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"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

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

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

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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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

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New Winery Opens in Oakhill

A winery has opened in Oakhill, which offers a unique experience for the wine novice to the seasoned wine expert. Do you normally buy wine by looking at the picture on the label? Have you ever wanted to taste a bottle of wine before you bought it? Well, now you can at Vintner's Cellar, located in the HEB Shopping center at the "Y". No longer do you have to wonder if the bottle you purchased is any good. The skilled winery workers will provide details of how the wine is made and the different qualities the wine has. Vintner's Cellar offers customers a unique experience where they can make, bottle and label their own wine. The wine-tasting bar is open to the public for free tasting daily, Tuesday - Saturday 11am - 7:00pm and Sunday from 1pm - 5pm. The winery can also host Christmas or social parties. Come and try out Oakhill's very own winery.

Stork Report

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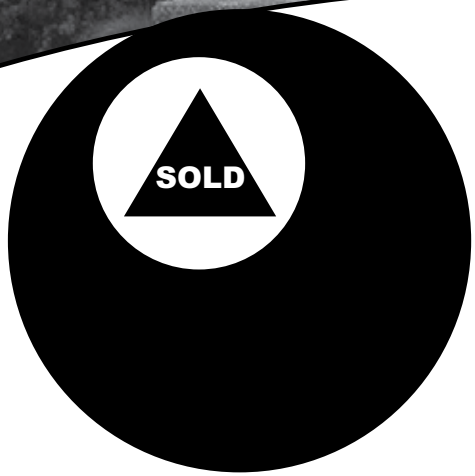


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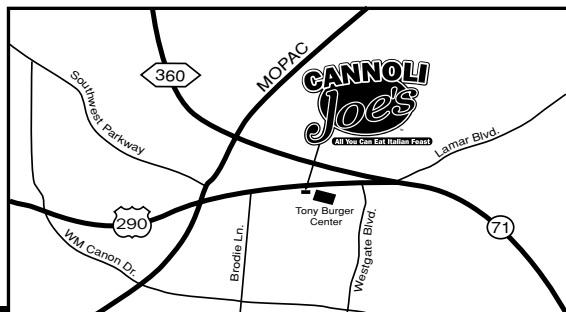


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Gardening Tips

By Belinda Smith

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(Provided by Travis County Master Gardener Association)

Things to Plant in December:

Flowers: Alyssum, Butterfly Weed, Calendula, Candytuft, Cornflower, Dianthus, Daisy (English, Shasta and Painted), Liatris, Nasturtium, Ornamental Cabbage and Kale, Phlox paniculata, Snapdragon, Stock.

Flower Seeds: Bluebonnet, Calendula, Candytuft, Cornflower, Feverfew, Gaillardia, Gayfeather, Larkspur, Nasturtium, Poppy, Sweet Pea.

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Things to Do in December:

Fertilize: Fertilize bulbs with bone meal in the planting hole. Feed winter bloomers such as alyssum, dianthus and especially pansies every 4-6 weeks.

Water: Water everything well before a freeze to protect against cold injury, but avoid over watering.

Transplant: Transplant bare root and container grown roses, shrubs, trees, groundcovers and vines so they get established before warm weather arrives next summer.

Prepare Soil: Prepare dormant beds for spring planting: clean out dead and spent plants, compost to enrich organic content of the soil. Send in soil samples. Check winter mulch and replenish if needed. Stockpile leaves for mulch and composting throughout spring and summer.

Lawn Care: Run mower and trimmer engines dry of gasoline, drain and change oil. Take them to the repair shop now to avoid spring rush. Clean and oil ALL tools before storing for winter.

Diseases/Pests to Look For: Watch for scale, mealy bugs and spider mites on houseplants. Root rot fungus thrives on over-watered houseplants.

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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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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.

