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Tollway entry ramp to close

The westbound entry ramps from the Gulf Freeway to Beltway 8 will be completely closed from 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8, to 5 a.m. Friday, Aug. 9.

JFD cheer holds fundraiser

Dobie cheerleaders will host a fundraiser Friday Aug. 9, at El Pollo Loco, 2610 Pearland Parkway, from 4 to 8 p.m. Bring a flyer (on Page 2A of the Aug. 1 edition of the Leader), a copy of this newspaper or a photo of this write-up, and 50 percent of one's purchase will be donated to the organization.

Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one lane on the northbound frontage road of the Gulf Freeway from FM 517 to FM 518 in League City will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Monday, Sept. 30.

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

The northbound exit ramp on the Gulf Freeway between SH 96/League City Parkway and FM 518 will be closed continuously through 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31.

Drivers traveling north on the main lanes will continue to NASA Road 1, exit, then U-turn and come back to FM 518.

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.

Faith Baptist giveaway

Faith Missionary Baptist Church, 9850 Mango, will host a backpack giveaway, Saturday, Aug. 10, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be games, food and fun. Backpacks complete with school supplies will be given out while supplies last.

Beltway closures planned

The eastbound and westbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Beamer will be closed continuously through 9 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 22.

The southbound Beltway 8 frontage road at SH 3/Old Galveston Road will be completely closed daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9.

At least one inside frontage road lane on Beltway 8 at Conklin will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Friday, Aug. 9.

Both northbound and southbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Crenshaw will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Friday, Aug. 16.

Both northbound and southbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Vista will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Friday, Aug. 30.

At least one alternate lane on the northbound Beltway 8 frontage road from Vista to SH 225 will be closed daily from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and nightly from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Friday, Aug. 30.

The closures are associated with the project to widen Beltway 8 from two to four lanes in each direction.

Church holds blood drive

South Belt Church, 13100 Beamer, will hold a blood and platelet drive Saturday, Aug. 10, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. M.D. Anderson is sponsoring the event. Donors must be in good health, at least 17 years old and weigh 110 pounds or more. Platelet donors must not have taken ibuprofen or aspirin products within 48 hours of a donation. A photo ID will be required for all donors. To schedule an appointment, visit <http://tinyurl.com/southbelt0819>.

E-recycling set for Aug. 10

The City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department's monthly electronic recycling event will take place Saturday, Aug. 10, at the Neighborhood Recycling Center at Ellington Airport from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Recycling electronics keeps potentially harmful materials, such as mercury, cadmium, lead and cathode ray tubes out of the waste stream and the environment.

Items accepted are PCs, servers, keyboards, mice, laptops, game consoles, monitors, small kitchen appliances, memory chips, hubs and routers, printers, copiers, scanners, fax machines, projectors, rechargeable batteries, cable boxes, car batteries, telephones, cell phones, PDAs, tape drives, hard drives, cords, cables and cameras. The collection events take place the second Saturday of each month. For additional information, visit www.houston.tx.gov/solidwaste or call 3-1-1.

Heavy trash pickup set

City residents south of Fuqua will have heavy trash pickup Thursday, Aug. 8 (second Thursday of the month). City residents north of Fuqua and west of the Gulf Freeway will have heavy trash pickup on Friday, Aug. 9 (second Friday of the month). August is for junk waste, but tree waste will also be accepted. For additional information, visit www.houston.tx.gov/solidwaste.

Pasadena ISD readies for 2019-2020

Pasadena Independent School District officials are gearing up for the 2019-2020 school year, with many new changes in store for area students.

Many of the new changes and improvements are directly tied to House Bill 3, which provided more than \$40 million of new funding to the district. Signed into law by Gov. Greg Abbott this past June, the \$11.6 billion measure includes roughly \$6.5 billion in new public education spending statewide.

The new funds will allow PISD to add 22 new classrooms to its prekindergarten program, bringing the total number of classrooms to more

than 90. Both half-day and full-day classes are available. Space may be limited.

For more information on PISD's prekindergarten program, visit www1.pasadenaisd.org/parents_students/pre_k_information.

Pasadena ISD's Early College High School program has also now expanded to include all district high schools.

A joint venture with San Jacinto College, ECHS allows students to earn an associate degree by the time they earn their high school diploma.

Students from Dobie and South Houston high schools will take courses at San Jacinto College

South, while students from Memorial, Sam Rayburn and Pasadena high schools will take courses at San Jacinto College Central.

Approximately 1,900 students are expected to participate in the ECHS program school year.

For more information on PISD's Early College High School program, visit www1.pasadenaisd.org/departments/departments_c_e/ECHS.

Additional funds will also now allow PISD to expand its Connect program.

The district's Connect program is a digital learning platform that empowers teachers to customize instruction to meet their students' individual needs and interests.

Begun in the 2015-2016 school year with just 200 students in three grade levels at three schools, the program has now grown to include 8,000 students in eight grade levels at 41 schools in the 2019-2020 school year.

For more information on PISD's Connect program, visit www1.pasadenaisd.org/parents_students/connect_program_personalized_learning.

Pasadena ISD students will return to school on Monday, Aug. 19, except for high school freshmen, who will return to class on Friday, Aug. 16.

For more back-to-school information, visit www1.pasadenaisd.org.

Officials attend annual dinner



Several elected officials gathered Tuesday, July 30, at the Sylvan Beach Pavilion in La Porte for the annual Liberty Dinner, sponsored by the San Jacinto Republican Women club. Texas Railroad Commissioner Ryan Sitton served as guest speaker at the event. Shown above at the dinner are, left to right, Rep. Dennis Paul, Sen. Larry Taylor, Speaker of the House Dennis Bonnen, Tammy Nielsen and Houston mayoral candidate Bill King.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

City awards 1st Harvey grants

Almost two years after Hurricane Harvey, FEMA has awarded the first set of federal grants to the City of Houston for a pair of large-scale flood mitigation projects in areas hit by the record-high rainfall from the storm.

The city will receive funding for the first phase of the \$46.9 million Inwood Forest Stormwater Detention Basin at the former Inwood Golf Course on the northwest side and the first phase of the \$47.1 million Lake Houston Dam Spillway Improvement Project.

"This is a breakthrough moment for the City and one we have been waiting for very patiently," Mayor Sylvester Turner said. "Houston has bounced back from Harvey, but we need the fed-

eral government as a full partner as we work to prevent flooding from the next storms that will surely come."

The mayor thanked the city's congressional delegation, state officials, City Council members and his staff for working together to open the federal funding stream for Houston.

The City started filing Hazard Mitigation Grant Program paperwork with FEMA in the first half of 2018, soon after Congress appropriated disaster relief and recovery funds in reaction to the devastation from Harvey and other 2017 hurricanes.

FEMA will provide 75 percent of the costs for

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PISD board named top five in state

The Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees is one of five school boards from across Texas to be selected as Honor School Boards as part of the 2019 Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) School Board Awards.

Each year, the program recognizes outstanding Texas school boards for commitment and service that has made a positive impact on Texas public school students.

Since 1971, the TASA program has honored

Texas school district boards of trustees that have demonstrated dedication to student achievement and that put students first.

The five school boards selected as 2019 Texas Honor School Boards are:

- Harlingen CISD Board of Trustees, Region 1, Art Cavazos, nominating superintendent
- Pasadena ISD Board of Trustees, Region 4, DeeAnn Powell, nominating superintendent
- Tyler ISD Board of Trustees, Region 7, Mar-

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St. Luke's to hold senior fair Aug. 17

St. Luke Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road, will host a senior information fair Saturday, Aug. 17, from 9 a.m. to noon in the parish hall.

Most residents know a senior citizen that is 55+ or have themselves reached that age. Deal-

ing with life issues can be stressful and frustrating, especially when one must make life-changing decisions for oneself or a family member. It is of the utmost importance to find resources in

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Local swimming pools to close

While the heat index may suggest otherwise, 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 daily operations on Sunday, Aug. 11. The pools will remain open on Saturdays and Sundays (and Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 2) from 1 to 8 p.m. through Monday, Sept. 2.

The Sageglen pool will remain open three

weekends past Labor Day, closing Sunday, Sept. 29. Pool hours are noon to 9 p.m. on Saturday and 1 to 9 p.m. on Sunday.

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

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

Ellington recycling to be concreted

Houston City Council Member Dave Martin is pleased to announce Houston Public Works has started a complete pavement replacement at Ellington Airport/Clear Lake Neighborhood Recycling Center. Over the last couple of years, Martin has provided patching of potholes within the recycling center.

Understanding these asphalt patches are often short term solutions, Martin continued to push for a more substantial long-term project, which

has been secured. The scope of work includes replacing all existing asphalt with concrete to improve driving conditions and to preserve and prolong the life of the road base.

The work is expected to be completed by October 2019, weather permitting. To maintain access to the recycling containers, crews have sectioned the work so they begin working outside the fence allowing accessibility to the containers.

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Shoppers to enjoy tax-free weekend

Whether one's in need of notebooks, rulers or running shoes, Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar is reminding shoppers they can save money on those and other items during the state's sales tax holiday on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 9-11. (See Alameda Mall back-to-school ad Page 6A.)

The law exempts sales tax on qualified items - such as clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks - priced below \$100, saving shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend.

"As Texas families begin the process of replacing their beach towels with lunch boxes, the sales

tax holiday is the perfect opportunity to save some money on supplies families need before the school bell rings," Hegar said. "As a father of three, I know how these expenses can add up."

Apparel and school supplies that may be purchased tax-free are listed on the Comptroller's website at TexasTaxHoliday.org.

Shoppers this year will save an estimated \$102.2 million in state and local sales taxes during the sales tax holiday.

Texas' sales tax holiday weekend has been an annual event since 1999.

Residents warned of possible scam

The Leader has received multiple complaints about a possible phone scam where callers claim to be from the Social Security Administration requesting sensitive private information.

The reported hoax is fairly common, according to the Office of the Inspector General, which investigates such crimes.

"The OIG continues to receive reports from across the country about fraudulent phone calls from people claiming to be from SSA," the department posted on its website. "Recent reports

have indicated that unknown callers are using increasingly threatening language in these calls. The callers state, due to improper or illegal activity with a citizen's Social Security number or account, a citizen will be arrested or face other legal action if they fail to call a provided phone number to address the issue. This is a scam; citizens should not engage with these calls or provide any personal information. SSA employees do contact citizens, generally those who have

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State mulls SH 99 funding cuts



Texas Department of Transportation officials are considering a move that would remove proposed parts of SH 99/Grand Parkway (segments B, C and D shown above) from its 2020 funding list. Many business and community leaders oppose the move, saying it will negatively affect mobility and stifle commerce and economic development. Public input is currently being sought on the proposal.

Publisher's Opinion

Big "thank you" to HPD-Clear Lake

The community owes a great big "thank you" to the Houston Police Department officers from the Clear Lake substation. They held a backpack and school supply giveaway for the community last Saturday.

To quote Jeanette Rodriguez who posted on the *Leader* Facebook page, "This was awesome; we enjoyed it so much, Thank Y'all!! I couldn't have said it better myself. Not only were there free school supplies, but also multiple photo opportunities and entertainment including live monkeys. Mounted police and their horses pa-

tiently posed for many pictures.

This was such a neat event. I must admit that the *Leader* was unaware of it the first year, 2018, but you can be sure we will do our best to let you know next year, as we did this year. I believe the event will continue to grow. The stated HPD goal was to help lessen the back-to-school financial burden for families.

But it did much more than that; it really helped bring the community and our HPD officers closer. Thank you, thank you, HPD!

-Marie Flickinger

In My Opinion

Dobie9 principal gives instructions to parents

Dear Parents of Dobie Incoming Ninth Graders,

We are excited about welcoming the class of 2023 and wanted to share with you some important information as the start of school rapidly approaches.

We will hold an orientation for the parents of incoming freshmen on Wednesday, August 14, 2019. The orientation meeting will begin at 6 p.m. in the Dobie9 gym. We cannot express enough the importance of this meeting, as we will be sharing essential information that will ensure your student's success this first year in high school.

This orientation will offer parents an opportunity to meet the administrators and counselors who will be working directly

with your student this upcoming year.

If your student is a part of the Connect program or Early College program there will be a brief meeting immediately following the orientation. Locations of these meetings will be given at the conclusion of the orientation.

The first day of school for incoming freshmen will be Friday, August 16, 2019 from 7:15 - 11:30. This will provide time for students to acclimate to the high school environment and become familiar with the opportunities and expectations for the upcoming year. The first full day of the school year will be Monday, August 19, 2019. School hours are 7:15 - 2:35.

We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to seeing you on the evening of Aug. 14.

Sincerely,

Mike Van Essen
Dobie9 Principal

City seeks artist in plan to honor Barbara Jordan

The City of Houston Mayor's Office of Cultural Affairs is starting the process of selecting an artist to create the city's first permanent outdoor artwork commemorating the life and legacy of the late Congresswoman Barbara Jordan, Mayor Sylvester Turner announced last week.

The site selected for the artwork is the historic African American Library at the Gregory School, a special collections archive of the Houston Public Library, 1300 Victor St., Houston, in Freedmen's Town.

"It's well past time we memorialize our hero Barbara Jordan with inspiring public art, especially since the city's art collection contains only one outdoor sculpture or monument honoring a woman," Turner said.

"Peggy," a statue by John Gutzon Borglum, honors Elizabeth Stevens MacGregor in MacGregor Park.

Artists residing in the United States are invited to submit qualifications for the opportunity to design, fabricate and install a tribute to the pioneering educator, civic leader and venerated Houston native.

The project has a total

budget of up to \$235,000. The deadline for submission of qualifications is Monday, Sept. 23, 11:59 p.m. CST. For details, go to www.houstontx.gov/culturalaffairs/barbarajordan.html.

A panel of arts professionals, stakeholders and community representatives will review qualified submissions and select a short list of artists to receive stipends to create and present detailed concept designs for final selection.

