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### County holds Make it Right

Harris County will host an event Saturday, Aug. 27, at Sagemont Church from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., aimed at helping people resolve low-level, nonviolent misdemeanor offenses in Precincts 2 and 8, without having to go to court or the fear of being arrested. The event will also feature a job fair and free legal resources.

### Vacation photos sought

The *Leader* is seeking readers' 2016 vacation photos for possible publication. A first- and second-place prize of Schlitterbahn tickets will be awarded monthly for the best submissions. Each month's first-place winner will be awarded eight tickets, while each month's second-place winner will be awarded six.

All submissions should include where and when the photo was taken, as well as identify each person in the picture (first and last name) and tell the story about the trip. All photos must be high resolution. Email photos to [mynews@southbeltleader.com](mailto:mynews@southbeltleader.com). Do not compress photos when emailing.

### Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from FM-1959/Dixie Farm Road to FM-528/NASA Road 1 will be closed nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Monday, Aug. 22. Alternate exit and entrance ramps will be closed. At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from FM-1959/Dixie Farm Road to FM-528/NASA Road 1 will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Tuesday, Aug. 23. Alternate exit and entrance ramps will be closed.

### Stuchbery registration set

Stuchbery Elementary will hold early registration for Kindergarten-4th grade on Thursday, Aug. 11, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Documents needed for registration include original or certified copy of birth certificate, Social Security card, shot records, last report card from previous school, parent's ID and two proofs of residence (lease, mortgage payment coupon/receipt, or deed plus a current utility bill). For pre-kindergarten requirements or other questions, call the school at 713-740-0752.

### Facebook page

The area elementary school also recently launched its official Facebook page. To see the page, visit [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com), then search for "Stuchbery Elementary School."

### Ashley Pointe to meet

The Ashley Pointe homeowners association will meet Tuesday, Aug. 16, at the Sageglen Community Building, located at 11610 Sageglen, beginning at 6:30 p.m. For additional information, contact Ashley Pointe managing agent Catherine Smith at 281-481-2160.

### Boykins holds golf tourney

On Monday, Sept. 12, Houston City Council Member Dwight Boykins will host the third annual Swingin' for Seniors Golf Tournament at Hermann Park Golf Course. The tournament raises money for the Senior Assistance Fund, which improves the quality of life for District D senior citizens by providing minor home repairs at zero cost. Visit [www.seniorassistancefund.com/events.html](http://www.seniorassistancefund.com/events.html) or call 832-393-3001 to receive further registration details or to become a sponsor.

### BHI holds Bear Camp

Beverly Hills Intermediate will hold *Bear Camp* for seventh-grade students Friday, Aug. 19, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The event will give students a chance to meet teachers, learn school traditions and purchase spirit items. A parent meeting will take place at 12:15 p.m. to discuss the school's dress code, tablet information and Beverly Hills classroom expectations.

### St. Luke's registration set

St. Luke's Catholic church will continue registration for its Faith Formation sessions the weekend of Aug. 20 and 21 after all Masses. Parents are welcome to register their children preschool through high school in the education building. Faith Formation sessions will begin the week of Sept. 11. The next available time to register will be after Sept. 11. Celebrate the beginning of the new school year with a special blessing at the Mass on Tuesday, Aug. 23, at 7 p.m.

### Meet Burnett teachers

Burnett Elementary will host its Meet the Teacher Night Thursday, Aug. 18, from 6 to 7 p.m. Parents and students are welcome to attend and bring their supplies.

### Leader cleans house

The *Leader* is cleaning house and getting rid of various items at its office, located at 11555 Beamer. Available items include two desks, a treadmill and miscellaneous other pieces. All items are free of charge but must be hauled off and are on a first-come, first-served basis. Email [mynews@southbeltleader.com](mailto:mynews@southbeltleader.com) for more information.

## Sagemont, chamber ponder use of vacant lots

A group of community leaders is seeking public input on what to do with several vacant lots in the area.

The project is being spearheaded by Sagemont Civic Club President Kay Barbour and also has the support of the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce.

According to Barbour, there are 33 properties in the Sagemont subdivision alone that have essentially been left abandoned after being purchased and leveled by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Harris County

Flood Control District following repeated episodes of flooding. An unknown number of vacant lots can also be found in the Kirkmont subdivision.

"They're an eyesore," Barbour said, noting the community was in need of "revitalization."

Barbour said county crews are supposed to mow the vacant lots eight times per year but estimated the work was done only about half that many times this past year.

County officials, however, have told the *Leader* they are supportive of Barbour's efforts to re-

purpose the land and will work with community leaders in the future to help the properties become more attractive parts of the community.

Despite flood mitigation work done in the area since the buyouts, the purchase agreements pro-

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## Dobie groundbreaking held



The Pasadena Independent School District officially broke ground on the new Dobie ninth-grade center Tuesday, Aug. 9. To be located at the corner of Fuqua and Monroe, the campus will alleviate overcrowding at the area high school. The campus is scheduled to open in August 2017 for the 2017-2018 school year. Dobie Principal Franklin Moses and PISD Superintendent Dr. DeeAnn Powell are shown above flashing a Longhorn sign in front of the structure. See additional photos in next week's *Leader*. Photo by Marie Flickinger

## Dobie to hold orientation Aug. 17

Dobie High School will hold *Meet the Longhorns* and an orientation for the parents of incoming freshmen on Wednesday, Aug. 17.

Beginning at 6 p.m., the Dobie football booster club will be grilling hamburgers and have inflatables for the students to play on before the orientation. The orientation meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

"We cannot express enough the importance of this meeting, as we share very essential information that will ensure your student's success this first year in high school," said Dobie Principal Franklin Moses.

This orientation will offer parents an opportunity to meet the administrators and counselors who will work directly with their students at J. Frank Dobie High School. Additionally, the session will provide important information for parents to ensure a smooth transition from intermediate school to high school.

Following the orientation, the *Meet the Longhorns* function will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the school's cafeteria. This is a community-wide spirit night put on by Dobie's athletic department. There will also be tables set up to purchase T-shirts from the many organizations at Dobie.

## Woman, 75, robbed at Sabo Kroger

An elderly woman was robbed Wednesday, Aug. 3, as she was leaving the Kroger at Beltway 8 and Sabo Road.

The 75-year-old woman said she had just loaded her groceries into her car and was attempting to enter her vehicle around 6:15 p.m.

when a woman slammed her door shut and attempted to grab her purse, which was strung over her shoulder.

The victim said she attempted to fight off the thief, kicking her multiple times, but the

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## PISD names Lee new Burnett principal

By Jay Do

Former South Belt Elementary School assistant principal Jae Lee will be taking on a new role as principal of Burnett Elementary at the start of the 2016-2017 school year, relieving former principal Cynthia Henderson after 21 years of service.

A lifelong resident of Pasadena, Lee attended Parkwood Elementary School, followed by Deep Water Junior High School before graduating from Deer Park High School in 1994. Lee would go on to earn a degree in education from the University of Houston, graduating in 2000.

Lee began his career with the Pasadena Independent School District immediately out of college, starting as a fourth-grade teacher at Bailey Elementary, a position he would hold for eight years before becoming an administrator. Lee then served as a split assistant principal between

Bailey and Paul Moore Elementary Schools for one year before transferring to South Belt Elementary School as an assistant principal at the school's debut in 2009.

After seven years with South Belt, Lee now prepares to begin a new chapter in his career, one he feels for which he is ready.

"I had worked with about a third of the faculty during summer school programs at South Belt," said Lee. "I have always been a summer program manager, and that typically consists of grouping three to four schools and having a host site. South Belt was always the host site, and Burnett happened to always be one of the schools that was there while I was with them. I was able to get to know these teachers well and really learn about their background in that short period of time. From the moment I started working with Burnett, I got to work with the former principal. As I got to know her better, I got to know the campus better. When this position came up, I really felt like I should apply. The former principal and my principal at South Belt were also very

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## Leader not affected by Hearst buyout

The *South Belt-Ellington Leader* will not be affected by the recent buyout of several community newspapers by the Hearst Corporation.

"I wasn't asked (to sell), and I wouldn't have sold had they asked," said longtime *Leader* publisher Marie Flickinger.

The *Leader* has received multiple inquiries from residents about the possible acquisition

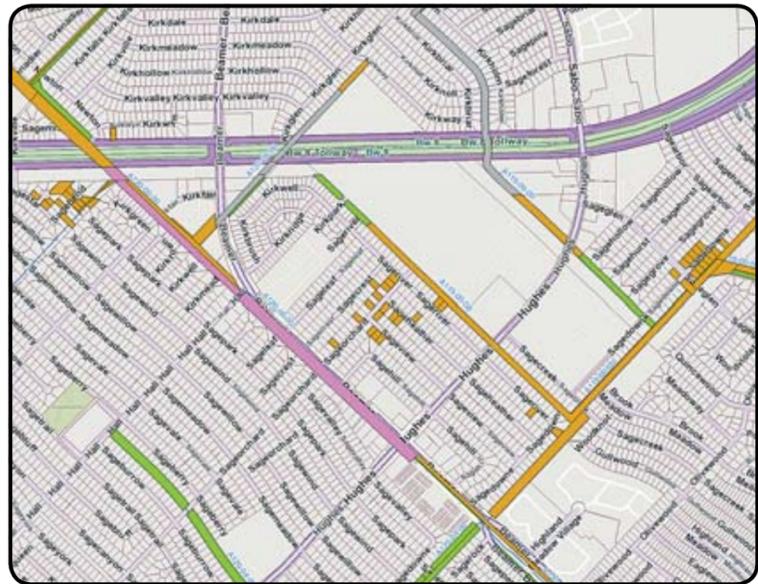
since the major media purchase was announced late last month.

The New York-based Hearst, the parent company of the Houston Chronicle, reported July 29 it had acquired the Houston Community Newspapers & Media Group from 1013 Star Communications.

Houston Community Newspapers is a media

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## Map of South Belt flood buyouts



A group of community leaders, led by Sagemont Civic Club President Kay Barbour, is seeking public input on how to best utilize vacant lots in the South Belt area that have been bought out in recent years due to past flooding. The lots in question are pictured above in orange, with three main clusters of concentration, the highest of which is located at the intersection of Sagedowne and Sageglen. Residents are asked to submit their suggestions to Barbour at 281-481-5516 or *Leader* publisher Marie Flickinger at 281-481-5656.

## Fiery Gulf Freeway accident kills 2

Two people are dead following an automobile accident Tuesday, Aug. 9, in the 14200 block of the Gulf Freeway between Scarsdale and Dixie Farm Road.

According to the Houston Police Department, a Ford Mustang with three male occupants was stopped in the right northbound lane of the freeway with its lights off around 10:15 p.m. when it was struck from behind by a white pickup truck. Several other drivers had previously been forced to swerve around the parked vehicle to avoid a crash.

The collision caused the Mustang to catch fire, killing its two passengers.

The driver of the Mustang was pulled from the vehicle and transported to a local hospital in unknown condition.

A blood test at the hospital determined the driver was allegedly under the influence of alcohol and faces charges of intoxication manslaughter.

At press time, neither the name of the driver nor the passengers had been released.

The driver of the pickup truck suffered minor injuries and will not face charges, police said.

The accident caused the freeway to be closed for approximately six hours, reopening around 4 a.m.

## Police searching for robbery suspect

Houston police are searching for a suspect accused of trying to rob the Walgreens at Beltway 8 and Blackhawk on Sunday, Aug. 7.

According to police, the male suspect entered the store, for the second time that day, around 10:50 a.m. and demanded the 63-year-old female store clerk give him all the money out of the cash register.

When the clerk refused, the crook reportedly lifted his shirt to show the clerk what appeared to be either the handle of a pistol or a box cutter.

Again, the clerk refused the demand, saying she couldn't open the register.

The man allegedly threatened to come back to the store and cut the clerk with a knife, then

fled the scene on foot, without getting any money from the area store.

The suspect is described as a black male between 28 and 35 years old, standing between 5 feet 10 inches and 6 feet tall and weighing around 160 pounds.

He was wearing a University of Texas baseball hat and prescription eyeglasses. Police described the man's clothing as a dark blue work uniform with a white tag, similar to what an auto mechanic might wear.

Anyone with information about this case is urged to contact HPD's Robbery Division at 713-308-0700 or Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

## BAHEP's Mitchell greets Cruz



South Belt resident and Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership President Bob Mitchell (right) met with U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz (left) Monday, Aug. 8, at the Johnson Space Center. The meeting - part of a week-long tour of the state for Cruz, who chairs the Senate Subcommittee on Space, Science and Competitiveness - focused on the future of the space industry in area. Photo submitted

# In My Opinion

## Message from San Jac Deputy Chancellor

August has arrived. We are closing out our vacations, the flashing lights in school zones are back on and we have begun to think about school. Whether you are a new student heading back to the classroom, a student returning from summer vacation or someone supporting a student in attending school, I hope you have a great fall semester filled with learning, successes and achievement.

At San Jacinto College, student success is the core of our mission and the foundation for everything we do. Student success guides our decisions every day. I am excited and encouraged about the pathways we are setting for our students. As one of 30 community colleges chosen for the American Association of Community Colleges Pathways Project, San Jacinto College is undergoing a transformation - from the way we deliver our courses and how we advise our students, to how we become more effective and deliberate in designing educational pathways and how we guide our students toward the goals of achievement and completion.

The AACC Pathways Project has the potential to create big gains for our students. The Pathways philosophy urges us to take student success initiatives and instructional best practices to the next level for our students. Pathways encourages us to scale up these initiatives so that effective teaching and instructional delivery and intentional support strategies touch every student, not just those in pilot programs. Already our work on more effective advising and teaching, retention, and completion has helped us increase the number of credentials awarded - certificates and associate degrees - by 129.5 percent since 2007. That measure of success is tremendous, and such an accomplishment does not happen overnight. It is the product of many hours of hard work and dedication from our board of trustees, administration, faculty and staff.

At San Jacinto College, we want to be an institution where no student fails because of something we overlooked or a barrier we created. We want our students to complete what they came here to start - whether that is one course, one term, one certificate or one degree. We are constantly evaluating student data and using that data to inform our decisions. We also want to create an environment that guides our students to make good decisions about their education and their lives.

