'Twister' whirs through Student Center

BY DOUGLAS MCDONALD

Screams of excitement nixed in the Student Center Monday as the Texas Weather Show's Big Twist arrived. The tornado simulator, which had been in Florida and Detroit, is now on display for the Texas City ISD.

The Big Twist, a.k.a. a tornado, is the world's only full-scale tornado model. It is a replica of a real tornado created by a team of engineers and scientists from the University of Illinois. The Big Twist is powered by a 20,000-horsepower motor and is capable of recreating a real tornado's wind speeds of up to 300 mph.

The Big Twist is making its way across the country, and Texas City is one of the stops. The show is part of a national tour to educational institutions and science centers.

The Big Twist is a valuable tool for teaching students about tornadoes and their effects. It can help students understand the physical forces involved in a tornado and how it can cause damage to buildings and infrastructure.

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"It makes for a safer feeling between at the college," College of the Mainland Police officer Alicia Roberts stated. "We've seen an upsurge in activity around the campuses of the bicycle patrol which are located near the college and have actually been called in by local businesses to assist with keeping the area clean and safe." Officer Hensley added, "We're more able to monitor areas that are more active and make a larger impact in terms of visibility and deterrence." During the summer months the bike patrol also becomes more effective in providing protection for the lake area, Clifton indicated that when the patrol was in place around the lake, the College of the Mainland Grounds Maintenance, of the lawns and the lake, lessened and made it easier for people to enjoy the lake. When the patrol was out, many people who frequent the lake shore to feed the ducks, said "It gives us a chance to be closer to nature and enjoy the outdoors."}

Lake Eckett's brighter shade of green no illusion

"If you asked the Lake Eckett residents and me, "Why do you want to move here?" we would say, "Because it's not a forest anymore. We have green grass and trees, and we want to move here to enjoy the outdoors." Usually, the people who move to this area are more interested in the outdoors, looking for a peaceful environment where they can enjoy the beauty of nature. The lake itself is a major attraction, and during the summer months, it's a great place to relax and enjoy the outdoors."

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P-Tech success story for COM, Texas City

Japan's island of Okinawa is home to an educational program called P-Tech, which focuses on providing students with a better understanding of the petrochemical industry. The program is helping the petrochemical industries in the area with a stronger grasp of what is needed from an operator. The program also provides individuals an opportunity to attain a $35,000-a-year job, and the P-Tech Program eventually will be able to fulfill this need. The programs were also able to put aside their own agenda, and the Tech-Prep Program at Texas City High School, a collaboration of the local industries and the Texas City Independent School District, met the needs of the petrochemical industry.

Mills-Flood to study demography at UT-Austin

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Financial aid available through Texas grant

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**COM musicals offered on UHCL Bayou stage**

By Asttha Lemon

Aside Editor

The National Student Theatre has unveiled its line-up and set date for its upcoming production. The show, "Sweeney Todd," will be staged at the Bayou Theatre in late August, marking the fourth season for the student troupe.

The show is set in 1890s England and centers around the fictional character of Sweeney Todd, a barber who also runs a hairdressing shop in the city's St. Pancras neighborhood. The story follows Todd's transformation into a serial killer after losing his shop in a fire and being banished to the English countryside.

The play, written by Stephen Sondheim and Hugh Wheeler, has been a popular choice for student theatre groups due to its complex characters and intricate plot. It features music by Sondheim and is known for its dark, orchestral score.

The National Student Theatre, established in 1983, is a student-run theatre group that provides opportunities for UHCL students to gain experience in all aspects of theatre production, including acting, directing, set design, and technical theatre. The group's productions have been well-received by audiences and critics alike, and have contributed to the growth of theatre at UHCL.

**Costumer has it all sewn up at COM Arena Theatre**

By Asttha Lemon

Assistant Editor

In the arena of costume design, one woman has made it her mission to ensure that each production at the COM Arena Theatre is complete with beautifully crafted costumes. She is the one who not only designs the costumes but also oversees the entire process of making them, from conception to completion.

She is a master of her craft, and her attention to detail is evident in every garment she creates. Her work is not only admired by the audience but also appreciated by the performers, who feel confident and comfortable in the costumes she provides.

Her creativity and passion for the art of costume design are what make her stand out in the industry. She is a true artist who understands the importance of the costumes in setting the tone and mood of a production. Her dedication to her craft is what makes her a valuable asset to the COM Arena Theatre.
Beloved professor to retire in August

Irene Pevoto is the College of the Mainland professor who has been teaching English for 39 years. Pevoto, who is retiring at the end of August, said she misses her seven daughters and her grandchildren more than her classes. Pevoto directed the College of the Mainland Adult Education Program from 1978-1982. In 1974, she was the first English Professor to teach at the College of the Mainland.

"It is a hard time to retire because there are so many new and exciting programs in the Houston area," Pevoto said. "I will miss my students and the College of the Mainland." Pevoto said she was given the Texas City Veterinary Clinic plaque which she will hang on her wall at a retirement reception.

Pevoto is a 4th generation member of the Mainland family. Her sister, Judi Homrighaus, is the English Professor at College of the Mainland.

Spaying, neutering key to population control

There are about 10,000 dogs and cats in the Houston area. The Houston Humane Society and the Humane Society of Texas are teaming up to help spay and neuter animals in the area.

"The most important thing you can do is to spay and neuter your pets," Pevoto said. "It will help control the population." Pevoto said she will give a speech about the importance of spaying and neutering pets.

Pevoto said she will also speak about the importance of spaying and neutering pets to the students at College of the Mainland.

High schoolers gain SuperStart on college at COM

The College of the Mainland is offering a SuperStart program for high schoolers. The program is designed to give high schoolers a taste of college life.

"SuperStart is a great program for high schoolers," Pevoto said. "It will give them a chance to see what college is like before they actually go to college." Pevoto said the program is open to any high schooler.

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**Small business advice available at COM**

**Office Staff**

President Clinton has issued the mandate of the American business is a small business. The Office of the President has been increased to 100,000 small businesses in Texas. The Small Business Development Center is a non-profit, grant supported center for small business entrepreneurship in the Galveston area.

The center attracts more than 600 entrepreneurs per month who operate small businesses, including those who already own one. Those who seek to start a business from the ground up, said Wilborne, "are our main focus. These individuals come to us with a business idea and are excited about the future." The center is one of several in a network headquartered at the University of Houston, where the center was founded.

"Central Supply," said Wilborne, "is essentially the first of its kind in Texas, where we serve as a clearinghouse for supplies and equipment for small businesses. We help entrepreneurs find the resources they need to start and operate successful businesses."

For more information call (409) 938-1211 or (281) 280-3991, Ext. 494.

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**Advice for insomnia: change routines, diet**

**JORDAN DAVIS**

"In a business where sleep is often neglected, there is a need to find solutions to improve the quality of sleep," said Nicole Phipps, former director of Continuing Education at COM. "I was always sleepless before bedtime; now I sleep through the night."

"The importance of sleep cannot be overstated," said Phipps. "For people who suffer from insomnia, a lack of sleep can lead to a variety of problems, including fatigue, restlessness, and even depression."

Phipps offers the following tips to help improve sleep:

1. Avoid caffeine before bedtime;
2. Establish a consistent bedtime routine;
3. Create a comfortable sleep environment;
4. Avoid heavy meals before bedtime;
5. Exercise regularly but avoid vigorous activity before bedtime;
6. Establish a healthy diet;
7. Avoid naps during the day;
8. Establish a regular sleep schedule.

"By following these guidelines,

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**COM’s Homepage boon to prospective students**

**JORDAN DAVIS**

"The SBDC is a valuable resource for small business owners," said Nancy Eubanks, director of COM Emergency Medical Services. "The center is ready to handle medical emergencies and can assist in the event of an emergency."

"Our goal is to provide on-site emergency medical services to those in need," said Eubanks. "In case of a more serious situation, such as a perimeter or fire, we are prepared to handle the situation."

The Center for Continuing Education at COM offers a wide variety of courses for businesses, including those related to medical emergencies. The center is located at 1001 University Drive, Houston, TX 77005. For more information, call (409) 938-1211 or (281) 280-3991, Ext. 494.

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**Post office service starts at bookstore**

**B. W. BELLEHILL**

"The College of the Mainland Books has been making changes to its services," said Carolyn Escobar, director of the bookstore. "We are now offering post office service at the bookstore, which is a great convenience for students."

"In addition, students can buy money orders from the bookstore," said Escobar. "This is a good service for those who need to purchase money orders."
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Slaff Reporter

The College of the Mainland bookstore has added a post office to assist students and faculty.

"We're excited to offer this service to our students and faculty," said Karen Slaff, manager of the bookstore.

The post office will be located in the college's main building, and will be open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Small business advice available at COM
By MICHELLE HILL

President Clinton has offered advice on the importance of maintaining a healthy economy.

"Healthy economies are essential to the future of our country," said President Clinton.

"We must work together to ensure that our economy remains strong," added President Clinton.

Advice for insomnia: change routines, diet
By MICHELLE HILL

"Insomnia is a common problem that affects many people," said Nancy Eubanks, director of Continuing Education.

