



# LAKES

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Well, August has finally arrived with the heat! Even so, the yards are still nicely maintained. Keep up your good work. It definitely shows!! The following are names, addresses and photos of our TWO WINNERS and names and addresses of our TWO HONORABLE MENTIONS for SEPTEMBER:

### **WINNERS:**

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### **HONORABLE MENTIONS:**

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Congratulations to you all for a job well done! Winners, please allow 8 weeks for receiving your gift certificate from Cornelius.

## **Vehicle Security Reminder**

We live in a neighborhood that has been fortunate enough to be relatively free of crime; however, we are not immune to occasional theft and vandalism. Recently, there were reports of several cars being broken into on a single night. One or more of these cars were left unlocked. Money and valuables were reportedly taken from the cars, in addition to gate remotes.

This is a reminder that we should not be complacent because we live in a desirable, gated community. Police organizations are unanimous in stating that most car break-ins are carried out by amateurs taking advantage of unlocked vehicles with valuables in sight. Please remember to always roll up your windows, lock your car, and lock your garage. Valuables should be removed from your vehicle or hidden from sight.

If you are the victim of a theft, please contact the Sheriff's office or dial 911 in the event of an emergency situation. The gate attendant may be called after the proper authorities have first been contacted. If a patrol is on duty, the patrol officer will respond. Please keep in mind, however, that the patrol officer cannot act in a law enforcement capacity. In such an instance the primary objective of the patrol officer will be to act as a visible deterrent to additional criminal activity, to gather any information that may be used to identify a suspicious person or vehicle that may still be in the community, and to report to the police any suspicious activity observed. The patrol officer will also prepare an internal report that is shared with the Board of Directors.

Law enforcement and emergency numbers are listed in the second page of every newsletter; please take the time to program these numbers into your phone.

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## TIMELY TIPS FOR SEPTEMBER GARDENERS

*From Calloway's Nursery*

The Texas summers can really take a toll on our lawns. Areas that are thinning from lack of water or too much foot traffic will often sprout up cover, often in the form of weeds. Our cool season weeds will start emerging in September once they receive a little moisture. So now is the time to prevent weed seeds and to apply our fall fertilizers.

Fall fertilization is the key to prolonging fall color and promoting early spring recovery of lawns. It will also help to promote a thick turf which resists those winter weeds. A good premium lawn food such as Calloway's will supply three sources of nitrogen. The first source provides a quick shot of nitrogen to give your lawn a nice greening effect. The other two are control-released to provide a consistent supply of nitrogen over the next several months. Its 21-5-10 formula also supplies the needed nutrients to stimulate root development, make your grass hardier for the winter months and provide food for next spring's growth. Apply the lawn food in September or in early October. There are also organic fertilizers available from Calloway's and others that can also be applied now.

Because many weeds grow and strengthen while grass is dormant, pre-emergent weed control applied before the weeds are growing is important for Texas lawns. The best times to treat lawn weeds with a pre-emergent herbicide are September and mid-March.

We will be hosting a free Fall Lawn Care clinic in every store on Saturday, September 18th at 10:15 am. Find out the secrets of a green, healthy lawn and be the envy of your neighborhood! Visit [www.mytexasgarden.com](http://www.mytexasgarden.com) for more gardening tips and information, and to become a member of our Garden Club.

## PLEASE SCOOP YOUR DOG'S POOP!

There are a few dog owners in our neighborhood that do not pick up after their dogs. PLEASE!! We have a beautiful community and it is such a shame to walk in the park and be confronted with some lazy, inconsiderate neighbor's dog's mess much less step in it. Everyone has an extra plastic bag in their home; just grab one before you leave the house for your walk. PLEASE SCOOP YOUR DOG'S POOP!



# AUTUMN BEGINS

Wednesday, September 22nd: First Day of Fall!  
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### UPCOMING BOOKS:

- **September 27 - *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* by Stieg Larsson.**

This remarkable first novel by the Swedish journalist Stieg Larsson has been a huge bestseller in Europe. It is an intelligent, ingeniously plotted, utterly engrossing thriller that is variously a serial-killer saga, a search for a missing person and an informed glimpse into the worlds of journalism and business.

