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Explore the traditions of our faith as you read about two of the oldest houses of worship in Southeast Texas in our History section. Enjoy a romp through time of celebration and festivities, Merry Ole England style, in our Places of Interest section or start a family tradition in the search for a Christmas tree. Perhaps you are in search of a traditional winter recipe or you are looking for new ways to decorate your home for Christmas. This issue of *Viva Southeast Texas Magazine* is full of ideas to help you keep the 'Happy' in your holidays. You will also find tips on avoiding holiday weight gain as well as how to keep your 'cool' during this time of hustle and bustle.

Come spend a day with Gary Lee Love, if you can keep up, and don't forget to meet our new Lady Cardinal's head coach. Read how you can help feed the hungry in our Special Report on The Giving Field in Beaumont.

As we gather around our tables this year whether it be Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukah, or New Year's, please remember and pray for our veterans, soldiers and their families.



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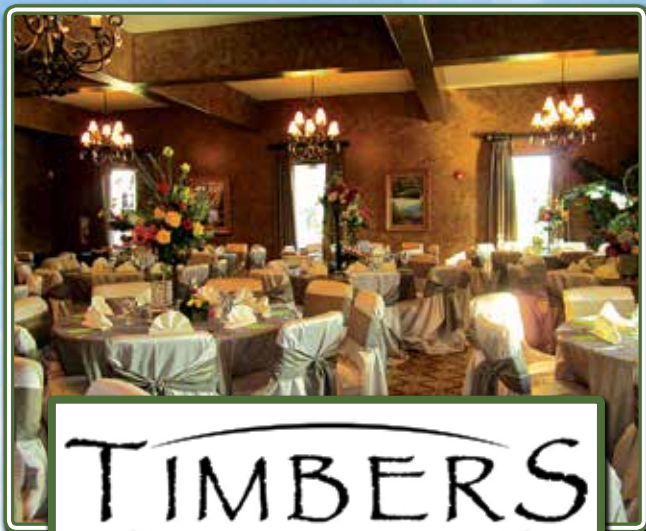
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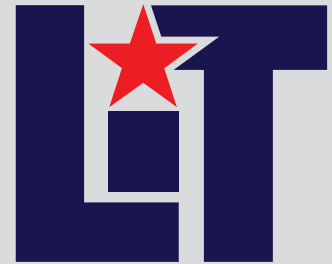


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St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica:

St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica roots go back to 1853 when the Catholic Church sent priests to minister to the Catholic settlers and people around the port of Beaumont. The first Catholic baptism is recorded in 1875. In 1879 Catholics built St. Louis Church and established the first formal Catholic parish community in Beaumont. Saint Anthony Cathedral Basilica is the direct successor to this small limited seating structure and parish community. For in 1901, after the Lucas Oil Gusher, Beaumont's Catholic community grew and it became necessary to build a large church. The Rev. William Lee drew up plans for a new brick church and the cornerstone was laid in June of 1903. The structure was completed in 1907 and Most Reverend Nicholas Gallagher, Bishop of the Diocese of Galveston changed the name of St. Louis Catholic parish community to Saint Anthony and dedicated the new larger structure as Saint Anthony Church.

The church building itself has undergone many changes throughout the years. The first major interior restoration took place under Bishop Christopher Byrne, of the Diocese of Galveston and Monsignor E. A. Kelly in 1937. Stained-glass windows were installed and symbolic oil paintings were added behind the altar. Then in 1966, St. Anthony Church was elevated to a Cathedral by Pope Paul VI and Bishop Vincent Harris became the first Bishop of Beaumont. In 1972 Bishop Warren Boudreaux, second Bishop of Beaumont, and Monsignor M. F. Enderle began the second major renovation in conformity with renewal of the Sacred Liturgy following the Second Vatican Council. A sacrificial altar was added facing the people, an appropriate bishop's chair became a permanent fixture in the sanctuary, the art in the sanctuary and throughout the Cathedral was renewed, pews were refinished, kneelers replaced, new carpeting installed, and state of the art acoustical and lighting systems were installed. Extensive landscaping was introduced, the exterior was renewed, the copper dome restored and a 2,500-pipe Wicks organ was also installed.



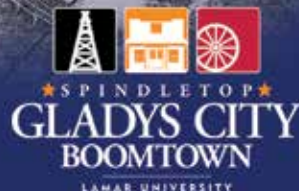
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On July 11, 2006, Pope Benedict XVI recognized the liturgical glory and historical significance of Saint Anthony Cathedral by proclaiming it a Minor Basilica. A yearlong Diocesan Jubilee Year celebrating the centenary of Saint Anthony Cathedral followed Pope Benedict XVI's recognition. The Papal Decree, Papal Ombrellino (Basilica Umbrella) and Papal Tintinnabulum (Basilica Bell) were solemnly installed on October 21, 2007. Saint Anthony Cathedral Basilica's Papal Ombrellino (Basilica Umbrella) was blessed by Pope Benedict XVI on May 23, 2007. This half-opened umbrella is constructed of precious red and golden Belgium silk damask. The heraldic shields of The Holy See, Pope Benedict XVI, Bishop Curtis J. Guillory, S.V.D., the Diocese of Beaumont and the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Anthony are embroidered on the Papal Ombrellino's flaps. Umbrellas (fully opened) were once used during Papal Processions through the streets of Rome to protect the Pope from the weather. Today the Ombrellino is used as a symbol of a basilica's bond to the Papacy. The Ombrellino stand half-opened in basilicas throughout the world as a way of symbolically anticipating the arrival of the Pope at a basilica, his "home away from home."

The Cathedral Basilica's Papal Tintinnabulum (basilica bell), was also blessed by Pope Benedict XVI on June 28, 2006 and was blessed a second time by the Pontiff on May 23, 2007. This elaborate bell was cast in Padua, Italy, is housed within a beautiful hand-carved gold gilded wooden Italian stanchion (post) that is decorated with the Papal Keys and Tridendum (Papal Crown), common symbols of the Pope and his pastoral ministry. Also decorating this bell stanchion are three lilies that symbolize St. Anthony's purity, the Gospel Book and flame symbolizing the eloquent preaching of St. Anthony, and four wheat stalks symbolizing the charity of St. Anthony, who fed the poor.

Saint Anthony Cathedral Basilica has continually reached out to the many diverse peoples of the Beaumont area and has been actively involved in all community affairs such as education, charitable and cultural events. The City of Beaumont recognized the Basilica as a heritage site in 1975 and in 1981 it was named a treasured historical site by the State of Texas. This beautiful Cathedral is a testimony of growth and the endurance of faith.



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Temple Emanuel

Temple Emanuel is a Reform Jewish synagogue in Beaumont, Texas. They are members of the Union for Reform Judaism with a membership of over 130 families. Though they are Reform, they still have a Conservative minyan on Saturday mornings for those who prefer to be more traditional.

The original congregation was founded in September 1895, and erected its first building in 1901 on the land that the present Temple stands, 1120 Broadway, Beaumont, Texas. The 1901 congregation was led by Rabbi Rosinger. This wooden building in Neo-Byzantine style design was replaced by the congregation's current brick building in 1923.

When it was time to begin actual planning the construction of the new temple, Rabbi Rosinger urged the growing congregation to commission Alpert Gottlieb, a New York architect. Albert Gottlieb had authored several papers on synagogue design. He and Rabbi Rosinger worked together to create the design for the 1923 Temple. The Temple was restored to its present condition in 2004.

This synagogue has been in continuous use ever since, serving the greater Beaumont and Golden Triangle area. The main sanctuary of this historic house of worship has many features of religious significance. Above the ark on the east wall burns the ner tamid, symbolic of the seven-branch menorah that was the centrepiece of the Temple in Jerusalem. The original ner tamid was always kept lit and served to light the other branches of the menorah. Next is the Holy Ark which contains three hand lettered parchment scrolls, each containing the Five Books of Moses, known as the Torah. Above the ark is a white marble tablet upon which the first words of each of the Ten Commandments are carved. The central chandelier hanging from the copper dome of the sanctuary is in the shape of a Star of David and contains 60 lamps. On the pulpit are two large menorahs that are lit for all services.

The six 16-foot high windows along the north and south sides of the sanctuary are the masterwork of the internationally renowned Israeli artist Ze'ev Raban, who in 1922 was retained by Rabbi Rosinger. Each of the windows depicts a significant event in the life of one of the principal prophets of Judaism. They include Jeremiah, Elijah, Elisha, Ezekiel, Moses, and Isaiah.

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By Joy Wooley

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Each year starting in the month of October and ending the last weekend in November, The Texas Renaissance Festival gets under way. Located in Todd Mission, Texas, south of Plantersville off Farm to Market Road 1774, this yearly Renaissance theme park attracts over half a million people to its 55 acre site. There is plenty of parking as well as camping facilities and RV Park.

Also known as a Renaissance Fair, it features about 500 costumed performers on 17 stages. These performers range from jugglers to Shakespearean Players. You can enjoy jousting, archery and horse races as Knights bid for the King's right of "Champion of the Games". Stroll in and out of 340 shops including international food purveyors, unique artisans, merchants and craft vendors. Ride in one of the many human-powered rides and take part in some of the games like Jacobs Ladder. You and your family and friends can mingle with the abundance of performers walking among the guests. Each day ends with the Queen's Royal Finale fireworks show at dusk if the weather permits.

You can chose from any of the Themed weekends like Barbarian Invasion or Celtic Christmas that will be the only three day weekend held on November 29th thru December 1st this year. The Renaissance Festival offers several contests that are free to enter. For more information on these contests, dates and times, go to www.Texasfest.com. So gather up your family and friends and head to Todd Mission, Texas and step back into time to Merry Ole England during the Renaissance era for a day or two of feasting and fun.

If the Renaissance era is too far back in time for you, or you want more of Merry Ole England, then take a stroll on the Strand in Galveston, Texas during "Dickens on The Strand".

This year marks the 40th anniversary of "Dickens on The Strand" sponsored by the Galveston Historical Foundation.



For one weekend in December the Historical district of downtown Galveston known as The Strand, is turned into a recreation of the Victorian London of Charles Dickens. Hundreds of costumed vendors and performers bring the look of 19th Century London back to life. The characters of Dickens' novels walk the streets of The Strand along with strolling carolers, musicians, bagpipers and other entertainers. Even the Queen of England pays a visit to The Strand!

This years' festival will be a 3-day weekend in celebration of the 170th anniversary of Dickens "A Christmas Carol" and is expected to attract over 30,000 people starting December 6th at 5pm. Fridays fare includes Dinner with Dickens in which two descendants of Charles Dickens will attend, along with all the shops and vendors being open for your shopping pleasure. Come in costume and get in half price. The gates open at 10am on Saturday, December 7th

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and again, if you come in costume you can get in at half price. This year in addition to two parades, one at 2pm and the other at 7pm, the GHF will also have a "Salute to Sunset" on board the 1877 Tall Ship Elissa with cocktails and horderves. There will be nonstop entertainment throughout the day for old and young alike.

Sunday, December 8th is the last day of the festival with the gates opening at 10am and will have one parade at 2pm. There will be caroling along with plenty of entertainment and lots of shopping all the way to the end of the day.

Don your yule time costumes and join in all the fun at "Dickens on The Strand". Enjoy fresh popped kettlecorn, throw snow balls, watch the parade and wave at the Queen. Savor Victorian foods and laugh at the jugglers and chimney sweeps as they perform for your pleasure. The Strand in Galveston is one of the best places in Texas to find unique Christmas gifts for everyone on your list including yourself. This year put a little Merry Ole England into your holidays! For more information on tickets and events, go to www.galvestonhistory.org/dickens

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MOVEMENT

Style It... **FOR FALL**

By Michelle Fosha Armstrong

While recently viewing the 2014 Spring collections in New York, I was also observing the exciting transition to Fall fashion on the street! Fashion can be casual, sporty, edgy, classic or sophisticated, depending on the styling. I've listed some of the top trends below, as well as ideas on creating standout looks, depending on your personal style. With so many options, it will be remarkably simple to wear what represents you!