The final commission will be through two contracts with Houston Arts Alliance, one for design and one for construction. The selected artist must be able and willing to sign a contract with Houston Arts Alliance for the commission.

The artwork is funded by the City of Houston Civic Art Program. In 1999, the City of Houston established an ordinance mandating that 1.75 percent of qualified Capital Improvement Project dollars be set aside for civic art.

For more information about the Houston's Civic Art Program, visit www.HouCityArt.org or follow the Mayor's Office of Cultural Affairs on

Facebook and Instagram @HoustonMOCA.

Born in 1936, Barbara Jordan attended Texas Southern University, where she graduated magna cum laude, and received a law degree from Boston University. After teaching at Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, she opened a law practice in Houston and became active in politics. In 1966 she won election to the Texas Senate, become the state's first African-American senator since 1883. In 1972 Jordan was elected to the United States House of Representatives from the 18th Texas District in Houston. She was the first African-American woman from the South to serve in Congress.

In 1996 she was the first woman and the first African-American to deliver the keynote address at a Democratic national convention.

Jordan retired from politics in 1979 and resumed teaching. She once again delivered the keynote address at the Democratic National Convention in 1992 and she served as chair of the United States Commission on Immigration Reform in 1994. Jordan died Jan. 17, 1996.

Local library events set

Bracewell Branch Library

The following events are scheduled for the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint: Thursday, Aug. 8, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Spanish computer class for adults and seniors Monday, Aug. 12, 2:15 - 5:15 p.m. Citizenship class. The classes cover the 100 civics questions and how to prepare for the citizenship interview. Other topics include the citizenship application and qualifications. Class participation is by appointment only.

Tuesday, Aug. 13, 1:15 - 5:15 p.m. Citizenship class. Class participation by appointment only.

Wednesday, Aug. 14, 10:30 a.m. Polliwog club. Little polliwogs will hop into nature by developing nature knowledge and skills through a variety of books, songs, crafts and hands-on animal experiences brought by Harris County Precinct One constables. This is a special three-week series. Space is limited. Sessions are open to the first 30 children. Register online, by phone or in person. Future dates are Aug. 21 and 28.

Wednesday, Aug. 14, 10:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Citizenship class. Class participation by appointment only.

Wednesday, Aug. 14, Computer courses: 2 p.m. Computer Basics; 3:15 p.m. Internet Basics; 4:30 p.m. Basic PowerPoint

For more information, call the library at 832-393-2580.

Bracewell hours are: Thursday noon - 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 1 - 5 p.m.; Sunday, closed; Monday, 2 - 6 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Parker Williams Library

The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.: Thursday, Aug. 8, 10:30 a.m. Computer Basics. Meet in the library computer lab to learn and practice a variety of basic computer skills, from the computer hardware and operating system to the internet. Register is requested.

Friday, Aug. 9, 2 p.m. Anime Club. Intro to Cosplay, for ages 13 and older. For those who wanted to be a character from a favorite anime series and are not sure what it takes to be able to pull it off, meet at the library to learn skills and get some direction on how to do a cosplay.

Friday, Aug. 9, 4:30 - 5:45 p.m. Beginning Spanish. Learn beginning level Spanish grammar and vocabulary in class sessions and using a free app anytime. Put it into practice in conversations and activities with fellow learners during class. Registration is requested.

Saturday, Aug. 10, 10:30 a.m. Sensory Friendly Film "Ralph Breaks the Internet" (rated PG, 112 minutes, for ages 3 and older). The lights will be low, the sound will be down, and there will be plenty of room for everyone to move around as needed for this third film. Refreshments have been generously donated by State Farm.

Saturday, Aug. 10, 1 - 2:30 p.m. Intermediate Spanish with Mercedes. Brush up on Spanish by listening and speaking with fellow learners and instructor Mercedes. (Class will also meet June 29.) Registration is requested. (Sessions are also Aug. 17, 24 and 31). Registration requested.

Monday, Aug. 12, 4:30 - 5:45 p.m. Beginning Spanish. Learn beginning level Spanish grammar and vocabulary in class sessions and using a free app anytime. Put it into practice in conversations and activities with fellow learners during class. Registration is requested.

Wednesday, Aug. 14, 4:30 - 5:45 p.m. Beginning Spanish. Learn beginning level Spanish grammar and vocabulary in class sessions and using a free app anytime. Put it into practice in conversations and activities with fellow learners during class. Registration is requested.

Wednesday, Aug. 14, 6 p.m. Teen Advisory Group, for ages 13 and older. For those who want books that are not offered at the library, meet in the library community room to voice an opinion and listen to a discussion on how the library staff can better serve its patrons.

Below are the programs that occur every week, unless the library is closed:

Tuesday, Babytime lapsit, 10:30 a.m. For babies from birth to 18 months, featuring a mother-baby lapsit time with fingerplays, songs and playtime.

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

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

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

Saturday, Vietnamese learning time, for adults and children ages 8 and older. Classes begin at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. It's a great time to take a class to help with a skill for work, gain understanding of a topic or learn a language. There are many free classes available online at the library website or on the internet, through universities or other sources. Practice navigating the internet to learn about these, or sign up for one. For more information on these programs, speak with Loc Bui.

For more information on all other programs, call the library at 832-927-7870.

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

Leader seeks vacation pics

The *Leader* is seeking readers' 2019 vacation photos. First-, second- and third-place prizes for Schlitterbahn tickets will be awarded for the best submissions in August. Submissions should include where and when the photo was taken, details of the trip and first and last names of each person. Email photos to mynews@southbeltleader.com.

Elected officials share their words

Boykins tells administration to honor voters' mandate

"On Nov. 6, 2018, voters in Houston approved by more than a 2-to-1 margin pay parity for police and firefighters. Unfortunately, despite this overwhelming show of support, the Administration has continued to undermine the voters' will...first through the filing of a lawsuit to overturn the results of the vote and more recently, by refusing to negotiate in good faith during court-sanctioned mediation sessions.

"The impasse announced yesterday in talks geared to resolve the matter is a significant setback to those of earnest intent seeking collective bargaining rights and a viable path forward. As an elected official serving the City of Houston, I firmly believe it is our job to lead in times of crisis.

"I have proposed and will continue to seek different options that honor the voters' mandate while preventing layoffs and preserving public safety.

The ideas that I have put forth include the following:

- 1) Zero-based budgeting that justifies expenditures and frees up revenue.
- 2) A minimal garbage fee to create an offset to fund pay parity.
- 3) A public safety fee dedicated solely for police and fire.

"As an elected body, we are entrusted to make decisions that serve the best interests of the people we represent. When those decisions are difficult, it is incumbent upon us to rise to the challenge and do the right thing.

"Doing what's right means honoring the will of the voters and preserving our city's public safety."

Mario Flores



Mario Flores was born 86 years ago in Leon, Guanajuato, Mexico.

He was the second of three children and is survived by his wife Leonor Flores; seven children; 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Mario also leaves behind his brother Federico Flores and various other relatives.

In 1967, Mario immigrated to the United States, leaving his job at Fabricaciones de Maquinas (FAMA) in Mon-

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terrey, Mexico, following a job offer with Hunt & Hunt Inc. in Houston. He accepted the job offer and worked for the company 42 years as a master machinist, then retired.

Mario's final years of life were spent at Paramount nursing home where he made new friends, some of which became like family to him.

The family is grateful for the love and kindness of all, both family and friends, who spent countless hours caring for him during this time.

Maria "Lupe" Jimenez



South Belt resident Maria Guadalupe "Lupe" Jimenez, 75, was born Aug. 12, 1943, in Raymondville, Texas, and died Aug. 5, 2019, in Houston.

She loved the casinos and bingo and had fun going to flea markets and yard sales. She loved drinking coffee throughout the day and had so much fun playing five-card poker with her family. She had a joyous time dancing with her brother and children and was a doting grandmother to all her grandchildren.

Maria is survived by her children Mary Ceballos, Edward Davalos, Cindy Salinas, Fidel Loya Jr., Norma Jean Jimenez, Max Martinez, Barbara Carlos, Robert De La Garza, Julia Davalos and Sandra Davalos. She is also survived by 23 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, one brother, three sisters, one daughter-in-law and two sons-in-law. Maria will be greatly missed by family and friends.

A visitation is set for Friday, Aug. 9, 5-8 p.m. at Forest Lawn Funeral Home, 8706 Almeda Genoa Road.

Rotary club meets weekly

The Rotary Club of Pearland meets every Thursday at 7:30 a.m. at Allendale's Kitchen & Cocktails, located at 5010 Broadway St., in Pearland. Meetings at the new venue began July 11 and include a variety of speakers.

The restaurant will be exclusively open for club attendees with breakfast at one's own cost. For information, call 281-900-7257 or email nalix@texascitizensbank.com.

Young Professionals SE Toastmasters meets

The Young Professionals Southeast Toastmasters Club is open to everyone in the community who wants to practice communication skills in a friendly atmosphere.

The group meets every Monday (except holidays) from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, located at 10500 Scarsdale Blvd., adjacent to the fire department. The next meeting is Aug. 12.

For additional information, call Karen at 832-722-9061 or Carolyn at 832-372-3565 or visit <https://youngprofessionals.toastmasters.com/>.

Israeli folk dancing dates set

Israeli folk dances are held at Congregation Shaar Hashalom Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. August dates are 12, 19 and 26. There will be no session Sept. 2.

The cost is \$4 per session or \$35 for 10 sessions for CSH members and \$5 per session or \$45 for 10 sessions for nonmembers.

Newcomers are welcome to join the group. Congregation Shaar Hashalom, located at 16020 El Camino Real, is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area.

The community is invited to attend. For more information, call 281-488-5861 or email cs@shaarhashalom.org.

CSH announces open house

Congregation Shaar Hashalom will have an open house Sunday, Aug. 25, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. All who are interested in learning more about the conservative Jewish congregation are invited to visit. Guests may bring the entire family.

The invitation is open to all to come and connect with new friends, tour the synagogue and visit with Rabbi Stuart Federow who is celebrating his 25th year with the congregation. Visitors will learn about Shaar Hashalom's innovative Hebrew and religious school programs and get answers about Judaism.

Additionally, information will be available about seats for the high holy days that will start with Rosh Hashanah on the evening of Sept. 29. Kosher food and beverages will be served.

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

For information, visit www.shaarhashalom.org, call the office at 281-488-5861 or email cs@shaarhashalom.org.

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Garcia touts bail reform: a system for everyone

By Commissioner Adrian Garcia, Harris County Pct. 2

A person is guilty until proven innocent or wealthy. This is how our old outdated justice system has been working in Harris County for far too long. There have been incidents that an individual may stay in jail for months. Most are jailed not because they are violent criminals or guilty, but because they cannot afford to pay a bond. This system is far from just and fair because it penalizes the poor. This may be a single mother who was arrested for failing to pay a traffic ticket, loses her job, misses payments for her mortgage and as a result, loses her home. She is now homeless. Or it could be a young man who was wrongfully accused but spent 6 months in jail before someone took a closer look at his case. We have to fix this. We can do better. We must do better.

My career in law enforcement has shown me where government fails and where we could improve. Not everyone who goes to jail is guilty. Not everyone who is arrested is a criminal. I have seen the wasted human capital that sits behind bars that could otherwise be contributing to our economy. Instead, they are in jail awaiting trial, being supported by our tax dollars. Some families are being torn apart, parents losing custody of their children. The poorer you are, the more likely you are to miss a court date: You cannot afford childcare, you cannot afford to miss work, and you cannot afford a car to get to the courthouse. If we are going to keep people out of jail for being poor, we need to have a criminal justice system that works for everyone.

The old outdated system of holding people in jail until they can pay bail - or keeping them until trial if they can't - does not make the public safer; in fact, studies show it increases crime. A 2013 study by the Laura and John Arnold Foundation found that people who were detained after arrest were more likely to commit more crimes. In fact, the longer a person was detained, the more likely they are to commit a crime after disposition of their current offense. As the former Sheriff, I witnessed how this unconstitutional cash bail system helped to create the most overcrowded jail in our recent history that depended on lucrative contracts with private jails to house thousands of inmates, while still requiring the taxpayers to pay millions more in over-

time to keep the jail compliant with state jail standards. I had no problem holding onto the most violent and dangerous, but the great majority had made mistakes that posed no direct threat to anyone but themselves. When our criminal justice system can deal with people proportionate to their mistakes then we not only become fair and just but safer because the first time/non-violent offenders will have fewer opportunities to learn from the worst in jails.

The impact goes far beyond the person who is incarcerated. Children with an incarcerated parent are more likely to experience higher rates of poverty, food insecurity, homelessness, and physical health problems. They are also twice as likely as their peers without a parent in prison to develop behavioral or mental health problems, including increased aggression, depression, anxiety and migrate toward gang involvement. They are also more likely to associate with delinquent peers, get into fights, skip school, have trouble concentrating, and perform poorly in school. This system is far from just, makes us less safe and negatively impacts our children. We have to do better.

The settlement announced last week is the first step Harris County takes at fixing this broken system. The decree applies only to individuals charged with misdemeanors except for cases of family violence, bond violations, and repeat DWI. These are crimes where a person is more likely to re-offend and will receive a magistrate hearing within 48 hours to determine what kind of bond they may be released under. Those individuals outside of these exceptions will be released on a personal recognizance bond, which means the person commits to making their court dates. Under the consent decree, they will be represented by counsel at these proceedings.

Freedom should never be for sale, and it is time we take our seat as a national leader in civil rights reform. I know the best way to keep our communities safe is having a multi-tiered approach that allows our District Attorney and law enforcement officers to focus on the most dangerous while enhancing a criminal justice system that promotes fairness for all. Let us be committed to our constitution that proclaims a person is innocent until proven guilty.

Harris County approved for Vote Centers

By Diane Trautman for Harris County Clerk

Voters in Harris County have reason to celebrate - we have received successful status from the Secretary of State for the Countywide Polling Place Program, which means voters will continue to be able to cast a ballot at any polling location this November.