"There are several things you can do to help improve your sleep," said Eubanks.

"One of the most important things is to establish a regular sleep schedule," said Eubanks.

"Additionally, it's important to avoid caffeine and alcohol before bedtime," said Eubanks.

COM ready to handle medical emergencies
By MICHELLE HILL

"We're prepared to handle any medical emergencies that may occur," said Karen Slaff, director of Continuing Education.

"We have medical staff on duty at all times," added Slaff.

"If an emergency occurs, please call 911," said Slaff.

"We'll do our best to ensure that everyone is safe," added Slaff.

Printer, photo engraver flip over COM float picture
By MICHELLE HILL

"We're excited to see the float picture," said Karen Slaff, director of Continuing Education.

"It's a great addition to our campus," added Slaff.

"We hope everyone enjoys it," said Slaff.
Beloved professor to retire in August

By PATRICIA HILLL

Ann Pevoto is one of the most memorable professors at the Community College of the Mainland. For the past 23 years she has taught English 1301, 1302, English 1401, 1402, and English 2311. She has been instrumental in helping students succeed. Her compassion is undergirded by her passion for students. She always goes the second mile to help students achieve their goals. She is a role model for her students and a mentor to many.

Managing Editor

Pevoto will not completely disappear from COM. She has received several plaques over the years and another plaque is the highest award a faculty member can receive at COM. She has also been awarded an M.L.A. in English for her dedication to teaching.

For more information on the retirement, please call GC at (409) 763-6551, Ext. 330, to set up an orientation.

Campus beagle Giselle has puppies

By MICHELLE HILL

Giselle, who visits COM regularly, has given birth to six puppies. She was adopted by a student assistant working in the Mailroom last winter after two good Samaritans, Grounds Maintenance and Student Services staff, took her in.

The SNAP mobile clinic has sterilized more than 10,000 animals in the 31/2 years since it opened to the public. The fund's Spay-Neuter Assistance Program, or SNAP, provides low-cost spay and neuter services to dogs and cats.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call COM at (409) 945-7975, M-S, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

High schoolers gain SuperStart on college at COM

By CHARLOTTE PALMER

This summer 42 area high school seniors and juniors gained SuperStart criteria for applicants include: 1) being a high school student in good standing, 2) graduating with a G.P.A. of 2.5 or higher, 3) being a member of a public assistance program, 4) being a member of the top 25 percent of their graduating class, and 5) a minimum SAT score of 1000.

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COM offers flexible learning

The plan provides for the past five years. Students could also take their college credit classes at a time that fits both COM and high school students.

This year's participants could choose to take English, history, math, science, or business courses.

To qualify, owners must be part of a public assistance program, have a pet that is a minimum of 6 months of age and 11 pounds, and display a yearly adoption fee of $20, $40, or $60.

The fund also has a Spay and Neuter Clinic at 1603 Shepherd Drive in Houston. This provides low-cost spay and neuter services to dogs and cats.

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Dendy joins police team

St. Thomas

May 1 (St. Thomas Times) -- Mary Dendy, a resident of the University of Houston-Clear Lake community, has joined the Galveston County Sheriff's Department. She is a member of the Sheriff's Communication Bureau. The Sheriff's Communication Bureau is responsible for answering all non-emergency calls.

Dendy has an Emergency Medical Technician certificate which permits her to perform basic medical services where she could best use her belief that a police officer should not only have physical strength, but should also be able to communicate effectively with the public.

Dendy also coordinates classes with the Galveston County Department of Public Safety and the Police Academy of Galveston. She began with a production of "Cut! Put our children and our grandchildren and their children.

Daniels serves as an associate chair of medicine at the University of Houston College of Medicine and is an associate professor of emergency medicine at UTMB. She is also the director of the Emergency Medical Services at the University of Houston-Clear Lake.

She is also a member of the American Medical Association and the Texas Medical Association.

Daniels says, "For me, the best part of being an emergency medical technician is being a part of the team that saves lives."

Daniels brings her tape measure to the first cast meeting of a production and says, "Cut! Put our children and our grandchildren and their children..."

Annie Warbucks at UCHL

August 15, 1995 (St. Thomas Times) -- The Arena Theatre's production of "Annie Warbucks" is now playing at the Lila Cockrell Theatre in San Antonio. The show opens on September 15 and runs through October 25.

Annie Warbucks is a musical that tells the story of Annie, a young girl who is adopted by the Atomics. She is a llig世代 member of the Lila Cockrell Theatre. The time frame for the musical is Christmas 1945.

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Man in middle: Rich Saal, District Director of Montgomery County Department of Environmental Management.

Richard Saal, District Director of Montgomery County Department of Environmental Management, is overseeing the Lake Eckert brightening initiative. The lake, which is located in the heart of the county, is undergoing a major transformation. The brightening initiative is a joint effort between the county government and environmental organizations, aimed at improving the water quality and enhancing the lake’s appeal to local residents.

Hayward’s hope for Lake Eckert

Donald Hayward, Interim Director of Lake Eckert, is optimistic about the brightening initiative. He believes that the initiative will not only improve the water quality but also attract more visitors to the lake. "I am excited about the brightening initiative," Hayward said. "It will make Lake Eckert more attractive and inviting to the public."

Letters to the Editor policy

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my concerns about the current state of the lake. The water quality has been declining over the years, and I believe that something needs to be done to improve it. I have heard about the brightening initiative and I am hopeful that it will make a difference.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
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**New grants available for recent high school graduates**

By PETER TOLL

Several million dollars are available to texas high school graduates through脸色 foundation.

**COM student wins UT-Austin fellowship**

By SAM LINDSTROM

A student at COM is the first Texas student to win a UT-Austin fellowship.

**COM tennis team wins national championships**

By CHERYL GALE

The COM tennis team has won national championships.

**Sanitary products**

By PAMELA LANE

A new program at College of the Mainland offers students a choice of feminine hygiene products.

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The best was going to the hospital. Everyone was dressed in all their best or worst costumes, and it was quite the spectacle. With a mix of stars from every imaginable corner of the world, the night was filled with laughter and excitement.

The action started when a call came in from a squad on the Mainland about a student who needed to be picked up for a medical procedure. The student’s dad, apart from being a man named Luke, was also a detective. He took the call and immediately got dressed in the most ridiculous costume he could find. He was known for his sense of humor and was always up for a good time.

When he arrived at the hospital, he was stopped by the lovely Miss Henson, who congratulated him on his service and asked if he had a costume for the event. Luke replied with a laugh, “Well, it’s just my way of showing my support for the hospital.”

The event was hosted by the Campuswide Committee, and the turnout was remarkable. Students, faculty, and visitors alike were enjoying the festivities. The decorations were fantastic, with pumpkins, balloons, and other spooky elements creating a wonderful atmosphere.

The highlight of the night was the Costume Contest, where everyone was encouraged to show off their most creative attire. The winner was a student dressed as a “Crybaby”, who had made the whole night memorable with their unique costume and entertaining personality.

In the end, the night was filled with laughter, camaraderie, and a sense of community. It was a perfect way to celebrate the spirit of Halloween and the joy of the holiday season.
COM kicks off fall semester with party

By PATRICIA STAFF

The Fall Kickoff featured a party on the campus for new and returning students on Aug. 30th. The event was held between 6-9 p.m. at the Texas City Pavilion and included games, food, music, and entertainment. The event was organized by the Student Government Association and coordinators from both the Student Government Association and InterCOM.

Paragons should be remembered equally

Michelle Till & Malcom Downing

In the Augsburg the two men were honored for their contributions to the community. The event took place on Aug. 30th and was attended by family, friends, and fellow members of the community. The event was organized by the InterCOM and coordinators from both the Student Government Association and InterCOM.

IMAX Super Speedway focuses on Indy racing

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Criminal offenses up from last year

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Letter to the Editor

People express appreciation

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Fall 1997 InterCOM Staff

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College of the Mainland is home to many of the most active organizations on campus. The campus has a diverse community of students and faculty that make up the fabric of the college. Despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, students and faculty are working to keep these organizations active.

Lyric Theatre Club is one of the most active clubs on campus. Founded in 1983, the club has been producing theater productions for 30 years. The club is open to all students, and members are actively involved in the community.

COM offers a variety of clubs for students to join, and there is something for everyone. Whether you're interested in theater, music, or sports, there is a club for you at COM.

Artistic work illustrates personal history, heritage
BY MARISA DE LA CARRERA

Dec. 2-4, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14

Jefferson College of the Mainland's Norton Fine Arts Gallery will host the annual "Art on the Walls" art show. The exhibit features works by students, alumni, and faculty. The art on display ranges from paintings to sculptures.

Writing tutorials available in LRC
BY CATHY WILSON

Students interested in improving their writing skills can attend free tutorials in the Learning Resource Center (LRC). The tutorials are led by experienced instructors and cover a variety of topics, such as grammar and punctuation.

Donor heart gives man new life, chance to help
BY ROBERTA MILLER

The play begins in New York City with Andrew, a young man, and his wife, Marilyn. They have been married for seven years and have no children. Andrew is a young actor with a promising career, but his nightlife has been a little too exciting.

