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Vacation photos sought

The *Leader* is seeking readers' 2017 vacation photos for publication. A first-, second- and third-place prize of Schlitterbahn Galveston tickets will be awarded monthly to the best submissions. First place will be awarded eight tickets; second place will be awarded six; and third place will be awarded four. Submissions should include when and where the photo was taken, identify each person in the picture and describe the trip. Photos must be high resolution. Email to mynews@southbeltleader.com. See this week's vacation photos on Page 6B.

Gulf Freeway closures set

According to the Texas Department of Transportation, at least one inside lane on the northbound and southbound frontage roads of the Gulf Freeway from NASA Road 1 to State Highway 96 in League City will be closed nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Sept. 30. At least one alternate lane on the northbound and southbound main lanes of I-45 from NASA Road 1 to State Highway 96 in League City will be closed nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Sunday, Dec. 31. Alternate entrance and exit ramps on the Gulf Freeway from NASA Road 1 to State Highway 96 in League City will be closed from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Sunday, Dec. 31.

The closures are associated with an ongoing construction project to widen the freeway from three to five lanes in each direction and the frontage roads from two to three lanes in each direction.

Seahawks begin sign-ups

The Blackhawk Seahawks football and cheer for boys and girls ages 5-12 is holding sign-up and information sessions at Dobie Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. through Friday, Aug. 18. For information, call Matthew Perez, 832-692-0535.

KC hosts spaghetti dinner

The Knights of Columbus Council 9201 will host a fundraising spaghetti dinner Friday, Aug. 25, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the St. Luke Catholic Church social hall, 11011 Hall Road. The menu will include all-you-can-eat penne rigate pasta covered with the original KC 9201 pasta sauce, two made-from-scratch Italian meatballs, garden salad with Italian dressing, French bread and ice tea or lemonade. Cost is \$7 eat-in or take-out. For children under 12, the cost is \$3 (one meatball), eat-in only.

Lariaettes hold car wash

The Dobie Lariaettes will hold a car wash Saturday, Aug. 19, in the Snowie's parking lot at 10902 Scarsdale at Beamer. Tickets are \$5 pre-sale and can be purchased from any current Lariaette. Drive-ups are welcome and donations accepted.

JFD 20-Year reunion set

Calling all 1997 Longhorns. The 20-year reunion is Saturday, Sept. 16, from 6 to 10 p.m. at St. Arnold Brewery. Tickets are \$70 and include food, open taps, a commemorative pint glass, '90s music and entrance to the private Friday night mixer at the Cottonwood, 3422 N. Shepherd. Buy tickets at paypal.me/97reuniontickets or email Stephen Landin at stevlandin@hotmail.com.

Beamer closure planned

According to the Texas Department of Transportation, Beamer Road will be closed at Beltway 8 from 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 18, until 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 19. The closure is associated with the ongoing project to widen Beltway 8 from Beamer to Highway 288 from two to four lanes in each direction.

New Life holds bazaar

New Life Lutheran Church, located at 3521 E. Orange St. in Pearland, will hold its annual bazaar Friday, Oct. 6, and Saturday, Oct. 7. The event will feature barbecue, crafts, fair and fun for kids. For more information, call 281-485-1818.

Knights hold football raffle

The Knights of Columbus Council 4577-Our Lady of Mt. Carmel is selling raffle tickets for a chance to attend the Dallas Cowboys vs. Houston Texans game on Thursday, Aug. 31. First place wins two tickets in section 117, Bullpen, with a platinum parking permit, Row A. Second place wins two tickets in section 117, Bullpen. Each raffle ticket cost \$5 or a book of six raffle tickets is \$25. The drawing will be held Sunday, Aug. 27. For more information, call 832-877-0260 and leave a message.

St. Luke's hosts sale

St. Luke's Catholic Church, located at 11011 Hall Road, will host its Gabriel's Treasure "garage pre-sale" on Saturday, Aug. 19, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Items for sale include children's clothes and shoes, small kitchen appliances, household items, purses, jewelry, books, toys and more. For more information, contact Jessica Rowland at 281-475-6261 or jrowland2010@att.net.

South Belt students return to school

Summer is coming to a close, and that means it's time for South Belt students to return to school.

With the exception of incoming freshmen, students in the Pasadena Independent School District will return to class Monday, Aug. 21.

PISD ninth-graders will begin class the previous school day on Friday, Aug. 18.

Pasadena ISD staff members returned to school Monday, Aug. 14. Staff development will take place from Monday, Aug. 14, through Thursday, Aug. 17, with work officially starting on Friday, Aug. 18.

Students within the Clear Creek Independent School District will also begin classes Monday, Aug. 21.

It is a year of many firsts for Pasadena ISD. New this year are the Dobie ninth-grade center, the district-wide Early College High School (ECHS) program, and the district's first open-en-

rollment program.

Ninth-Grade Center

While the new Dobie ninth-grade center is still scheduled to open this school year, the opening has been postponed until early 2018, according to Pasadena ISD officials.

Originally scheduled to open in August 2017 for the 2017-2018 school year, the campus is now expected to open in January 2018.

School officials sent a letter to parents notifying them of the delay.

"The building will be first class, state of the art and beautiful," said Dobie Principal Franklin Moses and Dobie Ninth-Grade Campus Principal Mike Van Essen in the joint letter. "Construction crews have been working diligently the past 14 months. We want to make sure that all parts of this campus are in pristine condition and ready to be utilized for your student's arrival. Factors out of our control, such as weather conditions and

other circumstances have delayed the opening of the new campus to January 2018."

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

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

When the new Blackhawk campus 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, 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.

According to PISD officials, however, Dobie's enrollment at the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year was actually 3,708 students (1,005 freshmen, 994 sophomores, 887 juniors and 822 seniors). Using this figure, the school would have been ranked No. 56 on the list.

By 2018-2019, enrollment at Dobie is expected to reach 4,200. PISD officials expect the proposed campus to reduce enrollment at the primary campus to approximately 3,100-3,200 students, with a capacity for enrollment at the ninth-grade center of 1,000-1,100 students.

The facility will house only first year ninth-graders. Students will have the same academic and extracurricular opportunities as students.

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Flight museum takes off



After years of planning and construction, the Lone Star Flight Museum is set to open at its new location at Ellington Airport on Friday, Sept. 1. Currently located in Galveston, the museum suffered extensive damage during Hurricane Ike, prompting officials to relocate the facility. Aircraft are shown above arriving at the new site on Tuesday, Aug. 15.

Photo submitted

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 will close for the season after Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 4. The pools will each be open from 1 to 6 p.m. on the holiday.

Both Riverstone Ranch swimming pools will also close after Labor Day, as will the Ashley Pointe and Highland Meadow pools. Riverstone Ranch pool hours are from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Ashley Pointe pool hours will be from noon to 8 p.m.; and Highland Meadow pool hours are 3 to

8 p.m.

The Clear Brook Meadows pool will remain open two weekends past Labor Day, closing Sunday, Sept. 17. Pool hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The Sageglen pool will remain open three weekends past Labor Day, closing Sunday, Sept. 24. Pool hours are noon to 9 p.m. on Saturday and 1 to 9 p.m. on Sunday.

The new splash pad at El Franco Lee Park will remain open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. through the month of September.

HCFCD promotes its citizen helpline

The *Leader* would like to remind South Belt residents about the Harris County Flood Control District's Citizen Service Center.

The new service is similar to the City of Houston's 3-1-1 helpline.

What is the CSC?

The CSC provides a single point of contact for citizens to ask questions, report problems

and raise concerns regarding the operating condition of Flood Control District infrastructure. The CSC is crucial to the success of the district's teams in the field and to the Property Management Department.

How to contact the CSC?

The CSC receives more than 4,000 phone

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H-E-B pharmacy robbed at gunpoint

The pharmacy of the H-E-B located in the 9800 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. They were driving a white, late model Dodge Charger.

Both suspects are described as black males between 25 and 30 years old and standing approximately 5 feet 10 inches tall.

One of the suspects reportedly weighed between 180 and 200 pounds, while the other weighed around 190 to 220 pounds.

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

PISD to hold special election on taxes

By Art Del Barrio and Reesha Brown, PISD

When it became evident the Texas State Legislature was not going to address funding for Texas public schools, the Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees unanimously approved an item calling for a 13 cent Tax Ratification Election (TRE) for the Maintenance and Operations (M&O) tax rate.

A TRE is a special election called by the board of trustees asking voters to approve a tax rate that is above the current \$1.07 M&O rate.

The TRE gives the district an opportunity to maximize funding potential, as the 13 cent increase will generate approximately \$16 million from local property taxes, in which the state will match those funds with an additional \$20.7 million, totaling \$36.7 million for M&O.

The Pasadena ISD tax rate is composed of two parts: The M&O tax rate and the Interest and Sinking (I&S) tax rate.

M&O pays for day-to-day district operations, such as payroll, utilities and maintenance of schools and facilities. The I&S is used to make payments to district bonds that fund construction. The I&S tax rate will not be raised.

Pasadena ISD is holding the TRE for the following reasons:

- Remain competitive with surrounding districts in retaining and recruiting teachers and staff
- Continue innovative instructional programs
- Address student growth
- Offset costs from unfunded state mandates

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METRO opens El Dorado Park & Ride

METRO will open a new Park & Ride location Monday, Aug. 28, at the intersection of El Dorado Boulevard and Glenwest Drive near the southbound lanes of the Gulf Freeway. (See related ad and map on Page 6A.)

The facility will be the fifth in the general area, with others being located on Sabo (Fuqua Park & Ride), Kurland (South Point Park & Ride), Bay Area Boulevard (Bay Area Park & Ride) and Monroe (Monroe Park & Ride).

The new location was identified in 2003, as part of METRO's Solutions referendum. It is designed to alleviate overcrowding at the other nearby Park & Ride locations.

The lot will also serve as a staging area for carpools and vanpools. It will accommodate users of the former Bay Area Park & Pool, which closed last year to make room for improvements along the Gulf Freeway.

The facility will provide commuter service for METRO customers traveling to downtown Houston and the Texas Medical Center.

The new Park & Ride will include approximately 1,200 spaces and be monitored by surveillance cameras. It will also be regularly patrolled by METRO police.

METRO officials said benefits of the Park &

Ride service include avoiding peak-hour traffic and being able to catch up on work, relaxation and sleep during commute time.

Regular Park & Ride trips will leave the El Dorado facility between 5:30 and 8:30 a.m. Return trips in the afternoon from downtown will depart between 3:30 and 6:30 p.m. In between those peak periods, METRO will provide trips every 50 minutes. In addition to the peak and midday services, METRO will also provide three evening trips from downtown at 7:35, 8:35 and 9:40 p.m. All service is weekday only.

For additional information, visit <http://www.ridemetro.org/Pages/ParkRide.aspx>.

HOV/HOT lanes

South Belt residents are also reminded to utilize METRO's HOV/HOT lanes, which now run all the way to NASA Road 1 on the Gulf Freeway. Inbound vehicles may travel on the road from 5 to 10 a.m., while the road is open to outbound vehicles from 1 to 7 p.m.

Entrances are located just north of Dixie Farm Road and Clear Lake City Boulevard. Toll costs range from \$1 to \$6.50 for vehicles with less than two passengers. For more information, visit <http://www.ridemetro.org/Pages/HOVandHOT-I455.aspx>.

METRO addresses community



METRO is opening a new Park & Ride facility near the intersection of the Gulf Freeway and El Dorado Boulevard, set to begin service on Monday, Aug. 28. METRO spokesman Jerome Gray (left) is shown above speaking to Sandy Robb of the Sagemont Civic Club (second from right) and Ericka McCrutchon of the Kirkwood Civic Club (right) at a recent community meeting. Pictured in the background is METRO consultant Sherri Dawson.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

PISD expands early college program

By Jay Do
The start of the 2017-2018 academic year will mark the expansion of the Pasadena Independent School District's Early College High School program.

Designed to aid students in seamlessly transitioning from high school to college, the Early College High School program allows students to take college courses, while taking their high school classes, allowing them to graduate with an associate degree from San Jacinto College by the time they graduate from high school.

The program was initially developed in the Pasadena Independent School District in 2011, starting with a pilot program at Pasadena High School. The program has since seen tremendous success, with about 125 students graduating with an associate degree annually.

Hoping to build and develop off that momentum, the district will now expand the program to the remaining Pasadena high schools: Sam Rayburn, South Houston, Pasadena Memorial and Dobie.

