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### Labor Day closings set

#### South Belt-Ellington Leader

The South Belt-Ellington Leader office will be closed Monday, Sept. 3, in observance of Labor Day. Normal business hours will resume Tuesday, Sept. 4, at 9 a.m.

#### Clear Brook City MUD

The Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District office will be closed Monday, Sept. 3, in observance of Labor Day. The office will reopen Tuesday, Sept. 4, at 8 a.m. Payments may be left in the drop box located on the drive-through window side of the building.

### Holiday trash schedule set

#### Clear Brook City MUD

Residents living in Clear Brook City MUD will have regular trash service on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 3. All trash should be at curbside no later than 7 a.m. to ensure pickup that day. Residents missing this regular trash pickup date will be serviced on the next regularly scheduled pickup date, Thursday, Sept. 6.

#### City of Houston

Residents living within the Houston city limits will not have trash collection on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 3. Trash pickup normally scheduled for Monday will be picked up Tuesday, Sept. 4, instead. Trash pickup normally scheduled for Tuesday will be picked up Wednesday, Sept. 5, instead. The city's normal trash pickup schedule will resume Thursday, Sept. 6. All neighborhood depositories will also be closed on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 3.

### Motel construction begins

The Leader has received several inquiries as to what is being constructed at the southwest corner of Beltway 8 and the Gulf Freeway adjacent to the USA RV Resort. Sources have told the Leader that the new construction is for a future Swan Inn motel at the intersection. At press time, it was unclear when construction would be complete.

### Beltway closures planned

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

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

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

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

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

### Gulf Freeway closures set

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

### Kirkwood to meet Aug. 30

The Kirkwood Civic Association will meet Thursday, Aug. 30, at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road near Beltway 8, at 6:30 p.m. For additional information, call Ericka McCrutchon at 281-989-9990.

### Lariaettes hold clinic

The Dobie Lariaettes will host the annual Hand and Stand Clinic at the school's dance room Tuesday, Sept. 18, from 6 to 8 p.m. The clinic is open to students in pre-K through eighth grade. Participants may wear pajamas Tuesday night, as there will be a pajama party while they learn routines. Participants will learn hand and stand routines and may sit with Lariaettes and perform in the stands at the Dobie game Saturday, Sept. 22, at 5:30 p.m. Preregistration is \$25, and cost at the door is \$35. Fee includes the clinic, T-shirt and student entry to the game with shirt. Preregistration ends Sept. 6. The shirt is only guaranteed with preregistration. For questions and registration form, email [BSisson@pasa.denaids.org](mailto:BSisson@pasa.denaids.org).

### Banquet video on YouTube

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

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

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott served as the featured speaker of the event. Other speakers included U.S. Rep. Pete Olson; state Sen. Larry Taylor; Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis; and Noble Alix Jr., chamber treasurer and senior vice president of Texas Citizens Bank. To view the event, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=my3UkmCwflA>.

### Ashley Pointe to meet

The Ashley Pointe homeowners association will meet Thursday, Sept. 13, at the El Franco Lee Community Center, 9500 Hall Road, large meeting room, at 6:30 p.m.

# Local districts focus on school safety

In the wake of the recent Santa Fe school shooting, both the Pasadena Independent School District and the Clear Creek Independent School District are taking steps to ensure student safety.

#### Pasadena ISD

Pasadena ISD has safety plans in place for every campus for various emergency situations, and plans are reviewed every year.

Campuses practice emergency drills throughout the year. This serves as training for students and review for staff.

In the event of a serious incident or threat, the district's first priority is to ensure that students and staff are safe. The next priority is to communicate to parents.

To provide information quickly means that

the initial details may not be complete. However, school officials will share the information available at the time. The district will communicate through parent calls or text messages, Facebook, Twitter and the district's website.

Parents must keep their child's campus up to date with their correct contact information.

In some serious incidents, a campus will be placed on lock-down.

#### What is lock-down?

- All classroom doors and windows are locked.
- Students are moved away from doors and windows.
- Teachers/students wait for police or administrator to lift the lock-down.
- During a lock-down, no one is allowed to

enter or exit the building except for emergency personnel.

#### Parent meetings

Pasadena ISD will hold a series of Community "U" Academy parent meetings to promote greater awareness of the district.

Focused on school safety, the first meeting of the 2018-2019 school year is titled A.L.I.C.E. (Alert, Lock-down, Inform, Counter and Evacuate).

This will be an active parent meeting of what Pasadena ISD is currently training its faculty and staff to do in an active shooter situation.

No children or students will be allowed.

The first Community "U" Academy meeting will be held Thursday, Aug. 30, at the Pasadena ISD Guidance Center, 3010 Bayshore Drive in Pasadena, from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Dinner will be provided prior to the meeting.

A limited number of seats will be available. Parents wishing to attend the meeting need to complete an online application at [www1.pasadena.naisd.org](http://www1.pasadena.naisd.org) or call 713-740-0246.

#### Clear Creek ISD

The Clear Creek Independent School District

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## PISD opens program for the deaf



Pasadena ISD recently opened its first Regional Day School Program for the Deaf, housed at South Belt Elementary, Melillo Middle, Beverly Hills Intermediate, Dobie<sup>9</sup> and Dobie Main. Shown above at the ribbon-cutting are, left to right, Marina McCormick, Region 4 Education Service Center RDSPD coordinator; Ginger Gates, Region 4 ESC Special Education Solutions; Pam Wells, Region 4 ESC director; Dr. DeeAnn Powell, PISD superintendent; Diane Wheeler, Melillo Middle School principal; Candy Howard, South Belt Elementary principal; Jennifer Louzon, PISD Special Education specialist; and Franklin Moses, Dobie principal. See related story on Page 5A.

Photo submitted

## Would-be burglars hide in Target

Two teenage burglars were arrested late Tuesday, Aug. 22, after trying to hide in the Target at Beltway 8 and Monroe/ Pearland Parkway after the store was closed.

According to Houston police, the teen suspects were observed entering the store shortly before its 11 p.m. closing time.

Target employees made repeated announcements on the public address system that the store was closing. Employees further asked the two men if they needed any assistance.

As the store was closing, the suspects were observed hiding.

After the business was closed, the two were

then observed opening food packages and eating.

The Houston Police department was called to the scene and set up a perimeter around the store.

The teens attempted to open several exit doors but were unsuccessful.

When police entered the store, the two men surrendered without incident.

Neiman Jyre Lewis, 17, and Able Marcus Harris, 18, were both arrested on a felony charge of burglary of a building.

Contrary to other media reports, the men were not witnessed trying to steal from the cash registers, police said.

## St. Luke's Church warns of scam

Officials from St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church are warning South Belt residents about a scam in the community that involves impostors pretending to be affiliated with the area church.

According to church officials, people are going door-to-door taking orders for tamales and

talking about the upcoming St. Luke Bazaar and Raffle.

The individuals are reportedly not affiliated with St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church in any way.

Residents who encounter these individuals are urged to immediately contact the police.

## Police seek hit-and-run driver

The Houston Police Department is searching for a suspect wanted for his involvement in a July 7 hit-and-run accident that left a pregnant woman severely injured and her unborn child dead.



Leon

Jose De Jesus Lopez Cosy Leon is wanted on multiple felony charges.

According to police, Leon was traveling east in the 9800 block of Fuqua between Blackhawk and Kingspoint in a tan Ford Expedition around 4:15 p.m. when he lost control of his vehicle and drove over the esplanade and into the westbound

lanes of traffic. Police said he then crossed the path of a white Kia Sportage that struck the right passenger side of the Expedition, causing it to roll over.

Leon reportedly exited the Expedition and fled on foot. The driver of the Sportage – a 34-year-old female who was eight months pregnant – was transferred to Clear Lake Regional Hospital in critical condition. While there, the woman was forced to undergo an emergency C-section to deliver the child, who later died.

At press time, the female victim remained hospitalized in critical condition.

Anyone with any information on Leon's whereabouts is urged to call HPD's Hit-and-Run Unit at 713-247-4065 or Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

## Pct. 2 hosts Citizen's Police Academy

Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Chris Diaz's office will host its annual Citizen's Police Academy from Sept. 19 through Nov. 14 at the John Phelps Courthouse, located at 101 S. Richey in Pasadena.

The meetings will take place every Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The Citizens Police Academy is a 10-week program designed to give residents a working knowledge of the constable's office, including police procedures and protocol.

Through the CPA's interactive courses, partic-

ipants learn many aspects of law enforcement, such as the Texas Penal Code, patrol procedures, gang awareness, terrorism information and many other topics.

Residents will gain a better understanding of how police services are conducted in their communities and see how and why deputies make some of their decisions in the course of their duties. Graduates of the CPA play a vital role in their community by improving communication between citizens and law enforcement and by

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## County bond measure easily passes

On the one-year anniversary of Hurricane Harvey, Harris County voters on Aug. 25 overwhelmingly approved the \$2.5 billion bond measure to fund flood-mitigation projects to protect the area during future storms.

"By passing Prop A, those who voted made it clear that we must effectively address flood control – one of the greatest challenges we face," said Harris County Precinct 1 Commissioner Rodney Ellis. "We owe it to everyone to ensure that urgently needed flood control projects are funded equitably and transparently so that every community is protected from future floods."

More than 85 percent of voters cast their ballots in favor of the proposition, which will provide funding for 237 projects throughout the

county. Voter turnout, however, was extremely low, with only around 150,000 of Harris County's 2.3 million registered voters – or roughly 6.5 percent – taking part in the election.

The bond proposal was the largest ever passed in Harris County. Passing the measure was also necessary to secure approximately \$2 billion in matching federal funds.

The bonds are to be sold in increments over the next 15 years. According to county officials, the overall tax increase will be no more than 2 to 3 cents per \$100 of assessed property, or roughly a 1.4 percent.

The final list of projects was approved by Harris County Commissioners Court on Aug. 14.

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## Body not identified, one month later

The body of a man found dead Monday, July 30, next to the METRO Fuqua Park & Ride, located in the 11700 block of Sabo, had yet to be identified at press time, according to officials with the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

First responders from Houston Fire Department Station 70 said the man appeared to have died from natural causes. An official cause of death, however, had also yet to be determined at press time. The victim may have been homeless, officials said.

## Garcia threatens county with lawsuit

Outgoing state Sen. Sylvia Garcia is threatening to sue Harris County Clerk Stan Stanart, should he refuse to call a special election to fill her vacated seat.

In a letter to Stanart, Garcia's attorneys argue that the responsibility to call such an election now falls on the county, as Gov. Greg Abbott had yet to do so by the Aug. 20 deadline, which was necessary for the referendum to appear on the Nov. 6 general election ballot.

"Governor Abbott should have ordered a special election for Senate District 6 by August 20, 2018," said Garcia's attorney Brian Trachtenberg of Pogach & Trachtenberg in the letter to Stanart. "As the returning officer for Senate District 6, it is your constitutional duty to do it for him. Only

you can fulfill the Election Code's mandate that a special election must be ordered under these circumstances."

According to Garcia, combining the two elections would not only ensure there is continued representation in her district, but it would also save the county hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Should a special election not be called until later, nearly 850,000 residents in Garcia's District 6, which includes much of the South Belt community, could be without representation for much of the next legislative session. The next uniform election won't be held until May 2019. Abbott, however, could call an emergency elec-

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## Pct. 2 deputies respond to crime

Deputies from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office have kept busy as of late responding to crimes ranging from robbery to drug possession.

On Saturday, Aug. 25, deputies responded to a "jugging" call, in which a female had her purse stolen from her passenger seat as she was loading groceries into her car in front of the Hong Kong Food Market on Scarsdale at Beamer.

The suspect was described merely as a black male in a silver or gray Chevy Impala. Investigators believe the same vehicle was also used in a similar incident at the same location on Saturday, Aug. 18. In that incident, an off-duty deputy was able to apprehend one of the suspects involved.

On Monday, Aug. 27, deputies responded to a call of a suspicious vehicle parked in front of the Walgreens on Scarsdale and Beamer.

The car, a black 2007 Chevy Cavalier, had reportedly been backed into a spot for a lengthy amount of time without moving. As deputies attempted to run the vehicle's license plate, they noticed it had been altered with black electrical tape. A 3 and a 9 on the plate had both been altered to look like 8s.

The driver of the car, James Wray, was charged with having a fictitious registration. A female passenger, Brandy Rene Walker, was charged with possession of heroin. Both suspects were from east Houston, deputies said.

## City honors James Muecke



The City of Houston recognized longtime South Belt resident James Muecke (center) at City Hall on Aug. 21 by naming the day in his honor for his years of community service. Shown above with Muecke as he receives the award are, left to right, Council Member Dave Martin; Muecke's daughter, Melissa Muecke Boehm; Mayor Sylvester Turner; and Muecke's son, Bradley Muecke. See related story on Page 5A. Photo by Marie Flickinger

# In My Opinion

## Attendance Works sets school meeting

Preparing for the beginning of a new school year means shopping for pencils, notebooks, backpacks, uniforms and new shoes. Parents and educators want to provide students with all the resources they need to focus on learning, but the real key to a successful academic year lies in simply getting there. Students simply cannot learn if they cannot get to school—safely, consistently and on time.

A 2014 study by Attendance Works, an organization that advocates for improving school attendance rates, shows that 5 to 7.5 million U.S. students miss nearly a month of school every year. Chronic absenteeism contributes to significant gaps in early student achievement and high school dropout rates. Excessive school absences can put students two years behind their peers in basic skills—like learning to read.

Health issues are the primary reason why children miss school, but access to reliable transportation runs a close second. Lack of transportation can present a significant barrier for children in low-income or minority households, particularly where ownership of a family vehicle can be a factor. One in four black households and one in six Latino households do not own a car, compared to one in 14 white households.

Fifty years ago, the neighborhood school was within walking distance for most children. In 1969, almost 41 percent of American school children could walk or bicycle to class. By 2001, that number dropped to less than 13 percent.

There are many reasons for this significant drop: urban expansion and shrinking budgets for school districts may have impacted the number and proximity of neighborhood schools, creating increased travel distances. Children in some urban areas have reported feeling unsafe and uncomfortable about walking to school and parents, understandably, have acquiesced to those concerns.

Public transit and the traditional big yellow school bus are favorable options—especially for those students seeking access to school choices outside of their immediate neighborhoods. A 2009 study in two major urban cities—Denver and Washington, D.C.—showed 33 percent of low-income parents would choose to send their child to a better school further from home if reliable transportation could be provided.

Again, school district budgets play a significant role in providing bus transportation, and some districts have developed creative solutions by partnering with mass transit to provide student passes. It becomes clear that equity in access to quality education cannot be reached unless transportation issues are studied and evaluated so that answers and options can emerge.

In July, the City of Houston showed its commitment to improving mobility access by announcing the launch of a 12-month multimodal mobility study that includes vehicles, transit, pedestrian, bicycle, and freight transportation in Southeast Houston. The area bounded by Interstate 610 to the north, Highway 288 to the west, Sam Houston Toll Road to the south and I-45 and Galveston Road to the east will be the focus of the study. The first public meeting for the plan is Sept. 8 at Greater St. Matthew Church from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Sharon Moses-Burnside**  
Houston Planning & Development Department, Transportation Division Manager

## Assiff thanks, seeks support from Cornyn

I want to begin by thanking your staff for the incredible hospitality extended to our Alzheimer's Association volunteer Advocates and during our time on Capitol Hill in mid-June of this year. As your assigned Alzheimer's Ambassador, I know that with your support, a cure for this dreaded disease is not far away.

I also would like to mention the BOLD Act (Building Our Largest Dementia Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Act).

