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Welcome to the new 'Spring' issue of *Viva Southeast Texas Magazine*. After a very long cold winter, all of us are ready to let in the sunshine! In this issue you will find helpful tips on how to get your house, hair, and body ready for the hectic pace that spring and early summer can bring. Check out our Fashion & Beauty section to see the latest in spring fashions, as well as learning how to make your own beauty products.

Viva Southeast Texas Magazine has several articles about great events and festivals as well as in-depth listings of events that you don't want to miss! Meet some interesting people of this region in Viva's Special Reports, Salutes and Tributes sections along with the interview of Bob Wortham in the Viva Spotlight section. Meet the guys in The Classics Recovered Band and follow one families' journey as they achieve "the American Dream."

You don't want to miss our recipes (try one for Mother's Day) and see if you or someone you know are in this issue of *Viva Southeast Texas Magazine* Snapshots.

Celebrate Easter, remember Mom on Mother's Day, and don't forget dear ol' Dad this year on Father's Day. Remember to salute the men and women who died for your freedom, but above all, let the sunshine in!



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in remembrance of the
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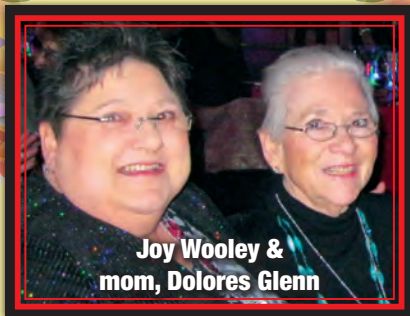
this is a
Mexican-
American holiday
to commemorate the
cause of freedom and
to celebrate the Mexican-
American heritage and pride.



Mother's Day...

May 10th

a day set aside to
honor mothers
and motherhood.

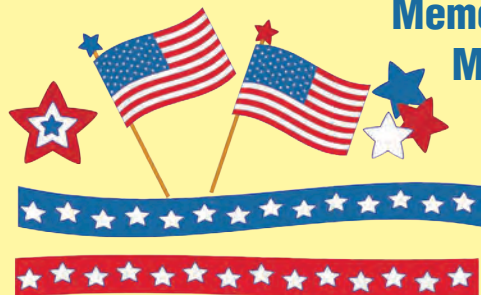


Joy Wooley &
mom, Dolores Glenn

Memorial Day...

May 25th

a day set aside to
honor our troops
and veterans



Father's Day...

June 21st

a day set aside to
honor fathers and
fatherhood.



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INTERNATIONAL AVENUE OF FLAGS: A PROJECT OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF PORT ARTHUR CELEBRATING ITS CENTENNIAL

By Joy Wooley

The Port Arthur Rotary Club was founded April 1, 1915, after several business and professional men of Port Arthur met with a group of Rotarians from the Beaumont Rotary Club. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce Port Arthur to the fast-growing, Rotary movement, then in its tenth year. The Port Arthur Rotary Club became the thirteenth Rotary club to be organized in Texas and chartered by Rotary International. Port Arthur Rotary members represent a broad cross-section of business people from their community, both actively employed and retired. The club has a long and rich history of service to mankind, helping to eradicate polio worldwide as well as supporting programs for youth education and the involvement in their community. The Rotary motto is "Service Above Self".



This year marks 100 years of the Port Arthur Rotary Club's service to others. In celebrating its Centennial, and in cooperation with the Maritime and Industrial Community, the Port Arthur Rotary Club has constructed a 160-liner-foot display of flags. The flags represent the countries from around the world that often navigate the Sabine Neches Waterway. The material to be used for signs are durable fiberglass and vinyl, with a long term protective coating. This impressive display is located downtown, just east of the courthouse, perpendicular to the police station, and will be open to the public.

Port Arthur's Economic Development Corporation has agreed to fund half of the anticipated \$260,000 project cost. Port Arthur's City Council approved the EDC's recommendation to provide a \$130,000 grant for the project. The remaining expense will be funded through community contributions. The Port of Port Arthur has indicated it would maintain the facility and replace flags as needed.

The Port Arthur Rotary Club meeting is held every Thursday at noon at the Holiday Inn Park Central on Jimmy Johnson Blvd. For sponsorship information, contact any Port Arthur Rotarian.



LOCAL ARTIST, INES ALVIDRES: STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART!

By Ines Alvidres & Viva Southeast Texas Magazine

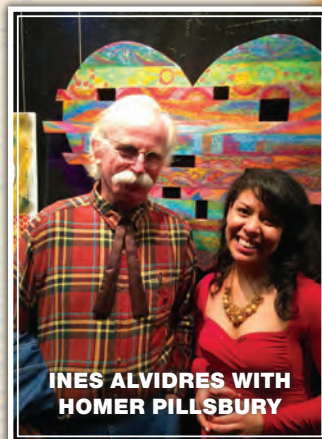
Born and raised in Chihuahua City, Mexico, Ines moved to Beaumont in 2000 where she finished high school and went on to earn a drafting degree from Lamar Institute of Technology.

As a young girl, Ines recalls a stirring in her soul when she encountered the Tarahumaras Indians in the local Chihuahua market, resplendent with their bright clothing and strong faces. To this day, she is inspired by the endurance they portray through long-distance running (up to two days), often through mountain trails, and sometimes with no food or water.

In 2011, Ines made a friend who would shape the direction of her life. Homer Pillsbury, a Southeast Texas cultural guru, took her under his wing. He opened her eyes to the richly diverse cultural history of Beaumont and the creative magic that exists in our corner of the world. Ines began to form friendships with a variety of passionate and talented local artists and musicians who helped awaken her own need to create and express the intense beauty she felt inside. These friendships guided her as she taught herself how to use different materials and mediums. What had remained so long dormant was now demanding to be set free.

The visual artists who have spiritually inspired her to create, and at times even pushed her to expand her own expression, are: the disorder of Jackson Pollock, Pablo Picasso the lover, the pain of Frida Kahlo, and the random strokes of Vincent VanGogh's color. Each one of these artists is vastly different, but all memorable and powerful voices, distinctly expressing their flawed humanity.

Ines is excited, and at times overwhelmed, by the opportunities on the horizon for her to share her unique artistic voice with the Southeast Texas community. Watch as this up-and-coming artist continues to develop her message of love, power and beauty. It is a universal theme, straight from her heart.



Upcoming shows:

April 2015 – C.L.A.S.S (Contemporary Local Artist Show Series) at Finder's Fayre Art & Antique Gallery. Opening reception during First Thursday, April 02, from 5 pm – 9 pm.

May 2015 – Jazz at the Lake and Art Exhibit by Ines Alvidres. Event Centre in Downtown Beaumont.

August 13 – November 01, 2015 – Café Arts Exhibition at AMSET.

October 2015 – Movie Night at the Jefferson Theatre. Showing Frida Kahlo and an art exhibit by Ines Alvidres.

RANCHES THAT BUILT SOUTHEAST TEXAS

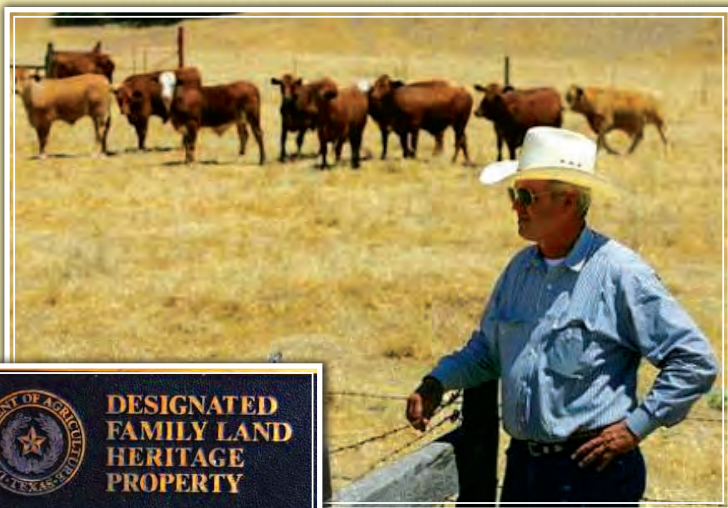
By Viva Southeast Texas

The rise and expansion of ranches in Southeast Texas contributed greatly to the economic development of this region. Many ranches sprung up during the 1800s, especially after the Civil War. Most of these ranches have given way to progress. However, a few still exist today.

McFADDIN RANCHES: The McFaddin Ranches consisted of a Jefferson County ranch, one in Knox County, and another one in King County. The ranches began with James McFaddin (1789-1845) and continued to expand over five generations of McFaddins. The principal builder of the ranches was Perry McFaddin who accumulated 160,000 acres. In the 1890s large portions of the Jefferson County ranch were sold to the developers of the Gulf, Beaumont, and Kansas City Railway and to the Port Arthur Town Site Company. Perry McFaddin began to diversify in Jefferson County as he began acquiring land.

Like most cattle ranches during that time, the McFaddin cattle ran on open range and were rounded up yearly. During these roundups, which lasted several weeks, cowboys branded the calves and gathered the herds to drive to market in Louisiana. In 1878 Perry McFaddin became the first man in Southeast Texas to try to fence the local range. He built a fence from the Neches River marsh to Rodair Gully.

Perry McFaddin experimented with feedlot and meat-packing operations and, at one time, "McFaddin Steaks" were advertised in New York restaurants. The ranches were placed in the McFaddin Trust from 1928 to 1948. The last of the tracts of land, which once made up the McFaddin ranches, was sold in 1979 and ended a century and a half of McFaddin family ranching in Southeast Texas.



KING RANCH: The King Ranch, located in South Texas between Corpus Christi and Brownsville, is one of the largest ranches in the world, and even though it does not belong to Southeast Texas, it played a great part in the development of the cattle industry in this region. It was founded in 1853 by Captain Richard King and Gideon K. Lewis. Captain King owned and operated steam boats on the Rio Grande, which allowed him to move his cattle to Mexico. During the Civil War, King used his steam boats to help supply beef to the Confederacy.

The ranch includes portions of six Texas counties, but does not consist of one single contiguous plot of land, but rather four large sections called divisions. The divisions are the Santa Gertrudis, the Laureles, the Encino and the Norias. The ranch was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1961.

Today the King Ranch is diversified into major agribusinesses including cattle ranching and feedlot operations. It is also involved in farming citrus, cotton, grain, sugar cane, turfgrass and pecans. The King Ranch is also involved in commodity marketing and processing, luxury retail goods, and recreational hunting.

BAUER RANCH: Bauer Ranch is a working cattle ranch located in Winnie, Texas, and is known for its legendary Texas hospitality. The legacy of Bauer Ranch began in the late 1880's when Frederick Henry Bauer and his wife, Mary Louise Schodeder Bauer, immigrated to Bromfield, Illinois, from Hanover, Germany. Sometime in the early 1900's, the youngest of their 12 children, George Richard Bauer, made his way to the great state of Texas, where he settled in the Winnie area and married Ruby Gaus.



George and Ruby had three sons, Orland, LeRoy, and Robert.

In 1951, LeRoy and his wife, Patricia, built the main house at Bauer Ranch, where they started a family and continued the family's rice farming and cattle ranching operations. Patricia had an inspired vision of a comfortable and functional ranch home that could be used for both family gatherings and entertaining friends. An outdoorsman at heart, LeRoy could be found early most mornings either tending to his cattle or working the fields on his tractor. LeRoy's and Patricia's son, Tim, and wife, Vicki, keep the Bauer Ranch legacy alive today. They are active in the community and use the homestead property to host weddings for couples who want a laid-back sophistication.



In the course of his business career, Mr. Doornbos built many of the homes in Nederland on Gary Street, Jackson Street, and elsewhere in town. In 1937, he sold his first rice farm to Jefferson County, which today is the county airport on the west side of Nederland. Many Nederland oldtimers can still recall when the Doornbos family hay baling operations were perhaps the largest in the county, employing dozens of people, and accounting for the sale of several thousand bales of hay annually, as well as the hay consumed by the Doornbos cattle herds. The Doornbos real estate holdings were widely scattered throughout Nederland, Port Neches, Beaumont and Port Arthur. In Chambers County, the Doornbos Ranch at Sabine Pass, was where they normally grazed 1,000 to 1,500 heads of cattle. Mr. Doornbos also had a ranch in DeRidder, Louisiana, which included several square miles of extensive forest lands suitable for logging operations.

Today, C. Doornbos Incorporated, the family business, still stands at 1148 Helena, only a stone's throw away from the original home site. C. Doornbos Inc. is a family-owned investment firm and is still managed by the Doornbos family children and grandchildren.



THE DOORNBOS FARM & RANCH: Cornelus Doornbos and his brother came to Nederland in 1903 where they spent the next year raising a crop of rice together. Doornbos purchased

the tract of land where the Jack Brooks Airport is now located. For several years, he and his wife lived on this rice farm in their first home, raising a family.

Mr. Doornbos started out as a rice farmer, growing rice in Jefferson and Chambers

Counties almost until his death. However, he branched out into several other fields as well, including cattle ranching in Texas and Louisiana, land accumulation, both as acreage and city property, house construction and home financing, oil and gas leases, and timber production in Louisiana.



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Places of Interest

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!

By Joy Wooley

In Southeast Texas and Southwest Louisiana, there are so many things to see and do. Some are well known and a few aren't. Below is a short synopsis of events that you don't want to miss!

THE LAST DAYS OF CHRIST is an outdoor drama portraying the events of the last days of Christ. This year, more than 500 actors and workers from 60 different churches will present this drama to the public. Walk back in time as you wander through the streets of Jerusalem. See Roman soldiers on horseback and view the reenactment of the Last Supper, Christ before Pilate, Roman Centurions flogging Christ, Jesus carrying the Cross, the Crucifixion, and the Glorious Ascension of Jesus into Heaven. Viewers can park for free at Legacy Christian High School. For the convenience of the handicapped, golf carts will be available. New scenes this year include a potter, brick making and an olive oil press. Nighttime offers a spectacular light display!



