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Vacation contest ending

The *Leader* is seeking readers' 2016 vacation photos for possible publication. A first- and second-place prize of Schlitterbahn tickets will be awarded monthly for the best submissions.

Monthly first-place winner will receive eight tickets, second-place winner will be awarded six.

All submissions should include where and when the photo was taken, as well as identify each person in the picture (first and last name) and tell the story about the trip. All photos must be high resolution. Email photos to mynews@southbeltleader.com. Do not compress photos when emailing. Photos must be submitted by Aug. 26.

Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from FM-1959/Dixie Farm Road to FM-528/NASA Road 1 will be closed nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Monday, Sept. 26. Alternate exit and entrance ramps will be closed.

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from FM-1959/Dixie Farm Road to FM-528/NASA Road 1 will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Monday, Sept. 26. Alternate exit and entrance ramps will be closed.

There will be a total closure of the FM-528/NASA Parkway southbound exit ramp until further notice. Southbound mainlane traffic wanting to exit at FM-528/NASA Parkway will have to exit at Bay Area Boulevard, travel through the intersection at Bay Area and down the southbound frontage road to FM-528/NASA Parkway.

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

Spaghetti fundraiser set

The Knights of Columbus Council 9201 will host a fundraising spaghetti dinner Friday, Aug. 26, in the St. Luke Catholic church social hall, 11011 Hall Road, from 5 to 7 p.m. Meals feature all-you-can-eat pasta covered with original KC 9201 sauce, two made-from-scratch Italian meatballs, garden salad with Italian dressing, French bread and iced tea or lemonade. The cost is \$7, eat in or take out. For children under 12, the cost is \$3 (one meatball), eat in only.

Boykins holds golf tourney

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

Dobie 45th reunion set

Dobie's 45th reunion will be held Saturday, Sept. 17, at the County Line Event Center, located at 18232 County Road 127 in Pearland, from 7 to 11 p.m. The cost is \$65 per person and includes a buffet dinner, alcoholic beverages, dessert, a disc jockey, dancing and more. Dress is casual. For additional information, contact Debbie Englehart Hughes at dhughes533@aol.com, Diane West Lister at dianel10@comcast.net or Brenda Mackebon Keener at keenersrus@comcast.net.

St. Luke's celebrates Mass

The Catholic Community of St. Luke the Evangelist Church, 11011 Hall Road, will celebrate the Mass of the Sorrowful Virgin on the first Wednesday of the month on Sept. 7 and Oct. 5 at 6:30 p.m.

For additional information, call 281-481-6816.

Beltway closures set

The eastbound U-turn lane on the Beltway 8 frontage road at Blackhawk will be closed from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Friday, Sept. 16. The closure will impact both the eastbound and westbound frontage roads.

The westbound U-turn lane on the Beltway 8 frontage road at Blackhawk will be closed from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Friday, Sept. 30. The closure will impact both the eastbound and westbound frontage roads.

The eastbound U-turn lane on the Beltway 8 frontage road at SH-288 will be closed from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Friday, Sept. 2. The closure will impact both the eastbound and westbound frontage roads.

At least one inside lane on the westbound frontage road from SH-288 to Kirby Drive will be closed continuously until Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2017.

The closures are associated with the ongoing project to widen Beltway 8 from Beamer to Highway 288 from two to four lanes in each direction.

Chamber addresses homeless problem

Several city and county law enforcement officials visited with community members at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce Tuesday, Aug. 23, to discuss the area's growing homeless problem.

The number of transient people in the South Belt and Clear Lake communities has significantly increased in recent weeks, prompting an unprecedented number of complaints to the *Leader*.

While the homeless individuals can be found spread throughout the community, the largest concentration of them can be found under the overpasses along Beltway 8.

Residents complain their presence creates a

safety hazard and lowers area property values.

Police officers at the chamber meeting said the homeless problem goes hand in hand with drug and alcohol abuse. Officers further noted the availability of the synthetic drug Kush at least one area store likely contributes to the growing problem, as the cheap substance seems to be the drug of choice among many of the homeless.

"It's become an epidemic," one Houston police officer said.

One attendee said he saw a homeless female, presumably under the influence of drugs, urinating under the Sabo overpass in broad daylight while he was driving with his children.

In addition to substance abuse, officials said many of the homeless individuals also suffer from psychiatric problems.

One community member in attendance said he was once the landlord of one of the homeless females regularly seen at the Sabo overpass and that he had driven her more than 100 miles away to her parents' house six or seven times, but the female, who suffers from drug addiction and psychiatric problems, always returns to the street.

While both the city and county offer services and facilities to house the homeless individuals, many of them reportedly opt to remain on the streets because shelters do not allow them to consume alcohol or use drugs.

Officers recommended not giving food or money directly to the homeless but to the shelters instead.

"Word has gotten out that the homeless can flourish (in the South Belt area)," one officer said.

Despite the availability of shelters in the city, officials said their funding has been cut, and one of the larger facilities is planning to shutter its doors.

The homeless problem is not limited to the South Belt community, as officials said the problem has now also spread into the Clear Lake area and other local suburbs.

A similar meeting on the issue was held by the Harris County Sheriff's Office on the same day.

Chamber officials said they intend to work together with Clear Lake community leaders, as well as local law enforcement officials and local elected representatives to address the problem.

See future editions of the *Leader* for additional information.

Lightning strikes area home



Lightning struck Barry and Zoanna Maney's home in the 11600 block of Kirkhollow the morning of Monday, Aug. 22. Zoanna jokes in retrospect that she initially thought the foul odor caused by the strike stemmed from her dog's flatulence. When her fire alarm went off shortly after, she realized it was no joking matter, as much of her residence had caught fire. Zoanna attributes the close proximity of Houston Fire Department Station 70 on Beamer for saving most of her belongings, including several irreplaceable pieces of artwork. Multiple other City of Houston fire stations also responded to the scene. No one was injured in the blaze.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

Woman dies in Scarsdale accident

A 22-year-old South Belt woman was killed and three injured, including two children, following a three-car collision the night of Wednesday, Aug. 17, in the 13700 block of Scarsdale near the Gulf Freeway.

According to police, Scarsdale resident Angelly Heidi Caballero was driving east in a black Kia Forte at a high rate of speed around 9:30 p.m. when she struck the rear of a gray Honda. The Kia then veered into oncoming traffic, where it slammed head-on into a white Ford F-150 pickup.

Caballero was rushed to a nearby hospital, where she was pronounced dead.

Two young children who were passengers in

Caballero's vehicle were transported to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital in unknown condition.

Information on the children's ages or their relationship to Caballero was not released by police at press time.

The 34-year-old man driving the pickup was also taken to Memorial Hermann Southeast hospital. His condition was also unknown at press time.

The 29-year-old man driving the Honda was treated at the scene and released.

In addition to Caballero's speed, investigators said a lack of street lights on the dark stretch of road likely played a role in the accident.

PISD meets all state standards

The Pasadena Independent School District has earned a "Met Standard" designation from the Texas Education Agency (TEA), which recently released its 2016 accountability reports.

Each of PISD's 61 rated campuses also earned the "Met Standard" designation.

"There is so much to be proud of in Pasadena ISD," Dr. DeeAnn Powell, PISD school superintendent said. "We are proud of our students and staff who work hard every day to meet and exceed the standards set by the state. This accomplishment is one more example of our success."

The 2016 ratings are based on a system that

uses a range of indicators to provide greater detail about the performance of a district or charter and individual campuses throughout the state. The performance index framework includes four areas:

- Student Achievement – Provides a snapshot of performance across all subjects
- Student Progress – Measures year-to-year student progress by subject and student group
- Closing Performance Gaps – Emphasizes the academic achievement of economically disadvantaged students and the lowest performing

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County education program turns 25

By Jay Do

The Harris County Precinct One Environmental Education Program recently reached a momentous achievement, celebrating the 25th anniversary of its establishment.

Founded by the late Commissioner El Franco Lee in 1991, the Environmental Education Program was established as a means of reaching out to children in the heavily urbanized communities in Precinct One to develop a connection to the natural world around them in their own neighborhoods.

"Commissioner Lee felt if he could reach children at a very early age and peak their inter-

est in science, especially environmental science, it would develop a desire toward preserving and protecting our fragile ecosystem," said Environmental Education Program Director David Matthews. "This program would in turn be building better environmental stewards for tomorrow. Our program incorporates the use of live native and exotic animals in its programs so children can learn through a "hands on" application first hand. We also offer field trip opportunities for groups and schools to visit our centers and experience nature through planned activities, hosted by our learning center naturalists."

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Talbott retires from flood control

By Jay Do

After 35 years of a long and prosperous career with the Harris County Flood Control District, Executive Director Michael Talbott now finds himself preparing for retirement.

The son of a civil service member of the United States Air Force, Talbott found himself relocating frequently throughout most of his childhood years, attending schools in Texas, California and Thailand before graduating from Canyon High School of New Braunfels in 1974.

Talbott would go on to attend Texas A&M University and graduate with a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering in May 1978, followed by a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Houston in December

1982.

Talbott began his career in the private sector in consulting engineering in 1978 before joining the Harris County Flood Control District in 1981, where he would quickly climb through the ranks, earning the position of director in 1998 and executive director in 2015.

Managing over 300 employees and directing an annual spending of about \$120 million, Talbott oversees the District in providing flood damage reduction projects that work with appropriate regard for community and natural values for the third most populous county in the nation.

"My primary objective as executive director is devising and implementing flood damage

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Sagemont to host Make it Right!

County event to forgive low-level criminal offenses

Residents with minor criminal offenses in Harris County Precincts 2 and 8 will have an opportunity to clear them at an event hosted by Sagemont Church, located at 11300 S. Sam Houston Parkway E., Saturday, Aug. 27, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Spearheaded by Harris County District Attorney Devon Anderson, *Make It Right!* is designed to help members of the community who have unresolved warrants for low-level, nonviolent misdemeanor charges. The goal of the program is to provide these individuals with an opportunity to "make it right" for themselves by getting their outstanding warrants removed and their pending cases resolved in a nontraditional and nonconfrontational manner, with no financial cost and no risk of arrest.

"We want people to know this isn't a trick," Anderson said. "No one will be arrested. We won't even have the ability to run criminal histories, just J.P. (justice of the peace) Class C records. It's not a 'gotcha' thing."

For those with outstanding Class C warrants or other pending charges in Harris County Precincts 2 and/or 8, this one-day event will provide a unique opportunity to clear them in a favorable environment, without having to go to court.

"We hope to help hundreds of Houstonians with open and pending Class C warrants in Precincts 2 and 8 by clearing outstanding warrants from their records," Anderson said. "Open warrants can weigh heavily on those who carry them

due to the constant risk of arrest following a police encounter."

In lieu of paying fines or restitution, participating offenders will be required to watch a 30-minute video and pass a subsequent test. Videos and tests will be available in English, Spanish and Vietnamese.

While warrants for felony or Class A and Class B misdemeanor charges cannot be resolved at *Make It Right!*, attorneys from the Harris County Public Defender's Office will be present to offer free legal advice in an effort to help resolve those cases.

In addition to offering participants support as they navigate the process of resolving their warrants, *Make It Right!* will offer a resource fair with job training and educational opportunities, as well as legal referral services.

"This is a community outreach program," Anderson said. "People often think of us as the bad guys, but we do a lot of good in the community, and this is one of our best events."

Open and pending warrants from Harris County Precincts 2 and 8 can be resolved at this event, regardless of where an individual lives or their immigration status.

There will be interpreters available on-site to assist Spanish speakers. Those wishing to clear open warrants must bring a photo ID, but it is not necessary to bring the original warrant.

For information and qualifying offenses, call 713-274-0490 or visit www.jp.hctx.net.

County officials visit Sagemont



Harris County officials held a press conference at Sagemont Church Tuesday, Aug. 23, to promote the *Make It Right!* crime resolution event, set to take place at the church Saturday, Aug. 27. Shown above at the event are, left to right, Sgt. Fermin Vasquez of the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office; Harris County Precinct 8 Constable Phil Sandlin; Harris County Precinct 2, Place 1 Justice of the Peace Jo Ann Delgado; Harris County District Attorney Devon Anderson, Harris County Precinct 8, Place 1 Justice of the Peace Holly Williamson; Sgt. Lee Hernandez of the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office; and the Rev. John Morgan, senior pastor at Sagemont Church.

Photo by Stephanie Belton

Trio named to So Ho Hall of Honor inductees



Wayne Armstrong **Dee Ann Pederson** **Stewart Russell**

Wayne Armstrong, a former "Mr. South Houston" High School who went on to help develop some of the military's most important weapons systems, will be inducted into the school's Hall of Honor this fall along with two other esteemed graduates.