- **October 25 - *Sarah's Key* by Tatiana de Rosnay.**

In the summer of 1942, the French police arrested thousands of Jewish families and held them outside of Paris before shipping them off to Auschwitz. On the 60th anniversary of the roundups, an expatriate American journalist covering the atrocities discovers a personal connection-her apartment was formerly occupied by one such family. She resolves to find out what happened to Sarah, the 10-year-old daughter, who was the only family member to survive.

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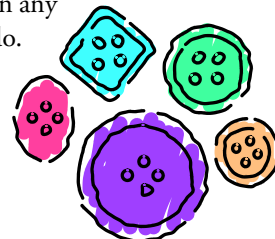
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You do not have to be a resident of Lakes on Eldridge to join us. For more information contact: Catherine Spellings at [CTSpellings@aol.com](mailto:CTSpellings@aol.com), or call 713-628-7083 or 713-896-1652.



# Out of the DARKNESS<sup>SM</sup>

COMMUNITY WALKS

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

Walk in the Houston Out of the Darkness Community Walk on Saturday, November 6th, 2010 at Stude Park, 1030 Stude Street, benefiting the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Join us for this powerful and inspiring event to help make suicide prevention a national priority and to end the stigma of mental illness & suicide. To learn more and register, log on to [www.outofthedarkness.org](http://www.outofthedarkness.org).

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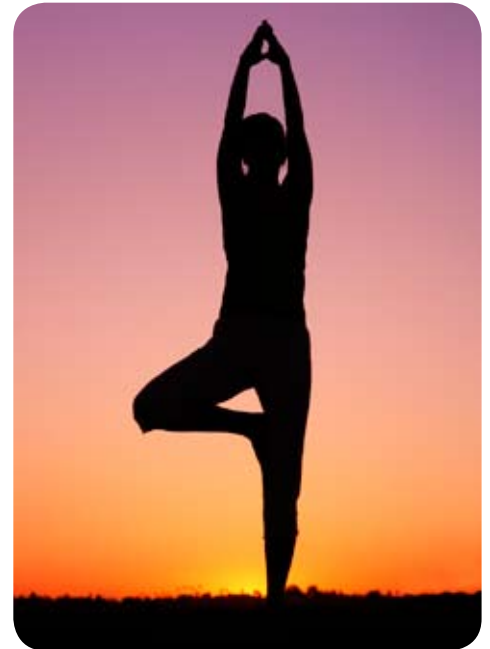
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- Tue Sept 7, 7:30 pm
- \*NEW 'Nia' Class\* by Anita Csoma on Tue Sept 14, 7:30 pm
- Wed Sept 22, 7:30 pm
- Tues Sept 28, 7:30 pm
- Tues Oct 5, 7:30 pm

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Texas AgriLife Extension is proud to present August 19th, the Green Thumb Lecture "Landscape Design" by Dr. Carol Brouwer, County Extension Agent-Horticulture. The lecture begins at 6:30pm at the Tracy Gee Community Center, 3599 Westcenter Drive, Houston Tx 77042. This event is free and open to the public. For more information visit <http://harris-tx.tamu.edu/hort/event/201008.htm>, or contact David Parish at 281-855-5600.



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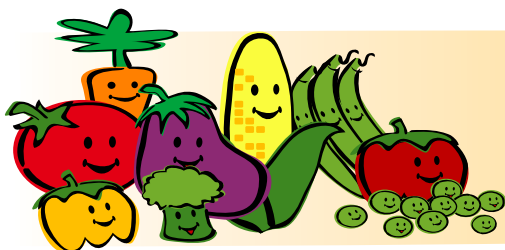
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Parents may urge their children to pack their lunch to lighten their own load during the busy school year but it also helps teach kids important lessons about nutrition and responsibility, said a Baylor College of Medicine ([www.bcm.edu](http://www.bcm.edu)) expert.

