

Crooks steal ATM; get no \$

Crooks left empty-handed early Wednesday, Aug. 19, after stealing an ATM from the Texan Bank in the 12900 block of the Gulf Freeway. Police said the suspects yanked the machine out around 3 a.m. using a pickup truck and dragged it the wrong way down the feeder road to the 12600 block of Conklin Street, where they tried unsuccessfully to open it. The crooks then left the ATM there, where it was later recovered by police.

Meet-the-teacher events set

Multiple area schools have scheduled meet-the-teacher events this week.

Burnett

Burnett Elementary will hold Meet the Teacher Friday, Aug. 21, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Parents are urged to meet their child's teacher, visit classroom and drop off school supplies.

Frazier

Frazier Elementary will hold Meet the Teacher on Thursday, Aug. 20, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. and on Monday, Aug. 24, from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Moore

Moore Elementary will hold Meet the Teacher on Thursday, Aug. 20, from 6 to 7 p.m.

Donate school supplies

St. Luke's Church is collecting donations for Operation Back Pack. Bring backpacks and school supplies to the church or church office during August to help local children in grades K-12 begin the school year.

Leader ad correction

The Sagemont Civic Club's ad regarding yard parking that ran on Page 2A of the Aug. 13 edition of the *Leader* had been given the incorrect phone number for the Houston Planning and Development. The correct number is 832-393-6600. See ad on Page 2A.

Knights host barbecue

The Knights of Columbus of St. Luke's Church will host a chopped barbecue brisket sandwich weekend on Saturday, Aug. 22, and Sunday, Aug. 23, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the church parking lot. Each meal includes a sandwich, chips and a drink for \$7. Proceeds benefit the Knights Charities.

Mix & Mingle with CDA

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Mother of Unity invites area women to an Mix & Mingle social Sunday, Aug. 23, from 5 to 7 p.m. in St. Luke's Church's social hall, 11011 Hall Road. Bring sandwiches, finger foods, chips, dips, veggies, and/or desserts to share. Soft drinks will be provided.

To find out what the Catholic Daughters is all about, come and socialize, play a few games, win prizes, and peruse the court scrapbooks and other memorabilia. For more information, call 281-484-4170.

Library seeks ESL tutors

Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale, will host a training session for volunteer English as a second language tutors Thursday, Aug. 20, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tutors will lead a group of adults on a schedule convenient for the tutor and the group. Second language ability is not required for tutors. Materials including lessons are provided. For information or to register for the training workshop, call 281-484-2036.

Crohn's, Colitis group meets

The free Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America Bay Area Support Group meets Tuesday, Aug. 25, at 7:30 p.m. at State Farm Insurance, 12941 Gulf Freeway, Suite 101. Patients and caregivers are invited to attend.

Tax-Aide volunteers sought

Each year from Feb. 1 through April 15, Houston-area AARP Tax-Aide volunteers help about 50,000 low-income and over-60 taxpayers. For the 2016 tax season, volunteers are needed now for two weekly four-hour shifts as a Tax-Aide tax counselor, greeter, technology coordinator or administrator.

Training will be provided in January at local Clear Lake-area churches. Speakers of Spanish and English are especially needed. Learn more and sign up at www.aarp.org/tavolunteer8 (English only).

Man of La Mancha at PLT

Pasadena Little Theatre presents *Man of La Mancha*, a play written by Dale Wasserman based on the character of Don Quixote, created by Miguel de Cervantes. It tells the story of Quixote, as a play within a play, performed by Cervantes and his fellow prisoners as he awaits a hearing with the Spanish Inquisition. Songs include *The Impossible Dream*, *Little Bird*, *Dulcinea*, and *Man of La Mancha (I, Don Quixote)*. It opens Aug. 28 and through Sept. 13. Friday and Saturday times are 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 3 p.m. There is a Thursday show Sept. 10 at 8 p.m. This is PLT's special Two Can Attend for \$15 night. Regular prices are \$15 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors. For reservations call 713-941-1758 or visit www.pasadenalittletheatre.org. Flex passes will be sold during the run of the show.

PISD releases state accountability scores

Several South Belt campuses earn distinction designations

The Pasadena Independent School District has met state standards, according to accountability reports recently released by the Texas Education Agency. A total of 36 of the 61 PISD rated campuses earned at least one distinction designation in various categories.

Distinction designations are awarded in recognition of outstanding achievement in academic areas in addition to those evaluated under state accountability. Campus distinctions are based on indicators of student performance in comparison to 40 similar campuses.

High school and intermediate campuses are eligible for up to seven distinction designations.

Four of PISD's comprehensive high schools were recognized with distinction designations.

Pasadena Memorial High School won six of seven eligible distinction designations in reading/ELA, math, social studies, student progress, closing performance gaps and post-secondary readiness.

South Houston High School earned distinction for science and closing performance gaps. Dobie

also won two distinctions, in science and student progress. Pasadena High School earned one distinction star for math.

Thompson, Miller and Southmore intermediate schools each earned six of seven possible distinction designations.

Not far behind were Park View Intermediate with five distinctions and Jackson and South Houston intermediate schools with four distinctions each.

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Alicia remembered 32 years later



Aug. 18 marked the 32nd anniversary of Hurricane Alicia. With 125-mph gusts of wind (115 mph sustained) and more than 10 inches of rain, the storm caused extensive damage in the South Belt community. Overall, Alicia caused \$2.6 billion (1983 USD; \$6.16 billion 2015) in damages and killed 21 people. The above house in the Sageglenn subdivision was one of many that was nearly destroyed. See additional photos in [Tori Mask's blog at www.southbelthouston.blogspot.com](http://ToriMask's blog at www.southbelthouston.blogspot.com). Photo from Leader archives

Gulf Freeway closures scheduled

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road on the Gulf Freeway from FM-1959/Dixie Farm Road to FM-528/NASA Road 1 will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Friday, Sept. 4. Alternate entrance and exit ramps will be closed.

At least two northbound and two southbound main lanes and frontage roads on the Gulf Freeway from FM-1959/Dixie Farm Road to FM-528/NASA Road 1 will be closed overnight from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Friday, Sept. 4. Alternate entrance and exit ramps will be closed.

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Frazier plans for traffic delays

While City of Houston officials are hopeful to have the stretch of Hughes Road in front of Frazier Elementary replaced by the time school starts Aug. 25, contingency plans are in place to minimize traffic congestion, should the work not be complete.

All day-care riders and pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students, along with their siblings, will be dropped off and picked up at the school's side entrance on Sagemeadow. The only exception to this is the morning pre-k classes that dismiss at 10:45 a.m. These students will be picked up at the school's main entrance on Hughes.

All vehicles will be required to exit via Sagemeadow, as the intersection at Hughes will be closed.

All first- through fourth-grade students, without siblings in pre-kindergarten or kindergarten, will be dropped off and picked up at the school's main entrance on Hughes. Vehicles that normally wait in line along Hughes will be redirected to Sagemeadow and Sagemeadow to avoid extra congestion in the construction zone. Parents are encouraged to arrive early to avoid long lines.

The City of Houston Public Works and Engineering Department will host a public meeting to inform the community of the ongoing project's progress Thursday, Aug. 20, at Sagemont Church from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

See related letter on Page 2A.

Martin hosts S. Shaver ribbon cutting

On Tuesday, Sept. 22, Houston District E City Council Member Dave Martin will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the completion of the \$13.5 million South Shaver Street reconstruction project, which was initiated by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in the summer of 2013.

The event will take place at Iglesia Cristo de Poder, located at 5300 S. Shaver St., beginning at 10 a.m.

Representatives from the City of Houston's

Public Works and Engineering Department as well as TxDOT have been invited to give remarks.

The District E office will provide additional information closer to the scheduled date, and Martin invites all interested residents to attend.

Work on the South Shaver Street reconstruction project, which will provide much-needed improvements to the area street, is currently scheduled to be substantially complete this month.

Schools set free, reduced lunch policy

The Pasadena Independent School District recently announced its policy for providing free and reduced-price meals for students served under the income eligibility guidelines.

Each school and Child Nutrition Services De-

partment has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by anyone on request. Households may apply for free and reduced-price meals online or through a paper application.

To apply online, visit www.schoolsnlunchapp.com. Instructions will be available in English and Spanish. The Spanish option will be located in the upper right-hand corner of the first screen. Once the online application is complete, Child Nutrition Services receives the information the same day.

Paper applications will also be available at the Child Nutrition Services office, located at 1515 Cherrybrook, Pasadena, TX 77502.

Criteria

The following criteria will be used to determine a child's eligibility for free or reduced-price meal benefits:

Income

• Household income that is at or below the income eligibility levels

Categorical or automatic eligibility

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

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San Jac approves bond election

In an effort to continue to meet the demand of the region's workforce, and to support students as they transition to four-year colleges and universities or directly enter the workforce, the San Jacinto College Board of Trustees unanimously voted to call for a bond referendum for the Nov. 2015 election.

Voters within the San Jacinto College District will vote on the issuance of \$425 million in general obligation bonds needed to prepare students to live and work in the community. Pro-

posed projects include state-of-the-art facilities to train students and workers in the petrochemical, energy, engineering, computers, and technology sectors; a new welcome / student success center providing a "one-stop shop" for student support services such as admission, financial aid, and counseling; new culinary and cosmetology facilities; and additional classroom facilities across the district. Nine buildings will be renovated - most of which are more than 30 years

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Deputies respond to armed robberies

Deputies from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office responded to two separate armed robberies within minutes of each other the night of Friday, Aug. 14.

The first incident, a home invasion in the 10700 block of Sagevale near Hall Road, took place around 10:30 p.m. According to deputies, a couple was sitting in the backyard of their home when they were approached by three slender

black males, at least one of whom had a gun.

The male homeowner reportedly tried to wrestle the gun away from the suspect, at which time he was pistol whipped, causing the weapon to fall apart.

Deputies said the suspects then ransacked the residence, taking a purse, keys and a phone. The suspects fled the scene on foot.

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9/11 run to honor fallen heroes

The fifth annual Houston 9/11 Heroes Run - a 5K to honor fallen American heroes - will take place at Ellington Airport, 11602 Aerospace Drive, on Saturday, Sept. 12, beginning at 8 a.m. Opening ceremonies will begin at 7:30 a.m.

In addition to the 5K run, the 9/11 Heroes Run will feature a variety of displays from national military branches, state and local law enforcement and emergency response agencies, as well as community organizations from the Greater Houston region.

The 9/11 Heroes Run welcomes runners and walkers of all levels and of all ages. Events take place all over the world, on or near Sept. 11, and are organized 100 percent by local community volunteers.

Online registration costs are \$37 for individuals and \$105 for a family of four through Aug. 31. Registration costs are \$40 for individuals and \$110 for a family of four from Sept. 1 through race day. Online registration closes Wednesday,

Sept. 9 at 11:59 p.m.

Packet pickup and registration will take place at Luke's Locker, 1953 W. Gray, Sept. 9 and Sept. 10 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Packet pickup and registration will take place at the airport Friday, Sept. 11, from 2 to 7 p.m.

Large portions of the proceeds raised stay in the host community to support local veterans, their families and first responders. The 2014 Houston race donated locally to Assist the Officer and the Houston Fire Fighters Burned and Crippled Children's Fund. Remaining proceeds will support Travis Manion Foundation Challenge Grants, which benefit veterans and families of fallen service members.

For additional information, visit 911HeroesRun.com.

Organizers are currently looking for volunteers to help with the event. Those interested should email Kelly Huff at kmbenjamin@gmail.com.

Visible trash cans cause concern

By Jay Do

An increasing number of trash cans left on private property within plain view from public streets has become a major concern for many South Belt residents.

While leaving a city-issued solid waste container in a manner and position so that it is visible from a public street adjacent to the private property is a violation of the City of Houston's solid waste code of ordinances, early summer storms and floods have forced city officials to direct the city's limited resources toward more pressing issues and postpone the enforcement of

the ordinance until Sept. 1.

After multiple attempts to contact the city regarding what appears to be a growing issue and a violation of city code of ordinances, community activists and Sagemont Civic Club members Kay Barbour and Sandra Robb decided that the time had come to take matters into their own hands.