April 2-April 4 (Easter Weekend)
Located in an open field adjacent to Legacy Christian High School
8200 Highway 105; Beaumont, Texas 77713
Continuous live presentation from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

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YMBL SOUTH TEXAS STATE FAIR will run March 26 through April 5th, and marks the 72nd year of the fair. This family fun event will be held at Ford Park on Interstate 10 and includes live music concerts, carnival rides, a livestock show, great food and a home show—fun for everyone! To see this year's schedule of events go to the official fair website, www.ymb.org.com. Tickets can be purchased on line or at the gate.



For all you rodeo fans, the region will host two local championship rodeos, especially if you like spills and thrills. The YMBL-PRCA RODEO will run March 27-March 28. The rodeo is held at Ford Park during the fair. The rodeo is free with a fair ticket purchase, or you can go on line and pre-purchase your tickets. From bronco busting to bull riding, this year's rodeo promises to deliver.

THE JASPER LION'S CLUB RODEO will run May 6 thru May 9.

The rodeo was founded in

1947 and is the oldest rodeo in Southeast Texas. Top cowboys will compete in both bareback and saddle bronco riding, calf roping, steer wrestling and bull riding. The girls competing in barrel racing are some of the best riders in the nation. In addition to a full fledged rodeo, the Jasper Rodeo has some of the best country singers perform during intermission.



"April showers bring May flowers" is the beginning of a well-known nursery rhyme. They also bring butterflies, Gulf Coast crabs, and all manner of competitions. When it comes to food and festivals, Southeast Texas and Southwest Louisiana have plenty to choose from. Here are a few we highly recommend.



THE 6TH ANNUAL BUTTERFLY RELEASE will be held April 25, 2015 at Tyrrell Park in Beaumont. The Harbor Foundation will proudly host this event that starts at 11 a.m. and runs till 2 p.m.



Places of Interest

The public is invited to join in with free admission to this amazing event at Tyrrell Park. The event will also feature food, live entertainment, music, and children's activities. Proceeds from the event will go towards continuing to help Harbor Hospice patients and their families well beyond the scope of traditional health care.

THE TEXAS CRAB FESTIVAL

at Gregory Park in Crystal Beach is celebrating its 30th Year! The Texas Crab Festival has done it up Gulf-Coast-style every Mother's Day weekend since 1986. Fabulous local seafood is featured throughout the festival, with a variety of delicious crab dishes taking center stage. From crab cakes to BBQ crab to the big Crab Gumbo Cook-Off, there's more crab than you can shake a claw at. Take part in a food experience so unique it was recently featured on an episode of the new Food Network show "Eating America" with Anthony Anderson.

There's entertainment all day, every day of the festival with a full lineup of music featuring Gulf Coast favorites, a Kids' Stage, a carnival midway, the Crab Races and the Crab Arcade. Join in the fun of our famous Crab Legs Contest, the Two-Step Dance Contest, the National Wiener Dog Races, and more fun games for the entire family.

THE STARKS MAYHAW FESTIVAL of Starks, Louisiana, hosts a Queen's Pageant, a carnival midway, food, games and live entertainment over a three-day weekend. This year the festival will be held May 14, 15 and 16. Family fun for all ages will also help you learn a little about the goodness of Mayhaw.

THE SOUTHEAST TEXAS SOAP BOX DERBY (SETSBD) began in 2002 by the Spindletop-Beaumont Rotary Club. This year will mark the 14th annual event as boys and girls, ages seven



to seventeen, go down the Maury Meyers Bridge in gravity-powered race cars. The SETSBD awards first, second and third place winners with scholarships and trophies. All top winners get a chance at the Nationals held in Akron, Ohio. The opening ceremony starts Saturday, May 16, at 8:30 a.m. at the top of the bridge and then the races begin! Fun, food and thrills. Event held May 15-17.

THE PORT NECHES RIVERFEST is the

only event of its kind in Southeast Texas. This five-day festival, starting on April 29 and running till May 3, features the famous Thunder on the Neches tunnel boat races, held on the Neches River at the Port Neches City Park (620 Grigsby). The RiverFest offers lots of family fun! There will be food vendors, live entertainment, and arts and crafts. A talent show, car show and motorcycle show will be held on Saturday in the park. Competitions and tournaments are also available along with a two-day fishing tournament, pet show, and a fantastic fireworks display.

There are plenty of events and festivals going on this spring. Check out our Events Calendars to find something special for you and your family. Don't miss out on all the fun!



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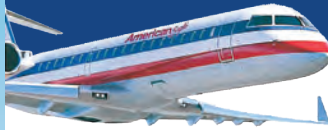
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Tips for Setting – and Pursuing – Financial Goals

By Kevin Bohm

You can get lucky by finding a parking meter with time left on it. You can “luck out” by having nice weather on your vacation. You can even be lucky in love. But when it comes to financial matters, you’re better off not counting on “Lady Luck.” Focus instead on setting and pursuing your goals. Here are some suggestions for establishing and pursuing your financial objectives:

- **Be specific.** You probably have a lot of ideas about what you want to do. But if you’re going to turn these wishes into reality, you need to get specific. So, for example, instead of telling yourself that you want to retire early, set a goal of retiring at, say, sixty-two. You can then use this target number to help guide your overall investment strategy. You can determine that you need to invest a certain amount of money each year and earn a certain rate of return, to be able to retire at sixty-two. You can also estimate about how much money you can afford to withdraw from your investment accounts each year to sustain a retirement that begins at sixty-two.

- **Prioritize your goals.** Of course, you want to achieve all your financial goals – and you have a better chance of doing so if you rank these goals in terms of both importance and timing. For example, you may want to send your kids to college, purchase a vacation home, and still be able to retire at age sixty-two. How should you allocate your resources to each of these goals? Should you invest more at any given time for a specific goal? What types of investments are best for each of these goals? Prioritizing your goals can help you answer these and other questions – and help direct your overall investment strategy.

- **Be prepared to change your goals.** Over time, your family and financial circumstances can change considerably – which means you shouldn’t be surprised, or alarmed, if you have to adjust your goals accordingly. And you’ll find it easier to maintain this flexibility if you’ve worked diligently to create an investment portfolio, with sufficient resources to allow you to change direction if needed.

- **Review your portfolio regularly.** If you’re going to eventually achieve your goals, you absolutely need to measure your progress along the way. Are your investments performing the way you had anticipated? Are your goals becoming more expensive than you initially envisioned? Are you taking on too much – or too little – risk? To answer these types of questions, it is a good idea to review your overall progress at least once a year and then make whatever adjustments may be necessary.

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• As you can see, it will take considerable effort to set, review, and (hopefully) achieve your goals. And it can be somewhat complex, too. So you may want to work with a financial professional. Someone who takes time to talk with you about your goals, understands your risk tolerance and family situation, and has the training and experience necessary to help you work toward your objectives.

But in any case, think hard about your goals and how you might accomplish them. And don't delay in taking action – because goals are generally easier to attain if you have time on your side.



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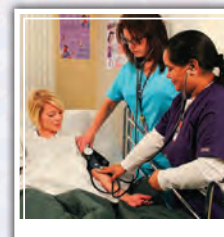
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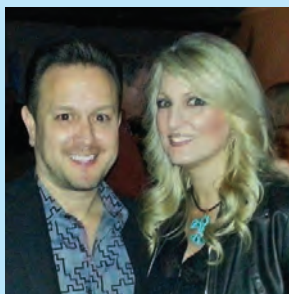
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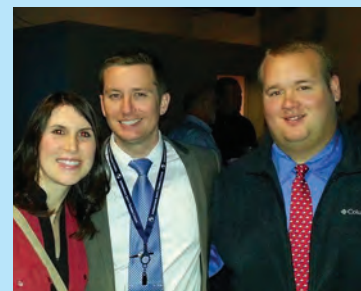
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4 All Natural Beauty Tips for Spring

By Lauren Caster

Spring is my favorite time of year. The trees are turning green, the flowers are blooming, and everyone seems to be outside enjoying the sunshine and warmer weather. I love watching the entire world start to come back to life after a long, cold winter. But there's one thing that I don't love about spring, and that's the transition from the thick, cozy clothing of winter to lighter warm-weather clothes that tend to show a bit of skin. If you're anything like me, your winter skin is dry, flaky, and pale—and your hair is frizzy and dull. Luckily, with a bit of at home beauty TLC, you can bring your skin and hair back to life just in time to bury your tights in the back of your drawer and pull out the sleeveless shirts!

Here are my 4 favorite DIY, all-natural beauty treatments for a spring makeover:

Coconut Oil Sugar Scrub

The first step to spring-ready skin is to literally shed you winter skin. This exfoliating scrub does a great job. Mix 3 tablespoons of virgin, unrefined coconut oil with ½ cup brown sugar. Use your hands to scrub the mixture vigorously all over your body while in the shower. Rinse off with warm water then towel dry. Your skin will feel silky smooth and hydrated, as some of the coconut oil will stay on your skin and act as a moisturizer.



Dry Brushing

This is a great daily tip to carry with you from winter to spring. Purchase a special brush made for dry brushing, and gently run it over your entire body every morning. This will help remove dead skin cells, which contribute to dry, flaky skin. It will also give your body a chance to detox daily.

Nourishing Hair Mask

Your hair might just be the biggest victim of winter weather. It's been exposed to harsh elements and is probably looking dry and lifeless. To help it out, massage a few teaspoons of olive oil, combined with 2 or 3 drops of tea tree essential oil, into your scalp. Leave in for 20 to 30 minutes, and then wash out using your regular shampoo followed by conditioner. Do this one or two times a week for healthy, shiny hair!

Nighttime Foot Mask

Don't overlook your feet. They are about to make their annual sandal debut after all. Use a thick salve, like plain old Vaseline, a couple times a week to soften the skin on your feet and moisturize them to prevent cracked heels. Just apply a thick layer to both feet, slip on some thick socks, and hit the sack. In the morning, your feet will feel brand new!



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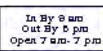
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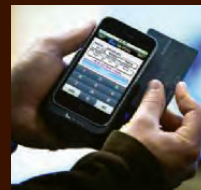


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Spring's Most Wanted

By Michelle Fosha Armstrong

Each season, the runways abound with endless inspiration! This spring, the vast array of trends are especially profound from denim and feathers to bohemian chic and aprons (yes, aprons). But our daily lives are not runways and couture shows...so let's translate these trends into everyday looks by reviewing some of the most wearable styles of the season!

NEW BLUE - Powder blue is everywhere! Sport solid-color cardigans or playful print pants in this color to instantly brighten your wardrobe! And speaking of blues.....navy is this season's new neutral!

EVERYTHING DENIM - Denim and its relative, chambray, has something for everyone! Patchwork jackets, jeweled tops, jumpsuits, skirts and dresses, from polished, deep blue hues to the faded and distressed.

THE BLACK & WHITE GRID - It's not like we've ever stopped wearing black and white, but this season, the combination gets really interesting through various textures and patterns, including the lattice-like motifs.

GRAPHICALLY SPEAKING - Statement stripes... in black and white, pastels and bold colors. Striking patterns are edgy and fun and can lend a look of sophistication, especially when the pieces have strategically placed cut-outs.



There are so many options for this trend that everyone can find something for their body type.

BOLD - ...as in color! Vivid cobalt, red and bright yellow hues set off by black create a stunning look. Electric neon shades have returned, but are now paired with neutral colors (gray, camel) to create a more sophisticated (and wearable) look.

NOT-SO-BOLD - Cool pastels are always hot for spring, and this year, blush has moved to the front of the runway. It warms almost all complexions and looks soft yet modern when paired with black.

THAT 70's SHOW - Suede has returned in a plethora of colors for dresses, skirts and shoes. Flared pants, tailored jackets and tie-neck dresses provide enough options for everyone to find something that gives a nod to this sometimes hard-to-wear trend.

MAJOR MILITARY - Olive green, browns and camo prints have been updated and moved from the armory to Park Avenue with bold metal details added to inject a bit of polish to this classic look.

FLORALS - Flowers are always budding in the spring, but this year, they are much more graphic, especially when paired against black. If bold perennials aren't your thing, you can still sport this trend by choosing pieces with dark, graphic blooms for a more edgy look. Style Note: Prevent a prominent piece from "wearing you" by selecting a structured shape and simple silhouette.

FRINGE - This spring trend gets downright playful with fringe flowing from tops, pants and dresses. Not into wearing it? Get in on the look with fringed bags, shoes and accessories.

GINGHAM STYLE - Yes, gingham. But this time, it's more chic rather than "picnic". Not a touch of Pollyanna anywhere!



SPRING IN YOUR STEP - The mule is back! Platform sandals are also on trend as well as gladiators and knee-high strappy sandals. For those of you more interested in cuteness and comfort, sneakers, plain slides and two-strap sandals are here to stay!

And the silhouettes...

THE MAXI DRESS - One of my faves - and so easy to wear! These fitted yet flowing dresses (along with the pleated maxi skirts) demand attention with bright colors and prints.

THE FLARE - If you are bored with the skinny silhouette and want to embrace the 70's trend, wear some flares! Elongate your legs by pairing with wedges or high heels!

CROPPED WIDE-LEG PANTS/CULOTTES - The trick to pulling off this look lies in the right shoe to create balance. Pair with a clean, structured top or tee and chunky heels.

Add a fitted blazer for a look you can wear to work.

Other popular silhouettes include the mini skirt, bomber jackets, full knee-length skirts, board shorts, high-waisted pants and the timeless polo-style shirt!

So many looks are trending this spring! Although

fashion is about what is current, true style is about the expression of who each of us are - a manifestation of our individuality. No matter your choice for this season, it is a fashion success if your look inspires confidence within you!