During my campaign for Harris County Clerk, I personally witnessed hundreds of voters who showed up to vote on Election Day at different Early Voting locations thinking they could vote only to be turned away and told to go to their neighborhood precinct location. Many times those precinct locations changed and voters would show up at the wrong location and cast a provisional ballot which most likely did not count.

In the November 2018 election, 2500 provisional ballots were cast by voters who were at the wrong Election Day location. That doesn't count the number of voters who showed up at the wrong location and didn't cast a provisional ballot and who just gave up and went home. I knew then that we must

have a simpler and more convenient way for Harris County voters to vote. And the solution to that was Countywide Voting Centers. Other counties around the state are realizing that a solution to lost votes is attainable for Texas voters.

This November, in the third largest county in the nation, voting on Election Day will not hinge on having to cast a ballot at a designated polling location.

I'm also working hard on ensuring all of our polling locations are thoroughly tested for connectivity and for ADA compliance. There will also be ways to help voters find the best place to cast a ballot for them, including the wait time feature on harrisvotes.com as well as a new text bot to find locations near a particular address.

I am confident we are ready to move on to the November election with this program as we continue to make the voting process in Harris County simpler and more convenient. We are ready to make history as the largest county in the country to implement Countywide Voting Centers.

Evans goes above and beyond for Schneider

Pasadena Memorial High School's Shining Star Carly Renee Schneider (below, left) is shown with 12th-grade PMHS college coordinator Tara Evans. Schneider selected Evans for the honor of distinguished educator and said, "I have had the pleasure of being mentored by Mrs. Tara Evans since my junior year at Pasadena Memorial High School. She has always been there whenever I needed advice and was the person that first made me feel comfortable at Memorial after transferring into the district. With her radiating smile and infectious joy, Mrs. Evans goes above and beyond when it comes to her job by genuinely caring about our success after high school. I have gotten to know her professionally and personally and I am thankful to honor her and all she has done to impact my life."

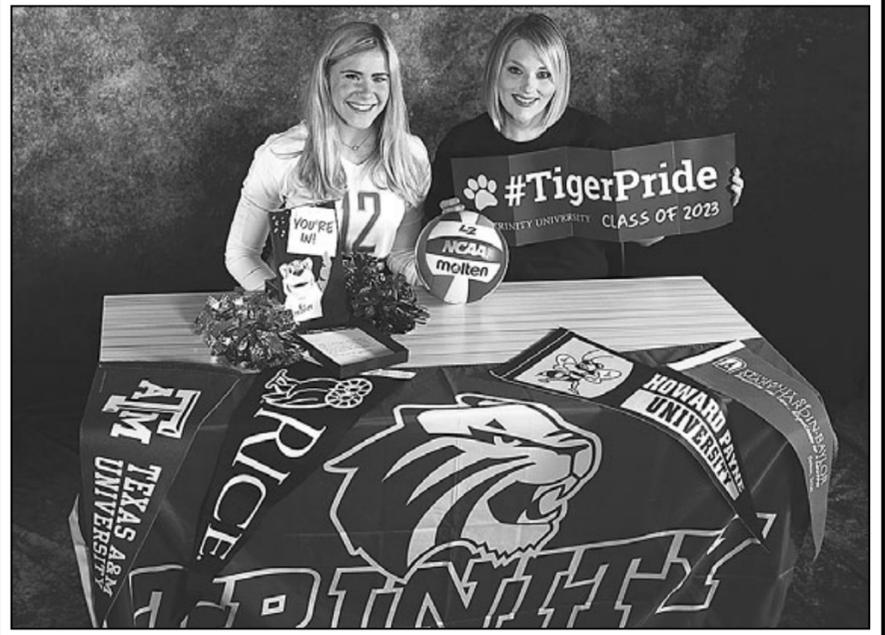
Extracurricular activities for Schneider include four years as volleyball team captain, communications chair (10th grade), father/daughter event chair (11th grade) and vice president of National Charity League of Philanthropy (12th grade). "I was also an involved member in National Honor Society, as well as, a member and 2019 class leader of the Space City Chapter of National Charity League. I have played club volleyball for various clubs at both a local and national level."

Schneider has served her community more than 145 in groups and events including Pasadena ISD Rugged Race, concessions for Bondy Jr. High School, Galveston County Food Bank, Friends of League City Pet Shelter, Ronald McDonald House, Camp for All (MDA camp), Trash Bash, YMCA volleyball coach, bingo and wheelchair dances for Friendswood Healthcare Center, Hope Village and Hurricane Harvey relief efforts with the Pasadena Memorial Volleyball Program. "I love being involved in my community because it gives me a sense of purpose and warms my heart."

She plans to attend Trinity University in San Antonio to pursue a major in business analytics and technology with a minor in computer science. Schneider also plans to continue with Trinity's club volleyball program.

The *South Belt Shining Stars* will be presented in a series of students being honored along with their favorite mentor. The *Shining Stars* represent the top Pasadena Memorial High School students.

The information and photos were submitted by Pasadena Independent School District. The *Leader* is also running the *Shining Stars* from Dobie, Dr. Kirk Lewis Career & Technical and South Houston high schools.



Leader checks out social media

By Natalie Abarca

A member of *The Official South Belt & Sagemont Area Crime Alert* Facebook page posted security camera footage of a suspect who walked into an open garage while the homeowners were inside the home. The suspect was wear-

ing a yellow caution vest. Once the suspect heard the dog alert the owners he ran toward a white Chevy truck that was waiting nearby. The incident took place the afternoon of Aug. 5 in the Sonora subdivision off Blackhawk and Fuqua.

Pham values Daugherty's knowledge

J. Frank Dobie High School's Shining Star Minh-Triet Silas Pham (below, left) has selected 11th-grade AP U.S. history teacher Bob Daugherty for the honor of distinguished educator.

Commenting on her instructor, Pham said, "After the other U.S. history teacher left, Mr. D single-handedly taught twice as many students, as well as coaching the Academic Decathlon and UIL History teams. Sometimes he looked like he just came back from the dead, but regardless, he was here for us. During lectures he rarely ever looked at the PowerPoint for information, because everything was already in his head. He's traveled across the world and experienced what he teaches first-hand. I genuinely consider him as one of the smartest teachers I've had and I admire him greatly."

Pham is involved in a number of activities outside the classroom and values community service. "I've volunteered with the National Honor Society for local festivals,

community events, card making and various other things. I also help out with some of the choir events such as Pre-UIL and Region."

She is also involved in choir and as a Calculus BC tutor. She has served in a leadership capacity as a choir officer. Looking toward her future, Pham said, "I will be attending the University of Texas at Austin and will be majoring in computer science."

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The Shining Stars represent the top Dobie High school students.

The information and photos were submitted by Pasadena Independent School District. The Leader is also running the Shining Stars from Pasadena Memorial, South Houston and Dr. Kirk Lewis Career & Technical high schools.



Shah achieves milestone by completing Arangetram

By Laura Benavides Scallan

Local South Belt resident Suhani Shah, daughter of Pratik and Dipali Shah, officially completed her Bharatanatyam Arangetram Saturday, July 27, at the age of 16.

A Bharatanatyam Arangetram is known as a graduation for an individual who has completed the training in the art of classical Indian dancing. The graduation ceremony consists of individual dances to live music and is considered a great honor if completed.

This is no easy feat as Suhani had to practice and train for years to learn, master and complete such a great honor. With the support of her parents

she was able to attend practices to showcase her accomplishment to her family and close friends. She is also grateful to her siblings, Sarina and Sohun, for their continued support and cheering her on when she needed encouragement.

Pratik holds a degree in chemical engineering and is a certified project manager. He began his career in DuPont after graduating from Lamar University in Beaumont. He then landed his first job as a project engineer at NASA Johnson Space Center in 2000. He had the opportunity to work on the Space Shuttle program early in his career and later transitioned to supporting advance future missions led at Johnson Space Center. In 2015, he began to support The Orion Spacecraft program that will ferry astronauts to the moon and beyond in the near future.

Dipali has worked at LivaNova, a biomedical company, as a senior database analyst. She does have a decorative past with dance, dramas and fashion in her early days. She was very instrumental in coordinating Suhani's Arangetram performance. Pratik and Dipali have been married for 22 years.

According to the invitation Suhani sent to her guests, Natyashastra is known as the authoritative form of classical Indian dances. These dances are intricate and very religious. Not only are they a form of storytelling, but they are a form of honoring the gods and goddesses of Indian culture.

"Not many girls get the opportunity to do something like this," expressed Suhani. "I am very blessed that my parents can afford to do this. I have learned to appreciate something like this a lot more and I have a definite onset of love for the gods, my guru and my parents."

In the program for her Bharatanatyam Arangetram, it states that Suhani began dancing at the age of 6, under Guru Shreemati Uma Bharathi at the Archana Dance Academy. There she learned Kuchipudi, a

form of classical Indian dance. It also states that she had the opportunity to perform in many Indian cultural functions. She also performed on national television for the North American Telugu Association, also known as NATA. Not only did she learn Kuchipudi, she also was trained in Bollywood modern dance under Guru Lopa Dave. This is where her true potential was noticed.

"I knew that dance was the perfect thing for me because I like to be very expressive and I like to use my body a lot," said Suhani. "It's a great way to express myself."

According to the program, Guru Shreemati Dipti Dave, Suhani's guru, observed Suhani's potential in dance, and invited her into the Nityam School of Bharatanatyam. This is where Suhani was taught another form of classical Indian dance, Bharatanatyam and her knowledge of Hinduism grew.

Dipti Dave is the director of the Nityam School of Bharatanatyam and is a well-known figure in the Clear Lake and Houston area according to the program. It also states that Suhani performed the 77th Arangetram on the 40th anniversary of The Nityam School of Bharatanatyam.

"I hope that I was an Arangetram to remember for my guru and I hope that I made her proud," stated Suhani. "We had more of a mother-daughter relationship instead of a student-teacher relationship. I just hope I was memorable to her."

Before Suhani even performed her Arangetram for her family and friends, she performed three dances on July 18, at the Meenashki Temple in Pearland in front of the god of dance, Lord Nataraj. This is where she had the bells she wore on her ankles blessed for a successful performance. "I realize that this is something that was right for me and I felt a lot of love in my heart," said Suhani about performing

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Suhani Shah (right) is shown with her guru Shreemati Dipti Dave receiving her certificate for completing her Bharatanatyam Arangetram graduation.

Herron instructs Villarreal: failure is not an option

Distinguished educator Kevin Herron (below, left) who teaches 10th-grade engineering is shown with South Houston High School's Shining Star

Ashley Griselda Villarreal. "Mr. Herron might seem like an intimidating teacher at first but after a short time of having him as my instructor, I realized I was wrong.

He has turned out to not just be an amazing teacher, but someone I can go to for help.

"He has gone above and beyond to ensure I succeed-

ed in engineering, my other classes and has even provided guidance on how to navigate everything that has to do with college.

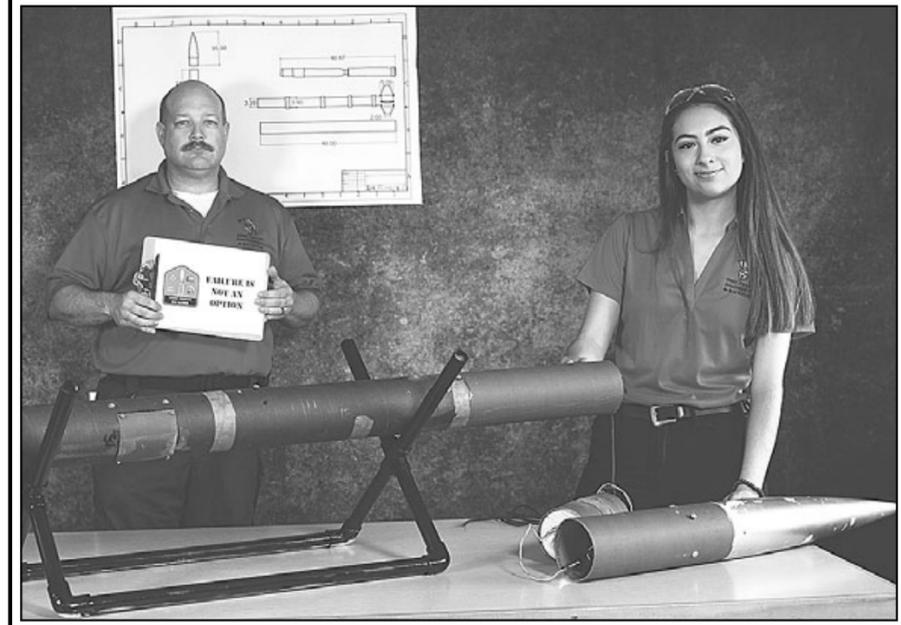
"Mr. Herron is truly an

exceptional teacher that has helped me realize my potential and I cannot thank him enough for all he has done," said Villarreal.

During her high school years, Villarreal has done volunteer work for robotics competitions, the South Houston Branch Library, South Houston Elementary and various other events with National Honor Society and DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America). She has also participated in extracurricular activities including cross-country, varsity track, robotics, Engineering Club and varsity orchestra. Villarreal demonstrated leadership as DECA vice president and Engineering Club president.

After graduating from high school, Villarreal plans to attend a four-year university and obtain a bachelor's degree in computer engineering.

