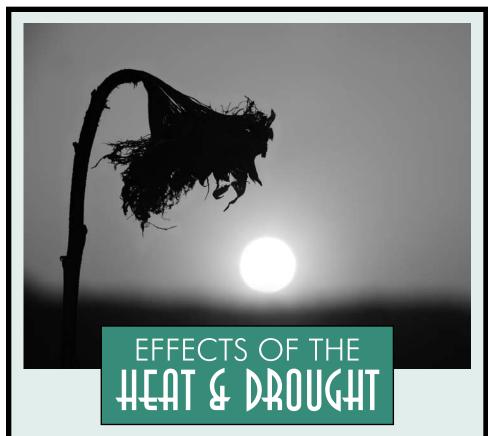


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You are sure to have noticed the stressed grass and plants in the common areas resulting from the dry conditions experienced in June. Our new landscape contractor, the Brickman Group, has done some fine work to increase the beauty of the community, but these efforts were set back following the heat wave. Irrigation was also affected by the drop in water levels, and was supplemented with manual watering from Brickman's water truck, but it is impossible to hand water the entire subdivision. Irrigation continues during nighttime hours to minimize evaporation, but the additional cost of pumping water from our wells will be very high.

The dead sod was planned for replacement following the return of rainfall to our area. Until that time, please understand that the brown areas are not from a lack of effort on anyone's part. We look forward to a green community again soon.



July will be the final month for residents to make sure that our gate attendants have your contact phone number on file before new access control procedures are adopted.

We have equipped our security personnel with a computer file of all residents so that they can be contacted as necessary to allow visitors to gain access. Beginning in August, if a visitor does not have the resident's phone number, and this is not on file, access may be denied. Remember also to record the names of your frequent visitors, landscape contractors, house cleaners, etc.

Just call the main gate at 713-937-8825, or use the form in this newsletter to register the information. THANKS!

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Visit the Association Website: www.lakesoneldridge.net



MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Annual Homeowners Meeting



It's not too early to mark your calendars for Tuesday Oct. 20th and plan to attend the Annual Lakes on Eldridge Homeowner's meeting to be held at 7:00 pm at Kirk Elementary School. This will be an important meeting to review 2009 accomplishments and plans for 2010, and we urge all to attend. Watch for more details in upcoming newsletters.

Article Submissions

If you would like to submit an article or any information for the Lakes on Eldridge Newsletter you may do so by sending the information to news@lakesoneldridge.net. This information should include your name. All information should be received no later than the 10th of the month and is subject to editorial approval as well as space limitations.



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Stitch & Chat

HELPING YOU GET STARTED

Residents of Lakes on Eldridge that would be interested in learning to knit, crochet, do needlepoint or embroidery, please join us on any Thursday at the Beach Clubhouse from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. We will be happy to help you get started. Some of our members don't even sew; they just drop by for coffee and to chat. Please come join us.

For more information contact Catherine Spellings at 713-896-1652 (home) or 713-628-7083 (cell) or CTSpellings@aol.com or Tina Wang at 713-574-1654 or Yangingwang20022003@ yahoo.com

MotherHood

The Lakes on Eldridge (LOE) MotherWise group has realigned and changed its name to MotherHood. The group's focus promotes fellowship for mothers in the neighborhood, allows participants to share parenting skills and offers an opportunity to devote time to prayer. The group has resided within our community for 10 years and provided LOE moms with a spiritual and social network. The frequency of the meeting times and location has changed. The meetings are comprised of devotional readings, prayer requests, general discussion and social time. The group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 7:30 - 8:30 pm in private residences. To learn more about this enriching support network, please call Wendy Craven at (713) 856-7054 or Joy Hall at (713) 856-8444. Participation is open to those outside of the LOE community as well... so bring a friend!

PLEASE LET US KNOW!

If you know of a LOE resident who has had any outstanding awards, milestones or accomplishments, please let us know at <u>news@</u> <u>lakesoneldridge.net</u> so they may be recognized in the newsletter.