College Day set for Oct. 28

College Day, now in its 25th year, is the College of the Mainland's biggest event of the year. This year's event will feature a variety of activities and entertainment, including live music, food trucks, and more.

Safety awareness curbs false sense of security
BY JENIFER GREEN

College of the Mainland students and faculty must take extra precautions to ensure their safety. The campus provides a variety of resources to help students stay safe, but they must also take the initiative to protect themselves.

College of the Mainland, located in Webster, is dedicated to providing quality education to its students. The campus offers a variety of programs and services to help students succeed in their studies.

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Theatre production

By SHALLON FLEMING

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College of the Mainland is home to many of the most
up-and-coming college and community theatre
productions in the area. From productions of
some of the most beloved classics like "The
Taming of the Shrew" to the more contemporary
"Hurt Locker," there's something for everyone.

Theatre major Dianne Fasano, Ext. 222, a junior
and president of the Theatre Club, said about
these productions, "We are always looking for
new students to come out and check us out. 
We have a variety of productions throughout the
year, so everyone has a chance."

In addition to student productions, there are
also productions put on by the college's
facilities. The college has entered these
productions into various theatre contests. 
"It's a great way to showcase our students' talent,"
Fasano said.

"Theatre production is just a different perspective,
"Fasano said. "It's just as much fun as acting, but
there's also a lot of responsibilities and time
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Renaissance Festival trip

The Student Activities Board (SAB) has planned a trip to the Wildwood Festival to take place on Saturday, February 26, 2022. The trip will depart from the CTC Building at 9 a.m. and return at 4 p.m.

The college is offering 350 passes to students, staff, and faculty. The pass fee is $25, which includes the cost of admission. Any student can register for the trip regardless of their SAB membership status. To register, students should contact the College of the Mainland SAB by Thursday, January 20, 2022, at (409) 938-1211 or toll-free (888) 258-8859, Ext. 327.

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COM kicks off fall semester with party

By PATRICIA HILL

The students of the Office of Student Affairs at the College of the Mainland held a special event featuring live music and dancing to celebrate the start of the academic year. A variety of refreshments and snacks were served, and attendees had the opportunity to socialize with their peers and faculty. The event provided a fun and welcoming atmosphere for students to begin the new semester.

Letter to the Editor

People express appreciation

Many people have expressed their appreciation for the contributions of our community members. They recognize the hard work and dedication that these individuals put in to make our lives better. These expressions of gratitude reflect the strong sense of community and mutual support that exists in our area.

Paragons should be remembered equally

By MICHIELE TILL & MARK TURNER

In the fall of 1997, the InterCOM staff organized an event to honor the memory of Diana Ross and her fellow Paragons. This event included a special performance by the InterCOM staff and a reading of the story "The Story of the Paragons" by Patrice Aguerre. The event was held at the COM Child Lab School and was attended by many community members.

IMAX Super Speedway focuses on Indy racing

By PETER L. HILL

The InterCOM staff organized an event to highlight the exciting world of Indy car racing. This event featured a special screening of the IMAX feature "Super Speedway" and a discussion with professional drivers. The event was well-attended and provided a unique opportunity to learn more about this exciting sport.

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Criminal offenses up from last year

By PETER L. HILL

The InterCOM staff organized an event to highlight the increasing number of criminal offenses reported on campus. This event featured a special screening of the documentary "Criminal Offenses Up From Last Year" and a panel discussion with law enforcement officials. The event was well-attended and provided a unique opportunity to learn more about this important issue.

Neinas Employee of the Year

By PETER L. HILL

The InterCOM staff organized an event to celebrate the achievements of our朱ama R. Lab School employee. This event included a special presentation of the "Neinas Employee of the Year" award and a performance by the InterCOM staff. The event was well-attended and provided a unique opportunity to recognize the hard work and dedication of our employees.

Fall 1997 InterCOM Staff

By PETER L. HILL

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Fountain, tree dedicated at ceremonies
While Pioneer student (Phyllis) Henson, Dr. Thomas Randle, and Dr. France Kostelecky. (Photo by Rosettia McRae)

Campus suffers blackout; forced to close for day

Circuit breaker at College Station campus

COM Open House celebrates 30 years

New Houston-area telephone number toll-free

COM student abducted; burglary suspect detained

People Speak Out

COM Carnival scheduled Oct. 5. Current COM student body votes to select theme and activities. Around 8,000 people will be in attendance. "The carnival is the biggest event of the year," said Dean of Student Activities Don Johnson. "We have something for everyone, from rides to food and games."

Eva Neinas selected Employee of the Year

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Ever wonder about Lake Eckert’s origin?

By ALISON MILLER

The Eckert Lake, located between the campuses of Texas A&M University at Galveston and the College of the Mainland, is the result of a historic event - a hurricane...and a student project.

During Hurricane Comanche in Oct. 1967 after the hurricane made landfall around the shoreline. This past spring, green sea grass has been planted around the shoreline. According to the Galveston Island Hurricane Research Center, this type of shoreline can help protect the island from further erosion. According to the Galveston Island Hurricane Research Center, this type of shoreline can help protect the island from further erosion.

In summer 1996 the erosion of the trail around the shoreline was repaired. In honor of Eckert's retirement from the Technical College, the trail was named in his honor. The trail has recently been enhanced with the planting of trees and shrubs. In the last 24 years the land around the shoreline has been enhanced with the planting of trees and shrubs. In the last 24 years the land around the shoreline has been enhanced with the planting of trees and shrubs.

The lake was named in honor of Dr. Donald G. Baas, the president of the College of the Mainland. Dr. Baas was appointed as the president of the College of the Mainland in 1970. In honor of Dr. Baas's retirement from the Technical College, the lake was named in his honor.

Technical College professors and staff members are planning to hold an open house on Oct. 5 to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the College of the Mainland. The open house will include tours of the campus, a display of historical photos and information about the college's history.

Wanted: InterCOM staffers — no experience needed

By MICHELLE HILL

The InterCOM is looking for new members to join our team! We are seeking staff members who are interested in the written and printed word. Whether you are interested in writing, editing, design or technology, we have a place for you on our team.

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**TASP Test at top of students' concerns**

By SHALON FLEMING

College of the Mainland President Larry L. Stanley and Staff Development Director Dr. Donald Bass fielded questions Oct. 14 during TASP (Texas Assessment of Secondary Performance) information sessions at the College of the Mainland.

The TASP test is one of the most significant exams that students take in high school and college, as it determines their eligibility for various programs and scholarships.

**TASP Test required of most Texas college students**

By SHALON FLEMING

Texas college students must take the TASP Test (Texas Assessment of Secondary Performance) as part of their admissions process.

The TASP Test is a standardized test that assesses students' knowledge and skills in mathematics, reading, and writing. It is required for admission to most colleges and universities in Texas and is used to determine eligibility for financial aid.

**Technology advances, dependency increases**

By MOLLY LYNCH

Technology advances have increased the dependency on technology among students.

The use of calculators, computers, and smartphones has become widespread, leading to a higher reliance on technology in daily life. This has implications for education, as technology can be a tool for learning and growth, but it can also lead to a decrease in critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

**Math tutorials available**

Math tutorials are available to help students improve their math skills.

Students can benefit from math tutorials that focus on specific areas of mathematics, such as algebra or calculus. These tutorials can help students understand complex concepts and improve their problem-solving skills.

**Dean to teach, work on special projects**

Dean of the College of the Mainland President Larry L. Stanley will teach classes and work on special projects.

President Stanley will teach classes and work on special projects, in addition to his duties as president. This is part of a new initiative to involve the college's top administrators in teaching and research activities.

**Technology has taught students a dependence on electronics.**

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Students have become accustomed to using electronic devices, such as calculators and computers, which has led to a decrease in skills such as mental arithmetic and writing.

**I Hate Hamlet staged at Arena Theatre**

By MOLLY LYNCH

'I Hate Hamlet' is a play by Paul Grey that focuses on the life of Hamlet and his relationship with his wife.
Deaf student copes with life at college

By ROBERT BROWN

Staff Reporter

Freda O'Connor joined the Graphic Arts Team as a full-time faculty member when the graphic arts program began at the College of the Mainland in 1993. She worked here for two years. A former COM student, O'Connor is now the professor and student coordinator of Administrative Computer Services.

After that students who want to make schedule changes can contact the Admissions Office, where the staff advisers will help students fill out registration forms. The staff will continue to advise and register students the following week until the last day of registration.

Students who entered into the system at the beginning of the spring semester are responsible for obtaining required materials and information on the college's website. Students need no knowledge of computers to use the system daily because she is deaf.

Actually, I've wished there is a way to communicate with her. She has different interpreters for class. However, she feels the school should provide her with the closed-caption feature.

Patricia Hildebrandt, director of Admissions, said the college's interpretation services have improved over the years.

"All students need to know there are consequences for not paying fines. Currently, nonpayment has no real consequence. The $4 fee is not that much, but it does add up. We need to be able to get these fees paid so we can maintain the fountain," she said.

The fountain was designed by Larry L. Bryant, former Dean of the College. It is located on the east side of the College of the Mainland Student Center. It is open to the public and is a popular spot for students to study and socialize.

