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Human trafficking meeting

On Saturday, Aug. 6, from noon to 5 p.m., With You In Mind, a nonprofit organization serving women of human trafficking, would like to invite the community to come out to a "Bridging the Gap" forum between law enforcement and the community. Attending will be officers from different levels of rank educating the community on various issues that one may encounter. The purpose of this event is to build a better relationship between police and community.

The event is being sponsored by Fiesta Mart and the Houston Police Organization of Spanish Speaking Officers. Food will be served along with entertainment and activities for all. The cost is \$2 per person.

Vacation photos sought

The *Leader* is seeking readers' 2016 vacation photos for possible publication. A first- and second-place prize of Schlitterbahn tickets will be awarded monthly during July and August for the best submissions. Each month's first-place winner will be awarded eight tickets, while each month's second-place winner will be awarded six.

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

Library seeks books

The Friends of Parker Williams Branch Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., is in need of donations of gently used books, both soft and hard cover, fiction and nonfiction, especially children's books. CDs, DVDs and current magazines are also accepted.

Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from FM-1959/Dixie Farm Road to FM-528/NASA Road 1 will be closed nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Monday, Aug. 22. Alternate exit and entrance ramps will be closed.

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from FM-1959/Dixie Farm Road to FM-528/NASA Road 1 will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Tuesday, Aug. 23. Alternate exit and entrance ramps will be closed.

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

Highland Meadow meets

The monthly meeting of the Highland Meadow HOA is scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 10, 6 to 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. Homeowners are encouraged to attend. Questions prior to the meeting may be directed to C.I.A. Services Inc., 713-981-9000 or CustomerCare@ciaservices.com.

Stuchbery registration set

Stuchbery Elementary will hold Pre-Kindergarten early registration on Tuesday, Aug. 9, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Early registration for Kindergarten-4th grade will be Wednesday, Aug. 10, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Thursday, Aug. 11, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Documents needed for registration include original or certified copy of birth certificate, Social Security card, shot records, last report card from previous school, parent's identification and two proofs of residence (lease, mortgage payment coupon/receipt, or deed plus a current utility bill). For pre-kindergarten requirements or other questions, call the school at 713-740-0752.

Lariaettes hold car wash

The J. Frank Dobie Lariaettes will hold a car wash from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, in the McDonald's parking lot at 11323 Fuqua. Tickets are \$5 presale and can be purchased from any current Lariaette. Drive-ups are welcome and donations accepted.

PISD holds budget meeting

The public is invited to attend a Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees public discussion on Monday, Aug. 8, at 5:30 p.m. at the Administration Building, located at 1515 Cherrybrook Lane in Pasadena. The purpose of the meeting will be for the school board and administration to obtain community input about the district's budget and proposed tax rate.

Meet Stuchbery teachers

Stuchbery Elementary, 11210 Hughes Road, will hold its *Meet the Teacher* event Friday, Aug. 19, from 4 to 6 p.m. For additional information, contact Angelica M. Silva at 713-740-0752 ext. 40105.

Police: Dobie grad, husband killed by son

A former Dobie student and her husband were killed at their Bellaire-area home early Friday, July 29, allegedly at the hands of their 16-year-old son.

Dawn Whitely Armstrong, a 1992 Dobie grad-

uate, was pronounced dead at the scene, located in the 5300 block of Palmetto. Her husband, Antonio Armstrong, was transported to Memorial Hermann Hospital, where he later died.

The couple's juvenile son has been charged

with murder in the incident, with a possible upgraded charge of capital murder looming, investigators said.

The story has made international news, as Antonio Armstrong was once a star football player at Texas A&M University and briefly played in the NFL for the Miami Dolphins.

Most recently, the couple owned 1st Class Training in Bellaire and reportedly served as pastors at their church. Antonio Armstrong also served as a motivational speaker.

According to police, the teen suspect called 911 around 1:40 a.m. while hiding in the closet to report there was a masked man inside the family's home. Investigators were suspicious of the boy's story, however, as there were no signs of forced entry, and the home's alarm system was still armed.

Both victims were shot in the head with a .22-caliber pistol that belonged to Antonio Arm-

strong. Pillows were placed on each of the victim's heads, presumably to muffle the sound of the gunshots.

The suspect's 12-year-old sister was also home at the time and reportedly slept through the incident.

Prosecutors said they intend to try the teen suspect as an adult.

At press time, there was no known motive in the case.

The suspect is being held in juvenile detention until the next court hearing. A date has not yet been set.

A GoFundMe page has been established to help the family. To make a donation, visit www.gofundme.com/2h26qv8.

Funeral services for the couple will be held Saturday, Aug. 6, at the Kingdom Builders Center at Windsor Village United Methodist Church, 6011 W. Orem Drive, beginning at 11 a.m.



Armstrong, husband fatally shot

Former Dobie student Dawn Whitely Armstrong (right) and her husband Antonio Armstrong (left) were fatally shot Friday, July 29, at their home in the 5300 block of Palmetto near Bellaire. The couple's teenage son has been charged with murder in the incident. A 1992 graduate from the area school, Armstrong maintained close ties to the South Belt community. The story has made international news, as Antonio Armstrong was once a star football player at Texas A&M University and played one season in the NFL for the Miami Dolphins.

Photo submitted

Open carry, campus carry meeting set

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce and San Jacinto College South will host a public meeting on the state's new open carry and campus carry gun laws Tuesday, Aug. 9, at the college's Marie Flickinger Fine Arts Building, beginning at 6 p.m.

Organized by Judge Jo Ann Delgado, the event will feature presentations from Harris County Attorney Vince Ryan's office and Harris County District Attorney Devon Anderson's office.

Ryan and Anderson will both be available for questions after the presentations.

The campus carry law went into effect at state universities Monday, Aug. 1, while the open carry law went into effect at the beginning of this year. The campus carry law will take effect at community colleges on Aug. 1, 2017.

For additional information on the meeting, contact chamber director Kay Barbour at 281-481-5516.

State tax holiday slated for Aug. 5-7

Texas shoppers will get a break from state and local sales taxes on Friday, Aug. 5, through Sunday, Aug. 7, the state's annual tax holiday.

"As the father of three young children, I know back-to-school expenses can really put a strain on family budgets this time of year," said Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar. "This is an opportunity for families to save some money and prepare for the start of the school year."

The law exempts most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks priced under \$100 from sales tax, which could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend during the weekend.

A backpack is defined as a pack with straps one wears on the back. The exemption during the sales tax holiday includes backpacks with wheels, provided they can also be worn on the back like a traditional backpack, and messenger bags.

The exemption does not include items that are reasonably defined as luggage, briefcases, athletic/duffel/gym bags, computer bags, purses or framed backpacks.

This year, shoppers will save an estimated \$92 million in state and local sales taxes during the sales tax holiday.

No exemption certificate is required - with one exception. If the purchaser is buying the supplies under a business account, the retailer must obtain an exemption certificate from the purchaser certifying that the items are purchased for use by an elementary or secondary school student.

The tax holiday weekend has been an annual event since 1999 and was expanded in 2009 to include more items.

For a comprehensive list of tax-exempt items, visit www.texasaxholiday.org.

One dead, one wounded in robbery

A man was killed and his brother wounded during an attempted robbery in the 8100 block of Easthaven near the Gulf Freeway Tuesday, July 26.

According to police, the two victims were doing landscaping work at the Airport Inn and Suites at the time of the incident.

The brothers were reportedly sitting in their vehicle around 3:30 p.m. waiting for the rain to subside before continuing to mow lawns when they were approached by a man and a woman.

The male suspect allegedly pulled a gun on the pair and demanded their property. When the brothers refused to oblige the request, the male suspect shot them both.

One brother was pronounced dead at the

scene. His identity is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences. The second brother was transported to an area hospital in stable condition.

It is unclear if any lawn equipment was taken during the robbery. Investigators are communicating with local businesses and reviewing surveillance footage.

The suspects are described only as a black male and a black female, both between 20 and 30 years of age. The female suspect was reportedly wearing an orange dress.

Anyone with information in this case is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

PISD begins online preregistering

Online preregistration for Pasadena Independent School District students began Tuesday, Aug. 2, and will continue through Tuesday, Aug. 16.

The service will be available for students who will be attending the same school or another school in the same feeder pattern/attendance zone.

The link to preregister students is available at www.pasadenaisd.org.

Letters containing a student access code along with information about preregistration have been sent home to the parents of each student. Parents must use the code to preregister students online.

Parents will also be required to use a valid email address to complete the form.

This service will not replace the enrollment

process. Parents will still be required to complete registration forms at the beginning of the school year.

The online form allows parents to pre-populate their child's enrollment information to expedite the enrollment process.

The form can be completed on a computer at home or at the student's campus. Once preregistration forms have been completed online, the information will be automatically uploaded to other documents in the future.

Complete information including detailed instructions in English, Spanish and Vietnamese will be available during preregistration.

For more information, contact the campus the student will be attending this fall.

Man kills self following police chase

A man died early Thursday, July 28, from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot following a brief police chase on the Gulf Freeway.

Gary Leonard Blalock Jr., 38, was pronounced dead at the scene.

According to investigators, the incident began around 11:45 p.m. Wednesday when a two-man unit from the Houston Police Department stopped a suspected drunk driver in a Crown Victoria on the inbound service road in the 17000 block of the Gulf Freeway near FM 2351/Clear Lake City Boulevard.

The officers approached Blalock's vehicle and made contact with him for several minutes, noting he seemed nervous. At some point, the officer on the passenger side of the vehicle noticed Blalock had a pistol tucked underneath his thigh and yelled out, "Gun!" to warn his partner.

Both officers stepped away from the vehicle, and Blalock sped off, heading north on the service road. The officers attempted to pursue the

fleeing vehicle but lost sight of it.

As the officers attempted to catch up with Blalock, they spotted his car crashed into a guard rail at the freeway entrance ramp just north of Beltway 8 in the 13800 block of the Gulf Freeway.

At 12:35 a.m., the officers, once again, cautiously approached Blalock's vehicle. Not seeing Blalock inside the vehicle, the officers initially thought he had fled the scene on foot.

Upon closer inspection, however, the officers noticed Blalock had been fatally shot, allegedly by himself.

The officers, whose names have not been released, were not injured in the incident.

The case is considered an in-custody death since the officers had been pursuing Blalock. As is customary in deaths that occur during police action, this in-custody death is being investigated by the HPD Homicide and Internal Affairs Division.

PISD breaks ground on Dobie center

The Pasadena Independent School District will hold an official groundbreaking ceremony for the new Dobie ninth-grade center Tuesday, Aug. 9, beginning at 9 a.m.

The event was originally scheduled to take place April 19 but was postponed due to inclement weather.

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

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

When the new Blackhawk campus was constructed as part of a 2000 bond issue, it was designed to accommodate 3,000 students. A subsequent bond issue in 2004 increased student capacity by 525, bringing the total to 3,525.

Campus enrollment, however, topped 4,000 students at the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year.

Last school year, the campus had 14 portable buildings, including 12 double-classroom buildings and two quad-classroom buildings.

In the fall of 2014, Dobie was named one of the 100 largest high schools in America. With a reported 3,452 students, Dobie ranked No. 88 on the list.

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

By 2018-19, enrollment at Dobie is expected to reach 4,200. PISD officials expect the proposed campus to reduce enrollment at the primary campus to approximately 3,100-3,200 students, with a capacity for enrollment at the ninth-grade center of 1,000-1,100 students.

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

School officials hope the ninth-grade campus will help intermediate students make a smooth transition into high school.

"Ninth graders will have an additional year in which to get into the routine of high school," said Dobie Principal Franklin Moses. "Research shows that the transition into high school is the most difficult and crucial for students. We hope that with the ninth-grade center, the year will begin much like an intermediate school and by June, it will look like Dobie High School."

The campus is scheduled to open in August 2017 for the 2017-2018 school year.



Kirkwood's McCrutcheon honors police

Kirkwood residents honored police Monday, Aug. 1, by celebrating *Blue Monday*. Residents showed their support for law enforcement by shining blue porch lights and tying blue ribbons around trees. The event was spearheaded by Kirkwood Civic Club President Ericka McCrutcheon, who has close ties to law enforcement, as her father, brother, sister and husband have all served on the police force. McCrutcheon said she organized the event to show solidarity with police at a time when tensions are running high across the country. McCrutcheon is shown to the left in front of her decorated residence.

