

THE RIVER REVIEW

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News For The Residents of River Place

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Congratulations **RIVER PLACE GARDEN CLUB AUGUST 2011 YARD OF THE MONTH**

Submitted Becky Wolfe, President -River Place Garden Club

Congratulations to Steve and Patricia Yanoff at 5615 Merrywing Circle on being selected as the River Place Garden Club "Yard of the Month" for August 2011.

While our oppressive heat and extended period of drought has taken its toll on most lawns, the Yanoff's have managed to keep their grass green and vibrant. Their secret according to Steve and Pat, is treatment for cinch bugs along with an application of Ironite! As verdant as this classic Texas home's front yard is with just the right balance of color and green, their backyard is a stunning example of how a rock scape (an eight year long project recently completed by Steve!) can be attractive as well as a water having alternative to the well manicured lawn in our increasingly dry central Texas climate. So if you're out and about on one of these warm sunny days, we hope that you will take a detour into the Preserve and drive by this beautiful home.

Mary Rachkind, a garden club member, awards Yard of the month winners with a gift certificate for \$50.00. If you are interested in joining the River Place Garden Club, please contact Becky Wolfe at 344-9967. Meetings are held the second Thursday of the month, and will start again in September.



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Vandegrift High School's Varsity Lacrosse

Tom O'Grady became Vandegrift High School's varsity lacrosse coach in July 2011. O'Grady is a seasoned lacrosse coach who has enjoyed tremendous success during more than 30 years as a lacrosse player and coach. "I am fortunate to inherit a program that has many fine people, a brief history of success and many of the qualities that a strong, competitive, championship caliber program needs," O'Grady said. After playing as a high-school all-star on Long Island, N.Y., O'Grady played on two national championship teams at Nassau Community College and then at Adelphi University, where he was a defensive midfielder in the 1985 NCAA Division 1 National Championship Tournament.

In 1991, he returned to Adelphi as the team's defensive coordinator. O'Grady later served as offensive coordinator at Mepham High School in Long Island where he helped take the team to the Nassau County play-offs.

At Oakland Mills High School in Maryland, O'Grady helped lead the team to one county championship, two regional championships and consecutive appearances in the state championship final four, as the defensive coordinator.

In 1995, O'Grady guided the Orlando Lacrosse Club to the state championship. He also launched the boys' lacrosse program at Lyman High School and in two years led the team to a Central Florida Championship and the Florida High School State Championship game. In 1998, O'Grady took over the helm as head coach of the Winter Park High School girls' lacrosse team and led the Wildcats to the regional championship game each of his four years. In 2002, the team won the regional championship and played in the state championship – O'Grady became the only Florida coach to take both a boys' and girls' high school team to the

state championship. During his tenure, with the Wildcats he coached four All-Americans, 30 Academic All-Americans and four valedictorians as they compiled a 51-19 record.

In Tampa, O'Grady started the Saint Leo University Women's club program and founded the FishHawk Lacrosse Club and Newsome Lacrosse Club, where the boys and girls high school teams have made the play-offs each of the last six years. He also was the head coach of the Tampa Catholic High School girls' lacrosse team. During his four years there, the Crusaders played for the District Championship every year, winning the District in 2008 and finishing as Regional Championship finalists. O'Grady coached three All-Americans and 10 Academic All-Americans and Tampa Catholic took home the Catholic Cup three straight years.

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Vandegrift Lacrosse - (Continued from Page 3)

In 2010 Coach O'Grady was named the Sunshine State Lacrosse League's Man of the Year. "We are here to help build great men of the future, who will become outstanding contributors to our society," O'Grady said. "The high school player, with some thoughtful planning and preparation, can have it all; a balance of faith, family, academics, athletics and a social life (in that order)." The Viper lacrosse program is not officially sanctioned by UIL and receives no funding from the Leander School District or Vandegrift High School. It is a club team that competes against other division II high schools. For more information contact Steve Alvarez at 512-568-7597 or steve@thelaxfarm.com.

