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EVENTS

March



March 13-15
Texas Pinball Festival

GRAPEVINE, TX (22 MILES FROM DALLAS) It's all fun and games at this three-day salute to the classic arcade pastime. Not only can you work on your own skills, but you can also watch the pros' fingers fly in the state tournament. Vintage videogames will be on hand, and musical entertainment rounds out the offerings. www.texaspinball.com



March 21-22
Hatsume Fair

DELRAY BEACH, FL (21 MILES FROM WEST PALM BEACH) The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens celebrates the beginning of spring with tea ceremonies, taiko drumming, artisan booths, a bonsai clinic, and martial arts and samurai demonstrations. The 30-year-old festival also presents modern culture with anime screenings and panels. www.morikami.org

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March 14-15
West of Western Culinary Festival

PHOENIX Held at the Phoenix Art Museum, this multisensory festival blends flavorful dishes from top area chefs with works of art, performances and hands-on demonstrations. The highlight is the Grand Tasting, where chefs prepare their signature masterpieces in the museum's outdoor sculpture garden. www.westofwestern.com



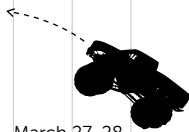
March 23-29
Arnold Palmer Invitational

ORLANDO Returning champion Tiger Woods is likely to be one of many big names at this pro-am golf event two weeks before the Masters—assuming his left knee, operated on last year, is good to go. The legendary Arnold Palmer oversees and directs the entire event, which benefits his foundation that provides medical care to women and children. www.arnoldpalmerinvitational.com



Lobster degustation by
 Chef Michael O'Dowd of Kai
 (Sheraton Wild Horse Pass)

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March 27-28
**Monster Jam
 NGK Spark Plugs
 World Finals**

LAS VEGAS This is the ultimate event for monster truck lovers. Before the showdowns, hang out with drivers at a Friday night barbecue and multiple pit parties. www.monsterjamonline.com



March 26-28
High Museum Atlanta Wine Auction

ATLANTA Atlantic Station will become an oenophile's dream come true. The big-top tents will hold various live and silent auctions, as well as other exciting events—including a gala with dinner and dancing—all to raise money for the city's preeminent art museum. www.atlanta-wineauction.org

Lights, Camera...

This month, the action lies in nontraditional film festivals.

Laidback is the name of the game at **PHILADELPHIA's Backseat Film Festival** (www.backseatfilmfestival.com), which screens upbeat films in all genres, including those by students and locals. This year features a new movie by Adam Rifkin (*Detroit Rock City*). Taking place March 6-15, the event is held at the new 941 Theater and includes free drinks (alcoholic and not).

Dedicated to films that celebrate aviation, the **Reel Stuff Film Festival of Aviation** (www.reelstufffilmfest.com) in **DAYTON, OH** is being hosted by the National Aviation Hall

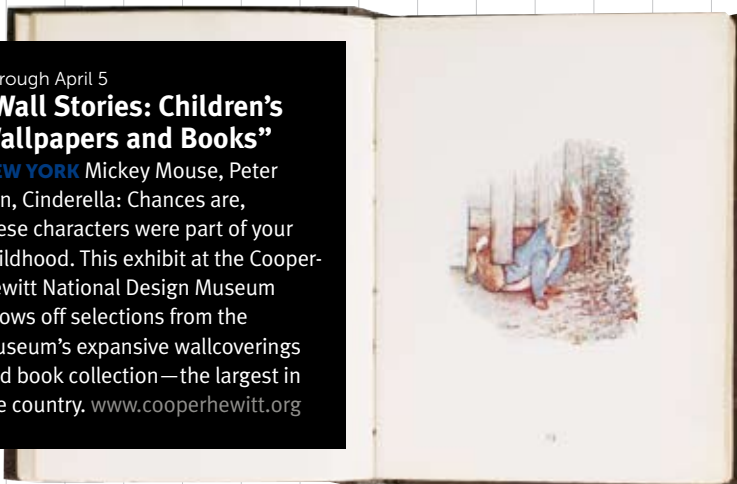


of Fame March 12-15. Classics like *Twelve O'Clock High* (1949, starring Gregory Peck, left) and the more recent *The Flyboys* (2008) are among the 13 screenings, each of which includes a Q&A with producers, stunt pilots or others involved in the films.

Head to **ATLANTA** March 19-22 for the **Women of Color Arts & Film Festival** (www.iyalode-productions.com), which presents films written, produced or directed by women of color from all over the world, including Africa, the Middle East and Asia. There's also an art exhibition and music showcase.

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Through April 5
"Wall Stories: Children's Wallpapers and Books"
NEW YORK Mickey Mouse, Peter Pan, Cinderella: Chances are, these characters were part of your childhood. This exhibit at the Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum shows off selections from the museum's expansive wallcoverings and book collection—the largest in the country. www.cooperhewitt.org



The Tale of Peter Rabbit

March 25-29
The Tennessee Williams/New Orleans Literary Festival

NEW ORLEANS The Big Easy honors the famed playwright who called the city his spiritual home with five days of literature, theater, music, walking tours and other special happenings. Notable authors—including Pulitzer Prize-winners Richard Ford and Rick Bragg—come together for panels and lectures, while a one-act-play competition will satisfy the drama-loving set. www.tennesseewilliams.net



Brooklyn on Foot theater company