

The 4th of July is a time for celebration — eating and drinking, relaxation. Whether you plan to stay in town or hit the road, there's bound to be something somewhere to suit your fancy.

Across the state there will be music, arts and

crafts, and fairs celebrating both Independence Day and just the fact that it's the weekend. Most will serve up plenty of refreshments and fun. If you plan to make an outing this weekend, here are a few ideas:

## Fifth Luckenbach World's Fair

This is the last weekend of the Great Fifth Luckenbach World's Fair. The fair started off last week with music and dance, and gears up for the 4th of July celebration with a reading of the complete Declaration of Independence Saturday.

Guich Koock, the Grand Exalted Ringmaster for the fair, said "America must get back to the basics. People can rightly quote the Bible, but hardly anybody has ever read the whole Declaration of Independence. On the 4th of July we will remedy our ignorance at the Great World's Fair at Luckenbach. We

hope families throughout the U.S. will follow our example."

Koock, lawyer-columnist Maury Maverick Jr., and writer Jack Harmon will take turns reading the Declaration Saturday at 4:30 p.m. The Austin Gospel Workshop, a black choir from Austin, will sing Battle Hymn of the Republic, accompanied by the University of Texas Longhorn Showband.

Members of the National Restoration Society will re-enact a Civil War battle Saturday.

Besides the patriotic events, the fair features belly dancers, an aerial daredevil and an Old

Fiddlers Contest. An arts and crafts exhibit, domino playing, mechanical bull riding contests and continuous music are also planned.

And a wedding. A couple plans to tie the knot after walking down an archway created by Civil War soldiers, Kiowa Indian Lancers and the world's oldest unicorn. After the ceremony, the couple will ride to another stage for their reception.

Sunday features singer Kent Finlay (of "When the Mud Daubers Come Back to Luckenbach" fame) and the High Cotton Express, the Fredericksburg Kin-

derchoir and juggler Turk Pipkin.

Sunday is also the day of the Prettiest Anything Contest. The audience is invited to bring whatever it considers prettiest to the stage for judging.

The fair is located near Fredericksburg on FM 1376, five miles south of 290, and is open from 10 a.m. till dark. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children up to 16. Those over 70 and under 7 are admitted free. Parking is 10 cents, and there will be plenty of food, drinks and restrooms (so they say).

## Ashton Villa picnic, Galveston

If you plan on heading south to Galveston this weekend, Ashton Villa is having its annual 4th of July picnic Saturday at 4 p.m.

The restored mansion is at 2328 Broadway in Galveston.

Now in its sixth year, the event is free and open to the public. Galvestonians and visitors alike are invited to spread out a blanket and enjoy their own picnic lunch, or to purchase

barbecue dinners and apple pie furnished by Rusty's of Galveston.

The Strand Street Seven, an Ashton Villa tradition, will jazz up the afternoon with dixieland music, while champagne, beer and lemonade concessions follow.

At 5 p.m., the second annual Ice Cream Crank-Off begins. Hand crank and electric models are welcome, as are all kinds of

flavors. Prizes will be awarded for the best batch.

This year a new flavor, Ashton Villa Vanilla, calls for an item stocked in the gift shop of the mansion, Ashton Villa Vanilla Sugar. The Ashton Villa Vanilla Gorilla will be doing the honors of dishing up the ice cream. No kidding.

At 6 p.m., models depicting some of America's classic beauties — Mae West, Sophie

Tucker, World War II pin-up girls and football queens of the 50s — will visit Ashton Villa for "Hats with History," an old-time fashion show. The show costs \$3 for adults and \$1 for children.

Tours of the mansion will be conducted through the day, and the gift shop will be open. The picnic promises to be a cool break from the heat of the beach.

## King Arthur feast, Rockport

Farther down the beach, at Rockport, the First Annual King Arthur's Court, a Medieval Feast, offers a re-creation of the days of knights and kings at the Black Swan Restaurant.

Their majesties King Arthur, King Henry VIII, Queen Anne Boleyn (with her head still in place,) and Queen Elizabeth I

will be on hand to oversee the festivities in celebration of the Equinox and the Solstice.

You can return to Camelot as a Yankee in King Arthur's Court, the once and ever time of Excalibur with Merlin the Magician, Morgana and the barons and knights of the Round Table.

The feast features turkey legs,

beef ribs, roast pork and wild goat. There will be battle wagons loaded with fruits and vegetables, bread from the Black Swan mill and bakery, and ale, mead and spirits.

It all happens at the Black Swan Restaurant Theatre in Rockport. There will be dancing, toasting, and pinching of

wenches, if you're into that. Be prepared to have a good time, because there are stocks on hand for guests who choose not to participate.

The Black Swan is on Highway 35, south of Rockport. Call 512-729-7604 for information about reservations.

## Festival Hill at Round Top

The 1981 Summer Season of the Festival-Institute at Round Top will conclude this weekend. A concert featuring works by American composers will highlight the 4th of July activities at the historic village of Round Top. Festival Hill, the permanent home of the Festival-Institute, is located about 1/2 mile from Round Top.

Faculty and student artists will perform Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:15 p.m. Reservations are not necessary for the concerts, and tickets go on sale at 6:45 p.m. each day. There will be an indoor performance Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m. Tickets will go on sale at 3 p.m., and reservations are needed.

The concerts feature the stu-

dent artists of the Festival-Institute who have studied for six weeks with some of the outstanding performers of today. The program on Friday includes *Fantasia in f minor* for Piano, *Four Hands*, *Opus 103*, by Schubert and the *Sonata for Horn and Piano* (1939) by Hindemith. Faculty artists performing these works will be: Thomas Bacon, horn; Jeanette Haien,

James Dick and Eugene Rowley, pianists.

Gourmet picnic boxes are available for \$10 each for those who wish to celebrate the weekend activities. Reservations are necessary for the boxes, which will be available before the concerts on Friday and Saturday and either before or after the concert on Sunday.

Reservations are available by calling (713) 249-3129. Outdoor concert tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12. Sunday tickets are \$5 per person.

Festival Hill at Round Top is located midway between Houston and Austin on State Highway 237, off of Highway 290.

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