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Dobie reunion events set

50th anniversary tours

J. Frank Dobie High School will celebrate its 50th anniversary by hosting an open house for alumni Saturday, Aug. 11, from noon to 3 p.m. Former students can tour the original Dobie campus, now Beverly Hills Intermediate, for \$10 at the door. Proceeds go to the Dobie High School fund. Alumni can walk the halls of their youth, see what's changed and what remained the same for half a century, before heading to the new campus, 10220 Blackhawk, where panoramic pictures of graduating classes from 1968 to 2018 are displayed. For information, view the event's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/events/173381989330794.

Class of 1988 holds 30th reunion

Dobie's Class of 1988 will hold its 30th reunion Friday and Saturday, Aug. 10 and 11, at Whitehall Houston hotel, 1700 Smith St. Friday night will be a mixer; Saturday night will feature dinner and dancing. Alumni are invited to tour the Dobie campuses Saturday afternoon. For additional information, email Tori Mask at torimask@yahoo.com.

Beltway closures planned

At least two eastbound and two westbound inside frontage road lanes on Beltway 8 at Genoa Red Bluff will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Saturday, Aug. 11. The eastbound entrance ramp to Beltway 8 between Beamer and Sabo is closed until further notice. The eastbound and westbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Beamer will be closed continuously through 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31. For a complete list of closures, visit <http://traffic.houstontransstar.org/construction>.

Kirkfair to reopen

The completion date of the paving project on Kirkfair between Beamer and Blackhawk has been delayed due to workers being required by Harris County inspectors to repair sections of concrete on some portions of the road. The street is expected to reopen to through traffic sometime late next weekend or early the following week, officials said.

Gulf Freeway closures set

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

Palm Church garage sale

The Palm Church, 10811 Kirkfair on the campus of Kirkwood South Christian Church, will hold a garage sale Saturday, Aug. 11, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Items include tools, hardware, light fixtures, office chairs, household goods, jewelry, furniture, new boutique items, toys, games, used clothes and shoes, computers and much more. Residents are urged to enjoy a hot dog lunch and meet Pastor Willie Davis and his gang of Christian warriors. For more information, contact Gail Reed at 281-546-8900.

Ellington e-recycling set

The City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department's monthly electronic recycling event will take place Saturday, Aug. 11, at the Neighborhood Recycling Center at Ellington Airport from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Recycling electronics keeps potentially harmful materials, such as mercury, cadmium, lead and cathode ray tubes out of the waste stream and the environment.

Schools registering

Dobie and Dobie9 will have early registration on the following days: Thursday, Aug. 9, (Dobie main - 1 to 4 p.m.; Dobie9 - 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.); Saturday, Aug. 11, (both campuses from 8 to 10 a.m.); and Tuesday, Aug. 14, (both campuses from 8 a.m. to noon).

Burnett Elementary
Burnett holds kindergarten through fourth-grade registration Thursday, Aug. 9, and Friday, Aug. 10, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Parents must bring proof of residency with their name on a mortgage or lease agreement; two different types of utility bills; parent's driver's license; and child's birth certificate, social security card, shot record and last school year's report card, if attended.

Frazier Elementary
Frazier will hold registration for kindergarten through fourth grade Thursday, Aug. 9, and Friday, Aug. 10, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Frazier-zoned students who attended Frazier pre-K last year do not need to register for kindergarten.

South Belt Elementary
South Belt will hold registration for kindergarten through fourth grade Thursday, Aug. 9, from noon to 7 p.m. For information call the office at 713-740-5276.

See other local school registrations on Page 2A.

Garcia announces resignation from legislature

State Sen. Sylvia Garcia recently announced she would be stepping down from her District 6 legislative seat at the beginning of next year.

Garcia is currently running as a Democrat to replace U.S. Rep. Gene Green, who announced his retirement in November after serving for more than two decades in Congress.

This past March, Garcia handily won a crowded Democratic primary election, and there had been much speculation, as to when she would officially resign from her present position.

While there is no law requiring Garcia to step

down from her current seat while campaigning for the new position, she is largely favored to win November's general election in the heavily Democratic district, and the lawmaker wishes to keep the current seat in Democratic control for the next legislative session.

Garcia formally announced her resignation on Monday, July 23, by submitting a letter to Texas Gov. Greg Abbott.

"I am submitting this letter as notice of my intent to resign from the office of Senator for District 6 effective midnight, Jan. 2, 2019," Garcia

wrote in the letter to Abbott. "It has been an unbelievable honor for me and my family to serve the diverse, proud, working-class constituents of Senate District 6 who contribute immensely to our state and want nothing more than to provide a good life for their family. Over three legislative sessions, 12,187 votes taken, over 100 bills passed, every action I have taken has been with the goal of ensuring that Senate District 6 and Texas is a place where the American Dream is attainable for everyone; no matter who you are or where you come from. The people of Senate District 6 deserve someone who will continue that fight in the Texas Senate on day one of the 186th Legislative Session, which is why I am submitting this letter over five months before legislature convenes. I humbly ask that you call a special election for Senate District 6 in the next uniform election date, which will ensure continued repre-

sentation and save Harris County taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars. Holding the election on Nov. 6 will also afford the voters ample time to meet the candidates and make an educated decision on who will serve as their next state senator."

Multiple candidates have expressed an interest in filling Garcia's current District 6 seat, including two local Democrats presently serving in the Texas House: state Reps. Carol Alvarado and Ana Hernandez.

In November's District 29 Congressional election, Garcia will face Republican Phillip Aeronoff, who defeated Carmen Maria Montiel in a May primary runoff.

Garcia said she will continue performing her duties as a state lawmaker until her successor is able to take her place. She has served as a state senator since 2013.



Local artwork stolen

Local artist Nick Chavez recently had a painting stolen from behind his house in the 11600 block of Kirkvalley near the intersection of Beltway 8 and Beamer. Chavez routinely displays his artwork behind his house so it is visible to customers in the drive-thru lane at the nearby McDonald's. The stolen painting, shown large to the left, depicted *Deadpool* from film based on the Marvel Comics character. It was done on an 8-foot-by-4-foot piece of plywood. The backside of the artwork, shown inset, featured a picture of the character *Edward Scissorhands*. Chavez said the artwork was taken between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 1, and likely would have required a truck or SUV. A reward is being offered. Contact Chavez at 713-820-7077. Photo submitted

Early voting underway for election

Early voting for the \$2.5 billion Harris County Flood Control District bond election is currently underway and will continue through Tuesday, Aug. 21.

Election Day will be Saturday, Aug. 25 - the one-year anniversary of Hurricane Harvey making landfall in the Houston area.

If approved by voters, the proposal would provide funding for multiple flood prevention projects in each of the county's watersheds. All watersheds

work together to improve the overall flood control for the Greater-Houston area.

More than 150 of these proposals are featured on an interactive map that can be viewed at www.hcfcfd.org/bondprogram. Of these projects, at least five are connected to the local Clear Creek Watershed.

The estimated cost of improvements in the South Belt community is roughly \$235 million. Continued on Page 3A

Former deputy kills doctor, himself

By James Bolen

A former deputy on the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office, accused of fatally shooting a prominent Houston doctor last month, reportedly took his own life Friday, Aug. 3, as police were closing in on him.

"It's a sad day all the way around," said Houston Police Chief Art Acevedo. "This doesn't bring anybody back, but it does bring closure."

Joseph Pappas, who served with the Precinct 2 department under Constable Gary Freeman, had been formally charged with murder the previous day for the July 20 killing of Dr. Mark Hausknecht, a well-known local surgeon and former cardiologist for President George H.W. Bush.



Joseph Pappas

According to police, the 65-year-old physician was riding his bike to work in the Texas Medical Center when Pappas - also riding a bicycle - passed him, turned around and shot him in the head and torso. The doctor was rushed to Ben Taub Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Houston police said Pappas likely carried a 20-plus-year grudge against the doctor for the death of his mother, who had died on Hausknecht's operating table in 1997. Other sources familiar with the case said additional factors may have contributed to the shooting.

With Pappas' own death, however, his true motive may now never be known.

"Why he was going to do or did this, we'll never know 100 percent," Acevedo said. "The only connection we can find, despite all the speculation, is that Dr. Hausknecht operated on his mom over 20 years ago."

Just prior to the shooting, Pappas had sent the title to his vehicle and the deed to his home to a friend's mother in Ohio, claiming he had been diagnosed with a terminal illness. He had additionally left behind a last will and testament in the kitchen at his Westbury home. Police described the house, itself, as being nearly empty and, by all appearances, stocked with ammunition and prepared for a potential standoff.

The suspect reportedly first appeared on police's radar after an alert resident tipped them off to Pappas' whereabouts after seeing surveillance footage of the shooting on TV.

A law enforcement agent of more than 30 years, Pappas also worked as a real estate agent. Investigators described him as an expert marksman. Using a master key associated with his job, Pappas was able to elude police by accessing homes he had listed for sale.

On the day of his alleged suicide, Pappas caught the eye of a city worker near his house, who mistakenly thought he was a graffiti vandal and gave chase. After finding a wallet left behind by Pappas, the worker recognized his name and phoned police.

As the first officer arrived at the scene, he reported that Pappas was wearing a bullet-proof vest and threatening to take his own life. When Pappas refused instructions to show his hands, the officer took shelter behind his patrol vehicle and called for backup.

Upon the second officer's arrival at the scene, Pappas was witnessed shooting himself in the head with a .22-caliber handgun, bringing the two-week manhunt to a close. A second handgun was also found in Pappas' possession.

Acevedo is grateful the incident didn't escalate into a shootout.

"You normally don't put on a bulletproof vest when you're planning to commit suicide," Acevedo said. "I'm convinced if we had not had that second officer arrive from a different angle, we might have had a shootout."

Hausknecht's wife, also a physician, issued a statement following the ordeal, praising local law enforcement's efforts in their search for her husband's killer.

"I echo the sentiments of Houston Police Department Chief Acevedo this morning in thanking the numerous departments, communities and individuals involved whose teamwork and cooperation led to the rapid resolution of this case," said Dr. Georgia Hsieh. "Media's role in keeping the public informed is also appreciated. The family can never adequately thank our friends and neighbors who have loved and supported us. I am most grateful, however, for the many wonderful years our family shared together."

The couple had two adult sons.

Sales tax holiday set for Aug. 10-12

Texas shoppers will get a break from state and local sales taxes on Friday, Aug. 10, through Sunday, Aug. 12, - 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

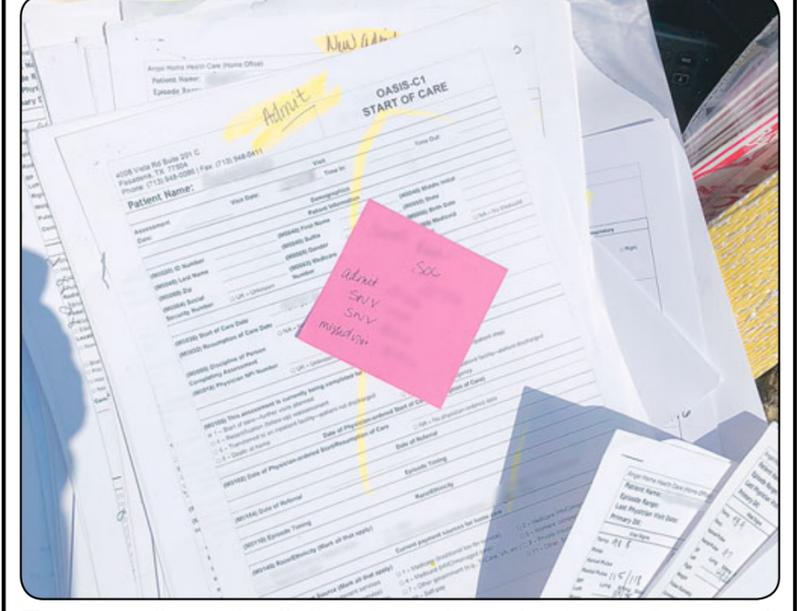
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Body of dead man still not identified

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

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

Discarded records cause stir



The improper disposal of medical records recently caused a stir among Sagemont residents, prompting a visit from a Channel 2 news team (the report did not air). The debris, which was located on the driveway of a home on Sagemeadow Lane near Hughes Road, caught the eye of concerned neighbors, who thought the documents could be used for nefarious reasons, such as identity theft. After being notified of the incident, the homeowner, who works in the medical field, properly destroyed the documents.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

Passport service comes to area

Obtaining a passport has now become much easier for local residents through a cooperative program between the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce and the Harris County District Clerk Chris Daniel's office.