"We've expanded it to be able to provide the opportunity to more students," said Jennifer Boushley, coordinator of the Early College High Schools program for the Pasadena Independent School District. "The Pasadena Early College High School has been so successful and it's tak-

ing about 125 students per year, so we wanted to expand that to all five high schools to be able to accept around 600 students per year."

After five years of operation at Pasadena High School, the pilot program has provided invaluable feedback for the expansion of the Early College High School program.

"Starting a new program is often a process of trial and error," said Boushley. "We've been fortunate that we've had the opportunity to start the program at Pasadena High School and learn from some things that didn't work there. We've been able to learn from those things and correct them before expanding the program to our other campuses. Pasadena High School is actually a demonstration site for other schools wanting to find out more information about Early College. The main thing that we've learned is that we need to have strong leadership for the program. We need to have strong teachers, deans and counselors. When that program first started, it did not have all of those components, and we quickly learned that we needed to have strong leadership for the program to be successful."

Aimed at first generation college students and other underrepresented students, who might not otherwise pursue a college education, the Early College High School program hopes to give the

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In My Opinion

Jackson breaks down ISD taxes, education

The truth? "You can't handle the truth!" Jack Nicholson famously thundered at Tom Cruise in the movie "A Few Good Men."

Texas can't - or won't - handle the truth about the ever increasing taxes they pay on their houses.

Texans think - logically enough - that those higher taxes mean their local schools have more money to spend. That's logical, but it's also wrong.

The truth is that the Texas Legislature, which has the real power and is back in Austin this month for a special session, has shifted the blame onto school boards and tax assessors for the pain taxpayers feel.

And the politicians take full advantage of the smokescreen they create.

Matadors know that the madder they make a bull, the easier it is to get him to do something stupid. Politicians use the same trick.

They make the taxpayer mad at the school board or at the tax assessor - it doesn't really matter which - and because school finance is complicated, we accept the easy target and get it all wrong.

There are plenty of complicated wrinkles in figuring out how much money a public school system is going to have. Smart accountants can figure out how to get a few extra dollars here and there for bells and whistles. But the great bulk of school funding is decided by one simple thing: how many kids do you have?

In its infinite wisdom, the Texas Legislature had decided that every child needs \$5,140 a year to get a good education. A school district gets a "basic allotment" for its Tier 1 entitlement. This gets complicated, but it's based on the district's Compressed Tax Rate and average daily attendance.

"Calculations for Tier 1 begin with a Basic Allotment per student (\$5,140 in 2015-16 school year)," explains the Financial Responsibility Guide of the Texas Association of School Boards.

So if Anytown ISD has a Compressed Tax Rate of \$1.00 and exactly 1,000 students, it gets exactly \$5,140,000 in Tier 1 money to run its schools. (Again, there are lots of complications and adjustments like extra money for special education, children with limited English abilities, geography, size and so on. There is Tier 2 funding and something called Adjusted Minimum Revenue Target and whole lot more. But let's stick with the basics of Tier 1 rather than getting distracted by the details like those bull-artists want you to.)

How much of Anytown ISD's \$5,140,000 budget is the state going to provide? It depends on how much local taxes bring in. Let's assume local taxes amount to \$3 million. The state kicks in

\$2,140,000. The school board now has its \$5,140,000.

But wait. Property values in Anytown have been rising lately. And property owners in Anytown are angry about their higher tax bills. "We're sending more money to those clowns at the school administration building and education hasn't gotten one bit better!"

So this year, local taxes amount to \$4 million. Good news for Anytown ISD, right? Wrong.

Now the state will only kick in \$1,140,000. The school board still has just \$5,140,000 from Tier 1 to spend. So then the district's finance folks figure out how to get a few "golden pennies" here and some "copper pennies" there, and soon everyone's attention is focused on the machinations at the margins.

The real culprit gets overlooked. And no, it's not the tax assessor. He's just doing his job (and the state will crack down on him if he doesn't do it equitably) of determining how much money your property would bring if you decide to sell it. He doesn't set the tax rate and he doesn't decide how to spend the tax revenue.

The politicians in Austin have constraints too, of course. The courts are the bigots. Used to, rich school districts had lots of money to work with and poor ones had little. Courts ruled that wasn't "fair and equitable," so the Legislature decided to assure \$5,140 for every kid. Why not \$5,500 or \$6,000 - or \$4,500, for that matter? Because that's what works out based on the amount of money the Legislature is willing to spend on public education.

If it's not enough, can't the school board just raise the tax rate? Nope. The Legislature capped the tax rate local school districts are allowed in order to look like heroes to the taxpayers.

And what happens if a "rich" district somehow does get more local tax money than \$5,140 per kid? They have to send the "excess" to the state, which will send it to the "poor" districts, meaning even less state money will be required to equalize the districts. The state comes out ahead, but the local school district doesn't.

Sadly, the Legislature has actually solved neither the inadequacy nor the inequality of Texas school finance.

Yet all the while, the local school board and local tax appraiser get the blame. W. Edwards Deming in "Total Quality Management," said "A bad system will beat a good person every time."

Texas has a bad school finance system. But there's a political price to pay to fix it.

Ken Stork, president of the Association of Manufacturing Excellence, wrote, "If you need a new process and don't install it, you pay for it without getting it." The politicians shift the blame while future generations of Texans are paying for it without getting it.

Larry Jackson

Elected officials share their words

Stop bashing big Texas cities

By Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner

Remember the Alamo? The most famous piece of history in Texas is not located in a ghost town or on a dusty plain. It sits in the very heart of San Antonio, a dynamic and bustling place that has surpassed Dallas as the state's second most populous metropolis.

Remember Houston? Our governor and lieutenant governor do. They weren't born in Houston, but they got to Houston as soon as they could.

For good reason. They came to Houston to build their professional and political careers. And they succeeded in Houston, which is a worldwide leader in free enterprise and innovation; the biggest city in Texas and the fourth most populous in the United States.

Following a life-changing accident, the governor sought and received treatment at Houston's top-ranked Institute of Rehabilitation and Research Memorial Hermann, one of the many pioneering medical institutions that have made Houston a global mecca for health care.

Now it's time to remember what big cities mean to Texas and what Texas means to big cities.

It's time to stop the bashing of big cities that suddenly, and without cause, has taken hold of the highest leaders at the state Capitol in Austin.

By the way, Austin is a big city that, according to Texas Monthly magazine last year, is one of the safest cities in the state.

It's time to focus on the truths that make the supercities of Texas the successes that they are.

With Houston in the lead, urban areas of Texas are the economic engines of the state. Every single day the magnet that is Houston pulls in newly minted college graduates, start-up entrepreneurs, eager laborers, free-spending tourists, business developers, homebuyers, conventioners, legal eagles, artists, would-be astronauts, chefs, chemists, geologists, rodeos and more. It didn't surprise me in May when the U-Haul moving company announced that Houston had been the No. 1 destination in 2016 for people moving from one American place to another.

Houston is ranked the second-best city in the world (as reported by Business Insider magazine) due to relatively low living costs and ease of settling in; the fourth-best U.S. city for young entrepreneurs (MoneyRates.com); and the No. 1 "coolest" American city (Forbes magazine).

These rankings should make Texans wonder: If Houston and other big cities in the Lone Star State are thriving, why are some of our most powerful elected leaders so determined to trash and thrash them?

Gulfhaven hosts health fair, back to school fun day

The Gulfhaven church, located at 10716 Sabo Road, will host a free Health Fair and Back to School fun day for the community on Aug. 20, from noon to 4 p.m. Gulfhaven is partnering with various health entities and other local community organizations to offer free health screenings and other health-related services.

The fun day will feature a large blowup waterslide for the kids, free backpacks, paper, pens, pencils and more for the kids on a first-come, first-served basis.

There will be free lucky draw prizes and other freebies to all community members who attend.

The community is welcome to enjoy this fun day together and get a great health checkup as a plus. For more information, call 713-562-4580 or visit www.gulfhavensdachurch.org.

August, September Israeli Folk Dancing dates set

The dancing continues. What was meant to last only four to five months is now in its eighth year, as the participants do not want to stop dancing. The sessions are not built on one another, so those missing a few sessions or just starting will catch up quickly.

The dances are held at Congregation Shaar Hashalom on Mondays, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Session dates this month are Aug. 21 and Aug. 28. Next month, sessions are Sept. 11, Sept. 18 and Sept. 25. There is no session on Labor Day, Sept. 4. The cost for CSH members is \$4 per session or \$35 for 10 sessions. The cost for non-members is \$5 per session or \$45 for 10 sessions. Dancing is an excellent cardiovascular exercise while having fun, and everyone is welcome to join the group.

Congregation Shaar Ha-

shalom, located at 16020 El Camino Real, is the conservative Bay Area synagogue. For more information, contact the

PISD to hold special tax election

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• Offset the rising cost of utilities, salaries, fuel and medical insurance

• Maximize state funding
Over the years, Pasadena ISD has demonstrated strong fiscal accountability. The district has received a "Superior" rating from the School Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) for the past 14 consecutive years.

"It seems like we have reached a point where we have no choice but to follow suit of other districts in the area and ask our voters to increase the tax rate," said PISD Superintendent Dr. DeeAnn Powell.

PISD has not raised taxes in over a decade and has maintained one of the lowest tax rates in the region, Powell added.

"PISD is unable to absorb the burden of the decreasing state funding for public education, which statewide is at an all-time low of 38 percent," Powell said.

If the TRE is passed, the additional funds generated will help keep Pasadena ISD from depleting their reserves and help maintain the strong financial status.

Further, the average taxable value of a home in Pasadena ISD is approximately \$130,000, and the impact

Robert William Rice



Robert William Rice, 81, died Aug. 12. He was born July 18, 1936, to Charlie James Rice and Beulah Lilie Rice. He was the second of eight brothers and sisters. He was a native Texan and a lifelong resident of Houston.

Robert attended Milby High School, San Jacinto College and the University of

Houston. At the age of seven-teen he became a Christian and loved the Lord with all his heart.

He was a man of many talents. He proudly served in the U.S. Army. His career spanned 32 years with the U.S. Postal Service while working part time umpiring for the Amateur Softball Association and driving a school bus.

Robert was a member of Sagemont Church for 42 years where he served as a deacon and a Royal Ambassador Missions leader, taught Sunday School and sang in the choir.

He was an avid football fan, an extensive reader and history buff; and loved gospel music. He had a passion for travel and nature. He fostered 13 children as a foster parent. Children were his greatest joy.

He is survived by Mary Kathryn (Byerly) Rice, his beloved wife of 58 years;

daughter Kathy Wilson and husband Dennis; sons Rob Rice and wife Emily, Scot Rice and wife Flo; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; siblings; and many nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Charles Rice, Joshua Wilson, Zachary Rice, Derek Rice, Austin Rice and Jason Walker.

The family received friends on Wednesday, Aug. 16, at Niday Funeral Home on Beamer. A celebration of life service will be held on Thursday, Aug. 17, at 10 a.m. at Sagemont Church, 11300 South Sam Houston Parkway East. Interment will be at Hempstead Cemetery in Hempstead, Texas. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Sagemont Church.

Robert was a person of faith and lived his life serving others. He will be greatly missed by his family and all who knew him.

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Dobie 40th high school reunion set

The J. Frank Dobie High School class of 1977 will have its 40th high school reunion Sept. 15 and 16.

On Friday, Sept. 15, the Oasis Room has been reserved at South Shore Harbour in League City. This will be a casual start to the reunion with light hors d'oeuvre from 7 to 11 p.m.

The reunion will continue on Saturday, Sept. 16 at The Green Event Center with food, music and celebration. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., dinner will be at 7:30 p.m. and the evening will end at midnight.

Tickets are \$90 per person in August and \$100 per person in September and at the door. Ticket price includes Friday night and Saturday night events.

For more information or to purchase tickets visit www.jfrankdobie1977.com.

SJC announces calendar

Fall registration

Registration is open for the fall term, with all financial obligations due on the day of registration.

Classes begin Monday, Aug. 28. For more information on steps to register, visit www.sanjac.edu/apply-register/overview/registration.

Volleyball Schedule

The 2017 San Jacinto College volleyball schedule is now online at www.sanjacsports.com.

Upcoming matches include:

Friday, Aug. 18, Scrimmage vs. Brookhaven, in Dallas, all day.

Tuesday, Aug. 22, Scrimmage vs. Victoria College, at 2 p.m., at Anders Gymnasium, C.18.

University of Houston downtown recruiter visit

The University of Houston Downtown will have a transfer recruiter at the San Jacinto College North campus

on Monday, August 21, and Wednesday, August 23, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., in the lobby of building N.6.

