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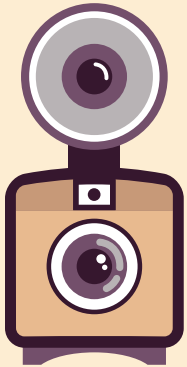
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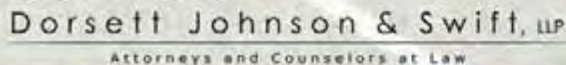
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LAKE TRAVIS ANNUAL FOOTBALL SPRING JAMBOREE

FRIDAY, MAY 22

The 5-time state championship program at Lake Travis High School is gearing up for the fall season with the annual Spring Jamboree Scrimmage. The scrimmage will be held on May 22, 2015 at Cavalier Stadium. This will be the first opportunity for fans to get a glimpse of what the 2015 season will have in store for them. According to Director of Athletics and Head Football Coach Hank Carter, "2015 is going to be a great year for the Lake Travis football program. We are excited about the future and have a ton of talented players in the system right now. We hope everyone will come out and watch on May 22nd as we embark on our journey for #6"

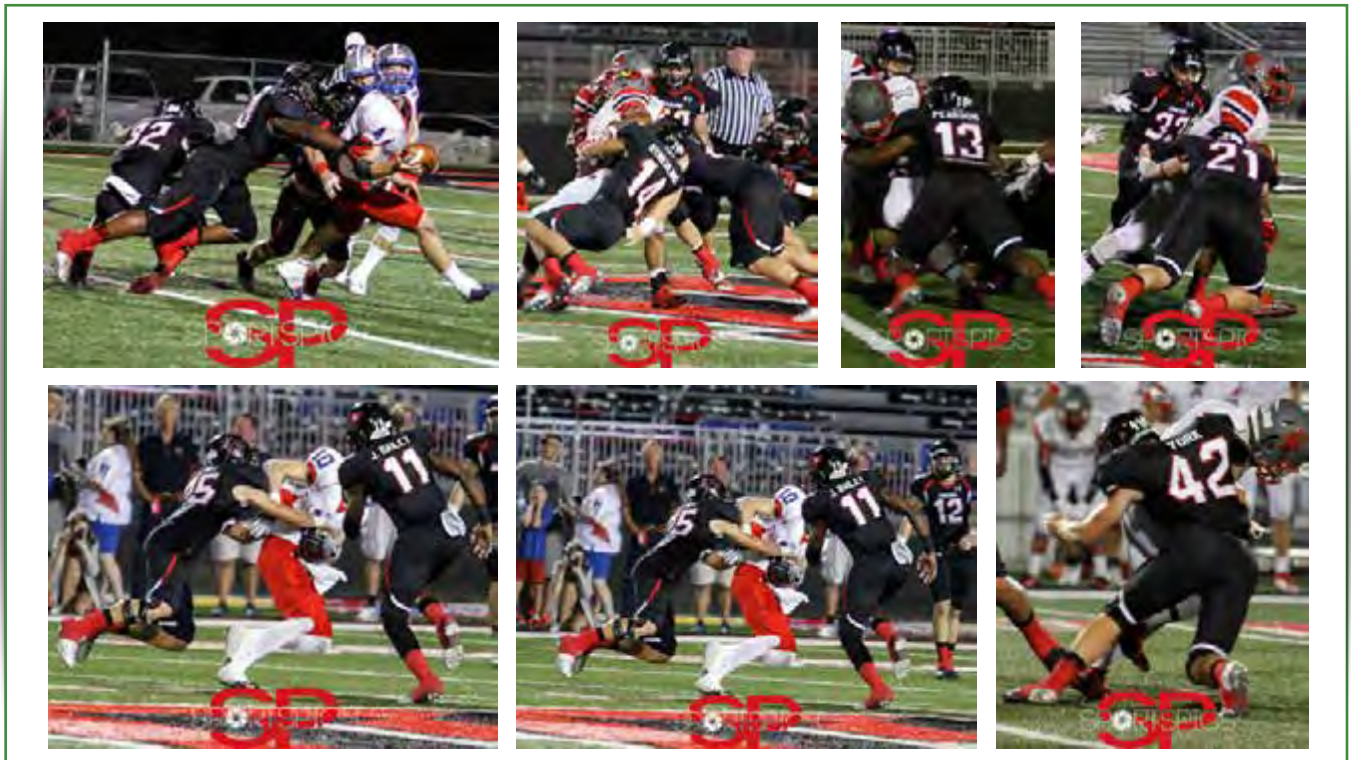
The entry fee for the event is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students. Gates open at 4:30pm and future Cavaliers (Kinder – 6th grade) can sign up for the FREE Punt, Pass and Kick competition that will begin at 5pm. All LTISD elementary and 6th grade students are eligible to participate. Each participant will receive a LT wristband and prizes are awarded to the final winners in each category.