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July 27 - <u>Dreams from My Father</u> by Barack Obama. Years before becoming the 44th President-elect of the United States, Barack Obama published this lyrical, unsentimental, and powerfully affecting memoir, which became a #1 New York Times bestseller when it was re-issued in 2004. <u>Dreams from My Father</u> tells the story of Obama's struggle to understand the forces that shaped him as the son of a black African father and white American mother-a struggle that takes him from the American heartland to

the ancestral home of his great-aunt in the tiny African village of Alego.

August 24 - <u>The Madonnas of</u> <u>Leningrad</u> by Debra Dean. Bit by bit, the ravages of age are eroding Marina's grip on the everyday. An elderly Russian woman now living in America, she cannot hold on to fresh memories-the details of her grown children's lives, the approaching wedding of her grandchildyet her distant past as a docent at the Hermitage Museum in Leningrad during the Nazi siege are as vivid as yesterday.



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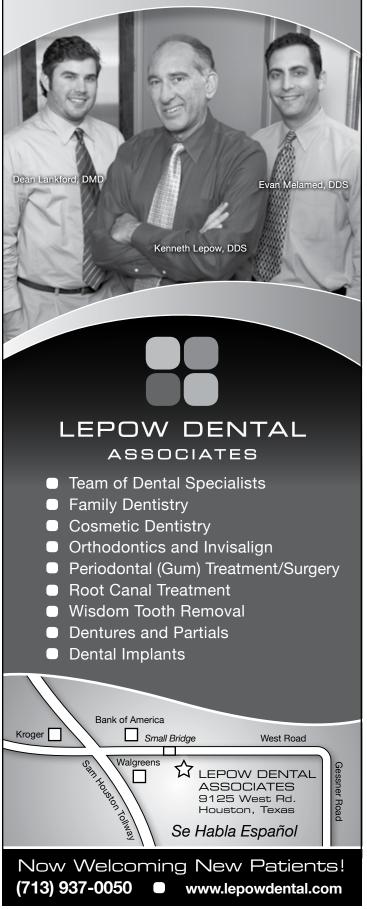
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Lone Star College-CyFair "Perspective"

Sign Up for the Summer Bridge Program

Set July 13 through Aug. 6, this program is available for first-time college students who are on the threshold of being able to enroll in college-level courses. Free textbooks, mentoring, tutoring and support services as well as a \$400 stipend upon course completion are incorporated into the program to assist students in their transition into college. For program eligibility requirements and information, call Erin Smith at 281-290-3430 or go to CyFair.LoneStar.edu/summerbridge.

"High School Musical 2" on stage in July

Don't miss this new high energy show, an adaption of the Disney Channel's sequel to the wildly popular "High School Musical," which follows the Wildcats from East High School into their summer months at Lava Springs Country Club. Reserved and group seating available. "High School Musical 2" will be performed in collaboration with Houston's Center Stage Theater July 17 through July 26. For ticket information, call 281-290-5201 or go to CyFair.LoneStar. edu/boxoffice or www.houstonscenterstage.com.

"Milestones and Signposts" in the Bosque Gallery

Check out this exhibition of work by two talented Houston Area artists Chris Narum and Humberto Saenz whose content is connected by the investigation of the idea of the marginalization. The exhibition will be on display July 7 through July 23 in the Bosque Gallery with an opening reception at 4:30 p.m. and artist talk at 5 p.m. July 9. Go to CyFair. LoneStar.edu/bosquegallery for gallery hours and information.

Free New Student Orientations Set

Take a tour, learn about campus programs, meet with an advisor, choose a schedule and register for fall classes at LSC-CyFair's free new student orientations this summer. Three orientation sessions, including separate sessions for parents and family members, continue each Wednesday through August 19. For information, go to CyFair. LoneStar.edu/orientation.

L.I.F.E. Lessons in July

The Learning, Inspiration, Fellowship and Enrichment (L.I.F.E.) programs are free and held Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Lone

Star College-CyFair Branch Library (Room 131.) Programs in July include: Dance Salad video of eclectic mix of dancing July 1, stress and your health July 8, Nia "cardiovascular" dancing July 15, genealogical expedition July 22 and curry/korma cooking July 29 (held in HSC 105). Call the library at 281-290-3213 for L.I.F.E. program information or go online to CyFair.LoneStar.edu/library.