As a San Jacinto College student, you will find the support and resources you need to guide you along every step of your educational journey. When you first come to the College, our educational planners and advisors will assist you with the application and admissions process so that you can be

on your way to completing your educational goals. You will have someone there to help you navigate orientation, registration, your first classes and eventually your first term. We will check in with you at key points in your journey to ensure you are on track to completing your certificate or degree. And we will be there to hand you your diploma as you walk across the stage at graduation. Your success as a student is our success as an institution.

If you have not had the opportunity to tour one of our beautiful campuses, I encourage you to do so. If you have been thinking about college to gain additional skills, return after many years or enter as a first-time-in-college student, please reach out to one of our educational planners and counselors. We are here to help you reach your goals. It is not about how quickly you start, but that you finish strong.

**Dr. Laurel Williamson**  
Deputy Chancellor and President  
San Jacinto College

## Muecke thanks Council Member Dave Martin

Thank you Councilman Dave Martin. About 14 years ago we asked the Parks Dept to please add additional benches and play ground equipment at the Freeway Manor Park on Theta street. The walking trail is long and some people just needed a place to sit and rest. Well no money was available there said.

Upon Mr. Martin's election as our councilman we asked for his help. We, at this time, also requested additional playground equipment for the Freeway Manor park and the Wilson Memorial park. Gilpin street, which has the swimming pool. We also asked for help in getting additional trees planted on the esplanade of Edgebrook. With the rebuilding of the street and then the number of business owners upgrading their store fronts, just made this road so much nicer.

Until this current administration, each district councilman received money to spend in his district as he felt was most needed for improvements.

This spring Mr. Martin stepped up and used these funds to add some play ground equipment at each of these parks. See the related picture. He also planted 25 beautiful trees on the esplanade of Edgebrook. Previous to this, he had park benches installed.

It is great to have a councilman who works with and understands our needs. Reference last weeks *Leader* as to his support for the CIP \$180 million in upgrades for streets, drainage, sewer lines and sidewalks for this area. If you have any concerns or want to thank him, please contact 832-393-3008 or [Districte@Houstontx.gov](mailto:Districte@Houstontx.gov).

**Jim Muecke**

## Lee welcomes Pre-K students



Burnett Elementary Principal Jae Lee welcomed the first Pre-K students to register for the 2016-2017 school year. Shown above with Lee are twins Cruz and Chloe Escobar, children of Cruz and Rita Escobar.

## Pasadena ISD announces policy for free and reduced-meals

Pasadena Independent School District has announced its policy for providing free and reduced-price meals for students served under the income eligibility guidelines. Each Pasadena ISD school and Child Nutrition Services has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by anyone on request.

Starting August 8, households may apply for free and reduced-price meals through the online application system or through a paper application.

To apply online, visit [www.schoolunchapp.com](http://www.schoolunchapp.com). Instructions are available in

English and Spanish. The Spanish option is located in the upper right-hand corner of the first screen. Child Nutrition Services will receive the application once it is complete. Applications in English and Spanish are also available in the Child Nutrition department, located at 1515 Cherrybrook Lane, Pasadena, TX 77502.

**Criteria for Free and Reduced-Price Meal Benefits**  
The following criteria will be used to determine a child's eligibility for free or reduced-price meal benefits:

**Income**  
Household income that is at or below the income eligibility levels

**Categorical or Automatic Eligibility**

Household receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)

**Program Participant**  
Child's status as a foster child, homeless, runaway, migrant, or displaced by a declared disaster

**Child's enrollment in Head Start or Even Start**

**Income Eligibility**  
For households that qualify for free or reduced-price meals based on income, an adult in the household must complete the free and reduced-price meal application and mail it to Mary Harryman, director of Child Nutrition, 1515 Cherrybrook, Pasadena, TX, 77502. To complete the application process, the following information must be provided:

1. Names of all members of the household
2. Amount, frequency and source of current income for each member of the household
3. Last four digits of the Social Security number of the adult household member who signs the application or, if the adult does not have a Social Security number, check the box for "No Social Security number"
4. Signature of an adult

**Unexpected Circumstances**  
If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below the income eligibility guidelines.

Households wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to John Piscacek, associate superintendent of finance at 713-740-0146.

## Acoustic Shabbat set for Aug. 26

The traditional Jewish Shabbat service is rich in songs and melodies.

Adding instruments enhances the beauty and the enjoyment of the service. Congregation Shaar Hashalom will experience a special musical Shabbat - "Acoustic Shabbat" - service, featuring the beautiful voice of Joe Buchanan, on Friday, Aug. 26, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. The special musical Shabbat will take place at Congregation Shaar Hashalom.

The congregation, located at 16020 El Camino Real, is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area.

The entire community is invited to attend. For more information contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861, email [esh@shaarhashalom.org](mailto:esh@shaarhashalom.org) or visit [www.shaarhashalom.org](http://www.shaarhashalom.org).

household member attesting that the information provided is correct

**Directly Certified**

Child Nutrition Services is working with state agencies to identify all children who are directly eligible. Child Nutrition Services will notify the households of these children to inform them that they do not need to complete an application. Households that have not received a letter and feel that they should have can contact Blanca Banda, secretary of Child Nutrition, at 713-740-0146.

Any household that wishes to decline benefits should contact Blanca Banda, secretary of child nutrition at 713-740-0146.

Applications can be submitted any time during the school year.

The information households provide on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility. Applications may also be verified by the school officials at any time during the school year.

**Determining Eligibility**

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price meal policy, Blanca Banda, secretary of Child Nutrition, will review applications and determine eligibility. Households or guardians dissatisfied with the reviewing official's eligibility determination may wish to discuss the decision with the reviewing official on an informal basis.

Households wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to John Piscacek, associate superintendent of finance at 713-740-0146.

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# Deaths

## Elizabeth Ann Anderson



South Belt resident Elizabeth Ann Anderson, age 54, died July 31, 2016. She was born Elizabeth Ann Taylor, in Texarkana on June 5, 1962, to James Taylor and Wanda Dotson Taylor. She was the youngest of four siblings: James Taylor, Cindy Kipling, and Joni Waddill.

Anderson is survived by her husband of nearly 29 years Kevin D. Anderson; son David Ryan Anderson; daughter Amber Elizabeth Stephens; son-in-law Leon C. Stephens Jr; grandsons Leon C. "Trey" Stephens III and Nathan Taylor Stephens; granddaughter Lacey Elizabeth Stephens; and many extended family members and friends, cousins, high school friends, young adult friends, PaRC friends, and coworkers, all of whom she loved.

Elizabeth always had a smile on her face and ready to have a good time - always ready for an adventure. She enjoyed traveling and was excited about her upcoming trip to Panama. She dreamed of visiting Scotland to see the castles.

Elizabeth loved to shop - she loved to find a bargain. She loved music, playing canasta with her friends and going on retreats with them. She loved true crime stories, Mexican food, Starbucks and Twizzlers.

Elizabeth loved reading and her favorite book was *Gone with the Wind*. *Forever Amber*, the book she named her daughter after, was a close second.

Elizabeth loved people and helping people. She loved making people happy. She would tell a joke, be sarcastic, or anything silly to make others laugh. She was so giving.

When she was 15, she said she wanted to be Miss Queen City in order to meet people under different circumstance. Though she did not earn the title Miss Queen City, she met lots of people, and the impact she made on so many lives is the best story she could have written.

The funeral service was held Saturday, Aug. 6, at Niday Funeral Home Chapel.

## Otis Raney Skinner



Otis Raney Skinner died peacefully the morning of Aug. 3, 2016. Awakened by his love of 68 years, he shared one last kiss, waited for her to turn away, then slipped. He and his wife Elizabeth were longtime South Belt residents.

Otis was born in Granite City, Ill., to Payton Ishmael and Ella Lancaster on Dec. 24, 1926. He was the younger brother of Uva, Ina, Leonard, Wilbur and Elroy Skinner who are all predeceased.

He attended the Granite City Public Schools. After high school, Otis joined the U.S. Navy and became a baker—a skill his family fully appreciated for years. Following his discharge from the Navy, he fell in love, married and began his work career for A.O. Smith Corporation in Granite City.

In 1965, the family of six moved to Titusville, Fla., where Otis worked for Bendix Corp. at the Space Center. Those were exciting times at the Space Center and he fully enjoyed his time there.

Major layoffs at the space center forced a change of career, and that career change was instrumental in relocating the family from Florida to Houston.

He worked for Port Terminal Railroad in Houston for 18 years until retiring. He always excelled at each position he held and received several honors for his excellent work accomplishments. Life flourished for Otis and Elizabeth in Houston.

Otis was and Elizabeth is a member of the United Pentecostal Church. They began their UPC association in Granite City under the leadership and pastoring of Rev. Kenneth V. Reeves. In Houston, they attended Life Tabernacle, pastored by Rev. James L. Kilgore. They enjoyed his leadership, spiritual guidance and friendship for decades.

Otis was a gentle but strong man with deep spiritual convictions. He will always be remembered for his wisdom, guidance, sense of humor and abiding love for his family and friends. When he made a friend, each became family and there are many stories that could be told about his many enduring friendships.

Otis is survived by his

loving family: wife Elizabeth Pulley Skinner; children Philip Dean Skinner (Becky), Susan Skinner Livingston (Gerald), Nancy Skinner Allen (Mike), Cassandra Skinner St. James; grandchildren Monica Martin, Rachel (Jeff) Wood, Jenney (Bryan) Short, Nicole (Ian) Harville, Philip Hale, Mindy (Paul) Hart, Matthew Thompson, Jarrett Holguin, Allena Holguin; and 16 great-grandchildren.

The family wishes to express their deep appreciation for the love and kindness given to their husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. A memorial service was held Aug. 6 at Niday Funeral Home in Pasadena.

Interment was Aug. 9, at the Houston National Cemetery with full military honors.

## Doris Cunningham Carmical



Doris Cunningham Carmical, 87, a longtime Sageglen resident, died Saturday, May 7, 2016. Born on Oct. 1, 1928, in Houston, to George and Loraine Cunningham, She attend Stephen F. Austin High School.

After moving to the South Belt area in 1967, she raised her family in Sagemont, Sagemont Park and Sageglen. She was proud of being the wife of a Houston police officer and also proud of her grandchildren and great grandson. She was an avid shopper and enjoyed dining out in area restaurants.

Preceded in death by her husband, William F. "Bill" Carmical and her son, William Edward "Billy" Carmical, Doris lived the last several years of her life in assisted living.

Survivors include daughter Kathy Bost and husband Jay; grandchildren Stephanie Burns, Brittany Lassiter and husband Scott, Blake Burns, and Kelly Burns; great-grandson William Lassiter; sister Barbara Monfort, also of Sagemont; and nieces and nephews.

In honor of her life, a memorial service and interment were held Saturday, July 9, 2016 at Forest Park East Funeral Home, 21620 Gulf Freeway, Webster.

## Civic club, chamber working to improve local vacant lots

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Possible renovation ideas for the vacant lots include parks, walking trails, community gardens, practice space for youth sports teams and a memorial for military veterans.

The highest concentration of lots is located at the corner of Sagedowne and

Sageglen, where there are seven vacant properties on one side of the street and another six on the other side.

There are also clusters of vacant lots located east of Beamer, north of Hughes Road and west of Beamer, north of Kirkfair.

Suggestions for the use of the land are currently being accepted, and a possible public meeting

may be held in the coming weeks to further discuss the issue.

Barbour particularly wants to hear from residents who live near the abandoned properties.

To make recommendations about how to best utilize the land, contact Barbour at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce office at 281-481-5516.

## Silver Anniversary Gala scheduled

More than 50 veteran performers and alumni of the Bay Area Harbour Playhouse are returning to the stage in Dickinson to celebrate the theater's Silver Anniversary Gala Aug. 13 and to honor their mentor, Bennie Nipper, the theater's founder and current artistic director.

Chad-Alan Carr, a protégé of Nipper's who has founded his own community theater in Gettysburg, Pa., and is a nationally recognized actor and producer, is writing the show and will return to direct it. He has contacted many who span the last 25 years, and they are looking forward to performing.

His show, *A Night on Broadway*, will be the highlight of the evening for gala patrons and will feature

many of the favorite tunes from Broadway shows. Guests will also enjoy wine and hors d'oeuvres during an opening reception, bid on unique and delightful items in a silent auction, and feast on a delicious dinner catered by Southern Elegance.

Reservations are a must for the evening which is this year's fundraising event and can be made by calling 281-337-7469 or contacting Eventbrite.com.

Tickets are \$30 per person and include all of the festivities that begin at 6:30 p.m. at the theater, located at 3803 Highway 3 in Dickinson.

In 1991 Nipper and her husband, Oscar, purchased and restored the 1941 Hollywood Theatre and have made it a center of commu-

nity activity with live productions and classes in theater arts for children, teens, and adults.

Starting with a season of three shows and increasing the number to ten each year, the Nippers have shared the thrill of drama, comedy and music, touching the lives of hundreds of actors, many who have gone on to successful careers on stage and in movies and television.

Oscar passed away two years ago but his wife, Bennie, is still a spark of energy at 87 years of age, and can be found daily at the theater. She directs several plays each season and design sets and costumes for others. She also oversees the Fine Arts Academy.

For more information call 281-337-7469 or visit [www.harbourtheater.com](http://www.harbourtheater.com).

## Local residents enjoy new playground



Many local residents enjoyed the arrival of new playground equipment installed at Wilson Memorial Park Gutierrez, (back row) Seep Lona, Damien Fernandez and Alicia Fernandez. Photo by Jim Muecke

## Local library events set

### Parker Williams Library

The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale. Thursday, Aug. 11, 4:30 p.m. Hours of Code Scratch 101, ages 8+.

Friday, Aug. 12, 2 p.m. Movie Time for adults. Feature presentation is *North by Northwest*, starring Cary Grant.

Saturday, Aug. 13, 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Mobile Pet Adoption event with Harris County Environmental Services (HCPHES).

Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2:30 p.m. - Computer Basics. Call the library to register.

Wednesdays, Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.

Thursdays, Toddler Story Time, 10:30 a.m.

Saturdays, Vietnamese Learning Time. Classes are 10 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. For information on these programs, speak with Loc Bui. For more information, call 281-484-2036.

### Bracewell Branch Library

The following events are set for Aug. 11 - 17 at the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint.

Wednesday, Aug. 17 - Adult Computer Classes

2 p.m. Computer Basics - Course covers the main parts of a computer. Common computer terminology is defined and features of different computers and types of productivity, communications, educational, and entertainment programs are explained.