- **LEGGING/RIDING PANT** - This basic makes a twist in leather, corduroy and denim.

Style It... Pair with a tee and jacket. An oversized sweater balances out the sleek legging. Wear with ankle or knee boots.

- **DENIM** - Denim shirts are trending, as well as countless styles of jeans!

The Skinny - This super-slim fit is a wardrobe staple especially in coated, dark, distressed, embellished and graphic-print.

Style It... Wear with a button-down and fitted blazer for



an easy, go-to look. Coated skinnys in rich colors work with ankle boots for a night out or flats for the office.

Straight Leg - A classic look!

Style It... Add a pointy toe pump and crisp white blouse.

Boyfriend - This perfectly slouchy style goes with everything!

Style It... Throw on your fav tee and jacket - and roll the cuffs to show off statement heels.

Wide-Leg and Flare - Universally flattering!

Style It... A patterned blouse and your highest heels create a long, lean look!

- **BOOTS** - A wardrobe must in over-the-knee, knee-length, mid and ankle length, moto, stacked heel, wedge heel or flat!

Style It... The wildly popular ankle boot is ultra-versatile. Mid-length boots add excitement to feminine skirts and dresses, while over-the-knee looks good with shorter skirts. The wedge offers both comfort and height and pairs well with skinny jeans and flirty minis.

- **COLOR SPLASH** - Fiery red hues, navy and jewel tones are everywhere. If you like neutrals, go for gray hues. On the opposite end of the spectrum are powdery pastels. And... the black-and-white combo makes a bold statement.



Style It... Just one piece in a bright color will "illuminate" everything else. Wear pastels near the face to enhance your complexion.

- **LEOPARD** – Classic brown and black are always stylish, so have some fun with a pink or red version instead.

Style It... Sport just one piece featuring this print. Keep everything else neutral (a little leopard goes a long way).

- **LUXE LEATHER**- The leather trend continues for Fall, turning up in pleated skirts, dresses and tops, lending an edge to serious silhouettes.

Style It... Wear leather pencil pants, a fitted sweater and ankle boots for a night out. For a conservative look, choose a leather-accented dress and pair with knee boots and tights.



- **BOLD OUTERWEAR** – With a plethora of silhouettes, there is a style for all: moto, leather, blazer, trench, cropped, bomber.

Style It... Nothing brightens a neutral look better than a hot color or graphic-print outerwear.

OTHER FALL TRENDS include anything furry. Bloom prints take on a darker mood, with greens and pinks exploding from black backgrounds. The military look is softened by the addition of lace. And...the bum-around sweatshirt, now in rich fabrics, is an everyday staple.

REMEMBER...

How we dress is a way of communicating our personality and lifestyle. Since so many different styles are available, there is never a reason to sacrifice personal style for fashion.



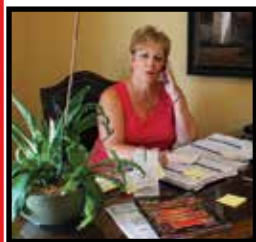
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THE 14 SHIRT WARDROBE: THE KEY TO EVERY MAN'S CLOSET!

By Martha Morian

Stylism is just as important to men as it is to women. Men however, seem to be more intimidated about defining their style and, more importantly, what should be in their wardrobes. There are basically three wardrobes necessary: the Professional, the Social and the Weekend. Below are simple guidelines for each wardrobe when it comes to defining one's personal style, and it starts with a basic 14 Shirt Wardrobe. Once you have the basics, then adding your own personal touches with color, pattern and accessory choices will define your own unique style. It's that simple.

Shirts are core for all three wardrobes because they are the one constant and can be changed out within each of the wardrobe choices. Begin by building a 14 shirt base so you have seven in your closet while the other seven are at the cleaners. You are not limited to 14 shirts; this is just a good place to start. Here is a simple checklist to build this 14 core shirt wardrobe.

- 4 solid white
- 3 solid blue
- 1 ecru
- 3 stripes in a variety of colors
- 3 checks in a variety of colors

As with all clothing choices, when buying shirts, each should have an intended purpose. The following questions should be asked when purchasing these shirts: How is it going to be worn? When is it going to

be worn? What will be worn with it? The three wardrobes now come into play by interchanging shirts worn to work and for a weekend get-away or out with the guys. Of course, personal preference plays a key role but you should be able to define your style while easily interchanging the individual wardrobe components and related accessories that meet your needs.

Men, don't worry if you are still a little intimidated. There are options out there to help you with developing your wardrobe and your personal style. There are stylists and personal shoppers who can be hired. Most department stores train their staff to assist clients when making these types of decisions. There are also style advisors with companies like J.Hilburn who will come to your home or office. They specialize in custom fitted shirts, made-to-measure suits, ready-to-wear items and accessories. They can create a profile specifically for you based on your measurements and style preferences. It is just up to you to find what you are comfortable with.

A man's wardrobe is very important when it comes to successfully defining his personal style whether it be in the workplace, socially or in a more casual environment. It is not an intimidating process; it is simple and starts with a 14 shirt wardrobe. Then the fun begins!



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ROBIN HARMONY IS THE NEW WOMEN'S HOOPS COACH AT LAMAR

By Pat Murray

Robin Harmony, who has a track record of success as both a player and coach, was named women's basketball coach at Lamar University, Director of Athletics Jason Henderson announced on April 30, 2013.

"We are very excited to have Coach Harmony join the Cardinals family," Henderson said. "She brings a wealth of knowledge both as a player and a coach to the position. We are excited to see what new heights we can reach with her leading our program."

Harmony comes to Lamar from St. Thomas University in Miami, Fla., where as the first coach in program history, she compiled an overall record of 131-48, for an impressive winning percentage of 73.2 percent over six seasons. Under her guidance, the Bobcats went 66-15 in Sun Conference play. Harmony took the Bobcats to the NAIA National Championships three times in her six seasons. Harmony stressed defense at St. Thomas, as the Bobcats twice ranked second in the nation in scoring defense and twice were in the top five for steals per game, 3-point field-goal percentage defense and turnover margin.

Last season, Harmony led St. Thomas to an overall record of 27-4 and a 14-0 record in the Sun Conference before the Bobcats lost in the first round of the NAIA Tournament. Harmony earned her Sun Conference Coach of the Year honors for the second time.

Prior to St. Thomas, Harmony was the associate head coach at the University of Miami. In her 18 seasons at Miami, the Hurricanes posted five 20-win seasons, won two Big East titles,

made seven postseason appearances and advanced to the Sweet 16 on one occasion. As an interim head coach, Harmony posted a 2-0 mark with the Hurricanes.

As a player, Harmony was a standout at the University of Miami, totaling 1,308 points, 750 rebounds, 415 assists and 314 steals in four seasons. She still holds the Miami single-game record for assists with 14 and is 10th on Miami's all-time scoring chart and fifth in rebounding.

She was the first women's basketball player to be inducted into the university's Hall of Fame. After her collegiate playing career, Harmony played professional basketball for one season in England before beginning her coaching career as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Miami.



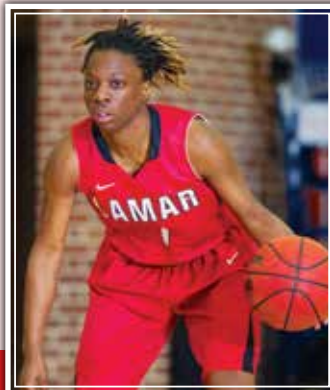


Harmony earned a bachelor's degree in education and recreation at Miami and a master's degree in sports administration from St. Thomas.

Harmony replaces Larry Tidwell, who resigned after six seasons at Lamar.

The Lady Cardinals were 22-11 last season, advancing to the second round of the Women's Basketball Invitational.

"I'm looking forward to the opportunity," Harmony said. "I'm excited about being back in Division I."



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Thursday	Nov. 14	at UTSA	7 p.m.
Sunday	Nov. 17	TULSA	2 p.m.
Wednesday	Nov. 20	at Louisiana-Lafayette	7 p.m.
Monday	Nov. 25	at Southern Methodist	6 p.m.
<i>at Aggie Hotel Encanto Thanksgiving Classic (at New Mexico State)</i>			
Friday	Nov. 29	Northern Illinois at New Mexico State	noon
Friday	Nov. 29	Lamar vs. Wisconsin-Milwaukee	2 p.m.
Saturday	Nov. 30	Northern Illinois vs. Lamar	noon
Saturday	Nov. 30	Wisconsin-Milwaukee at New Mexico St.	2 p.m.
Sunday	Dec. 15	at Missouri State	12:05 p.m.
Wednesday	Dec. 18	TEXAS STATE	6 p.m.
Sunday	Dec. 29	RICE	2 p.m.
Thursday	Jan. 2	at Stephen F. Austin* (DH)	6 p.m.
Saturday	Jan. 4	at Northwestern State* (DH)	1 p.m.
Thursday	Jan. 9	NICHOLLS* (DH)	5:30 p.m.
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Thursday	Jan. 16	at New Orleans* (DH)	5:30 p.m.
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Saturday	Feb. 1	TEXAS A&M-CORPUS CHRISTI* (DH)	4 p.m.
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THANKSGIVING & FOOTBALL... A FAMILY TRADITION

By Michaels Chamberlain

I'm an avid football fan, and as a sports writer from southern California, I followed the game with great passion, a passion that spelt over to every member of my family. That's right guys; even my wife was and still is into football as much as I am. In our house we breathed, walked and talked football, so it was only natural that every Thanksgiving we would order pizza and set up in the den to watch the games. We dressed up in our favorite team colors and became arm-chair quarterbacks. This became our 'Family Tradition'. Then we moved to Texas and everything changed.

We all felt sad about losing our Thanksgiving and football family time but we bravely put on our smiley faces and attended our first Thanksgiving get 'together'. This meant a full day at the in-laws along with aunts, uncles and more cousins than I could count. The women gathered in the kitchen, the men gathered in the living room and the kids ran all over the place. Total havoc was the best way to describe the scenario. I felt like the alien

in the room until someone asked me which team I would root for during the games playing on TV later in the day. Football on Thanksgiving! Now I felt like part of the family.

Over the years many things have changed. We've all gotten older, we all have grandkids and some of us like me, have less hair on top, but we still gather together every Thanksgiving. The women talk about shopping, the kids play games in the game room and us men; we now watch football on a big screen TV. Thanksgiving and football is still a "Family Tradition" in our home.



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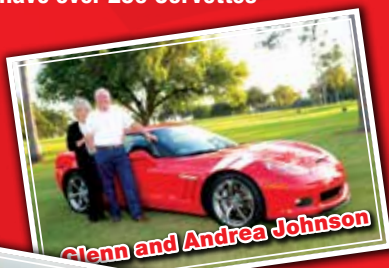
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By Glenn Johnson

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By Scott Gittinger

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The second criteria, is to look at the credit scores for an individual. Most lenders will want you to have a credit score above a 640. Some will go down to a 620, but those lenders will typically charge a higher interest rate and higher fees. Lenders pull a score called the FICO Score. So if you are checking your credit at home I would suggest you visit www.myfico.com to look at your scores. This is not the site for a free credit score report; however, this will give you the same scores lenders look at. There are three different credit companies, Experian, Transunion, and Equifax. We pull the scores from all three credit bureaus and eliminate the high and the low score and underwrite on the middle score. This method is how all lenders underwrite a mortgage now. It is called a tri-merged credit report.

