawlers Includes booths, demonstrations, art & craft activities, hayrides, guided night hikes, storytelling and more. Costumes should not be worn. Reservations required. Armand Bayou Nature Center. www.abnc.org 281/474-2551

26-27—RICHMOND: Texian Market Days Enjoy folklife demonstrations, re-enactments, historic house tours, antique tractor show and pull, Texian arts & crafts marketplace, entertainment and more. George Ranch Historical Park. www.georgeranch.org 281/343-0218

26-28—ANGLETON: Austin Town Festival 979/864-1208

26-28—BROWNSVILLE: Agatha Christie's The Mousetrap Camille Playhouse. www.camilleplayers.cjb.net 956/542-

26, 28—HOUSTON: The Daughter of the Regiment Houston Grand Opera. www.houstongrandopera.org 713/228-6737

26-Jan. 13—HOUSTON: A Rose Has No Teeth: Bruce Nauman in the 1960s The Menil Collection. www.menil.org 713/525-9400

27—BAYTOWN: Halloween Carnival Features carnival games, petting zoo, wagon ride, costume contest and pumpkin patch. Baytown Community Center. www.baytown.org 281/420-6597

27—BAYTOWN: Heritage Scaritage Festival Republic of Texas Plaza Park. E-mail: republic1836@hotmail.com 281/421-2099

27—BEAUMONT: Halloween Frolic The McFaddin-Ward House. www. mcfaddin-ward.org 409/832-2134

27—BEAUMONT: Nightmare on Crockett Street Halloween Celebration Features an outdoor stage with live music, street dancing and Crockett Street Costume Contest. www.crockettstreet.com 409/832-2944

27—BEAUMONT: Texas Energy Museum's Dinosaur Day Includes "dinosaur hunters" talks, fossil searches and creative activities. Texas Energy Museum Grounds. www.texasenergymuseum.org 409/833-5100

27—EDNA: Haunted Trail Includes a haunted trail, carnival games, pumpkin carving and costume contests. Hours are 8 to 10 p.m. Lake Texana State Park. 361/782-5718

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- Clean, disinfect toilets, tubs, showers
- Hand wash, disinfect floors

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- Pick up and straighten
- Dust sills, ledges, wall hangings
- Remove cobwebs
- Dust/vacuum furniture
- Vacuum floors, carpets
- Vacuum stairs
- Vacuum under beds
- Change linens, make beds
- Empty trash

Windows

- Clean entry window & one set of patio door windows
- Clean window over kitchen sink

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27—GALVESTON: Bowfire The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894 409/765-1894

27—HARLINGEN: Sixth Annual Children's Gala Includes a minirodeo, pony rides, games and more. Cameron County Fairgrounds. www. valleybaptist.net 956/389-1024

27—HOUSTON: Fire Fest 2007 Includes food and vendor booths, live music, children's area, firefighter's barbecue cook-off, fire and rescue demonstrations and more. HFD Val Jahnke Training Academy, 8030 Braniff. www.houstonfiremuseum.org 713/524-2526

27—HOUSTON: Lunada 2007 Offers an incredible evening with music from Latin America. Miller Outdoor Theatre. www.milleroutdoortheatre. com 281/373-3386

27—HOUSTON: Natural Halloween Enjoy searching for owls, walking the spooky trail, night fishing and campfire tales. Sheldon Lake State Park. 281/456-2800

27—HOUSTON: Ninth Annual Halloween Boo Bash for Kidz Includes entertainment, activities, monster-sized trick-or-treating, Haunted Hallway and more. Traders Village. www.tradersvillage.com 281/890-5500

27—ORANGE: Art in the Park Artists and crafters gather to show and sell artworks. Includes kids alley, food and stage performances. Stark Park. 409/883-1011

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