3:15 p.m. Internet Basics - Explains the purpose of Internet, what is needed to connect to it and important terms. Learn to use web browsers and search engines. Students will be introduced to English vocabularies specifically to searching the Internet.

4:30 p.m. Basic Powerpoint - Students learn basic functions of this program to create presentations, including adding graphics and multimedia. Students learn to identify the printing options for presentations.

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## Phan grateful for Barrett's unyielding support

Vy Hong Phan, one of J. Frank Dobie High School's Shining Stars, is shown with distinguished educator Lisa Barrett, an instructor of Latin.

Both were honored at the annual Pasadena Independent School District Shining Stars Gala, which recognizes the top students from each high school and their favorite teachers.

Phan has volunteered with the National Honor Society, PetSmart's Adoptathon and Melillo tutoring. Phan has been involved in a number of extracurricular activities, including the

chess team, Latin Club, Science Club, VEX Robotics, HOSA and the National Honor Society. He has enjoyed leadership positions as Latin study captain and Chess Club King. Phan plans to attend college to pursue his philanthropic path.

Regarding his teacher, Phan said, "Ms. Barrett, for the duration of my high school career, has educated me on the language of Latin, fascinated me with mythology, engaged me with Roman culture and history and, most of all, enlightened me with examples of doing good. Few teachers are willing to pervade knowledge that is obtained by dedication to the subject itself while tending to students that need advice or emotional support. The most inspiring qualities of Ms. Barrett are her pride in her students, her efforts in teaching and learning, and her multifarious ways of helping others."

*The South Belt Shining Stars will present a series of the students being honored along with their favorite mentor. This is the eighth in the series of 10. The 10 Shining Stars represent the Top 10 Dobie High School students. Information and photos were supplied by the Pasadena Independent School District. The Leader is also running Top 10 Shining Stars from Memorial and South Houston.*



Not another one!

## Bagwill instills love for science in Tijerina

Montserrat Tijerina, one of Pasadena Memorial High School's Shining Stars, is shown with distinguished educator Cynthia Bagwill, an instructor of science.

Tijerina has done volunteer work at middle school festivals and dances, as a guide at Vacation Bible School, Stage Door Inc.'s Haunted House, at school ceremonies and at orchestra events.

She has also participated in many extracurricular activities and organizations, including the varsity orchestra, student council, InterAct, UIL spelling, Girl Scouts, Venture Crew, the National Honor Society and the Spanish National Honor Society, with leadership positions as class vice presi-

dent, vice president of the National Honor Society, vice president of the orchestra and Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee.

Tijerina plans to pursue a degree in astrophysics. She commented about her teacher, "Many people have inspired my love for science, but none have instilled my passion for discovery like Ms. Bagwill. Her teaching extends beyond the classroom, and she isn't afraid to nudge her students outside their comfort zones, having them ask 'Why' and 'How' in the face of tough questions so they can grow as students and individuals. The effervescent spirit she possesses is contagious. Ms. Bagwill has an entrancing presence you cannot help gravitating to and her love for teaching is evident in her limitless, unbounded enthusiasm for her art and the unique lasting impact she has on her students."

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## Van encourages Ly to live life with no regrets

South Houston High School's Shining Star Joseph Truong Ly is shown with distinguished educator Abby Van, Advanced Placement Calculus BC instructor. Ly has volunteered with the National Honor Society and Shoes for Kids.

He has engaged in extracurricular activities including Engineering Club, the varsity orchestra, theater and the National Honor Society, with leadership positions as theater technician and Engineering Club President.

Ly plans to attend the University of Houston to earn a master's degree to become a mechanical engineer. Regarding his teacher, Ly said, "Although I didn't meet Ms. Van until my senior year, she encouraged me to experience life and have no regrets. This allowed me to make clear decisions about my career and college applications. She has helped me with scholarships, recommendation letters and also with two her other classes. But the biggest way she impacted me was with her personality and her teaching method. She showed me how to have fun while working hard and the importance of math in engineering. Ms. Van is an amazing teacher that bonds with her students and sets a good role model for them."

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# Principal Jae Lee arrives at Burnett

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encouraging of the fact that I should apply, and for me, that was a huge accomplishment in that they believed I was able to serve this school and this community. All those factors ultimately led me to this position."

In the short time that he has been at the campus, Lee has already recognized what he considers to be his mission for the school.

"I want to bring Burnett Elementary out from this hidden state," said Lee. "Not very many people know that there's a school back here. I want to be able to bring Burnett to a level where the community will recognize it, for people driving by to have heard of it. One of my biggest goals is to make sure that I can present Burnett to Pasadena and the South Belt area in a way that says 'Look at us. Look at the great things that we are doing. Our kids are happy and successful. Not just now, but also in the past leading up to this point.' In my opinion, this school and this community need a jump start. I'm hoping that I can come in with this high, positive energy to drive people to do better and make that happen."

Accompanying Lee to Burnett are his many years worth of experience in the education workforce that will undoubtedly prove to be an essential asset to him and the school as he takes on his new role as the head administrator of the campus. While continuing Burnett's fine tradition of success will not be a simple feat, Lee firmly believes that he will be able to uphold the school's image of a banner and exemplary elementary school that will continue to serve as an example for others to follow.

"When you look at our scores and compare them to what the Texas Education Agency says is the standard, our scores are well above the standards," said Lee. "In terms of achievements, our school has achieved well above what is expected of by the standards created by the state. We get a bad conception of that fact when we look at percentages, and that's where it gets confusing. People will look at the percentages and say 'Only 75%

of students passed,' but they have to consider 75% out of how many students and that's what we have to be looking at. It comes down to how hard our teachers work, and it's a very black and white situation. You either meet the standards or you don't. Our faculty and our students have done what was necessary to meet those standards. I come in now with some knowledge to really tweak the system to refine it and get better over time, because we absolutely do still have room to grow."

Lee arrives at Burnett with a clear agenda of what his primary objective is as principal. "For me, it's making sure that I am as visible as I can possibly be," said Lee. "I stand by how important it is to recognize each and every student by their name, to know their story, to know what's going on in their life, to share their interests. In order to cultivate that, I have to quickly get to know who they are. It's one thing to remember the names of 586 kids, but it's another thing to know their story."

Lee also believes in the importance of parents involved in their children's education at an early age. "After I get to know the students, I want to get to know their parents," said Lee. "I want to bring the parents into the school and let them know that they can have a hand in their child's education if they choose to do so. Our teams also have a lot of plans for school events to draw in parents. We're shifting away from the mindset of 'We got the night done. Only three kids showed up, but we still got it done' to 'We're not happy until it's a packed house and the streets are jammed cause of all the traffic.' Once they realize that I'm working tirelessly, the teachers are working tirelessly, their kids are working tirelessly, they'll want to invest some time into that as well."

As an elementary school principal, Lee is faced with the unique task of not just exposing students to education, but also instilling in them the value of it. "There are a lot of things that the teachers are yearning to do for the kids to provide



Principal Jae Lee

them with more opportunities, whether it's field trips or bring guest speakers in," said Lee. "My biggest thing is always giving kids opportunities that they normally would not get on a daily basis. "For example, fourth grade students always take a field trip out of town to a college city so that they understand the value of education. I have sponsors lined up so that they will not come out of the school's budget."

In working with elementary students, Lee knows his philosophy and approach to disciplinary issues must take into account their age. "Our district has an understanding of conscious discipline," said Lee. "When it comes to behavior, before we hand out any kind of consequence, we have to teach the kids the skill. Disciplinary issues are based solely on lack of skills, for example lack of self-control or self-regulation. It's because they're young."

"Through all the training that we've been to, we've learned that the adult brain is not fully developed until the age of 24. Our kids have a long way to go. It is our job to teach them these skills. After the skill has been taught, if you really merit it, then

you issue a consequence. The consequence at that time is less emotional for the kid and more effective, because they understand why they are being disciplined and they take responsibility for their actions."

While excited for what the future holds, Lee does not anticipate making any significant changes to Burnett.

"One Saturday, I'm going to have to come out and trim the trees on our grounds so more sunlight can get down to our grass and we get better grass," Lee said jokingly. "I plan to plant some more shrubbery along the curbside to beautify our school. Hopefully, I'll be able to get help from the local stores and businesses to fund those projects. My plan is not to change anything drastically, that's not my job. I'm here to observe and fine tune things, always keeping in mind the best interests of the kids."

Following in the footsteps of a former principal who has served for over two decades, Lee is fully aware of the challenges that lay ahead.

"Being a new leader with a new vision will definitely be a challenge, but I feel like the biggest challenge will entail building relationships with the students, the facul-

ty and the parents," said Lee. "It's not something that's difficult, it just requires significant amounts of time, but that's the most important thing at this point, because it will benefit the students. At the end of the day, it all boils down to what is best for the kids."

For Lee, the next chapter of his career and life will undoubtedly prove to be a rewarding one.

"At the end of each nine-week grading period, we're going to celebrate our kids' successes," said Lee. "The rewarding thing is going to be seeing their faces and hearing them tell me their accomplishments. That's a thrill that's an everyday thing, not a once in a lifetime thing. I've already told the faculty that whenever a kid succeeds or gets a boost to send them down to my office so they can tell me."

"The rewarding things are those interactions with the students. It's not about the scores. I don't find joy or gratitude in having high scores on standardized tests. I find it when a kid comes up to tell me that they finally learned all their letters. That's what I find pure joy in. There's no other feeling like it in the world."

## County Street Olympics celebrates 30 years

Harris County's 30th annual Street Olympics Summer Games concluded Friday, Aug. 5, at the program's Final Event at NRG Arena. This year's event honored Harris County Commissioner El Franco Lee, the nonprofit organization's founder who died in January.

"This is a special time," said Commissioner Gene L. Locke, who was appointed in the interim to replace Lee. "It's special because I'm looking at these beautiful children, and I know that Commissioner Lee is looking at them, too. And I know that his spirit is warm this morning because he sees the future for these children."

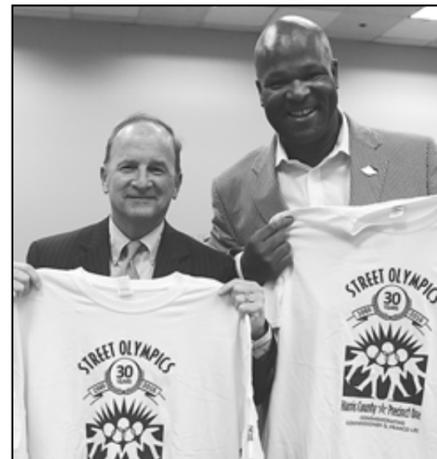
Founded by Lee in 1986, the Summer Games, a Street Olympics component, was started to give youth positive activities during the vulnerable summer months. The Street Olympics began as a summer event of sports activities, but it now offers year-round programs in the areas of swimming, health care, tutoring, reading readiness and environment education.

When school is out, the Summer Games provides youth competition in so-called street games that include softball throw, basketball free throw and dribble, foot races, jump rope, jacks and Hula Hoop.

Children at about 45 Street Olympics participating agencies compete at their respective sites throughout the summer. The best athletes from each site are invited to the Final Event in August at NRG Arena, where youth compete for medals.

Approximately 2,300 athletes participated in this year's Final Event. The event featured a parade led by local high school marching bands.

The event also featured the Bright Futures Fair, which involved representatives manning about 100 booths to expose youth to topics and exhibits on health, education and careers.



City of Houston Council members Dave Martin (left) and Dwight Boykins display their 30-year anniversary Street Olympics T-shirts they received at the event.



Precinct One Harris County Commissioner Gene Locke (left) and Pct. 2 Judge Jo Ann Delgado attended the 2016 Street Olympics festivities.



Harris County Pct. 2 Constable Christopher Diaz chats with Texas State Sen. Rodney Ellis at the Street Olympics.



Kaye Lee, wife of the late Commissioner El Franco Lee, poses with Sen. Rodney Ellis.



City of Houston Council member Dwight Boykins visits with Leader staffer Alexis Lochner.



Manning a Discovery Camp display in the Street Olympics event at NRG Arena are, left to right, Naturalist Stefan Kuhlman, Discovery Camp Director David Matthews and Discovery Camp Coordinator Christina Hartman.

# Vo graduates



Hai Yen Vo came to the United States in 2005 knowing only a few words of English. A former Dobie High School graduate, Vo attended the University of Houston to complete a pre-pharmacy program. She transferred to Texas Tech University. On May 15, 2016, Vo graduated with a degree in pharmacology. She has accepted a position with Walgreens at one of its Dallas locations.

## Israeli folk dancing continues in Houston

And the dancing continues... nobody wants to stop. Dancing is a great way to do cardiovascular exercises while having fun! The sessions are not built on one another, so joining now still enables catching up quickly.

The dances are held at Congregation Shaar Hashalom on Mondays, from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. August dates are 15, 22 and 29. September dates are 12, 19 and 26 (no session on September 5, Labor Day). Heads up: October 31 will be the only day that month when the dances will take place, since the Jewish High Holidays occupy most of October.

Investment in the dances is \$4/session or \$35/10 sessions for CSH members and \$5/session or \$45/10 session for nonmember. This covers expenses. Everyone is welcome to join the group - even if one has not attended previous sessions.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom is located at 16020 El Camino Real, and is the Conservative synagogue in the Bay Area.

The entire community is invited to attend the folk dancing. For more information, contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or visit the website at csh@shaarhashalom.org.

## Chronicle buys papers

Continued from Page 1A group serving roughly 25 local communities surrounding Houston's greater metropolitan area with a total weekly print distribution of more than 520,000 and a digital reach of more than 4 million per month.

Included in the acquisition were the Conroe Courier (daily) and the following 23 weekly newspapers: Atascocita Observer; The Bay Area Citizen; Cleveland Advocate; Cypress Creek Mirror (Champions/Klein); Cypress Creek Mirror (Cypress/Cy-Fair); Dayton News; Deer Park Broadcaster; East Montgomery County Observer; Eastex Advocate; Examiner (West University/River Oaks/Bellaire); Friendswood Journal; Humble Observer; The Katy Rancher; Kingwood Observer; Lake Houston Observer; Magnolia Potpourri; Memorial Examiner; The Pasadena Citizen; Pearland Journal; Spring Observer; Sugar Land Sun; Tomball Potpourri; and The Woodlands Villager.

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# Over The Back Fence by Alexis

**WELL WISHES SENT TO AL CARTER**  
Wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to **Al Carter** of the Pasadena Independent School District from friends and the *Leader* staff. He is expected to be dismissed from the hospital soon.

