

Lamar Alive!

Film by Lamar alumna will premiere Feb. 6 in Setzer Center

A film co-written by Lamar University alumna Willioneita Pittman will premiere Wednesday, Feb. 6, in the Setzer Student Center Ballroom on the Lamar campus.

The Setzer Student Center and Lamar Alive! will host the event, which includes a 6:30 p.m. reception and the 7 p.m. showing of the film, "There Is One in Every Family."

"Ms. Pittman is premiering her movie at Lamar University to receive feedback from our students, faculty and staff," said Karen Thomas, director of the Setzer Student Center. "We are excited to bring this opportunity to the Lamar community."

Pittman is now a college and high school drama

teacher in Houston. She is a native of Jasper and was raised in Beaumont, where she graduated from French High School in 1969. She earned her bachelor's degree from Lamar in 1972, with a double major in speech and drama, and her master's from Lamar in 1979, in speech/public address.

She directed her first play, "Hand of Love," when she was a Lamar student. Her second play, the comedy "The Cheat Sheet," was also produced while she was in college. In addition, she directed "Day of Absence" for the Beaumont Community Players and a Miss Lamar Pageant.

During her Lamar career, Pittman earned every major acting and technical award given for participation in

Lamar Theatre productions. She moved to Houston, where she met her co-writer, Barbara Hudson, while both worked at the University of Houston-Downtown. "There is One in Every Family" is the second play they have written together.

Pittman is a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc., teaches theater to at-risk students in the Alief Independent School District and is an adjunct theater lecturer at the University of Houston-Downtown.

The screening is open to the public without charge. Additional information is available from Marta Valenzuela, Setzer Student Center assistant director for student activities, (409) 880-2395.

HISPANIC TRIANGLE BRIEFS

MERCADO PAGEANT REGISTRATION OPENS

The Southeast Texas Hispanic Cultural and Educational Center Inc. of Port Arthur has opened registration for the Mercado Days Festival 2008 Scholarship pageant.

Girls will be represented in two age groups: the Teen Miss Division is 14 to junior in High School; and the Miss division is senior in High School to 21 years of age.

The applicant must be of Hispanic descent such as Cuban, Central American, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South American, or Spanish.

Applications must be turned in no later than Feb. 29. The Teen Miss pageant will take place on Friday April 18, and the Miss pageant will take place on Saturday April 19. Miss Mercado Days has a chance to win a \$1,000 scholarship.

For applications and more information call Cassie Esqueda Guy at 718-2881 or 960-6333 or Cecelia Esqueda at 962-7448.

Society to plan Mexican Heritage banquet

The Mexican Heritage Society will hold a special committee meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7, at the Port Arthur Public Library, 3601 Cultural Center Drive, to plan the 40th anniversary banquet.

Discussion on banquet and honorees will be on the agenda. All members from the past 40 years are encouraged to attend.

Make giant puppets at workshops

The Southeast Texas Hispanic Cultural & Educational Center is hosting Giant Puppet workshops at the Texas Artists Museum, 3501 Cultural Drive. The workshops are conducted by Andy Ledesma, curator of TAMS. The workshops are held every Thursday from 6:15 to 8:15 p.m. and open to all young people fifth grade to 12th grade.

These puppets will star in the upcoming Mercado Days Latino Fest 2008 on April 18 and 19. The group is challenging individuals and groups from all over Southeast Texas to create their own giant puppet and enter it in the contest at the festival.

To participate in a workshop, call 409-983-3951 and leave a message that you will be attending, and be at the museum by 6:15 p.m.

To get more information on competing in the contest, call Sandy Riley at 409-983-3951.

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