Photo submitted

Trash left by panhandlers at busy intersections



Trash left by panhandlers at busy intersections has created eyesores throughout the South Belt area. Shown is the intersection of Beltway 8 and Hughes Road. The trash was left at a location in which solicitation is prohibited by city regulations. The luggage pictured has tags for checked luggage of an airline, implying the panhandler was either recently traveling or acquired it from someone who was. The Leader has also received reports of trash being left at the intersections of Fuqua St. and Sabo Road, 1-45 and Fuqua St., and Blackhawk Blvd. and Beltway 8. The Leader appreciates the efforts of Pam Horst and her concern for the cleanliness and well-being of the community. Horst was also among those who submitted photos and reports of trash accumulation at Ellington Field last summer. Photo by Pam Horst

Local library events set

Parker Williams Library

The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale. Thursday, Aug. 4, 2 p.m. Summer Movie. Feature presentation of *Cool Runnings*, rated PG. Friday, Aug. 5, 2:30 p.m. Paper Quilling Project. For adults and children 8+ years. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Wednesdays, Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. Thursdays, Toddler Story Time, 10:30 a.m. Saturdays, Vietnamese Learning Time. Classes are at 10 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. For more information on these programs, speak with Loc Bui. For more information on these programs, call the library at 281-484-2036.

Bracewell Branch Library

The following events are scheduled for August at the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint. Saturday, Aug. 6 - Teen Manga Mania, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Meet fellow enthusiasts and share Japanese comics. Saturday, Aug. 6 - 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Teen Anime Club. Calling all otaku! Meet and share Japanese anime, manga, and pop culture. Saturday, Aug. 6, 10:30 a.m. to noon - Computación Básica (Spanish Computer Class) Wednesday, Aug. 10 - Adult Computer Classes 2 p.m. Computer Basics - Course covers the main parts of a computer. Common computer terminology is defined and features of different computers and types of productivity, communications, educational, and entertainment programs are explained. 3:15 p.m. Internet Basics - Course explains the purpose of the Internet, what is needed to connect to it and important terms. Learn how to use web browsers and search engines. Students will be introduced to English vocabularies specifically to searching the Internet. 4:30 p.m. Basic Powerpoint - Students learn basic functions of this program to create presentations, including adding graphics and multimedia. Students learn to identify the printing options for presentations. Bracewell hours are Sunday and Monday - Closed; Tuesday and Wednesday - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday - noon to 8 p.m., Friday - 1 to 5 p.m., and Saturday - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There are no children's programs (Family Storytime, Storytime Craft, Baby/Toddler Storytime and Playgroup) in August. Programs will resume the week of Sept. 5. For more information on these programs, call the library at 832-393-2580.



Hoggard graduates

Ashley Hoggard graduated on May 22, 2016, from the University of Texas Health Science Center at the Houston School of Dentistry with a Bachelor of Science in dental hygiene. Ashley is a former graduate of J. Frank Dobie High School and is the daughter of Robert and Lindy Hoggard. Shortly after graduation, Ashley accepted a dental hygiene position at a private dental office located in Southwest Houston and West Chase District.

Faith Formation registration set

Faith Formation registration continues at St. Luke the Evangelist the weekend of Aug. 20 and 21 after all the Masses. Parents are welcome to register their children Preschool 3 through high school in the education building. Celebrate the beginning of the new school year with a special blessing at the Mass on Tuesday, Aug. 23, at 7 p.m. Faith Formation sessions will begin the week of Sept. 11. The next available time to register will be after Sept. 11.

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Elected officials speak out

Dave Martin to announce \$180 million in capital improvements

To Residents of District E, It has been a busy summer at City Hall. I am proud to say that after working diligently with Mayor Sylvester Turner, District E was allocated \$180 million dollars for capital improvement projects over the next five years. We have notable projects within the Clear Lake, Kingwood and South Belt areas that will be appreciated by District E residents, and I am extremely satisfied to work with a Mayor who appreciates the equitable distribution of CIP funds throughout all areas of the City of Houston. Moving forward, Mayor Turner has acknowledged the inequitable funding of Council Districts "outside loop 610", and has committed to creating a new formula for the distribution of funds to make sure that it addresses areas of greatest need, and equitability across the City. As many of you know, this has been my battle over these past three years of CIP allocations. It's rewarding to hear this inequity recognized by the Mayor and several of my Colleagues, and I look forward to helping craft a new equitable distribution analytic, and the implementation of this new formula by this time next year. Until then, I will continue to be a staunch advocate for District E residents. Additionally, my staff has been hard at work in coordinating the annual round of fall town hall meetings in the district. I invite you to save the date for the following two meetings that will be held at Southeast Houston/Clear Lake, Space Center Houston, 1601 NASA Parkway, on Thursday, Oct. 13, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. As always, I have extended the invitation to several city departments including Public Works and Engineering, Houston Parks and Recreation and the Houston Police Department as well as a variety of community speakers. In Kingwood, we will have the opportunity to hear from Stephen Costello, City of Houston Chief Resiliency Officer, regarding flooding in the Lake Houston Area. In Clear Lake, we have invited the folks from Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Jack Mormon's Office and Bob Mitchell with Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership to provide community updates. We look forward to hearing these updates and addressing community questions, comments and concerns. If you have never been before, it is the perfect opportunity to engage in your community and have your questions answered. We hope you will join us. Please feel free to invite a neighbor, friend or colleague! Everyone is more than welcome to attend. This year is also a Presidential election year, and I encourage everyone to register to vote. If you are not already, you can register online by visiting www.VoteTexas.gov or by visiting the Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector's office, which has many branches across the city. Dave Martin

Chamber Evening of Cuisine set

The 19th Annual Evening of Cuisine is set for Oct. 6. The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce is currently registering vendors for its annual Evening of Cuisine which will take place Thursday, Oct. 6, at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer, from 5 to 9 p.m. Now in its 19th year, the event is by far the chamber's biggest fundraiser every year. The all-you-can-eat function allows attendees to sample a wide variety of food and beverages from a multitude of local vendors. This year's event will feature restaurants, caterers and pubs with a wide variety of cuisines. There is no cost to vendors for participation in this event. The Chamber is also offering area non-profits the opportunity to sell tickets at a fundraiser. A portion of each ticket sold will be kept by the non-profit. Tickets will be available after Sept. 1 from registered non-profits; The Chamber, 10500 Scarsdale; ACE Central Hardware, 11676 Beamer; and the South Belt-Ellington Leader office, 11555 Beamer. Awards will be given for best entrée, best dessert, best decorated, rookie of the year, people's choice and best of show. The event will also feature live and silent auctions. Dining tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. For more information, call The Chamber President, Kay Barbour at 281-481-5516.

Official notice
Pasadena Independent School District in collaboration with M&A Technology, Inc. is proposing one Long Term Evolution (LTE) broadband system telecommunication tower at one site in the Houston area. This is proposed for Melillo Middle School (A1046193). The height of the monopole tower is 90 feet tall (27.4 meters). The tower will not have lighting. Specific information about the tower installation project is available by contacting Pasadena ISD Network Services. Any interested parties may review the application for this project at www.fcc.gov/asr/applications by entering the Form 854 file number listed after the location above. Interested persons may raise environmental concerns about the impact of the proposed structure by submitting a Request for Environmental Review to the Federal Communication Commission (FCC). Requests for Environmental Review must be filed within (30 days) of the date that the notice of the project is published on the FCC's website. The FCC strongly encourages interested parties to file requests for Environmental Review online www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest. An Environmental Review may also be submitted by mailing the request to Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC, 20554.

Deaths

Charles Ellis Martin



Charles Ellis Martin, 89, of the South Belt area, beloved father, grandfather, and great grandfather died on Saturday, July 30, 2016. He is the father of eight children, the grandfather of 21 children and the great-grandfather of 39 children. He was preceded in death by three wives, Betty Jean Berry, Geraldine Johnson, and Margaret Lorraine Farkas; his parents Otto Ellis Martin and Carolyn Alice Albritton; his sister Rosalie Martin Greene; a granddaughter Tamera Kristine Ewing; and great-granddaughter Haylee Abigail Martin. He is survived by one younger sister, Mary Alice Hatcher, of Lucedale, Miss. Martin was born on May 20, 1927, in Shubuta, Miss., to Ellis Otto Martin and Alice Carolyn (Albritton) Martin. With the exception of his early childhood years, he grew up in Lucedale, Miss. After graduating from high school at 16, he completed two years

of college, during which time he enrolled in the U.S. Navy V5 program. He was to advance to pilot training after completing the educational requirements. After turning 18, Martin ended his enrollment in the V5 program and went on active duty as an enlisted man. Two months later, the Japanese surrendered, ending WWII. He was discharged the following year. Martin married Betty Jean Berry in Lucedale, Miss., in 1946. They had two sons, Charles Ellis Martin, Jr. and Jene Byron by Dec. 26, 1949. While in the hospital delivering Jene, Betty Jean hemorrhaged and died because there was no supply on hand of her rare blood type. Martin married Geraldine Johnson from Ville Platte, La., in 1951, and had six children: Carol Dean, John David, James Kirby, Jerrie Lynn, Peter Joseph and Sharon. They were married for 36 years. He retired at age 57 and she died three years later in 1987. He married Lorraine Farkas of Houston in 1992 and they were married for 22 yrs. She died in 2014. He worked for the same company his entire life. He started out in the oilfield on a seismograph crew for Atlantic Refining Company, searching for places to drill for oil. He worked as a geophysicist the remainder of his career, retiring from Arco in 1984. His early working career was spent working in various locations in Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas. His office career was mainly in Houston, starting in 1960. He was a good provider for his family his entire life. Martin became a "born again" Christian in Scott, La., in 1958 and spent the rest of his life serving the Lord. He was a godly model for his family, a gifted teacher of the Bible and a "soul winner" who genuinely loved people. In the latter part of his life he traveled to a number of foreign countries showing "The Jesus Film" to those who had never heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It's been said that there are two kinds of people in this world, givers and takers. Martin was definitely a giver, a selfless man, always putting others first. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 4 at Forest Park East Funeral Home. A Celebration of Life will be held Friday, Aug. 5, at 12:30 p.m., with interment at Forest Park East Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Sagemont Church, in care of the missions ministry.

Delilah Blackwell. Swanson went to work as a typist at Texaco. She worked her way up to corporate services supervisor until her retirement from Texaco in 1986. She met Virgil Swanson through a friend at church in 1961. He was a widower with two small children, Mike was eight and Jackie was six. Both families fell in love and were blended into one loving family on Feb. 2, 1962. After retirement, Swanson cared for her husband who suffered from kidney failure and Parkinson's disease. She also cared for her brother, Dow Anders, who had a debilitating disease. She devoted her boundless energy to her church, Sagemont Baptist, always willing to help in any way she could, spending much of her time caring for the infants in the church nursery, singing in the church choir and dedicating time to the annual craft show. She also enjoyed traveling and entertaining family and friends in her home. She is preceded in death by her husband, Virgil Swanson; son, Mike Swanson; her parents Lee Raymon and Velma Anders; brother, Dow Anders; and sister, Delilah Blackwell. Swanson is survived by her daughter Donna Miller and son-in-law Dean Miller; daughter Jackie Swanson; daughter-in-law Diana Swanson; grandson Steven Miller; granddaughter Staci Miller; grandson Les Gosset and wife Tracey; granddaughter Andrea Lynn and husband Sam; grandson Michael Swanson and wife Teddy; brother Charles Anders; sister Myra Menees; as well as seven great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews and extended family.

The memorial service will be held at CrossRoads UMC, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd., on Thursday, Aug. 4, at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to CrossRoads UMC.

Louis Eugene Pennington



South Belt resident, Louis Eugene Pennington, died in Billings, Mont., on July 23, 2016, due to complications from a cottonwood tree falling on him on July 5 at Medicine Lodge State Archeological Site during an annual family reunion in the Big Horn Mountains of Wyoming. He fought lymphoma cancer and won, but came down with Guillain-Barré which left him in a wheelchair in 2005. He was born July 31, 1943, in Seattle, Wash., to Louis and Faye Pennington. He grew up in Casper, Wyoming and graduated from Natrona County High School in 1961. He learned the art of auto body repair from Wyoming Technical School and later moved to Houston, in 1966. In the 1970s he raced Enduro motorcycle races for the Trail Riders of Houston and won more than fifty trophies. In 1978, he started his own auto body repair shop, Pennington's Paint and Body, on Mango Street. He later sold that shop and moved his business to Pasadena, Texas. Through word of mouth, he was sought out due to his impeccable metal work he did on classic cars. The cars he restored were shown in local car shows and brought home numerous awards. Chevy Impalas were his personal favorite. He loved watching Wheel of Fortune and NASCAR on Sundays. Pennington is preceded in death by paternal grandparents Louis Edson Pennington and Ellen Johnston Pennington Deveraux; step-grandfather Herbert A. Deveraux; maternal grandparents Harold Gilmore Barrett and Leora May Watson Barrett; parents Louis Eugene Pennington and Bertha Faye Barrett Pennington Deveraux; step-father Herbert A. Deveraux Jr.; infant brother Donald Harold Pennington; infant daughter Katrina Ann Pennington; brother-in-law Archie J. Crichton Jr. and nephew James Dean Twenge. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Cynthia "Cindy" Bernice Jennings Pennington of Houston, Texas; four children Richard "Rick" Alan Pennington (wife Lisa Pecot Pennington) of Fort Worth, Texas; Deanna "Dede" Lynn Pennington Cook of Clinton, Utah; Amy Renee Pennington Dunn (husband Robert Dunn) of Torrington, Wyoming; Christy Elaine Pennington of Houston; siblings Mary Joanne Pennington Crichton of Greybull, Wyoming; James Edson "Ed" Pennington of Mesa, Arizona; Shirley Faye Pennington Twenge (husband Ron Twenge) of Gilbert, Arizona; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren and numerous uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews and cousins. Memorial services will be held Aug. 20 at 2 p.m. at Crowder Funeral Home in Pearland. His ashes will be scattered in the Wyoming Big Horn Mountains in July 2017. He was loved by many and will be greatly missed.