**LEADER STAFFERS SHARE BIRTHDAY**  
Best wishes are sent to **Nancy Heeth** and **Jannie Scarberry** who share a birthday Saturday, Aug. 13, from their families, friends and the *Leader* staff.

**SCHOOL DAZE**  
The following staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Aug. 11 through Aug. 17.

**Atkinson Elementary**  
Sing a chorus of a happy birthday song to **Martha Mercado** Aug. 12. Aug. 15 is the day to celebrate a birthday for **Rebecca Garcia**.

**Burnett Elementary**  
Send a birthday greeting Aug. 12 to **Griselda Robles**. Enjoy a birthday cake with **Justan Samson** Aug. 14.

**Bush Elementary**  
Light the birthday candles for **Ruben Caro** Aug. 11. Blow out the birthday candles for **Laura Ramsahai** Aug. 17.

**Frazier Elementary**  
Enjoy a slice of a birthday cake with **Jennifer Umana** and **Kristi Vela** Aug. 14.

**Moore Elementary**  
**Jill Lacamu** enjoys a birthday Aug. 13.

**Stuchbery Elementary**  
Aug. 11 is the day for a cake for **Maria Garcia**. The day for a party for **Leticia Gracia** and **Maria Calvillo** is Aug. 12.

**Melillo Middle School**  
On Aug. 12, happy birthday greetings are sent to **Kayren Mingus**. Aug. 13 is the day for a double-layer cake for **Patricia Concha** and **Debra Yocum**.

**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
On Aug. 17, send a birthday card to **Charlotte Nelson**.

**Thompson Intermediate**  
On Aug. 11, enjoy a slice of birthday cake with **Travis Teichelman**. On Aug. 13, blow out the birthday candles for **Cliff Neel**. Happy birthday wishes are sent Aug. 15 to **Daniel Sawyer**.

**Dobie High**  
The day for a party for **Steve Cassity** is Aug. 12. The day for a cake for **Maria Bonilla** and **Bernardina Meza** is Aug. 13. **Bryan Due** marks a birthday Aug. 14.

**FACEBOOK FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS**  
The *Leader* sends happy birthday wishes to its Facebook friends who celebrate a birthday this week:

Thursday, Aug. 11: **Ann Yenee Ly-Penn**, **Martin Zuber**, **Felicia Minjares**, **Jill Hansen**, **Daryl Shaulis**, **Hugo Gomez**, **Shannon Burke** and **Sonja Terry**; Friday, Aug. 12: **Leslie Rojas**, **Angela Brock**, **Ronald Philpott**, **Linda Wilson**, **Denise Renee Gomez**, **Maricela Lopez** and **Mike Millikin**; Saturday, Aug. 13: **Nicole Foster**, **Carlos Gomez**, **Shawna Merchant**, **Lisa Iguess**, **Anthony Dittrich**, **Erica Sadler**, **Erica Garcia-SanMiguel**, **Jannie Scarberry**, **Rita Garcia-Olivares**, **Dinah Palmer** and **Bill Weatherford**; Sunday, Aug. 14: **Roger Woest**, **Richard Schreier**, **Montoya Wiltner**, **Connie Alberti**, **Richard Golenko** and **Pete Ortiz**; Monday, Aug. 15: **Janna Hipps**, **Hector Pombo** and **Peggy Cox Hughs**; Tuesday, Aug. 16: **Nicole Love**, **Brandon Gray**, **Larry Bozka**, **Cynthia Weaver**, **Brandon Gray**, **Yvonne Molina** and **Irl Ellis**; and Wednesday, Aug. 17: **Denise Moctezuma**, **Linda Rodriguez**, **Michelle Brovey** and **Paulo Espinoza**.

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## Cub Scouts Pack 773 camp out at Battleship Texas



On the deck of the Battleship Texas are, left to right, (front row) **Jonathan Almanza**, **Jack Lilley**, **Michael Hernandez**, (middle row) **Ethan Ramos**, **Bao Ngo**, **Travis Webb**, **An Ngo**, **Patty Hernandez**, (back row) **Jamie Lilley**, **Anh Ton**, **Amanda Eddins** and **Seth Webb**.

As part of the summer activities, members of the Cub Scouts Pack 773 recently camped out for one night on board Battleship Texas. The activity is part of Battleship Texas Youth Overnight Education Program that gives youths a first-hand experience of the life of a U.S. sailor during World War II. Pack 773 is in the San Jacinto District and is located at Crossroads United Methodist Church on Scarsdale Blvd.



Shown at the entrance to the Battleship Texas for the overnight outing are Cub Scout Pack 773 members, left to right, **An Ngo**, **Michael Hernandez**, **Jonathan Almanza**, **Jack Lilley**, **Bao Ngo** and **Ethan Ramos**.

# Remember When

**40 years ago (1976)**  
The board of regents of San Jacinto Junior College approved a record budget of \$12,540,354.12 for the 1976-77 school year.

A Kirkwood South resident disputed his taxes at the Sagemeadow equalization meeting. He was the only resident to appear before the board to disagree with the evaluation of his home.

**30 years ago (1986)**  
Dobie's People to People ambassador **Becky Stockinger** attended a dinner in which she had an opportunity to ask President **Ronald Regan** a question in front of national television cameras.

A capacitor, which was attached to an electrical pole and linked to a transformer, exploded in the backyard of a Sageglen home, scattering materials covered with polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) over the area.

A fire of unknown origin started on Dixie Farm Road on the property of **Vernon Young Jr.**, burning tires and other trash that had been continually dumped at the site.

**25 years ago (1991)**  
**David Sullivan** was appointed principal of **Weber Elementary School** in a meeting of the Clear Creek Independent School District board of trustees.

The Clear Creek Independent School District school board voted to institute a \$15 fee to bus any child within a two-mile radius of the school regardless of whether or not the route was dangerous.

**20 years ago (1996)**  
**Donald Roventini Jr.**, 16, died after collapsing following a workout for the Dobie sophomore football team.

**15 years ago (2001)**  
At the Brio site, installation of a 1,700 linear-foot wall which would be pounded into the ground to a depth of an average of 45 feet began. The wall would consist of 920 sheets of half inch thick steel which had to be manufactured in Germany because no firms in the United States made the product.

South Belt residents faced a considerable increase in property taxes. PISD's proposed tax rate increase was expected to be \$1.6649. CCISD was to meet and discuss the new tax rate.

**10 years ago (2006)**  
Two months after the murder of **Erik Garcia**, Houston Police Department investigators were stumped and sought help from South Belt area residents.

Houston Police vice officers raided an alleged illegal gaming operation in the 12400 block of Scarsdale. Two employees were arrested and charged with possession of a gambling device. Class C citations were issued to 12 customers inside for gambling.

**Tom DeLay** announced he would withdraw from the congressional race after a ruling from U.S. Supreme Court Justice **Antonin Scalia** stated that his name would remain on the ballot.

Local law enforcement officers responded to an attack on a jogger and an attempted home invasion. Arrests were also made for possession of cocaine and driving while intoxicated, and Precinct 2 deputy constables assisted Harris County Sheriff's deputies executing a warrant on a robbery suspect.

CCISD received the Recognized rating from the Texas Education Agency.

**5 years ago (2011)**  
The Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees named two new principals for the 2011-2012 school year - **Wendy Wisburn** for **Frazier Elementary** and **Scott Pollack** for **Milstead Middle School**. **Wisburn** replaced **Rhonda Parmer**, who resigned to take an assistant superintendent position in the Dickinson Independent School District, and **Pollack** replaced **Shannon Trejo**, who resigned to accept an administration position with a Dallas-area school district.

City workers secured an abandoned house in the 11400 block of Sagehollow this past week, following complaints from neighbors that it was inhabited by homeless people. The house, which was deserted after Hurricane Ike, had become "completely trashed," according to next-door neighbor **Jennifer Huggins**. Frustrated that multiple calls to the police did little to correct the problem, **Huggins** contacted the *Leader* for assistance. The *Leader* contacted **Sagemont Civic Club** Vice President **Sandy Robb**, who in turn contacted **Melvin Hopkins** from the City of Houston's Neighborhood Protection Corps. According to **Robb**, the house was boarded up within two days to become secure.

**1 year ago (2015)**  
The City of Houston activated its Public Health Heat Emergency Plan, which calls for providing transportation to several designated cooling centers in the area. The National Weather Service declares a Heat Emergency when the heat index, a computation of the air temperature and humidity, reaches 108 degrees on two or more consecutive days.

Deputies from the Harris County Precinct 8 Constable's office were able to prevent a possible suicide attempt Aug. 10 on Beltway 8 at the Hughes/Sabo overpass, where a 22-year-old man was threatening to jump. After talking to the man for roughly 40 minutes, a county negotiator convinced him to surrender to police.

The man was taken into protective custody to undergo a mental evaluation. All but one lane on the beltway was closed for approximately two hours, causing extensive traffic delays.

## UH-Clear Lake opens registration for fall

Open the door to the world of art for your child or teen with weekly classes from University of Houston-Clear Lake's Art School for Children and Young Adults, with registration currently open for classes beginning Sept. 17.

Options include Art of the Renaissance for young children, age 3 1/2 to fifth grade, which will lead students to create art inspired by Renaissance history and culture. Advanced Art focuses on higher level skills in drawing, painting and clay for fourth- through sixth-graders. Students in sixth- through 12th-grade can opt for specialized advanced studio classes in clay or drawing and painting. Costs range from \$100-\$140, depending on the topic, and a \$10 discount will be applied to registrations received by Sept. 10.

To learn more about the classes or to register, visit [www.uhcl.edu/ArtSchoolforChildren](http://www.uhcl.edu/ArtSchoolforChildren).

Learn the basics about information security and take the first step toward a technology career with "Fundamentals of Information Security," meeting 1-6 p.m. on Fridays and 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Saturdays, Aug. 19 - Sept. 10, at University of Houston-Clear Lake's Delta Building, room D158A, 2700 Bay Area Blvd., Houston.

"Fundamentals of Information Security" is the first of a four-part series in Network Management Security from UH-Clear Lake's Cyber Security Institute. The course has no prerequisites, and participants will learn about security layers, authentication and more. Those who complete the course are well-positioned to continue on to information assurance certifications and specialties.

Registration costs \$1,250, but early bird discounts are available for registrations received by Aug. 12. Discounts are also available for veterans and UHCL employees, students and alumni.

Find out more by visiting [www.uhcl.edu/CyberSecurityInstitute](http://www.uhcl.edu/CyberSecurityInstitute).

Register for fall 2016 classes at University of Houston-Clear Lake by 5 p.m. on Aug. 19. Late registration is available Aug. 20-29 for an additional fee.

Fall classes are set to begin Aug. 22. UH-Clear Lake offers more than 80 undergraduate and graduate degree programs, including three doctoral degrees. Non-degree-seeking students can also apply to take courses. To learn more about the schedule or to register for classes, visit [www.uhcl.edu/academics](http://www.uhcl.edu/academics) and follow the "Class Schedule" tab.

Inspire a fledgling bird watcher with the new Youth Birding Club offered by University of Houston-Clear Lake's Environmental Institute of Houston 9-10:30 a.m., Sept. 17, at the university's North Office Annex, 2700 Bay Area Blvd., Houston.

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# Former South Belt resident now distinguished Broadway sound producer

**By Jay Do**  
Former South Belt resident Ed Chapman's career as a decorated and renowned Broadway sound designer has enabled him to have a role in many notable theatrical productions at all corners of the world.

A longtime resident of the community, Chapman attended Frazier Elementary, followed by Thompson Intermediate and J. Frank Dobie High School before graduating from the Micro-computer Technology Institute in Houston in 1985. He later attended San Jacinto College for drafting and computer-aided drafting, along with Alvin Community College for recording engineering. In search of his true calling, Chapman continued to take courses that appealed to him in conjunction to working a full-time job as a manager of an equipment company. Unbeknown to him at the time was the fact that he was building a very particular skillset that would soon become invaluable to him.

The eldest son of John and Gayle Chapman, Chapman grew up helping with his mother's bakery and developed a keen interest in theatrical productions, particularly the sound and musical aspects of them, from an early age.

"I always loved music and that is still the driving force behind what I do," said Chapman. "Because of that, at my request, my parents got me into drum lessons early on - I believe I was in third grade. I immediately started a rock band with my friends and we learned how

to play our instruments as we went along."

Chapman's first concert experience inspired him to pursue a career in theatrical production and an opportunity to work with Theatre Under the Stars cemented that dream.

"In 1979 I saw my first concert, which was the band KISS," said Chapman. "That was an amazing experience because the theatricality of all that was going on up on stage seemed larger than life. I think I was hooked then." Chapman got his first big break in the late 1980s when his sister's connections as a singer gave him the opportunity to work Gulf Coast Sound and Lighting in a number of productions in his free time. Chapman left his full-time job shortly thereafter to pursue a full-time career in sound production, working with local theater organizations, including the Houston Grand Opera, the Houston Ballet Company, the Houston Symphony Orchestra and Theatre Under the Stars.

"Later, I discovered work in musical theater and found myself in a theater surrounded by something close to 100 other people, singers, actors, dancers, musicians, props people, wardrobe, carpenters, electricians, stage managers, directors and designers, all working towards creating this world that was larger than life and full of music, comedy and storytelling," said Chapman. "It was magical, and I knew I was home and that was where I wanted to build a professional life."

Theatre Under the Stars quickly became Chapman's focus point in his early career, where he worked on over 40 productions with the organization over the course of eight years, developing a number of relationships with key individuals in New York that allowed him to advance in his career along the way.

Chapman settled in New York City in 2000 and has worked on Broadway as a sound designer and producer for musicals and plays since.

"As the sound designer for a production, I evaluate all aspects of the show," said Chapman. "I look at the size and shape of the theater, how many seats, etc., or what the average, is

in the case of a tour. I then move forward in designing a full sound system, including every single piece of equipment, cable, communications and video needs for a given show. Once I have a system design, I then send the equipment specifications to the sound companies who specialize in the large scale systems rentals for Broadway shows and tours. This goes into a negotiation between what I have designed and the budget that the show has to work with. That usually leads to some give and take on both the design and the budget to come to a final agreement on both. Once the system and budget are sorted out I then work with the production supervisor

to pick and hire a crew who will be in charge of building, installing and operating the system to my specifications. When we finally make it into the theater, I work closely with the director, musical director and my team of sound engineers to achieve the final result by tuning the sound system, mixing the band and orchestra, programming and tuning each vocal microphone so that the mix engineer can manage the system, and have the right mics up or down at the right time. During all of this process I would also have been attending run-throughs of the show in the rehearsal space and designing and producing sound effects which are needed or desired to further tell the story or enhance the theatrical environment artistically. When it's all said and done we have a show that works and that the director, and producer are happy with and that the whole sound team can be proud of."