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You can find all the details and register on the Four Points Chamber of Commerce Web site www.fourpointschamber.com. While you are at the Chamber's Web site be sure to check out the other networking activities offered by the chamber, including the bi-monthly Connectors networking meetings at Concordia University and monthly Happy Hour.

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MORE ABOUT THE BLOOD CENTER

The Blood and Tissue Center is currently the exclusive provider and guardian of the community blood supply for more than 37 medical facilities in a ten-county service area of Central Texas. According to their website, in 2010, over 56,000 whole blood donations and 7,700 apheresis platelet donations were collected. These donations are tested extensively to assure suitability for transfusion and processed into life saving components: red blood cells, plasma, and platelets, which go to help Central Texas patients. The Center works with the Marrow Donor Program of Central and South Texas to increase the number of Central Texans on the National Marrow Donor Registry. For more information or to find out how you can sign up to donate blood go to: www.bloodandtissue.org.

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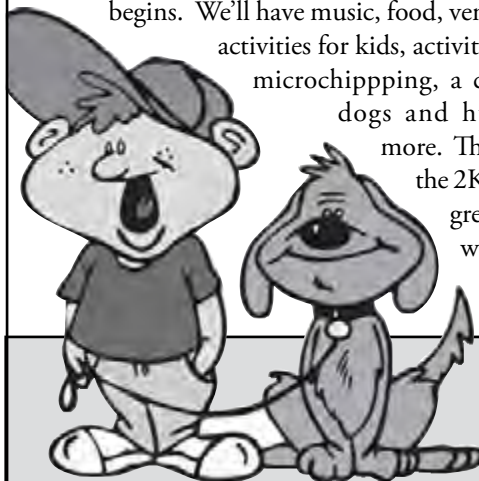
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9th Annual Barktoberfest & PLEDGE WALK FOR HOMELESS PETS

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NATUREWATCH SN-OUTBREAK!

by Jim and Lynne Weber

The change from late summer into early fall can trigger some unusual natural events, and at this time of year in Central Texas, we can often see periodic population explosions of the American Snout butterfly.

Often mistaken for migrating Monarch butterflies, the American Snout (*Libytheana carinenta*) is a medium-sized butterfly with a brown upperside, wings orange at the base, and white spots near the tips of the forewings. Their underside is a mottled grayish-brown pattern, much like a dried, dead leaf. Snouts are named for their elongated mouthparts, and when they hang from the underside of a branch, which they most often do, their 'snout' resembles the stem or 'petiole' of a leaf and their folded wings appear to be the dead leaf itself. It's the perfect camouflage for defense against avian predators.

In the caterpillar stage, snouts are dark green with yellow stripes along the top and sides of their body, with two small, black tubercles on the top of their thorax. These caterpillars feed on all hackberry species, but they prefer spiny hackberry. While Austin is at the northernmost boundary of this plant's range, it is close enough that we get to experience a 'sn-outbreak.' After a good rain, spiny hackberry plants (also known as granjeno or desert hackberry) grow numerous new leaves. In response, the snout butterfly lays its eggs on these new leaves,

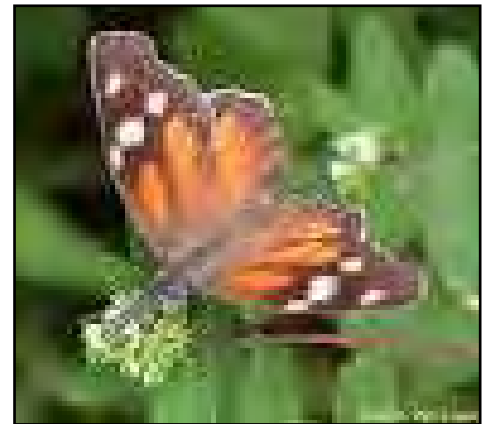
which provides the fuel for a significant number of its caterpillars. In Texas, it only takes 12 days to go from egg to caterpillar to adult butterfly.