"We were told that after the storms in June that the city would postpone the enforcement of the ordinance for a few weeks and they would let us know if they postponed it further," said Barbour. "On June 22, there were some viola-

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Crew litters, then cleans ditch



Following last week's heavy rains and strong winds, several residents were left without power due to broken limbs and fallen trees. The CenterPoint crew shown above restoring power were witnessed by residents tossing debris into the equalizer ditch near Sagecreek, hindering drainage. Once contacted by the *Leader*, CenterPoint immediately had the debris removed. Photo by Mike Work

In My Opinion

Wiseburn explains Frazier traffic detour

Dear Frazier Elementary Parents and South Belt Community,

As we prepare to start the 2015-2016 school year, I wanted to inform you of our plan for dealing with the construction on Hughes Road. I have been meeting with the construction managers throughout the summer, and the crews are working hard to complete the area of Hughes in front of Frazier Elementary. Until the project is complete, we have come up with a plan for arrival and dismissal that we believe is the safest alternative for our students.

All daycare riders and all students in PreK, Kinder, PPCD, PABLE, and ABLE, along with their siblings, will be dropped off and picked up in the turnaround located on Sagemeadow. (The only exception to this is that our morning PK classes will dismiss at 10:45 in the front of the school nearest the office.) As vehicles exit the Sagemeadow turnaround, they must turn left back onto Sagemeadow. Vehicles may not turn right toward Hughes. We will not be able to allow daycare vehicles in the turnaround ahead of other traffic until the Hughes intersection opens up.

All students in grades 1-4 (without siblings in PK, K, ABLE, PABLE, or PPCD) will be dropped off and picked up in the main parking area on Hughes Road, in the front of the school. Vehicles will drive along the curb in our parking lot to the front of the school where we will have staff ready to assist children in and out of cars. Normally, the line of waiting cars lines up on Hughes Road until they are able to pull into our lot. With the construction, however, this is not possible. We cannot block traffic on Hughes. Instead, we will be DETOURING all Hughes traffic onto Sagemeadow and then onto Sagewillow to wait in line. A uniformed police officer and

Frazier staff member will be at the corner at Sagewillow and Hughes to direct a group of Frazier cars onto Hughes and into our parking lot waiting area. As we are able to load and clear out a line of cars, the next line of cars will be directed from Sagewillow toward the school.

Currently, we are only able to enter and exit the main parking lot through the exit. If this is still the case on August 25, we will have an officer there to help direct the flow of traffic and keep our families safe. Arrival time is from 7:10-7:45. Come early to avoid long lines. Morning PK/PABLE/PPCD dismissal is at 10:45, and afternoon classes arrive at 11:45. School wide dismissal is at 3:05. By the second week of school, lines typically start clearing by 3:25.

In order to keep this process as smooth as possible, we ask Frazier families to adhere to these guidelines: bring a school-issued hanging car tag everyday (you can get these at Meet the Teacher night or in our front office before school starts), do not use cell phones in the school zone, drive slowly, and do not block driveways as you wait along any of our side streets. We greatly appreciate the patience of our Frazier families and the community during the construction period. Please call or email me if you have any questions.

Wendy Wiseburn
Frazier Elementsary Principal

Watson on Postal Service (lack of)

Great article in this issue on the lack of good postal service. I filed a complaint about two weeks ago about late or no mail delivery. I requested a call back and received a call a few days ago and was told that they had no control over their delivery personnel. Thanks for a great job of keeping us informed. Thanks,
Don Watson

AARP 199 meets Aug. 21

AARP Webster Area Chapter 199 will meet Friday, Aug. 21, at 10 a.m. at Bay Area Community Center, 5002 E. NASA Parkway in Seabrook.

Everyone is invited to come to the meeting, and to enjoy coffee, cookies and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before the meeting starts at 10 a.m.

Every month, the group has different speakers to discuss various topics of interest to seniors.

Every two months the group has a potluck lunch. This month's speaker, Sharon Bayus, CEO and founder of Innovative Solutions, Inc., will speak on elder care mediation.

The group also organizes day trips by bus to local area points of interest at minimal cost.

For those who are interested in joining the group, annual dues are \$6 per year/per person. However, one must be a member of national AARP to join any local chapter.

For more information, contact Carol Ledergerber at 281-461-7110 or cleder@hot mail.com.

Dobie sets 40-year reunion

The J. Frank Dobie Class of 1975 will hold its 40-year reunion Sept. 25-26 at South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center, 2500 S. Shore Blvd. in League City.

Tickets are \$100 per person. This includes dinner and entertainment for Saturday night. A block of rooms at a special rate will be available.

For more information about the reunion, call Susie Holmes Holt at 281-222-4140, Pam West Saxton at 832-330-8368, or Debbie Green Harrell at 832-818-5028.

Local library events set

Parker Williams Branch

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

On Friday, Aug. 21, Movie Time will present another movie from the '40s, *Heaven Can Wait*, starring Don Ameche, at 2 p.m.

Wednesdays - Preschool storytime is at 10:30 a.m.

Thursdays - Toddler storytime is at 10:30 a.m.

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

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

Bracewell Branch Library

The following events are scheduled for August at the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint Road.

Every Wednesday: 10:30 a.m. - Toddler storytime, followed by Toddler Playtime at 11 a.m.; 2 p.m. - Computer Basics; 3:15 p.m. - Internet Basics; 4:30 p.m. - Intro to MS PowerPoint.

Bracewell hours are Sunday and Monday - Closed; Tuesday and Wednesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday noon to 8 p.m., Friday 1 to 5 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call the Bracewell Branch at 832-393-2580.

Care Partners meet Aug. 21

Interfaith Care Partners Ministry group at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, 10727 Hartsook St. (near Alameda Mall), a gathering for persons with Alzheimer's, dementia or memory loss, meets the third Friday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Gatherings consist of a continental breakfast, arts and crafts, exercises, entertainment, a singalong, a devotional break, lunch, and ends with a game. Those who have a family member or know of someone with these challenges, are welcome to attend.

All services are provided free of charge. An initial interview must be conducted by Interfaith Care Partners staff to welcome new participants into this program.

The next gathering will be held in the Mother Cabrini Center at the church on Friday, Aug. 21.

For more information or to register a loved one, call Interfaith Care Partners at 713-682-5995 or visit the website at www.interfaithcarepartners.org.

Maricles visit New York City, enjoy cruise to Bermuda

This summer, Chuck Maricle and his family visited family in New York City.

At right: At the Statue of Liberty are, left to right, Sherrie Maricle, Xia Yang, Charles Maricle and Chuck Maricle.



Xia Yang, Chuck, Charles and Sherrie Maricle and Susan Campbell pose for a photo with the Empire State Building in the background.



Charles, Xia and Chuck stop to rest in front of a bayon tree while enjoying a mountain bike ride on the Bermuda Railroad Bike Trail.

Barrientos family travels to Tokyo

Denise and Pete Barrientos recently vacationed in Tokyo, Japan, with their children. Daughter Valencia and son Pete attend Dobie High School, and son Andre attends Melillo Middle School.

At right, Valencia, Andre (front), Pete and Pete (dad) are in front of the Kanda Myojin Shrine which is located in Chiyoda, Tokyo. It is very quiet and serene, unlike the electric town of Akihabara which is just a short walk away.



Andre, Pete and Valencia stand in front of the Meiji Jingu Shrine, located near the Harajuku area, a site located within a 200 acre forest. The massive torii gates are 40 feet tall.



Andre, Pete and Valencia spend time at the Tanabata Festival. The shopping district of Shibuya features decorations of the Tanabata Festival, also known as the Star Festival.



The family in front of Tokyo Tower, located in the Shiba-koen district. The total height is 333 meters and the Eiffel Tower, with two observation areas.

Deaths

Eloisa Quiceno



Eloisa Quiceno, 81, died Saturday, Aug. 15, 2015. She was born in Cali, Colombia, on Sept. 13, 1933, one of seven children. Quiceno was a housekeeper and nanny to many missionaries in Columbia. In 1952, she dedicated her life in service to her adopted family, the Thompsons. In 1980, she moved to Houston with the Thompson family where she continued her dedication to serving her church family, Life Tabernacle, and the Kilgore family.

Quiceno is survived by her daughter, Melanie Hightower, and husband Devin; three granddaughters: Kaylie, Kendra and Kara Fogleman; a host of other relatives, adopted family and friends; and her teacup Chihuahua, Buttercup.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2015, at 10 a.m., at Life Church in Houston. Interment was at Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery.

Daniel Joseph Kinney



Daniel Joseph "Danny" Kinney, 31, drowned in Dickinson Bay while fishing with his father on Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2015. He was born on Nov. 18, 1983, in Webster, Texas, to Patricia Ann Dozler and Robert Kinney.

Kinney had a keen sense of humor, a love for reading, and a passion for eating. He could talk with anyone about many topics. He enjoyed going to the museums in Houston and eating in restaurants with his family.

He attended elementary schools in San Antonio and Dickinson. He went to Thompson Intermediate, Dobie High School, and San Jacinto College in Houston. He was a member of the Friends of the Parker Williams Library helping with their monthly book sales.

Kinney was preceded in death by his grandfather, John Dozler; great-aunt Elsa Becker; and uncle Patrick Kinney.

He is survived by his parents; grandparents Harold Kinney, Wilda Flannagan and Lydia Dozler; siblings Christopher and Melissa Kinney, Delia Dozler, Alana Dozler Ali; brother-in-law Muhammad Ali; nephews Waleed and Aaryan Ali; niece, Liyana Ali; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and friends.

The funeral service took place on Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2015, at the Abubakr Islamic Center on Old Galveston Road, with burial at Forest Lawn Cemetery on Alameda Genoa Road.

Gail Ellen Jamison



Gail Ellen Jamison, 70, died on Thursday, Aug. 13, 2015.

She was born on April 15, 1945, in New Jersey. Later, her family moved to Corpus Christi where she was raised. After high school and college, she moved to Houston.

Survivors include Jamison's husband of 32 years, Louis "Jamie" Jamison; daughter Toni (Rick); sons Todd (Lori), Brett (Elly) and Clay (Heather); 10 grandchildren; brother Don Kindler; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Jamison and her husband loved to travel and made six trips to Hawaii where they honeymooned. They enjoyed 24 cruises, with two more cruises scheduled. The couple recently spent their anniversary at a bed and breakfast in Palacios, Texas.

Jamison loved crafting and sewing. She achieved numerous award ribbons at the Harris County Fair. She loved to sing and was in her church choir. She has sung in choirs for more than 50 years.

A graveside service was held on Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2015. A memorial service followed at First Presbyterian Church - Pasadena. A reception followed.

Carla Denise Brown



Carla Denise Brown, 53, died peacefully on Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2015, with Ray Soto at her side. Brown was a former South Belt area resident.

Brown is survived by daughter Brooke Sample; son-in-law David Sample; granddaughters Maranda and April Sample; step-grandchildren Katie and Tommy Sample; brothers Charlie and Tommy Brown; sister-in-law Jackie Brown; nieces Katrina, Marissa and Kylee; and nephew Tyler.

She is preceded in death by her father, Tom Brown; mother Glenda Brown; and brother Jerry Brown.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, 2015, at Niday Funeral Home on Beamer.

Closures set for I-45

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entrance and exit ramps will be closed.

Northbound and southbound frontage road lanes on the Gulf Freeway at FM-2351/Clear Lake City Boulevard will be totally closed nightly from 7:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. This will be an intersection closure only.

To detour, motorists will need to take FM 1959/Dixie Farm Road or FM 528/NASA Road 1 and U-turn.

Free, reduced lunch policies announced by districts

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- Child's status as a foster child, homeless, runaway, migrant or displaced by a declared disaster
- Child's enrollment in Head Start or Even Start
- Categorical or program eligibility

Child Nutrition Services works with state and local agencies to identify all children who are directly certified or categorically or program el-

igible to receive free meals.

The household will be notified of these children and does not need to complete an application. If a child from the household is not listed on the notice the Child Nutrition Services office should be contacted at 713-740-0146.

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

Determining eligibility

Applications are reviewed to determine the eligibility using federal guidelines. If dissatisfied with a decision, households or guardians may discuss it on an informal basis by calling the reviewing official, Mary Harryman, director of Child Nutrition Services, at 713-740-0146.

A formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may be requested by calling or writing John Piscacek, associate superintendent for finance at 713-740-0146.

Unexpected circumstances

If a household member be-

comes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school.

Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below the current income eligibility guidelines.

CCISD

Clear Creek Independent School District students who are unable to afford the full price of school meals will also be able to participate in a free and reduced price meal program.

According to Fred Walker, director of Child Nutrition Services, the district will use guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to determine eligibility for participation in the National School Lunch/Breakfast Program. Reduced price meals will cost \$0.30 for breakfast and \$0.40 for lunch.

Qualification standards are based on the number of family members and income. Applicants must turn in the following information in order to be considered for the program:

- Eligibility group number for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)

Families who do not have the above information must list the following:

- Names of all household members
- The last four digits of the Social Security number of primary wage earner or household member who signs the form

• Last month's income and how often it was received for each household member that receives an income

• Signature of an adult household member

Information submitted on the application may be verified as required by law.

For more information about the program, call 281-284-0712.

Boykins hosts press conference addressing crime, illegal dumping

Council Member Dwight Boykins recently hosted a press conference to announce two critical initiatives that the District D office is undertaking in order to improve the quality of life for residents within District D, and specifically the Sunnyside and South Park communities.

The first initiative is a partnership with the Southeast Command of the Houston Police Department to hit high target areas that are experiencing increased levels of criminal activity.

Through Strategic Hard Targeting Enforcement, Boykins will allocate funds

from his Council District Service Budget to create an overtime program and place additional officers in the community and on the streets during critical hours.

These funds will be used to create a long-term solution to improve public safety in the Sunnyside/South Park neighborhoods.

The second initiative is the campaign to tackle illegal dumping, and Boykins revealed the new "No Illegal Dumping" signs that will be placed throughout District D. During the legislative session, Boykins asked state Rep. Borris Miles to file a bill that

would increase the penalty and fines associated with illegal dumping to up to \$4,000 for certain dumping offenses.

Miles and Sen. Eddie Lucio worked to get this bill passed.

"We are letting criminals know, if we catch you dumping, we will call HPD, and you're going to jail and will face a stiff penalty," said Boykins.

"I am committed to working with HPD and our city departments to get down to business and get tough on crime and illegal dumping."

To report illegal dumping locations in this community, contact 832-393-3001.

Vargas credits Capell with expertise in math

Ruben Vargas, one of J. Frank Dobie High School's Shining Stars, is shown with distinguished educator and math instructor Lynn Capell.

Vargas and Capell were honored at the annual Pasadena Independent School District Shining Stars Gala, which recognizes the top students from each high school and their favorite teachers. He was a member of the National Honors Society's volunteer group, tournament volunteer for the USTA (United States Tournament Association) and Quickstart tennis program instructor.

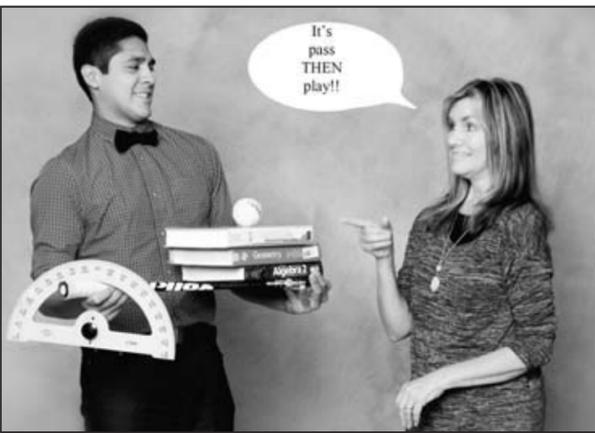
Vargas' extracurricular activities included varsity tennis team, Chamber I Orchestra and National Honor Society. Vargas served in a leadership capacity as varsity

tennis team captain. He plans to pursue a petroleum engineering major and make an impact in the oil industry.

Regarding his teacher, said, "Mrs. Capell is the definition of versatility. Having had her as a math teacher from my freshman all the way through my junior year of high school, one might think that someone who is teaching a different subject each year would lack the efficiency and skills of a more subject-experienced professor. However, that is not the case for Mrs. Capell, as she proved to handle each new subject well; from geometry, to Algebra II, and finally pre-calculus, she made some of the most dreaded subjects turn into the easiest to understand. Though I wish I could single out all my teachers, I especially cannot thank Ms. Capell enough for having spurred my greater love of math, and it is through her hard work that in part has helped me reach this far."

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Armed robberies . . .

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Roughly 30 minutes later, another robbery took place at the Sonic at 11110 Scarsdale. According to deputies, a black male allegedly approached the drive-through window around 11 p.m., and pulled a gun on the female clerk and demanded money from the register.

He fled the scene in a dark-colored Honda. The clerk said she was unsure if others were in the vehicle. Deputies do not believe the two incidents are connected.

Anyone with any information on these cases is urged to contact the constable's office at 281-481-9189.

Pet. 2 Sgt. Robert Sanchez is once again warning residents who have concealed handguns to always take them inside rather than leave them in their vehicles, as many have been stolen in recent weeks.

Sanchez said one of the stolen guns was recently used in a robbery in the Houston Police Department's jurisdiction. The suspects were arrested early Tuesday, Aug. 18, in a stolen car on Astoria Boulevard.

PROHIBITED YARD PARKING ORDINANCE NOTICE OF PROHIBITED PARKING REQUIREMENT AREA APPLICATION:

Sagemont Civic Club, Inc has submitted an application for the establishment of a Prohibited Yard Parking Requirement Area (Section 28-303 of the Code or Ordinances) for Sections 1 - 10 of the Sagemont Subdivision with the Houston Planning and Development Department.

Once established, violating the Prohibited Yard Parking Requirement Area will be a misdemeanor and violators will receive a fine not to exceed \$150 a day.

Protest to the establishment of the Prohibited Yard Parking Requirement Area can be filed with the City of Houston. A written protest must be received by the City of Houston, Planning and Development Department, Neighborhood Services Division within twenty (20) days of (date of the City of Houston Notification Letter).

For information, contact the applicant at 281-940-4053 or the Houston Planning and Development Department at 832-393-6600.

PISD scores . . .

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Three intermediate schools – Beverly Hills, Bondy and Queens – earned two distinction designations each. Elementary schools can earn up to four distinction designations, unless they were also tested in science which makes the school eligible for five distinctions. Leaders in the elementary category are Meador and Young elementary schools, earning all four possible distinctions each. Jensen elementary also received four distinctions, but was eligible for five be-

cause the school was also tested in science. Bailey, Garfield, Pomeroy and Mathtys elementary schools all received three distinction designations. Nine elementary schools earned two distinction designations: Atkinson, Burnett, Fisher, McMasters, Pearl Hall, Red Bluff, South Houston and Stuchbery. Six campuses earned one distinction designation: Bush, Golden Acres, Kruse, L.F. Smith, South Belt and Turner. Middle schools can earn

as many as five distinction designations. Melillo and Keller middle schools led the pack by earning three and two possible distinction designations respectively. While he feels there is room for improvement, PISD Superintendent Kirk Lewis is pleased with the test results. "We are proud of our students' performance this year," Lewis said. "And while we know there is room to improve, these results show how their hard work has already started paying off."

Church celebrates 40th



This year marks the 40th anniversary of St. Luke's church. Multiple events are scheduled throughout the year to celebrate the occasion. Originally housed at Thompson Intermediate, St. Luke's has a long history of utilizing community volunteers. Volunteers and staff shown above are, left to right, (front row) Juanita Tristan, Norma Calhoun, Juliet Connolly, (middle row) Father Douglas Guthrie, Deacon Joel R. Flores, (back row) Coni Perez, Deacon Jesse Tollett, Jane Bemko and Sue Manriquez. Photo by Marie Flickinger

St. Luke's turns 40 . . .

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about four years later. "I've been here since the beginning," Deacon Jesse Tollett stated. "We were at St. Frances Cabrini and then it split, and we came here and formed the church. We built the actual building in 1979." Since the beginning, the philosophy behind St. Luke was to have a church that was centered on parishioner involvement. Tollett stated that Bishop John Louis Morkovsky of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, which St. Luke is a part of, wanted small churches so that parishioners could get involved and get to know each other. "When we first formed the parish," Tollett stated, "we decided to have a parish that was based on three things: time, talent and treasure; giving of your time, giving of your talent and giving of your resources." Over the years that "way of life," as Director of Stewardship Coni Perez described it, became a mainstay of St. Luke's parish.

Each of the remaining four buildings will be constructed as the funds become available. Perez stated that all of the funds for the new facility have been provided by parishioner generosity. Non-parish charitable organizations such as the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Daughters and Guadalupanas do raise funds and Perez stated that the money the organizations raise with fish fry dinners, pancake breakfasts and bake sales is used for charitable causes including scholarships. Perez stated that leading by example, the older generations encourage younger generations to continue St. Luke's practice of stewardship. "I think that is one of the keys of our parish," Perez stated, "the example the older parishioners give to the newer people, inviting them in to become involved." Tollett stated that he credits St. Luke's parish for helping him become a Deacon. "I think that possibly the only reason I am a Deacon," Tollett stated, "is because of this parish and their encouragement, prayers and the example of others."

As for the future, Tollett and Perez stated that the Catholic Community of St. Luke the Evangelist plans to continue the tradition of stewardship that it has sustained since its inception. "Sometimes we don't know where God is going to take us," Tollett stated. "God takes us places that we didn't know we needed to go or wanted to go." **Continued on Page 4A**
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But He takes us there and allows us to grow in our faith, and I think that's what our church is about; growing in our faith by becoming more active in all areas of family, church and community. I think that is kind of it in a nutshell who the parish is our identity would be one of service; service to God first and service to others."

Garbage cans showing may result in city tickets

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that were reported to Houston 311, and they turned out to be garbage can violations. We decided at that point that we would do our own sweep through the neighborhoods to look for just garbage can violations. We did that on Aug. 1, and we found 652 houses with garbage can violations out of 1,765 houses. It's a very large number. When I sent these violations to Houston 311, their response to me was that they would not enforce the ordinance until the first of September. That confused me, because to my knowledge, there were a few that

were submitted just last month and they were acted upon. The city's response when I mentioned this was more or less like 'We told you that we would not enforce the ordinance until September,' which they never did tell us." While the city has only recently postponed its efforts to enforce the garbage can in view ordinance, Barbour and Robb believe the issue has been plaguing local neighborhoods for much longer. "The garbage cans being in view has been an issue for a long time, and it's a big issue that goes on every single day," said Barbour.

"If you take a drive out through the neighborhood and you keep an eye out for it, you'll start to notice that they're everywhere." Barbour believes that miscommunications between civic clubs and the City of Houston Department of Neighborhoods have contributed to inefficient and lackluster performances in maintaining neighborhoods. "The bottom line is that there's a gap in communication between us and the city," said Barbour. "We're wanting the city to enforce the ordinances like they should already be doing and like they told us they would be doing. Some of the ordinances include things like not being able to have a garbage can in view or having a junk motor vehicle on the lawn are not being enforced, and that makes people think that it's all right to do so because nobody seems to care."