Chapman's greatest challenge in a career field that revolves around the technology sector lies in staying at the forefront of technological innovation and breakthroughs in order to continue delivering immersive theatrical experience to patrons.

"The challenge in my business is keeping up with the ever-changing technology and growing needs of working in the highest level of musical theater," said Chapman. "As soon as you learn newest technology and the latest greatest equipment, something even

newer and better comes along. That keeps me constantly working to keep up with it all. However, it's also fun to explore the new ways that make getting the end result faster and easier."

Chapman believes his journey as he has progressed in his career has been nothing short of extraordinary. "It's been a great journey filled with hope, excitement and mystery all the way along and still is," said Chapman. "From my first position at Theatre Under the Stars as head sound where I wasn't a union member yet and didn't have a contract of any sort, to trying to land that first mix job in New York. All the way along,

it has been hope and wonder about this or that while celebrating the victories of each of these things as they came to pass. To this day I still have things I'm working toward and I'm hoping that will keep it all new and exciting."

For Chapman, the rapidly contrasting work he is met with is what truly sets his career apart from others.

"I suppose some of the unique aspects of working in theater is that it is ever changing in both the content that I'm working on as well as where I'm doing it," said Chapman. Two weeks ago I was in Paris, France for 10 days doing sound for the New York City Ballet's *West Side Story Suite* which was an amazing ex-

perience. Last week I was working with the amazing Broadway director John Rando designing Gilbert and Sullivan's *Pirates of Penzance*, and this week I'm designing a production of the rock musical *Mamma Mia*. Completely different places and completely different projects, all of it fun."

In a career measured by memories and experiences, Chapman can still recall vividly the moment his life changed with the opportunity to tour internationally.

"I still remember the feeling I had some 20-something years ago while working as one of many sound engineers in Dallas," said Chapman. "My phone rings in my hotel room. It was

Ned Batista of American Pops Orchestra who had tracked me down through the Union and the sound company I was working for at the time. He asked me if I would be his sound designer to take his show to Japan. I, of course, said, 'yes.' I went, and we had a great time and a successful show there. I still remember that feeling of getting that call and what an honor that was. I can remember a similar feeling when I got the call to go on tour for the first time, or when I landed my first Broadway contract. There have been many, and I believe there will be more to come. There always seems to be that big new exciting project just over the horizon."



Ed Chapman



## Dobie sophomore represents school in Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders

**By Jay Do**  
Thomas Torres, a J. Frank Dobie High School sophomore, represented his school at the Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders in Boston, Massachusetts, this past summer, during which he received the Award of Excellence for Outstanding Academic Performance, Leadership Potential and Determina-

tion to serve humanity in the field of science and technology.

A life-long resident of the South Belt community, Torres attended Moore Elementary School, Morris Middle School and Beverly Hills Intermediate School before attending Dobie. His love and passion for the sciences stem from the field's limitless potential.

"What intrigued me the most about science and gets me excited about it was the potential for what we can do with it in the future, what we could build with it," said Torres.

The Congress is a highly selective, honors-only program for high school students who are passionate about science, technology, engineering or mathematics.

The conference served to honor, inspire, motivate and direct the top students of the nation who aspire to be scientists and technologists to stay true to their dream and, after the event, to provide a path, a plan and resources to help them reach their goals. Torres was nominated by the winner of the first Google Science Fair, Shree Bose, academic director of the National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists, to represent Houston based on his academic achievement, leadership potential and passion for science and technology. His application distinguished him from his colleagues and ensured him a position at the conference.

"Everyone who was interested in being a part of the program had to take a test, and part of the test included an essay," said Torres. "When they were doing the selecting process, I was told that my essay was the best and that I had used better wording and showed more intellectual capacity."

During the three-day event, Torres joined stu-

dents from across the country and listened to Nobel Laureates and National Medal of Science winners talk about leading scientific research, received advice from deans of the world's most renowned tech universities, and learned about cutting-edge advances and the future of science and technology. For Torres, the experience was nothing short of inspirational.

"They really showcased a lot of the advancements in technology that's just recently been developed," said Torres. "They showed us things on how diabetes and cancer might be eradicated within the next five years. They talked about how they're working on new things with IV lines so that a single line can go through you and act like a key to your heart to do things like lowering your blood pressure or removing cancerous cells. They've done studies of this on a number of different subjects. They've done it on disabled and paralyzed people, people without skin. All of it has shown positive results and it's really amazing."

In regards to future plans, Torres plans to attend flight school to pursue a career in the field of aeronautics.

An extremely versatile scholar, Torres has proven himself to be an exemplary student in the fields of academics, in addition to serving as a member of the J. Frank Dobie High School Marching Band Drumline and as a Cadet Senior Airman of the school's chapter of the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps. He also enjoys performing with the Praise and Worship group at his church, playing the piano, fishing and hunting. He is the son of Rick and Edna Torres, older brother of Rachel Torres and grandson of Cecilia S. Torres and Enrique Torres and Mary and Edward Cantu.

For Torres, the opportunity to have been a part of the Congress is one that he will likely not soon forget.

"It was a great honor to be able to represent Dobie and my hometown and the state of Texas at the conference," said Torres. "It was a great blessing for me to have had the opportunity to be a part of this conference and leave my mark on Dobie."

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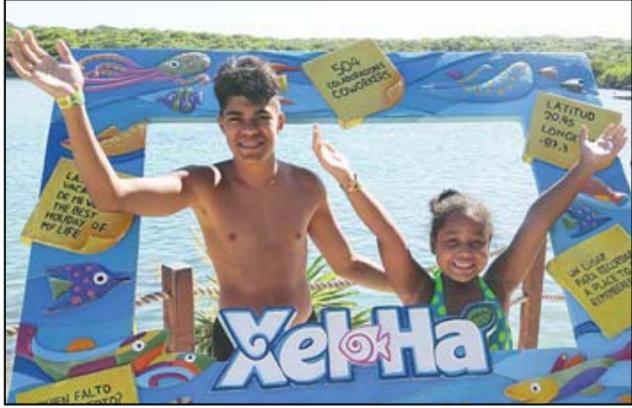
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## Belgraves enjoy Cozumel

South Belt residents Susana and husband Clarence Belgrave, son Jesse Mendoza and daughter Jaidyn Belgrave recently visited Cozumel, Mexico. While on their trip, the family visited Xel-Há, along with Cielo Beach. Jesse will be a sophomore at J. Frank Dobie High School and Jaidyn will start the third grade dual-language program at Laura Bush Elementary in August.



Jesse Mendoza and Jaidyn Belgrave pose for a picture at Xel-Há, where the family was able to snorkel with many species of the region's exotic marine wildlife.



Shown in Cozumel, Mexico are, left to right, Jesse Mendoza, Susana Belgrave, Jaidyn Belgrave and Clarence Belgrave.

## Cairns, Stevenson-Huston visit Disney World, Orlando



Faith West Academy graduates Savannah Cairns (left) and Chelsy Stevenson-Huston recently spent a week enjoying Orlando, Florida. Both graduated from Faith West earlier in the summer in the class of 2016 and visited Walt Disney World Resort as a celebration of the occasion.

## Joneses enjoy Puerto Vallarta

Sarah and husband Chris Jones and son Bradley Jones recently visited Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. While on the trip, the family had the opportunity to explore the region's wildlife by swimming with dolphins, holding monkeys and observing iguanas. Both Sarah and Chris graduated from J. Frank Dobie High School in 2002. Bradley will start kindergarten at South Belt Elementary School later this month.



## Leung, coworkers visit New Mexico

Roger Leung recently took a trip along with a number of coworkers to visit New Mexico. While on their trip, the group explored the Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks National Monument and Taos Pueblo. The group was comprised of individuals from several different states who come together every year to work together. Leung is a lifelong resident of the Sagemont subdivision.



Shown above at the Pueblo de Taos, an ancient Native American community, are, left to right, Lauren White, Ian Line, Shannon Lasso, Eric West, Roger Leung and Paul Grabowski.



Enjoying the scenery from the Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks National Monument in Cochiti are, left to right, (front row) Lauren White, Shannon Lasso, Paul Grabowski, (middle row) Roger Leung, (back row) Ian Line, Julie Fried and Jeff Bass.

## Martinez family goes camping

The Martinez recently visited Garner State Park for a four-day getaway. While on their trip, the family enjoyed tranquil hiking trails, the clear waters of the Frio River, country music from Garner's Dance Hall and a roaring smores campfire. The kids enjoy the camping trip, making the five-hour drive every year worth it. The family are residents of the Blackhawk subdivision, with Alejandro attending second grade at Weber Elementary and Cristobal and Sebastian attending sixth grade at West Brook Intermediate.



Shown above taking a dip in the Frio River are, left to right, (front row) Tomas Martinez, (second row) Alicia Martinez, Alejandro Martinez, (back row) Sebastian Martinez, Julian Martinez and Cristobal Martinez.



Shown above at the entrance to the Frio River from a hiking trail are, left to right, (front row) Alejandro Martinez, (back row) Julian Martinez, Sebastian Martinez and Cristobal Martinez.

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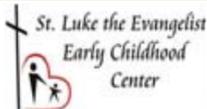


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## Volleyball season underway; Dobie splits

Getting some first-match jitters out of the way, Dobie's varsity volleyball team downed Elkins in four sets - 25-13, 25-13, 22-25, 25-20 - earning a split following tri-match action also involving Atascocita Aug. 9, at Donna Branch Gymnasium.

Atascocita, coming through in a big way under the direction of first-year head coach Kendria Brown, defeated Dobie 25-21, 25-16, 25-18 in



Dobie setter Kat Villanueva (10) sends the ball back over the net during the Lady Longhorns' opening night match against Atascocita. The Lady Longhorns dropped the match in three sets but then defeated Elkins in the final match of the evening. Photo by John Bechtle

the opening match of the night. The Lady Eagles then swept Elkins in three games - 25-11, 25-10, 25-12 - to complete their night with a pair of wins.

Dobie bounced back from its loss to Atascocita to down the Lady Knights in a sweep and will now take some momentum into its trip to the Northside ISD Varsity Volleyball Invitational Aug. 12-13 in San Antonio.

There, the Lady Longhorns will go against local programs Holmes and Clemens Aug. 12, in pool play before trophy-round play concludes the event Aug. 13.

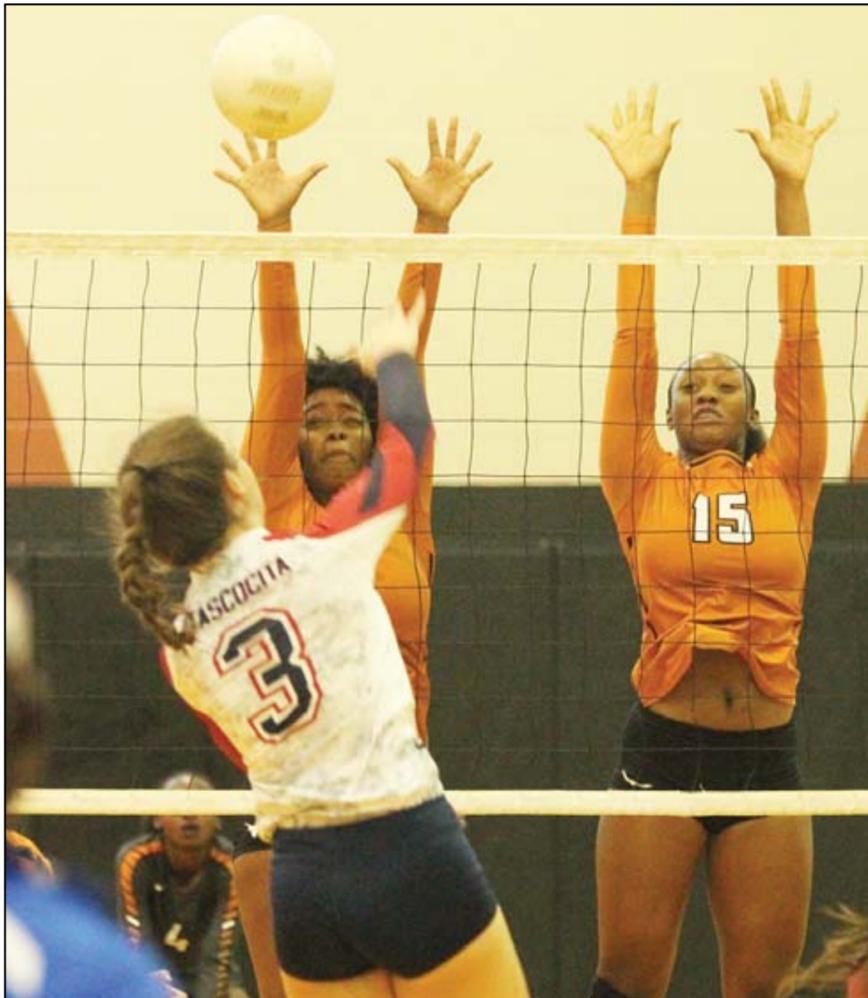
As for opening night, Dobie head coach Dawn Sexton was pleased with her team's progress from the opener to the nightcap. To be fair, Dobie is opening the season without several key players, including a couple of offensive weapons up front and a libero. But that's sometimes just how things go.

Because of the injuries, the Lady Longhorns went into opening night with some players who are likely eventually ticketed for junior varsity play at some point.

"Right now, we don't have all of our returning hitters from the varsity level, so some of the JV kids were getting some

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At right, Dobie Karyn Williams (left) and Jakara Henry (15) team up to try to block Atascocita's Taylor Smith (3) during third-set action of the Lady Longhorns' season-opening loss to the Lady Eagles Aug. 9, at Donna Branch Court. Dobie bounced back to defeat Elkins in the nightcap of the tri-match. Atascocita also defeated Elkins during play. Photo by John Bechtle



## Football scrimmages offer first outside look

Two weeks of doing little more than battling against friends and teammates is done. It's time for football programs from across the Houston area to take part in something that resembles live game action.

