

Texas LoneStar Strikers Land in the Pacific Northwest

The International Basketball League is expanding into the state of Texas with the addition of the LoneStar Strikers, a team located in The Woodlands Texas, a city just North of Houston.

The Strikers will begin their schedule by playing the Portland Chinooks on Friday, May 17 at Eastmoreland Courts at 7 p.m. and the Vancouver Volcanoes on Saturday, May 18th at the Clark Community College O’Connell Sports Center at 7 p.m. The Portland Chinooks will then travel to Texas to help the Strikers close out their first season with a pair of home games in The Woodlands area in June.

Headed by former Western Oregon State University basketball player, Glenn Shepherd, the Strikers was founded in 2012 to help promote the development of basketball players in Texas. Shepherd also plans to build his own sports complex and arena in



the Woodlands/Shenandoah/Conroe area that would aid in his goal of promoting player development.

“I feel this is the best league for teams that are strong in their organizational structure, and can produce a high quality product,” explained Shepherd. “I am looking forward to working hard to help build the IBL up in the Central time zone.”

In addition, the Strikers basketball operations staff offers a wealth of experience on the court. The team’s General Manager is Marcellus Wright, who played in college at Oregon State University alongside NBA All-Star and Seattle Sonic fan favorite Gary Payton, and later went overseas to compete professionally.

Head Coach Kenneth Henry, who played college basketball for the University Of Cincinnati, also played professional basketball for 17 years, where he played in the countries of Holland, Venezuela, Singapore and the bulk of his career in Australia (NBL). While in Australia, Kenneth played for the Melbourne Tigers, and the Werribee Devils where he won 5 championships. Kenneth will bring a wealth of professional knowledge to the organization, as well as relationships with some of his former team members that are now heads of the current

NBL in Australia. We are looking forward to a strong and competitive team under his program leadership. He has extensive basketball knowledge as well as a large list of contacts connected to the NBA and professional basketball around the world. The Strikers have also established a mentor relationship with the NBA Development League’s Austin Toros (Owned by the San Antonio Spurs) with the Toros staff sharing important operational guidance and advice which is sure to aid the team in the future. With a long term vision of growing the IBL within the region, the Strikers will host pre-and post-season tournaments for teams in Texas and surrounding states to participate in as the league looks to develop participation in LoneStar State.

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Jefferson High School Junior Garners Slot At Berklee Summer Music Program

For the past 27 years, the Berklee College of Music in Boston, Mass., has hosted a five-week Summer Performance Program. Young musicians from around the world vie for the opportunity to participate and only few are chosen.

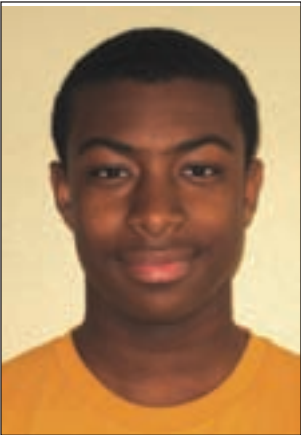
Tobias Kelly, a Jefferson High junior and percussionist, has been accepted to attend the program this summer.

Kelly, 17, received his first drum set at age three. Since then he has played for

elementary school and local church bands. Jefferson High School had been a per-

lege for Advanced Studies. This change has meant Kelly did not play at the

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Tobias Kelly

this amazing opportunity, Kelly will be in concert on Saturday, May 18, at 6 p.m., at the Maranatha Church, located at 4222 NE 12th Ave. The musical guests will include Kelly as the featured drummer, the Maranatha Praise Band, the Powerhouse COGIC Choir, and soloists Delessa McDuffy, Saeeda Wright and Emanuel Henreid.

Tickets are \$10 each and are a donation. The church’s doors open at 5 p.m. For more information, call 503-286-5042.

To raise funds in support this amazing opportunity, Kelly will be in concert on Saturday, May 18, at 6 p.m., at the Maranatha Church

forming arts magnet for years among Portland public schools, but budget cuts in recent years has shifted its focus to the Middle Col-

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ELIOT E-MAT CAFÉ

Many community members may not know that in mid-October of 2012, the Eliot E-Mat Café, owned and operated by James and Leeanner Posey, was tragically damaged by water caused by faulty overhead plumbing in their leased spaced at

2808 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd.

(the old Standard Dairy building in the Eliot neighborhood on the corner of NE Stanton and MLK). Since January 2013, the business has re-opened with limited hours.

of Deli, Laundromat, and Internet Café have encouraged community members to stop by and support its continued operations. The current hours of operation are

9am to 9pm Monday thru Friday. 9am to 6pm on Saturday and Sunday.

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and stop by and get a cup of the famous Stumptown coffee.

As one of the few African American owned retail businesses in the Portland community, the damage was devastating and caused the owners to consider permanently closing the business that marks its 13 year anniversary May 1, 2013. Eliot E-Mat Café gives thanks to the loyal customers who have supported the business through these difficult times. Supporters of the unique combination

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Studying African American history at PCC led Martina Clemmons to discover a new passion. She now balances classes at PSU with work as an archivist, helping to preserve a collection of documents that showcase Portland's early African American community.

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