Unfortunately, it wasn't an April Fool's joke.

This year marks the 21st anniversary of the American Cancer Society's Smokeout tradition. It is held to raise awareness of the dangers of smoking and to encourage smokers to quit.

New Lake Eckert fountain showers staff reporter

Clari. J. Pint

New Lake Eckert fountain

"W" Day set for Nov. 24

Other BEAK students can look forward to "W" Day on Nov. 24, following the fall semester's monthly "W" Day festivities. This tradition began in the fall of 1988 when students of the Communications Department at The University of Houston began "W" Day activities.

The "W" Day festivities continue each month through the end of the semester, with different themes and activities.

For more information, contact the Communications Department at 409-899-0900 or email communications@uh.edu.
Basic skills adults help around campus

By MAUREEN DEE

Students in the College of the Mainland Basic Skills class are working to help other college departments that need the extra help.

Winfred Edwards offers the Basic Skills class to adults. Edwards taught English at Cifu on the Galveston campus during the spring semester.

"Everyone has been very pleasant," Edwards said. "I've even made a good personal relationship with two of the students."

The seven students in the class - a variety of backgrounds and ages - have come together to help other departments at COM. They work as a team to discuss the needs and problems of their departments.

The class meets Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

COM identifies problem areas during vision retreat

By KEVIN K. BALL

The College of the Mainland Planning Retreat 1997 was held at the University of Texas at Clear Lake. The event, which had the theme, "A New Vision of Our College," was attended by the college-wide faculty.

At the beginning of the retreat, President Larry L. Stanley said, "We are not in a crisis. We are a college with problems, but the problems are manageable."

The 45 faculty members participating in the retreat were divided into three teams. Each team was responsible for investigating the college's present situation and determining what needs to be done to achieve the college's vision.

The teams were then asked to do three things:

1. State where the college is in terms of its current programs.
2. Identify the problem areas within the college.
3. Determine how the college should get there.

The teams also were asked to state their group's understanding of the college's vision.

At the start of the retreat President Larry L. Stanley said, "We need to get the College of the Mainland moving toward providing the best possible education."

At the end of the retreat, President Stanley said, "We have a lot to do. We have a lot to accomplish."

The retreat was held from May 15-17 at the University of Texas at Clear Lake.

COM students enjoy a rowdy game of flag football

Photographer ORR CIESIADLA and photo editor JUDY JOHNSON, both junior journalism majors, work together on the Fremont Daily Times. They have worked on the paper since the spring semester.

"We enjoy working together," Ciesiadla said. "We have fun working on the newspaper."
COM wins several GCIC competitions

By JENNIFER TILLMANN

The Golf Coast Intercollegiate Sports Foundation was the host for the 1997 College Tennis Invitational. A College of the Mainland women's tennis team improved its record to 3-5 in tennis, ranking 26th in the nation.

The COM men's tennis team won 8-1 over St. Peter's College, ranking 30th in the nation.

Students display photos in library, Fine Arts Building lobby

By CAROL HODGSON

Photos by Barbara Young, grapes coordinator.

The photographs are on display in the Fine Arts Building lobby.

Bowlers needed for GCIC

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SAB holds blood drive; organs, marrow needed

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$225,000 pro-stock car gets students' attention

In WOODWARD HALL

The college will provide bowling participants with free refreshments.

Annual Turkey Trot Fun Run at COM, Nov. 22

By MIRIAM HENRY

College of the Mainland will host the Annual Turkey Trot Fun Run and Walk, Saturday, Nov. 22, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The race will begin at 9 a.m. and continue for an hour. All proceeds from the event will benefit the College of the Mainland Foundation and the College of the Mainland Student Association.

Participants will be supervised by one or two Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society inducts members

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Johnny Henderson, a local labor leader and civil rights activist who died in 1991, and a fountain in the campus. It was a great day for families with something back to the community which has helped it grow from a small college located in the old lake was dedicated to NonnanAJbert Konemann Ill. It was a day of activities to suit any taste, from classic intricate quilts to canoe rides on Lake Eckert. The crowd, estimated at more than 2,000, the entire community wa-.wed participated in numerous activities, while music from the campus. Adults also showed, have their faces painted and pet baby animals. Feasted on free barbecue sandwiches and hot dogs, was by far the most popular exhibit. The tractor demonstration was popular exhibit throughout the day.

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COM wins several GCIC competitions

By JENNIFER TILLMAN

The College of the Mainland gymnastics team won the GCIC Individual Championship and the men's and women's basketball teams each placed third.

"It was a great weekend for us," said Women's Basketball Coach Barry Logue. "We were able to get two wins against some strong competition."

In the women's basketball division, the College of the Mainland placed third behind San Jacinto College and South Texas College.

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Both teams performed well in their games, with the women's team winning by a margin of 10 points and the men's team winning by a margin of 15 points.

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Students display photos in library, Fine Arts Building lobby

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President opposes forced TASP Test

COM honor society inducts members
Basic skills adults help around campus

By MARGARET DILL

Students in the College of the Mainland's Basic Skills classes are seeking to make the college building more comfortable and available for adults who are mentally retarded or have mental handicaps.

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Former graphic arts student now the professor

By WILLIE LE FLOCHING
New Professor

Freda O'Connor (Photo of O'Connor) joined the Graphic Arts Team as a full-time faculty member of the Graphic Arts Department in 1995. She recently took over the reigns of the department, replacing Richard C. O'Connor, who has been the professor of Graphic Arts at COM for the past 12 years. O'Connor began her career as a graphic arts student at COM and now returns as the professor of Graphic Arts. She has also been six years as an adjunct professor.

O'Connor grew up in Oklahoma and moved to Texas in the late 1950s to attend COM. She attended the college for two years and then went on to attend Texas A&M University, where she received her bachelor's degree in graphic arts. She then worked for a small advertising agency before joining the Graphic Arts Team as an instructor.

O'Connor says her teaching style is one-on-one. She enjoys getting to know her students and their individual needs. She believes that each student should have a personalized plan for their education.

"I feel like Alice in Wonderland when she grew too big," said O'Connor. "I feel like I'm in a whole new world."

Deaf student copes with life at college

By DEBBIE HORNE
Staff Columnist

When Molly Lynch was invited to the American Cancer Society's annual fundraising call, she did not know what to expect. As a former cancer patient, Lynch was happy to help. She was surprised when she learned that the call included a language interpreter.

Lynch is deaf, and the interpreter was there to help her understand the call. The interpreter, Patricia Hill, is also deaf. She has been a language interpreter for the American Cancer Society for 10 years.

"I feel like I'm in a whole new world," said Lynch. "I feel like I'm in a whole new world."
Technology advances, dependency increases

By AMY R. FALLOCH

Computer science matters in today's world, so students need to be prepared for the future.

I Hate Hamlet staged at Arena Theatre

By AMY R. FALLOCH

The production of "Hamlet" at the arena theatre was met with mixed reviews.

COM library open Monday through Saturday

The library is open for student use.

Dean to teach, work on special projects

The dean of student life has been assigned to teach and work on special projects.

TASP Test required of most Texas college students

The TASP Test is required of most Texas college students.

TASP Test at top of students' concerns

The TASP Test is a major concern for students.

Math tutorials available

Math tutorials are available for students.

Note: If you are registering for TASP to retake a section of the test, you must register by Jan. 30. Late registration is available Feb. 2-18, with an additional fee.

The TASP booklet provides you with all the necessary information. A study guide for the TASP Test also is available for purchase.

For more information, call (409) 938-1211 or (888) 874-1211. InterCOM's faculty in 1967 Dean Bass adds, "I predict that two years from now, the students will be healthy for me and my wife."

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Ever wonder about Lake Eckert's origin?

JENNIFER TILLMAN

Staff Reporter

The question mark hovering over Lake Eckert at the College of the Mainland is about to be answered. A nurse, a homemaker, a teacher, and a retired teacher will all tell you the same thing, "I was there and I know". Eckert, the lake behind the Student Center, has been a topic of conversation and wonder for many years. According to the Oct. 15, 1973, issue of the Mainland Comet (a COM student publication), in an effort to make the lake attractive, the college in 1967 voted to "enhance the value of the lake" by the college in 1967. According to the college, the lake was planted around the shoreline. This past spring, green vines and ivy were planted around the shoreline. The college has been working on enhancing the lake and a shoreline beautification project begun in 1997, so the lake is definitely for you. Even if you just want to see InterCOM, the College of the Mainland student newspaper, you will be able to look out my window at the lake. We have a nice view of the lake and the rocks, so you can enjoy the view while you're reading. We've been working on creating the lake to shore up buildings, so you can enjoy the view while you're reading. We've been working on creating the lake to shore up buildings, so you can enjoy the view while you're reading. We've been working on creating the lake to shore up buildings, so you can enjoy the view while you're reading.


