

# A Swapping Success

By Susie Cohen

“I always just pray that there is enough to go around,” recalls Austin Mom Belynda Montgomery of the feeling she gets before her annual Clothing Exchange, “and that everyone leaves

Baptist Church. But, she says, this year it seemed like something was decidedly different when it came to community support for her swap. “I think it is growing in popularity. The room

until that morning,” says Montgomery. “They were pleasantly surprised to have the opportunity to get clothes. One woman mentioned that her sister was getting 5 foster children this week and was so glad



This year’s Clothing Exchange at First Baptist Church was the best yet, according to organizer Belynda Montgomery. And she expects it’s going to be even stronger next year.

with what they need.” It’s a worry she’s dealt with since 2009 when she created the first Clothing Exchange to fill a void caused by the closure of the Junior League’s Resale Shop she worked in, that provided families, including many foster families, with a way to exchange their gently used clothes for other items that would be like new to them. On August 27th her sinking feeling was the same as she set up for her third exchange at First

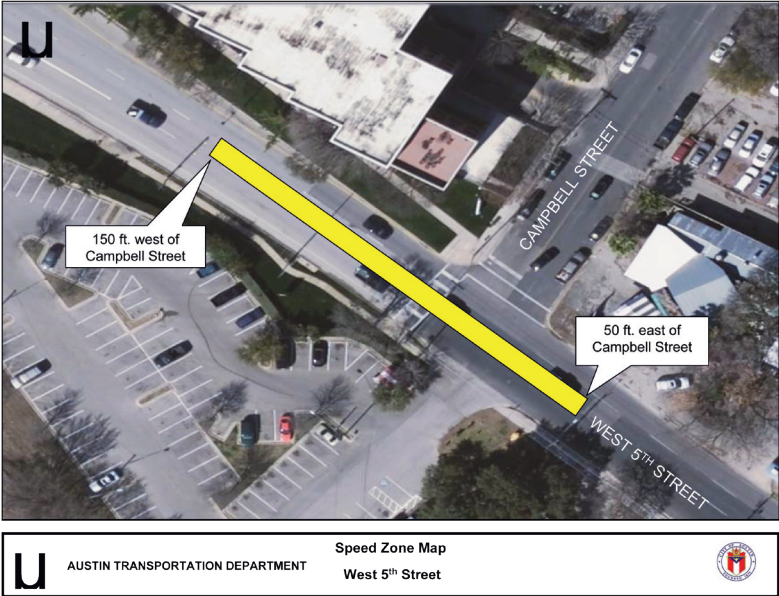
where we collect the things seemed fuller this year,” she said. “In past years, not everyone brought items.” But this year, she added, “Everyone seemed to bring clothes this year so we had lots of leftovers.” She estimates a crowd of about sixty shoppers visited the Exchange, including some folks who hadn’t even heard about it. “Several of the foster families that came were in our church building doing training and did not know about the exchange

to have the opportunity to get things for them.” Montgomery says she and her team of volunteers were also glad to have the opportunity-- to help. “Everyone was just so grateful to have the opportunity to participate,” says Montgomery. “Even my volunteers were happy to be there to shop for their families as well as help others.” That’s a feeling that already has her planning for next year’s exchange.

# Austin High sees changes to School Zone traffic map

By Leslee Bassman

Last week, Austin City Council members approved an ordinance deleting a portion of West 5th Street, in the vicinity of Austin High School, from the city’s designated school zone areas. The consent agenda approval follows recent construction of a permanent traffic signal at the intersection of West 5th and Campbell Streets. The City of Austin School Safety Manual mandates the removal of a reduced speed school zone in situations when such a signal is installed. “The traffic signal provides a greater measure of



This Austin Transportation Department Speed Zone Map of the West 5th Street area surrounding Austin High School shows the designated school zone now made obsolete by the construction of a permanent traffic signal at the intersection of West 5th Street and Campbell Street. Photo exhibit to Item 64, Austin City Council Meeting Agenda, August 25, 2011.

safety,” said Lee Austin, City of Austin Traffic Engineer. “The signal is the gold standard.” Existing signs and flashers in the area of the school zone will be removed.

# One-two-three jump!

By Leslee Bassman

It’s not every day that you see someone spring into Deep Eddy clad in full police gear, weighted gun belts and heavy boots. However, last week, the far lanes of the lap pool provided such entertainment for visitors seeking to cool off in the West Austin landmark. As a requirement for achieving officer status, Austin Police Department cadets completed various swift water training scenarios in the confines of the Deep Eddy pool on Thursday. The event is done annually as part of a four-hour segment of the cadet’s 32-week course. “Pretty much everybody makes it through,” said Senior Police Officer Jason Wolf of the recent water exercises. “It’s a question of self-survival.” Wolf stated that the training is essential for Austin’s police officers who may encounter such rescue situations once rain falls after this summer’s long drought. Additionally, officers may step into a home pool while chasing after a burglar in the dark. For Cadet Erika Valenzuela, the skill is truly invaluable. Valenzuela began the training segment as a non-swimmer; however, through one-on-one training and the encouragement of her fellow cadets, Valenzuela sailed through the recent water exercises. “For someone who has never swum, water is very intimidating,”



Senior Police Officer Jason Wolf (left) looks on as Nicolas Draper (jumping), an APD cadet from Santa Fe, New Mexico, accepts the final challenge of last week’s swift water training exercises held at Deep Eddy. Following lap swimming exercises, the group of APD cadets was required to don full gear including heavy boots and weighted gun belts, jump in to the pool and remove the gear while remaining in the water. “It was actually harder than I expected,” said Draper of the test. “After a few drills and you’re a little bit tired, it’s not so easy.”

said Valenzuela. “I wish I could be better and will keep practicing.” Police staff selected Deep Eddy for its neutral location and ability to segregate the cadets from the pool’s general guests. Following lap swimming and water treading exercises, cadets were required to put on full gear and weighted gun belts, jump in and take off the gear while in the pool. “If they can’t save themselves, then we’re in trouble,” Wolf said.

# Monster carp caught at Watersedge Cove



Last week, while visiting their grandparents home on Watersedge Cove, Cole, Clayton and Will Kocurek caught this huge 20 pound, 32” long carp. Apparently it took all three of them to get the beast onshore. For the benefit of all you other potential carp fishermen, the bait they used was a mixture of Bran Flakes, flour, Mexican vanilla, and Big Red soda pop.