Joining Armstrong in South Houston's 2016 alumni induction class are Dee Ann Pederson, an award-winning wildlife photographer and conservationist, and Stewart Russell, the Pasadena ISD's chief of police.

The three new inductees represent three different decades of graduates.

Armstrong, who passed away last year, graduated from South Houston in 1964. Pederson is a member of the Class of 1978 and Russell the Class of 1987.

The new inductees will bring the number of SHHS Alumni Hall of Honor members to 79, all selected since the Hall of Honor was established in 2011.

Previously announced teacher inductees for 2016 are Patricia Bundy and Barbara Lee. Bundy chaired the business department and Lee the English department at South Houston during long teaching tenures there.

All five new inductees will be honored during homecoming week festivities, the first week in October. A reception will be held at the high school

during the annual alumni open house gathering on Thursday, Oct. 6, beginning at 10 a.m. and lasting through the afternoon pep rally. The reception will begin around noon.

Formal induction ceremonies will be held before the kickoff of South Houston's homecoming game on Saturday, Oct. 8, against Deer Park. Game time is 1 p.m. with the induction ceremony set to start between noon and 12:30 p.m.

As a young engineer, Armstrong played a key role as a member of development teams that produced the Aegis Combat System and the Vertical Launching System for the U.S. Navy. The Aegis system uses computer and radar technology to enable ships to track enemy targets and guide weapons. The system is currently employed on about 100 ships in five navies worldwide.

The Vertical Launching System enables surface ships and submarines to store and fire missiles in a cell-like vertical launch structure. Various versions of the system are now in use by more than two dozen countries around the globe.

After earning his bachelor's degree in engineering from Lamar University and an MBA from Rollins College, Armstrong served as vice president of Metric Systems Corp., where he helped design and develop the two weapons

systems. He later served as president of various contracting companies, including one in Turkey.

He returned to his hometown of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., to take the reins of Micro Systems, Inc., a supplier of military training systems. Leading up to his retirement, he served as president of Kratos Unmanned Systems, a global supplier of unmanned jet aircraft for military training.

In his later years, he volunteered with the Panhandle Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) in Florida, serving on the group's board and for a stint as president.

While in high school, Armstrong served as a cheerleader and was selected for the school's highest honor - Mr. South Houston - in 1964. He died suddenly on Aug. 14, 2015.

Pederson's wildlife photography has been chosen for display each of the past five years in the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History in Washington D.C. Her images have appeared in the Smithsonian's Windland Smith Rice International Exhibition for "Nature's Best Photography."

Pederson continues to travel the world as a photographer, tour guide and advocate for conservation. She organizes tours to Africa, Iceland, India and other remote locations, marketing her photography

and related products through her Houston-based company, Windows of Nature.

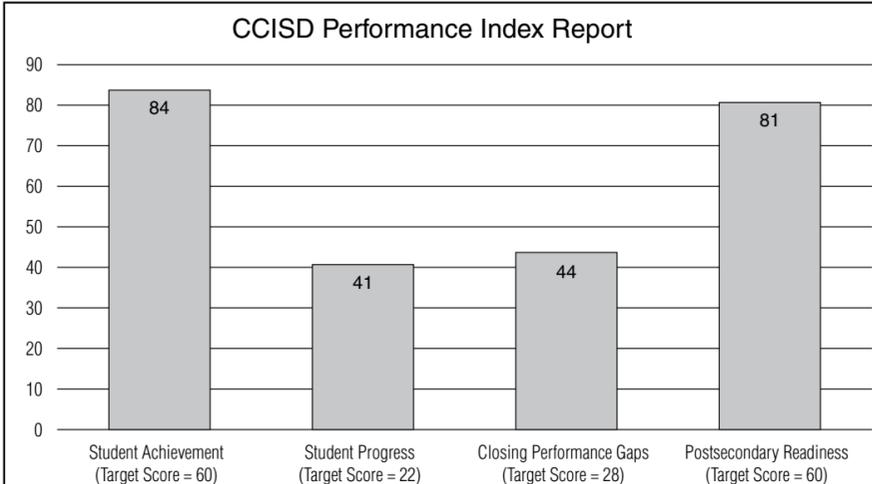
Her images have appeared in such publications as National Geographic Traveler, National Geographic Expeditions, Holland American Cruises, British Airways and numerous other travel-related books.

Proceeds from the sale of her photographs, art cards and calendars have benefited numerous conservation groups, among them the National Audubon Society, the Sierra Club and the National Wildlife Federation.

Russell has served as the school district's police chief since 2011, when he succeeded long-time chief C.L. Ellis. Russell oversees a full-service police department that employs more than four dozen officers and administrative staff.

A 1991 graduate of Sam Houston State, Russell received his police academy certification from the University of Houston and joined the Pasadena ISD force in 1992.

Seven years later, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and assumed a variety of duties that included training coordinator, firearms instructor and tactical operations instructor. In high school, Russell studied law enforcement under George Neal, who was inducted last year into the school's Teacher Hall of Honor.



Clear Creek ISD exceeds expectations in Texas state accountability ratings

As passing standards on the state assessment are on the rise, the Clear Creek Independent School District continues to shine.

The school district and all 44 campuses scored well above the state's standards for student achievement, student progress from year-to-year, closing the achievement gap and post-secondary readiness.

"We always strive for the best," said Dr. Greg Smith, Superintendent of the Clear Creek Independent School District. "We will continue to meet the needs of all children and raise our own expectations year after year."

The Texas Education Agency this week released the 2016 accountability ratings for more than 1,200 school districts and charters, as well as for more than 8,600 campuses across the state, according to the agency's website.

In total, about 94 percent of school districts and charters across Texas received the Met Standard rating.

The 2016 ratings are based on a system that uses a range of indicators to provide greater detail about the performance of districts and individual campuses.

The performance index framework includes four areas: Student Achievement, Student Progress, Closing Performance Gaps and Postsecondary Readiness.

"In the Clear Creek Independent School District every campus met every index," said Dr. Jon Maxwell, executive director of assessment and evaluation.

"We had no campus miss an index - that's huge," Maxwell said. "To keep this high level of achievement, even as the standards went up, is wonderful."

Student Achievement provides a look at performance

from all subjects; Student Progress shows growth from year-to-year by subject and student group; Closing Performance Gaps emphasizes the academic achievement of economically disadvantaged students and the lowest performing racial/ethnic groups; and Postsecondary Readiness underlines the importance of earning a high school diploma that provides students with the foundation necessary for success in college, the workforce, job training programs or the military.

According to the Texas Education Agency, districts and individual campuses must meet targets in three of the four categories. Each campus in the Clear Creek Independent School District surpassed the state's target index.

Regardless of being one of the highest-ranked school districts in Galveston County, the state's report is not the

only indicator of student success within the district, Smith said.

"Our students excel in many areas beyond just that of standardized tests," he said.

Those accolades include the more than 200 students who are named annually as Superintendent Scholars, high school students recognized for outstanding academic achievement. These students earn grades of at least 95 in all courses each semester.

It also includes the growing number of students who receive state certifications in the health, manufacturing and culinary arts fields each year to help them when entering the workforce, Dr. Smith said.

To view campus-by-campus results for CCISD, https://rptsrv1.tea.texas.gov/perfreport/account/2016/srch_ratings.html.

Lorna's Love Lost comes to San Jac Central

The San Jacinto College Central theatre and film department will hold open auditions for *Lorna's Love Lost*, a family melodrama, on Saturday, Aug. 27, and Monday, Aug. 29.

Auditions will be held at 6 p.m., on both dates, at the Jerry Powell Arena Theatre located at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena, Building 13.

Auditions for the show are open to anyone in the community and enrollment

at the College is not required. The cast will include four men and four women and the show might be double cast, depending on auditions. Auditionees need not prepare anything and should be dressed to move.

"This will be a family-oriented show and it's the type of play that encourages audience participation and throwing popcorn," commented Dr. Jerry Ivins, the Central campus theatre and film department chair.

The setting for the melodrama is 1880. Preston Dove is a rich and ailing landowner trying desperately to protect his only child, the innocent and pure Lorna Dove. But in the shadows, the mischievous master of disguise, the villain of all villains, Uriah Blackstone, has other plans. Can the hero, Leroy Prince, save the day? Can the evil villain be stopped? Only the audience knows.

Performances will take place in the Powell Arena

Theatre on Sept. 21, 22, 23 and 24 with a 7:30 p.m. curtain, and on Sept. 25 with a 2:30 p.m. curtain. General admission is \$10 per person at the door, with a discount price of \$8 per person for all who purchase tickets by Sept. 20 by calling 281-476-1828. San Jacinto College employees and students are free.

To find out more about theater degrees and courses at San Jacinto College, visit sanjac.edu/career/theatre-film.

Deaths

Ira Edward Andrews Jr.



Ira Edward Andrews, Jr., 75, of Houston died at Houston Methodist Hospital on Aug. 15, 2016.

He was born on Sept. 4, 1940, in Pine Bluff, Ark., to his parents Ira Edward Sr. and Lenora Andrews. Ira grew up in Pine Bluff and attended Watson Chapel High School. His friends and family knew him as "Sonny."

After graduation, he enlisted in the Arkansas National Guard in 1959 then quickly transitioned to active duty and earned the nickname "Andy," spending nearly 21 years of dedicated service to our nation.

During his time on active duty, Ira was a member of the prestigious Army Security Agency and held multiple assignments in the National Capital Region, West Germany, Turkey, Japan and Texas. A combat veteran, Ira proudly served two tours in Vietnam from 1967 through 1969 stationed in Hue and Phu Bai during the Tet Offensive.

Following his retirement from the Army in 1980 as a sergeant first class, he moved to Houston and attended the Harris County Sheriff's Academy. He later finished his master's degree in criminal justice at the University of Houston - Clear Lake.

He moved to the South Belt area in 1980. Ira served once again in civilian law enforcement and dedicated more than 20 years of his life to protect the local community in which he lived.

Ira leaves behind his former wife Nancy Andrews; his wife Lisa; sisters Jean Graves and Sue Devine and her husband J.L.; daughter and son-in-law Michelle and Mike Maltzahn of California; son and daughter-in-law Lt. Col. Mark and Hillary Andrews and his four grandchildren, Faith, Emma, Jack and Max of Belgium. Ira is preceded in death by his sister Judy Cox and his second daughter, baby Natalie.

Ira will have full military honors with interment Sept. 6 at the Houston National Cemetery, 10410 Veteran's Memorial Dr. Attendees should arrive no later than 11 a.m. and park in lane 2 next to the information center. The procession will depart at 11:10 a.m.

Harold R. Macumber Jr.



South Belt resident, Harold Macumber Jr. was born in Port Arthur where he graduated from Bishop Byrne High School in 1959. He married the love of his life, Patricia, on July 24, 1959, in Houston.

The couple shared 57 years together. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather who found the greatest satisfaction in family time. He was known for his smile, and heartwarming laugh. He was always ready with a joke and befriended all.

He started his career as a grocery manager at Davis Food City in Houston, and later with Kroger. Being a handyman was his ultimate calling though, and he moved into the appliance repair business. In the mid-1980s, he put his business skills and handyman expertise together and started Macumber Turn-Key Service. He thoroughly enjoyed making house calls and helping numerous neighbors, friends and clients.

Harold was widely respected and admired for his generosity. He made the most out of every day.

Harold was preceded in death by his father and mother, Ester and Harold Macumber Sr.; and sisters Esther Allen and Laura Austin.

He is survived by his wife; daughters: Elizabeth Frantal and husband Greg, Debora

Waddell and husband Robby, Sandra Bushman and husband Gary, Patricia Bujnoch and husband Mark; grandchildren Debora Churches and husband Matt, Danny Waddell, Michael Gross and wife Jordan, Trista Hough and husband Bobby, Chris Gross and wife Kera, Kyle Frantal and wife Rosaleigh, Robby Waddell, Travis Bushman, Brooke Bushman, Mark Thomas Bujnoch Jr., and Matthew Harold Bujnoch; great-grandchildren: James Churches, Adam Churches, Paul Churches, Chase Gross, Caden Gross, Ella Gross, Julianne Gross, Bobby Hough, Parker Hough, Blakeleigh Frantal, Charlotte Gross, Presley Hough, Hannah Churches, Hailey Churches, and Cole Gross; nephews Mike Austin Royal Allen Jr.; niece, Rhonda Allen; and numerous other family members and friends.

A visitation was held Aug. 1. The funeral service was Aug. 2 at Oak Park Chapel. Interment followed at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Houston.

Panhandler increases concerns Ceja

I have been meaning to vent my concerns with the increase of panhandling activity along the South Belt. I have also had to brake and stop my vehicle to abstain from hitting the female at the Sabo and Beltway 8 intersection.