Summer Film Series and Art Exhibitions

The free Cinema WOW! Film Series, which includes an engaging discussion after the movie, continues with "Touch of Evil" July 8; "LA Confidential" July 14 (at LSC-Fairbanks Center) and "Bad Education" July 22. For information, go to CyFair.LoneStar.edu/filmseries.

Check out "Milestones and Signposts" July 7 through July 23 and "Confluence, Study Abroad 2009" Aug. 4 through Aug. 27 at the Bosque Gallery. Go to CyFair.LoneStar.edu/bosquegallery for gallery hours and information.

Discovery College continues through August

Registration for Lone Star College-CyFair's popular Discovery College summer camp for ages 6 to 15 is under way. The one-week summer sessions are fun and educational programs to develop skills in a friendly environment. Camps are offered at the Barker Cypress campus and the Fairbanks Center campus, Monday through Friday. For information, go to cyfair.lonestar.edu/discoverycollege. For Barker Cypress camps only, call 832-482-1043 and for Fairbanks Center camps only, call 832-782-5038.

Register for Fall and Pay Early For Free Tuition

Register and pay for fall credit courses before the close of business Monday, Aug. 3 and automatically be entered to win free tuition, IPOD Shuffle or \$300 book voucher. The grand prize covers payment of tuition and fees up to \$500 for credit classes at the Barker Cypress and Fairbanks Center campuses. Funds will be posted to the student's account. All winners will be notified and announced by Aug. 14. Call 281-290-3200 or 832-782-5000 for information; go online to CyFair.LoneStar.edu; or visit one of our conveniently located campuses at 9191 Barker Cypress or 14955 Northwest Freeway.





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The American Business Woman's **Association of Cy-Fair Express Network**

WHEN: TIME:

EVENT: Cy-Fair Express Network Thursday, July 23, 2009 11:30 am - 1:00 pm WHERE: Houston National Golf Club 16500 Houston National Blvd Houston, TX. 77095 (281)304-1400

NETWORKING AND BUSINESS LUNCHEON

The American Business Women's Association Cy-Fair Express Network invites you to their monthly networking meeting and luncheon. Join us as

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Reservations: Contact Anya Lucas 713-459-2331 or anya@lucascarecare.com Or go to www.cyfen.org for more information. Please try to RSVP by Friday May 22, 2009.

CYFEN is an ABWA Express Networking organization providing opportunities to network with professionals in the Northwest Houston area, and offers professional development and educational advantages through ABWA. CYFEN meets the fourth Thursday of each month (except November and December), and visitors are always welcome. Contact Anya Lucas for more information.

Houston Undercover **A Quilt Show**

Presented by: Quilt Guild of Greater Houston

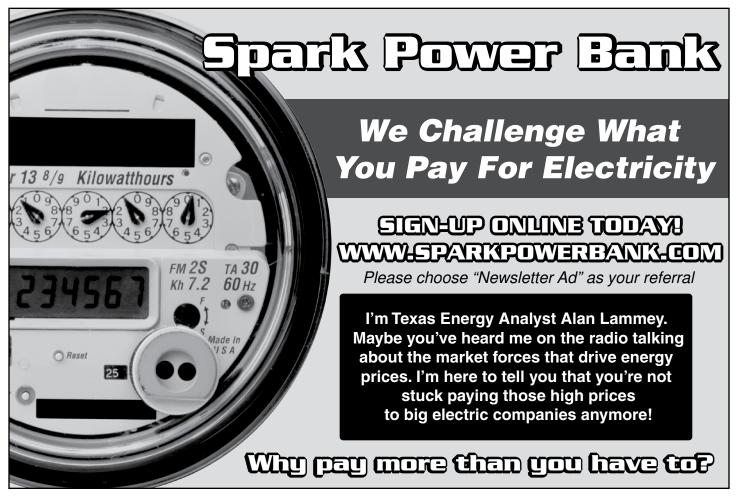
Location:

Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church 11612 Memorial Dr. Houston, Tx

Dates: July 23 - Auction & Preview Night, 6-8:30 pm July 24-25 - Quilt Show, 10 am - 6 pm

General Admission: \$5

Judged quilt show with over 200 quilts, various vendors, snack bar, door prizes, donation quilt, quilt appraisal, Children's Scavenger Hunt. Each child will get a prize for participationg. The children are quilters of the future. Contact information: www. qggh.org or 979-289-5175



LOE BIBLE STUDY

The Bible study group gathers at 9:15 am on Tuesdays for coffee and fellowship. The discussion lesson begins around 9:30 and ends at 11:30. On the first Tuesday of each month we go out to lunch. Send your name address and telephone number to sableggett@ sbcglobal.net to register. If you don't use email, call Stephanie at 713-560-0042. Hope to see you there!

290 Cypress Business Networking Group

The 290 Cypress Business Networking Group meets every Thursday morning at 7:30 am at Newk's Express Café located at Hwy 290 and Spring Cypress in the Kroger Shopping Center near the Cinemark Theater. The group is open to all business owners and professionals who want to increase their exposure to the residents of Cypress and the surrounding areas. There is no cost to attend the meeting. If you would like more information, please call Ken Parker at 281-384-1562. Visit our new website at 290Cypress.com

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! BUNCO JUNKIES!

This year we are playing "Bunco" from 12 noon until 2 pm once a month on the 1st Thursday of each month at the LOE Beach Clubhouse.

We need twelve players each month to have these tables. The first 12 people to sign up will make up our core group. We will need substitutes for those people who will not be able to play each month.

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- pocket folders with brads
- washable markers
- large & small packages manila paper
- large & small packages multi-colored construction paper
- pencil boxes/pouches
- scissors
- new socks and underwear in adult sizes

For the Food Pantry, donations of the following will help families with children home for the summer:

- Peanut butter & jelly
- Sweetened Drink Mixes
- Spaghetti Os
- Snack Foods
- Canned Meats
- Powdered milk
- Toilet Paper/Paper towels

Donations can be made Monday through Wednesday from 10AM – 6PM and Thursday through Saturday from 10AM - 3PM.

For a description of the services and volunteer opportunities at Cypress Assistance Ministries please see our web site, www. cypressassistance.org.

Kirk Elementary

Music Memory Team takes the GOLD !!!

The music memory team at Kirk Elementary, under the direction of spotlight teacher Mrs. Charlsie Gomez, received the gold division plaque at the Cy-Fair District Music Memory Contest. The gold division is the highest level awarded at the contest. These students worked diligently all year to learn about the eight composers, their music and their history. They were able to identify all the compositions after hearing only a two - second excerpt! Congratulations to the following team members: Timothy Angeles, Pooja Agrawal, Poonam Agrawal, Maria Bustamante, Austin Chan, Michelle Truong and Collin Viator. Way to go Kirk Tigers!!

Kirk Elementary Important Dates in August

- Registration will be held on August 11, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20 from 8:00 - 11:00 am and 1:00 - 3:00 pm.
- · Home room lists will be posted at the school on August 14 at 3:30 pm.
- Students and parents will have the opportunity to meet their new teacher on August 19th. Pre-K and Kinder will meet at 5:30 pm, second and third graders will meet at 6 pm, first graders at 6:30 and fourth and fifth graders at 7:00 pm.
- First day of school is Monday, August 24th.

Cypress Christian School Students Collect

Elementary students at Cypress Christian School recently collected money for children who have cancer in the Houston area by

donating "pennies for patients." Grades kindergarten through fifth grade raised a total of \$415.33, which was donated to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The organization raises money for children who have been diagnosed with several different kinds of cancer.

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SUGGESTION BOX

Have you ever wanted to make a suggestion to the LOE Board of Directors but don't know how to go about it? Well, they have now made it very easy and convenient for you. The Board has placed a SUGGESTION BOX in the Member Section of the LOE website, www.lakesoneldridge.net. Please type in any suggestions for the Board to review and discuss. This Suggestion Box goes directly to the Board members and after such discussion; one of the members will be in contact with you. Please note that you may be called upon to be a part of the solution to the suggestion you make.