The ecology behind this event is related to several factors. First, the population of snouts is positively correlated to the intensity and duration of dry periods that immediately precede significant rains. These droughts seem to greatly diminish parasites that can harm and kill snout larvae. Second, adult snouts wait out these long, dry periods by remaining in 'reproductive diapause', a state of arrested development/reproduction and decreased metabolism in response to the adverse environmental conditions. This condition reverses when the rains arrive and trigger the third factor, new growth on the spiny hackberry host plants. Female snouts will only lay eggs on this prolific new growth, and coupled with the lack of parasites, this creates a population boom.

Most often, sn-outbreaks occur in South Texas and Mexico, where the spiny hackberry is plentiful. However, one of the largest recorded snout emergences occurred in late September of 1921, when over the course of 18 days more than 6 billion southeasterly-bound snout butterflies flew over San Marcos to the Rio Grande River. That's an estimated 25 million per minute! While not every year is quite that spectacular, keep your eyes

open about two weeks after a rain, and you should see region-wide migrations of snout butterflies as they waft by in pretty impressive numbers.


Send your nature-related questions to naturewatch@austin.rr.com and we'll do our best to answer them. If you enjoy reading these articles, look for our book, *Nature Watch Austin*, to be published in October by Texas A&M University Press.




Above: American Snout – upperside



Left: American Snout – underside



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Immunizations: Not Just for Kids

By- Concentra Urgent Care

Although most toddlers in the United States have received all recommended vaccines, many adults and adolescents have not. These missed vaccinations increase their risk for infection, hospitalization, death, and disease spread, and they contribute to the estimated \$10 billion that is spent annually on vaccine preventable diseases in the United States.

Evidence shows that currently approved vaccines are safe and effective. However, coverage rates for persons of all ages vary nationwide. Reasons cited include lack of health insurance, unfamiliarity with vaccine recommendations, limited access at physicians' offices, or the perceived cost of vaccines.

What you need to know is that obtaining recommended vaccines in a timely manner can prevent disease. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends the following immunization schedule for generally healthy adults and adolescents:

VACCINE

Influenza	Yearly, especially if at risk
Meningococcal	One dose, age 11-12 or 13-18 if not previously immunized
Tetanus-Diphtheria/Tetanus ... -Diphtheria-Pertussis	One dose, age 11-12, then booster every 10 years
Human Papilloma Virus	Three doses, age 11-26 (females only)
Measles - Mumps - Rubella If born after 1956, one or two doses if never immunized up to age 65
Pneumococcal	One dose, at or after age 65
Varicella (chicken pox)	Two doses if no prior infection or immunization received
Zoster (shingles)	One dose, at or after age 60

Specific recommendations for individuals may vary depending on age, prior immunization history and the presence of other existing conditions; please see the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Web site at: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/schedules/default.htm>. For more information about immunizations and where to get them, contact your health care provider, your Concentra health specialist, or visit the CDC's Web Site at: www.cdc.gov/vaccines.

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Sadly, Liam lost his battle to the disease this past January. Now, a group of Austin residents, Austin's Good Cookies, are determined to honor Liam's life and raise funds for pediatric cancer research.

The Austin City-Wide Bake Sale will take place at several locations throughout Austin, the main event being at the Hill Country Galleria Amphitheatre. We will have live music by Joe McDermott and Staci Gray, dance troupe performances, bounce houses, Kiwi the Clown, Gymboree on the Go, Beary Stuffables, raffles for Hill Country Galleria stores gift cards and more!

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Tree Roots, a Wine Glass, & a Dinner Plate

Daniel Hayden (This is the second in a series of guest articles.)

In construction, as in life, if you don't lay a solid foundation, everything else is more likely to be a problem. It's no different for trees, whose roots form the basis for their health and structural soundness. But what control do we have over tree roots that we can't even see because they grow so deep into the earth? A lot. Because, generally, they don't.

Much of the mistreatment of trees occurs because people don't realize where the roots are located (or they do and think it doesn't matter). Generally, most of a tree's roots grow within the top foot or so of soil and take a horizontal path that extends well outside the tree's canopy edge (the drip line). Obstructions, elevation changes, and other factors can influence this growth pattern, but knowing the natural character of root growth helps us make better decisions about what we do around trees.