She is not cognizant of her environment and often appears under the influence of something which alters her judgment. I have seen at least a couple of the people who claim to be homeless, leaving their homes near the South Belt to go pan-handle. While I feel compassion for their circumstances, I don't believe offering them money will resolve their problems. I feel that by doing that we are continuing to enable them. We need to offer them assistance which will lead them to long-term solutions. I was not aware of the HOT (Homeless Outreach Team) program but am glad that it exists. I hope we can work together to alleviate the concerns associated with homelessness.

Virginia Ball

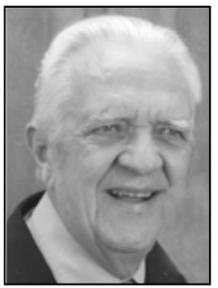
Longtime South Belt resident Virginia Ball 73, died peacefully on Sunday, Aug. 21.

She was born in Tennessee and moved to Houston in 1980.

She is survived by her four children Lisa Sellers, Tom Aldridge, John Aldridge and Michelle Urdiales. She was predeceased by her son Robert Aldridge and her husband Theodore Ball. Virginia was the proud mother of five children, 26 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren. She was a strong, hard-working woman who loved unconditionally and genuinely cared about people. She left those who loved her with beautiful memories.

In honor of her life, a memorial service will be held at Niday Funeral Home on Fairmont on Sept. 3 at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers the family asks for donations to be made in her honor to the American Cancer Society.

Edward Frank Weiman



Edward Frank Weiman, 87, died with his family by his side on Monday, Aug. 15, 2016. He was born in Chicago, Ill., on Dec. 8, 1928.

He is preceded in death by his parents Frank and Mary Weiman; brothers Roman, Raymond and Daniel Weiman; and sister Evelyn Balis. He is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Jane Weiman; sons Jim Cummings and wife Janet, Pat Cummings, David Weiman and wife Sarah; daughters Kathy Shatto and husband, Alf, Mary Bourgeois and husband Gary, Yvonne Kelley and husband Greg; sister-in-law, Lucille Weiman; sixteen grandchildren; twenty-five great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren.

Local library events set

The following events are scheduled at the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale: Thursday, Aug. 25, 4:30 p.m. National Parks 100th Birthday Celebration. Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2:30 p.m. Internet Security - Call the library to register. Wednesdays, Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. Thursdays, Toddler Story Time, 10:30 a.m. Saturdays, Vietnamese Learning Time. Classes are at 10 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. For more information on these programs, 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 the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint. Wednesday, Aug. 31 - Adult Computer Classes

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

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

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

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. There are no children's programs (Family Storytime, Storytime Craft, Baby/Toddler Storytime and Playgroup) in August. Programs will resume the week of Sept. 5. For information on these programs, call the library at 832-393-2580.

and a host of other family and friends.

Ed accomplished many things throughout his life but he was most proud of his family. He was a successful resort owner, restaurant manager, farmer, concrete pump operator and even once a security guard. He also served as a cook in the army during the Korean War and enjoyed cooking for family and friends. Throughout it all, Ed was a great entertainer, known for his amazing stories and hilarious jokes.

He enjoyed music, singing and dancing. Ed loved fishing for the solitude and peacefulness, and considered

catching a fish the bonus. He was affectionately known to all of his friends and family as "Uncle Ed" and will be remembered for his favorite farewell phrase he said to everyone, "Peace be with you." He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

A rosary and memorial Mass for Ed will be held Aug. 26 at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, 10727 Hartsock Street, with Father Frank Fabj officiating. The rosary begins at 10:30 a.m. and the Memorial Mass will follow at 11 a.m.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.claytonfuneralhomes.com.

thanks to the young man for asking if I could stay in the Do-Nut Shop out of 100 degree heat. A blessing to each of you.

Havana Nights at Hope Village

Hope Village is hosting "Havana Nights" an evening of Cuban music and dancing, cigar rolling, delicious steaks, whiskey tasting along with a live auction.

The event is designed to raise money for the Hope Village resident tuition program.

This year's event will be held at the brand new Education and Community Center at Hope Village in Friendswood on Aug. 27 at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$125. Table Sponsors \$1250.00 (includes seating for 8).

Visit www.hopevillage.com or call Kat Clemons at 281-400-2011 for more information.

In My Opinion

Panhandler increases concerns Ceja

I have been meaning to vent my concerns with the increase of panhandling activity along the South Belt. I have also had to brake and stop my vehicle to abstain from hitting the female at the Sabo and Beltway 8 intersection.

She is not cognizant of her environment and often appears under the influence of something which alters her judgment. I have seen at least a couple of the people who claim to be homeless, leaving their homes near the South Belt to go pan-handle. While I feel compassion for their circumstances, I don't believe offering them money will resolve their problems. I feel that by doing that we are continuing to enable them. We need to offer them assistance which will lead them to long-term solutions. I was not aware of the HOT (Homeless Outreach Team) program but am glad that it exists. I hope we can work together to alleviate the concerns associated with homelessness.

Publisher's note: We at the South Belt-Ellington Leader are also concerned and are sharing our concerns with all elected officials that we can. We are not alone; Clear Lake residents are having similar problems. One thing I am told by people who should know is that many of the homeless are leaving downtown due to pressure with the Super Bowl coming. I do not know that to be factual, but I keep hearing it from multiple sources.

Our mayor, Sylvester Turner, and councilman Dwight Boykins know that the homeless that are currently panhandling and living under the beltway would be better off downtown where they can have free housing and food.

There is concern that the generous nature of our residents is encouraging the homeless more by donating money which does not always go to the betterment of those panhandling. A young panhandling woman was hit on the beltway feeder recently while she was verbally fighting with a local merchant who would not sell her beer.

This problem is also being addressed by the Sagemont Civic Club and the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce. Kay Barbour serves as the civic club president and executive director for the chamber. We have teamed up on this and other issues, so hopefully with help of community members and our elected officials, we will make a great difference in correcting the problem.

Thanks for your interest and comments.

-Marie Flickinger

Duff grateful to helpers in time of need

To the men who pushed my car out of the street on Fuqua at Walgreens and Shipley's Do-Nut Shop on 8/15/16. I cannot thank you and tell you how I appreciate your help. Also

Billie Duff

June Hodges' parents thank community

Most of our friends and neighbors in the South Belt area are aware that we recently lost our beloved daughter, June Hodges. June was also a mother, a sister, an aunt and a grandmother. She was also a friend to many in our community who were her co-workers and people she attended church with.

Our family would like to thank each one of you who spoke at her memorial service, attended the service, sent flowers, called or visited our family during this difficult time.

We want to especially thank Rev. Emory Gadd of Sagemont Church who officiated the service and also visited June and her family in the hospital.

Please continue to pray for our family. Thank you all.

Chieko and Kenneth Webb

Accidents at Sageyork, Hughes worry Huston

I just returned home from Food Town. However on the way there while sitting on Sageyork at the stop sign, waiting to turn right on Hughes Rd., I would have encountered a two-car collision had I not watched carefully to my left the two cars zooming through the stop sign on Hughes Rd. as they approached crossing Sageyork.

This is not the first time this has occurred. To me nor many of my neighbors. I know for a fact that a female driver did run a stop sign on Hughes Rd. a few months after construction began and hit a young man who was crossing Hughes Rd. and sent him to Ben Taub, in the ICU alone, for three weeks with horrific injuries to the head.

The driver did stop. These automobiles not stopping at this location concern me as a lot of young kids cross the street while walking to the Sagemeadow Park basketball court, and as a grandparent I worry about all of kids and my neighbor's. I have lived at my present location since 1987 and cannot even remember how many accidents have happened at this location long before this construction even began. My next door neighbor even totaled his automobile at that location, and most of us know better in Sagemeadow that just stopping at the stop sign is just not enough back then and now.

I appreciate your updating your readers about the problems with the confusion all down Hughes due to construction and at the Beamer/Hughes location, but Sageyork/Hughes Rd. is really dangerous too.

B. A. Huston

Watch D.O.G.S. at Stuchbery

Kick-off for a new father-student program at Stuchbery Elementary, is a Dads' and Kids' Pizza Night on Tuesday, Aug. 30, from 6 to 7 p.m. at Stuchbery. The program, WatchD.O.G.S. (Dads Of Great Students) is the initiative of the National Center for Fathering. Inspired by one father's desire to increase male involvement in his children's school and with the help of the schools, teachers and administration, WatchD.O.G.S. was created in 1998 at George Elementary in Arizona. Studies by the U.S. Department of Education show a positive adult male role model has a uniquely positive impact on the development and educational success of a child, dramatically increasing the child's likelihood of graduating and getting mostly A's along the way, while at the same time dramatically decreasing the child's likelihood of living in poverty, getting involved with drugs and alcohol, and avoiding potentially devastating choices that result in a criminal record or a teen pregnancy.

The U.S. Department of Education has identified the WatchD.O.G.S. program as an effective way to increase male involvement in our nation's schools.

Each school year thousands of men volunteer to work at least one day in their child's school through the WatchD.O.G.S. program. These men work along side the educators to help as cross-

Local library events set

The following events are scheduled at the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale: Thursday, Aug. 25, 4:30 p.m. National Parks 100th Birthday Celebration. Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2:30 p.m. Internet Security - Call the library to register. Wednesdays, Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. Thursdays, Toddler Story Time, 10:30 a.m. Saturdays, Vietnamese Learning Time. Classes are at 10 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. For more information on these programs, 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 the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint. Wednesday, Aug. 31 - Adult Computer Classes

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

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

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

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. There are no children's programs (Family Storytime, Storytime Craft, Baby/Toddler Storytime and Playgroup) in August. Programs will resume the week of Sept. 5. For information on these programs, call the library at 832-393-2580.

Gonzalez urges students to pursue STEM

Yasmeen Gonzalez will represent San Jacinto College at the fall 2016 NASA



Community College Aerospace Scholars (NCAS) workshop.

NCAS is a five-week online workshop consisting of discussions, live video chats with NASA experts and various mission design challenges. Students will then apply for the opportunity to spend four days at a NASA center, getting an inside look at NASA missions and science, networking with

NASA scientists and engineers and developing a presentation to showcase their work to a panel of judges.

"I really wanted to apply for the NCAS program just for the chance to be placed in an internship at a NASA facility," said Gonzalez, who wants to major in computer engineering. She added that while she dreams of working at NASA one day, she also has an interest in designing video games if given the opportunity.

Although technology careers are growing in numbers, the growth rate of young women entering today's tech industry is still in its infancy. While numbers of female graduates with STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) degrees in areas such as biology and chemistry continue to rise exponentially, areas like computer engineering are still experiencing low graduate numbers. According to

Girls Who Code, a national non-profit organization dedicated to closing the gender gap in technology, by 2020 there will be 1.4 million jobs available in computer-related fields. However, of the 29 percent of the qualified graduates on track to fill those jobs, women will only fill three percent. Learning environments can also project barriers of which educators may not be aware.

A 2015 study by the University of Washington surveyed 270 high school students with results showing that three times as many girls were interested in enrolling in a computer science class if the classroom itself was redesigned to be less "geeky" and more inviting and inclusive. Since identity and a sense of belonging are heightened during teenage years, girls are less likely to disengage from pursuing technology classes if non-traditional elements

design are incorporated into their learning spaces, thus eliminating any stereotypical assumptions about tech careers and professionals.

Gonzalez did have some encouraging words for students, especially other young women, who want to enter a STEM-related field. "Don't be afraid to take a step into what you want to do. People assume STEM programs are scary because of the science and math involved, and that fear prevents them from taking that first step forward."

"The faculty here want you to succeed, and they want to help you any way they can. San Jacinto College has been phenomenal in preparing and helping me achieve my academic and professional goals."

For more information on the San Jacinto College engineering sciences associate degree program, visit sanjac.edu/career/engineering.

300 first-year Pasadena teachers welcomed

Nearly 300 first-year teachers and teachers new to Pasadena ISD filled the dining hall at Pasadena Memorial last week for the district's eighth annual New Teacher Welcome.

The event gave teachers a chance to connect with representatives from over 65 area businesses and organizations to help them get adjusted to Pasadena

and to ensure they start the school year on a positive note.

As teachers browsed the dining hall to learn about various services available in the community, campus and central office administrators welcomed them to their new professional family. "At Pasadena ISD, you are not just an employee, you are a member of our

work family," Dr. DeeAnn Powell, superintendent of schools said. "We are here to support you and help you reach your highest potential. If you are successful, your students will believe that they too can achieve success."

At the end of the event, teachers collected bundles of school and personal supplies during the door

prize giveaway. The door prizes were provided courtesy of many event sponsors and vendors.

The welcome demonstrated the close ties between Pasadena ISD and area businesses, many of which have partnered with the school district for numerous years.