Admission to the Spring Jam includes spectating at all 3 games that will be played during the evening. The Freshman scrimmage will begin at 5:30pm, JV at 6:30pm and Varsity takes the field at

7:45pm. Big Prize Chance drawings will be awarded throughout the evening. First place prize is a 60" Sharp LED TV, second place prize is an Xbox One and third place prize is Beats Solo 2 headphones. In addition to the large prizes, (3) \$50 LT Spirit Shack gift certificates will also be awarded. Prize drawing tickets are available for \$10 each and can be purchased from any football parent prior to the event or at the gate during the event. The Spirit Shack will have LT t-shirts and souvenirs on sale during the event. The event will also feature silent and live auctions as well as varsity team autographs. You can also submit your chance to "Coach the Cavs".

The "Taste of Lakeway" will feature local food offerings from some of Lakeway's finest restaurants. Spectators can purchase an all-inclusive dining pass for \$3 at the gate and enjoy all of the offerings from the restaurants on site.

The Spring Jamboree planning committee would like to thank the Platinum Sponsors for this year's event: HEB and Keller Williams Lake Travis. For more information about the Spring Jamboree or to become a sponsor, please visit www.LakeTravisFootball.com. Any further questions can also be emailed to: britneyecross@gmail.com.





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COLIN'S HOPE

by Dorian de Wind

When I was six or seven years old, I witnessed the ocean drowning of a dear aunt. Although too young for the full scope of the tragedy to sink in, the thoughts and the images of that event have remained with me for almost 70 years.

No wonder that, when our young grandson started splashing in our swimming pool a dozen or so years ago, the thought of such an unfathomable occurrence never left our mind. We took every precaution possible, as I am sure the vast majority of parents, grandparents, relatives, caretakers and friends of so many young children do when they let their young ones swim in pools, lakes, rivers, water parks and more.

But the unimaginable does occur -- more often than we think.

Now that another swimming season approaches it may be the time to give "the unimaginable" some thought because if statistics tell the truth, drowning is all too imaginable.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention publishes the following grim statistic: From 1999 through 2010, a total of 46,419 deaths from unintentional drowning (including boating) occurred in the United States, an average of 3,868 deaths per year. That is an average of more than 10 drowning deaths each and every day of the year.

But what is even more disturbing, unintentional drowning has become the leading cause of death from unintentional injury among children aged 1-4 years. It replaces deaths resulting from motor vehicle accidents as the leading cause of death from unintentional injury for boys aged 1-4 years. These child-drowning deaths occurred most often in a bathtub for children under one year of age and, in a swimming pool, for children aged 1-4 years. The latter location -- swimming pools -- accounts for more than 50% of all unintentional drowning deaths in that age group, according to the CDC.

