

Handwriting Analysis, Blood Typing, Fingerprinting

Featured at Museum "Crime Solving" Exhibit Through Sept. 7

Attention all Hercule Poirot and Miss Marple wannabes. Now through Sept. 7, the John P. McGovern Museum of Health & Medical Science is featuring a hands-on exhibit where would-be sleuths may try their hands at blood typing, fingerprint identification and handwriting analysis.

"Whodunit? The Science of Solving Crime," is a nationally acclaimed forensic mystery exhibit that presents an in-depth look at scientific principles, methods and technologies used by criminal investigators.

The Museum of Health & Medical Science is located at 1515 Hermann Drive, in the heart of Houston's Museum District. Summer hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Free admission from 4 to 7 p.m. on Free Family Thursdays. General admission is \$5 for adults (ages 13-64), \$3 for children (ages 4-12), and \$2 for seniors (ages 65+). All programs are free with paid admission, unless otherwise specified. Group discount rates are available by calling 713-521-1515, ext. 121. For information about programs, call (713) 521-1515 or visit <http://www.museumofhealth.org>.

Six, interactive crime-fighting stations assist museum "sleuths" with exploring the scientific methods and technologies used to solve crimes, including DNA typing, fingerprint and ballistics analysis, forensic anthropology, pathology, entomology and odontology, and in turn, solve the mystery of the robbery that has occurred at the "Memory Diner." Children and adults will test their art skills by sketching a composite drawing of the suspect to match a witness' description and collect, analyze and synthesize data to deduce the various suspects' innocence or guilt.

Local support for "Whodunit?" is provided by John P. McGovern, M.D., the Houston Chronicle and KPRC-Channel 2.

The museum is honoring all firefighters and civilian staff of the Houston Fire Department and local law-enforcement agencies during the "Whodunit?" summer exhibit. Law-enforcement personnel from local police departments, Harris County Sheriff Departments, Highway Patrol and the Federal Bureau of Investigation and personnel from HFD and their families will receive free admission Aug. 23 through 31 when presenting a valid photo I.D. (The HFD or law enforcement member must be present for family members to receive free admission.) ■

"Whodunit?" Mystery Continues With Free Crime-Solving Presentations

Don't miss these Free Family Thursday events at the John P. McGovern Museum of Health & Medical Science relating to the traveling exhibit "Whodunit? The Science of Solving Crime." **July 17, 6:30 p.m.**

Brian Harris, homicide investigator for the Houston Police Department, will discuss interrogation, body language and child fatality investigation. Harris is a 16-year law enforcement veteran and the lead investigator in more than 100 cases. He has a bachelor's degree in law enforcement and police science and a Master Peace Officer License.

July 24, 6:30 p.m.

"Alice's Wonderland of Graphoanalysis" will be presented by Alice Weiser, graphoanalyst, July 24 at 6:30 p.m. Look at handwriting, body language, personality types, facial expressions, birth order and more as you never have before. Weiser has appeared on numerous radio and television talk shows. She has analyzed the Jon Benet Ramsey ransom note on the "Johnny Cochran Court T.V." program, the O.J. Simpson "suicide" note on "ABC Worldwide Teleclips" and the writing of Angel Resendez-Ramirez, the "Railcar Killer." Free Family Thursdays also provide

other detective activities. In the Alcove, kids can create fingerprint art, figure out "Blue's Clues" and create arts and crafts such as police badges, hats and forensic friends. Visit the Sensory Garden to experience a sensory mystery using each of the five senses. Also, in the museum's permanent exhibit, the Amazing Body Pavilion, enjoy a mystery scavenger hunt through a larger-than-life tour of the human body. See "Your Body Makes Sense" in the theater and view mystery videos for all ages on the big screen.

Speaker presentation seating is limited and reservations are recommended. Call (713) 942-7054, ext. 334, for more information.

Need more crime-solving adventure? The McGovern Museum is offering a new adult class entitled the "Body of Evidence." Put your detective skills to the test in this where you become the crime scene investigator and solve a murder mystery. Profile suspects and examine evidence. The class will be held July 15 at 6:30 p.m. The registration fee is \$20. Call (713) 942-7054, ext. 296, for a registration form or visit <http://www.museumofhealth.org>.

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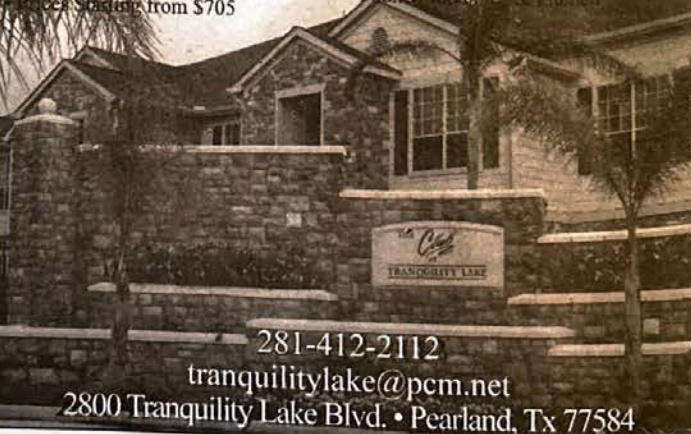
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