The first function, held last week, and was successful and will become a quarterly event.

On Wednesday, Aug. 1, the Harris County District Clerk's office hosted a passport fair at the offices of the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce. During the three-hour event, the District

Clerk's office passport staff processed a total of 29 applications, including both new passports and renewals.

The passport staff, under the direction of Paul Coselli, guided applicants through the process, assisted with the completion of forms and took and printed passport photos, if needed.

The event marked the five-year anniversary of passport service at the Harris County District Clerk's office, which began on Aug. 1, 2013.

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New additions coming to SJC South

Following voter approval of a \$425 million bond referendum in November 2015, progress on infrastructure updates and new facilities on each of the San Jacinto College campuses has begun, with four more buildings set for groundbreaking this fall.

"We are pleased with the progress being made to date on the 2015 bond referendum projects," said Bryan Jones, San Jacinto College associate vice chancellor for facilities services. "Much of the work has been focused on infrastructure and campus security, so residents and taxpayers in the

District will begin to see structures taking shape on each of the campuses in the near future."

South campus
Significant infrastructure and site improvements have been well underway on the San Jacinto College South campus. While these improvements are not visible to the passerby, they continue to be worked on for an improved on-campus experience.

What soon will be visible to the community is the construction of two new buildings on the

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In My Opinion

Robert Semler writes on rebuilding America

Previous administrations have usually played party politics in dealing with issues facing America. Each party had their own agenda. Often it was a give and take to get issues resolved. In my opinion this is not the way to settle the issues. All parties need to come to an agreement on how to deal with the issue without showing favoritism toward one party over the other. I have stated before that you must not play politics when dealing with the issues facing America.

America is a Christian nation: the basis upon which our country was built and has been sustained for over 240 years. Over 80% of Americans profess to be Christian. Still, Freedom of Religion as guaranteed by the Constitution is still an unresolved issue. Other issues which previous administrations have struggled with include economic growth, jobs, welfare and illegal immigration.

The People elected Donald Trump President of the United States to fix the problems. He knows what has to be done to keep America strong. He knows what is needed to rebuild our economy. Congress needs to work with the president to rebuild and strengthen the American economy and fix the problems left unresolved by prior administrations. He may not always say what the politicians think needs to be said, or how it should be said. He speaks what he believes needs to be said. He has acted among much criticism from the media, congress, political analyst, and organized demonstrations to begin moving this country forward. Here are some key measures of what has happened since Trump was sworn in on Jan. 20, 2017, according to the most up-to-date and reliable statistical sources available. Some highlights:

- Employment growth slowed by 12 percent. Nevertheless, the unemployment rate kept dropping, reaching a 17-year low. The number of job vacancies rose, also to a nearly 17-year record.
- Economic growth picked up to a 3.2 percent annual rate in the July-September quarter from 1.5 percent for all of 2016.
- The number of people caught trying to cross the border with Mexico fell by nearly half.
- The number of refugee admissions fell by 70 percent.
- Restrictions in the federal regulatory rulebook continued to grow, but at less than half the pace during the two previous administrations.
- The number of coal mining jobs, which Trump promised to bring back, went up by only 500. Manufacturing jobs grew just a bit faster than total employment.
- Real weekly wages rose 1.1 percent. Corporate profits and stock prices hit new records.
- The number of people without health insurance went up — by 200,000 according to a government survey, and by 3.2 million according to a more recent Gallup poll.
- The U.S. trade deficit that Trump promised to bring down grew instead, getting 11.5 percent larger.
- The number of people on food stamps, which Trump wants to cut, grew by nearly 3 million.
- The federal debt rose nearly 3 percent; projected annual deficits worsened.
- Trump won confirmation for a dozen federal appeals court judges.

To achieve the results desired will take congress working with the president. If they do not agree with actions Trump has taken it will take more than just delaying voting against the issue. Congress needs to have their solutions ready to present

Local library events set

Bracewell Branch Library

The following events are scheduled for the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint: Tuesday, Aug. 14, 10:30 a.m. Para los Niños Wednesday, Aug. 15, Computer courses: 2 p.m. Computer Basics; 3:15 p.m. Internet Basics; 4:30 p.m. Basic Powerpoint

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

Parker Williams Library

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

Thursday, Aug. 9, 4 – 5 p.m. Learn to Code with Python. This is one of the most popular languages that can be used in almost anything computer. Learn to make some games, help improve the simple games one has and develop new ones while learning the basics of coding. This session is for programming beginners, ages 11 and older. Registration is requested.

Saturday, Aug. 11, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Ask a Lawyer: Estate Planning. A representative from Huang-Sigle & Leng LLP presents information on the definition of a trust, its benefits, commonly used trust structures and more, as well as how to hold a trustee accountable and more. Meet at the library for answers to these questions or bring questions to the session. Registration is requested.

Saturday, Aug. 11, 11:30 a.m. Lion Dance and craft, for ages 5 and older. Meet in the library community room as Miss Loc's Vietnamese language learning class presents the Lion Dance with dancing, drums and a craft as children participate.

Saturday, Aug. 11, 2 – 4 p.m. Magic: The Gathering Gameplay, for ages 8 and older. For those wanting to learn, a staff member will be present for instruction. A special thank you is given to Strike Zone for the generous donation of Magic: The Gathering cards. For more information, visit <http://www.hcpl.net/sites/default/files/feb-mtg-1.jpg>.

Monday – Friday, Aug. 13 – 17, 1:30 – 3 p.m. Drone Camp for ages 12 – 15. Meet in the library community room to prepare teens for the school year by encouraging the love of science and flight through Drone Camp. Teens are taught the basic principles of flight, how to fly drones through different obstacles and compete on a designated course. Registration is requested at the reference desk since space is limited.

Monday, Aug. 13, 4:30 – 6 p.m. Spanish for beginners. Learn and practice beginning level Spanish in this new class with Max, a native speaker of the language. Registration is requested.

Monday, Aug. 13, 6:30. Cutting the Cord: Save Money on Cable. Discover many gadgets and services that enable one to stream favorite programs and movies over the internet. Learn what works for one's TV viewing habits and if it is possible save money every month without a cable company.

Tuesday, Aug. 14, 10:30 p.m. Science Explorers: Seeds for ages 5 and older. This is a science program that explores basic scientific principles. Meet at the library to talk about seeds, how they grow and get hands-on experience planting seeds.

Wednesday, Aug. 15, 4:30 – 6 p.m. Spanish for beginners. Learn and practice beginning level Spanish in this new class with Max, a native speaker of the language. Registration is requested.

Wednesday, Aug. 15, 7 p.m. Family Fun Night features "Family Safety" presented by the Harris County Sheriff's department, for ages 5 and older. Meet in the library community room for a discussion about safety concerning children. Child ID kits will be available.

Below are the programs that occur every week:

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

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

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

Saturday, Vietnamese learning time. Classes begin at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. For more information on these programs, speak with Loc Bui.

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

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

at the time they choose to vote against the actions President has presented. Stall tactics are not in the best interest of the American people. They only serve to slow the progress of rebuilding America!

There are currently a few issues which are attempts to undermine the Trump administration. President Trump wants to see a strong and independent America. He knows what issues need to be fixed to achieve this goal.

One of the issues facing Trump concerns the interference of Russia in the 2016 elections. This is an issue which goes back to 2015 when the FBI notified the Democratic National Committee that one of their computers had been compromised by Russian hackers. The DNC found no suspicious activity in their systems. Thru the actions taken, or not taken, by the FBI, CIA and Department of Homeland Security cyber-security this problem still exists today.

The issue against Trump is why he has not been more aggressive with the Russian government on this issue. Putin says the Russian government played no role in the cyber attacks. Since this activity has been ongoing since 2015 why was Obama not criticized and held accountable as Trump is today?

Our tax dollars are being spent on the issue of whether Trump had an affair sometime in the past. This issue is not one for congress or the general public to look into. We are not to judge him for this action. This is an issue between himself, Melania and GOD. What is important is what the man he is today. He is a strong person who has the ability to work under much criticism to begin moving this country forward. I am sure we can all think of other issues our tax dollars should be used for.

Probably one of the most anti-Trump groups is the OFA, Organization for Action. I have read a number of articles and they all come to the conclusion that this organization is Obama's official efforts to disrupt Trump's agenda. For example: Trump issues an immigration executive order. The OFA organizes protest and statements from pro-immigrant left list groups. Volunteers are asked to protest at airports, Congressional town hall meetings. All in an attempt to disrupt the agenda Trump has for his administration to rebuild America. This organization has offices all over the country. Do you think that the resent protest over the separation of children from the parents of illegal immigrants, taking place in a number of cities across America on the same day was just a coincidence? This organization is up against WETHEPEOPLE. And I believe WE THE PEOPLE will ultimately defeat the OFA. They can rally protest to speak against the actions taken by the Trump administration. They can spread literature telling of their agenda and why we should join them. They can disrupt our daily lives with their protest at airports and other places. We are a Christian nation, the basis upon which our country was built and will continue to be the basis for our society. We know what this country needs to rebuild, what issues need to be addressed and resolved. President Trump's agenda has all ready addressed some of these. And the results have been positive. We need to support the president with his agenda. He is not wavering to the criticism from the media, congress, political analyst, or organized demonstrations and has begun moving this country forward.

Once took an oath to defend the Constitution from all enemies, foreign and domestic. I still abide by this oath. I hope you will join me and despite all the attempts to the contrary support our President and his agenda to rebuild America. God Bless America! **Robert J. Semler**

Elected officials share their words

District E News

By Council Member Dave Martin

A very important bond election is taking place on August 25, 2018. This is the 2018 Harris County Flood Control Bond Program. The County has identified more than 150 potential projects as candidates for bond funding, organized by watershed. Per the Harris County Flood Control website, "If voters approve the bonds, the bonds would be sold in increments over at least 10-15 years, as needed for the multiple phases of each project. The actual timing of individual projects will depend on a variety of factors including environmental permitting and right-of-way acquisition. Projects will be authorized individually for funding by Commissioners Court, based on recommendations by the Flood Control District."

To find your early voting locations for the August 25, 2018, election visit <http://harrisvotes.com/EarlyVoting/EarlyVotingLocationsNonIE.pdf>. Otherwise you may find your Election Day polling location by visiting <http://harrisvotes.com/VoterBallotSearch.aspx?L=E>.

Early voting is underway and will be held on the following days:

- Thursday, Aug. 9, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Friday, Aug. 10, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Monday, Aug. 13, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Aug. 14, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Aug. 15, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Aug. 16, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Friday, Aug. 17, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Aug. 18, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Sunday, Aug. 19, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Monday, Aug. 20, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Missionary Baptist holds backpack giveaway

Faith Missionary Baptist Church will have a Backpack Giveaway on Saturday, Aug. 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be games, food and fun. Backpacks complete with school supplies will be given out, while supplies last. Faith Missionary Baptist Church is located at 9850 Mango, Houston.

BAGS schedules monthly dance

The Bay Area Singles Club monthly dance will be held on Saturday, Aug. 18 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the VFW Lodge, Post 6378, located at 5204 Highway 3, Dickinson. Guests are encouraged to bring party snacks to share. The cost is \$7 for members and \$9 for nonmembers. For more information, call 832-483-3257 or 832-477-6778.

Moore holds Meet the Teacher

Meet the Teacher Night at Moore Elementary will be held on Thursday, Aug. 16, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Students may drop off school supplies and meet their teachers. Class assignments will be posted on the front windows by 4 p.m. on the afternoon of the event. Parents may purchase last year's school shirts and get information about ordering current spirit shirts.

Jessup sets pre-registration

On Thursday, Aug. 9, Jessup Elementary will hold registration for kindergarten – 4th grade in the cafeteria from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. To register a child, the parents must bring the child's birth certificate, social security card, shot records, two proofs of residence and a photo ID of the parent. For proof of residence, one may use a utility bill or apartment lease for documentation.

Meador marks early registration

On Thursday, Aug. 9, Meador Elementary will hold registration from 8 a.m. to noon for all grades. Parents of children who will be enrolled in pre-K will need to bring their child to registration to be tested. Parents of children enrolling in pre-K will also need to bring income statements. All parents will need to bring proof of residency, a utility bill, student's previous report card, birth certificate and shot records.