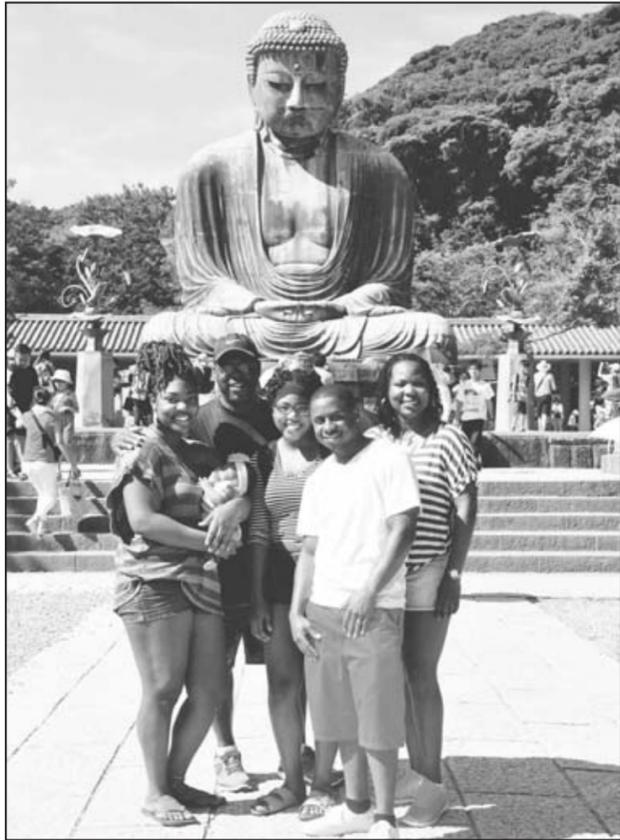
SJC approves bond election

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old – which will provide updated space for early college high school and dual credit programs, as well as more relevant, efficient, and technically updated instructional space for employees and students. Additionally, the funding will provide for security, access, and safety upgrades throughout all facilities and significant infrastructure upgrades and replacements for systems at the end of their useful life. "San Jacinto College brings great value to our region," said Board Chairman Dan Mims. "This bond referendum will allow us to continue to be

a leader in the Gulf Coast region. The area is experiencing growth and expansion, as well as a retiring workforce, so it is imperative that we continue to meet the changing needs of our industry partners, while also helping students realize their earnings and career potential by completing their certificate or associate degree." Impact on taxpayers in the San Jacinto College District is expected to be minimal. The maximum increase in taxes for debt service when all the bonds are issued will not exceed 3 cents per \$100 of valuation. Residents that own a home with an appraised value of \$100,000 will see their taxes increase a maximum of approximately \$28.50 per year, or \$2.38 per month. Most senior citizens of age 65 or older will see no increase in their taxes; however, those seniors over 65 who own a house valued for taxes above \$132,500 will see a nominal increase. "We are committed to keeping taxes low for our residents," noted San Jacinto College Chancellor Dr. Brenda Hellyer. "Our goal is to help our students succeed by completing what they start. We want them to gain the skills they need to enter the workforce or transfer to a four-year college or university to continue their education, and we know that keeping taxes low and offering an affordable tuition rate are keys to the success of our students and our community."

Early voting for the Nov. 2015 election runs Monday, Oct. 19 through Friday, Oct. 30. Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 3. For more information about the San Jacinto College 2015 bond proposal, including a complete list of proposed projects by campus, visit sanjac.edu/bond. Follow the conversation online with the hashtag #SanJacTomorrow.

O'Briens travel to Japan



Sage Meadow residents Charlene and Edward O'Brien and their family recently returned from visiting their first grandchild who was born on July 2 in Youkoska, Japan. The family poses in front of the Buddha Kotokuin Temple in Kamakura, Japan. Pictured are, left to right, daughter Jalyesa holding granddaughter Simone (the newest addition to the family), Edward, daughter Erinn, son-in-law EJ (currently a U.S. sailor), and Charlene. All agreed they had a wonderful time; however, they didn't want to leave their new granddaughter. Edward is a 1979 Dobie High graduate, Jalyesa is a 2007 Dobie graduate, and Erinn is in the 11th grade at Dobie.

Sheriff's office sets Citizens Police Academy

The Harris County Sheriff's Office invites citizens of Harris County to participate in the Citizens Police Academy that begins Tuesday, Sept. 15, at Clear Lake United Methodist Church, 16335 El Camino Real, and continues every Tuesday night from 7 to 10 p.m. The Citizens Police Academy is a once-a-week, 13-week program. It is designed to give residents a knowledge of the Harris County Sheriff's Office, including police procedures and protocol. Through the academy's courses, participants learn aspects of law enforcement,

such as the Texas Penal Code, patrol procedures, gang awareness, Homicide Division and many other topics. Residents will gain a better understanding of how police services are conducted in their communities and see how and why deputies make their decisions. Graduates of the class play a vital role in their community by improving communication between citizens and law enforcement and by providing input and support throughout the county. The HCSO hopes the graduates will become partners with the agency in identifying

problems and solutions to the crime issues affecting the community. The class is free and enrollment is open to qualified individuals, but space is limited. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age and reside in Harris County. They do not have to be residents of Precinct 2. A background check will be conducted on each applicant. Those interested in participating may pick up an application at any HCSO storefront, online or by contacting the HCSO's Community Services Division at 713-759-9454.

Skelton inspired Roy to push toward goals

Pasadena Memorial High School's Shining Star Serena Roy is shown with distinguished educator Katie Skelton, who teaches AP European History. Roy and Skelton were honored at the annual Pasadena Independent School District Shining Stars Gala, which recognizes the top students from each high school and their favorite teachers. Roy volunteered for InterAct, National Honor Society, and was a Prudential Community Service nominee. Extracurricular activities included orchestra, HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America), and Spanish National Honor Society. Roy was a HOBY (Hugh

O'Brian Youth Leadership) representative and served in the leadership position as principal violinist in varsity orchestra. Roy plans to attend the University of Houston as a biology major and enter the college of pharmacy after a few years. Roy said, "There really are no words to fully describe Miss Skelton and the impact she has had in my life. She is caring, funny, extremely dedicated and passionate about teaching her students. She is someone who doesn't let difficult situations get the best of her and continues every day to work hard at making her students succeed. She has really encouraged me to never give up and to always push towards my goals, to never settle for less and always do my best. I am really going to miss her, and I give her my best wishes towards her future endeavors."

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program has even been expanded to include an ACTS retreat for local area prisoners. Perez stated that St. Luke's parish families, at one time, sponsored refugee Vietnamese families who participated in the parish and eventually broke off and in 1986 established the Vietnamese Martyr Church on Kingspoint. In 2004 The Catholic Community of St. Luke the Evangelist received the Archbishop Thomas J. Murphy award from the International Catholic Stewardship Council, for their lifelong commitment to Christian stewardship. "Our focus is trying to get our parishioners involved and active in the ministry to the point that they become ministers of the faith in addition to, of course, our Priests and Deacons," Tollett stated. "I think that's the biggest thing about stewardship. It's about raising the people up in their involvement in the church and taking ownership in their parish; not just showing up on Sunday and staying for 45 minutes and then going home, but being a part of a church life."

In addition to partnering with local organizations to donate to those in need, St. Luke has also opened its doors to the South Belt community. In June 2006 when thunderstorms caused heavy flooding in southeast Houston, the church served as a Red Cross shelter, cooking meals and helping those displaced by the flooding. St. Luke's church underwent renovations in 2003. Since then the congregation has continued to steadily expand and grow. Perez stated that the parish now consists of around 3,500 families. The Catholic Community of St. Luke the Evangelist is currently in the process of building a new facility on 20 acres in Riverstone Ranch. The Cenacle Learning Center, completed last year, is the first of the five planned buildings projected for the new site.

Another instance of parishioner involvement can be found in the multiple programs offered by the church. "A lot of the programs are unique," Tollett stated, "because they are not only funded by the people of the parish but they're also promoted and driven by people in the parish." A relatively new program now being offered by St. Luke is ACTS which stands for Adoration, Community, Theology and Service. A group of 40 parishioners organized and led separate men and women retreats. We were originally sponsored by Mary Queen Catholic Church in Friendswood, now the

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CCISD removes extracurricular fees

The Clear Creek Independent School District has put a hold on collecting the \$50 district extracurricular fee which was originally imposed in 2011.

During the July 27, 2015, regular school board meeting, the superintendent indicated the budget outlook for this year was promising due to the fiscally responsible actions of the school board coupled with additional state funding.

"When the Texas legislature significantly reduced its funding for public education in 2011, our community stepped forward and supported the implementation of an extracurricular fee. The fees, which brought in \$450,000 annually, were necessary to sustain funding for the arts and athletics," said Greg Smith, superintendent of schools. "We would like to thank our parents for supporting CCISD's extracurricular programs, and I hope they recognize their financial efforts allowed us to maintain these excellent programs."

In 2011, the legislature cut school funding by more than \$17 million to the Clear Creek Independent School District. This reduction forced the school district to reduce departmental budgets, eliminate staff positions, freeze salaries and impose the extracurricular fee. Over the years, CCISD has worked through these challenges and it is in a financial position to remove these fees for 2015-2016 school year.

Over The Back Fence by Alexis

BIRTHDAY WISHES TO MARY ELLEN
 Birthday wishes are sent to **Mary Ellen Morgan** Aug. 23 from her husband, **Larry**, son **Tommy**, daughter **Elizabeth Echols**, son-in-law **Tim Echols**, grandson **Justin Echols** and the *Leader* staff.

CHIEKO CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY
 Birthday greetings are sent to **Chioko Webb**, who enjoys a birthday Monday, Aug. 24, from husband **Ken**, daughters **June Hodges** and **Teresa Webb**, and friends at the *Leader*.

SCHOOL DAZE
 The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Aug. 20 through Aug. 26.

Atkinson Elementary
 Light the birthday candles Aug. 25 for **Rosa Quintana**.

Burnett Elementary
 Sing a happy birthday song to **Romona Dawson** Aug. 22. Blow out the birthday candles for **Juan Perez** Aug. 25.

Bush Elementary
 Aug. 22 is the day for a cake for **Agatha Candappa**. Blow out the candles Aug. 25 for **Marie Marler**.

Frazier Elementary
 Blow out the birthday candles for **Janie Puente** Aug. 25.

Meador Elementary
 Light the birthday candles Aug. 20 for **Kristin King**. Marking a birthday Aug. 24 is **Kim Cowan**.

Moore Elementary
 Blow out the birthday candles for **Patti Parker** Aug. 23.

South Belt Elementary
Amanda Aaserud is sent a birthday greeting Aug. 23. Sing a happy birthday song to **Jazmin Hinojosa** Aug. 26.

Stuchbery Elementary
Tracy Duron is wished a happy birthday Aug. 20. **Celiayo Williams** is wished a happy birthday Aug. 22.

Meillo Middle School
 On Aug. 21, happy birthday greetings are sent to **Jewell Deleon**. Celebrating a birthday Aug. 22 is **Maria Diaz**. Light the birthday candles for **Anabel Camaliche** Aug. 23.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
 Blow out the birthday candles for **Ana Escobedo** Aug. 22. Blow out the birthday candles for **Elen Murphy** Aug. 23.

Thompson Intermediate
 The day for a cake for **Bertha Izaguirre** is Aug. 22.

Dobie High
 The day for a party for **Cindy Mutz** is Aug. 21. Birthday greetings are sent to **Roland Deyon** and **Corbin Govers** Aug. 22. **Kathleen Boyd** celebrates a birthday Aug. 24.

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

Thursday, Aug. 20: **Rachel McClure, Claire Speck, Kaysie Fojt Roach, Raymond Jackson and Todd Nathans**; Friday, Aug. 21: **John Linares, Kip Ledgerwood, Gabrielle Loya, Brandi Washer and Leticia Gonzalez**; Saturday, Aug. 22: **Pat Gonzales, Monica Castro, Kassi Richardson, Mylie Alaniz-Sosa, Herman Garcia, Chrystal Sulak, Janie Chapa, Sonia Shearow-Parson and Bill Edwards**; Sunday, Aug. 23: **Viv Castillo, Mary Miller, Jim Kunkel, Carl Stonecipher, Lardo Crocker, Shelly Rivera, Mary Morgan, Trey Smith, Mary Wesfahl and Patti Parker**; Monday, Aug. 24: **Linelle Taylor, Saul Correa, Mike Justice, Sammie Mejia, Yessica Musquiz, Alyssa Keller and Amber Burda**; Tuesday, Aug. 25: **Bubba Zapalac, Rhonda Higgins, Concetta Ligor, Brenda Jeter, Rhonda Parmer, Lisa Ciolli, Jennifer Hinojosa, Sonja McClellan, Amber Mauro, John Knowles, Celia Scheer, Andrea Moorehead-Ford and Jesse Saenz**; and Wednesday, Aug. 26: **Arlette Jarmon, Marci Chiovaro, Fred Manly, Stephanie Mayo, Jon Spears, Adabel Perrett, Hugh Lazenberry and Rick LaMartina**.