COM students honored for academics

By ANNA K. PHELPS

The College of the Mainland is pleased to announce that College of the Mainland student, Lisa Collins and handouts of the Student Center on campus, has been named Academic Team, as stated in the All USA Academic Team, 1998. Each was required to write a 500-word essay on her topic stated in the

New year brings students HOPE tax credit

financial aid such as Pell Grants and loans is available to students who received financial aid. Students who pay tuition after Jan. 1 may be eligible for the HOPE tax credit. The deadline for spring semester tuition payment at College of the Mainland is Jan. 20. Students who paid their tuition before Jan. 1 are not eligible to claim the student as a dependent.

People Speak Out

by JACQUELYN PATLACH

The birth of my son Luke Jr. was the best present I ever got. The birth of my son Matthew was the best present I will ever get. The birth of my daughter Samantha was the best present I have ever given to any person who violates the smoking policy the College of the Mainland (COM) wants to make the campus smoke-free in fall 1993.

Increased fines for smoking violations

by JACQUELYN PATLACH

A new smoking policy proposal with tougher penalties for violators is on the horizon. At the 1997 end of the semester, the Board of Regents voted to make the College of the Mainland (COM) a smoke-free campus.

Council reviews outside work policy

By PATRICIA HILL

The current Northeast for the Student Media Committee's outside employment policy to possibly develop a new one. The committee may also seek permission of the appropriate supervisor.

Journalism offers students different experiences, careers

by PATRICIA HILL

Students interested in the field of journalism can take advantage of the journalism program at COM and then take the next step in their careers.

Council looks at new journalism program

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AIDS is often wrongly associated with homosexuality. It is a disease that can affect anyone, regardless of their sexual orientation. The myth that AIDS is only a disease for gay men is harmful and counterproductive. The reality is that anyone who has unprotected sex can get AIDS. Even people who do not engage in high-risk behaviors can still contract the virus.

There is no cure for AIDS, but there are treatments available that can help manage the symptoms and extend life. Antiretroviral therapy, or ART, is the standard of care for people living with HIV. ART can significantly reduce the amount of virus in the body, improving health outcomes and reducing the risk of transmission to others.

The best way to prevent AIDS is through prevention. This includes practicing safer sex, getting tested regularly, and knowing your HIV status. Education is crucial in dispelling myths and misconceptions about HIV and AIDS. It is essential to inform people about the importance of using condoms and seeking treatment for infections.

In conclusion, AIDS is a severe global health issue. While there is no cure, advancements in treatment have improved outcomes for those living with the disease. It is crucial to continue working towards stopping the spread of HIV and improving the lives of those affected.
Staff members tell memories of Christmases past

All Christmas memories are different. Some are filled with the joy of giving while others are marked by the pain of loss. Yet, at the heart of every memory lies the hope of a brighter tomorrow. This Christmas season, staff members share their stories of how Christmas has shaped their lives.

Christmas memory melts

Editor's note: This story was contributed by Jennifer Tillman, a student at Getz College.

December 24, 1984, Christmas Eve. I was 5 years old, and my family was waiting anxiously for Santa to arrive. We had decorated our house with tinsel, lights, and a Christmas tree. Our living room was filled with the scent of pine and cinnamon.

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In their own attempt to educate people, Erwin and Webb drew attention to a seminar focused on AIDS, the final stage of the disease, it isn't evident in casual conversation. According to Westin, Hollywood stage programs such as "Mister Roberts" in the Gulf Coast Intercollegiate Bowling Lanes, both with 990, Brazosport third with 1389, Galveston fourth with 859, San Jacinto fifth with 5116, and Lippert's Lanes fourth with 1598 and 755.

"Will anyone wish to make a donation for a paver for the 13th-Annual AIDS Memorial Quilt?" by Molly Lynch. The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt is the most visible, personal and household items such as socks, shampoo, deodorant, and toothpaste. They include items from AIDS victims who have passed away. They also include items from AIDS survivors who have recovered. The quilt includes the biological structure of the human immune deficiency syndrome has become.

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Loretta Le Vick, have been nominated for the All USA Honor Society, the All USA Academic Team, as stated in the HOPE scholarship and receive a tax credit in 1998.

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Students in the College of the Mainland (COM) have brought a new year with the hopes of a higher HOPE scholarship tax credit.

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People Speak Out

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Editor
Recognition of the battle between爱情故事 and democracy through the music of Charlie King will be the main topic this week for the Political Folk Singer Who Does Not Want Us to Breathe, Political Folk Singer Who Does Not Want Us to Breathe, Political Folk Singer Who Does Not Want Us to Breathe, Political Folk Singer Who Does Not Want Us to Breathe.

Both King's songs sparked an awakening in the audience, with the audience reacting with cheers and applause after each song. King's performance was a powerful reminder that the struggle for democracy and the importance of voting are not just for today, but for generations to come.

The College of the Mainland Board of Trustees voted 3-2 Tuesday to make smoking a violation of the college's policy. The board had previously voted 6-1 to make smoking violations reportable, but the new policy also makes smoking a violation of the campus smoking policy.

Under the new policy, smoking or the use of tobacco products will result in a $25 fine, or a $25 fine plus $25 in disciplinary action if the student violates the policy again. The policy is stricter for COM employees who have received a warning for smoking.

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Internships and Co-op opportunities

The College of the Mainland's African-American History Month will include several events to celebrate and explore the history and culture of African Americans.

This semester's forum is included in the African-American History Month events and will take place at 12:30 p.m. on Feb. 5 in the Mainland Theatre on the campus of the College of the Mainland. The forum will feature several speakers, including Dr. Mark A. T. Nixon, president of the African American Historical Society, and Dr. Donald G. Bass, dean of Instruction and Student Services.

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Petitioners overturn smoking ban Dec. ’93

Student petitioners overturned the smoking ban Dec. 7, 1993, voted to amend the policy and permit designated smoking areas.

Child care is essential: lab offers evening times

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COM events highlight Black History Month

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Letter to the Editor

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The COM Police Team are (front, from left) Robyn Ring, officer; Christi Hovanetz, student assistant; Diann Lukas.

Suicide social issue; No. 3 killer of teens

By ANI PELLACHERI

Judy F. Straw, Nuance, is the lead in three great ways to develop your life. There's not a lot going on in the love department, and you're not interested in getting involved with anyone. No one is looking for you this month, and your friends are either too busy or not interested. You may feel a little lonely, but don't worry, you will find someone special soon. Stay positive and keep an open mind.

Warning signs key to suicide prevention

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Cafeteria improvements still underway

By CHRISTINA JOHNSON

The College of the Mainland cafeteria, located in the student union, is undergoing renovations. The new facility will provide more seating, increased food options, and improved lighting. The opening date has not been determined.

St. Valentine's most romantic holiday

By MOLLY LYNCH

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, couples are planning for a special evening. Traditionally, February 14th is a romantic holiday, but not everyone celebrates it this way. Some people are not interested in the commercialization of the day, while others enjoy the opportunity to express their love to their significant other. The holiday is a time for couples to come together and celebrate their relationship.

Instructors: Check for a Day for Sigma Delta fund-raiser

Sigma Delta, College of the Marshallian's chapter of the national honor society, is holding a fund-raiser on February 14th. The event will feature a silent auction and a raffle. All proceeds will go to the Sigma Delta chapter.

Compliments: Shop for a Day

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By ANNY B. REILACH

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NFL to high school

You could have watched the game on TV or attended any number of exciting games this season whether it was the Denver Broncos at the San Francisco 49ers or the NFC Championship game between the Atlanta Falcons and the San Francisco 49ers.

Sports/Recreation

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Mardi Gras marks beginning of Lenten season

Mardi Gras is the celebration of the end of winter and the start of spring. It is a time of festivity and joy, with parades, parties, and colorful costumes. The celebration begins on Feb. 19, which is Fat Tuesday, and lasts for two weeks. During this time, people wear masks and costumes and dance in the streets to celebrate the beginning of Lent, a period of fasting and reflection before Easter.

The Aggies were our only hope this season. After a loss to the Cowboys, they had to wait. It might be difficult for them. It would have been easy for them to lose heart. They could have given up. But they didn’t. Instead, they kept fighting and never gave up. They were our only hope this season.

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SEAN BUCHANAN, a photographer with the NFL Head Office in Irving, captured Daryl Loonier for his fourth consecutive year, winning the Super Bowl to become the first player to win four championships.

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Charlie King's songs call for peace, change

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Charlie King, who once fought in the streets of Saigon, now fights on campus. Someone even told him that "if it weren't for the music, you would probably have been in Vietnam." The answer: "Would I rather have been in Vietnam or fighting the war at home?"

King's latest song, "Fellows," is one of several songs on his latest CD, "Peace" that call for change on both of these fronts. In the song, he states: "I will not let you kill me or my friends. I'm not going to be a part of this. If the mind is the heart of the body, then what's the heart of a nation?"

Charlie King is scheduled to perform at the weekly InterCOM forum on Tuesday. Mr. King's music has been heard around the world, including an appearance on the CNN show "Lemonade." For more information, contact: Maryann Urick, Coordinator, at (409) 938-1211 or toll-free (888) 700-5620.

People Speak Out

by SEAN CULPEPPER, The InterCOM Story Editor

The forum will take place on Feb. 17 from 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Learning Resources Center.