Patricia "Pat" Hunter Richey



Dorothy Faye Anders Swanson



Patricia "Pat" Hunter Richey, 84, died Thursday, July 28, 2016, in her home. She was born in Kansas City, Mo., on Jan. 3, 1932, to Helen Bradley Hunter and Alfred James Hunter. She was a loving wife, mother and aunt. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Wesleyan College in Fort Worth. Her mother introduced her to the love of her life, Paul Ray Richey. They were happily married for 49 years until he died in 2000. Richey lived in the South Belt area for 48 years. She worked as a labor and delivery nurse for more than 40 years while completing her master's degree and rearing her family. She enjoyed playing bridge, attending services at CrossRoads United Methodist Church and going to Sunday school. Richey is preceded in death by her parents; brother William "Bill" Hunter; son Ronald Ray Richey; and her beloved husband. Richey is survived by her daughter Paula Ann Richey; son Timothy Lynn Richey; California niece Laurie Hunter Davis; and many other nieces, grandnieces and one nephew.

Our Family Has Grown!




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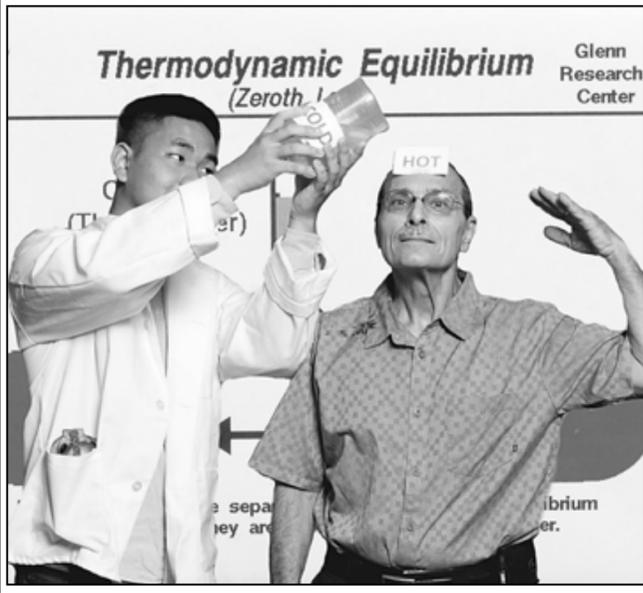
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Tran amazed by Parlange's vast intellect

Vinh Tran, one of J. Frank Dobie High School's Shining Stars, is shown with distinguished educator Louis Parlange, an Advanced Placement chemistry instructor. Both were honored at the annual Pasadena Independent School District Shining Stars Gala, which recognizes the top students from each high school and their favorite teachers.



Tran has participated in a number of extracurricular events, including orchestra, Latin Club, Science Club and Pirate Club. He has enjoyed leadership in the position of Dictator Pro Tempore of the *One Man Show*. Concerning the future, Perez plans to brave the gauntlet, that is, the higher education system. Regarding his teacher, Tran said, "Mr. Parlange was the teacher who understood the subject he taught so well that his lectures could make anyone fall asleep or feel like an intellectual dwarf. By doing labs in chemistry class with Mr. Parlange, I discovered that, for one, I hated desk jobs and that I belonged in a lab, either testing something out or being tested on. The greatest lesson I take from Mr. Parlange is that even if you've almost blown your hand off and the flame extinguisher is on fire, the lesson must go on." The South Belt Shining Stars will present a series of the students being honored along with their favorite mentor. This is the seventh in the series of 10. The 10 Shining Stars represent the Top 10 Dobie High School students. Information and photos were supplied by the Pasadena Independent School District. The Leader is also running Top 10 Shining Stars from Memorial and South Houston.

Suarez inspires Shantharaj to pursue dreams

Brandon Shantharaj, one of Pasadena Memorial High School's Shining Stars, is shown with distinguished educator Matthew Suarez, an orchestra director. Shantharaj has done volunteer work at CT church food drives, school musicals, Texas region orchestra auditions and Student Council Tree of Life. He has also participated in many extracurricular activities and organizations, including the chamber orchestra, student council, National Honor Society, French National Honor Society, UIL spelling, InterAct Club, Spanish Club and HOSA, with leadership positions as class president, orchestra president, superintendent student advisory committee and

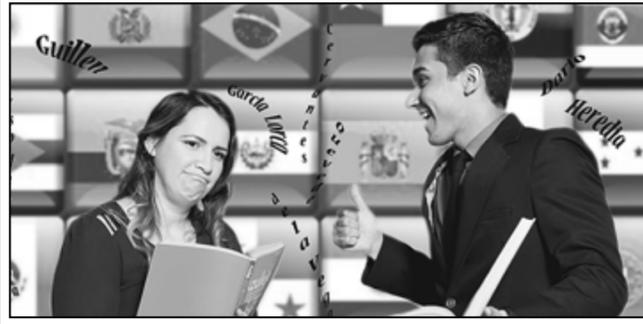
Pasadena Noon Optimist Student of the Month. Shantharaj plans to attend the University of Houston to pursue a major in honors biomedical science and then attend either medical or law school. Shantharaj commented about his teacher, "Mr. Suarez, or should I say, 'Mama Suarez,' displays characteristics directly akin to the endearing nickname coined by his students. Composed of a combination of quick-witted sassiness and concern over his students, Mr. Suarez is truly a teacher that conducts spontaneity and excitement into my school life. However, past his fun-loving exterior lies a teacher who endeavors for the success of his students. After becoming the new orchestra director my junior year, Mr. Suarez quickly rose to the challenge of his new position, becoming someone who has given me the confidence to pursue my own endeavors and trust in my ability to create my own success." The South Belt Shining Stars will be presented in a series of 10 students being honored along with their favorite mentor. This is the seventh in the series of 10. The 10 Shining Stars represent the Top 10 Pasadena Memorial High School students. The information and photos were supplied by the Pasadena Independent School District. The Leader is also running the Top 10 Shining Stars from Dobie and South Houston high schools.



Zamora recognized by Gonzalez as a hero

South Houston High School's Shining Star Gerardo Homero Gonzalez is shown with distinguished educator Alicia Zamora, Advanced Placement Spanish language instructor. Gonzalez has volunteered with Key Club, National Honor Society, and JROTC. Gonzalez has actively participated in the school's weekly recycling program, collecting excess paper and materials. He also collects canned and nonperishable foods from the nearby neighborhood for the needy. He has engaged in extracurricular activities including National Honor Society, Key Club, Debate and JROTC, with a leadership position as Cadet Petty Officer Second

Class and Mustering Petty Officer in the JROTC. Gonzalez plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin in pursuit of a major in psychology. Regarding his teacher, Gonzalez said, "In all my educational first-hand experience, I have never come across a teacher so undervalued. I feel like Mrs. Zamora's work deserves recognition, she not only is an extraordinary instructor, but she has proven to be a sagacious mentor. She's an unsung hero, for I am not the only person that she has inspired and I will certainly not be the last. It's just part of her kindhearted nature, to help people, and I'm fortunate enough to be one of those people." The South Belt Shining Stars will be presented in a series of 10 students being honored along with their favorite mentor. This is the seventh in the series of 10. The 10 Shining Stars represent the Top 10 South Houston High School students. The information and photos were supplied by the Pasadena Independent School District. The Leader is also running the Top 10 Shining Stars from Dobie and Memorial high schools.



Kiel combines education, military to improve lives

University of Houston-Clear Lake alumna T'Liza Kiel is a National Guard veteran who served at Ellington Air Field and understands the power of stories. She and her story are featured in the stage production *Telling: Houston*, and she hopes that by sharing her experiences she can assure other veterans that they are not alone. Combining her UHCL education, military experience and passion for mental health, Kiel has been empowered to help other veterans recognize when they need help and where they can find it. "This is important for people to know. If you have that voice and the ability to use it — be that voice," she said. Supporting others was a focus for Kiel long before she joined the cast of *Telling: Houston*. She joined the National Guard right out of high school, inspired by the idea that she could serve others and go to college at the same time. As she approached her last semester as an undergraduate at Lamar University, she learned she would be deployed to Iraq. Kiel, trained as a paralegal, was attached to an infantry unit as a legal aide. Throughout her time in Iraq, she kept her social media posts and messages home lighthearted. From the outside, she seemed fine. After her return home in 2010, she ignored signs of trauma — unexplainable anger, heavy drinking and jumping in her sleep. When her fiancé, now husband, expressed his concerns, she waved them off. She heard reports of other members of her brigade having a difficult time, some even dying by suicide, but she didn't recognize her own struggle. Kiel felt that, by comparison, her deployment was far less harsh than the experiences of others. "I didn't want to look weak," she recalled. But ignoring the problem only made it worse. In her darkest hours, she twice attempted to take her own life. A 2015 poll by The Washington Post and Kaiser Family Foundation found that 50 percent of Iraq and Afghanistan veterans know a service member who has attempted or died by suicide. By sharing her story, Kiel hopes that she can encourage other veterans to recognize warning signs in themselves or others. A key stepping stone to discovering her passion for mental health was her education at UHCL. Kiel enrolled in 2011, and she earned a Master of Arts in sociology in 2013. She began her degree with a focus on minority studies, but while enrolled in the course Sociology of Mental Health taught by UHCL Assistant Professor

of Sociology and Women's Studies Jennifer Arney, Kiel recognized the symptoms and issues she was studying in her own experiences. From then on, all of Kiel's projects and presentations focused on mental health and veterans. "I needed to understand what was going on with myself," she said. "I found myself so passionate about it. It was affecting me and people I was close to." Now, as project coordinator of Give an Hour, Kiel works to connect veterans and their families to free mental health services. Kiel says that her story is difficult to tell. But it's an important story, just like all the stories in *Telling: Houston*. "Our stories are probably very similar to hundreds and thousands of veterans who remain silent. These are intense and emotional moments in a person's life," she said. "Our stories are real. Veterans and spouses in the audience were able to resonate with them." Many veterans are hesitant to share their problems or feelings, Kiel said, so she strives to remove the stigma of seeking help. "The military life is totally different from civilian life. Transition is not easy. We all react to things differently," she said. "It was important for me to share that. Your story is your story. How you react doesn't make you any less of a veteran or a soldier or an airman or seaman." One of the key goals of *Telling: Houston*, which is part of The Telling Project, is to help veterans feel less alone. Kiel also advises veterans to be involved in their communities and with other veterans. Kiel has taken her own advice to heart, not only by working at Give an Hour, but also by volunteering with the Military Veteran Peer Network and The Mission Continues. She's worked with UHCL's Capt. Wendell M. Wilson Office of Veteran Services on a number of events and presentations to raise awareness and connect veterans to important resources. UHCL Coordinator of Veteran Services Trisha Ruiz said Kiel has been an asset to the community. "T'Liza has been an excellent champion for veterans in the greater Houston area. She leads by example and motivates others to seek help," she said. "Veterans oftentimes are reluctant to ask for help. However, T'Liza does her best to advocate for veterans who would otherwise not have sought out help." And, of course, Kiel is busy preparing for more performances of *Telling: Houston*, including a film-

Education, military improves lives



University of Houston-Clear Lake alumna T'Liza Kiel is empowering the Houston veteran community by sharing her story and connecting veterans to mental health resources. She has also partnered with the UHCL Capt. Wendell M. Wilson of the Office of Veteran Services to offer training and resources. Photo by Kelsie Cleboski

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"Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Budget"

San Jacinto College District will hold a public budget hearing on Monday, August 15, 2016, at 7 p.m. in the Board Room, Suite A1.104, of the Thomas S. Sewell District Administration Building, located at 4624 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the college district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited. A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held immediately after at which time adoption of the 2016-2017 budget will be considered. The proposed budget will be available for inspection beginning on August 10, 2016, at the District Business Office, 4620 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Texas.

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Faith Formation registration coming

Faith Formation registration continues at St. Luke the Evangelist the weekend of Aug. 20 and 21 after all the Masses.