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

At UHCL, celebrate new academic year at bash

Join the party as University of Houston-Clear Lake's Office of Orientation and New Student Programs and the Office of Development and Alumni Relations hosts the 2015 Welcome Back Bash on Friday, Aug. 28, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the university's Alumni Plaza, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

All are invited to enjoy music, food, refreshments and fun as UHCL rings in the beginning of a new academic year.

For more information or to find out about volunteer opportunities, contact the Office of Orientation and New Student Programs at 281-283-2420 or visit http://www.uhcl.edu/wbbash.

Latino heritage celebrated at UHCL

Celebrate Latino culture with the Office of Intercultural Student Services at the University of Houston-Clear Lake during Latino Heritage Month, Sept. 15 through Oct. 15, with events that encourage students to think about issues and facilitate conversations regarding Latino identity and experience in the United States.

Some of the events include a Piñata Bash, documentary screenings, and custodian appreciation day.

For more information, contact the ISS office at 281-283-2575 or visit http://www.uhcl.edu/iiss.

UHCL welcomes all to learn new languages

Learn a new language this fall as University of Houston-Clear Lake's Foreign Language and English Enhancement Program holds its next session of courses Aug. 24 through Oct. 9, with registration lasting throughout August.

Students of all skill levels and ages are invited to explore Spanish, German, French, Mandarin Chinese, Japanese or Russian with qualified instructors.

The course fee is \$145 for group sessions. Private lessons are also available.

All classes are offered on a noncredit basis, but Continuing Education Units can be provided upon satisfactory completion of the course by request.

For more information or to register, call the Foreign Language Program Office at 281-283-3033 or visit http://www.uhcl.edu/fl.

Mercury takes the stage at UHCL for a performance

Enjoy musical selections from Handel's *Music for the Royal Fireworks* as University of Houston-Clear Lake's Office of Student Life welcomes Mercury, a Houston-based orchestral group, to the stage of the Bayou Theater Thursday, Aug. 27, at 8 p.m. in the university's Bayou Theater, located in the Bayou Building, 2700 Bay Area Blvd. The concert marks the beginning of the 2015-2016 Cultural Arts Series.

Mercury has teamed up with UHCL to provide cultural experiences for students and the surrounding community throughout the series.

Those who attend this free performance will have the opportunity to purchase season tickets for the lowest rate available. Upcoming performances include Mercury performances of the work of Franz Joseph Haydn, Johannes Brahms, Johann Sebastian Bach and more.

For more information, contact the Office of Student Life, 281-283-2560, or visit http://www.uhcl.edu/cultural arts.

Lions Club meeting set

The Houston Space City Lions Club will meet Tuesday, Aug. 25, at 7 p.m. at the Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway. For more information, call George Malone at 281-438-7243.

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KPRC's Galvan visits Dobie



On Aug. 18, KPRC Channel 2 visited Dobie High School to feature the Lariatettes in segments for their morning show. The first interview on-air was with Director Lori Alexander at 5:30 a.m. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Kellie Tyer, Alayna Cano, Gabbi Munoz, Diana Castillo, Aliana Aleman, Ruben Galvan of KPRC, Rachel Vu, Marissa Flores, Naseem Shafaei, Marissa Krustchinsky, Brittany Gonzales, (back row) Nicole Yanney, Esmerelda Ibarra, Laura Stephens, Emily Le, Crystal Garza, Amanda Arambula, Christina Saavedra, Ikea Taylor, Astrid Silva, Sylar Rocha, Julia Dasilva, Megan Schuetz, Karina Gutierrez, Jazalynne Garza, Jennifer Cantarero and Natalie Balle.

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Remember When

35 years ago (1980)
 Trustees of the Pasadena Independent School District approved a tax rate of \$1 per \$100 valuation at a special meeting. The new tax rate represented a 7.5 percent increase in tax revenues over 1979's.

The Dobie High School Lariatettes hosted their third annual Muscular Dystrophy Kick-a-thon in the Astroarena over the weekend. What started out as a project for Dobie's 80 drill team members three years before, had become a regionwide, 1,700-girl event. Pledges for the year totaled more than \$75,000.

At least six burglaries or attempted burglaries occurred in the South Belt area in the course of four days.

Officer Loti Brewer of the Harris County Sheriff's Department's south district patrol (including the South Belt area) was promoted to the rank of chief petty officer in the U.S. Naval Reserve. Brewer received the top rating of the three men chosen from 60 who qualified for the rank nationwide.

30 years ago (1985)
 The Wings Over Houston air show, sponsored by the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, was set to be held at Ellington Field. The event would feature the Ghost Squadron of the Confederate Air Force, 100 vintage World War II aircraft and modern static military aircraft displays and jet fighter fly-bys. There was also to be a civilian aerobatic act, including a wing-walking act.

Dobie High School Principal Frank Braden sent a memo to all faculty directors of extracurricular activities to be on the lookout for any type of hazing activities within the groups during the upcoming school year.

The Sageglen Community Association was in the process of "cracking down" on residents in Sageglen who had erected satellite dish antennae on their properties. It was said that the satellite antennae were violations of the deed restrictions in the subdivision and were a nuisance to most persons who lived there.

25 years ago (1990)
 Construction crews from Austin Bridge Company started putting together field offices for the extension of Beltway 8 from Interstate 45 to Beamer Road. The project was to have a 300-day completion schedule.

A benefit bake sale and car wash was planned by Kroger employees to help defray hospital costs for employee Erwin Whitney who had suffered a seizure the previous week and remained unconscious.

Whitney formerly worked at the Target near Alameda Mall.

The South Belt Palomino baseball team won their first-ever world championship in the Palomino World Series in Greensboro, N.C.

20 years ago (1995)
 The Clear Creek school district tallied 26,246 students on the fourth day of school, a 4 percent enrollment increase over the same day the previous year. Clear Brook High School enrollment jumped by 4.8 percent to 1,543.

Nearly 2,000 homes in the Sagemont subdivision began the city of Houston's automated refuse collection program with only Thursday collections. In addition, a separate yard trimming pickup would be conducted each Monday.

Work was underway on the more than \$6 million, 900-space Park 'N Ride facility being constructed behind the Sabo townhouses. The so-called Fuqua Park 'N Ride was expected to open the following spring.

South Belt area 4-year-old Pamela Ann Kinsel, the daughter of Bill and Margaret Kinsel, was selected Tiny Miss American Rodeo Queen in a competition in Galveston.

15 years ago (2000)
 Three locals took part in national competition: Patricia Marie Alders, Miss Teen Houston; Nikki Williams, Miss Junior Teen Houston; and Angela Marie Hunter for Ms. Houston.

The Rev. Mark Butcher and the Freeway Baptist family celebrated the church's 50th anniversary.

Jerry Speer was sworn into the Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees.

After Kathleen Woodworth's horse was killed by a train, the staff at the stables collected enough money to buy her a new one.

Sagemont Church opened Sagemont Centre for the Arts.

10 years ago (2005)
 All three proposed schools for the South Belt which were to be open for the new school year were placed on hold by PISD. A demographic study revealed that student growth was far below projections.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry assigned 12 Remotely Piloted Vehicle Predator drones to Ellington Field. Not all RPVs would be physically stationed at Ellington, but they would be radio controlled from there.

CCISD accepted an inter-local agreement with the city of League City to ensure the completion of the district's fourth high school. The campus would be located on Palomino Lane and was anticipated to be open for the 2007 school year.

The PISD board of trustees was seeking community input to develop a profile for the new superintendent of schools. The new superintendent would replace Dr. Rick Schneider, who had announced his upcoming retirement. Deputy superintendent Kirk Lewis was ultimately hired in April 2006 after trustees limited the search to PISD employees.

5 years ago (2010)
 A 92-year-old woman who suffered from Alzheimer's died after allegedly being sexually assaulted by a family friend at an apartment complex in the 1300 block of Redford near Edgebrook and the Gulf Freeway. Flora Ryan was found naked and unresponsive in her bathtub by her 28-year-old granddaughter, with whom she shared an apartment along with the elderly woman's 60-year-old daughter and Dean Jerome Wood, a 50-year-old man the family took in about nine months earlier. Wood was charged with aggravated sexual assault of an elderly person.

1 year ago (2014)
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Couple celebrates golden anniversary



Glenn D. and Leda Hover Williams celebrate their 50th anniversary on Aug. 20, 2015. They were married in Slidell, La., on Aug. 20, 1965. They are longtime Sagemeadow residents, moving to the area from Louisiana in 1975. The couple has four children, Shea Williams Bookout and husband David Bookout, Scott Williams and wife Linda Mendez Williams, Cliff Williams and wife Katie Smith Williams, and Craig Williams. They have been members of St. Luke's Catholic Church for 40 years. Glenn is a member of the Knights of Columbus and Leda is a member of the Catholic Daughters of America. Over the years they have

been involved with Little League baseball, Pony Colt baseball, FFA where their daughter Shea, son Scott, and grandson were all active at Dobie High School. Glenn participates with the 4th of July Barbecue Cookoff to help raise money for the fire-works for the South Belt community. Leda enjoys time with her Red Hat friends and Bunco ladies. Glenn and Leda both are retired and spend time with their children; three live in the area, and one son recently moved to Beaumont. They also welcomed a new baby to the family making that the seventh grandchild - four boys and three girls. The couple are celebrating with a cruise.

SJC lists upcoming events for Aug. 22-26

San Jacinto College recently released its events for the week of Aug. 24.

San Jacinto College campus locations are:

South campus is located at 13735 Beamer Road in Houston; Central campus is located at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena; and the North campus is at 5800 Uvalde Road in Houston.

Registration for Fall

Registration continues for fall term classes that begin on Monday, Aug. 24, 2015. Register at sanjac.edu/apply-register/overview/registration. Payment is due upon registration. All financial obligations not covered by financial aid, installment payment plan, third-party agreement, or scholarship must be paid on day of registration. Students may register and pay in full up to the start of the class. Weekend classes begin Sept. 11.

Meningitis vaccinations

Meningitis vaccinations will be available on all three San Jacinto College campuses on Friday, Aug. 21. State law requires that all college students under the age of 22 receive a vaccination or booster against bacterial meningitis. For a list of locations, times

and costs, visit sanjac.edu/meningitis.

Men's soccer game

The San Jacinto College men's soccer team will play a pre-season scrimmage match against St. Mary's University at 7 p.m. on Aug. 22 at the South campus soccer field. Admission to all home soccer games is free. For more information, visit sanjacsports.com.

Volleyball game

The San Jacinto College volleyball team will host Hill College in its first home match at 6 p.m. on Aug. 25 at the Central campus gym. Admission to all home volleyball games is free. For more information, visit sanjacsports.com.

Spamalot auditions

The San Jacinto College theater and film department will hold open public auditions for *Spamalot*, a musical comedy based on a *Monty Python* film. Auditions will take place on Aug. 25 and 26 at 6 p.m. in Slocomb Auditorium, located on the Central campus. The show calls for 50 male and female actors ages 16 and up. Prior theater experience is not necessary, and enrollment at the college is not required.

West's mark 65th anniversary



Neil and Eloise West were married Aug. 11, 1950, at the Presbyterian Church in Brunswick, Ga. The small wedding took place five months after Neil met Eloise's brother, Jim, on his first night in town. Jim took several sailors home with him, and they all piled up in an extra bed in the hallway next to Eloise's room. She literally stumbled over them to get out of bed. Neil was discharged in February 1952, when daughter Diane was an infant. Neil then worked for the US Coast and Geodetic Survey, and Eloise worked for the phone company as a switchboard operator. Now, Diane is a retired teacher from Deer Park ISD and is married to Bobby Lister. She has a son, Zach, who resides in Friendswood, and a daughter, Sara, who resides near the Galleria. In addition, Bobby has several adult children and grandchildren. Daughter, Pam, is married to Gene Saxton. They have three sons, Scott, Chris and Cole, and two daughters, Kristin and Keely. Keely is married to Gabe Rex and they have two sons, Brody and Brooks. Keely and Gabe reside in Austin, and Kristin resides in Chicago. The Wests say they are truly blessed to have such an array of wonderful friends who have all played such a big part in their lives, as evidenced at their massive 65th anniversary celebration on Saturday, Aug. 15, at Golfcrest Country Club. They are still enjoying life and looking forward to their 70th anniversary party!

