

### Banquet video on YouTube

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce's 34th annual banquet is now available to view online.

Recorded Thursday, July 19, at the Lone Star Flight Museum at Ellington Airport, the event was a salute to local heroes from Hurricane Harvey.

Being recognized were the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department; Pasadena ISD Superintendent Dr. DeeAnn Powell; local contract officers from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office; Jason and Rebecca Carter; Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital; the Houston Fire Department; D.D. Matthews; Charles Smith; Mike Gibson; Hilton Koch; Sagemont Church; Christian Temple; Dr. Mary Campbell-Fox; the Texas State Guard; the U. S. Coast Guard; Reena Benitez; Kat Kiel; Travis Teichelman; Jessica Cordero; Thi Nguyen; Kenzie Fernandez; Jessica Rowland; and Matthew Vela.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott served as the featured speaker of the event. Other speakers included U.S. Rep. Pete Olson; state Sen. Larry Taylor; Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis; and Noble Alix Jr., chamber treasurer and senior vice president of Texas Citizens Bank.

To view the event, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=my3UkmCwflA>.

### Beltway closures planned

At least one eastbound and one westbound inside frontage road lane on Beltway 8 from SH-288 to Blackhawk will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Friday, Aug. 31.

The eastbound entrance ramp to Beltway 8 between Beamer and Sabo is closed until further notice.

The eastbound and westbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Beamer will be closed continuously through 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31.

The northbound and southbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Crenshaw will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Tuesday, Sept. 11.

For a complete list of closures, visit <http://traffic.houstontranstar.org/construction>.

### JFD cheer sells BBQ

Dobie Cheerleaders will host a barbecue fundraiser Saturday, Aug. 18, at The Gardens, located at 1201 Beamer at Hughes, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost will be \$8 and include a pulled pork sandwich, chips, a cookie and a drink. Tickets will be available on the day of the event or in advance from any cheerleader.

### Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to SH 96/League City Parkway will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Monday, Dec. 31. Alternate entrance and exit ramps will be closed.

### PIP set for Aug. 21

The Houston Police Department's Positive Interaction Program will meet Tuesday, Aug. 21, at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria, in the staff meeting room on the first floor.

Guest speakers will be HPD Officer Anthony Triplett, who will speak about the Police Activities League (PAL), and Colin Gary with Outreach Strategists, who will speak on the dangers of defective airbags. Attendees may bring in a vehicle identification number (VIN), and Gary will check it to determine if the car's airbag has been recalled.

PIP consists of police and citizens working together for safer neighborhoods. For additional information, call HPD Officer Richard Buitron at 832-395-1776.

### Knights hold blood drive

Knights of Columbus Council 9201 is hosting a blood drive at St. Luke the Evangelist social hall, 11011 Hall Road, on Sunday, Aug. 19, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more information, call Val Comeaux, 713-582-5358.

### HFD gets disaster system

To increase communications with members during times of disasters, the Houston Fire Department will begin leveraging the use of the employee alert system through the Everbridge system. The system has the ability to distribute information via text message, automated voice message and email. This will be the method used to contact members for rapid distribution of critical information, such as during a natural disaster. "The Everbridge system will allow us to utilize modern technology and communications platforms to deliver critical, time-sensitive information to our members in the event of a natural or man-made disaster, which will enhance our ability to serve the citizens," said HFD Executive Assistant Fire Chief Richard Mann.

### Kirkfair finally set to open

Kirkfair Drive is expected to reopen through traffic on Friday, Aug. 17, according to Sagemeadow MUD officials. The project, which involves replacing pavement on the street between Beamer and Blackhawk, had been delayed due to county inspection issues.

# South Belt students return to school

While the heat index may suggest otherwise, summer is coming to an end, and South Belt students have returned to school.

With the exception of incoming freshmen, students in the Pasadena Independent School District will return to school Monday, Aug. 20. To familiarize ninth-grade students with high school campuses before halls become crowded, they will begin class the previous school day on Friday, Aug. 17.

Students within the Clear Creek Independent School District will also begin classes Monday, Aug. 20.

Lutheran South Academy students began school on Wednesday, Aug. 15.

In PISD, elementary students will attend school from 7:45 a.m. to 3:05 p.m.; middle school students will attend school from 8:40

a.m. to 4 p.m.; intermediate students will attend school from 8:10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; and high school students will attend school from 7:15 a.m. to 2:35 p.m.

Students are tardy if they are not in class by the official start time. To prevent tardiness or disruption to the classrooms, students should arrive 15-30 minutes earlier than the start time. During that time they may eat breakfast, visit with friends and arrive at the classroom on time to put away supplies and prepare for the school day.

This year will mark the first full academic year that the new Dobie ninth-grade center will be open to students.

Originally scheduled to open in August 2017 for the 2017-2018 school year, the opening of the campus was postponed due to construction de-

lays.

Located at the southeast corner of Fuqua and Monroe, Dobie9 was approved by voters in November 2014 as part of a \$175 million bond package.

The new campus was needed to alleviate overcrowding at the area high school, as Dobie has been at its maximum capacity for more than a decade.

When the new Dobie main campus on Blackhawk was constructed as part of a 2000 bond issue, it was designed to accommodate 3,000 students. A subsequent bond issue in 2004 increased student capacity by 525, bringing the total to 3,525.

Campus enrollment, however, briefly topped 4,000 students at the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year.

Last school year, the campus had 14 portable

buildings, including 12 double-classroom buildings and two quad-classroom buildings.

In the fall of 2014, Dobie was named one of the 100 largest high schools in America. With a reported 3,452 students, Dobie ranked No. 88 on the list.

The new Dobie9 facility will house only first year ninth-graders. Students will have the same academic and extracurricular opportunities as students on the main campus. PISD officials expect around 1,000 students to attend the new campus this year.

For more PISD back-to-school information, including dress code, bus routes, supplies and code of conduct, visit [http://www1.pasadenaisd.org/parents\\_students/back\\_to\\_school](http://www1.pasadenaisd.org/parents_students/back_to_school).

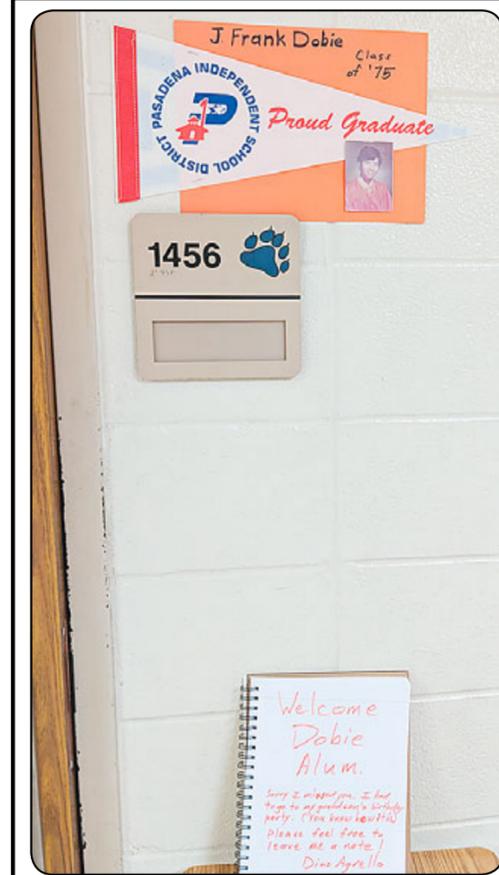
For more CCISD back-to-school information, visit <https://ccisd.net/cms/one.aspx?portalid=645487&pageid=1349500>.

## JFD holds 50th anniversary tour



Dobie High School celebrated its 50th anniversary Saturday, Aug. 11, by hosting an open house for alumni at both the original campus on Beamer and the new one on Blackhawk. Event organizer, Tori Mask (left), and former Dobie choir instructor, Debbie Tidwell, are shown to the left in front of the original Dobie library, which was uncovered for the tour to reveal the building's original artwork (pictured in yellow, orange and black brick). Each design represented the initials of a poet or author. See additional photos on Page 3A.

Photo by Marie Flickinger



## Agrella greets fellow alumni

While he was unable to be present at the 50th anniversary tour of Dobie due to other commitments, Class of 1975 alumnus Arnold "Dino" Agrella left a note at the original campus on Beamer, greeting those who could attend the function. Agrella now serves as a seventh-grade science teacher at Beverly Hills Intermediate, which is housed at the original Dobie location. See additional photos on Page 3A.

Photo by Tori Mask

## School supply lists posted online

Parents from local schools have a new tool in their back-to-school bag of tricks this year as all of their school supply lists are now posted on TeacherLists.com. (Supplies for Pasadena Independent School District students are listed online at [http://www1.pasadenaisd.org/parents\\_students/back\\_to\\_school/2017-18\\_school\\_supplies](http://www1.pasadenaisd.org/parents_students/back_to_school/2017-18_school_supplies).)

With just one or two clicks, parents can find their child's exact supply list and then click right over to pre-filled shopping carts on Target, Walmart, Office Depot, Amazon and more to purchase their list and have it shipped right to their home. Target, Walmart and Office Depot also offer in-store pickup.

"For decades, the supply list process has been a frustration for parents," said TeacherLists President, John Driscoll. "Where to find the lists? When are they available? Forgetting the list on the counter at home. Hunting the aisles for the

specific items their teacher has requested. All of those issues are solved with TeacherLists."

More than 50,000 schools now have lists posted on TeacherLists. Lists for more than 1 million classrooms are live on the site and include required and requested items as well as specific notes and clarifications from teachers and school staff.

Local campuses appearing on the list include the following:

- Clear Creek ISD**
  - Westbrook Intermediate
  - Gilmore Elementary
  - Ralph Parr Elementary
  - Sandra Mossman Elementary
- Pearland ISD**
  - Glenn York Elementary
  - Alexander Middle School
  - Mary Marek Elementary

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## Kitchen, 54, found dead in vehicle

Longtime South Belt resident Candace Kitchen, 54, was found dead in her vehicle on Friday, Aug. 10, in South Houston.

While the cause of Kitchen's death was unavailable at press time, sources familiar with the case said the incident was suspicious in nature.

The death is currently under investigation by the South Houston Police Department.

Kitchen's parents, Jack Kitchen (also deceased) and Joan Kitchen, have longstanding ties to the South Belt community and Sagemont Church.

Candace Kitchen was a 1982 Dobie graduate. A visitation will be held for Kitchen on Saturday, Aug. 18, at Niday Funeral Home, 12240 Beamer, from 4 to 6 p.m.

## City to reimburse Harvey repairs

The Housing and Community Development Department (HCCDD) is releasing a new tip sheet for homeowners making repairs to their Hurricane Harvey-damaged homes. Later this year, the City of Houston will launch a Homeowner Reimbursement Program to reimburse homeowners for eligible repair expenses.

"Houston is a resilient city. Many Houstonians have been working hard to rebuild their homes," said Housing and Community Development Director Tom McCasland. "Help is on the way to assist homeowners with the cost of repairs."

The Homeowner Reimbursement Program is one of five programs the City of Houston will launch to assist homeowners with home repairs. Program guidelines outlining the specifics of the program are being developed now. The tip sheet advises residents about how to prepare to apply to the Reimbursement Program as they make repairs.

"We're advising all homeowners to save receipts, sign contracts for any work completed on their homes, take before and after pictures, build to code, and familiarize themselves with the kinds of expenses that are eligible for reim-

bursement," said Mayra Bontemps, HCD's Assistant Director for Disaster Recovery. The program will not reimburse homeowners for luxury finishes such as marble countertops, Jacuzzis, or pools. "Not everyone will qualify for the program, but we want to make sure homeowners know about the programs that are coming and how they can get ready," continued Bontemps.

Mayor Sylvester Turner worked with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the State of Texas, and County Judge Ed Emmett to ensure that the City of Houston would administer its own housing recovery programs and that Houston got its fair share of recovery resources. The programs that launch later this year will be the first in more than \$1 billion for housing recovery programming from Harvey.

Earlier this year, HCD convened 18 public meetings and conducted an online survey about Houstonians' priorities for housing recovery. More than 800 people attended an in-person meeting, and an additional 700+ participated in the online survey.

Visit [www.houstontx.gov/housing](http://www.houstontx.gov/housing) for updates on housing recovery programs.