Parents are welcome to register their children Pre-school 3 through high school in the education building.

Faith Formation sessions will begin the week of Sept. 11. The next available time to register will be after Sept. 11.

Celebrate the beginning of the new school year with a special blessing at the Mass on Tuesday, Aug. 23, at 7 p.m.

SJC ready for 2016 fall

Registration is open for the San Jacinto College fall semester. The payment deadline for fall classes is Aug. 12 at 5 p.m., and classes begin Aug. 22. Weekend College classes begin on Sept. 9. Visit sanjac.edu/apply-register/overview/registration for more information on steps to register.

Community Education Center events

The Community Education Center, located in the Interactive Learning Center (building 1) room 108 on the Central campus, will hold free workshops that are open to the public in August. To register, call 281-478-2786. Events include:

Information session for English as a Second Language (ESL) is Monday, Aug. 8, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Information session on T-PEG funded job training in health occupations is Tuesday, Aug. 9, at 2 p.m.

Career Pathways Coaching is Wednesday, Aug. 10, from 12:30 to 3 p.m.

Information session on T-PEG funded job training in computers is Thursday, Aug. 11, at 2 p.m.

The San Jacinto College Licensed Vocational Nursing (LVN) program will host its annual Nightingale Ceremony on Friday, Aug. 5, at 5 p.m., in the North campus Fine Arts Auditorium, N-1.103. For more information, email Barbara.Guillory@sjcd.edu.

Mental Health LCDC Workshop

San Jacinto College will host a Mental Health Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor (LCDC) Workshop on Saturday, Aug. 6, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the North campus Science and Allied Health Building, N-17.1022. For more information, email gina.thomas@sjcd.edu.

Pharmacy tech program information sessions

The San Jacinto College pharmacy technician program will host two information sessions on Monday, Aug. 8, at 12 p.m. and 6 p.m., in the

South campus Science and Allied Building, S-1.251S. For more information, email anum.fatima@sjcd.edu.

Honors programs to be held

An Honors program orientation will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 9, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the San Jacinto College North campus Monument Room, N-12.200. For more information, email ria.donaire-cirsovius@sjcd.edu.

Medical assisting program pinning ceremony

The San Jacinto College medical assisting program will host its annual pinning ceremony on Tuesday, Aug. 9, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., in the North campus Monument Room, N-12.200. For more information, email anna.bennett@sjcd.edu.

Deputized voter registrar training

For those needing training as a deputized voter registrar, a training session will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 10, at 2 p.m., in the North campus Slovacek Student Center, N-12.112. For more information, email ronald.hopkins@sjcd.edu.

About San Jacinto College

Surrounded by monuments of history, industries and maritime enterprises of today, and the space age of tomorrow, San Jacinto College has been serving the citizens of East Harris County, Texas, for more than 50 years. As an Achieving the Dream Leader College, San Jacinto College is committed to the goals and aspirations of a diverse population of approximately 30,000 credit students. The College offers 186 degrees and certificates, with 46 technical programs and a university transfer division.

Students benefit from a support system that maps out a pathway for success, and job training programs that are renowned for meeting the needs of growing industries in the region. San Jacinto College graduates contribute nearly \$690 million each year to the Texas workforce.

Last LEGO camp set

The last camp of the summer at San Jac for the Jedi Master Engineering Using LEGO begins Aug. 8.

Kids ages 7-12 are invited to participate in the Jedi Master Engineering Using LEGO camp from Aug. 8-12. Participants will discover key engineering concepts such as gears, worm drives, pneu-

matics, and eccentric motion. They'll build LEGO XWings, AT-AT walkers, Pod Racers and more. Cost of the camp is \$160, and location is the San Jacinto College Central campus, building 31. To register, visit <http://www.sanjac.edu/calendar/summer-camps>.

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THE VALIGURA MARKED 58 YEARS
Best wishes are sent to **Carl and Frances Valigura** who celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary Aug. 2 from children **David and wife Katha, Donna and husband Gary, Deborah Lea, and Carl Wayne** and wife **LuAnn**; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and the **Leader** staff.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Aug. 4 through Aug. 10.

Atkinson Elementary
Sing a happy birthday song to **Dee Davis** Aug. 9.

Burnett Elementary
Send a birthday greeting Aug. 5 to **Isabel Amaya**. Enjoy a birthday cake with **Kevin Schulba** Aug. 10.

Frazier Elementary
Light the birthday candles for **Luisa Lewis** Aug. 5. Blow out the birthday candles for **Natasha Gittens-Edgar** Aug. 6.

Meador Elementary
Birthday greetings are in order for **Colleen Robles** on Aug. 6.

Moore Elementary
Aug. 7 is the day for a birthday cake for **Gisela VillaGarcia**.

South Belt Elementary
Kathleen Hinski celebrates a birthday Aug. 4. **Jacquelyn Anderson** is wished a happy birthday Aug. 5.

Stuchbery Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles Aug. 5 for **Rosa Alencastro**. **Jessica Reed** and **Jennifer Spivey** are wished a happy birthday Aug. 8. Blow out the candles for **Salma Meziou** Aug. 10.

Melillo Middle School
On Aug. 5, happy birthday greetings are sent to **Anthony Cesario**.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Sing a chorus of a birthday song Aug. 10 to **Kayla Joos**.

Dobie High
Birthday greetings are sent to **Shelby Collier** Aug. 4. The day for a party for **Eileen O'Connor, Anthony Ponce, Anne Regier and Brianna Vorhis-Topping** is Aug. 6. Aug. 8 is the day for a cake for **La Nguyen**. Sing two choruses of a birthday song Aug. 10 to **Yvette Giron and Donna Rinehart**.

FACEBOOK FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
The **Leader** sends happy birthday wishes to its Facebook friends who celebrate a birthday this week:
Thursday, Aug. 4: **Beth Fawcett, Monica**

Salazar, Donna Taylor, Kristen Sorenson, Diana Polus, Kevin Baker, Michele Cutrer and Robin Wach; Friday, Aug. 5: **Stephanie McAtee, Douglas Woodson, Edna Peña, Wendy Phillips, Karen Owen, Lillie Alvarez, Deanna Goodlet and Shaun Stanton**; Saturday, Aug. 6: **David Perry, Kenneth Brown and Jeff Weber** Sunday, Aug. 7: **Curtis Bradley, Sean Gilbert, Challen Avere, Claudia Castillo, Aubree Swanson, Eric Jackson, Doug Mills and Vu Tuong**; Monday, Aug. 8: **Kathy Jones, Brad Fuller, Jesse Lopez, Toshana Kitchen, Christopher Herrera, James Xavier Garcia, Shawn Arguello, David Elliot, Heather DeRousse, Jarod Hunt, Rebekah Peterson, Jami Cadena and Verda Carr**; Tuesday, Aug. 9: **Sam Farias, Trae Buchanan, Jennifer Weise, Dennis Spencer, Josie Mendez, Unatrice Jackson, Robert Coy, Patti Racicot and Jill Kasselman**; and Wednesday, Aug. 10: **Alex Limon, Zerick Guinn and Keith Black**.

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Former South Belter leads Pixar Animation Studio's Finding Dory special effects team

By Jay Do
Former South Belt resident **Chris Chapman** recently partook in an integral position in Pixar's record-breaking *Finding Dory*.

Graduating from **J. Frank Dobie High School** in the class of 1991, Chapman attended **Texas A&M University** to pursue a degree in computer engineering. After graduating in 1995, Chapman continued his education within the department of visualization in the area of visualization sciences.

He graduated with a master's degree in visualization in 1996 before joining Pixar Animation Studios in 2000.

The second son of **Gayle and John Chapman**, Chapman spent a large portion of his childhood helping with his mother's bakery and is not completely sure how he developed his artistic sense and love for cinematic production.

"I don't know why I got into this line of work to be honest with you," said Chapman. "I grew up always liking movies. Part of it may be that it's so hot in Texas during the summers that I went to the movie theaters a lot just to get in some air conditioning and I developed a love for cinema. I had always had an artistic sense, so when I found out that I could get involved somehow with art and sci-

ence, it seemed great. It made me really excited to be able to be a part of that."

Chapman directed a crew over the course of three years in Pixar's sequel to *Finding Nemo* in managing the movie's special effects as technical director supervisor.

"I was the effects supervisor for *Finding Dory*, so I was in charge of about 30 artists to create all the effects of that movie," said Chapman. "For that movie, that would be all the water and all the water interactions that you see. There were a number of other things as well, but water was the biggest thing for that particular movie."

In the 16 years that he

has worked with Pixar, *Finding Dory* has proven to be Chapman's most challenging endeavor to date. "This last movie was the biggest challenge for me," said Chapman. "Trying to get all that work done and making sure it was done on time was definitely a challenge. There's this big crunch period that happens when you're in movie production, where you're try-

ing to get all the deadlines met in the last months of the final movie. It could be the last three months or it could be the last six months, and it normally turns into long hours and it gets pretty grueling and stressful. You have to get a lot of things done in a short amount of time and you always question yourself as to whether or not you're going to get

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Chris Chapman and mother Gayle



Chris Chapman and wife Lori

Remember When

40 years ago (1976)
The home of **James and Snookie Williamson**, who lived in Sagemont for just two weeks, burned to the ground.

William B. Cummings Jr. served as drum major for the famous **Texas A&M band**.

35 years ago (1981)
San Jacinto College Board of Regents approved a 17 percent increase in the district tax rate and adopted a \$30,612,570 budget for the 1981-82 school year.

The **Gulfway Drive-In Theater** was shut down and approximately 12 persons were arrested following a riot at the theater.

30 years ago (1986)
Buzzy Kieth, Dobie football coach and 28-year coaching veteran, was inducted into the **Texas High School Coaches Association's Hall of Honor**.

25 years ago (1991)
In order to reduce its debt and continue to provide residential services, the **South-bend Homeowners Association** board of directors recommended that its members accept a \$100 maintenance fee increase.

Even without a tax hike parents living in **Clear Creek ISD** were expected to spend more money for student education in extracurricular activities to help save seventh- and eighth-grade sports.

20 years ago (1996)
Atkinson and Moore elementary earned state "Exemplary" status for outstanding performance on the 1995-96 Texas Assessment of Academic Skills. This was the first time a Pasadena campus had received this rating, the highest in the state.

5 years ago (2011)
Both the Pasadena Independent School District and the Clear Creek Independent School District were rated "Recognized" by the Texas Education Agency.

San Jacinto College South broke ground on its new science and allied health building. Scheduled for completion in fall 2013, the new three-story, 150,000-square-foot building will house nine areas of scientific study and will include nursing simulation labs, an astronomy observatory, and laboratories designed to model pharmaceutical environments.

15 years ago (2001)
City of Houston officials answered questions at a meeting at **Stuchbery Elementary** with more than 325 people in attendance. The questions pertained to a federal buyout for homes suffering more than 50 percent substantial damage during **Tropical Storm Allison**.

10 years ago (2006)
Seven schools in the South Belt area of **PISD** received recognized status as a result of test scores on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills.

8 to El Dorado Boulevard began. The project is approximately five miles in length, beginning at **Kurland Road**, just north of **Beltway 8**, and ending approximately one mile south of **FM 2351 (Clear Lake City Boulevard)**. The freeway will be increased from three to five lanes in each direction, and the frontage roads will be increased from two to three lanes in each direction.

The **City of Houston** began sending out red-light camera tickets again. The move to issue citations came two weeks after the cameras were turned back on after a judge threw out the results of November's referendum in which voters rejected the red-light camera system. Tickets were not issued for drivers caught running red lights between July 9 and July 24.

The **Houston Police Department** had one sergeant and four officers assigned to examine each violation to decide if a ticket should be sent. The citations cost \$75 each if paid on time. There are 70 cameras set up at 50 intersections. The chosen intersections have been determined by the city to be the most dangerous. While there are no red light cameras in the immediate South Belt area, there are three in the general area.

The three closest to the community are at **FM 2351 and the Gulf Freeway, El Dorado Boulevard and the Gulf Freeway** and at **Beltway 8 and Telephone Road**. Houston's red light camera contract expires in 2014.

Mayor Annise Parker said the contract with **Arizona-based American Traffic Solutions Inc.** will not be renewed.

1 year ago (2015)
A 2-year-old boy drowned in a swimming pool Aug. 3 in the 11200 block of **Sagehill** near **Hughes Road**. Emergency crews responded to the scene to find someone attempting to perform CPR on the child. Efforts to revive him were unsuccessful and **Mason Craft** was pronounced dead at the scene. The incident was ruled accidental, and no charges were filed.

Houston District D City Council Member Dwight Boykins hosted the second annual **Swingin' for Seniors** golf tournament at **Hermann Park Golf Course**. Proceeds benefited **Boykins' Senior Assistance Fund** that helped **District D senior citizens** make needed home repairs.