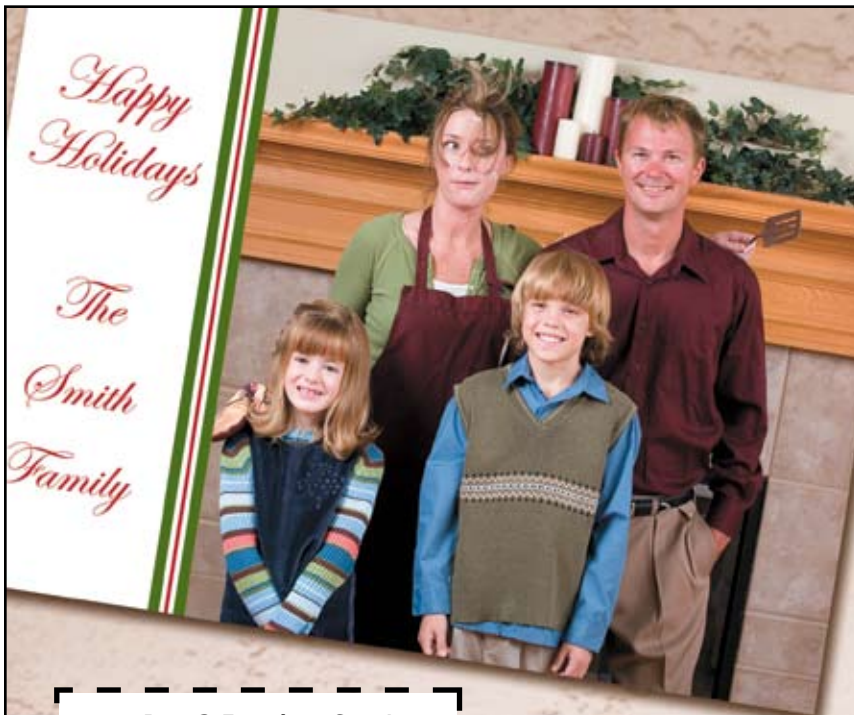
On Sunday, December 9 at worship services at 8:45am and 11:15am, the Oak Hill United Methodist Chancel Choir will perform both sacred and secular Christmas music. That evening at 7pm, the youth group will present a Christmas program in the sanctuary.

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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The Christmas Post is fast, fun and filled with laughter. Begin inviting your family and friends now. This musical and drama will find you walking away with the wonderful message of Christmas.



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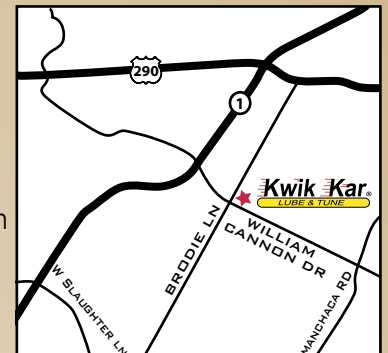
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Each child attending this event will be provided with their own "passport" where they will seek answers to specific question regarding the different traditions on display. Completed passports can then be exchanged for a prize. There will be games, activities and arts-n-crafts projects. Plus, we will offer delectable delicacies and refreshments, as well as a few surprises. Come an join us for this fulfilled educational opportunity packaged in a family

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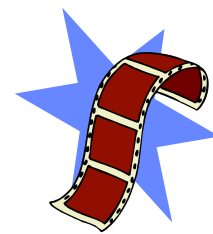
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Sunday, December 2, 5:00 PM: Hanging of the Greens

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

7 PM - Candlelight Celebration

9 PM - Contemporary Service

11 PM - Communion & Candles

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How to Get Ready to Play Tennis

Submitted by Fernando M. Velasco

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Remember your age!! While young, all muscles, tendons and ligaments were elastic and easily lubricated. Now, we are sitting in our offices in front of desks and computers or we are driving kids all over the city for school activities and sports, and some of you are going to all the sales in the Malls. Then, we rush to play tennis and get hurt!!

Before hitting the first tennis ball, whether you are taking a lesson, a clinic, playing for a league, or socially, you should spend at least 20 minutes doing your stretching exercises.

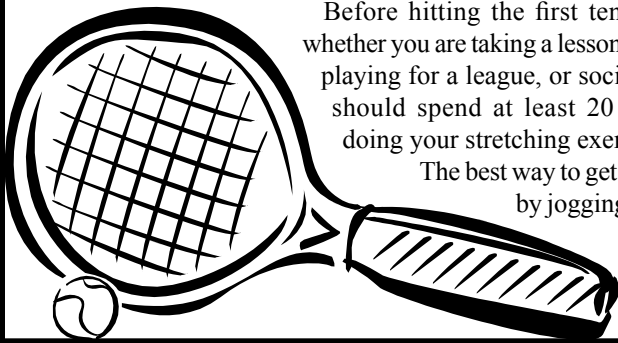
The best way to get started is by jogging in place for about three

minutes. Researchers have found that if we warm up our bodies by one degree, our chances of getting injured drop by 90%. After jogging, start stretching your legs, and move to your knees, groin muscles, calf muscles, waist, back and neck. From there, rotate your shoulders and arms. Never neglect your elbows and wrists since they are the most susceptible to injury by a bad hit. Now you have significantly lowered your chances of injury during play.

As important as it is to do "pre-activity" stretching, it is also essential to do "post-activity" stretching. This is the time when your ligaments and muscles are in the best condition to be stretched to the limit without injury.

If are healing a present injury, always ice the area after playing and protect it by wearing the proper brace. If the injury still does not go away, it may be time to see a specialist and get an MRI to find out about the injury and get professional help to help you heal.

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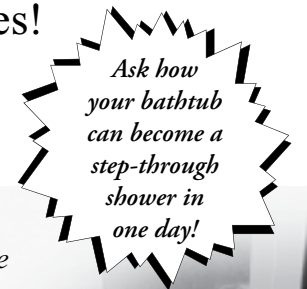
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The Truth About Steroids

Steroid abuse is still on the rise, and not just among professional athletes and bodybuilders.