# APD investigates suspicious incident

By Leslee Bassman

Last week, the Austin Police Department was contacted about a white van whose driver appeared to be following a 15-year old girl in the Westlake area. According to APD Cpl. Anthony Hipolito, the girl was jogging alone when her father, on his way to work,

spotted a white van following a few hundred feet behind his daughter. The father became more suspicious when the driver “double backed to follow her.” The teen’s mother was notified of the events by the father, jumped in her vehicle and confirmed the situation. Hipolito stated that the

teenager’s mother was made aware of arrests the driver may have been involved in but was not able to discuss any prior criminal acts with the media as the individual “didn’t commit a crime so there’s nothing for us to investigate.” What can you do to keep your neighborhood safe? “People know their

own neighborhoods better than officers do,” said Hipolito. “Law enforcement encourages people to call in, 9-1-1, if they see something out of the ordinary.” As of the date this issue went to press, Hipolito had not been notified of any similar incident reports in his office.

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# Concordia's fifth annual Excellence in Leadership gala

More than 400 friends of Concordia University Texas came together at the Four Season's on August 26 for the University's fifth annual Excellence in Leadership gala to honor Rebecca Powers, founder of Impact Austin, for her servant leadership and commitment to the Austin community. Following Powers' motivating speech about her inspiration behind creating Impact Austin, a charitable granting organization, guests kicked up their heels and enjoyed good socializing, music and dancing. The event raised more than \$125,000, with net proceeds increasing more than 50 percent over the 2010 event. With these proceeds, Concordia is able to directly support the general scholarship fund.



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# Nature Conservancy hosts Aspen and Santa Fe events

The Nature Conservancy of Texas wisely decided to leave the heat of Austin in August and follow Texans to Aspen, Colorado and Santa Fe, New Mexico for two fun events for Texans away from home.

Texas State Director, Laura Huffman, spoke at both events, which focused on the Conservancy's efforts in Texas, including the record drought and freshwater conservation strategies in both states. Attendees were excited to hear about steps the Conservancy is taking in the areas of land protection, scientific research and legislative policy that will impact the quality and supply

of water for generations to come. In fact, on August 15, Mayor Lee Leffingwell announced a land protection opportunity aided by The Nature Conservancy to protect water in Austin.

The Santa Fe event was held at the home of former Austin resident, Wilson Scanlan. Among the guests were Chris Dial, Jessie Otto Hite and Frank Bash, Duncan and Betty Osborne, and Nancy Scanlan and John C. Watson, who designed the fabulous LEED certified home.

Aspen attendees included Conservancy State Trustee Anne Ashmun with her daughter Laura, Jane

Schweppe, Fredericka and David Middleton, and Conservancy State Trustee Virginia Lebermann who, with John Wotowicz, is serving as the chair of the Annual Voices of Conservation Luncheon set for March 1, 2012 at the Hilton in Austin. The fundraiser will feature Jeff Corwin, The Discovery Channel's Animal Planet host and CNN Planet in Peril correspondent.

For questions, please contact, Terry Quinn, Director of Philanthropy for Central Texas. Tquinn@tnc.org or 512-771-5169



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# Brian Turner



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Brian Turner started learning guitar, taking from legendary Austin teacher Wayne Wood, when he was ten.

That led to his musical debut in a four-piece band at Casis Elementary playing songs like “Born to Be Wild” and “In-a-Gadda-Da-Vida.”

I doubt seriously that when he started taking lessons he knew that someday he would be changing the way the religious songs in his synagogue sounded.

To backtrack a bit, here is a little background about Brian and his family.

His great-grandfather Joe Koen was president of Temple Beth Israel from 1899 until 1944. Brian says that Joe used to stand up in front of the congregation at elections and ask, “Are there any nominees for vice president?”

In fact, one of his contemporaries said that Joe’s one “hobby” in life was Temple Beth Israel.

After his death, Joe was succeeded as president by his son Bill from 1946 to 48 and then Brian’s mother Carolyn Koen Turner was president from

1984 to 1986. She was the first female president.

(Historical note—after Joe’s 45-year tenure in the post which ended with his death, they instituted term limits.)

Brian himself is now the president, making him the fourth member of his family to serve in that role. He is also a substitute cantor for his temple.

Speaking of the music used in the services, Brian says, “Reform Synagogues across the country use the same music and prayer sequence.”

*Two years ago, when he became a substitute cantor, Brian had the idea to put together his own musical version of the service and it came out in this country style.*

Some of the prayers are thousands of years old.

“When the Reform movement came along in the 1820s,” Brian says, “that was the first time that they put music to the prayers.”

As generations went forward, they changed the tunes to go along with the times. In the 1970s, a folk style started being used, with composers like Debbie Friedman making their mark on the songs.

Interestingly, that progression in musical style reflected Brian’s own changes. In the

seventies during his college years at A&M, he was playing some of the College Station area coffee houses, doing folk songs.

During that era Lyle Lovett was appearing in that same circuit of venues and the two young guys became friends.

After that, he was with some rock and blues bands in town and the he started on a quest to fulfill his dream of playing traditional country.

By now, Brian was a well-known attorney in town, but he was keeping his musical career going.

“I did two CDs in the early 2000s—all original music of mine—and I’m still very proud of them.”

Two years ago, when he became a substitute cantor, Brian had the idea to put together his own musical version of the service and it came out in this country style.

The congregants loved it.

He laughs and says that one person came up to him after one of the services and said that they “really liked ‘Shabbat on the Range’ tonight.”

In fact, Brian says that the reaction from the congregation has been almost entirely positive.

One man who Brian has known all his life and was at first a “guitar on the bimah (pulpit) disapprover” finally

drums, Danny Hawk on pedal steel guitar, Alvin Crow on fiddle, Floyd Domino on piano, John Burnett on harmonica, and Leah Zeger doing backup vocals.

(Leah is another story. This recent graduate of UT’s Butler School of Music has already performed with stars like Willie Nelson.)

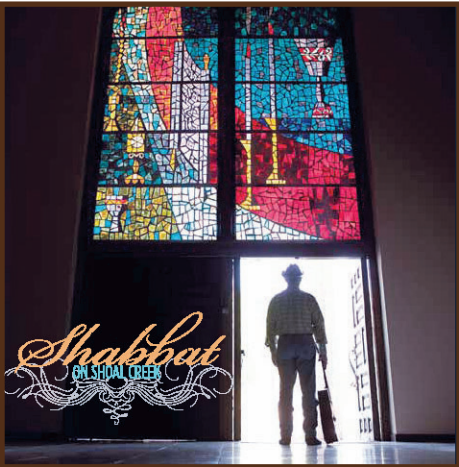
“I wanted to make this CD really special. What’s more, I wanted to give all the proceeds from its sale to the temple.”