Structurally, a mature tree is a wonder of engineering. Its roots and stem (trunk) must support a canopy whose network of branching and foliage sways with the breezes and confronts even more wind force during storms. No wonder people think that roots must grow deep. Rather, as James Urban explains in *Up By Roots: Healthy Soils and Trees in the Built Environment*, a tree is a vertical cantilever that "resists overturning by relying on the

anchoring of the horizontal roots."

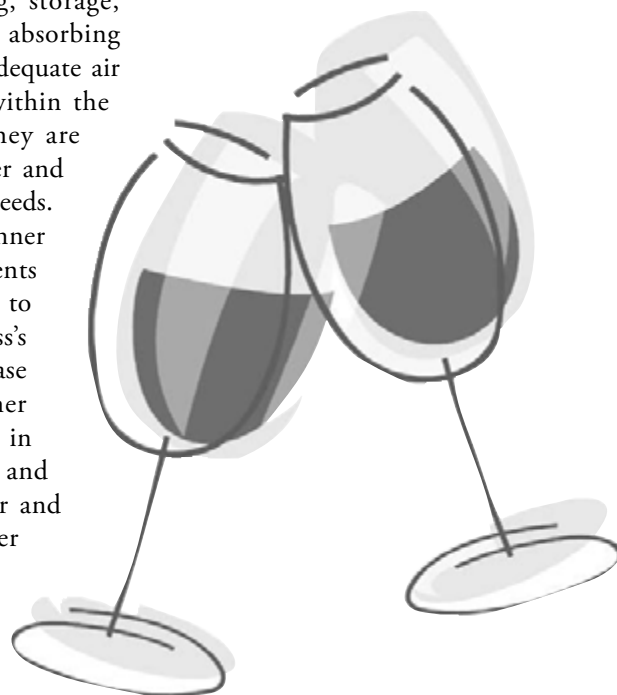
Where the trunk flares at the base, it packs on extra wood to form a "bracket" that resists the stresses of weight and force. It then divides into buttress roots to distribute that loading force. The area that flares and transitions into buttress roots is called the root crown or root collar. This part of the tree is extremely important to structural stability.

Once underground, these roots taper quickly and transition to other types of roots that perform anchoring, storage, and absorbing functions. The absorbing roots hang out where there's adequate air and moisture; that's usually within the top twelve inches of soil. They are responsible for absorbing water and essential elements that the tree needs.

Picture a wine glass on a dinner plate. This classic model represents root growth of a tree allowed to grow in an open space. The glass's bowl is the tree canopy, its base the root crown, and the dinner plate the root system. Keep it in mind, because the root crown and root system will come up over and over again as we explore other issues that impact proper tree care. So does a great root system just happen?

Nope. But before we look at how to encourage one from the start, in the next article, we'll get better acquainted with the root crown. Then planting issues will make more sense.

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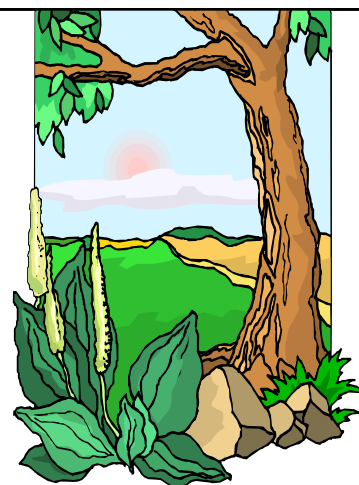
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Ingredients

- 1 Onion, chopped
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- ¼ Cup flour
- 6 cans chicken broth
- 3-4 chicken breasts; cooked and chopped
- 2 - 4 oz. cans chopped green chilies
- 1 can diced Rotel tomatoes or 1 can diced tomatoes
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- 1 T Cumin
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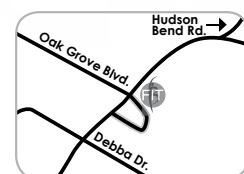
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EASE YOUR CHILD BACK INTO SCHOOL

Establishing a normal school routine can be hard for children of any age after the long lazy days of summer. Dr. James H. Bray, a family psychologist and associate professor of family and community medicine at Baylor College of Medicine, offers the following tips to help make going back to school a less stressful experience for children and parents.