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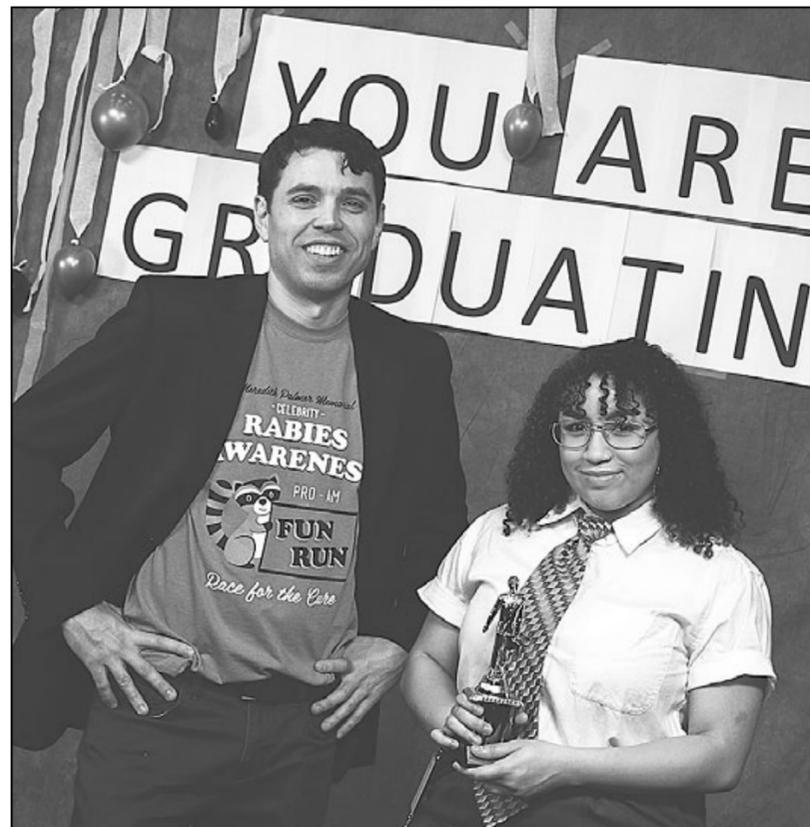
Chandler inspires Villarreal's geologist career choice

Distinguished educator David Chandler (below, left) is shown with Dr. Kirk Lewis Career & Technical High School's Shining Star Sonia Alexis Villarreal. Chandler teaches 12th-grade AP Environmental Science.

Concerning Villarreal, "For two years, Chandler has been my teacher. While the thought of physics absolutely repulses me, I love environmental science. The environment has always been one of the many things I am passionate about. It was in his class that I made the decision to apply this drive to my career choice: geologist. The discussions in his classroom opened my eyes to the world's problems even more and I have a strong desire to be the change I want to see. Additionally, Chandler is a really cool guy. I've definitely had the most fun in his class, even in physics."

Villarreal has demonstrated leadership as vice president of National Honor Society, vice president of Environmental Club and homeroom representative for executive board. She has also been active in Criminal Justice Club and student council. Serving her community, Villarreal has done service projects for National Honor Society, recycling for Environmental Club and activities for Teen Court Student Council.

Speaking about her future, Villarreal said, "I plan to go straight to UH and study geology as well as energy and sustainability in the Honors College. With this knowledge and my passion for the environment, I aspire to help solve the world's issues regarding energy shortage and environmental remediation."



SJC announces briefs

San Jacinto College has announced its calendar briefs.

Fall registration open
Fall registration is open for all students and applicants through Thursday, Aug. 15. Beginning Aug. 16, payment is due upon registration. For questions, or more information, contact the campus business office at 281-998-6150.

All-State Choir Camp
The All-State Choir Camp offers training for high school students on the TMEA All-State choral repertoire to help successfully compete during the annual audition process.

The event began Aug. 5 and runs through Aug. 8, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., at San Jac Central campus. For more information, contact Patrick Callaghan at 281-476-1832 or email patrick.callaghan@sjcd.edu.

Foundation scholarship application opens
The San Jacinto College Foundation general scholarship application for spring 2020 opens Sunday, Aug. 18. For details and a scholarship

application, visit sjcd.academycworks.com.

Fall 2019 semester begins
Courses for the fall 2019 semester, including online courses, begin Monday, Aug. 26. For details, visit sanjac.edu.

Community Education Center events
The San Jacinto College Central campus Community Education Center is located at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena in Building 1, room C-1.108. The Community Education Center will host the following August workshops that are free and open to the public. To register, call 281-478-2786 or email communityeducation@sjcd.edu.

- Active Living After Cancer (ALAC) 12-part workshop, began Aug. 6 and runs through Oct. 15, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Information session: How to Apply for Job Training Grants, Aug. 8, 2 - 4 p.m.
- Scrambled Legs Chair Exercises, Aug. 29, noon - 1 p.m.

For more information call the church at 281-481-6816.

Over The Back Fence by Alexis

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, REBECCA!
Birthday wishes are sent to **Rebecca Lilley**, director of physician resources at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, board member of the South Belt Chamber and active community member, who celebrates a birthday Aug. 11, from friends and the *Leader* staff. She has recently been quite busy practicing for "Dancing With the Stars, Bay Area." She will be competing in the Bay Area Alliance fundraising competition to be held Sept. 7.

JANNIE CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY
Happy birthday wishes are sent to former *Leader* staffer **Jannie Scarberry** who celebrates a birthday Aug. 13 from her family, friends and the *Leader* staff. She and her husband, **Robert**, are former longtime South Belt residents. The staff is appreciative of the many years she devoted to the *South Belt Leader*.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Aug. 8 through Aug. 14.

Atkinson Elementary
Sing a happy birthday song to **Dee Davis** Aug. 9. Send a birthday greeting to **Martha Reed** Aug. 12.

Burnett Elementary
Guadalupe Trevino celebrates a birthday Aug. 8. Send a happy birthday wish Aug. 10 to **Cassandra Moon**. Break out the balloons and birthday cake for **Marisol Ramirez** and **Griselda Robles** Aug. 12.

Bush Elementary
Light the candles on a birthday cake for **Ruben Caro** Aug. 11.

Frazier Elementary
Send a birthday greeting Aug. 14 to **Jennifer Umana** and **Kristi Vela**, *Genoa Elementary*.
Join in a double-fun birthday celebration Aug. 7 for **Erica Halligan**. Give a birthday shoutout Aug. 13 to **Francisca Pizana**, *Meador Elementary*.
Marking a birthday Aug. 11 is **Rebecca Rosette**, *Moore Elementary*.
Jill Lacamo is wished a happy birthday Aug. 13.

South Belt Elementary
The day to light the candles on a birthday cake for **Michelle Whitely** is Aug. 8.

Stuchbery Elementary
Best wishes for a wonderful birthday Aug. 8 are sent to **Jessica Reed**. Blow out the birthday candles Aug. 10 for **Salma Meziou** and **Jessica Garcia-Ramos**, *Meillio Middle School*.
Enjoying a special birthday Aug. 10 is **Kayla Joos**. Aug. 13 is the day for balloons and a double-layer cake for **Patricia Concha** and **Debra Yocum**, *Roberts Middle School*.
Send a birthday greeting Aug. 8 to **Katie Gallardo**, *Beverly Hills Intermediate*.
Sing a happy birthday song Aug. 10 to **Kevin Schulba**. The day for birthday fun for **Melissa Hodgkins** is Aug. 11.

Thompson Intermediate
Give a shoutout for a happy birthday Aug. 10 to **Juana Canales**. On Aug. 11, enjoy a slice of birthday cake with **Travis Teichelman**. On Aug. 13, light the birthday candles for **Cliff Neel**, *Dobie High*.
Aug. 8 is the day for a cake for **La Nguyen** and **Michelle Whitely**. Send a birthday greeting Aug. 9 to **Mirna Santos**. Sing three choruses of a birthday song Aug. 10 to **Yvette Giron**, **Donna Rinehart** and **Charles Thomas**. **Jocelyn Colon Rivera** marks a birthday Aug. 11. Aug. 12 is the day for a cake for **Chantel Dolson**. **Bryan Due** celebrates a birthday Aug. 14.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
The *Leader* sends birthday wishes to friends who have a birthday. For those wanting a birthday mentioned in this section, send an email to mynews@southbeltleader.com with "OTBF: Friends Celebrate Birthdays" in the subject line by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

Thursday, Aug. 8: **Kathy Jones**, **Brad Fuller**, **Jesse Lopez**, **Toshana Kitchen**, **Christopher Herrera**, **James Xavier Garcia**, **Shawn Arguello**, **David Elliot**, **Heather DeRousse**, **Jarod Hunt**, **Rebekah Peterson**, **Jami Cadena** and **Verda Carr**; Friday, Aug. 9: **Sam Farias**, **Dennis Spencer**, **Robert Coy** and **Jill Kasselman**; Saturday, Aug. 10: **Alex Limon**, **Zerick Gunn** and **Keith Black**; Sunday, Aug. 11: **Martin Zuber**, **Felicia Minjares**, **Jill Hansen**, **Shannon Burke** and **Sonja Terry**; Monday, Aug. 12: **Leslie Rojas**, **Maricela Lopez** and **Mike Millikin**; Tuesday, Aug. 13: **Nicole Foster**, **Carlos Gomez**, **Shawna Merchant**, **Lisa Iguess**, **Anthony Dittrich**, **Erica Sadler**, **Dinah Palmer** and **Bill Weatherford**; and Wednesday, Aug. 14: **Roger Woest**, **Connie Alberti**, **Richard Golenko** and **Pete Ortiz**.

LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS
Email birthday, anniversary, vacation, congratulations, etc., to mynews@southbeltleader.com with OTBF in the subject line by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

St. Luke's church sets senior fair Aug. 17

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order to make educated decisions.

The fair includes 30 vendors who will provide information and education to help one now or to prepare for the future. Information will be provided in the following areas:

- Medical resources, hearing, dental, mental challenges.
- Therapist and medical visits in the home.
- Making the house accessible for needs.
- Medications, vitamins in-

formation.

- Programs available through Medicare.
- End-of-life decisions (funeral and cemetery).

Representatives will also be on hand to provide information on fun senior activities, such as vacations, college courses and exercise classes.

Information will also be provided on part-time jobs, free fire alarms and oral cancer screenings.

For more information call the church at 281-481-6816.

Pearland art, crafts call artists for show

The sixth annual Pearland Art and Crafts on the Pavilion will take place Oct. 5-6, at the Pearland Town Center, 11200 Broadway Street.

Artists specializing in handcrafted pieces and artwork are showcased during the annual, juried show. The official call for artists is now open and online applications are being accepted through Aug. 15, 2019.

The free two-day event, produced by the Pearland Convention & Visitors Bureau, provides visitors and residents with great shopping opportunities, live music and a variety of activities centered on art.

Artists who specialize in creating unique, one-of-a-kind pieces are encouraged to apply online by the Aug. 15 deadline at <https://visitpearland.com/2019-artist-application/>.

To learn more about artist opportunities and the juried art show process, contact the Pearland Convention & Visitors Bureau at 281-997-5970. Interested parties may email pearlandcvb@pearlandtx.gov.

Learn more about the Pearland Art & Crafts on the Pavilion at <https://visitpearland.com/artshow2019>.

HCMGA shares August events

The Harris County Master Gardeners Association has set events for the month of August. All events are free and open to the public. For more information, call 713-274-0950 or visit hcmga.tamu.edu.

The Harris County Master Gardeners Association Lecture Series "Fall Vegetables" will be held Thursday, Aug. 15, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Freeman Branch Library, located at 16616 Diana Lane.

The Harris County Master Gardeners Association Open Garden Day will take place Monday, Aug. 19, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at Genoa Friendship Gardens Educational Center Building, located at 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Road.

There will be plants for sale in the greenhouse.

Chamber members connecting for success



Every Tuesday morning South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce members meet and connect for success at Pena's Donuts & Diner from 6:45 to 8 a.m. Shown above enjoying coffee during the meeting are, left to right, Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Sgt. Robert Sanchez; Dr. Thu Nguyen, Almeda Dental; Kay Barbour, South Belt Chamber of Commerce CEO; René Parra, vice president, Frost Bank; Dr. Barry Burrell, Burrell Chiropractic; Denise Burrell, Insurance for All Ages Agency; Kellie Owens, The KO Realty Group; and Alicia Gutierrez, Baywood Crossing.

Harvey fed grants begin disbursement

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The Inwood project, the state is expected to provide 18.75 percent and the City and the Harris County Flood Control will pay for the remainder.

The Inwood project will protect more than 4,400 structures in the White Oak Bayou and Vogel Creek watersheds. The City and county aim to build 12 floodwater detention basins to hold a total of about 1,200 acre-feet of water (roughly 592 Olympic swimming pools, or enough water to fill the Astrodome).

The City and the flood control district acquired the former golf course in 2011 as a potential flood mitigation facility.

The initial Inwood project grant is \$2.8 million for design and opens the door for the city to later receive \$44 million for construction, with a goal of completion by 2022. The project would take seven or eight years without federal funding.

The Lake Houston Dam project will add 10 gates to the dam to allow for larger controlled releases of water in advance of heavy rains, protecting about 35,000 residents and 5,000 structures.

The FEMA grant provides \$4.3 million for the initial phase and positions the city to receive \$42.7 million for construction, with a goal of completion by 2022.

FEMA also is awarding a total of \$11.5 million to the Lone Star College System (Kingwood), the Clear Creek Independent School System and the Texas Department of Transportation for "emergency protective measures" in parts of the city that flooded during Harvey.

Ellington recycling to get new facelift

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There will be a barricade and traffic cones outlining the safe pathway to the containers. Once the first phase is complete, residents will be able to drive on the newly poured concrete to access the recycling containers while crews begin work on the opposite side. Crews will be on site from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., daily.

After the work outside of the fencing has been completed, crews will begin replacing the pavement inside the fence where the containers are located. At that time, it will be determined by the City of Houston Solid Waste Department if the site will need to be closed for the remainder of the project. Once this decision is made, Martin will make sure to communicate this change to residents as he understands the importance of having access to this facility. Martin hopes to limit the number of accessibility issues to the facility during this pavement replacement, but encourages patience from residents as this project is underway. Martin will provide updates on access to the recycling center on his Facebook page and Twitter.

Contact Martin's office calling 832-393-3008 or sending an email to district2@houstontx.gov for additional information.

Beware of new scam

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fraudulent, and you should just hang up."

Residents who have received a call they believe to be such a scam are urged to contact OIG at 1-800-269-0271 or online at oig.ssa.gov/report. For more information, visit oig.ssa.gov/newsroom/scam-awareness.