Big changes in 2015-2016 at Clear Creek ISD

Changes in technology, communication, and student engagement

The Clear Creek Independent School District is continuously evolving to meet the needs of students. In order to improve, CCISD relies on feedback from students, parents and staff. Based on input and results from an interim study, the school district is making adjustments and improvements to the one computer per student initiative known as Latitude 2 Learn.

Based on a recent survey of students, 62 percent of respondents say their teachers encourage them to use technology to create projects or presentations. Seventy percent of student respondents say they use their tablet to explore or learn more about a topic mentioned for their own

benefit and equally as many say they use their tablet in core courses.

Despite these gains, technical issues with charging the Dell Venue tablets, the lack of keyboards at the high school level, and the inconsistent internet access in classrooms have slowed the progress of this initiative. In response, the school district will implement the following changes this fall:

Device changes

Students in grades 8 through 12 will now receive a Dell laptop versus the Dell Venue tablet. It is clear students need the keyboard for their school work. Dell Computers is exchanging the Venue tablet to a Dell Latitude 11 laptop at the high school level

with no additional cost to taxpayers.

Students in grades 5 through 7 will receive Dell Latitude 10 tablets. These tablets were at the high school and fifth-grade levels and will be moved to the intermediate level.

Students in grades four through five will receive class sets of either a new or refurbished Venue 11 tablet to address the issues with charging the device. Since these devices will remain at the school, the devices will be placed on charging carts every day.

The devices will be distributed to students in grades four-12 at the beginning of the school year. If students still choose to opt out of receiving the district-issued de-

vice, it is highly recommended students bring their own laptop or tablet to school every day in grades six-12. Cell phones are not a sufficient replacement for conducting coursework electronically.

CCISD staff will keep their Dell Venue 11 tablets.

Insurance rates reduced
Students have been responsible with the district-issued tablets and computers to the extent the school district will reduce its optional insurance rate from \$25 to \$20 per device and \$12.50 to \$10 for students who are eligible for free/reduced meals.

Internet access
The district is making improvements to its available bandwidth to support the use of tablets in the classroom

and around campus. By September 2016, the bandwidth will have more than doubled from 2.1 gigabytes per second (Gbps) in July 2013 to 5.1 Gbps. By January 2016, the bandwidth will reach 15.1 Gbps.

Software upgrades

LinkEd is a new platform to allow teachers, students and parents to connect, collaborate, create and communicate 24 hours a day. Teachers will create lesson plans, deliver instruction virtually, and personalize assignments for individual students. Students will find assignments and resources from their tablet computer, collaborate on projects with classmates at

school or at home, and even create their own e-portfolio where the work follows them throughout CCISD and beyond. Parents will be able to view grades and assignments, fill out back-to-school forms, and communicate with their children's teachers.

LinkEd replaces CCISD-4Me. On Aug. 3, 2015, parents/guardians of registered CCISD students should have received an email alerting them of their initial login and password. When received, follow the instructions to set a new password.

For more information, visit www.ccisd.net, email information@ccisd.net, or call 281-284-0020

Exploration of Ceres and Pluto: An Update presented on Sept. 3

The Lunar and Planetary Institute (LPI) invites all inquisitive adults to attend *NASA's Exploration of Ceres and Pluto: An Update*, a presentation by Dr. Paul Schenk of the Lunar and Planetary Institute. This free public presentation on Thursday, Sept. 3, will provide the latest information on two historic encounters by two NASA missions visiting the dwarf planets Ceres and Pluto.

The year 2015 marks the first exploration ever of two dwarf planets, Ceres and Pluto. Schenk will provide an update on these two unprecedented missions, Dawn and New Horizons, as they explore the inner and outer solar system, including spectacular images of Pluto taken in mid-July.

Schenk is a staff scientist at the Lunar and Planetary Institute in Houston. He specializes in impact craters and other features on icy satellites from Jupiter to Neptune, and in 3-D imaging, which he uses to measure topography and create really amazing views.

Schenk is currently assisting the New Horizons team plan Pluto encounter obser-

ventions for July 2015 and was a participant in the Dawn mission to Vesta in 2011.

Schenk's presentation begins at 7:30 p.m. and will be followed by a light reception and an opportunity to meet Schenk.

Registration is not required. LPI is located in the USRA building at 3600 Bay Area Boulevard in the Clear Lake region of Houston; the entrance is located on Middlebrook Drive.

For further information about this presentation, contact Andrew Shaner at 281-486-2163 (shaner@lpi.usra.edu).

The LPI is a nonprofit organization whose focus is on academic participation in studies of the current state, evolution, and formation of the solar system. LPI is operated by the Universities Space Research Association (USRA) under a cooperative agreement with the Science Mission Directorate of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. For more information, visit the LPI's website at www.lpi.usra.edu.

Torres appreciates motivation by Gutierrez

South Houston High School's Shining Star Areli Torres is shown with distinguished educator Paul Gutierrez, who teaches AP biology and AP environmental science. Torres and Gutierrez were honored at the annual Pasadena Independent School District Shining Stars Gala which recognizes the top students from each high school and their favorite teachers.

Torres has done volunteer work with South Houston Elementary Fall festival, Adopt-A-Beach, freshman first day, Ecology Club weekly recycling, HOSA blood drives, Matthey Elementary carnival and Milstead Middle School Peer Mediation summer training.

Extracurricular activities include National Honor Society, HOSA, Key Club and Ecology Club. Leadership positions for Torres included HOSA vice president, and Key Club parliamentarian.

Torres plans to attend the University of Houston to take a pre-physical therapy program to obtain a master's. Afterward, she plans to graduate from medical school, becoming a physical therapist, specializing in helping children.

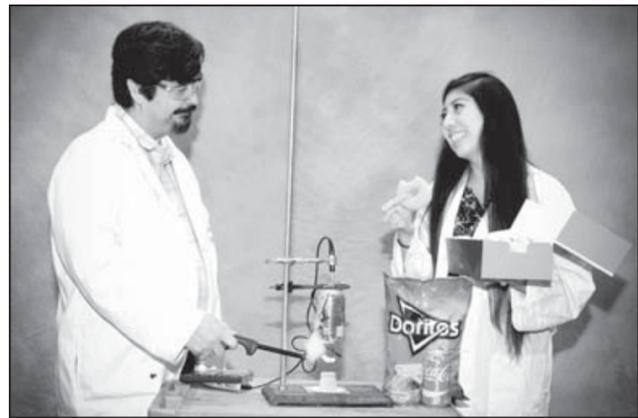
Remembering her teacher, Torres said, "Mr. G always comes to school with a positive attitude, making my mornings better. His passion for teaching radiates from miles away. He makes biology seem easy and fun, and when we do not understand certain things, he takes his time in helping us."

"Mr. G has a big heart, caring about his students and giving encouraging advice for the future. He inspires me to try my best, not only in biology, but in all the challenges that come my way. He is not only a teacher to me, he is a friend that I can go to for advice. I am grateful I was able to have Mr. G as a teacher. Thank you Mr. G for your hard work, and don't stop being awesome."

The South Belt Shining Stars will be presented in a series of 10 students being honored along with their favorite mentor. This is the last in the series of 10. The 10 Shining Stars represent the Top 10 South Houston High School students.

The information and photos were supplied by the Pasadena Independent School District.

The Leader is also running the Top 10 Shining Stars from Dobie and Pasadena Memorial high schools. (See Pages 2A and 3A.)



Johnson, Adleman to wed



Frances Johnson, on behalf of herself and the late Emmet Johnson, longtime South Belt area residents, announces the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Wendy Ann, to Andrew Lee Adleman. The bride-to-be graduated from J. Frank Dobie High School in 1990. She is a special education teacher. The prospective groom is a project manager. The proposal took place at sunset on Islamorada in the Florida Keys. A late 2016 wedding is planned.

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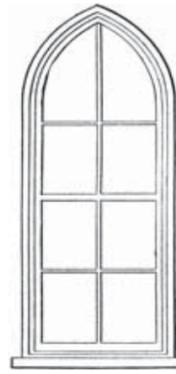
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South Belters share vacation photos

For final winners of the August edition of the South Belt Vacation Photo Contest, see Page 6B.

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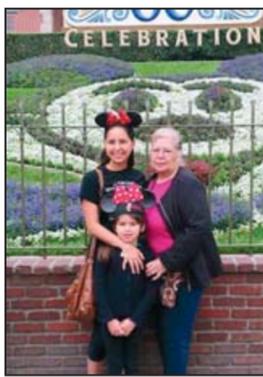
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All-girls weekend in California, fun in Disneyland

Avery Jade and Trinity Elizabeth, daughters of Frank and Cynthia Lopez of Highland Meadow, spent an all-girls weekend in California with their grandmother, Lydia Gaytan. The trip took place the second week in July, and Avery and Trinity spent an entire day at Disneyland where they made magical memories with their grandmother to cherish for a lifetime. Trinity, 7, will start second grade at Stuchbery Elementary and Avery, 17, will be a senior at Dobie High School.



Tajoneras vacation in Canada

The Tajonera family of South Belt enjoyed spending time in Canada in July. They have lived in Riverstone Ranch for almost 12 years. Son Jeremy, 15, is a sophomore at

Dobie High school, and daughter Chelsea graduated from Dobie in May. She plans to attend the University of St. Thomas this fall, major in nursing.



Jeremy, Chelsea and Carmela at Journey Behind the Falls at Niagara Falls in Ontario, Canada.



Carmela, Chelsea and Jeremy in front of Parliament House in Ottawa, Canada.



Carmela, Chelsea and Jeremy stand in front of Niagara Falls in Ontario, Canada.



Chelsea, Carmela and Jeremy spend time touring downtown Quebec.

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Morrows see Niagara Falls

Pictured are longtime South Belt residents Barbara and Aaron Morrow celebrating 25 years and a check on the bucket list at Niagara Falls, N.Y. After raising four children and awaiting their fifth grandchild, they are finally able to find some time for themselves.



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Sen. Larry Taylor named courageous

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"My voting record reflects my own beliefs and principles and those of many of my constituents," said Taylor. "My job as an elected official is to serve our state so that it remains the best place to live, work and raise a family for the folks that put me here. It is an honor to be recognized by TCC for striving to do just that."

The Texas Conservative Coalition is the conservative caucus of the Texas Legislature.

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Longhorn FB inches toward regular season



At left, Dobie tailback Kris Morris (with ball) breaks to the outside during the Longhorns' scrimmage against Strake Jesuit Aug. 14 at Veterans Stadium. After a slow start, the two teams combined for five touchdowns even though no score was kept. Now, the Dobie football program is set to scrimmage against Dickinson Aug. 21, at Sam Vitanza Stadium in Dickinson. It should be a great test for Dobie at the varsity level as Dickinson is ranked as high as No. 6 in some pre-season state polls. Meanwhile, Dobie is working on a string of five consecutive playoff berths that dates back to the 2010 district championship run. See more about Dobie's pre-season happenings on Page 3B.
Photo by John Bechtle

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Annual Leader picks to return; as regular season opens Aug. 28

The South Belt-Ellington Leader's annual high school football picks contest is set to return next week.

Each week, a panel of South Belt area business

men and women will predict the winners from a list of 10 games in and around the Houston area. Of course, games involving Dobie and Clear Brook will be included on the list. Dobie, with first-year varsity football coach Mike Norman making his debut, will open the season Aug. 28 at Deer Park. Clear Brook, mean-

while, will begin its season by hosting the rugged La Porte Bulldogs.

Who will be crowned this year's champion? Can longtime C&D Burger employee Debbie Vaughn repeat as the winner after leading nearly wire to wire in 2014?

Is it the right time for Leader Sports Editor John Bechtle, or can realtors

Troy Leland or Toni Muse take it all in the 2015 season?

Perhaps Sagemont Church's Emory Gadd, who doubles as Dobie's team statistician, can win this year.

Or maybe realtor Eli Tanksley, who has won the contest more often than any of the current competitors, can be victorious.

Brook, Dobie VB eye turnaround

Something has to give as the Dobie varsity volleyball program prepares to host Clear Brook in the annual Beamer Battle Aug. 21.

Sandwiched around that match is also an appearance at the Dickinson

Lady Gator Invitational Aug. 20 and Aug. 22.