"The relationships we have established over the

years with local businesses allows us to work together as a community to offer the best programs for our teachers and students," Powell said. "We extend our gratitude to the sponsors and vendors for continuously supporting our teachers, and ultimately, our students. We look forward to working with you again in the future."

Daugherty a role model to Puente

Faridhe Yamelli Puente, one of J. Frank Dobie High School's Shining Stars, is shown with distinguished educator Bob Daugherty, an instructor of 60s and 70s History.

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

Puente has volunteered with the National Honor Society. She has participated in a number of extracurricular activities, including National Honor Society, HOSA, Latin Club, Key Club, Student Council, Math Club and Robotics, and

has enjoyed the leadership positions of president of the National Honor Society, HOSA and Latin Club. Concerning the future, Puente plans to study neuroscience and minor in political science. Regarding her teacher, Wilson said, "One of the highlights of my high school experience was being able to have Mr. D as a teacher because he has taught me to always go above and beyond what is expected. His passionate lectures about history and constant dedication that he puts into his teaching have truly inspired me. "I have not only gained valuable knowledge but also a role model as to how I

should perceive my work. His sometimes cheesy jokes and positive attitude are a few of the reasons why I always start my day off in a great mood. Thank you, Mr. D, for believing in my vision of changing the world, because you have certainly changed mine."

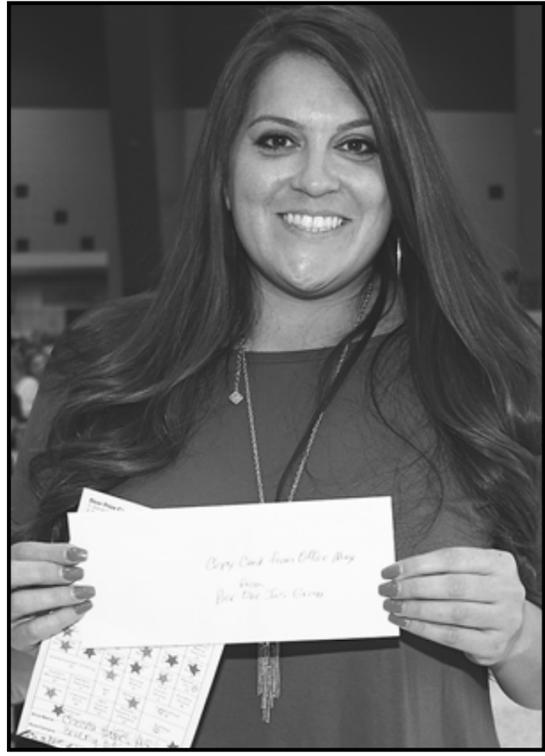


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Julie Wilson, a new teacher at Melillo, receives a gift basket during the door prize giveaway.



Chelsea Hughes Martinez, a new teacher at Beverly Hills Intermediate, shows off a gift card she received at the New Teacher Welcome.

Harris County Environmental Education Program celebrates 25 years of success



The Harris County Precinct One Environmental Education Program recently celebrated its 25th anniversary. Shown above are, left to right, Megan Clark, animal wellness supervisor, David Matthews, environmental education program director, Christina Hartman, senior naturalist over programs and curriculum, Amy Hallaron, part-time animal technician and Stefan Kuhlman, naturalist. Photo submitted

Program targets Pre-K through high school students

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In an effort to appeal to youth of all ages, the program has a variety of subset groups in order to cover a wide range of ages.

"The program has four key components: A Pre-K program called the Polliwog Club for children 3-5 years of age, a grade school and intermediate school program called the Traveling Naturalist program serving children ages 6-14, an afterschool recreation center program called the Junior Naturalists and a high school service learning program for juniors and seniors," said Matthews.

"We also have a summer program called the Discovery Camp program which serves children ages 5-13, that employs college and high school age students through paid internships."

The program seeks to benefit those involved by providing participants with a hands-on experience of interacting with their environment.

"All the programs enhance the child's learning through the "hands-on" application process of touch and feel aiding the students by assisting them remember key components in the subject matter," said Matthews. "Teachers are able to select from some 50 curricula that apply to the

particular subject they are teaching. Our program curriculum is written by our degreed naturalists to the TEK's standards and meets STAAR testing guidelines. Schools have reported seeing significant improvement in science scores from utilizing our program each year. Our high school service learning program enables high school juniors and seniors to mentor younger students at our 2 year-old events while assisting our program at the same time. Those high school students will receive an official letter from the Commissioner for their volunteerism and mentorship that they can use toward their college portfolio. Our Discovery Camp program hires a select number of high school and college interns to work in the 9-week program.

"These internships are paid positions. The interns will go through a week long training period before camp begins, so they can be able to present a portion of the program daily.

"In addition to the internships, we also have a part-time paid animal tech position with a schedule that works perfectly with students attending area colleges such as the San Jacinto College South campus or U of H Clear Lake."

Over the course of the last two and a half decades, the program has seen both remarkable success and rapid growth.

"The Environmental Education Program served around 200 children its first year back in 1991," said Matthews. "In 2015, the same program served over 22,000 students. In 2016, we project that the program will serve around 26,000 students.

"All of this including the two environmental education events we host yearly, one at our south office at the Challenger Seven Learning Center in Challenger Seven Memorial Park and the second at our north office in the Deussen Learning Center in Alexander Deussen Park. All of this is provided by only six full time employees and one part-time employee. This program is provided at absolutely no charge ever to any participant. Our program is active in all 10 school districts within Harris County Precinct One."

In the wake of its 25th anniversary, the Environmental Education Program has already set its sights on continued growth in order to reach and educate more young children about the importance of preserving the environment.

"We are presently in design phase on a 2.4

million dollar Learning Center and animal facility at the Deussen Park site," said Matthews. "Once this facility is completed we hope to add an additional two staff members to work out of the facility. Commissioner Lee was a great advocate for our program. He was personally tied to its success in many ways. Commissioner Gene Locke has been of great assistance in keeping the program on track and continuing to provide its necessary funding. We believe this program to be so unique that it will continue to grow significantly in the years to come."

Amy Hallaron, 2014 graduate of J. Frank Dobie High School, is among the ranks of those who have served as an intern with the Environmental Education Program.

"I heard about Discovery Camp through my mom who works at Moore Elementary," said Hallaron. "Christina Hartman sent out applications to the area schools to find people who might be interested in being an intern, and I was one of them! When I found out what Discovery Camp was and that I would be able to work with the animals here I was immediately interested. I was fortunate in that when I was an intern last summer the part-time position opened up."

"My experience here has been so wonderful," said Hallaron. "I feel extremely lucky to have had this opportunity and work beside such amazing people and mentors. They have all taught me so much and I know this job is going to be an important stepping stone for my future career. Working here has been fun, rewarding, and definitely an honor."

"I've always loved animals and have had a basic knowledge, but taking care of them and having relationships with them has been incredible. I feel like I'm walking away with so much more knowledge of what it takes to care for them. Also, getting to know the people that work here. They have been so good to me and, again, have taught me so much. I'm definitely going to miss it here, the people and the animals."

Matthews and his wife Donna are longtime South Belt area residents.

Deschamps inspires Vallejos with compassion

Andrea Karissa Vallejos, one of Pasadena Memorial High School's Shining Stars, is shown with distinguished educator Amber Deschamps, an instructor of Advanced Placement Biology.

Vallejos has done volunteer work at Interact Club, Rotary Books for the World, CT Church monthly food fairs and with the National Honor Society.

She has also participated in many extra-curricular activities and organizations, including the National Honor Society, National Hispanic Honor Society, Interact Club, Globetrotters, Student Council and varsity swimming, with leadership positions as Globetrotters president and Interact

Club vice president.

Vallejos plans to attend Columbia University to pursue a bachelor's degree in biomedical engineering before attending medical school to become a research and clinical endocrinologist. Her long-term goal is to establish her own research and clinical facility.

She commented about her teacher, "Compassionate. I remember walking into class quietly, without giggling and laughing as I normally do, and at the end of class, Mrs. Deschamps asked me a simple question: 'Are you okay?' Like two needles to a compass, I am grateful for the immediate connection we formed this year. Mrs. Deschamps is one of the most selfless teachers I know. She values our opinions, provides water and food for us when we are hungry and sacrifices her own free time and money to ensure that we have the tools we need to succeed, not only in AP Bio, but also in life."



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The Leader also ran the Top 10 Shining Stars from Dobie and Memorial.

Randall's character encourages Saldivar

South Houston High School's Shining Star Elizabeth Saldivar is shown with distinguished educator Bryan Randall, Advanced Placement United States History instructor. Saldivar has volunteered with the National Honor Society, Key Club and HOSA.

She has engaged in extracurricular activities including Health Occupations Students of America, National Honor Society, Key Club and the varsity choir, with leadership positions as Health Occupations Students of America and National Honor Society vice president and soprano section leader of the varsity choir.

Concerning the future, Saldivar plans to attend Houston Baptist University to become a registered nurse. She plans to enroll in the registered nursing program in order to expand her knowledge of nursing and become a leader within the healthcare community, with long-term goals to be a nurse practitioner. Regarding her teacher, Saldivar said, "I think it is safe to say that I will never have another teacher as outstanding as Mr. Randall. Every single day in his classroom was a great experience. He always found ways to incorporate fun and exciting ideas into his lessons that kept his students focused and involved. His warm and inviting character encourages his students to not be fearful of asking questions when they are unsure about a certain topic. Even now as a senior he continues to inspire me to be the best I can be in everything. Thank you for being the very best, Mr. Randall!"

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Sara Montelongo

Montelongo to head academy fund raising

Riverstone Ranch resident, Sara Montelongo has accepted a position with Texans Can Academies, a public high school of choice with 13 campuses statewide, as its new development director for Houston Can Academies.

Montelongo will oversee all fundraising levels, coordinate community outreach and awareness efforts, and devise and implement preferred development communication practices for the Houston Can Academies team.

Montelongo joins Houston Can Academies with a background in education fundraising.

She was most recently the annual fund and alumnae relations coordinator at Incarnate Word Academy where she also gained experience in event management.

Montelongo's career also includes researching, analyzing and constructing bills for education, health and immigration issues for Texas State Representative Carol Alvarado.

Montelongo is delighted to be a part of the Texans Can

movement. "I'm excited to be a part of a school system that has found the key to graduation at a pivotal point in the lives of young people," said Montelongo. "Sara's expertise in fundraising, communication, and, most importantly, her passion for educating children, bring an incredible momentum to Texans Can Academies. We are thrilled to have her as part of our Houston team," said Richard Marquez, CEO of Texans Can Academies.

Montelongo graduated from Saint Mary's College and currently lives in South Belt where she enjoys spending time with her family, fiancé and German shepherd, Ozzy.

She is a graduate of Incarnate Word Academy and attends church at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church.

The importance of education was emphasized to Montelongo by her parents.

They believed that an education would open doors for her as a Latina and empower her to make a difference in the community.

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Over The Back Fence by Alexis

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CODY!
Cody Giles of Kirkwood South will be 18 on Aug. 27. His parents, Jim and Tracy Giles, grandparents Ken and Bobby Griffin, brother Aaron and sister Kristen wish him a wonderful birthday!
GORDON CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY
Special birthday wishes are sent to Gordon Berg of Action Ministries on Aug. 31 from his wife, Pat, and friends at the Leader and the South Belt Chamber.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Aug. 25 through Aug. 31.

Atkinson Elementary
Light the birthday candles Aug. 25 for Rosa Quintana. Aug. 28 is the day for a birthday cake for Mauricio Meza.

Burnett Elementary
Blow out the candles for Juan Perez Aug. 25. Sing a happy birthday song to Adelina Cruz Aug. 27. Lisa Orr is wished a happy birthday Aug. 28.

Bush Elementary
Share a birthday cake Aug. 25 with Marie Marler. Sing a happy birthday song to Alecia Walters Aug. 31.

Frazier Elementary
Janie Puente marks a birthday Aug. 25. Share a double-layer cake Aug. 27 with Amanda Brewton and Veronica Huitron. Kalpana Mogley celebrates a birthday Aug. 29.

Meador Elementary

Marking a birthday Aug. 28 is Jason Watson. The day for a party for Sabina Torres is August 29. Enjoying a birthday Aug. 31 is Liliana Vargas.

Moore Elementary
Light the birthday candles on Aug. 30 for Lakenia Cole.

South Belt Elementary
Sing a happy birthday song to Meghan Young Aug. 26.

Stuchbery Elementary
Dylan Richter is wished a happy birthday Aug. 30.

Melillo Middle School
Celebrating a birthday Aug. 30 is Christina Lozano.