At this point, the reader may ask, why the focus on younger children and swimming pools? While, of course, every drowning is an immeasurable tragedy, the loss of a toddler under such horrific circumstances in one's neighborhood pool, is bound to leave an indelible impression. That is what happened on a beautiful June day almost seven years ago at a nearby swimming pool. To be precise, on June 13, 2008, Colin Holst, a proud and happy four-and-a-half-year-old little boy went to "the big" pool -- a swimming pool close to Circle C Ranch -- just one day after graduating from swimming

lessons and receiving his medal. Little Colin, age 4, enjoying a family weekend by the water. Colin was having a ball playing in the fountains and sprinklers with his friends, all moving around the pool together in a clump, playing and splashing and ducking in and out of the water.

Suddenly, in an instant, Colin wasn't with them. Time stood still as all eyes swept the pool looking for him, and then, only moments later, Colin was pulled from the shallow water unconscious and not breathing. Efforts to revive him at the pool were unsuccessful. Colin, the baby boy born "with a mop of dark hair that looked just like his mother," died at the hospital the next day, having never opened his eyes again after his swim.

Out of this unimaginable tragedy, sprang a glimmer of hope -- even of good. Grief-stricken by their loss and shocked to learn the cruel toll drowning takes on children of Colin's age, Colin's family founded an organization dedicated to preventing such tragedies from befalling other families: Colin's Hope. Simply, "Colin's Hope envisions a world where children do not drown. Colin's Hope raises water safety awareness to prevent children from drowning."

As our weather warms up, as families once again head for our pools, lakes and beaches, please take time to familiarize yourself with water safety rules -- they might make the difference between a happy summer and the unimaginable. An excellent place to do such is ColinsHope.org. At Colin's Hope, learn about this wonderful organization's many water safety awareness programs, events, campaigns and resources. They all have one vision in mind: "A world where children do not drown. While at Colin's Hope, take a look at their on-line Water Safety Resources Hub," take the "Water Safety Quiz" and please consider volunteering for one of their many activities and programs and making a contribution so that the "glimmer of hope" may become a bright light -- a reality, as much as possible -- for our children and grandchildren.

Acknowledgement: Some of the information and wording in this article comes -- with permission -- from "Colin's Story," at Colin's Hope. Colin's photo and lead image, courtesy Colin's Hope.

Colin's Hope has a mission to raise water safety awareness to prevent children from drowning. They envision a world where children do not drown. To learn more, please visit www.colinshope.org



RETIRE BETTER - A LIFETIME OF INCOME

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WITH JOSH STIVERS

Most people are well aware of the fact that not all investment opportunities are created equal. For many years, certain investments have not been available to the general public and have been exclusively available to the “big boys”.

Institutions such as banks, insurance companies, and universities are playing in a league of their own, but individual investors can still learn and benefit from their strategies. Many studies have been done over the years on the endowment funds of major colleges and universities. Endowments are one of the most popular means by which institutions achieve stated goals with their investment funds.

One of the most widely praised is the Yale endowment. The Yale investment model has a 20 year track record of greater than 13% average returns and a value of over \$20 billion. While Yale is obviously playing in a completely different ballpark from individual investors, I would argue that we can still play the same game.

One of the major components of endowment investing is understanding the concept of correlation. By utilizing investments across different assets classes, it is possible to reduce the amount of correlation between the individual investments, which in turn reduces the overall portfolio risk. For instance, if you own a piece of property the value does not fluctuate based on the daily stock market.

Advances in technology and trading efficiency have now made it

possible for individual to replicate the asset allocations used by these large endowments. The days of basic stock and bond portfolios are rapidly fading away and being replaced by a new era of more efficient and better balanced portfolios.

For example, if an endowment wants exposure to the healthcare sector they may buy a hospital or assisted living facility. While an individual does not have the capital to make such an acquisition, it is possible to participate in private equity investment trusts that own healthcare real estate. From natural resource exploration and private debt offerings to properly utilizing insurance assets, there are a myriad of ways to structure a Family Endowment model.