PISD board named in Texas top five

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The five boards are now finalists for the program's highest honor: 2019 Outstanding School Board. They will be interviewed at the TASA/TASB Convention in Dallas, where one board will be named Outstanding School Board during the convention's first general session at 4 p.m., Sept. 20. The other Honor Boards, as well as the regional winners, will also be recognized at that time. The eight boards to be recognized as Regional Honor Boards are:

- Beeville ISD Board of Trustees, Region 2 (large district), Marc Puig, nominating superintendent.
- Premont ISD Board of Trustees, Region 2 (small district), Steve VanMatre, nominating superintendent.
- Bridge City ISD Board of Trustees, Region 5, Todd Lintzen, nominating superintendent.
- Denton ISD Board of Trustees, Region 11, Jamie Wilson, nominating superintendent.
- Copperas Cove ISD Board of Trustees, Region 12, Joe Burns, nominating superintendent.
- Giddings ISD Board of Trustees, Region 13, Roger Dees, nominating superintendent.
- Canyon ISD Board of Trustees, Region 16, Darryl Flusche, nominating superintendent.
- Boerne ISD Board of Trustees, Region 20, Thomas Price, nominating superintendent.

The five Honor Boards were selected by a committee of Texas school superintendents, chaired by Grapevine-Colleyville ISD Superintendent Robin Ryan, whose school board was named the Outstanding School Board for 2018.

The selection committee's decisions were based on criteria that include: support for educational performance improvement projects, commitment to a code of ethics, and maintenance of harmonious and supportive relationships among board members.

TASA is the professional association for Texas school superintendents and other administrators.

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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Remember When

40 years ago (1979)
As many as 30 fuel trucks, carrying 5,000 gallons of fuel, left Ellington Air Force Base headed for Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene on a regular basis. Residents in Wood Meadow and Sageglen subdivisions were experiencing a decrease in their property taxes.

35 years ago (1984)
Houston Police Department officers made an early morning drug raid at a Sagemont residence.

The Scarsdale Civic Club delivered the *South Belt Leader*, along with the organization's newsletter, door-to-door to 1,050 homes in the subdivision. This marked the first time the *Leader* was home-delivered.

30 years ago (1989)
With a growing reputation for producing high quality youth baseball players, the South Belt Pony Colts sent three teams to regionals and the Colts to play in their second straight World Series.

A Dobie High School Lariaette was injured when she slipped during a routine practice hitting her head on the floor, injuring a neck vertebra.

25 years ago (1994)
Four men were arrested and 2,000 pounds of marijuana was seized in a drug bust in the 12100 block of Pompton.

The enrollment at Beverly Hills Intermediate School was 881 students, 6 percent lower than at the same time the previous year.

20 years ago (1999)
A Dobie High School basketball coach was hospitalized with cerebral bleeding.

An alleged assault involving a Houston policeman and the head lifeguard at the Sagemont pool was being investigated by the Internal Affairs Division of the Houston Police Department.

15 years ago (2004)
Community members were questioning whether a new PISD high school, as well as an addition to Pasadena Memorial, was needed.

With the opening of the new Dobie High School, Beverly Hills Intermediate moved into the newly renovated building on Beamer which was Dobie's former home. A portion of the building also housed the Challenger School, a school that worked with fifth-, sixth- and seventh-graders to help them catch up academically.

Michael Kreis began his first and only year as principal at Clear Brook High School. Although he said he wanted to see his own children at Brook when they entered the ninth grade, he resigned after one year to return to the Dallas area.

Local Realtor Sandra Yandell donated a calf to the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce's Evening of Cuisine - an annual fundraising event.

10 years ago (2009)
Despite opposition from community members and elected officials, the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs board approved \$2 million in tax credits to the developer of the low-income Dixie Gardens apartment complex. Most low-income housing projects receive money from the city in addition to state incentives. At Councilman Mike Sullivan's request, the City of Houston, however, refused to allocate funds to aid in the construction of the complex.

The Texas Legislature passed HB 55, which amended the state's Transportation Code, Section 545.425, prohibiting the use of a wireless communication device while operating a vehicle within an active school zone unless the vehicle is stopped or the device is used with a hands-free mechanism. The new law also prohibits bus operators from using a wireless communication device while operating a passenger bus with a minor passenger unless the bus is stopped. Violators are subject to a fine up to \$200.

5 years ago (2014)
Dobie High School faculty member Joe Horton performed the national anthem before the Houston Astros game on at Minute Maid Park.

Horton was selected after being recommended by former Astros pitcher and manager Larry Dierker after he heard him sing the anthem at the Pasadena Independent School District Athletics Hall of Fame induction banquet, where Dierker had served as master of ceremonies.

1 year ago (2018)
A former deputy from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office, accused of fatally shooting a prominent Houston doctor the previous month, took his own life Friday, Aug. 3, as police were closing in on him. Joseph Pappas, who served with the Precinct 2

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Fortsons celebrate 50 years



James and Virginia Fortson will host a celebration of 50 years of golden bliss in marriage Aug. 10, 2019, at the Gardens Houston on Beamer Road. James first saw Virginia at a high school dance, then spoke to her afterward. He was a teacher's aide at the high school in which she was a student. Fast forward to June 15, 1969, when the two were united in marriage in Louisiana. They moved to Houston in 1970 and have been residents of the Sagement area for 38 years. They have been blessed with five sons, one of whom, Christopher, is deceased. Two of their sons are in the ministry. Their son Dan Fortson is currently an associate pastor at Sagement Church. The couple's son the Rev. Rashad Fortson and his wife are at Inspire Church of Houston. James Jr. and his wife Katina Fortson attend Sagement Church. Their son Robert and wife Rebecca Fortson live in Baton Rouge, La. James and Virginia's grandchildren are Tamika, Cody, Christy, James III, Ryan and Jayvon Fortson. James Sr. retired from Goodyear Chemical plant after 35 years. He loves to spend his time fishing and traveling. Virginia retired from Kroger grocery store and loves cooking and traveling. James and Virginia have attended Sagement Church for more than 30 years and are thankful to have had the courage and faith to love each other and walk together on the path God chose for them the past 50 years.



Health department celebrates National Health Center Week

The Houston health department offered free childhood immunizations to kick off its week-long National Health Center Week observance.

The immunizations were made available to children eligible for the Texas Vaccines for Children program on Aug. 5 at the health department's four health centers.

A four-day health fair began Aug. 6 and will continue through Aug. 9 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., offering attendees information about the many services offered by the health department. Featured services will include dental, WIC, family planning, nurse home visitation, HIV-STD prevention, tuberculosis control, aging, re-entry and the free Diabetes Awareness and Wellness Network (DAWN) center.

Health department staff will also provide referrals to a wide variety of human services and information about preparing for emergencies and preventing mosquito-borne illnesses such as West Nile and Zika viruses.

The health department health centers locations and their addresses are La Nueva Casa de Amigos, 1809 North Main; Northside Health Center, 8504 Schuller; Sharpstown Health Services, 6201 Bonhomme and Sunnyside Health Center, 4605 Wilmington.

Houston Health Department health center services include family planning, immunizations, tuberculosis diagnosis, care for sexually transmitted diseases and dental care. The four centers average 50,000 patient encounters annually, offer a discounted sliding fee schedule and do not deny service due to inability to pay.

This year's National Health Center Week theme is "America's Health Centers: Rooted in Communities."

For more information about the events or to schedule a health center appointment, call 832-393-5427.

Memorial Hermann announces Callender new president, CEO

Following a nationwide search, Memorial Hermann Health System has announced the appointment of David L. Callender, M.D., MBA, FACS, as its next President and CEO, effective Sept. 1, 2019.

Callender, who is an accomplished physician executive with significant experience leading academic health systems, has deep roots in the Houston community. Since 2007, he has served as President of the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB Health).

Callender will succeed Charles "Chuck" D. Stokes, current president and CEO, who has served in these two positions since June 2017, following nearly a decade as the system's chief operating officer.

"Dr. Callender is a natural choice for this role given his exceptional track record in the Greater Houston region expanding access to care and advancing groundbreaking research to help people get healthy and stay healthy," said Memorial Hermann Board Chair Deborah M. Cannon. "It's clear that Dr. Callender cares deeply for this community and, through his leadership at UTMB Health, he has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to foster a healthier environment for all. We are thrilled to welcome a leader who will preserve and strengthen Memorial Hermann's legacy of serving Greater Houston with pride and distinction, making him the ideal successor to Chuck, whose leadership has been instrumental in helping Memorial Hermann thrive and flourish during an era of change in the healthcare industry."

A native of Wichita Falls, Texas, Callender trained in Houston, receiving his medical degree from and completing his residency at Baylor College of Medicine. He completed an oncology fellowship at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center and an MBA at the University of Houston, and is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. Before assuming the presidency of UTMB Health, Callender served as associate vice chancellor and chief executive officer for UCLA Health from 2004 to 2007. He previously served in several leadership roles for more than 20 years with MD Anderson, culminating in his position as executive vice president and chief operating officer.

"Memorial Hermann, together with its physician partners, is doing great work to make health care more affordable and more accessible for the residents of Greater Houston," said Callender. "I have been inspired by Memorial Hermann's efforts to bring value-based, more personalized care to our communities, and I'm excited and honored to now help lead the way as we work to extend those efforts by delivering exceptional patient experiences and improving outcomes for all."

Officially retiring at the end of the year, Stokes will work with Callender over the coming months to effectively transition his role.

During his tenure with Memorial Hermann, Stokes has worked tirelessly to establish a culture of high reliability, innovation, and transformation throughout the organization. Under his visionary leadership, Memorial Hermann has attained unprecedented accolades for operational excellence and its consistent delivery of safe, high-quality care.

Guerras married 50 years



Anna and Pantaleon (Leon) Guerra were married July 12, 1969, in the San Fernando Cathedral in San Antonio. On July 13, the children of Anna and Leon Guerra honored their parents by hosting a 50th wedding anniversary celebration at Mary Queen Catholic Church in Friendswood. The Rev. Douglas Guthrie of St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church officiated the beautiful exchange of Recommittment Vows that Leon and Anna wrote and read to each other. After the chapel ceremony and dinner, sons Daniel and Frank Guerra shared a toast to their parents. Later that evening, Leon and Anna danced to their favorite song, "Can I Have this Dance" (for the rest of my life) by Anne Murray. Leon and Anna have lived in the South Belt area and have been parishioners of St. Luke's for more than 25 years. The couple have been blessed with four sons and one daughter, Nick and wife Andrea Guerra of New Braunfels; Frank and wife Nancy Guerra of Pearland; Michael and wife Brenda Guerra of Richmond, Texas; Daniel and Jennifer Guerra of The Woodlands; and Kristy Ann and husband Zacc Guaragno of San Diego, Calif. Leon and Anna have 11 grandchildren and one great-grandson, in addition to their dog of 8 years, Chuey.

CCISD launches new volunteer application

The Clear Creek Independent School District is committed to providing a safe learning environment for students, staff and visitors.

Accordingly, the district has implemented a new volunteer application, which now requires volunteers to register on an annual basis.

Interested volunteers will need to complete the online application and successfully pass a criminal history check before volunteering at any CCISD campus. Use the following steps to apply or renew a status as a volunteer:

1. Visit [ccisd.net/volunteer](https://apps.ccisd.net/volunteer) or <https://apps.ccisd.net/VolunteerRegistration/VolunteerRegistration.aspx> to access the district's new online volunteer application. The new volunteer application will also be available in the back-to-school forms in Skyward.
2. After submitting an application, allow three to four business days for processing at which time one will receive an email notification of the final application status.
3. When arriving to volunteer at the designated campus, a state-issued photo ID must be presented to the front office staff and identification made as a volunteer.

Volunteers are a vital part of the fabric of the Clear Creek ISD community. CCISD volunteers share their knowledge, skills, time and talents with students and personnel in the schools by providing support in and outside of the classroom.

Volunteers can help in a variety of ways, including reading to students, serving in a booster club or PTA, cafeteria monitoring, participating in the Watch D.O.G.S. program and assisting with field trips.

Workers are welcome to join in this important work by serving as a CCISD volunteer.

The district does not require standard school visitors to complete the above volunteer application process. Examples of a visitor could include any of the following circumstances: eating lunch with your child, parent/teacher meetings or classroom programs and events. All visitors must still check in at the front desk upon entering the school.

For general questions about the volunteer application process, contact the Office of Communications at 281-284-0020.

Bay Area Singles holds dance Aug. 17

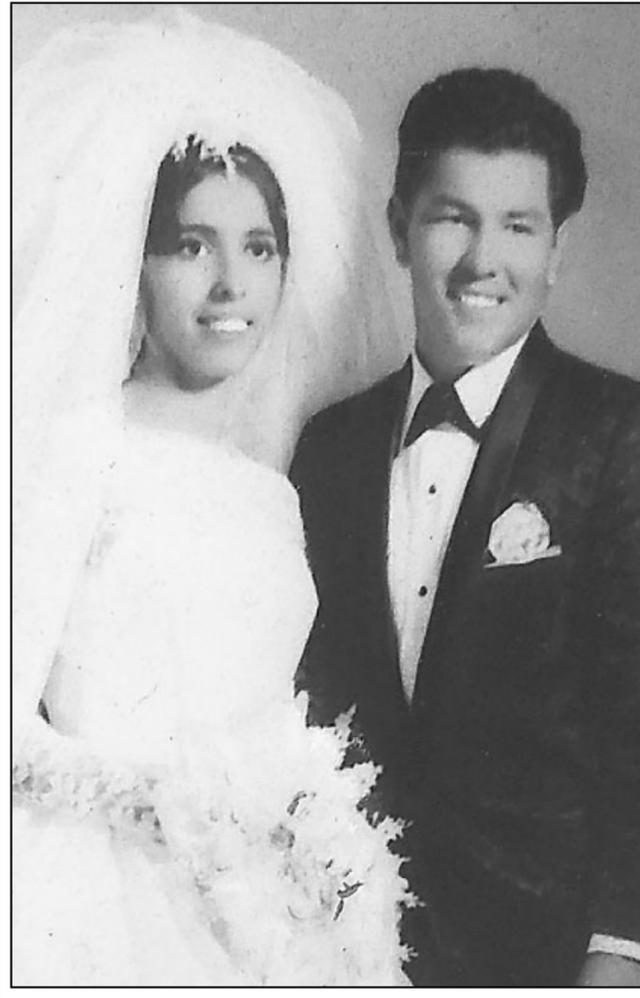
The Bay Area Singles Club monthly dance is scheduled for Aug. 17, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at VFW Lodge, Post 6378, 5204 Highway 3, in Dickinson. Participants are urged to bring party snacks to share.