## PISD still strong 1 year after Harvey

By Dwight Henson, PISD Communications

As teachers across the Pasadena Independent School District welcome back students, dressed in their finest first-day-of-school outfits, it's understandable how the events that kicked off the 2017-2018 school year are but a fading memory for many.

Yet the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey saw a community band together, strengthen ties and fortify PISD's commitment to continue providing exemplary learning environments, even against the adverse force of Mother Nature.

Support from across the country poured into

the district, totaling over \$1.1 million, in addition to donated materials and supplies.

In November, the continued strength of the community was evident as the district passed a bond at 78 percent and a tax ratification election (TRE) at 67 percent.

Students showed strength in continuing to achieve at a high rate, with a district graduation rate of 90 percent, awarded scholarships totaling over \$36 million, and more than 7,000 Advanced Placement (AP) exams administered.

PISD remains strong, having renovated and repaired Thompson Intermediate, Freeman Ele-

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## Swimming pools to close for season

Summer is coming to an end, and several local swimming pools are closing for the season.

The City of Houston's Sagemont and Beverly Hills swimming pools closed daily operations on Sunday, Aug. 12. The pools will remain open on Saturdays and Sundays (and Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 3) from 1 to 8 p.m. through Monday, Sept. 3.

The Sageglen pool will remain open three weekends past Labor Day, closing Sunday, Sept.

30. Pool hours are noon to 9 p.m. on Saturday and 1 to 9 p.m. on Sunday.

All other remaining pools in the area will be open weekends only through Labor Day.

Riverstone Ranch pool hours are from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. (both locations); Ashley Pointe pool hours will be from noon to 8 p.m.; Clear Brook Meadows pool hours are from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Highland Meadow pool hours are 3 to 8 p.m.

## Proposed new 58 tanks cause stir



The proposed construction of a new 58-tank crude oil storage facility between I-45 and Highway 3, just north of FM-2351, has caused concern among many community leaders, who see it as a potential safety hazard and eyesore. A similar storage facility, located on Highway 3 between Beltway 8 and FM-2553/Scarsdale (shown above), also drew concern. In that instance, community members were able to prevent a planned expansion to a nearby golf course. See related photo on Page 6A.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

# In My Opinion

## Laredo shares next school prayer walk

School Prayer Walks USA will have our next prayer walk at Melillo Middle School located at 9220 Hughes Rd. We will be meeting on Saturday morning from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. on August 25th. Anyone who is interested in joining us is welcomed. We have received many positive comments and likes on our Facebook Page from teachers in this area.

We are praying for a great 2018-2019 school year for all our campuses! You can message us on our Face Book Page, School Prayer Walks USA or by calling 281-484-0901.

Patricia Laredo

## Peabody responds to Semler's letter

This is in response to Robert Semler's letter of August 9th. He calls on all of us to put aside party politics and support President Trump's agenda. After all, he won, didn't he? Mr. Semler seems to be implying that when a candidate wins an election, everybody has to obey him. As someone who states that he took an oath to defend the Constitution, he seems a little unclear on what the president's job is. I just reread Article II, and didn't find anything about the President being the "boss" of everybody.

However, I agree that all this partisan bickering is bad for the country. I, for one, am willing to bury the hatchet. I hereby pledge to give President Trump just as much support and encouragement as Mr. Semler and the Republi-

cans gave President Obama when he was in office.

Joe Peabody

## Jackson comments on "just wondering"

First he solved Global Warming by revealing it was just a Chinese hoax. Then, and as a campaign promise, created 'clean coal'. This was followed up with removing nitrogen dioxide and carbon monoxide from the atmosphere with a simple morning tweet. And his latest magic trick? Making asbestos safe again. Is there no problem this man cannot solve?

Just wondering. If you had a friend, a teacher, a spouse, a neighbor, a boss, an employee...anyone...who consistently lied or twisted, misled or contradicted things you knew to be factual, just how long would you continue to believe anything they said?

Or, for that matter, if you learned that your favorite scoutmaster, coach, minister or politician had continuously deceived, withheld, distorted or concealed the truth from you and others for their benefit... how much longer would they have your support?

Ask yourself...How long would you continue to give money to a Bernie Madoff after he was accused of a ponzi scheme? Or go to a doctor who, while deep in malpractice suits, promised a cure while no other doctor would? How many cars would you buy from a salesman who has a reputation of selling lemons?

If you would....Why? Just wondering.

Ed Jackson

## CLBC schedules August news

Beginner and intermediate bridge classes are just beginning at the Clear Lake Bridge Club in the heart of Clear Lake City at 16614 Sea Lark. Dr. Dave Glandorf has a schedule of classes on every level of bridge. To reach Glandorf, call 281-488-6318 or email drglandorf@sbcglobal.net. He has morning, afternoon and evening classes.

The bridge club was closed August 9 - 12 due to a sectional ACBL Unit tournament being held in Houston at the Marriott Hotel off Westheimer.

Regular open games at the club are Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10 a.m.; Thursday at 2 p.m.; Saturday at 1 p.m.; and Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. Beginner games are Monday and Wednesday at 2 p.m. Intermediate games for players with less than 500 ACBL points are on Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m. For information on partners for the different games, contact Ronnie Martin at 713-419-0007, or Pearl Younger for the beginner or intermediate games at 281-485-5317.

For more information, call the club at 281-480-1911.

## CCART sets first 2018-2019 meeting

The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers will hold its first meeting of the 2018-2019 season on Tuesday, Sept. 11. The meetings are held at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway in Seabrook. September's program will be provided by Joe Monk from the San Jacinto Monument.

He will bring artifacts to share with members.

The meeting will conclude with a potluck salad and sandwich luncheon. Guests are encouraged to bring a dish of one's choice, including salad, sandwiches or dessert, to share at the gathering.

The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. for coffee with the business meeting beginning at 10 a.m. All Texas-retired school employees from the area are invited. The annual dues are \$50. For more information, contact Julia Bodenhamer at 281-538-4056 or email juliabodenhamer@gmail.com.

### Local library events set

#### Bracewell Branch Library

The following events are scheduled for the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint:

- Saturday, Aug. 18, 10:30 a.m. Spanish computer class
- Saturday, Aug. 18, 2:30 p.m. Citizenship class
- Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2 p.m. Studio Ghibli movies
- Wednesday, Aug. 22, Computer courses: 2 p.m. Computer Basics; 3:15 p.m. Internet Basics; 4:30 p.m. Basic Powerpoint
- Bracewell new hours this week are: Thursday, noon - 8 p.m.; Friday, 1 - 5 p.m.; Saturday, 1 - 5 p.m.; Sunday, closed; Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

#### Parker Williams Library

The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. this week:

Thursday, Aug. 16, 4 - 5 p.m. Learn to Code with Python. This is one of the most popular languages that can be used in almost anything computer. Learn to make some games, help improve the simple games one has and develop new ones while learning the basics of coding. This session is for programming beginners, ages 11 and older. Registration is requested.

Friday, Aug. 17, 4 - 6 p.m. Anime Club features "Space Dandy" (rated TV-14) for ages 12 and older. For the last feature of the summer, meet in the library community room for two hours of finger-snapping, head-banging anime and Pocky.

Saturday, Aug. 18, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Community Volunteer Fair. Learn about opportunities to get involved with local organizations and how to contribute skills to groups making a difference in the South Belt community and beyond.

Saturday, Aug. 18, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Health Discussion with Memorial Hermann Community Benefit Program. Meet staff from the Memorial Hermann Community Benefit Program for a discussion of a different health topic each month. Call 281-484-2036 for information on August's topic.

Monday, Aug. 20, 4:30 - 6 p.m. Spanish for beginners. Learn and practice beginning level Spanish in this new class with Max, a native speaker of the language. Registration is requested.

Monday, Aug. 20, 2 - 4 p.m. Genealogy group: The Parker Williams Genealogy Group is an informal group that meets the first and third Mondays of each month to discuss family history research (beginner to advanced). Meetings are free and open to anyone interested in tracing family history.

Monday, Aug. 20, 6 - 7:30 p.m. Magic: The Gathering Gameplay, for ages 8 and older. For more information, visit <http://www.hcpl.net/sites/default/files/Feb-MTG-1.jpg>. Meet on the library floor the first and third Monday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and the second and fourth Saturdays from 4 to 6 p.m. for a few hours of game play. For those who would like to learn how to play, a staff member will be present. A special thank you to Strike Zone for their generous donation of Magic: The Gathering cards.

Tuesday, Aug. 21, 10:30 a.m. "Smart Phone Basics: Android Interface and Apps." Meet at the library to discover cell phone features and explore popular apps, focusing on Android phones. Registration is requested.

Wednesday, Aug. 22, 4:30 - 6 p.m. Spanish for beginners. Learn and practice beginning level Spanish in this new class with Max, a native speaker of the language. Registration is requested.

Wednesday, Aug. 22, 5 p.m. STEM Time: Balloon Race Car for ages 8 and older. Meet in the library community room to learn about Newton's laws to build and test Balloon Race cars.

Below are the programs that occur every week:

Wednesday, Preschool storytime, 10:30 a.m. For children, ages 3 to 5 years, storytime features stories, songs, fingerplays and a craft.

Wednesday, 2 - 3 p.m.: Basic computer classes (Vietnamese). Learn mouse, keyboarding, basic internet skills and more at this weekly class in Vietnamese. Registration is requested.

Thursday, Toddler storytime, 10:30 a.m. For toddlers from birth to 3 years, storytime features stories, songs, fingerplays and bubbles.

Saturday, Vietnamese learning time. Classes begin at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. For more information on these programs, speak with Loc Bui.

For more information on events, call the library at 281-484-2036.

Library hours this week are: Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 - 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sunday, closed; Monday, 1 - 9 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; and Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

# Elected officials share their words

## Martin comments on important HCFCD Bond Program passing

Council Member Dave Martin would like to make District E residents aware that the passage of the Harris County Flood Control District Bond Program is important for the region as we continue to recover from Hurricane Harvey.

"As the City of Houston Council Member for Clear Lake, South Belt-Ellington, Kingwood and the Lake Houston Area, I applaud the County's extensive efforts to provide meaningful projects to residents across the City. In District E, there are more than five watersheds within its boundaries that will all benefit from these projects identified in the Harris County Flood Control Bond Program Project List. These projects, if the bond is approved, seek to reduce the impact of flooding regionally.

"In the Lake Houston area the residents will benefit from projects identified in the communities' grass roots efforts - like dredging of the East Fork, West Fork and Lake Houston Area Waterways (Project ID G103-Dredge), installation

of flood control infrastructure on the Lake Houston Spillway Dam (Project ID G103-Gates), and interior channel improvements for channels such as Bens Branch (Project ID G103-Kingwood) as well as in Huffman (Project ID G103-Huffman). Additionally, there are projects in the Little Cypress Creek, Cypress Creek, Luce Bayou, and Spring Creek watersheds that will assist in furthering the reduction of future flooding in the Lake Houston Area, such as sediment control projects (Project ID L100-CYPRESS- ROSE-HILL).

"In the Southeast Houston and Clear Lake Areas residents will see a similar significant impact due to projects such as Greens Bayou Storm Repairs (Project ID P-StormRep), Sims Bayou design and construction of stormwater detention (Project ID C506-01-00-E003), Armand Bayou construction of conveyance improvements along Horsepen Bayou (Project ID B104-00-00-FP) in addition to storm repairs located in Meadowgreen (Project ID

B-StormRep), and Clear Creek major maintenance projects to restore channel conveyance (Project ID A100-CONV). These projects are a small sampling within District E that have been identified to assist with future flood mitigation. To see a complete list, visit [www.hcfd.org](http://www.hcfd.org).

"It's important for residents to be aware that all watersheds work together, and the improvements made to one watershed benefit the others. With the passage of the Harris County Flood Control District Bond Program, the City and County over the next 10 to 15 years will work together towards greatly improving the regions resiliency.

Council Member Martin unequivocally supports the Harris County Flood Control District Bond Program and looks forward to August 25, 2018 as we begin a new chapter in creating a truly resilient City and County."

For more information, contact Harris County Flood Control District Bond Program hotline at 713-684-4107.

## Leader checks out social media

By Laura Benavides Scallan There is a post that has been shared on several community Facebook groups. The post shows surveillance video of a suspect who allegedly followed a community member from College

Boulevard, in front of Waffle House, all the way to Scarsdale. The post states a reward will be given for information on the suspect.

A member of the Community of Sagemont & 77089 shared a post from the South Belt Girls Softball Association - SBGSA Facebook page.