Brian says that other than the opening song, a person could do their own Friday night service at home with the CD. That is, after each

all came out in the end.”

Brian says that there will be a CD release party for “Shabbat on Shoal Creek” at Saengerarunde Hall on Sunday, September 11, complete with barbecue and beer.

Brian notes that all the musicians on the CD will be



Brian on the cover of the “Shabbat on Shoal Creek” CD.



This “WhoDo at Hill Country” picture shows Brian with Ruby Jane on fiddle and John Burnett on harmonica. Hill Country is a music venue and restaurant in New York where they played in 2009.



A photo from a Broken Spoke concert. Left to right, Neil Flanz on pedal steel guitar, John Reed (Johnny X) on guitar, Brian on guitar, and Alvin Crown on fiddle. The drummer (hidden) was Willy Scott.

came up to him and said that he had thoroughly enjoyed the service that night and was even tapping his toes along with the music. “That was a major breakthrough.”

Not long after that, David Weiser approached Brian and suggested that he should record the whole service.

Brian took that as all the impetus he needed. He set out to put a band together and do just that.

Brian took his musicians from his two CDs for the project. They included Jimmy Umstattt on bass, Christian Umstattt on

song one could hit the stop button, say a prayer, and then start the next song.

Lots of the songs on the album are pretty challenging for some of the players. They have lots of minor chords and unusual changes, especially for country musicians who are used to three chords and an occasional minor.

“I had certain feels that I wanted on the songs,” Brian says. “On one I wanted a Doug Kershaw feel on the fiddle part and Alvin looked at me like I had three heads. But he was thrilled when it

there except for Leah, who has another engagement, but local legend Susanna Sharp will be doing backup vocals.

“We are doing this as a Jewish community event. It’s a release party for our work, but all three of Austin’s largest congregations will be participating and hosting. Rabbi Neil Blomofe at Agudas Achim is an accomplished musician and he will have some of his CDs for sale. Also, the cantor Abby Gostein at Temple Beth Shalom is an excellent signer and she will perform and offer her CDs, too.”






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# Value of a dirty dollar bill



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When your kids become old enough to participate in middle school ministry, it can be an exciting time for you and your children. When young people have young adults teaching them about the Bible and Godly traits in a way that exudes fun and enthusiasm, it's a combination that cannot be matched. Who said God is not exciting? He is. Think of all the Biblical adventures you've heard about in your lives.

*“As the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.”*

Colossians 3:13

During a recent Sunday confirmation gathering for sixth graders, one of our youth ministry leaders, Nathan Strange, was teaching the group of adolescents about how God sees our value. He held up a \$20 bill and said, “How much is this worth?” They all replied, “Twenty dollars.” Then he crumpled it and asked the same question. He got the same answer. Then he soaked it in a muddy bowl and held it up. The kids were confused and wondered if it had to be cleaned first before it was worth anything. “No, it's still worth \$20, even if you bring it to the bank just like this,” said Nathan.

Then Nathan brought up another fact many of the kids and I have never heard. “Even if it's ripped or some of it is torn off, as long as you have more than half left, you can return it for it's full value.” The boys, girls, and I were stumped. We had all heard you could tape part of it, but even if some of it is gone, we can still get the full value?

Nathan pointed out that God never sees us as less than what we are worth to Him. To Him, we are priceless, no matter how crumpled, dirty, torn, or even when much of us is missing and just simply gone. He talked about how he used to think God had a barter system and if he worked really hard, then maybe God would forgive Nathan for all the things he did that were not so great.

God tells us over and over that there is no system. If we ask, we are simply forgiven and there's nothing we can do to make Him be “more forgiving”, “less forgiving”, or “unforgiving”. The only thing we need to do is forgive others, because we are all of value to God.

## Heat (or something) keeps crime relatively low

### The week that was in crime, Sunday, August 21 – Saturday, August 28

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:**  
*“If I knew I was going to die at a specific moment in the future, it would be nice to be able to control what song I was listening to; this is why I always bring my iPod on airplanes.”*  
—Chuck Klosterman

#### TARRYTOWN Sunday, August 21

1:43 a.m. — A pinko commie got a DWI on Reynolds Drive after drinking Vodka at Red Seven.  
4:40 p.m. — A 57-year-old man was arrested for being drunk inside Food Food on Exposition.  
8:00 p.m. — Criminal mischief on Schulle Avenue.  
9:00 p.m. — Criminal mischief at the corner of Windsor and Exposition.

**Monday, August 22**  
1:26 a.m. — A 26-year-old man resisted arrest when cops on West Avenue ttake him in for public intoxication, and added a resisting arrest entry to his dossier.  
11:11 a.m. — Some kind of car was abandoned on Windsor Road.  
3:08 p.m. — Home break-in on Hartford Road.

**Tuesday, August 23**  
2:27 a.m. — A 23-year-old woman got a DWI on Jefferson Street.  
7:00 a.m. — Criminal mischief on West 35th Street.  
8:09 p.m. — A suspicious person was reported on Greenlee Drive.  
10:15 p.m. — A 22-year-old man drunkenly wrecked his car as was awarded a DWI on Highland Avenue.



In part 1 of a 2-part themed

recommendation, your West Austin News Crime Report Movie Recommendation is “Dig!” a documentary currently streaming on Netflix about the lovable drunks in Brian Jonestown Massacre and the self-serious jokers in the Dandy Warhols. Great music and even greater shenanigans. Joel is my leader.

#### Wednesday, August 24

2:45 a.m. — An Upson Street family got into it.  
8:10 a.m. — A woman was harassed online and reported it in the real world on West 1st Street.  
9:00 a.m. — Apartment break-in on Waterston Avenue.  
3:30 p.m. — A legal company on Exposition was broken into.  
7:00 p.m. — Car burglary on Lorrain Street.  
7:02 p.m. — A man was threatened so severely on Baylor Street that it rated as an assault.  
10:00 p.m. — Car burglary on Highland Avenue.  
10:00 p.m. — Car burglary on Blanco Street.  
11:34 p.m. — A 25-year-old woman got the week's first West 6th D-Dub.