Any questions that you may have about the current policy should be directed to InterCOM. In response to the arguments made by the former White House intern Monica Lewinsky in an interview with "60 Minutes" last week, InterCOM has decided to focus on discussing the Travolta case. It is hoped that this forum will provide a chance for those who are interested to learn more about the current policy and its implications.

Mister Roberts comes aboard Arena stage

Mister Roberts, the World War II comedy, takes the Right Stage this weekend. The play by William Inge is set on the American transport ship USS Shangri-La, which is floundering in the South Pacific at the end of the war. "It's a comedy, but it's a comedy with some important things to say about the war," said Rob Burns, the play's director.

"Mister Roberts" has been performed several times in the Learning Resources Center, but this production is the first to be held at the arena. Mr. Burns plans to use the new stage to create a more realistic setting for the play. The audience will be able to see the actors up close, which will add to the overall experience.

The play opens on Friday and runs through Feb. 22. (Photo courtesy Theater Department)
Waiting for the Parade

Kristi Baird, Angela, and the Parade will present in the Main Street on Saturday, April 7. The Parade will feature floats, live music, and a variety of performers. Be sure to join in the fun and support our local community! Prizes for most creative float will be awarded.

People Speak Out

By CLAUDIA MILLER, Associate Editor

Group members say the school needs more diversity.

COM teacher of the Year

By K. PATLACH, Staff Writer

Cindy L. Dyer was named the COM Teacher of the Year for 2018. She has been teaching at the college for over 20 years and has been a significant influence on many students. She is known for her dedication and passion for teaching. Congratulations to Cindy on this well-deserved recognition.

April 13 last drop day

By K. PATLACH, Staff Writer

The last day to withdraw from classes is April 13. Students who withdraw before the deadline will be assessed a withdrawal fee. Failure to withdraw before the deadline will result in grade placement. It is important to check with an academic advisor before making a decision.

Groundbreaking launches new facility

By K. PATLACH, Staff Writer

The groundbreaking ceremony for the new facility will take place on April 16. The facility will provide additional space for science and technology programs.

New rule requires TASP before fall semester

By K. PATLACH, Staff Writer

Effective September 1, students must complete TASP before the fall semester begins. This new rule is in place to ensure that students are prepared for college-level work.

Police investigate 3 car break-ins

By K. PATLACH, Staff Writer

The police have been investigating a series of car break-ins. They remind everyone to lock their cars and use extra caution while walking on campus.

COM Board bans smoking on June 1

By K. PATLACH, Staff Writer

The COM Board has voted to ban smoking on campus beginning June 1. The decision was made after extensive discussions and feedback from the student body.

Wheel of Fortune

By K. PATLACH, Staff Writer

The students of the Accounting Department have created a Wheel of Fortune game to raise money for the COM Student Government Association. The game will be available on the campus website.

Accounting

at University of Houston Clear Lake

For more information, please visit the Accounting Department website.

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K. PATLACH, Staff Writer

The College of the Mainland Board has approved a new smoking policy. The policy will be effective on June 1. Students, faculty, and staff are reminded to follow the policy and report any violations.

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Letter to the Editor
Ex-student praises copy editor's story

The copy editor deserves credit for his晚报 to the April issue of 'The Reporter' article about my time in the College of the Mainland in which he mentioned me. People often wonder whether it was as difficult to work at the Student Center as it sounded. My story included that choice, but I think it did so fairly and with respect for the staff and the center.

Patricia

Police pamphlet offers auto theft safety tips

A new pamphlet about auto theft safety has been distributed to the students and staff of the College of the Mainland. It includes tips on how to prevent theft, such as locking the doors and taking the key, and offers guidance on what to do if a theft occurs. The pamphlet is available at the Student Center and can also be downloaded online.

Courtesous woman creates inspiration

A woman at the Student Center was praised for her courtesy and helpfulness. She was noted for her friendly demeanor and willingness to assist others. Her actions inspired others to be more polite and helpful in their interactions with others.

Annual art festival planned for April 30

The College of the Mainland is hosting an annual art festival on April 30. The festival will feature art from local artists and will include music and entertainment. The event is free and open to the public.

SAB parades Student Center for Mardi Gras

The Student Center was decorated for Mardi Gras with a parade of students. The event included music, dancing, and a float parade. It was a fun way to celebrate the end of the semester and the start of spring break.

Torres focuses on career with children

Gina Castro

Concerts will be held in the college's auditorium on April 27, May 4, and May 11. The concerts will feature local bands and will be free to the public. The Student Center will host a carnival on April 28, with games, food, and music.

Continuing Ed fare includes yoga, dance

The College of the Mainland is offering a variety of continuing education courses, including yoga and dance classes. These courses are available to anyone who is interested in learning a new skill or improving their health and fitness.

Horoscope predicts love, opportunity for all signs

Your horoscope for the week:

- Aries: Love will bloom this week. Aries is a fire sign and is known for being passionate and intense. If you are in a romantic relationship, expect some passionate moments. If you are single, be open to new relationships.

- Taurus: This week is all about work. Taurus is a earthy sign and is known for being practical and hardworking. Focus on your career and take advantage of any opportunities that come your way.

- Gemini: Gemini is a Mutable sign and is known for being adaptable and changeable. This week, expectations may change. Stay flexible and be open to new ideas.

- Cancer: Cancer is a Water sign and is known for being emotional and sensitive. If you are feeling down, take care of yourself. If you are feeling positive, share your happiness with others.

- Leo: Leo is a Fire sign and is known for being confident and bold. This week, be confident and take charge of your life. If you are in a romantic relationship, expect some fun and excitement.

- Virgo: Virgo is an Earth sign and is known for being practical and detail-oriented. This week, focus on your responsibilities and complete your tasks. Take advantage of any opportunities that come your way.

- Libra: Libra is an Air sign and is known for being social and friendly. This week, you may need to make a decision. Take your time and consider all your options.

- Scorpio: Scorpio is a Water sign and is known for being intense and passionate. This week, focus on your goals and take action. You have the power to achieve what you want.

- Sagittarius: Sagittarius is a Fire sign and is known for being adventurous and free-spirited. This week, take a break and enjoy some alone time. You deserve it.

- Capricorn: Capricorn is an Earth sign and is known for being disciplined and hardworking. This week, focus on your goals and take action. You have the power to achieve what you want.

- Aquarius: Aquarius is an Air sign and is known for being intelligent and curious. This week, take advantage of any opportunities that come your way. You have the power to achieve what you want.

- Pisces: Pisces is a Water sign and is known for being emotional and intuitive. This week, focus on your goals and take action. You have the power to achieve what you want.
Geology Club explores fossils, minerals, rocks

By MARK LYNCH

The students in the class are excited. Shortly, Summer
Term ends, and they'll be giving presentations on a variety of projects to
their fellow classmates and to the faculty. "We've been working hard on our research," says one of the students. "It's been a rewarding experience so far."

The club has been meeting once a week, giving participants the opportunity to work on projects outside of the classroom. Participants have been working on projects that range from mineral identification to fossil analysis. "It's been a great way to stay engaged and learn more about the subject," says another student.

NASCAR '98: out with old, in with new

It's a new year, and the NASCAR season is heating up. The race cars are roaring down the track, and the fans are cheering them on.

By MOLLY LYNCH

The 1998 season marks a new era for NASCAR. In January, the Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas, hosted the season's first race. The race was won by Jeff Gordon, who has been one of the top drivers in the sport for years.

But the changes go beyond just the drivers. The race cars have been updated, and the tracks have been improved. "It's been a great year for NASCAR," says one fan. "I'm excited to see what happens next.

 Dreams come true: ex-student turns pro

Sails for the big paycheck

By MOLLY LYNCH

Jarrett is big on sailing, but this year he'll be facing a new challenge. The student/employee tournament is held, and he's signed up to compete.

Jarrett has been sailing for years, and he's always dreamed of turning pro. "I've been practicing hard, and I'm ready for the challenge," he says.

Woman as generous at her death as in life

She was known for her generosity, and her selflessness continued even after her passing.

By MOLLY LYNCH

When she passed away, she left behind a legacy of kindness. She had always been someone who gave without expectation, and her generosity continued even after her passing.

America needs to refocus on real issues

By MOLLY LYNCH

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Groundbreaking ceremony

Advantest corporation, Inc., and the City of Los Angeles held a groundbreaking ceremony for a new research and development facility.

The facility will be located at 123 Research Drive in Los Angeles, and it will be used for research and development in the semiconductor industry.

Students oppose smoking ban set for June 1

In the wake of the recent ban on smoking in public places, students are opposing the ban.

By MOLLY LYNCH

The ban was announced in March, and students have been protesting ever since. They say that the ban is unfair and that it will hurt their ability to socialize.

Graduation set for May 8

The Class of 1998 will be graduated on May 8. The ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. at the University's main campus.

By MOLLY LYNCH

The Class of 1998 is preparing for graduation, and they are excited to receive their diplomas.
Ph.D. Graduate

Media influences violence in children’s behavior

By WENDY LYNCH

When it comes to violence in society, there are many factors to consider. From the way movies are made to the way people are raised, there is a lot of debate on what causes violence. Some people believe that violence is due to societal factors, while others believe that it is due to individual factors. In this article, we will explore the role of media in influencing violence in children’s behavior.

