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Parkway, Bee Creek Park located off Anderson Street, Bryan Utilities Lake Park on Sandy Point Road and Tanglewood Park on Carter Creek Parkway.

For community entertainment there are exhibitions scheduled for the week of spring break.

On March 12, the Gold Wing Roadriders Motorcycle organization will sponsor a regional

display of touring interstate motorcycles. Motorcycles from more than six states will be on exhibit at Post Oak Mall.

"Cotton in the Brazos Valley" will be on exhibit at the Brazos Valley Museum of Natural Science each day except Monday. The display offers a history of cotton, featuring everything from planting to spinning and weaving cotton.

The Brazos Center also offers several exhibits. On March 11 and 12, The South States Arms

Collectors will sponsor a gun show and sale. On the 19 and 20, The Home Products Show will feature products ranging from carpentry to landscaping aids from local businesses. The 18 through the 20 will feature an African Violet Show. Local enthusiasts will display, show and sell their plants.

Local 4-H and FFA members will have their projects on display March 12 through the 15 for the Brazos County Youth Livestock Show. Beef, swine, sheep,

chicken and rabbit projects will be on exhibit at the Brazos County Pavilion throughout the week and will conclude with an auction the last night.

And for those students who stay in town to catch up on studies, Sterling Evans Library will be open regular hours except for the 16th through the 19th when the library will be open from 9 a.m. til 5 p.m.

Galveston

Sand, surf and seagulls in your own backyard

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So what if all of your friends are jetting off to the Caribbean for spring break. So what if the others are off to the slopes. Don't worry, you aren't doomed to the dreags of College Station. You, too, can have an exciting spring break without even leaving Texas.

Do you know where Galveston is? Did you know that there are a lot of things to do there? No kidding, Galveston Island. It's time has come ... again. That's the motto of the city. And it's time *has* come. And it's a good time. Even better, you can be entertained without spending a fortune.

So what goes on in Galveston? To begin with there is the main attraction — the Gulf of Mexico and the beach.

Galveston Island has 32 miles of municipally maintained beaches. The Chamber of Commerce says that they are the cleanest on the Texas Gulf Coast, not to mention the safest. Lifeguards are on duty, and the Galveston County Sheriff's Department Beach Patrol provides safety and rescue services. Automobile traffic is limited to posted areas from March to September.

There are a number of beach parks including:

- Stewart Beach Park, Galveston's principal beach park and family recreation park.

- Galveston County Beach Pocket Park #1 and #2, both located on the west end of the island.

- Seven Mile Beach Park, located at the closest west-end beach to the end of the Galveston seawall.

- R.A. Apffel Park, located at the east end of the island.

If you are not a beach fanatic or you get sunburned easily, never fear, there are plenty of other things to do.

Galveston is famous for the Strand, a 40-block historical district. It was once called the "Wall Street of the Southwest."

The Strand District has been restored and is alive again. You can walk or drive through 40 blocks of Victorian residences, shops, galleries, restaurants and apartments.

While you are touring the Strand, tour some of the great mansions of Galveston.

Ashton Villa, built in 1859, has withstood the Civil War, the hurricane of 1900 and the threat of demolition. The mansion is open for public tours.

The Bishop's Palace is the

most widely known architectural attraction in Galveston. It is ranked among the top 100 homes in the United States for architectural significance. It was built in 1887 and was purchased by the Catholic Church as the residence of the bishop of the Galveston-Houston Diocese. The palace is open for public tours.

If you're not tired of the historical tours yet, you can tour the East End Historical District. This residential community is listed in the National Register of Historic places.

If you like the theater or art galleries, Galveston offers a variety, including the Galveston Arts Center on the Strand, Richard's Gallery, and Studio 4. The Strand Street Theatre has a resident staff of 10 who alternate in acting and production capacities. Presentations include musicals, comedy, dramatic and classical works.

When you tire of all of this and want to go fishing, you can angle from free and commercial piers, wade-fish the surf, bays and inlets, launch your own or charter a boat, or join a boat party excursion for bay and deep sea action.

Several golf packages are available combining accomoda-

tions with play on municipal and country club courses. Tennis enthusiasts will find courts for play — night and day. Water skiing, wind surfing and small sailboat rentals are popular on Offats Bayou at 61st Street. And on Seawall Boulevard you can rent bikes, surreys and roller skates.

Seawolf Park offers a view of the entrance to the Galveston harbor and tours of a World War II submarine and destroyer. The park is also a favorite of local fishermen.

If you want to be entertained by the animals, visit Sea-Arama Marineworld. There you can see a performing dolphin revue, talented sea lions, hundreds of aquatic species and water ski shows.

Now doesn't Galveston sound like fun? Well, there's even more to do than what is listed so for more information, contact the Galveston Convention and Visitors Bureau, 2106 Seawall Blvd., Moody Center, Galveston, 77550. The phone number is (713) 763-4311.