Roberts Middle School
Happy birthday wishes are sent Aug. 30 to Christine Coppedge.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to Mackwell Hickerson Aug. 28. Crissy Higham and Elizabeth Rawls celebrate a birthday Aug. 29. Stephen Boyken is sent a birthday greeting Aug. 31.

Thompson Intermediate
Blow out the birthday candles Aug. 28 for Shanda Karow.

Dobie High
Christopher Swinnen celebrates a birthday Aug. 29. A birthday greeting is sent to Trent Morgan Aug. 30.

FACEBOOK FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
The Leader sends happy birthday wishes

to its Facebook friends who celebrate a birthday this week:

Thursday, 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; Friday, Aug. 26: Arlette Jarmon, Marci Chiovaro, Fred Manly, Stephanie Mayo, Jon Spears, Adabel Perrett, Hugh Lazenberry and Rick LaMantina; Saturday, Aug. 27: Jesse Garcia, Sara Scott, Dwaine Wyman, Cody Giles, Kevin Martinez, Barbara Boike and Jeff Jones; Sunday, Aug. 28: Tanya Keller, Michele Bryant, Rosalind Battle, Adra Stafford, Stephanie Hamilton and Yvonne Ramirez; Monday, Aug. 29: Connie Guerrero, Brenda Marshall, Claudia Herrera and Aimee Bennett; Tuesday, Aug. 30: James Leonard, Jason Hunt, Tracy Schwerdtfeger, Melinda Funni, Amber McGown, Bobby Burton, Ryssa Bebee, Debrah Tullous and Rebecca Noris-Peak; and Wednesday, Aug. 31: Nyd Salgado, Suzie Ortiz, Tajuana Stewart, John Terana, Mia Bella, Paula Miller, Judie Elizalde, Kathy Cole, Michael O'Daniell, Veronica Lyons, Annalea Young, Carol Rodriguez, Scott Gish, Ashley Hall and Angie Davis.

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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.

Lyday visits 5 students who were her exchange students



Longtime South Belt resident Jo Lyday (third from left) is shown above on a recent trip to Germany with five foreign exchange students she has hosted over the years. The students are all related and span two generations. Shown with Lyday, are, left to right, Matt Maruhn (1982-83), Heike Schroeder Blume (1989-90), Miriam Maruhn (1992-93), Henry Blume (2013-14) and J. T. Blume (2015-16). All of the students attended Clear Brook High School, with the exception of Matt Maruhn, who attended Clear Creek, as Brook was not open yet. A former professor at San Jacinto College, Lyday has remained close to all of the students over the years and even refers to them as her own children.

Photo submitted

Remember When

40 years ago (1976)
Residents of Kirkwood South won control of their maintenance fund, which had been previously controlled by Depa Land Co. through Mortgage and Trust.

Rocky Smith of Sage-meadow won two 1976 Gremlins in a KRBE radio contest.

35 years ago (1981)
Small gains in local

revenues, increased state funding and modest increases in expenditures marked Pasadena Independent School District's \$68 million budget adopted by trustees.

Congressional redistricting resulted in the South Belt area losing Rep. Ron Paul and gaining Democrat Jack Brooks of Beaumont.

30 years ago (1986)
Dobie associate principal Peggy Walters served as interim principal for Dobie while the Pasadena School District continued to receive applications.

25 years ago (1991)
Harris County District Judge Carol Garcia refused acceptance of the Brio settlement saying problems with miscommunication and misconceptions still existed among the 210 clients.

In order to combat student tardiness, Dobie High School began two new programs including a Friday/Saturday detention center in the high school and a tardy room in the Dobie Media Center.

20 years ago (1996)
South Belt resident Arturo De La Garza, a 50-year-old who billed himself as a doctor of holistic health, was charged

with sexual assault at his clinic in the 13600 block of Beamer.

The Johnson Space Center and the Clear Creek Independent School District teamed up with private industry and the state to develop a first-of-its-kind facility for furthering agricultural education at the high school level.

15 years ago (2001)
The tidal wave of growth was continuing in the Pasadena Independent School District with 850 new students enrolling for classes which was 400 students more than projected by district officials.

Bill Jones, Bernard Maristany, Darryl Smith and Addie Wiseman all declared their candidacy for Rob Todd's term-limited seat.

10 years ago (2006)
Due largely to tips from the community, charges were filed against a suspect arrested in the fatal shooting of Erik Garcia.

The Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District board approved the hiring of two additional deputies on the condition the two neighboring utility districts would participate in the hiring.

Republican Party pre-

cinct chairs selected Houston Councilmember Shelley Sekula-Gibbs as the write-in candidate for the congressional seat vacated by Tom DeLay. The selection was the result of a closed-door session held in Pearland. Sekula-Gibbs went on to win the unexpected term in the general election but was defeated by Democrat Nick Lampson for the full two-year term.

Precinct 2 deputy constables reported arrests for criminal mischief, DWI and deadly conduct.

5 years ago (2011)
The Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees approved a bond election seeking \$270.1 million in funding for several projects, including a new career and technical high school, three new middle schools and five replacement campuses for existing schools.

Mike Jackson, state senator from the 11th District, officially filed paperwork with the Federal Election Commission to establish a committee to support his candidacy for the Republican nomination in the newly created 36th Congressional District. The district includes all or

part of the following counties: Chambers, Hardin, Harris, Jasper, Liberty, Newton, Orange, Polk and Tyler. The 11th Senatorial District, which Jackson has represented since 1999, covers significant population centers in the 36th Congressional District, including the cities of Deer Park, Pasadena, Seabrook, La Porte and the Clear Lake area.

1 year ago (2015)
Enrollment at Dobie High School topped 4,000 students, as Pasadena Independent School District classes resumed from summer break.

Dobie High School's swimming pool, located at the school's former location on Beamer that now houses Beverly Hills Intermediate, was closed by City of Houston officials after the facility failed to pass inspection. Problems included a water pump leak and sand in the pool. The issues were resolved the following week.

The Catholic Community of St. Luke the Evangelist Church celebrated its 40th anniversary with a calendar of different events. The church was established in 1975 to help meet the needs of an expanding community.

The Cemetery Club set to open Aug. 26

After a fabulous 25th Silver Anniversary Gala, the Bay Area Harbour Theatre now turns its attention to *The Cemetery Club* which they will open Aug. 26.

The play will run through Sept. 18. Friday and Saturday night performances are at 8 p.m. and Sundays are at 2:30 p.m. The theater is located at 3803 Highway 3 in Dickinson.

Tickets start at \$12 with discounts for military, seniors, and groups of ten or more. Parking is free.

For more details call 281-337-7469 or visit the theater website at www.harbourtheatre.com.

Edge, and Susan Hammel to join her on stage. Bill Jones is the only male, playing Sam, who stirs things up with his roving eye.

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PISD meets standard

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racial and ethnic student groups

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Flood control director Talbott retires after 35 years; multiple area projects



Mike Talbott, right, with Commissioner El Franco Lee at a Street Olympic event before Franco's death earlier this year. Photos by Marie Flickinger

Continued from Page 1A reduction plans, improving community understanding of flooding risk, managing growth to ensure it doesn't add to flooding problems and maintaining the infrastructure," said Talbott.

Among the projects overseen by Talbott are the South Belt Stormwater Detention Basin located on the 174-acre site northwest of Beamer and Dixie Farm Roads and the improvements to the Beamer Ditch Channel located from Sagerock Drive to Astoria Boulevard. Together, these projects will serve residents of the South Belt community by lowering flood damages downstream by as much as one foot. Projects such as these, among many others worked on by Talbott throughout his career, has given him an opportunity to see the changes and improvements to flood control over the course of the last three decades.

"The District completed major projects on Beamer Ditch and Turkey Gully in the 1980s that greatly reduced the risk of flooding," said Talbott. "Those two projects were the first projects I worked on when I came to the District in 1981.

"Of course, our understanding of the flood risk has improved greatly since then and our understanding of the flood with a 1% chance of occurring in any given year, also known as the 100-year-flood, has changed since the 1980s. Some of the problem has to do with how the subdivisions were originally laid out by the developers in the 1960s and 70s, which didn't respect the natural topography.

"This was also before the risk of flooding was defined and understood, and prior to regulations that would have ensured better flood protection. The difficulty now is trying to retrofit more flood protection into inadequate right-of-way. Ongoing projects will help further reduce the risk of flooding."

Talbott's long career with the District has also allowed him to see many internal changes within the

District itself.

"I have had the privilege to work for the District during a time of incredible, positive changes," said Talbott. "We have made major progress on devising and implementing flood damage reduction plans, improving the understanding of flood risks, enhanced quality-of-life partnerships and environmental stewardship."

Servicing a county as large and as populous as Harris County with an issue as unpredictable and erratic as flooding has proven to be no easy feat and Talbott does not anticipate it becoming one.

"Funding is always going to be a major challenge, as it is for all major public infrastructure," said Talbott. "All the stormwater has to be some place, and there are only two things you can do with it - you can move it or you can store it. A major challenge is to retrofit old drainage systems to current expectations. There is never enough land to make the older channels wider and deeper. You have to have a place to send the water - to Galveston Bay or to stormwater detention basins, and again, you face the issue of having a lack of land for older systems. It's a delicate balance to carry out the District's mission in a region that is naturally flood prone. However, the District continues to perform its purpose to devise flood damage reduction plans, implement those plans, and maintain its infrastructure - and execute that mission.

For Talbott, the opportunity to have served as executive director of the Harris County is one that he would not have any other way.

"My passion for this work can be summed up in a quote from Theodore Roosevelt," said Talbott. "Far and away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing." It has been a privilege to be able to serve the community by reducing the misery of flooding - it is how I chose to invest my one and only career."



Shown above is the new South Belt 100+ acre retention pond being built under Talbott's administration.

Jensen named Teacher of the Year

Clear View High School math teacher Dale Jensen was named the Region 4 Secondary Teacher of the Year during a special dinner and awards ceremony held August 3, 2016. This is the second year in a row a CCISD educator has received this honor from Region 4. Last year, a regional committee selected Anthony Tran of Clear Falls High School to represent the

greater Houston region in the search for the Texas Secondary Teacher of the Year. Jensen, who was named CCISD's 2016 Secondary Teacher of the Year in May, has been a high school math teacher for more than 17 years. He has the reputation around campus and throughout the District of always going the extra mile to help anyone in need. "He is an exceptional educator who has

changed many lives at Clear View High School," said Superintendent Dr. Greg Smith. He will now advance as the Region 4 finalist for the 2017 Texas Teacher of the Year honor. This program is sponsored by the Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA). Visit the TASA website for more information about the Texas Teacher of the Year program.



Clear View High School's Dale Jensen was named the Region 4 Secondary Teacher of the Year. Shown above are, left to right, Clear View High School Principal Michael Houston, Jensen and his wife Bonnie and Clear View High School Assistant Principal Cassandra Wiley. Photo submitted

San Jac names new vice chancellor, superintendent of maritime

Over the course of 22 years in the U.S. Army, Chief Warrant Officer 4 John Stauffer has sailed on every U.S. Army ship and assisted in the reopening of Port-au-Prince following Haiti's disastrous 2010 earthquake. His next mission will be to move more military veterans into a maritime career as the new associate vice chancellor and superintendent of maritime at San Jacinto College.

Stauffer begins his position Sept. 12, 2016. He will oversee both the credit and noncredit maritime programs and head the San Jacinto College Maritime Technology and Training Center on the maritime campus.

"I'm an advocate for the mariner," said Chief Stauffer, who currently serves as director of the Maritime Operations Branch with the U.S. Army Transportation School at Joint Base Langley-Eustis in Virginia. "The maritime industry is already at the point of a shortage; the perfect storm is brewing. The United States Maritime Administration estimates that 70,000 seafarers will be needed by 2022, and universities will not be able to produce this amount by that time. This is why the San Jacinto College

maritime program is so important."

Stauffer plans to help more military veterans transition into maritime careers by earning maritime transportation associate degrees. He also plans to grow the maritime pipeline from high school to college.

"There's a necessity for more education when it comes to the maritime workforce," said Stauffer. "You have to be able to communicate when entering foreign ports. You've got to have an understanding of math, know the basics of geometry, and as you progress, know basic trigonometry."

Stauffer enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1994 and soon experienced his first maritime voyage as a deckhand. Over the next five years, he became a captain and was deployed three times to the Persian Gulf from 2001-2012, serving as Commander of the U.S. Army's largest ship from 2011-2012. Following the Haiti earthquake in 2010, Chief Stauffer assisted in humanitarian efforts and the reopening of Port-au-Prince as Commander of the U.S. Army's Harbor Master Team. He served as director of the U.S. Army's Europe Sea Sec-

tion in Germany from 2012-2015 before transitioning into his current position with the Maritime Operations Branch in Virginia, where he oversees 32 U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)-approved courses.