Welcome to the first week of scrimmage play as Dobie visits the Strake Jesuit Crusaders at Clay Stadium in Houston. A little farther south, the Clear Brook Wolverines visit the Texas City Stingarees at Stingaree Stadium in Texas City.

The following week, Dobie and Clear Brook will scrimmage head-to-head against one another, Friday, Aug. 19, at Columbia Challenger Stadium in Webster.

That scrimmage will start in the morning, with the junior varsity going as early as 8:30 a.m., while varsity play may come as early as 9:30 a.m. as both programs look to beat the heat.

Both teams are aiming to get set for their respective season openers. The

Wolverines travel to Butler Stadium Friday, Aug. 26, to face the Bellaire Cardinals, while Dobie hosts Summer Creek Saturday, Aug. 27, at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.

As for the scrimmages, the goals remain the same for most programs. Starters and regular playing

time guys have established themselves, but which among the sophomores will emerge?

Where do the offensive and defensive units stand scheme-wise? At certain positions, have the clear-cut answers emerged from a personnel standpoint? It's scrimmage play, but

it's important, and it's also one step closer to the start of the regular season.

Dobie head coach Mike Norman said the action against Strake Jesuit will be run more like a practice. Neither the Longhorns nor the Crusaders are interested in showing much scheme-wise on either side of the ball.

Against Clear Brook, Norman said, the action will look much more like a game, with assistant

coaching manning press box spots to mimic game conditions as much as possible.

"It's great to go against an opponent, but we want to keep things basic and make sure we don't get any injuries," Norman said. "We are focused on lining up correctly and making sure we are where we need to be."

### Dobie football

scrimmage at Strake Jesuit

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### Brook football

scrimmage at Texas City

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Fr: 4 p.m., JV: 5:30 p.m., V: 7 p.m.

### Perla pockets MVP honors



Morris Middle School student Marisa Perla (right) returned to Houston a highly-decorated youth softball player as she stood out for the Southeast team while competing in the USA Elite Select National Games 10-under division in Orlando, Fla. The pitcher came away with her team's Most Valuable Player Award after a fine pitching effort and overall tournament performance as the Southeast squad pocketed the championship. Perla is the daughter of Jaimie and Henry Perla, residents of the Southbridge subdivision. At left is Southeast team head coach Kendall Funk.

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Eighteen programs, including the South Belt area-based Ellington Rams, Sagemont Cowboys and Southbelt Dolphins, will kick off the Bay Area Football League's regular season Saturday, Aug. 13.

The Dolphins will host the Rams in a series of games at Blackhawk Park to begin the season. Meanwhile, the Cowboys will converge on Pasadena High School to face the Pasadena Panthers.

The pee wee division leads off at 8 a.m. Senior play comes at 9 a.m., followed by junior action at 10:45 a.m. The sophomore game is at 12:30 p.m., and the freshman game concludes a long day of play at 2:15 p.m.

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# Dobie graduate Cephus named head baseball coach at Cy-Ranch

Dobie High School graduate Corey Cephus has built himself quite a career as an instructor/coach within the Cypress Fairbanks Independent School District, and now he's moving up the ranks. Cephus, for 15 seasons the varsity assistant baseball coach at Langham Creek High School, has

been named the varsity head baseball coach at Cypress Ranch High School heading into the 2016-2017 school year. A 1993 Dobie graduate, Cephus was a first-team all-district and second-team All-Greater Houston selection as a senior outfielder, helping the Longhorns to the regional



Corey Cephus

quarterfinal round before a 1-0 loss to Alvin ended the locals' season. Collegiately, Cephus made stops at Sam Houston State University, Lee College and Lamar University. For the past 15 seasons, Cephus has been an assistant coach at Langham Creek in both football and baseball. He was head coach Armando Cedeno's

top varsity baseball assistant until earning the nod at Cypress Ranch High School. In 2014, Cedeno nominated Cephus for the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association's Class 5A Assistant Coach of the Year Award. Cephus won the honor and, later that fall, was named to the Cy-Fair ISD's Wall of Fame, hon-

oring those for their commitment and contributions to the educational experience within the district. In 2016, Langham Creek and Cypress Ranch actually went head-to-head in the playoffs. Langham Creek won the third and deciding game in the regional quarterfinal round over Cy-Ranch by an 8-6 count. Langham Creek went

on to score what was considered an upset over Deer Park later in the playoffs. The Lobos won the Class 6A, Region III crown and lost in the state semifinals to Dallas Jesuit. Cy-Ranch finished the season at 23-12 after the quarterfinal playoff round defeat. Now Cephus is tasked with keeping the program rolling.

## Local sports notes

### Shiflett has JFD season tix

There's still time for Dobie High School football fans to purchase discounted season ticket packages for the 2016 season. Now through Friday, August 19, from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Pasadena Independent School District 2016 football season ticket packages will be on sale in the PISD Ticket Office, located at 2906 Dabney in the Phillips Field House. Individual tickets only will be available after August 19. For Dobie High School football fans, the packages will also be sold at Roy Shiflett Realtors, 11559 Beamer Road (the intersection of Beamer and Beltway 8 next to the South Belt-Ellington Leader office) as well as the PISD Ticket Office.

The costs for tickets are \$6 each (\$36 for six Dobie games at Veterans Stadium). This is a savings of \$1 per ticket off the \$7 gate price. There are no reserved seats sold. Student tickets are also available for \$3 each and may be used for any varsity regular season game at Veterans Stadium.

Varsity home games will be played at 7 p.m. on Fridays and 6 p.m. on Thursdays and Saturdays. Dobie will play its season opener at Veterans Stadium on Saturday, Aug. 27, against Summer Creek. Additionally, the Longhorns are scheduled to play a pair of Thursday night games, first against Memorial and then against Sam Rayburn.

### SBYSC sign-up continues

The South Belt Youth Soccer Club is now accepting on-line registration for the fall 2016 season as youth boys and girls age 4 to 18 are welcome to join the league.

Children eligible for the under 5 to under 8 (4, 5, 6 and 7-year-olds) will pay \$115 to register, while children in the under 9 and under 10 groups (8 and 9-year-olds) will pay \$130. Those in the under 11 and older (10 to 18-year-olds) will pay \$170 to register.

Families may register their children by visiting [www.southbeltsoccer.org](http://www.southbeltsoccer.org), and simply follow the prompts. After registering on-line, families will be required to present a copy of their child's birth certificate to the SBYSC team coach.

Only credit card/debit card payments will be accepted at the time of on-line registration. A late fee will be assessed after Sept. 1, 2016.

The registration fee covers/includes uniform shirt, shorts and socks in addition to the league-wide fundraiser. Parents will be responsible for providing shin guards, soccer cleats and a practice ball.

Practices begin this month, with games set to begin in September. Regular season games will be held on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, either at El Franco Lee Park or Beverly Hills Park.

### SJC softball tryouts

The San Jacinto College softball team will host tryouts for the 2017 season on Friday, August 12. High school seniors are invited to attend. Pitchers and catchers will try out from 2 to 4 p.m., and infield and outfield prospects will try out from 4 to 6 p.m.

All tryouts will take place at the San Jacinto College South campus softball field located at 13735 Beamer.

Participants are asked to register for tryouts with assistant softball coach Kelsey Walters, at [kelsey.walters@sjcd.edu](mailto:kelsey.walters@sjcd.edu) or 281-998-6150 ext. 3524.

### Lions' FB gear pickup Aug. 12

The Thompson Intermediate football coaching staff will welcome players for the first of two equipment pickup dates Friday, Aug. 12, at the school. Eighth-grade students may pick up their practice gear from 10 a.m. to noon, with the seventh-graders invited to do so from 1 to 3 p.m. A second equipment pick-up date will be Monday, Aug. 22, from 1 to 3 p.m.

The Lions' football program will have a couple of Saturday practices once school begins, including the annual Red/White day, featuring scrimmage action between the respective seventh- and eighth-grade A and B division teams.

For more information about equipment pick up days, direct email to Thompson head football coach Doug Sawyer at [DSawyer@pasadenaisd.org](mailto:DSawyer@pasadenaisd.org). The Pasadena ISD intermediate football season begins in September.

### SBGSA fall ball online sign-up

The South Belt Girls Softball Association is now hosting online registration only through Aug. 21 for its fall developmental season.

Girls age 4 through 16 are eligible to compete during the season, with games being played on Saturdays beginning either in late September or early October and running through early November.

The fee is \$30 per player, in addition to participation in a fundraising effort (or buy-out option is available). Families may complete the online sign-up process at [http://www.active.com/event\\_detail.cfm?event\\_id=2145261](http://www.active.com/event_detail.cfm?event_id=2145261).

For additional information, direct email to SBGSA officials at [southbeltgirlsoftball@live.com](mailto:southbeltgirlsoftball@live.com) or call Christina Bautista at 713-269-1780.

Of note, officials ask that families wishing to participate register their player as soon as possible as rosters must fill online. There will be no in-person registration session held.

### Dobie Meet The Longhorns

High school football workouts are underway, which means the Dobie Football Booster Club is planning for the second annual Meet The Longhorns Night.

In conjunction with that Wednesday, Aug. 17 event, booster club members are seeking vendors to take part in the festivities. Table booths are \$100 each.

The event will be held in the school cafeteria from 5 to 7 p.m., and will include a meal, players and coach introductions and more. Cheerleaders and players from other programs will be recognized.

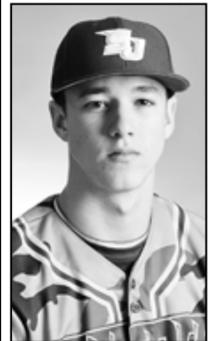
The event comes two days before the Longhorns scrimmage against Strake Jesuit at Crusader Stadium in Houston. Dobie's other scrimmage comes Aug. 19 versus Clear Brook.

Players and coaches are busy preparing for the regular season opener, which comes Saturday, Aug. 27, against the Summer Creek Bulldogs. Game time is 6 p.m.

Those vendors wishing to take part in the Meet The Longhorns event may direct email to [infodfbboosters@gmail.com](mailto:infodfbboosters@gmail.com) for more information.

## Former Gator shines Missoula's January makes ASG roster

Ryan January, former San Jacinto College catcher, was named to the Pioneer League's 2016 All-Star team in his first pro season.



Ryan January

January was selected by the Arizona Diamondbacks in the eighth round of the 2016 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft.

January then signed a professional contract with the Diamondbacks, receiving a \$350,000 signing bonus, which far exceeds his pick's value.

The 6-foot-2-inch, 198-pound left-handed hitting catcher was assigned to the Missoula Osprey shortly after being drafted, where he has excelled.

With the Osprey, he hit .303 with three doubles, five home runs and 11 runs batted in over 22 games played.

In his first and only season with San Jacinto College, the Swampscott, Mass. (Swampscott High

School) native had 142 put outs and a fielding percentage of .994.

January had 10 homers, 46 RBIs and 24 doubles in that same season. After helping San Jacinto College become the national runner-up, he earned a spot on the JUCO World Series all-tournament team.

San Jacinto College went 52-12 last season and appeared in the JUCO World Series for the 24th time in school history.

The team ended the season as national runner-up, ranking second in the nation.

The Pioneer Baseball League versus Northwest League All-Star game was held on Aug. 2 at Lindquist Field in Utah. January was joined by three of his Osprey teammates.

This season, the Northwest League All-Stars pounded out 19 hits en route to an 11-5 victory in the game. January was 0 for 1 in his brief appearance for the Pioneer League stars.

After play recorded Aug. 8, January had collected six hits in 18 at bats after the all-star contest, lifting his average to .333.

For more information about the Pioneer league and the All-Star game, visit [milb.com](http://milb.com).

For more information about San Jacinto College athletics, visit the college's website at [sanjacsports.com](http://sanjacsports.com).

## Four-year institutions welcome SJC stars

San Jacinto College sophomore soccer players Roberto Diaz Fernandez, Derick Gonzalez, Prince Ihenacho, Ricardo Olaya and freshman David Koloko signed national letters of intent to continue their educations and playing careers at four-year colleges and universities.

"It has been an honor and privilege to work with these guys over the past two years and see their growth on and off the field," said San Jacinto College men's soccer head coach Ian Spooner, who has been at the helm of the program for four years.

Fernandez, a 6-foot-2-inch defender, committed to the University of the Incarnate Word.

Last season, the Madrid, Spain (Maria Inmaculada High School) native led the team in games played and started with 14.

Diaz had two assists for a total of two points. In 2014, he was named the team's Newcomer of the Year.

Fort Hays State University secured Gonzalez, a 5-foot-5-inch midfielder/forward.

The Pasadena (Sam Rayburn High School) lo-

cal led the team, and was second in the region, with eight assists, recording a total of 12 points. Gonzalez had the third highest shot percentage on the team with .667.

Ihenacho, a defender, has chosen Lubbock Christian University to continue his collegiate career. The 5-foot-8-inch former Alief Elkins High School star appeared in six games last season, starting in four.

Ihenacho was named to the National Junior College Athletic Association All Region XIV team in 2014.

Central Methodist University gained Olaya, a 5-foot-8-inch defender from Bogotá, Columbia. Olaya played and started in 11 games last season, contributing four total points.

Koloko is on his way to Garner-Webb University. The 6-foot-2-inch defender from Atlanta, Georgia (Berkmar High School) both played and started in 13 games last season.

This summer, Koloko is playing with Kalamazoo FC, a National Premier Soccer League team.

He will be counted on to provide leadership this season as SJC chases the Region XIV title. The sea-

son opener is coming later this month.

"Every one of them played instrumental parts in our program, and I have no doubt that they will do

the same at their future universities," concluded Spooner.

Last season the team went 12-6-1 overall, ranking second in Region XIV.

Nine players from last year's squad will return to the team this fall.

To learn more about San Jacinto College Athletics, visit [sanjacsports.com](http://sanjacsports.com).



Former San Jacinto College player Ricardo Olaya (6) will continue his education and playing career at Central Methodist University in Fayette, Mo., a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics competitive institution.

## Former San Jac players jump to next level

Former San Jacinto College soccer standouts Donald Benamna, Juan David Agredo and David Koloko have signed to continue their soccer careers playing for semi-professional teams.

Benamna signed with the Ocean City Nor'easters, the No. 1-ranked team in the Eastern Conference's Mid Atlantic Division of the Premier Development League.