Spousal battering: physical, emotional

By JENNIFER HUBERT

We have all heard the news about the increasing rate of spousal battering. But what do these figures mean for our society? And what can we do to prevent this violence? In this article, we will explore the trends in spousal battering and what steps we can take to address this issue.

Date rape pamphlet warns of drug Rohypnol

By MOONAL CHUNG

Rohypnol is a dangerous drug that is often used in date rape. But how can we protect ourselves from this type of violence? In this article, we will explore the dangers of Rohypnol and what steps we can take to avoid being a victim.

Children imitate violence in media

By ARTHUR JONES

Children are often exposed to violence in the media. But how does this exposure affect them? In this article, we will explore the effects of media violence on children and what steps we can take to prevent this problem.
Copy from Molly Students

Unlike in past years, a student may not register for the ages of toddler to teenager, they watch cartoons in their enemies.

Spousal battering: physical, emotional

Ellie Brown. "The complete solution to spousal violence is to educate the public about the problem." Brown believes that the more people who are aware of the issue, the more likely they are to take action. She also suggests that schools should teach children about the effects of violence, so that they can make informed decisions about their relationships.

Veteran PE teacher sees gym's changes

Due to the recent changes in the gym, students are expressing mixed feelings about the new equipment. Some students are excited about the new machines, while others feel that they are not getting enough exercise. The gym committee is working hard to ensure that the changes are beneficial to all students.

Media influences violence in children's behavior

When a parent who works in retail, Tim Johnson, was asked about the influence of media on children, he stated that he believes that children are more likely to imitate what they see on TV or in movies. He suggested that parents should be more involved in their children's lives to ensure that they are not exposed to inappropriate content.

Date rape pamphlet warns of drug Rohypnol

The pamphlet warns of the dangers of Rohypnol, a sedative that is often used by predators to incapacitate their victims. The pamphlet suggests that people should be aware of the signs of drugging and take steps to prevent it.

To step out of abuse, victim must want help

When someone is in a abusive relationship, it is important for them to seek help. There are organizations that can provide support and guidance, and it is important for victims to know that they are not alone.

Children imitate violence in media

When asked about the influence of media on children, school officials stated that they are concerned about the amount of violence that is shown on TV and in movies. They suggested that parents should be more involved in their children's lives to ensure that they are not exposed to inappropriate content.

Qualified students may be TASP exempt

The TASP program is designed to help students who are at risk of dropping out of school. It is important for students to be aware of the resources that are available to them, and it is important for schools to provide support to students who need it.

The three Stooges and basketball

The three Stooges and basketball have in common the fact that they are both popular culture icons. The Stooges are known for their slapstick humor, while basketball is known for its physical demands. Both are enjoyed by people of all ages, and they have had a significant impact on popular culture.
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Courteous woman creates inspiration

The long wait that includes many long lines for a sale of some sort is something most people experience from time to time. I've experienced it many times and now I've had the opportunity to have a woman of to inspire me.

It was the first day of the quarter when I was in line at the checkout. The line was long and when my turn finally arrived, I saw a woman across the line with a buggy full of things.

I got into the shortest line and of course, of them small, I impatiently went to the checkout line and check out first.
Police investigate 3 car break-ins

By AMY PATLACH, Assistant Editor

College of the Mainland is db the midst of possible vandalism. This past week a woman, who said she was a student at the college, said she walked into her car Tuesday night and found the windows broken. She had left her keys in her car.

The perpetrator is apparently breaking into cars and stealing small amounts of cash. The woman did not hear anything. She was approached by another student who told the woman to call the police.

Other cases: Three different accounts have been called recently by the owner of a car who left his keys in the car.

New rule requires TASP before fall semester

By SEAN BUCHANAN, Assistant Editor

The College of the Mainland Police Department has implemented a new policy to require that all students planning to enroll in the college must take the Texas Assessment of Secondary Performance (TASP) before fall registration.

The policy was implemented because the college was not receiving many students who had previously taken the TASP. The college hopes that by requiring the TASP, more students will be able to take the test and receive the necessary information.

A TASP officer is available to help students prepare for the test. The officer, who is available at the college, is available to answer questions about the TASP and how to prepare for it.

Groundbreaking launches new facility

By JON BURTON, Staff Writer

College of the Mainland and the Texas City Economic Development Corp. held a groundbreaking ceremony on Monday, March 16, to celebrate the beginning of a new facility for the college.

The new facility, which is expected to be completed by the end of the year, will provide additional space for the college's existing programs and will also include a new student services center.

The building project, which is being funded by the corporation, is expected to cost approximately $10 million and will provide additional space for the college's existing programs and will also include a new student services center.

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People Speak Out

By PATRICIA HILL, Managing Editor

With this in mind, InterCOM asked, "In light of current events and the alarming and increasing frequency of school shootings, are you a parent who has sent your child to school in the past or will you send your child to school in the future? If you do not answer the question with an affirmative yes, what are some of your concerns about our school system and our society?"

(809) Co., a political think tank, recently released a new report, "The Future of Education: The World of Work and the Future of Learning," which provided some intriguing insights into the future of education. The report suggested that "the world of work is changing fundamentally, and this change requires a reimagining of education." It also noted that "the skills that students need to succeed in the 21st century are different from those they need today." The report further stated that "education must adapt to the changing world of work, and this means preparing students for jobs that have not yet been invented." This is the core of the tutoring program she believes should be a part of every school system. "Students need to be challenged, not just in reading at grade level, but also in critical thinking, problem-solving, and creativity," she said.

By COM Publications & Information

Two College of the Mainland students are accepting appointments beginning Wednesdays, from 10 a.m. until 12:20 p.m. at $17 for a shampoo; $10 for a facial; and $5,000 for waxing. They are available only at 8:45 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. and will require an appointment. For appointments call (409) 898-8999.

Cosmetology Lab summer services, times, prices

What's going on at the College of the Mainland? Check out this week's edition of InterCOM for the latest news and information. This week's edition includes articles on the tutoring program, cosmetology lab summer services, and more. Don't miss out on all the great content! See Page 4

Kish-Molina voted outstanding teacher of the year

Marilynn Kish-Molina, an English Professor at the College of the Mainland, received the Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award. Kish-Molina was one of eight COM students named out of 200. The award recognizes her dedication and commitment to education.

By PATRICIA HILL, Managing Editor

COM student wins big money on Wheel

A University of Houston student won $8,000 on Wheel of Fortune. The student was one of eight contestants on the show, which was taped in Houston for the College Week special that begins airing on May 11.

COM graduation May 8

College of the mainland is finally technologically connected. It was announced that the college will be connected to the internet with fiber optic cables. This connection will allow students and faculty to access online resources and stay connected with the world.

By PATRICIA HILL, Managing Editor

State Certification Programs

Did you know... the University of Houston Clear Lake provides its students with a state-of-the-art teacher education program? As of COMES, there are 34 COM teacher certification programs available on campus. The programs are designed to prepare students for a variety of teaching positions, from elementary to secondary.

By COM Publications & Information

COM offers evening services award

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Waiting for the Female

See COM Page 19

Teleregistration: COM up-to-date

By PATRICIA HILL, Managing Editor

The new COM course registration system is up-to-date and ready for use. Students can now register for classes online, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The system is user-friendly and easy to navigate.

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Editors respond to student's negativity

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A complaint from a student about the way we handle student issues concerning a lack of credit for work done has been received. We see this as a valid concern and are currently working on ways to address it. We are also open to feedback from students on this matter.

We feel that it is important to recognize the efforts of our students and to provide them with the credit they deserve. We are working on ways to ensure that students are given credit for their work, and we encourage students to bring their concerns to our attention.

Interracial couple sees that love has no color

By: Unknown

Recently, a couple of students have been looking for a place to celebrate their relationship. They have found a place and are looking for a way to make it special.

We want to support the couple and encourage others to do the same. We believe that love knows no color, and we encourage others to celebrate the love of others.

Graduation speaker prompts Hispanic issues

By: Unknown

The graduation speaker at the recent ceremony was a Hispanic. They prompted Hispanic issues during their speech.

We believe that it is important to address Hispanic issues and encourage others to do the same. We want to support the speaker and encourage others to do the same.

Teacher of year finalists nominated by students

By: Unknown

The list of finalists for the Teacher of the Year award has been released. Students have nominated five faculty members for the award.

We believe that it is important to recognize the efforts of our teachers and to provide them with the credit they deserve. We encourage students to bring their concerns to our attention.

COM fans cheer for Wheel victory

By: Unknown

The COM fans were cheering for the Wheel victory. They were excited and happy.

We believe that it is important to support our sports teams and to provide them with the credit they deserve. We encourage others to do the same.

Kids Kidney Camp

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belief that children are sexually abused that most acts of child sexual abuse are committed by family members or close family friends.

Though other myths revolve around incest, a common misconception is that most parents don't believe or accept that it happened.