"Allowing children to pack their own lunch provides a great opportunity for children to take on more responsibility as they get older," said Dr. Teresia O'Connor, assistant professor of pediatrics - nutrition at the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center (<http://www.bcm.edu/cnrc/>) at BCM and Texas Children's Hospital ([www.texaschildrens.org](http://www.texaschildrens.org)). "It is also a great occasion to talk to your child about a balanced diet and teach about healthy balanced meals."

Parents should offer a little guidance initially, however. Younger children and parents should pack lunches together, and as the child gets older, he or she can take on more of the responsibility. This way, parents can teach their children what constitutes a healthy lunch. Later, parents can check in with them, learn the child's preferences and help

make sure that everything is available from the grocery store.

No matter who packs the school lunch, O'Connor recommends that it include a serving of fruit and a serving of vegetables. Veggies can include carrot sticks, celery or some other cut up vegetable as well as sliced tomato or lettuce on a sandwich. Sandwiches can be made on whole wheat bread to get the whole grains recommended on MyPyramid.gov, a resource of the USDA ([www.usda.gov](http://www.usda.gov)). Low-fat or skim milk or water makes a great drink option. Fruit is a good way to satisfy a sweet tooth, but a healthy lunch can still include occasional cookies or other sweets, O'Connor said.

"Sweet snacks have a place in a balanced healthy diet but the key is moderation," O'Connor said. "If the child gets a sweet at lunch, give them different choices for their after school snack or after dinner. Think about what the child ate throughout the whole day." The same rules apply if your child decides to buy lunch at school. They should select foods from a variety of food groups, including fruits and vegetables.



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Quarter 1	35	17	48.5%	23	4	17.3%
Quarter 2	27	21	77.7%	27	16	59.2%
Quarter 3	14	10	71.4%	20	9	45.0%
Quarter 4	20	6	30.0%	13	6	46.0%
Total	96	54	Avg: 56.9%	83	35	42.1%