Atkinson schedules early registration

On Aug. 9, Atkinson Elementary will hold early registration for the school year 2018-2019. The registration will be held in the cafeteria from 8 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. To enroll one's child, one will need to bring the following information: birth certificate, social security card, record of immunizations, proof of residence, utility bill and parent's driver's license. For more information, call the school office at 713-740-0520.

BAH plans flood protection town hall meeting

The public is invited to a Bay Area Houston town hall meeting to consider and discuss flood threats and plans to protect families and homes from flooding. The event is Wednesday, Aug. 15, at the Clear Lake City Recreation Center, Pavilion Room, 16511 Diana Lane. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7 p.m. Speakers include Doug Peterson, Bay Area Houston community activist; Adrian Garcia, candidate for Harris County Commissioner Precinct 2; Anwar Zahid, CEO, InfraTECH Engineers LLC and Bernardo Garcia, attorney for taxes and real estate. For more information, call 281-782-2721.

Mayor's Back 2 School Fest date set

The Mayor's Back to School event will be Saturday, Aug. 11, 2018. This event is designed to help economically disadvantaged Houston-area elementary school students and their families as they prepare to return to school.

With the help of many great partners and sponsors, backpacks, school supplies, health screenings, immunizations and social service resources are provided to thousands of students, free of charge.

Due to limited space and supplies, one must pre-register to attend the event. To register, visit <http://www.houstontx.gov/btsf/registermystudent.html>.

CCART announces first 2018-2019 meeting

The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers will hold its first meeting of the 2018-2019 season on Tuesday, Sept. 11. The meetings are held at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway, Seabrook.

The program will be provided by Joe Monk from the San Jacinto Monument. He will bring artifacts to share with members.

The meeting will conclude with a potluck salad and sandwich luncheon. Guests are encouraged to bring a dish of one's choice, including salad, sandwiches or dessert, to share at the gathering.

The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. for coffee with the business meeting beginning at 10 a.m. All Texas retired school employees from the area are invited. The annual dues are \$50. For more information, contact Julia Bodenhamer at 281-538-4056 or at juliabodenhamer@gmail.com.

Israeli folk dancing sessions to be held

Few people really enjoy cardiovascular exercises per se. But exercise doesn't have to be a chore. Dancing is an excellent way to exercise while having fun.

Israeli folk dancing sessions are conducted at Congregation Shaar Hashalom and are not built on one another, so anyone can start any time.

The dances are held on Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. August dates are 13, 20 and 27. There will be no dancing in September due to the Jewish High Holy Days. Dancing will resume on Monday, Oct. 8.

The cost is \$4/session or \$35/10 sessions for CSH members and \$5/session or \$45/10 sessions for nonmembers. The entire community is welcome to join the group, even if one has not previously attended.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom is located at 16020 El Camino Real and is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. For more information, contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or email cs@shaarhashalom.org.

HCMG releases August events, series dates

The following are the Harris County Master Gardeners events and series for the month of August. All these events are free and open to the public.

The Harris County Master Gardeners lecture series "Master Gardener Program in the Community" will be presented by Paul Winski, extension agent; and Brandi Keller, master gardener coordinator, on Thursday, Aug. 9, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Genoa Friendship Gardens Educational Center Building, located at 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Road in Pasadena. There will be plants for sale in the greenhouse.

The Harris County Master Gardeners Green Thumb Series presentation "Fall Vegetable Gardening" will be held on Thursday, Aug. 16, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Freeman Branch Library, located at 16616 Diana Lane.

The Harris County Master Gardeners Open Garden Day will be held on Monday, Aug. 20, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Genoa Friendship Gardens Educational Center Building, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Road in Pasadena. There will be plants for sale in greenhouse.

For more information on these events, call 713-274-0950 or visit the website for the Harris County Master Gardeners at <http://hcmga.tamu.edu/>.

Deaths

Frank Allen Million



Frank Allen Million, 70, died peacefully at home in the early hours on July 28, 2018, in South Belt. He is preceded in death by his brother Estill Million; sisters Carol Crossfield and Millie Fryman and husband Everett Fryman; and his loving parents Katherine and Rufus Million. He was a loving, caring and devoted husband, father and grandfather.

He battled three different kinds of cancer for more than 16 years. He was a fighter and refused to give in. In 2010 he had a bone marrow (stem cell) transplant at M.D. Anderson and was told his chances for recovery were slim but he still refused to give in.

He was blessed with eight more years of life. In 2016 he was diagnosed with prostate cancer and went through radiation treatment, until the cancer was under control. Unfortunately, in 2017, the lymphoma cancer returned and he also developed small cell lung cancer. Frank still refused to give up, but it was a battle he could not win. At the end of his life he was at peace and without pain.

Frank had a few different careers and mastered them all. He was a bus driver for Pasadena Independent School District. He said he loved this job the most since he felt like he was making a difference in others' lives. He was also a million-dollar salesman at Finger Furniture in Houston and Rhodes Furniture in Louisville, Ky. He was a top salesman of Cadillac and Porsches at Quantrell Cadillac for 20 years in Lexington, Ky.

Frank graduated from Bourbon County High School and attended the University of Kentucky where he decided to serve his country. He enlisted in the U.S. Army and did a tour in Vietnam with the intelligence division.

He is survived by the love of his life, soul mate and wife Tracie Million; daughter Stephanie Duncan and husband Jason Duncan; sons Prescott (Scott) Million and his wife Alisha Million and Joshua (Josh) Million and his wife Melissa (Missy) Million; grandsons Edward (Ed) Bates, Logan Hayes, and Jacob (Jake) Million; granddaughter Abigail (Abby) Million; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He is also survived by his mother-in-law Diane Skinner; father-in-law Duwayne Skinner; sister-in-law Treana Simmons; and his dogs Sir Winston and Sir Lancelot.

Those who knew Frank said he loved unconditionally and he found great joy in his children, grandchildren and his dogs. His dogs guarded him and gave him comfort in their own special way. He was extremely loyal to his family and friends. He could frequently be seen with his crossword puzzle in his hand. Many knew Frank to be one who enjoyed a great life with the people he loved.

A memorial service honoring Frank's life will be held on Saturday, Aug. 11, at 2 p.m. at Niday Funeral Home, 12440 Beamer Road.

Suzanne Marks



Suzanne Marks, 50, died on Thursday, Aug. 2, 2018.

Suzanne was born in Houston to Robert and Jan Marks on Feb. 7, 1968.

She was the loving and devoted mother to sons Samuel Marks, Tyler Cook, Brian Cook and Bradley Cook. She was also the proud grandmother (Nana) to Bradley Cook Jr. and the adoptive mother to countless number of children through the years. She was a devoted wife to William Jason Poole.

Suzanne had a passion for baking. Nothing brought her more joy than to bake special treats for her boys. She often stated that her job in life was to raise the boys. She had a golden heart and would do anything to help others. She instilled this in her boys. She put everyone before herself. She spoke often of how proud she was of all the boys and the men that they have become. Though her boys were her life, she gave her compassion to the world.

No child that entered her house left hungry. Her door was always open for all to come and make themselves at home. With the additional title of Nana, she devoted her life to helping raise Bradley Jr. The happiness and joy the two shared was unmatched. He was her new-found purpose. Although she has passed, her impact on the lives she touched will ripple through generations to come.

Suzanne was preceded in death by her father and mother; brother Bill Marks; and husband Billy Cook. Suzanne is survived by her four sons; her grandson; husband William Jason Poole; and sister Barbara Glasgow.

The funeral service was held Aug. 7 at Niday Funeral Home. Interment followed at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Cemetery in Many, La.

Alice Ritter



Alice Mae Theresa Aupied Ritter died in the early hours of Aug. 3, 2018, after a brief but mighty fight against methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus septicemia. She was born in 1937 in

Raceland, La., to Benson Pierre Aupied and Bernice Nola Toups Aupied.

Alice had one brother, Pierre Aupied, who died shortly after birth, leaving her an only child. For 56 years, she was the devoted wife of R.J. "Tex" Ritter Sr., who unexpectedly predeceased her on Aug. 22, 2013.

She is survived by her three children, daughter Nadine M. Ritter and her husband William Joseph Wardson R.J. Ritter Jr. and his wife Sheri Lei Hayashi Ritter and son B.J. Ritter and his ex-wife Debra Rosenthal-Ritter.

She is also survived by grandchildren Ashley Brandon Rosenthal, Shaun Mikel Kalani Ritter, Brett Alan Alaka Ritter, William Daniel Ritter Ward, Patton Daniel Ritter, James Geraden Ritter Ward, Skye Knight Emrys Ash Ritter Ward and Kenton Lesley Ritter and her very first great-grandchild (due in 2019, which she knew before her passing). She also leaves behind special friends who were known to be as dear to her as her children and grandchildren.

Alice Ritter was well-known in the J. Frank Dobie High School cafeteria in the 1970's and 1980's as the lady who was generous with servings but demanding of manners; if she spied a student trying to unfairly cut in line, she would loudly clear her throat and train her steely blue eyes on the offender until they would slink back into their correct place.

In the late 1990's, Tex and Alice became Santa and Mrs. Claus at Christmas for the Houston area. They visited hospitals, schools and senior centers sharing gifts and treats. One year the couple even traveled by helicopter.

Alice Ritter was an attentive mother to her own family as well as to a large cadre of children who were always welcome in their home at any time, day or night. In the Ritter house, they could count on a warm hug, too much food and an accepting environment.

Alice began life in southern Louisiana, moving to Westwego, La., with her parents, then to Marrero, La., when she and Tex built their first house.

The couple moved their family to Houston in 1968 to further Tex's engineering career and in 1972 they were relocated to Beaumont by Ingersoll-Rand.

In 1974 they returned to Houston where they enjoyed the rest of their days. In each place they developed deep friendships that became everlasting, while growing closer to their extended Louisiana family over the years.

Alice was loved and admired by her family, respected and honored by her friends. Her children and grandchildren, acquired both by nature or nurture, have inherited a great legacy by her example.

Family members encourage those who would like to honor Alice to write a memorial comment online on her guest book at <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/webster-tx/alice-ritter-7953501>.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to a favorite charity of Alice New Hope Assistance Dogs for Brinley Simmons, online at <https://www.gofundme.com/519oz08> or by mail. For more details, call 832-721-7300.

Leader checks out social media

By Laura Benavides Scallan

On The Official South Belt & Sagemont Area Crime Alert Facebook page, a member reported that a woman was robbed at Windwater at the Windmill Lakes Apartments. The member wrote that witnesses claim the robbers were two Hispanic males in a gold Camry.

Another member of the same Facebook group reported what are believed to be porch pirates on Aug. 3 in the Beverly Hills subdivision. The member stated the suspects were driving a 2003-2007 black Cadillac Escalade and the license plate ended in 6366. The member stated that a male driver was going slowly with the doors cracked open with a female as the jump-out person.

A member of the South Belt This & That shared a post from the Pasadena Police Department Facebook page about police finding a deceased man with injuries to his head near a vehicle at 4201 Shaver. Updates to the case reveal that the deceased man was identified as Pedro Munive. Now, Pasadena police are searching for Silvano Dejesus Echavarría, who is a person of interest in the death

of Munive. The post has been shared on other community Facebook pages, too.

On the people of sagemont 2 Facebook group, a member posted that thieves stole his daughter's 10-speed bicycle from his front door at approximately 12:15 a.m. on Aug. 4. The incident happened on Kirkholm Drive. The member posted surveillance video that shows a white male, 20-25 years old, taking the bicycle.

parents can meet the principal and attend parent orientation at 5 p.m. in the Thompson cafeteria. Also, on Friday, Aug. 17, Lion Camp will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. for incoming 7th-grade students. Students will receive their schedule, learn important information about Thompson and have lunch.

A member of the South Belt-Ellington Neighbors Facebook group shared photos of a light brown dog that was found at the football field in South Belt. Contact the member via Facebook to reclaim the dog. The post has been shared on other community Facebook pages, too.

A member of the Everything Sagemont Facebook group is in search of welcoming families and host families for the 2018-2019 to host a foreign exchange student. There are students ranging in ages from 14 to 18 years of age and from different countries. For more information, see the member's post.

A member of the Ashley Pointe Subdivision Facebook page shared a post from the Clear Creek ISD Facebook page about the CCISD Back to School Guide for the 2018-2019 school year.

