

# THE BULLETIN

*Belterra Community News*

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News for the Residents of Belterra

## "GIBSKIN" GUITAR FINDS A HOME AT ESCARPMENT VILLAGE

As if it weren't exciting enough that southwest Austin has a new custom picture framing and fine art gallery in the area but now residents have the distinct pleasure of telling their friends and family who come visit for the holidays to beware of the 10 foot snake hanging out at the corner of Escarpment and Slaughter Lane.

Most of us don't have a clue as to what is a "Les Paul" but in music circles far and wide...it's one of the finest guitars ever made and if you've been out of town or under a rock for the past several months than you might not have seen any of the ten-foot tall fiberglass guitar sculptures placed throughout the city for visitors and tourist to enjoy from winter 2006 until just this past week.

For even more media attention the organizers had Ray Benson of Asleep at the Wheel round up the guitars one by one on the back of his John

painted ten-foot tall fiberglass Gibson Les Pauls that were set around town solidifying Austin as the "Live Music Capital of the World", this public arts project showcased the enormous talent of both Austin's visual and musical artists in the community.

Generous corporate sponsors and individuals came together to provide the support needed to raise funds for the beneficiaries of this

maker Ray Wylie Hubbard, was the creation of Austin native Bob Wade who received his BFA from the University of Texas, Austin and a M.A. from the University of California, Berkeley. Bob is the recipient of three NEA grants and included in biennials in Paris, France; New Orleans, Louisiana; and the Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, New York. His work can be found in

the collections of Chase Manhattan Bank, AT&T, The Menil Collection and the Austin Museum of Art.

Kristin and Steve "Wheat" Belt the proprietors of the new Fastframe and Prickly Pear Galleries which opened their second location in Escarpment Village in Circle C Ranch



Deer lawnmower and move them to local ad agency GSD&M in preparation for the star-studded Austin Guitar Town Auction Gala which brought to an end the most amazing community arts project highlighting these priceless Gibson Guitar Sculptures. The hand

city wide project including the Health Alliance for Austin Musicians (HAAM); the Austin Museum of Art (AMOA); American YouthWorks; and the Austin Children's Museum. This particular guitar known as "Gibskin" signed by Texas legendary music

this past month attended the event to simply support Austin art projects. "It was a fabulous and exciting party which started with everyone simply perusing the guitars one by one and eventually making their way into

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## Austin Newcomers Club December Luncheon

**Time:** 11:00 AM Social; 12:00 Noon Luncheon

**Date:** December 19, 2007 (Reservations by Thursday, Dec. 13)

**Program:** Plaid Tiding, the delightful holiday musical returns to the Zachary Scott Theatre and Newcomers have a special opportunity to enjoy highlights from the show at our December Luncheon. Cast members will entertain us with music and songs from holidays past, along with some hilarious spoofs. This program promises to be great fun as the cast pays tribute to holiday hits from years ago with songs like "The Chipmunks" and A Plaid Caribbean Christmas". Please join us for a harmonious holiday jaunt back to the music of the 50's.

**Location:** Green Pastures Restaurant  
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**Cost:** \$20.00

Public contact phone number and/or website: 512-314-5100 or [www.austinnewcomers.com](http://www.austinnewcomers.com)

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**Guitar-** (Continued from Cover Page)



the backyard area where the beer, wine and Tito's vodka mixed with natural soda's were flowing and worker bee's for Julien's Auction House bussing around preparing for the big event", said Kristin. "When the auction first started, I was surprised how quick it was all going and I remember asking my husband, which one are they on and he said...the rattlesnake!" I scurried to the front of the crowd and tried to hold up my bid paddle where the auctioneer could see it and as he started to give the final

countdown...I was sure I had lost my opportunity to give this snake a new home at the gallery. Suddenly I met the eyes of the auctioneer and he was pointing at me and calling for any more bids. Once, twice, sold, the snake was mine.

Wheat and I are excited about our new venture at Escarpment Village and look forward to helping residents there find a passion for fine art. "We can also help them showcase their most memorable family treasures for a lifetime of enjoyment."

Prickly Pear Galleries displays a well chosen selection of western, wildlife and Texas hill country art by such well-known artists as John Banovich, Larry Dyke, Regan Gennusa, Donna Howell-Sickles, John Nieto, Scott Rogers, G. Harvey and David Drinkard, just to name a few. Open Monday-Friday from 10AM – 6PM and on Saturday from 10AM - 4PM.

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						1 People's Choice @ Club 21
2	3 Dale Watson @ The Continental Club	4 Dale Watson @ The Belmont	5	6	7 Kelly Willis & Bruce Robinson Holiday Concert @ Gruene Hall	8
9 Trail of Lights At Zilker Park Begins	10 Dale Watson @ The Continental Club	11	12	13 Dave Jorgenson @ Ross's Old Austin Café/Luke Bryan @ Stubbs	14 Roger Creager @ Midnight Rodeo	15 The Derailers @ The Broken Spoke Dancehall
16	17 Dale Watson @ The Continental Club	18	19 Randy Rogers Band @ Cowboy's	20 Dave Jorgenson @ Ross's Old Austin Café	21 Kevin Fowler @ Midnight Rodeo/Asleep at the Wheel @ The Broken	22 Pete Benz @ Club 21/ Eli Young Band @ Gruene Hall
23 Trail of Lights At Zilker Park Ends	24 Dale Watson @ The Continental Club	25 <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	26	27 Dave Jorgenson @ Ross's Old Austin Café	28 Wade Bowen @ Midnight Rodeo/ Bob Schmieder @ Gruene Hall	29 Cory Morrow @ Midnight Rodeo/Stoney Larue @ Gruene Hall
30 Reckless Kelly @ Gruene Hall	31 Reckless Kelly @ La Zona Rosa/ Aaron Watson & Brandon Rhyder @ Midnight Rodeo					

## Christmas Celebrations at Oak Hill United Methodist Church

Oak Hill United Methodist Church invites your family to worship with us this Christmas season.