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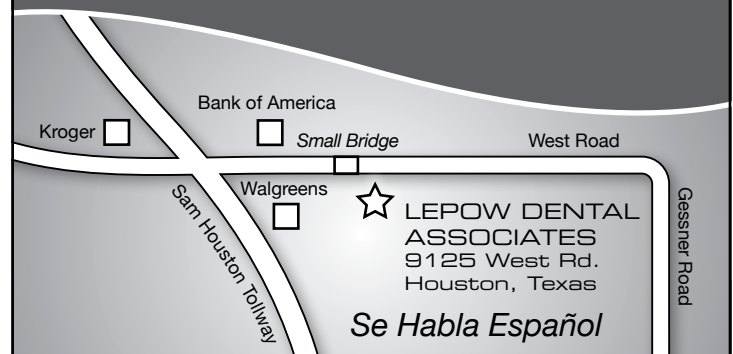
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- 16-19—GROVES:** Texas Pecan Festival Includes a parade, carnival rides, bands, and arts & craft booths. Lions Park. [www.texaspecanfestival.com](http://www.texaspecanfestival.com) 409/962-3631
- 16-19—HOUSTON:** Bronfman's Tchaikovsky 1 By the Houston Symphony and conductor Hans Graf. Jones Hall, 615 Louisiana St. [www.houstonsymphony.org](http://www.houstonsymphony.org)
- 16-19—ROCKPORT:** HummerBird Celebration Enjoy 25 homes with multiple feeders in beautiful gardens, plus speakers, vendors and a plant sale. Rockport-Fulton Middle School, High School & The Commons. [www.rockporthummingbird.com](http://www.rockporthummingbird.com) 361/729-6445
- 17-18—HUMBLE:** Trade Days Civic Arena. [www.humblecc.com](http://www.humblecc.com) 281/446-4140
- 17-19—VICTORIA:** Don't Dress for Dinner Center for the Performing Arts. [www.theatrevictoria.org](http://www.theatrevictoria.org) 361/570-TKTS
- 18—GALVESTON:** Architectural Walking Tour: Harbor View Tour meets at 1306 Harbor View at 9 a.m. [www.galvestonhistory.org](http://www.galvestonhistory.org) 409/765-7834
- 18—GALVESTON:** Bishop's Palace Behind the Scenes Tour See parts of this famous Galveston mansion that are normally off limits. Reservations required. Begins at 4 p.m. 1402 Broadway St. 409/762-2475
- 18—RICHMOND:** Celebrate! A Fort Bend Cultural Festival Learn about the Hispanic, German and Czech heritage of the area through entertainment, tours and activities. Fort Bend Museum. [www.fortbendmuseum.org](http://www.fortbendmuseum.org) 281/342-6478
- 18—SAN BENITO:** Market Days Farmers' market includes foods, crafts, music, antiques and one-of-a-kind items. Plaza de San Benito. [www.cityofsanbenito.com](http://www.cityofsanbenito.com)
- 18—VICTORIA:** Victoria Symphony The Victoria College Auditorium. [www.victoriasymphony.com](http://www.victoriasymphony.com) 361/576-4500
- 18-19—HOUSTON:** 10th Annual Hot Sauce Festival Sample spicy sauces and a variety of dips, chips, peppers, marinades, soups and more. Stafford Centre, 10505 Cash Road. [www.houstonhotsauce.com](http://www.houstonhotsauce.com)
- 18-19—HOUSTON:** Village Bluegrass Festival Features down-home bluegrass music, plus food and crafts. Traders Village. [www.tradersvillage.com](http://www.tradersvillage.com) 281/890-5500
- 19-Jan. 2—HOUSTON:** Dynasty and Divinity: Ife Art in Ancient Nigeria Offers an in-depth look at ancient art from Ife, the ancient city-state of the Yoruba people in present-day Nigeria. Museum of Fine Arts. [www.mfah.org](http://www.mfah.org) 713/639-7300
- 20—HOUSTON:** Anthony Bourdain: Up Close and Confidential Chef and Travel Channel TV host comes to Jones Hall. [www.spahouston.org](http://www.spahouston.org) 713/227-4772
- 24-25—PORT ARANSAS:** Conquer the Coast Bicycle Ride Offers 18-, 25- and 65-mile routes. [www.conquerthecoast.org](http://www.conquerthecoast.org) 361/881-1800
- 25—BEAUMONT:** Symphony of Southeast Texas Performance features Rossini's William Tell Overture, Neruda's Trumpet Concerto and Brahms' Symphony No. 1. [www.sost.org](http://www.sost.org) 409/892-2257
- 25—CYPRESS:** Bridgeland Nature Fest Includes guided tours of the lush Cypress Creek Nature Trail, live music, the Houston ZooMobile, a farmers' market, armadillo races, pony rides, a petting zoo and more. Bridgeland's Oak Meadow Park. [www.bridgeland.com](http://www.bridgeland.com)
- 25—GALVESTON:** Sinatra Sings Sinatra with Frank Sinatra Jr. The Grand 1894 Opera House. [www.thegrand.com](http://www.thegrand.com) 800/821-1894
- 25—HOUSTON:** Eighth Annual Gospel Music Jubilee Traders Village. [www.tradersvillage.com](http://www.tradersvillage.com) 281/890-5500
- 25—HOUSTON:** Tour de Cure for Diabetes Ride routes of 10, 27, 47, 63 and 100 miles. Event starts and ends at Katy Mills Mall. [www.diabetes.org/tour](http://www.diabetes.org/tour) 713/977-7706-
- 25—PORT ARANSAS:** Adopt-A-Beach Cleanup Avenue G at the beach. [www.glo.state.tx.us/adopt-a-beach](http://www.glo.state.tx.us/adopt-a-beach) 361/749-0215
- 25—PORT ARTHUR:** Cayman Night in Port Arthur Island-style party features reggae music, limbo dancing and more. Carl Parker Multipurpose Center at Lamar State College. [www.caymannight.com](http://www.caymannight.com) 409/963-1107
- 25—SANTA FE:** Chamber of Commerce Inc.'s Fifth Annual Buffet Magic Buffet features a variety of foods. Santa Fe High School. [www.santafetexaschamber.com](http://www.santafetexaschamber.com) 409/925-8558
- 25-26—ORANGE:** National S.P.O.R.T. Speed Boat Races City Boat Ramp. [www.orangetexas.org](http://www.orangetexas.org) 409/883-1011
- 25-Jan. 9—HOUSTON:** Craft Texas 2010 This juried show features