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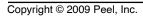


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Lakes on Eldridge LONE STAR TEXAS LICENSE PLATE SET TO HIT TEXAS ROADWAYS

Eight-year-old John Thomsett of Gilmer, Tx. joined Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) officials on Tuesday to announce that the colorful new general-issue license plate, Lone Star Texas, is about to hit Texas' roadways.

"My fellow Texans, I am pleased to announce that the new license plates have left the factory," John said during a TxDOT press conference at the Travis County tax office in Austin. "You will be seeing it on a car or truck near you real soon."

TxDOT began shipping the new generalissue plates to the 254 county tax offices statewide on Monday. County tax offices should have the Lone Star Texas plate in stock by no later than June 12.

"Because our state is real big, it will take about two weeks for the plates to arrive in all the county tax offices," John explained. County tax offices will need to exhaust their current plate inventory before issuing the Lone Star Texas plates.

In February 2008, John and his classmates at Gilmer Elementary School helped to choose the Lone Star Texas design as part of TxDOT's first online vote for a new generalissue license plate. John's teacher, Kerry Hradecky, cast the vote for the class.

"I was very excited that my students could be involved and have a voice in voting for such a prevalent symbol - our state license plate," said Hradecky, who teaches first grade at the Gilmer Elementary School. "We discussed that different states have different license plates based upon state characteristics and our privilege as Americans to vote."

Cindy Jones, who can trace her Texas roots back to an ancestor in the Republic of Texas Navy, said she cast her vote for the Lone Star Texas plate because it shows off the state's majesty and pride.



"The license plate was an inspiration - and I never thought I'd say that!," said Jones, who lives in Mason. "Allowing everyone to vote was a great idea."

Ed Serna, TxDOT assistant executive director for operations, said at the press conference the new general-issue plate goes by a special name at the agency. "At TxDOT we affectionately call it 'The People's Plate," Serna said.

Texans chose the Lone Star Texas plate from five different designs. The plate design received 455,878 of the more than 1.1 million Texans votes. The Texas Transportation Commission, which by law must approve the state's general-issue plate, unanimously agreed with online voters and approved the plate on Feb. 28, 2008.

The opportunity for a new general-issue license presented itself when the agency realized it was going to run out of the sixcharacter plate patterns. The new generalissue plate features seven-character license plate numbers.

It also is the state's first digitally-produced and full color general-issue license plate. The Lone Star Texas design features clouds in a blue Texas sky and brushes of red and blue with the familiar Lone Star in white. The plate also features the Davis mountain range. The digital process creates a more environmentally-friendly plate, eliminating the need for 484 gallons of paint thinners and 396 gallons of ink annually, and the energy needed to power huge ovens that dried the plate ink. The factory at the state prison in Huntsville, where the license plates are manufactured, was retooled and outfitted with new equipment for digital production.

"We are asking Texans to join us in our concern for the environment by not rushing down to their local county tax office to purchase this plate," said Rebecca Davio, director of TxDOT's Vehicle Titles and Registration Division, which oversees the manufacturing of the state's plates. "Our plates are made of recyclable aluminum but if everyone decides to run out for the new plate then good plates will be wasted."

Texans eligible for the new license plate will be those that purchase a new vehicle, and those whose license plates are seven years old, the mandatory time when plates are replaced because they lose their safety reflectivity.

Nelda Wells Spears, the Travis County tax assessor-collector, reminded Texans that the reflective sheeting on license plates helps rescuers and citizens spot vehicles at night that have run off the road or are pulled off *(Continued on Page 16)*

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Lone Star Texas License Plate - (Continued from Page 14)

on the shoulder. License plates also help to save lives and catch criminals, Spears said.

"One of the primary tools for police when they are looking for a suspect, whether it be someone who abducted a child or robbed a bank, is to ask citizens to be on the look out for a certain vehicle model with a specific license plate number," Spears said. "While there may be thousands of the same type of vehicles on our roadways there will be only one with that unique license plate number."

