

TOP 10



events you don't want to miss

1 MARDI GRAS ... SOUTHEAST TEXAS STYLE

Catch the excitement! From Orange, Beaumont and Port Arthur, the good times will roll in the Triangle from the end of January right on through the start of February.

Warm up in Orange with the annual Mardi Gras gumbo cook-off Jan. 25-26 and cool down with the musical stylings of Wayne Toupes and Texas country music sensation, Pat Green in Port Arthur the next weekend. Beaumont's second Mardi Gras celebration, planned for Feb. 1-2, is expected to put a little Zydeco boogie into Crockett Street's step.



2 "LAST DAYS OF CHRIST"



From Roman soldiers on horseback to angels descending from the heavens above, the Cathedral Christian School's "Last Days of Christ," is an unprecedented spiritual tour that transcends viewers from the present to ancient Jerusalem. With more than 500 actors, this reenactment of the trial, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ is not to be missed. Look for the drama this Easter.

3 LUNAR NEW YEAR



It might not sound glamorous, but it is time to celebrate the year of the Brown Earth Rat. Experience the beauty and majesty of the celebration this February at Port Arthur's Buu Mon Buddhist Temple. Save your voice for chanting and bring a little cash for the famous dragon dance.

4 SPINDLETOP GUSHER

Reconnect with your Southeast Texas roots. The spirit of Spindletop lives at Gladys City. The museum, located on the Lamar University campus, will celebrate with a grand re-opening in January, following a two year hiatus courtesy of Hurricane Rita. Don't miss your opportunity to watch the gusher blow and mill around Gladys City as town dwellers tell you about life during the good ole' days of Spindletop.