The post states that fall ball registration has been extended until Sept. 1 with no late fees. The post also states the dates for in-person registration, that online registration is available and that the Fall Ball Camp will be held Saturday, Aug. 25.

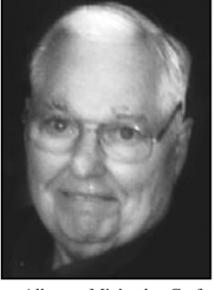
For more information, see the Facebook post. The post has been shared on several community Facebook groups.

A member of the Pets of Southbelt Facebook group posted a photo of a kitten her friend found in Friendswood. The kitten is in need of a good home. If interested, contact the member via Facebook.

Another member of the same Facebook group posted photos of their missing puppy, Bobo.

The puppy is white and gray, is 10 weeks old and was wearing a red collar.

## Albert Michael (Mike) Craft



Albert Michael Craft, 74, died Aug. 13, 2018, surrounded by his loving family, after a long and courageous battle with Alzheimer's.

Born in Pascagoula and raised in Picayune, Miss.,

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he moved to Houston to start his family.

He worked for NASA for five years before starting his business Craft CB Electronics in the 1970s. He also started and ran Craft's Home Theatre in the 1980s and 1990s.

Lovingly known by friends and family as "Big Mike," he was always the heart and soul of the family, a bright light with an amazing sense of humor and honesty; forever faithful, generous and loving, with a joy for life, no matter what the circumstances. His faith always saw him through. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, teacher and friend.

He is survived by his beloved wife Linda (Bumpy) Craft, to whom he was mar-

ried for nearly 56 years. Those left to carry on his wonderful memories include his children Michael Craft Jr., Kevin Craft, Kimberly and husband Ronald Harnisch, Kelly and husband Darryl Morris and Timothy McDonald, whom he raised through his teen years; grandchildren Natalie and husband Daniel Costales, Ryan West, Phillip Harnisch, Michelle Craft, Kendra and husband Brian Falkey and Andrew Harnisch; great-grandchildren Nathaniel, Abigail, and Benjamin Costales; and family pet Rusty Craft.

Services were held Aug. 15 at Sagemont Church with the Rev. John Morgan officiating. A burial service immediately followed at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

## BAGS invites all to show and tell, potluck

The Bay Area Genealogical Society invites everyone to its annual Genealogy Show and Tell and potluck dinner meeting on Friday, Aug. 31, in the Chapel of University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook Drive.

Plan to attend for a time of visiting and sharing and enjoy a delicious meal. Guests are encouraged to bring a side dish or salad to share. Meats will be supplied by the society. Potluck dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. and the program at 7 p.m. For more information, visit [www.TxBayAreaGen.org](http://www.TxBayAreaGen.org) or call Kim Zrubek at 281-992-2636.

## Pearland Community Band seeks musicians

The Pearland Community Band, a group of music-loving folks with a wide variety of musical skills and talent, is in search of musicians.

They have been performing in the Friends- wood, Pearland, South Belt and Houston area since 1996. The membership ranges from high schoolers to those older than 80 years of age. Beginning in September, the group meets on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Sageglen Community Association building, located at 11610 Sageyork Drive. For more information, contact the director Bobby Wren at 832-654-0906.

## Carmelites announces date changes

The Carmelites, a nondenominational senior citizen social group, will be meeting at 15500 El Camino Real in Clear Lake for the next three months only on the first Wednesday of the month, at 9:30 a.m. for a time filled with fun, fellowship, lending library, coffee and bingo.

The meetings are open to anyone age 50 or older and there are no dues. Day trips and extended trips are available.

Deposits are being taken for the Nashville Show Trip, Nov. 25 - Dec. 1; the Classic Danube River Cruise with Oberammergau Passion Play, June 7 - 16, 2020; and New York City Holiday trip Dec. 6 - 10, 2019.

Plan ahead and join the Carmelites. For more information, call Marilyn Roberts at 713-947-2388.

## HCMG releases August events, series dates

The following are the Harris County Master Gardeners events and series for the month of August. All these events are free and open to the public.

The Harris County Master Gardeners Green Thumb Series presentation "Fall Vegetable Gardening" will be held on Thursday, Aug. 16, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Freeman Branch Library, located at 16616 Diana Lane.

The Harris County Master Gardeners Open Garden Day will be held on Monday, Aug. 20, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Genoa Friendship Gardens Educational Center Building, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Road in Pasadena. There will be plants for sale in greenhouse.

For more information on these events, call 713-274-0950 or visit the website for the Harris County Master Gardeners at <http://hcmga.tamu.edu/>.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Pasadena Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:00 PM, August 28, 2018 in 1515 Cherrybrook, Pasadena, Texas 77502. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.2000/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.2800/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

### Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories.

Maintenance and operations	3.55 % increase
Debt Service	6.36 % increase
Total expenditures	3.80 % increase

### Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$17,017,892,248	\$17,614,208,309
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$335,459,762	\$276,620,269
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$13,552,113,527	\$14,026,986,845
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$267,141,707	\$220,285,170

\*Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.  
\*\* "New property" is defined by Section 26.01(2)(17), Tax Code.  
\*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

### Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$766,030,000

\*Outstanding principal.

### Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.2000	\$0.2800*	\$1.4800	\$3,743	\$6,443
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.2418	\$0.2905*	\$1.5323	\$4,107	\$6,284
Proposed Rate	\$1.2000	\$0.2800*	\$1.4800	\$3,870	\$6,284

\*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

### Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$130,609	\$132,027
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$94,839	\$97,045
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.4800	\$1.4800
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$1,403.62	\$1,436.27
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$32.65

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.4800. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.4800.

### Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$68,000,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$30,750,000

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# Alumni host tours at Dobie high school first, current campuses



J. Frank Dobie High School celebrated its 50th anniversary by hosting an open house for alumni on Saturday, Aug. 11. Former students had the opportunity to tour the original Dobie campus, now Beverly Hills Intermediate. Shown above at the open house are, left to right, Ann Brannen, original Dobie journalism teacher; Lynne Champion, original Dobie physical education and biology teacher, volleyball coach and cheerleader sponsor; Pam Buchanan Gonzalez, yearbook editor, class of 1983; Sheila Rowe, business teacher; and Chip Hosek, cheerleader, class of 1974.



The donation for the open house was \$10 per family, and the proceeds (\$2,210) went to the Dobie High School fund to be used for scholarships and other student needs. Alumni were able to walk the halls and experience what has stayed the same after half a decade. Shown above are, left to right, Sandra Stivers Dennison; Sharon Stetzel Wagner; Charlotte Eads; and Jan Fowler.



While there have been many special teachers at Dobie High School throughout the years, few are more memorable than Richard Golenko. A former Latin teacher, Golenko also served as coach of the school's Academic Decathlon team, leading them to two national championships. Golenko also led Dobie's Latin teams to two national titles and 18 state championships. Golenko is shown above with one of his old bathroom passes, which happened to be toilet seats.

Photos by Marie Flickinger, except where indicated



Many relics and pieces of nostalgia have been retained by Dobie alumni over the years to preserve the school's 50-year history. Shown above are Laura (Leslie) Shelley (left) and Tori Mask. Shelley is the daughter of former Dobie Choir Director C.J. Leslie. Mask, who operates the South Belt Houston Digital History Archive at [www.southbelthouston.blogspot.com](http://www.southbelthouston.blogspot.com), helped organize the event. The pair are pictured above holding some old LP recordings of the Dobie Choir, which Shelley recently found tucked away in her attic.



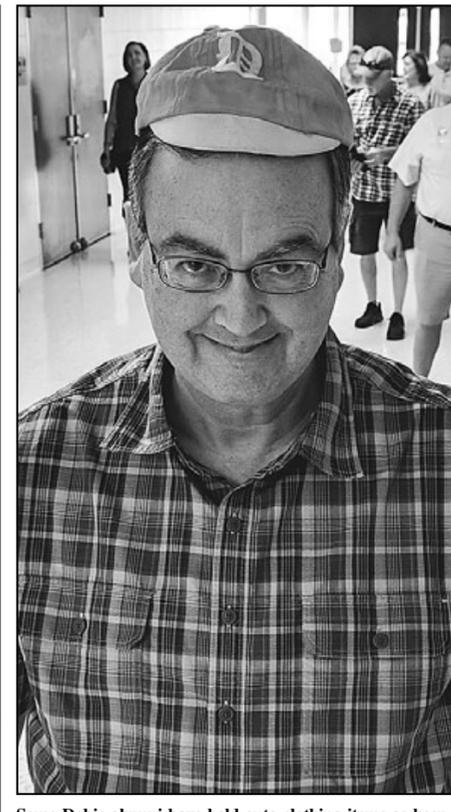
Dobie High School has had several siblings attend the school throughout its 50-year history. Shown above at the school's recent anniversary tour are, left to right, alumni – and brothers – John Pickren, Jim Pickren and David Pickren. The three siblings are the sons of Eva and the late Jack Pickren. While already working as both an attorney and judge, Jack Pickren formerly served as the sports writer for the *South Belt-Ellington Leader*.



Furniture is one of the many things that has changed over the years at Dobie High School. Shown above enjoying a seat on a pair of high-heel shoe chairs in the school's library are Grace Colmenero Coffman, Class of 1975 (left); and Suanne Frahm Jorewicz, Class of 1976.



Former Dobie Track Coach John Bryan (center) is shown above at the school's 50th anniversary tour. Bryan, a member of the Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame, led Dobie to the 1980 cross-country state title, as well as the 1981 state track-and-field crown. Bryan is pictured above with former Dobie staff members Lynne Champion (left) and Sheila Rowe.



Some Dobie alumni have held onto clothing items as keepsakes from their high school days, such as leather jackets, shirts and even beanies. Shown above sporting his 1969 freshman beanie is Dennis Underwood. Photo by Tori Mask

# School supplies list available online

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 • Pearl Junior High School East  
 • Pearl Junior High School West  
 • Silverlake Elementary  
 • Berry Miller Junior High School  
 • C.J. Harris Elementary  
 • Laura Ingalls Wilder Elementary

• Magnolia Elementary School  
 • Friendswood ISD  
 • Westbrook Intermediate School  
 • Friendswood Junior High School  
 For additional information or to view a complete list of schools, visit [www.teacherlists.com/parents](http://www.teacherlists.com/parents).

# Coleman states bonds are wise investment

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 vital that we make these investments now before another major flooding disaster happens.  
 "Additionally, the cost of the bonds for the individual taxpayer is very small. According to Harris County's Budget Management Department, 'If passed, the bond issue would result in an overall tax rate increase of 2-3 cents per \$100 assessed valuation—meaning that

most homeowners would see an increase of no more than 1.4 percent in their property tax after all bonds were sold. (Homeowners with an over-65 or disabled exemption and a home assessed at \$200,000 or less would pay no additional taxes.)'  
 "I know that budgets are tight for many of us, but the bond projects are a wise investment that will prevent future losses."

# Commissioners Court adopts disparity study

Harris County Commissioners Court recently unanimously voted to conduct a disparity study to ensure that minority- and women-owned firms have equal access to county contracts and procurement.

the level of participation of those businesses in the government's contracting and procurement processes. When disparities exist, a gender- or race-conscious approach is appropriate and allowable.

Commissioner Rodney Ellis, along with civil rights groups and labor leaders, has been pushing for Commissioners Court to establish this type of program.  
 "Our minority- and women-owned businesses are the primary drivers of the growth of new business and job opportunities," Ellis said.  
 "The county should provide those firms the economic opportunities they deserve. In turn, those businesses will increase the flow of capital into communities that previously did not have that access," Ellis said.

The study, which is expected to start in September, will take about a year to complete.  
 In a related development, Ellis has sent letters to Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County Chair Carrin Patman and Port of Houston Authority Chair Janiece Longoria asking that those agencies join the disparity study. Neither agency has a MWBE program.  
 In recent weeks, civil rights groups, labor leaders, owners of minority businesses and MWBE experts have appeared before Commissioners Court, Metro and the Port meetings to express support of a race- and gender-based program.

The \$600,000 disparity study will be funded by Ellis' Precinct One budget. Colette Holt & Associates will perform the disparity study. The firm is conducting a similar study for the City of Houston.  
 A disparity study, which is required before a governmental entity can implement a race and/or gender-based contracting program, compares the availability of minority- and women-owned businesses in the sectors where government contracts and procures with

Women- and minority-owned businesses face considerable disadvantages like reduced access to capital, and relatively limited professional and social networks," Ellis said. "They also face private marketplace discrimination. Local government contracting can provide a source of economic opportunity and long-term success for MWBEs."