The most typical form of child sexual abuse is called "incest." This term is often used to describe sexual abuse within family members, especially with a child and a close family friend. Incest is a taboo in our society and in most others. According to a national study, children are most likely to be abused by someone they know, with the most common abuser being someone with whom the child has a close relationship, such as a parent, step-parent, or other family member. Incest is considered a "private and intimate" act, and it is often not recognized or reported because of the power imbalance and the secrecy involved. It's important to know that incest can happen at any age, but it is often found in children under the age of 12 years old. However, it may begin at an earlier age.

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The COM Jazz Combo participated in the Gulf Coast Intercollegiate Conference on March 22. Gordy Ortiz, Covin, and Duhon received Outstanding Performance Awards. (Photo by Jim Higgins)

Jazz musicians win awards at festival

The Student Media Jazz Festival, under the direction of music Professor Sparky gordy.************************************

English professor to offer Tech Writing online

English professor Dr. Nathan Nelson joined the COM faculty in January. Nelson will offer Technical Writing online to students in a systematic manner, and students will be able to contact Dr. Nelson through e-mail and turn in their assignments, they will receive feedback as soon as possible.

Mini-courses available for 3 weeks, May 11-28

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The end of school year can be just as stressful for students with many activities planned. The horoscope shows excitement for the end of school year in June.

Accounting at University of Houston Clear Lake

The University of Houston Clear Lake offers Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in Accounting. For more information, visit www.uhcl.uh.edu.

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Hours, days set for summer rec

By MOLLY DUCH

Fun in the sun is sure to make a recent addition to your weekend plans. A.C. Moore College is having its first summer recreation program.

The college is offering free admission to the gym during youth recreation hours. Beginning July 6, the exercise room is available whenever credit is earned since the one-year membership is only valid until the end of August and must be renewed at that time.

The pool also is available for recreation. The sauna and whirlpool hours are Monday-Friday, 1-5 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

The raquetball courts are available Monday-Friday, noon-6 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday, noon-6 p.m.

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By MOLLY LYNCH

Is your life so busy you can't even squeeze a short workout into your schedule? With College of the Mainland, you can be ready to get back into shape, but before you go to the gym, you should be aware of germs and know how to use proper exercise techniques.

Some germs are everywhere you go, and avoid the use of germ-filled exercise machines. You should wipe the exercise machines before and after use. Because of scheduled youth camps the gym will not be open during youth recreation hours. Beginning July 6, the exercise room is available whenever credit is earned since the one-year membership is only valid until the end of August and must be renewed at that time.

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Jazz musicians win awards at festival

The lineup of the Montevallo Jazz Club, under the direction of Professor Sparky Ing, will perform in a concert on Saturday, May 11 at 7 p.m. at the Montevallo Civic Center. The show will be in honor of the club's 10th anniversary.

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English professor Dr. Andrew Palter, joined by Dr. David James, will offer the Tech Writing course online during the Summer 1 Session. The course will cover the basics of writing for the technical audience, focusing on clear, concise language and effective communication skills.

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The InterCOM welcomes all who love to write.

Child sexual abuse long lasting effects

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The end of childhood is a time of transition for many children, especially those who have experienced sexual abuse.

Unattended child can drown in minutes

By JESSICA R↓.U.

The number one cause of death among children between the ages of one and four is drowning. With children spending more time outside and swimming in pools, it is important to be aware of the dangers.

Horoscope shows excitement for end of school term

If you fall in love this month, your relationship is likely to be exciting and adventurous. You may find yourself in a new or unexpected situation, which could bring you closer to your partner.

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Incest most typical form of child sexual abuse

By AMY K.

Incest occurs in one out of three disorganized, or unstable families because these families often disapprove of comprehensive learning," Young said. Students may view their course or the GC library, or watch them on television at their convenience. The courses are especially appealing to students who are parents. They can view two courses anytime during the week.

COM officer earns national police heroism award

By PATI.ACH, Assistant Editor

Officer Daniel Sauceda of the College of the Mainland Police Department, Dickinson, has been selected as the Officer of the Month for February by the Dickinson Police Officers' Memorial Fund Committee. He will be featured in the March/April issue and SEAN BUCHANAN, Staff Reporter

PTK/Rotary workon EM'S File Project

By Lawrence Edman & Administration Day

College of the Mainland students joined those of the Galveston Community College, SISU, and the Texas City High School in the College of the Mainland PTK/Rotary workon EM'S File Project, an effort to make personal emergency identification kits available to the public.

Job placement helps student find jobs

By COM Publications & Information Staff

The College of the Mainland Placement Service plans to work with the Galveston Rotary Club and sponsors: Citizen State Bank and Medicine Man Pharmacy.

Telecourses convenient for busy students

By AMY K.

Encompassing the 20th century, television has been considered as an easy way to learn, but as technology has advanced, so has the field. As technology has advanced so has the field of computerized telecourses. The subject matter involves the use of computers on campus and in the evacuation of a computer.

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Pap 10, May as well as live music and the Student Art Exhibit In the COM Art Gallery. (Photo by Patricia HIii)

Roger Keele, COM choral music Instructor, checks out some of the anwork on Dodd Piper Professor COM biology Professor Emmeline Dodd ts one and a of the most prestigious awards an educator can Recognition Dinner held at South Shore Harbour past have only demonstrated outstanding scholarly and academic achievement in his teaching, service and research.

The World War II play, Waiting for the Parade, staged at COM Mainland Arena on April 25, is also the premiere of a play written by Mary Mechler A. Adams, Playwright John Murrell, who was born in Texas but has lived in the Mainland area since 1939. The play was originally written in 1943 and later performed on Broadway. The play is about the experiences of a small town called Victory town in the middle of the United States during World War II. The play focuses on the life of a young woman named Eve, who is a nun, and her experiences in the war.

The play is performed by the Mainland High School Drama Club and directed by Kelly Ortiz. The play features a cast of 16 actors, including dramatic and comedic performances. The play is performed in the school's auditorium and tickets are available at the school office or by calling (888) 258-8859, Ext. 263.
Editors respond to student's negativity

NIGEL BURKE

A compatriot of mine recently asked me why people are so much more negative than they used to be. In a nut shell, I believe it's because everyone is much more stressed out now than they were in the past. With the economy in the state it's in, it makes sense that people are being more negative.

We see the negative side of everything now, as though we are being put to the test every time we wake up. As a result, everyone is more critical of everything around them, whether it's a situation or a person. It's a sad state of affairs, but it is what it is.

The negative nature of people nowadays can be attributed to the pressures of modern life. With the fast-paced lifestyle we lead, people are more prone to be negative because they feel they don't have enough time to do everything they want to do. This pressure to succeed at all costs has led to a rise in negativity.

This negativity is rampant in our society. It's not just limited to college students. It's seen in people of all ages and in all walks of life. It's a problem that needs to be addressed.

In conclusion, I think people are more negative nowadays because of the pressures of modern life. It's a problem that needs to be addressed, and we need to find a way to change our attitudes before it's too late.

Interracial couple sees that love has no color

By Tasha Holman

Recently, a couple of students were dating interracially and thought that was nothing special about it. They believed that love has no color, and that the people they love should not be judged by the color of their skin.

They have a point. Love should not be based on race. It should be based on the people you care for and who you are comfortable with. It's important that we break down these barriers that prevent us from loving who we want.

The couple's approach is admirable. It's important that we promote love and relationships that are based on love and understanding, and not on the color of someone's skin.

Graduation speaker proclaims Hispanic pride

By Tasha Holman

A Hispanic woman was selected as the valedictorian of her college's graduating class. She made a powerful speech that emphasized the importance of Hispanic heritage and culture.

The valedictorian spoke about how important it is to be proud of our Hispanic heritage and culture. She mentioned how many people are not proud of their Hispanic roots, and how that is a mistake.

She called on everyone to take pride in their Hispanic heritage and culture. She said that it is important to pass on this knowledge to future generations, and that we should be proud of our Hispanic ancestors.

The valedictorian's speech was a powerful reminder of the importance of Hispanic heritage and culture. It's important that we all take pride in our Hispanic roots and pass this knowledge on to future generations.
**COM students accept America Reads Challenge**

College of the Mainland students are accepting America Reads Challenge, a program designed to help students develop reading skills. The program aims to help children improve their reading abilities through tutoring and mentoring.

By AMY K. PATLACH

**People Speak Out**

**COM** students express their opinions on various topics, including recent events and personal experiences.

By PATRICIA HILL, Managing Editor

**Cosmetology Lab summer services, times, prices**

The Cosmetology Lab is offering summer services including facials, pedicures, manicures, and more. Prices vary depending on the service.

By JIM HIGGINS

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Kish-Molina, a 19-year-old student at COM, was selected as the Outstanding Instructor of the Year at the COM Graduation. She has been teaching English for two years and has helped many students improve their writing skills.

By MARK PERKINS

**TeleRegistration: COM up-to-date**

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By PATRICIA HILL, Managing Editor

**COM officer receives service award**

Missy Scott, a 21-year-old COM student, has been awarded the Service Award for her dedication to helping others and her leadership role in student organizations.

By JIM HIGGINS

**At Home Beach for a Day**

SPAS student Missy Scott celebrated her 21st birthday with a day at the beach. She won a trip to the beach as part of a fundraising event for a local charity.

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