The overall goal of utilizing a Family Endowment structure is to increase portfolio performance while lowering portfolio volatility. There is a reason why professional endowment managers have chosen to diversify their portfolios in this manner. It is not that they have information we do not, but they have a level of understanding and experience that supersedes that of most average investors.

If you would like to learn how the Family Endowment can work for you feel free to contact us.

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PITMON OF BEECAVE GRADUATES FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY



On March 20, 2015, Lieutenant William Pitmon of the Bee Cave Police Department graduated from the FBI National Academy Program at Quantico, Virginia. The academy is internationally known for its academic excellence, where students complete 10 weeks of advanced

investigative, management, and fitness training. On average, these officers have 19 years of law enforcement experience and usually return to their agencies to serve in executive-level positions.

This prestigious academy is comprised of selected officers having proven records as professionals within their agencies. Only one percent of law enforcement executives around the world are accepted into this program. Lieutenant Pitmon graduated in the 259th Session with men and women from law enforcement agencies from 49 states, the District of Columbia, 24 international countries, six military organizations, and five federal civilian organizations.

Lieutenant Pitmon is the very first Bee Cave Police Department Police Officer in history to attend the FBI National Academy. Bee Cave Police Chief Gary Miller is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy, graduating Session 135 while employed with the City of Boerne. Lieutenant Pitmon is the Criminal Investigation Commander of the Bee Cave Police Department and has aspirations of one day becoming a Chief of Police.

Belvedere's 3rd Annual Fishing Derby

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A TOAST TO TONY

Presented by Spicewood Arts Society



Spicewood, TX. – The much celebrated 2014-2015 concert season of the Spicewood Arts Society comes to an end with this year's Motheral Family Annual Tribute to jazz great Tony Campise on May 8, 2015 at The Spicewood Vineyards Event Center, 1419 County Rd. 409 in Spicewood, Tx. Memorable performers have graced the stage this year as the society celebrates its 15th year of bringing the arts to the Hill Country and now the momentum continues as legendary jazz greats gather to present an evening of delightful entertainment.

This year's line-up includes renowned trombonist, musician, composer, conductor, and arranger Wycliffe Gordon, former member of the Wynton Marsalis Septet. Gordon's performance experience includes work with Dizzy Gillespie, Lionel Hampton, Tommy Flanagan and other top players from the swing and traditional jazz world. He was on the cover of the October issue of Downbeat Magazine and was voted "Best in Trombone" by their critic's poll the last three years.

Butch Miles, who has played on the drums with luminaries such as Count Basie, Frank Sinatra, and Sammy Davis, Jr., brings the maturity of his experience to the stage with the youthful imagination that keeps each performance fresh and exciting. Spicewood Arts Society is delighted to have Miles back once again to help celebrate the wonderful contribution that Tony Campise has made to the music industry.

The legendary performers who will be joining Gordon and Miles are Dr. James Polk on the piano, John Fremgen on bass, Dennis Dotson on the trumpet, John Mills, tenor sax, and Michael Mordecai also playing the trombone. Jazz is not a

hobby for this distinguished group, it has been a life-long passion honed to perfection through decades of having the opportunity to perform with the very best in the business.

Next year's concert series will be announced during the course of the evening and says Greg Hani, VP of Fine Arts, "This is a great line-up. I feel really good about it". Looking forward to another 15 years and beyond, Spicewood Arts Society is continuing to expand its passion for the arts in the ever growing communities that it serves and invites you to join the excitement of the 2015-2016 Season.

Doors open at 6PM with the performance scheduled for 7PM. Wine is available for purchase from the vineyard. For tickets go online to www.spicewoodarts.org.