- Get kids into the school mode early. Many children have a summer schedule that includes staying up late and sleeping in. Kids need at least a week before school starts to get back into the school schedule.
- Develop a plan. Doing things like buying supplies and clothes, and finding out about schedules and teachers in advance, rather than waiting to the last minute, helps reduce stress for parents and kids.
- Talk with children about their fears and concerns and do some advance problem

solving and planning.-Get involved with your child's school by getting to know the teacher and discussing their expectations.

- Talk to your children about what they want to accomplish and get out of their school year. Discuss their academic and social goals, but emphasize balance.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL CHECKLIST SHOULD INCLUDE EYE EXAM

Preparing for the start of a new school year? Remember to get a new backpack, paper and pencils, and get your children's vision screened as part of their back-to-school checklist.

"Poor vision can interfere with learning, school performance, participation in sports and other activities, as well as self esteem," said Dr. Kimberly Yen, assistant professor of ophthalmology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston and an ophthalmologist at Texas

Children's Hospital.

Yen said if parents know that eye problems run in their family or if they suspect problems, it is especially important that their child receive eye exams regularly. All children should have their eyes examined, as part of their well-child check ups and children who exhibit no signs of visual problems should have their vision screened by age 3.

Good eye care should also include wearing protective eyewear during sports activities. Children who play basketball, baseball and racquet sports are more susceptible to eye injuries. Sports goggles can significantly reduce the likelihood of potentially sight damaging injuries. Good vision not only helps children develop in the classroom, but it teaches them the life-long value of regular vision screenings.

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STUDENT ATHLETES' HEALTH STARTS OFF THE FIELD

Even though it is students who will be taking the field as extracurricular school activities begin, doctors at Baylor College of Medicine say parents play an important role in keeping their kids safe. Family health history, especially heart illnesses, is important information for doctors to know during an exam, said Dr. John Rogers, professor of family and community medicine at BCM.

A certain type of heart murmur and rapid heart beats can be detected during a physical, but the exam can't determine if past family members have heart problems or if anyone has died suddenly due to a cardiac problem. Being armed with that information helps doctors know whether the student-athlete should undergo an echocardiogram or ultrasound for a more in-depth examination.

Parents' knowledge of their child's previous injuries can also be helpful. Teens may downplay an injury, because they don't want it to prevent them from taking part in their favorite sport. However, a parent might remember lasting effects that will help doctors determine the severity of the injury.

Rogers said other issues that cannot be detected during a physical are light-headedness or shortness of breath that is not proportionate to the exertion level of the activity. Parents should keep an eye out for these issues and let their doctor know at the time of the physical exam.

TEENS BENEFIT BY MAKING TIME FOR BREAKFAST

Teens who start their day without breakfast are twice as likely to have diets low in iron - a shortfall that could be hurting their grades. "Breakfast supplies more than just the energy kids need to get through the morning," said Dr. Theresa Nicklas, a professor of pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "Teens who eat breakfast are also two to five times more likely to consume at least two-thirds the recommended amounts of most vitamins and minerals, including iron."

Iron-deficiency anemia has long been known to have a negative affect on behavior and learning. Eating breakfast has been linked to improved memory, grades, school attendance and punctuality in children. In addition, intakes of other vitamins and minerals, including zinc, calcium, and folic acid, are higher among breakfast-eaters, while fat consumption is lower.

"It's important for parents to realize that the nutrients teens miss when they're allowed to skip breakfast are rarely recouped during other meals," said Nicklas, also a researcher at the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center.

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October 1 - Colin's CrossFit Challenge
 CrossFit Lakeway is hosting a community event from 8:00am-10:00am at BACKWOODS in the Hill Country Galleria to benefit Colin's Hope. The Crossfit Challenge will be open to all fitness levels. There are Beginner / Intermediate / Advanced divisions and prizes will be awarded to 1st and 2nd place in each division. Registration is \$30. For more information or to sign up, please visit www.crossfitlakeway.com or call 512-689-3798. Help us Prevent Drowning...One workout at a time!