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Millennials are more confident than any other age group that their recent home purchase was a good financial investment, according to a new study by a NAR survey. The inaugural 2013 National Association of REALTORS® Home Buyer and Seller Generational Trends evaluated the generational differences of recent homebuyers and sellers and found that while eight out of 10 recent buyers considered their home purchase a good financial investment, the number was even higher, 85 percent, for younger buyers under the age of 32.

"Homeownership is an investment in your future, and is how many younger American families begin to accumulate wealth," says Paul Bishop, NAR vice president of research.

"The oldest of the millennial generation are now entering the years in which people typically buy a first home, and despite the recent downturn, homeownership still matters to them. The sheer size of the millennial generation, the largest in history after baby boomers, is expected to give a powerful boost to long-run housing

demand, though in the short-term, mortgage accessibility and student debt repayment remain challenges."

The study found that the largest group of recent buyers was Generation X Americans, those born between 1965 and 1979, who comprised 31 percent of recent purchases, followed closely by millennials, sometimes called Generation Y, those born between 1980 and 2000, at 28 percent.

The median age of millennial homebuyers was 28, their median income was \$66,200 and they typically bought a 1,700-square foot home costing \$165,000. Most millennials are first time homeowners. *Source: RISMedia Daily*



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Holiday Decorations

By D.E. Meek

Ah, the Holidays are here and now you must decorate the house. This year, keep it simple. Metallica or a tri-color scheme are all the rage this year. Whatever you choose, below are some tips that are not only simple to do, but are also easy on your pocketbook. We asked James, the owner of Twigs Florist for a few pointers.

Sparkly Ornament Display

Place several ornaments on a cake stand or silver tray nested with leaves for a stunningly simple centerpiece. Use loose fake snow around the bottom of centerpiece for a more festive look.

Mantle Magic for the More Modern Look

Print black & white photos of your family (or a Christmas design) on vellum paper. Place the printed vellum photos in clear glass vases. Fill with water and place a floating candle in each vase. Use loose snow between vases. Nestle metallic colored ornaments in the snow. String a thin metallic ribbon through each ornament. Light the candles... magic! (This display also makes a great table centerpiece)

Invite Greenery Inside

Lush greenery draped around the house, especially doorways, creates an inviting atmosphere and a woodsy aroma. You can get fresh greenery from nurseries as well as florists.

For a longer lasting time, use artificial

greenery sprayed with a scent of the season. You can also use Poinsettias in decorative pots instead of greenery.

Lights

Save money by buying white Christmas lights, they will go with any theme or color scheme. When it comes to Christmas lights more is better. Entwine white lights into your garlands and greenery. Place the lights behind mirrors for a dramatic affect. You can place lights among your potted plants giving them a holiday flare.



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A DAY IN THE LIFE OF GARY LEE LOVE

By Robyn Boudreaux

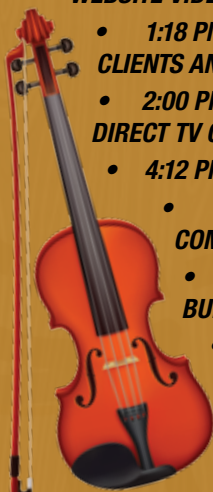
What's a typical day like in the life of Gary Lee Love? If you could follow this long-time media personality around with a hidden camera, it might go something like this:

- 4:30 AM - ALARM RADIO GOES OFF
- 4:45 AM - WATCHES THE LATEST NEWS ON SHOWER TV
- 5:30 AM - ARRIVES AT CUMULUS RADIO TO MAKE FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR HIS DAILY MORNING DRIVE RADIO SHOW.
- 6:00-9:00 AM - HOSTS THE NATIONALLY ACCLAIMED "LOVE IN THE MORNING SHOW", A 3 HOUR MORNING DRIVE RADIO SHOW ON NASH FM 101.7 FM
- 9:24 AM - RECEIVES TEXT FROM FURNITURE CLIENT IN OKLAHOMA REQUESTING IDEAS AND CREATIVE FOR NEXT AD CAMPAIGN
- 9:35 AM - RETURNS TO HOME OFFICE & STUDIO TO ANSWER PHONE CALLS & EMAILS
- 10:04 AM - GARY'S TV PRODUCER PHONES REQUESTING FINAL SCRIPT REVISIONS AND PROPS FOR AFTERNOON TV COMMERCIAL SHOOT WITH COUNTRY STAR MARK CHESNUTT AT TRUCKVILLE AUTO DEALERSHIPS
- 10:32 AM - RECEIVES CALL TO REPRESENT A NEW HUNTING CHAMPIONSHIP CLIENT FOR TV & RADIO CAMPAIGN..."WHEN CAN WE SIT DOWN?"
- 11:37 AM - ENTERS STUDIO TO RECORD RADIO SPOTS FOR CAR DEALER IN BIRMINGHAM
- 12:08 PM - EATS WHILE ANSWERING WEST COAST EMAILS
- 12:15 PM - RECEIVES A CALL FROM A 7 STORE FURNITURE CHAIN IN SAN FRANCISCO REQUESTING FULL MULTI-MEDIA REPRESENTATION AND CREATIVE (IT'S 10:15 AM ON THE WEST COAST)
- 12:47 PM - BACK TO STUDIO SESSION TO RECORD A 6 MINUTE WEBSITE VIDEO NARRATION FOR A CLIENT IN PHOENIX
 - 1:18 PM - ANSWERS EMAILS FROM CLIENTS AND REPS IN 8 CITIES
 - 2:00 PM - ARRIVES ON LOCATION TO DIRECT TV COMMERCIAL SHOOT
 - 4:12 PM - WRAP SHOOT AND RETURN TO STUDIO
 - 4:47 PM - VOICE OVER FOR FOUR RADIO COMMERCIALS TO START THURSDAY
 - 4:52 PM - CLIENT CALLS TO ARRANGE AD BUDGET MEETING FOR 2 PM WEDNESDAY
 - 4:55 PM - RECEIVES EMAIL FROM EXECUTIVE PRODUCER MICHELLE COLBERT WITH FINAL SCRIPT REVISION FOR NEXT WEEK'S "ULTIMATE



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- 5:03 PM - ENTERS STUDIO TO PRODUCE 4 QUICK TURNAROUND TV VOICEOVERS
- 5:36 PM - SESSION INTERRUPTED BY FURNITURE CLIENT CALLING FROM HOUMA, LA. "NEED YA TO COME DOWN AND PRODUCE A LIVE IN-STORE PROMOTION WITH THE SWAMP PEOPLE TV STARS" FOR A BIG SALE
- 5:52 PM - FINISHES RECORDING SESSION AND GETS LAST MINUTE CALL FROM AD REP WITH "SPECIAL LAST MINUTE ONE DAY ONLY SALE" ON AIR TIME
- 6:00 PM - OUT BY THE POOL FOR SOME FRESH AIR
- 6:15 PM - COCKTAIL AND ANSWERING MORE EMAILS
- 7:00 PM - LIGHT DINNER AT CARRABBA'S TO RE-GROUP
- 8:38 PM - TEXT FROM FURNITURE LIQUIDATION COMPANY REQUESTING "FINAL WEEK" SPOTS FOR A QUITTING BUSINESS SALE IN CALIFORNIA...NEED BY NEXT THURSDAY
- 9:15 PM - BRIEF CHAT WITH TRAVEL AGENT FOR GAME SHOW PRODUCTION COMPANY CONFIRMING FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS
- 10:00 PM - QUICK CHECK OF NEWS HEADLINES ON CABLE
- 10:28 PM - HEADS OFF TO BED WITH GAME SHOW SCRIPT IN HAND TO STUDY LINES FOR SHOW
- 11:20 PM - JUMPS OUT OF BED WITH A GREAT IDEA FOR OKLAHOMA FURNITURE CLIENT AND RUNS BACK TO OFFICE TO MAKE NOTES
- 11:51 PM - BACK TO BED AND BACK TO MEMORIZING SCRIPT...
- 12:08 PM - DOZES OFF WITH NOTES IN HAND
- 4:30 AM - ALARM GOES OFF AND IT STARTS ALL OVER AGAIN





People ask "How do you do it?" "Pretty simple", Love says, "you gotta love what you do". He smiles. "Some famous person once said...if you love what you do for a living... you'll never work a day in your life!" His eyes light up, "And that's been my secret all along; for most of my career, I've just played and had fun and have been fortunate enough to make a living at it. As far as the pace, I'm like my dear ol Dad...I can't slow down...I gotta be doing something!"

Love 'juggles' his work time between a full time morning drive radio show, a multi-media ad agency, and a television production company. In addition to these 3 'mistresses', Love also travels to Nashville, Tennessee every Fall to cover the annual CMA Awards, providing taped interviews and 'live' satellite feeds from the Red Carpet to affiliate TV stations. Love won the prestigious CMA Award for 'Air Personality on the Year' in 1993, and was nominated top 5 four other years by Country Music Association in Nashville.

He is directly involved in Country Music in many ways that exceed his radio show, from promoting country concerts and 'in-store' appearances with artists, to writing and producing Country Music ad jingles, music videos and TV commercials. He has appeared in numerous television movies and feature films. Gary Lee appears in regional and national commercials and was The Coast-to Coast Voice of XM Satellite Radio's "70s on 7" channel for several years. Gary's entertainment career includes guest appearances on national TV shows like The Montel Williams Show and Nashville Now Show on TNN. He has appeared in Country Music videos and served as National Host of both The Louisiana Hayride television and radio shows.

Love was featured on Casey Kasem's American Top 40 Program, nationally. His background also includes night club engagements, and a host of theatrical performances. He is currently Master of Ceremonies and 'sidekick' for the 'Ultimate Game Show', a 90 minute Las Vegas-style live casino show of illusions, comedy, prizes and more. The 'Ultimate Game Show' has appeared at top venues around the country, including the second largest casino in the world, Winstar, World Casino in Oklahoma.

With his advertising and creative production duties, Gary works both in front of and behind the camera for clients all over the country, primarily in the furniture industry. His company, Love Productions has won numerous ADDY Awards for "Excellence in Advertising". His voice can be heard on radio and TV stations in various markets coast-to-coast, from New York to Los Angeles, Detroit to New Orleans.

As far as 'retiring', Love says he'll probably never totally retire, maybe just slow down and 'simplify'. When asked what that means, he laughs, "Do my voice overs from a motor home one day while seeing the country and visiting our grand-kids". Gary Lee resides in Beaumont with his wife Trish and their 3 cats, DJ, Holly and Gigi.



Special Report

A New Kind of New Year's Resolution

By D. E. Meek

If your New Year always starts with you reeling off the same old dutiful commitments to join a gym, start a diet and give up all those bad habits, why not try something different to boost your happiness and revitalize your life, a new kind of New Year's resolution? Here are a few suggestions for alternative New Year's resolutions.

Sort out a financial worry

Try to think of some alternatives to the main causes of financial stress, such as cycling to work instead of driving, growing your own vegetables or making your own beauty products. Not only will coming up with alternative solutions help you save some money, you may find that you enjoy them and that they boost your health too.

Do something nice for others every day

Next year, why not make a resolution to focus outwards instead and help make the world a better place. Plan to do one nice thing a day for someone else; whether it's something small like giving a compliment, or something potentially life-saving like donating blood or sponsoring a child in need. By knowing you are making a difference, you will also indirectly boost your own happiness and sense of achievement.