UH-Clear Lake transfer recruiter visit

The University of Houston-Clear Lake will have a transfer recruiter at the San Jacinto College Central campus on Tuesday, Aug. 22 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., in the new University Center, building C-1.129.

Community Education Center

The San Jacinto College Community Education Center, located on the College's Central campus in room C-1.108, will host the following August workshops that

are free and open to the public.

To register, email communityeducation@sjcd.edu. Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2 to 4 p.m., Information session: How to apply for free job training.

San Jacinto College Foundation Golf Tournament

The 22nd Annual San Jacinto College Foundation Golf Tournament will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 10, at the Golf Club of Houston.

Sponsorship opportunities are available and team registration is open.

Visit sanjac.edu/foundation or call 281-998-6104 for more information.

Carmelites welcome seniors

Carmelites welcome all senior citizens in the community to its meeting on the first and third Wednesday of each month at St. Bernadette Church, on the corner of El Dorado and El Camino in Clear Lake City. Carmelites are a nondenominational social organization with no dues or fees.

There is a short business meeting, and presentations of day trips, casino outings and extended trips. At times there are special community speakers. Extended trips include, both domestic and international travel.

Deposits are now being taken on a Premier World Discovery trip, Canadian Rockies VIA Rail.

Meetings are filled with fun, fellowship, book exchange and bingo. Call Marilyn Roberts at 713-947-2388 for more information.

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calls each year and approximately 1,500 service requests are generated and logged that pertain to the Flood Control District.

To contact the Citizen Service Center:

• CSC Hotline – 713-684-4197

• email – CitizensService@hcfcd.org

What is the procedure?

The CSC representative receives and reviews all complaints and problems (i.e. verbal, email, written correspondence). After the CSC review is complete, service requests are forwarded to the appropriate Property Manager for additional investigation and resolution.

All service requests are entered into a software application called Report-A-Problem.

The RAP application eliminates the handling of cumbersome hard copies and provides efficient processing by electronically assigning each service request.

The RAP also provides step-by-step tracking until the service request is complete.

The RAP application with its electronic workflow has dramatically decreased response time for each request. The CSC representative contacts the citizen, or entity, with an update regarding the reported problem.

Hope Village holds Golden Age of Hollywood gala

Walk the red carpet like a movie star, enjoy a delicious steak dinner, signature cocktails and whiskey tasting as Hope Village celebrates its 50th Golden Anniversary.

Tickets are on sale now for the annual Hope Village fundraiser being held on Aug. 26 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Hope Village in Friendswood.

Ron Carter is helping to sponsor the event and other sponsorships are available. This year, funds raised at Hope Lounge will go toward the Tuition Assistance program that not only help keep Hope Village affordable for all families, but also pay for those villagers who no longer have families that support them financially.

Tickets and table reservations for the Golden Age of Hollywood event are on sale now at <http://hope-village.com/hopelounge.html>.

Hope Village serves adults with mental disabilities and is located at 15403 Hope Village Road off FM 2351 in Friendswood.

For more information or to make a donation to the Foundation for Hope Village, contact Kat Clemons, director of community development at 281-400-2011 or kat@hope-village.com.

Acoustic Shabbat

The traditional Jewish Shabbat service is rich in songs and melodies. Adding instruments to the service enhances the beauty and the enjoyment of the service. Congregation Shaar Hashalom will experience a special musical Shabbat – "Acoustic Shabbat" – service, featuring Joe Buchanan, on Friday, Aug. 18, at 7:30 p.m.

The special musical Shabbat will take place at Congregation Shaar Hashalom. The congregation, located at 16020 El Camino Real is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area.

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

Local library events set

Parker Williams Library

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

Friday, Aug. 18, 4 p.m. Community craft features plastic bag weaving for ages 8 and older. In pantries across America, plastic bags may be found taking up space. Participants will meet in the library community room, learn some basic weaving techniques and turn what could be considered trash into an upcycled item.

Saturday Aug. 19, 10 a.m. *Finding the Right Health Care for your Family* is presented by Memorial Hermann Community Benefit program for adults. Topics include the differences in primary, urgent and emergency care; the difference between specialty and preventive care; and paying for medical services through public and private insurance programs. Advance registration is required.

Monday, Aug. 21, 3 p.m. Teen DIY and a movie features *Back to the Future* (rated PG) and *Flux Capacitors* (for ages 13 and older). For the last day of summer, meet in the library community room for the '80s adventure movies and join others building mini-flux capacitors while watching the movies.

Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2 p.m. Meet at the library for *Ebooks, eAudio and More* and learn how to download electronic books, audiobooks, music, movies and more to a computer, phone or tablet and access the library's Digital Media Catalog. The presentation is geared for adults.

Wednesday Aug. 23, 2:30 p.m. Computer class: Computer Basics - This class introduces a first-time user to the desktop computer. Participants will be familiarized with terms used and with different components and features of the computer. Register in advance as space is limited to 8.

Wednesday Aug. 23, 3 p.m. Basic Life Skills features *Effective Time Management* for ages 12 and older. Meet in the library community room to learn effective time management strategies to fit more into a day.

The events occurring every week are:

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m., Preschool storytime, for children ages 3 to 5 years, featuring stories, songs, fingerplays and a craft.

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m., Toddler storytime, for toddlers from birth to 3 years, featuring stories, songs, fingerplays and bubbles.

Saturdays, Vietnamese learning time. Level 2 begins at 10 a.m., Level 1 begins at 11:15 a.m. and Level 3 begins at 2:30 p.m. For more information, speak with Loc Bui.

For more information on all library events, phone the library at 281-484-2036. Library hours this week are: Monday, 1-9 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 - 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; and Sunday, closed.

Bracewell Branch Library

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

Thursday, Aug. 17, 6 p.m. Book club: *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*

Saturday, Aug. 19, 10:15 a.m. Spanish computer class

Saturday, Aug. 19, 2 p.m. Manga/Anime club

Wednesday, Aug. 23, 10:30 a.m. Toddler storytime; 11:15 a.m. Toddler playtime

Wednesday, Aug. 23, Computer courses: 2 p.m. Computer Basics; 3:15 p.m. Internet Basics; 4:30 p.m. Basic Powerpoint

For more information on these programs, call the library at 832-393-2580. All events are free and open to the public.

Bracewell hours are: Sunday, closed; Monday, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Thursday, noon - 8 p.m.; Friday, 1 - 5 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Philip finds a mentor in Lance

Sherwin Philip (left), one of the Pasadena Memorial High School's Shining Stars, is shown with distinguished educator April Lance, an AP human geography instructor.

The volunteer work Philip has done includes participating in the Summer Reading program at the Fairmont Library and working at the Veterans Day Concert.

Philip plans to major in finance at the University of Texas in Austin or at the University of Houston. He hopes to work for an international organization, such as World Bank or International Monetary Fund.

Philip commented about Lance, "I started my freshman year just three weeks after coming from India. Unsurprisingly, I was confused and scared, but Ms. Lance inspired me to do my best and not be afraid of new challenges. In her, I found a mentor who knew of the difficulties I faced and helped me overcome them."

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Dobie Cheerleaders attend UCA Cheer Camp



The Dobie Cheerleaders attended UCA Cheer Camp at Texas A&M in College Station. While at camp, they focused on Game Day Training, attended stunt and pyramid, team bonding, special training in safety and leadership. They represented the school and the South Belt area with passion, pride and purpose. Shown, above, is the varsity team, left to right, (front row) Andres Melchor, (second row) Maya Ann Scott, Victoria Ayala, Briana Loredo, Alize Murillo, Reagan Razo, (back row) Shelby Couchman (Mascot), Bianca Galindo, Laila Hernandez, Sara Otwell, Genisis Juarez, Michelle Kelley and Bailee Dang.

Photos by Kristine Couchman



Shown, above, is the junior varsity team, left to right, (front row) Anya Murillo, Juliana Moreno, Olga Cisneros, Neriah Nanez, (back row) Andrew Salas, Katherine Belle, Starr Shelton, Valerie Gonzalez, Chloe Ray and Alan Nguyen.

Mercury opens Bayou Theater season

Historically, the origins of tango music are obscure, but when it's played by Canada's Tango Boreal together with Mercury: The Orchestra Redefined as the 2017-2018 season opener at the Bayou Theater at University of Houston-Clear Lake, it's anything but obscure. It's probably a sellout.

"We have been performing at UH-Clear Lake for over 12 years and we've developed a large and wonderful following there," said Mercury artistic director Antoine Plante. "We absolutely love to come." Judging by previous attendance, audiences love the vibrant, multimedia experience that goes far beyond just listening to beautiful music.

Mercury opens Bayou Theater's new season with a performance entitled *Bach and Piazzolla*, booked for Thursday, Aug. 31, at 8 p.m. Pre-purchased tickets are \$20 for adults and \$13 for students.

This concert, Plante said, is very special and is the first

of four Mercury concerts in this season's Bayou Theater lineup.

Bach and Piazzolla is a fusion of baroque music and Johann tango dance music. Johann Sebastian Bach is a great influence on the Argentinian composer, Astor Piazzolla.

"In his music, Piazzolla uses one of Bach's musical tricks called the fugue," Plante said. "You can see Bach's direct influence in this interpretation of the tango."

The stitching together of these opposite styles, delivered by the dynamic Canadian trio of "tango specialists" Tango Boreal, makes for an unforgettable concert experience for the audience.

"The concert is meant to be super fun," Plante said. "While the baroque-tango fusion music of *Bach and Piazzolla* plays, we have added projections to change the atmosphere in the theater. It changes from photos of Bach's home in Germany to images of the streets of Buenos Aires. It's a wonderful

enhancement to the music because it gives the audience a thrilling visual experience as well."

Tango Boreal, Plante said, features guitarist David Jacques, bassist Ian Simpson, and Plante's own brother Denis on the all-important "bandoneon," a push-pull instrument that forces air through its bellows, similar to a concertina.

"The bandoneon is the voice and soul of tango music, and very few people play it well," Plante explained.

"My brother and I learned together to dance the tango, and he began to learn the bandoneon and decided to make it his career," Plante said. "It's fantastic to collaborate with him because it's impossible to get the right sound without the bandoneon and it's wonderful when you have one of the few people in the world who can play it."

"We are incredibly excited to kick off our new season at the Bayou Theater with our longtime partners, Mercury," said Alex Malone, Bay-

ou Theater managing director. "This season marks the first large-scale expansion in our programming in years. From classical to country and blues to bluegrass, the Bayou Theater is proud to offer something for everyone on our journey to become Clear Lake's premier performing arts center."

Upcoming Mercury performances this season include *Brahms' Second* and *Mendelssohn's Fifth, Splendors of Italian Baroque*, and *Vivaldi's Four Seasons*.

Additional performances this season encompass the blues and bluegrass stylings of Bumper Jacksons, Dailey & Vincent and Brave Combo, as well as a spotlight on Texas artists Riyaz Qawwali, Texas New Music Ensemble, and the Quebe Sisters.

For more information about the 2017-18 season's full lineup or to purchase tickets for Mercury or other performances at the Bayou Theater, located at 2700 Bay Area Blvd., visit www.uhcl.edu/bayou-theater.

Home elevation grant deadline approaches

The City of Houston is asking for information from homeowners whose homes have flooded so the city can apply for grants to elevate the homes.

The City of Houston, in partnership with the Texas Water Development Board, would like to submit a grant application on behalf of interested homeowners to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for Flood Mitigation Assistance.

This grant will request funds to elevate flood-prone homes. The deadline for homeowners to submit their information to the City of Houston is Friday, Aug. 25, at 5 p.m. To learn more, visit www.HoustonRecovers.org or attend the 2017 FMA Home Elevation grant informational meeting. The meeting will be held Tuesday, Aug.

15, at 6:30 p.m., at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 W. Gray St.

Frequently asked questions

Who is eligible?
Homeowners who have flood insurance from FEMA's National Flood Insurance program are eligible to apply for the grant. The flood insurance must be effective at the time of the application and be maintained throughout the process. For more information, visit www.HoustonRecovers.org.

How can this grant help avoid flood damage in the future?

If awarded, the FMA grant will pay between 75 percent to 100 percent of the eligible costs to elevate a home. The existing house will receive a new foundation and will be lifted so that the lowest floor is at least one foot above the

base flood elevation.

What are the chances of receiving a grant award?

FMA is a nationally competitive grant program. Homeowners who have the strongest chance of award are those who own a property with a history of receiving large FEMA NFIP flood insurance claim payments over time.