Stauffer's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, two Meritorious Service Medals, four Army Commendation Medals, a Navy Commendation Medal and four Army Achievement Medals. He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Saint Leo University and a master's degree in business administration from Liberty University. His licenses and certifications include a Master 200 GRT Upon Oceans, Apprentice Mate (Steersman) of Towing Vessels Upon Oceans, USCG Qualified Assessor and Lean Six Sigma Green Belt.

"Chief Stauffer brings a host of sterling leadership qualities to the San Jacinto College maritime program," said Dr. Allatia Harris, San Jacinto College vice chancellor, for strategic initiatives. "He gets to the heart of matters and can form those types of partnerships that are vital to the growth and success of our program, our graduates and our region's maritime industry. He understands that while maritime companies look for more mariners, they want those who meet the increasing educational demands of the U.S. Coast Guard. While he's passionate about meeting this industry need, he also aims to recruit and train so that more people can gain the benefit of having lucrative and rewarding maritime careers and bring home great wages for themselves and their families."

Stauffer and his wife, Melissa, will move to the Houston region in early September. They have two daughters, 2nd Lt. Alli Stauffer, 22, a graduate of Slippery Rock University with a bachelor's degree in safety management; and Ashley Stauffer, 19, a student at Coastal Carolina University pursuing her bachelor's degree in biology. For information on San Jac's maritime program, visit sanjac.edu/maritime.



Chief Warrant Officer 4 John Stauffer

San Jacinto College Calendar

Aug. 26 - Sept. 1, 2016

- Take 2 Enrollment
- U of H transfer recruiting visit
- Men's Soccer vs. Angelina College
- Volleyball vs. Hill College

Take 2 Enrollment

For students who missed the start of classes on Aug. 22, there is still time to enroll and register for Take 2 classes that begin Sept. 6. Visit sanjac.edu/take-2.

University of Houston transfer recruiting visit

Transfer recruiters from University of Houston will be at San Jacinto North campus beginning at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 31 in the lobby of building 9. For more information contact Zina Gross at zina.gross@sjcd.edu.

Men's Soccer vs. Angelina College

The San Jacinto College soccer team will play its first home game of the 2016 season against Angelina College on Thursday, Sept. 1 at 7 p.m. All soccer home games are played at the San Jacinto College South campus soccer field and are free and open to the public. For more information about San Jacinto College athletics, visit sanjacsports.com.

Volleyball vs. Hill College

The San Jacinto College volleyball team will face Temple College on Thursday, Sept. 1 at 7 p.m. All volleyball games are played at the Central Campus in Anders Gymnasium (building 18) and are free and open to the public. For more information about San Jacinto College athletics, visit sanjacsports.com.

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Averitt-Cleveland visits Austin



Emily Averitt-Cleveland, a life-long gymnast and current member of the University of Houston's Coog Club Gymnastics Team, recently traveled to Austin to visit a former teammate. A lover of street art, Averitt-Cleveland always makes it a point to see the graffiti walls of the state capital city. She is shown above capturing the spirit of her summer vacation with a handstand in front of one such wall.

Rojases enjoy Carnival Cruise

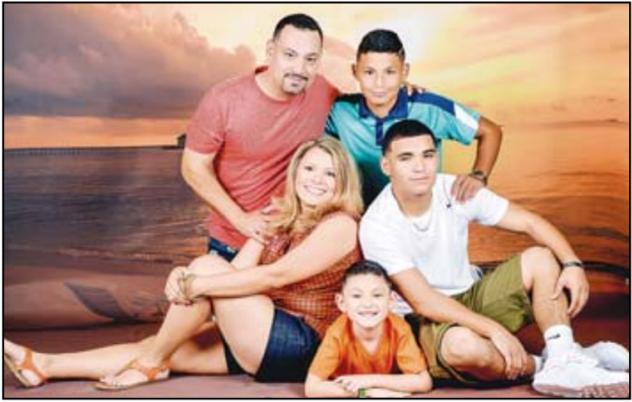
The Rojas family recently toured the Caribbean on board the Carnival Breeze Cruise. While on the cruise, the family visited Cozumel, Belize and Roatan Island. The Rojas are longtime residents of the South Belt community, with David Rojas Jr. and Gabriel Rojas starting senior and freshman years, respectively, at J. Frank Dobie High School and Andrew Rojas starting second grade at Moore Elementary School at the start of the 2016-2017 school year.



Shown at Mahogany Bay in Roatan, Honduras are, left to right, (front row) Andrew Rojas, (back row) Gabriel Rojas, David Rojas Jr., Raquel Rojas and David Rojas Sr.



Shown boarding the Carnival Belize cruise ship are (front row) Andrew Rojas, (back row) Raquel Rojas, Gabriel Rojas, David Rojas Jr. and David Rojas Sr.



Members of the Rojas family pose for a family photo. Shown are (front) Andrew, (middle row) Raquel, David Jr., (back row) David Sr., and Gabriel Rojas.



At Roatan Island in Honduras are, left to right, David Rojas Sr., Gabriel Rojas, Andrew Rojas, Raquel Rojas and David Rojas Jr.



In Cozumel, Mexico are, left to right, Gabriel Rojas, David Rojas Jr., Andrew Rojas, Raquel Rojas and David Rojas Sr.

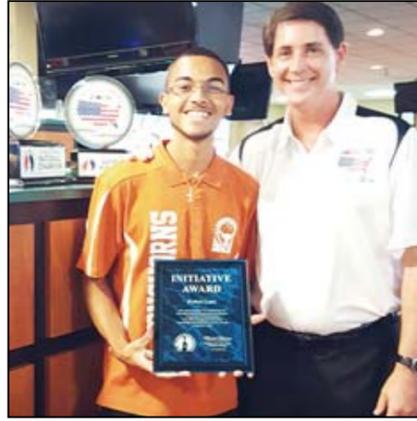
Lazo family takes road trip, visits Florida with Dobie Bowling

Robert Lazo, sister Victoria Lazo and parents Victoria and Jose Lazo recently enjoyed a lengthy road trip to Florida and back. A member of the J. Frank Dobie High School Bowling Team that competed at

the United States High School Bowling Foundation's National Championship hosted at Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, Robert made the best of his trip, turning it into a family vacation of a lifetime.



Shown (above) at the start of the bowling championship are, left to right, Robert Lazo, coach Shannon Howard and Tamarac City Mayor Harry Dressler.



Praised for his efforts in facilitating his team's visit to the national competition, Robert Lazo was awarded the Initiative Award by the United States High School Bowling Foundation. Shown above with Lazo is Director Michael Nytray.



Ready to zipline through the Florida scenery with Canyons Zip Line and Canopy Tours in Ocala, Fla., are, left to right, Jose, Victoria, Victoria and Robert Lazo.



Victoria and Robert Lazo are shown above at Busch Gardens Theme Park in Tampa Bay, Fla.



Enjoying the crystal clear waters and sandy shores of Panama City Beach, Fla. are, left to right, Jose, Victoria and Robert Lazo.

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Last win came in 2009

Horns out to change opening kickoff fortunes; SC is up

By John Bechtle Sports Editor

Seven years to the day. When Dobie meets Summer Creek in the 2016 varsity football opener Saturday, Aug. 27, it will have been seven years since the Longhorns' last season-opening win.

Back on Aug. 27, 2009, quarterback Aaron Kutran ran for an early touchdown and then threw a late touchdown to Jonathan Urrutia, helping Dobie defeat Channelview 13-6.

Since then, Dobie has lost six straight, two each coming to Alief Taylor, Atascocita and Deer Park. Just one of those games - in 2014 against the Deer - was close (28-21).

But as far as Dobie is concerned, those losses are in the past. It's time to begin a new winning streak, and it all begins against Summer Creek, opening its third season in Class 6A following a successful run at the 5A level.

The key to Dobie's 2016 season would appear to be clear - cut down on points allowed on defense.

Dobie hosts Summer Creek
Saturday, Aug. 27
Veterans Stadium, Pasadena, 6 p.m.

In 2015, the Longhorns scored 325 points in 11 games, just under 29 per contest.

But Dobie also allowed just over 34 points a game,

including more than 50 in four different games. Can 2016 be different?

The Longhorns should

score quite often this season on the offensive side of things.

Senior quarterback Jeremy Davis is a true dual-threat under center, and

sophomore running back Kris Morris is only getting better.

His ability to get it done in the run game should also both help the Longhorns with big-play ability as well as to control the clock in late-game situations with a lead.

The receiving group may lack the big-play ability of the departed Jaylon Bolden, but Breon Simmons, Jacoby Davis, Jeremiah Hernandez and Ryan Pair all have varsity experience, with others waiting for their turn as well.

Up front, Brandon Flores and Rickey Curtis are the big names among the returnees.

The jury will remain out on this defensive unit. Keith Armstead and Trey Poskey are returnees along the defensive front. Inside linebacker Dejuan Dixon will be asked to perform well in a hurry.

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In the secondary, Ke'monte Lowe-Ali and Westley Crooms return, as does Segdrick Romar.

The rest of the way, the Longhorns will welcome first-time, full-timers at

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Dobie offensive tackle Brandon Flores (70), working against Sam Rayburn's Ezra Struwe (16) in 2015, is one of the leaders up front for the Longhorns this season as they look to establish the ground game

early and often. Seeking their first win since 2009 in a season opener, the Longhorns will host the Summer Creek Bulldogs Saturday, Aug. 27, at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.

Wolverines draw Cards in opener

A win in the regular season finale in 2015 could have sent the Clear Brook varsity football team to the postseason in head coach Mike Allison's first season.

Instead, the Friendswood Mustangs came away with a 53-30 win at Henry Winston Stadium, bagging a Class 6A Division II playoff berth out of District 24-6A.

The Mustangs used the momentum of that win to advance three rounds deep into the postseason before a loss to Katy.

Clear Brook finished at 3-7 overall with the loss, but came away knowing that brighter days can lie

ahead. Is that time now? Allison certainly believes so, and the Wolverines are about to get it all started with a Friday, Aug. 26, trip to Butler Stadium, where the Bellaire Cardinals await.

Bellaire muddled through the regular season somewhat in 2015 but won its regular season finale before playing in two playoff rounds.

At 6-6 overall, the Cardinals lost quite a bit of senior leadership.

Still, it's difficult to tell early on just how a given program will bounce back from year-to-year.

The Wolverines appear to have some things figured out offensively. Se-

nior Jaizac Garcia, who began 2015 as the starter under center but then saw his season end with a shoulder injury, is back

Clear Brook at Bellaire
Friday, Aug. 26
Butler Stadium, Houston, 7 p.m.

under center. Jarrett Smith, who carried a heavy load at running back as a sophomore a season ago, is also back in the mix.

At receiver, M.J. Milton and Caleb Chapman lead a group of talented targets.

Cameron Townsend, already a two-time all-district defensive lineman,

will anchor the defensive unit that will feature several first-timers.

It all gets started against Bellaire. A win over the

Cardinals won't get the Wolverines to the postseason, but it will be a step in the right direction.

Brook is looking to unseat recent playoff regulars Clear Creek, Clear Springs, Dickinson and Friendswood in 24-6A.

Most prognosticators during the preseason ranked Clear Brook fifth in 24-6A, just ahead of newcomer Alvin. Clear Lake and Clear Falls brought up the rear.

After a strong preseason, perhaps this is the year of the Wolverine. This program is confident the time has come.

Intermediate football gears up



The Thompson Lions' football program will host its annual Red & White scrimmage series Saturday, Sept. 3 at the school as the Sawyers, son Daniel (left) and father Doug (right) lead the program toward the 2016 regular season. The Family, Friends, Food and Football event will be played out at Beverly Hills Intermediate the same morning. For more details, see Page 3B.

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South Belt soccer deadline nears

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

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

\$170 to register.

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

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

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

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

CB volleyball drops JFD

The Clear Brook varsity volleyball team just may be rounding into form after roughly three weeks of nondistrict play, and that could mean big things for the Lady Wolverines with District 24-6A action soon to come.

Hovering around the .500 mark during the early

going while playing top-notch competition from not only across Houston but the state, Clear Brook has put things together lately, dropping Dobie in a nondistrict contest and winning five of six matches to take second place at the Dickinson Invitational. The Lady Wolverines

defeated three foes during the first day of action – Aug. 18 – at Dickinson. First came a 25-13, 25-18 win over Houston Sterling.

Later in bracket play, Clear Brook defeated Channelview 25-16, 25-12 and then moved on to gold bracket trophy round play after beating Brazoswood 25-12, 25-17.