Make a new friend a month

To expand your social circle, try to make one new friend a month by making a conscious effort to attend more social events, chat to strangers and get introductions to friends of friends. Making friends with people with different personalities and interests from you can be particularly beneficial in helping you to broaden your horizons, explore different sides of your personality and find new ways to get the most out of life.



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AVOIDING HOLIDAY STRESS OR DEPRESSION

By Dr. Melissa Stoppler

The winter holiday season, including Christmas, Hanukkah, and Thanksgiving, for most people is a fun time of the year filled with parties, celebrations, and social gatherings with family and friends. But for many people, it is a time filled with sadness, self-reflection, loneliness, and stress.

There are a number of factors that can cause stress at holiday time. These include unrealistic expectations, financial pressures, limited time and too many commitments. Certain people may feel depressed around the winter holidays due to seasonal affective disorder (SAD) sometimes referred to as seasonal depression.

Regular exposure to light that is bright, particularly fluorescent lights, significantly improves depression in people with SAD. Sharing tasks with family members helps with the relief from depression or stress. Setting realistic goals and expectations, finding inexpensive ways to enjoy the holidays and helping others are all ways to help beat holiday stress. Below are a few tips that will help you stay stress free.

1. Saying "No." and limiting the number of commitments is one of the best ways to avoid stress.
2. Delegate, delegate, delegate...you can't do it all!
3. Laugh! Don't take yourself so serious!
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Avoiding

Holiday Weight Gain

By Ann Kulze MD



Let's face it – many people use the traditional Thanksgiving feast as a kick-off to a holiday eating frenzy that lasts through New Years and tips the scales in an unwanted direction. Most people gain about a pound. Unfortunately, the weight added over the winter holidays usually isn't lost during the rest of the year. Overtime, this yearly pound creep can significantly impact your health, boosting the risk of chronic diseases like high blood pressure and type 2 diabetes.

Here are my best tips for enjoying the holidays without wrecking your waistline and your health:

1. Just say no to sugary beverages! These sweetened drinks (soda, fruit juices, eggnog and other sweet "holiday" drinks) are especially fattening. Make plain water, unsweetened tea, or coffee your beverage of

choice. When you have an alcoholic beverage, go for wine, low-carb beer, or spirits with a non-caloric mixer.

2. Rein in your appetite. Fill your tummy up first with foods that have lots of volume, but minimal calories - namely the "big, yet skinny," fiber-filled fruits, veggies, and beans. These bulky, fiber-rich, plant foods are a secret weapon for appetite control.

3. Avoid mindless eating. Approach every holiday meal or party mindfully. Don't linger over the buffet table or hover over the hors d'oeuvres to nibble as you engage in conversation.

4. Don't go to a holiday gathering hungry! It takes less calories to prevent hunger than it does to deal with it once it occurs, especially in the midst of high risk holiday foods.

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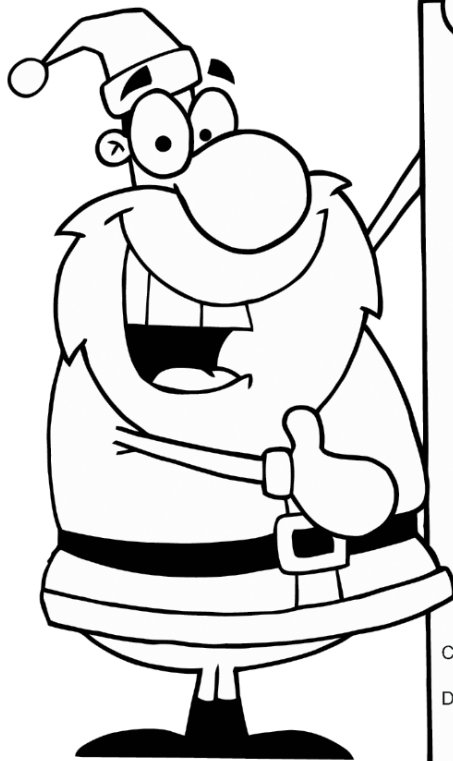
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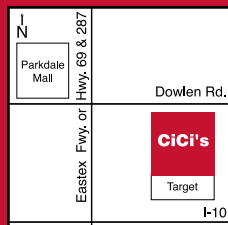
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Salvatore emigrated to America in the early 1900s with hopes of a better life. He also brought his original wine recipes and the love of winemaking with him. He settled in Southeast Texas after the Spindletop gusher brought the oil industry to this area and established his family. He made his raisin wine all throughout his life, passing on his skills for winemaking and his recipes to his sons Nick and Joe. They continued the long honored tradition. In 1996, they passed the family passion and recipes to Shawn Bruno. Shawn wanted to make and sell his grandfathers' traditional Sicilian raisin wine.



The first obstacle that Shawn faced was the Texas law forbidding the making and selling of raisin wine in Texas. Shawn and his brother Rocky began the task of changing this law that had been in the Code books since the Prohibition days of 1929. In 1999 the 76th Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 1676 which removed dried grapes, dried fruits or dried berries for the list of prohibited items in Section 10165 of the Alcoholic Beverage Code.

The second obstacle was the Federal Liquor laws concerning alcohol volumes. After eight months of lobbying to have the law changed, the ATF found a clause allowing Shawn to start making and selling raisin wine. The signature wine of Bruno & George, "Other than Standard Raisin Wine" gets its name from the clause.

Shawn and Rocky Bruno continued to lobby the Federal Liquor laws to add a new category for "Dessert Raisin" which allows

raisin wine above 14% alcohol by volume to be manufactured and sold in the United States. In 2005, they were successful.

Since its start, the little winery in Southeast Texas has produced some of the best berry wines in Texas and throughout the United States. Bruno & George Wines have received countless awards. Their wines consist of "Other than Standard Raisin Wine", "Candlelight Strawberry", "White Orchard Pear", "Signature Peach", "Arapaho Blackberry", "Yellow Jacket Raspberry", "Salvatore's Red Plum", "Holiday Blueberry", "Cardinal Cranberry", and their red wine is "Three Rivers Red". Their latest wine is a beautiful white wine called "Southern Belle".

VIVA's Holiday suggestions are "Cardinal Cranberry", "Three Rivers Red", "Holiday Blueberry", and "Southern Belle". You can find the Bruno wines wherever fine wines are sold. The winery is open by appointment and would love to share their years of family pride and tradition that goes into every bottle of wine they make.



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FAMILY TRADITIONS WITH A NEW TWIST

By Glenda Nelson



This summer my family lost a dear relative who was a superb hostess and a great cook. It was after her passing that I learned that Alice had a few recipes that she simply would not share. She explained that those were recipes that brought people together and this was her way of preserving that special event when those who enjoyed them the most were able to look forward to a gathering at her Minnesota farm house.

It's undeniable that food brings people together. Think about your favorite holiday recipe. It's the one that pops into your head when the first autumn leaf falls. For me, I think of buttery roasting turkey and with it, the hint of sage, green onion and celery. In a word, this is a part of our family's "glue menu". For as long as I can recall, those are the glorious aromas that I associate with both Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The holiday bustle is upon us and there is work to be done. All these years we have been the benefactor of those yummy creations that we look forward to all year long. We take for granted that when we arrive it will be there, but what if it isn't? Objects and possession come

and go out of fashion and even sometimes break, but family never does. It is a noble responsibility to carry on our traditions and one that may be overlooked or even ignored.

This holiday season I challenge you to think about these notions and ponder how you may do your part in "being the glue". It is possible that you turn over a new leaf and arrive with a casserole or dessert that you would like to share. Think about a dish that is always there that you do not particularly enjoy. Why not re-create it into something that you think the group may like. In doing so you may be able to scratch a few names off your gift list because there is no greater gift to a parent or elder than knowing their offspring has matured and is worthy of perpetuating tradition within your family.

Traditions, recipes and relatives are as unique as snowflakes. They help keep family together through thick and thin while creating memories for generations to come. So sing out a Christmas carol and eat some yummy food. Then eat a little more because it tastes so good. It is to this end that I wish to extend wishes for good health and clear skies throughout the upcoming year.

"Many are the blessings that return to you, when you're the one that becomes the glue." May your holidays be merry and bright!



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| 2 1/2 Tbs. Chili powder | 1 can Diced Tomatoes |
| 1 clove Garlic, minced | & chilies, drained |
| 1/2 tsp. | 2 Tbs. Vinegar |
| Ground cumin | 1 (16 oz.) can Kidney beans or |
| 4 tsp. | Pinto beans, undrained salt |
| Jalapenos, deveined | and black pepper to taste |
| | Cooked rice for 6 |



Instructions:

1. In a large saucepan over medium high heat, combine the ground beef and onion. Sauté' for about 5 minutes or until beef is browned. Drain excess fat.
2. Add the chili powder, garlic, cumin, diced chili & tomatoes, tomato sauce and vinegar. Bring to a boil and reduce heat to low. Cover and simmer for 1 hour, stirring occasionally. Stir in the beans, salt & black pepper to taste and simmer for 1/2 hour, stirring occasionally. Serve over cooked rice and top with grated cheese.

ITALIAN SAUSAGE WITH ONIONS & PEPPERS

Ingredients:

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| 2 tablespoons Olive Oil | 1 bell pepper of another color |
| 4 Italian sausage links | (yellow or orange), sliced into 2- |
| (sweet or hot) | to 3-inch long strips |
| 1 green bell pepper, sliced into | 1 sweet or yellow onion, sliced |
| 2- to 3-inch long strips | into 1/4-inch half moons |
| 1 red bell pepper, sliced into | Salt to taste |
| 2- to 3-inch long strips | 4 garlic cloves, sliced into slivers |
| | 1 tablespoon dried oregano |

Instructions:

1. Heat olive oil in a large pan over medium heat.
2. Add sausages, and brown them slowly while turning them

- occasionally for several minutes, or until brown on all sides. Then set them aside.
3. Increase heat to high, and add onions and peppers.
 4. Toss in pan to coat with oil, stirring occasionally.
 5. Once the onions and peppers are soft, sprinkle with salt.
 6. Then sear them, and once they're brown, add the garlic, and cook for one more minute.
 7. Add dried oregano, and stir well to combine.
 8. Put the cooked sausages back in the pan.
 9. Bring to a simmer, reduce the heat to low.
 10. Cover the pan, and simmer until the peppers are soft and the sausages are cooked through, about 20 minutes



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- ½ cup butter
- pinch of salt

Instructions:

1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees.
2. Combine all the whoopie pie ingredients and mix. The batter will be thick, that is normal.
3. Line a cookie sheet with parchment paper. This is VERY important. The whoopies cook really fast and the parchment paper helps prevent them from burning on the bottom.
4. Use a tablespoon to scoop spoonfuls and place 2 inches apart on the cookie sheet.
5. Bake for 8-10 minutes. Watch closely because they cook really fast.
6. This batch will make about 24 complete whoopie pies (2 cookies per pie).