# Lariaettes host annual clinic

The J. Frank Dobie Lariaettes are proud to announce the annual Hand and Stand Clinic at the Dobie High School Dance Room on Tuesday, Sept. 18, from 6-8 p.m.  
 The hand and stand clinic is open to students in pre-K - 8th grade. Participants can feel free to wear pajamas Tuesday night, as there will be a pajama party while everyone learns the stand routines.  
 Participants will learn hand and stand routines and be invited to sit with the Lariaettes and perform in the stands at the Dobie football game on Saturday, Sept. 22, at 5:30 p.m. Pre-registration fee is \$25 and \$35 at the door. The fee includes the clinic, a T-shirt and student entry to game with shirt. Pre-registration ends Thursday, Sept. 6. The shirt is only guaranteed with pre-registration.  
 For questions and the registration form, email [Brianne.Sisson@pasadenaisd.org](mailto:Brianne.Sisson@pasadenaisd.org).

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# Over The Back Fence by Alexis

**SCHOOL DAZE**  
 The following personnel of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Aug. 16 through Aug. 22.  
**Atkinson Elementary**  
 Sing a chorus of a happy birthday song to **Patricia Villarreal** Aug. 18.  
**Burnett Elementary**  
 Share in the birthday fun Aug. 17 with **Jennie Graham**. Send a happy birthday greeting to **Melisa Evans** Aug. 18. Share a slice of birthday cake with **Romona Dawson** Aug. 22.  
**Bush Elementary**  
 Light the birthday candles for **Laura Ramsahai** Aug. 17. Give a birthday shout out Aug. 20 to **Byanka Padilla**. Aug. 22 is the day for a celebration for **Agatha Candappa**.  
**Meador Elementary**  
 Marking a birthday Aug. 19 is **Chantay Hill**.  
**South Belt Elementary**  
 Blow out the birthday candles for **Phillip Christeson** Aug. 22.  
**Stuchbery Elementary**  
 Enjoying a birthday Aug. 20 is **Tracy Duron**. The day for a party for **Cory Klein** is Aug. 21.  
**Lauren Palos** celebrates a birthday Aug. 22.  
**Melillo Middle School**  
 Sing a chorus of a birthday song Aug. 18 to **Valerie Espinosa**. Enjoying a birthday Aug. 22 is **Maria Diaz**.  
**Roberts Middle School**  
 Celebrating a birthday Aug. 19 is **Joe Pena**.  
**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
 The day for birthday fun for **Charlotte Nelson** is Aug. 17.  
**Thompson Intermediate**  
 On Aug. 21, blow out the birthday candles for **Sophia Medrano**. The day for a cake for **Bertha Izaguirre** is Aug. 22.  
**Dobie High**  
 The day for a party for **Cindy Mutz** is Aug. 21. Birthday greetings are sent to **Roland Deyon** Aug. 22.  
**FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS**  
 The Leader sends happy birthday wishes to friends who celebrate a birthday this week:  
 Thursday, Aug. 16: **Nicole Love, Brandon Gray, Larry Bozka, Cynthia Weaver, Brandon Gray, Yvonne Molina** and **Irl Ellis**; Friday, Aug. 17: **Denise Motezuma, Linda Rodriguez, Michelle Brovey and Paulo Espinoza**; Saturday, Aug. 18: **Marty Gomez, Cathy Shipley, Shametta Benson, Corina Lopez, Jo Anne Muse, Vita Bernal, Annette Barrientos and Chris Cook**; Sunday, Aug. 19: **Robert Mireles, Nathan Nguyen, Pamela Walters, Jody Urschel-Oun, Shandy Lecourias, Pamela McDonald and Derrick Puyar**; Monday, Aug. 20: **Rachel McClure, Claire Speck, Kaysie Fojt Roach, Raymond Jackson and Todd Nathans**; Tuesday, Aug. 21: **John Linares, Kip Ledgerwood, Gabrielle Loya, Brando Washer and Leticia Gonzalez**; and Wednesday, Aug. 22: **Pat Gonzales, Monica Castro, Kassi Richardson, Herman Garcia, Chrystal Sulak, Janie Chapa, Sonia Shearow-Parson and Bill Edwards**.  
**LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS**  
 Email birthday, anniversary, vacation, congratulations, etc., to [mynews@southbeltleader.com](mailto:mynews@southbeltleader.com) with OTBF in the subject line. Items must be submitted by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

# Beverly Hills names administrators, new teachers



Beverly Hills Intermediate has announced its administrators and new teachers for the 2018-2019 school year. Shown above are the administrators, left to right, (front row) Stephanie Jones, Vanessa Shultz, (back row) Georgina Baeza, Jennifer Teichelman, Travis Regner, Stacey Barber, Ashley Collier, Bethany Wilson and Lindy Pace. Shown below are the new teachers, left to right, (front row) Rachel Pipkin, Heather Anders, Jessica Guillory, Melanie Thompson, (back row) Dess Priest, Kacey Peterson, Tahira Briscoe and Brian Thompson. Photos submitted



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# Remember When

**40 years ago (1978)**  
 The Ellington Air Force Base-Pasadena Golf Course opened with ceremonies featuring U.S. Rep. Bob Gammage and Pasadena Mayor John Ray Harrison.  
 The local Dobie-South Houston American Legion baseball team took two games against Bartlesville, Okla., and consequently won the Southern Regional championship. The team earned the right to represent not only the South Belt area, but the entire U.S. southern region in the National Championship in Yakama, Wash.  
**35 years ago (1983)**  
 According to a *South Belt Leader* survey, two homes in Scarsdale experienced flooding associated with Hurricane Alicia, and flooding in Sagemont was limited to a reported eight homes out of the subdivision's 1,839 homes.  
 South Belt area insurance agents were besieged with calls from customers wishing to file claims on damage from Hurricane Alicia.  
**30 years ago (1988)**  
 Realizing the need for additional schools and facilities, Clear Creek Independent School District's board of trustees voted to ask the public to authorize a \$40 million bond issue.  
 Riverside, Calif., scored a run in the bottom of the fifth inning to break a 2-2 tie and jolt South Belt's Colt All-Stars from the Colt World Series.  
**25 years ago (1993)**  
 Following a rash of traffic accidents at the intersection of Beltway 8 at Beamer, state highway department project engineer Charles Gaskins ordered a study of the intersection. Several accidents reportedly occurred when drivers went straight from the left-turn-only lanes westbound on the beltway at Sabo and Beamer.  
 The South Belt Sports Association held a ground-breaking ceremony at the site of the proposed youth sports complex on Hall Road-Blackhawk at South Bluff. County Commissioner El Franco Lee was in attendance at the event.  
 1992 Dobie graduate Emily King, daughter of Terry and Dixie King and sister of Thomas King, was selected as head dance captain for the world famous Apache Belles drill team of Tyler Junior College. The former lieutenant colonel of the Lariaettes received a full-tuition scholarship and an additional \$500.  
 The Federal Aviation Administration named Ellington Field the southwest region's Airport of the Year. It was selected for having met and exceeded federal safety requirements for airports that serve passenger aircraft with more than 30 seats.  
**20 years ago (1998)**  
 Clear Brook senior Brian Martin represented the United States in the world triathlon meet in Lausanne, Switzerland.  
 Dobie senior cheerleader Vicki Zweifel won first place in the UCA camp varsity jump-off. Dobie senior Melody Zmarzly also made it into the finals of the jump-off.  
**15 years ago (2003)**  
 Candidates for mayor Michael Berry, Orlando Sanchez, Sylvester Turner and Bill White addressed topics of specific concern to residents of the South Belt. The forum was hosted by the Sky-scraper Shadows Civic Club and was held at San Jacinto College South.  
 Technical problems associated with a new software system forced registration to be canceled for two days at all three San Jac College campuses.  
**10 years ago (2008)**  
 The Leader received complaints from several residents that the METRO Fuqua Park and Ride facility was seriously overcrowded. The service had become increasingly popular in recent months due to high gas prices.  
 In its first year of operation, Clear Creek Independent School District's Clear Horizons Early College High School earned an exemplary rating from the Texas Education Agency. Located at the San Jacinto College South campus, the school allowed eligible CCISD students to take high school and college courses simultaneously.  
 Houston police arrested one suspect and released the identity of a second in connection with the killing of Andrea Prentice Shelton, who was fatally shot outside the Sage Hollow apartment complex. Joe Everett Foster Jr., 28, was arrested and charged with aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon. A second suspect, former Dobie student Fredreck Douglas, 20, remained at large and was wanted on the same charge.  
 Dobie senior Brittany Frederick and juniors Caitie Wright and Tyler Scarberry were named drum majors for the 2008-2009 Longhorn Marching Band.  
**5 years ago (2013)**  
 The J. Frank Dobie Lariaettes Drill Team announced its 2013-2014 officers. Elizabeth Montemayor was named captain, Emmi Kieu was named colonel, Karla Reyna and Marlene Martinez were each named lieutenant, Geraldine Navarete was named major, and Abby Pedroza was named lieutenant colonel.  
**1 year ago (2017)**  
 The pharmacy of the block of Blackhawk at Beltway 8 was robbed at gunpoint early Wednesday, Aug. 2. According to the Houston Police Department, two male suspects broke the front glass doors to gain entry to the store around 2:35 a.m. When store stockers confronted the men, one of the suspects said he had a gun and motioned to his waistband. The armed suspect then held the employees at bay, while the second suspect broke into the pharmacy with a crowbar. The suspects fled the scene with a large amount of stolen drugs. No immediate arrests were made.  
 The Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees unanimously approved an item calling for a 13-cent tax-ratification election, to be held Tuesday, Nov. 7. PISD had not raised taxes in over a decade and maintained one of the lowest tax rates in the region, district officials said. At the time of the announcement, the average taxable value of a home in Pasadena ISD was approximately \$130,000, and the impact would be an increase of \$9.30 per month, or more specifically, \$0.33 per day. Homeowners over the age of 65 or disabled individuals would not be affected.

# UHCL plans dates

The University of Houston-Clear Lake has released its calendar of events.  
**UHCL Habitat Work Days**  
 Help maintain the beauty of the University of Houston-Clear Lake campus by volunteering at Habitat Work Days each Tuesday morning with the Environmental Institute of Houston at 9 a.m. in the North Office Annex, 2700 Bay Area Blvd. Volunteers assist in upkeep, including clearing paths, cleaning the pond and other conservation tasks. For more information, call UHCL Environmental Institute of Houston at 281-283-3950 or email [eih@uhcl.edu](mailto:eih@uhcl.edu). To learn more, visit [www.uhcl.edu/environmental-institute](http://www.uhcl.edu/environmental-institute).  
**UH-Clear Lake fall open registration**  
 Returning students at University of Houston-Clear Lake can register for fall courses in open registration, which runs through Aug. 24 with late registration from Aug. 25 - Sept. 4. Freshmen must attend an orientation before registering for courses.  
 Class schedules are available online at [www.uhcl.edu/academics/resources](http://www.uhcl.edu/academics/resources).  
 For more information, contact the Office of the Registrar at 281-283-2525 or email [records@uhcl.edu](mailto:records@uhcl.edu).  
**CLASP Speaker Series begins 2018-19 season**  
 Clear Lake Association of Senior Programs is an outreach initiative of University of Houston-Clear Lake created to encourage life-long learning through monthly presentations and engage community members of all ages in a wide variety of topics.  
 The first presentation of the 2018-2019 season takes place Sept. 6 and is titled "The Symbiotic Relationship Between Exercise and Nutrition," given by UHCL's Associate Professor of Exercise and Health Sciences William

Amonette.  
 Presentations are Thursdays from 5:30 - 7 p.m. in the Garden Room of the Bayou Building, located at 2700 Bay Area Blvd. Parking and admission is free.  
**Mr. Rogers movie kicks off UHCL film series**  
 Join us for an intimate look at everyone's favorite neighbor, Mister Fred Rogers. "Won't You Be My Neighbor," presented as the first film in UH-Clear Lake's 2018-2019 Film and Speaker Series, will be shown Saturday, Sept. 8, at 7 p.m. in the Student Services and Classroom Building Lecture Hall.  
 The movie is the portrait of a man whom we think we all know, taking us beyond the zip-up cardigans and the land of make-believe, and into the heart of a creative genius who inspired generations of children with compassion and imagination.  
 Speakers after the movie are Beth Hentges and Christine Walther, both professors in UHCL's department of psychology. Admission is free with UHCL student ID, all others \$4. Parking is free in the visitor lot.  
**Welcome Back Bash starts semester**  
 Celebrate the start of University of Houston-Clear Lake's fall semester at Welcome Back Bash, Aug. 30, 5 - 8 p.m. The event is hosted by UHCL Orientation and New Student Programs and the UHCL Alumni Association.  
 For the first time, the celebration will be held in UHCL's new 82,000-square-foot Recreation and Wellness Center, where attendees can get a glimpse of the facility's features. Festivities include food, games, giveaways, a photo booth, music and more.  
 To learn more about the event, visit [www.uhcl.edu/alumni/events/welcome-back-bash-alumni](http://www.uhcl.edu/alumni/events/welcome-back-bash-alumni).