**Thursday, August 25**  
12:07 a.m. — A 26-year-old woman encored her shortly after.  
1:30 a.m. — Car burglary on Marshall Lane.  
2:00 a.m. — Car burglary on Robertson Street.  
2:15 a.m. — A 24-year-old man is in a heap of trouble after getting a West 6th D-Dub and not hiding his weed quite good enough.

4:00 a.m. — Car burglary on Lorrain Street.  
11:33 p.m. — A woman just 4 days from turning 42 was arrested for DWI on Blanco Street. She had both weed and cocaine in her possession, and had spent her night at Fado's.

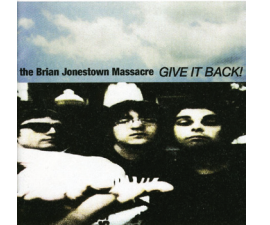
**Friday, August 26**  
12:04 a.m. — Someone was harassed on Spring Lane.  
12:56 a.m. — A 36-year-old woman got a DWI on West 1st Street.

**Saturday, August 27**  
No crime. At least no crime reported on the APD site.

**NORTHWEST AUSTIN  
Sunday, August 21**  
2:30 p.m. — Someone was being stalked on Hart Lane.

**Monday, August 22**  
9:00 a.m. — Another incident a few blocks down Hart Lane.  
4:43 p.m. — A family fight required legal mediation on North Hills Drive.

**Tuesday, August 23**  
12:58 p.m. — Hit and run on West 38th Street.



Part 2, comin' up. My personal favorite Brian Jonestown Massacre album is “Give it Back!” which starts with the awesome “Super-Sonic” and includes another favorite “Whoever You Are” as well as Dandy dis track “Not If You Were The Last Dandy On Earth.”

**Wednesday, August 24**  
5:45 a.m. — Car burglary on Balcones Drive.  
9:55 a.m. — Car burglary on Hancock Drive.  
7:30 p.m. — A stolen credit card was used to buy oh so delicious groceries at the HEB on Village Center Drive.

**Thursday, August 25**  
3:14 p.m. — Another harassment took place, this time over on Balcones.  
7:18 p.m. — A 35-year-old woman was too drunk to be publicly visible and was cited for it on Bull Creek Road. She also got a little unspecified mischief.  
10:00 p.m. — A bike was stolen off the back of a Honda Civic on Wood Hollow Drive.  
11:00 p.m. — Car burglary on Hancock Drive.  
11:30 p.m. — Car burglary up on Mount Bonnell.

**Friday, August 26**  
3:43 a.m. — A 58-year-old man got his second lifetime DWI after he was pulled over up on Mount Bonnell Drive.  
11:40 a.m. — Someone ran the tab at 3 Graces Spa on Balcones, hopefully in their towel.

**Saturday, August 27**  
Another crime-free day that is probably just a work-free day for the APD transcriber.

#### WESTLAKE Sunday, August 21

4:28 a.m. — An apartment's door was kicked in at a complex on Barton Skyway.  
2:25 p.m. — Theft on Barton Springs Road.  
2:30 p.m. — Car burglary on Barton Springs Road.  
5:20 p.m. — Theft on William Barton Drive.  
11:08 p.m. — A family fought on Westlake Drive and had to involve the authorities.

**Monday, August 22**  
No crime. Buy one of those \$30 Rice Tickets for an underprivileged youth that can stand the heat.



I'm going to leave the Rangers to

fend for themselves and use my dark powers to aid the moribund-yet-still-able-to-momentarily-inspire-hope Texas Longhorns. I've got a nice pair of custom boots from betting against the train wreck last year, but I'll wait to pronounce these guys losers til we see a few weeks of contact. So I place my hex on Dicky Moegle, Bert Emanuel, and the dietary staple of millions around the world: Rice.

**Tuesday, August 23**  
2:24 p.m. — Zilker Canoe Rental reported stolen money.  
4:00 p.m. — Hit and run on Andrew Zilker Road.  
4:10 p.m — Someone was harassed on Capital of Texas Highway.

**Wednesday, August 24**  
10:09 a.m. — Hit and run on the kinda Roman-sounding Via Fortuna.  
6:00 p.m. — Criminal mischief on Spyglass Drive.

**Friday, August 25**  
3:00 p.m. — Criminal mischief again on Spyglass Drive.  
10:44 p.m. — Theft on William Barton Drive.

**THAT'S A FACT!**  
From 1912 to 1948, the Olympics awarded medals in Architecture, Literature, Music, Painting and Sculpture. Hungarian Alfred Hajos won 2 gold medals in swimming in the 1896 Athens games, then silver in architecture in the 1924 Paris games.

\*\*\*That's a Fact is something random I learned over the last week\*\*\*

Written by  
Todd Hilliard

## Austin Children's Choir kicks off season with new home, new director

By Alana Moehring Mallard



Austin Children's Choir members Miles and Madeleine prepare for their first concert of the season.

Long-time local favorite Austin Children's Choir began rehearsals last month at Highland Park Baptist Church, with its new artistic director, Garret Martin. Martin is director of music ministries and organist at Highland Park Baptist.

“We are so thrilled to be here,” said Carron Whittaker, chair of the board of Austin Children's Choir, at Sunday's first concert of the year. “We know our children will thrive here.”

About 25 Austin Children's Choir members, robed in red vestments, sang on Sunday with Highland Park's adult choir. Guest musicians included organist Stephan Griffin, horn players Kurt Kumme and Tyler Loofs, and harpist Hedda Elias.

“I am pleased to have recently been named artistic director of Austin Children's

Choir, and we will rehearse at Highland Park each Thursday evening,” said Martin. Contact Martin at 931-409-3839 or garrettmartin@hotmail.com for information about auditions for the choir, which serves children ages 6 through 18. Assistant director of Austin Children's Choir is Chris Baker.

Concerts this month by Austin Children's Choir are on Sept. 10 at Austin Museum of Art; Sept. 12 at Austin City Hall; and Sept. 25 at Highland Park Baptist in an afternoon service as Martin is installed as Highland Park's minister of music ministries and organist. Austin Children's Choir got its start under Concordia

University music professor Dr. Bernie Gastler in 1986. Gastler served as director until his retirement in 1995.

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# Anderson takes Taco Shack Bowl in hard fought win

By G.W. Ball

High school football kicked off the 2011 season on Thursday night when neighborhood rivals Anderson Trojans and McCallum Knights faced off against each other. The annual Taco Shack Bowl at House Park was played before a packed house. Both teams showed early season nerves which resulted in drive stopping fumbles.