Last season, the 5-foot-8-inch forward from Baltimore's Montgomery Blair High School started and played in 13 games for San Jacinto College, delivering 15 goals and an assist for a total of 31 points.

Benamna led Region XIV in goals and points, and was named to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America's All-American second team.

Agredo, a 5-foot-11-inch sophomore from Bellaire High School in Houston, joined the Kalamazoo FC of the National Premier Soccer League for its inaugural season.

The midfielder started in four games last season

at SJC, playing in a total of seven. He had a goal and an assist for a total of three points, and .667 shot on goal percentage.

Agredo has also played with the Houston Dynamo Academy and top clubs in South America, including Deportivo Cali in Colombia and Boca Juniors in Argentina. After his season with KZFC, Agredo will return to San Jacinto College to continue his collegiate playing career.

Koloko also joined KZFC. The midfielder started and played in 13 games last season for San Jacinto College.

Prior to San Jac, the 6-foot-2-inch Atlanta, Ga., (Berkmar High School) native played with the Olympic Development Program at both the state and regional level, and the U-18 Academy of the Houston Dynamo.

Koloko will return to collegiate play after his season with KZFC, recently signing a national letter of intent to play at Garner-Webb University.

Last season San Jac went 12-6-1 overall, ranking second in Region XIV.

At right, San Jacinto College striker Donald Benamna led the way in 2015 with 15 goals and an assist for 31 points, which was tops in the Region XIV ranks among goal-scorers. Following the season, Benamna was named a National Soccer Coaches Association of America's All-American second team choice. Benamna is now set to the next level as he signed with the Ocean City Nor'easters, the No. 1-ranked team in the Eastern Conference's Mid-Atlantic Division of the Premier Development League. Benamna started his collegiate career at San Diego State University before spending his sophomore campaign at San Jacinto College. Ocean City advanced to the PDL playoff semifinals earlier this month.



Juan David Agredo will return for his sophomore season with the San Jacinto College men's soccer program after signing and playing for the Kalamazoo FC of the National Premier Soccer League.

## Sports Calendar

### VOLLEYBALL

#### Thursday, Aug. 11

(Brook varsity at Adidas Texas Invitational)  
Brook vs. New Braunfels, 11:30 a.m., Manvel H.S.  
Brook vs. Coppell, 3:15, Manvel H.S.  
Brook vs. La Porte, 4:30, Manvel H.S.

#### Friday, Aug. 12

Brook varsity at Adidas Texas Invitational, TBA  
Dobie varsity at Northside (San Antonio) Tourn.  
Dobie vs. Holmes, 9 a.m., Taylor H.S.  
Dobie vs. Clemens, 10:15 a.m., Taylor H.S.

#### Saturday, Aug. 13

Brook varsity at Adidas Texas Invitational, TBA  
Dobie varsity at Northside (San Antonio) Tourn., TBA

#### Tuesday, Aug. 16

Brook varsity hosts Houston Memorial, 5:30  
Dobie varsity at Baytown Sterling, 6:00  
Dobie JV at Baytown Sterling, 5:00  
Brook JV hosts Houston Memorial, 4:30  
Brook freshman A hosts Houston Memorial, 4:30  
Dobie freshman A hosts Baytown Sterling, 4:00  
Brook freshman B hosts Houston Memorial, 5:30

#### Friday, Aug. 19

Brook varsity hosts Dobie, 6:00  
Brook JV hosts Dobie, 5:00  
Brook freshman A hosts Dobie, 4:00  
Brook freshman B hosts Dobie, 4:00

#### Tuesday, Aug. 23

Brook varsity at Dulles, 6:30  
Dobie varsity hosts Dickinson, 6:30  
Dobie JV hosts Dickinson, 5:30  
Brook JV at Dulles, 5:30  
Brook freshman A at Dulles, 4:30  
Dobie freshman A hosts Dickinson, 4:30  
Dobie freshman B hosts Dickinson, 4:30

### TENNIS

#### Friday, Aug. 12

Dobie varsity at Friendswood, 5:00

#### Saturday, Aug. 13

Dobie varsity hosts exes matches, 9 a.m.

#### Tuesday, Aug. 16

Dobie varsity hosts Katy, 3:00

#### Thursday, Aug. 18

Dobie varsity hosts George Ranch, 9 a.m.  
Dobie varsity hosts Dickinson, 4:00

### Football

#### Saturday, Aug. 13

Southbelt Dolphins host Ellington Rams (Blackhawk Park, 8 a.m.)

Sagemont Cowboys at Pasadena Panthers (Pasadena High School, 8 a.m.)

## Former JFD players due at Dobie Aug. 13, 9 a.m.



At left, former Dobie varsity tennis players and Brian Williams (left) and Lam Mai celebrate a winning point during the 2015 version of the Longhorn exes matches at the school. Williams graduated in 2014, while Mai is a 2005 Dobie graduate. Each team tennis season for the past 10 or so, head tennis coach Manuel Moreno Jr. has invited former players back to compete against the current varsity squad. The 2016 team opened the season at the San Marcos Invitational, and will host the Dobie exes Saturday, Aug. 13, at 9 a.m. The public is invited to attend as the current players try to even the score as former players have vastly controlled the series. Dobie will then play a string of home matches, including Aug. 16 against Katy, Aug. 18 against George Ranch and Dickinson, Aug. 19 against Willis and Aug. 23 against Clear Brook.

Photo by John Bechtle

# Rising Stars heat up nationals

Rising Stars Track Club competitors came through in a big way in the final meet of the season, the Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympic Games in Humble.

As many as 33 athletes from the Rising Stars program qualified to compete at the national finale, held at Turner Stadium in Humble.

Over eight sun-soaked days, youths from the 8-under through 17-18-year-old male and female divisions went head-to-head for national supremacy.

In the end, the Rising Stars more than held their own. Christian Ross defended his national championship in the boys' 13-year-old 1,500-meter racewalk.

Not only did he win the competition, but Ross was the clear-cut winner, posting a time of 18 minutes, 41.92 seconds for the win. The second-place finisher delivered a time of 19:34.63.

Nadi'ya Shelby just missed out on a national title, settling for second place in the 9-year-old girls' long jump.

At 13'5 1/2", Shelby grabbed a silver medal while competing in front of a home crowd.

In the 800-meter run, Shelby's time of 3:00.36 was good for the 51st spot.

Camryn Dickson also scored a top-2 medal for

the Rising Stars, coming through with a time of 25.55 in the 12-year-old girls' 200-meter dash.

Dickson, who took part in three different events at nationals, was back at it in the 100-meter dash as she placed ninth at 12.92.

At the 400-meter distance, Dickson came up with a ninth-place effort as she crossed the finish line in a 1:00.23.

There were other top-10 finishers for the Rising Stars.

The team's 4x800-meter relay team in the girls' 15-16-year-old division placed fifth with a time of 9:56.82.

Those who contributed to that relay success included Abbygail Balli, Atziri Galarza, Erin Torres, Shelby Devereaux and Sydney Devereaux.

As for Sydney Devereaux, she ran the 1,500-meter event in the same girls' 15-16-year-old division, grabbing seventh place with a strong time of 4:56.58.

The team also scored a pair of ninth-place finishes along the way.

In the 9-year-old boys' turbo javelin event, Menelek Gurnell fired the implement 66'3" for ninth place, and Joshua Ross was ninth in the boys' 12-year-old 1,500-meter racewalk, coming to the finish line at 10:42.91.

Gurnell placed 10th in the shot put in that same

9-year-old division, a throw of 22'4 1/4" being his best effort.

In the same event, teammate Noah Caballero placed 17th at 21'6".

Torik Algedion, 12, was 53rd in the 1,500-meter run with his time of 5:33.81.

Dobie senior-to-be Jeremy Davis came up with a solid performance in the meet in a couple of events.

In the discus, Davis scored at 153'3" to claim 13th in the boys' 17-18-year-old division, and he was 16th in the shot put, his best throw coming at 47'5 1/4".

A throw of 137'11" landed Davis 21st in the javelin event.

Then there was Jacoby Davis, the twin brother of Jeremy Davis.

Jacoby Davis placed 23rd in the javelin event as he his best throw landed at the 132'10" mark in the boys' 17-year-old division.

In the high jump in the same age division, Jacoby Davis placed 24th after clearing a height of 5'10 3/4".

Christianne Ross, 13, took 42nd in the javelin with a throw of 45'0 1/4".

In the triple jump, Amari Singleton, 14, went to the 29'1 3/4" mark for 39th place, and she was 41st in the 800-meter runs at 2:35.49.

Singleton also took part in the 1,500-meter run,

where her time of 5:19.61 gave her 15th place in the event.

Singleton's sister, Camille, who will be a senior at Dobie this school year, placed 30th in the 200-meter dash in the 17-18-year-old division with a time of 24.99.

Three Rising Stars ran in the girls' 15-16-year-old 800-meter event, including Sydney Devereaux (16th at 2:22.00), Shelby Devereaux (31st at 2:25.57) and Balli (33rd at 2:26.51).

Also in the shot put, Dominic Caballero, 14, placed 17th with a throw of 41'2 1/4".

Rising Star teammates Deon Brown and Cameron Devereaux qualified for the javelin event in the boys' 15-16-year-old division.

In the national meet, Devereaux's throw of 131'3" placed him 16th, and Brown was 21st at 118'4".

Brown was also in the field for the shot put, as he took 22nd with a throw of 40'2 3/4".

Caleb Devereaux, back to the boys' 17-18-year-old division, was 27th in the 800-meter run at 2:00.52, and Cody Turner (17-18) was 12th in the triple jump with a final score of 44'3 1/4".

Caleb Devereaux was also at the starting line for the 1,500-meter run, as his clocking of 4:31.28 placed

him 42nd. In the same event, Zion Walker's time of 4:48.19 placed him 59th.

Cameron Devereaux's time of 4:29.95 placed him 40th in the boys' 15-16-year-old 1,500-meter run.

Devin Caballero, 13, was 35th in the javelin throw at 71'4", and he also placed 41st in the shot put with a throw of 28'3".

In the boys' 14-year-old division, the Rising Stars' Matthew Kovacevich placed 33rd in the 1,500-meter run with a time of 4:43.44.

In the 800-meter run, Braylan Shelby, 11, placed 15th overall with a time of 2:25.62.

The locals also had a trio of athletes involved in the 14-year-old javelin throw, including Mikey Ramirez (121'8" for 12th), Dominic Caballero (106'11" for 24th) and Kovacevich (91'3" for 36th).

Turner made his way to nationals in the long jump as well, as his best leap of 21'2" was 29th in the boys' 17-18-year-old divisions.

Shelby Devereaux, in the javelin, placed 42nd with a throw of 65'0".

D'Erica Pou Carter, 17, was 32nd in the javelin with a throw of 81'8". Donovan Johnson, competing in the boys' 17-18-year-old division, placed 42nd at 93'4".

## Subvarsity football schedules arrive

Brook Wolverines 2016 Freshman Black Schedule	
Date	Opponent
Aug. 25	at Bellaire
Sept. 1	La Porte
Sept. 8	South Houston
Sept. 22	*at Clear Falls
Sept. 29	*Clear Creek
Oct. 6	*Friendswood
Oct. 13	*at Clear Lake
Oct. 20	*Clear Springs
Oct. 27	*at Alvin
Nov. 3	*Dickinson

Games will begin at 4:30 p.m. unless noted.  
\* - District 24-6A games

Brook Wolverines 2016 Freshman Red Schedule	
Date	Opponent
Aug. 25	at Bellaire
Sept. 1	La Porte
Sept. 8	South Houston
Sept. 22	*at Clear Falls
Sept. 29	*Clear Creek
Oct. 6	*Friendswood
Oct. 13	*at Clear Lake
Oct. 20	*Clear Springs
Oct. 27	*at Alvin
Nov. 3	*Dickinson

Games will begin at 6 p.m. unless noted.  
\* - District 24-6A games

Brook Wolverines 2016 JV Black Schedule	
Date	Opponent
Aug. 25	Bellaire
Sept. 1	at La Porte
Sept. 8	at South Houston
Sept. 22	*Clear Falls
Sept. 29	*at Clear Creek
Oct. 6	*at Friendswood
Oct. 13	*Clear Lake
Oct. 20	*at Clear Springs
Oct. 27	*Alvin
Nov. 3	*at Dickinson

Games will begin at 4:30 p.m. unless noted.  
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Games will begin at 6 p.m. unless noted.  
\* - District 24-6A games

At right, Camryn Dickson was one of the standouts for the Rising Stars Track Club at the 2016 Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympic Games July 31 through Aug. 6, at Turner Stadium in Humble. A qualifier in the 100-, 200- and 400-meter dashes, Dickson finished second in the 400-meter dash and ninth in her other two events, just missing out on reaching the finals in the others. Dickson, 12, has now competed at the national level three straight seasons for the Rising Stars. Elsewhere at the meet, 13-year-old Christian Ross won a national championship in the 1,500-meter racewalk while representing the Rising Stars, and Abbygail Balli, Atziri Galarza, Erin Torres, Shelby Devereaux and Sydney Devereaux teamed to help the locals place fifth in the 4x800-meter medley relay in the girls' 15-16-year-old division. Overall, the Rising Stars, the long-standing South Belt youth track program, delivered one of the top team performances at nationals.



# CALENDAR

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 11**  
7 a.m.  
**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.  
9:30 a.m.  
**NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse** - Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 a.m., Praise Chapel, 18516 Hwy. 3 in Webster. Public welcome and encouraged to bring others. For details, call 281-910-1971.  
10 a.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.  
11:30 a.m.  
**ABWA - Southeast Express Network** - American Business Women's Association-South meets the second Thursday, Spring Creek Barbeque, 9005 Broadway (FM 518), Pearland. Lunch is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (\$20). Includes networking with professional business women and guest speaker. Women of all ages/occupations invited. Bring business cards. Reservations appreciated. Visit www.seen-abwa.org.  
Noon  
**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners Group of AA, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.  
6:30 p.m.  
**CrossRoads UMC** - ESL classes Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 p.m. at the church, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Course, books and child care are free. For information, call 281-484-9243 or visit www.crossroads-umc.org.  
7 p.m.  
**Congregation Shaar Hashalom's** - Rabbi Stuart Federow hosts free discussions on Judaism and religion in general, open to the public, second Thursdays, at Victor's, 1425 NASA Pkwy., (next to "space" McDonald's). This is the Conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. For information, contact the Synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or at csh@

shaarhashalom.org.  
7 p.m.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Women's Group, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For information, call 713-856-1611.  
**Al-Anon (English)** - Support for family and friends of alcoholics/addicts, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, room 215. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.  
**Alateen** - Support for teenagers, friends and family members of alcoholics/addicts, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, room 208. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.  
8:30 p.m.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** - AA meetings are Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For information, call 713-204-2481.  
**FRIDAY, AUGUST 12**  
7 a.m.  
**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" each Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.  
10 a.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.  
Noon  
**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - West End Group of AA, noon, Shepherd of the Heart United Methodist Church, 12005 County Road 39, Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.  
6 p.m.  
**Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish)** - Support for family/friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 6 p.m., First United Methodist Church, room 215, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.