The bipartisan Building Our Largest Dementia (BOLD) Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Act (S. 2076/H.R.4256) would strengthen the nation's public health response to Alzheimer's by providing state, local and tribal public health officials with the funding and resources necessary to increase early detection and diagnosis, reduce risk, prevent avoidable hospitalizations and address health disparities—all of which impact those living with the disease and their millions of unpaid caregivers.

These important priorities track with the most recent research advances as well. During the Alzheimer's Association International Conference (AAIC) last month, research showed that aggressive lowering of systolic blood pressure significantly reduces the risk of developing cognitive decline and dementia. As scientists continue to search for a treatment, we must act now to address the growing public health crisis Alzheimer's poses to millions of families across our country.

The BOLD Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Act would build upon research advances like this by implementing public health interventions to reduce the risk of cognitive decline, such as by controlling cardiovascular risk factors. It is my hope that you will work with Senate leadership to both encourage as well as ensure the passage of this bill when it comes to the floor of the Senate for a vote. Although this bill will not help my wife's Grandmother who suffered with Alzheimer's for 13 years, whom we cared for in our home, it will make a difference to other families and save money for our country. Early and accurate diagnosis could save up to \$7.9 Trillion in medical care costs.

So again, I want to thank you Senator for your consideration in this matter and we look forward to your support on this game changing bill.

**Charles Assiff**  
Volunteer - National Alzheimer's Ambassador, Texas

## Villarreal gives other side of dual credit

Last month, a study made headlines with negative news about a popular program known as dual credit.

Dual credit is a model program that al-

lows qualified high school students to enroll in college courses and simultaneously earn college and high school credit. It's popular with students because it allows them to get a head start on college, reduce the cost of college and complete their degrees sooner.

While this study suggested that dual credit may not help especially first-time college goers, almost every other study on this topic has had the opposite finding.

All studies have limitations. In an ideal world, education leaders, news organizations and policy makers weigh the preponderance of evidence produced by research scientists in making policy recommendations. But that nuance was lost in the feverish response to the well-publicized study of Texas dual-credit programs produced by the American Institutes for Research and overseen by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

In fact, the preponderance of scientific evidence supports dual credit. An emerging consensus of nearly a dozen published research studies finds that dual credit improves outcomes for students pursuing bachelor's degrees and those pursuing associate degrees. In fact, two of the most thorough studies analyzed the same Texas student population as the AIR study and both found dual credit had strong positive impacts on improving student outcomes. Furthermore, four studies found that minority students or low-income students benefited the most from dual credit, a finding in direct conflict with the AIR report.

When a new study conflicts with a large body of evidence, it should definitely cause folks to pay attention and ask questions, but one of those questions should be about the quality of the outlier study. Here is what I discovered about the AIR report's research design. AIR researchers made a series of small and big decisions that all had the consistent effect of minimizing the effect of dual-credit programs. They removed dual-credit schools in Texas that produced the greatest dual-credit impacts on student outcomes. These were university-provided dual-credit courses and early college high schools, which are typically sponsored by community colleges. They only followed students beginning with their junior years in high school, even though dual credit is a high school intervention that starts as early as freshman year.

AIR researchers took two different approaches to estimating the effectiveness of dual credit. In one approach, they measured the effectiveness of participating in at least one dual-credit course. In the second approach, they measured the effectiveness of earning dual credit in increasing numbers. Like testing the dosage of a medication, they wanted to see if the benefit of dual credit existed in higher doses.

Their first approach found that dual credit had virtually no effect on bachelor's degree completion within eight years of graduating from high school. This finding was reported in the executive summary and main body of the report. In contrast, the dosage approach found that dual-credit programs produced a 5 percent increase in degree completion over students in a no-dual-credit control group. This growth was achieved when students earned the average amount of dual credit. For those who don't closely follow education research, a 5 percent increase is huge. This finding was buried in the appendix.

The major point here is that a reasonable change in how the researchers defined treatment changed one of the most important findings of the report from night to day. But, that was not the worst fault of this study.

The real problem with the AIR study is that they used a statistical methodology but violated the requirements of that methodology. The end product of their violations was that most students who participated in dual credit were not counted as having done so—and a significant share of the students counted as dual-credit students never in fact participated in a dual-credit course.

How could they do this? The reason is they assigned each student a probability score that was to reflect their probability of participating in dual credit. They used this probability score to assign students to their study's quasi-treatment and quasi-control groups. They were more accurate in predicting who was not going to participate in dual credit, but they were way off in predicting who actually participated. Based on my estimates, I find that for every 100 students who actually earned dual credit, they placed 83 of them into their quasi-control group. Moreover, 1 of every 4 of their quasi-treatment group members never stepped foot into a dual-credit class. They chose this method even though real numbers actually exist.

I replicated this part of the study using the same data sources and methodology they described. My estimates are likely to slightly differ from theirs because they did not fully report details of this part of their research. But, their violations of the statistical procedure they used is absolutely indisputable. Their inaccuracy in predicting who participates in dual credit is most severe with subgroups disproportionately underrepresented in dual credit: African American, Hispanic and economically disadvantaged students. For example, 99 percent of African American students who earned dual credits were reclassified as not likely to do so, while half of those reclassified as likely dual-credit students never participated in those programs.

AIR researchers made a series of research design decisions that consistently diminished the estimated effect of dual credit on student outcomes. Moreover, they miscategorized students who did not earn dual credit as members of their quasi-treatment group and students who earned dual credit as members of their quasi-control group. This error discredits the study's conclusions. Officials of the THECB should withdraw their previous statements about dual credit and ask the AIR researchers to reanalyze the data using a defensible research design.

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# Garcia threatens legal action

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tion at an earlier date. In her letter to Abbott last month, Garcia announced her "intent to resign" by midnight Jan. 2, 2019. Abbott's camp, however, contends the wording isn't strong enough to call the special election, claiming an intent to resign is not tantamount to resigning.

Trachtenberg's letter to Stanart points out multiple occasions in the past, however, when Abbott approved previous requests using language identical to Garcia's.

"Showing utter disregard for the more than 800,000 voices that will be silenced

if a special election is not ordered, the governor has attempted to argue that Senator Garcia's resignation was not, in fact, a resignation," Trachtenberg wrote to Stanart. "The governor's argument is absurd based on the language of the senator's letter and the governor's own treatment of such language in the past."

Critics of Abbott, a Republican, see the move as purely political, as Garcia's District 6 is heavily blue, and a Democrat is all but guaranteed to fill her position. Favored candidates vying for her vacated senate seat include current state Reps. Carol Alvarado

and Anna Hernandez. Garcia is currently running as a Democrat to replace U.S. Rep. Gene Green, who announced his retirement last November after serving for more than two decades in Congress. In November's District 29 Congressional election, Garcia will face Republican Phillip Aronoff.

Garcia's legal team had given Stanart an Aug. 24 deadline, at which time it said legal action would be taken. At press time Aug. 29, however, a special election had yet to be called, and it was unclear if any such legal actions had taken place.

## Elected officials share their words Cornyn marks anniversary

The following is a statement by U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, member of the Senate Finance, Intelligence and Judiciary committees.

"The outpouring of Texans helping their neighbors over and over again reminded me of a saying I heard years ago at another natural disaster, is that being a Texan doesn't describe where you're from, it describes who your family is. Following the emergency response, our job here in Washington was just beginning. In the weeks and months following landfall, Congress passed three separate aid bills totaling \$147 billion. I pledge my efforts to work to ensure our state remains protected and appreciate the work and support of all of our colleagues as we've met this terrible disaster with an appropriate federal response."

Cornyn spoke ahead of the one-year anniversary of Hurricane Harvey's landfall. Excerpts of Cornyn's floor remarks and a video can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NtJoBvlpNc&feature=youtu.be>.

"Aug. 25 marks the one-year anniversary of Hurricane Harvey making landfall on the Texas Gulf Coast." For people who don't live on the Gulf Coast of Texas, who didn't see the shelters firsthand as I did with my friend and colleague Sen. (Ted) Cruz at the NRG Center in Houston, it's really hard to imagine what it looked and felt like. The outpouring of Texans helping their neighbors over and over again reminded me of a saying I heard years ago at another natural disaster, is that being a Texan doesn't describe where you're from, it describes who your family is.

"Gov. (Greg) Abbott immediately formed a Commission to Rebuild Texas and wisely appointed a great Texan, John Sharp, to chair. Following the emergency response, our job here in Washington was just beginning. In the weeks and months following landfall, Congress passed three separate aid bills totaling \$147 billion.

"There isn't much sense in rebuilding without ensuring the region can with-

stand another major weather event in the future. That's why we made sure that the third disaster aid bill, a response to multiple hurricanes and wildfires across the country, designated roughly half of the relevant U.S. Army Corps of Engineer construction funds to Texas-specific projects. Thanks to the Corps, as well as state and local partners, as well as our colleagues here in Congress, some of the most pressing infrastructure improvements are underway.

"The long-term planning with the Texas General Land Office as well as the governor's office and the entire Texas delegation continues. It's my privilege to serve the people of the great state of Texas and as part of my job, I've unfortunately had the occasion to see plenty of heartache and tragedy over the years. I pledge my efforts to work to ensure our state remains protected and appreciate the work and support of all of our colleagues as we've met this terrible disaster with an appropriate federal response."

## Bay Area Harbour Playhouse announces dates

The Bay Area Harbour Playhouse, 803 Highway 3, Dickinson, is gambling in September on a new play with a first-time director.

"Doublewide, Texas," a comedy about Texans, written by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wooten, is BAHF Artistic Director Bennie Nipper's first gamble. This is the first time it will be performed in this area. The trio, however, have written many hilarious, fast-paced comedies so chances are that it, too, will be well received by audiences.

The second gamble is on Annette Forsythe being a good director. Nipper, has often put new talent on her stage and this time she is asking Forsythe, a Dickinson resident who has performed in several hit shows, to stretch her talent to directing a play.

Performances will be Sept. 7 – 23 on Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. The fast-paced comedy will be staged in the upstairs Top Deck theater which is a smaller, close-to-the-action arena.

It seats 65 attendees so theater patrons are urged to call 281-337-7469 soon for reservations, purchase tickets at Eventbrite, or visit the theater's website at [www.harbourtheatre.com](http://www.harbourtheatre.com).

## Shaar Hashalom offers classes

Congregation Shaar Hashalom is offering a class in Introduction to Judaism. The class will give participants an opportunity to ask any and all questions regarding Judaism or the Jewish community. The class examines the Jewish beliefs regarding God, the nature of man, life, death, sin, sacrifice, atonement and forgiveness, Satan versus the devil, the Messiah and the Afterlife. It includes studying the Jewish holidays and holy days, the life cycle events and how Judaism responds to the controversial issues of the day.

This class is required for those who wish to convert to Judaism at Shaar Hashalom, but one does not have to be interested in conversion to take the class. Everyone is welcome.

The class meets on Wednesdays in the evenings from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Congregation Shaar Hashalom and is conducted by Rabbi Stuart Federow.

The cost is \$72 for a semester or \$144 for the year and covers the cost of all handouts used in class.

The classes for September are only being held on Sept. 5 and 26 due to observance of the high holy days.

The congregation, located at 16020 El Camino Real, Houston, is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. For more information, visit [www.shaarhashalom.org](http://www.shaarhashalom.org) or contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or at [cs@shaarhashalom.org](mailto:cs@shaarhashalom.org).

## Local library events set

### Bracewell Branch Library

Bracewell Library is closed Monday, Sept. 3, for the Labor Day holiday. The following events are scheduled for the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint: Saturday, Sept. 1, 10:30 a.m. Spanish computer class; Wednesday, Sept. 5, 10:30 a.m. Toddler storytime; Wednesday, Sept. 5, Computer courses: 2 p.m. Computer Basics; 3:15 p.m. Internet Basics; 4:30 p.m. Basic Powerpoint

To contact Bracewell Library, call 832-393-2580.

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

### Parker Williams Library

All Harris County Public Library branches are closed Monday, Sept. 3, for the Labor Day holiday.

The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd: Thursday, Aug. 30, 4 – 5 p.m. Learn to Code with Python, one of the most popular languages that can be used in almost any computer. Learn to make some games, help improve the simple games one has and develop new ones while learning the basics of coding. This session is for programming beginners, ages 11 and older. Registration is requested.

Tuesday, Sept. 4, 10:30 a.m. Computer basics: Google Drive and More. Beyond basic email and search, learn about Google Drive, Google Docs, calendar and more.

Wednesday, Sept. 5, 4:30 p.m. Spanish for beginners.

Wednesday, Sept. 5, 7 p.m. "So you bought an Instant Pot... Now What?" Meet in the library meeting room for a demonstration of the smart multi-use, programmable pressure cooker that makes meals quickly (<https://instantpot.com/>).

Below are the programs that occur every week:

Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. Baby storytime. Meet at the library for a baby lap-sit storytime to explore books, sing songs, introduce fingerplays and play with other babies. Baby storytime is only intended for infants 0 – 23 months old who are not walking yet. Siblings or friends who are older are invited to toddler time on Thursday mornings.

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

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

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

Saturday, Vietnamese learning time (for adults and children age 8 and older). Classes begin at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. For more information on these programs, speak with Loc Bui.

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

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

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# Deaths

## Charles Wayne Lindsey Sr.



Sagemont resident Charles Wayne Lindsey Sr., 92, died on Aug. 23, 2018.

Chuck was born in Herd, Okla., to Mabel and Wallace Lindsey on July 31, 1926. He had six sisters, two of whom still live in Oklahoma. He served in the Navy during WWII and then went to college in Stillwater Okla., majoring in geology.

His first job was with Halliburton in North Dakota. He married Joyce Moen and the couple moved first to Colorado, then to Wyoming and later to Pampa, Texas, where he worked in the field for Baker Hughes Oil. He then worked in the corporate office in Houston.

After Chuck retired, he did volunteer work at the hospital, school, elections, the library and church. He enjoyed going to the beach, visiting NASA, boating with his family, as well as fishing, creating stained glass panels, playing cards and watching a ballet. In their 64 years of marriage, the pair had four children, 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

## Lois King Campbell



Lois King Campbell, 92, of Pearland was born in Wallins Creeks, Ky. on Jan. 4, 1926, to James Franklin King and Hazel Virginia Howard King. She died on Aug. 25, 2018.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Deweese Young Campbell; brother James C. King; sister Virginia King Corseello; half-brother Ralph King; and nephews John Brown and Mike Brown.

Left behind to celebrate her life are her children Virginia Campbell Scott and husband Darrell, South Belt's Dr. Mary Campbell-Fox and husband Patrick, Cara Campbell Dolecki and husband Mike and Robert Bruce Campbell and wife Cathy; as well as sisters Mary Catherine Stone and Sonyia King-Lee and husband Yutana and sister-in-law Prudy Brown. She had numerous nieces, nephews and extended family including Kim Corseello Wilcox and husband John, Valerie Corseello McFadden and husband Clay, along with Jessica and Lauren McFadden, Robin Springer and wife Julie, Bruce Springer and wife Karen, Alex Zivkovick, Vladimiro Zivkovick, George Brown and wife Joan, Martha Brown-Floyd and husband Tim, Tommy Campbell and wife Carolyn, Mark Campbell and wife Lori, Mary Ellen Mayberry, Jeff Campbell and wife Dana and Jennifer Campbell, along with each member of their families.

Among her greatest treasures were her grandchildren David Scott, Sheila Scott Peters and husband Tim Peters, Ryan Fox and fiancée Karissa Stigall, Kelli Fox, Corey Fox, Tara Fox, Colin Fox, Ian

Campbell and Lara Campbell.

Lois graduated from Wells-ville High School in Wells-ville, Ohio, where she was a member of the Glee Club and a cheerleader. She later attended Morehead College and the University of Kentucky before becoming a cadet nurse during WWII and graduating from the Good Samaritan Hospital Nursing School in Lexington, Ky., as an R.N.