Feel free to email me with any comments at michelle.armstrong55@gmail.com!



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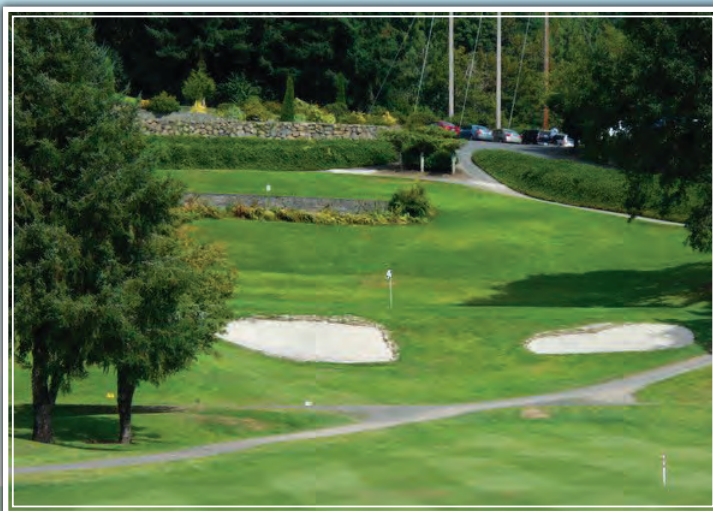
90 % AIR?

By Richard Cockrell Pro Shop Manager of Wildwood

Trees are a prominent feature on many golf courses, including here at Wildwood. They provide aiming points, define fairways, and cause an untold amount of grief to players. A common phrase on the course is "Trees are 90% air." Maybe so, but so is a screen door!

I decided to find out if the common assumption is true. My wife, Jay, works for Texas A&M. She put me in touch with Dr. Lana Hughes, a person who knows their trees. Turns out, it depends on the individual tree. Generally, pines are less dense than oaks. Some pines may be thicker and some oaks may be mostly air. It depends on the soil and the sunlight any individual tree receives. Why do I feel like I should have known that?

At Wildwood, we have a special tree on the 14th hole. It seems to have no air in it, just solid tree. This tree is on the left side of the fairway, making for a very narrow approach to the green. Wildwood members have seen so much of this



tree that they have given it a name, Ol' Gus. If you pull or hook your drive, Ol' Gus will be there waiting, blocking easy access to the green. Ol' Gus is a big tree, and when you try to hit over him he jumps up like Shaquille O'Neil and swats it away. When you try to go under, Ol' Gus looks like Derek Jeter as he reaches out and snags your ball. There is no good way to go once you've gotten Ol' Gus involved. In spite of this, Ol' Gus is an esteemed member of Wildwood, and our other members would be devastated if anything happened to him (with one or two notable exceptions).

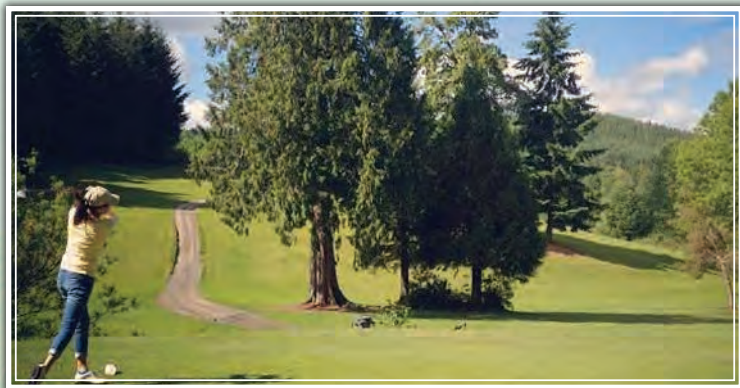
Many courses have signature trees. Cypress Point on the Monterey Peninsula may have the

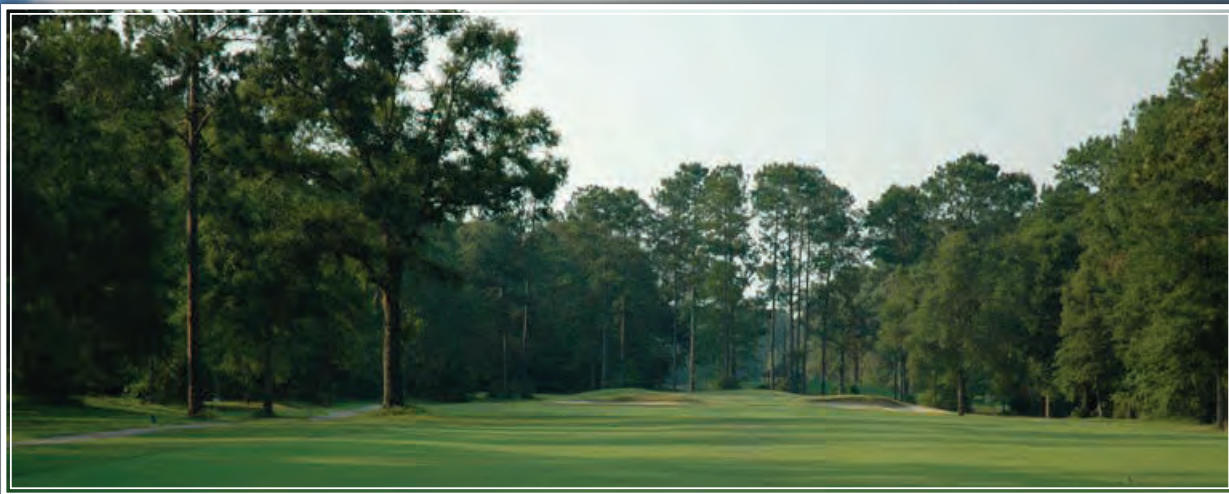
most famous, a gnarled beauty guarding the bail-out area on the par three 16th hole. The members of Cypress Point felt so strongly about this tree that when it died, they propped it up and stabilized it, so it would define the hole for all time. Augusta National has the famous

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Eisenhower tree on the 17th hole. It got its name because of President Eisenhower. As a member of Augusta, he hit the tree on such a regular basis that he pleaded with Cliff Roberts (who ran Augusta National at the time) to have it cut down. Another famous course, Oakmont Country Club recently took actions that might appeal to many Wildwood members. They removed over five thousand trees, leaving exactly one tree on the course. The members wanted to return it to its original look, and its original designation as the hardest course in the world. With the trees removed, the wind became a strong

factor on almost every shot. It is once again considered one of the world's best and hardest golf courses.

No matter the percentage of tree to air, it makes more sense to go over or under or around trees on the golf course. It makes even more sense to stay away from them altogether. The only reason you want to be near a tree is to stand in the shade while you wait for the short-knockers to hit before you stride into the sun where your ball sits in the middle of the fairway!

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Cinderella Proms & Corvette Carriages

By Joy Wooley



All over Texas and Louisiana, high school juniors and seniors are preparing to go to the prom. All over Jefferson County, a group of volunteers are scrambling to gather dresses, shoes, jewelry and other prom-like items, including tuxedos, hair stylists, decorations, makeup and flowers for the high school-aged foster kids not able to attend their high school prom. For the past several years, a number of high school-aged foster kids have been treated to a day and night of pampering and fun, thanks to the Tri-City Corvette Club of Southeast Texas and the businesses in Southeast Texas. It is a 'Cinderella Prom' for most of these kids. But what about the carriage?

The Tri-City Corvette Club of Southeast Texas provides the carriages. Each year the club gets their Corvettes clean and ready for 'Prince Charming' so he can drive to the prom in style. 'Cinderella' will be waiting for him at a designated place for fun and the making of memories.

It takes a lot of volunteers and local businesses to put on this program, and the Tri-City Corvette Club is honored to a part of it.

This year will mark the 10th year for the Foster Teens' Prom Night.



LIFE AFTER FOOTBALL...FOR KEVIN GUIDRY

Kevin Guidry attended Louisiana State University and was a four-year football letterman, majoring in Journalism. In 1987 he was drafted in the third round into the NFL by the Denver Broncos. Kevin played professional football for eight years with several teams including Denver, Atlanta Falcons, Phoenix Cardinals, the World League, and the Arena Indoor Football League. He is currently an active board member with the Lake Charles Chapter of the LSU Charles McClendon Scholarship Foundation and the NFL Alumni, Inc. But what does a professional football player do after an illustrious career?



The Calcasieu Parish Drug Advisory Board, Southwest Louisiana Marine Institute (Past-Board Chairman), the United Way Hall of Fame Board and Louisiana State Board of Child Abuse Prevention (past-board member). He presently serves on the following boards and committees: American Red Cross Board, the Salvation Army Board, Parish Public Works Committee, Parish Ways & Means Committee, Parish Budget Committee, Parish General Insurance Committee (Chairman) and Parish Special Service District's Review Committee. He also serves as a Police Jury Liaison Representative for City of Lake Charles, the Recreation District, Ward 3, and the Burton Coliseum; along with Calcasieu Parish School Board, Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office, Human Services Advisory Board (President), Industrial Development Board, Entergy Board, Lake Area Industry Alliance, and PPG Industries. He is an active member of the LSU L Club of the Lake Charles Chapter.

Some of Kevin's awards and achievements are American Red Cross Board Member of The Year (2002), Martin Luther King Community Service Award (2003), Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Community Service Award (2003 & 2005), and Black History Hall of Fame-Trailblazer Award (2007). Kevin Guidry proves that there is a life after football.

Today Kevin is a resident of Lake Charles where he resides with his wife Michelle and daughters, Kayla and Khristia. He is an elected official of the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury, representing District 9, and served as vice-president for 2008 and president for 2010. He attends Faith Vision Ministries Church where he serves on the deacon board. He is actively involved in sports ministry, marriage ministry and Christian-based football and basketball camps throughout Louisiana. He is presently employed by L'auberge du lac Casino Resort as their Hotel Sales Manager.

Kevin is very active in parish, community and other youth-sponsored agencies. He has served on the following boards:



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SPRING CLEANING, LET THE SUNSHINE IN!

By D. E. Meek

The flowers are blooming, the birds are serenading, and your house still feels like it's stuck with winter blues. Spring cleaning is a tradition that allows you to freshen up your home and get a head start on the hectic seasons of spring and summer.

One of the biggest parts of spring cleaning is getting rid of clutter. Take advantage of the natural urge that comes each spring to get rid of items that you or your family are not using or haven't used for a year. We generally are more ready to let go of clutter when spring arrives and cleaning will be a lot easier when the clutter is gone.

If you need a little help in your cleaning endeavors, get your family involved. Have each child sort through their own things. Help younger children with toys. It may be easier to do all this work yourself, but this is actually a great time of year to get the entire family to work together. Try turning on some music or establishing a family reward for when the work is done.

Now that the clutter is out of the way, it's time to clean. Wipe down all fixtures, surfaces and walls.



Wash all linens, rugs and drapes. (You may have to send drapes to the dry-cleaners.) Vacuum or mop all floors, floor boards and door sills. Change out all batteries, replace burned light bulbs and broken items. Clean all appliances. Finally, clean all mirrors and windows, and let the sunshine in!



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HOUSING CONFIDENCE UP, MORE AMERICANS RENOVATING

By Zoe Eisenberg

This past month, both Home Depot Inc., and Lowe's reported high fourth quarter gains with profits beating their own revenue projections as well as analysts' estimates, according to a recent Bloomberg Business article. With sales at both home improvement chains advancing over seven percent, and more expensive purchases (ranging from \$500-\$900) surging ten to thirteen percent, homeowners are building again.

What does this mean for housing? With job and market confidence rising, homeowners are picking up renovation projects they may have been putting off in previous years when the market was stalling and the economy struggling. A fourth quarter survey by the National Association of Home Builders shows that the number of companies seeing increases in major project and committed work for the next three months are at all-time highs.

While only time will tell for sure, these signs seem to point to a perky spring selling season.

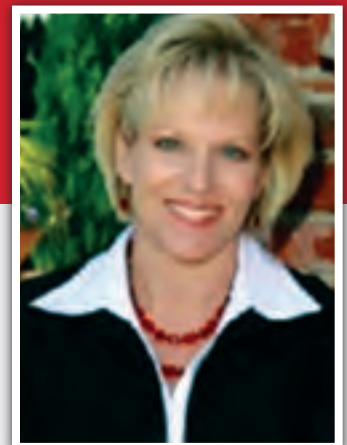
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BOB WORTHAM: MAN OF LAW

By Kathie Platt

As long as Bob Wortham can remember, law has been his passion, a personal calling to help people, to enforce justice, and to bring much needed change to his community. When Wortham resigned his Judgeship last March 2014 to run for Criminal District Attorney of Jefferson County, his colleagues in the 58th District Court were sad to see him go, but excited about his bid to become the future DA of Jefferson County.

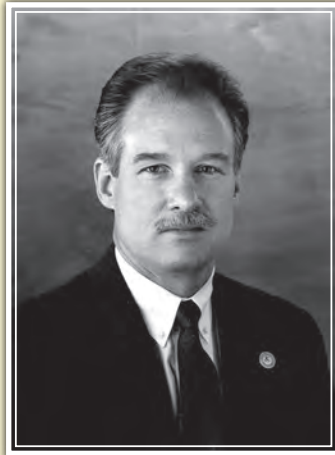
"I am willing to make this sacrifice to better serve the citizens of Jefferson County and to make this a better and a safer place to live," the Judge said.

The risk paid off. Wortham received overwhelming support from police chiefs throughout the county and from the greater community, winning by a landslide (65% of the vote) against Assistant DA, Republican Perry Thomas, in the November 4, 2014 election. When Wortham took office January 1, 2015, as Criminal District Attorney of Jefferson County, he returned to the office where he had first begun his career in public service over forty years ago.

During his seven years on the 58th District Court, twelve years as United States Attorney of the Eastern District of Texas, nineteen years in private practice, and as the former Jefferson County Assistant DA, Wortham built a reputation as a tireless worker who does not allow partisan politics, powerbrokers, or personalities to sway his performance on the bench.