Cost is \$8 for members and \$10 for nonmembers. For more information, call 832-483-3257 or 832-477-6778.

Bay Area ballroom dance set for Aug. 20

The Bay Area Community Center is hosting its monthly ballroom dance Tuesday, Aug. 20, from 7 to 10 p.m. at 5002 E NASA Parkway in Seabrook.

The theme is "Sock Hop Dance." DJ music will be '50s, '60s, ballroom, Latin and country mix. Cost is \$8 per person and refreshments will be provided. No alcohol no smoking allowed. For more information, call 281-326-2955.



City OKs disaster relief contract

Mayor Sylvester Turner won City Council approval Tuesday, Aug. 6, for experienced disaster relief companies to augment the city's trash pickup operations while the City Solid Waste Management Department continues to receive new vehicles to replace its aged truck fleet.

The contractors' crews will work with city forces to collect junk waste and clear illegal dump sites across the city.

"Solid Waste employees have been working long hours six or seven days, often in the dark, to keep up with service schedules," Turner said.

"With a temporary boost from the contract approved today, and the arrival of new trucks for the city, we are eliminating service delays for residents and reducing unusually high levels of stress on workers as well as on old equipment."

DRC Emergency Services, LLC and Nola Construction and Development Group, LLC will be paid up to \$1.9 million from the city's fund balance to supplement the city services through December 2019.

Removing illegally-dumped material from ditches and roadsides reduces the threats of drainage blockages during hurricane season and disease-carrying pests.

The City has ordered 175 new Solid Waste vehicles, including 90 garbage/recycling trucks, which will replace half of that fleet.

City of Houston residents may already see the new trucks in their neighborhoods as the additional units are delivered through April 2020.

Since early 2019 the City of Houston has leased eight trucks and hired 10 driver/pickup crews from outside companies to supplement curbside pickup service while cities around the country have dealt with a shortage of drivers.

"We have appreciated the public's patience with the arrival of the new fleet, which will improve Solid Waste services," Turner said. "Houstonians will continue to see improvements."

Knights of Columbus to hold community spaghetti dinner

The Knights of Columbus Council 9201 is sponsoring a fund raising spaghetti dinner Friday, Aug. 30, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church social hall, located at 11011 Hall Road.

The menu will feature, all-you-can-eat spaghetti covered with original KC 9201 spaghetti sauce, two made-from-scratch Italian meatballs, a garden salad with Italian dressing, French bread and a choice of ice tea or lemonade.

The cost is \$7 eat-in or take-out, for children under 12, the cost is \$3 (one meatball), eat in only.

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Suhani Shah dances way into history performing classical dance graduation



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at the temple. "This is something that I will never forget and, hopefully, be able to carry on."

The outfits Suhani wore for the graduation performance are traditional in the Indian culture.

They are very colorful, ornate and include the blessed bells she wore on her ankles. She also had her hands and feet colored with red henna to stand out and catch the eyes of the audience during her performance.

With her hand and feet motions being meaningful and precise, the henna added even more attention to her movements. At the commencement of the graduation ceremony, Sarina, Suhani's younger sister, sang the national anthems of the United States and India.

Before each of Suhani's dances, there was an emcee who explained the meaning and story of each dance.

"I definitely felt a rush

of energy and I didn't want to disappoint anyone," said Suhani. "I had a feeling of strength and love for what I did."

In total, Suhani performed 10 dances for her Arangetram. One of these dances, called "Varnam," is a total of 23 minutes long and is the most intense of all the dances.

It shows the dancers endurance and is regarded as the most important and demanding dance. It can be considered a test or a triumph for the dancer since it requires several skills to be able to complete.

"I was never going to do

that dance again in front of that many people again so I was a little sad," expressed Suhani. "But if I did have the opportunity I would do my graduation ceremony all over again."

After completing her Arangetram in Bharatanatyam classical dance, Suhani was awarded with a certificate of completion by her Guru. She also was given a certificate of congressional recognition by her honored guest, Rep. Pete Olson. Not only did Olson attend the graduation ceremony, he came dressed in a traditional Indian outfit. The Shah family was happy to see a prominent elected official

attend and honor their daughter.

Although Suhani has completed her Arangetram, she will continue dancing but in a different style.

In March, she found out that she was selected as a member of the Clear Brook High School Celebrities drill team. She is also a member of other school organizations that include Health Occupations Students of America, National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, student council and Teens Give Back.

"I definitely know this is going to stay with me for the rest of my life," concluded Suhani. "I know that I never want to stop dancing because this is what I was born to do."

"I just hope that I was an inspiration to other girls and boys. I already had confidence in myself, but it gave me better self-confidence and taught me that I shouldn't be afraid to do anything."



Photo by Marie Flickinger



Photo submitted

Pratik and Dipali Shah were proud to showcase the great accomplishment of their daughter Suhani who successfully completed her Bharatanatyam Arangetram. Shown top left is Suhani dancing during her graduation performance. She danced a total of 10 dances while wearing a traditional Indian outfit that included bells blessed at the Meenashki Temple in Pearland, U.S. Congressman Pete Olson was invited to the graduation event as a special guest; he came dressed in a traditional Indian suit. Shown top right are, left to right, Pratik Shah, Suhani's father; Olson; Dipali Shah, Suhani's mother; and Sarina Shah, Suhani's younger sister. Shown above are the Shah family, left to right (front row) Sohumi, Suhani's younger brother; (middle row) Suhani; (back row) Dipali; Pratik; and Sarina.



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Prayer walk set for Aug. 31

School Prayer Walks USA will host a prayer walk Saturday, Aug. 31, from 9 to 10 a.m. at Beverly Hills Intermediate School, located at 11111 Beamer Road.

The community is invited to pray for the protection and peace of students and staff.

A special welcome is extended to those who have students attending school this year.

School Prayer Walks USA is focusing on schools in the Pasadena Independent School District for its prayer gatherings and those interested meet near a different school each month to pray.

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SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

Brook, Dobie football returnees continue journey to success

Both the Clear Brook and Dobie varsity football programs made the post-season at the varsity level as their respective head coaches made their debuts. Now for 2019, more is expected as the journey to the playoff continues. At Clear Brook, the Wolverines had just three wins but advanced to the postseason before a loss to Strake Jesuit in the bidistrict round. Now, Shane Porter, who started at quarterback

quite a bit last season, returns as a senior, and his top target will be one of the most explosive receiver/runners in the area in the form of Loranzo Thompson. The Wolverines also bring back Mehdi Torrance to lead the offensive front after he was an all-district selection in 2018. Defensively, Brandon Casarez is being touted as the early frontrunner for the Defensive Player of the

Year in the District 24-6A ranks, and the defensive side of things will also include the likes of Eddie Delgado at linebacker and Kamrin Devault at end. As

was the case a season ago, Clear Brook will be in a battle with fellow Clear

Creek ISD squads Clear Creek, Clear Falls and Clear Lake for a playoff

berth as the clear leaders of the bunch are Clear Springs and Dickinson.

The Wolverines will scrimmage at Dawson Aug. 23 as the locals go against the Eagles in the final warmup prior to the regular season.

The 2019 regular season for the Wolverines gets started Friday, Aug. 30, as the locals travel to

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JFD car wash is Aug. 10, just ahead of workouts

The Dobie High School football program and booster club will officially mark the start of the preseason by hosting a car wash fundraiser Saturday, Aug. 10, at the Snowie's Shaved Ice spot located within the Food Town parking lot on Scarsdale Boulevard. The car wash will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. as players will wash vehicles for a minimum \$5 donation per vehicle. Returning sophomores, juniors and seniors will then begin preseason workouts Monday, Aug. 12, at Dobie as Dontavion Crosby (28) and his teammates get started. The Longhorns will scrimmage at Beaumont United Aug. 23, then will begin the regular season Thursday, Aug. 29, at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. See more on Page 6B.



Cabreja, exes hit the courts at Dobie H.S.

At right, Dobie High School Class of 2016 graduate Luis Cabreja fires a backhand toward his opponent during the Longhorns' annual Exes Matches Aug. 3, at the school. Cabreja is set to be a senior at Schreiner University in Kerrville, Texas. As a junior at Schreiner, Cabreja was the Mountaineers' No. 1 men's singles player and also played No. 1 men's doubles with playing partner Andrew Albright, a Clear Brook High School graduate. See more about the Exes Matches on Page 6B.



Photo by John Bechtel

Brook VB falls late, heads to Pearland

Clear Brook led two sets to one but couldn't hold on as Bridgeland out of the Cypress Fairbanks school district handed the Lady Wolverines a 25-23, 21-25, 18-25, 25-23, 15-8 loss on the opening night of the high school volleyball season Aug. 6 at Clear

Brook. Avenging a loss a season ago in its varsity debut, Bridgeland, just a second-year program, wound up sweeping each of the four matches in the series with Brook.

The Lady Wolverines now have a quick turnaround as they head to

Pearland ISD for the 58-team Adidas John Turner Classic Aug. 8-10, with the respective teams competing in pool play matches Aug. 8 before moving on to bracket action the final two days.

The prestigious tournament is headed by Class

6A state runner-up Ridge Point, which has drawn Lutheran South as one of its pool play foes.

Co-hosts Dawson and Pearland figure to battle for the league championship in District 23-6A, and the Clear Creek ISD ranks are tough.

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Evans duo, Dickson lead Rising Stars

Izard Evans was once again the top performer for the Rising Stars Track Club as the group wrapped up its summer season at the Amateur Athletic Union's Junior Olympic Games in Greensboro, N.C.

Having set a national record in the turbo javelin in 2018, Evans returned to the finals this season and took third in the 9-year-old javelin event with a throw of 89 feet, 11 inches for a bronze medal.

Evans also competed in the 800 and 1,500 runs, finishing his season strong. In the 800, he was 18th with a time of 2 minutes, 39.47 seconds. His time of 5:36.68 gave him 26th place in the 1,500 run.

Evans' sister, 11-year-old Iryanna Evans, was ninth (62-4) overall in the discus throw to highlight her appearance at nationals. She also threw the javelin 62-7 for 18th place and was 21st in the shot put as her top effort traveled 26-0-1/2.

Camryn Dickson, a 15-16-year-old girls' competitor, logged a 10th-place award in the 200 as her time of 24.45 nearly qualified her for the finals.

She made her way to the 100 at nationals as well, clocking in at 12.51 for 37th place. Dickson also qualified for the triple jump at the JOs but did not compete.

Jason Doswell, 14, threw the javelin 112-1 for 16th place in that event, and his shot throw of 31-8 1/2 gave him the 46th spot overall.

The Stars' Noah Callero, taking part in the 12-year-old javelin throw, was 22nd in the final standings as his top throw went 97-2.

The Rising Stars also had three athletes vying for position in the wom-

en's 17-18 javelin. There, Alena Holt placed 31st at 86-11 to lead the locals, with Faythe Huffman 37th at 79-8 and Janelle Mooney 45th with a toss of 72-6.

Ryan Reed of the Stars, 10, rounded out his sea-

son by placing 27th with a throw of 69-2 in the javelin.

Trevor Doswell, competing in the 11-year-old category, placed 40th in the javelin (78-8) and was 48th in the shot (24-9).

Brianna Haywood, a

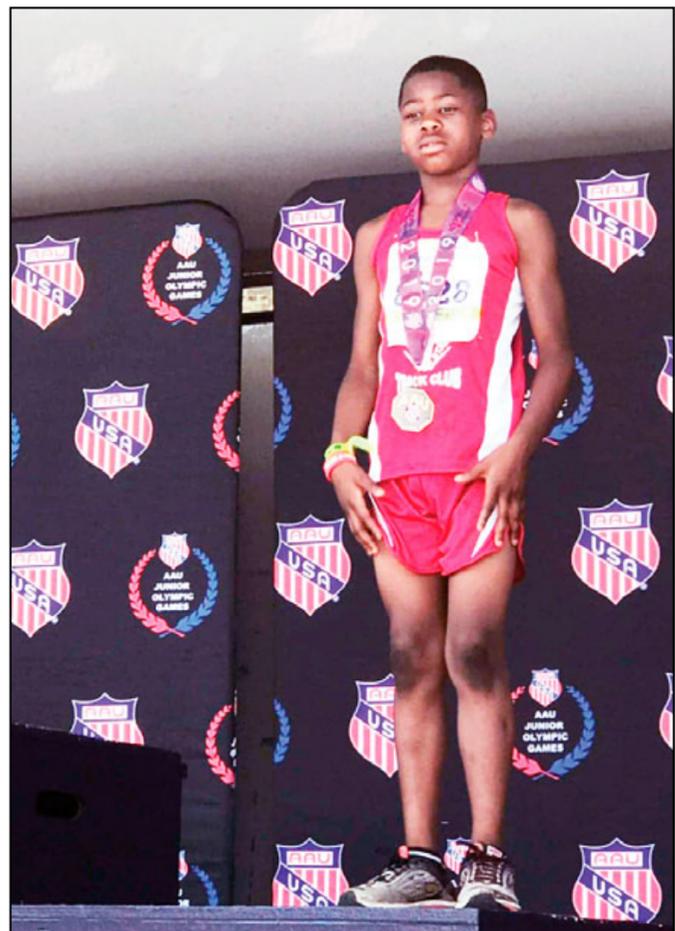
15-16-year-old national qualifier, was 64th in the javelin with a throw of 59-4.