While in nursing school she met and married the love of her life, Dewey Campbell. They were married Sept. 18, 1946, in Olympia, Ky. As a young married couple, Lois and Dewey lived in Winchester, Ky.; Del Rio, Texas; Kansas City, Mo.; Dayton, Ohio; and Wellsville, Ohio, before settling down in Houston in 1964.

Lois supported the family by working as a surgical scrub nurse while Dewey completed osteopathic medical school and surgical residency. She later worked as a nurse at Lakeside Hospital in Kansas City, and Yale Hospital, Golden Age Nursing Home, St. Joseph's Hospital, and El Centro Adult Day Care, all in Houston. She was honored to be appointed by the mayor of Houston to the Harris County Area Agency on Aging to assess quality of care in area nursing homes.

Besides Lois' service to others as a nurse, nurturing and mothering her own family was her primary focus. She was a loving, involved, practical, compassionate wife, mother and grandmother who expected her children and grandchildren to do their best and do what is right at all times. Essential to their childhoods and as part of their daily routines, Lois and Dewey took their children to the family farm in Pearland to care for their horses. Lois was constantly sewing dance costumes and attending sporting events, dance recitals, horse shows, rodeos, music lessons and many other family and community activities. Lois was especially proud to attend her children's and grandchildren's school and military graduations. She took great joy in them and was an honorary mother and grandmother figure to many special people in her life.

Lois was a former member of the Sam Houston Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, the Houston Ballet Guild, and the Heather and Thistle Society. She was a former president of the Auxiliary to the Texas Osteopathic Association, and a longtime platelet donor at MD Anderson. She was a former member of Glenbrook United Methodist Church where she sang in the choir and, more recently, attended the First Methodist Church of Pearland, being an active member and good neighbor in her community of Bella Vita in Pearland.

Lois loved life. She loved God, loved her family and friends, loved helping others and loved being an American. Among her favorite activities were travel and playing bridge with friends. Lois particularly loved family adventures at their ranch in Gonzales, Texas. She loved animals, especially her border collie Bonnie and her lap buddy Bentley. Lois loved and greatly appreciated her caregivers Bonnie and Joey Burden, Christina Vasquez, Gina Jones and Edy Rocha.

When asked how she wanted to be remembered, she replied, "I believe in our God and love the family He gave me. I was born in the USA, so I've always considered myself blessed and am thankful."

Services will be held in Lois' honor at Forest Park East Cemetery, 21620 Gulf Freeway, Webster, Saturday, Sept. 1, with family visitation beginning at 2 p.m. A Celebration of Life will begin at 3 p.m., with a reception following. Pallbearers are David Scott, Ryan Fox, Corey Fox, Colin Fox, Ian Campbell, Tim Peters, Benjamin Wilson, and Trent Lilley.

The family is grateful for any donations to the charity of one's choice, made in her name.

## Rose Marie White Walton

Rose Marie White Walton died Aug. 25, 2018, after 87 years of a love-filled life. She was born Dec. 26, 1930, to Charles Todd Applegate and Edythe Anna Codd Applegate in Houston. She was one of five siblings.

She was predeceased by her brother Charles Russell Applegate and sisters Edith Isaacs Robin and Marjorie Lee Applegate. She is survived by her younger sister Jeanne LaVonne Henson.

In 1948 Rose Marie married Bryan Lyndol White. The couple's children, all of whom survived their mother, are Linda Marie Hovey, Deborah Kay Gentry, Nancy Lee Grasshoff and Bryan Lynn White. Rose Marie's husband predeceased her in 1988.

In 1994 she married a widower, Byron Walton, and enjoyed 24 years of happy marriage since they were completely devoted to one another.

Rose Marie is survived by her husband Byron; brother-in-law Gene Allen Henson; sons-in-law W. Rod Hovey, V. Dwyatt Gentry and Richard L. Grasshoff; and daughter-in-law Jennifer I. White. Rose Marie had, from her marriage to Bryan, nine grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. She also had a large extended family through Byron. Rose Marie is survived by step-daughters Janice Sue Kello and husband Doug Kello and Pamela Jean Willman; and their children and grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Those who knew Rose Marie felt her relationship with each of those individuals and many others who are not mentioned here, was very genuine and loving.

Rose Marie was a pioneer for the cosmetology vocational program for the Pasadena ISD. She was the first cosmetology instructor at J. Frank Dobie High School and taught there more than 20 years, teaching hundreds of students a valuable licensed vocation.

She was also a longtime and active member of Sagemont Church, having joined in the early 1970s. Many knew her as one who had a lifelong heart to serve and help others and did so in so many ways, both through the church and on her own. She did much for so many with such a kind and generous spirit.

Rose Marie loved being surrounded by and cooking for family members. Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners were truly wonders to behold. She had a wonderful sense of style that could be seen in her appearance and attire and in her home décor as well.

She loved going on shopping excursions with her daughters where they all found and collected their own personal treasures. She also had a special love for flowers and birds. She had a quick wit and a beautiful smile that befriended everyone. She will be sorely missed, but lives on in many hearts. Her love was unbound.

Funeral services will be held Friday, Aug. 31, 2018, at the Grand View Funeral Home, 8501 Spencer Highway, Pasadena.

Visitation is from 9 to 10 a.m. with the funeral service immediately following. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Sagemont Church Helping Hands Ministry or the Breast Cancer Research Foundation, N.Y.

## Leader obituary policy

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## Leader checks out social media

By Laura Benavides Scallan

A member of The Official South Belt & Sagemont Area Crime Alert Facebook group stated that she saw a tall, black male walking the streets of the Scarsdale subdivision between 11 p.m. and midnight. According to the member, the suspect would walk up to cars parked on the street, look into them and then try to move the handle to see if the vehicle would open. The member said the suspect was wearing all black.

There was a post shared on the same Facebook group about a hit-and-run accident at Sagedowne and Sagemont. The post explained the driver was apprehended and arrested a few blocks away from the scene of the accident.

In the same shared post, it is reported that in the early hours of Aug. 26, there were gunshots reported from the Sagedowne area.

The post states that the police were notified and the in-

vestigation is ongoing.

Another post shared on The Official South Belt & Sagemont Area Crime Alert told of a robbery at H-E-B on Blackhawk. A woman had her purse stolen from the passenger seat of her car by a young, black male wearing a hoodie.

Another member of the same Facebook group posted a photo of a GMC truck on bricks with its tires missing. The vehicle was spotted on Tiltree.

## Bay Area Quilt Guild plans meeting

The September meeting for the Bay Area Quilt Guild meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 4, at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, located at 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Fellowship begins at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7 p.m. The meeting is titled "Schoolhouse" and there will be several experienced, knowledgeable members who will provide tips and techniques for attendees. The public is invited to come and learn from the members. Visitors may attend at no charge. For more information, call Debby Benson at 713-2

# CCISD makes changes for the 2018-2019 school year

Clear Creek ISD has announced some new changes for the 2018-2019 school year.

**CCISD Alert Emergency App**  
Students, parents, staff and community members are now able to download and utilize the new CCISD Alerts Emergency App.

The emergency app and corresponding website features current security status, an anonymous reporting system, emergency protocols, and pertinent school safety information. Search for "Clear Creek ISD" in the app store, to download.

**See Something, Say Something**

CCISD's new See Something, Say Something anonymous tip reporting system allows users to submit information to school and district officials on topics such

as bullying, school safety, threats, violence, cheating and more. To fill out the online form, visit <https://asp.schoolmessenger.com/clearcreekisd/quicktip/>. The form is also accessible through the CCISD Alerts Emergency App.

**Visitor ID on campuses**  
Visitors must present a valid photo ID, at all times, prior to gaining entrance into any Clear Creek ISD campus.

**Dress code changes**  
For student safety, some changes have been made to the CCISD Dress Code: no trench coats, oversized jackets and any hoods on sweaters must be worn down during the school day.

Read the entire CCISD Dress Code. Be mindful that intermediate schools may have adopted a standardized dress code. Check the campus website at [www.ccisd.net](http://www.ccisd.net)

for more information.  
**Student ID badges**  
All students in grades 6-12 will be required to wear identification badges. The badges will be provided by the school and are intended to provide campus staff an immediate visual if there is someone who should not be on campus.

**Bus safety**  
All kindergarten and pre-kindergarten students will be released at their bus stop only if a parent or approved family member has a bus card. Students will receive their bus cards on the first day of school.

**Student text message notifications**  
Beginning this school year, parents will have the option to include their student's phone number when completing the back-to-school forms. Students can then opt

to receive text messages in an emergency situation that pertains to their campus. Bags are subject to search

at any time while on a Clear Creek ISD campus. See related story on Page 1A.

## LSFM asset to area at Ellington Field

In a word... "Wow!" This was the immediate reaction from one visitor who recently toured the revitalized Lone Star Flight Museum (LSFM), now operating out of Ellington Airport. The \$38 million, 130,000-square-foot state-of-the-art facility moved from Galveston's Scholes Field and reopened for business in September 2017.

Katie Jackman, chief marketing officer for LSFM, wholeheartedly concurs with that "wow" assessment. "Most people are very pleasantly surprised at the rich variety of sights and artifacts and aviation adventures available here," Jackman said. "And to be so up close and personal with vintage and modern aircraft is not an everyday occurrence - the casual visitor can get engrossed in any number of areas. True aviation aficionados could literally take two days to get through everything we have to offer."

Retired Air Force Lt. Gen. Douglas H. Owens, museum CEO, said that most everyone who tours the museum leaves with a greater appreciation for the history of aviation - and for the future of flight.

"Preserving historic aircraft and actively integrating a STEM education program is central to what we are doing here, but more importantly we connect history and science in a way that is fun and relevant."

The LSFM offers a myriad of resources and viewing opportunities for visitors. The museum has a trove of aviation memories on display with such gallery attractions as the Flight Academy, the Texas Aviation Heritage Gallery and the outstanding Aircraft Collection.

The Aircraft Collection is housed in two hangars and features more than 20 beautifully restored, historic aircraft including Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress (one of only 10 remaining in the world that are airworthy), North American B-25 Mitchell, Republic P-47 Thunderbolt and many more.

The LSFM also features a historic warbird aircraft collection that still flies! Visitors can purchase flight experiences in a variety of vintage crafts.

The Texas Aviation Hall of Fame sits among the museum's attractions as well and honors men and women who have left indelible impressions on Texas aviation and the aviation world.

Luminaries include Presidents George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush, African-American aviation pioneer Bessie Coleman, Howard Hughes, Tom Landry, the Tuskegee Airmen, the Women Airforce Service Pilots, astronauts Alan Bean and Gene Cernan; and airline greats Herb Kelleher and Gordon Bethune.

The museum also offers a veritable aviation playground for the young - and the young at heart.

Its comprehensive education program and immersive aviation experience promotes science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) through dynamic programming and interactive experiences that include the Aviation Learning Center classes and field trips. Kids

and adults alike have all been enthralled by the experiences. The ALC is the second of its kind in the U.S. and through a hands-on learning experience transports visitors into the unique energy and excitement of flight.

Field trips allow students to experience 26 hands-on interactives, two hang glider live-action simulators, two hangars featuring a large collection of WWII trainer aircraft; to go on self-guided or docent-led tours; and to view hangar overlooks for a grand view of historic aircraft.

The museum has state-of-the-art facilities and rents space for weddings, conferences, meetings, reunions and other private events. Available spaces include classrooms, meeting spaces, hangars and an executive boardroom with a great view of incoming and outgoing craft. More than 6,000 individuals and groups have scheduled time this year - from intimate events to grand galas!

The LSFM is simply chock-full of memorabilia, artifacts and opportunities to experience the magic of flight in a very special way.

In Galveston, the museum received an average of 40,000 visitors each year and this year, it is on track to significantly exceed that average.

The museum sits on the grounds of 101-year-old Ellington Airport, a robust aviation hub that was recently designated as the country's 10th Spaceport.

Ellington Airport supports the operations of the U.S. military, NASA and a variety of general aviation tenants. The airport is home to the annual Wings Over Houston Airshow and is resident to astronaut training.

The LSFM evokes a heartfelt "wow" as it seamlessly merges a remarkable, monumental past with an exciting future. Wow, indeed!

## Morris MS staff enjoys ice cream



Morris Middle School staff prepared for students to return to school with their new principal Allison Lewallen. The administrators team also held an ice cream social for the staff. Shown above are fifth-grade math teachers, left to right, Stephanie Hewitt, Maria Nolasco and Tammy Cowan taking a break from

planning for the school year to enjoy the ice cream social. Shown below are teachers enjoying some ice cream, left to right (clockwise), Stacy Widdall, Kadie Cowden, Heather Smith, Rebekah Zapalac, Courtney Oliver, Meghan Jegway, Megan Caulfield and Laura Nelson.

Photos submitted



## SJC grad Hoelewyn succeeds



San Jacinto College diesel technology graduate Jean Hoelewyn graduated at the top of her class in 2016. Currently she is working in her dream job as the first female diesel technician at Silver Eagle Distributors and hopes to continue to excel in the industry she loves.

Photo by Melissa Trevizo, San Jacinto College

## Hoelewyn excels at career, works hard, defies odds at Silver Eagle

As a San Jacinto College student, Jean Hoelewyn mastered her courses, never stopping until she achieved high scores. Now, she is excelling in her career as Silver Eagle Distributor's first female diesel technician.

"I love what I do," Hoelewyn said. "I wake up every day ready to go to work and face the challenges of the day. The team I work with is amazing and I'm happy to be here."

As a military spouse, Hoelewyn moved around often with her husband and children. After a divorce, she was able to come home and live closer to her family. As a single mother, she enrolled in classes while working full time.

"When I was finally able to go back to school, I wasn't sure what I wanted to study," Hoelewyn said. "My boyfriend asked me, 'If money was no object and you could do anything you wanted, what would you want to do?' My answer was I like to tinker with things, see how they work, fix them or improve them. That conversation kick-started my search for the perfect career."

After a little research, she decided to look into the automotive programs at San Jacinto College, something she already knew a little bit about.

"I grew up around engines," Hoelewyn said. "My dad, grandpa, great uncle and great-great grandpa were auto mechanics. I had tinkered as a

kid and learned a little bit, but diesel was something new."

After enrolling in diesel technology courses, Hoelewyn quickly found her place amongst her peers and discovered her thirst for knowledge.

"I signed up for classes and was a team lead in the first three weeks," Hoelewyn said. "During my time at San Jac my lowest grade was a 96.3. I never stopped asking questions and I talked to my instructors every day about the material."

The hard work paid off and she graduated with honors in 2016 with her diesel technology certification.

"She really just pushed the limits of what she is capable of and impresses everyone she meets," said Charles Siegel, diesel technology instructor at the San Jacinto College North campus. "This profession is often considered a man's game, but she comes in and does the work shattering everyone's preconceived notions."

Even while attending San Jac, Hoelewyn was already working in the industry, but a call from Silver Eagle Distributors, the nation's largest distributor of Anheuser-Busch products, would change her life.

"Someone from Silver Eagle found my credentials online and asked if I was interested in interviewing for the position," Hoelewyn said. "I was able to see the facilities

and they gave me a great offer. Later I found out I was the first female diesel technician in the company's history."

Though it is an honor to make history, for Hoelewyn it's not about being male or female, but being great at her job.

"You have to be ready to do everything the men are doing," Hoelewyn said. "You can't expect anyone to baby you. It is very hard work, for anyone. It can be physically and mentally demanding, so you have to stay on top of your game."