Another member of the same Facebook group shared a post from the Thompson Intermediate School Facebook page that Thursday, Aug. 16,

Passport service comes to South Belt community

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It was not, however, an overnight process to bring passport service to the clerk's office.

It took two years of navigating government red tape, the support of several U.S. senators and dogged determi-

nation by Daniel and Coselli to finally obtain approval by the U.S. State Department. "It was not an easy or enjoyable process but one that we know was worth the effort, based on feedback from applicants who use the clerk's office for their

passport applications," said Coselli. Prior to the clerk's office taking up passport service, applicants in Harris County had just one option for applying in person - going to the local post office, which many have described as a frus-

trating and time-consuming experience. It was just such stories that motivated Daniel to take advantage of the opportunity to add passport service to the Harris County District Clerk's office. "I heard so many stories of long wait times and poor

customer service, including one from my finance director Paul Coselli, that I knew that we had to do something," Daniel said. "Since the District Clerk's office is the only entity outside the federal government that can accept passport applications, I knew that it was our responsibility to take on this mission and give the citizens of Harris County an alternative to the local post offices."

Since getting approval from the State Department, the Harris County District Clerk's office has continually provided daily service at its downtown Houston location on the first floor of the Harris County Civil Courthouse, located at 201 Caroline.

Daniel and Coselli continued to innovate and look for ways to make passport service more convenient and accessible with routine passport fairs at community locations, as well as one-off events with corporate partners such as United Airlines and Boeing and nonprofit organizations, such as chambers of commerce. To date, the clerk's office has held events with the Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce and the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, with events on the calendar for the Deer Park and Pasadena chambers of commerce.

A schedule of routine passport services provided by the Harris County District Clerk's office includes: Main Passport Acceptance Facility; Harris County District Clerk's office; 201 Caroline; 1st Floor; service is Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on all days when the courthouse is open, which excludes holidays. Recurring community passport fairs:

- Octavia Fields Branch Library, Humble: (Every first Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the month.)
- County Freeman Branch Library, Clear Lake City: (Every second Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the month.)
- Barbara Bush Branch Library, Cypress: (Every third Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the month.)
- Katherine Tyra Branch Library, Katy: (Every fourth Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the month.)
- John Phelps Courthouse, Pasadena: (Every first Monday of the month.)
- LSC - Tomball Community Library, Tomball: (Third consecutive Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of the month.)

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Annual Street Olympics hosts breakfast



The 32nd annual Harris County Precinct One Street Olympics Summer Games hosted a breakfast on Friday, Aug. 3, to mark the conclusion of the summer games. Shown above at the breakfast are, left to right, Chris Daniels, Harris County district clerk; Justice of the Peace Jo Ann Delgado; Rodney Ellis, Harris County commissioner; Vince Ryan, Harris County attorney; and Billy Burge, developer. Photo by Marie Flickinger

Street Olympics concludes successfully

The 32nd annual Harris County Precinct One Street Olympics Summer Games, co-sponsored by Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis, concluded Friday, Aug. 3, with about 2,000 boys and girls competing in so-called street games.

The top-three winners in each age group received gold, silver and bronze medals in the exciting competition at NRG Center. They competed in 12 events that included jacks, Hula Hoop, hopscotch, jump rope and foot races.

"We use sports as the carrot to bring our youth to positive, structured activities that also engage their minds and build character," Ellis said. "We are not just teaching the children about the game of jacks, hopscotch or Hula Hoop. We are teaching them about the game of life."

Before the competition, the youth marched into the arena behind two high school bands in the opening ceremony that included three athletes lighting the Olympic flame.

"It was fun, competitive and a great experience," said Julius Crosby, 13, of Finnigan Youth Education Town, who wore his first-place medal in the shuttle relay. "I also enjoyed looking at the animals (in the Discovery Camp booth) in Bright Futures Fair."

Throughout the summer, about 4,000 athletes at 90 participating agencies' sites com-

peted to represent their youth centers at the Final Event. The free Summer Games, one of the major components of the nonprofit Street Olympics, involved nearly three months of recreational and educational activities to engage youth in positive environments.

For five weeks, more than 500 boys and girls - ages 7 to 17 - at 45 neighborhood agencies participating in the free Summer Games competed in 3-on-3 Basketball. On July 18 at the City of Houston's Fonde Recreation Center, about 300 players vied for trophies in the 3-on-3 Championship Tournament.

Through practice and competition, the youth develop their confidence and leadership skills, which will serve them well both on and off the court.

When asked about his Division III Boys Championship, Jarren Smith, 12, replied: "Light work." He added, however, it took a lot of hard work, dedication and teamwork to get to the tournament.

On July 27 at the Harris County Aquatics Center, about 240 Harris County boys and girls - most of whom recently learned how to swim - competed at Splashdown, a friendly swim meet. The annual meet features children who participated in the free Learn-to-Swim program directed by the Harris County

Aquatics Program (HCAP), which operates year round. In addition to the life-saving skill, HCAP teaches youth discipline, leadership and teamwork skills.

Stephany Ramirez, 14, who participated in the Davis High School program, won first-place medals in the butterfly, backstroke and freestyle. She said she used her teamwork skills to encourage her teammates.

"My teammates were scared. They were like, 'Oh no, I don't think I can do it.' And I told them that everybody is

fast. And they got first place." Also, youth attended two Discovery Camps at Deussen Park and Challenger Seven Learning Center, both of which offered a one-day trip to teach children about nature and the environment.

"The summer months are a vulnerable period for our youth, especially those whose parents work," Ellis said.

"The summer games activities are designed to fill that void with positive educational and recreational activities that develop children's minds and bodies."

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McCartney thankful for Hilburn

Amberlyn Nicole McCartney (right), one of Lewis Career and Technical High School's Shining Stars, is shown with distinguished educator Stephanie Hilburn, 12th-grade EMT teacher at Lewis Career and Technical High School.

McCartney has contributed much to society through community service. She has volunteered with Student Council, HOSA and the National Honor Society. Some volunteer activities include organizing a coat drive to benefit the Star of Hope, cleaning up Veterans Memorial Stadium after games, participating in a trash bash at the Pasadena Rodeo and helping with Boy Scouts of America.

After high school, McCartney plans to graduate from the Fire/EMS Academy at San Jacinto College in the spring of 2019.

Afterward, she will apply to the Houston Fire Department. If hired, she plans to obtain a paramedic certification and enter a paramedic to RN program. Her end goal is to work as a paramedic firefighter for the Houston Fire Department and as a part-time labor and delivery nurse at a hospital.

Regarding Hilburn, McCartney said, "I chose to apply to and attend CTHS for numerous reasons, but the main appealing factor was the opportunity to earn a certification in my desired pathway. I have always been the type of person

who could clearly picture their future and has always had a passion to be in the medical field where I can potentially save lives.

"Mrs. Hilburn is not only my EMT instructor, but she is also a role model to my classmates and me. Every day she constantly devotes herself to teaching us everything she can so that we can have a better chance at earning our EMT certification, whether it is staying after hours to help us practice a skill or answering a million and one questions of mine. Mrs. Hilburn is not only supportive, but is also caring. Anytime I ran into a problem, she was more than willing to help. Thanks to her, I have a chance at getting a foot in the door of my firefighting and paramedic career. I am thankful to have such an amazing HOSA advisor and an even more incredible educator like Mrs. Hilburn in my life."

The South Belt Shining Stars will be presented in a series of students being honored along with their favorite mentor.

The Shining Stars represent the top Lewis Career and Technical High School students. The information and photos were submitted by Pasadena Independent School District.

The Leader is also running the Shining Stars from Dobie and Pasadena Memorial high schools.



Deschamps positively influences Anderson

Melissa Anderson (left), one of Pasadena Memorial High School's Shining Stars, is shown with distinguished educator Amber Deschamps, 10th-grade advanced placement biology teacher at Pasadena Memorial High School.

Anderson was a member of the National Honor Society, the Science UIL team and Student Council. Anderson plans to attend Texas A&M University in College Station to pursue a degree in biology.

As for Deschamps, Anderson said, "Ms. Deschamps has been a positive influence in my life since my freshman year of high school, when I was in her pre-AP Biology class. That class made me realize that science is my passion, and that I'd like to spend my life helping humanity work toward

a better understanding of our world so that future generations might benefit from this knowledge as we have benefited from the work of our predecessors. In addition, she has been encouraging, kind, and generous with her time to all of her students throughout the years since then, a supportive figure that I'm proud to know."

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Chevron Phillips gives students a glance at plant careers

Students with the San Jacinto College process technology program recently toured the Chevron Phillips Chemical - Cedar Bayou plant. The event was a part of a variety of activities provided to San Jacinto College

students by local industry. Industry partners play an integral role in the college's development of process technology curriculum to ensure students graduate and are ready for hire with the modern skill sets for careers as plant oper-

ators. The college is working with the region's petrochemical industry to construct the Center for Petrochemical, Energy, and Technology, the largest petrochemical training facility in the Texas Gulf Coast region for petrochemical

workforce training. The 145,000-square-foot center will house petrochemical training programs in non-destructive testing, electrical, process technology, instrumentation/analyzer technology and training programs

for the current industry workforce. It will also feature an exterior glycol distillation unit for hands-on training application. The center will open in the fall of 2019.

To find out more, visit sanjac.edu/cpet.



Shown are, left to right, (front row) Jack Nguyen; Kennetha Battle; Gabriel McKenzie; (second row) Vivian Rivas; Winston Preston; Gary Fox; Drayson Roberts; Jeff Pearce, San Jacinto College career coordinator for the Center for Petrochemical, Energy, and Technology; (back row) Darryl Reeves, San Jacinto College process technology instructor; and Carina Montoya. Photo submitted

New construction slated for San Jac

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 es of planning, industry has had a seat at the table for the vision, the design and the curriculum of the center," said Jim Griffin, associate vice chancellor/senior vice president for the college's petrochemical training division. "This facility will ensure that San Jacinto College produces graduates with the right skill sets to meet the workforce needs."

The architect on the center is IBI Group and Tellepsen Builders is the contractor. The total cost of the Center for Petrochemical, Energy, and Technology is \$60 million. For more information, visit sanjac.edu/CPET.

Set to break ground this fall on the central campus is a new welcome center. The centralized location will provide students with 43,000-square-feet of easy access to student and career resources. The new building will provide a spacious, technologically advanced facility for enrollment services, advising, financial aid, tutoring and other related services. The total cost for the building is \$16.6 million. Page Architects is the architect of record, and Tellepsen Builders is the contractor.

A groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 9, 2015, at 8 a.m., and the building is expected to open summer 2019.

North campus
 The San Jacinto College North campus is set to break ground on a cosmetology/culinary arts center. The official groundbreaking date is Friday, Sept. 21, 2015, at 8 a.m. Huitt-Zollars is the architect on the project, with Tellepsen Builders the contractor.

The 57,000-square-foot facility at a cost of \$22.3 million will house the college's culinary arts and north campus cosmetology programs. The building will provide the latest in updated classrooms and state-of-the-art labs to enhance workforce training for students entering the cosmetology and culinary fields. The cosmetology/culinary arts center is scheduled to open fall 2019.

Last year the college opened the new Center for Industrial Technology on the north campus. This 113,000-square-foot facility was not part of the 2015 bond proposal, but instead funded through alternate sources. The modern facility is home to the college's welding, pipefitting, diesel technology, international business and logistics, electrical technology and heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration programs. It provides the necessary and modern training facilities needed to keep pace with growing workforce needs in these fields.

"We are grateful to our voters and taxpayers in our district who approved the bond referendum in 2015," said Dr. Brenda Hellyer, San Jacinto College chancellor. "We are committed to providing the right space for learning for our students and we remain dedicated to being the leading workforce training partner for the region's growing economy and industries."

For updates, visit <http://www.sanjac.edu/about-sanjac/college-operations/fiscal-affairs/2015-bond-proposal/2015-bond-updates/construction>.

On the San Jacinto Central campus, the new 145,000-square-foot Center for Petrochemical, Energy and Technology is taking shape on the edge of the campus along Fairmont Parkway. When it opens in 2019 it will be the premier petrochemical training facility for industry, designed by industry. The center will house programs in process technology, instrumentation, electrical technology, non-destructive testing and craft trades. The center will include adequate space to teach credit students and incumbent workers to meet the needs of the growing workforce and economy along the Texas Gulf Coast. An 8,000-square-foot exterior glycol process unit will be available to every program that trains in the building.