# PISD survives Harvey

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 mentary, Williams Elementary, Frazier Elementary and Veterans Memorial Stadium after each suffered severe damage from the hurricane. The district also rebuilt Mae Smyth Elementary, expanded Pomeroy Elementary and started their first full year with the newly built Dobie9 freshmen campus.  
 "The challenges of last year have helped shape who we are this year," said PISD Superintendent of Schools Dr. DeeAnn Powell.  
 "As a result, we emerge stronger than we were, with an unwavering determination to continue to provide students with the best educational experience possible."

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# Former Pasadena ISD students may receive diploma through alternative graduation program under SB 463

Former Pasadena Independent School District students who entered ninth grade before the 2011-2012 school year, and did not successfully pass all required state assessments, may qualify to receive a high school diploma under Senate Bill 463.

Senate Bill 463 provides an "alternative path" for students who completed the curriculum requirements for high school graduation, but did not pass end-of-course exams, such as the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills, Texas Assessment of Academic Skills and the Texas Educational Assessment of

Minimum Skills. Students were previously required to pass these exams, but they are no longer administered by the state of Texas.

"This is a great opportunity for our students who had difficulty passing their state assessments to be able to graduate," said Joyce Boyd, director of compliance and monitoring. "Now, they will have the opportunity to further themselves in college and careers."

The new bill offers prospective graduates six alternative solutions, five at the state level and one at the local level, to satisfy state assessment requirements. In order for stu-

dents to receive a high school diploma, they must submit an application and supporting documentation to the community school for one of the state options or the local option.

The state options include:

- Meeting the performance standard on an alternative assessment;
- Meeting the performance standard on an applicable subject area of the "High School Equivalency" exam;
- Meeting alternative graduation requirements by providing evidence of an industry recognized post-secondary license or certification;
- Providing evidence of

current active duty service in the U.S. armed forces;

- Earning college credit in the failed test area.

The Pasadena ISD Board of Trustees approved the following local option at the June board meeting:

- Upon submitting an application and any supporting materials at the community school, the school will assign a project for the students to complete to demonstrate proficiency in the test area that they failed.
- The "Testing Alternative Requirements" application will be reviewed by the Pasadena ISD compliance

and monitoring team to determine whether the student may qualify to graduate.

Prospective graduates must submit an application for the alternative graduation path before the September 2019 deadline.

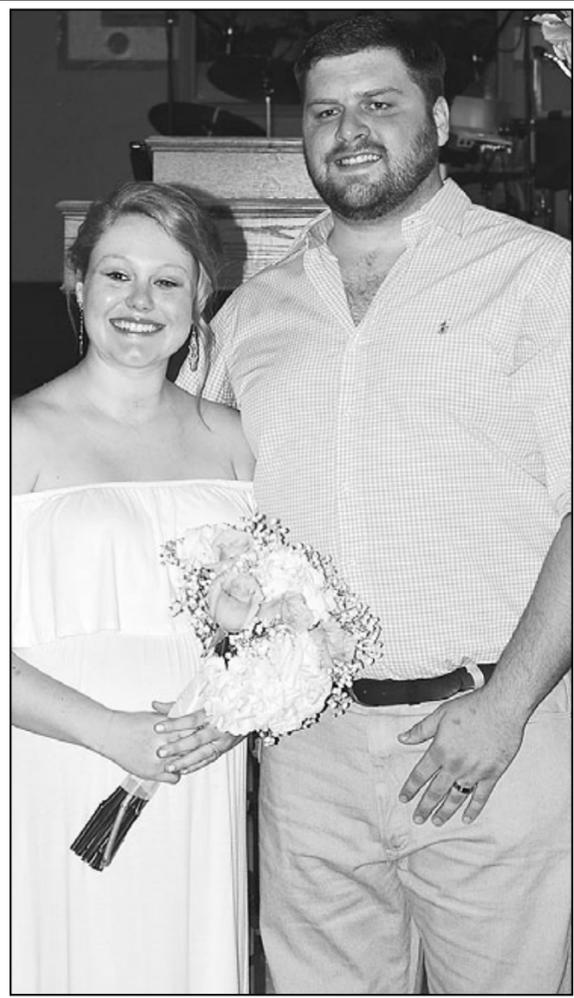
For questions, contact the Office of Compliance Monitoring at 713-740-0164.

**Important**

- All applicants must use the first and last name used while attending a Pasadena ISD school, along with the year they last attended.
- All applications will be reviewed on a month-by-month basis.

## Hildreth, Giles marry

On July 21, Ashley Lynn Hildreth and Aaron James Giles were married at Free-way Baptist Church by the Rev. Mark Butcher. Ashley was raised in League City, graduated from Clear Creek High School in 2012 and has completed an associate degree at San Jacinto College. She is pursuing a degree in education from the University of Houston-Clear Lake and is employed as a substitute teacher by the Pasadena Independent School District. Aaron was raised in Pearland until he was in third grade and moved to Kirkwood South, graduating from Dobie High School in 2012. Aaron is currently a special education paraprofessional at Atkinson Elementary while attending University of Houston-Clear Lake, pursuing a degree in history. He plans to continue in the education field.



Ashley is the daughter of Steve and Carrie Hildreth and the granddaughter of Jackie and the late Jack Bameburg, all of Pearland. Aaron is the son of Jim and Tracy Giles of Kirkwood South and the grandson of Bobby and Kenneth Griffin of Pearland (formerly of Sagemeadow).

In the wedding ceremony they were joined by many family and friends. The bride wore an off-the-shoulder white summer dress and was walked down the aisle by her father, Steve Hildreth, to the song "God Bless the Broken Road," by Rascal Flatts. During the double-ring ceremony, the groom's sister Kristen Giles sang "Can't Help Falling in Love" during the lighting of the unity candle. The bride and groom were pronounced husband and wife and the song "Forever and Ever, Amen" by Randy Travis was played during the recessional.

After the ceremony, there was a reception held at the bride's parents' home in Pearland. The couple enjoyed a honeymoon in San Antonio and will reside in Kirkwood South.

## Big community turnout for flood bond meeting



There was a large turnout of community members at the Harris County Flood Control District meeting on July 17 at El Franco Lee Community Center. The meeting was held to discuss proposed projects associated with the county's upcoming bond election. The bond election will take place on Saturday, Aug. 25 – the one year anniversary of Hurricane Harvey's landfall in Houston. Early voting continues through Aug. 21.

## HFD initiative focuses on firefighter health, safety

The Houston Fire Department has been awarded the 2017 Assistance to Firefighters Grant. It's an award that will give the department the ability to protect firefighters and maintain a safe and healthy work environment. Due to the extremely busy emergency response system in Houston firefighters are exposed to vehicle fumes on a routine basis. When these vehicles are started, the exhaust infiltrates the living and sleeping areas of the fire stations that are staffed around the clock. HFD proposes to improve the health and safety of its firefighters by reducing exposure to vehicle exhaust; a known carcinogen at 15 of the busiest fire stations in the city through the installation of vehicle exhaust removal systems. These 15 stations are responsible for deployment to a quarter of HFD's emergencies.

According to a recent OSHA study, repeated short-term exposure to high concentrations of diesel emissions can cause headaches, dizziness, and irritation of the eyes, nose and throat. Prolonged exposures have been linked to an increased risk of cardiovascular,

respiratory diseases, and lung cancer.

Approximately 600 of HFD's firefighters are assigned to the 15 stations selected for installation of the vehicle exhaust removal systems. In addition to being some of the busiest in the city, many stations selected are among the busiest in the county. These systems will provide a healthier and safer work environment for Houston's busiest first responders. The system captures and extracts all exhaust fumes when engines are running in the apparatus bay. It is simple to use, efficient, and a recommended cost-effective method for controlling exhaust emissions for Firehouse and EMS applications. In addition to inhalation exposures, the capturing of vehicle emissions will also limit exposure via ingestion while firefighters eat their meals at fire stations. Numerous studies support the standard set forth by the National Fire Protection Administration 1500 and recognize the necessity of removing particulate matter from apparatus bays to prevent infiltration into living quarters used by firefighters.

**Cancer in the fire service**

One of the greatest risks to firefighters often presents itself away from the fire ground. Connections between firefighting and certain types of cancers has been evidenced by a number of studies. Exhaust fumes and other residues on protective gear are carcinogens and dangerous. A firefighter can experience a lifetime of environmental exposure in a compressed period of time. It may be from exposure to one fire or in many cases from chronic exposure throughout the career of the firefighter.

**Award breakdown**

- Grant Funds: \$703,914
- Mayor Sylvester Turner has approved matching funds of: \$70,391
- Total Project: \$774,305
- HFD is in the process of applying for next year's grant to add vehicle exhaust systems to more Houston fire stations.

**Self-contained breathing apparatus or deployment**

Another project representing millions of dollars in investment toward the health and safety of HFD personnel is the recent deployment of brand new Self-Contained Breathing

Apparatus. Firefighters recently received 526 SCBAs and 3,046 face pieces purchased through the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG); \$2,956,414 grant funds with a HFD match of \$443,462.

The new SCBA ensembles and individual face pieces will provide Houston firefighters with a host of built-in increased safety measures that will significantly improve their current protection levels while working in immediately dangerous to life or health environments and will give them more ample warning to allow for a safe exit from the IDLH environment.

The new equipment increases voice intelligibility requirements so that firefighters are able to communicate more effectively and heads-up display indicators alerting the wearer of the available air supply. This change will make a dramatic improvement to the respiratory safety to Houston Firefighters providing members with an additional two minutes and 10 seconds of airway protection that could be the difference between life and

death on the fire ground.

**Protective hoods**

The protective hood covers those exposed areas of the neck, which are not protected by the coat collar, SCBA face piece or helmet. The hood is considered an interface item where burns can readily occur if not properly protected. The hood completes the firefighter encapsulation process, protecting them when they enter dangerous environments. The hoods were purchased through a donation from Shell Oil Company; \$140,000 and a \$20,000 donation from Firehouse Subs.

**More on the assistance to firefighters grant**

The primary goal of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations. Since 2001, AFG has helped firefighters and other first responders obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training and other resources necessary for protecting the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards.

Homeless. From screenings, victims were presented resources and referred to City of Houston anti-trafficking case managers.

The city's shelter collaboratively supported 71 victims of labor and sex trafficking.

Over the past two years, Houston served as a national model for municipalities around the U.S. and the world. During the 2018 U.S. Conference of Mayors, Turner and Minal Davis, special

## NASA releases selection of new space center deputy director

NASA Johnson Space Center Director Mark Geyer announced Wednesday the selection of Vanessa Wyche as the next deputy director of JSC in Houston.

Wyche will assist Geyer in leading one of NASA's largest installations, which has nearly 10,000 civil service and contractor employees – including those at White Sands Test Facility in Las Cruces, N.M. – and a broad range of human spaceflight activities.

"Vanessa has a deep background at JSC with significant program experience in almost all of the human spaceflight programs that have been hosted here," Geyer said. "She is respected at

NASA, has built agency-wide relationships throughout her nearly three-decade career and will serve JSC well as we continue to lead human space exploration in Houston."

Wyche recently served as director of the Exploration Integration and Science Directorate and completed a detail as the JSC deputy director in February 2018.

"I am incredibly humbled to take on this role at JSC, and also excited to assist Mark with leading the home of human spaceflight," Wyche said. "I look forward to working with the talented employees at JSC as we work toward our mission of taking humans farther into the solar system."

