



# CVB News

San Marcos Convention and Visitors Bureau

August 2004

## *Tax Free Weekend August 6-8*

Prime Outlets-San Marcos and Tanger Outlet Center recently released operating hours for the upcoming Tax Free Weekend, August 6-8. Many stores will remain open until 11 p.m. or midnight throughout the weekend. However, several stores offer 24-hour continuous operation.

Prime Outlet-San Marcos 24-hour stores will be open beginning at 12:01 a.m. Friday, August 6 and close

at 8 p.m. Sunday, August 8. These stores include: A/X Armani Exchange, Bostonian/Clark, Gap Outlet, Nike Outlet, Papaya and Polo Ralph Lauren Factory Store.

Tanger Outlets Center 24-hour stores will open at 12:01 a.m. Friday, August 6 and close at 7 p.m. Sunday, August 8.

These stores include: The Children's Place, Factory Brand Shoes, Greg Nor-

man, Old Navy Outlet, Polo Jeans Co., Reebok Outlet, Rockport Outlet, Shoe Carnival, Skechers, Tommy Hilfiger and Tommy Kids.

For a complete listing of mall hours for this special Tax Free Weekend please contact the malls directly: Lorie Gallagher for Prime Outlets-San Marcos at 396-2201 and Nancy Braun for Tanger Outlet Center 353-8827.

## *Late Summer Tube Rentals*

As the sun slowly sets on summer, SMCVB would like to remind you that the Lions Club tube rental will run seven days a week through Labor Day weekend, September 5. The Lions Club will continue renting on weekends only through the month of September and then they will pack up for the season.

Power Olympic Outdoor Center will continue renting tubes and kayaks seven days a week until September 12. After that, they will rent equipment on weekends only through the second week of October.

For more information please call the Lions Club at 396-5466 or Power Olympic Outdoor Center at 396-9910.

## *Major Market Back-to-School Dates*

Dallas ISD -Ft. Worth ISD  
August 16

Houston ISD  
August 16

Corpus Christi  
August 12

Beaumont ISD  
August 9

Austin ISD  
August 17

San Antonio ISD  
August 16

## **Important Dates**

**August 6-8**  
*Tax Free Weekend*

**August 13-14**  
*Texas State Commencement*

**August 16**  
*SMCISD Back to School*

**August 20**  
*Texas State Rec Jam- Sewell Park*

**August 21**  
*Eddie Durham Heritage Music Festival- San Marcos Plaza*

**August 25**  
*Texas State first day of classes*



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**A Texas Natural**

## Heritage Music Festival

The Calaboose African American Museum is pleased to announce the second annual Heritage Music Festival, "Eddie Durham Tribute," August 20-21. This music festival is a celebration of life and creativity and a celebration of Eddie Durham's contributions to the world of Jazz.

Phil Schapp, the curator for Jazz at the Lincoln Center, will MC the celebration, Saturday, August 21 at 5:30 p.m.-11 p.m. at San Marcos Plaza; admission is free.

Spectators will be treated to an all-star cast of musicians including: Eric Durham, TopGroove, Benny Powell, Freddie Mendoza, Doug Yancey

and Rattlesnake Annie. Many of Durham's contemporaries, as well as family and friends, will be on hand to celebrate his life and music.

Friday, August 20, at 7 p.m. at the San Marcos Activity Center, music history enthusiasts may attend the Texas premiere of "The Last of the First," a documentary film about the Harlem Blues and Jazz Band. Durham was a member of this band for several years.

Eddie Durham invented several amplifiers and pick-ups for guitar amplification. His contributions to the world of music in the 1920s remain influential to this day, yet his name is one that few peo-

ple recognize.

However, he collaborated and composed with such legends as: The Original Count Basie Orchestra, The Glenn Miller Orchestra, Artie Shaw, Jan Savitt and Benny Goodman.

Eddie Durham was born in San Marcos, Texas on August 19, 1906. Celebrating Eddie Durham's accomplishments has led the Durham Archival Museum of San Marcos to proclaim August 19, "Eddie Durham Day," and launch the annual Heritage Music Festival to honor Durham's contributions to the world of Jazz.

For more information, contact Linda Kelsey-Jones at 787-2892.



### San Marcos River Pub

#### Concert

#### Series Schedule

**August 1**

*Warren Hood*  
Americana

**August 8**

*Jimmy LaFave*  
Rock/blues/folk

**August 22**

*Seth James*  
Blues

**August 29**

*Jeff Plakenborn*  
Country

Michael Matott, owner of Maddog Curios and member of the SMCVB Board of Directors, recently resigned his position as the representative of the Downtown Association. SMCVB is very grateful for his service and wishes him well in all future endeavors.

For questions regarding this or future newsletters, or if you need maps or brochures, please contact Mary MacLachlan at 393-5908.

## Texas State Commencement Schedule

### Friday, August 13

7:00 p.m.

College of Applied Arts  
McCoy College of Business  
Administration

### Saturday, August 14

9:30 a.m.

College of Fine Arts and  
Communication  
College of Liberal Arts

2:30 p.m.

College of Education  
College of Health  
Professionals  
College of Science

\*Masters and PhD candidates walk with their respective college.