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10. Strength
11. Consumer
12. Refastens
13. Mire
15. Flurry
16. Remove a light bulb
18. Easier to get at
21. Frosty
22. Pretended
26. Spring flower
28. Basic's opposite
29. Buddy
30. Sliding toy
31. Ball player __ Aaron
32. Food

DOWN

1. Ghetto
2. El __ (Texas city)
3. Maintain
4. Plunder
5. Vase
6. Measuring instrument
7. Point
8. Render capable
10. Public transportation vehicles
14. Short-tempered
17. Put a fold in
18. Catch a ride
19. Sporty car brand
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- 11—AUSTIN:** Austin Museum Day Enjoy local exhibits and activities at participating institutions. www.austinmuseums.org
- 11—GEORGETOWN:** Temple Symphony Orchestra Performance Begins at 4 p.m. Georgetown High School. www.gsstx.org
- 11—GRUENE:** Gospel Brunch with a Texas Twist Serves up gospel music with a mouth-watering buffet from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Advance tickets recommended. Gruene Hall www.gruenehall.com 830/629-5077
- 13—BURNET:** Moonlight Hike and Owl Prowl Meet at the amphitheater for a talk about owls and trail safety before venturing out for a hike on the Pecan Flats Trail to listen for owls. Bring closed-toed shoes and a flashlight. Inks Lake State Park. 512/793-2223
- 16-18—AUSTIN:** Austin City Limits Music Festival More than 130 local and nationally known music acts perform on eight stages. Headliners include Stevie Wonder, Kanye West, Coldplay and The Arcade Fire. Zilker Park. www.aclfestival.com
- 16-18—BROWNWOOD:** Reunion Celebration Features a midway, live entertainment, children's area, contests and concerts, with Eddie Money performing Friday night and Easton Corbin on Saturday. Downtown. www.celebratebrownwood.com 325/998-4636
- 17—BLANCO:** Market Day County Courthouse, 300 Main St. www.historicblanco.org/market_day.htm 830/833-2211
- 17—CEDAR PARK:** Bertram Flyer Steam Train Historic railroad operates vintage passenger cars on a three-hour journey from Cedar Park to Bertram and back. A short stop in Bertram offers a chance to tour the fully restored 1912 train depot. Cedar Park Depot. www.austinsteamtrain.org 512/477-8468
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- 17—SAN MARCOS:** Junior Texas Water Safari This 16-mile water adventure provides a great opportunity for young canoeists and kayakers to gain experience in the water. San Marcos City Park. www.texaswatersafari.org 512/738-6607 or 512/392-6171
- 17-18—GRUENE:** Old Gruene Market Days Gruene Historic District. www.gruenemarketdays.com 830/832-1721
- 17-18—HONDO:** Medina County Fair Includes a 10 a.m. parade, live music, carnival, ranch rodeo, tractor pull, chili cook-off, and dancing to the music of the Charlie Lucas Band and The Bellamy Brothers on Saturday night. Medina County Fair Grounds. www.medinacountyfair.org 830/426-5406
- 18—BURNET:** Tri-Hard Triathlon Includes an 800-meter swim, 18-mile bike ride and 5K run at Inks Lake State Park. www.signmeupsports.com 512/756-6640
- 18-Dec. 31—AUSTIN:** Storied Past: Four Centuries of French Drawings from the Blanton Museum of Art Includes works by Jean-Baptiste Greuze and Francois Boucher. Blanton Museum of Art. www.blantonmuseum.org 512/471-7324
- 20—FREDERICKSBURG:** Oktoberfest Experience "oompah at its best" with bratwurst, cold beer, a parade and more. Features the Oktubafest, Chicken Dance Around the Square, dominoes tournament, sing-a-longs, three stages of live entertainment, arts and crafts, and kids' activities. Marktplatz. www.oktoberfestinfbg.com 830/997-4810
- 20-25—AUSTIN:** Rain: A Tribute to the Beatles The Long Center. www.broadwayacrossamerica.com/austin 800/731-7469
- 22-24—BIG LAKE:** 100-Year Celebration, 1911-2011 Celebration of the city's centennial features a 10 a.m. parade Saturday, street dance with music by Bobby Flores and the Yellow Rose Band, car show, arts and crafts, golf, pageant, horseshoe and washer tournaments, beard contest and more. Downtown. www.biglaketx.com 325/884-2511
- 22-29—AUSTIN:** Fantastic Fest Horror, sci-fi, fantasy and action movie fans unite each year in Austin for the largest genre film festival in the country. Alamo Drafthouse South Lamar and other venues. www.fantasticfest.com
- 22-Oct. 2—MARBLE FALLS:** Wait Until Dark This masterfully constructed thriller moves from one moment of suspense to another as a psychopath talks his way into the home of an unsuspecting blind woman. Community Theatre. www.hcct.org 830/798-8944
- 23-24—LLANO:** Llano River Outdoor Expo Features gold panning, rock hunting and more. Badu Park. www.llanoexpo.com 325/247-4137
- 23-24—TAYLOR:** Annual Taylor SPJST Barbecue Cook-Off Taylor SPJST Hall. www.taylorchamber.org 512/365-8485
- 23-25—BURNET:** A Day Out with Thomas Take a 25-minute ride with a full-size Thomas the Tank Engine, meet Sir Topham Hatt, and enjoy storytelling, live music, playing with Duplo blocks and more. Burnet Community Center. www.austinsteamtrain.org 512/439-1009
- 23-25, 30-Oct. 2—WIMBERLEY:** Arsenic and Old Lace Presented by the Wimberley Players. Wimberley Playhouse. www.wimberleyplayers.org 512/847-0575
- 24—BURNET:** Kids' Kayak Basics Meet by the park store for a free kayaking lesson for