Anderson got on the scoreboard first when Justin Montemayor lunged into the end zone with a pass from Quarterback Shawn Webster. Kicker Bradley Wilkins added the extra point and gave Anderson a 7 to 0 lead with 8:33 left in the first quarter.

Neither team could maintain control of the ball long enough to score again until McCallum kicked a field goal just before the end of the first half.

Leading 7 to 3 at the start of the second half, Anderson needed only two minutes to increase the lead when Deryl Bunton scored on a run through the middle. The

PAT was blocked and left the Trojans leading 13 to 3. The lead was extended to 16 to 3 when Wilkins kicked a field goal with 6:30 left in the third quarter. The Knights got back into the game with 3:00 left in the third quarter when Deon Price scored on a long touchdown pass. The score after three quarters was 16 to 10 in favor of Anderson.

The defenses played a bigger part of the game in the final quarter, causing fumbles that kept both teams from scoring. Late in the fourth quarter, McCallum started driving toward another score but the drive was stopped when Justin Montemayor intercepted a pass with 0:40 left on the clock. The Trojans ran out the clock and captured the Taco Shack Bowl trophy. The victory was the first for new Head Coach Bill Ramzinsky.

Coach Ram was Offensive Co-ordinator of the Trojans last year when the team had the most successful season of the school's history.



Justin Montemayor (#2) scores the first touchdown of the 2011 season for the Trojans.

## St. Andrew's Beats St. Mary's in Opening Game

In a game that pitted future SPC football rivals, the St. Andrew's Crusaders crushed the Saint

Mary's Hall Barons 35-2 on Friday night, August 26, in San Antonio to begin the football season 1-0. The Cru offense got off to a very slow start, but fortunately the defense kept them in the game. The Barons were first on the scoreboard after a backwards pass was recovered in the end zone by the Crusaders. The Crusaders played a stifling defense shutting out

the Barons and keeping them out of potentially good field position the entire night.

The Crusaders always managed great field positions and were able to take advantage once the offense got rolling. The first Crusaders score of the night came on a nice pass from quarterback Preston Dewey to Shea Petrick. Petrick would score twice on the night and was named the Offensive player of the week.

Other scores came on a 35 yard scamper from Brandon Hawkins, a 30 yard pass

from Dewey to Max Jones who made a great catch in the corner of the end zone, and the final score of the night came when Andrew McNvale took the ball in himself on a 10 yard run. McNvale was able to score after long runs from Robert Hunter put the Crusaders in great scoring position.

The defense was the talk of the game. Jacob Ybarra who was named the Defensive player of the week made some outstanding plays. He wasn't alone as many of the

other Crusaders stepped it up making plays when the Cru needed them. Carter Reed was 5-5 on PATs. All in all, it was an outstanding team effort.

Next the Crusaders face Regents in a SWP rival game! Congratulations to Head Coach Ty Detmer and his incredible staff: Aaron Collins (TE's) Judd Johns (RB's), Colin Lowry (DB's/Secondary/ Special Teams), Taylor Stewart (Defensive Coordinator), and Charlie Tanner (OL/DL).

## St. Michael's battles Lehman Lobos

The St. Michael's Crusaders opened their 2011 football season at home in front of a packed house on Friday night against the Lehman High School Lobos from Kyle. The Crusaders start 2011 coming off an 11-2 record the previous year and having a 30-5 record over the past three seasons. The Lobos came to Crusader stadium trying to avenge a 35-13 loss to the Crusaders in 2010.

The Lobos scored first on a 12 yard run by Levi Medley (Gonzales kick good). Defensively, the Crusaders adjusted nicely holding the Lobos to 7 points in the first quarter. For the Crusaders in the second quarter, the defense limited the Lobos to short runs between the 20s although the Crusaders still couldn't get untracked

offensively. The Lobos finally took advantage completing an 11 yard pass from QB Anguiano to receiver Riojas for a touchdown. St. Michael's finally got on the board with a 36 yard field goal by Raul Allegre to finish out the first half down 13-3.

The Crusaders quickly scored in the third quarter after a sustained drive when receiver Walker Drewett took a handoff from QB Cameron Waites, running 14 yards for a Crusader touchdown. The blocked conversion made the score 13-9. Lehman had one more scoring possession in the fourth quarter when Medley tossed a halfback pass behind the Crusader secondary for a 38 yard touchdown. The final score was 20-9.

The Crusaders were led

by senior QB Cameron Waites who threw 20 times, connecting on 10, for 132 yards while also rushing 12 times for 37 yards.

Quinta Goode ran for 23 yards on 9 carries. Leading receivers for St. Michael's were

Bryce Peters with three receptions for 50 yards, Tyler Paul (2-29), Reed Carlton (2-26) and Walker Drewett (1-25). Defensively, the Crusaders were led by Zack Balaguer with 11 tackles, Eri Amezcu with 10 tackles and 1 sack and Vinny Whitenight with 9 tackles.

The Crusader's next opponent is Austin Reagan High School this coming Friday September 2 at 7:30 p.m. at Nelson Field.

## Regents battles St. Stephens, 34-23

The Knights from Regents School of Austin kicked off their 2011 varsity football season with a tough 34-23 victory over their neighbor Spartans from St. Stephens.

Regents scored the following two touchdowns in a matter of minutes on a Meynig 1-yard plunge and a Dawson Gamble 69 yard interception return for a score. Entering halftime,

quarter. With under 3 minutes to play, Regents faced a 4th down and 4 from its own 46 yard line. Instead of punting, Regents rolled the dice and went for it. "Coach Carter



Andrew Meynig #8, Ben Adams #6, and Caleb Kyle #64

St. Stephens opened the scoring with a 30-yard Colin Spears field goal mid-way through the first quarter. Regents responded soon thereafter when Knights QB Andrew Meynig connected with Joseph Benigno on a 43-yard touchdown pass giving Regents the early 6-3 lead.

The second quarter produced most of the fireworks on the evening when St. Stephens QB Adam Wallace scored on two quick possessions on runs of 9 and 12 yards. Mid-way through the second quarter, the Spartans held a 16-6 lead.

Regents led 21-16. "I felt like St. Stephens really outplayed us in the first half, so taking the lead late in the second quarter was a momentum shifter for us," stated Regents Head Coach Beck Brydon.