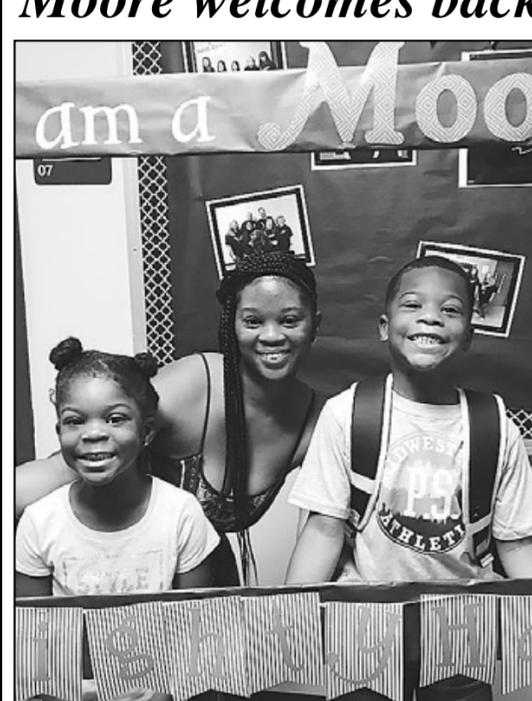
As a T3 diesel technician, Hoelewyn services heavy-duty vehicles like 18-wheelers daily, performing inspections and looking for anything that could be a potential issue, making every day different.

"I don't want the same thing every day," Hoelewyn said. "You never know what's going to happen or what you'll come across in the bay. This is a great team and we consult about issues if we need help. It feels like a family and we are all working toward a common goal."

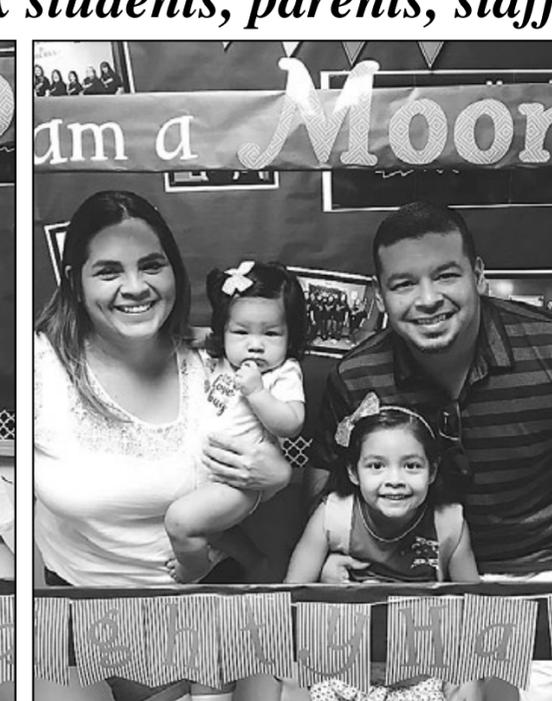
Though she loves her job, she doesn't see herself in this position forever.

"I would like to earn my ASE master certifications and one day be on the corporate side of things," Hoelewyn said. "This job is hard on the body. Some people can go decades and some wear down quite a bit. I'm planning now for my future."

## Moore welcomes back students, parents, staff



Moore Elementary welcomed its students, parents and staff for the 2018-2019 school year. Moore Hawks were invited to take photos with a sign showing their excitement for returning to school. Shown above left are, left to right, Syni Palmer, Brittany Tillis and Elijah Palmer. Posing with family above right are, left to right, Alicia Sordia, Pilar Sordia, Itzel



Sordia and Jorge Sordia. Shown below left with big smiles are, left to right, Paola Ibarra, Paula Ibarra and Sophia Ibarra. Moore Elementary staff members excited for the new school year shown below right are Jill Lacamu, principal (left); and Deedee Pitts, assistant principal. Students started school on Monday, Aug. 20.

Photos submitted

## UHCL behavior analyst uses telehealth for global autism

Research associate Loukia Tsami spends her workday providing telehealth services to families of children with autism in Texas as part of a grant-funded project at the University of Houston Clear Lake's Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities.

But during the evenings and on weekends, she could be 'virtually' anywhere - in up to 14 countries - as part of her efforts to bring critical services to families around the world.

"This work is my passion, it's my obsession," said Tsami, a native-born Greek who has a master's in psychology and is a licensed- and board-certified behavior analyst. "Some people have nothing. They feel totally on their own. But if they have access to the internet and a computer or smartphone with a camera, I can help." Many countries only have one or perhaps not a single board-certified behavior analyst in the entire

country. "We began in Turkey and Greece and moved to Russia, Ukraine, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Mexico, Costa Rica, China, Ghana, Liberia, Cameroon - and I had to find interpreters," said Tsami.

Tsami observes parents with their children by establishing a two-way interactive video connection between her computer and the parents' device, coaching them to interact with their children in ways that will help her understand why the children are engaging in problem behavior, such as aggression, self-injury and property destruction.

She then coaches the parents to implement behavioral treatments that focus on reducing the behavior and increasing language skills. Tsami overcomes language barriers by recruiting interpreters to communicate with the parent during the appointments.

"I can say with confidence that no one in the entire world is doing what Loukia is doing, on this scale," said Dorothea Lerman, professor of psychology and director of CADD. "She is breaking barriers. And our research is showing that this therapy is effective with families from a variety of cultures, regardless of whether we need to use interpreters."

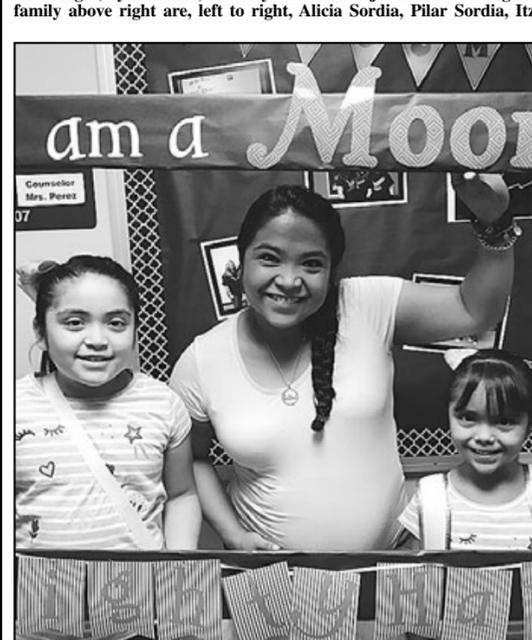
Tsami created a Facebook page titled, "Telehealth ABA World Project," to reach families with children with autism and offer free behavior analysis services online, regardless of location, language, race, religion or socioeconomic status. Families around the world often rely on ineffective treatments for problem behavior, such as medication and harsh discipline. "I am trying to offer parents other tools besides punishment and pills, because those things don't help. People do not realize their kids are still teachable," said Tsami, who uses evidence-based techniques that faculty are teaching and

refining at UHCL.

In addition to language and cultural barriers, Tsami has to overcome numerous other challenges as she moves forward with her clients. For example, in some countries, families do not have access to reliable internet service or transportation to facilities that have the equipment needed for the appointments. "In Africa, we are holding fundraisers to pay for the internet, equipment, generators and gasoline to ensure that families can get help," Tsami explained.

For particularly difficult cases, Tsami said she consults with Lerman. "Having a boss like Dr. Lerman, who can see the possibility and the end result and has faith in me, is wonderful," she said. "This work means everything to me."

Learn more about the Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities by visiting the website [www.uhcl.edu/autism-center](http://www.uhcl.edu/autism-center).



# LSFM holds activities Labor Day weekend

Enjoy the Labor Day weekend with a trip to the Lone Star Flight Museum. Whether one missed them or wants one last chance to experience one's favorite, join the LSFM for the most popular summer activities, listed below by title, time and description. All activities are free with paid admission.

**Saturday, Sept. 1**  
Watch Us Fly! 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. The flying vintage collection will take to the skies (weather permitting).

Visitors can access the ramp and watch planes taxi, take off and soar. Meet the pilots and crew chiefs who maintain and fly the collection. If interested in taking a flight, rides can be purchased at [lonestarfliight.org/rides](http://lonestarfliight.org/rides).

**Meet The Mechanics**, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. To learn what it takes to keep a plane, more than 70 years old, airworthy and learn the nuts and bolts of airplane maintenance from the mechanics and crew chiefs; watch live demonstrations; and try one's hand at turning a screw or two.

**Pilot Experience**, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Explore the skies like a real pilot. Take the controls in the Aviation Learning Center. Plan a round-trip flight, "file" an FAA flight plan and pre-flight a real Mooney M20 Ovation aircraft. Then settle into one of the flight simulators and hit the throttle. The sky's the limit.

**Living History**, 11 a.m. Retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Don Houck brings the legendary Lt. Col. James H. Doolittle to life with his personal presentation of the daring mission that was America's first response to Pearl Harbor.

**Hangar Talk: DC-3**, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Get "behind the chains" with docents and learn the exclusive aircraft history from the experts.

**Simulator Bay**, noon to 3 p.m. For those wanting to know what it takes to become a pilot, attendees will take the controls in a museum's Redbird Simulator and explore the skies like a real pilot. Pilots must be age 10 and older.

**Admission:** Adults (18 - 64): \$14.95; Youth (12 - 17): \$12.95; Seniors (65+): \$12.95; Children (4-11): \$9.95; Children under age 4: free.

Additional discounts are available when purchasing online and for groups of 10 and more; active and retired military; and veterans.

**Sunday, Sept. 2**  
Curator's Corner, 1 p.m. Join museum curator Stewart Bailey for an in-depth look at the B-17s of Project Aphrodite.

**Simulator Bay**, noon to 3 p.m. For those wanting to know what it takes to become a pilot, attendees will take the controls in a museum's Redbird Simulator and

explore the skies like a real pilot. Pilots must be age 10 and older.

**Monday, Sept. 3**  
Douglas DC-3 Tours, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Open for the first time to the public for tour, the LSFM DC-3 was part of the fleet that paved the way for the modern American air travel industry. The Museum's DC-3 was produced in 1940 and flew seven years for American Airlines. It was later bought by TransTexas Airways, the predecessor to Continental Airlines. When Gordon Bethune, founder of Continental Airlines, was inducted into the TAHF in 2004, Continental Airlines donated the aircraft to the Flight Museum. The aircraft is airworthy.

**AV8R Experiment**, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Mathematician and scientist Daniel Bernoulli cracked the code on what makes flight possible in the 1700s when he observed that air moved like water. Conduct Bernoulli-inspired experiments using simple materials such as balloons, string and even a deck of cards to learn what makes aircraft lift off and stay aloft.

**Living History**, 11 a.m. retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Don Houck brings the legendary Lt. Col. James H. Doolittle to life with his personal presentation of the daring mission that was America's first response to Pearl Harbor.

**Hangar Talk: DC-3**, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Get "behind the chains" with docents and learn the exclusive aircraft history from the experts.

**Simulator Bay**, noon to 3 p.m. For those wanting to know what it takes to become a pilot, attendees will take the controls in a museum's Redbird Simulator and

**Admission:** Adults (18 - 64): \$14.95; Youth (12 - 17): \$12.95; Seniors (65+): \$12.95; Children (4-11): \$9.95; Children under age 4: free.

Additional discounts are available when purchasing online and for groups of 10 and more; active and retired military; and veterans.

**Sunday, Sept. 2**  
Curator's Corner, 1 p.m. Join museum curator Stewart Bailey for an in-depth look at the B-17s of Project Aphrodite.

**Simulator Bay**, noon to 3 p.m. For those wanting to know what it takes to become a pilot, attendees will take the controls in a museum's Redbird Simulator and

# Over The Back Fence by Alexis

**GORDON MARKS ANOTHER YEAR**  
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.

**RON CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY**  
Ron Williams, formerly of Ace Hardware, is wished a very happy birthday Friday, Sept. 1, from his family, friends and the Leader staff.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MARIE!**  
Birthday greetings are sent to Marie Flickinger, South Belt Leader owner, on Friday, Sept. 1, from husband David; sons Fred and wife Leslie Flickinger and David and wife Ellie Flickinger; granddaughters Kimberly Flickinger and Courtney Durham and husband Chris and great-grandchildren Abigail and Jackson Durham; granddaughter Natalie and husband Jose Abarca and great-grandchildren Kelvin Lopez, Noah, Eliana and Isabella Abarca; sister Alexis Lochner; and her friends and staff at the South Belt-Ellington Leader.

**KAREN ENJOYS A BIRTHDAY**  
Birthday greetings are sent to Karen Taylor Sept. 3 friends and the staff at the Leader.

**ELLIE CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY**  
Marie and David Flickinger send greetings for a wonderful birthday to their daughter-in-law Ellie (Garza) Flickinger on Tuesday, Sept. 5. Best wishes are sent from her husband David (Leader president); all her family and friends; and staff at the Leader.

**SCHOOL DAZE**  
The following personnel and staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Aug. 30 through Sept. 5.

**Atkinson Elementary**  
Blow out the birthday candles on Sept. 2 for Michelle Pinkerton. Belva Alaniz enjoys a birthday Sept. 3.

**Burnett Elementary**  
Esmeralda Paredes is sent a birthday

greeting Sept. 5.  
**Bush Elementary**  
Sing a happy birthday song to Alecia Nicole Walters Aug. 31. Send a birthday greeting to Nadja Diaz-Rodriguez Sept. 3.

**Frazier Elementary**  
Sept. 2 is the day for a celebration for Debra Hawkins. Birthday wishes are sent to Maria Arriaga on Sept. 3.

**Meador Elementary**  
Marking a birthday Sept. 2 is Kelly Hoxa. The day for a party for Catarina Hlozek is Sept. 3. Courtney Butler celebrates a birthday Sept. 5.

**Moore Elementary**  
Light the birthday candles on Aug. 30 for Lakennia Cole. Send a birthday greeting Sept. 2 to Veronica Rangel. Sept. 4 is the day for cake and ice cream for Viet Lam.

**South Belt Elementary**  
The day for birthday fun for Courtney Moran is Aug. 31. Sing a happy birthday song to Maria Rodriguez Sept. 1. Blow out the candles on a birthday cake Sept. 4 for Thu Duong. Anh Ton and Lily Campos enjoy a birthday Sept. 5.

**Stuchbery Elementary**  
Dylan Richter enjoys a birthday Aug. 30. Sept. 4 is the day for a cake for Sharon Garris.

**Roberts Middle School**  
Greetings for a special birthday are sent to Christine Coppedge Aug. 30. Enjoy a slice of cake Sept. 3 with Alma Morales. Happy birthday wishes are sent Sept. 4 to Jose Mendoza.

**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
Celebrating a happy birthday Aug. 31 are Stephen Boyken and Joy Tucker. Blow out the birthday candles for Wesley Hardy Sept. 1. The day for a double-fun party for Sandra Gomez and Dawn Nguyen is Sept. 2. Send a greeting to Jose Sesento who celebrates a

birthday Sept. 3.  
**Thompson Intermediate**  
The day for a birthday cake is Sept. 2 for Janet Reynolds. Dena Cokerell enjoys a birthday Sept. 3.

**Dobie High**  
Enjoy a slice of birthday cake Aug. 30 with Chelsea Bohny. A birthday greeting is sent to Trent Morgan Aug. 30. The day for a party for Maria Freyre and Rosa Garcia is Sept. 1. Birthday greetings are sent to Julia Hernandez Sept. 5.

**FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS**  
The Leader sends happy birthday wishes to friends who celebrate a birthday this week: Thursday, Aug. 30: James Leonard, Jason Hunt, Tracy Schwerdtfeger, Amber McGown, Bobby Burton, Ryssa Bebee, Debrah Tullous and Rebecca Noris-Peak; Friday, Aug. 31: Nyd Salgado, Suzie Ortiz, Paula Miller, Judie Elizalde, Kathy Cole, Michael O'Daniel, Veronica Lyons, Annalea Young, Carol Rodriguez, Scott Gish, Ashley Hall and Angie Davis; Saturday, Sept. 1: Tiffany Gay, Maribel Manriquez, Jasmine Manning, Karen Jenkins and Steve Landin; Sunday, Sept. 2: Fil Cantu, Stacy Aguirre, Suzanne Hernandez, Karen Young and Mary Hernandez; Monday, Sept. 3: Steve Boney, Josie Parker, Veronica Hernandez, Keith Nelson, Ruth Fuller, Tomas Shorts Jr. and Leslie Montemayor; Tuesday, Sept. 4: Ashlie Files, Lashanda Scott, John Laird, Nikki Spriggs, Angie Reynolds, Darin Peltier, Tommy Walko, Joe Scanlin and Denise Turnage; and Wednesday, Sept. 5: London Shelton, Stacy McNaughton and Cathy Tate.

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

## McDonald checks on Harvey evacuee



This week marks the one-year anniversary of Hurricane Harvey wreaking havoc on the South Belt community in one of the most devastating storms to ever hit the area. Despite the extensive damage caused by the storm, it also brought out the best in many people. Frazier staff member Kevin McDonald is shown above checking on a displaced resident at the makeshift shelter erected at Dobie High School. Photo by Marie Flickinger

## BAND holds meeting

Charles Kuffner, who writes the "Off the Kuff" blog, will be the guest speaker at next month's Bay Area New Democrats meeting. BAND meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at the Freeman Branch Library Children's Activity Room, 16616 Diana Lane. The next meeting will be held on Sept. 12.

## PARC hosts guest speaker

Everyone is cordially invited to the Pearland Area Republican Club's meeting on Thursday, Sept. 13, at the Pearland Church of Christ annex 2217 N. Grand Blvd., Pearland. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7 p.m. PARC is honored to have Justice Brett Busby of the Texas 14th District Court of Appeals as the special guest speaker. Busby was appointed to the 14th Court by Gov. Rick Perry in June 2012 and elected to a full term in November 2012. He will discuss the civil appellate process in Texas.

# Remember When

**40 years ago (1978)**  
Several Sageglen parents were organizing to protest a transportation problem with Clear Creek Independent School District officials.

Mary Ellis Jones Brown, 27, of Wood Meadow subdivision, was shot in the chest by her estranged husband.

**35 years ago (1983)**  
The nine South Belt area campuses in PISD followed a districtwide trend in declining enrollments, dropping by 3.2 percent from enrollments during the same period the year before.

In the wake of major damage caused by Hurricane Alicia to southeast Texas, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which is responsible for coordinating federal, state and local disaster relief efforts, designated Chambers, Galveston and Harris counties eligible for both individual and public assistance.

**30 years ago (1988)**  
Air samples taken near the abandoned Brio waste site revealed no health hazard to the general public, according to the results released by the Texas Air Control Board.

The Federal Housing Administration was expected to once again insure home loans in the Southbelt subdivision.

**25 years ago (1993)**  
Time magazine featured an article on the Brio Superfund site titled Toxic Dumps: The Lawyers' Money Pit. The article stated that nearly \$1 billion had vanished in litigation, damages and other costs, but virtually nothing had been done to the Brio mess in the way of actual cleanup. It also stated air contaminants were responsible for a rash of birth defects and also mentioned the 1992 record toxic settlement of \$207 million in Brio-related litigation.

Two Houston gang members were charged with the murder of 15-year-old Francisco Rivas who was shot in the head after leaving a movie theater. The shooting occurred after a confrontation at the theater.

The founder of the Brio disposal site and Dixie Oil Processing filed a \$70-plus million lawsuit in district court against Monsanto and his former legal counsel, charging that the law firm which represented him entered into a contract with Monsanto and worked against him.

**20 years ago (1998)**  
USA Pictures filmed a movie tentatively titled "Makeover, at Memorial Hospital Southeast." Several hospital employees were used as extras in the movie.

Antonio De la Cruz, a murder suspect, set himself on fire near the Scarsdale exit of the Gulf Freeway as he was trying to elude police. He doused himself with gasoline and used a cigarette lighter to start the fire.

**15 years ago (2003)**  
J. Frank Dobie principal Steve Jamail was honored with KPRC-TV's Sunshine Award.

Thomas Vargas, 16, was found guilty of the capital murder of Veda Sutton. Crystal Tapioca, a coffee shop on Scarsdale, was totaled by fire.

An extensive search for a missing 3-year-old Sage-meadow boy came to a happy conclusion. Several deputies from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office responded to a complaint from a worried mother that her son was unaccounted for. Determined to find the missing child, deputies quickly called for backup from several other local municipalities. Shortly before 3 p.m. the child was safely returned to his home. His older sister, a 16-year-old who lives at a different address, had picked the child up and taken him to eat lunch at a local restaurant. She said she took the child because the boy's mother and father were behind closed doors and his other sister, a 9-year-old, was sleeping.

The proposed removal of a stop sign on Blackhawk near Weber Elementary prompted concern from many parents in the area, particularly those who reside in Ashley Pointe. The four-way stop is the only safe place for children who reside in the subdivision to cross the busy street.

**5 years ago (2013)**  
The Wells Fargo Bank in the 11100 block of Scarsdale was robbed at gunpoint. Shauna Dunlap, a spokeswoman for the FBI, described the incident as a takeover-style robbery, as the suspects took the bank over by force, rather than just handing a teller a note. Witnesses said three men entered the bank wearing ski masks and forced everyone to the ground at gunpoint. Dunlap said the suspects were very aggressive, pushing victims and holding pistols to their faces. There were reportedly around 20 people, including employees, inside the bank at the time of the robbery. After getting an undisclosed amount of cash from both the

bank and customers, the suspects fled the scene in a white Dodge pickup truck, which was found minutes later at a nearby parking lot where it had crashed into another car. The truck had been reported stolen earlier in the day. Despite the rough physical nature of the crime, there were no reported injuries. No immediate arrests were made.

Obed Rodriguez, 20, was charged with capital murder in the fatal shooting of 37-year-old Yolanda Lara, of Pasadena, an employee at the Monroe Gameroom. According to the Houston Police Department, two suspects were let into the game room by a security guard at roughly 6:45 p.m. The men immediately drew pistols and forced the security guard to the floor along with multiple customers and employees. Lara was shot during the robbery and pronounced dead at the scene. Witnesses told investigators Lara had complied and it was unclear why she was shot. Following the robbery, the two men fled on foot. Surveillance footage showed a suspect, later identified as Rodriguez, as being the gunman.

**1 year ago (2017)**  
Hurricane Harvey wreaked havoc on the South Belt community Friday, Aug. 25, through Tuesday, Aug. 29, causing unprecedented flooding and the displacement of hundreds of residents. Despite the storm making landfall in Corpus Christi as a Category 4 hurricane with winds reaching 130 mph, it was the nonstop precipitation that delivered the most damage locally, after the system was downgraded back to a tropical storm. Area residents were forced to endure roughly five straight days of nonstop rain, while Harvey hovered slowly above, remi-

niscient of Tropical Storm Allison in 2001.

According to the Harris County Flood Control District, the Beamer Ditch gauge at Hughes Road recorded approximately 40 inches of rainfall through the duration of the storm, with roughly half falling within a 24-hour period on Sunday. By comparison, the devastating Allison dropped just under 30 inches. For point of reference, George Bush International Airport receives an average of 49.77 inches of rainfall annually, meaning Harvey produced nearly a year's worth of rain in just a handful of days.

When streets began to flood and the need became apparent, Southeast Volunteer Fire Department Chief Chuck Tylka contacted Leader publisher Marie Flickinger, who, in turn, contacted Pasadena Independent School District Superintendent Dr. DeeAnn Powell and arranged to use Dobie as a temporary shelter for the displaced. What started off as just a few dozen residents seeking refuge soon escalated into approximately 1,500. Several also brought their pets to the facility. In an outpouring of support, hundreds from the community donated warm clothes, blankets, food, baby supplies and other needed items. At its peak, the makeshift shelter had more than 150 volunteers. Several other local residents, along with volunteers from other areas, rolled up their sleeves and pitched in to aid in rescue efforts, providing boats, large trucks and manpower.

Thompson Intermediate suffered extensive damage during the storm and was closed indefinitely. In the interim, Thompson students were temporarily housed at Beverly Hills Intermediate.

# Hurricane Harvey by the numbers

- A Year of Recovery, Remembrance**
- FEMA has released the following statistics.
- Some notable numbers by which to remember Hurricane Harvey are as follows:
  - 1: It takes one team of partners at the local, state and federal level and from nonprofit agencies, the private sector and the survivors themselves to recover from Hurricane Harvey.
  - 18: Long-term recovery groups established to help survivors continue their recovery.
  - 41: Counties designated for individual assistance.
  - 53: Counties designated for public assistance.
  - 83: Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) opened to support survivors.
  - 295: Communities in Harvey-impacted area participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).
  - 1,279: Applicants' Requests for Public Assistance.
  - 1,471: Public Assistance obligated projects to repair damaged infrastructure.
  - 19,049: Survivors assisted by temporary housing and innovative repair programs.
  - 41,500: Number of square miles of land impacted by Harvey (larger than Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont combined).
  - 54,640: Households that have checked out of FEMA's Transitional Sheltering Assistance program.
  - 91,353: NFIP claims were closed.
  - 96,301: Texans who visited with a mitigation specialist in a local hardware store or DRC to learn how to build, rebuild or repair stronger and safer.
  - 287,867: Texans who were assisted through a DRC.
  - 373,470: Approved FEMA Individual and Households registrations.
  - 12,953,322: Cubic yards of debris cleaned in Harvey-impacted areas.
  - \$23,311,619: Funds dedicated to disaster unemployment assistance.
  - \$891,014,201: Obligated for public assistance projects.
  - \$1,635,707,823: Grants for housing and other disaster-related expenses paid to survivors.
  - \$3,395,627,700: Small Business Administration low-interest loans.
  - \$4.36 billion: In the hands of Houstonians.
  - \$8.8 billion: In NFIP payments.
  - \$13.82 billion: In survivors' pockets from federal and state grants, SBA low-interest disaster loans and NFIP payments.

## Highway 3 lane closure

Houston City Council Member Dave Martin announced the City of Houston Public Works Department will be replacing the air release valve vent pipe and manhole ring, frame and cover on the 42-inch waterline at 15600 Highway 3 (Old Galveston Road) until Tuesday, Sept. 11.

During construction, the outside southbound lane of the 15600 block of Old Galveston Road will be closed during the hours of 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Drivers should expect reduced traffic speed through the channelized area during this time. To ensure driver and worker safety, traffic control measures will be in place at all times. The District E office has contacted the Houston Police Department's Clear Lake Substation to ask that officers monitor the location and provide assistance with traffic control as needed.

## School safety top issue

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Board of Trustees has unanimously approved a set of recommendations outlined by the district's School Safety Committee during its regular July 23 meeting.

The approved recommendations address facilities, security personnel, student mental wellness, security training and protocols, policies and procedures and communications in an effort to improve overall safety for students and staff.

"The real way to prevent school violence is through people, prevention and communication," said Board President Page Rander. "The committee was bold in pushing forward their recommendation in supporting 30 additional full-time employees whom will both be officers and counselors, as well as wanting to explore adding more staff to address the social and emotional needs of children."

After meeting for several weeks throughout June and July, the committee reviewed current safety measures and developed a list of recommendations for board approval. Prior to making a final recommendation to the school board, the committee considered community feedback during a public meeting on July 16. To view the full list of the committee's final recommendations, visit [http://www.ccisd.net/UserFiles/Servers/Server\\_645402/File/BoardApprovedRecommendations.pdf](http://www.ccisd.net/UserFiles/Servers/Server_645402/File/BoardApprovedRecommendations.pdf).

Accordingly, several updates to the district's dress code policy went into effect for the 2018-2019 school year.

The following dress code updates reflect the committee's final recommendations:

- During normal school hours, secondary students shall be required to wear identification badges.
- Inappropriate shoes include, but not limited to, shower shoes, house slippers and "heelies."
- Any head coverings (including but not limited to hats, caps and hoodies) are not allowed during school hours.

Clear Creek ISD has a fully staffed Safe and Secure Schools division, which is led by a veteran security advisory for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). Staff is well trained in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Incident Management system and also partners with the Texas School Safety Center.

CCISD hired a third-party safety company to audit its elementary schools immediately following the tragic events in 2012 at Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, Conn.

The year-long audit and campus assessments were presented to the Board of Trustees during the February 2014 general meeting.

The board approved \$1.8 million in capital improvements to further enhance the physical security inside and around elementary schools. Of the committed funds, CCISD has expended \$1,442,378 to date on upgrades described in this report, leaving a balance of \$392,164 for future safety improvements.

Over the past year, all 26 elementary schools were renovated and equipped with new security vestibules which are electronically locked and controlled from the main office.

For more information on CCISD's school safety, visit [http://ccisd.net/departments/safe\\_and\\_secure\\_schools](http://ccisd.net/departments/safe_and_secure_schools).

See related story on Page 3A.

**Pct. 2 hosts academy**  
check will be conducted on each applicant.

Residents interested in participating in the CPA may pick up an application at either Precinct 2 Constable's office: 10851 Scarsdale or 101 S. Richey Suite C in Pasadena.

Applications must be turned in no later than Wednesday, Sept. 19.

For more information, contact Precinct 2 Sgt. Cindy Vara Leija at [cindy.leija@cn2.hctx.net](mailto:cindy.leija@cn2.hctx.net), Cpl. Reed Clark at [reed.clark@cn2.hctx.net](mailto:reed.clark@cn2.hctx.net) or Deputy Ricardo Rodriguez at [Ricardo.rodriguez@cn2.hctx.net](mailto:Ricardo.rodriguez@cn2.hctx.net).

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providing local input and support throughout the county.

The constable's office hopes the graduates will become partners with the organization in identifying problems and solutions to the crime issues affecting the community.

The CPA is free and enrollment is open to qualified individuals, but space is limited to the first 40 qualified applicants.

Prospective applicants must be at least 21 years of age and reside in Precinct 2. A thorough background

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# PISD deaf program opens here

Pasadena Independent School District recently partnered with Region 4 Education Service Center to open the district's first in-house Regional Day School Program for the Deaf (RDSPD). RDSPD is housed at South Belt Elementary, Melillo Middle, Beverly Hills Intermediate, Dobie 9 and Dobie Main and will provide services to about 65 deaf and partially deaf students, from birth up to 22 years old. The new "cluster sites" will offer deaf education teachers advanced in-class support, co-teaching opportunities and additional specialized resources. Also at each site are parent infant advisors, who work with families of hearing impaired children at their homes. "By partnering with Region 4, our teachers will be coached in the classroom on the most effective methods to

teach curriculum to students with hearing loss," said Debbie Barrett, executive director of special education. Prior to the opening of the RDSPD at Pasadena ISD, students with hearing loss were transported to Goose Creek ISD as a part of the Tri-County co-op deaf education program. "This program was exactly what we were looking for," said Barrett. "It keeps our kids inside Pasadena ISD and solves the issue of students spending extended time on a school bus. It also allows us to implement PISD curriculum and make the best educational decisions for our students." Barrett says that one of the biggest deciding factors in choosing to partner with Region 4 was the use of the Signing Exact English (SEE) curriculum in conjunction with American Sign Lan-

guage (ASL). "SEE is not a language; it's a way of teaching students all the pieces of the English language," said Barrett. "We feel that, educationally, this gives students an advantage when it comes to reading for college or a career because they will already be familiar with how the English language works." The focus on helping children, now and in the future is one of the key values that Region 4 Education Service Center shares with PISD. "Our tagline is 'Removing Barriers and Building Dreams' and that is something we firmly embrace," said Marina McCormick, Region 4 RDSPD Coordinator. "We are committed to ensuring equal access so that all of the students who go through this program have success, whether that be career or college."