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The scholarship funds will provide \$3,200 per student, thus allowing qualifying students to take truck driving courses tuition-free. Students who qualify for the scholarships would only have to pay for their learners' permits, and commercial driver's licenses.

Students who want to apply for the funding need to act quickly.

The scholarships will fund training for 25 San Jacinto College students, and will be available only until Dec. 31, 2016.

Anyone who wants to apply for the funding to learn truck driving must contact one of the area designated **Workforce Solutions** offices to schedule an information session between 1:30 and 4 p.m.

The contact information, locations, dates and times of the information sessions are as follows:

• **Cypress Station Office**, 70 FM 1960 West #A, Houston, 77090, phone: 281-891-2850, Thursday, Aug. 18,

1:30 to 4 p.m.;

• **Northline Office**, 4424 North Freeway, Suite A, Houston, 77022, phone: 713-692-7755, Thursday, Aug. 25, 1:30 to 4 p.m.;

• **Southeast Office**, 12148-B Gulf Freeway, Houston, 77034, phone: 713-576-2580, Thursday, Sept. 8, 1:30 to 4 p.m.;

• **Astrodome Office**, 9315 Stella Link, Houston, 77025, phone: 713-661-3220, Thursday, Sept. 15, 1:30 to 4 p.m.

San Jacinto College's truck driving program began in 1980, making it one of the oldest truck driving schools in the area.

After a six-week course, entry-level drivers can test for a commercial driver's license (CDL) from the State of Texas and begin a career.

The program prepares students for the Class A CDL, so drivers are qualified for a full variety of loads and vehicles.

Truck driving is a high-demand career in the greater Houston area.

According to the **Texas Workforce Commission**, employment for truck drivers in the region is projected to grow 23 percent by 2022.

The average annual salary for truck drivers in the region is \$46,815, or \$22.51 per hour. For information, visit the web at sanjac.edu/continuing-professional-development/truck-driving.

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SoHo selects Bundy, Lee for induction in Teacher Hall of Honor

By Al Carter, PISD
Two faculty icons whose tenures began during South Houston High's formative years have been selected for induction in the school's Teacher and Staff Hall of Honor.

Patricia Bundy, who taught business courses at the school for 15 years, and Barbara Lee, who taught English for 25 years, will be inducted during South Houston homecoming activities in October.

Bundy and Lee will bring the total of teacher inductees to 28, all chosen since the Teacher and Staff Hall was established four years ago. Bundy will be the first business teacher inducted. Lee joins an illustrious list of former South Houston En-

glish teachers to be inducted. During her tenure, Lee was a department colleague of Ina McDaniel, Carolyn Perry and June Sledge, all previous Hall of Honor inductees who began teaching at the school in the 1960s.

Three additional inductees for the South Houston Alumni Hall of Honor will be announced in August.

The five new inductees will be honored during the school's annual Homecoming Open House on Oct. 6. All will be introduced during a noon reception in the Reinartz Conference Center in the middle of the campus.

On Oct. 8, the five inductees will be honored again during pregame festivities at the Trojans' homecoming

game. The ceremony will start about 45 minutes before the 1 p.m. kickoff.

Profiles of the two new teacher inductees include:

Patricia Bundy
Business - 1962-1977

Bundy came to South Houston High in 1962, fell in love with a class of savvy sophomores, traded in her English texts for a room full of chattering typewriters and discovered that she was just the right type to teach business courses to a generation of Trojans.

By the time she left South Houston in 1977, Bundy could have used an adding machine to tally her honors and educational affiliations. In 1974, she was selected as the Texas Business Education Association's district teacher of the year. The following year, she was named the year's outstanding teacher by the Knights of Columbus and was also chosen Texas Teacher of the Year by TBEA.

She left a job in the oil sector to sign on as a South Houston teacher just six years after the school opened. She taught sophomore English for a year and junior English the next, maintaining her connection with the Class of 1965.

Bundy moved to the business department the next year and, teaching senior courses, accompanied the Class of 1965 all the way through to graduation. Not surprisingly, she served as senior sponsor for the class.

As chairman of the business department, Bundy taught office machines, business math, typing, general business and office procedures. She also served

as sponsor for the Class of 1969. She endeared herself to hundreds of business and non-business students alike in her role as faculty adviser to the Tri-Hi-Y and Hi-Y recreational programs.

Bundy earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Houston. She served as president of Delta Pi Epsilon, a graduate business fraternity and was named a member of the school's honor society.

Her service to TBEA included roles as a district representative and state membership chairman. She also served as a committee chair for the Mountain Plains Business Education Association and as a member of the National Business

Education Association and the International Society of Business Education.

In 1976, Bundy was elected president of the Jane Long Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Her two daughters graduated from South Houston - Susan in 1969 and Sandra in 1971.

Bundy teamed with fellow faculty members Dorothy Williams and Sue Barnett to establish the Norman Bundy Memorial Scholarship, presented annually to a South Houston senior.

The scholarship honored her husband, Norman, who was killed in a chemical plant vehicle accident in 1973.

Bundy, now Patricia Bundy Bartley, lives in Galveston.

Barbara Lee
English - 1963-1988

Another of the master English teachers who came to South Houston during the school's early years, Lee taught 25 years, endearing herself to students with her Southern charm and her insight into the grace of both the English language and just growing up.

For 14 of those 25 years, she chaired the English Department. She took two Creative Writing Club teams to the state UIL contest. At one time or another, she taught every English subject South Houston had to offer, including senior classes in composition, advanced writing, British literature and accelerated

college prep.

Born to teach, Lee began her formal education in a two-room schoolhouse in Arkansas where her father taught. When her parents' general store failed during the Depression, the family relocated to Del Rio, where Lee earned her high school diploma at age 15. She attended Texas State College for Women (now Texas Woman's University), studying textiles and costume design, but left during her junior year to marry Joe Dean Lee.

Joe and Barbara were married 63 years before his death in 2012.

The couple moved to Houston, where Joe worked for Shell Oil. In 1960, Lee

resumed her studies at the University of Houston, and graduated in 1963. She began teaching at South Houston that fall.

In addition to her teaching chores, Lee sponsored the Class of 1968 and the Class of 1972, of which her daughter, Shelley, was a member.

Lee also sponsored the Us Folks singing club, the Literary Club and the Creative Writing Club. Along the way, she earned her master's in English from UH-Clear Lake and attended Cambridge University in England during the summer of 1982.

In 1975, Lee was promoted to chair of the English Department and held

that position until her retirement in 1988.

Before and after retirement, Lee was actively involved in Delta Kappa Gamma, an international association of women educators focused on educational issues and scholarship awards. She served as a mentor to colleagues, former students and neighborhood children, many of whom considered her a second mom.

After her retirement, Lee taught Shell Oil Company engineers technical writing skills and worked with other Shell employees to improve their English speaking skills.

Lee still lives in the Pasadena area.



Patricia Bundy



Barbara Lee



Chapman reflects upon time spent with Pixar Animation Studios . . .

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everything done on time. That's always the thing on my mind, because that movie has a final release date that cannot be changed. Some deadlines are soft and some are hard, and that was one of the hard ones."

Priding themselves on

staying at the forefront of cutting edge graphic animation technology, Pixar's employees continually look for ways by which to produce content that is more immersive and engaging to consumers.

"Another challenging thing is just staying on top

of the learning curve of all the new technology that's always being developed," said Chapman. "You can't let yourself stagnate too much. You always have to be learning something new. A big part of Pixar is that it's a technology company, and just like any other tech-

nology company in Silicon Valley, you have to always stay on top of technology and the visuals and things like that. If we just kept our movies looking like they did on the first *Toy Story*, it wouldn't be very good. That definitely would affect box office, because we wouldn't have as far of a reach. It's hard working for five years on a single project and having it tank at the box office."

Chapman's time with Pixar has enabled him to grow in his career while always keeping him engaged in the field.

"The journey has been really interesting," said Chapman. "I've been with Pixar for 16 years and usually I'm doing the shots and the special effects myself and that's what I've done most of the time, up until this last job. The last three years is when I've become more of a manager, overseeing other people, so that was a different experience. It's always exciting, because there's always something new. There's new technology, new people to work with, so it always keeps me guessing."

The area in which Pixar distinguishes itself the most from other similar companies, in Chapman's opinion, is the people who comprise the organization and make it what it is.

"One of the coolest and

most unique things about Pixar is the people that are there. It's a varied group of people who are super talented and super nice to work with. That's really the special sauce about working with Pixar. Some of the people I get to work with have been off to war, some were rock stars or musicians who all changed over to become technical directors. You never stop hearing about all the interesting things that these people either have done before they joined or after they leave. It's just a lot of fun and these people are the reason we're able to do these really interesting and amazing effects in the movies."

For Chapman, working for Pixar is an experience that has proven to be a meaningful and worthwhile one.

"It's great to be working with such great people, but also to be able to work on such great projects. The philosophy of Pixar is always to do the best quality of work that you possibly can and it's great to be associated with that. That's something that Steve Jobs instilled in the company a long time ago, the notion that quality is your best business model."

"If you do good quality work, things will always work out for you in the end," said Chapman.

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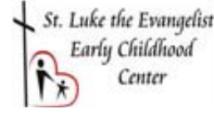
Ramirez-Fabela family visit Jellystone Park



The Ramirez-Fabela family recently visited Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park in Waller, Texas, as one of its summer vacation spots. They stayed over the Fourth of July weekend and enjoyed the camping grounds, water park and making memories. Pictured to the left are members of the Ramirez-Fabela family, left to right, Esteban, Zacharies, Xavier, Sophia, Cynthia and Ava Ramirez-Fabela. The Ramirez-Fabelas are longtime residents of the Meadows of Clear Creek subdivision.

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2016 grads enjoy Europe

Nine students from J. Frank Dobie High School recently visited Europe as part of an Education First tour with AP statistics instructor Linda Puckett. On their trip, the students visited Venice, Florence, Assisi, Pisa, Rome and Pompeii. All students are graduates of the class of 2016.

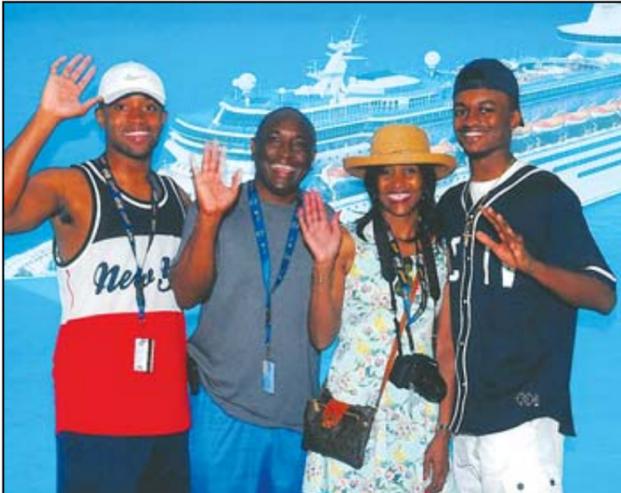


While in Italy, the students enjoyed a tour by gondola. Pictured above are, left to right, Jolissa Villalobos, Sarah Loftin, Evelyn Llanas and Ashley Salinas.



Shown above enjoying crepes and gelato after touring the Vatican Museum, Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica and the Trevi Fountain are, left to right, Emily Ganinio, Bethany Cook, Sarah Loftin, Ashley Salinas, Jolissa Villalobos, Kellie Tyer, Evelyn Llanas and Isabel Lara-Martinez.

Lester family tours Caribbean



The Lester family recently toured the Caribbean on board the Royal Caribbean Cruise. While on the cruise, the family visited Atlantis, Coco Cay, the Bahamas and Orlando, Florida. Shown above are, left to right, Jason Lester, Reginald Lester, LaTricia Lester and Jarvis Lester. The Lesters are longtime residents of the South Belt community, having resided in the Highland Meadows subdivision for 19 years. Reginald works as a logistics management analyst supervisor for Lockheed Martin and LaTricia is a City of Houston staff analyst. Jarvis and Jason both attended J. Frank Dobie High School, graduating in the classes of 2015 and 2016, respectively.

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Dobie football preseason workouts underway



At left, preseason football practice has begun at Dobie High School, which means varsity football head coach Mike Norman (center) has officially started his second season at the helm of the program. Dobie, coming off a 5-5 regular season that ended with a first-round playoff loss to North Shore, is looking for greater things this season. Players began workouts Aug. 1 in T-shirts, shorts and helmets only, but that will change Aug. 5 as full pads are introduced. Dobie has a scrimmage Aug. 12 at Strake Jesuit and another Aug. 19 against Clear Brook at Columbia Challenger Stadium in Webster before the regular season comes Saturday, Aug. 27, at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena against Summer Creek. Joining Norman at left are assistant coach Jermaine Gasaway (left) and quarterbacks' coach Charles Washington (right). See story on Page 6B.