Frosting Instructions:

1. Combine all the ingredients and blend until smooth.
2. Put all the frosting in a large Ziploc bag and cut a small hole in the tip.
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3199 Dowlen Rd
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797 North 5th St
409.832.3900

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409.866.0039

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409.833.9919

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461 Bowie St • 409.813.1808

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409.724.0046

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6801 9th Ave • 409.727.3184

La Cantina Mexican Grill
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409.727.0404

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3100 Hwy 365 • 409.727.5377
4801 N Twin City Hwy • 409.963.0185

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8005 Memorial Blvd
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409.727.3675

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8601 9th Ave • 409.722.1600

H2O Seafood & Grill
7675 Memorial • 409-237-5305

IHOP
8685 Memorial Blvd
409.721.6310

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170 Central Mall • 409.727.6420

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3005 7th St • 409.982.3522

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7675 Memorial Blvd
409.721.6868

La Hacienda Mexican Restaurant
7700 9th Ave

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8680 Memorial Blvd
409.724.0043

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8393 Memorial Blvd
409.729.3354

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8691 9th Ave • 409.722.7253

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8745 Memorial Blvd
409.721.9997

Sertino's

7675 Memorial Blvd
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Tequilla's Mexican Restaurant

4231 Gulfway Dr • 409.983.7545

Texas Roadhouse

8575 Memorial Blvd
409.722.2246

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3300 Central Mall Dr • 409.729.0641

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4300 Hwy 365 • 409.724.1002

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2940 Jimmy Johnson Blvd • 409.724.2141
4505 Twin City Hwy • 409.962.7522

GROVES

Baytown Seafood Restaurant

4830 Twin City Hwy • 409.960.6052

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3848 Main Ave • 409.548.4856

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4848 Twin City Hwy • 409.962.2431

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5601 E Parkway St • 409.962.7711

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4321 Lincoln Ave • 409.962.2850

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Larry's French Market & Cajun Restaurant

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409.962.3381

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4700 Twin City Hwy • 409.962.7427

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NEDERLAND

Bobby's Homestyle Cooking
2750 Nederland Ave • 409.722.0561

Butcher's Korner
1155 Boston Ave • 409.722.4831

Carmela's Mexican Restaurant
1203 S Hwy 69 • 409.729.0760

Champagne's Specialty Cakes
812 S Twin City Hwy • 409.729.2288

Davis Donuts and Deli
1706 Hwy 365 • 409-729-5100

Eaton Meats
2505 Nederland Ave • 409.722.3200

Finch Hutton
1147 Boston Ave • 409-722-3100

Golden Croissant
2904 Hwy 365 • 409.727.5399

Grand Buffet
2250 Hwy 365 • 409.722.6668

John's Grill
112 N 11th St • 409.727.1393

La Suprema Mexican Restaurant
3105 Hwy 365 • 409.722.2880

Mazzio's Pizza
3028 Hwy 365 • 409.724.0500

Novrozsky's Hamburgers, Etc.
3016 Hwy 365 • 409.724.7553

Rao's Bakery & Deli
3504 Hwy 365 • 409.729.7267

Sanderson's Bar & Grill
2095 Hwy 69

Sartin's Seafood
3520 Nederland Ave • 409.721.9420

The Schooner Restaurant
1507 Hwy 69 • 409.722.2323

Taco Rey Mexican Restaurant
1505 Nederland Ave • 409.721.5100

The Tamale King
2495 N Twin City Hwy • 409.724.6666

PORT NECHES

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2029 Magnolia Ave • 409.727.1482

Carla's Cupboard
2117 Magnolia Ave

Celeste's Tamales
3102 Saba Ln • 409.722.1172

Joe's Pizza and Pasta
2839 Nall • 409.727.3961

La Fiesta Mexican Restaurant
2337 Nederland Ave • 409.729.2500

The Neches Café
2401 Port Neches Ave • 409.729.3849

Sea Ranch Cafe
1305 Magnolia • 409.722.6057

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Barking Dog Coffee Lounge
109 5th St • Orange • 409.330.4065

Casa Ole
1717 N 16th St • Orange • 409.886.0642

Denny's inside Flying J Truck Stop
7112 I-10 W • Orange • 409.883.4720

Gary's Coffee Shop
2650 I-10 • Orange • 409.886.9019

Guadalajara
137 MacArthur Dr • Orange • 409.883.4214

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5750 Hwy 90 • Orange • 409.886.9823

Lucy's Café & Bakery
2488 MLK Dr • Orange • 409.883.332

Old Orange Café
914 Division • Orange • 409.883.2233

Robert's Restaurant & Steakhouse
3720 N Park Ave • Orange • 409.883.0979

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1207 N 16th St • Orange • 409.883.9142

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7174 N Hwy 87 • Orange • 409.883.5858

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244 Hwy 124 Spur 5 • Winnie, TX • 409.296.9818

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835 S Main St • Lumberton, TX
409.227.4611

Old Orange Cafe
914 W Division • Orange, TX • 409.883.2233

Peggy's On The Bayou
2682 E Round Bunch
Bridge City, TX • 409.886.1115

Pickett House Restaurant
Hwy 190 W • Woodville, TX • 409.283.3371

Pine Tree Lodge
3296 Pinetree Rd off LaBelle Rd between
Hwy 73 & 365 • LaBelle, TX • 409.796.1600

Seven Clans Buffet at Couthatta Casino Resort
777 Couthatta Dr
Kinder, LA • 800-584-7263

Sure Catch Seafood
605 W Round Bunch Rd
Bridge City, TX • 409.313.6140

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337-494-1070 • www.steamboatbills.com

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Calendar of Events

Nov. 1st 2013 - Jan. 4th 2014

Floral Natives: North

American Orchids

Tuesday-Saturday, 9 am - 5 pm
Adults (18-64), \$6. Seniors (65+) \$5
Students (w/current ID) \$5
Youth (10-17) \$5, Children (4-9) \$2
Toddlers (3 & Under) free
Stark Museum of Art
712 Green Ave • Orange, TX
409-886-2787

Nov. 1st - Nov. 22nd 2013

Crescent City Connection

Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Free admission
Dishman Art Museum
1030 E. Levaca Beaumont, TX
409-880-2154

Nov. 1st - Dec. 1st 2013

Tried and True: Traditions of a Southeast Texas Family

Tues - Fri: 10 am, 11 am, 1:30 pm, 2:30 pm
Saturday: 10:30 am, 1:30 pm, 2:30 pm
Guided Tours, \$3/person. Group Tours, \$2/person • Military Personnel, free
McFaddin-Ward House
1906 Calder Ave. • Beaumont, TX
409-832-2134

Nov. 2nd 2013

Winnie Wars V: Retribution

8:00 am \$60 - \$75
XL Ranch • 37702 IH 10 • Winnie, TX

Nov. 2nd 2013

Mel Tillis

Doors, 7:00 pm. \$25 - \$45
Nuttty Jerry's Entertainment
18291 Englin Road
Winnie, TX • 877-643-7508

Nov. 2nd 2013

The Giving Field

Farm to Table Dinner
6:00pm on the site
Reserve your seat:
409-201-8702

Nov. 2nd 2013

American Cancer

Society Bark for Life

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Online, \$10
On Site, \$25
Tyrrell Park
5305 Tyrrell Park Rd
Beaumont, TX • 409-554-1100

Nov. 5th - Nov. 9th 2013

Mamie McFaddin's 118th

Birthday Celebration

Tours: 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:30 pm, 2:30 pm
McFaddin-Ward House
1906 Calder at Third Street
Beaumont, TX • 409-832-2134

Nov. 5th 2013

Karaoke Night

Every Tuesday 7pm - 10 pm
Logon Cafe
3805 Calder • Beaumont, TX
409-832-1529

Nov. 5th 2013

Beyond Glory

7:30 pm \$25 - \$45
Lutcher Theater for the Performing Arts
707 W. Main • Orange, TX
409-886-5535

Nov. 5th 2013

Lamarissimo! Jazz Bands

Adults, \$18. Students, \$12
LU Students, Free with valid ID
Julie Rogers Theatre
765 Pearl & Forsythe
Beaumont, TX • 409-880-8144

Nov. 6th 2013

Open Mic Night

Every Wednesday 8 pm No Cover
The Gig
240 Crockett St. • Beaumont, TX
409-833-4002

Nov. 6th 2013

Open Mic Night

Every Wednesday Signup, 7:30 pm
Show starts, 8:00 pm
Logon Cafe
3805 Calder • Beaumont, TX
409-832-5129

Nov. 7th 2013

Old Town Christmas Bazaar

5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Spaces, \$30 • Table rentals, \$5-\$10
Balimports
1290 Calder Ave
Beaumont, TX • 409-832-2254

Nov. 7th 2013

The Doobie Brothers

Doors, 7:00 pm. \$60 - \$100
Nuttty Jerry's Entertainment
18291 Englin Road
Winnie, TX • 877-643-7508

Nov. 8th 2013

Future Stars Over Texas:

Blue Santa Bicycle Round

Up Tournament

Ford Fields • 5115 Interstate 10 South
Beaumont, TX • 409-753-3907

Nov. 9th 2013

Pleasure Island Bridge

Half Marathon

10K and 2 Mile

7:30 am Half Marathon
Logan Park Pleasure Island, TX

Nov. 9th 2013

Autumn Fair

9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Shangri La Botanical
Gardens & Nature Center
2111 W. Park Ave • Orange, TX
409-670-9113

Nov. 9th 2013

Cattle Barron's Ball:

Boomtoun Bash featuring

Steve Wariner

7:00 pm General admission, \$150
Reserved seats, \$200
Ford Park Event Center
5115 IH 10 S • Beaumont, TX
409-835-2139

Nov. 9th 2013

India Fest

5:30 pm \$30
Beaumont Civic Center Complex
701 Main Street • Beaumont, TX
409-651-8540

Nov. 9th 2013

Compassion Color 5K

Special Guest Kree Harrison

Registration, 8:00 am.
Run, 9:00 am.
Individual, \$40 - \$45. Team, \$35 - \$40
Price varies on sign up date
The Event Centre
700 Crockett Street • Beaumont, TX

Nov. 10th 2013

Mark Lowry: Unplugged, Unplanned

6:00 pm \$18 - \$25
Julie Rogers Theatre
765 Pearl & Forsythe • Beaumont, TX
409-838-3435

Nov. 10th 2013

McFaddin-Ward House

Holiday Photo Opportunity

12:00 noon - 3:00 pm Free admission
McFaddin-Ward House
906 Calder at Third Street
Beaumont, TX • 409-832-1906

Nov. 12th 2013

40 Under 40 Professionals

Edison Plaza • 6-8 pm
Downtown Beaumont

Nov. 15th 2013

Roger Creager

7:00 pm
Whiskey River
3871 Stagg Dr. • Beaumont, TX
409-832-2999

Nov. 15th 2013

Scotty McCreery

7:00 pm. \$25-\$45
Nuttty Jerry's Entertainment
18291 Englin Road • Winnie, TX
877-643-7508

Nov. 16th 2013

CASA Superhero 5K

8:00 am
1 Mile Walk & Kids K, 9:00 am
Pre-Registration (by 11/8), \$20
Race Day Registration, \$25
Claiborne West Park
4105 North Vidor, TX
409-330-6046

Nov. 16th 2013

Yount-Lee Equestrian Day

10:00 am - 2:00 pm Free admission
Spindletop Gladys City
Boomtown Museum
5550 University Drive
Beaumont, TX • 409-880-1750

Nov. 16th 2013

Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch

Stole Christmas

2:00 pm & 7:30 pm \$35-\$65
Lutcher Theater for the
Performing Arts
707 W. Main • Orange, TX
409-886-5535

Nov. 19th 2013

Lamar Civic Orchestra

7:30 pm
Lamar University
Setzer Center Ballroom
4400 S. MLK Jr. Pkwy • Beaumont, TX
409-880-8144

Nov. 20th 2013

Family Portrait Luncheon

By Alzheimer's Association

Beaumont Country Club
Call for reservations
409-833-1613

Nov. 22nd - 23rd 2013

Memphis

Friday, 7:30 pm
Saturday, 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm
\$35-\$65
Lutcher Theater
707 W. Main • Orange, TX
409-886-5535

Nov. 22nd - 24th 2013

Kountze Big Thicket

Trade Days

Hwy 69 North • Kountze, TX
409-880-5667

Nov. 28th 2013

Triangle Therapeutics

Turkey Trot

5K and 10K
8am Registration, \$10 - \$45
The Event Centre
700 Crockett Street • Beaumont, TX
77701

Nov. 30th 2013

John Jay French

Christmas Open House

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Free admission
John Jay French Museum
3025 French Road • Beaumont, TX
409-898-0348

Nov. 30th 2013

YWCA Holiday Gala

6pm Cocktail Attire
\$75 per person
RSVP by Nov. 19, 2013
MCM Elegante' Hotel
For Tickets 409-899-1011

Heavenly Creator,

In this season of gratitude and abundance, we give You thanks for our many blessings as we pray for all who struggle with hunger and want. Be with them in the dark of night, when all hope seems lost. Keep their faith strong as they await relief. And let Your goodness flow through our hearts and hands as we reach out to one another in the full, true joy of Thanksgiving in Christ.