All competitors first had to advance through district and regional meets before reaching the AAU national event.

Stars' Evans nabs AAU bronze medal

At right, Izard Evans of the Rising Stars Track Club earned a bronze medal in the turbo javelin event to lead his team at the Amateur Athletic Union's Junior Olympic Games, which concluded Aug. 3 at North Carolina A&T University in Greensboro, N.C. In 2018, Evans set a national record in the same event as an 8-year-old. This season, his top throw traveled 89 feet, 11 inches for third place overall. He also performed well in the 9-year-old 800 and 1,500 runs to close out his strong summer. His sister, 11-year-old Iryanna Evans, was ninth in the discus, while the Stars' Camryn Dickson took 10th in the girls' 15-16-year-old 200 dash.

Courtesy photo



Dobie graduates reconnect

At right, two Dobie High School graduates, both from the Class of 1995, crossed paths earlier this summer at a national 16-U softball showcase in Montgomery, Ala. Chris Malveaux (left), now the associate head softball coach at the University of Missouri, ran into Jonathan Carter, now a Coast Guard commander living in Stafford, Va. Malveaux was on hand to scout potential recruits for Mizzou. Carter's daughter, Alison, was a participant in the showcase as a member of the Virginia Unity organization. Malveaux and Carter were teammates on the 1995 Dobie baseball squad that reached the Region III finals.



Coach Moreno begins 21st season

Hungry but unseasoned Dobie team tennis squad prepares for tough workload

By John Bechtle Sports Editor

Entering his 38th year in the high school coaching ranks, including 21 at Dobie, head coach Manuel Moreno Jr. knows the road map to success on the team tennis courts is ever-changing.

There's been seasons in which the Longhorns were more experienced and talented than many others, and there have been those when the experience simply wasn't there.

And now there is 2019, a season in which the Longhorns possess solid talent but little seasoning and therefore even less experience at the varsity level.

So what does Moreno expect from the 2019 group? As usual, nothing less than their collective best.

Although the ever-competitive Moreno would rather not, he concedes that Region III power Kingwood is the likely favorite to repeat as the District 22-6A champion. Beyond that, Moreno concedes nothing.

"Obviously, Kingwood is going to be tough to beat, but I really expect

the district race to be tight after that. We beat Summer Creek last season, but now we have to open district play at their place (Sept. 6).

"Atascocita lost some top players, as we did also, so it's tough to tell. It's always a race to be the first to 10 team wins, and that's what we have to focus on."

And in an all-too-familiar move for Moreno, he has again placed one of the area's toughest all-around schedules in front of his team, including 16 duels in August prior to the start of league play.

In addition to Dawson and Pearland, Dobie will go against Clear Creek ISD schools such as Clear Brook, Clear Creek and Clear Springs, as well as nondistrict matches with Katy and George Ranch.

"We are playing some solid programs, and I have already told the kids that we may take our lumps early on, but I've always believed that to get better, you have to play the better competition," Moreno said. "We are going to see that for sure"

Moreno and his players will also head to San Antonio during the first offi-

cial weekend of the regular season, were they will go against Alamo City locals Harlen and Smithson Valley, as well as a Laredo United team that shares both a team mascot and colors with Dobie.

Two of the three duels will take place at the luxurious Northside ISD Tennis Center.

Upon return, the Longhorns will tackle the majority of that challenging nondistrict schedule before the 22-6A stretch run.

Through it all, the formula for success won't change much. "We have to get our doubles combinations set pretty early on, because our ultimate success is to get ahead after the doubles and then tack on as many singles victories as possible while trying to get to 10," Moreno said.

"These kids are hungry to do well, and they really want to be successful. Some of them are going to have to play in singles positions that they aren't used to, but that's the way it is sometimes."

"Overall, they are a fun group to coach, so I'm excited to get started with the season."

Dobie Boys' Singles Ladder*

1. Sebastian Delgado, Sr. (Captain)
2. Quan Dinh, Jr.
3. Tristan Pedraza, Jr.
4. Hayden Lazo, Jr.
5. Kyle Redmon, Jr.
6. Brian Nguyen, Soph.
7. Kiet Nguyen, Jr.
8. Son Truong, Sr.
9. Lael Martinez, Soph.
10. Dylan Ta, Jr.
11. Kenny Duong, Soph.
12. Taylor Ha, Soph.
13. William Ho, Fr.

Dobie Boys' Doubles

1. Sebastian Delgado, Sr./Quan Dinh, Jr.
2. Hayden Lazo, Jr./Tristan Pedraza, Jr.
3. Brian Nguyen, Soph./Lael Martinez, Soph.

Dobie Mixed Doubles

Thailony Kam Trevino, Sr./Kyle Redmon, Jr.

*Singles ladder subject to change



Dobie's top-ranked singles player and a team captain, senior Sebastian Delgado will play a big role this season for the Longhorns both on and off the court as the locals look to peak at the right time and push things in District 22-6A. Regional power

Kingwood is the clear 22-6A title favorite, but the Longhorns hope to be in the mix and eventually give themselves a chance to advance to the Region III tournament in the latter part of October.

Photos by John Bechtle

Regular season Dobie girls' doubles No. 1 squad Julia Bui (left) and Gisell Morales got in some extra work during the school's annual Exes Matches at Dobie Aug. 3. The pair are slated as the No. 1 doubles team, and Bui will also open the season as the No. 1 girls' singles player, with Morales, a co-captain, at No. 3.



Dobie Girls' Singles Ladder*

1. Julia Bui, Jr.
2. Kristy Morales, Sr. (Captain)
3. Gisell Morales, Sr. (Captain)
4. Erica Hay, Jr.
5. Jennifer Ho, Jr.
6. Megan Rodriguez, Soph.
7. Thailony Kam Trevino, Sr.
8. Jocelyn Salazar, Jr.
9. Tracy Tran, Soph.
10. Vanessa Tran, Soph.
11. Violet Tran, Soph.
12. Annette Tran, Soph.

Dobie Girls' Doubles Ladder*

1. Julia Bui, Jr./Gisell Morales, Sr.
2. Kristy Morales, Sr./Erica Hay, Jr.
3. Jennifer Ho, Jr./Megan Rodriguez, Soph.

*Ladders are subject to change as challenge matches are conducted each week.

Sports Calendar

TENNIS

Thursday, Aug. 8

Dobie varsity hosts Dawson, 3 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 9

Dobie varsity vs. Smith. Valley at Spring Branch, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 10

Dobie varsity at Laredo United at Northside T.C., 8:30 a.m.

Dobie varsity at S.A. Harlan, Northside T.C., 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 13

Dobie varsity hosts Katy, 3:00

Wednesday, Aug. 14

Dobie varsity hosts Clear Brook, 3:00

Thursday, Aug. 15

Dobie varsity at George Ranch, 4:00

Friday, Aug. 16

Dobie varsity hosts Katy, 9 a.m.

Dobie varsity hosts Shadow Creek, 3:00

VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Aug. 8

Adidas Pearland Invitational

Brook varsity vs. Elsik, at Dawson, noon

Brook varsity vs. S.A. Christian, at Dawson, 2:00

Brook varsity vs. Kingwood Park, at Dawson, 4:00

Friday, Aug. 9

Dobie varsity hosts La Porte, 6:00

Brook varsity at Adidas Pearland Inv., TBA

Dobie JV hosts La Porte, 5:00

Dobie freshman A hosts La Porte, 4:00

Saturday, Aug. 10

Brook varsity at Adidas Pearland Inv., TBA

Brook freshman B at Dobie tourn., TBA

Tuesday, Aug. 13

Brook varsity at Houston Memorial, 5:30

Dobie varsity hosts Baytown Sterling, 6:00

Dobie JV hosts Baytown Sterling, 5:00

Brook JV at Houston Memorial, 4:30

Dobie freshman A hosts Baytown Sterling, 5:00

Brook freshman A at Houston Memorial, 4:30

Brook freshman B at Houston Memorial, 5:30

Dobie freshman A hosts Baytown Sterling, 4:00

Thursday, Aug. 15

Dobie varsity at Dickinson, tourn., TBA

Friday, Aug. 16

Brook varsity hosts Summer Creek, 5:30

Brook JV hosts Summer Creek, 4:30

Brook freshman A hosts Summer Creek, 4:30

Brook freshman B hosts Brazoswood, 5:30

Saturday, Aug. 17

Dobie varsity at Dickinson, tourn., TBA

Tuesday, Aug. 20

Brook varsity hosts Dulles, 5:30

Dobie varsity hosts Spring, 5:30

Dobie JV hosts Spring, 4:30

Brook JV hosts Dulles, 4:30

Dobie freshman A hosts Spring, 5:30

Brook freshman A hosts Dulles, 4:30

Dobie freshman B hosts Spring, 4:30

Brook freshman B at Clear Falls, 5:30

FOOTBALL

Friday, Aug. 23

Brook all teams at Dawson scrimmage, The Rig, TBA

Dobie all teams at Beaumont United scrimmage, TBA

CROSS-COUNTRY

Friday, Aug. 16

Dobie all teams at Huffman Relays, 8 a.m.

Friday, Aug. 23

Dobie all teams at La Porte Inv., 8 a.m.

Former SJC star gets MLB win

At right, Devin Smeltzer, who helped guide the San Jacinto College baseball team to the JUCO World Series in 2016, earned his first major league win Aug. 4, pitching his Minnesota Twins past the Kansas City Royals 3-0. Smeltzer, originally a fifth-round pick of the Los Angeles Dodgers in 2016, went six shutout frames, allowing two hits and fanning four to get the victory as the Twins maintained their lead in the American League Central Division. Poised with a 2.28 earned run average, Smeltzer has now struck out 21 batters over 27 2/3 innings, encompassing five total appearances (three starts).



MLB photo

Local sports news, notes

PISD has season tix for football

Season tickets for any of the Pasadena ISD high school football programs, including Dobie, are on sale now through Friday, Aug. 23, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., at the Pasadena ISD Athletic Office located at 2906 Dabney within Phillips Gym. Individual tickets only will be available after Aug. 23. The cost for season tickets are \$6 each presale. This is a savings of \$1 per ticket off the \$7 gate price. There are no reserved seats sold. Student tickets are also available for \$3 each and may be used for any varsity regular season game at Veterans Stadium. Varsity home games will be played at 7 p.m. on Friday and 6 p.m. on Thursday and Saturday, with a couple of exceptions. To purchase season tickets for Dobie or any of the other four PISD high school football programs, visit the district website at www.pasadenaisd.org. Once there, go to the Athletics tab and then refer to the ticket information link. The season ticket packages for Dobie are \$42 each, which represents a \$1 discount per game ticket. Stadium parking is free.

Thompson Intermediate to host equipment pickup

The Thompson Lions' first equipment pickup session for the 2019-2020 school year will be Aug. 9 as eighth-grade football and volleyball players will visit from 10 a.m. to noon, with seventh-grade volleyball and football players to follow from 1 to 3 p.m. There will be a second equipment pickup day Aug. 16 from 1 to 3 p.m. for all football players who miss the first date. There will be a \$65 participation fee due at the time of pickup for football players, and the volleyball uniform fee is \$50 per student. For more information, direct email to coach Doug Sawyer (boys) at dsawyer@pasadenaisd.org or coach Tiffany Nelson (girls) at TNelson@pasadenaisd.org.

Harris Memorial Scholarship run planned

Friends and former colleagues of longtime Dobie High School staffer Barry Harris have finalized plans for the first-ever South Belt 5K and Kids 1K Run/Walk, benefiting Harris' scholarship fund. Harris was a longtime Dobie instructor and Pasadena ISD athletics supporter prior to his death in 2018 from the affects of cancer. Proceeds from the South Belt 5K and Kids 1K events will go to aid the Harris scholarship fund in future years. The event, complete with a certified course, is set for Saturday, Nov. 9, beginning and ending at Dobie High School while traveling through El Franco Lee Park. The 5K run will go off at 7 a.m., with the kids event to begin at 8 a.m. The entry fee for the 5K run is \$35 per participant, while the kids 1K is \$25 per participant. To register, visit www.runsignup.com. For additional information, direct email to southbelt5k@yahoo.com. Those who would like to donate to the Barry E Harris Memorial Scholarship Fund year-round may do so by sending checks to Dobie High School, Attn: Barry Harris Scholarship, 10220 Blackhawk, Houston, Texas, 77089. Include Barry Harris Scholarship in memo line. Donations are also accepted online via Pasadenaisd.revtrak.net. Click on high schools, select Dobie High School then click on the Barry Harris Scholarship link.

www.oldcoach.com has North Shore No. 1

Defending Class 6A state football champion North Shore was the no-surprise top-ranked choice in the www.theoldcoach.com preseason state rankings, released Aug. 5. The Mustangs, with nationally-recruited standouts Demetrius Davis at quarterback and Zach Evans at running back, will also feature recent Texas A&M University verbal commit Shadrach Banks at receiver.

North Shore defeated Dobie in the bidistrict playoff round for the sixth time in eight years, then went on to win the 6A Division I state crown following a Hail Mary touchdown pass on the game's final play to stun Duncanville, which sits at No. 2 in the 2019 state poll.

Longtime Houston area power Katy is ranked eighth, with Beaumont West Brook, the 6A Division II state finalist, at No. 10. Atascocita, the defending District 22-6A champion and regional semifinalist, drew four votes but did not crack the top 10 in the state rankings.

Dobie will host Atascocita at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena on Oct. 18. If the Longhorns advance to the postseason, they would almost assuredly face either North Shore or Beaumont West Brook in the first round come November.

Dobie football to take to the field Aug. 12

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La Porte to take on a Bulldogs' program that is under the guidance of first-year head coach Anthony Renfroe.

Aug. 12 is also the first day of preseason workouts for the Dobie Longhorn returnees as the team looks to repeat or better last year's bidistrict playoff run.