An advertisement for a Pre-Kindergarten program. At the top, the text "A LOVE FOR LEARNING STARTS EARLY IN LIFE." is written in large, colorful, block letters. Below this, there is a logo for "Pre-Kindergarten" featuring a stylized butterfly. To the right of the logo, there is a short paragraph of text: "A good Pre-Kindergarten program should be well rounded and multi-faceted. Our Pre-K program is uniquely exceptional, focusing on whole-child development. We provide a specific course of development that challenges each child to learn through play and to think outside the box. This methodology results in a love of learning and a curiosity about the world around them. What we produce here at The Children's Center of Austin reaches far and above academic standards and organically builds a curriculum program for success." Below the text, there is a call to action: "Join our school!" followed by the address: "Northwest Austin, 6507 Jester Blvd, Building 2, Austin, Texas, 78750, (512) 795-8300". At the bottom right, there is a logo for "The Children's Center of Austin" featuring a sun and the text "The Children's Center of Austin". At the bottom center, the website "www.childrenscenterofaustin.com" is listed.

1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

The Lake Travis Community Library has recently launched the new program 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten. The program is part of a national campaign that aims to set a foundation for education and life-long reading skills. Studies have shown that families who start reading aloud to their children at birth help to strengthen language skills and build vocabulary - two important tools for beginning to learn.

"We have hundreds of children attend our story times and programs at the library every week, but we want to encourage reading at home as well," said Lake Travis Community Library Director Morgan McMillian. "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is a great way to encourage and reward early readers. We know that strong language and literacy skills pay off later in life!"

LeAnna Hart recently registered her son, three year old Cash, in the program.

"We are a library family. In our house, we always say that we love to read because it's good for the brain," said LeAnna Hart. "And more than that, reading is an important developmental life skill that I want my children to learn early."

Children who are not yet in kindergarten and their parents can simply keep track of how many books they read and earn prizes for every 100-book milestone. The books can be read together or individually, listened to on audiobook or at a story time, read online, and the same book can read multiple times. Informational fliers and logs are available in the Children's Room. Prizes include stickers, a Sonic ice cream cone, a library tote bag, a free book, a library picture frame, and a t-shirt. Register at the library anytime to participate.

The 1,000 Books Foundation, which initiated the program in 2013, is a nonprofit public charity with a mission "to promote reading to newborns, infants, and toddlers and to encourage parent and child bonding through reading."

"We want to encourage children to be lifelong learners and readers," said McMillian. "The 1,000 Books program is designed to engage and motivate families while building bright futures for our youngest generation. Our expert librarians are always available to help with book recommendations. While 1,000 books may seem daunting, reading only three books a day will result in a total of 1,095 books read in a year."

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Remember travel agents? I recall when there was a travel agency in every strip center. Our family had our favorite and she did all the legwork for our airline tickets and hotels. She called us with deals and it was so easy! We loved her.

Then the internet was born and suddenly travel planning was something you could do at home! Just a few clicks with google search and *poof* anything and everything you could ever want appears. Everyone put on their 'travel agent' hat and so, along with the dinosaur and the dodo bird, the travel agent was not to be seen again.

Well, there seems to be every bit of information you could ever want on the internet, right? Right at your fingers tips! But there are things to watch out for on the internet and if it seems to be too good to be true it probably is!

Watch out for these pitfalls for internet travel planning:

Beware: Price increases

While you are searching airline fees, the powers that be of the internet are carefully watching you: what you search, the destination, the dates, the times....and the internet remembers. Each time you search...the price goes up!

You can avoid the price increase! Do all your research online but when you are ready to buy, clear the cookies from your computer. Then, search and buy. This will bring you back to the best price.

Beware: Bait and switch

We've all heard of the 'ocean view' room that faces a brick wall or the ocean view that exists only if you crane your neck around way the corner! It is amazing how many hotels have Times Square in their name but are not actually in Times Square.

Avoid the bait and switch by going with reputable hotel organizations and BBB endorsed websites. Check sites like TripAdvisor for recent reviews from real travelers like you!

Do not assume the 'Times Square Hotel' is actually in Times Square. Call the hotel and ask about the cross streets nearest them. Look on a map to see for yourself!