"From the beginning stag-

Over The Back Fence by Alexis

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, REBECCA!
 Birthday wishes are sent to **Rebecca Lilley**, director of physician resources at Memorial Hermann Southeast, South Belt Chamber board member and active community member, who celebrates a birthday Aug. 11, from friends and the *Leader* staff.

JANNIE CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY
 Happy birthday wishes are sent to former *Leader* staffer **Jannie Scarberry** who celebrates a birthday Aug. 13, from her family, friends and the *Leader* staff.

SCHOOL DAZE
 The following staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Aug. 9 through Aug. 15.

Atkinson Elementary
 Sing a happy birthday song to **Dee Davis** Aug. 9. Send a birthday greeting to **Martha Mercado** Aug. 12. The day to celebrate a birthday for **Rebecca Garcia** is Aug. 15.

Burnett Elementary
 Send a happy birthday greeting Aug. 10 to **David Paige**. Enjoy a slice of a double-layer birthday cake with **Marisol Ramirez** and **Griselda Robles** Aug. 12.

Bush Elementary
 Light the candles on a birthday cake for

Ruben Caro on Aug. 11.
Frazier Elementary
 Send a birthday greeting Aug. 14 to **Jennifer Umana** and **Kristi Vela**.
Meador Elementary
 Marking a birthday Jan. 11 is **Rebecca Rosette**.

Moore Elementary
Maria Garcia celebrates a birthday Aug. 11.

Melillo Middle School
 Enjoying a special birthday Aug. 10 is **Kayla Joos**. Sing a chorus of a birthday song Aug. 11 to **Anishya Tiedemann**. Send a birthday greeting Aug. 12 to **Kayren Mingsu**. Aug. 13 is the day for a double-layer cake for **Patricia Concha** and **Debra Yocum**.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
 Sing a happy birthday song Aug. 10 to **Kevin Schulba**. The day for birthday fun for **Melissa Hodgkins** is Aug. 11. **Julisa Galvan** celebrates a birthday Aug. 14.

Thompson Intermediate
 On Aug. 11, enjoy a slice of birthday cake with **Travis Teichelman**. On Aug. 13, blow out the birthday candles for **Cliff Neel**. Happy birthday wishes are sent Aug. 15 to **Daniel Sawyer**.

Dobie High
 Sing two choruses of a birthday song Aug. 10 to **Yvette Giron**, **Donna Rinehart** and **Charles Thomas**. The day for a party for **Steve Cassidy** is Aug. 12. **Bryan Due** marks a birthday Aug. 14.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
 The *Leader* sends happy birthday wishes to friends who celebrate a birthday this week:
 Thursday, Aug. 9: **Sam Farias**, **Dennis Spencer**, **Robert Coy** and **Jill Kasselman**; Friday, Aug. 10: **Alex Limon**, **Zerick Guinn** and **Keith Black**; Saturday, Aug. 11: **Martin Zuber**, **Felicia Minjares**, **Jill Hansen**, **Shannon Burke** and **Sonia Terry**; Sunday, Aug. 12: **Leslie Rojas**, **Maricela Lopez** and **Mike Millikin**; Monday, Aug. 13: **Nicole Foster**, **Carlos Gomez**, **Shawna Merchant**, **Lisa Igues**, **Anthony Dittirich**, **Erica Sadler**, **Dinah Palmer** and **Bill Weatherford**; Tuesday, Aug. 14: **Roger Woest**, **Connie Alberti**, **Richard Golenko** and **Pete Ortiz**; and Wednesday, Aug. 15: **Janna Higgs**, **Hector Pombo** and **Peggy Cox Hughes**.

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

Mayor announces creation of economic development subcommittee on education

Mayor Sylvester Turner announced the creation of the city council Economic Development Subcommittee on Education, which will focus on improving educational opportunities to support a flourishing workforce.

The Subcommittee on Education will uphold the Economic Development Committee's mission to build prosperity through job creation and business and trade opportunities.

The subcommittee will enact policy, funding and public awareness initiatives to ensure all Houstonians are equipped for the workforce. It also will work with educational communities across the city to further develop the necessary skill sets for Houston's industries.

Turner believes Houston is a city where all young people should be provided with the tools and resources they need to be successful. By creating opportunities for all, Houston will continue to be positioned as a global leader.

District H Council Member **Martha Castex-Tatum** (vice chair), District E Council Member **Dave Martin**, At-Large Position 2 Council Member **David Robinson**, At-Large Position 4 Council Member **Amanda Edwards** and District D Council Member **Dwight Boykins**.

The subcommittee held its first weekly public meeting at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8, at Houston City Hall.

Rice University's Dr. **Stephen L. Klineberg**, founding-director of the Kinder Institute for Urban Research and Professor of Sociology, was the scheduled speaker.

AARP sets meeting
 AARP Webster Area Chapter 199 welcomes everyone to meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 17, at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 E. NASA Parkway in Seabrook. The meeting is in the large building with the blue roof inside Clear Lake Park on the north side of NASA Parkway.

The public is invited to come and enjoy coffee, cookies and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before the meeting starts at 10 a.m. Each month, there is entertainment or a speaker who discusses various topics of interest to seniors. Some months there is a potluck lunch.

Becky's
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Two South Belt Elementary students were seen ending their summer vacation visiting the Astros World Championship trophy on its recent visit to the Lone Star Flight Museum at Ellington Field. Shown above are Kyler Gomez and Kelvin Lopez. Both fourth-grade students will soon be starting school. The boys not only took pleasure in seeing the trophy, but also enjoyed viewing the planes at the museum.



Photo by Marie Flickinger

There will be a potluck lunch at the meeting. Members and visitors are encouraged to bring a dish to share after the meeting ends.

The AARP Chapter also organizes day trips for AARP Chapter 199 members by bus to local area points of interest at minimal cost. The next day trip will be on Monday, Aug. 20, to Stanzel Model Aircraft Museum and Schulenburg Historical Museum in Schulenburg. Lunch will be at the Oakridge Smokehouse Restaurant. The bus leaves at 8 a.m.

If anyone is interested in joining the group, annual dues are \$6 per year per person. However, one must be a member of national AARP to join any local chapter. AARP Chapters are separately incorporated affiliates of AARP. For more information, contact Earl Mallett at 281-484-2589 or earlmallett@sbcglobal.net.

Remember When

40 years ago (1978)
 For the second year in a row, the Dobie-South Houston American Legion team won the state championship in American Legion baseball.

The Brio toxic waste site gained national attention when CBS's Eye on America featured it on Connie Chung's news broadcast. The report on environmental contamination in residential areas featured Brio for one and a half minutes of a four-minute report. Former Southbend residents Nancy and Ronnie Weber, who said they still owned the home they bought for \$80,000, were featured.

by several area VIPs and politicians, including U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, who served as the event's keynote speaker.

The State Department of Highways and Public Transportation installed traffic signals at three intersections connected with Interstate 45 at South Belt.

NAM Development and SFK Development Inc. purchased an additional 135 acres of land contiguous to the acreage already owned by them. The property was previously part of the South Bend subdivision. The firms planned to develop the tract into a mixed-use facility focused toward active adults, 55 years of age or older, and retirees living in a gated community of single family housing. Due to the presence of the Brio site in the neighborhood, the area was very thoroughly tested for both soil and underground water contamination and health hazards. Test results were within the normal limits.

ing dozens of others. The 55-passenger bus was traveling to Carthage, Mo., when the vehicle's right front tire blew out, causing the bus to hit a guardrail and tip over. According to authorities, 12 passengers died at the scene, while dozens of others were transported to various North Texas hospitals, where five others later died.

30 years ago (1988)
 Due to damage done by Hurricane Alicia, area schools postponed their opening day.

5 years ago (2013)
 The Texas Education Agency released its 2012-2013 State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness accountability ratings, with both the Pasadena Independent School District and the Clear Creek Independent School District earning a "Met Standard" designation.

Charges were filed in a fatal motorcycle accident that took place early Friday, Aug. 4, at the intersection of Beltway 8 and Beamer. According to Chief Deputy Jason Finnen from Harris County Precinct 8 Constable Phil Sandlin's office, the incident occurred on the west-bound side around 1:30 a.m. Upon their arrival, deputies observed a yellow 2002 Harley Davidson motorcycle on its side lying near damaged crash barrels. Both the male driver and his wife had been ejected from the motorcycle during the accident and were transported to Clear Lake Regional Hospital by ambulance. The male, identified as Joe Guerrero Jr., 38, of Friendswood, suffered significant injuries as a result of the crash. The female passenger, identified as Kimberly Guerrero, 39, was listed in critical condition upon arrival but died shortly after 7 a.m. as a result of her injuries. Investigators determined Joe Guerrero was intoxicated at the time of the accident. He was subsequently arrested and charged with intoxication manslaughter after being released from the hospital on Monday, Aug. 7.

Trustees of the Pasadena school district adopted a \$77.96 million budget for the 1983-1984 school year at the regular August board meeting.

20 years ago (1998)
 The Dobie varsity cheerleaders won top honors at the UCA Camp held in San Marcos at Southwest Texas State University, now Texas State University.

The Clear Brook High School ninth-grade center was deleted from a revised bond package proposed by the Clear Creek Independent School District board of trustees.

25 years ago (1993)
 Southbend subdivision's swimming pool was destroyed as dump trucks began filling in the pool during the week.

10 years ago (2008)
 The U.S. Army's 75th Battle Command Training Division hosted an event at Ellington Field to dedicate the new Joint Forces Reserve Center at the base and to honor the Change of Command for the division. The dedication of the new Joint Forces Reserve Center was attended

by several members of the Vietnamese Martyrs Church on Kingspointe crashed in Sherman, killing 17 and injuring

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Tax holiday helps save

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 reasonably defined as luggage, briefcases, athletic/duffle/gym bags, computer bags, purses or framed backpacks.

This year, shoppers will save an estimated \$90 million in state and local sales taxes during the sales tax holiday.

"As Texas families begin the process of replacing their beach bags with book bags, Texas' sales tax holiday is the perfect opportunity to save some money on the supplies families need before the school bell rings," Hegar said.

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 elementary or secondary school students.

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.texasatholiday.org.

SJC releases briefs

San Jacinto College has released its calendar briefs.

Registration now open
 Registration is now open for fall classes that start on Aug. 27. For more information on steps to register, visit sanjac.edu/apply-register/overview/registration. The payment deadline is Thursday, Aug. 16. Registration remains open after the payment deadline, but all financial obligations must be made on the day of registration.

Meningitis vaccinations
 VaxANation will provide bacterial meningitis vaccinations to incoming San Jacinto College students at the central, north and south campuses on Tuesday, Aug. 14, from 2 to 4 p.m., and on Thursday, Aug. 16, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Vaccinations are free for students who qualify for Vaccinations for Children programs, \$20 for students 18 years old and younger, and \$90 for students ages 19 and older. Payment will be added to the student's fall registration fee bill. For more information, visit the website sanjac.edu/meningitis-information.

Central campus: Building 1, Room C1.110
North campus: Building 6, Room N6.108
South campus: Building 6, Room S6.152

Honors program orientation
 The San Jacinto College Honors program will host the following fall orientation sessions:

- Central campus: Tuesday, Aug. 14, 9 a.m. to noon, Building 1, Room C1.102
- South campus: Wednesday, Aug. 15, 9 a.m. to noon, Building 12, Room S12.101
- North campus: Thursday, Aug. 16, 9 a.m. to noon, Building 12, Room N12.200

For more information, contact Janna Barton at janna.barton@sjcd.edu.

T-Mobile employment recruiter visit
 T-Mobile will have an employment recruiter visiting the San Jacinto College North campus on Thursday, Aug. 16, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the lobby of Building 6.

For more information, contact Jiselle Wilson at jiselle.wilson@sjcd.edu.

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Tran eternally grateful to Emshoff

Tony Tran (left), one of J. Frank Dobie High School's Shining Stars, is shown with distinguished educator Ginger Emshoff, 12th-grade Latin teacher at Dobie High School.

Tran had the opportunity to volunteer at various events for Key Club and the National Honor Society. He volunteered in activities including making meals at the Houston Food Bank, participating in beach cleanups and working with local festivals and marathons. Tran also spent summers working as a library assistant for his local library.

After high school, Tran plans to attend the University of Texas in Austin to major in biochemistry. He wants to become a biochemist and preserve the environment by addressing the world's pollution crisis through the development of clean renewable energy.