# City honors James Muecke



South Belt resident James Muecke (standing) was recognized at City Hall on Aug. 21 for his years of community service in the Edgebrook area. As he was being honored, Edgebrook resident, Maria Nunez (center), happened to also be in the hall with her son, Ira Nunez, whose Scout troop was being recognized. The local mother thanked Muecke for all his work to help prevent flooding in her neighborhood. Photo by Marie Flickinger

# Chamber announces Oct. 4 annual Evening of Cuisine

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce's 21st Annual Evening of Cuisine/The Taste of South Belt event called "Where All Your 'Foodie' Dreams Come True" will be held Thursday, Oct. 4, from 5 to 8 p.m. at The Gardens Houston. General admission tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Evening of Cuisine is the much-anticipated culinary event in the South Belt-Ellington community attracting hundreds of people in the area. For one low price, attendees can sample appetizers, entrées, desserts, pastries and beverages from restaurants, caterers, bakeries, delis and beverage companies. Area restaurants which have already agreed to participate include Blue Beetle Cafe Cadeau Confections, Celeste's Cakes N More, Chick-fil-A (Alameda), d'l'ish catering, El Oregano, Raising Cane's, Randy's Smokehouse & BBQ, Sagemont Smokehouse & BBQ, Sa-

vannah Cafe & Bakery, Sweet Galeanna, Texas Republic Kitchen, Time Out #1 Sports Bar and Tony's Pizza & Grinders. Other businesses that will participate include Maximum Impact Crossfit. Throughout the night, attendees can bid on live and silent auction items and register for door prizes. Auction items include a Galveston Island package, hotel stays, custom outdoor furniture, sports memorabilia and more. Participants will be vying for awards at this year's event. Local business leaders serving as judges will sample and score each booth on their food as well as vote for the booth that best represents this year's event theme along with the Newcomer of the Year award. Attendees will be selecting the People's Choice, Best Entrée, Best Dessert and Kids' Choice awards; as well as the highly coveted "Best of Show" award.

"Our restaurants play a huge role in the success of Evening of Cuisine. The South Belt-Ellington Community's diverse culinary offerings attract community members as well as visitors from outside of our area" said Kay Barbour, President and CEO of the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce. The family friendly event will be hosted by the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce. Proceeds from this event help the chamber create opportunities for business success, economic growth and prosperity as well as programs for the South Belt-Ellington community. Anyone interested in sponsoring, donating to the auction, attending or participating in this event may call the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce at 281-481-5516, email info@southbeltchamber.com or visit southbeltchamber.com for more information.

# Mitchell receives promotion



Ricky Malik Mitchell (right), son of retired Army Warrant Officer Charlie and the late Osia Mitchell, was promoted to lieutenant colonel effective Aug. 1, 2018, and has been assigned to the Army Medical Command at Fort Sam Houston as an operational officer. He has 16 years of active duty service with tour of duty for Operation Enduring Freedom. Ricky is an alumnus of Dobie High School, Class of 1988 and an alumnus of Texas State University, Class of 1995. He is shown with his wife Colleen Mitchell. The Mitchells have been residents of the South Belt area since 1978. Photo submitted

# SJC joins Aggreko in education



San Jacinto College students Nicholas Jordan Bergman and Omar Martinez Richards, Zach Laitkep, Aaron Martinez, Eric Mendez, Nicholas Perrone, will enter the Aggreko SelecTech program this fall. Photo submitted

# San Jac announces Aggreko partnership to host training

San Jacinto College announced a partnership with Aggreko PLC to host the company's enhanced SelecTech technician training program. The 12-month, 42-credit-course program combines classroom instruction with web-based learning modules and on-the-job training at Aggreko's Pearland Service Center. "We're pleased a global industry leader like Aggreko has selected San Jacinto College as a partner for our students to create a path to jobs that will be in demand for many decades to come," said Heather Rhodes, dean of business and technology on the San Jacinto College North campus. "The new SelecTech partnership reinforces our mission to prepare students to enter the workforce with the skills needed to be attractive to growth industries now and in the future." Led by teams located at Aggreko's Pearland Learning Center in collaboration with San Jac faculty to develop students with technical competence, the SelecTech pro-

gram exposes students to all aspects of field operations. Upon completion, graduates will receive a Certificate of Technology in Heavy Diesel Power with an opportunity to earn an Associate of Applied Science degree. The new SelecTech program, which begins Fall 2018, will produce the program's 10th class of Aggreko-trained technicians who will apply what they learn to provide power, cooling, heating and air services for everything from disaster relief operations to industrial work and special events. "We take great pride in the fact that Aggreko is one of the few specialty rental companies in the industry offering a technician training program like SelecTech," said Charley Royce, vice president of field operations for Aggreko. "Students gain valuable, hands-on experience that cannot be obtained otherwise, making them more employable, and more quickly. We look forward to working with San Jacinto College to train our next generation of skilled technicians

— and provide a meaningful contribution to the long-term well-being of our community." Since its inauguration in 2008, SelecTech has played an integral role in training technical staff to support work for Aggreko's North American rental customers. To date, it boasts more than 100 graduates and additional students will graduate in August 2018. Some of the courses included in Aggreko's SelecTech program include electrical controls, power generation, preventive maintenance, refrigeration and compressed air mechanics. Interested students, whether enrolled now or employed and looking for a new career path, are encouraged to apply as Aggreko's national search for technical talent is a high company priority to meet the growing needs of its U.S. service centers. Qualified candidates should have a high school diploma, technical ability and preferably related work experience — and veterans are encouraged to apply.



South Belt resident James Muecke (holding plaque) was recently honored for his years of community service by City of Houston officials, who named Aug. 21 James Muecke day. Shown above with Muecke are he received the award are, left to right, Muecke's son, Bradley Muecke; Ed Bushburg; Vince Weido; Muecke's nephew, Brent Muecke; Muecke's daughter, Melissa Muecke Boehm, Val Comeaux, Council Member David Martin; Leader publisher, Marie Flickinger; Houston Police Department Capt. Dana Hitzman; and Council Member Dwight Boykins (rear). Photo by Maria Bolanos

# City names Aug. 21 James Muecke Day

Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner honored longtime South Belt resident and community activist James Muecke at City Hall on Tuesday, Aug. 21, by naming the day in his honor. "On Aug. 21, 2018, James Muecke will be honored for his leadership and passionate commitment to the quality of life in Houston's communities," Turner said. "The City of Houston commends and appreciates James Muecke for his endless contributions to the Edgebrook corridor and the Houston community. Therefore, I, Sylvester Turner, mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaim Aug. 21, 2018, as James Muecke Day in Houston, Texas." Born in Shiner, Muecke

moved to San Marcos after graduating from high school. There, he earned a Bachelor of Business Administration and a commission in the Air Force as an officer serving in Hokkaido, Japan, and the former republic of Formosa. After being honorably discharged, he moved to Houston and worked for Baker Oil Tools for nearly seven years before moving to Transco Energy Company, where he was the manager of purchasing for 29 years. Now retired, Muecke is still very active in the community. While he previously served on the board of his community's civic club, he now works closely with City Council Member Dave Martin.

Muecke regularly works with the city on matters of safety and neighborhood beautification and is proactive when he hears the concerns of his fellow citizens. In one instance, he contacted Houston Public Works about a dangerous bridge that needed to be replaced. Of all of his city-related efforts, Muecke is most proud of the Berry Bayou project, which limited flooding in the Edgebrook area. He spearheaded the project for 13 years, and his devotion and subsequent success doubtlessly helped many residents during Hurricane Harvey. Muecke is humbled by the honor. "When I got involved I

never thought or dreamed I would receive this honor," Muecke said. "I just saw issues that needed attention and brought them to the attention of Councilman Martin, and if needed, went direct to the department heads to get the issue resolved. Well, persistence helps. I would hope that others might look at this and say, hey I can get involved also. That would make the city a much better place in which to live." Muecke received a similar honor in June 2014 from state Rep. Carol Alvarado, who recognized him for his years of community service work. He and his late wife Virginia Marie had two children and two grandchildren.

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## Castillo family explores Puerto Vallarta

The Castillo family, residents of South Belt, explored Puerto Vallarta while on vacation. The family, shown below, took a tour in the mountains and rode ATVs on

a suspension bridge, which is said to be one of the highest in the world. Shown left riding in a jeep on a narrow bridge are Tina (left) and Ella. Shown middle posing on the suspension bridge high

above the trees are, left to right, Tina, Allyson, Dylan, Ella and Tommy Castillo. Ella, 11, and Dylan, 13, attend Lanier Middle School. Allyson, 18, attends UT in Austin.



The Castillo family recently vacationed in Puerto Vallarta. While there, the family ziplined through treetops and even made a few splashes. Shown above left cooling off while ziplining is Dylan. Shown above hanging loose while ziplining is Ella (front) and a park guide. During the trip, the family went on a mule ride, rode a banana boat and even took a pirate adventure aboard a pirate ship.

## Abarca family enjoys Schlitterbahn



The Abarca family of South Belt recently visited Schlitterbahn in Galveston. Natalie Abarca and her son, Noah Abarca, are shown above cooling off in a pool. Noah is shown to the right getting a temporary dinosaur tattoo. Noah's father, Jose Abarca, is not pictured.



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## Davis, friends see Southern California, attend festival



Collyn Davis, Dobie High School alumnus, took a vacation with friends to Southern California and visited Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Santa Monica and Fontana to attend the Hard Summer Music Festival. The group of friends saw Houston's own Travis Scott perform songs from his new album "Astroworld." Shown below left is a view of the sun setting over the mountains at the music festival. Shown above visiting Santa Monica beach are, left to right, (front row) Sergio Quintanilla, Dobie Class of 2015; Julian Nevarez, Dobie Class of 2013; Gabby Barragan, Dobie Class of 2015; Genovy Cabrera, Dobie Class of 2015; Gabby Serna, Pearland Class of 2015; (back row) Davis, Dobie Class of 2015; Jacob Garcia, Dobie Class of 2016; Anthony Gonzales, Dobie Class of 2015; and Brandon Galaviz, a native of Corpus Christi. Shown below right is a view of Lake Arrowhead from the house in which they stayed over the weekend.

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## Flood bond easily passes

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 The approved list included 38 projects that were added following a series of meetings seeking public input. Multiple projects are planned for each of the county's 23 watersheds. Of the 237 proposals, five of the Clear Creek watershed projects are directly related to the South Belt community.

The county has established a website to educate the public on the proposals associated with the bond measure. "We still have a lot of work to do to educate and engage the public so that they can better understand where and how these dollars will be spent on flood control, especially in hard-hit and vulnerable neighborhoods that have long been neglected and underfunded," said Ellis.

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# SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

## Sept. 1 a big day Beverly Hills, Thompson slate festive scrimmages

The Beverly Hills and Thompson athletic programs are hosting festive events to help kick off the fall athletics schedule.

On Saturday, Sept. 1, the Beverly Hills Battle Bears will present their annual Food, Fun and Football event at the school, including a tailgating event in the parking lot.

Parents and other supporters of the Bears are invited to tailgate in the parking lot beginning at 4 p.m.

There will be various concession items available for purchase, including hot dogs, hamburgers, refreshments, etc. Those attending also have the option of bringing their own grills and food choices.

There will be a silent auction held to help raise funds for the athletic program, and the football team's intrasquad scrimmage will be begin at 5:30 p.m.

At Thompson on Sept. 1, the Lions have a fun-filled morning of activities planned.

As for concessions, parents will be selling barbecue sandwich combinations, including chips and a beverage for \$5 each.

The school's cheerleaders will be selling popsoles, and dance team members will be selling snow cones. The Lions' marching band will perform.

On the athletic fields and courts, the Lions' seventh-grade teams will scrimmage from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., and the eighth-grade program will scrimmage from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

The Lady Lions' volleyball teams will scrimmage from 9 a.m. to noon.

The Pasadena ISD volleyball regular season begins Thursday, Sept. 6. The football season, meanwhile, kicks off Sept. 10. Both sports begin play at 5 p.m.



It doesn't seem like that long ago that Dobie tailback Kris Morris (far right) made his varsity football debut, but he now heads into his senior season looking to help get the Longhorns back into the playoff mix. In doing so, he will need plenty of help from the team's offensive front as well as Tristan Livingston (41) and Dari-

us Hale (4), a sophomore running back. Dobie, 3-5 last season and now under the leadership of new head coach Kevin Berneathy, will get the 2018 season underway with consecutive road games, including the Aug. 31 season opener at Santa Fe.

Photo by Jackie Carter

## Berneathy's Longhorns open against Santa Fe

By John Bechtle  
Sports Editor

Opening night promises to be full of plenty of both excitement and emotion, as well as other things, as the Dobie varsity football program heads to Santa Fe Friday, Aug. 31, for the 2018 debut.

For Dobie, it marks the start of head coach Kevin Berneathy's career as he and his staff look to get the program back to its long history of winning ways.

For Santa Fe, it's about

a football game but it also marks the first home varsity football game since the well-documented mass shooting at the school back in May.

Emotions will likely run high for a variety of reasons, and the Dobie contingent vows to play a supporting role.

"Clearly what occurred in Santa Fe was tragic, and we all feel terribly about it," Berneathy said.

"We want Santa Fe to

know that we stand with them, that we support them and that we are there to be of assistance in any way.

"We're also there to play a football game against a great program."

When the game kicks off at 7 p.m., there will be plenty of unfamiliarity to go around. The two programs are meeting for the first time ever.

"I know as far as we are concerned, we are just excited to experience

the Friday night lights, a first time for a lot of these guys," Berneathy said.

"As far as on the field, you just want to see proper execution and recognition of what you've been working on in the preseason and so forth. It's an exciting time of the year for everybody."

### Lineup takes shape

While Berneathy says there is a depth chart with moving parts on a seemingly daily basis and that competition is evaluated

continually, the team's starting lineup heading to Santa Fe has taken shape.

Senior Noah Roman has won the battle to be the Longhorns' starting quarterback against Santa Fe and likely well beyond.

Roman was on the roster a season ago but did not get snaps at quarterback, so this will mark his first real shot to show what he can do.

Berneathy listed junior Ty Veyon Ware and sophomore

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## Summer Creek VB edges Dobie; Brook wins

In what promises to be an absolute down-to-the-wire battle for playoff seedings in the District 22-6A varsity volleyball race, Summer Creek has struck the first blow against Dobie, albeit by the slimmest of margins.

Summer Creek's Courtney Bates led three players with double-figure kills, netting 16 as the Lady Bulldogs slipped past Dobie 25-23, 25-19, 17-25, 25-23 Aug. 28, at Dobie.

Whether it's the volleyball court or the softball field, Dobie's Taylor Pleasants is always a major concern for opposing teams. She's simply that talented.

Pleasants again was on her game against Summer Creek, blasting away to the tune of a match-high

25 kills to go with four aces. Camryn Wincher came up with seven kills to help out.

Dobie's Melody Le and Alivia Gonzalez both had 20 assists in the match, primarily setting up Pleasants.

But Summer Creek, which also got 13 kills from both McKay Wilson and Kendall Dutton, was able to come up with the big points late in three of the four games to take the victory.

Dobie will look to

square its 22-6A record when it faces Pasadena Aug. 31, at Phillips Field House. Match time is 6:30 p.m.

The locals will then play back-to-back road matches at Kingwood and Atascocita.

Clear Brook, which will kick off District 24-6A action Sept. 7, at Clear Creek, was able to get a nondistrict sweep over Bellaire Aug. 28.

Kailin Newsome, the Lady Wolverines' top hitter all season, led the way

with 14 kills as the locals went on to win 25-19, 25-20, 25-20.