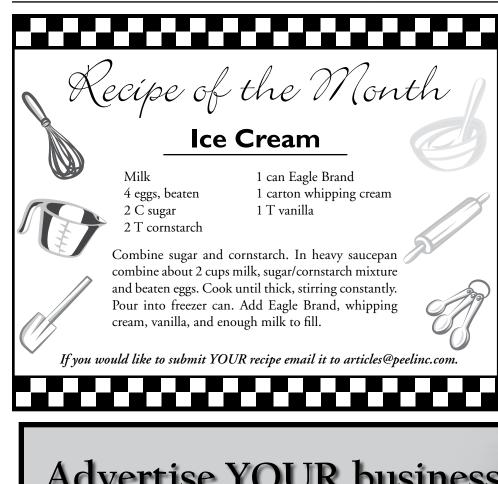
There are more than 21 million registered vehicles in Texas and the majority of them have general-issue license plates. License plates are a part of "Put Texas in your corner," the vehicle registration process that includes annual renewal of the registration sticker.

Since 1917, the Texas Department of Transportation has been responsible for the state's license plates. This new general-issue license plate may be the agency's last. In the Texas legislative session that ended on Monday, June 1, lawmakers passed a bill to create the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles, which would take over responsibility for the state's license plates. The bill is awaiting Gov. Rick Perry's signature.

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- 16. Water wash condenser coil and remove debris
- 17. Inspect service valves for proper operation and for leaks
- 18. Measure temperature difference between supply/return
- 19. Inspect blower wheel for balance and dust
- 20. Monitor compressor for proper amperage, volt draw and wiring connections





Texas Events - July

- **1, 8, 15, 22, 29—ORANGE:** Wild Wednesdays at Shangri La Offers a series of classes to educate the public about the natural world. Shangri La Botanical Gardens. www.shangrilagardens.org 409/670-9113
- **8, 18—CORPUS CHRISTI:** Monthly Cooking Demonstrations Learn and experience alternative preparation styles and techniques. Includes Carson's Deli (Bastille Day) on July 8 and Tony Trevino (Barbecue) on July 18. Galvan House in Heritage Park. www. ccparkandrec.com 361/826-3449
- **9-12—PORT ARANSAS**: Deep Sea Roundup Includes bay/surf division, offshore division and children's Piggy Perch contest. www. paboatmen.org 361/749-6339
- **10—HOUSTON**: Bats on the Bayou The 90-minute guided boat tour is guaranteed to be both mesmerizing and informative. Meet at Allen's Landing. www.buffalobayou.org 713/752-0314 ext. 4
- **10-12—BEAUMONT:** Peddler & Outdoor Expo Features the best in boats, RVs, motorcycles, and cars plus fashions, jewelry, accessories, metalwork, stonework, woodwork, decor, and more. Ford Arena. 409/951-5400
- 10, 17, 24, 31—ROSENBERG: Hot Summer Concerts Performers include Rob Darien and the Outside Dogs on July 10, Drywater Band on July 17, Level One Band on July 24, and Mark Smith and his dueling pianos on July 31. Begins at 7 p.m. Third Street Park. 832/595-3525
- 11—CORPUS CHRISTI: Passion for Plumeria Plumeria Society of South Texas President Frank Eicholz discusses tips and leads a tour of the new Plumeria Garden & Willoughby Viewing Platform. South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center. www.stxbot.org 361/852-2100
- 11—PALACIOS: Market Day 361/972-2615
- 11—SANTA FE: Harvest Festival Begins at 9 a.m. Haak Winery, 6310 Ave. T. www.haakwine.com 409/925-1401
- 11-12—ROCKPORT: Texas Outdoor Family Workshop Families learn the basic outdoor skills they will need to enjoy overnight camping. Reservations required. Goose Island State Park. 512/389-8903 or 361/729-2858
- 11, 18, 25—CORPUS CHRISTI: Live Music Bay Cruise Captain Clark's Flagship. E-mail: CaptClarksFlagship@worldnet.att.net 361/884-8306