Tran said the following regarding Emshoff, "Starting my senior year with an entirely new Latin teacher was a frightening and

alarming experience for my classmates and I. As frantic thoughts raced through my mind, I was only left to wonder, 'Would this teacher be able to manage the club we all had grown to love?' Little did we know our dismay were merely sound and fury. Mrs. Emshoff's passion and drive for the classical language has not only expanded my knowledge but inspired me to work and study hard. I am eternally thankful to have such an amazing magistra like Mrs. Emshoff in my life."

The South Belt Shining Stars will be presented in a series of students being honored along with their favorite mentor.

The Shining Stars represent the top Dobie High School students. The information and photos were submitted by Pasadena Independent School District.

The Leader is also running the Shining Stars from Pasadena Memorial and Lewis Career and Technical high schools.



Melton is inspiration to Nunez

Jasmine Nunez (left), one of Pasadena Memorial High School's Shining Stars, is shown with distinguished educator Katherine Melton, 11th-grade AP Physics I instructor at Pasadena Memorial High School.

Nunez has done community services with several organizations that include Sarah's House, Project Kindness, Toys for Tots, the Salvation Army, the City of Pasadena Strawberry Festival, the Houston Food Bank, Rotary Books for the World, nursing homes, the Crenshaw Park Clean-up, elementary schools as well as for an international project that helped mothers in Nicaragua.

Nunez plans to attend Texas A&M University in College Station to attain a degree in mechanical engineering.

In regard to Melton, Nunez said, "Mrs. Melton is an extraordinary individual whose level of awesomeness is out of this world. She is a role model from whom I have learned to have confidence in myself and push myself past any boundary. The vigor of her class made me realize that I enjoy challenges and want to pursue a career where the wheels of my brain will continuously be turning. Furthermore, Mrs. Melton's amazing life achievements are the inspiration that allow me to dream big."

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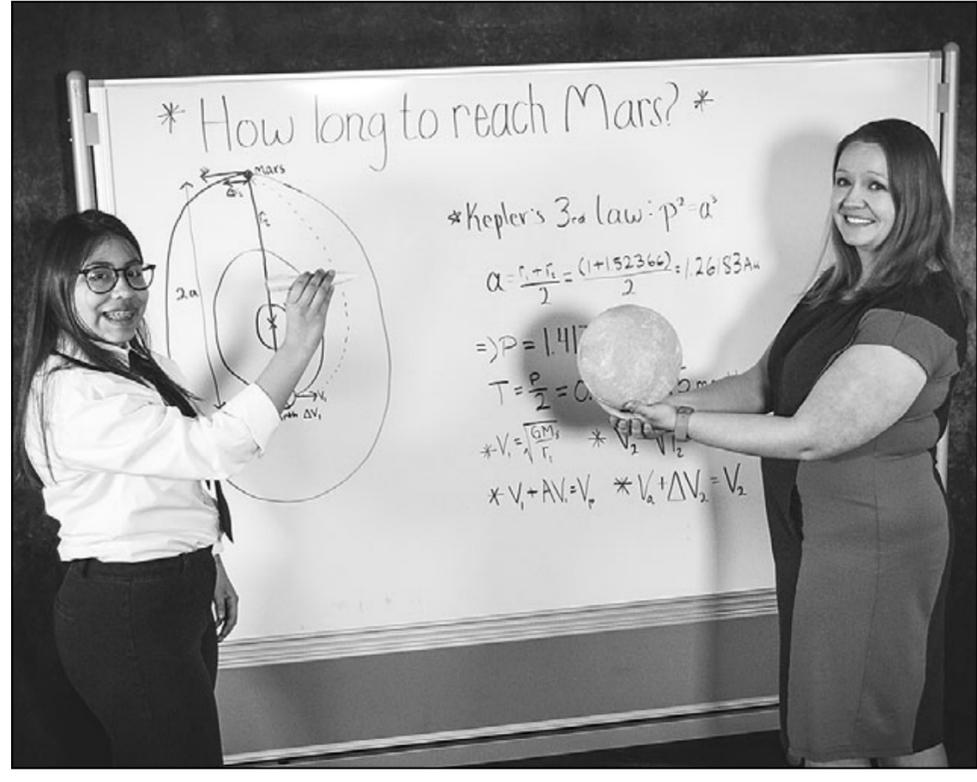
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PISD, CCISD set guidelines for free, reduced school meals

Pasadena Independent School District and Clear Creek Independent School District recently announced the policy for providing free and reduced-price meals for children served under current income eligibility guidelines.

Each school/site or Child Nutrition Services has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by anyone on request.

To apply online for PISD, visit www.nlappscloud.com. The process is safe, secure and fast. If needed, instructions are available in Spanish by selecting that option on the upper right side of the first screen. Once an online application is completed, it communicates to the Child Nutrition Services office the same day. Applications in English and Spanish are also available in Child Nutrition Services at 1515 Cherrybrook Lane, Pasadena.

For CCISD, the application are available online at www.schoolcafe.com. To apply for free and reduced-price meals, households must fill out the online application. Applications can be submitted anytime during the school year.

Criteria for free and reduced-price meal benefits

The following criteria will be used to determine a child's eligibility for free or reduced-price meal benefits. Breakfast is free to all students.

Income

1. Household income that is at or below the income eligibility levels

Categorical or automatic eligibility

2. Household receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations

Program participant

3. Child's status as a foster child, homeless, runaway, migrant, or displaced by a declared disaster

4. Child's enrollment in Head Start or Even Start

Income eligibility

For those households that qualify for free or reduced-price meals based on income, an adult in the household must fill out free and reduced-price meal application.

For PISD, the application must be returned to Mary Harryman, Director for Child Nutrition at 1515 Cherrybrook, Pasadena. Those individuals filling out the application will need to provide the following information:

- Names of all household members
- Amount, frequency, and source of current income for each household member
- Last four digits of the Social Security number of the adult household member who signs the application or, if the adult does not have a social security number, check the box for "No Social Security number"
- Signature of an adult household member attesting that the information provided is correct.

Directly certified

Child Nutrition Services is working with local agencies to identify all children who are directly eligible. Child Nutrition Services will notify the households of these children that they do not need to complete an application. Any household in PISD that does not receive a letter and feels it should have should contact Blanca Banda, Secretary for Child Nutrition at 713-740-0146.

Any household in PISD that wishes to decline benefits should contact Blanca Banda, Secretary for Child Nutrition at 713-740-0146.

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

Determining eligibility

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price meal policy, Blanca Banda, Secretary for Child Nutrition will review applications and determine eligibility in PISD. Households or guardians in PISD dissatisfied with the Reviewing Official's eligibility determination may wish to discuss the decision with the Reviewing Official on an informal basis. Households in PISD wishing to make a request either orally or in writing to Carla Merka, Chief Financial Officer at 713-740-0146.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced price meal policy, Rebecca Coronado, Free & Reduced Clerk, will review applications in CCISD and will determine eligibility. Parents or guardians in CCISD who are dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the reviewing official on an informal basis at 281-284-0712. Parents in CCISD wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally by calling 281-284-0700 or in writing to Child Nutrition Hearing Official, 2145 West NASA Blvd, Webster, TX 77598.

Unexpected circumstances

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household from PISD should contact the school.

For a household in CCISD, Child Nutrition should be contacted. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below current income eligibility guidelines.

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Chamber of commerce, governor honor South Belt Hurricane Harvey Heroes



Shown above are, left to right, (front row) D.D. Matthews, council member; and Christopher Grunig, During Hurricane Harvey, Matthews rescued several people with his boat from flooded homes and high water. Photos by Terry Barker



Shown above with Gov. Greg Abbott (right), Reena Benitez was honored July 19 as a Harvey Hero at the chamber banquet. Benitez was chosen because of her devotion to volunteer at the temporary shelter that was opened at J. Frank Dobie High School during Hurricane Harvey. Benitez walked through floodwaters to help others who were in desperate need. Abbott gave his speech at the banquet and referred to the photo on the back of the banquet program which was a picture of Benitez walking through floodwaters toward the temporary shelter at Dobie. Holding the photo, Abbott stated, "This is the future of Texas."



Shown above are U.S. Rep. Pete Olson (left) and Hilton Koch, owner of Hilton Furniture and Mattress. Koch was honored as a Harvey Hero for using his company delivery trucks to transport people from high water to safety in shelters.

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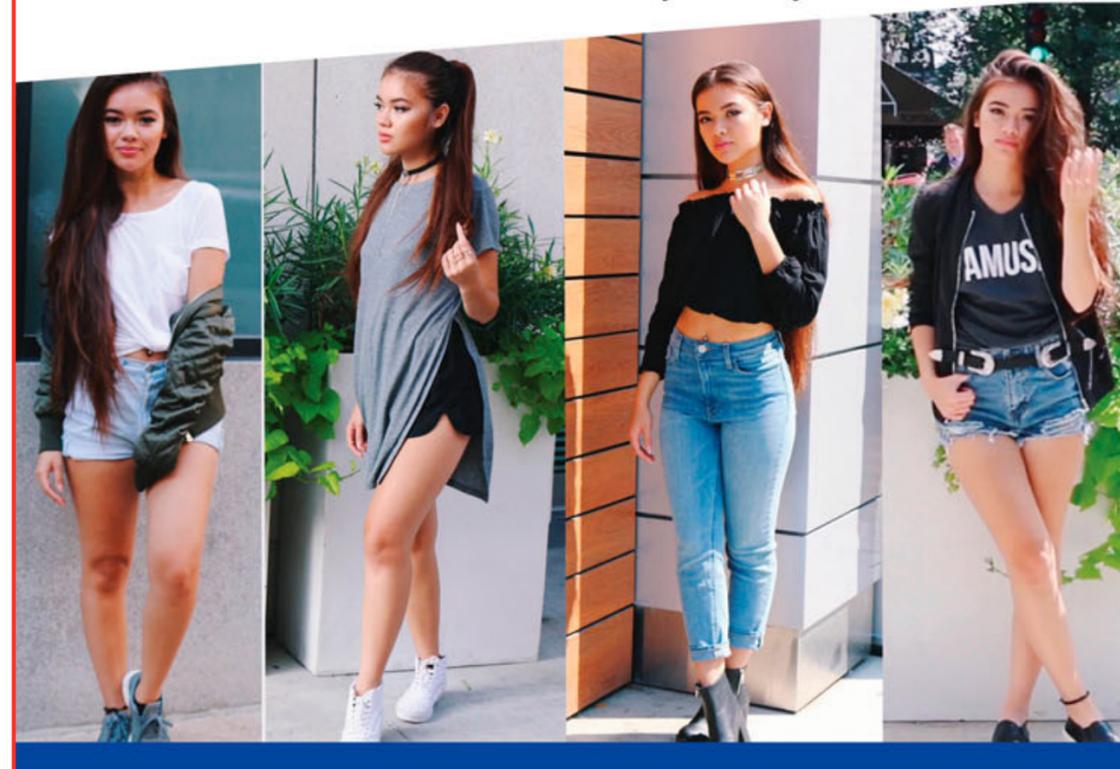
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Shown above with Gov. Abbott (right) is Thi Nguyen. Nguyen was honored as a Harvey Hero for her generous donation of 4,000 toys and a winter wonderland carnival for the students of Burnett Elementary during the holidays. Nguyen grew up in the South Belt area and was grateful for the community help when her family was in need.



Shown are Kat Kiel (left) and Gov. Greg Abbott. Kiel, who is an animal activist and rescuer in the community, helped with pets and their owners who were staying at the shelter inside Dobie High School during Harvey.

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Rising Stars Track Club delivers JO national medals



Izard Evans was truly one of the stars of the AAU Junior Olympics, setting a national record in the boys' 8-under turbo javelin at 118 feet, 9 inches. See more about his historic performance on Page 2B.



Competing in an event per day at nationals, 14-year-old Camryn Dickson's highlight came with a third-place finish in the 200-meter dash at 25.01 seconds. She is set to be a freshman at Clear Brook High School.



The Rising Stars' Christal Dickson wound up fifth nationally in the 17-18-year-old AAU Junior Olympic women's javelin, coming up with a personal best of 118 feet, 9 inches in the event as she finished a terrific summer.

Lions to pick up equipment

The Thompson Intermediate athletics coaching staffs have set football and volleyball equipment pick up times for Friday, Aug. 10, at the school. Families will be required to pay a one-time football participation fee of \$65, while volleyball players will pay \$45.