Kayleigh Schultz had 17 assists and Kyla Carrier provided 14 more as the Lady Wolverines went on to score the win.

Clear Brook will take on Deer Park Aug. 31, in a nondistrict battle at Deer Park.

In between, both Clear Brook and Deer Park will play in the Clear Creek ISD tournament Aug. 30 and Sept. 1, at varying sites. See story below.

## Clear Brook to co-host CCISD volleyball

At 13-6 now through roughly three weeks of the high school volleyball season, the Clear Brook varsity team appears ready and plenty battle-tested for the upcoming District 24-6A race.

Prior to that, however, the Lady Wolverines will face yet another string of challenges, coming in the form of the BSN Sports Clear Creek ISD Invitational Aug. 30 and Sept. 1 at each of the five CCISD campuses.

If the results delivered by some of the area's top teams to this point are of any indication, the 32-team CCISD event will be one of the season's most competitive.

When the CCISD tournament schedule appeared, there were 12 of the Houston Area Volleyball Coaches Association's Top 25-ranked teams set to appear in the event, including the No. 1-ranked Oak Ridge squad.

Clear Brook, which was

28th overall at the prestigious Adidas John Turner Classic in Pearland and then third at the Lady Gator Invitational in Dickinson, will face St. Agnes, Magnolia and Dawson in pool play before bracket play follows.

The championship bracket will play out Sept. 1 at Clear Creek High

School, and the consolation bracket will be held at Clear Falls High School. Both the championship match and the consolation championship match will be played Sept. 1, at 3:30 p.m.

Clear Brook will play at Clear Creek Friday, Sept. 7, to begin the District 24-6A race.

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# Longhorns' cross-country comes up big again at LPHS event

A solid start already in the books, the Dobie boys' and girls' cross-country teams added to their positive 2018, making their way through the course as the Dobie boys' and girls' programs are now ready to test the course at La Porte's Northwest Park Aug. 31.

At the varsity level, the Longhorn boys were eighth overall as a team, with four groups of relay teams finishing in the top

52 spots.

The Lady Longhorns fared even better at La Porte, taking fifth in a second straight relay event as Atziri Galarza and Amari Singleton again paced the varsity team.

**JFD girls are fifth**

Coming into the season, the Lady Longhorns knew they could count on 2017 regional qualifier Amari Singleton and Galarza to lead the team at the front of the pack.

So it's not much of a surprise to see the duo combining to excel as the locals have begun the season with back-to-back relay events.

A week after taking fifth overall in an event hosted

by the Huffman-Hargrave district, Singleton and Galarza were again fifth in La Porte.

At 27 minutes, 44 seconds, the Lady Longhorn pair finished fifth as Clear Lake won the overall

crown.

Dani Colunga and Izzy Padilla were next for the Lady Longhorns, placing 15th in a time of 28:14. Abby Duron and Michaela Munoz also continued their early-season success,

placing 36th in a time of 30:12.

The Lady Longhorns also had Ashley Tsikis and Grace Castaneda involved, as they took 43rd place at 30:57.

**Eighth for Dobie boys**

In the varsity boys' division, the Longhorns got a great effort from Jordan Martinez and Thomas Torres as they were 24th overall in a time of 23:16, and Eli Donaho and Alberto Campa were the next Dobie finishers, claiming 27th place in a

time of 23:41.

At 24:13, the Longhorns' Devin Caballero and Michael Medina were 39th overall, and teammates Mike Mendez and Justin Lavinier were 52nd with their time of 25:09.

Despite the Labor Day holiday, the Dobie boys' and girls' cross-country programs will remain in action.

On Aug. 31, the Dobie program is at South Houston, and a trip to Galveston comes Sept. 7.

## Wolverines to get started against La Porte

**By John Bechtle Sports Editor**

Much like the situation has played out at Dobie, things are beginning anew within the Clear Brook football program as the head coach Guadalupe Florez era gets underway.

It all begins as the Wolverines host the La Porte Bulldogs Friday, Aug. 31, at Veterans Memorial Stadium in League City. Kickoff comes at 7 p.m., and it's something the Wolverines have been waiting for months to shake out.

Hired last spring, Florez not only replaced nearly the entire varsity coaching staff but also began

evaluating a varsity program that was hit hard by 2018 graduation.

The team welcomes back three offensive linemen, but there are new full-time starters at essentially all offensive skill spots. Ditto for the defensive side of the football, where in particular, the secondary lost several key pieces.

On offense, Florez and his staff were taxed with replacing a three-year starter at quarterback, and junior Shane Porter has fit the bill.

The Wolverines did not utilize spring practice but instead watched as Porter shined in summer 7-on-7 drills, helping the Wolver-

ines reach the state tournament for a third consecutive season.

Senior Michael Norris is also excited to get his first extensive action at tailback. In 2017, Norris was highly productive even if he didn't get the volume of carries desired.

The Wolverines' offensive line will be anchored by the likes of Richard Lewis, Quintin Effinger and Mehdi Torrence.

At receiver, Clear Brook has also overhauled the position but has plenty of speed to burn with Tyler Swanagan and Loranzo Thompson. Florez's son, LaDarrion Florez, who has verbally committed to

play collegiately at Tulsa, should also be a big factor along with possession receiver Josh Fagnana.

Defensively, Sedrick Cole has a chance to be special, but elsewhere the Wolverines could rely on plenty of newcomers. Curtis Falkenburg, one of the district's most consistent kicker a season ago, also returns.

The Wolverines will be tested early and often as they prepare for the District 24-6A gauntlet. After opening at home against La Porte, the team will also face playoff-regular Friendswood as well as Class 5A defending-state semifinalist Angleton.

### BAFL Week 4, Saturday, Sept. 1

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### BAFL Standings

Senior Division			
Teams	W	L	T
Cowboys	3	0	0
Eagles	3	0	0
Wildcats	3	0	0
Texans	2	0	0
Hurricanes	2	1	0
Dolphins	2	1	0
Longhorns	1	1	0
Raiders	1	1	0
Sharks	0	2	0
United	0	2	0
Bulls	0	3	0
Patriots	0	3	0
49ers	0	3	0

Junior Division			
Teams	W	L	T
49ers	3	0	0
Texans	2	0	0
Hurricanes	2	1	0
Bulls	2	1	0
Eagles	2	1	0
Cowboys	2	1	0
Wildcats	2	1	0
Longhorns	1	1	0
Dolphins	1	2	0
Sharks	1	2	0
United	0	2	0
Raiders	0	3	0
Patriots	0	3	0

Sophomore Division			
Teams	W	L	T
Cowboys	3	0	0
Hurricanes	3	0	0
Sharks	2	1	0
Bulls	2	1	0
Eagles	2	1	0
United	1	1	0
49ers	1	2	0
Raiders	1	2	0
Wildcats	1	2	0
Texans	1	1	0
Longhorns	0	1	1
Patriots	0	2	1
Dolphins	0	3	0

Freshman Division			
Teams	W	L	T
Eagles	3	0	0
Hurricanes	3	0	0
Sharks	3	0	0
Longhorns	2	0	0
Dolphins	2	1	0
Cowboys	1	1	1
Raiders	1	1	1
Texans	1	1	0
Patriots	1	2	0
United	0	2	0
Wildcats	0	3	0
Bulls	0	3	0
49ers	0	3	0

Peewee Division			
Teams	W	L	T
Sharks	3	0	0
Bulls	2	0	1
Hurricanes	2	0	1
Longhorns	2	0	0
Dolphins	2	1	0
49ers	2	1	0
Texans	1	1	0
Cowboys	1	2	0
United	0	2	0
Eagles	1	2	0
Patriots	1	2	0
Raiders	0	3	0
Wildcats	0	3	0

### BAFL August 25 Scores

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<b>Bulls</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Cowboys</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Patriots</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>United</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Eagles</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>18</b>

## Berneathy era begins with Dobie football

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omore Jacob Perez as reserve quarterbacks.

In the backfield, Dobie will utilize a two-back set, and senior and four-year varsity letterman Kris Morris will be featured.

Dontavion Crosby, a junior, and sophomore Darius Hale have also seen a great deal of time in the backfield in the two scrimmages.

Depending on down and distance and overall situational football, the Longhorns may also use defensive leader Cervantis Pounds, Jeffrey McCall, Rushud Ball and others in the offensive backfield.

As for Morris, he rushed for more than 1,000 yards a season ago over just eight games after Hurricane Harvey abbreviated the schedule.

There's little doubt concerning Morris' talent, but Berneathy says there's more to Morris than pure talent, and his program is in great shape with a guy like Morris involved.

"Kris is a leader, and he's a hard worker," Berneathy said. "He's not an 'I' guy. He cares about his team and what the program achieves as a group.

"And it's not just Kris in that group of seniors. We're blessed in that we have a great bunch of seniors who have come in and shown the way for some of the younger guys since the first day we started. That's big when you can get that type of leadership.

"We don't have a lot of guys who have played on Friday nights under the lights, so having that senior leadership not only in the offseason but moving forward is great."

The Longhorns also know the production and play of the offensive front will be critical to the team's success.

All-district performer Kali Marquez leads the way, and the rest of the starting group against Santa Fe figures to include juniors James King, Jason

Brooks and Dominic Caballero along with senior Lucio Garza. The tight end is senior Jordan Robinson, with starting linebacker A.J. Garcia the current reserve at that spot.

While Dobie lists 63 players on its roster, Berneathy says nearly everyone has been involved on both sides of the ball.

The biggest reason? Berneathy believes in not only versatility but also wants players to have the know-how if thrust suddenly into a different role than normal.

Dobie will employ a lot of players on opening night in Santa Fe and probably in the second nondistrict game against Bellaire.

That said, versatility will be a trademark of Berneathy-coached teams not only now but into the future.

Defensively, in particular, the Longhorns will go

with a number of different players, rotating for not only rest but in specific down and distance scenarios.

There's Pounds, McCall, Julius Wells, Tristan Livingston, Tristan Sanchez, Javen Sanchez, Carson Fletcher and others.

At linebacker, there's Garcia, Jesse Mitchell, Lunzell Houston and Darius Jackson.

In the defensive secondary, team leader Michael Onozie is joined by Giambi Boyd, Adam Robicheaux, Johnathan Baldwin, Ball, Fabian Crayton, Kelvin Gardner, Jeremiah Ballard and others. The team's place kicker is sophomore Joshua Hernandez.

"We will see a lot of guys on the field, especially in this opener," Berneathy said.

"It's the first game of the season, and the emotion and the intensity can

be draining on you. That, and we are going on the road for a season opener against a very good program.

"I know (Santa Fe head coach) Mark Kanipes well, and I know they are also looking to get off to a solid start to their season."

**Good start a plus**

It's no secret that Dobie has endured a pair of tough seasons in both 2016 and 2017.

But now Berneathy has been in charge since February, and much of his staff was in place before last school year ended.

A win over Santa Fe is not a must, but would represent a big moment moving forward.

It's also a big moment as the Dobie program continues to trust the process.

"It would be great to win a football game to get this thing going, but we are also focused on continuing competition every day

and improving at the little things," Berneathy said.

"It's about properly taking care of your body during the week, maintaining your body, especially 48 hours out from a game, and things of that nature.

"I believe that you get good in practice but you have the opportunity to be great in games.

"It's about getting better. Me versus the guy across from me. All of those types of things are important as we get going.

"We have a great group of coaches who have really been putting in the extra hours, working Saturdays and Sundays to help put our kids in a position to be successful.

"Our kids have worked hard in preparation and deserve to be successful. This will be a great test on opening night, and we are all looking forward to getting it going."

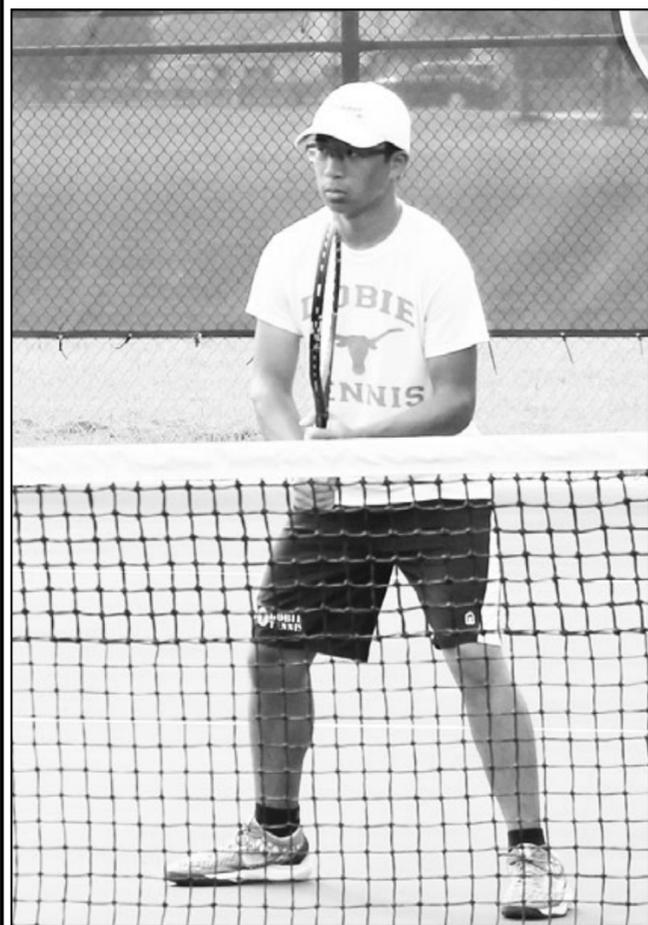
TENNIS	
<b>Friday, Aug. 31</b>	Dobie varsity hosts La Porte, 3:00
<b>Wednesday, Sept. 5</b>	Dobie varsity at Dickinson, 3:00
<b>Friday, Sept. 7</b>	Dobie varsity hosts Summer Creek, 3:00
VOLLEYBALL	
<b>Thursday, Aug. 30</b>	Dobie varsity at Santa Fe tourn., TBA
<b>Friday, Aug. 31</b>	Brook varsity at Deer Park, 6:30 Dobie varsity at Pasadena, 6:30 Dobie JV at Pasadena, 5:30 Brook JV at Deer Park, 5:30 Dobie freshman A at Pasadena, 4:30 Brook freshman A at Deer Park, 4:30 Dobie freshman B at Pasadena, 5:00 Brook freshman B at Deer Park, 4:30
<b>Saturday, Sept. 1</b>	Brook varsity at Clear Creek ISD Classic, TBA Dobie varsity at Santa Fe tourn., TBA
<b>Tuesday, Sept. 4</b>	Brook varsity hosts Ridge Point, 6:30 Dobie varsity at Humble, 6:30 Dobie JV at Humble, 5:30 Brook JV hosts Ridge Point, 5:15 Dobie freshman A at Humble, 4:30 Brook freshman A hosts Ridge Point, 4:15
<b>Thursday, Sept. 6</b>	Beverly Hills 8th Dark hosts San Jacinto, 5:00 Beverly Hills 8th Light hosts San Jacinto, 6:15 Beverly Hills 7th Dark hosts San Jacinto, 5:00 Beverly Hills 7th Light hosts San Jacinto, 6:15 Thompson 8th Dark at Bondy, 5:00 Thompson 8th Light at Bondy, 6:15 Thompson 7th Dark at Bondy, 5:00 Thompson 7th Light at Bondy, 6:15
<b>Friday, Sept. 7</b>	Brook varsity at Clear Creek, 6:00 Dobie varsity at Kingwood, 6:30 Dobie JV at Kingwood, 5:30 Brook JV at Clear Creek, 5:00 Dobie freshman A at Kingwood, 4:30 Brook freshman A at Clear Creek, 4:15 Brook freshman B at Clear Creek, 4:15
FOOTBALL	
<b>Thursday, Aug. 30</b>	Brook JV Black at La Porte, 4:30 Dobie JV Orange hosts Santa Fe, campus, 4:30 Dobie JV White at Friendswood, campus, 4:30 Brook JV Red at La Porte, 6:00 Brook freshman Black hosts La Porte, 4:30 Dobie freshman Orange at Santa Fe, campus, 4:30 Dobie freshman White at Santa Fe, campus, 4:30 Brook freshman Red hosts La Porte, 6:00
<b>Friday, Aug. 31</b>	Dobie varsity at Santa Fe, Indians Stadium, 7:00 Brook varsity hosts La Porte, Vet. Memorial, 7:00
<b>Tuesday, Sept. 4</b>	Beverly Hills 8A scrimmage at Queens, 5:00 Thompson 8A at San Jacinto scrimmage, 5:00 Beverly Hills 8B hosts Queens scrimmage, 5:00 Thompson 8B hosts San Jacinto scrimmage, 5:00
<b>Wednesday, Sept. 5</b>	Beverly Hills 7A scrimmage at Queens, 5:00 Beverly Hills 7B hosts Queens scrimmage, 5:00 Thompson 7A at San Jacinto scrimmage, 5:00 Thompson 7B at San Jacinto scrimmage, 5:00
<b>Thursday, Sept. 6</b>	Brook JV Black hosts Friendswood, 4:30 Dobie JV Orange hosts Bellaire, campus, 4:30 Dobie JV White hosts Grand Oaks, campus, 4:30 Brook JV Red hosts Friendswood, 6:00 Brook freshman Black at Friendswood, 4:30 Dobie freshman Orange at Bellaire, campus, 4:30 Dobie freshman White at Grand Oaks, campus, 4:30 Brook freshman Red at Friendswood, 6:00
<b>Friday, Sept. 7</b>	Brook varsity at Friendswood, Winston, 7:00 Dobie varsity at Bellaire, Butler, 7:00



Dobie senior signal-caller Noah Roman (19) will look to get the Longhorns' offense on track quickly against Santa Fe Aug. 31, as the two teams meet to open the regular season. Santa Fe will counter with with senior quarterback Nathan Kruger, who passed for nearly 1,900 yards a season ago. The Indians wound up at 5-4 overall.