7 p.m.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.  
8 p.m.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.  
**Al-Anon** - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Friday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.  
**Serenity Now Al-Anon Group** - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Friday, 8 to 9 p.m. Family members and friends of problem drinkers or addicts learn they are not alone, share, learn principles of Al-Anon and learn about choices available to them. 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 13**  
7:30 a.m.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** - "Breakfast with Bill", Saturdays, 7:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.  
10 a.m.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.  
11 a.m.  
**Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English)** - For women whose lives are affected by an addict. Saturdays, 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.  
1 p.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.  
8 p.m.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 14**  
1 p.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.  
2 p.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class** - Sunday and Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details or classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or call 281-488-6318.  
**Grief Support Group** - For adults who have lost a loved one. Meets Sundays, 2 to 3:15 p.m., First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy. For details, call 281-487-8787.  
3 p.m.  
**Scleroderma Support Group** - Do you, or someone you know have scleroderma - a rare illness caused by collagen overproduction? Join a support group on the second Sunday, 3 to 5 p.m., at Pasadena Bayshore Hospital, 4000 Spencer Hwy., Pasadena. Bring a friend. Call Jacob Davila at 281-706-6232, or email jdavila@scleroderma.org.  
5:30 p.m.  
**Celebrate Recovery** - A faith-based 12-Step Program. Sundays, 5:30 p.m., in the Chapel at Life Church, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for details or to RSVP for child care.  
6:30 p.m.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** - Candlelight Meeting, Sunday, 6:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.  
7 p.m.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of NA meets Sundays, 7 p.m., 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.  
8 p.m.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.  
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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 14**  
8 p.m.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** - Alcohol problems? Meetings are Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-204-2481.

**MONDAY, AUGUST 15**  
10 a.m.  
**Al-Anon Deer Park** - Mondays 10 to 11 a.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for information, or just drop in.

**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.

**Seniors and Law Enforcement Together** - SALT meetings are 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Madison Jobe Senior Center, 1700 East Thomas St., Pasadena on the third Monday. No December meeting. January meeting is on the second Monday. Meetings start timely and teach seniors how to avoid identity theft, scams, fraud, etc. Police officers and sheriffs may be in attendance. Free. Refreshments served. For details, call 713-477-0175.

**Overeaters Anonymous Deer Park** - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for information, or just drop in.

6:30 p.m.  
**CrossRoads UMC** - ESL classes Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 p.m. at the church, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Course, books and child care are free. For information, call 281-484-9243 or visit [www.crossroads-umc.org](http://www.crossroads-umc.org).

6:30 p.m.  
**Breast Cancer Support Group** - Meets monthly on the third Tuesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the lobby of the Clear Lake Regional Breast Diagnostic Center, 200 Medical Center Blvd., Suite 106, Webster. For information call 281-526-6840.

**Pearland Area Republican's Club** - meets monthly on the third Tuesday (except December, June and July) at the Pearland Church of Christ Annex, 2217 N. Grand Blvd. in Pearland. For information, call Gary at 281-993-8335.

7 p.m.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For information, call 713-856-1611.

**Positive Interaction Program** - meets the third Tuesday, 7 p.m., at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria, in the first floor staff meeting room. PIP is police and citizens working together making neighborhoods safer. Bring a friend and make PIP the best in the city. For information, call Officer Richard Buitron at 281-218-3900.

8 p.m.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.

Noon  
**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners Group of AA meets at noon at 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.

2 p.m.  
**Genealogy Group** - The Parker Williams Genealogy Group meets from 2 to 4 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month at the Parker Williams Library, Beamer at Scarsdale. The public is invited to attend. For information, email Liz Hicks at [erootrot@usa.net](mailto:erootrot@usa.net).

3:15 p.m.  
**Houston Area Parkinson Society** - Free exercise and speech therapy for adults with Parkinson's, 3:15 to 4:45 p.m., Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit [www.hapsonline.org](http://www.hapsonline.org) for details.

6 p.m.  
**New Directions Singles** - Age 60 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner with guest speakers, 6 p.m., at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Pkwy. For details, call Margarita at 832-715-9658.

**Scrabble Club #511** - Meets Mondays at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua, 6 p.m. Come and improve crossword game playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for information.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17**  
7 a.m.  
**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or drop in.

10 a.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.

Noon  
**Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club** - meets monthly, first and third Wednesday, noon, Golden Corral, 4021 Spencer Hwy., Pasadena. December may be an exception. For information, call Monica Montoya at 281-794-5531.

**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners Group of AA meets at noon at 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.

1 p.m.  
**Hometown Heroes Park** - has free Hump Day Dance to practice ballroom dance, 1 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. League City nonresidents must purchase activity card. Help is available to assist learning dance moves. For details, call Neva Schroder at 417-838-2204.

5:30 p.m.  
**StartSchoolLater.net (SSL) Houston Chapter** - informational monthly meeting about the link of teen sleep deprivation to depression and low academic performance. Public is welcome, 5:30 p.m., on the third Wednesday, Parker Williams Library, Room F, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., 77089. For details, call 281-229-1409.

6:30 p.m.  
**Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting** - Mondays at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland. Enter door next to recycling bins. For details, call 713-865-3668 or visit [www.oahouston.org](http://www.oahouston.org).

7 p.m.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For information, call 713-856-1611.

**Friends Helping Friends Grief Support Group** - meets Mondays, Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster, 7 to 8:15 p.m., in the Team Conference Room. Anyone who's lost a loved one is welcome. Free. For information, call Mrs. Barry Craven at 281-486-4241 or R. Sanchez at 281-337-4365.

7:30 p.m.  
**The Clear Lake Gem and Mineral Society** - Meets the third Monday at Clear Lake Park Bldg., 5001 NASA Pkwy., Seabrook. Presenters explore topics such as fossils, planetary geology, mineralogy, lapidary, jewelry making, fossil and mineral collecting. Field trips to Texas collecting sites and surrounding states. Interested persons welcome. Door prizes. Free parking. For details, visit [www.clgms.org](http://www.clgms.org).

**Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - Israeli Folk Dancing on Monday, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., 16020 El Camino Real, 77062. \$4/session or \$35/10 sessions for CSH members and \$5/session or \$45/10 sessions for nonmembers. Everyone is welcome. For details, contact 281-488-5861 or [csh@shaarhashalom.org](mailto:csh@shaarhashalom.org).

**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - New AA meeting, Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery Program, open meeting Monday, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Education Building, 11011 Hall Road, 77089. For details, call Russell Garcia at 832-483-6715.

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
**CrossRoads UMC** - Invites everyone to the Wednesday night service beginning with a light meal and fellowship at 5:30 p.m., followed by a praise, worship and prayer service at 6:30 p.m., then a Bible study led by both pastors (English and Spanish). Everyone is welcome!

6 p.m.  
**Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish)** - Support for family/friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 6 p.m., First United Methodist Church, room 215, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.

7 p.m.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For information, call 713-856-1611.

**Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention** - Call 281-286-2525 (24-hour crisis hotline) for confidential domestic violence/sexual abuse support group for women. Visit [www.bayareaturningpoint.org](http://www.bayareaturningpoint.org) for information.

8 p.m.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 16**  
7 a.m.  
**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., in the Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or drop in.

9:30 a.m.  
**Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - Exhibits include dioramas, an old-time kitchen and a turn-of-the-century doctor's office. Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For information, call 713-472-0565.

10 a.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.

Noon  
**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners Group of AA meets at noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.

**Rotary Club of Pearland** - Meets Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch is \$15. Variety of interesting speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or visit [nalix@texascitizensbank.com](mailto:nalix@texascitizensbank.com).

1 p.m.  
**Ballroom Dance Practice** - Tuesdays, Hometown Heroes Park. Enjoy a variety of ballroom music, free dancing, 1 to 3 p.m., on a beautiful floating hardwood floor. Instructor available to assist. Everyone is welcome! For questions, call 281-554-1180. 1001 East League City Pkwy.

1:30 p.m.  
**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** - #1530 meets at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd., 1:30 p.m. For information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713.

**Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class** - Sunday and Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details or classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at [drglandorf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:drglandorf@sbcglobal.net) or call 281-488-6318.

6 p.m.  
**Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish)** - Support for family/friends of alcoholics/addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 6 p.m., First United Methodist Church, room 215, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 18**  
7 a.m.  
**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.

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Noon  
**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners Group of AA, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.

6 p.m.  
**Texas German Society, South Belt (SE) Chapter** - A social group interested in the culture, music, heritage and language of German immigrants in Texas. Meets monthly on the third Thursday, 6 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visitors welcome. Call 281-481-1238 for information.

6:30 p.m.  
**CrossRoads UMC** - ESL classes Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 p.m. at the church, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Course, books and child care are free. For information, call 281-484-9243 or visit [www.crossroads-umc.org](http://www.crossroads-umc.org).

**Survivors of Suicide Support Group** - offers support and coping skills in a non-threatening environment to adults who have lost a loved one to suicide. For details and location, call 713-533-4500 or visit [www.crisishotline.org](http://www.crisishotline.org).

7 p.m.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Women's Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For information, call 713-856-1611.

**Al-Anon (English)** - Support for family and friends of alcoholics/addicts, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, room 215. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

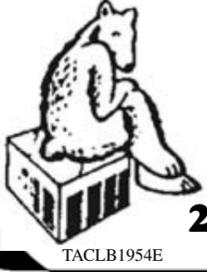
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**Alcoholics Anonymous** - AA meetings are Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For information, call 713-204-2481.

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# Lady Longhorns get bounce-back win over Elkins Knights

**Continued from Page 1B** first-time experience at the varsity level. Naturally, you're going to see some of the deer in the headlights look. "There's always an adjustment to the speed of the varsity game, but I think we got rid of some of the opening night jitters and played much better against Elkins in the second match. "Our errors were down and we played much more solidly on both offense

and defense." Dobie enters the season with seven seniors on the roster, as well as a pair of juniors who played quite a bit at the varsity level a season ago. Then there is sophomore Taylor Pleasants, who started at the varsity level as a freshman. Pleasants is eventually ticketed for collegiate women's softball but is also one of the top up-and-coming volleyball talents in the Houston area. Yet Dobie will be a

work in progress. There are players, like Pleasants, who also play softball during the volleyball offseason. There are others who play basketball during that time. Add injuries to that to start a volleyball season, and it will take some time for this squad to truly mesh. "I have high expectations for this team, but I also told them that I expect us to take some bumps along the way. We didn't have everybody together

during the offseason, and then we didn't have everybody together for the preseason and start to the season. But it will all come together for us." With that in mind, Sexton said that aside from gaining wins, the goal for the trip to San Antonio is to come together as a group and bond. "These trips always

have the potential for team building and to just come together, and that's really what we are looking for. "Match experience is also very important this time of year, and really, that's what we want to use the nondistrict portion of the schedule for. Winning is always great, but we want to do whatever it takes to get ready for district play this year."

And Dobie should have high hopes this season in district play. The Lady Longhorns did not advance to the postseason in 2016. But no Pasadena ISD program earned a league win over 22-6A playoff qualifiers Pearland, Manvel, Dawson or Alvin. Thanks to district re-

alignment, though, Pearland, Manvel, Dawson and Alvin compete in other districts now. Dobie figures to battle Deer Park, Memorial, La Porte and others for the 22-6A crown. In fact, Sexton plans on it. "I feel like we should compete for a district title. I know that's a high goal, but it's reachable in my

mind. Deer Park is always going to be tough. Memorial always plays us tough in district play, and La Porte is out there, too. "Beaumont West Brook has a new coach, so you don't know exactly what to expect from them." For Sexton and the Lady Longhorns, it's really about focusing on self. The pieces are expected

to come together at some point as the injuries will heal and the competitive rust will disappear. At that point, Dobie very well could be a difficult team to handle. Some of it showed on opening night, and there should be even better times ahead as the season progresses. Only time will tell.



Dobie sophomore Taylor Pleasants (11) blasts a kill past Atascocita blockers Shannon Faulkner (2) and Takira Lyles (10) during opening night action Aug. 9, at Donna Branch Court. Atascocita beat Dobie in three sets, but the Lady Longhorns then swept past Elkins in three games as Pleasants and her teammates settled in to the season. Photo by John Bechtel



Jacqueline Garcia (2) of Dobie sends a pass to a teammate during the Lady Longhorns' tri-match against Atascocita and Elkins to open the regular season Aug. 9, at Donna Branch Court. Dobie closed out the night with a win over Elkins. At right is Garcia's teammate, Victoria Onozie (13). Photo by John Bechtel

## Clear Brook volleyball drops long five-setter

In one of longest marathon matches of opening night, the Clear Brook varsity volleyball team came up on the short end of a five-set thriller Aug. 9, at Lady Wolverine Gymnasium. Again facing private

school heavyweight St. Agnes Academy to open the season, Clear Brook saw the Lady Tigers walk away with a 29-27, 24-26, 25-22, 13-25, 15-13 victory. Clear Brook is now headed to the Adidas Pear-

land Invitational Aug. 11-13. The Lady Wolverines will play a trio of pool play matches Aug. 11, at Manvel High School. Brook will face New Braunfels (11:30 a.m.), Coppell (3:15 p.m.) and La Porte (4:30 p.m.) in pool action.

## Lady Longhorn volleyball welcomes senior leadership



Seven seniors figure to factor considerably into the outcome of Dobie's varsity volleyball season, one the Lady Longhorns hope includes a District 22-6A championship. Those seniors include, left to right, Lauren Escobar, Macy Williams, Kat Villanueva, Raene Oliveira, Karis Pham, Nia Herman and Crystal Glover. Five of the seven are returning varsity players, including Escobar, Williams, Villanueva, Oliveira and Glover. Oliveira returns for her third varsity season. Photo by Danielle Colunga

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