When asked about his greatest achievements and proudest moments, Wortham does not hesitate. "I think the best job a lawyer can have is being the United States Attorney for your district, because nobody can have a greater impact on the community."

During those groundbreaking twelve years, Wortham's team prosecuted some of the biggest cases in the United States, including rancher and racketeer, Rex Cauble, one of the



wealthiest men in Texas. "The Cauble Case had to be my biggest challenge because I was so young, newly sworn in, and here I was going up against one of the most politically-powerful people in the state," Wortham recalls. "I was told not to prosecute, that it would kill me politically. We indicted, tried and convicted Cauble on all counts and seized more property under the RICO Act than the US had seized collectively since creation of the act twenty years earlier."

At Jack Brooks insistence, Wortham also testified before Congress about changing the Banking Laws of 1984. Wortham was better prepared than the Department of Justice and his proposal to police bank fraud won the day. Later, the Detroit Free Press cited Wortham as the strongest bank fraud prosecutor in the US.

Wortham is equally proud of his exposure of Time Share advertising fraud. He successfully prosecuted the body of cases throughout eleven judicial districts in six states and his actions helped reform a national industry that had too often preyed on the unaware. "The whole industry changed because of those prosecutions. Sometimes it's scary, but it's also interesting and fun and we had a habit of making things happen," he recalls.

Wortham later pioneered the Gun Free Drug Free School Zones Program that made it a federal offense to possess or use weapons or illegal drugs within 1,000 feet of a school or playground.

Throughout his career, Wortham has been consistently tough on crime, prosecuting violent criminal activity, as well as white collar crime and public corruption. "Although investigating white collar crime really stretches your resources," Wortham admits, "I enjoy prosecuting those because they have a greater effect upon the whole community. Many of the people who are taken advantage of are the elderly, the uneducated,

and the medically-disabled. Because we want to help the people who can't help themselves, and because I want the community to be safe and feel safe, I've never been afraid to take on a large task."

Wortham's own background translates into his ongoing concern for the underserved. Born without wealth, the only child of working class parents on South Street in Beaumont, Wortham proved, from an



early age, to be honest, fair, industrious, and an innovator of opportunity. After graduating from Beaumont High School, he worked his way through Lamar University as a painter's apprentice, then shipped out on a Mobile Oil tanker to earn money for law school. He became the first Catholic ever elected President of the student body at Baylor Law School and, at age 31, the youngest district judge in Texas.

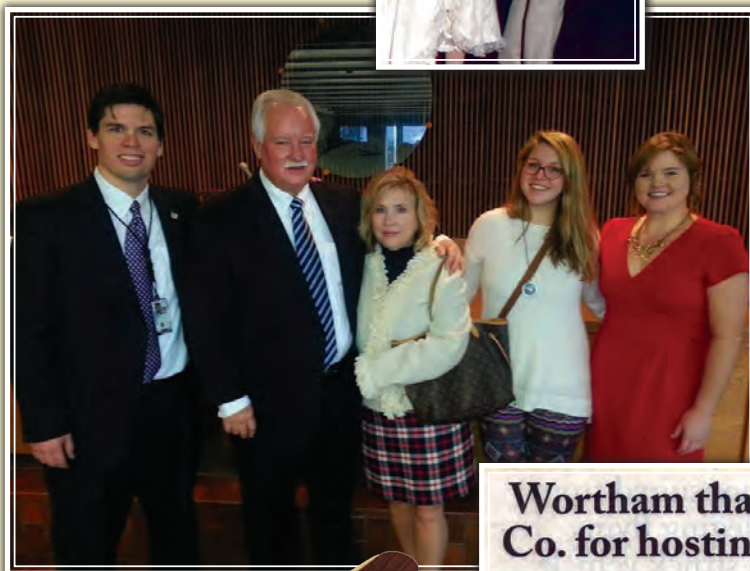
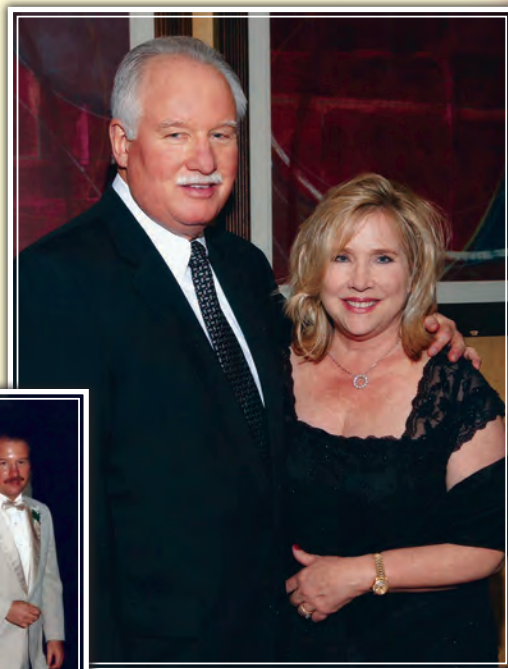
"My parents believed you had to help your community become a better place. So I try to treat other people the way I want to be treated and find ways to help people help themselves," says Wortham. Through the Karen and Bob Wortham Charitable Foundation, he and his wife Karen, (of 30 years, with four children and eight grandchildren), give to numerous local charities and have established a Baylor University Law School fund.

In 2007, Wortham was also awarded the endowment of the SETX Legends, the Judge Bob Wortham Scholarship, to assist under-served individuals at Lamar University. "The Lord has blessed me and I am grateful for the opportunity to share my blessings," he says.

During forty years of private and public practice, trying hundreds of civil and criminal cases, Wortham has made a reputation influencing landmark cases that have had a lasting impact on the local community as well as the nation. Now Wortham hopes to bring that same driving force, sense of justice, and passion for the public welfare to the DA's office. "The DA's office is a gatekeeper to protect citizens from the criminals," Wortham explains. "But it's also a gatekeeper to protect citizens from their own government, to make sure it's fair and efficient."

The DA's office is currently in the process of changing their intake techniques and docket system (the way criminal courts handle cases), making it into a more streamlined system that will give lawyers an opportunity to do a better job for the citizens and the community.

"Ultimately, the test of a man is not what he says he will do; it's what he does. And what he has done in the past is a strong indicator of what he will do in the future," Wortham attests. "I am willing to do everything within the power of my elected office to better serve the citizens of Jefferson County and to make this a better, safer, more prosperous place to live."



Wortham thanks Galveston Co. for hosting Granger trial



PHOTO BY JOHN SLAVAN
Jefferson County District Court Judge Bob Wortham presents a gift to Galveston County for allowing the capital murder trial of Bartholomew Granger to take place in Galveston courts. Granger was found guilty and sentenced to the death penalty for killing one woman and injuring three others in a shooting rampage at the Jefferson County Courthouse in March 2012. Because the courthouse was the crime scene, the venue for the trial was transferred to Galveston. Wortham gave the neighboring court a copy of the seal of the state of Texas made from Italian marble to be displayed in the Galveston County Justice Center.

SOME GAVE ALL: REMEMBERING OUR FALLEN SOLDIERS

By Viva Southeast Texas

The first official Memorial Day was May 30, 1868, and was called Decoration Day. History says Southern women decorated the graves of fallen soldiers from both the North and South before the end of the Civil War. After the war, a women's memorial association was formed in Columbus, Mississippi. Their purpose was to put flowers on all the soldiers' graves. In 1971, federal law changed the observance of the holiday to the last Monday in May and extended it to honor all those who died in American wars. People pay tribute not only with flowers, but also with speeches and parades.

This day of remembrance has also been called Poppy Day to honor soldiers that have died in war.



The red poppy was inspired by the World War I poem, "In Flanders Fields," and first used by the American Legion. Small artificial poppies are worn on clothing.

So when you see the American Legion selling the artificial poppies or little American flags, help them out and buy one. Then proudly wear it for all to see that you support our soldiers and are thankful for their sacrifice for your freedom. Billy Ray Cyrus said it best in his hit song, "Some Gave All." On Memorial Day, remember the men and women of the United States military who gave their last measure, who gave all.



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RENOVATIONS THAT YIELD THE BEST RETURN ON INVESTMENT

By D. E. Meek

Will this renovation pay off? That's the question on the mind of every homeowner who's thinking about renovating their home. And in today's tight housing market, the answer to that question may even determine whether or not the house will sell.

Fortunately for homeowners, a number of remodeling projects offer the potential for a high return on investment (ROI). According to Remodeling Magazine's annual cost vs. value report, some of the best renovations are those done on the exterior of the home—siding, window, and door replacements—because they immediately improve a home's curb appeal. In other words, if the paint on your front door is peeling or the sidewalk is badly cracked, you're not making a good first impression—and that can make prospective buyers question how much you've put into maintaining the home's interior. Even simple fixes, like pulling weeds and trimming unkempt shrubbery, can make a home more inviting. Beyond curb appeal, certain projects will provide higher returns than others.

1. Kitchens.

A good kitchen remodel may return sixty-six percent, on average, because kitchens are one of the first things homebuyers look at. The cost of a major kitchen remodel varies widely depending on the region. Nonetheless, it's important not to go overboard, as you don't want to price your home out of the local market. For example, if you're in




a neighborhood where the average home value is \$200,000 and you put in a \$50,000 kitchen, you're outpricing your house. You may only need to upgrade appliances or refinish countertops. New light fixtures or hardware may be the thing that upgrades your kitchen.

2. Baths. Investing in a bathroom remodel yields a sixty-two percent return, on average. Many homebuyers are looking for a master bathroom with two sinks, custom showers, and great lighting. Since bathrooms are prone to looking dated, pick neutral colors. Sometimes less is more.

3. A good cleaning, re-caulking, new paint, a new toilet, a new shower faucet, and a new shower head are probably the best bang for your buck. Be sure the flooring is nice and the walls around the tub and shower are in good standing condition.
4. **Windows.** Clean windows that let the natural light in yet keep the cold out, are top any homebuyer's list of must-haves. Investing in good window treatments not only can help save money, but can enhance the look of the house in general.







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THE IMPORTANCE OF VITAMINS!

By Andrea Cespedes

Vitamins don't provide energy, like carbohydrates, proteins and fats, but they are essential compounds that help the body grow and function optimally. Thirteen essential vitamins help boost your immunity, strengthen your bones, heal wounds, bolster your eyesight and assist you in obtaining energy from food — among multiple other functions. Without adequate vitamin intake, you may feel lethargic, be vulnerable to infection, and develop other serious complications that can endanger your health and life.

Vitamins are classified as fat-soluble or water-soluble, referring to where they are stored in the body. Fat-soluble vitamins include A, D, E and K and are stored for up to six months in your various fat stores. Water-soluble vitamins circulate through your blood and include the B vitamins — namely B-6, B-12, riboflavin, thiamine, niacin, pantothenic acid, biotin

and folate — and vitamin C. Your body doesn't store water-soluble vitamins, so you must replenish them regularly.

Each of the thirteen vitamins has a specific function, but they also work together to facilitate optimal health. Vitamin A supports healthy eyesight, immune function, skin, bones and teeth. You need vitamin C to support absorption of the mineral iron and also to provide immune protection and encourage healthy tissue development. Vitamin D, along with the mineral calcium, boosts bone health as well as a solid body defense system. Vitamin E facilitates your body's use of vitamin K, which helps in blood clotting and bone health, as well as promotes the formation of essential red blood cells. The eight B vitamins support a healthy metabolism, brain function, hormone production, regular heart operations, functioning of the central nervous system, and cell duties.

A diet rich in a variety of fresh vegetables, fruits, fortified dairy, whole grains, dried beans and lentils, and lean meat and fish helps you get all the vitamins you need. Whole foods, rather than a supplement, provide an optimal synergy of compounds that your body absorbs and uses. If you're unsure if you're getting an adequate amount of vitamins, take a multiple vitamin and consult with your doctor.



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OLDER ADULTS SPRING INTO SHAPE

By Marianne Shaughnessy, PhD, CRNP

With spring in the air, it's time to shake off the winter doldrums, lace up the running shoes, and get moving. While many older people tend to slow down in winter, experts say that keeping active all year is a key to good health, particularly for senior citizens. Exercise's proven benefits—lower blood pressure and blood glucose; improved sleep and mood; less fatigue, joint pain and constipation; and better weight control—are good reasons for older Americans to keep moving during colder months. Senior citizens and older adults can reap consistent health benefits and avoid illness by keeping on the move!

Check with your doctor before starting any exercise program if you do not exercise regularly, are older than 50, are significantly overweight, or have a chronic health condition such as diabetes, asthma, heart disease, or high blood pressure.

What senior citizens can do to spring into shape:

- Walking at the mall – Climate control and even surfaces make mall walking a great way to stay in shape. Many malls have clubs – check yours out!
- Get an exercise “buddy” – The support is helpful for staying on track, even when you don't feel like exercising.
- Making little changes that add up – Park farther away from church, or a store entrance and walk the extra distance – every little bit helps.
- Exercising at home with exercise programs on TV, or with a DVD, or home workout video.
- Swimming – Check into the local YMCA, community colleges, fitness centers or gyms.

Be Safe:

- Wear shoes with rubber grips to prevent falls in slick weather conditions.
- Wear sunscreen.
- Remember to warm up before and cool down after any exercise activity.
- Drink water to stay hydrated.

Eat better while eating less:

- We need fewer calories as we age, so the quality of the diet is even more important. Make every calorie count by including nutrient-rich foods: whole grains, lean protein, low-fat or non-fat dairy, healthy fats, and plenty of fruits and vegetables.
- Choose fiber rich foods such as whole grain breads and cereals, beans, fruits and vegetables to help control weight, keep you regular, and

lower your risk of heart disease and diabetes.

