

## Helping others is in the bag at auction

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Are you looking for a handbag with style and a fabulous history? Join the Alliance for Women & Children on April 3 for the "Old Bags" Auction and Springtime Tea.

Festivities will begin by 11:30 a.m. at 1350 N. 10th St. State Rep. Susan King, R-Abilene, will serve as auctioneer for the live purse action. You can also buy a handbag during the silent auction.

Tickets cost \$30, or you can purchase a table for \$240. Seats are limited. Proceeds will benefit the Alliance for Women & Children. For more information, call 677-5321.

### **The Play's The Thing**

McMurry University again earned honors from the university division of the Texas Educational Theatre Association's playwriting competition. This year's winner is "IGS" (short for Instant Gratification Society) by McMurry student Taylor Campton.

"IGS," a satirical comedy directed by Charles Hukill, will be performed as part of a showcase of student-written one-act plays. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday at the Amy Graves Ryan Little Theatre on campus. The other two plays to be performed are "Through It All," by Amy McDonald, directed by Philip Craik; and "Reconciliation," by Jeff Armstrong, directed by David Ainsworth.

Tickets cost \$3 for general admission and may be purchased at the theater box office in the lobby of the Ryan Fine Arts building between 1 and 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 30 minutes before curtain on all performance nights.

For more information, call the McMurry Theatre box office, 793-3889.

### **It's history**

The Grace Museum continues a series of history talks designed to explore topics of Texas history.

The second Fourth Friday lecture begins at 10:30 a.m. Friday and will feature Carly Kahl, former

managing editor of State House Press and the McWhiney Foundation Press.

Kahl, who works as the online curriculum writer for Texas State Technical College-West Texas, will speak about some of the famous, not-so-famous and maybe even a few infamous female characters highlighted in the publisher's various publications.

Fourth Friday lectures are held in The Grace's third floor Education Center. Admission is free for museum members and \$3 for non-members.

The Grace Museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday; and from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. every Thursday. Admission is free after 5 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call 673-4587.

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