Meet The Longhorns vendors sought

High school football vendors are sought for the annual Meet The Longhorns Night. High school football vendors are sought for the annual Meet The Longhorns Night. High school football vendors are sought for the annual Meet The Longhorns Night. High school football vendors are sought for the annual Meet The Longhorns Night.

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BAFL regular season set to kick off Aug. 13

It won't be long before local football fields are awash with youth games across the South Belt and surrounding areas. Another hot week of preseason practices is almost over, and the Bay Area Football League's 19 teams are nearing opening kickoff, which comes Saturday, Aug. 13.

Online option only SBGSA officials set fall softball sign-up

The South Belt Girls Softball Association is now hosting online registration only through Aug. 21 for its fall developmental season. Girls age 4 through 16 are eligible to compete during the season, with games being played on Saturdays beginning either in late September or early October and running through early November. Continued on Page 6B

Volleyball season served up Aug. 9

The rapid-fire high school volleyball season begins Tuesday, Aug. 9, with the Clear Brook Lady Wolverines and Dobie Lady Longhorns hosting home matches. Once again, Clear Brook will take on private school power St. Agnes on opening night. Varsity play is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. At Dobie, the Lady Longhorns face a pair of tough matchups, with the Elkins Lady Knights and the Atascocita Lady

Opening Night
Tuesday, Aug. 9
Dobie hosts Elkins, Atascocita
4 p.m., Donna Branch Court
Clear Brook hosts St. Agnes
6:30 p.m., Lady Wolverine Gymnasium

Opener in San Marcos JFD netters look to mesh quickly; opportunities all-around to help

By John Bechtle Sports Editor
A wonderful window of opportunity has been presented to a great majority of the 2016 Dobie varsity team tennis hopefuls, and head coach Manuel Moreno Jr. is excited to see how many of those players take advantage.

Hellen Le is just one of the important players within the Dobie team tennis program this fall as she is set to contribute to the upper halves of the draw in both girls' singles and doubles.

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Potential playoff foes grab Houston rankings

In search of a sixth consecutive playoff berth come November, the Dobie varsity football program would no doubt rather avoid facing defending Class 6A, Division I state champion North Shore in the first round.

Well, the alternative may not be much better for the locals. If North Shore is not the matchup, it's likely to be the Atascocita Eagles, who enter 2016 with some lofty expectations.

The high school football playoffs are divided into two divisions. Division I is reserved for those high schools with the largest student body enrollment within their competing districts.

In District 22-6A, for instance, Deer Park and Dobie would qualify for the Division I playoffs, with others such as La Porte, Memorial or others heading to Division II.

As for District 21-6A, North Shore and Atascocita possess the largest stu-

dent body enrollments, with others falling to Division II.

Simply put, if Dobie, Deer Park, North Shore and Atascocita all make the playoffs, the Longhorns will go up against either North Shore or Atascocita come the first round.

The Houston Chronicle's preseason poll predictably has defending Class 6A, Division II state champion Katy at No. 1.

Pearland, no longer a district foe of Dobie's, is at No. 2, followed by Class 6A newcomer and 2015 Class 5A Division I state titleholder George Ranch.

North Shore is at No. 4, just four spots ahead of Atascocita, which is eighth.

It's only the fourth day of the preseason for Dobie, but it's not too early to look into the future.

Will it be North Shore yet again, or is Atascocita in the offing when it all shakes out?

JFD's Myers to Paris baseball



Dobie High School class of 2016 graduate Tyler Myers will remain close to home as he begins his collegiate baseball career beginning this fall. Earlier in the recruiting process, it appeared Myers might be headed to the state of Kansas. No more. Late in June, Myers agreed to sign a letter of intent with Paris Junior College, where he will begin play this fall. The Dragons can use Myers in the middle infield or on the pitching mound. A three-year starter at the varsity level for Dobie, Myers played primarily at shortstop as a sophomore and then added pitching to his act in both 2015-2016.

Thompson 7th grade girls' hoops wins City of Pasadena crown



The Thompson Lady Lions' seventh-grade girls' basketball entry in the City of Pasadena summer league went undefeated and claimed the league championship following a great overall performance. These players are now looking forward to their eighth-grade season at Thompson, with the school year beginning Aug. 23. Members of the team are, left to right, (front

row) Vanessa Lam, McKenzie Rankins, Karina Palos, Alisha Countee, Krystal Benitez, (back row) coach David Lam, Alyssa Garza, Victoria Thomas, Keyona Mathis, Diarra Hypolite, Erica Gonzales and Brooke Jordan, a Thompson Intermediate coaching staff member.

Houston Area Preseason Class 6A Football Rankings

1. Katy Tigers
2. Pearland Oilers
3. George Ranch Longhorns
4. North Shore Mustangs
5. The Woodlands Highlanders
6. Cypress Ranch Mustangs
7. Lamar Texans
8. Atascocita Eagles
9. Klein Collins Tigers
10. Ridge Point Panthers

Sports Calendar

VOLLEYBALL

Friday, Aug. 5
Dobie all levels at Clear Brook scrimm., 2:00
Brook all levels host Dobie, La Porte scrimm., 2:00

Saturday, Aug. 6

Dobie all levels hosts 4-team scrimm., 9 a.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 9

Dobie varsity hosts Elkins, Atascocita, 4 p.m.
Brook varsity hosts St. Agnes, 6:30 p.m.
Dobie JV hosts Elkins, Atascocita, 4 p.m.
Brook JV hosts St. Agnes, 5:30
Dobie freshman A hosts Elkins, Atascocita, 5:00
Brook freshman A hosts St. Agnes, 4:30
Dobie freshman B hosts Elkins, Atascocita, 5:00

Thursday, Aug. 11

(Brook varsity at Adidas Texas Invitational)
Brook vs. New Braunfels, 11:30 a.m., Manvel H.S.
Brook vs. Coppell, 3:15, Manvel H.S.
Brook vs. La Porte, 4:30, Manvel H.S.

Friday, Aug. 12

Brook varsity at Adidas Texas Invitational, TBA
Dobie varsity at Northside (San Antonio) Tourn.
Dobie vs. Holmes, 9 a.m., Taylor H.S.
Dobie vs. Clemens, 10:15 a.m., Taylor H.S.

Saturday, Aug. 13

Brook varsity at Adidas Texas Invitational, TBA
Dobie varsity at Northside (San Antonio) Tourn., TBA

TENNIS

Monday, Aug. 8

Dobie varsity at San Marcos Invitational, TBA

Tuesday, Aug. 9

Dobie varsity at San Marcos Invitational, TBA

Friday, Aug. 12

Dobie varsity at Friendswood, 5:00

Saturday, Aug. 13

Dobie varsity hosts exes matches, 9 a.m.

Football

Friday, Aug. 12

Dobie all teams at Strake Jesuit scrimmage, Crusader Stadium, TBA
Brook all teams at Texas City scrimmage, Stingaree Stadium, TBA

Saturday, Aug. 13

Southbelt Dolphins host Ellington Rams (Blackhawk Park, 8 a.m.)
Sagemont Cowboys at Pasadena Panthers (Pasadena High School, 8 a.m.)

Friday, Aug. 19

Dobie all teams at Clear Brook scrimmage, Columbia Challenger Stadium, TBA

Thursday, Aug. 25

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

Houston Defender 8s coast to another AAU hoops crown



The Houston Defenders eighth-grade basketball team rolled its way to another Amateur Athletic Union tournament title, going a perfect 4-0 at the Houston Championship July 30-31 in Alvin. In the title game, the Defenders more than doubled up the J. Prince All-Stars in a 60-29 win. Members of the team include, left to right, (front row) Trevon Washington (San Jacinto Intermediate), Tomas Garcia (Beverly Hills Interme-

diate, Isaiah Bibb (Creekside Intermediate), Shannon Hayes (Thompson Intermediate), Darion Ramos (Bondy Intermediate), (back row) K.J. Ellis (Bonnette Intermediate), coach Mike Rogers, DeMarcus Carathers (Beverly Hills Intermediate), Keyveon Thompson (Beverly Hills Intermediate) and Marquice Scott (Beverly Hills Intermediate).

It's a San Antonio trip for JFD

Brook volleyball/88-team field to Pearland

What the McDonald's Texas Invitational Basketball Tournament is to the Pasadena and Deer Park areas, the Adidas Texas Invitational Volleyball Tournament 19 years ago, there's plenty to get excited about in the Pearland/Manvel/Alvin areas come Aug. 11-13.

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For 2016, the Nov. 17-19 event is expected to be as big and as exciting as ever.

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For the avid high school

volleyball fan, there will be no other tournament to be on opening weekend.

Billed as the largest volleyball invitational of its kind in the state, the Adidas Texas Invitational features three different defending state champions from 2015, and many more who plan to be in the title hunt this season.

Clear Brook, one of the 88 invited programs once again this season, is merely looking to build some early-season momentum.

The Lady Wolverines, led by Jaden Newsome and Jordan Russell, will play each of its three Aug.

11 pool play matches at Manvel High School.

An 11:30 a.m. match against New Braunfels opens things for Clear Brook, which then takes on Coppell at 3:15 p.m. Right after that, the Lady Wolverines close out a busy day of action by facing La Porte at 4:30 p.m.

Trophy round play will commence Aug. 12 and Aug. 13, with the Gold Bracket Championship Match playing out Aug. 13 at Pearland High School, beginning at 4:45 p.m.

River Walk for Dobie
While Clear Brook stays closer to home and potentially faces some of the state's top competition from three classes

of play, the Dobie Lady Longhorns will get a taste of play coming out of San Antonio.

Over just two days - Aug. 12 and Aug. 13 - Dobie will take part in the 15-team Northside ISD Varsity Volleyball Tournament.

On Aug. 12, Dobie will go head-to-head against San Antonio Holmes and then Clemens, a pair of teams that finished third in their respective districts a season ago.

Holmes went 27-15, with Clemens rolling to a 32-14 mark. Both teams were downed in the first round of the playoffs. Trophy round play comes Aug. 13, as Dobie seeks hardware.

Northside ISD Volleyball

Aug. 12-13, San Antonio

Friday, Aug. 12 matches

Dobie vs. Holmes, 9 a.m.

Dobie vs. Clemens, 10:15 a.m.

at Taylor High School

*Saturday, Aug. 13 is gold, silver and bronze division trophy play.

Adidas Texas Invitational Volleyball

Aug. 11-13, Pearland ISD/9 Other Locales

3-Day Passes (Available Aug. 11 Only)

*Adults \$30, Seniors \$20, Students \$12

Individual Match Day Tickets

*Adults \$12, Seniors \$8, Students \$5

Aug. 11: Clear Brook vs. New Braunfels, 11:30 a.m.

Clear Brook vs. Coppell, 3:15 p.m.

Clear Brook vs. La Porte, 4:30 p.m.

(all at Manvel High School)

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Local sports notes

Shiflett has JFD season six

There's still time for Dobie High School football fans to purchase discounted season ticket packages for the 2016 season.

Now through Friday, August 19, from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Pasadena Independent School District 2016 football season ticket packages will be on sale in the PISD Ticket Office, located at 2906 Dabney in the Phillips Field House. Individual tickets only will be available after August 19.

For Dobie High School football fans, the packages will also be sold at Roy Shiflett Realtors, 11559 Beamer Road (the intersection of Beamer and Beltway 8 next to the South Belt-Ellington Leader office) as well as the PISD Ticket Office.

The costs for tickets are \$6 each (\$36 for six Dobie games at Veterans Stadium). This is a savings of \$1 per ticket off the \$7 gate price. There are no reserved seats sold.

Student tickets are also available for \$3 each and may be used for any varsity regular season game at Veterans Stadium.

Varsity home games will be played at 7 p.m. on Fridays and 6 p.m. on Thursdays and Saturdays. Dobie will play its season opener at Veterans Stadium on Saturday, Aug. 27, against Summer Creek. Additionally, the Longhorns are scheduled to play a pair of Thursday night games, first against Memorial and then against Sam Rayburn.

SBYSC sign-up continues

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

Children eligible for the under 5 to under 8 (4, 5, 6 and 7-year-olds) will pay \$115 to register, while children in the under 9 and under 10 groups (8 and 9-year-olds) will pay \$130. Those in the under 11 and older (10 to 18-year-olds) will pay \$170 to register.

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

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

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

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

SJC softball tryouts

The San Jacinto College softball team will host tryouts for the 2017 season on Friday, August 12. High school seniors are invited to attend. Pitchers and catchers will try out from 2 to 4 p.m., and infield and outfield prospects will try out from 4 to 6 p.m.

All tryouts will take place at the San Jacinto College South Campus softball field located at 13735 Beamer.

Participants are asked to register for tryouts with assistant softball coach Kelsey Walters, at kelsey.walters@sjcd.edu or 281-998-6150 ext. 3524.