On Sunday, December 2 at 5:00pm, join us as we prepare the sanctuary for Advent during the Hanging of the Greens Service. This hands-on service includes carols and scripture as symbolic decorations are placed in the sanctuary.

On Saturday, December 8 from 9 to 11am, the Methodist Church hosts the Bethlehem Bazaar, where children are invited to create seasonal crafts and visit a live nativity. Pastors will also perform a "blessing of the animals" where prayers will be said for pets of all shapes and sizes. Visitors are encouraged to bring two non-perishable food items for the Capital Area Food Bank or an unwrapped toy for Operation Blue Santa.

On Sunday, December 9 at worship services at 8:45am and 11:15am, the Oak Hill United Methodist Chancel Choir will perform both sacred and secular Christmas music. That evening at 7pm, the youth group will present a Christmas program in the sanctuary.

On December 24, at 5pm, Oak Hill United Methodist Church welcomes families to a Christmas Eve Family Service. As the

Christmas story is read, children are invited to come forward and play the role of Mary, Joseph, the wise men or the shepherds.

On Christmas Eve, Oak Hill United Methodist Church will hold three other services, featuring carols by candlelight at 7pm and 9pm and a communion service at 11pm.

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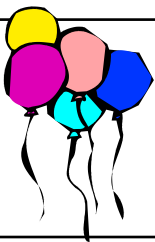
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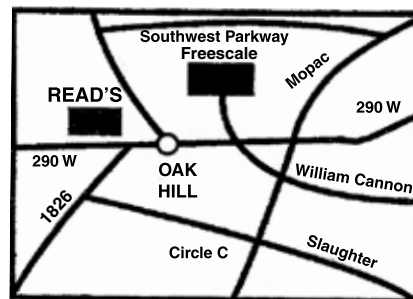
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Saturday, Dec. 8, 9-11 AM: Bethlehem Bazaar/Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, Dec. 9, 8:45 & 11:15 AM: Special Christmas Presentation

Sunday, December 16, 10 AM: Christmas Program with the Praise Band

Christmas Eve:

5 PM - Family-Friendly Worship  
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  3. Treats - consider almonds, hazelnuts, dried apricots, bananas or pumpkin seeds? They don't mess up your coat pockets and are actually good for your dog.
  4. How much do I feed my dog? Answer - if they are getting fat or thin, you need to change the quantity you feed, regardless of what it says on the packaging of the food. The ideal weight for your dog is so that the ribs can be felt, but not seen.
  5. Cracking tartar off dog's teeth is easy with a strong thumb nail. Don't worry if there is a small amount of bleeding.
  6. If your dog is scooting on their bum, it is not likely to be worms. The usual reason for this is full or even infected anal glands. Glands like these can also explain sudden bad breath.
  7. If you find it hard to give your cat a pill, always use two people, get one to hold the cat's shoulders while you support the head from above. Tip the head back until they are looking at the ceiling. Hold pill in your thumb and forefinger. Open the mouth with middle or ring finger of the same hand then quickly push the pill, gently over the back of the tongue. The trick then is to keep the mouth closed until the cat licks its lips. You can stroke the throat. Cats cannot lick their lips until they've swallowed the pill.
  8. For constipated cats or for cats prone to getting bugged up, add a small amount of stewed rhubarb to the food or stewed pumpkin or squash.
  9. Cats can be very stubborn about what they will and will not eat. To change a cat from one feeding type food to another, be prepared to change things very gradually over a very long period - gradually.
  10. Cats are very fussy about drinking. If your cat will not drink room temperature water from the tap, try pouring out a small amount of mineral water whenever you're in the kitchen. You can put the bowl in the fridge if your cat likes cold water. Some cats will only drink flowing water.
  11. If your cat is licking hair away from the top of the tail or in a circle between its legs, first get them checked for fleas and infection. If there is no improvement, then consider a restriction diet, after talking to your vet. If you still have no improvement, it may be a stress problem where the cat is licking themselves for comfort.
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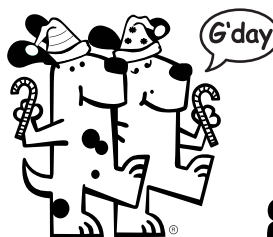
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Circle C Ranch	216	2,754	\$ 123	1999	41	85	29
Heights At Loma Vista	7	3,297	\$ 122	2006	155	2	1
High Pointe	8	3,507	\$ 104	2006	74	13	5
Legend Oaks	39	2,340	\$ 117	1994	30	9	3
Maple Run	67	1,723	\$ 110	1988	25	22	7
Meridian	17	3,206	\$ 119	2007	100	17	4
Sendera	47	2,235	\$ 107	1999	35	15	3
Shady Hollow	25	2,748	\$ 120	1989	49	10	0
Village At Western Oaks	114	2,141	\$ 123	1996	36	34	14
Western Oaks	8	2,824	\$ 121	1991	28	6	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>2,522</b>	<b>\$ 119</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>% Change Mo/ Mo</b>	<b>-7%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>-5%</b>	<b>-3%</b>

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