For this reason, the city's application will focus on FEMA-designated high priority Severe Repetitive Loss properties.

High priority Severe Repetitive Loss properties are homes which the total of two or more flood insurance claim payments for building damage (not including contents) exceeds the FEMA calculated value of the home (not including land).

To have a chance of award, FEMA must save more by

avoiding future flood claim payments than it would cost to elevate a home. There is no guarantee of award.

How do I apply?
Visit www.HoustonRecovers.org for a 2017 FMA grant checklist and voluntary interest form.

Complete the form, gather required documents and submit online, in person at the Floodplain Management Office (Houston Permitting Center, 1002 Washington Ave., 3rd Floor) or at the informational meeting on Aug. 15.

Homeowners must submit their information to the Floodplain Management office by Friday, Aug. 25, at 5 p.m.

For more information, contact the City of Houston's Floodplain Management office at 832-394-8854 or email fmo@houstontx.gov.

Kids' Backporch Productions debuts *The Lion King Jr.*



Shown are the cast members of *The Lion King Jr.*, left to right, (front row) Abigail Klinkerman as Timon; Emma Balsamo as Pumbaa; (second row) Jasmine Wong and Karina Marquez, double cast as Young Nala; henyas Lacy Garrett as Banzai, Cole Montgomery as Shenzi and Austin Wright as Ed; (third row) Ana Zepeda Bevis as Zazu; Shelby Garret, Older Nala and double cast as Rafiki; Camden Baker and Cash Borden double cast as young Simba; Gwen Diaz, Rafiki and double cast as Older Nala; Nicoleta Savage as Scar; (back row) Bryce Burrow as Older Simba; Will Wright as Mufasa; and Samantha Hernandez as Sarabi. Not shown is Angela Ruelas also cast as Older Nala.

Photo by Sherry Balsamo

Kids' Backporch Productions, a 12-year-old youth theater group will debut its 64th production of *The Lion King Jr.* on Aug. 17, with several other performances that will run through Aug. 20.

The cast includes around 50 young performers, and features incredible costumes and choreography. Dozens of outside artists and parents volunteer, too.

The show's large cast size offered Kids' Backporch Productions the ability to open spots in the production for many students and "double cast" the show, meaning different students will perform the same role depending on the night.

See the cast in full costume, as well as puppetry which will amaze one and one's friends and family.

There will be beautiful sets, costumes and puppetry. The show will flow out into the audience and the entire theatre will become Africa for two hours.

The production is directed by Ron Solomon and Chris Solomon (music) and choreographed by Michelle Coomer.

Shows will start at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 17, Friday, Aug. 18, and Saturday, Aug. 19. The matinees on Saturday, Aug. 19, and Sunday, Aug. 20, are at 2:30 p.m.

The production will be at the Marie Spence Flickinger Fine Arts Center, San Jacinto College South, 13735 Beamer Road.

Ticket prices are \$15 for adults; \$12 for seniors age 65 and older; and \$9 for youth (children and students).

There will be reserved seating.

Tickets may be purchased at kidsbackporch.ticketleap.com or at the door (limited seating).

For additional information, visit the website at www.kidsbackporchproductions.org.

Garza delighted, enlightened by Oseguera

Albert Garza (right), one of the South Houston High School's Shining Stars, is shown with distinguished educator Michael Oseguera, an AP statistics instructor.

Garza's volunteer work includes Pond Cleanup at South Houston, the South Houston Elementary Fall Festival, the Asbury Methodist Church Winter Carnival, the SHHS debate tournament, Southeast Area Ministries Thrift Store, Armand Bayou Nature Center and recycling at SHHS.

Garza plans to attend Cockrell School of Engineering at the University of Texas in Austin to study computer engineering.

Garza commented about Oseguera, "Mr. Oseguera is an erratic, gleeful, and loving guru who simultaneously inspires and entertains the masses."

"His time with me has been delightful and enlightening, for he has opened me to thoughts that give me much insight into the vast cosmos. He generously donates his time and sagacity and seems to have transcended humanity. 'Meester O' has provided me with an unforgettable adventure that brings me into the world as a new being."

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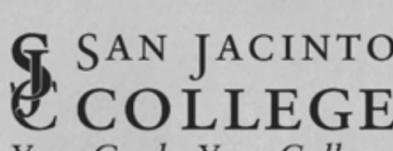
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CCISD completes new spaces, rebuild

When students return to Clear Creek High School on Aug. 21, they will be greeted with new learning spaces as part of the final phase of the school's long-awaited rebuild. The multi-year, extensively complex construction project includes a new dental lab, additional career and technical areas, a fine arts and JROTC wing, and substantial improvements to existing athletic areas. "We are extremely excited that our students and staff will be able to utilize these newly renovated areas. We realize this has been a long time coming and appreciate the support and patience of our staff, students, and community," said principal Jamey Majewski. Clear Creek High School has been under a phased rebuild since 2004. The community invested \$36.5 million to rebuild the last remaining area of the 1956 school through school bond programs and capital funds. The project was multifaceted as it involved building among three existing structures. The engineering complexity along with weather issues did delay the completion from last spring to this fall. "Our community of learners and parents have been very patient and understanding through this entire process," said Greg Smith, Superintendent of Schools. "I know the wait will be worth it as we launch a dental program, provide our fine arts performers ample and appropriate space to develop their talents, and showcase quality athletic areas that match the strength of the programs at Creek." Recent rains delayed some exterior work to the school, but these delays do not affect student use of the facilities. The only area that will not immediately be accessible to students is the Carlisle Gym due to a flooding incident. Over the summer, a malfunction of the pool equipment resulted in water getting on to the gym floor. The cost of replacing the floor is covered under insurance.

Over The Back Fence by Alexis

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MARY ELLEN
Birthday wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Mary Ellen Morgan** Aug. 23 from her husband **Larry**, son **Tommy**, daughter **Elizabeth Echols**, son-in-law **Tim Echols**, grandson **Justin Echols** and the **Leader** staff.
SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Aug. 17 through Aug. 23.
Atkinson Elementary
Sing a chorus of a happy birthday song to **Patricia Villarreal** Aug. 18.
Burnett Elementary
Sing a happy birthday song to **Melisa Evans** Aug. 18. Share a slice of birthday cake with **Romona Dawson** Aug. 22.
Bush Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles for **Laura Ramsahai** Aug. 17. Aug. 22 is the day for a celebration for **Agatha Candappa**.
Meador Elementary
Marking a birthday Aug. 19 is **Chantay Hill**.
Moore Elementary
Enjoy a slice of birthday cake with **Patti Parker** Aug. 23.
Stuchbery Elementary
Tracy Duron is wished a happy birthday Aug. 20. Aug. 21 is the day for a birthday party for **Corey Klein**. Blow out the candles for **CeliaJoy Williams** Aug. 22.
Meillio 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
Enjoying a birthday Aug. 19 is **Joe Pena**.
Beverly Hills Intermediate
On Aug. 17, birthday greetings are sent to **Elcy Bonilla** and **Charlotte Nelson**. Enjoying a birthday Aug. 23 is **Ellen Murphy**.
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** and **Corbin Govers** Aug. 22.
FACEBOOK FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
The **Leader** sends happy birthday wishes to its Facebook friends who celebrate a birthday this week:
Thursday, Aug. 17: **Denise Moctezuma, Linda Rodriguez, Michelle Brovey** and **Paulo Espinoza**: Friday, Aug. 18: **Marty Gomez, Cathy Shipley, Shametta Benson, Corina Lopez, Jo Anne Muse, Vita Bernal, Annette Barrientos and Chris Cook**: Saturday, Aug. 19: **Robert Mireles, Nathan Nguyen, Pamela Walters, Jody Urschel-Oun, Shandy Lecourias, Pamela McDonald and Derrick Pyper**: Sunday, Aug. 20: **Rachel McClure, Claire Speck, Kaysie Fojt Roach, Raymond Jackson and Todd Nathans**: Monday, Aug. 21: **John Linares, Kip Ledgerwood, Gabrielle Loya, Brandi Washer and Leticia Gonzalez**: Tuesday, Aug. 22: **Pat Gonzales, Monica Castro, Kassi Richardson, Mylie Alaniz-Sosa, Herman Garcia, Chrystal Sulak, Janie Chapa, Sonia Shearow-Parson and Bill Edwards**; and Wednesday, Aug. 23: **Viv Castillo, Mary Miller, Jim Kunkel, Carl Stonecipher, Lardo Crocker, Shelly Rivera, Mary Morgan, Trey Smith, Mary Wesfahl and Patti Parker**.
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South Belters ready to return to school

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School officials are confident the postponement is in the students' best interest. "We certainly understand that this is not ideal, but be assured that we will still be able to keep our three promises to each incoming freshman at J. Frank Dobie High School, which is to keep them safe, provide them with a high quality education and an ultimate high school experience," Moses and Van Esen said in the notification letter. "We will continue to inform you of the progress and notify you of any changes during the fall semester. We do appreciate your patience and trust to do what is best for your students."
Early College High School
This fall, Pasadena ISD will offer the Early College High School program at all five of its high school campuses. (See related story on Page 1A.)
The program allows students to earn both a high school diploma from Pasadena ISD and an associate degree from San Jacinto College.
ECHS puts students on the fast track to post-secondary and career opportunities while boosting student achievement and providing hands-on experience in high demand industries. Students start taking college-level courses in the ninth grade. By their senior year, they can complete their high school requirements and focus on a full college schedule. Through ECHS, students can graduate with up to 62 college hours, which allows them to save money on college tuition and get ahead of the competition. Students who are chosen to participate in the program must complete a rigorous application process involving interviews, letters of recommendation and proof of good standing. Though not limited to any student demographic, the Early College program targets students who may be the first in their family to attend college.
The Early College High School is part of the district's "school-within-school model," where students can engage in extracurricular activities, campus events and athletics at their campus while enrolled in the program. As a bonus, students have access to San Jacinto College's campus libraries, tutoring facilities, writing centers and computer labs.
The district expanded the ECHS program following the success of the pilot program at PHS, which began in 2011. PHS and San Jacinto College graduated its third cohort of ECHS students last school year. "The expansion of our ECHS program will allow Pasadena ISD to continue increasing access to higher education and career opportunities for students of all backgrounds. The more we connect students

Pasadena ISD expands Early College High School

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students an early start in college by offering college courses to high school students. "Our target population is students who have traditionally been underrepresented in college," said Boushley. "The Early College High School is a chance for these students to earn an Associate Degree, while at the same time earning their high school diploma. The concept of Early College is to give them the support that they need in high school, transition them into college classes and give them the tools that they

need to be successful, because in a lot of cases, they are first generation college students and they may not have someone at home who can help them with things like that." Although the Early College High School program was originally developed with these students in mind, the program remains open to all students who are motivated and willing to commit to a four-year program. All eighth-grade students in the district are eligible to apply for the Early College High School program. Similar

to applying for a traditional college or university, students are required to fill out and submit an online application by the appropriate deadline. A committee will examine all applications and conduct an interview with applicants. Whereas many traditional college programs take into account past disciplinary records and academic performance, the Early College High School program primarily looks for motivated students willing to commit to the program. "We only accept students going into ninth grade, because

it is a four year program," said Boushley. "We look at a lot of things and we have interviews, but we don't use discipline or academic records to deny students a chance to be a part of a program. We look at them holistically, and what we look for primarily, is if they are motivated. That's the number one thing that we look for. We interview every student that applies for the program, and we look for students who understand the commitment and the opportunity." Once offered admission into the Early College High School program, students will be taking college level courses, starting with two courses during their freshman year. The amount of courses that students take per year will progressively increase as students progress through high school. The Pasadena Independent School District features the school-within-a-school model, allowing freshmen and sophomore students to take

their college classes on the high school campus, and junior and senior students to complete their courses at San Jacinto College. The Early College program joins a number of existing college readiness initiatives offered by the Pasadena Independent School District, including College Board Advanced Placement and the traditional dual credit programs. "The difference between the traditional dual credit programs and Early College is that Early College is more focused on the college courses," said Boushley. "The students are working on actual degree plans toward their associate degree, and they start a four-year plan in the ninth grade, whereas the dual credit programs usually start junior year and students will choose specific courses to take for their particular college. Advanced Placement is a college board program which is nationally recognized, while our programs are more focused to

instatate institutions. We have partnerships with all the public Texas universities to accept credits that come from the dual credit and Early College courses. We do also have students who take a combination of AP classes and Early College courses." As with any new program, Boushley anticipates a number of challenges facing the Early College High School program in the coming months. "Student retention will be one of our challenges," said Boushley. "We have to make sure that we provide the support that we need for our students. As always, with any new program, we have to let people know what the program is, because there are a few misconceptions out there. When people think of Early College, they typically think that we have all the top students and they might be discouraged to apply, when that's not really the case. We're

looking for students who have the potential to be the best, but may not necessarily have been the best. We also have to work on educating the community, as well as educating the educators within the district to best serve these students." For Boushley, the Early College High School program offers an incredible opportunity for the students involved, and a rewarding experience for the educators leading it. "We're looking to grow the program and continue to have the opportunity to serve our incoming freshmen this year," said Boushley. "We want to be able to support our students and give them what they need to be successful, while continuing to have a good working relationship with the San Jacinto Community College. "This program is an opportunity that can completely change not only the lives of the students, but also the lives of the families involved. It's extremely exciting."