In the third quarter, Regents' Gamble added another touchdown on a 20-yard run while darting through the Spartan's secondary. St. Stephens' Wallace answered the score on a 6-yd run of his own, narrowing the Regents lead to 28-23.

Solid defense by both teams defined the fourth

[Offensive Coordinator] was confident in his offense's ability to pick up the first down, so we gave it shot. St. Stephens played it well, but Dawson broke the one tackle he needed to not only pick up the first down, but to finish off the 54-yard touchdown run," Brydon stated.

Regents Defensive Back Cole Gilmore closed out the game when he intercepted a Wallace pass to end the final St. Stephens threat.

Regents hosts St. Andrews this Friday at 7:00 p.m. while St. Stephens hosts Hyde Park at 7:30 p.m.

## Second half comeback not enough for Austin High as Waco Runs away with the victory

By Nabil Remadna

WACO- 221 yards! But it was not a players stats, instead it was the yards of penalties in the game. In a game plagued (and I mean that in every possible way) by penalties and bad calls Austin High fell short in their first game of the season . After having 2 punt returns by wide receiver Cayleb Jones called back and another by quarterback Michael Clawson it seemed as if the football gods, or just the referees, didn't want Austin to win.

Austin High came out with an impressive drive to open the game but couldn't get past the opponent's 39 and were forced to punt. Waco then struck first with a 70 yard scamper by running back Darrell Harris. Waco would then score again before Austin could answer. Cayleb Jones would line up in shotgun for what looked like the "Wild Maroon" and take off for a 9 yard touchdown. Waco would answer with 2 more

touchdowns to end the half.

Waco would strike first in the second half but the Maroons came out firing. Clawson hit Isaiah Jones for a diving14 yard TD pass in the corner of the end zone. After a quick defensive stop Clawson would run in for a 13 yard touchdown. Waco then struck again on another Harris Touchdown. The fired up offense again would drive down the field to the 1 yard line where once again Cayleb Jones would line up at quarterback and find his younger brother Isaiah for a 1 yard TD pass. Austin High would then open the 4th quarter with a quick TD, Michael Clawson found Cayleb Jones for a 4 yard TD pass. Waco would score another TD and field goal to end the game. The final result was Waco 52, Austin High 35.

Although suffering their first loss of the season the Maroons have a lot to look up to before district play

begins. Quarterback, Michael Clawson, led the rushing attack with 58 yards and a very impressive 373 yards through the air with a rushing touchdown and passing as well. Also, lets not forget about the Jones brothers, both are a very big part of this teams offense and proved so in this game. Cayleb Jones , the Texas bound receiver , had 26 yards rushing, threw a touchdown, scored 2 touchdowns, and racked up 146 yards receiving while his younger brother racked up 145 yards receiving and also scored 2 touchdowns. Other kudos go to receiver Charles Schneider 3-46, receiver Sid Martin 5-37, and lets not forget about the special teams play of kickoff specialist Drew Shimberg who had 6 touchbacks and kept Waco pinned deep on kickoffs. If Austin can find a way to spark their defense watch out this team could mature over the next couple of games and beat a lot of teams.

## St. Michael's volleyball recap

The St. Michael's Varsity Volleyball team was in action this past weekend at the Leander ISD Volleypalooza tournament. After a rough start on Thursday, the team began to hit its stride and finished strong to win second place in the bronze bracket of the tournament. The Lady Crusaders young team defeated McCallum and Bastrop on Saturday before dropping a three set

heartbreaker to UIL 4A Willis in the bronze championship. Congratulations to Coach Faulkner and the team.

The St. Michael's Junior Varsity and Freshman Volleyball teams played home games against Gateway this past week. The JV played amazing in their defeat of Gateway's varsity team, beating them in two games. Strong serving and relent-

less pursuit on defense were key in the victory. There is much potential in the program and everyone is off to a great start. Coach Buitron feels the team's extra effort against a varsity team really showed how much they can accomplish. The Freshman played Gateway's JV team and defeated them in two games. Tons of talent and pride were shown in the victory.



# Block schedule big change at McCallum

By Alana Moehring Mallard

When McCallum High kids came back to school last week they had a schedule change to get used to. “Our big change this year is that we’ve gone to a block schedule for the first time,” said McCallum principal Mike Garrison. “We’re off to a good start. Teachers are adjusting their curriculum, and students

social studies and coaches tennis. Patrick Bailey from Calallen High in Corpus Christi teaches English and coaches varsity football. Assistant principal Sophia Sherline replaces George Llewellyn who moved to Lamar Middle School as principal. Sherline comes from Travis and Pearce. Larry Featherstone is also a new assistant principal,

High, teaches English. Sarah Hathaway moved from a credit recovery teaching assistant to a credit recovery teacher. McCallum starts the year with about 1,800 students, a full house. “We’re looking forward to future bond issues,” said Garrison. “We have a campus master plan to increase our classrooms.” Just completed at



McCallum administrative team Larry Featherstone, Andy Baxa, Mike Claypool, Sophia Sherline, Gabe Reyes, and Mike Garrison.

are getting used to A day and B day schedules.” Other changes include a few new teachers. Catelynn Torok is a first year teacher who teaches

coming to McCallum in January from Benton Harbor, Michigan, where he was athletic director and an administrator. Nikki Northcutt, from Anderson

McCallum is the new McCallum Arts Center, with its grand opening slated for Sept. 30. Besides a 527-seat theater, the arts center includes three art studios.

# St. Stephen’s students tag mountain lions

Each summer, a group of 15 St. Stephen’s students spend the month of June in the Davis Mountains as part of St. Stephen’s Summer Internship Program, supervised by biology teacher, Johnny Wilson. The school has a long-standing partnership with the Texas Nature Conservancy and students live and work on

(mountain lion) study in the Davis Mountains. Students assisted in the capture of a young female puma, collected the data and placed a GPS collar on the animal. The collar uploads the coordinates of the lion’s position to satellites six times a day. Students were then able to view the data on Google



Students observing and recording data from sedated puma

The Davis Mountain Nature Preserve. Students are involved in volunteer conservation projects and in wildlife research with graduate students under the supervision of Dr. Louis Harveson at Sul Ross University. In the past students have worked on feral hog, Montezuma quail, turkey, herpetology, beetle and forestry research projects. This summer, students had the opportunity to work with Ron Thompson, a wildlife biologist who specializes in large carnivores, on a puma

earth and identify possible kill sites. Students hiked to the locality and documented what the puma had killed. This kind of data is invaluable in learning about the ecology and supporting the long term survival/ conservation of these remarkable and important animals. Students are able to monitor the movements of the pumas on a daily basis from their computers and will continue to be involved with this project throughout the coming year.