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the best in Texas crafts. Houston Center for Contemporary Craft. [www.crafthouston.org](http://www.crafthouston.org) 713/529-4848

**26—HOUSTON:** Volks in the Village Volkswagen Show The North Houston Volkswagen Club brings its 10th annual show to the village, featuring show cars, vintage junkers, a swap meet and more. Traders Village. [www.tradersvillage.com](http://www.tradersvillage.com) 281/890-5500

**26—VICTORIA:** Czech Heritage Festival Includes music, Tarok tourney, Czech stew and more. Victoria Community Center. [www.victoriaczechs.org](http://www.victoriaczechs.org) 361/573-4383

**29-Oct. 3—WINNIE:** Texas Rice Festival Celebrate the rice harvest with family entertainment, a barbecue cook-off and down-home country flair. Winnie-Stowell Park. [www.texasricefestival.org](http://www.texasricefestival.org) 409/296-4404

**30—BEAUMONT:** Art of Beer Enjoy a few new brews and learn about beer. Includes dinner and entertainment. Art Museum of Southeast Texas. [www.amset.org](http://www.amset.org) 409/832-3432

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#### How Should You Prepare For Power Outages?

- In the event of severe weather, such as a hurricane, power outages are likely to occur.
- For widespread power outages, CenterPoint Energy has a restoration process by priorities that will be followed in the event of a major storm.
- When a major storm is forecast, all customers should plan to be without power for an extended amount of time following landfall.
- If someone in your home depends on electricity for life-sustaining equipment, you need to make other arrangements. Evacuation would be a good option.
- Turn off your electricity at the circuit breaker if you evacuate and expect flood water to approach your home.
- Unplug sensitive electrical appliances, such as TV and computers.
- Maintain line clearance from trees and weak limbs.
- What should you do following a major storm or hurricane?
- Limit calls to CenterPoint Energy during the first few days to only true emergencies. CNP's technology indicates locations in the case of widespread power outages.
- The company's first priority in restoring service is to key facilities vital to safety,

health and welfare, such as hospitals, water treatment plants and public service facilities. Second priorities are the major lines and circuits that will restore power to the greatest number of customers in the shortest amount of time. Third priority, we repair transformers, which typically serve 10 customers and finally fourth priority, we repair individual electric service drops to homes.

- Restoration times can vary for severe weather event. Under CenterPoint Energy's restoration process, your neighbor's power may be restored before yours if there is a problem with your individual service drop.
- Stay away from low-hanging or downed power lines. Treat all downed power lines as if they are energized. Report low-hanging or downed power lines to (713) 207-2222.
- Avoid standing water – energized power lines could be submerged in the water.
- If you have evacuated and want to check your home for electric service, please do not call CenterPoint Energy in the first few days following the storm. Instead, we suggest: leave your answering machine activated and call your house to check if it picks up, call neighbors, monitor the news, and check website CenterPointEnergy.com for general outage information.

- Do not connect generators directly to wiring in a house or building without having a licensed electrician disconnect the wiring from CenterPoint Energy's service. It can create a safety hazard for CenterPoint Energy's lineman.
- Never run generators indoors or in a garage. Gasoline-powered generators can produce carbon monoxide, and the odorless fumes can be deadly.
- What should you do if your electrical outlets are covered with water or you have damage to weatherhead or other electrical facilities?
- Contact a licensed electrician before turning on the main circuit breaker.
- Check your weatherhead, which connects the overhead power line to your home or business. Any weatherhead problems will need to be repaired by your electrician prior to CNP restoring service. (Your electrician should obtain all permits required prior to you contacting CNP for a work order.)
- Any submerged appliances or equipment will need to dry for at least one week and be checked by a qualified repair person prior to being turned on.
- Once all repairs have been made to your electrical equipment, then contact your provider and they will issue a work order to CenterPoint Energy to begin work and restore your service.