PCI offers flooding advice

Following the major rainstorms in Texas, the Property Casualty Insurers Association of America says now is the time to contact an insurer to begin the recovery process. "Our thoughts are with those impacted by the heavy rains and flooding," said Joe Woods, PCI's vice president of state government relations. "It's important to contact your insurance agent or company right away to get the claims process started. "Claims adjusters are standing by waiting for emergency officials to give them the OK to get into the field to help those impacted by the torrential rain storms that are causing massive amounts of flooding in both the Houston and San Antonio areas." Insurers are available to answer questions and help families and business begin the recovery process. Once a claim is filed, there are a number of things to do such as photograph the damage and make an inventory of what was lost and damaged to help expedite the recovery process. "If your vehicle was damaged in this recent round of rain, contact your insurance

company or agent immediately to see if you have coverage," said Woods. "Water damage to a vehicle is typically covered under an auto policy's comprehensive insurance coverage." A typical homeowners policy does not cover flood damage, separate coverage must be purchased through the National Flood Insurance Program. If one sustained flood damage, but does not have a flood policy, there could be resources available to help through the Federal Emergency Management Agency. For more information, contact FEMA at 800-621-3362 or www.fema.gov.
What if there is damage?
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and floors. This also will help control odors. Wood furniture should be dried outdoors, but not in direct sunlight. Remove drawers and other moving parts before they dry. Water and electricity make for a dangerous combination. Take the proper precautions to avoid electric shock. Food utensils and equipment should be washed thoroughly and sterilized before they are used. Any food that is open and exposed to flood waters should be discarded. **Tips if a loss is experienced**
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Fernandez ignites Ta's passion for health care

Leanna Ta (right), one of the Dobie High School's Shining Stars, is shown with distinguished educator Erin Fernandez, a health science instructor. Ta has done volunteer work for HOSA, Key Club and National Honor Society working different events doing various tasks. She also volunteers at CHI St. Luke's Hospital during the summer. Ta is leaning toward majoring in biology at the University of Texas in Austin and plans to pursue a doctorate degree. Ta commented about Fernandez, "Mrs. Fernandez has such dedication for everything that she does. She was my tenth-grade health science teacher and every day in class was a new chance for me to be inspired all over again, for she brought vitality and enthusiasm in all the topics that she taught. She is so devoted to helping others and her family that it is truly awe-inspiring. She was the one that ignited my passion for the health care career and for that, I cannot thank her enough." The South Belt Shining Stars will be presented in a series of 10 students being honored along with their favorite mentor.



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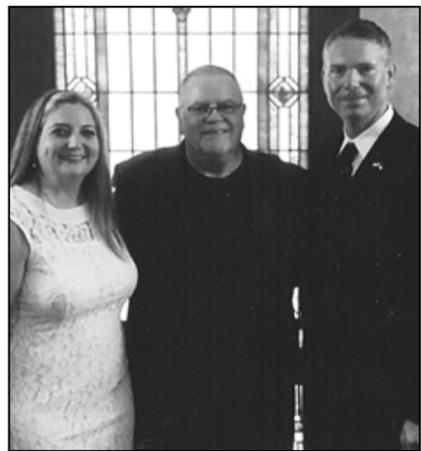
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Remember When

40 years ago (1977)
A fire burned the home of Otis and Dora Reed to the ground. No one was home at the time of the fire because the two were out of town on a business trip and their children were staying with friends.
25 years ago (1992)
A Scarsdale Police vehicle was impounded by the Houston Police Department after it was involved in a hit-and-run accident. The vehicle was traveling on the Gulf Freeway with its lights flashing when the accident occurred.
35 years ago (1982)
Trustees of the Pasadena school district approved keeping the same tax rate as the year before while adopting a \$78.4 million budget, up 15 percent over the previous year's budget.
Dam Phong Nguyen, 48, publisher of a Vietnamese-language newspaper out of his home, was shot to death in his garage.
Throughout PISD, first-day enrollment was up 228 students over the previous year; however, enrollment in the nine South Belt schools was down.
30 years ago (1987)
The state commissioner of education ruled that the Green Tee subdivision could de-annex itself from the Clear Creek district. Joe Grizzaffi spotted either a crocodile or an alligator by the Sagemont Presbyterian Church.
The trial for 16-year-old Lamont Roberts, accused of murder in connection with the death of his father, began in the 313th Civil Court.
25 years ago (1992)
Bianca Bradford was crowned Miss Black Teen Houston at the official Miss Black Houston/Miss Black Teen Houston Pageant. She was awarded a prize package of more than \$5,000 including a \$1,000 educational scholarship, fur jacket, stereo, watch and luggage.
The dream season of the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League 12 year-old all-stars came to an end when they lost to Louisiana 8-1 in the finals of the Southern Regionals. They were the first SBH team to advance to the finals of the regional tournament.
20 years ago (1997)
Laureate Psi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi honored Jan Walker as its Woman of the Year.
A 14-year-old male was found guilty of a first-degree felony sexual assault against a 6-year-old boy.
Dobie junior Felicia Virgadamo and Clear Brook student Robbie Olson helped a Houston golf team win the junior national championship at the U.S. Inner City Games.
15 years ago (2002)
South Belt parents complained to CCISD in an effort to alleviate the problem of children being on buses that are not air-conditioned for long periods of time. Dr. John Wilson, CCISD superintendent, and George Wilson, associate superintendent of support services decided to switch an air-conditioned bus on a 75-minute route to a 90-minute route. This was the longest route of three in the South Belt area.
Nabisco hosted a benefit for 8-year-old Austyn Miller, who was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor.
10 years ago (2007)
City officials dismissed the tickets that were wrongly issued during the July 4th holidays. Those who had their tickets dismissed were notified by mail.
A presentation titled Parking Street Smarts was delivered at the Sagemont Civic Club meeting by the City of Houston parking management division. The meeting was part of a city-wide initiative to inform residents about parking legalities.
State Rep. Robert Talton filed the necessary paperwork to run for the 22nd Congressional District seat held by Nick Lampson. South Belt resident and member of the Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees, Fred Roberts, said he intended to run for Talton's position.
The J. Frank Dobie High School wind ensemble received an invitation to perform at the National Concert Band Festival in Indianapolis. The festival was one of the premier educational events for America's high school concert bands and percussion ensembles.
5 years ago (2012)
South Belt Girls Softball Association president Ruben Garcia was awarded the Volunteer of the Year Award from TSS Photography for his dedication to youth sports in the South Belt community. Garcia was selected from 789 submissions statewide.
More than 200 elected officials, community members, and former and current San Jacinto College employees joined chancellor Dr. Brenda Hellyer and members of the Harris County Historical Commission to unveil an official Texas Historical Marker in honor of the college's 50th anniversary, on Tuesday, Aug. 21.
1 year ago (2016)
Jae Lee was named the new principal of Burnett Elementary. Lee formerly served as assistant principal at South Belt Elementary. Lee replaced Cynthia Henderson, who had served as Burnett principal for 21 years.

McDonalds celebrate 25th anniversary

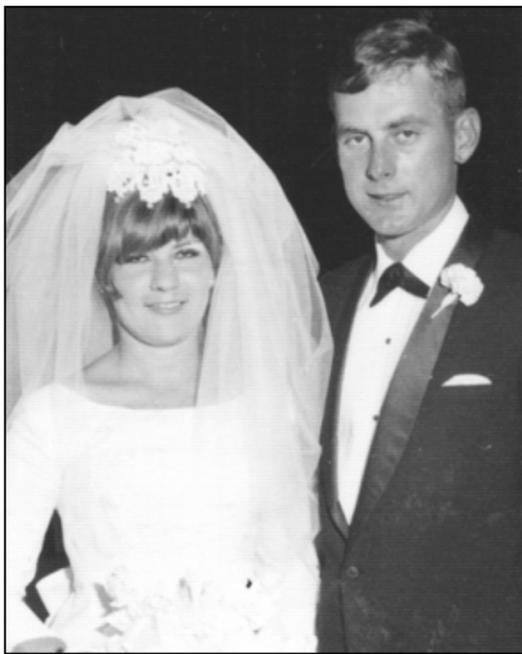


Lifelong South Belt residents, Chris and Dawn McDonald recently celebrated their 25th Anniversary by renewing their vows at Sagemont Church with Minister Rex Forsyth (shown right, center). The couple are high school sweethearts that met at J. Frank Dobie High School where Chris graduated in 1989 and Dawn in 1990. They married Aug. 3, 1992. Chris worked full time and attended school for law enforcement, while Dawn stayed home with their two young daughters, Chelsea and Alayna. In 1995, Chris was hired by the City of Baytown as a police officer. Not long after, their son, Luke was born. In 1998 they moved to their current residence in Sageglen. Dawn continued to stay home with children while working at Sagemont Church in the preschool department and volunteering at Stuch-

bery. Chris achieved the rank of sergeant in 1999. Dawn left employment of the church to follow the children to school where she volunteered and took classes at San Jacinto College South. Chris and Dawn both earned associate degrees from San Jacinto College while working and raising a family. Chris was promoted to police lieutenant in 2009 and is currently serving as the day shift commander. Now that the children are adults, Chris and Dawn are very active in politics. Chris serves on the executive committee of the Republican Party of Texas as the committeeman for Senate District 6. Dawn is the district director for state Rep. Dennis Paul, HD 129. Both enjoy engaging free time with friends, exercise, travel, car shows and NASCAR.

Photos submitted

Karps celebrate 50 years of marriage



William (Bill) and Mary Karp will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Aug. 19. The couple married on Aug. 19, 1967, in Houston. They have three children, sons Craig William and Clay Matthew and daughter Kimberly Lynn. All three of their children attended

J. Frank Dobie High School. Bill and Mary were residents of the South Belt area for 31 years. Currently, they live in Pasadena. Bill is retired from the U.S. post office and Mary enjoyed being a full-time mother.

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PLT presents *On the Verge* or *The Geography of Yearning*

PLT starts 63rd season



Alex (Karen Rush, front right) is infatuated with the Troll (Edward Waddell, front left) while Fanny (Brianna Bonnette, back left) and Mary (Teresa McLemore, back right) reflect on their journey in Pasadena Little Theatre's production of *On the Verge* or *The Geography of Yearning* by Eric Overmyer.

Photo by Dario Failla

Pasadena Little Theatre, Houston's oldest community theater in continuous operation, begins its 63rd season with *On the Verge* or *The Geography of Yearning* by Eric Overmyer.

The year is 1888 when Mary, Fanny and Alex, three women who are each intrepid world explorers in their own right, band together to conquer Terra Incognita, the last and most mysterious of unexplored territories.

As they bushwhack their way through jungles, brave treacherous ice sheets and negotiate passage across a bottomless Gorge, the ladies reminisce about their past adventures and sort out their personality differences.

They encounter a chameleonic cannibal, an adorable young Yeti and a Troll demanding a toll. As well as a number of mysterious artifacts: egg beaters, dirigibles, political campaign buttons, and newspaper clippings from the 1900s.

On this one-way journey through space and time, each lady discovers her own unique destiny in the beautiful, loud and brightly lit future.

Eric Overmyer's *On the Verge* or *The Geography of Yearning* is a romping meditation on the outer and inner frontiers of the human condition, full of lyrical and hilarious dialogue and imagery both beautiful and surreal.

PLT's presentation of *On the Verge* features as director well-known actor and director, Lanier Young along with an outstanding cast.

This production opens on Aug. 25 and continues week-ends through Sept. 10. Friday and Saturday showtimes are 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 2:30 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$15 for adults in advance, \$18 at the door and \$12 for students and seniors. There is one Thursday show on Aug. 25, which is the 2-for-\$20 show.