Captured young (approx. 15 month old) female puma.

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# Morning coffee at Doss: Planet Doss, Doss Data, Doss Bikes

By Alana Moehring Mallard

Doss principal Janna Griffin hosted her first PTA coffee of the school year last week, and about 150 parents, toddlers and infants filled the cafeteria to hear from Griffin, assistant principal Katie Pena, and counselor Beverly Throm. Joanie Frieden and

a school that feeds into Murchison’s International Baccalaureate program. “One of our goals is to prepare our students for the IB program at Murchison,” said Griffin. And she was delighted when a parent in the audience asked if parents could help

walks through these doors can be very successful.” Students will see a new test this year, STAR, which is more rigorous, said Griffin. A new bike to school program from Boltage may help take some of the pressure off drop-off and pick-up



Doss PTA moms, kids and staff at Doss' first PTA coffee.

Veronica Divine organized the PTA coffee, and kept the little ones entertained with a couple of coloring tables. First order of business was to dedicate the new Planet Doss mural that covered one end of the cafeteria – a colorful representation of continents and countries with a Doss Owl cruising out of Texas and over the Atlantic Ocean. Doss parent Jennifer Ayers painted the mural to capture Doss Elementary’s One World emphasis as

with the program, which will emphasize global learning and international language. Doss counselor Beverly Throm encouraged parents to take a one-hour training course and become a mentor at Doss, spending 30 minutes a week with a student; and assistant principal Katie Pena presented Doss Elementary’s exemplary TAKS scores. “Doss reached the highest level possible,” said Griffin. “We are a high achieving school. Every child who

traffic and parking, which is spilling into a shopping center across Far West. The Boltage program encourages biking or walking to school and logs each student’s miles with sensors. The program will kick off with a bike rodeo, said PTA president Shanda Breazeale. Griffin is hopeful that the Boltage program will encourage more walking, which will help Doss with its requests for neighborhood sidewalks and crosswalks.

# Spartans Volunteer 1000 Hours

Breakthrough Gets Fit volunteers from St. Stephen’s Episcopal School hit the 1000 hour mark this summer as they helped out with the Breakthrough program at The University of Texas. Breakthrough Austin is a nonprofit that mentors several hundred underprivileged sixth through twelfth graders, helping them be the first in their families to apply for and attend college. For the second year, St. Stephen’s volunteers – the Spartan Runners – have

facilitated a fitness component to the academic day during the six week intensive academic preparation program that the Breakthrough students undergo at The University of Texas. For a couple of hours each weekday, the Spartan Runners supply water, athletic equipment, lead warm ups and fitness stations, and facilitate games such as soccer, capture the flag, and freeze tag. Their physical fitness workout is fun socially and provides both physical and mental stimulation.



Left to right–Julian Johnson, Helen Tschurr, Leslie Rice, Matthew Rice, Ben West, Charles Cochran, Ciran Dean-Jones

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# Outrunning Injury

By Martha DeGrasse

West Austin runners Jason Lippman and Carrie Delbecq haven't worried too much about the heat during their 10 to 40 mile runs this summer. That's because they do most of their running before the sun is up, rising at 2:00 or 3:00 am to begin their treks. Lippman and Delbecq have logged thousands of miles during recent years, but they don't run traditional marathons. They're trail runners, and their quest for new terrain has taken them as far away as Colorado. Amazingly, Delbecq says that her miles of off-road adventures have never produced much more than a slightly twisted ankle or skinned knee, and that most of her fellow trail runners also report very low rates of injury. She attributes this to the fact that trail running forces the runner to use a variety of muscles in order to maintain balance, and that the impact of each step is lower on soft surfaces than on pavement. "On the trail you're not always pounding down on the same muscles," says Delbecq.

Physical therapist Bob Kunkel has focused on sports injuries during most of his 30 year career, and he agrees that runners who hit the trail can decrease their risk of injury. But he points out that this will

be true only if the runner has good form and is able to effectively use different muscles. For any runner, Kunkel says the key to good form is strengthening the core muscles. "There has been good research to show that working core muscles including transverse abdominus, internal obliques, and pelvic floor muscles reduces risk of injury," says Kunkel. "It not only helps prevent injuries, I have had runners email me months after finishing rehab describing better performance, personal bests, etc." Exercises that strengthen the core muscles include pilates, yoga and some weight training. Many distance runners find their sport to be time consuming and do not feel they have the time to add a new exercise regime to strengthen core muscles. But others have found that trading in one of their weekly runs for a yoga or pilates session can actually improve their running times.

Many serious West Austin runners train with Gilbert Tuhabonye, the former national champion runner who is now head track coach at St. Andrew's High School. For nearly two years Gilbert's Gazelles has offered free weekly yoga classes to its members.



Team Rogue Ultra 15 minutes before the 4 am start of their race. Left to right: Sydney Pitt, Carrie Delbecq, Jason Lippman, Lesley Hempfling, David Springer, Ken Fries, John Peck, Mo Forshee, and Matt Heininger.

Michael Madison of Gilbert's Gazelles says getting his runners in and out of marathons without injury is all about keeping their core muscles strong. Last year he says that 41 of the 42 gazelles who signed up to run the Boston Marathon successfully completed the training and made the trip. "That they qualified for Boston - and stayed healthy throughout the training - can be directly attributed to a commitment of maintaining

a strong core," says Madison. The strong core is "absolutely essential for trail runners, according to Running Times Magazine. That's because the abdominal and lower back muscles support balance and resilience, and help absorb the impact of descents. But trail runners may be even less likely than traditional marathoners to cross train. "Due do to our high running mileage it's not often realistic with limited time and (with)

family commitments," says Delbecq. Delbecq just completed Colorado's Leadville 100 mile Race in 28 hours and 32 minutes. She was the 24th female finisher overall. Team leader Jason Lippman completed the race in less than 25 hours, beating a key benchmark for long distance trail runners. His wife Angie, Carrie's husband Paul, and fellow West Austin runners Courtney Houston and Amy Skudlarczyk all

traveled to Colorado to run parts of the race in support of Team Rogue Ultra. Race entrants are allowed to have an "escort" after mile 50, so friends and family can join them to help them run over dangerous mountain passes during the night. Fewer than half the contestants who started this race actually finished, but 8 out of the 9 members of Team Rogue Ultra completed the race.