- Aim for three servings of low-fat or non-fat milk or yogurt each day for bone strengthening calcium and vitamin D.
- Rethink your drink. High calorie beverages like juice drinks, gourmet coffee drinks, and soft drinks can add many calories. Choose water, diet or low calorie beverages instead.

The few changes listed above can help seniors be healthy, be safe and be ready for spring (or all year round)!



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THE AMERICAN DREAM ACHIEVED

By Mike Simpson

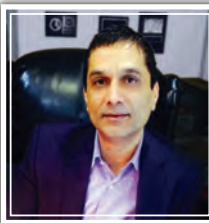
Many years ago the Javed family saw opportunities in America and moved thousands of miles from their homeland to settle in Beaumont. This family started in very modest circumstances and didn't ask or want handouts or government subsidies. They were willing to make sacrifices, and through hard work, commitment and vision, they now own over sixteen companies!

Shawn and his brother Tahir Javed began their business with one convenience store on College Street. By putting in long hours and taking many calculated risks, their convenience store business increased in numbers. Tahir began exploring other ways to grow their business. While visiting California, he discovered "Dollar" stores and the Javed family started their own "Dollar" concept. After the first store in Beaumont, their "Dollar" stores grew and expanded throughout Louisiana and Mississippi.

The brothers realized that additional revenue could be made in supplying their stores with merchandise, so they opened a wholesale warehouse in Beaumont. Their wholesale business expanded to include over 300 retail stores. Eventually, the convenience and the "Dollar" stores were sold, owner-financing most of the stores to their former employees.

Needing to expand their wholesale business, they purchased Price & Company. As their wholesale business flourished and expanded, the need for product became an issue. They expanded their company into buying in bulk and reselling to wholesalers. This was a huge effort as over 3000 items were required to meet the needs of their wholesale businesses. They became the wholesaler's wholesaler!

Under the Starco name, the Javed's wholesale business has become one of the largest distributors in the US. Their client base of giant operations includes Sam's Club, Coremark and McLane. Their business has expanded into direct selling to major retailers like, Wal-Mart, Circle K, 7-11, Flying J Truck



Stops, Restaurant Depots, and Vitamin Shoppes. They have warehouses in multiple cities and within six states. The distribution operations began exporting internationally to

companies like Johnson & Johnson, Clorox, and Colgate Palmolive.

Always looking to grow and expand, an Innovation and Creativity department was created with the task to "think outside the box". Starco now owns over 52 brands sold through convenience stores. Operations include an e-cigarette plant under construction, a cigar manufacturing plant in the Dominican

Republic, sales offices in India, and e-cig exports to China. The newest business expansion, Riceland Healthcare, was started when the Community Hospital closed in Winnie. Upon the purchase, former Congressman Nick Lampson was hired to assist in hospital management. After being told that there was no profit to be made in operating a rural hospital, Tahir Javed said, "It was the right thing to do. My wife and children were excited about saving the hospital in Winnie."

There are other healthcare expansions planned including community clinics, the first to be in Crystal Beach, and other ancillary healthcare businesses. There are also plans for an endowed medical scholarship for Winnie students who attend medical school.

With all the success they have enjoyed, Beaumont is still home to their families and companies as they enjoy achieving "the American Dream."



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Eddie and Jo Nell Evans



By Wendy Robbins



Eddie Evans' career began in 1954 when he started working at The Reed Company. Twenty years later, he purchased the company and changed its name to Reed Service Company, since it more accurately described his company's focus on customer service. He brought his wife, Jo Nell on board, and together they transformed Reed Service Company into a premiere Carrier Factory Authorized Dealership. They were a family run business, and considered their employees as family as well. For over forty years, Reed Service Company partnered exclusively with Carrier. Eddie saw his partnership with Carrier as a way to provide support and stability that would sustain his company.

Both Eddie and Jo Nell have since passed away, and their daughter, Wendy Robbins has taken the helm. She continues to run the company in the same selfless way her parents did, making available to all area contractors training that can benefit their dealerships and the industry as a whole.



Eddie and Jo Nell Evans have left their marks on the HVAC industry of Southeast Texas. Eddie founded the Southeast Texas Heat Pump Association during the 1980's and served as its president for several years. Jo Nell joined the local Rotary Club and helped to found the Greater Arc of Beaumont, a non-profit grassroots organization working with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Reed Service Company has been a proud sponsor of this organization since 2004.

Eddie and Jo Nell Evans' selfless contributions to others in the HVAC industry have helped numerous businesses grow, and paved the way for countless generations of new dealerships to thrive. They were passionate about helping consumers to receive greater value-because of the highly qualified, trained technicians that represent not only Reed Service Company, but their competition as well.



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Mother's Day Off

By Joy Wooley

Due to the campaign efforts of Anna Jarvis, Mother's Day was first celebrated in 1910 in West Virginia. Two years later President Woodrow Wilson signed the proclamation creating Mother's Day, on the second Sunday in May, as a national holiday to honor mothers and motherhood.

Mother's Day is your opportunity to recognize Mom for all the nice things she's done for you over the years, and what better gift to show her your love and appreciation than to cook something delicious for Mother's Day? Let Mom put up her feet while you cook for her. There are no rules on what to cook, but it should be something that will delight your mom. Just remember—you need to do the dishes and clean up.

Fresh flowers are a must to bring a little bit of spring indoors. Fresh flowers make a great center piece as well as a great Mother's Day gift. Use your fine china and crystal. You want your party to be colorful and elegant, giving Mom the royal treatment and making her feel like a queen. When you plan your menu, take into consideration your Mother's favorite dishes. Include the whole family in the

planning. Your husband/dad can act as bartender and your oldest child can be your maitre d. Prepare as many of the dishes the day before so you too can spend time with Mom.

Start the meal with a Passion Fruit Mimosa. Toast to the important women in your life with this citrusy cocktail. These drinks are sweet, bright, and effervescent—just like Mom!

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 teaspoons grenadine
- 1 1/2 cups chilled passion fruit juice
- 1 (750 ml) bottle chilled Prosecco
- Orange slices, for garnish

Preparation

Spoon 1/4 teaspoon grenadine into each of 6 flutes; top with 1/4 cup passion fruit juice, then fill with Prosecco. Garnish, if desired.

(For children use maraschino cherry juice instead of grenadine and fill the rest of the glass with chilled orange juice. Garnish with an orange slice and a maraschino cherry with stem.)

Homemade pizza looks very fancy when served on china. Sliders with coleslaw, fancy pickles and homemade potato chips work just as well as filet mignon, stuffed baked potatoes and asparagus. You don't have to prepare a fancy meal to please Mom. Finish up your meal with dessert, like assorted fresh fruit, shortbread cookies, or Creamy Berry Bread Pudding cooked in a slow-cooker and featured in Viva Southeast Texas Magazine, (Volume 3 Issue 2). Whatever you decide to serve, prepare with love, clean up afterwards, and give Mom a day off!

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Shrimp Ingredients:

1 lb. smoked sausage, cut coin size
5 slices hickory smoked
bacon, cut in small pieces
1 onion, diced
1 clove garlic, minced
1 lb. peeled & deveined shrimp
(small size; 51-60 ct.)
Salt & pepper, to taste



Grits Ingredients:

5 cups chicken broth
1 1/2 cups regular grits
(not quick cooking!)
2 tablespoons butter
1 1/2 cups grated medium
cheddar cheese
1/4 cup grated real
parmesan cheese
Salt & pepper, to taste
Parsley for garnish

Instructions: Yields: 4 servings

1. Start by cooking the grits. Bring chicken broth to rolling boil in large pot. Whisk in grits, salt and pepper; reduce heat to medium, and cook 15 minutes, stirring occasionally.
2. While the grits are cooking, cook sausage in microwave 2 minutes. Remove sausage and let drain. Preheat a large skillet over medium heat. Sauté bacon and onions together until bacon starts to crisp and onions have browned, 5 minutes. Stir in sausage, garlic, shrimp, salt and pepper. Stir another 3 minutes until shrimp are bright pink and thoroughly cooked. Remove from heat.
3. Finish grits by melting in butter and cheeses. Taste and adjust seasonings.
4. Spoon grits into bowl and top with shrimp mixture. Top with parsley. Serve immediately.

SPAGHETTI PIE

Filling Ingredients:

1 cup cottage cheese
1 lb lean (at least 80%)
ground beef
1/2 cup chopped green
bell pepper
1/4 cup chopped onion
1 jar (14-oz) tomato
pasta sauce (Prego)
1/2 cup grated mozzarella cheese

Crust Ingredients:

7-ounce uncooked
vermicelli or spaghetti
1 egg
1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese



Instructions: Yields: 6 servings

1. Cook spaghetti according to package directions; drain and place in bowl. Add the butter, eggs and Parmesan cheese; mix well.
2. Spread over the bottom and up the sides of a greased 10-inch deep-dish pie plate. Spoon cottage cheese into crust; set aside.
3. In a large skillet, cook the beef, onion and pepper over medium heat until meat is no longer pink; drain.
4. Stir in the tomato pasta sauce. Spoon over cottage cheese. Bake, uncovered, at 350° for 20 minutes. Sprinkle with mozzarella cheese; bake for 5 minutes or until cheese is melted. Cut into wedges.

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1. For the crust, combine 2 cups of the flour with 1/2 cup of powdered sugar.
2. Line a lightly greased 13 x 9 inch baking pan with parchment paper, leaving some extra along the edges as handles so you can lift the dessert out of the pan after it cools. Add flour mixture to the pan and press into pan, using a bit of flour on your hands if it tends to stick. Bake at 350 degrees F for 20- 25 minutes, or until lightly browned.
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By Joy Wooley

What does it take to be rewarded as "Best Italian Restaurant"? It takes great authentic Italian food, good wine, and a service staff that treats you like family.



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In January 1993, under a joint venture with Outback Steakhouse, Inc., ten new Carrabba's locations were opened in Houston and Florida. Two years later, OSI acquired the rights to develop the Carrabba's chain nationwide. Johnny Carrabba and his family are still the proprietors of both original locations.

Many of the recipes for the dishes served at Carrabba's are those of Damian's mother, Grace and his sister, Rose. These recipes add to the authenticity of the Italian food being served at each restaurant. What makes Carrabba's Italian Grill worthy of being named the "Best Italian Restaurant"?

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The Story About Vine 2 Wine

By Stacy Rollins

Born out of their love of wine and good company, Vine 2 Wine Vineyard & Winery was formed. The purpose was to create a great wine and an incredible atmosphere where people can sit back and enjoy a Southeast Texas sunset with that great bottle of wine.

The concept was born from the Rollins's personal travels around the world tasting the wines these places had to offer. Each one would offer a great wine. So why should Winnie, Texas be any different, since the climate was ideal for growing grapes? After a lot of hard work and extensive research, they opened their winery, Vine 2 Wine. Now their dream of providing high quality wines, along with spectacular sunset views, has finally come true.



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THE CLASSICS RECOVERED BAND

By Travis Woods

The Classics Recovered Band (CRB) started in 2009 with three members: Tom Morori, Mike Rutherford and Travis Woods. They are known for their down home music because they play everything from country to old rock and roll. The band started out playing at local plant functions and backyard parties and then they got their big break. They were asked to open for The Charlie Daniels Band, along with the Long Neck Band. This was the gig that got them recognition in the nationally known magazine, *Nashville's Country Weekly*. The Classics Recovered Band now consists of Tom Morori, John Ray, Mike Magnuson, Ray Ward, Mike Rutherford, Paul Pickering and Travis Woods.

They have been blessed. Their travels have taken them from Austin, Texas, to The Mudbug Festival in Shreveport, Louisiana, to the Ruston, Louisiana Peach Festival, and the Dixie Center for the Performing Arts in Ruston, Louisiana. Those early opportunities began a run of great gigs that would include the opening co-act for Ronnie Milsap, John Anderson, Joe Nichols, and Craig Morgan, just to name a few. They have also opened for Steve Wariner, Daryl Worley, Daryl Singletary, and again for John Anderson. The largest show they have been blessed to perform was the preshow for Reba last year at the St. Elizabeth Gala.

In addition to loving to perform, the band likes to help others out. Someone will call and ask if they can play a fundraiser to help someone with an illness or needing help with final expenses and this is where the band really thrives. They have played fundraisers for the American Cancer Society, Louisiana's Dixie Center for the Performing Arts, the Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce, the Christus St. Elizabeth Gala, The National Association of Women in Construction, the Bouman Foundation, as well as several local concerts to raise money for individual families. In the last several years, the band has helped raise in excess of two million dollars for charity.

This year is starting out great! They will be performing at the YMBL South Texas State Fair, Saturday night, March 28th, at 7:30 p.m. Follow The Classics Recovered Band on Facebook.



A TORNADO GOES TO SCHOOL

My Daddy and Papaw attended one room schools like most folks their age who grew up in the country. I, however, went to a one building school. The high school was on one side, the elementary on the other, and the cafeteria/auditorium was in the middle. The elementary rooms were constructed of three walls of mason bricks and one wall of giant roll out windows with metal venetian blinds. Our school was named after the first school teacher in Southeast Texas, Eva Dale.

Every morning we would say the pledge of allegiance to the flag, sing the national anthem, and then bow our heads in prayer. Each day our teacher would assign 'window monitors,' whose job was to raise or lower the venetian blinds whenever the teacher called on them. This assignment was a great honor, like being chosen to lead the classroom to the cafeteria. I was chosen a couple of times as the 'line leader,' but I never got to be a 'window monitor.'

One of the best things about being in elementary school back in the 50s and 60s, besides being chosen by the teacher for some job of honor, was the recess time. My school may have been small compared to other schools in the area. However, we had a very large playground with all the latest playground equipment. There was a section for the young kids and another section for the older ones. We had a long recess right after lunch each day.