Beware: Overwhelming information

Google/Yahoo/Bing searches can lead to hundreds of opinions and reviews of the same thing. You can't possibly have the time to read them all. How do you decide which reviews are of value?

Find someone who has the same travel philosophy as you do! Trust the reviews from someone with lots of experience and someone who can give you clear information. Use a big

name like Fodor's, Lonely Planet, or one day 'big name' like The Educational Tourist!

Beware: Blogs that tell you....nothing.

Some blogs remind me a lot of politicians - plenty of words, but nothing of value or they serve as a diary of a family trip. Reading about someone else's fun vacation without real information you can use doesn't help you. To plan the adventure of your dreams you need details! Information! Ideas! Tips!

Beware: The SUPER cheap air flight.

Be careful that the fantastically cheap flight you found on some obscure website goes to the airport you are expecting. I learned this the hard way. We found a very cheap flight on Ryan airlines out of London (I thought). This 'London' flight left from a lesser known airport which was an hour away! The flight was a very early morning one so we left at o'dark thirty and needed an expensive taxi ride because public transportation wasn't available at that crazy early hour. This ate up valuable time and money on our vacation.

Be sure to check the airport is the one you think it is. What time will you have to leave to get there for your flight? If you give up a lot of time (in the transportation to the airport for example) on your vacation to save money, you give up the opportunity to see something you came soooooo far to see.

Sometimes the cheapest option is not the best.

Beware: Old advice.

Check the dates. Blogs can be old and articles out of date. Be sure you are looking at recent information.

Be sure the person giving the information isn't relying on a visit 15 years ago. Things change!! Like milk, travel information can curdle if too old! Check the expiration date!

Plan your own!

- Use current information from blogs and websites.
- Read reviews on websites like TripAdvisor.
- Ask plenty of questions and get the details.
- Research in books at the library like Fodor's, Lonely Planet, or Rick Steve's.
- If you get stuck, consider the help of a custom travel planner.
- Enjoy your travels and make happy memories!

Natalie Tanner, The Educational Tourist

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CAMPS FOR CHILDREN AGES 2 - 11

THE MINIPUTS (AGE 2) M-F 9AM-2PM

- SENSATIONAL EXPLORATIONS
- COLOR MY WORLD
- BUSY BUGS: THE WORLD OF INSECTS AND CREEPY CRAWLERS
- CARS, TRUCKS, PLANES AND TRAINS: THINGS THAT GO!
- SWEET SUMMERTIME
- HEAD, SHOULDERS, KNEES AND TOES
- COOKING UP A STORY
-AND MANY MORE!

THE LILLIPUTS (AGES 3-5) M-F 9AM-2PM

- WONDERFUL WATER WORKS
- HEAD, SHOULDERS, KNEES AND TOES
- SWEET SUMMERTIME
- THE PINE BOX DERBY
- COLOR MY WORLD
- IT'S A BIRD! IT'S A PLANE! FLIGHT DISCOVERY
- THREE, TWO, ONE, BLAST OFF!
- READY, SET, RECYCLE!
- ...LOTS MORE!

THE TRAVELERS (AGES 6-9) M-F 9AM-2PM

- PASSPORT TO THE WORLD
- FOLLOW THAT MAP! A CARTOGRAPHY CAMP
- STAMP, SPLAT, SCREENS AND PRINTS
- SENSATIONAL EXPLORATIONS
- BUBBLE, BUBBLE, POP! DO THE SCIENCE BOP!
- RING, DING, TING! THE WORLD OF SOUND
- WONDERFUL WATER WORKS
- ...AND MORE!

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HOPE4MINDS EXPANDS ITS MISSION

TO SUPPORT MORE TEXAS CHILDREN WITH SEVERE BRAIN INJURIES

Austin, Texas — April 8, 2015 – Less than four years after it was founded, a Southwest Austin nonprofit organization has decided that it's got more than enough hope to go around.