# Hot Race, Cool Party

By Martha DeGrasse and Katie Moran

1,600 Austin runners gave new meaning to the phrase "pounding the pavement" this summer to raise money for a cause they care about. Despite the 102 degree heat, Austinites ran 5K on the streets near Lady Bird

brick was installed with her name at Lou Neff Point. Since Maida Draker played the piano, Joe was thrilled when one of the trail's pianos was installed right by her brick. "My 2 year old sat there and banged away in her honor

Derick Williamson broke the tape in just 15 minutes and 53 seconds, and his wife Kelly Williamson led the women with a time of 17:23. Money raised by the event is being used to beautify and enhance The Town Lake Trail. The Foundation is planting carefully chosen Central Texas trees including live oaks, desert willows and yaupon hollies, and removing non-native trees, old hackberries and trees that are near the end of their growth cycles. Already this year, the Trail Foundation has helped widen the Johnson Creek Trailhead and added a retaining wall and stairs leading down to the lake. Next will come rainwater gardens and new water fountains, with the Trail staying open during all construction.



Griffin Davis, Katie Moran, Susan Rankin, Joe Draker and Christopher Kennedy

Lake to support the Town Lake Trail Foundation. The Seventh Annual Maudie's Moonlight Margarita Run on June 16 had record turnout and record temperatures, and the Gala after the race sold out in advance. Racers who were quick enough to secure a ticket to the Gala wore a yellow wristband during the run and headed up the hill afterwards to the American Legion Hall of Honor for Maudie's Mexican food and margaritas. Maudie's owner Joe Draker says his business is privileged to be the title sponsor of this event each year. "The opportunity to support Roberta Crenshaw's vision -- interurban green space -- is a real honor," says Draker, "What a tremendous gift to city livers." Draker also has a very personal tie to the trail. After his mother passed away a couple of years ago, a

recently," says Draker. And Draker notes that Austinites can feel much better about indulging at Maudie's with the Trail so close at hand. "Maudie's and the Trail are kinda like yin and yang," he says. "Yin the calories in and yang them out at the Trail." That yin and yang happened in the opposite order on race night, with runners working up an appetite during the 5K run and satisfying it afterwards at the Gala across the street. The first party goes showed up within half an hour of the starting gun, with several racers finishing even faster. The overall race winners were a married couple:



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# Back to School Concerns Over Coffee

By Susie Cohen

Before her boys even experienced their first day of school at West Austin’s Hill Elementary, Mom Amanda Cagle could see some changes and possible problems ahead for them and her.

“Because Hill had gone from six buses to four buses and our bus got moved from a cul-de- sac to a busy intersection with no sidewalk and near a sex offender’s home,” said Cagle.

“Safety is a primary concern,” Torres told the group. “I don’t wanna be reading about this in the paper that some child was hurt when we could have done something.”

But, he added, the solutions were not as simple, and a lot more political, than it may seem.

“We deal with the money the legislature gives us,” explained Torres. “If they

three years now,” he explained. “The current thinking is the next legislature is going to be worse than this one. No one is going to want to raise taxes or increase funding to schools. If that happens, it’s going to get worse.”

Torres told the crowd that his team was already working proactively to prevent future problems.

“We’re working to make it not hurt as much,” he said. But



AISD Board of Trustee’s Vince Torres (standing) and Hill Elementary’s Principal Beth Ellis (seated in front) field questions and provide insight to parents attending the first Coffee With The Principal event of the year.

After making numerous calls to the District and not finding the answers she needed, Cagle decided to take her concerns to the first-of-the-year Coffee with the Principal event at Hill.

“Our bus is now overcrowded,” she told a crowd of parents who united to talk to and listen to the latest from Hill Principal Beth Ellis and special guest AISD school board trustee Vince Torres.” There are more than three kids per seat.”

Overcrowding, overheating, and safety issues on area school buses during this record breaking heat wave, were two of the top concerns parents shared with an empathetic Ellis and Torres.

told us back in the spring we might’ve had time to do some of these things. We only knew in June . Now we can do all we can to work within that time frame.”

So, instead of having the summer to iron out bus routes and other issues the group raised, Torres said, “We were very cramped for time trying to get things resolved within a few weeks. When you only have so much money and so much time you have to work with what they give you.”

For those parents who thought the budget situation for the school and district couldn’t get worse, Torres bad news to them.

“We’ve been anticipating changes to the legislature for

he also added that the District couldn’t do it alone.

“ I think we’re going to have to be raising property taxes in the next 12 to 24 months.,” said Torres. “I’ve been against it. But I really think we’re at that point now.”

He asked the audience, “How many of you would be willing to pay more taxes?”

In a show of hands, the crowd seemed to support a possible tax for the future.

“I appreciate this information. All this input will help,” said Torres.

Cagle couldn’t agree more. “The more people you talk to,” she explains, “The more quickly things will get resolved.”

# Prepped for UT Football Season

By Paige Alam

The University of Texas football season begins this Saturday and fans are ready to roll, and it doesn’t hurt that many West Austin kids had a brush with UT football greats from the past,



Jordan Shipley, a former UT wide receiver and current Cincinnati Bengals wide receiver, returned to WAYA this summer to offer tips to local kids.



Current Casis first grader John Houston gets tips from Jordan Shipley at one of his football camps over the past two years. Hundreds of West Austin kids are excited about the start of the UT season this weekend.

present, and future over the summer.

The West Austin Youth Association hosted a two-day football camp put on by Cincinnati Bengals wide receiver Jordan Shipley and his father, longtime high school

football coach Robert “Bob” Shipley. Special guests who helped at the camp included UT



quarterback Garrett Gilbert and UT freshman wide receiver Jackson Shipley, Jordan’s little brother.

More than 100 kids from grades 1st-7th attended the camp and were able to hear wisdom from the Shipleys and especially Jordan, who was the leading receiver in the history of Texas high school football. The former UT star also shared how he believes “God has called him to witness to others through football.”

This was the second year of the Jordan Shipley football camp and former UT quarterback and current starting Cleveland Browns quarterback Colt McCoy came last year. Leaders the West Austin Youth Association are hopeful the camp will become a yearly tradition, further encouraging West Austin kids to play football with skill and dignity.

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