Before joining JSC in

1989, Wyche worked for the Food and Drug Administration in Washington, D.C. She began her career with NASA in the Space Life Sciences Directorate as a project engineer. She has held several key center leadership positions including assistant center director, associate director of EISD and acting director of Human Exploration Development Support.

Wyche also served in the Constellation Program as director of operations and test integration and in the Space Shuttle Program as a flight manager for several space shuttle missions. She was manager of the Mission Integration Office, and she completed a detail in the Office of

the NASA Administrator.

A South Carolina native, Wyche is a graduate of Clemson University with both a bachelor of science in materials engineering and a master of science in bioengineering. Wyche is the recipient of two NASA Exceptional Achievement Medals and two NASA Outstanding Leadership Medals. Wyche is the first African-American to hold the JSC deputy director position.

For more information about Wyche, visit <https://www.nasa.gov/centers/johnson/about/people/orgs/bios/wyche.html>.

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## Kirkwood South HOA releases news

First quarter of 2018 has brought changes to the Kirkwood South subdivision. I.M.S. Landscape Services has been awarded the contract to maintain the non-residential signage, foliage, trees and all grass areas. Estrella Davis, president, drove the manager throughout the community and confirmed all areas to be attended. If the landscaping services miss an area, call 281-923-0884 and report the problem. Property Services repaired the Kirkfair entrance monument in April. Crest Management has assigned Christopher Sharp as the new community manager due to the resignation of Liz Trapolino. Sharp can be reached at 281-945-4627. Texas Pride Disposal is the new solid waste collection service for KWS. Pick-up dates are Tuesday and Friday. Trash cans and sturdy plastic bags must be on the curbside by 7 a.m. Read the flyer that came with the water bill for more details or call 281-342-8178.

Homeowners were given a first quarter grace period regarding deed restrictions as many were still repairing their home after Harvey. The HOA gives notice to homeowners who are still remodeling; all tear-out materials must be removed from the front yard and driveway on a weekly basis. The removal cost will be the homeowner's responsibility. There is a potential liability issue leaving piles of trash on the property. Harris County has been given the addresses of homes with tear-out material on the property. The Kirkwood South service cannot pick up this debris. KWS will take legal action against those homeowners who will not comply in order to keep the properties safe. School is starting soon and all areas need to be cleared for the safety of those walking in the neighborhood.

Further, all exterior repairs or changes must be approved prior to the start of such repair(s) by the Architectural Committee to include but not limited to roof replacement,

attached patio covers, sheds, driveway/sidewalk concrete replacement or widening, any exterior brick work, exterior painting of home or shed with approved earth-tone paint color, and fence replacement or addition. Sample of material or paint choice must be attached to application (if submitting on-line a photo will be accepted.)

Deed restriction inspections will resume and letters will be sent to the homeowners to correct within 15 days of receipt of notice. Failure to contact Crest Management at 281-945-4647 of any delay to correct the problem will be given to legal. Do not throw away the notice. The grace period has expired.

The 2018 KWS annu-

al HOA fees, \$162, are now past due. Send the payment to Crest Management, 17171 Park Row, Ste. 310, Houston, TX 77084, Attn. KWS Mt. Fees.

Past due accounts are now being sent to Attorney Mike Treeces' law firm for collection.

The KWS meeting will be held on Aug. 23 and will start promptly at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Sagemeadow MUD building on Hall Road at Blackhawk Boulevard. One's attendance is appreciated. Parking is limited near the building.

Harris County Road and Bridges has been notified of the potholes on Kirkfair and has been doing repairs these past weeks.

## Mayor combats human trafficking with plan's phase two

Mayor Sylvester Turner announced the start of the second phase of the City's Anti-Human Trafficking Strategic Plan. The plan is the nation's first comprehensive municipal response to combat human trafficking.

"The collaborative work of my team at city hall and other community partners has already made a difference in Houston," said Turner. "With the start of phase two, we will continue to combat human

trafficking through education and intervention."

There are four components to the second phase of Houston's anti-human trafficking plan:

- Establish streams for victim screenings and making referrals to City of Houston anti-trafficking case managers.
- Raise awareness among corporate partners about labor trafficking to improve employee recruitment and labor practices.

- Engage U.S. Conference of Mayors on Houston's Municipal Response and advocate for federal funding shifts to support municipal responses.
- Work with the hotel and motel industries to increase reporting of human trafficking.

A two-year impact report issued discusses first phase achievements, such as establishing human trafficking victim screening at an area hospital and the Coalition for

adviser to the mayor on human trafficking, engaged municipal leaders concerning Houston's response and survivor empowerment.

Following Hurricane Harvey, the mayor signed Executive Order 1-56 to ensure the city's business partners take steps to safeguard against human trafficking.

For more information about the city's anti-human trafficking initiative, visit <http://humantraffickinghouston.org/>.

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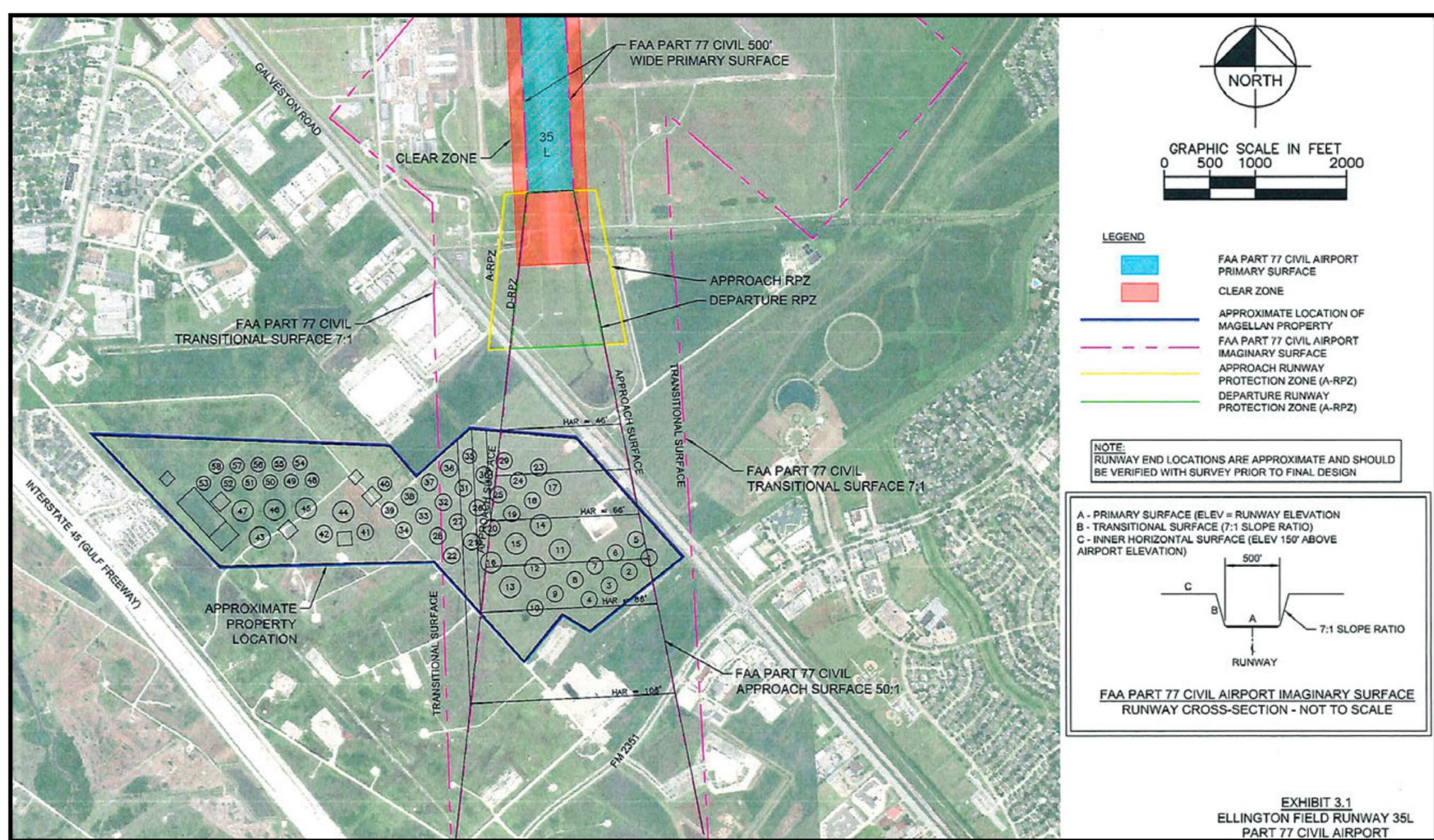


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Plans to construct a new 58-tank crude oil storage facility between I-45 and Highway 3, just north of FM-2351, has drawn the ire of many in the South Belt community, who view the project as an eyesore and a potential fire hazard. Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership (BAHEP) President Bob Mitchell said his organization is staunchly opposed to the project, noting that roughly one-third of the tanks are in direct line of flight for planes at Ellington Airport. At press time, Mitchell and the *Leader* staff were reaching out to elected officials for assistance in the matter.

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## Former Dobie tennis stars return to form



Former Dobie tennis standout Jessica Escobar (Class of 2007) handles the net during a match at the annual JFD Exes Invitational Aug. 11. Players from the early days of head coach Manuel Moreno Jr.'s 20-year career came out to compete. See more Dobie tennis on Page 2B.



Dobie tennis coach Manuel Moreno Jr. (black hat) and long-time South Belt resident Howard Ranft take in the action during the program's series of exes matches Aug. 11. Ranft, also a longtime substitute teacher and Dobie tennis supporter, is set to return to the classroom later this month.

## Jackson remains with Browns

At press time, former Dobie High School quarterback Blake Jackson remained with the Cleveland Browns as a receiver. The former Mary Hardin-Baylor star saw live action in the Browns' preseason opener Aug. 9 and is likely to see additional time Aug. 24 as the Browns host Buffalo, 6:30 p.m., on NFL Network.

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## Horns' FB to test West Brook Bruins

By John Bechtle Sports Editor

Officially named as Dobie High School's 10th-ever varsity football head coach back on Feb. 8, Kevin Berneathy has waited for moments like Aug. 17 for a good while now.

That's when his Longhorn football program will at long last get to test its mettle on the road against a Beaumont West Brook program that has for many years been one of the most recognized in the Class 6A ranks.

As much as he knows it's not all about him on that night, Berneathy is excited to get on the field in his first 6A head coaching opportunity.

"Every day to this point has been an adventure," Berneathy said. "Some of it has been a roller coaster ride, but there is not a day that goes by that I don't get out of bed excited to be here at Dobie High School."

"We have kids here who want to work together to be successful on and off the field, and we have a

great staff of coaches who are all pulling in the same positive direction for success. We're very excited to see what the results are and can be on the field."

"This is a results business, and we recognize that. I am extremely proud to be leading this program, and we are all excited to get the regular season going."

As for the first scrimmage against an always-tough West Brook Bruin group, Berneathy and his staff want to see how the respective units are able to execute schemes and work through the game plan without the coaching staff being on the field to point out positives or negatives.

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## Dobie football to scrimmage at West Brook

Varsity - 7 p.m. at Thomas Center, 5250 Bayou Willow Parkway Beaumont, 77705

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## CB, JFD volleyball lose nondistrict tilts

Kailin Newsome had a season-high 25 kills, but it wasn't quite enough as host Houston Memorial held off Clear Brook 25-23, 25-21, 20-25, 20-25, 15-8 in varsity volleyball action Aug. 14 in Houston.

With Bella Lockwood adding 15 kills and Kennedy Crutchfield 10 more, the Lady Wolverines fought back from the two-game deficit to tie the match, only to see Memorial close it out in five.

Kayleigh Schultz and Kyla Carrier combined for

34 assists in the match. At Baytown Sterling, the Lady Rangers swept past Dobie 25-13, 25-22, 25-15 as the Lady Longhorns suffered their second straight loss of the season after beating Elkins on opening night.

Senior Taylor Pleasants had 13 kills for Dobie, and Melody Le contributed 10 assists in the match.

Dobie will go against Port Neches-Groves to begin the Dickinson ISD Varsity Volleyball Invitational Aug. 16.