Lions' FB gear pickup Aug. 12

The Thompson Intermediate football coaching staff will welcome players for the first of two equipment pickup dates Friday, Aug. 12, at the school. Eighth-grade students may pick up their practice gear from 10 a.m. to noon, with the seventh-graders invited to do so from 1 to 3 p.m. A second equipment pick-up date will be Monday, Aug. 22, from 1 to 3 p.m.

The Lions' football program will have a couple of Saturday practices once school begins, including the annual Red/White day, featuring scrimmage action between the respective seventh- and eighth-grade A and B division teams.

For more information about equipment pick up days, direct email to Thompson head football coach Doug Sawyer at DSawyer@pasadenaisd.org. The Pasadena ISD intermediate football season begins in September.



“Big” Tommy Nguyen (left) and Tina Ha teamed in mixed doubles last season for the Dobie varsity tennis team. It remains to be seen if the duo will join again, but both will play major roles on the 2016 squad. Nguyen is currently seeded third on the boys’

singles’ ladder, while Ha is at No. 2 on the girls’ singles’ ladder. Both will also play doubles in some role. Because there is a second Tommy Nguyen on the roster, Dobie head coach has had to decipher the two by nickname.

Competition for roles

JFD’s new era in tennis about to begin

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“I’ve challenged a lot of those kids who have been sitting on the sidelines supporting us to this point but haven’t always had the chance to play in meaningful matches,” Moreno said.

“There are opportunities for a lot of these kids to take that next step, and we really need that to happen.

As has sometimes been the case, we may take some lumps early on, but the goal is to be ready for that Sept. 20 district opener (versus Beaumont West Brook).

“If we don’t have some of these questions answered by then and get some needed experience, it might be hard to rebound.”

Dobie is looking to eventually compete for the team tennis title this season. Pearland won the crown in 2013, courtesy of a win over the Longhorns on the final day of the regular season. Two-time defending league champion Dawson (2014, 2015) exited the 22-6A ranks following University Interscholastic League realignment.

Talk of a possible run at the 22-6A title can come later. For now, it’s about solidifying the singles’ ladders on both sides and Moreno deciding the best combinations on the doubles courts.

“I was a doubles player, and doubles success has always been a key for us at Dobie during my time here,” Moreno said.

“You play three boys’ doubles, three girls’ doubles and a mixed doubles match before the singles, and it’s always been a goal of ours to be ahead on the score sheet when the singles arrive. When we are behind, it certainly makes things tougher.”

And no offense to anyone competing for spots in the lineup, but there are players who are inevitably going to wind up in unaccustomed roles.

For example, Vargas has played No. 1 singles previous to now, but not for a full season. Ricky Perez, the team’s No. 1 ranked boys’ player entering the season, will be in that spot for the first time, and there will be others.

“We really lost a lot of talent on the boys’ side, especially with Luis Cabreja at No. 1,” Moreno said. “But you have graduation losses every year, and you have to regroup.”

“The same goes on the girls’ side. We had one player quit, and that really affected us especially on the doubles’ side of things. But that’s why we are playing 20 nondistrict matches prior to District 22-6A play.

“That may seem like a lot, but more times than not, our players need that court experience and com-

petition against solid players in an effort to improve.

“I don’t believe in scheduling teams I know we can beat. That’s not how you get ready for team tennis play.

“We are still playing all of the Clear Creek ISD schools, the Pearland ISD schools and more. It’s going to be a challenge. As I said, we may take some lumps early, but I’m still excited about our potential.

“I like challenges as a coach, and we have an enthusiastic crew. It’s great to be able to have that combination of ‘want to’ and a desire to improve.”

Moreno also must deal with the fact that there are presently just 10 varsity-ready girls’ players as the season nears.

Vargas is ready to step into the No. 1 girls’ singles roles, presumably for the next two seasons.

Tina Ha, a junior, is at No. 2 followed by seniors Hellen Le and Alice Phan, who is back after taking the 2015-2016 season off to focus on her studies.

Juniors Emily Nguyen and Mylan Phan factor in at the bottom of the singles ladder, with sophomores Bao Nguyen, Lily Tran, Camille Smith and Jenny Lu ready to make that next step.

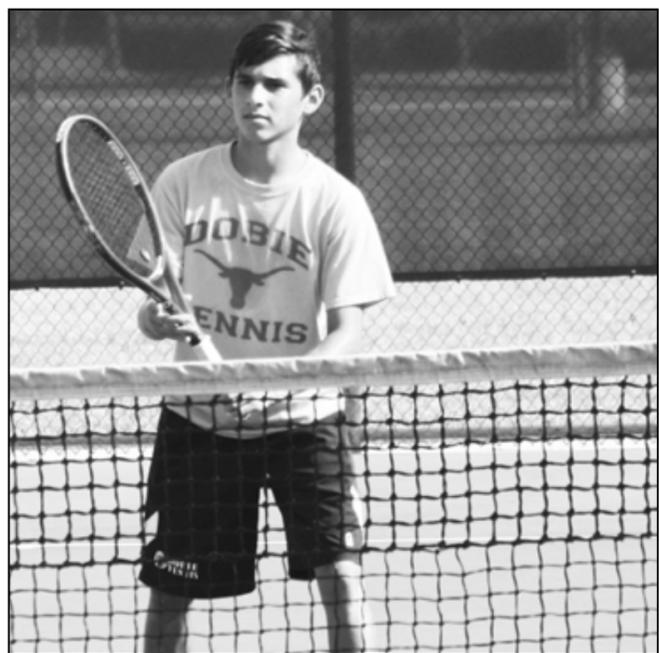
Vargas is set to also play No. 1 girls’ doubles with Ha. At present, Moreno is looking at the combination of Le and Alice Phan at No. 2, with Emily Nguyen/Mylan Phan and Bao Nguyen/Lily Tran vying for the third and fourth-seeded doubles team.

The mixed doubles? Moreno has yet to decide that arrangement.

For the boys, Perez is at No. 1, with Alex Cuaping No. 2. “Big” Tommy Nguyen, as Moreno has dubbed him, is at No. 3, with “Little” Tommy Nguyen fifth.

Sergio Escobar is at No. 4, and senior Steven Phan has held off the competition for No. 6 at this point.

The top 10 is rounded



Ricky Perez will open the team tennis season as the Longhorns’ No. 1 ranked boys’ singles play and will also play a key role on the doubles side of things. Dobie opens play Aug. 8-9 in San Marcos.

out by Roberth Fuel, Tin Pham, Austin Luu and Adrian Tamez. Moreno also has as many as 10 varsity-ready players to choose from on the boys’ side of things.

In doubles, Perez is likely to join “Little” Tommy Nguyen early on, with Cuaping teaming at No. 2 with Escobar. The No. 3 boys’ doubles team could be “Big” Tommy Nguyen and Steven Phan, with “Little” Tommy Nguyen and Tamez fourth.

Challenge matches during practices and, of course, match results, could bring some change.

Then again, the more steady this lineup becomes, the better the overall results for Dobie.

“This is the chance to be in the spotlight for the first time for a lot of these kids,” Moreno said.

“I like playing matches more than I do practicing, and we are going to play a lot of matches, especially

before district play.”

It all gets started Aug. 8-9 in San Marcos. The Longhorns will face Converse Judson to officially begin the team tennis season.

Then comes a matchup against either host San Marcos or Shertz Clements.

Dobie returns to the

Houston area Aug. 12 to take on Friendswood during the Mustangs’ annual 24-hour “Marathon of Tennis” at Friendswood High School. That match begins at 5 p.m.

District 22-6A action is more than seven weeks away, and Dobie will use the time wisely before the real matches start.

Subvarsity football schedules arrive

Dobie Longhorns 2016 JV Orange Schedule	
Date	Opponent
Aug. 25	at Summer Creek (6:00)
Sept. 1	Clear Springs (A)
Sept. 8	Morton Ranch (A)
Sept. 15	Dawson (V)
Sept. 22	*at Deer Park (Abshire)
Sept. 28	*Memorial (V)
Oct. 12	*Sam Rayburn (V)
Oct. 20	*South Houston (A)
Oct. 27	*at Pasadena (A)
Nov. 3	*La Porte (A)

Games will begin at 6:30 p.m. unless noted.
A – Auxiliary Stadium
V – Veterans Stadium, Pasadena
* – District 22-6A games

Dobie Longhorns 2016 JV White Schedule	
Date	Opponent
Aug. 25	at Summer Creek
Sept. 1	Clear Springs (A)
Sept. 8	Morton Ranch (A)
Sept. 15	Dawson (V)
Sept. 22	*at Deer Park (Abshire)
Sept. 28	*Memorial (V)
Oct. 12	*Sam Rayburn (V)
Oct. 20	*South Houston (A)
Oct. 27	at Pasadena (A)
Nov. 3	*La Porte (A)

Games will begin at 4:30 p.m. unless noted.
A – Auxiliary Stadium
V – Veterans Stadium, Pasadena
* – District 22-6A games

Dobie Longhorns 2016 Freshman Orange Schedule	
Date	Opponent
Aug. 25	Summer Creek (C)
Sept. 1	at Clear Springs (C)
Sept. 8	at Morton Ranch (C)
Sept. 15	at Dawson (C)
Sept. 22	*Deer Park (A)
Sept. 28	*at Memorial (A)
Oct. 12	*Sam Rayburn (A)
Oct. 20	*at S. Houston (4:30, C)
Oct. 27	*at Pasadena (4:30, C)
Nov. 3	*at La Porte (C)

Games will begin at 6:30 p.m. unless noted.
A – Auxiliary Stadium
C – Dobie campus
* – District 22-6A games

Dobie Longhorns 2016 Freshman White Schedule	
Date	Opponent
Aug. 25	Summer Creek (C)
Sept. 1	at Clear Springs (C)
Sept. 8	at Morton Ranch (C)
Sept. 15	at Dawson (C)
Sept. 22	*Deer Park (A)
Sept. 28	*at Memorial (A)
Oct. 12	*Sam Rayburn (A)
Oct. 20	*at S. Houston (C)
Oct. 27	*Pasadena (4:30, C)
Nov. 3	*at La Porte (C)

Games will begin at 4:30 p.m. unless noted.
A – Auxiliary Stadium
C – High school campus H or A
* – District 22-6A games

JFD Girls’ Singles Ladder (As of Aug. 2 workout)	
1. Leilani Vargas, Jr.	
2. Tina Ha, Jr.	
3. Hellen Le, Sr.	
4. Alice Phan, Sr.	
5. Emily Nguyen, Jr.	
6. Mylan Phan, Jr.	
7. Bao Nguyen, Soph.	
8. Lily Tran, Soph.	
9. Camille Smith, Soph.	
10. Jenny Lu, Soph.	

JFD Boys’ Singles Ladder (As of Aug. 2 workout)	
1. Ricky Perez, Jr.	
2. Alex Cuaping, Sr.	
3. “Big” Tommy Nguyen, Sr.	
4. Sergio Escobedo, Jr.	
5. “Little” Tommy Nguyen, Jr.	
6. Steven Phan, Sr.	
7. Roberth Fuel, Jr.	
8. Tin Pham, Sr.	
9. Austin Luu, Soph.	
10. Adrian Tamez, Jr.	
11. Thompson Le, Soph.	
12. Luis Neira, Soph.	
13. Joseph Castillo, Jr.	
14. Sean Lee, Sr.	
15. Longy Nguyen-vo, Jr.	
16. Andy Nguyen, Soph.	
17. Joseph Tran, Sr.	
18. Daniel Botello, Sr.	
19. Genardo Montoya, Soph.	
20. Ronald Nguyen, Soph.	

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, AUGUST 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 information, or just drop in.
10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club – 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – Imperfect Nooners Group of AA, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
6:30 p.m.
CrossRoads UMC – ESL classes Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 p.m. at the church, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Course, books and child care are free. For information, call 281-484-9243 or visit www.crossroads-umc.org.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Women’s Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church. For information, call 713-856-1611.
Al-Anon (English) – Support for family and friends of alcoholics/addicts, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, room 215. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
The Bay Area Writers League – Meets the first Thursday monthly, Barnes and Noble, Bay Area Blvd. and Gulf Fwy., 7 p.m. Newcomers welcome.
8:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous – AA meetings are Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For information, call 713-204-2481.

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AA Meeting – “Breakfast With Bill” Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.
10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club – Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – West End Group of AA, noon, Shepherd of the Heart United Methodist Church, 12005 County Road 39, Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.
6 p.m.
Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish) – Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 6 p.m., room 215, First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.
8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous – meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.
Al-Anon – meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Friday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.
Serenity Now Al-Anon Group – meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Friday, 8 to 9 p.m. Family members and friends of problem drinkers or addicts learn they are not alone, share, learn principles of Al-Anon and learn about choices available to them. 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.