To purchase tickets, make reservations or for more information, call the box office at 713-941-1758, or log onto www.pasadenalittletheatre.org.

UHCL announces calendar

Fall 2017 Open Registration

Register for fall 2017 classes at UH-Clear Lake by 5 p.m. on Aug. 25, with late registration available from Aug. 26 to Sept. 5 for an additional fee. To learn more, visit www.uhcl.edu/admissions.

Foreign Language Course Registration

Learn a new language with the Foreign Language and English Enhancement program at UH-Clear Lake. Registration is open through Aug. 28 for classes beginning Aug. 28. Group classes are kept small, with a focus on conversational skill, and may be taken in Spanish, Chinese, German, Japanese, French, Russian and other languages upon request.

Courses are taught by instructors fluent and with advanced degrees in the language they teach. The cost is \$156 for new students and \$136 for returning students. All classes are offered non-credit, but Continuing Edu-

cation Units can be earned for successfully completing the course.

For more information or to register, call 281-283-3033 or visit www.uhcl.edu/academics/extended/foreign-language-english-enhancement.

Habitat Work Days

Help maintain the beauty of the UH-Clear Lake campus by volunteering at Habitat Work Days each Tuesday morning in August with the Environmental Institute of Houston. Dates are Aug. 22 and 29, 9 a.m., at the North Office Annex.

Volunteers are asked to aid 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, email eih@uhcl.edu, or visit www.uhcl.edu/environmental-institute/education/school-habitats/work-day.

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Fall 2017 classes begin

Fall classes start on Aug. 28, which is also the last day to submit an application to the university for transfer, former or non-degree seeking students. To view courses or register online, visit www.uhcl.edu/academics/resources/ and click "Class Schedule."

Bay Area Genealogical Society hosts event

Bay Area Genealogical Society will host its annual Genealogy Show and Tell and potluck dinner meeting on Friday, Aug. 25, in the Chapel of University Baptist Church, located at 16106 Middlebrook Drive.

Join the Bay Area Genealogical Society for a time of visiting and sharing while enjoying a delicious meal.

Bring a side dish or salad to share. Meats will be supplied by the society. The potluck dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. and the program begins at 7 p.m.

For more information, visit www.TxBayAreaGen.org or call Kim Zrubek at 281-992-2636.

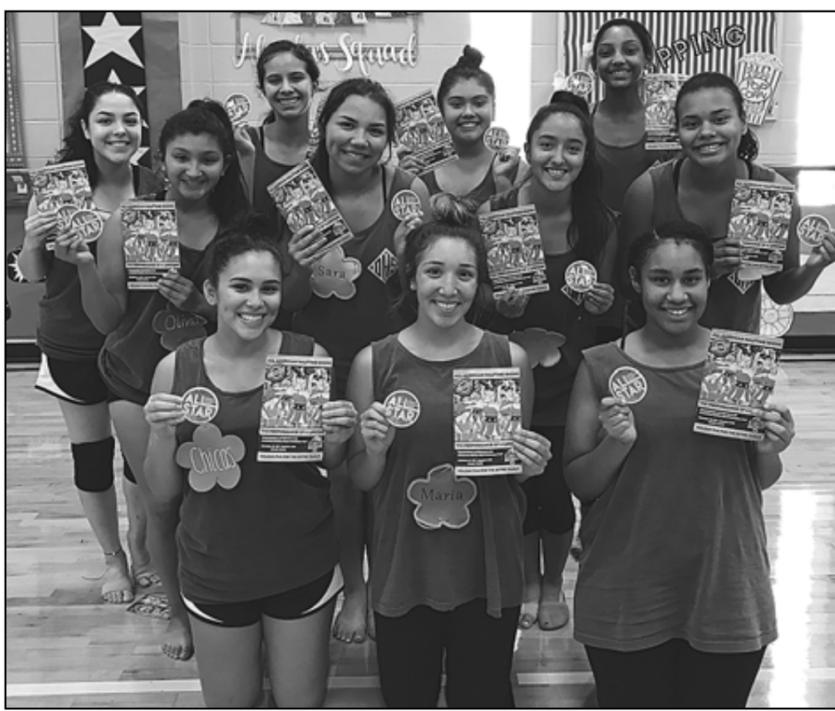
Lariaettes hold annual line camp



The J. Frank Dobie Lariaettes held its annual line camp. Crowdpleasers Dance Company hosted a private camp at the school. Each day was filled with training in leadership and technique. The Crowdpleasers dance staff chose a few outstanding dancers throughout the week. Shown, above, the Crowdpleaser Special Awards winners are, left to right, Best Showmanship, Kia Ramos; Most Outstanding Junior, Gabriella Gonzalez; Miss

CP, Adela Alanis; and Most Outstanding Senior Aleida Gonzalez. Below are the Crowdpleasers All Stars, left to right, (front row) Alexis Chicas, Maria Pedroza, Mari-sa Rodgers, (second row) Olivia Garza, Sara Cortez, Gisselle Guerra, Alessandra Bellini, (back row) Aliyah Salas, Charlize Tamayo, Jasmine Olivares and Granyeli Feliciano.

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SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

Volleyball teams hunt wins

By John Bechtle Sports Editor
The wins will be much more important come early September when district play begins, but the Dobie

and Clear Brook varsity volleyball programs sure would like to have more of that winning feeling sooner than later.
Heading into a home

match against Clear Brook Aug. 18 at 6 p.m., Dobie has been competitive in each of its three outings thus far in 2017, but has yet to come away with a

win following a 25-19, 25-16, 25-22 setback against Baytown Sterling Aug. 15. Clear Brook, meanwhile, has maintained a
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Brook, Dobie football on the go

Saturday, Sept. 2 may indeed be more than two weeks away,

but those associated with the Dobie and Clear Brook football programs realize

there is no time to waste. Clear Brook began two-a-day workouts on Aug.

7, and the Longhorns followed suit on Aug. 14. With classes officially beginning Aug. 21 for all classes, practice time is of the essence.

Interestingly enough, Dobie will host Clear Brook in the final scrimmage weekend before the regular season. The Longhorns will scrimmage the Wolverines Friday, Aug. 25, at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. The varsity action will begin at 7 p.m.

At press time, the Longhorns had been through just three workouts, and players aren't slated to put on the full pads until Aug. 18, but Dobie varsity foot-

ball head coach Mike Norman was pleased with what he was seeing. The first couple of days emphasized conditioning, and more of that is to come.

With Dobie having gone through spring practice last May, Norman was interested to see how well the returning players retained the information they were taught three months ago and how it relates to now.

So far, so good, he said. "I have seen the kids, for the most part, be very receptive to what we are doing after we went through some common and new things in the spring," Norman said.

"You want to be able to get up to speed as quickly as possible when August comes around, and we have been able to do that to a large degree. Once school begins, you have to start treating these
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Through three matches, senior Madison Taylor has given the Dobie varsity volleyball team help in several facets of the game with consistent all-around play. However, the Lady Longhorns are still seeking their first win of the season after a 25-19, 25-16, 25-22 loss to Baytown Sterling Aug. 15.



At left, Dobie varsity football coach Mike Norman is heading into his third season with the Longhorns, and believes his program is off to a solid start this preseason as the Aug. 31-Sept. 2 opening week against Summer Creek nears.
Photo by Gary Williams

SJC soccer begins last stand

San Jacinto College's men's soccer program officially became part of the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I landscape in 1994.

And while the Coyotes have played for the national title and reached the semifinal round more than once since then, the elusive goal remains.

Now, with just the 2017 season remaining before the program closes out, San Jacinto is set to begin one final quest for glory.

Several key returnees dot the roster as the Coyotes prepare to open the

regular season Friday, Aug. 25, against Mississippi Gulf Coast at the Apache Invitational in Tyler.

SJC of course wants to get off to a hot start, but the overall success of the season likely depends on returning to Tyler at some point in hopes of defeating those Apaches, who have now won four of the past five NJCAA crowns, including the 2016 honor along with a perfect 24-0 record.

Tyler opens the 2017 season as the clear-cut national No. 1 ranked seed,

while San Jacinto College falls in at No. 14.

But after reaching the national semifinals in 2016, SJC feels it has one last title push in its midst. What a way to end the program after 24 seasons.

While the team will have a first-year player in goal this season, San Jacinto should be able to score consistently.

Heiko Leinweber is back after logging 10 goals to go with nine assists, and both Ivan Rosales and Diego Vasquez return after scoring seven goals each in 2016.

Longhorn tennis goes on coaster ride

By John Bechtle Sports Editor

Manuel Moreno Jr. is a tennis lifer and a veteran of more than 30 years on the high school tennis scene, but Dobie's head coach still might have a hard time deciding just what will play out this season.

The Longhorns got an early start and have played a handful of matches to this point in the fall team tennis season.

Some of what Moreno has seen has brought a

smile to his face, but there have been other moments not so pleasing.

After defeating Willis 12-7 Aug. 8, the Longhorns lost to Friendswood 17-2 and then made a road trip, losing big to both San Antonio Clark (17-2) and San Antonio Reagan (19-0).

Shifting to Aug. 15, the Longhorns defeated visiting Katy 13-6. With matches coming up

against solid programs Clear Creek and Clear Springs, Moreno is seeking consistency more than anything. He would also enjoy a return to a sense of normalcy.

School does not start until Aug. 21. Moreno cannot force players within the program to compete before then. But he has seen a larger-than-normal absence of core players early on. Whether it has

been a late-summer vacation or employment reasons, players have missed time. Perhaps the start of school will bring an end to some of those issues.

"We just haven't been able to develop much consistency, and part of that stems from not having all of our players here all of the time," Moreno said.

"We beat Willis that first day out, but I felt like we played to their level of competition. Although we lost 17-2 to Friendswood, I thought we competed very well Nos. one through six. "Reagan is top-25 in the

state, but we also didn't play very well against Clark. Getting that win over Converse Judson was nice, but we have to develop more consistency."

There is plenty of time to get things turned around. Dobie regularly plays not only one of the busiest but toughest non-district schedules around.

For Dobie, the focus has
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Dobie varsity team tennis player Emily Nguyen fires a backhand return at her opponent during a battle against Katy Aug. 15, at Dobie. The Longhorns won the match 13-6 and have now split their six matches early this season.
Photo by John Bechtle

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Area registration, notes

Shiflett sells season tickets

Dobie varsity football fans can now purchase season tickets for the 2017 season locally at Roy Shiflett Realtors, 11559 Beamer. The J. Frank Dobie High School season ticket packages include eight games for \$48 per set, which represents a \$1 savings per game night on an at-the-gate ticket. Shiflett Realtors includes business hours of 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays. For more information, call 281-481-3733. Season ticket packs for all Pasadena ISD varsity football programs are also available at the PISD Ticket Office, 2906 Dabney in Pasadena, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Season tickets will be available through Aug. 25. Individual student tickets will be \$3 throughout the season.

SBGSA slates registration

The South Belt Girls Softball Association has announced registration dates for the fall season, including Saturdays, Aug. 19 and Aug. 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Thursday, August 24 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the softball fields at El Franco Lee Park. The registration fee is \$60 per player.

100 Club of Pearland sets golf tournament

The 100 Club of Pearland is busy making plans for its 2017 fundraising golf tournament, coming to Golfcrest Country Club in Pearland Monday, Sept. 11.

Individuals may register for play at \$140 per player, and foursome teams are encouraged to register at \$525 per foursome.

The registration fee includes the cost of golf, green fee, a cart, range balls, dinner, snacks and non-alcoholic beverages.

There is a variety of sponsorship opportunities available, including platinum at \$800, gold at \$300, silver at \$200 and tent sponsor at \$300, which includes a table and a bring-your-own tent space.

For more information on the tournament, visit the official website at www.100ClubofPearland.org.