That's the thinking behind a new mission and a name change for the Southwest Austin nonprofit organization known as HOPE4JD, which was founded in 2011 to support families whose children suffered brain injuries due to nonfatal drownings. As of April, the organization will be known as Hope4Minds whose mission is to foster hope and enrich the lives of children with an acquired brain injury by providing support and education.

With a new name and more families to serve, Hope4Minds also will expand its community outreach services to include parent support groups and concussion baseline screenings, in addition to the services it already offers such as CPR/First Aid training and family care packages.

"Our board of directors and supporters see the opportunity

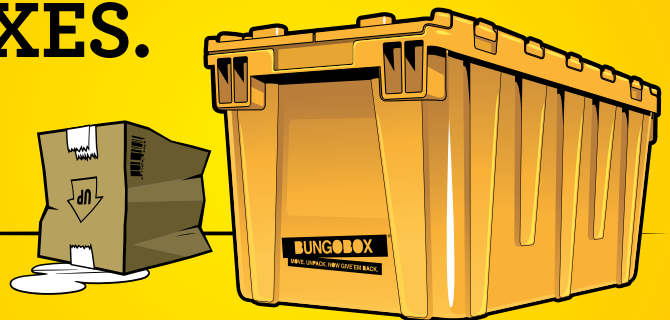
to do more and help more Texas families," says Ronda Johnson, executive director, Hope4Minds. "Our community rose to the challenge over the last few years, helping us make a difference in the lives of families in Austin, San Antonio and Dallas. Our work has showed us the needs of more children who are living with an acquired brain injury and whose families need our support."

According to the Texas Brain Injury Alliance, fewer than 1 in 20 children with acquired brain injury will get the rehabilitation they need for recovery. Injury may occur during events such as non-fatal drownings, choking, car accidents, sports and recreational activities, falls, lightning strikes and even abuse.

Since 2012, the organization has provided more than \$211,248 in services to families, 841 hours of recovery therapy services, nearly 100 family care packages to Texas hospitals and rehab centers, and free CPR training for 216 adults.

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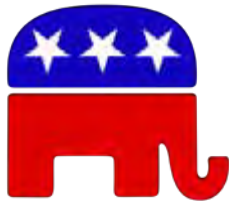
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Join us to hear County Judge Sarah Eckhardt speak on issues before the Commissioners Court including water supply, transportation and traffic. Sarah Eckhardt became Travis County's first female county judge on January 15, 2015. She presides over the Travis County Commissioners Court. With deep roots in Austin and Travis County, Judge Eckhardt has dedicated her life to public service and improving access to opportunity for Travis County families for more than 15 years. We welcome everyone to come and hear and meet one of our most progressive leaders.



Lake Travis Republican Club

Tom Mechler, newly elected Chairman of the Republican Party of Texas, will be the featured speaker at the Lake Travis Republican Club meeting to be held at the Hills Country Club on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm.

Mechler previously served as Treasurer of the Republican Party of Texas, a position he was appointed to by Chairman Steve Munisteri in September 2010. Prior to that, he served as a county Republican Chairman for a combined period of twelve years at three different locations and served on the State Republican Executive Committee (SREC) representing District 28 from 2002 – 2006. He also served as the Platform Committee Chairman at the 2012 and 2014 State Conventions.

Governor Perry appointed Tom to the Texas Board of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) in November 2005, where he served for nearly nine years, the last five of which he served as the Vice-Chairman, where he was 2nd in command of the state agency responsible for operating 109 prisons, including a \$3.3 billion per year budget, 37,000 employees and 22,000 volunteers.

Tom graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Texas A&M University in 1980 and received a Masters of Business Administration (MBA) Finance degree in 1992 from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, which is the top university in the world in the field of Finance. He and his wife Becky currently reside on a ranch outside of Amarillo and have six adult children and fifteen grandchildren.

Meeting tickets are \$15.00 for members, and \$20.00 for guests, and can be obtained by calling 512-261-0722, or by email at wwarmuth@austin.rr.com.

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