## JFD FB season tickets available within PISD

Pasadena ISD athletic department officials are selling varsity football season ticket packages at a discounted rate now through Aug. 24, at the district's athletic office, located at 2906 Dabney in Pasadena.

Dobie fans may purchase a 7-game package for \$42, or \$6 per ticket. All tickets at the gate the evening of a game are \$7 each.

Beginning Aug. 25, officials will also be selling individual presale

game tickets at \$6 each for adults and \$3 for students.

The Dobie ticket packages may also be purchased online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dobie-varsity-football-season-tickets-2018-tickets-47952900416>.

The district office also has season ticket packages available for its other four high school programs. For additional information, call 713-740-0841.

## Brook, CCISD teams show power

If the results coming from the Adidas John Turner Invitational hold any value at all, the battle to make the volleyball playoffs out of District 24-6A is again going to be a doozy.

Four of Clear Creek ISD's five programs made their way to the 32-team Gold bracket on the final day of the event, having excelled in both pool play and elimination rounds up to that point.

Originally seeded 54th overall, Clear Brook came through with a captivating performance, first winning its Aug. 9 pool by defeating Lake Travis and St. John's to move up the ranks.

The following day, the Lady Wolverines absorbed tough losses to Coronado and defending Class 6A state champion Lewisville Hebron but then bounced back to beat Deer Park on the final day.

Clear Brook ended its run with a three-set loss to Clear Creek, finishing

28th overall in the event. In the Gold bracket championship final, defending Class 5A state champion Prosper claimed the title with a 25-21, 25-15 victory over Flower Mound.

As for Clear Brook and the other CCISD programs, the production at the Turner Invitational served notice that the District 24-6A race is again going to be one of the toughest in the state.

Clear Falls, coming off a 2017 Region III championship final appearance, is considered a frontrunner for the district title this season, with Clear Creek, Clear Springs, Brook and perhaps an improved Alvin team in the mix.

Brook, which opened its season with an easy win over 6A newcomer Bridgeland, beat a solid Lake Travis team 25-16, 25-13 in the Turner opener but then fell to George Ranch in three sets, 25-23, 24-26, 25-14.

With a 25-16, 25-11

win over St. John's, Clear Brook advanced as its 25-25, 25-22, 25-18 setback.

Day two brought a 25-

20, 25-13 loss to Coronado followed by a 23-25, 25-22, 25-18 setback.

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## Dobie VB honors educator, PISD athletics supporter Harris, renaming tourney

The Dobie High School volleyball program extended a kind gesture in memory of one of its own, officially naming the Lady Longhorns' Freshman White Invitational in honor of former longtime Dobie faculty member and athletics supporter Barry Harris. Before his passing earlier this summer, Harris was for many years "the man in charge" at the door of Dobie volleyball and basketball matches, frequently providing public address announcing of the starting lineups. He was also for many years a major figure involved in stadium operations at Pasadena ISD's Veterans Stadium during football games. Harris passed away earlier this summer after a lengthy illness.

*Courtesy photo*



## Sports camps, news, notes

### Wolverines to scrimmage state finalists

The Clear Brook football program will be challenged early, facing off against Class 5A state finalist Manvel Friday, Aug. 17, at Challenger Stadium in Webster.

As for scrimmage action, the freshman play begins at 4 p.m., with junior varsity action to begin at 5 p.m. The varsity scrimmage is at 7 p.m.

Clear Brook is gearing up for the start of the regular season, which comes Friday, Aug. 31, as the Wolverines host the La Porte Bulldogs, at 7 p.m., at Veterans Memorial Stadium in League City.

### SB youth soccer club hosts fall sign-up

The South Belt Youth Soccer Club is currently offering online registration for the 2018 fall season. Those competing in the 5-under division will pay \$115, while those in the 9-under division will pay \$140. Those in the 11-under division will pay \$260, and those 12 and older will pay \$180. All registration fees include a uniform (shirt, shorts and socks). A \$10 late fee will be added for those registering after Sept. 1. Families are responsible for providing shin-guards, soccer cleats and practice ball. To begin the registration process, visit [www.southbeltsoccer.org](http://www.southbeltsoccer.org). Returning players do not need to start a new registration account.

### SBGSA has ongoing final registration

The South Belt Girls Softball Association is offering online registration for its fall ball season.

Players ages 4 through 16 as of Aug. 1, 2018, are eligible to compete in the league.

Registration is now through Aug. 25, at \$80 per player. League games will get underway in September.

There are no fundraiser fees, and additional sibling discounts are available. Visit [www.southbeltssoftball.com](http://www.southbeltssoftball.com) for registration details or for more information about the league.

### PISD sets intermediate volleyball, football

After-school practices within the Pasadena ISD intermediate athletic ranks will begin on Aug. 20 – the first official day of classes. With that in mind, the district has released athletic schedules for the upcoming volleyball and football seasons.

The district's volleyball teams will scrimmage Aug. 29, and the regular season openers come Thursday, Sept. 6 as Beverly Hills hosts San Jacinto and Thompson plays at Bondy. The Dark division matches begin at 5 p.m., with the Light division matches to follow.

On the football field, scrimmages are Sept. 4-5, and the regular season opens Sept. 10-11 with Beverly Hills facing Jackson and Thompson going against Park View. Football game times are always 5 p.m.



Julia Bui, currently playing No. 2 girls singles for the Lady Longhorns, has played well early on as the varsity team tennis program has gone up against tough competition through the first week-plus of action.



Junior Sebastian Delgado, the Longhorns' No. 1 boys singles player, will lead his squad into action at home against Clear Creek Aug. 17, at 9 a.m. Dobie will play at Alvin Tuesday, Aug. 21. *Photos by John Bechtle*

## Former Dobie tennis standouts prove they still have what it takes

It was a clash of the past versus the present as the Dobie High School tennis program, led by 20-year head coach Manuel Moreno Jr., hosted the annual Exes Matches at the Longhorn courts Aug. 11. Among the former players who attended and competed were Steven Irwin ('02), Dat Bui ('04), Steven Mullins ('04), Rustam Abedinzadeh ('05), Jessica Escobar ('07), Vinh Nguyen ('07), Ethan Allen ('08), John Le ('14), Levi Marshall ('14), Keith Pham ('14), Brian Williams ('14), Garrett Armstrong ('15), Ruben Vargas ('15), Ashley Deveza ('16), Lada Heng ('16), Karen Neira ('16), Edwin Ayala ('18), Daniel Botello ('18) and Leilani Vargas ('18). Coach Howard Ranft, a former longtime South Belt area resident and Dobie tennis fan, was also in attendance. "It's always a lot of fun to see all the kids who made the J. Frank Dobie High School tennis program what it is today," Moreno said. "It's a treat for the current players to mingle with the former players and hear all the stories and memories they enjoyed."



Steven Mullins, a Class of 2004 Dobie graduate and current faculty member, serves during the school's annual Exes Matches Aug. 11. Mullins, who doubles as the school's bowling coach, still plays tennis regularly and went against current Dobie No. 1 singles player Sebastian Delgado.

At right, Garrett Armstrong, a Class of 2015 Dobie graduate, blasts a forehand return down the line during play at the Longhorns' annual Exes Matches Aug. 11, at Dobie. Armstrong teamed with Levi Marshall, a Class of 2014 graduate, for a win.



At far right, the past blended with the new as, from left, Steven Mullins (2004), Steven Irwin (2002), Austin Luu (Class of 2019) and Sebastian Delgado (Class of 2020, current Dobie team co-captain) gathered for a photo opportunity after going head-to-head in doubles play. Irwin played on head coach Manuel Moreno Jr.'s first team at Dobie.



From left, current Dobie varsity tennis players Ronald Nguyen and Luis Neira visited with Class of 2014 Dobie High School graduate Brian Williams and Dat Bui, a Class of 2004 graduate, during the Exes Matches at Dobie Aug. 11.



Rustam Abedinzadeh, a Class of 2005 Dobie graduate and varsity tennis player, showed great form as he competed in the annual Exes Matches Aug. 11, at the school. *Photos by John Bechtle*

## BAFL Standings

### Senior Division

Teams	W	L	T
Cowboys	1	0	0
Raiders	1	0	0
Longhorns	1	0	0
Eagles	1	0	0
Texans	1	0	0
Wildcats	1	0	0
Hurricanes	0	1	0
Dolphins	0	1	0
Bulls	0	1	0
49ers	0	1	0
Patriots	0	1	0
Sharks	0	1	0
United	0	0	0

### Junior Division

Teams	W	L	T
Bulls	1	0	0
49ers	1	0	0
Eagles	1	0	0
Longhorns	1	0	0
Texans	1	0	0
Hurricanes	1	0	0
Cowboys	0	1	0
Raiders	0	1	0
Wildcats	0	1	0
Dolphins	0	1	0
Patriots	0	1	0
Sharks	0	1	0
United	0	0	0

### Sophomore Division

Teams	W	L	T
Cowboys	1	0	0
Bulls	1	0	0
Eagles	1	0	0
Canes	1	0	0
Sharks	1	0	0
Longhorns	0	0	1
Patriots	0	0	1
Dolphins	0	1	0
49ers	0	1	0
Raiders	0	1	0
Texans	0	1	0
Wildcats	0	1	0
United	0	0	0

### Freshman Division

Teams	W	L	T
Cowboys	1	0	0
Eagles	1	0	0
Hurricanes	1	0	0
Raiders	1	0	0
Longhorns	1	0	0
Sharks	1	0	0
Wildcats	0	1	0
Dolphins	0	1	0
Bulls	0	1	0
49ers	0	1	0
Patriots	0	1	0
Texans	0	1	0
United	0	0	0

### Pewee Division

Teams	W	L	T
Dolphins	1	0	0
Bulls	1	0	0
49ers	1	0	0
Hurricanes	1	0	0
Sharks	1	0	0
Longhorns	1	0	0
Eagles	0	1	0
Texans	0	1	0
Wildcats	0	1	0
Cowboys	0	1	0
Patriots	0	1	0
Raiders	0	1	0
United	0	0	0

## BAFL Season Opener Saturday, Aug. 18

**Sagemont Cowboys host Alvin Raiders**  
*El Franco Lee Park*

**Southbelt Dolphins at Team United**  
*Dobie High School*

*Game times: Pee wee – 8 a.m.; Seniors – 9 a.m.; Juniors – 10:45 a.m.; Sophomores – 12:30 p.m.; Freshmen – 2:15 p.m.*

## BAFL August 11 Scores

	Sr.	Jr.	Soph.	Fr.	PW
<b>Eagles</b>	38	1	1	6	6
<b>Dolphins</b>	0	0	0	0	13
<b>Cowboys</b>	31	6	39	21	0
<b>49ers</b>	0	20	7	14	25

## Dobie football ready; first scrimmage here

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In other words, with two weeks to go before the regular season opener at Santa Fe, the players need to be able to function and succeed on their own.

“To me, we’re on course, but you’re never going to have enough time,” Berneathy said. “Defensively, I feel like we are in great shape. We have been able to basically put everything on them scheme-wise and then scale it back from there.

“Overall, we’ve been very excited about the way the defense has come along. They have the fundamental things down and have been able to execute the specific plan.

“Offensively, I feel like every day we are getting better. On that side of the ball, it’s all about developing and improving communication. I’m not always going to be able to be right there to point this or that out.

“In all phases of the game, you have to be able to overcome obstacles. Not everything is going to go perfectly every time out, but as long as you are pointing in the right direction as one unit, you’re going to improve.”

Heading into the Beaumont scrimmage, Berneathy said the varsity roster is at 60. There is an ever-flowing depth chart in his office, though, and there are players who can still carve out a spot for themselves prior to the opener.

“Evaluations began the first day I got here, and every day is open to evaluation,” Berneathy said. “Athletes are evaluated on everything from maintaining a strong academic

standing to attendance, behavior and those types of things. And everything is always being filmed out there on the field. If you think you’re the best play-

er at your given spot, then show it on film. It will get recognized. If we like the way a particular player performed on a given day in practice, then he has

a chance to move up the chart.

“Competition is a great thing. We have a high level of expectation here, and we need to all work to-

gether to get this program where we expect it to be. We are all excited to see where we are against West Brook, and then build from there.”