JFD second-year head coach Kevin Berneathy, while pointing out that the journey to the 2019 post-season actually began in January, is excited to see how the Longhorns get out the gate.

There was progress shown during spring workouts, there has been plenty of growth in the weight room and attendance at the summer-long strength and conditioning workouts was consistent. Now comes the real fun.

Much will be made of the return of junior running back Darius Hale after he burst on the scene in 2018 with 1,250 yards and 16 touchdowns.

There will be plenty of praise sent toward offensive lineman Jason Brooks after he verbally committed to a major Division I program in Vanderbilt during the offseason.

The defensive secondary also returns all but one starter, but the Longhorns know the next step is being more balanced on offense and to shore up a special teams group that was both tarnished at times yet shiny at others.

Make no mistake, Hale will get plenty of touches, and backfield returnee Dontavion Crosby, a senior, also figures to get more action than in 2019.

The Longhorns will open the preseason with three players vying for the starting spot at quarterback. Obviously, escapability is a plus in the pocket, but the Longhorns are seeking a true passer.

"We know that to truly get to that next level that we want to be at, we have to be able to take our shots in the air and be successful," Berneathy said.

"I'm not saying that we are going to throw it 30 times a game, but we have to be able to take advantage of those opportunities when they are there."

"Obviously, we have Jeremiah Ballard back, but we also have Cameron Guy and others like Braden Gant and Bryce Shea who warrant chances."

Missed assignments and general mistakes on special teams proved costly to the Longhorns in their nondistrict win over Bellaire and again the 22-6A opening loss to Summer Creek.

Things balanced out over time with personnel changes and better execution, but special teams will remain a focus early on in camp.

Defensively, the Longhorns need to fill some voids in the front seven, and players will have the chance to place their names high on the depth

chart. Javen Sanchez is the most heralded returnee in the group, and the Longhorns will be young and inexperienced elsewhere, for the time being.

Overall, Berneathy and his staff are ready to see how much of the attention to detail and hard work in the weight room will pay off on the field.

On Aug. 5, the Longhorn coaching staff welcomed more than 80 freshmen to workouts, compared to around 50 last season at this time. So the journey continues.

"We spent a good amount of time and focused on our intermediates, and I think we are seeing the payoff from that in the increased numbers," Berneathy said.

"Plus, I think continuity in our coaching staff has really helped. Players didn't even know some of their coaches' names at this time last year, and now there is more familiarity there."

"We lost one coach from last year to this, and we were able to replace that role in March, giving that coach from then to now to be with the guys. It's just been great to have that continuity."

If in theory Berneathy has a two or a three-year plan for this program when he arrived in February of 2018, it would appear the overall program is ahead of that curve.

The 2018 varsity team won seven games, on pace to set a school scor-

ing record at one point and made the playoffs for the first time since 2015. Dobie, for the most part, had a great deal of success at the subvarsity levels.

So the plan appears to be working well, but Berneathy wants to wait until Aug. 12 and beyond to make a final determination.

"There are certainly times that I think we are ahead of schedule, but until we get started next week I'll just say we are right where I hoped," he said.

"There's a lot of excitement for this season. We have some legitimate talent and a lot of guys willing to go out there and do what it takes. Effort doesn't always equal execution, but if we keep getting better every day I think we have a great shot to be very successful."

Dobie will make its lone scrimmage appearance in Beaumont Aug. 23 against United. From there, the Longhorns will have a short week before the subvarsity plays Aug. 28 against Santa Fe, with the varsity opener Thursday, Aug. 29, against the Indians at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.

In 2018 as part of Berneathy's debut, senior defensive back Michael Onozie scored on a fumble return and a late touchdown propelled the Longhorns to a 28-21 win.

But this is a new season, and the Longhorns are ready to get started.

Clear Brook Subvarsity Football Slate

Junior Varsity	Freshman Red	Freshman Black
Thurs., Aug. 29, 5 p.m. <i>La Porte Bulldogs</i>	Thurs., Aug. 29, 4:30 p.m. <i>at La Porte Bulldogs</i>	Thurs., Aug. 29, 6 p.m. <i>at La Porte Bulldogs</i>
Thurs., Sept. 5, 4:30 p.m. <i>at Friendswood</i>	Thurs., Sept. 5, 4:30 p.m. <i>Friendswood</i>	Thurs., Sept. 5, 6 p.m. <i>Friendswood</i>
Thurs., Sept. 12, 4:30 p.m. <i>at Angleton</i>	Thurs., Sept. 12, 4:30 p.m. <i>at Angleton</i>	Thurs., Sept. 12, 6 p.m. <i>at Angleton</i>
Thurs., Sept. 19, 4:30 p.m. <i>C.E. King</i>	Thurs., Sept. 19, 4:30 p.m. <i>at C.E. King</i>	Thurs., Sept. 19, 6 p.m. <i>at C.E. King</i>
Thurs., Sept. 26, 4:30 p.m. <i>*at Clear Creek</i>	Thurs., Sept. 26, 4:30 p.m. <i>*Clear Creek</i>	Thurs., Sept. 26, 6 p.m. <i>*Clear Creek</i>
Thurs., Oct. 3, 5 p.m. <i>*Clear Falls</i>	Thurs., Oct. 3, 4:30 p.m. <i>*at Clear Falls</i>	Thurs., Oct. 3, 6 p.m. <i>*at Clear Falls</i>
Thurs., Oct. 10, 4:30 p.m. <i>*at Clear Springs</i>	Thurs., Oct. 10, 4:30 p.m. <i>*Clear Springs</i>	Thurs., Oct. 10, 6 p.m. <i>*Clear Springs</i>
Thurs., Oct. 24, 5 p.m. <i>*Dickinson</i>	Thurs., Oct. 24, 4:30 p.m. <i>*at Dickinson</i>	Thurs., Oct. 24, 6 p.m. <i>*at Dickinson</i>
Thurs., Oct. 31, 4:30 p.m. <i>*at Alvin</i>	Thurs., Oct. 31, 4:30 p.m. <i>*Alvin</i>	Thurs., Oct. 31, 6 p.m. <i>*Alvin</i>
Thurs., Nov. 7, 5 p.m. <i>*Clear Lake</i>	Thurs., Nov. 7, 4:30 p.m. <i>*at Clear Lake</i>	Thurs., Nov. 7, 6 p.m. <i>*at Clear Lake</i>
<i>* District 24-6A games</i>	<i>* District 24-6A games</i>	<i>* District 24-6A games</i>

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

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.

Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. at Allendale's Kitchen & Cocktails, 5010 Broadway St., in Pearland. Variety of speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or email nalix@texascitizensbank.com.

NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse - Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 a.m., Praise Chapel, 18516 Hwy. 3 in Webster. The public is welcome and encouraged to bring others. For details, call 281-910-1971 or visit aglownet.org.

Fun Bunch - for senior citizens, ages 55 and older, meets the second Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, 10500 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call Ronn Canon at 281-610-8999 or the chamber at 281-481-5516.

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

ABWA - Southeast Express Network - American Business Women's Association-South meets the second Thursday, Spring Creek Barbeque, 9005 Broadway (FM-518), Pearland. Lunch is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (\$20). Includes networking with professional business women and guest speaker. Women of all ages/occupations invited. Bring business cards. Reservations appreciated. Visit www.seen-abwa.org.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners

Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300.

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

Congregation Shaar Hashalom's - Rabbi Stuart Federow hosts free discussions on Judaism and religion in general, open to the public, second Thursdays, at Sawa Restaurant and Grill, 16608 El Camino Real. This is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. For details, contact the office at 281-488-5861 or at csh@shaarha-shalom.org.

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 713-661-4200.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for 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 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com.

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 10
7:30 a.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - "Breakfast with Bill," Saturdays, 7:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.

Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English) - For women affected by an addict. Saturdays, 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.

Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11
1 p.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.

Grief Support Group - For adults who have lost a loved one. Meets Sundays, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas, 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.

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 12
10 a.m.
Al-Anon Deer Park - Mondays, 10 to 11 a.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for details.

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CALENDAR

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MONDAY, AUGUST 12

6:30 p.m.
Toastmasters - The Young Professionals Southeast Toastmasters Club #05324194 meets Mondays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., at the South Belt Chamber of Commerce, 10500 Scarsdale Blvd., next to the fire station. For details, call Karen Nunn at 832-722-9061 or Carolyn Carmichael at 832-372-3565 or visit <https://youngprofessionalstoastmasters.com/>.

7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com.

Sagemont Civic Club - Meetings are held the second Monday, Sagemont Park Recreation Center, 11507 Hughes Rd. 7:30 p.m.

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 information, contact 281-488-5861 or csh@shaarhashalom.org.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Saint Luke's 12 Step Recovery open meeting Mondays, 7:30 p.m. in the education bldg., 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For details, call Jesse at 832-725-8479 or Rita at 281-309-2801.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

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

10:30 a.m.
Tri-County Republican Women - General meetings are held the second Tuesday, except June and July, Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch available for \$15. Exact cash or a check requested. For reservations, call Susan Hooper at 832-723-7671.

Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300.

12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Free dance lessons - taught by Lewis and Betty Whistler (35 years of experience) at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E League City Parkway, on Tuesdays. Bringing a partner is not required. There is a different dance focus monthly. For details, call Betty at 832-517-5833. For questions about League City's activity card, call the park office at 281-554-1180.

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 drglanford@sbcglobal.net or call 281-488-6318.

7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

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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.

Young at Heart Senior 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 Jan Okumura at 832-298-9480 for details.

10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games scheduled for Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for additional information.

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1 - 3:30 p.m.
Hometown Heroes Park - has Hump Day Dance to practice ballroom dances (not lessons) in a casual environment. A variety of rhythms are played from entry to advanced dancing levels at 1001 E. League City Pkwy. League City nonresidents must purchase activity card (see Tuesday 12:30 p.m. dance for details). Help is available to assist learning dance moves. For additional information on the activity card, call the city at 281-554-1180.

7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com.

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

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in. 7:30 a.m.

Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. at Allendale's Kitchen & Cocktails, 5010 Broadway St., in Pearland. Variety of speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or email nalix@texascitizensbank.com.

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Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300.

6 p.m.
Texas German Society, South Belt (SE) Chapter - A social group focused on the culture, music, heritage and language of Texas German immigrants. Meets the third Thursday, monthly, 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visitors welcome. Email OpaGivesHugs@gmail.com for details. 7 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Women's Group, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com.

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At right, former Dobie varsity girls' tennis standouts Jessica Escobar (left) and Hongnhung Ho had a little fun at the expense of their opponents at the Longhorns' annual Exes Matches, eventually won by everyone involved. Dobie head tennis coach Manuel Moreno Jr. said the greatest takeaway from the event year after year is the way the former players interact with today's players, often sharing their playing experiences. "To see players like Luis Cabreja and Ruben Vargas, former No. 1 boys' players for us, get a chance to tell stories and share some of their stories and experiences about the past is great," Moreno said. I always appreciate the former players coming out and giving back to the program."



At right, 2015 Dobie graduate and former No. 1 boys' singles player Ruben Vargas sets to return service during the annual Exes Matches at Dobie Aug. 3. A graduate of the University of Texas this summer, Vargas is currently interning with a Houston area engineering firm.



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Above, Dobie graduate, former varsity tennis player and current educator at the school Steven Mullins (left) and his partner Ronald Nguyen await serve during the annual Exes Matches at Dobie. In addition to his duties in the classroom, Mullins is also Dobie's club bowling instructor, having helped the team to the state championships in the past.
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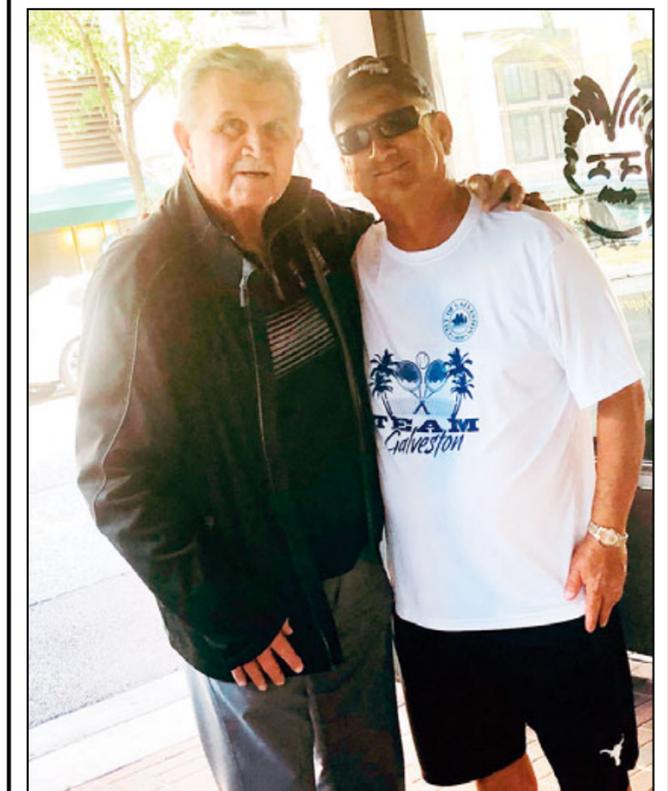
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It was a memorable trip for Dobie tennis coach Manuel Moreno Jr. (right) and his family as they visited Chicago to wrap up the summer break. While there, the Morenos dined at Chicago's Restaurant, where Moreno had the opportunity to meet NFL football legend Mike Ditka in the flesh (left). Moreno, a diehard Dallas Cowboys fan, remembers that Ditka caught a touchdown pass while playing for Dallas in Super Bowl VI as part of the Cowboys' 24-3 win. Ditka, a Pro Football Hall of Fame inductee, starred primarily for the Bears in Chicago, making five Pro Bowls as a tight end during his career. Having also been a head coach in the NFL, Ditka is currently an analyst for the ESPN networks. Moreno was in Chicago with his wife Becky and the couple's two children, Kelsey and Mitchell.

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