I will always remember the day in late April when I was in the third grade. We had just come back from lunch recess and placed our heads on our desks for the routine ten minute rest time. The 'window monitors' went to open all the lower windows to allow air to circulate in the room (days before air conditioning) and to lower the blinds to make the room dark. The two boys started to roll out the windows. A big blast of air came rushing through the room, scattering pages and books

everywhere. All of us laughed, but our teacher was very annoyed and quickly restored order to the class. One of the 'window monitors' cried out, "Look at the funny colored clouds!" We turned our heads to see the clouds. Even our teacher turned to look. Then we saw it. A long, black, funnel-shaped cloud, that dropped out of green clouds to the ground, was bearing down on us like a whirling dervish. Someone yelled "Tornado!"

Panic and confusion broke out. There was no time for us to line up and go to the cafeteria, as the tornado was now at the flag poles in front of the school house. Our teacher, however, kept her cool and, like a mother hen collecting her chicks, she instructed us to go to the area behind her desk. She lowered the blinds and then tied them down as she was telling us what to do. We were to sit on the floor like Indians with

our backs to the windows. She joined us as we heard the sound of a train heading our way. We were all scared and crying, so she told us to bow our heads and say the





"Lord's Prayer"
outloud.

By the time we
finished the prayer,
the train sound was
gone and the green
colored clouds were

grey. The tornado had come and gone. In its' wake was
trash, broken windows, a tattered flag and a damaged athletic
field. The chain link fence around the football field had been
twisted like curly ribbon. Desks were turned over and school
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5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
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Apr. 2nd 2015

Solo Art Show: Ines Validres C.L.A.S.S (Contemporary Local Artist Show series)
First Thursday 5pm - 9am
Finder's Fayre Art & Antique Gallery
Calder • Beaumont, TX

Apr. 3rd 2015

Casey Chesnutt
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Pine Tree Lodge 3296 Pine Tree Road
Beaumont, TX • 409-796-1600

Apr. 4th – Nov. 21st 2015

Beaumont Farmers Market
Every Saturday 8:00 am - 11:00 am
Beaumont Athletic Complex
950 Langham Road • Beaumont

Apr. 4th – Nov. 21st 2015

Neches River Adventures Boat Tours Sat. 10am - 12pm, Adults, \$15, Children (12 & Under) & Seniors (60+), \$10, Children (3 & Under), Free.
Beaumont Riverfront Park
801 Main • Beaumont, TX

Apr. 6th – May 25th 2015

Alert Today, Alive Tomorrow: Living with the Atomic Bomb
Mon - Sat 9am - 5pm, Sun 1pm - 5pm.
Adults, \$4 Seniors (62+), \$3. College Students w/valid ID \$3 Children (4-18), \$2
Museum of the Gulf Coast
700 Procter • Port Arthur, TX
409-982-7000

Apr. 6th 2015

Clifton Steamboat Museum Mondays
Every Monday 8:30 am - 11:00 am
Adults, \$5. Seniors (65+) & Children, \$4
Clifton Steamboat Museum
8727 Fannett Rd • Beaumont, TX
409-842-3162

Apr. 7th – 9th 2015

FeatherFest Birding Tour 2015
Cattail Marsh 5305 Tyrrell Park Rd
Beaumont, TX • 409-789-8125

Apr. 9th 2015

Texas Energy Museum Blowout: Featuring Benjamin Carson, MD
6:30 pm Individual, \$125
Tables, \$1,000 - \$10,000
Beaumont Civic Center
701 Main Street • Beaumont, TX
409-833-5100

April 10, 2015

Doktor Kaboom
9:30 am and 11:30 am
Lutcher Theater for the Performing Arts
707 W. Main • Orange, TX
409-886-5535

April 10, 2015

Jo-EI Sonnier
Doors, 7:00 pm. Show, 9:00 pm
\$10 - \$22.50
Backyard Music Hall
3871 Staggy Dr. • Beaumont, TX
409-203-3147

Apr. 10th – 11th 2015

Jefferson County Go Texan BBQ Cook-off
Fri. 6:00 pm. Sat. 10:00 am - 3:00 pm.
Elk's Lodge 11431
U.S. Hwy 90 • Beaumont, TX
409-284-9879

Apr. 10th – 11th 2015

Lamar University Spring Dance Concert
Friday, 7:30 pm. Saturday, 2:00 pm
General admission, \$15, Seniors, Students & LU Faculty/Staff, \$10
LU Students, \$7
Lamar University Theatre
4400 S M L King Jr Pkwy • Beaumont, TX
409-880-2250

Apr. 10th - 25th 2015

Circle Mirror Transformation
Evening Performances, 7:30 pm
Matinee, 2:00 pm
Betty Greenberg Center for the Performing Arts
4155 Laurel Ave • Beaumont, TX
409-833-4664

Apr. 11th 2015

Symphony of Southeast Texas: Rach' On!
30 pm \$17 - \$41 Julie Rogers Theatre
765 Pearl & Forsythe • Beaumont, TX
409-892-2257

Apr. 11th 2015

7th Annual Chris Gafford Memorial Golf Tournament & Crawfish Boil
Golf - 7am Tyrrell Park
Crawfish Boil - 2pm Wingfoot Club
Hwy 124, Beaumont, TX

Apr. 11th 2015

Comedian Chris Tucker
8:00 pm \$37 - \$57
Ford Park Event Center
5115 Interstate 10 S • Beaumont, TX
1-800-745-3000

Apr. 11th 2015

Concert in the Park
Lamar University Plummer Building, 2pm
Park 4400 ML King Jr Parkway
Beaumont, TX • 409-880-8144

Apr. 14th 2015

Women & Investing FREE Financial Seminars At Education First
RSVP 409-898-3770

Apr. 14th – 17th 2015

Southwest Electric Safety Exchange
MCM Elegante Hotel & Conference Center
2355 Interstate 10 S • Beaumont, TX
409-656-3133

Apr. 15th – 25th 2015

Neches River Festival Exhibition
Wed. - Sat. 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
Beaumont Art League
2675 Gulf Street • Beaumont, TX
409-833-4179

Apr. 16th 2015

Champagne & Ribs
7:00 pm \$125 • Ford Exhibit Hall
Interstate 10 South • Beaumont, TX
409-833-3663

Apr. 16th 2015

Poetry Renaissance
Recurring monthly on the 3rd Thursday
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm \$5
The Art Studio, Inc.
720 Franklin • Beaumont, TX
409-363-3444

Apr. 17th – 19th 2015

Lamar Opera Theatre
Fri. & Sat. 7:30 pm. Sun. 2:30 pm. \$10
Rothwell Recital Hall at Lamar University
4400 S M L King Jr Pkwy • Beaumont, TX
409-880-8144

Apr. 17th – 18th 2015

Shangri La Eco Fest
Shangri La Botanical Gardens & Nature Center
2111 W. Park Ave • Orange, TX
409-670-9113

Apr. 18th 2015

BPD Cops & Kids Carnival
10:00 am - 2:00 pm Free admission
The Event Centre
700 Crockett Street • Beaumont, TX
409-880-1092

Apr. 18th 2015

City of Orange Music Fest
City of Orange Riverfront
Boardwalk & Pavilion
601 W Division • Orange, TX
409-883-1011

Apr. 18th 2015

Preservation Bash
7:00 pm \$40/person, limited availability
Oaks Historic District
2585 Long St. • Beaumont, TX
409-835-0795

Apr. 18th 2015

Trade Days on the Avenue
Recurring monthly on the 3rd Saturday
10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Port Neches Avenue • Port Neches, TX
409-722-4023

Apr. 23rd 2015

Pathways to Health Equity: Celebrating Life
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Baptist Hospital of SETX, Cancer Center
Auditorium 3555 Staggy Dr
Beaumont, TX

Apr. 23rd 2015

Comedian Ron White: Nutcracker
7:30 pm \$46.75 - \$56.75
Julie Rogers Theatre
765 Pearl Street • Beaumont, TX
800-745-3000

Apr. 24th – 26th 2015

Kountze Big Thicket Trade Days
Parking \$2. Kountze Trade Days Center
960 No. Pine Street • Kountze, TX
409-880-5667

Apr. 24th 2015

LU Conducting Symposium Concert
West Brook High School, 7:30pm
8750 Phelan Blvd • Beaumont, TX
409-880-8144

Apr. 25th 2015

Harbor Foundation's 6th Annual Butterfly Release
11:00 am - 2:00 pm Free admission
Tyrrell Park
5305 Tyrrell Park Rd • Beaumont, TX
409-730-2029

Apr. 25th 2015

The Golden Triangle
Rose Society Spring Show
12 noon - 3 pm Free
Terrell Park

Apr. 29th - May 3rd 2015

Port Neches RiverFest & Thunder on the River Boat Races
Port Neches City Park

Apr. 30th 2015

McFaddin-Ward House Spring Picnic
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Free admission
McFaddin-Ward House
1906 Calder Avenue • Beaumont, TX
409-832-1906

Calendar of Events

May 1st – 18th 2015

LU Student Thesis Exhibition
Mon - Fri 10am - 5pm,
Free Admission
Dishman Art Museum
1030 E. Lavaca
Beaumont, TX • 409-880-8959

May 1st – 2nd 2015

Rotary International Annual District 5910 Convention
MCM Elegante Hotel
2355 Interstate 10 S Beaumont, TX • 409-842-1913

May 1st – Aug. 30th 2015

Selections from the Permanent Collection
Mon - Fri, 9am - 5pm, Sat 10am - 5pm, Sun 12pm - 5pm,
Free admission
Art Museum of Southeast Texas 500 Main St.
Beaumont, TX • 409-832-3432

May 1st – 3rd 2015

The Last Night of Ballyhoo
Thurs - Sat 7:30 pm, Sun 2pm. \$15
Seniors, LU Faculty/Staff, \$10 LU Students, \$7, Lamar University Studio Theatre • 4400 S M L King Jr Pkwy
Beaumont, TX • 409-880-2250

May 2nd 2015

St. Michael Mediterranean Festival
11am - 8pm Free admission Food & Drink coupons, \$1 each.
St. Michael Orthodox Christian Church
690 North 15th Street • Beaumont, TX
409-767-2685

May 3rd 2015

LU A Capella Choir & Chorus
3:30 pm, Dishman Art Museum
1030 E. Lavaca • Beaumont, TX
409-880-8144

May 3rd 2015

Clifton Steamboat Museum
Every Mon 8:30 am - 11am, Adults, \$5.
Seniors (65+) & Children, \$4
Clifton Steamboat Museum
8727 Fannett Rd • Beaumont, TX
409-842-3162

May 6th 2015

Beaumont Destination & Hospitality Training Program
Beaumont CVB
505 Willow Street • Beaumont, TX
409-880-3749

May 7th 2015

Christus Live Well Women's Conference
Ford Park Event Center
5115 IH-10 S • Beaumont, TX

May 7th 2015

First Thursdays on Calder Ave
Recurring monthly, 5pm - 9pm
Calder Avenue • Beaumont, TX

May 7th 2015

"Let Jefferson Shine True Blue" Fundraiser Roast honoring Mr. Gilbert T Adams, Jr. and Mrs. Pauline Mouton
6-8:30 PM Heavy hors d'oeuvres & Cash Bar. Individual tickets are \$50.00.
The Neches Room
246 Crockett St., Beaumont, TX
409-225-4346 or 409-898-7355

May 8th – 23rd 2015

Dirty Rotten Scoundrels
7:30 pm. Matinee, 2pm, Betty Greenberg Center for the Performing Arts
4155 Laurel Ave • Beaumont, TX
409-833-4664



May 9th 2015

30th Annual Crawfish, Food & Music Festival
10:00 am - 7:00 pm
Crawfish: \$10/box Parkdale Mall
6155 Eastex Frwy. • Beaumont, TX
409-866-2400

May 9th 2015

Free Family Arts Day
10:00 am - 2:00 pm Free admission
Art Museum of Southeast Texas
500 Main St. • Beaumont, TX
409-832-3432

May 15th – 16th 2015

gARTage Sale
Friday, 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Saturday, 7:00 am - 11:00 am
Free admission
Art Museum of Southeast Texas
500 Main St. • Beaumont, TX
409-832-3432

May 15th 2015

Jason Aldean with Cole Swindell, Tyler Farr & Dee Jay Silver
Covered, \$59.75. Lawn, \$29.75
Ford Park Pavilion
5115 Interstate 10 South
Beaumont, TX • 800-745-3000

May 16th 2015

Trade Days on the Avenue
Recurring monthly on the 3rd Saturday
10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Port Neches Avenue
Port Neches, TX • 409-722-4023

May 16th 2015

Maypole Festival & Picnic
11:00 am - 6:00 pm Free admission
Beaumont Botanical Gardens
6088 Babe Zaharias Drive
Beaumont, TX • 409-658-0470

May 16th 2015

Brooke's Believers 6th Annual Crawfish Boil
Rockin A Cardinal Dr • Beaumont, TX

May 16th 2015

Seaport Saturday
10am-5pm
Riverfront Park, Beaumont, TX

May 21st 2015

Poetry Renaissance
Recurring monthly on the 3rd Thurs. \$5
The Art Studio, Inc.
720 Franklin • Beaumont, TX
409-363-3444

May 22th – 24th 2015

Kountze Big Thicket Trade Days
Parking \$2. Kountze Trade Days Center
960 No. Pine Street • Kountze, TX
409-880-5667

May 23rd 2015

Daisies and Dragons Duathlon for Kids
8:00 am Advance, \$25. Day Of, \$30
Carrol A "Butch" Thomas Educational Support Center
5250 Bayou Willow Way
Beaumont, TX • 409-781-2932

May 30th 2015

Painting with a Purpose
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm \$45
Painting with a Twist
229 Dowlen Rd, Suite 11A
Beaumont, TX • 409-833-1363