Amen

Calendar of Events

Dec. 1st 2013

**The Chambers House
Christmas Tour**
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Free admission.
2240 Calder Avenue • Beaumont, TX
409-832-4010

Dec. 1st 2013

**John Jay French Christmas
Candlelight Tour**
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Free admission
John Jay French Museum
3025 French Road • Beaumont, TX
409-898-0348

Dec. 1st 2013

**Lamarissimo! Holiday Concert,
A Cappella Choir & Grand Chorus**
3:00 pm Adults, \$18. Students, \$12.
LU Students, Free with valid ID.
Julie Rogers Theatre
765 Pearl & Forsythe • Beaumont, TX
409-880-8144

Dec. 2nd 2013

Lunch at the Lake
Every Monday 11 am - 2 pm
The Event Centre
700 Crockett St • Beaumont, TX
409-838-3435

Dec. 5th 2013

Holiday Express Train
4-8pm • KCS Yard
4095 S MLK • Beaumont, TX

Dec. 5th 2013

First Thursdays on Calder Ave
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Calder Avenue • Beaumont, TX

Dec. 5th - 6th 2013

**Southeast Texas Ballet Co
Presents: "Babes in Toyland"**
Julie Rogers Theatre • 7:00 pm
765 Pearl & Forsythe • Beaumont, TX
409-838-3435

Dec. 5th - 7th 2013

**Sulphur's Christmas Under the
Oaks Festival/Holiday House**
Henning House
923 Ruth St • Sulphur, LA
337-527-0357

Dec. 5th - 7th 2013

**YMBL South Texas Shootout
Basketball Tournament**
Lamar University Montagne Center
4400 S M L King Jr Pkwy • Beaumont, TX

Dec. 5th - 7th 2013

Main Street Market
Adults, \$5. Children (17 & Under). Free.
Beaumont Civic Center Complex
701 Main Street • Beaumont, TX
409-832-0873

Dec. 6th - 14th 2013

Annie
Every Fri & Sat evenings 7:30pm
Beaumont Community Players
4155 Laurel Ave • Beaumont, TX
409-833-4664

Dec. 6th 2013

An Old Fashion Christmas
Downtown Groves
Lincoln Avenue • Groves, TX

Dec. 7th 2013

**Christmas in the Big Thicket
Christmas Lighted Parade**
9am-6pm • Parade starts at 7pm
Silsbee, TX

Dec. 7th 2013

Jingle Bell Run
8:00 am 5K, \$25. Kids K, \$10
Tyrrell Park
5305 Tyrrell Park Rd • Beaumont, TX

Dec. 7th 2013

**Light Up The Lake
Christmas Celebration**
Noon.-7:15 p.m.
Lake Charles Civic Center
900 Lakeshore Dr • Lake Charles, LA
337-436-9588

Dec. 7th 2013

**Main Street Market
Children's Workshop**
10:00 am - 2:00 pm Workshop, \$25.
Pictures with Santa only, \$10.
Beaumont Civic Center Complex
701 Main Street • Beaumont, TX
409-832-0873

Dec. 7th 2013

Taste of the Holidays
4:30 p.m. \$15
Downtown DeQuincy,
Selected Homes / JCE Center
510 South Grand Ave • DeQuincy, LA
337-274-3572

Dec. 7th - 30th 2013

**J&R Carriage Shell Beach
Christmas Light Tours**
6 p.m.- Midnight
Civic Center Promenade
900 Lakeshore Dr • Lake Charles, LA
337-842-0778

Dec. 8th 2013

Handel's "Messiah"
F.G. Bulber Auditorium • 3 p.m.
McNeese State University
4205 Ryan St • Lake Charles, LA
477-0662

Dec. 8th 2013

**Symphony of Southeast Texas:
Home for the Holidays**
3:00 pm Adults, \$25.
Students & Seniors, \$15.
Julie Rogers Theatre
765 Pearl & Forsythe • Beaumont, TX
409-892-2257

Dec. 13th 2013

Kevin Fowler
Whiskey River • 7:00 pm
3871 Stag Dr • Beaumont, TX
409-832-2999

Dec. 14th 2013

Christmas with Shoji Tabuchi
7:30 pm \$25 - \$45
Lutcher Theater for the Performing Arts
707 W. Main • Orange, TX
409-886-5535

Dec. 14th 2013

**McFaddin-Ward Christmas
Open House**
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Free admission.
McFaddin-Ward House
1906 Calder at Third Street
Beaumont, TX • 409-832-2134

Dec. 14th - 15th 2013

**Beaumont Civic Ballet Presents:
"The Nutcracker"**
2:30 pm \$5 - \$15
Julie Rogers Theatre
765 Pearl & Forsythe • Beaumont, TX
409-838-3435, ext 1

Dec. 14th 2013

**Port Arthur's Lighted
Cultural Parade**
6pm Downtown
Procter Street • Port Arthur

Dec. 14th - 15th 2013

**Beaumont Civic Ballet Presents:
"The Nutcracker"**
Julie Rogers Theatre
765 Pearl & Forsythe • Beaumont, TX
409-838-3435, ext 1

Dec. 14th 2013

Color Vibe 5K
\$40 - \$50
The Event Centre
700 Crockett St • Beaumont, TX

Dec. 19th 2013

Eggnog Evening
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Free admission.
McFaddin-Ward House
1906 Calder at Third St • Beaumont, TX
409-832-1906

Dec. 20th - 20nd 2013

**Kountze Big Thicket
Trade Days**
Hwy 69 North • Kountze, TX
409-880-5667

Dec. 21st 2013

**Yolanda Adams &
Special Guest Willie Brown**
8:00 pm \$34.99 - \$59.99
Julie Rogers Theatre
765 Pearl & Forsythe • Beaumont, TX
409-838-3435

Dec. 31st 2013

**Bag of Donuts &
Special Guest Collider**
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Jan. 1st 2014

Conversational Bike Ride
Every Wednesday 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Bicycle Sports
2770 I-10 • Beaumont, TX
409-860-5959

Jan. 2nd 2014

First Thursdays on Calder Ave
Recurring monthly on the 1st Thursday
5:00pm-9:00pm
Calder Avenue • Beaumont, TX

Jan. 8th 2014

Four Stand Up Dads
7:30pm \$15-\$35
Lutcher Theater
707 W. Main • Orange, TX
409-886-5535

Jan. 10th-12th 2014

**The Streetz Dance Conference
& Competition**
Holiday Inn Beaumont Plaza
3950 Walden Rd • Beaumont, TX
409-679-0001

Jan. 11th 2014

**Spindletop Anniversary
Celebration & Reunion**
10:00 am - 5:00 pm Adults, \$5.
Seniors (60+) \$3, Children (6-12) \$2.
Children (5 & Under), Free.
Lamar Students & Faculty, Free
with valid ID
Spindletop Gladys City/
Boomtown Museum
5550 University Drive • Beaumont, TX
409-880-1750

Jan. 17th - Feb. 1st 2014

Cabaret
Every Friday, Saturday Evenings,
7:30 pm • Matinee 2:30 pm
\$12 - \$25
Beaumont Community Players
4155 Laurel Ave • Beaumont, TX
409-833-4664

Jan. 24th-25th 2014

Hot Hearts
8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Tickets before December 31, \$30
After January 1, \$35
Ford Arena
5115 I-10 South • Beaumont, TX
409-951-5400

Jan. 25th 2014

**Chris Cagle with Special Guests
Cody Canada & The Departed**
Doors, 7:00 pm. \$25 - \$35
Nutty Jerry's Entertainment
18291 Englin Road • Winnie, TX
877-643-7508

Jan. 30th 2014

The Ten Tenors on Broadway
7:30 pm \$35 - \$55
Lutcher Theater
707 W. Main • Orange, TX
409-886-5535

Viva Special Report

THE GIVING FIELD

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." Luke 6:38 NIV

The Giving Field mission to feed the hungry is the brain child of Fr. Manger, Mary Mahile, and Sharon Begnaud. It is located on Liberty Street behind St. Anne Church. The several 20' x 5' garden plots have yielded 4,096 pounds of organic vegetables. This fresh food has been delivered to either Some Other Place in Beaumont or to The Hospitality Center in Port Arthur. In addition, 4,300 volunteer hours have been recorded by many hands coming together to sow and harvest the gardens at The Giving Field.

The future growth of The Giving Field includes fruit trees, a self-watering system, a shade arbor, benches and an education area. The Giving Field is funded by the generosity of sponsors and maintained by volunteers from the community. The Giving Field is open every day and you are welcome to stop by and see the gardens.

"Garden angels' come together to assist with weeding, harvesting, cleaning, and whatever needs to be done to maintain this very special place every Wednesday from 5 - 7pm and on the second Saturday of each month from 9am - noon. You are welcome to come and join them.



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Growing up in Southeast Texas during the late 50's and early 60's was a time of enlightenment, discovery and great adventures for anyone living in this rural area. It was a time of simple pleasures, hard work yet less stress; a slower pace with fewer demands. It was the age of listening to your elders as they spoke of the "good old days", spinning yarns and mixing history with tall tales...like the "Search for the Perfect Christmas Tree".

December was a magical time for me as a little girl. It was the only time when Mother would bake cookies, make divinity candy and mouthwatering fudge. Daddy would crack the walnuts and pecans for Mother's baked goods while Christmas carols played on the radio. Mother would make hot cocoa (the old fashion way, not instant) and Daddy would start the search for the "perfect" Christmas tree.

In those days, most folks who lived in the rural areas chopped down their own Christmas trees from the woods near their homes. Daddy always started the great search three weeks before Christmas. He would narrow down his selection to two 6 foot pines and the weekend before Christmas, my little brother and I would spend the day at our grandparents home while Mother and Daddy would head for the woods. Daddy would show Mother the two trees and after much discussion, Mother would make the final choice. Daddy would cut the tree down with an axe and they would tote their prize back to the house. The tree however still had a long way to go before it was perfect and ready to decorate.

Daddy would make a homemade stand and turn the tree around and around slowly so Mother could look for the "best" side of the tree. Once it was determined, Daddy would start filling in any and all bare spots. He would cut lower unnecessary limbs for this job. Using a drill, he would bore a hole into the tree trunk where the bare spot was and place one of the extra limbs into the hole. He continued this until all the bare spots were gone and then move the tree inside the living room in front of the big double windows facing the road. With all the prep work done, Mother would start supper while Daddy would retrieve us kids. On the drive home, Daddy would hint that a big surprise was waiting for us at home. In unison we shouted, "The Christmas tree!"



Right after supper and as soon as the dishes were done, Mother would start decorating the tree. We would watch while drinking hot chocolate and eating fresh baked cookies. Our Christmas tree was always decorated in blue lights, blue glass ornaments and silver tinsel. Mother would painstakingly place one piece of tinsel at a time on every pine needle. When she was finished, she would lightly spray the entire tree with artificial snow. The Christmas lights were turned on and

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the living room lights turned off. Every year Daddy would declare the same thing, "This is the perfect Christmas Tree!"