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children ages 6 to 12 years old. Bring water shoes and bottled water. Begins at 10 a.m. Inks Lake State Park. 512/793-2223

24—FREDERICKSBURG: Roots Music Series: Roots Remix Special Pioneer Museum, 325 W. Main St. www.pioneermuseum.net/roots-music 830/997-2835

24—LAKEHILLS: Cajun Festival Enjoy authentic Cajun food, music, dance lessons, arts and crafts, the Great gumbo Cook-Off and more. Hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Lakehills Civic Center. www.cajunfestival-medinalake.com 830/751-9904 or 800/364-3833

24—LIBERTY HILL: Rip Roarin' Ride Cycling event takes participants on routes of 14, 28, 50, 65, 79 or 103 miles. Registration required by Sept. 21. Begins at 8 a.m. at Liberty Hill High School. www.lhlions.org 512/515-6601

24—MARBLE FALLS: Marble Falls Opry with Amber Digby and Justin Trevino Begins at 7:30 p.m. Uptown Theater.

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24—UVALDE: Market Day Memorial Park, U.S. 90 at U.S. 83. www.uvaldemarketdays.com 210/844-8193

24-25—AUSTIN: Old Pecan Street Festival Art festival features live music, fun workshops, craft and food vendors. Sixth Street. www.oldpecanstreetfestival.com

24-25—AUSTIN: Texas Bamboo Festival Find lectures, demonstrations, plants and crafts for sale, a live auction and more. Zilker Botanical Garden. www.bamboocentral.net 512/929-9565

24-25—STONEWALL: Annual LBJ Wildflower Seed Stomp Help scatter provided wildflower seeds in the open areas and fields. Hours are 1:30–3 p.m. Lyndon B. Johnson State Park and Historic Site. 830/644-2252 ext. 222