With a break in tournament play Aug. 19, Clear Brook continued its recent control of its series against

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South Belt football predictions	Troy Leland	John Bechtle	Eli Tanksley	Toni Muse	Emory Gadd	Debbie Vaughn
Dobie hosts Summer Creek	Dobie	Dobie	Summer Creek	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie
Bellaire hosts Clear Brook	Bellaire	Bellaire	Clear Brook	Clear Brook	Clear Brook	Bellaire
Dickinson hosts Elkins	Elkins	Elkins	Dickinson	Elkins	Dickinson	Elkins
Houston Lamar hosts Westfield	Lamar	Lamar	Lamar	Westfield	Lamar	Lamar
Austin Westlake hosts Katy	Katy	Katy	Westlake	Katy	Katy	Katy
Atascocita hosts La Porte	Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita	La Porte	Atascocita	Atascocita
College Park hosts Pasadena Memorial	College Park	College Park	Memorial	College Park	College Park	College Park
Dawson hosts Oak Ridge	Dawson	Dawson	Dawson	Dawson	Dawson	Dawson
Weslaco hosts George Ranch	George Ranch	George Ranch	George Ranch	George Ranch	George Ranch	George Ranch
Clear Springs hosts Pearland	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland
This week's record	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Season record	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

Sports Calendar

VOLLEYBALL

Friday, Aug. 26

Brook varsity at Stratford, 5:30

Dobie varsity at Eisenhower, 5:30

Dobie JV at Eisenhower, 4:30

Brook JV at Stratford, 4:30

Brook freshman A at Stratford, 4:30

Dobie freshman A at Eisenhower, 4:30

Dobie freshman B at Eisenhower, 5:30

Brook freshman B at Stratford, 4:30

Tuesday, Aug. 30

Brook varsity hosts Bellaire, 6:30

Dobie varsity hosts Spring, 6:30

Dobie JV hosts Spring, 5:30

Brook JV hosts Bellaire, 5:30

Brook freshman A hosts Bellaire, 4:30

Dobie freshman A hosts Spring, 4:30

Dobie freshman B hosts Spring, 4:30

Thursday, Sept. 1

Clear Brook hosts Clear Creek ISD Invitational, TBA

Friday, Sept. 2

Brook varsity at Deer Park, 6:30

Dobie varsity at Goose Creek Memorial, 6:30

Dobie JV at Goose Creek Memorial, 5:30

Brook JV at Deer Park, 5:30

Brook freshman A at Deer Park, 4:30

Dobie freshman A at Goose Creek Memorial, 4:30

Brook freshman B at Deer Park, 4:30

Saturday, Sept. 3

Clear Brook hosts Clear Creek ISD Invitational, TBA

Tuesday, Sept. 6

Dobie varsity hosts Channelview, Phillips, 6:30

Dobie JV hosts Channelview, Phillips, 5:30

Dobie freshman A hosts Channelview, Phillips, 4:30

TENNIS

Friday, Aug. 26

Dobie varsity hosts Clear Creek, 2:30

Tuesday, Aug. 30

Dobie varsity hosts Clear Springs, 2:30

Football

Thursday, Aug. 25

Dobie JV Orange at Summer Creek, campus, 6:00

Dobie JV White at Summer Creek, campus, 4:30

Brook JV Black hosts Bellaire, campus, 4:30

Brook JV Red hosts Bellaire, campus, 6:00

Dobie freshman Orange hosts S. Creek, campus, 6:30

Dobie freshman White hosts S. Creek, campus, 4:30

Brook freshman Black at Bellaire, 4:00

Brook freshman Red at Bellaire, 5:30

Friday, Aug. 26

Brook varsity at Bellaire, Butler, 7:00

Saturday, Aug. 27

Dobie varsity hosts Summer Creek, Veterans, 6:00

Southbelt Dolphins at Gulf Coast Bulldogs (Clear Falls High School, 8 a.m.)

Sagemont Cowboys host East End Eagles (El Franco Lee Park, 8 a.m.)

Ellington Rams at Pearland Hurricanes (The Rig, Pearland High School, 8 a.m.)

Thursday, Sept. 1

Dobie JV Orange hosts Clear Springs, Auxiliary, 6:30

Dobie JV White hosts Clear Springs, Auxiliary, 4:30

Brook JV Black at La Porte, 4:30

Brook JV Red at La Porte, 6:00

Dobie freshman Orange at Clear Springs, campus, 6:30

Dobie freshman White at Clear Springs, 4:30

Brook freshman Black hosts La Porte, 4:30

Brook freshman Red hosts La Porte, 6:00

Friday, Sept. 2

Brook varsity hosts La Porte, CCISD Veterans, 7:00

Saturday, Sept. 3

Dobie varsity at Clear Springs, Challenger, 6:00

SOCCER

Friday, Aug. 26

San Jacinto vs. Eastern Fla., Mississippi, 7:00

Cowboys roll on with wins

Two weeks into the Bay Area Football League season, the Sagemont Cowboys are one program that has set an early tone of supremacy.

The Cowboys debuted at home – El Franco Lee Park – with four wins over the North Shore Mustangs Aug. 20.

Allowing just six points

in four games, the Cowboys improved to 8-0 overall as a program.

The Cowboys host East End at El Franco Lee Park Aug. 27.

Week 3 BAFL games

Saturday, Aug. 27

Southbelt Dolphins at Gulf Coast Bulldogs
Clear Falls High School

Sagemont Cowboys host East End Eagles
El Franco Lee Park

Ellington Rams at Pearland Hurricanes
The Rig, Pearland High School



San Jacinto College women's volleyball head coach Sharon Nelson (left) extends her appreciation to a military veteran during last year's Military Appreciation Volleyball Tournament at the college's North campus.

Photo by Jeannie Peng-Mansyur

SJC volleyball to honor vets

San Jacinto College volleyball has big plans for Labor Day weekend, and invites the community to join the festivities at the team's annual Military Appreciation Volleyball Tournament.

Matches start Thursday, Sept. 1, from 3 to 7 p.m., and continue Friday, Sept. 2, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday, Sept. 3, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be 12 teams from across the country competing.

Each match will be the best of five series. Teams will follow the National Junior College Athletic Association national tournament match start protocol.

Military service men and women will be honored on the final day of the tournament during a veteran recognition ceremony in between matches. A reception, complete with plenty of food options, is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. for service members and their families.

During that afternoon, a Bell UH-1V Iroquois "Huey" helicopter will land on the Central Campus courtyard and be available for photo opportunities. Additional highlights will include the Pasadena High School and La Porte High School color guards performing. Military recruiters will also be in attendance.

Music and tailgating activities will take place throughout the three days, with food vendors aplenty available.

Admission to the Military Appreciation Volleyball Tournament will be

free for military veterans with identification, and for children 8 years old and younger. General admission will range from \$10 to \$15, and San Jacinto College student admission with identification will range from \$5 to \$10.

Proceeds from the tournament will be donated to Camp Hope, which provides interim housing for the Wounded Warriors, veterans and their families suffering from combat-related post traumatic stress disorder.

Events will take place on the San Jacinto College Central campus, located at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena, Texas. For more information about the San Jacinto College volleyball program, visit sanjacsports.com/volleyball.

BAFL Week Two Scores

	Sr.	Jr.	Soph.	Fr.
Mustangs	0	0	6	0
Cowboys	42	35	40	13
Dolphins	Won all four games by virtue of forfeit			
Vikings				
49ers	19	42	34	37
Rams	7	0	7	0

Bay Area Football League Standings

Senior Division				Junior Division			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Cowboys	2	0	0	Cowboys	2	0	0
Dolphins	2	0	0	Patriots	2	0	0
Hurricanes	2	0	0	49ers	2	0	0
Bulldogs	2	0	0	Bulldogs	2	0	0
Eagles	2	0	0	Texans	2	0	0
Stingrays	2	0	0	Bulls	1	0	1
49ers	1	1	0	Dolphins	1	1	0
Patriots	1	1	0	Eagles	1	1	0
Texans	1	1	0	Rams	1	1	0
Bulls	1	1	0	Sharks	1	1	0
Sharks	1	1	0	Stingrays	1	1	0
Raiders	0	1	0	Hurricanes	0	1	1
Saints	0	1	0	Raiders	0	1	0
Gators	0	2	0	Cougars	0	2	0
Cougars	0	2	0	Mustangs	0	2	0
Mustangs	0	2	0	Gators	0	2	0
Panthers	0	0	0	Panthers	0	2	0
Rams	0	2	0	Saints	0	0	0

Sophomore Division				Freshman Division			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Cowboys	2	0	0	Cowboys	2	0	0
Dolphins	2	0	0	Dolphins	2	0	0
Patriots	2	0	0	49ers	2	0	0
Bulldogs	2	0	0	Bulldogs	2	0	0
Eagles	2	0	0	Bulls	2	0	0
Hurricanes	2	0	0	Stingrays	2	0	0
Sharks	2	0	0	Texans	2	0	0
49ers	1	1	0	Eagles	1	1	0
Stingrays	1	1	0	Patriots	1	1	0
Texans	1	1	0	Sharks	1	1	0
Raiders	0	1	0	Raiders	0	1	0
Gators	0	1	0	Gators	0	1	0
Cougars	0	2	0	Cougars	0	2	0
Bulls	0	2	0	Hurricanes	0	2	0
Gators	0	2	0	Mustangs	0	2	0
Panthers	0	2	0	Panthers	0	2	0
Mustangs	0	2	0	Rams	0	2	0
Saints	0	0	0	Saints	0	0	0

JFD's opener comes Aug. 27

Continued from Page 1B several spots.

In short, this unit will need to find an identity quickly if the Longhorns are to reach their goals on that side of the football.

Second-year Dobie head coach Mike Norman gave the Bulldogs of Summer Creek credit for being talented at several spots.

The words athletic, quick and fast also come

into play with the Bulldogs.

But for Norman, it's all about the Longhorns focusing on their game in all three phases.

He was not particularly pleased with the Longhorns' "effort level" in the team's second and final scrimmage against Clear Brook Aug. 18 at Clear Creek ISD's Challenger Columbia Stadium.

That, however, will be fixed in a hurry. "I'd just like to see us have a great week of practice in some better field conditions, and then go in there Saturday, play hard and give ourselves a chance to win in the end," Norman said.

"Offensively, we want to give Kris Morris certainly his share of touches, and Jeremy Davis is going to get a bunch or work,"

Norman said.

"We have a solid idea of what some of the possibilities are on offense. On defense, we are trying to mesh together a solid unit with some newcomers and a few returnees.

"Getting that group to gel as one is something we hope comes quickly."

Getting a win in the first opener in seven years could certainly spring-board this program to new heights.

Off-season talk centered around Dobie battling for the District 22-6A championship this season. But right now, it's merely talk. A win over Summer Creek could change all of that.

It's just one game, but a win over Summer Creek will go a long way toward setting a tone for this Dobie team.

"Everybody is excited to get out there and give it a go," Norman said.

"We'll have to have a great effort, but I believe we will do that."

Looking for that first opening night win in seven tries won't come without max effort against a talented Summer Creek team, but Dobie wants to start a new streak.



The Longhorns' Breon Simmons (3) offers speed and big-play ability as the Longhorns look to replace the talents of 2016 graduate Jaylon Bolden at receiver. Dobie can also look to the likes of Jeremiah Hernandez, Ryan Pair and Jacoby Davis, who is back after suffering an injury a season ago.

Photo by David Flickinger

Nondistrict volleyball play ongoing

Continued from Page 2B Dobie, winning 25-14, 25-15, 25-9 at Lady Wolverines Gymnasium.

In the trophy round, Clear Brook defeated North Shore 25-20, 25-12 in a quarterfinal matchup. Moving to the semifinals, Clear Brook avenged an opening-night loss, beating St. Agnes 20-25, 25-23, 25-21.

Clear Brook met Goose Creek Memorial in the tournament's overall championship match, falling to the Lady Patriots 25-19, 26-24 in a highly-competitive finale.

For their efforts, Lady Wolverine players Sam McClary, Kennedy Crutchfield and Jaden Newsome were named to the All-Tournament team.

It remains to be seen how Clear Brook will fare in District 24-6A action.

The Lady Wolverines will have to compete against the likes of Clear Creek, Clear Falls, Dickinson, Friendswood and Clear Springs on a nightly basis. Alvin is also a talented newcomer to the mix in the league.

However, the Lady Wolverines have begun to

string some wins together at 9-6, so the table has been set.

Clear Brook begins 24-6A action Sept. 9 at home against Clear Falls in Lady Wolverine Gymnasium.

Dobie seeks wins

While Clear Brook has picked up the pace, the Lady Longhorns of Dobie are still finding wins hard to come by through the first three weeks of the season.

Dobie also competed at the Dickinson tournament, winning a pair of matches in bracket play but also losing to Dawson 25-16,

25-15 in an early-round match.

Moving to Aug. 23, at home against Dickinson, the Lady Longhorns fought hard but lost a tough 25-17, 25-20, 25-22 match.