Both programs are simply looking to pick up a few wins, as the early results have not been favorable for either team.

CB tests Pearland
Part of the field at the

prestigious Adidas Volleyball Classic in Pearland Aug. 13-15, the Lady Wolverines found out what it takes to compete at an elite level.

Coming off a four-set loss to St. Agnes on opening night, Clear Brook hoped to get back on track in Pearland. The competition simply didn't allow for it - much.

The Lady Wolverines lost to Fort Bend Austin (25-12, 25-14) and Magnolia West (25-21, 25-13) in pool play but managed a 25-21, 25-15 victory over Pearce in Aug. 13 pool play.

Moving ahead to Aug. 14, Clear Brook fell to both San Antonio Brandeis (25-19, 25-17) and Porter (25-22, 21-25, 25-7), giving the locals a
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First-year Dobie varsity volleyball head coach Dawn Gutierrez will get her first experience in the school's annual rivalry match with Clear Brook as the Lady Longhorns take on Brook Friday, Aug. 21, at Dobie. Match time is 6 p.m. The two varsity programs are also involved in the Dickinson Lady Gator Invitational Aug. 20 and Aug. 22.

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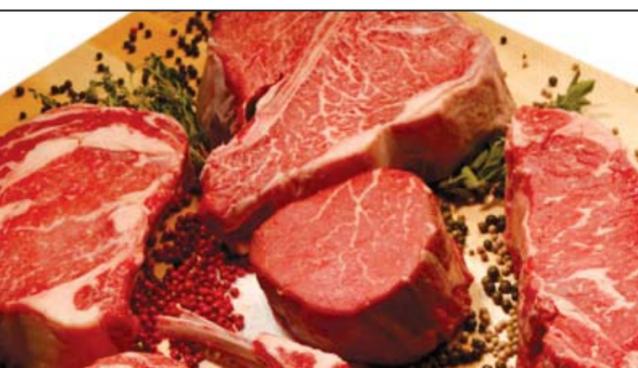
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JFD netters gain momentum, start 4-0

Yes, there have only been three team tennis matches played to this point, but Dobie head coach Manuel Moreno Jr. could not have imagined a better start for his group.

A 17-2 victory over Burleson Centennial capped a 4-0 start over a several-day span Dobie also claimed wins over Willis (11-8), Sherman (10-9) and Katy (14-3), with all of it coming on the road.

programs in the Houston area, but right now, Moreno likes what he sees.

Coming into the season, Dobie knew it could likely count on a strong start from the Lady Longhorns, with basically the top five ranked players from 2014-2015 back in the fold.

But there were questions on the boys' side of things. Aside from Luis Cabreja and Albert Luu, Dobie was beginning anew.

on and off the court, and Luu is off to strong start. Several other first-time varsity players have also answered the bell.

"On the girls' side, we felt like we would be fine coming into the season," Moreno said.

"Maybe not as strong overall right at this moment as we were last year, but certainly comparable. And I think we'll only get better.

But it's when Moreno discusses the boys' hopes, specifically Cabreja, that

he really livens up.

"Luis is 4-0 in No. 1 boys' singles to this point, and one of our concerns coming into the season was solidifying that No. 1 spot," Moreno said.

"It's a big jump from any spot on the singles ladder to No. 1. But there's much more to it than just playing matches and being successful.

"Luis has really shown what a No. 1 player is supposed to be. Not only as a player, but as a true team player.

"He is the one player that all of the others are looking up to for leadership and team spirit, and he has done a tremendous job."

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At this time a season ago, Perez was learning the game. David Ho has also played well at No. 3, with Luu at No. 4.

But Dobie still needs to find more consistency at the No. 5 and No. 6 singles slots, and a solid mixed doubles combination is still needed. It will come, Moreno hopes.

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The girls have played well, with Lada Heng, Hai Ho, Ashley Deveza, Karen Neira and Leilani Vargas all doing their part, both in singles and doubles.

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Big matches remain against several top-rated

Well, Cabreja has exceeded expectations both

programs in the Houston area, but right now, Moreno likes what he sees.



The Dobie varsity tennis team needed a player to step up and lead the way both on and off the court this season, especially early on. According to head coach Manuel Moreno Jr. (right), senior and three-year letterwinner Luis Cabreja has done just that. He went 3-0 in No. 1 boys' singles matches and also teamed with doubles partner Albert Luu for a pair of big wins.

Moreno said Cabreja and Luu have also meshed well as the program's No. 1 boys' doubles unit.

The duo lost a tough three-setter to a pair from Willis but then bounced back for a super tiebreaker win against Burleson in a match that obviously helped sway the tide Dobie's way.

"Luis has been a role model, and his leadership has really rubbed off on the other kids. I watched this group grow up as a team on the road trip, and Luis had a lot to do with that."

All of that sounds good, but there is still some developmental work to be done as the Longhorns

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As expected, Hai Ho and the rest of the Lady Longhorns have started the team tennis season strong while helping the Dobie group get off to a perfect 4-0 record.

Junior Dolphin FB edges past La Marque

A late interception proved to be the key play as the Southbelt Dolphins' junior division team edged the La Marque Cougars 13-6 Aug. 15 in the season opener for both teams at La Marque High School.

The Dolphins took an early lead as Santos Sanchez fired a 5-yard touchdown pass to Dylan Dixon.

After a conversion run by Matt Arnesen, the Dol-

phins led 7-0.

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Week 2 games Saturday, Aug. 22

- Cougars host Magnolia Park El Franco Lee Park
- Dolphins host North Shore Mustangs Blackhawk Park
- Rams at Pearland Hurricanes The Rig, Pearland

Dobie, Clear Brook drop 1-on-1 matches

Early season struggles continued for the Dobie and Clear Brook varsity volleyball teams in single matches Aug. 18.

Longhorns winless since opening night.

Sterling wound up with a 25-23, 25-17, 25-22 victory.

Meanwhile, Clear Brook's varsity volleyball team has just one win this season after losing at Houston Memorial, 25-16, 25-22, 25-14.

Tournament results tough on Dobie, CB

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1-5 record to start the season.

Although Clear Brook played well on the final day, two more losses resulted.

The Lady Wolverines fell to Marcus 25-14, 29-31, 25-21 and then dropped a tough 28-26, 23-25, 25-20 match to St. Agnes.

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Kat Villanueva and the rest of the Dobie varsity volleyball team will look to get back on the winning side of things Aug. 21 against Clear Brook.

BAFL Week One Scores

	Sr.	Jr.	Soph.	Fr.
Dolphins	0	13	0	14
Cougars	19	6	1	12
Cowboys	1	18	33	0
Gators	0	6	7	39
Rams	0	18	26	0
Sharks	42	13	15	27

Bay Area Football League Standings

Senior Division American				Senior Division National			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Cowboys	1	0	0	Hurricanes	1	0	0
Cougars	1	0	0	Stingrays	1	0	0
Bulls	1	0	0	Dolphins	0	1	0
Panthers	1	0	0	Eagles	0	1	0
Patriots	0	1	0	Gators	0	1	0
'49ers	0	1	0	Mustangs	0	1	0
Texans	0	1	0	Rams	0	1	0
Sharks	0	1	0	Saints	0	1	0
Junior Division American				Junior Division National			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Cowboys	1	0	0	Dolphins	1	0	0
'49ers	1	0	0	Hurricanes	1	0	0
Patriots	1	0	0	Mustangs	1	0	0
Panthers	0	1	0	Rams	1	0	0
Bulls	0	1	0	Saints	1	0	0
Cougars	0	1	0	Eagles	0	1	0
Texans	0	1	0	Gators	0	1	0
Sharks	0	1	0	Stingrays	0	1	0
Sophomore Division American				Sophomore Division National			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Cowboys	1	0	0	Rams	1	0	0
Cougars	1	0	0	Stingrays	1	0	0
Bulls	1	0	0	Dolphins	0	1	0
Panthers	1	0	0	Eagles	0	1	0
Patriots	1	0	0	Gators	0	1	0
Texans	1	0	0	Hurricanes	0	1	0
'49ers	0	1	0	Mustangs	0	1	0
Texans	0	1	0	Stingrays	0	1	0
Freshman Division American				Freshman Division National			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Cowboys	1	0	0	Dolphins	1	0	0
Panthers	1	0	0	Eagles	1	0	0
Sharks	1	0	0	Hurricanes	1	0	0
Bulls	0	1	0	Saints	1	0	0
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South Belt sports news, notes

U14 girls' soccer seeks players

The South Belt Chargers, a girls' U14 Division 2 soccer team, is looking for competitive players for the upcoming season. Candidates must have been born between Aug. 1, 2001 and July 31, 2002. Practices are ongoing every Monday and Wednesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m., at El Franco Lee Park, Field 11 (closest to the Beltway). Call coach Sammy Abrego at 281-244-9790 or 281-948-7095, or direct email to sammy.abrego-1@nasa.gov.

Lions set football dates

The Thompson Intermediate football coaching staff has delivered a few more key dates as the school year draws near. There will also be a second equipment pickup date, Monday, Aug. 24, from 1 to 3 p.m., for both incoming seventh- and eighth-grade players.

Football practice will begin on the first day of school, which is Tuesday, Aug. 25. Those wishing to participate in any practice or workout must have a completed athletics physical for the 2015-2016 school year on file at the school prior to participation. There are no exceptions.

The Thompson football program will practice in pads for the first time on Saturday, Aug. 29, with seventh-grade students involved from 9 to 10 a.m. and eighth-grade students involved from 10:30 to noon.

The school's annual Red/White football games are Saturday, Sept. 5, from 9 a.m. to noon. The athletic booster club will be selling a two hot dog, chips and soft drink combo for \$5 each, and there will be other fundraising activities going on throughout the morning.

The Lions' seventh-grade football teams will scrimmage from 9 to 10:30 a.m., with the eighth-graders in action from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Beverly Hills football info

The Beverly Hills Intermediate football coaching staff reminds parents and players that any incoming seventh- or returning eighth-grade player who has not been issued equipment as of yet must do so prior to the start of school.

Those wishing to participate in any practice or workout beginning Aug. 25 must have a completed athletics physical for the 2015-2016 school year on file at the school prior to participation. There are no exceptions.

The staff is also seeking to meet with all players and parents individually prior to the start of school. A meet and greet can be scheduled with head coach Ben Portis at 713-291-0251. Those who have already met with the Beverly Hills Intermediate coaching this summer do not need to handle this.

The Bears' annual Food, Fun and Football event will be held at the school Saturday, Sept. 5, from 8 a.m. to noon. On that day, each of the school's football teams will be in scrimmage action, and there will be a variety of food items available for purchase.

Dobie season tickets

The Pasadena ISD athletic department is offering discounted season ticket packages and single game student tickets now through Aug. 21 at the ticket office, 2906 Dabney in Pasadena. The contact number is 713-740-0841.

South Belt area residents may also purchase the packages at Roy Shifflett Realtors, located at 11559 Beamer, next to the South Belt-Ellington Leader office.

Those packages will sell Mondays through Saturdays, but prospective purchasers are asked to call ahead at 281-481-3733.

The packages, featuring seven Pasadena ISD Veterans Stadium appearances for Dobie, South Houston, Pasadena, Sam Rayburn and Memorial, are \$42 per package, a savings of \$1 per game.

A big discount comes in the form of preseason student ticket sales. Those single game tickets are \$3 each. All tickets, both adult and student above first grade, will be \$7 at the gate.

JFD football discount cards

Members of the Dobie High School football program are selling discount cards good at a variety of local restaurants as a fundraiser for the program.

Cost of the cards is \$20 each, and players currently have the cards available. Those who purchase the discount cards will be able to use them for discounts and, in some cases, free appetizers, in the South Belt, Pearland and Webster areas. In most cases, the offers extend for a calendar year beginning this month. Those who wish to purchase a card or two may contact any Longhorn football player, regardless of grade level or playing team status. Cards will be on sale throughout August.

Dobie to scrimmage state-ranked Gators

The first scrimmage is out of the way, and now the Dobie football program has set its sights on getting ready for the 2015 regular season. If anything can get the Longhorns' varsity unit ready to face the always tough Deer Park Deer come Aug. 28, it's a final scrimmage against Dickinson.