Sports Calendar

FOOTBALL

Friday, Aug. 18

Brook hosts Texas City scrimmage, Challenger, 4:00

Friday, Aug. 25

Brook at Dobie scrimmage, PISD Veterans, 5:00

Thursday, Aug. 31

Brook JV Red at Bellaire, Brook, 5:30
Brook JV Black at Bellaire, Brook, 4:00
Dobie JV Orange hosts Summer Creek, Aux., 6:30
Dobie JV White hosts Summer Creek, Aux., 4:30
Brook freshman Black hosts Bellaire, Brook, 4:00
Brook freshman Red hosts Bellaire, Brook, 5:30
Dobie freshman White at Summer Creek, 4:30

Saturday, Sept. 2

Dobie varsity at Summer Creek, Turner, 6:00
Brook varsity hosts Bellaire, Challenger, 6:00

TENNIS

Thursday, Aug. 17

Dobie varsity hosts Clear Falls, 9 a.m.
Dobie varsity hosts Pearland, 4:00

Friday, Aug. 18

Dobie varsity hosts Clear Creek, 2:30

Tuesday, Aug. 22

Dobie varsity hosts Clear Springs, 2:30

Friday, Aug. 25

Dobie varsity at Dickinson, 3:00

Tuesday, Aug. 29

Dobie varsity at Clear Brook, 2:30

VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Aug. 17

Dobie varsity at Dickinson tourn., TBA
Dobie freshman Orange at Pasadena (HS) tourn., TBA

Friday, Aug. 18

Dobie varsity hosts Clear Brook, 6:00
Dobie JV hosts Clear Brook, 5:00
Dobie freshman Orange hosts Clear Brook, 4:00
Dobie freshman White hosts Clear Brook, 4:00

Saturday, Aug. 19

Dobie varsity at Dickinson tourn., TBA
Dobie freshman Orange at Pasadena H.S. tourn, TBA

Tuesday, Aug. 22

Dobie varsity at Dickinson, 6:30
Brook varsity hosts Dulles, 6:30
Brook JV hosts Dulles, 5:30
Dobie JV at Dickinson, 5:30
Dobie freshman Orange at Dickinson, 4:30
Brook freshman A hosts Dulles, 4:30
Dobie freshman White at Dickinson, 4:30
Brook freshman B hosts Alvin, 4:15

Friday, Aug. 25

Dobie varsity at Katy Paetow, 6:30
Brook varsity hosts Cy-Creek, 6:00
Brook JV hosts Cy-Creek, 5:00
Dobie JV at Katy Paetow, 5:30
Dobie freshman Orange at Katy Paetow, 4:30
Brook freshman A hosts Cy-Creek, 5:00
Dobie freshman White at Katy Paetow, 4:30
Brook freshman B hosts Cy-Creek, 6:00

Tuesday, Aug. 29

Dobie varsity at Spring, 6:30
Brook varsity at Bellaire, 6:30
Brook JV at Bellaire, 5:30
Dobie JV at Spring, 5:30
Dobie freshman Orange at Spring, 4:30
Brook freshman A at Bellaire, 4:30

Lady Longhorns' JV wins Pasadena ISD volleyball tournament championship

At right, Dobie's junior varsity volleyball team rolled to the championship at the Pasadena ISD Invitational, played at Sam Rayburn High School. The Lady Longhorns beat Galena Park and La Porte before taking down Pasadena in the final. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Carolina Martinez, Charlee Peters, Alexys Vela, Jessica Ibe, Kennedy Nguyen, Charday Terrell, Destinee Gonzales, (middle row) Cassandra Hernandez, Felicity Soto, Casey Junkin, Victoria Thomas, Alivia Gonzalez, Samantha Lopez, Miranda Serrano, (back row) and Taiya Mitchell. The team is led by junior varsity head coach Tiffany Bowyer.



Dobie, Clear Brook continue preseason

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like regular game weeks. It's going to be good for us to go against such a talented program as Clear Brook. They have a couple of Division I guys for sure, and maybe more. They made a deep run last season, and I'm sure they want to try to repeat."

Speaking of Clear Brook, the Wolverines have to be brimming with confidence after

that deep playoff run combined with a push to the state semifinals in 7-on-7 play in June.

Receivers Caleb Chapman (Texas A&M) and M.J. Milton (Baylor) are within the top 50 recruits in the state, and the defense features Preseason Player of the Year choice Braelon Hill.

Clear Brook will also scrimmage at Texas City Aug. 18.

Football Scrimmage

Clear Brook Wolverines at Dobie Longhorns
Friday, Aug. 25, Veterans Stadium
Fresh. - 4:30 p.m. JV - 5:30 p.m.
Varsity - 7 p.m.

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Local volleyball programs looking to close out wins

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mark of nearly .500 despite playing without the services of star player Jordan Russell, a Rice University commit who has yet to play this season due to injury.

The Lady Wolverines came away with three wins in seven matches at the ultra-competitive Adidas John Turner Classic Aug. 10-12 in Pearland. During pool play, Clear Brook lost its opener to No. 4 overall Southlake Carroll by a 25-19, 25-16 count but then defeated Smithson Valley 23-25, 25-22, 27-25 and Pasadena Memorial 25-16, 25-16.

Promoted to one of the tournament's silver brackets for trophy round action, the Lady Wolverines found themselves on the short end of three straight matches.

District 24-6A foes Friendswood (25-23, 25-14) and Clear Falls (15-25, 25-17, 25-13) first downed Clear Brook before Keller also defeated the locals,

25-15, 29-27.

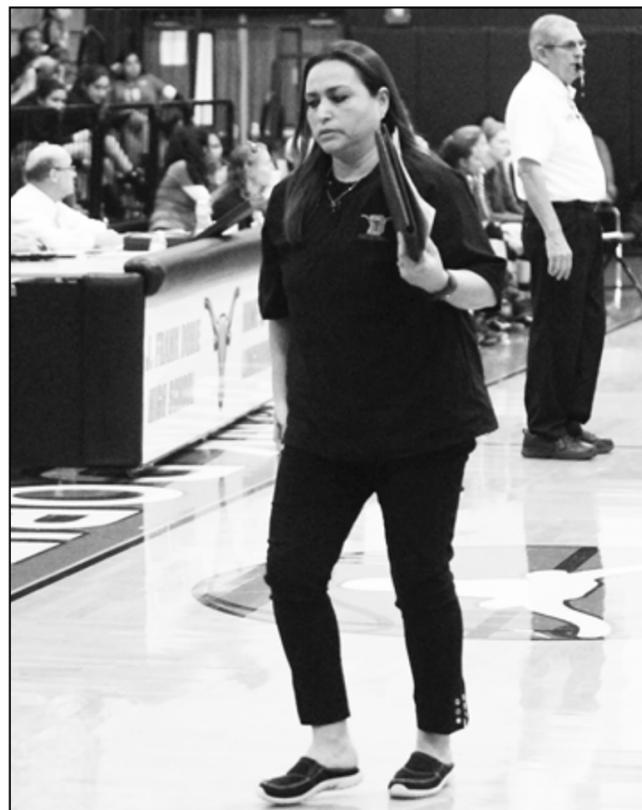
The Lady Wolverines did end their tournament appearance on a high note, defeating Santa Fe 25-14, 27-15.

Tournament organizers at the JTC obviously did a great job while seeding the teams for the event as the No. 1 and No. 2 overall seeds wound up playing for the championship.

In the end, No. 2 San Antonio Reagan handed No. 1 and two-time defending Class 6A state champion Hebron a 25-22, 25-21 loss.

At right, Dobie varsity volleyball head coach Dawn Sexton has high hopes for her Lady Longhorns despite an 0-3 start to the season. The locals will play in the Dickinson ISD Invitational Aug. 17 and Aug. 19 sandwiched around a home match against Clear Brook Aug. 18, at 6 p.m.

Photo by John Bechtle



Dobie/UH's Henderson makes USA

At right, Class of 2016 Dobie High School graduate Justice Henderson, now a member of the University of Houston women's track and field team, will be part of Team USA at the 2017 World University Games in New Taipei City, Taiwan Aug. 23-27. Henderson, a four-year star at Dobie, advanced to the University Interscholastic League's Class 6A State Track and Field Meet in 2016 in the long jump and she then competed in the indoor 60-meter dash as well as the outdoor 100-meter dash, long jump and 4x100-meter relay as a freshman at the University of Houston last spring. In New Taipei City, Henderson will be in the mix in the long jump and will also be involved in the 4x100-meter relay. She is the daughter of Alyssa and Kerry Henderson Sr. Her older brother, Kerry Jr., is also a Dobie graduate and former varsity football standout.

Submitted photo



Figueroa claims 3,000M bronze



Luis Figueroa was another of the Rising Stars Track Club members who excelled at the Amateur Athletic Union's Junior Olympic Track and Field Championships July 31 through Aug. 6 in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Competing in the boys' 17-to-18-year-old division, Figueroa was third for a bronze medal in the 3,000-meter racewalk. His time was 18 minutes, 45.51 seconds.

Submitted photo

Dobie 13, Katy 6

Note: Dobie defeated nondistrict foe Katy Aug. 15 and now stands at 2-2 thus far this season.

- 1) Alex Cuaping/Luis Neira (D) def. Jeffrey Randolph/Jonathan Ward 6-3, 6-3.
- 2) Li' Tommy Nguyen/Adrian Tamez (D) def. Kenneth Nguyen/Kyle Randall 6-3, 7-6 (7-3).
- 3) Thompson Le/Austin Luu (D) def. Nikhil Deo/Jackson Roberson 6-2, 6-2.

Girls' doubles

- 1) Aresly Perez/Caroline Warms (K) def. Tina Ha/Leilani Vargas 6-2, 6-3.
- 2) Bao Nguyen/Emily Nguyen (D) def. Sarah Garrott/Sarah Guilfu 6-0, 3-6, 10-8.
- 3) Gisell Morales/Kristy Morales (D) def. Maria Caplan/Jordan England 6-4, 6-0

Mixed doubles

- 1) Jessica Vu/Sebastian Delgado (D) def. Sarah Pugnetti/Kyle McCary 1-6, 6-1, 10-3.

Boys' singles

- 1) Jonathan Ward (K) def. Alex Cuaping 3-6, 6-3, 10-5.
- 2) Li' Tommy Nguyen (D) def. Jeffery Randolph 7-5, 6-1.
- 3) Luis Neira (D) def. Kenneth Nguyen 6-3, 6-1.
- 4) Nikhil Deo (K) def. Adrian Tamez 6-3, 1-6, 10-5.
- 5) Austin Luu (D) def. Jackson Roberson 6-3, 6-3.
- 6) Sebastian Delgado (D) def. Kyle Randall 6-2, 6-0.

Girls' singles

- 1) Leilani Vargas (D) def. Aresly Perez 6-3, 6-0.
- 2) Caroline Warms (K) def. Tina Ha 6-4, 7-5.
- 3) Sarah Pugnetti (K) def. Emily Nguyen 6-4, 6-1.
- 4) Bao Nguyen (D) def. Sarah Garrott 6-1, 5-7, 10-3.
- 5) Maria Caplan (K) def. Courtney Chung 0-6, 7-6 (7-5), 10-7.
- 6) Kristy Morales (D) def. Sarah Guilfu 6-4, 6-1.

JFD netters seek consistency

Continued from Page 1B almost always been to gain as much live match experience as possible prior to the start of district play. Dobie will again employ that routine the remainder of the way, and hopefully it eventually pays off.

"The goal is always to get into the top four and make it to the area round, but we want more than that," Moreno said.

"We have a lot of work ahead of us right now. There are some things that we are behind on, but we will get caught up. We still have to figure out what we are going to do with some of our doubles combina-

tions, and normally we have most of that figured out by now.

"The biggest thing is getting everybody out here and on the same page. From there, we will start to put it together."

School will start Aug. 21, and most of the issues should smooth themselves out as everyone gets back to a regular routine.

Until then, Dobie will simply play a ton of tennis and seek more consistency in both singles and doubles.

"We have played some good, solid teams already and will see more in the next couple of weeks,"

Moreno said.

"Our goals are the same, and we will get there. It's also been very hot as we all know, and sometimes that can take a lot out of you. But we don't want to use excuses. Instead, we just need to go out there and play consistently."

The big win over Katy will help, especially with some of the younger and less experienced players competing so well against the Tigers.

The schedule now gets tougher, but these Longhorns are determined to be where they need to be come district play time.



Dobie's Luis Neira, playing No. 3 singles, scored an impressive 6-3, 6-1 victory in boys' singles Aug. 15, as the Longhorns defeated Katy 13-6. In doubles play, Neira and his partner, Alex Cuaping, won their No. 1 doubles match.

BAFL week 1 – Cowboys win three

The Sagemont Cowboys of the Bay Area Football League were one of the big winners during the opening weekend of the regular season Aug. 12 across the Houston area.

The Cowboys, one of the longest-standing programs in the league, traveled to Alvin, defeating the Raiders in three of four games to get things started on a high note.

With plenty of confidence going, the Cowboys will have their home-opening series Saturday, Aug. 19 against the Ellington Rams.