May 30th – 31st 2015

DSRA Boat Racing
Sat. 9am - 6pm, Sun. 10am - 6pm
Free admission & parking
City of Orange Riverfront Boardwalk & Pavilion
601 W Division • Orange, TX
409-883-1011



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Tuesday is Pub Jazz Nite

Calendar of Events

June 1st – July 25th 2015

Drawn to Life: Audubon's Legacy

Tuesday – Saturday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Adults, \$6. Seniors (65+), Students & Youth (10-17) \$5, Children (4-9), \$2. Members, free
Stark Museum of Art
712 Green Ave • Orange, TX
409-886-2787

June 1st – Aug. 6th 2015

Voyage to Vietnam

Mon – Sat 9am – 5pm, Sun 1pm – 5pm
Adults, \$4. Seniors (62+), \$3. College Students w/valid ID, \$3. Kids (4-18), \$2.
Museum of the Gulf Coast
700 Procter • Port Arthur, TX
409-982-7000

June 3 2015

Open Mic Night

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

June 4th 2015

Heritage Happy Hour

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm BHS Members Free
Non-members, \$10
The Chambers House
2240 Calder Avenue • Beaumont, TX
409-832-4010

June 6th – Nov. 21st 2015

Beaumont Farmers Market

Every Saturday 8:00 am – 11:00 am
Beaumont Athletic Complex
950 Langham Road • Beaumont, TX

June 6th – Nov. 21st 2015

Neches River

Adventures Boat Tours

Sat 10am – 12pm, Adults, \$15. Children (12 & Under) & Seniors (60+), \$10, Children (3 & Under), Free
Beaumont Riverfront Park
801 Main • Beaumont, TX
409-651-5326

June 11th – 14th 2015

Model A Ford Club Texas Tour

MCM Elegante Hote
2355 Interstate 10 S • Beaumont, TX
281-996-5524

June 13th 2015

Winner & Dinner Show and Fabulous Fakes

11:00 am – 3:00 pm
Beaumont Art League
2675 Gulf Street • Beaumont, TX
409-833-4179

June 13th 2015

Silsbee Trade Days

Second Saturday of every month
Downtown Silsbee Rudisale Pavilion
8am to 5pm Vendors & Shoppers Are Welcomed, For Information Call:
409.454.3659

June 15th – 17th 2015

ArtVentures Creative

Kids Summer Camp

Art Museum of Southeast Texas
500 Main St. • Beaumont, TX
409-832-3432

June 17th 2015

Mama Mia

Lutcher Theater for the Performing Arts
7:30 pm, 707 W. Main
Orange, TX 77630 • 409-886-5535

June 18th 2015

Poetry Renaissance

Recurring monthly on the 3rd Thursday
7:00 pm – 10:00 pm \$5.00
The Art Studio, Inc.
720 Franklin
Beaumont, TX 77701 • 409-838-5393

June 20th 2015

Trade Days on the Avenue

Recurring monthly on the 3rd Saturday
10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Port Neches Avenue
Port Neches, TX 77651 • 409-722-4023

June 26th – 28th 2015

Kountze Big Thicket Trade Days

Parking, \$2. Kountze Trade Days Center
960 No. Pine Street
Kountze, TX 77625 • 409-880-5667

June 26th 2015

Quartet Nights Across America

Southern Gospel

Doors, 6:30 pm. Show, 7:30 pm.
\$20 – \$42
Julie Rogers Theatre
765 Pearl St • Beaumont, TX 77701
800-782-3081

June 29th – Oct 26th 2015

Mondays at the

Museum: Hot Yoga

Recurring monthly on the last Monday
6:45 pm – 8:00 pm
Donation suggested, \$10.
McFaddin-Ward House
1906 Calder Avenue • Beaumont, TX
409-832-1906



Port Arthur Playboys at Pine Tree Lodge



ORANGE TRADE DAYS	
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2015 Show Dates	
Jan 16-18	Jul 17-19
Feb 13-15	Aug 14-16
Mar 20-22	Sept 18-20
Apr 17-19	Nov 13-15
May 15-17	Dec 18-20
Jun 12-14	



Orange Trade Days
Open this weekend!

200 E Turrett in Orange
Fri, Sat, & Sun
9-5pm
409-883-4344





Ten Year Anniversary of Jack's Pak-It on Calder

1. Emily, Sam & Lori Blanda, Cutter Brewer, Louis and Jake Blanda
2. Cathy Blanda Brittain
3. Kim Guidry, Maryann Baldwin and Amy Guidry
4. MasterChef, Cutter Brewer gives a cooking demo
5. Cooking demo by Mark Karns using Boar's Head products
6. Don Jacobs and others watch Cutter's cooking demo



On Point Winery Bottling Party

7. Earl Frost and Rob Glassey
8. Michael Patrick and Roy West Jr, packing up the wine
9. John Frost sterilizes wine bottles while Rob Glassey corks them
10. Cassie Fiorenza Simpson, Trisha West, Dee Lane, Suzanne Kibodeaux, Earl Frost, Staci Milligan Ishee and Courtney Cropper
11. Earl Frost, Mike Kibodeaux, Rob Glassey, Sheffield Bridgewater and Roy West
12. Earl Frost and his hard working wine staff that he works to the bone
13. Jacki Burleson, Ms. Cheri "Bones" and Kim Guidry





Cumulus Radio, Magic 102.5 with "The Fly Jock", Tom Joyner

1. Leslie Guidry, Cassie Fiorenza Simpson, Mike Simpson, Michelle Fosha Armstrong and Joey Armstrong
2. B. Shaw, Tom Joyner and Jammer
3. Cumulus Radio 102.5 staff with Tom Joyner

Celebrating Richard Anding's Birthday

4. Tecoo Leger and Richard Anding
5. Debbie Woodard and Stuart Sepaugh
6. Tecoo Leger, Debbie Woodard and Susan Johnson

Heart to Heart Hospice Band Performs at Pelican Bay

7. Residents enjoying the music
8. Heart to Heart Hospice Band, Dave Richardson, Britt Godwin and David Slaughter
9. David Slaughter sings to a Pelican Bay resident

Taste of the Triangle

10. Carlo Busceme IV, Sheila Busceme, JoRita Lyle and Greg Busceme, Sr.
11. Regina Richards, manager of White Horse Bar & Grill, enjoys Taste of the Triangle
12. Al Caldwell receiving honors from Allen Perkins



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Wine Tasting at Carrabba's

1. Carrabba's server Mallorie Jordan and Kim Guidry
2. Candy Burleson, Lynn Piccard and Kim Guidry
3. Brett Baumgatner, owner, greets his patrons
4. Rita Hurt and Candy Burleson
5. Zynetta Morrow, Mallorie Jordan and Britt Godwin



St. Patrick's Day Celebration at MacKenzie's Pub

6. Mary Egar
7. Britt Godwin, Chuck MacKenzie and Kay Spector
8. Joss Fisher of the Lone Star Bagpipe Band
9. Julie Scott, John & Denise Herron, Jim & Lisa Wolf and Rita Hurt



Pardii Gras Benefit

10. Gary Lee Love and Jerry Jackson
11. Mark Clarke and Rachael Alamo
12. Chris and Stephaine Abergro with Kerri and Anthony Touns
13. Jacki Burleson, Cassie Fiorenza Simpson, Mike Simpson and Jennifer Rodonaia



Gift of Life Tobacco Control Coalition Program

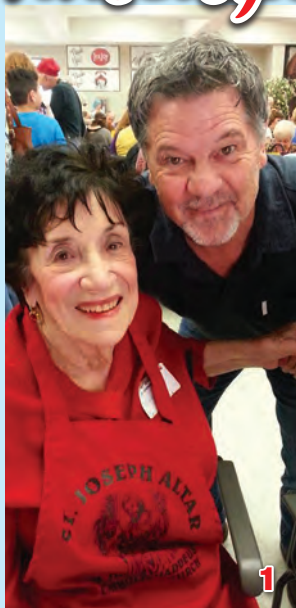
14. Norma Sampson
15. Connie Berry and Volunteers for the Tobacco Control Coalition Program



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St. Joseph's Alter Lunch at St. Anthony's Cathedral Basilica

1. Mary Ann Fiorenza and James (Jigger) Johnson
2. Yvette Prejean Marshall and Faye Prejan
3. Rodney Robichau and Judge John Stevens
4. Linda and Joe Domino
5. Rosie Leggett and Sara Chimeno
6. Lewis & Marsha Hoffer and David & Nancy Fertitta



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Beaumont Thyme for Herbs Society Luncheon

7. Linda Franzo with Jean Baradar and Emily Baize
8. Special guest Linda Franzo demonstrates cooking with vegetables
9. Mary Munro waits on members & guests



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SAR Paul Revere Chapter Pay Honor

10. Walter Glenn receiving Induction Certificate from Compatriot Floyd Miller
11. Compatriot Larry Casey giving Flag Certificate to the Worthy Family
12. At Revolution Soldier Jean Baptiste Chaison Grave Re-dedication; Lawrence Casey, Floyd Miller, Duncan Woodford, Richard Glenn, Joseph Connors, Tim Lewis and William Cole



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Heart to Heart Hospice Band Performs at Brookdale Dowlen Oaks

13. Angie Holloway & residents listen to the music
14. Heart to Heart Hospice Band, Dave Richardson, Britt Godwin and David Slaughter
15. Arthur Berry, Executive Director of Brookdale Dowlen Oaks Senior Living
16. Mayor Becky Ames and Arthur Berry cutting the ribbon



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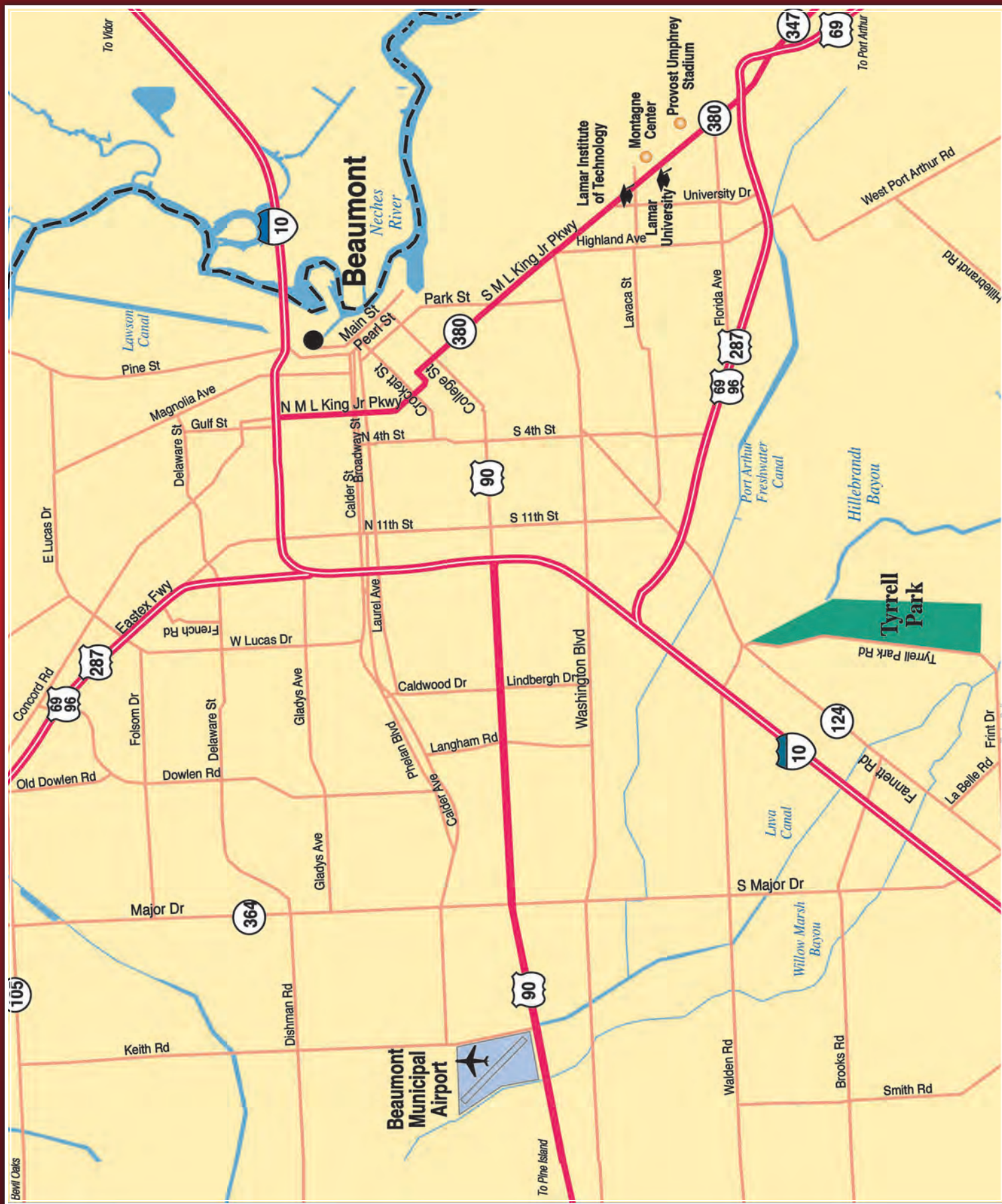