Dobie still has nondistrict matches upcoming against Eisenhower, Spring, Dickinson Invitational finalist Goose Creek Memorial and Channelview before the start of District 22-6A action.

In league play, the Lady Longhorns will start Sept. 9, at 22-6A newcomer Beaumont West Brook.



Dobie varsity volleyball head coach Dawn Gutierrez (far left) saw her team pick up some wins at the Dickinson Invitational Aug. 18 and Aug. 20, and the Lady Longhorns hope to keep up its improving play

with help from, left to right, Yvonne Whaley (5), Karis Pham (9), Raena Oliveira (1), Kat Villanueva and Taylor Pleasants (11).

PISD's intermediate football season nears

Intermediate football practice began across the Pasadena ISD ranks Aug. 23, which means it's only a matter of time before the regular season is here.

Once again, the Beverly Hills Battlin' Bears and the Thompson Lions have high expectations heading into the season.

Both schools delivered solid results at the seventh-grade level in 2015, and the core groups of those respective teams will now be playing at the eighth-grade level.

And there is always plenty of optimism surrounding the seventh-grade programs.

The first four days of practice at school were to be conducted with players in shorts, T-shirts and cleats only.

Teams are allowed to don the pads for the first time on Saturday, Aug. 27.

After another week of practice Aug. 29 through Sept. 2, the Beverly Hills and Thompson programs will give their fans an early look at the progress of the respective teams during scrimmage action Saturday, Sept. 3.

FFF&F at BHI

At Beverly Hills Intermediate, there's the annual Family, Friends, Food and Football extravaganza on campus, and all Battlin' Bear fans are allowed to attend.

The highlight of the morning, of course, is scrimmage action involv-

ing each of the school's four football teams. Head coach Ben Portis, in his final season after a career spanning four decades, told the *Leader* that play will begin at 8 a.m. with the seventh-grade A and eighth-grade B teams going head-to-head.

At 9 a.m., it's the eighth-grade A and eighth-grade B teams clashing, followed by the seventh-grade A and seventh-grade B teams in action at 10 a.m. The scrimmages conclude at 11 a.m. as the

eighth-grade A and seventh-grade A teams face off.

There will be a variety of concession items available from start to finish, and there will also be music provided between sessions.

It's a great way to kick off the Pasadena ISD intermediate football season, which actually begins Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 12-13 at campuses across the district.

GAT's Red & White

Similar to the ongoing



Beverly Hills Intermediate's Family, Friends, Food and Football happens Saturday, Sept. 3 at the school as head football coach Ben Portis leads the Bears into action on the field. Portis is coaching in his final season after a career spanning parts of five decades. He hopes the Bears can collect a football title or more this season.

SJC women's hoops promotes Weaver

By Rob Vanya
SJC marketing

San Jacinto College recently promoted Kayla Weaver to full-time women's basketball assistant coach.

She served as volunteer assistant coach last season, her first year with the College. She will also serve as a college preparatory math instructor.

As volunteer assistant coach last year, Weaver helped guide the team to a 22-11 record.

San Jacinto ended the season as regional runner-up, the farthest any women's basketball team has ever advanced in the history of the College.

Weaver came to San Jac at the University of Texas at Tyler, where she was an assistant coach.

In her tenure at UT Tyler, the Patriots were American Southwest Conference regular season champions and advanced to the second round in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III tournament, finishing with a 27-3 record.

Prior to her position at UT Tyler, she was an assistant coach at Panola College.

During her three sea-

sons at Panola, Weaver helped coach the Fillies to two Region XIV Tournament appearances, coached two All-Region XIV players and four All-Conference players.

Weaver gained valuable experience organizing individual player workouts, creating scouting reports and helping with recruitment of student-athletes.

Before coaching at Panola, Weaver played for the Fillies, garnering First Team All-Conference, Region XIV First Team, and Region XIV Academic First Team honors.

She was also named the Panola College Buddy Lowery Award Winner as the top academic athlete in the graduating class.

During her college playing career, Weaver was also a member of the 2010-11 Lone Star Conference champions at Texas Woman's University, garnering All-LSC First Team honors as well as being named the 2010-11 LSC Tournament Most Valuable Player.

Weaver holds a bachelor's degree from TWU with a major in mathematics and a minor in education. She also holds a master's degree from TWU in

kinesiology with an emphasis in coaching.

San Jacinto College women's basketball head coach Michael Madrid knows Weaver will hit the ground running in her new role within the program.

"Coach Weaver was a vital piece of our success last year," he commented.

"She will step in as the full-time assistant with an understanding of the culture and expectations here at San Jac.

"Her basketball knowledge, ability to relate to student-athletes and tremendous work ethic will be an asset to our program. "Kayla will be heavily

involved in every aspect of our program from recruiting to academic support. We are fortunate to have a coach of her caliber."

"For her part, Weaver feels equally fortunate to work with Madrid.

"I had the opportunity to play for Coach Madrid from 2010-2011 at TWU, so I think that makes the transition of coaching with him that much easier," she remarked.

"I believe in what we do here and coach Madrid runs a great program. Players get better under his leadership both on and off the court.

"Last year we really built a foundation of success. That motivated us to keep the momentum going and to recruit student-athletes that have that same mentality.

"We have a very talented group this year and I am excited to be a part of their journey and this program."

San Jacinto College women's basketball games are played at the North campus's Nichols Gymnasium.

All games are open to the public, and admission is free. See more at www.sanjacsports.com.



Kayla Weaver, a volunteer assistant coach within the San Jacinto College women's basketball program last season, has been promoted to the full-time assistant coach.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25
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.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group of AA, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.
6:30 p.m.
Kirkwood Civic Association meets at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd. For more information call Ericka McCutcheon at 281-989-9990.
6:30 p.m.
CrossRoads UMC - ESL classes Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 p.m. at the church, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Course, books and child care are free. For information, call 281-484-9243 or visit www.crossroads-umc.org.
Well Spouse Support Group - meets at CrossRoads UMC, 10030 Scarsdale, the last Thursday of each month with those who are the husband, wife or partner of a chronically ill/disabled person, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Free childcare provided. No meetings in Nov. or Dec. For information, contact Jennifer Miller at houstonwellspouse@gmail.com or 713-724-2360, or visit <http://www.wellspouse.org>.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Women's Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For information, call 713-856-1611.
Al-Anon (English) - Support for family and friends of alcoholics/addicts, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, room 215. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
Alateen - Support for teenagers, friends and family mem-

bers of alcoholics/addicts, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, room 208. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
8:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - AA meetings are Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For information, call 713-204-2481.
FRIDAY, AUGUST 26
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.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - West End Group of AA, noon, Shepherd of the Heart United Methodist Church, 12005 County Rd. 39, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
6 p.m.
Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish) - Support for family/friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 6 p.m., First United Methodist Church, room 215, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.
6:30 p.m.
Bay Area Genealogical Society - Meets monthly, the last Friday, at University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook Dr., Clear Lake. Coffee and socializing at 6:30; meeting at 7 p.m. No general meeting in Nov. or Dec. For information, visit www.TxBayAreaGen.org.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.
8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - meeting at CrossRoads UMC

on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.
Al-Anon - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Friday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.
Serenity Now Al-Anon Group - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Friday, 8 to 9 p.m. Family members and friends of problem drinkers or addicts learn they are not alone, share, learn principles of Al-Anon and learn about choices available to them. 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 27
7:30 a.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - "Breakfast with Bill", Saturdays, 7:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
10 a.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.
11 a.m.
Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English) - For women whose lives are affected by an addict. Saturdays, 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
1 p.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.
8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 28
11:15 a.m.
Congregation Shaar Hashalom - Presents *Line by Line* with the *Prophets*, sessions by Rabbi Stuart Federow, 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., at 16020 El Camino Real, 77062, the Conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. Everyone is welcome. Previ-

ous classes are not required. Visit www.shaarhashalom.org or contact the Synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or csn@shaarhashalom.org.
1 p.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.
2 p.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class - Sunday and Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details or classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or call 281-488-6318.
Grief Support Group - For adults who have lost a loved one. Meets Sundays, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas, 2 to 3:15 p.m., First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy. For details, call 281-487-8787.
5:30 p.m.
Celebrate Recovery - A faith-based 12-Step Program, Sundays, 5:30 p.m., Chapel of the Educational Building at Life Church in Houston, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for information or to RSVP for child care.
6:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Candlelight Meeting, Sunday, 6:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA meets Sundays, 7 p.m., 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.
8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? Meetings are Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-204-2481.

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MONDAY, AUGUST 29
10 a.m.
Al-Anon Deer Park – Mondays, 10 to 11 a.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for information, or just drop in.
Clear Lake Bridge Club – Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.
11:30 a.m.
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.

Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – Imperfect Nooners Group of AA meets at noon at 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
3:15 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society – Free exercise and speech therapy, for adults with Parkinson's 3:15 to 4:45 p.m., Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for details.
6 p.m.
Scrabble Club #511 – Meets Mondays at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua, 6 p.m. Come and improve crossword game playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for information.

6:30 p.m.
Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting – Mondays at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland. Enter door closest to recycling bins. For details, call 713-865-3668 or visit www.oahouston.org.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For information, call 713-856-1611.
Friends Helping Friends Grief Support Group – meets Mondays, Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster, 7 to 8:15 p.m., in the Team Conference Room. Anyone who's lost a loved one is welcome. Free. For information, call Mrs. Barry Craven at 281-486-4241 or R. Sanchez at 281-337-4365.

7:30 p.m.
Congregation Shaar Hashalom – Israeli Folk Dancing on Monday, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., 16020 El Camino Real, 77062. \$4/session or \$35/10 sessions for CSH members and \$5/session or \$45/10 session for nonmembers. Everyone is welcome. For details, contact 281-488-5861 or csh@shaarhashalom.org.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – New AA meeting, Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Education Bldg., 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For details, call Russell at 832-483-6715.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30
7 a.m.
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.
Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum – Exhibits include dioramas, an old-time kitchen and a turn-of-the-century doctor's office. Tuesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For information, call 713-472-0565.
10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club – 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.

Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – Imperfect Nooners Group of AA meets at noon, at 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For more information, call 713-856-1611.
Rotary Club of Pearland – Meets Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch is \$15. Variety of interesting speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or visit nalix@texascitizensbank.com.

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1:30 p.m.
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Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class – Sunday and Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details or classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at drjglandorf@sbcglobal.net or call 281-488-6318.

6 p.m.
Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish) – Support for family/friends of alcoholics/addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 6 p.m., First United Methodist Church, room 215, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.
6:30 p.m.
CrossRoads UMC – ESL classes Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30

p.m. at the church, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Course, books and child care are free. For information, call 281-484-9243 or visit www.crossroads-umc.org.

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

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31
7 a.m.
AA Meeting – "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or drop in.

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

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

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

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

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
7 a.m.
AA Meeting – "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.

10 a.m.
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Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – Imperfect Nooners Group of AA, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.

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

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

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

Alateen – Support for teenagers, friends and family members of alcoholics/addicts, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, room 208. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

The Bay Area Writers League – Meets the first Thursday monthly, Barnes and Noble, Bay Area Blvd. and Gulf Fwy., 7 p.m. Newcomers welcome.

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

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Local students enjoy East Coast sights!

Earlier this summer, local students Caleb Brown (South Belt Elementary) and Andrew Pavalonis (Frazier Elementary) went sight-seeing along the East Coast, including Boston, Mass., where they re-enacted the Boston Tea Party and went to a musical. They visited Niagara Falls and New York City, where there were plenty of activities in which to participate. There was a stop in New Jersey to visit one of the nation's most popular bakeries, and they also visited other Eastern seaboard spots, walking on beautiful beaches and sampling many of the great flavors the famous East Coast has to offer. Also, along on the visit were family members Cheryl Carling and Heather Carling. The East Coast visit marked a truly special time for the youths as they had a chance to see beautiful sites in another part of the country.

At right, elementary students Caleb Brown (left) and Andrew Pavalonis pose with a statue of Benjamin Franklin during a visit to the Boston Tea Party Ships and Museum in Boston, Mass., earlier this summer. The tour of ships and sites allows visitors the chance to participate, experience and learn about the events that led up to the American Revolution more than 230 years ago. Below, a visit to the top of the Statue of Liberty in New York City heightened the East Coast trip for, left to right, (front row) Andrew Pavalonis, Caleb Brown, (back row) Heather Carling and Cheryl Carling.



Morgan, grandchildren visit Schlitterbahn, Galveston



Terrie Morgan and her grandchildren recently enjoyed the Schlitterbahn Water Park on Galveston Island. Shown at top are, left to right, Mason Nickens, Terrie Morgan, McKenna Nickens and Mallory Nickens. Shown in the lower photo are, left to right, Mallory, Mason and McKenna.

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