- **15-16—PORT ARANSAS:** Texas Outdoor Family Workshop Families learn the basic outdoor skills they need. Reservations required. Mustang Island State Park. 512/389-8903 or 361/749-5246
- 17—SANTA FE: Flamenco Night Begins at 6 p.m. Music provided by Lucia and Valdemir. Reservations required. Haak Winery. www. haakwine.com 409/925-1401
- 17—VICTORIA: Victoria Country Music Show Hours are 7 to 10 p.m. Jaycee Hall. 361/552-9345
- 17-18—ORANGE: Orange County Sheriff's Posse Rodeo Includes riding, roping, bronco busting and more. Hwy. 105 at Sheriff Posse Arena. 409/886-2638
- 17-19—PORT ARANSAS: Outboard Fishing Tournament Offers a tournament for vessels powered exclusively by outboard motors. Robert's Point Park. 361/749-6211
- **18—ORANGE:** Summer Family Day includes family tours of the museum, a scavenger hunt, art activities, storytelling and more. Stark Museum of Art. 409/886-ARTS
- **18—SAN BENITO:** Market Day & Farmer's Market Enjoy live music and arts & crafts at this open-air bazaar. Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Plaza de San Benito. www.cityofsanbenito.com 956/361-3804 ext. 304
- **18-19—BEAUMONT:** Christmas in July Art & craft show features vendors from the area. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Beaumont Civic Center. E-mail: sgmgiftmarket@yahoo.com 409/225-2739
- **18-19—PORT NECHES:** Trade Days on the Avenue Includes antiques, collectibles, decor, entertainment and more. Port Neches Avenue. 409/722-4023
- 19—SANTA FE: Bluegrass Festival Music provided by Cypress Creek. Haak Winery. www.haakwine.com 409/925-1401
- 23-25—CLUTE: Great Texas Mosquito Festival Features a carnival, cook-off, arts & crafts, contests, food vendors, Texas country music concerts, senior bingo, dodge ball tournament, horseshoe and washer tournaments, exhibits, local entertainment, Radio Disney entertainment and much more. Clute Municipal Park. www. mosquitofestival.com 800/371-2971 or 979/265-8392

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- 24-25—PORT ARANSAS: Blue Wave Owners Tournament For owners of boats manufactured by Blue Wave. Robert's Point Park. www.bluewaveboats.com 800/432-6768
- **24-Aug. 2—HOUSTON:** Kiss Me, Kate A farce ensues when two actors once married headline a local theater group preparing to open a musical version of The Taming of the Shrew. Masquerade Theatre. www.masqueradetheatre.com 713/861-7045
- **25—BEAUMONT:** Summer Family Arts Day Combines exploration of the exhibits, hands-on activities and storytelling. Art Museum of Southeast Texas. www.amset.org 409/832-3432
- **25—PORT ARTHUR:** Jam Includes blues and R&B. Hours are 7 p.m. to midnight. Port Arthur Civic Center. E-mail: triangleconcert@webtv.net 409/548-4444
- **25-26—SOUTH PADRE ISLAND:** 50th Annual Beachcombers Fine Arts Show Paintings, sculpture, ceramics, photography and other media will be represented as more than 100 artists from Texas

and Mexico display their works. South Padre Island Convention Centre. www.harlingenartforum.com 956/761-3000

- **29-Aug. 2—SOUTH PADRE ISLAND:** 70th Texas International Fishing Tournament Offers fun for all anglers of all ages. www. tift.org 956/943-8438
- 31-Aug. 1-ORANGE: OCARC Fishing Tournament 409/886-1363
- **31-Aug. 2, 7-9—BAYTOWN:** Disney's Beauty & the Beast Lee College Performing Arts Center, 200 Lee Drive. www.baytown. littletheater.org 281/424-7617
- **31-Aug. 8—HOUSTON:** Twelfth Night One of Shakespeare's greatest comedies ponders love lost and found. Miller Outdoor Theatre. www.milleroutdoortheatre.com 281/373-3386

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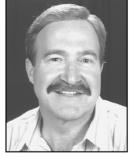
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