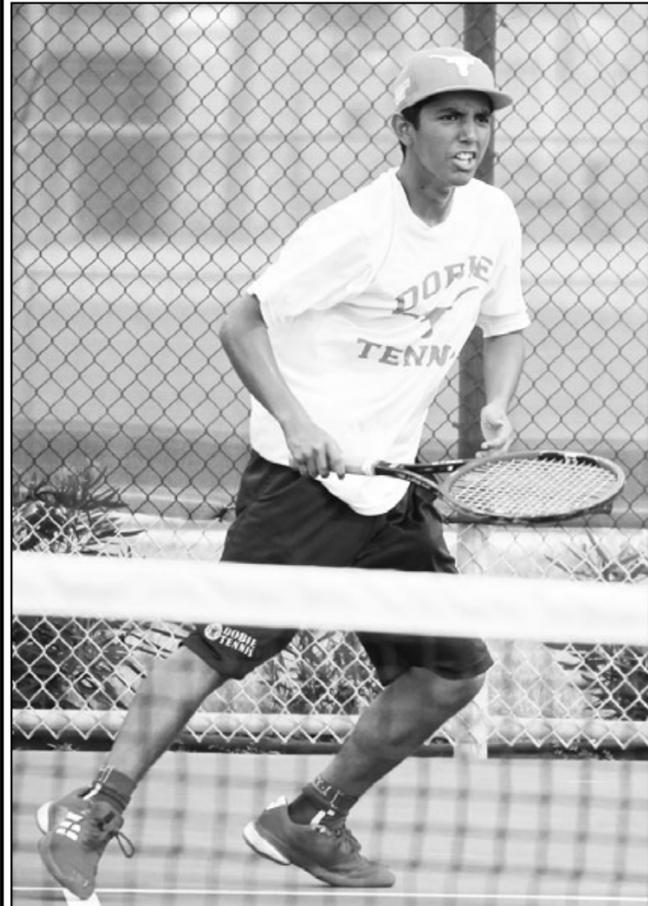
Photos by Jackie Carter

## JFD tennis eyes Summer Creek opener



It will matter little what the respective records of Dobie and Summer Creek are when the two team's tennis squads meet to begin District 22-6A play Friday, Sept. 7, at Dobie. In the revamped 22-6A ranks, regional power Kingwood figures to be tough to handle, but Dobie and Summer Creek aren't giving an inch. Dobie senior Austin Luu (above) will likely team with Kevin Dinh as the Longhorns open 22-6A action early next month, and Luu will also look to make a big difference as the team's No.-2 ranked boys' singles player.

Photos by John Bechtle



As his Dobie varsity team tennis squad approaches the District 22-6A opener against Summer Creek Sept. 7, at Dobie, junior and No. 1 boys' singles player Sebastian Delgado will look to keep his season on the upswing.

## South Belt football predictions



Troy Leland



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Dobie at Santa Fe	Dobie	Dobie	Santa Fe	Santa Fe	Dobie	Dobie
La Porte at Clear Brook	La Porte	La Porte	La Porte	Clear Brook	La Porte	La Porte
Clear Springs at Converse Judson	Judson	Judson	Judson	Clear Springs	Judson	Clear Springs
South Houston at Clear Falls	Clear Falls	Clear Falls	South Houston	South Houston	Clear Falls	Clear Falls
Pearland at Cy-Springs	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland
Dawson at Oak Ridge	Oak Ridge	Dawson	Dawson	Oak Ridge	Dawson	Dawson
Deer Park at Port Arthur Memorial	PAM	PAM	Deer Park	Deer Park	PAM	Deer Park
North Shore at Katy	Katy	Katy	North Shore	North Shore	Katy	Katy
Summer Creek at Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Summer Creek	Summer Creek	Summer Creek
Dickinson at George Ranch	Dickinson	Dickinson	George Ranch	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson
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

## Wolverine netters easily get past Dickinson 17-2

Following an uncharacteristic 1-3 start to the regular season, the Clear Brook varsity tennis team scored a rousing 17-2 victory over Dickinson Aug. 28, to begin District 24-6A play.

Dickinson scored a pair of wins in girls' doubles, but the Wolverines dominated the rest of play to get off to a great start in league play.

In girls' singles, No. 1 seed Joely Skeen of Brook was a 6-4, 6-1 winner over Cecilia Chong, while No. 2 Maia Acunson grabbed a 6-3, 6-3 win over John'Na Baldwin.

Cayla Brooks, playing at No. 3 for the Lady Wolverines, downed Haley Craton 6-4, 6-2, with fourth-seeded Leona Dakay also winning over Luna Simon by a 6-0, 6-1 count.

Victoria Nguyen of Clear Brook, won the No. 5 girls' singles match over Dickinson's Courtney Downey, 6-4, 6-4. At No. 6, Brook's Bianca Garica was a 6-0, 6-0 winner over Marissa Rivera.

Alyssa Teixeira and Michelle Volpe also scored wins for the Lady Wolverines.

On the boys' side of things, the Wolverines' top-seeded Trey Asprer was a 6-2, 6-2 winner over the Gators' Reese Ragland, and Rohan Sreedhar claimed a 6-1, 6-0 win against Dickinson's Adrian Nguyen at No. 3.

Brook's fourth-seeded Tyler Mai defeated the Gators' Steven Ly 6-1, 6-1, and Greg Snell of Clear Brook won via a 6-2, 6-4 count over Jordan Tucker.

At No. 6, the Wolverines' Blake Sharp claimed a 6-0, 6-2 victory against

Dickinson's Mike Nguyen, and the Wolverines' Deji Adwuya also won a match.

At No. 1 boys' doubles, the Wolverines' Jackson

Nolfolk and Kevin Nguyen breezed their way to a 6-0, 6-0 victory over Dickinson. In the No. 2 boys' doubles, Clear Brook's

Tony Gonzalez and As-

prer cruised to a 6-0, 6-1 victory, and Sneedhar and Jacob Berenzweig went on to a 6-1, 6-2 win as the Wolverine boys' won each of the nine official match-

es. Teixeira and Acunson won the No. 2 girls' doubles match at 2-6, 6-0, 10-8 via the supertiebreaker.

Clear Brook's Paul

Nguyen and Elizabeth Nguyen were 6-1, 6-1 winners in mixed doubles as the Wolverines went on to easily claim the 24-6A opener.

## Dobie's Lozano to lead Iowa Western men's soccer program



Dobie High School Class of 2016 graduate Sabino Lozano (far left) was joined by several of his sophomore teammates as the Iowa Western Community College men's soccer team held photo day on campus this preseason. The Reivers are ranked sixth in the National Junior College Athletic Association's preseason

poll, with defending national champion Tyler at No. 1. Lozano, a four-year starter at Dobie and leader of the 2017 Region III champion squad, is joined, left to right, by collegiate teammates Brandon Cataldi (24), Massimo Baron (3), Vincente Gallardo (5) and Tanner Miller (7).

# CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

7 a.m.  
**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.  
10 a.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.

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

6:30 p.m.  
**Kirkwood Civic Association** meets at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd. For details, call Ericka McCrutcheon at 281-989-9990.

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

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 31

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

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

856-1611.

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

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

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

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

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 affected by an addict. Saturdays, 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.

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

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

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

1 p.m.

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

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

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

7 p.m.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of NA meets Sundays, 7 p.m., 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For details, 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.

### LABOR DAY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

10 a.m.  
**Al-Anon Deer Park** - Mondays, 10 to 11 a.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for details, or 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 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com 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.

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

6:30 p.m.  
**Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting** - Monday at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway, Pearland. Use door near recycling bins. For details, call 713-865-3668 or visit www.oahouston.org.

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

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

7:30 p.m.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - 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, SEPTEMBER 4

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

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

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**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**  
 10 a.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for more information.

11:30 a.m.  
**Local NARFE Meeting** - National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 1321, meets the first Tuesday at Clear Lake Community Center, 5001 NASA Pkwy. Lunch is \$6. For more information, call Norman Chaffee at 713-944-2461.

Noon  
**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 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 speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or email nalix@texascitizensbank.com.

12:30 - 1:30 p.m.  
**Free dance lessons** - taught by Lewis and Betty Whistler (35 years of experience teaching dance) at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E League City Parkway, on Tuesdays from 1 to 2 p.m. Bringing a partner is helpful, but is not required. All ages are welcome. Each month, features a different focus of dance. For questions about this class or other lessons they teach, call Betty at 832-517-5833. For more information about League City's activity card requirements, call the park office at 281-554-1180.

1 p.m.  
**Trailmixers** - Meets the first Tuesday at Luby's, 11595 Fuqua. Former and current employees of J. Frank Dobie High School are welcome.

1:30 p.m.  
**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** - #1530 meets at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd., 1:30 p.m. For information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713.

2 p.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class** - Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For more information or to ask questions about classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or call 281-488-6318.

6:30 p.m.  
**Bay Area Quilt Guild** - Meets the first Tuesday, Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Fellowship is at 6:30 p.m.; meeting/program begins at 7 p.m. Visit [www.Facebook.com/BayAreaQuiltGuild](http://www.Facebook.com/BayAreaQuiltGuild).

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.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**  
 7 a.m.  
**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.

9:30 a.m.  
**Carmelites** - a nondenominational senior citizen social group that meets at 15500 El Camino Real in Clear Lake on the first and third Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. for a time filled with fun, fellowship, lending library, coffee and bingo. The meetings are open to anyone age 50 or older and there are no dues. Day trips and extended trips are available. Deposits are being taken on the Nashville Show trip (Nov. 25 - Dec. 1) and the Classic Danube River Cruise with Oberammergau Passion Play (June 7 - 16, 2020.) Plan ahead to join the trips. For more information, call Mariilyn at 713-947-2388.

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

11:30 a.m.  
**Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club** - meets monthly, first and third Wednesday, Golden Corral, 4021 Spencer Hwy., Pasadena. December may be an exception. For information, call Monica Montoya at 281-794-5531.

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

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

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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.

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**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.bayareaturnpoint.org](http://www.bayareaturnpoint.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 6**  
 7 a.m.  
**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.

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

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

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

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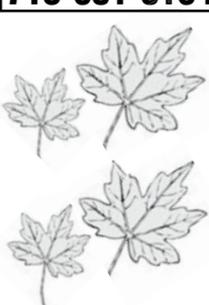
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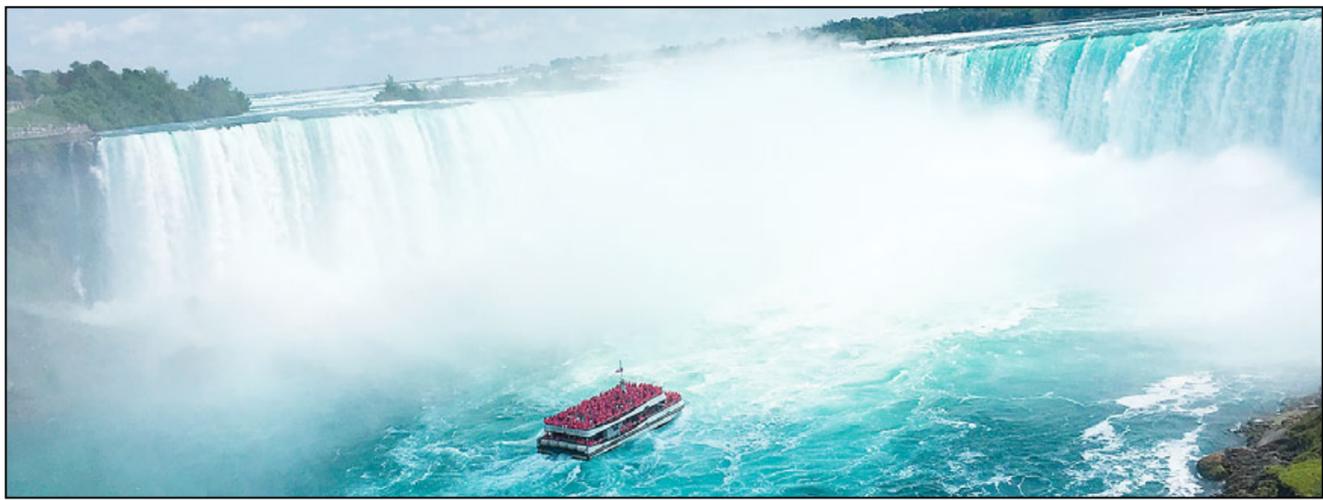
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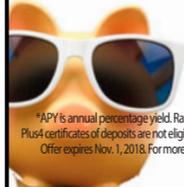
The Barrientos family, longtime South Belt residents, took a trip to Toronto, Canada, and visited Niagara Falls earlier in August. Shown below left in front of the falls are, Denise (left) and Pete Barrientos. Shown top right is a view of a boat at the base of the falls. Shown below right in front of Casa Loma, a castle in Toronto, are, left to right, Valencia, San Jacinto College student; Pete, San Jacinto College student; and Andre Barrientos, freshman at Dobie9 High School.



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The Kritzler family enjoyed fun in the sun at the Schlitterbahn Waterpark in New Braunfels. Shown above is Kennedy Kritzler sliding down a waterslide with a big splash. Shown below is her brother, Brody Kritzler, also enjoying himself on the same waterslide. Kennedy and Brody are the children of Mike and Tamera Kritzler. Mike Kritzler serves as lieutenant for the local Precinct 2 Constable patrol.



Shown above taking a break from the water are, left to right, Jim Kritzler, grandfather; Kennedy; Susan Kritzler, grandmother; and Brody. Jim and Susan Kritzler are the parents of Precinct 2 Lt. Mike Kritzler.

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