Now at Dickinson, former Pasadena Memorial head coach John Snelson has developed the Gators' program into one of the region's best in short order. In 2014, Dickinson reeled off 13 consecutive wins before falling in the fourth round of the postseason. If Dobie is seeking to emulate a true opening game week, this is the way to do it. Dickinson promises to be tough, physical and fast. Clearly, the Longhorns are going to find out a little bit more about

where they stand after facing the Gators. It's still about executing the little things for Dobie varsity football head coach Mike Norman and his staff, but it's also about getting the troops ready for the season opener at Deer Park. "I like the fact that we are going against Dickinson this week as we get ready for the regular season," Norman said. "I think any time you are

looking to see where you are as a program and, particularly as a varsity football team, you want to go against the best. "I don't think there's any doubt we are going to see a talented group on that side of the field." Dobie went against Strake Jesuit in the scrimmage opener for both programs Aug. 14. In short, it looked like a first scrimmage.

Norman and his staff saw some good things, but also saw some things that need to be improved. But Norman believes most of what needs fixing can be done in short order. "The effort was definitely there, and we lined up correctly in most situations," Norman said, pointing to the fact that the players are learning new systems on both sides of the football. "Our quarterbacks threw the ball pretty well. We had some dropped balls, but we have since seen better focus from our receivers in practice. The defense played pretty well. All in all, we were pleased with the way things went." Against Dickinson, the Dobie staff is particularly interested in seeing the continued development of the offensive line. All offseason, the coaching staff has understood the need to replace all five senior starters from 2014. Norman doesn't plan to allow that to occur under his watch again, but

for now, it's necessary. "I certainly think we are going to see more size and a physical nature from Dickinson than we did last week," Norman said. "We want to see how those guys up front are working together and growing as a group. That's a big factor as we get closer and closer to the opener at Deer Park." And just how close is Dobie actually getting to being ready for opening night? Norman said the feeling is good about the first 22 starters, and the key reserve players have also been identified. Really, it's about sharpening the rough edges and continuing to execute correctly.

Of course players still have chances to improve their stock. That's always the case. Opportunity will always exist. "If we had to go against Deer Park this week instead of next, I'd feel pretty good about it," Norman said. "I guess you never feel like there's enough time. But we stepped things up with the guys this week and have tried to emulate a game week as much as possible." The players have sensed that and have stepped up their intensity. I think when that opener does get here, Dobie will be ready to go. I know the guys will be ready to get after it on the field when it's time."



Dobie receiver Jacoby Davis (left) works downfield against a Strake Jesuit defensive back during the early portion of the Longhorns' scrimmage Aug. 14. Davis, a junior, is looking to make his way onto the field more and more as the season draws near.



All eyes were on the offense during the Longhorns' scrimmage against Strake Jesuit Aug. 14 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Quarterbacks coach Charles Washington (right) is shown with Dobie varsity football head coach Mike Norman (center) and Norman's son, Noah.



Senior Tyler Myers, playing varsity football for the first time this season, looked solid in the passing game during his stint on the field in the team's first scrimmage.

Dobie High School

Freshman Orange football schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 27	at Deer Park (Abshire)	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 3	Clear Springs (HS)	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 10	*at Pearland (The Rig)	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 16	*Manvel (V)	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 1	*at Pasadena (HS)	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 8	*South Houston (HS)	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 15	*at Dawson (HS)	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 21	*Alvin (V)	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 29	*at Sam Rayburn (HS)	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 5	*Memorial (HS)	4:30 p.m.

* - District 22-6A game
(V) Veterans Stadium, Pasadena
(A) Auxiliary Stadium, Pasadena
(HS) High School Campus Games

Dobie High School

Freshman White football schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 27	at Deer Park (Abshire)	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 3	Clear Springs (HS)	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 10	*at Pearland (The Rig)	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 16	*Manvel (V)	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 1	*at Pasadena (HS)	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 8	*South Houston (HS)	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 15	*at Dawson (HS)	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 21	*Alvin (V)	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 29	*at Sam Rayburn (HS)	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 5	*Memorial (HS)	4 p.m.

* - District 22-6A game
(V) Veterans Stadium, Pasadena
(A) Auxiliary Stadium, Pasadena
(HS) High School Campus Games

Dobie High School

Sophomore football schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 27	Deer Park (V)	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 3	at Clear Springs (HS)	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 10	*Pearland (V)	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 16	*at Manvel (HS)	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 1	*at Texas City (HS)	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 8	*at Katy Taylor (HS)	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 15	*Dawson (HS)	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 21	*at Alvin (Stadium)	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 29	*Sam Rayburn (HS)	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 5	*at Memorial (A)	4:30 p.m.

* - District 22-6A game
(V) Veterans Stadium, Pasadena
(A) Auxiliary Stadium, Pasadena
(HS) High School Campus Games

Dobie High School

JV football schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 27	Deer Park (V)	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 3	at Clear Springs (HS)	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 10	*Pearland (V)	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 16	*at Manvel (HS)	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 1	*Pasadena (HS)	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 8	*South Houston (A)	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 15	*Dawson (A)	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 21	*at Alvin (Stadium)	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 29	*Sam Rayburn (A)	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 5	*at Memorial (A)	6:30 p.m.

* - District 22-6A game
(V) Veterans Stadium, Pasadena
(A) Auxiliary Stadium, Pasadena
(HS) High School Campus Games

Woods finishes standout summer baseball action



Kaelon Woods, who will begin his senior year at Dobie Aug. 25, enjoyed a standout summer baseball season while representing the Houston Astros Urban Youth Academy's senior division team at the RBI world series round in Grapevine. While Houston fell shy in its bid to win it all, Woods went seven innings against Chicago, allowing just one earned run. He went 7-1 overall this summer.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

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

Clear Lake Bridge Club - Bridge games weekdays, 10 a.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark Rd. For lessons, contact Dr. Dave Glandorf, bridge instructor, at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or 281-488-6318. Cost is \$6 per game or \$15 per lesson. For information, call the club at 281-486-1911.

Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, 2245 N. Main (building next to pawn shop). For information, call 713-856-1611.

4 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free water exercise for individuals with Parkinson's disease, 4 to 5 p.m., Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital Clear Lake, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Call 713-313-1652 or visit www.hapsonline.org for a list of all services.

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

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

Al-Anon (English Speaking) - Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, room 215. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

Alateen - Provides support for teenage children, friends and family members of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, room 208. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

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

10 a.m.
Interfaith Care Partners - Interfaith Care Partners ministry at Saint Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, 10727 Hartsook St., near Alameda Mall. This gathering, for those with Alzheimer's, dementia, Parkinson's, strokes, etc. and their caretakers, meets the third Friday of each month, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. It consists of a continental-type breakfast, arts, crafts, exercises, entertainment, a sing-a-long, devotional break, lunch, and bingo game. Those who have a family member or know of someone with these challenges are invited. For information, call the church at 713-946-5768; Claudia Rojas, Interfaith Care Partners, at 713-682-5995; or visit the website at www.interfaithcarepartners.org.

10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Bridge games weekdays, 10 a.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark Rd. For lessons, contact Dr. Dave Glandorf, bridge instructor, at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or 281-488-6318. Cost is \$6 per game or \$15 per lesson. For information, call the club at 281-486-1911.

Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - West End Group of Al-

coholics Anonymous, noon, Shepherd of the Heart United Methodist Church, 12005 County Road 39, Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.

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

7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., (Hwy 35), in building next to pawn shop. For more information, call 713-856-1611.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

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

10 a.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., (Hwy 35), in building next to pawn shop. For more information, call 713-856-1611.

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

1 p.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Bridge games weekdays, 10 a.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark Rd. For lessons, contact Dr. Dave Glandorf, bridge instructor, at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or 281-488-6318. Cost is \$6 per game or \$15 per lesson. For information, call the club at 281-486-1911.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

1 p.m.

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2 p.m.
Grief Support Group - For any adult who has lost a loved one. Meets Sundays, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas, 2 to 3:15 p.m., First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. For information, call 281-487-8787.

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Celebrate Recovery - A faith-based 12-Step Program, Sundays, 5:30 p.m., Chapel of the Educational Building at Life Church in Houston, 9900 Almeda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for information or to RSVP for child care.

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Alcoholics Anonymous - Candlelight Meeting, Sunday, 6:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous NA meets Sundays, 7 p.m., 2245 N. Main St., Pearland (building next to pawn shop). For more information, call 713-856-1611.

8 p.m.
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MONDAY, AUGUST 24

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon at 2245 N. Main (building next to pawn shop). For more information, call 713-856-1611.

Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered. For adults with Parkinson's disease only.

Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting - meets Mondays at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway (FM 518). Enter door closest to recycling bins. For more information, call 713-865-3668 or visit www.oahouston.org.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), First Presbyterian Church in the youth building on the Westminster side. For more information, call 713-856-1611.

Friends Helping Friends Grief Support Group - Group meets Mondays, Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster, 7 to 8:15 p.m., in the staff meeting room. Anyone who has lost a loved one is welcome. Free. For information, call Betty Bielat at 281-474-3430 or Diana Kawalec at 281-334-1033.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

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

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

American Begonia Society - Houston Satellite meets the fourth Tuesday of each month, Clear Lake Park, 5001 NASA Parkway (on the lake side), Seabrook. For information, call Joe at 281-481-2458.

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

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518) at the First Presbyterian Church in the youth building on the Westminster side. For information, call 713-856-1611.

Houston Space City Lions Club - Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m., Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway. For information, call George Malone at 281-438-7243.

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

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

9:30 a.m.
Young at Heart Club - Meets the second and fourth week of each month (except November and December) at Covenant United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Lots of activities, trips, etc. Call Nellie Galney at 713-991-3517 for information.

10 a.m.
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7 p.m.
Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center - Confidential domestic violence support group for women, 7 p.m., 210 S. Walnut off NASA Pkwy. between I-45 South and Highway 3. Call 281-338-7600 or visit www.bayareaturningpoint.com for information. 24-hour crisis hotline is 281-286-2525.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

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

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Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, 2245 N. Main (building next to pawn shop). For information, call 713-856-1611.

4 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free water exercise for individuals with Parkinson's disease, 4 to 5 p.m., Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital Clear Lake, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Call 713-313-1652 or visit www.hapsonline.org for a list of all services.

6:30 p.m.
Kirkwood Civic Association meets at the Sagemont Park and Recreation Center on Hughes Road. For more information call Ericka McCutcheon at 281-989-9990.

6:30 p.m.
CrossRoads Support Group - Those who are the husband, wife or partner of a chronically ill/disabled person may join a new support group, Well Spouse, the last Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at CrossRoads United Methodist Church, 10030 Scarsdale. Free childcare provided. For more information, contact Jenniffer Miller at houstonwellspouse@gmail.com or 713-724-2360, or visit the Well Spouse Association at http://www.wellspouse.org.

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

7 p.m.
Al-Anon (English Speaking) - Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, room 215. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

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8:30 p.m.
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Nguyens visit zoo, aquarium

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Ahn seems at ease while Tram seems a little frightened by the statue of a white tiger at the zoo.



Tram and Ahn enjoyed the chance to brush the goats in the petting area at the zoo.

Botkins enjoy Kentucky Derby

Linda and Jason Botkin, daughter Elizabeth and granddaughter Brooke Botkin recently attended the Kentucky Derby.



Linda, Jason and Elizabeth Botkin share a mint julep at the Derby.

Linda Botkin, granddaughter Brooke Botkin and Jason Botkin had fun ziplining at a salt mine in Kentucky.



Linda and granddaughter Brooke complete a ziplining experience in the dark.

Final vacation photo winners picked

The August winners of the Leader's 2015 vacation photo contest have been chosen, with two local families earning the first and second-place honors.

The first-place honor goes to the Gus Silguero family for photos of their recent trip to Yellowstone National Park, and the second-place honor goes to the Wheeler family for photos of their recent trip to Cambodia and Thailand.

Neither of the winning photos have been published but will be shortly. All entries submitted by Aug. 18 were included in the judging process.

The Leader would like to express its thanks to all who participated in the annual summer vacation photo contest. The Leader received a record number of entries in the contest this year and will continue to publish all photos that were entered throughout the coming weeks.

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