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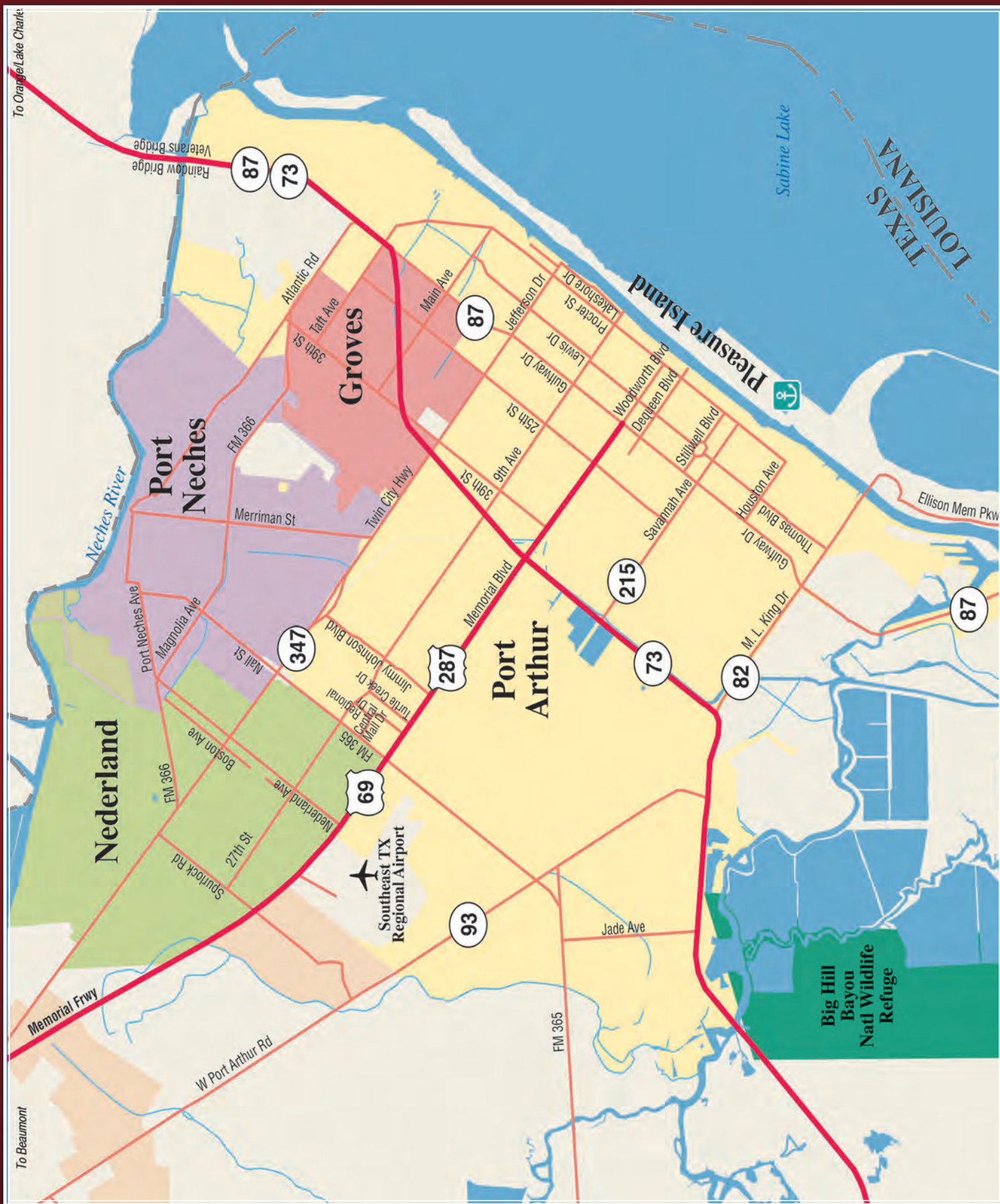


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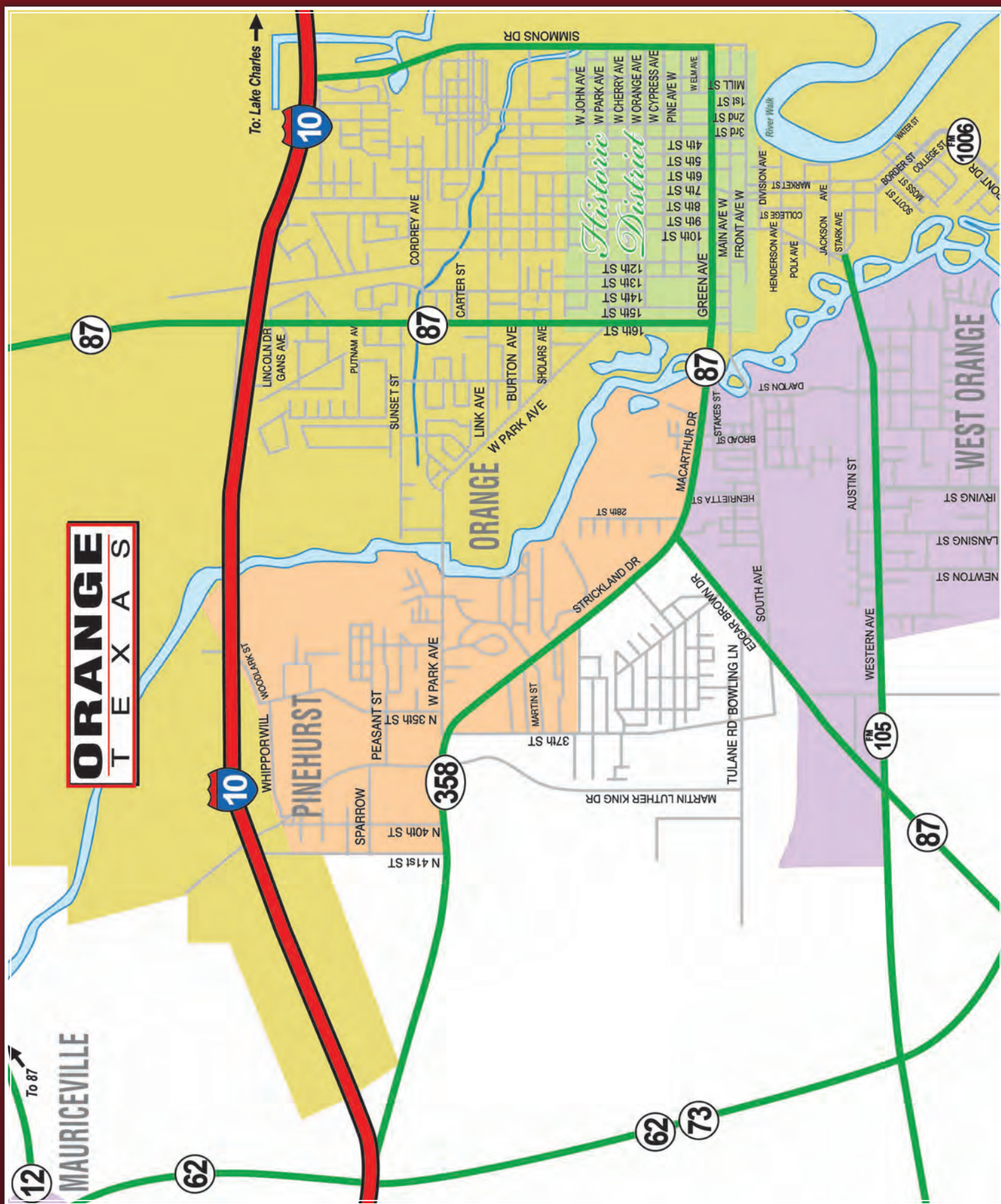
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Nightlife

Crockett Street
200 Block of Crockett Street • Beaumont

Dixie Dance Hall
240 Crockett St • Beaumont • 409.833.3090

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6755 Phelan • Beaumont • 409.861.0400

Dylan's Restaurant and Grill
8601 9th Ave • Port Arthur • 409.722.1600

Fast Eddie's Pool Hall & Bar
6410 Phelan • Beaumont • 409.866.2212

Honky Tonk Texas
2389 Hwy 96N • Silsbee • 409.386.1995

Larry's French Market & Cajun Restaurant
3701 Hwy 366 • Groves • 409.962.3381

Logon Café
3805 Calder • Beaumont • 409.832.1529

Madison's
4020 Dowlen Rd • Beaumont • 409.924.9777

MacKenzie's Pub
229 Dowlen Rd • Beaumont • 409.866.2288

Major League Grill
4430 Dowlen Rd Beaumont • 409.898.7500

The Gig
240 Crockett St • Beaumont • 409.839.8300

The Pacesetter Lounge
6358 Phelan • Beaumont • 409.866.2100

Starvin Marvin's Bar & Grill
2310 No. 11th St • Beaumont • 409.813.1808

WineStyles
4008 Dowlen Rd • Beaumont • 409.347.1340

Live Theatre
Beaumont Community Players
4155 Laurel • Beaumont • 409.833.4664

Jefferson Theatre
345 Fannin • Beaumont • 409.835.5483

Julie Rogers Theatre
765 Pearl • Beaumont • 409.838.3507

Lutcher Theatre
707 Main Ave • Orange • 409.745.5535

Port Arthur Little Theatre
4701 Jimmy Johnson Blvd • Port Arthur
409.722.7732

Golf Courses

SOUTHEAST TEXAS

Brentwood Golf Club
4201 S Major Dr • Beaumont • 409.840.9440

Babe Zaharias
3500 Jimmy Johnson Blvd • Port Arthur
409.722.8286

Bayou Din Golf Club
8537 Labelle Rd • Beaumont • 409.796.1327

Belle Oaks Golf Club
15075 Country Club Rd • Beaumont
409.796.1311

Silsbee Country Club
Country Club Rd. Silsbee 409.385.7337

Iron Oaks at Brooks Road
Brooks Rd • Beaumont • 409.866.7545

Moody Gardens
1700 Sydnor • Galveston • 409.741.4626

Rayburn Country
2376 Wingate Blvd • Brookeland 409.698.1017

Idylwild Golf Club
1100 Pine Shadows Dr • Sour Lake
409.753.2521

Wildwood
2201 Button Willow Drive • Village Mills
409.834.2940

DRIVING RANGES
Games People Play
5945 College St • Beaumont • 409.866.3883

Texas Driving Range
8310 Eastex Freeway Bmt • 409.892.4653

The Players Club
2654 Texas 87 Orange • 409.670.8489

Southwestern Louisiana

Gray Plantation
6150 Graywood Pkwy • Lake Charles, LA
337.562.1663

Lake Charles Country Club
3350 Country Club Rd • Lake Charles, LA
337.477.0047

Mallard Cove Golf
4300 Mallard Cove Dr • Lake Charles, LA
337.491.1204

The National Golf Club
1400 National Dr • Westlake, LA
337.433.2255

Kosati Pines at Coughatta
777 Coughatta Dr • Kinder, LA
800.584.7263

Bayou Oaks Country Club
2300 Bonnie Dr • Sulphur, LA • 337.583.7129

Frasch Park Golf Course
400 Picard Rd. • Sulphur, LA • 337.527.2515

Contraband Bayou Golf Club
L'Auberge Casino
777 Ave L'Auberge • Lake Charles, LA
337.395.7777

AREA INFORMATION

Beaumont Civic Center Complex
701 Main St • 409.838.3435

Beaumont Convention & Visitors Bureau
Dean Conwell, Executive Director
505 Willow St • Beaumont • 800.392.4401

Ben J. Rogers Regional Visitors Center
5055 IH-10 S • 409.842.0500

Bridge City Chamber of Commerce
150 W Roundbunch • Bridge City
409-735-5671

Greater Beaumont Chamber of Commerce
1110 Park • Jim Rich • 409.838.6581
409.838.6581

Greater Orange Area Chamber of Commerce
1012 Green Ave • Orange • Ida
Schossow • 409.883.3536

Greater Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce
4749 Twin City Hwy, Ste 300
Port Arthur • Bill McCoy - 409.963.1107

Groves Chamber of Commerce & Tourist Center
Ronnie Boneau, Executive Director
4399 Main Ave • Groves • 409.962.3631

Nederland Chamber Of Commerce & Tourist Bureau
Stephanie Shimek, Administrative Assistant
1515 Boston Ave • Nederland • 409.722.0279

Orange Convention & Visitor Bureau
Darlene Zavada, Director
803 Green Avenue • Orange • 409.883.1011

Port Arthur Convention & Visitors Bureau
Tammy Kotzur, Executive Director
3401 Cultural Center Dr • Port Arthur
800.235.7822

Beaumont Convention & Visitor Bureau
505 Willow St • Beaumont • 409-880-3749
beaumontcvb.com • beaumontcvb.mobi

Port Neches Chamber Of Commerce
Debbie Plaia, Executive Director
1110 Port Neches Ave • Port Neches
409.722.9154 • portnecheschamber.com

Texas Travel Information Center
1708 E IH-10 • Orange • 409.883.9416
or 800.452.9292

Vidor Chamber of Commerce
945 N Main • Vidor • 409-769-6339

Lumberton Chamber of Commerce
826 N Main • Lumberton • 409-755-0554

For Your Information

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American Airlines • AA.com

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Ambulance, Fire, Police, Sheriff • 911

Beaumont City Hotline • 311

Southeast Texas Animal Emergency Clinic
3420 West Cardinal Dr • Beaumont
409.842.3239

Spurlock Rd. Veterinary Clinic
2400 Memorial Blvd • Port Arthur
409.727.0287

TXDOT Emergency Roadside Assistance
800.452.9292

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801 Main St • 409.880.3716

City of Port Arthur
444 Fourth St • Port Arthur • 409.983.8115

US Post Office
5815 Waden Rd • Beaumont • 409.981.8609

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525 Lakeshore Dr • Port Arthur
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Humane Society of Southeast Texas
2050 Spindletop Rd • Beaumont
409.722.0605

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Jefferson County
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Mid-County • 409.726.2500
Orange County • 409.883.2612
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Baptist Hospital of Southeast Texas
3080 College St • 409.212.5000
24hr Emergency Service • 409.212.6600

Baptist Orange Hospital - Orange
608 Strickland Dr • 409.883.9361
24hr Emergency Service • 409.883.1248

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3600 Gates Blvd • 409.985.7431

Christus Minor Care Center
3939 Dowlen Rd • 409.899.7800

Christus Outpatient Center
3701 Hwy 73 & 9th Ave Pta • 409.983.1621

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