Brook varsity at Dulles, 6:00  
Dobie varsity at Spring, 5:30  
Dobie JV at Spring, 4:30  
Brook JV at Dulles, 5:00  
Brook freshman A at Dulles, 4:00  
Dobie freshman A at Spring, 4:30  
Brook freshman B at Clear Falls, 4:15  
Dobie freshman B at Spring, 5:30

**Friday, Aug. 24**  
Brook varsity hosts Cy-Creek, 6:00  
Dobie varsity hosts Dulles, 6:00  
Dobie JV hosts Dulles, 5:00  
Brook JV hosts Cy-Creek, 5:00  
Dobie freshman A hosts Dulles, 4:00  
Brook freshman A hosts Cy-Creek, 5:00  
Dobie freshman B hosts Dulles, 5:00  
Brook freshman B hosts Cy-Creek, 6:00

**FOOTBALL**  
**Friday, Aug. 17**  
Dobie all teams scrimmage at Beaumont W.B., 7:00  
Brook all teams host Manvel scrimmage, 7:00

**Thursday, Aug. 23**  
Dobie all teams scrimmage Beaumont United, Veterans Stadium, 7:00  
Brook all teams scrimmage at Dawson, The Rig, TBA

**Thursday, Aug. 30**  
Brook JV Black at La Porte, 4:30  
Dobie JV Orange hosts Santa Fe, campus, 4:30  
Dobie JV White at Friendswood, campus, 4:30  
Brook JV Red at La Porte, 6:00  
Brook freshman Black hosts La Porte, 4:30  
Dobie freshman Orange at Santa Fe, campus, 4:30  
Dobie freshman White at Santa Fe, campus, 4:30  
Brook freshman Red hosts La Porte, 6:00

**Friday, Aug 31**  
Dobie varsity at Santa Fe, Indians Stadium, 7:00  
Brook varsity hosts La Porte, Vet. Memorial, 7:00

**Monday, August 20**  
10 a.m.  
**Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English)** – For women affected by an addict. Saturdays, 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787, or 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 or email the director at jpochnsner@aol.com for details.

7 – 10 p.m.  
**Bay Area Singles Club** – monthly dance at 7 – 10 p.m. at the VFW Lodge, located at 5204 Highway 3 in Dickinson, 77539, Post 6378. Bring party snacks to share. Cost is \$7 for members and \$9 for nonmembers. For more information, call 832-483-3257 or 832-477-6778.

7 p.m.  
**Bay Area Bluegrass Association** – bluegrass music show and jam session on the third Saturday (except December.) Stage show is at 7 p.m. Pickers may bring instruments and come early. Free. Johnny Arolfo Civic Center, 300 Walker, League City. For details, visit http://www.bayareabluegrass.org.

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 19**  
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 or email the director at jpochnsner@aol.com for details.

2 p.m.  
**Grief Support Group** – For adults who have lost a loved one. Meets Sundays, except Mother’s Day, Easter

## Clear Brook shows skills at Turner invite

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against Hebron. On the third and final day, Clear Brook beat Deer Park 25-23, 25-23 and then split sets with Clear Creek before eventually falling 25-20, 23-25, 25-17.

Clear Brook junior Kailin Newsome sparked the effort for the locals. She delivered 81 kills over the team’s seven matches, including 19 in a tough loss to George Ranch.

Bella Lockwood had 13

kills in the loss to Clear Creek, and also had nine against Hebron. Kayleigh Schultz had a terrific overall tournament at setter, coming up with 19 assists against Clear Creek.

Schultz now has a team-high 126 assists over eight matches, and fellow setter Kyla Carrier has 109.

**LSA has tough go of it**  
The Lutheran South Academy program also played in the Turner invite, dropping each of its

five matches in the tournament.

In pool play, the Lady Pioneers fell 25-16, 25-8 to Argyle and then lost a 25-7, 25-16 match to Dripping Springs.

In the final pool play

match for LSA, Dripping Springs came away with a 25-10, 25-11 win.

San Antonio Christian downed Lutheran South 25-12, 25-14, and Sonora defeated the locals by a 25-18, 18-25, 25-17 score.

## Sports Calendar

**TENNIS**  
**Thursday, Aug. 16**  
Dobie varsity hosts Clear Falls, 9 a.m.

**Friday, Aug. 17**  
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**Tuesday, Aug. 21**  
Dobie varsity at Alvin, 3:00

**Friday, Aug. 24**  
Dobie varsity hosts Pearland, 3:00

**VOLLEYBALL**  
**Thursday, Aug. 16**  
Dobie varsity at Dickinson tourn., TBA  
Dobie freshman A at Pasadena H.S. tourn., TBA

**Friday, Aug. 17**  
Brook varsity at Summer Creek, 6:00  
Brook JV at Summer Creek, 5:00  
Brook freshman A at Summer Creek, 4:00  
Brook freshman B at Clear Springs, 4:00

**Saturday, Aug. 18**  
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Dobie freshman A at Pasadena H.S. tourn., TBA

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### THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

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 more information, or drop in.

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 or email the director at jpochnsner@aol.com for details.

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

6 p.m.  
**Texas German Society, South Belt (SE) Chapter** – A social group focused on the culture, music, heritage and language of Texas German immigrants. Meets the third Thursday, monthly, 6 p.m., in the fellowship hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visitors welcome. Email OpaGivesHugs@gmail.com for details.

6:30 p.m.  
**Harris County Master Gardeners** – presents *Fall Vegetable Gardening* on Thursday, Aug. 16, at 6:30 p.m. in the Freeman Branch Library, 16616 Diana Lane. This is a free Harris County Master Gardener event. For more information, visit <https://hcmga.tamu.edu/Public/pubGreenThumb.aspx> or call 713-274-0950.

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 details, call 713-856-1611.

7:30 p.m.  
**The Bay Area Writers’ League** – Meets the first and third Thursdays monthly to improve writing skills. Barnes and Noble, 1029 W. Bay Area Blvd., 7:30 p.m.

Newcomers are welcome.

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 17

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Noon  
**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** – West End Group, noon, Shepherd of the Heart United Methodist Church, 12005 County Rd. 39, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.

7 p.m.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** – Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. Call 713-856-1611.

8 p.m.  
**Serenity Now Al-Anon Group** – meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 8 to 9 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share, learn Al-Anon principles, discover that they are not alone, and find choices that are available to them. For more information, call 281-484-9243.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 18**  
7:30 a.m.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** – “Breakfast with Bill”, Saturdays, 7:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.

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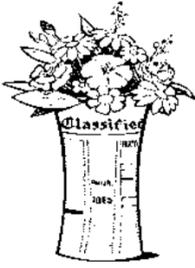
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## CALENDAR

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### MONDAY, AUGUST 20

**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 details, or drop in.

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

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

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

**New Directions Singles** - Age 50 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner with activities and/or guest speakers at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Pkwy. For details, call Margarita at 832-715-9658.

**Scrabble Club #511** - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Come, improve crossword playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for details.

**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).

**Survivors of Suicide Support Group** - gives coping skills in a non-threatening environment to adults who have lost a loved one to suicide. For details email LynneAnnH@yahoo.com or visit [www.crisishotline.org](http://www.crisishotline.org) or call 832-416-1177.

**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.

**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)** - Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the Education Bldg., 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For details, call Russell at 832-483-6715.

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 21

**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 details, or drop in.

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

**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at [jpochsner@aol.com](mailto:jpochsner@aol.com) for details.

**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, 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 details, call 281-900-7257. Email [nalix@texascitizensbank.com](mailto:nalix@texascitizensbank.com).

**Hometown Heroes Park** - has free dance "lessons" Tuesdays following the senior luncheon taught by 35-year dance area instructors Lewis and Betty Whistler at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. For questions regarding lessons, call 832-517-5833. League City Parks Dept. requires an activity card for all participation of activities. Seniors (age 55 and older) get a free "full activity card." Nonresident seniors pay \$25 a year for this full activity card. If under age 55, there is a "special limited to ballroom activity card" (residents pay \$25/ year, nonresidents pay \$37.50) to enjoy "daytime" ballroom activities. Saturday night ballroom dances require a door fee to cover expenses. For questions about the activity card, call the park office at 281-554-1180.

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

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

6:30 p.m.

**Breast Cancer Support Group** - Meets 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 details, call 281-526-6840.

**Houston Skyscraper Shadows Civic Club** - meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at 7900 Fuqua (inside Covenant of Faith United Methodist Church). There is no meeting in December. For more information, contact Cathy@houston skyscrapershadows.org or call 713-332-6294.

**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church in the 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, first floor staff meeting room. PIP is police and citizens working together making neighborhoods safer. Bring a friend. For information, call Officer Richard Buitron at 281-218-3900.

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

**AAA 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 details, or drop in.

**Young at Heart Senior Club** - Meets the second and fourth week monthly at Covenant United Methodist Church, located at 7900 Fuqua. Lots of activities, trips, etc. Call Jan Okumura at 832-298-9480 for details.

**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Open games are on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at [jpochsner@aol.com](mailto:jpochsner@aol.com) for more information.

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

**Hometown Heroes Park** - has Hump Day Dance to practice ballroom dances (not lessons) in a casual environment. A variety of rhythms are played from 1 to 3:30 p.m., Wednesdays, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. League City nonresidents must purchase activity card (see Tuesday 12:30 p.m. dance for details). Help is available to assist learning dance moves. For details, call Neva Schroder at 417-838-2204.

**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.

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

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 23

**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 more information, or drop in.

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

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

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## Sudario-Garza family cruises the Caribbean

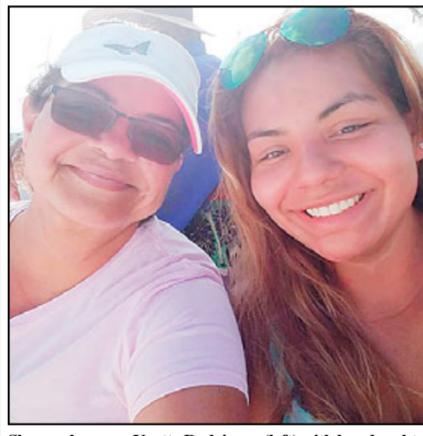


After being displaced several months from their longtime South Belt home because of Hurricane Harvey, the Sudario-Garza family chose to celebrate the events of moving back home, the Fourth of July and birthdays by cruising the Caribbean on the Liberty of the Seas. The family enjoyed horseback riding on the beach and in the waters of Roatan, Honduras; sightseeing in the streets of Belize City, Belize; ziplining and beach fun; and playing with the dolphins, manatees, sea lions and birds

in Cozumel, Mexico. Shown above sightseeing in the streets of Belize are, left to right, MiaBella Garza, Juvy Sudario, Angelique Garza, Jazalyne Garza and Carlos Garza. Shown below left are, left to right, (front row) Juvy Sudario, Jazalyne Garza, MiaBella Garza, (back row) Dolphin Jupiter, Carlos Garza and Angelique Garza. Shown below right are, left to right, (front row) Angelique, MiaBella, Jazalyne, Kiwi the Macaw, (back row) Kitty the Cockatoo, Juvy Sudario and Carlos Garza.



## Mother, daughter visit Florida



Shown above are Yvette Rodriguez (left) with her daughter Dominique Palacios on a deep-sea fishing excursion in Destin, Fla. The mother and daughter took a road trip vacation to Destin before Palacios heads to the University of Texas in San Antonio to complete her bachelor's degree in kinesiology and physical therapy clinical doctorate. Palacios has an

associate degree from San Jacinto College South. Shown below left are the fish caught during the deep-sea excursion. Shown above right, Rodriguez enjoys the view from the beach. They also saw a pirate ship, shown below right, sailing along the water. During the trip they experienced a dolphin tour, parasailing and snorkeling for shells.



## Rojas family sails away



The Rojas family enjoyed a seven-day Western Caribbean cruise June 2 - 8. The stops included Cozumel, Mexico, where they snorkeled and enjoyed the beautiful beach; Belize, where they ziplined and drove ATVs through the jungle; and Isla Roton, Honduras, where they enjoyed the beach off the Little French Keys Island and swam with the jaguars. Shown above at Chankanaab in Cozumel are, left to right, Andrew Rojas, attends Moore Elementary; David Rojas Jr., attends Jan Jacinto College; Gabriel Rojas, Dobbie High School junior and baseball player; Raquel Rojas; and David Rojas Sr.



Shown above are, left to right, Gabriel, Andrew and David Rojas Jr. enjoying the Little French beach in Isla Roton, Honduras. Shown below swimming with jaguars are, left to right, Gabriel, Andrew, Raquel, David Rojas Sr. and David Rojas Jr.



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