Dobie HS Diamond Club to host high school tourney

The Dobie Diamond Club is hosting a high-school-aged team tournament Aug. 24-26, at the school's field. The fundraising event will assist the booster club with funding various baseball-related activities, including in-season tour-

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Brook, Dobie VB win 2018 openers

Clear Brook and Dobie began the 2018 varsity volleyball season with wins Aug. 7, and as expected, it was their star players who led the way to victory.

Junior and three-year starter Kailin Newsome had a match-high 15 kills as Clear Brook defeated Class 6A newcomer Brid-

geland 29-27, 25-18, 25-23 at Bridgeland.

The Lady Tigers, playing their first-ever varsity match, took Clear Brook to the limit in the first game, only to see the Lady Wolverines control things from there.

Brook junior Bella Lockwood added 12 kills for the winners, and Ken-

edy Crutchfield had seven kills and six blocks up front. For the match, Clear Brook came up with 14 blocks in the sweep.

Sharing the setting duties, Kayla Carrier had 21 assists to go with 15 from Kayleigh Schultz.

At Elkins, Dobie came up with a 4-set win over the Lady Knights as senior

and four-year standout Taylor Pleasants had 15 kills and three service aces to begin her final season.

Dobie won the first two sets 25-15, 25-22 before Elkins won the third game 25-20. But the visitors earned the big points down the stretch, taking the fourth game 25-22.

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Longhorn tennis faces busy August

By John Bechtle Sports Editor

Manuel Moreno Jr. began his stay as the Dobie tennis coach 20 years ago this summer, yet in some ways has to feel like he's starting all over in 2018.

Back then, Moreno recalls that he welcomed several players with true varsity team playing ability, but there were a lot of who wills, who can and what can be's to be passed around.

Heading into the 2018 season with a morning road match at Dawson Aug. 9, Moreno will send out a lineup that includes the top six boys' and girls' singles' players as of today.

Still, that doesn't mean that same lineup will take to the court when, say, Dobie begins the all-important District 22-6A campaign Sept. 7 at home against newcomer Summer Creek.

"This is about the youngest team that I have ever coached, and I don't

mean that simply in terms of age," said Moreno, who watched as many

of the team's top-ranked performers graduated in May. "It's nobody's fault, but we are going to have players competing in slots where they haven't played before. We don't have

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Dobie Tennis Served Up

JFD at Dawson Eagles
Thursday, Aug. 9, 9 a.m.

JFD hosts George Ranch
Friday, Aug. 10, 9 a.m.

JFD at Friendswood
Friday, Aug. 10, 4 p.m.

Exes Matches at Dobie
Saturday, Aug. 11, 9 a.m.

Clear Brook varsity volleyball to play in John Turner Classic

Defending Class 6A state champion Lewisville Hebron and Prosper, the returning Class 5A state champion, headline the 2018 Adidas John Turner Classic Aug. 9-11, in Pearland.

More than 70 high school programs from across the state will compete for various bracket titles over the three days. Matches will be held at several Pearland ISD locales, including Pearland, Dawson and Turner high schools, as well as Berry Miller and Pearland junior highs. Other area high schools will also host pool play on Aug. 9.

Clear Brook, seeded 54th in the tournament, will take on 14th-seeded Lake Travis in its regular-season opener Aug. 9 at Miller Junior High. The Lady Wolverines

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Brook at Turner Classic

Aug. 9 Pool Play
CB vs. Lake Travis, 11:30 a.m.
CB vs. George Ranch, 3:15 p.m.
CB vs. St. John's, 4:30 p.m.
All matches at Berry Miller Junior High

Lutheran South at Turner Classic

Aug. 9 Pool Play
LSA vs. Argyle, 12:45 p.m.
LSA vs. Dripping Springs, 2 p.m.
LSA vs. Buda Hays, 4:30 p.m.
All matches at Lutheran South Academy

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Luis Cabreja (left) and Ruben Vargas, both previously No. 1 ranked boys' singles players in the Dobie tennis program, very well could be in action Saturday, Aug. 11, as the current program hosts its annual Exes Matches, beginning at 9 a.m. Cabreja is still playing collegiate tennis at Schreiner University in Kerr-

ville, where he is a junior. Vargas, meanwhile, is attending classes at the University of Houston. Both Cabreja and Vargas reached the Region III Championships in boys' singles during their respective careers at Dobie.

Photo by John Bechtel

HS volleyball season opens; JFD, Brook score big victories

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Pleasants, one of the top returning players in the Houston area and a Louisiana State University softball commit, made a smooth transition back to the volleyball court after spending the previous week in Japan while competing with her club softball team on an overseas tour.

Melody Le, another key returnee from the 2017-

2018 team that advanced to the area playoff round, chipped in with 15 assists. Le shared the setting chores with varsity newcomer Alivia Gonzalez, who had 17 assists. Madison Garrett and Victoria Thomas, also playing in their first varsity matches, had five kills each.

Looking ahead, Dobie will play its home opener Friday, Aug. 10, against the Alvin Yellowjackets at

6 p.m. Alvin opened its season with a four-set win over Texas City Aug. 7.

Dobie will play at Baytown Sterling Aug. 14. Clear Brook is now off to the Adidas John Turner Classic Aug. 9-11 in Pearland (see more on Page 1B).

The Lady Wolverines will play their home opener Aug. 14, against Houston Memorial.

BAFL Season Opener Saturday, Aug. 11

Sagemont Cowboys at League City 49ers
League City Sportsplex

Southbelt Dolphins host East End Eagles
Blackhawk Park

Game times: Peewee – 8 a.m.; Seniors – 9 a.m.; Juniors – 10:45 a.m.; Sophomores – 12:30 p.m.; Freshmen – 2:15 p.m.

Dobie netters deal with youth, inexperience early on

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proven No. 1 and No. 2 players at this point.

"Like back when I started 20 years ago (at Dobie), we have some solid potential with some of these young players, but they are going to have to show that they can do the job."

"It's not always fair, but the great thing about it is that these kids have come in and given everything they have. They know that we may take some lumps early on, but I know they'll keep battling."

Dobie gets it all going Aug. 9 at Dawson. The Eagles no longer have the services of two-time spring boys' singles state finalist Kevin Zhu but have enjoyed a great deal of success against the Longhorns previously, even when Zhu skipped the fall team tennis season.

Dobie then goes against both George Ranch and Friendswood Aug. 10 before hosting the annual exes matches Aug. 11, at 9 a.m.

Weather permitting, the Longhorns will play 12 times in August, a plan Moreno has used with great success in the past.

"There is no substitute for on-court, in-match experience," Moreno said.

"This is definitely one of those years where experience can really help us. We need match play. Our schedule is one of the toughest around, but we need that."

When the season opens against Dawson, Moreno expects the boys' singles draw to include team captain Sebastian Delgado at

No. 1, followed by Austin Luu, Ronald Nguyen, Luis Neira, Thompson Le and Kevin Dinh as the top six.

For the Lady Longhorns, Kristy Morales is at No. 1, with Julia Bui, Bao Nguyen, Courtney Chung, Giselle Morales and Jessica Vu following.

In doubles play, Luu and Delgado are likely to team at No. 1, with Neira and Ronald Nguyen at No. 2. The No. 3 boys' doubles team likely will include Dinh and Duy Ho as the season begins.

Meanwhile, Moreno outlined the Lady Longhorns' doubles teams to include Bao Nguyen and Kristy Morales at No. 1, Giselle Morales and Bui at No. 2 and Vu and Jordan Tran at No. 3.

Also, Moreno said the mixed doubles combinations could include any combination of Taylor Tran or team captains Stephanie Gonzalez or Camille Smith along with Gerardo Montoya or Le.

With Dobie going against so many top-notch programs in nondistrict action, Moreno and the players know team wins may be hard to come by.

The Longhorns are likely going to have to scratch and claw their way to 10 wins, the number needed for a duel win.

But the ultimate goal remains chasing after the District 22-6A championship.

No matter the season or the competition, Moreno never has and never will enjoy settling for second place or less.

Whereas the Longhorns

have ended a long-running battle with former 22-6A nemesis Deer Park, the Kingwood Mustangs represent the new high bar in the league.

Atascocita, like Kingwood and newcomer to the 22-6A ranks, defeated Dobie in the bidistrict playoff round a season ago, although the Longhorns dropped several key tiebreakers that could have swung the verdict their way in the end.

Moreno admitted he doesn't know much about Humble ISD's Humble or Summer Creek tennis programs, also part of the revamped 22-6A alignment.

And, he figures Memorial to be the most challenging of the remaining Pasadena ISD programs.

Still, there will be nothing handed out for free.

"This is a rebuilding year for us after losing all of those seniors and higher-ranked players af-

ter last season," Moreno said. "We have our work cut out for us. Kingwood is obviously one of the top programs in the area and I would think would be the favorite to win our district."

"But we aren't just going to let them have it. It's going to take a supreme effort against them, and we also have Atascocita and others to deal with."

"We just have to gain that match experience as quickly as possible and

hope that we can hold our own in these big matches. Once district gets here, we are going to go for the top spot."

It's fitting in a way that as Dobie welcomes a new era of varsity tennis talent to its roster, the University Interscholastic League's biannual realignment begins.

No matter the opponent, though, Moreno expects his Longhorns to be aiming for the top.

Editor's Note: The following player seedings were projected by Dobie tennis coach Manuel Moreno Jr. prior to the start of the 2018 team tennis season and are subject to change based on player performance.

JFD girls' seedings

1. Kristy Morales
 2. Julia Bui
 3. Bao Nguyen
 4. Courtney Chung
 5. Giselle Morales
 6. Jessica Vu
 7. Taylor Tran
 8. Stephanie Gonzalez (Captain)
 9. Jordan Tran
 10. Camille Smith (Captain)
 11. Kacey Huerta
 12. Erica Hay
- Jennifer Ho
A'miya Walls
Megan Rodriguez
Madeleine Bui
Kaitlyn Huynh

JFD boys' seedings

1. Sebastian Delgado (Captain)
 2. Austin Luu
 3. Ronald Nguyen
 4. Luis Neira
 5. Thompson Le
 6. Kevin Dinh
 7. Duy Ho
 8. Gerardo Montoya
 9. Hayden Lazo
 10. Brian Nguyen
 11. Quan Dinh
 12. Tristan Pedraza
- Dylan Ta
Kyle Redmon
Kiet Nguyen
Edward Pintarics

Dobie's Smith to State Fair C.C.



Class of 2018 Dobie High School graduate BreAnna Smith is ready to continue her education and women's basketball career at State Fair Community College in Sedalia, Mo., after signing with the Lady Roadrunners this spring. A second-team all-district performer in 22-6A, Smith played a key role inside as the Lady Longhorns reached the area playoff round in each of the past two seasons. State Fair, a National Junior College Athletic Association Division I program competing in Region XVI, is coming off a 14-17 season but has enjoyed a solid run of success this decade. Submitted photo

At right, Rising Stars Track Club teammates, left to right, Camryn Dickson, Christal Dickson, Jason Doswell, Cameron Devereaux, Trevor Doswell and Jacob Caballero share a celebratory moment with Izard Evans (6104) after he won the 8-under turbo javelin event at the Amateur Athletic Union's Junior Olympic nationals earlier this month at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. Evans, known to his teammates as "Doo," dominated the javelin event, breaking the previous national record with two of his three qualifying throws. His new national record now stands at 89 feet, 8 inches. Evans was second nationally in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:36.42, and was third in the 1,500-meter run at 5:35.69. Camryn Dickson, 14, was third in the 200-meter dash for her best finish of the meet. Her cousin, Christal Dickson, was fifth in the women's 17-18-year-old javelin throw.

Submitted photo



Rising Stars shine at AAU track; Evans sets national javelin record

Led by Izard Evans' national record in the boys' 8-under turbo javelin event, the South-Belt based Rising Stars Track Club completed its 2018 season with a rousing performance at the Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympic Games in Des Moines, Iowa.

The Rising Stars went against the best of the best July 27 through Aug. 4, on the campus of Drake University.

Evans was the star of the event for the locals, as he also bagged silver and bronze medals at nationals.

His big victory came in the turbo javelin, where two of his three qualifying throws set new national bests dating back to 2016. Evans' top throw of 89 feet, 8 inches gave him the gold medal and the prestigious honor of being the best in the United States.