Fairmont Parkway, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
10 a.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. Call 713-856-1611.
11 a.m.
Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English) – For women whose lives are affected by an addict. Saturdays, 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
1 p.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club – Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.
8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous – meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 7
1 p.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club – Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.
2 p.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class – Sunday and Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details or classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or call 281-488-6318.
Grief Support Group – For adults who have lost a loved one. Meets Sundays, except Mother’s Day, Easter and Christmas, 2 to 3:15 p.m., First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy. For details, call 281-487-8787.
5:30 p.m.
Celebrate Recovery – A faith-based 12-Step Program, Sundays, 5:30 p.m., in the Chapel at Life Church, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for details or to RSVP for child care.
6:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous – Candlelight Meeting, Sunday,

6:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Vigilance Group of NA meets Sundays, 7 p.m., 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.
8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous – meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.
Alcoholics Anonymous – Alcohol problems? Meetings are Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-204-2481.
MONDAY, AUGUST 8
10 a.m.
Al-Anon Deer Park – Mondays 10 to 11 a.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for information, or just drop in.
Clear Lake Bridge Club – Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.
11:30 a.m.
Overeaters Anonymous Deer Park – 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for information, or just drop in.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – Imperfect Nooners Group of AA meets at noon at 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
3:15 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society – Free exercise and speech therapy for adults with Parkinson’s, 3:15 to 4:45 p.m., Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for details.
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CALENDAR

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MONDAY, AUGUST 8

6 p.m.
Scrabble Club #511 - Meets Mondays at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua, 6 p.m. Come and improve crossword game playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for details.
Mended Hearts Cardiac Support Group - A national organization dedicated to inspiring hope in heart patients and families meets the second Monday at the Clear Lake Heart Towers auditorium, 495 Medical Center Blvd., Webster. A free meal begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by a speaker. For information, call 281-538-4648.
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.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For information, call 713-856-1611.
Sagemont Civic Club - Meetings are held the second Monday, 7 p.m., Sagemont Park Recreation Center, 11507 Hughes Rd.
Friends Helping Friends Grief Support Group - meets Mondays, Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster, 7 to 8:15 p.m., in the Team Conference Room. Anyone who's lost a loved one is welcome. Free. For information, call Mrs. Barry Craven at 281-486-4241 or R. Sanchez at 281-337-4365.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9

7:30 p.m.
Congregation Shaar Hashalom - Israeli Folk Dancing on Monday, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., 16020 El Camino Real, 77062. \$4/session or \$35/10 sessions for CSH members and \$5/session or \$45/10 sessions for nonmembers. Everyone is welcome. For details, contact 281-488-5861 or csh@shaarhashalom.org.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - New AA meeting, Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Education Bldg., 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For information, call Russell at 832-483-6715.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday at 7 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, in the Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in. 9:30 a.m.
Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include dioramas, an old-time kitchen and a turn-of-the-century doctor's office. Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For information, call 713-472-0565.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or drop in. 9:30 a.m.
Young at Heart Club - Meets the second and fourth week monthly (except Nov. and Dec.), Covenant United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Lots of activities, trips, etc. Call Doris Byerly at 713-944-4474 for information. 10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details. Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group of AA meets at noon at 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611. 1 p.m.
Hometown Heroes Park - has free Hump Day Dance to practice ballroom dance, 1 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. League City nonresidents must purchase activity card. Help is available to assist learning dance moves. For details, call Neva Schroder at 417-838-2204. 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
CrossRoads UMC - Invites everyone to the Wednesday night service beginning with a light meal and fellowship at 5:30 p.m., followed by a praise, worship and prayer service at 6:30 p.m., then a Bible study led by both pastors (English and Spanish). Everyone is welcome! 6 p.m.
Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish) - Support for family/friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 6 p.m., First United Methodist Church, room 215, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in. 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.
Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention - Call 281-286-2525 (24-hour crisis hotline) for confidential domestic violence/sexual abuse support group for women. Visit www.bayareaturningpoint.org for information.
Bay Area New Democrats - Meet at Clear Lake Court House, 1020 W. NASA Pkwy., Ste. 204. For details, visit www.bayareanewdemocrats.org. 8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in. 9:30 a.m.
NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse - Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 a.m., Praise Chapel, 18516 Hwy. 3 in Webster. Public welcome and encouraged to bring others. For information, call 281-910-1971. 10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details. 11:30 a.m.
ABWA - Southeast Express Network - American Business Women's Association-South meets the second Thursday, Spring Creek Barbeque, 9005 Broadway (FM 518), Pearland. Lunch is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (\$20). Includes networking with professional business women and guest speaker. Women of all ages/occupations invited. Bring business cards. Reservations appreciated. Visit www.seen-abwa.org. Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group of AA, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611. 6:30 p.m.
CrossRoads UMC - ESL classes Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 p.m. at the church, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Course, books and child care are free. For information, call 281-484-9243 or visit www.crossroads-umc.org. 7 p.m.
Congregation Shaar Hashalom's - Rabbi Stuart Federow hosts free discussions on Judaism and religion in general, open to the public, second Thursdays, at Victor's, 1425 NASA Pkwy. (next to "space" McDonald's). This is the Conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. For information, contact the Synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or at csh@shaarhashalom.org. 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 information, call 713-856-1611.
AI-Anon (English) - Support for family and friends of alcoholics/addicts, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, room 215. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
Alateen - Support for teenagers, friends and family members of alcoholics/addicts, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, room 208. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in. 8:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - AA meetings are Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For information, call 713-204-2481.

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Upbeat Longhorns open preseason football workouts

What a difference a full calendar year makes. As least that's what all of those within the Dobie High School football program are hoping.

Head coach Mike Norman and the vast majority of his staff officially began year No. 2 Aug. 1 with the dawn of preseason workouts.

The aim is to get that first win of the season much earlier than came last year's first, game No. 5 against Pasadena.

That would mean a win over Summer Creek Aug. 27 at Veterans Stadium to open 2016. But there is much to do before then.

Workouts have started, but the pads won't go on until Aug. 5. The first true spirited workout is likely to be on that first Saturday practice - Aug. 6.

But the bottom line is the Longhorns are back on the field. The start to the 2016 season really began just days after the play-off loss to eventual state champion North Shore in year's first playoff round.

Things stepped up during a January boot camp involving the entire program, freshmen through juniors. A step at a time.

Dobie did not take part in spring workouts from a true structural point, so now is the time to see what's all taken place and how it translates to the field.

Norman spent the summer watching 7-on-7 games and filling out plenty of paperwork, sending much of it to prognosticators simply wanting to know what he thought of the Longhorns and the team's top talents. Now's the time to prove it all.

Norman said once that first Saturday workout (Aug. 6) in pads comes, the real work will begin in an effort to get ready for that first scrimmage, coming Aug. 12 against Strake Jesuit at Crusader Stadium in Houston.

Within the program, Dobie also has questions to answer.

Yes, senior quarterback quarterback Jeremy Davis should be something to watch this season after playing quite a bit last season.

Sophomore running back Kris Morris turned heads a season ago and could be a star in the making. The offensive line is also solid, as is the defensive secondary. The defensive front also has a couple of key returnees.

But football games are not won at four or five positions.

Tight end will be a particularly interesting position watch of the pre-season, as will the interior defensive line. Linebacker depth is another area to watch.

All in all, Norman likes very much where the Longhorns stand today. And the next three weeks should really be exciting leading up to the opener. "It's great to have the guys out here and to have things moving toward the start of the season again," Norman said.

"These first two days have been more about a measuring stick of where we are out of the gate and what we need to address, and obviously we will find out more about that when the pads come on and we get to scrimmaging more." "I really challenged all

of our guys to put in the work in the offseason, to get bigger and stronger and to be more prepared than ever for this season.

"There's no doubt the bar has been raised in terms of expectations, both individually and as a team.

"You can go over the Xs and Os and discuss how much more a guy bench presses or squats, but it's about getting it done on the football field. It's about giving of yourself for the good of the team. Know your role within the framework of the team and perform that role to the best of your abilities every day."

And once the real games begin, Dobie is looking to vastly improve on an overall record that has hovered at .500 since 2011.

"We really believe a district championship is within reach, but there is plenty of work that goes into that.

"The kids have been really excited, and I'm sure the excitement will increase when the pads come on."

Now is not the time to discuss position specifics. But there will be more emphasis placed on defensive maneuvers after the loss of several talented front seven players to graduation.

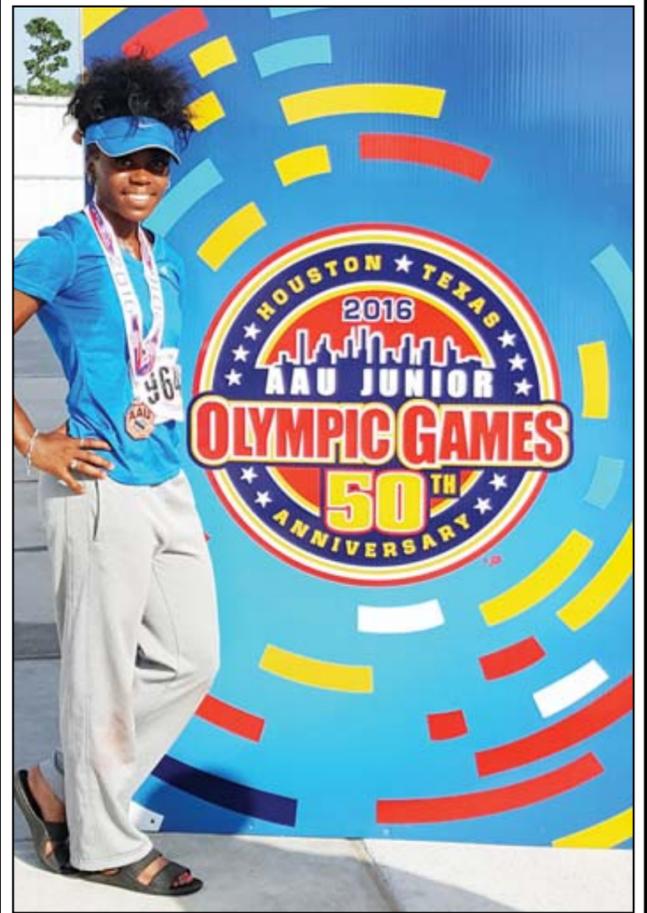
Norman mentioned Trey Poskey and Keith Armstead up front, and he is looking forward to seeing what junior linebacker Dujau Dixon can bring to the middle over a full season.

The defensive secondary has several top performers back, including Ke'montre Lowe.



Tailback Kris Morris debuted at the varsity level last season as a freshman and left many press box scouts concerned about future damage he might cause to future Dobie opponents. Obviously, the Longhorns coaching staff hopes for a breakout season for Morris in 2016.

Henderson claims fifth at AAU JO long jump



Justice Henderson, a class of 2016 Dobie High School graduate and University of Houston women's track and field signee, finished fifth in the women's 17-18-year-old long jump competition at the Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympic Games Aug. 1 at Turner Stadium in Humble. Anna Keefer of Albertville, MN. was the gold medalist at 19 feet, 9 inches. Henderson, who was a Texas Class 6A state meet qualifier in the same event in May, wound up fifth at the JOs with a top leap of 18'10 3/4".

Dobie football key upcoming dates

- Aug. 6 - First Saturday workout in pads.
- Aug. 12 - Scrimmage action at Strake Jesuit.
- Aug. 17 - Meet The Longhorn Night (see Page 1B.)
- Aug. 19 - Scrimmage against Clear Brook, Columbia Challenger Stadium, Webster.
- Aug. 27 - Regular season opener, versus Summer Creek at Veterans Stadium, Pasadena, 6 p.m.

South Belt softball sets fall league

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The fee is \$30 per player, in addition to participation in a fundraising effort (or buy-out option is available). Families may complete the online sign-up process at http://www.active.com/event_detail.

For additional information, direct email to southbeltgirlssoftball@live.com or call Christina Bautista at 713-269-1780. Of note, officials ask that families wishing to

participate register their player as soon as possible as rosters must fill online. There will be no in-person registration session held.

BAFL season nears kickoff

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the Pasadena Panthers.

BAFL's other teams include the Alvin Raiders, Beaumont Bulls, East End Eagles, Gulf Coast Bulldogs, La Marque Cougars, League City 49ers, League City Saints, Magnolia Park Sharks, Missouri City Vikings, North Shore Mustangs, Pasadena Gators, Pearland Hurricanes, Pearland Patriots, Pearland Texans and Texas City Stingrays.

As always, the pee wee division opens play on game days at 8 a.m. Senior play kicks off at 9 a.m., followed by the juniors at 10:45 a.m.. Sophomores are next at 12:30 p.m., with freshman play wrapping things up at 2:15 p.m.

Each of the league's respective 19 teams will play a team schedule that runs each Saturday from Aug. 13 through Oct. 22.

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