## Today

**The Story of Buford, Category 5!:** Through Aug. 29. Thursday and Friday at 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, 8 and 10:30 p.m. Radio Music Theatre, 2623 Colquitt. Comedy about Buford, a force 5 hurricane as it makes a direct hit on Galveston. Admission:$24. Details: 713-522-7722.

**Comedic performance:** 7:30 p.m. through July 19 and July 23-25, 3517 Austin. HCC Central Drama presents *Arsenic and Lace* at Theatre One. Tickets are $5.50 -$8. Call 713-718-6570.

**Houston votes:** 6-7:30 p.m. today. Houston Votes will conduct volunteer deputy training at the United Way, 50 Waugh in Houston. Volunteer deputies can register people to vote. RSVP to 281-702-7864 or e-mail deeyoung@texanstogether.org.

**Detective Days:** Through Aug. 30. The Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens, 1 Westcott St., will offer self-guided detective adventures with educational themes for summer sleuths age 6 and older. Each month, youths will have a new mystery to solve. Every Bayou Bend detective gets an "Investigator's Kit" to help them with their sleuthing, and a bottle of water to keep cool during the hunt. Hours are 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays and 1-4 p.m. Sundays. 713-639-7759 or www.mfah.org/bayoubend.

## Friday

**Playhouse performance:** 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through July 25. Country Playhouse will present *The Best Little Whorehouse* in Texas. Matinees are at 2 p.m. July 19. There will also

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# Indian art celebrated

PAST presidents of The Tagore Society of Houston light a candle lamp to begin the group's second annual Barnali festival at HDBS Sur Auditorium, 13944 Schiller Road in southwest Houston. From left are Dr. Ganesh Mandal, Dr. Raja Banga, Dr. Sanku Bose, Manju Mitra and Swapna Choudhury, of southwest Houston and Sugar Land. The July 10-11 festival featured artists, dancers, poetry and food.

of St. Thomas will host the Master in Liberal Arts Graduate Open House. Free. To register, visit www.choose-ust.org/mla or call 713-525-6951.

**Book signing:** 1-3 p.m. Saturday. Author Lisa Leighton will sign copies of her children's book *Dressed for Battle: A Child's Guide to a Christ-Centered Life of Victory* at Barnes and Noble, 7626 Westheimer. 888-361-9473.

**'Winnie-the-Pooh':** 1 and 4 p.m. Saturday and 9:30 and 11:45 a.m. Monday-Thursday

Hispanic artists. The event will also feature live music by Petesimple and a special performance by Danza Azteca. The free exhibit continues through July 31. The artist whose work is selected "Best of Show" will receive $300 in prize money. 713-576-6954, info@betzgallery.com or www.betzgallery.com/.

**'Grease':** Tickets go on sale Saturday for the new Broadway production of the Tony Award nominated musical *Grease*. Theatre Under The Stars will present the musical Sept. 8-20

Aug. 9. Main Street Theater-Chelsea Market, 4617 Montrose Blvd., presents the world premiere family musical, *Ps and Qs: the ABC's of Manners*, with music and lyrics by Trout Fishing in America and book by Steve Garfinkel. Show times are 3 p.m. Sundays and July 25, Aug. 1 and Aug. 8; 7:30 p.m. today and 8 p.m. Friday. Call 713-524-6706 or www.mainstreettheater.com.

**Photography exhibit:** Through Aug. 3, 2356 Rice Blvd. The H Gallery will present "Summer Student

**Natural Habitat:** Through July 30. Archway Gallery, 2305 Dunlavy, will display the Natural Habitat, a juried exhibition with a theme of flora, fauna and the preservation of nature. www.houstonarboretum.org/. Exhibit pieces are for sale. A percentage of proceeds benefits the Houston Arboretum and Nature Center.

## Upcoming

**Summer food program:** 1 and 3 p.m. Weekdays through

throughout Houston and Harris County. Participating sites include community centers, churches, apartment complexes, learning centers, YMCAs, youth organizations, schools and other nonprofit agencies. To find a site, call 2-1-1 or 713-676-6832 and give the operator your ZIP code or visit www.houstonparks.org.

**Judge to address Democrats:** 7 p.m. July 20. Harris County 215th Civil District Court Judge Steven Kirkland will speak to Meyerland Area Democrats at El Ranchero Restaurant in Braeswood Square, 5300 N. Braeswood at Chimney Rock Road. His topic will be "Legal Points That Catch Us by Surprise." Visit the Web site at www.meydems.org.

**Free legal advice:** 5-7 p.m. July 21. The Vietnamese LegalLine will be sponsored by the Houston Bar Association. Call 713-759-1133 for free legal advice over the telephone.

**New Way of Life:** 6 p.m. July 22. The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center is hosting an education event featuring David Servan-Schreiber, M.D., Ph.D., cancer survivor and author of the best-seller *Anti-Cancer* at the South Campus Research Building, 7435 Fannin St. at Old Spanish Trail. Check-in begins at 5:30 p.m. Free. Advance registration is required, as seating is limited. The registration deadline is July 16. To register, e-mail publiced@mdanderson.org or call 713-745-0549.

**Author signing:** 9:30 a.m. July 22. Author Catherine Jodeit will sign copies of her book *Raising Bentley: Stories of Hope, Love and Perspective* at the Houston Public Library, 500 McKinney in Houston. 888-361-9473.