Years later I would help Mother decorate our Christmas tree, but everything else remained the same until my brother and I grew up, married and moved away to start our own family tradition. You can start a wonderful family tradition of finding the perfect Christmas tree and you don't have to traipse through the woods.



Instead, head to the nearest Christmas Tree Farm and let the little ones (with your guidance) pick out the tree. The Tree Farm owners will cut it for you and attach it to your vehicle. Some Farms even supply a tree stand. Make a family day out of it and treat everyone to their favorite pizza or plan a picnic. Sing Christmas carols and take plenty of pictures to share with the rest of your family and friends. Your search for the perfect Christmas tree can create memories that will last a life time.

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LAMAR STATE COLLEGE PORT ARTHUR...

Home of The Commercial Music Program

By Daniel Walzer

Lamar State College-Port Arthur is the exclusive home of a music department focused on contemporary performance, sound recording and technology. The Commercial Music program started approximately seven years ago and has grown considerably to include associates degrees in Performance, Sound Engineering and Audiovisual Production. In addition to the two-year degree plans, the division offers a certificate in Entertainment Business, as well as a certificate in Live Sound Design and Technology beginning in the spring of 2014. Currently the program has approximately 60 majors along with five full-time faculty and two adjunct faculty members.

The Commercial Music Department is housed in the Performing Arts Center on the campus of Lamar State College-Port Arthur. The division houses a fully equipped recording studio with a brand new 24 channel Toft analog console, custom monitors and the latest industry-standard recording software including Avid Pro Tools, Logic Pro and Reason. Students in every major take foundational courses in music including piano, music theory and music business.

In the Sound Engineering track, students learn to record and edit sound in a variety of styles, operate analog and digital consoles, and proper microphone technique. In addition to the studio-focused courses, students take supplemental classes in live sound, audio electronics, acoustics and general education as well.

Students in the Performance track focus on honing their craft as performers, songwriters, and arrangers. Performance majors take lessons on applied instruments including piano, guitar, bass, drums and voice and perform in a variety of contemporary music ensembles each semester. "Section 51," the LSC-PA touring band, performs all over the Golden Triangle at festivals and in local schools each semester. The performance department also features a jazz ensemble, a pep band for basketball games and a vocal ensemble. Each of these performance opportunities is available to all students on campus. All Commercial Music performances take place in the Music Hall on Lakeshore Drive on Thursday nights throughout the semester.

Students in the Audiovisual Production track specialize in sound for visual media. This unique program allows students to learn the basic elements of how to build a virtual soundtrack for film, television, animation, games and mobile platforms. Audiovisual production focuses on sound design, video editing, short-form camera production and electronic music composition as well.

Interested students are encouraged to call 409-984-6520 for information on enrolling for spring 2014 classes. The Commercial Music program offers a number of scholarships for talented musicians. All Commercial Music courses feature a hands-on learning environment, small class sizes and access to the school's many recording studios, Mac labs and mix rooms. For more information on the program, email Department Chair Daniel Walzer at walzerda@lamarpa.edu or visit the division's website at <http://www.lamarpa.edu/dept/mus>.





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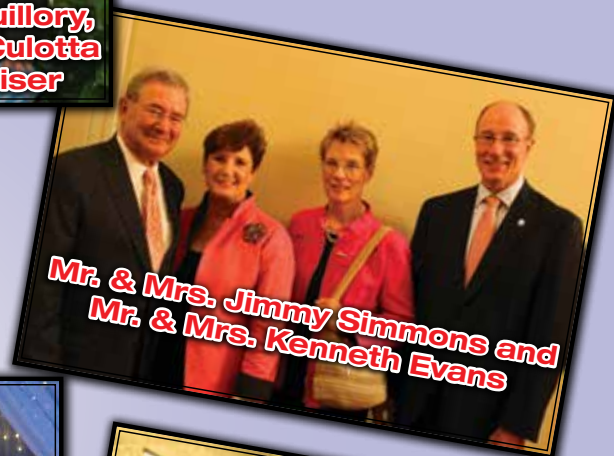
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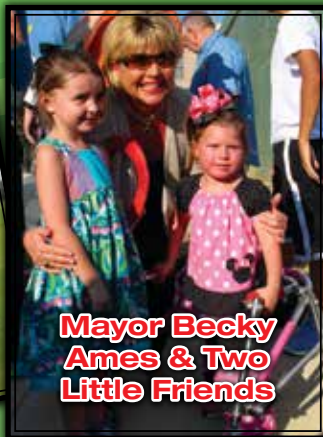


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Ames & Two
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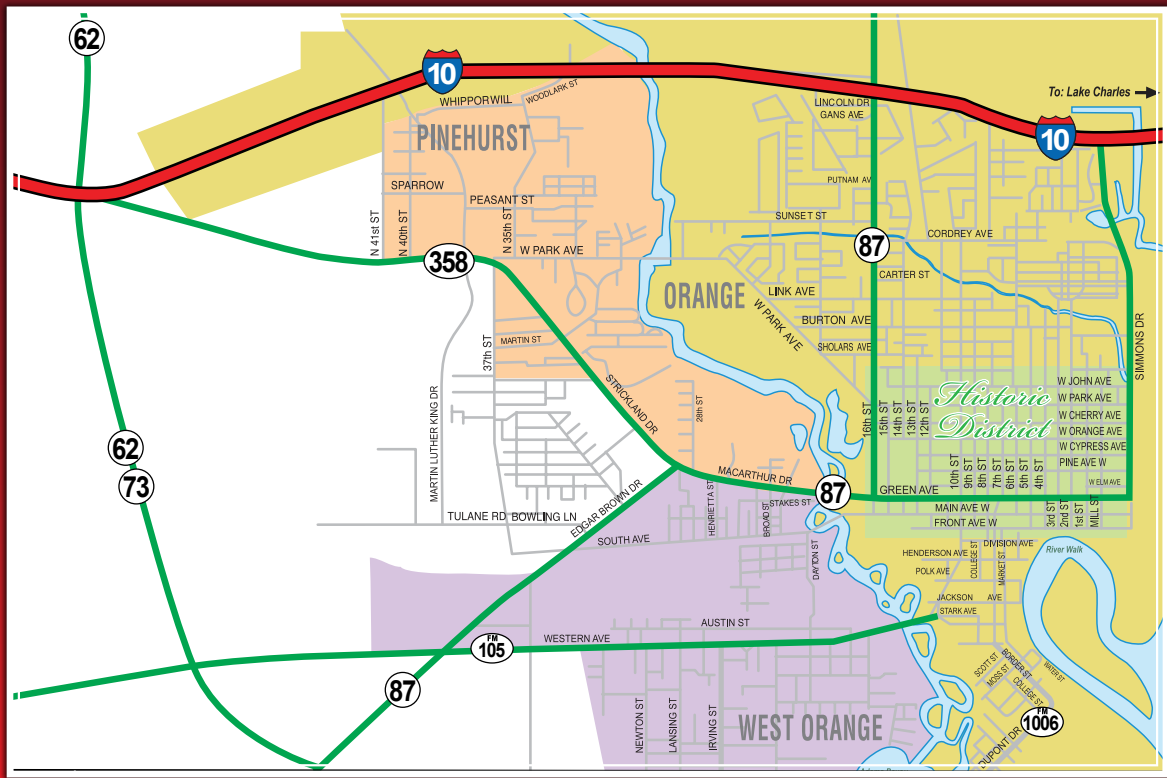