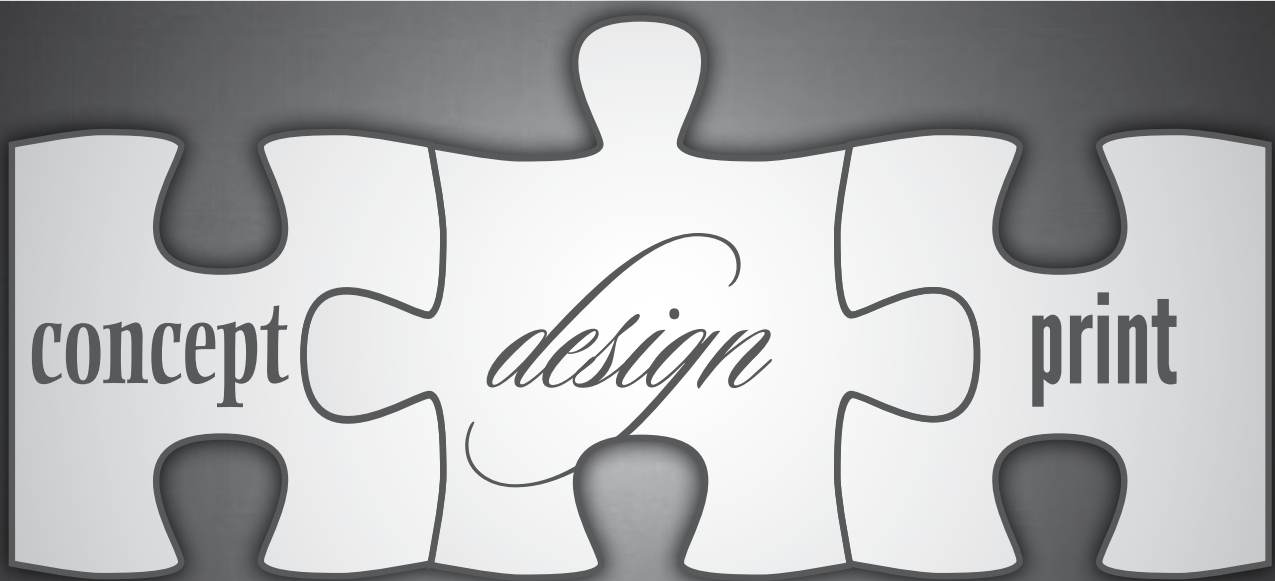
25-Jan. 22—AUSTIN: El Anatsui: When I Last Wrote to You about Africa This retrospective exhibition of more than 60 works is the first opportunity for North American audiences to see how

the Nigerian-born artist's ideas and working processes developed over three decades. Blanton Museum of Art. www.blantonmuseum.org 512/471-7324

30—SPICEWOOD: Joel Guzman and Sarah Fox in Concert Advance tickets recommended. Begins at 7 p.m. Spicewood Vineyards Event Center, 1419 County Road 409. www.spicewoodarts.org 512/264-2820

30-Oct. 1—BUDA: Fire Fest Texas Event honors Texas firefighters with adult and children's firefighter challenges, a barbecue cook-off and music festival. Buda City Park.

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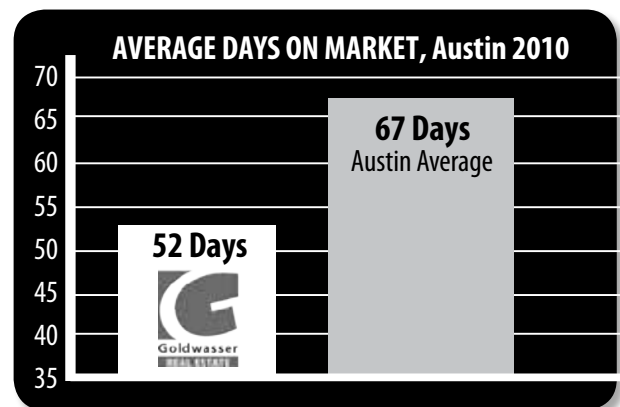
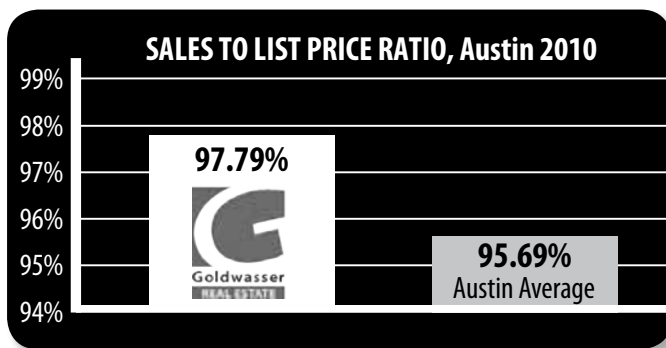
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