On opening weekend, the Rams went 1-1-2 against a tough Pearland Patriots program.

Elsewhere within BAFL

from a local standpoint, the Southbelt Dolphins played at the East End Eagles Aug. 12, with the Eagles sweeping the four games, including one by forfeit in the sophomore division. On that note, the

Dolphins still need a few sophomore and peewee division players to fill out the respective rosters.

The sophomore division is for 9-year-old players, and the peewee division is for 5-to-6-year-old

players. For more information or to register for either of the two teams with player openings, call Southbelt Dolphins' athletic director Raoul Garza at 281-818-7880.

Week 2 BAFL games

Saturday, Aug. 19

Sagemont Cowboys host Ellington Rams
El Franco Lee Park, 8 a.m.

Southbelt Dolphins host League City 49ers
Blackhawk Park, 8 a.m.

BAFL Week 1 Scores

	Sr.	Jr.	Soph.	Fr.
Rams	20	0	0	31
Patriots	20	33	33	0
Dolphins	0	12	0	13
Eagles	36	30	1 (forfeit)	27
Cowboys	0	14	18	26
Raiders	27	12	0	6

San Jacinto College to take VB court

By Madelon Zimmerman
San Jac Sports

San Jacinto College volleyball head coach Sharon Nelson has announced the 2017 schedule.

The team is scheduled to play 14 matches at home in Anders Gym in Pasadena, in addition to the San Jac Military Appreciation Classic.

Games include matchups against last year's national champion – Miami Dade College at the Hillsborough Community College Invitational and national runner-up Iowa Western Community college at the San Jac Military Appreciation Classic.

"Our 2017 schedule includes nonconference matches against teams that finished in the top 20 last year, which will prepare us for Region XIV play," noted Nelson, who enters her 16th year at the helm of the San Jacinto College volleyball program.

"As we make our way through our preseason practices and scrimmages, we are evaluating this year's team. We have 10

returning players who will provide leadership for our team, so I am looking forward to an exciting year."

San Jac will open its season on Aug. 25 in Tyler at the Rose City Classic, Aug. 25 and 26.

San Jac will face Temple Jr. College, Panola College, Missouri State University-West Plains, and host Tyler Junior College at the Classic.

The annual San Jac Military Appreciation Classic will take place Aug. 31 through Sept. 2 on the San Jacinto College Central campus.

The Classic will feature 13 teams, most of them ranked in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I Top 20, including top-ranked teams from DII and DIII.

"We are excited to welcome some of the best teams in the country to our Military Appreciation Classic," said Nelson.

"The weekend features great volleyball on the court, and appreciation for our military men and women, and their fami-

lies. We hope everyone will come out to support our military service members."

San Jac will face Panola College in Carthage, Texas, on Sept. 6 before beginning Region XIV play on the road against Laredo Community College, Coastal Bend College and Lee College.

San Jac will head to Baytown for the Lee College 29th Annual Invitational Tournament Sept. 15 and 16.

The team will then have two home matches against Blinn College and Wharton County Junior College before closing out the month at the Hillsborough Community College Invitational in Tampa, Florida, Sept. 29 and 30.

In October, San Jac will have 10 home games against Temple Junior College and Panola College (Oct. 3), Laredo Community College (Oct. 6), Coastal Bend College (Oct. 7) and Lee College (Oct. 10).

There will be a quad match featuring Lee Col-

lege, New Mexico Military Institute, and Victoria College on Oct. 14, followed by an alumni game on Oct. 21, and Navarro College and Hill College on Oct. 28.

The rest of the month will be spent away at Blinn College (Oct. 17), Victoria College (Oct. 20), and Wharton County Junior College (Oct. 24).

The Region XIV conference tournament will take place Nov. 3-6 in Carthage.

The National Junior College Athletic Association national championship tournament is scheduled for Nov. 15-19 in Hutchinson, Kansas.

San Jac went undefeated in conference play in 2016, and was ranked as high as 10th in the nation during the season.

The team finished with a 26-9 overall record while remaining undefeated at home.

For more information about the San Jacinto College women's volleyball program, visit sanjac sports.com.

Bay Area Football League

Senior Division

Teams	W	L	T
Eagles	1	0	0
Hurricanes	1	0	0
Bulls	1	0	0
Raiders	1	0	0
49ers	1	0	0
Rams	0	0	1
Patriots	0	0	1
Panthers	0	0	0
Cowboys	0	1	0
Sharks	0	1	0
Bulldogs	0	1	0
Dolphins	0	1	0
Texans	0	1	0

Junior Division

Teams	W	L	T
Eagles	1	0	0
Hurricanes	1	0	0
Bulldogs	1	0	0
Cowboys	1	0	0
Texans	1	0	0
Patriots	1	0	0
Panthers	0	0	0
Bulls	0	1	0
Dolphins	0	1	0
Sharks	0	1	0
Raiders	0	1	0
49ers	0	1	0
Rams	0	1	0

Sophomore Division

Teams	W	L	T
Eagles	1	0	0
Hurricanes	1	0	0
Bulldogs	1	0	0
49ers	1	0	0
Cowboys	1	0	0
Patriots	1	0	0
Panthers	0	0	0
Raiders	0	0	0
Rams	0	1	0
Sharks	0	1	0
Bulls	0	1	0
Dolphins	0	1	0
Texans	0	1	0

Freshman Division

Teams	W	L	T
Eagles	1	0	0
Hurricanes	1	0	0
Bulldogs	1	0	0
Cowboys	1	0	0
Texans	1	0	0
Rams	1	0	0
Panthers	0	0	0
Patriots	0	1	0
Raiders	0	1	0
Sharks	0	1	0
Bulls	0	1	0
Dolphins	0	1	0
49ers	0	1	0

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

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.

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

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

CrossRoads UMC – Invites everyone to the Thursday night service beginning with a light meal and fellowship at 6 p.m. followed by a praise, worship and prayer service at 7 p.m. at 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Afterward both pastors lead a Bible study in English and Spanish. Everyone is welcome.

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., Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visitors welcome. Call 281-481-1238 for details.

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.

Alcoholics Anonymous – Alcohol problems? Meets Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 - 8 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-306-4366 or 713-480-4166.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

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.

Interfaith Care Partners – ministry at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, 10727 Hartsook St., for those with Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, strokes, etc. and caretakers, meets on the third Friday, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., for continental breakfast, arts/crafts, exercises, entertainment, devotional break, lunch, and game. Family members or acquaintances are invited. For details, call the church at 713-946-5768 or visit www.interfaithcarepartners.org.

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

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

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

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, that they are not alone, and discover choices available. For details, call 281-484-9243.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

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.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.

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.

Clear Lake Bridge Club – Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.

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 Arolo Civic Center, 300 Walker, League City. For details, visit <http://www.bayareabluegrass.org>.

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

Clear Lake Bridge Club – Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.

Grief Support Group – For adults who have lost a loved one. Meets Sundays, 2 to 3:15 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. For details, call 281-487-8787.

Celebrate Recovery – A faith-based 12-Step Program, Sundays, 5:30 p.m., in the Chapel at Life Church, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for details or to RSVP for child care.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Vigilance Group of NA meets Sundays, 7 p.m., 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.

Alcoholics Anonymous – Alcohol problems? Meets Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 to 8 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-306-4366 or 713-480-4166.

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 21
10 a.m.

Al-Anon Deer Park – Mondays, 10 - 11 a.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for details, or drop in.

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

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

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

Noon 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 eroottrot@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 for details.

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ESL at CrossRoads UMC - Academic ESL classes meet Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Free. Call Cris at 832-724-4296 to register. 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. **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 713-973-6633 or visit www.oahouston.org. 7 p.m.

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. **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. 7:30 p.m.

The Clear Lake Gem and Mineral Society - Meets the third Monday at Clear Lake Park Bldg., 5001 NASA Pkwy., Seabrook. Presenters explore topics such as fossils, planetary geology, mineralogy, lapidary, jewelry making, fossil and mineral collecting. Field trips to Texas collecting sites and surrounding states. Interested persons welcome. Door prizes. Free parking. For details, visit www.clgms.org. **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. **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. 7 p.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 details, or drop in. 9:30 a.m. **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. 10 a.m.

American Begonia Society - Houston Satellite meets on the fourth Tuesday, Clear Lake Park, 5001 NASA Pkwy. (on the lake side), Seabrook. For information, call Joe at 281-481-2458. **Clear Lake Bridge Club** - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details. Noon **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611. 6 - 8 p.m. **Rotary Club of Pearland** - Meets Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch is \$15. Variety of interesting speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or visit nalix@texasciti.zensbank.com. 1:30 p.m.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - #1530 meets at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd., 1:30 p.m. For information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713. 2 p.m. **Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class** - Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details or classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or call 281-488-6318. 7 p.m.

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. **Alcoholics Anonymous** - Alcohol problems? Meets Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 - 8 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-306-4366 or 713-480-4166. 7 p.m.

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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. 9:30 a.m. **Young at Heart Club** - Meets the second and fourth week monthly (Nov./Dec. meet second week only) at Covenant United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Lots of activities, trips, etc. Call Doris Byerly at 713-944-4474 for details. 10 a.m.

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CrossRoads UMC - Invites everyone to the Thursday night service beginning with a light meal and fellowship at 6 p.m. followed by a praise, worship and prayer service at 7 p.m. at 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Afterward both pastors lead a Bible study in English and Spanish. Everyone is welcome. 7 p.m.

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Mata family visits New Braunfels, Gruene



The Mata family, Sagemont-area residents, went to New Braunfels. They also visited Gruene. Shown above, Gianna Mata Flores enjoys the scenery in Gruene. Below, left to right, Willie Mata, Debra Mata, Jillena Mata and Anthony Anguiano pose in front of Gruene Hall. The family also enjoyed a visit to Schlitterbahn, floated the Comal River and did some antique shopping. *Photos submitted*



Trevino family celebrates anniversary in Los Cabos



Longtime South Belt residents Maria-Luisa and Armando Trevino celebrated their 45th anniversary in Los Cabos, Mexico, with family. Shown, left to right, (front row) Ava Trevino, Alexis Vega, Aiden Ramirez, Ashlee Vega, Andrew Navarro, Dominic Trevino, (back row) Armando Trevino, Erica Trevino, Mike Vega, Dania Trevino Vega, Maria-Luisa Trevino, Armando Trevino, Viana Trevino, Senia Trevino Ramirez and David Ramirez coordinated clothing in blue to blend in with the blue ocean background. *Photo submitted*

Joneses sail on Carnival cruise



The Jones family, longtime South Belt residents, took a cruise for their vacation. The family sailed on a Carnival cruise ship to Belize, Honduras and Cozumel. Shown above, left, Chris, Bradley and Sarah Jones visited Chankanaab Park in Cozumel.



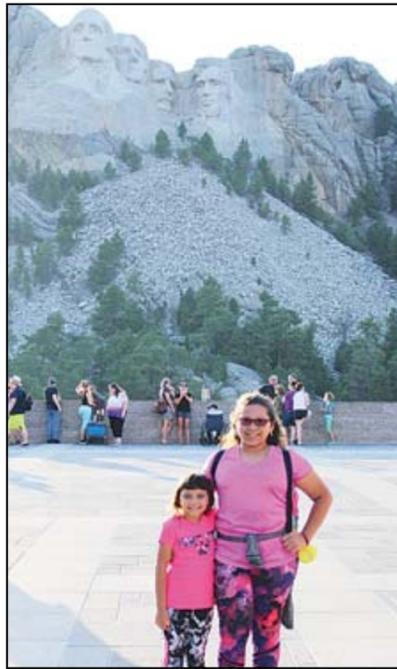
Above right, the family enjoys the scenery in Belize. Both Chris and Sarah were raised in South Belt and are 2002 Dobie graduates. This year, Bradley will be a first-grader at South Belt Elementary. *Photos submitted*

Samples enjoy Hawaiian sunset



Brooke and David Sample enjoy the sunset off Waikiki while spending time in Honolulu, Hawaii. The Samples are residents of the Sagemont area.

Matas take road trip



Shown, above, enjoying a view of Mount Rushmore in Rapid City, South Dakota, are Meagynn Mata (left), age 5, and Madalynn Mata, age 10. The family made a 4,138-mile road trip that also took them through Roswell, New Mexico; Winter Park, Colorado; Keystone, Custer, Sturgis and Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Kansas City, Missouri; Oklahoma City; Dallas; and back to Houston. The Mata family are residents of the South Belt area. Meagynn will enter kindergarten and Madalynn will advance to sixth grade. *Photo submitted*

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