Despite numerous educational efforts by health care officials, many amateur and high school athletes looking for that elusive competitive edge still believe they can get it from a syringe or a bottle of pills. What they don't realize is that steroids will give them a lot more than they bargained for.

Not worth the risk

Acne. Liver damage. Increased risk of heart disease. These are just a few of the side effects associated with anabolic steroid abuse. And there's more.

The side effects are severe. Men who use steroids also may develop gynecomastia (the development of breasts), priapism (painful prolonged erection) and edema from sodium and water retention. They also will be more prone to cardiovascular problems since steroids decrease high-density lipoprotein levels (HDL) or "good" cholesterol, and increase low-density lipoprotein levels (LDL) or "bad" cholesterol.

Coupled with hypertension and negative changes in myocardial tissue, steroids users are at an increased risk for heart attack as well.

Of additional concern are alterations in psyche and behavior (i.e., aggression, physical dependence) and decreased immune function. Changes in the reproductive system, such as a reduction in testicle size, sperm count and mobility, and a decrease in the levels of endogenous testosterone and other sex hormones are common.

Women at risk

Unlike men, whose side effects may be reversible once the abuse has stopped, women

experience irreversible changes, such as a deepened voice, increased facial and body hair growth, enlarged clitoris and coarser skin. In addition, irregularities in, or cessation of menstrual cycle, increased libido, aggressiveness, acne and decreased immune function may occur.

Women are also prone to the cardiovascular risks and changes in psyche and behavior that men experience.

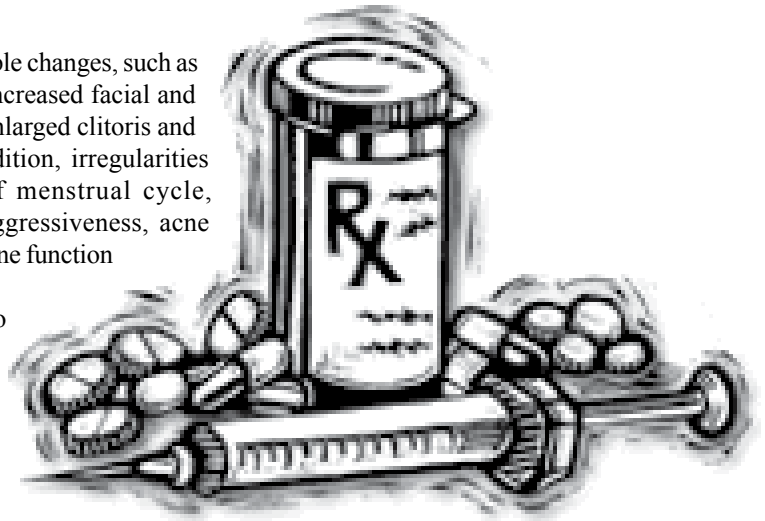
All risk, no glory

There is an even scarier risk of steroid abuse: death. Steroid users who share needles are putting themselves at risk for developing infections such as HIV, hepatitis or other viral diseases.

The terminal risks of steroid abuse are not fully known. Some published cases of tumors and other cancers related to steroid abuse have been reported. Even so, physicians and researchers do not know all the repercussions of steroid abuse on one's body and future health.

Controlled research is unethical and only information from abusers is usable; yet this data may be inaccurate since most users are not forthcoming about the full extent of their steroid use.

Since the late 1980s, the federal government has begun to crack down on steroid use and distribution. Possession of steroids with intent to distribute without a valid prescription is a felony and subject to prosecution. Likewise, steroid use is a violation of the rules of virtually all sports leagues and councils as



well as the traditional ethics of good sportsmanship.

No substitute for training

What most steroid users don't realize is that they are placing themselves at risk for something they could achieve on their own. Many experts agree that the effects of steroids on strength and muscle mass of beginning weight lifters or athletes are minimal when compared with the effects of an intensive weight-training or conditioning program.

The best way to improve performance and increase muscle mass is to follow a well-designed program that challenges both your body and your mind. No drug can do that for you.





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SW Austin by Neighborhood	6 Months Sold History (May '07 - Oct '07)					CURRENT MARKET	
	TOTAL	AVERAGE				TOTAL	
	Homes Sold	Square Feet	Price / Sq. Foot	Year Built	Days On Market	Available	Pending Sale
Barker Ranch	6	3,423	\$ 106	2004	46	2	0
Belterra	46	3,155	\$ 112	2006	106	55	8
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
Grand Total	600	2,522	\$ 119	1997	46	270	74
% Change Mo/ Mo	-7%	0%	0%	0%	1%	-5%	-3%

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