HURRICANE	WIND SPEED	ESTIMATED OUTAGE
CATEGORY 1	Winds 74-95 mph	7 to 10 days
CATEGORY 2	Winds 96-110 mph	2 to 3 weeks
CATEGORY 3	Winds 111-130 mph	3 to 5 weeks
CATEGORY 4	Winds 131-155 mph	4 to 6 weeks
CATEGORY 5	Winds 156 mph and up	6 to 8 weeks

#### CenterPoint Energy Customer Service Contact:

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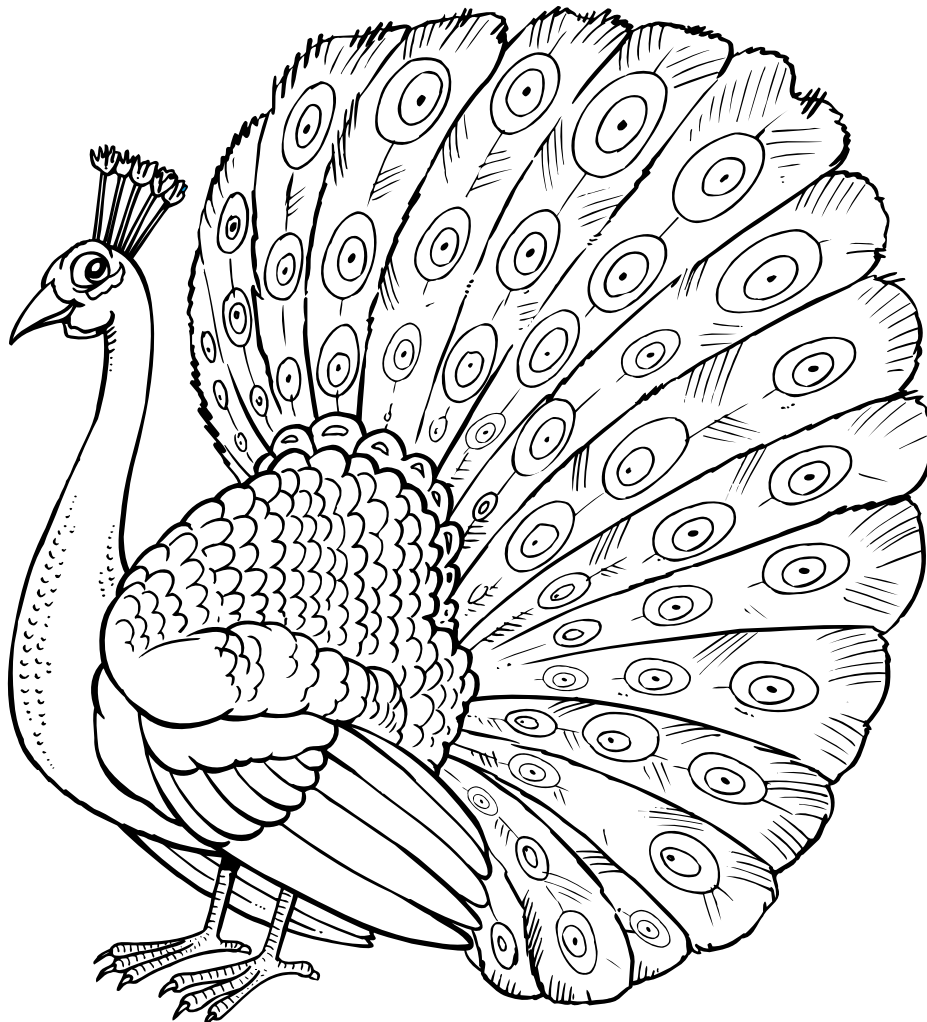
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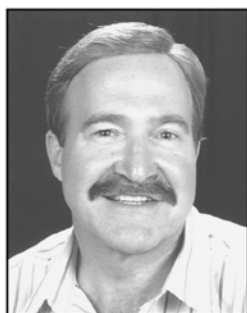
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