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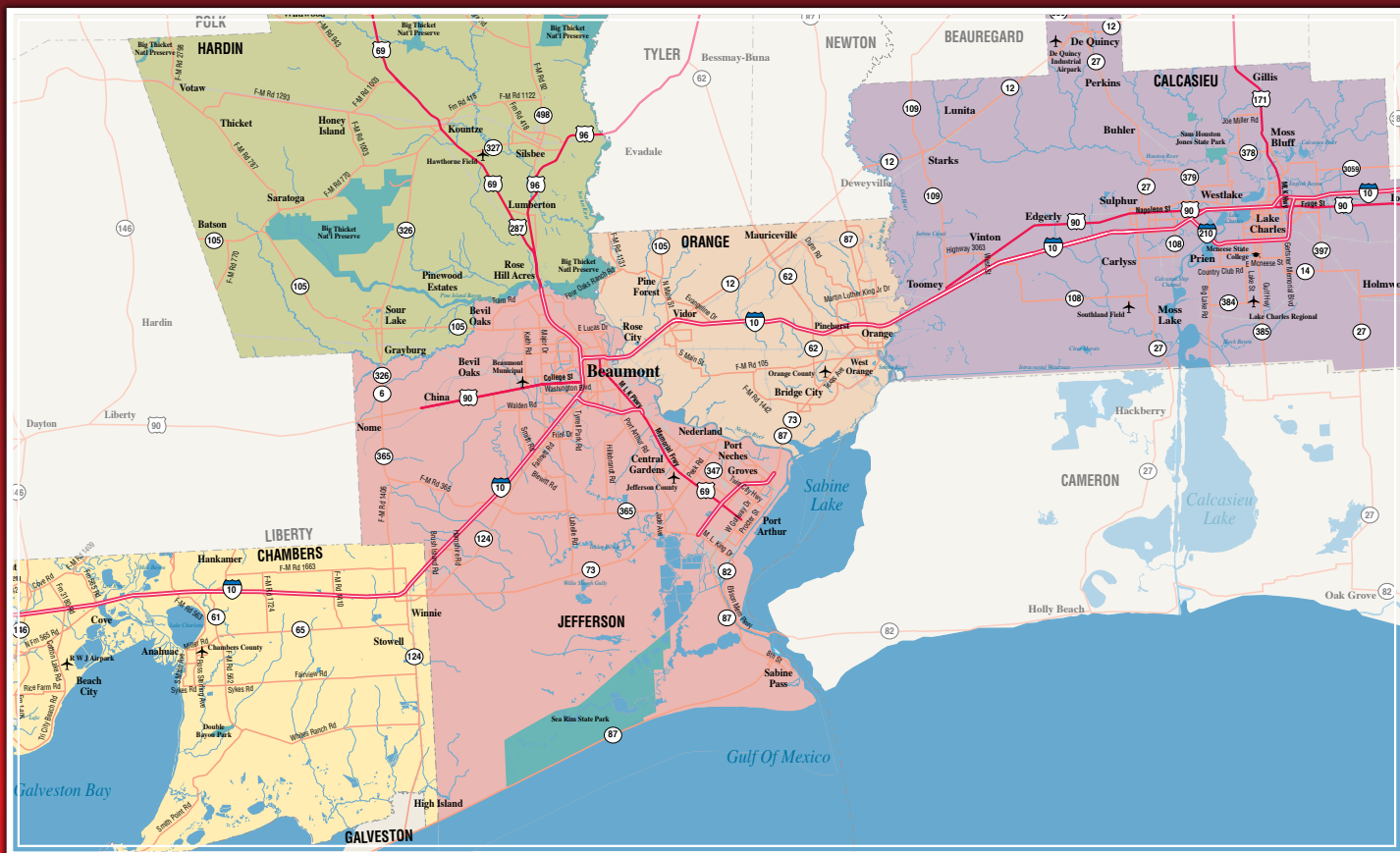
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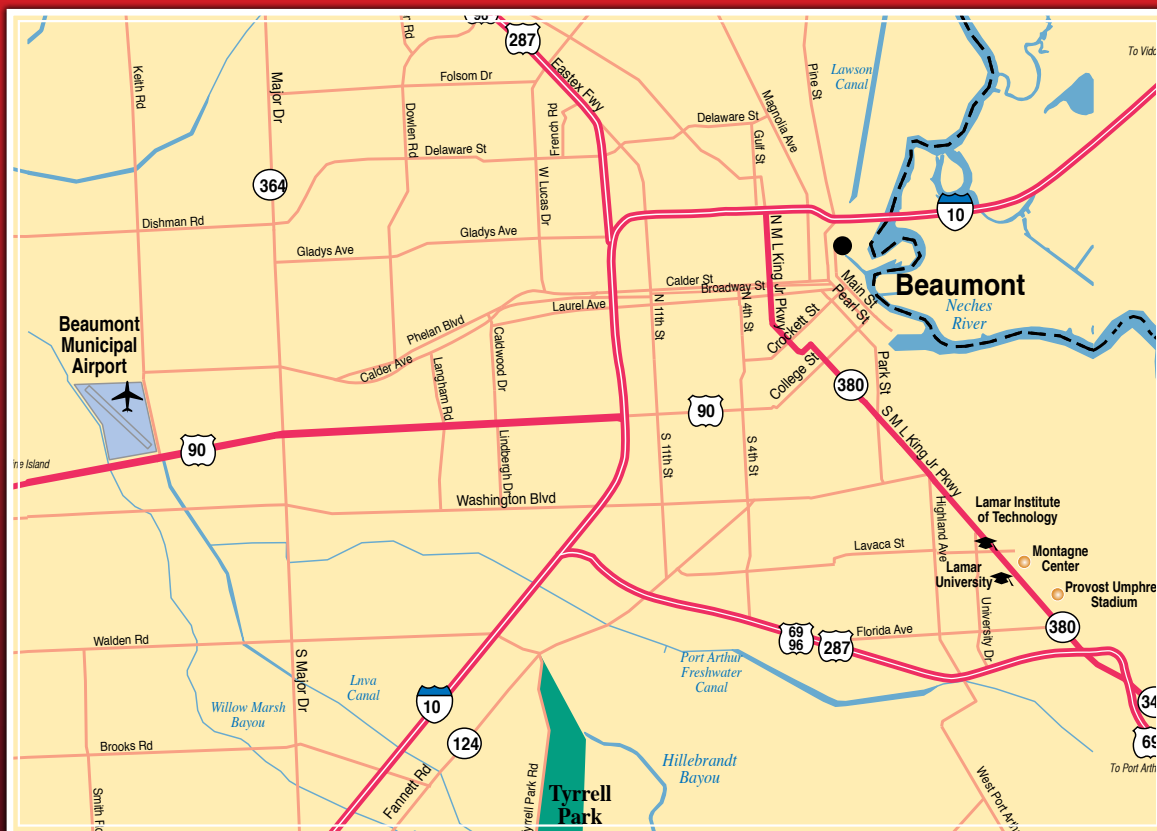
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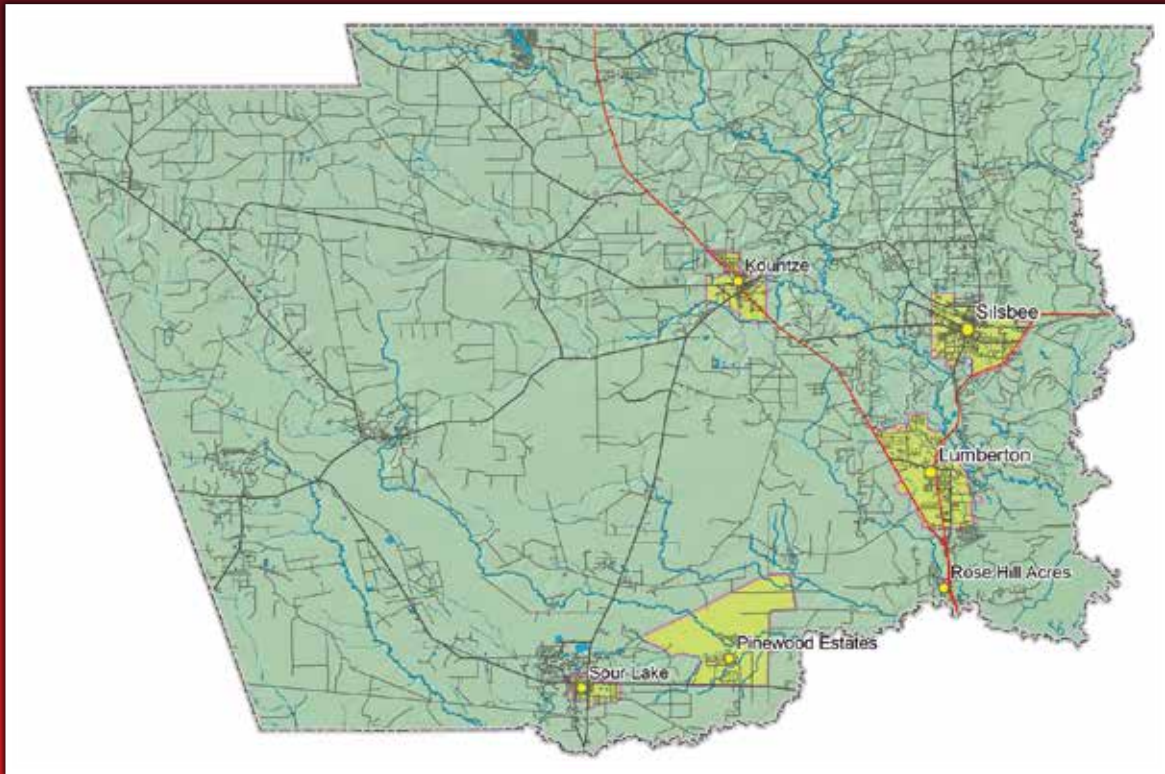
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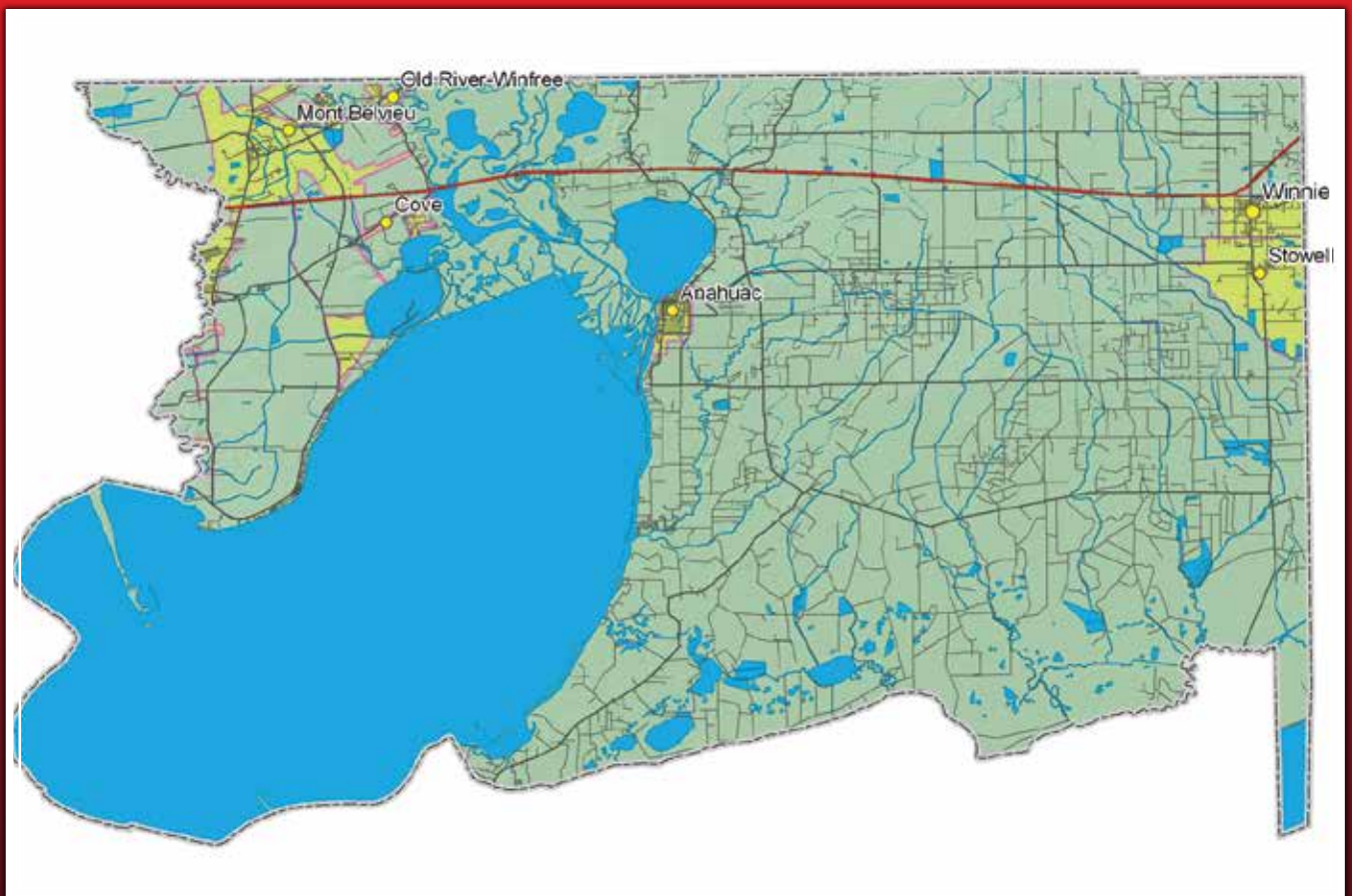
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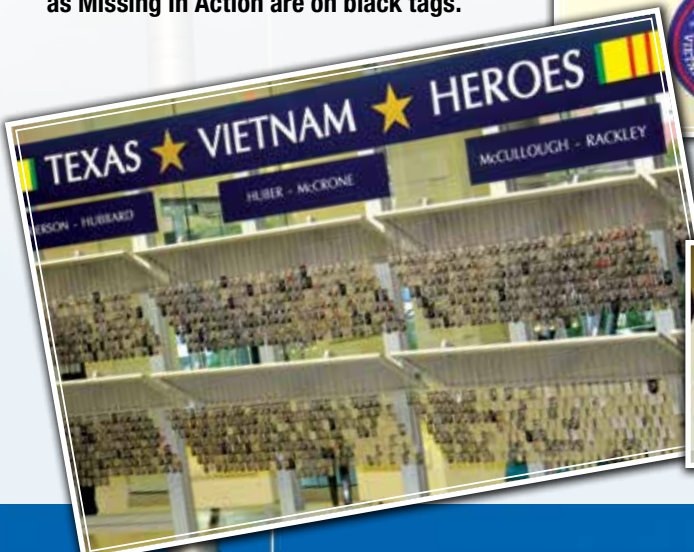


VETERANS DAY...

REMEMBERING OUR TEXAS VIETNAM HEROES



On September 19, 2013, the dog tags of 3,417 Texas Vietnam War heroes were on display at the Edison Plaza. The Display will be showcased throughout the year in other Texas towns. This massive display is a personalized tribute by the Texas Capitol Vietnam Veterans Monument to honor and remember every Texan who died in the Vietnam War. Each dog tag of the display is hand-embossed with the name, rank, branch of service, date of loss and home of record of each Texan who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving in the American Armed Forces during Vietnam. One of each tag is displayed in the Texas Vietnam Heroes Exhibit. The second will be entombed in the Texas Capitol Vietnam Veterans Monument. The Texans who died in the Vietnam War are remembered on silver tags. The 102 Texas military personnel who are listed as Missing In Action are on black tags.



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