Evans brought home a silver medal in the 800-meter run, completing the event in a time of 2 minutes, 36.42 seconds for the runner-up spot.

At the 1,500-meter dis-

tance, Evans got caught up in the pack early on but eventually emerged for third place and the bronze medal in a time of 5:35.69.

Clear Brook High School incoming freshman Camryn Dickson was also one of the Rising Stars top participants at nationals.

Competing in an event literally each day in Des Moines, Dickson came up with a bronze medal for third place in the 200-meter dash.

Dickson, 14, set a personal best of 24.48 in the 200 before her time of 25.01 in the final was good for third place.

At the 100-meter distance, Dickson posted personal bests of 12.33 seconds and 12.32 in qualifying rounds before crossing the finish line at 12.67 for eighth place in the final.

In the 400-meter dash, Dickson placed 19 with a time of 58.75, giving her All-American status for a top-20 finish.

Chrystal Dickson, cousin of Camryn Dickson, also enjoyed a terrific

meet in the AAU finals.

Entered in the women's 17-18-year-old javelin throw, Dickson's personal record of 118 feet, 9 inches was fifth-best in the event for a medal. She also delivered a personal best in the triple jump at 31-2, eventually placing 46th among 59 competitors.

Elsewhere, the Stars' Alena Holt also captured All-American status in the women's 17-18-year-old javelin event as her throw of 96-2 placed her 13th.

In the men's 17-18-year-old javelin event, the Rising Stars' Deon Brown was 19th at 139-0 for All-American status. Teammates Justin Vega (126-3 for 27th place) and Cameron Devereaux (124-4 for 29th place) also excelled.

Devereaux also took part in a pair of running events. He was 41st in the 1,500-meter run with a time of 4:35.45, and his clocking of 2:06.27 in the 800-meter run placed him 49th.

The Stars' Valeria Salinas, who qualified for nationals in the women's

17-18-year-old long jump, wound up 57th as she made her way to the 14-1 mark.

Mikey Ramirez of the Rising Stars placed 13th and grabbed All-American honors for his throw of 131-7 in the 15-16-year-old javelin, and teammate Jacob Caballero was 57th overall in the 15-16-year-old 1,500-meter run at 4:39.28.

Caballero's brother, Noah Caballero, earned All-American accolades as he was 10th in the 11-year-old turbo javelin throw with a top effort of 89-6.

Jason Doswell, 13, competed in three different events at nationals. He was 19th for an All-American effort of 35-3 in the shot put. He also took part in the discus (84-10 for 34th place) and javelin (83-10 for 21st place) events.

Trevor Doswell, 10, was 29th with a throw of 60-11 in the turbo javelin throw. In the same event, the Stars' Ryan Reed, 9, was 26th with a toss of 54-0.

Brook volleyball to see some of state's elite

Continued from Page 1B High School varsity volleyball head coach and tournament founder John Pool play that first day at BMJH.

The three-day event, named in honor of former longtime Pearland al Texas state champions

over the years.

Aside from top-seeded Hebron and Prosper (No. 4), the tournament's top 10 seeds include Southlake Carroll (2), The Woodlands (3), Dripping Springs (5), Ridge Point (6), Smithson Valley (7), Clear Falls (8), New Braunfels (9) and San Antonio Reagan (10).

Ridge Point is the highest-seeded team from the Houston area at No. 6, followed by Clear Falls at No. 8.

Lutheran South is also in the event, seeded 70th and set to take on Dripping Springs, Argyle and Buda Hays in pool play.

Three-day tournament passes will be available Aug. 9 only, including adults (\$30), senior citizens (\$20) and students (\$12).

Single-day passes are \$12 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$5 for students who produce a valid student identification card.

The gold bracket championship final will be held Aug. 11, at Pearland High School. Match time is set for 2:15 p.m.

In 2017, the final four in the gold championship bracket included Lewisville Hebron, The Woodlands, Plano East and San Antonio Reagan, with Reagan winning the gold bracket title with a 25-22, 25-21 win over Hebron.

In the silver championship bracket, Clear Falls defeated Kingwood for third place, and Clear Brook was seventh in the same bracket. Now it's 2018, and the race to state starts at the John Turner Classic.

Sports camps, news, notes

Pasadena ISD offers football season tickets

Pasadena ISD athletic department officials are selling varsity football season ticket packages at a discounted rate now through Aug. 24, at the district's athletic office, located at 2906 Dabney in Pasadena.

Dobie fans may purchase a 7-game package for \$42, or \$6 per ticket. All tickets at the gate the evening of a game are \$7 each.

Beginning Aug. 25, officials will also be selling individual pre-sale game tickets at \$6 each for adults and \$3 for students.

The Dobie ticket packages may also be purchased online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dobie-varsity-football-season-ticket-2018-tickets-47952900416>. The district office also has season ticket packages available for its other four high school programs. For additional information, call 713-740-0841.

Robinson Fastpitch softball camp

The Robinson Fastpitch Camp for youth softball players is coming to the South Belt Girls Softball Association's facility at El Franco Lee Park.

The camp will be held Friday, Aug. 10, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost of the camp is \$140 per participant and will include instruction from coaches from such collegiate programs as UH-Victoria, Louisiana State, Centenary College of Louisiana, Sam Houston, Hardin-Simmons and more.

Players entering the seventh through 12th grades as of the 2018-2019 school year are eligible to attend. To register for the camp, visit www.mcdonaldclinics.com. For more information, direct email to camp director and Dobie High School graduate Iver McDonald Robinsonativermac18@gmail.com.

SB youth soccer club hosts fall sign-up

The South Belt Youth Soccer Club is currently offering online registration for the 2018 fall season. Those competing in the 5-under division will pay \$115, while those in the 9-under division will pay \$140. Those in the 11-under division will pay \$260, and those 12 and older will pay \$180. All registration fees include a uniform (shirt, shorts and socks). A \$10 late fee will be added for those registering after Sept. 1. Families are responsible for providing shin guards, soccer cleats and practice ball. To begin the registration process, visit www.southbeltsoccer.org. Returning players do not need to start a new registration account.

Dolphins have player, cheer, drill openings

The Southbelt Dolphins of the Bay Area Football League has openings for 9- and 10-year-old football players as well as 5-to-7-year-old girls as team mascots and 8-to-13-year-old girls for cheerleaders. For more information or to speak with a team official, leave a message on the team's Facebook page at Southbelt Dolphins Youth Football Club. The Dolphins will begin the regular season Saturday, Aug. 11, hosting the East End Eagles at Blackhawk Park.

SBGSA has ongoing online registration

The South Belt Girls Softball Association is now offering online registration for its fall ball season.

Players ages 4 through 16 as of Aug. 1, 2018, are eligible to compete in the league.

Regular registration is now through Aug. 15, at \$75 per player. There will also be late registration opportunities coming later this month. League games will get underway in September.

There are no fundraiser fees, and additional sibling discounts are available. Visit www.southbeltssoftball.com for registration details or for more information about the league.

SBGSA has ongoing online registration

At press time, former Dobie High School quarterback Blake Jackson was set to make his preseason debut with the Cleveland Browns as a receiver. Signed early in training camp, the former Mary Hardin-Baylor star very well could see action in the Browns' preseason opener Aug. 9, against the New York Giants, 6 p.m. on NFL Network.

Sports Calendar

TENNIS

Thursday, Aug. 9

Dobie varsity at Pearland Dawson, 9 a.m.

Friday, Aug. 10

Dobie varsity at Friendswood, 6:00

Saturday, Aug. 11

Dobie varsity hosts exes matches, Dobie, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 14

Dobie varsity at Katy, 3:00

VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Aug. 9

Brook varsity at Pearland Adidas Classic
Brook varsity vs. Lake Travis, BMJH, 11:30 a.m.
Brook varsity vs. George Ranch, BMJH, 3:15
Brook varsity vs. St. John's, BMJH, 4:30
Dobie JV at Rayburn tourn., TBA

Friday, Aug. 10

Dobie varsity hosts Alvin, 6:00
Brook varsity at Pearland Adidas Classic, TBA
Dobie JV hosts Alvin, 5:00
Dobie freshman A hosts Alvin, 4:00
Dobie freshman B hosts Alvin, 4:00

Saturday, Aug. 11

Brook varsity at Pearland Adidas Classic, TBA
Brook freshman B at Dobie tourn., TBA

Tuesday, Aug. 14

Brook varsity hosts Houston Memorial, 5:30
Dobie varsity at Baytown Sterling, 6:30
Dobie JV at Baytown Sterling, 5:30
Brook JV hosts Houston Memorial, 4:30
Dobie freshman A at Baytown Sterling, 4:30
Brook freshman A hosts Houston Memorial, 4:30
Brook freshman B hosts Houston Memorial, 5:30

Thursday, Aug. 16

Dobie varsity at Dickinson tourn., TBA
Dobie freshman A at Pasadena H.S. tourn., TBA

Saturday, Aug. 18

Dobie varsity at Dickinson tourn., TBA
Dobie freshman A at Pasadena H.S. tourn., TBA

FOOTBALL

Friday, Aug. 17

Dobie all teams scrimmage at Beaumont W.B., 7:00
Brook all teams scrimmage at Manvel, 7:00

Thursday, Aug. 23

Dobie all teams scrimmage Beaumont United, Veterans Stadium, 7:00
Brook all teams scrimmage at Dawson, The Rig, TBA

Thursday, Aug. 30

Brook JV Black at La Porte, 4:30
Dobie JV Orange hosts Santa Fe, campus, 4:30
Dobie JV White at Friendswood, campus, 4:30
Brook JV Red at La Porte, 6:00
Brook freshman Black hosts La Porte, 4:30
Dobie freshman Orange at Santa Fe, 4:30
Dobie freshman White at Santa Fe, 4:30
Brook freshman Red hosts La Porte, 6:00

Friday, Aug. 31

Dobie varsity at Santa Fe, Indians Stadium, 7:00
Brook varsity hosts La Porte, Vet. Memorial, 7:00

Adidas John Turner Classic Volleyball Seeding

1. Hebron	19. S.A. Brandies	37. Waller	55. Clear Springs
2. Southlake Carroll	20. Clear Creek	38. Bellaire	56. Jenks
3. Woodlands	21. N.B. Canyon	39. Decatur	57. Melissa
4. Prosper	22. Coronado	40. S.A. Brennan	58. South San Antonio
5. Dripping Springs	23. George Ranch	41. Needville	59. Brazoswood
6. Ridge Point	24. Deer Park	42. Lake Highlands	60. St. Anthony's
7. Smithson Valley	25. S.A. Johnson	43. Buda Hays	61. St. John's
8. Clear Falls	26. Kingwood	44. S.A. Christian	62. Dulles
9. New Braunfels	27. Granbury	45. Friendswood	63. Ursuline Academy
10. S.A. Reagan	28. Grapevine	46. Trinity Christian	64. Glenn
11. S.A. O'Connor	29. Highland Park	47. St. Agnes	65. Clear Lake
12. Pearland	30. Foster	48. Manvel	66. Nederland
13. Westlake	31. Denton Guyer	49. Santa Fe	67. Pas. Memorial
14. Dawson	32. Kingwood Park	50. Central Catholic	68. Summer Creek
15. Flower Mound	33. Clemens	51. San Marcos	69. Kinkaid
16. Lake Travis	34. Argyle	52. Richardson	70. Lutheran South
17. Amarillo	35. Sonora	53. Barbers Hill	71. Dickinson
18. Arlington Martin	36. Episcopal	54. Clear Brook	72. Alexander
			73. Veterans Memorial
			74. Alief Elsik

Wolverine announce subvarsity FB slates

Brook JV Red

2018 Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 17	at Manvel scrimmage	TBA
Aug. 24	Dawson scrimmage	TBA
Aug. 30	at La Porte (Bulldog)	6:00
Sept. 6	Friendswood	6:00
Sept. 13	Angleton	6:00
Sept. 20	at C.E. King	6:00
Sept. 27	*Clear Creek	6:00
Oct. 4	*at Clear Falls	6:00
Oct. 11	*Clear Springs	6:00
Oct. 25	*at Dickinson (Vitanza)	6:00
Nov. 1	*Alvin	6:00
Nov. 8	*at Clear Lake	6:00

* District 24-6A games

Brook JV Black

2018 Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 17	at Manvel scrimmage	TBA
Aug. 24	Dawson scrimmage	TBA
Aug. 30	at La Porte (Bulldog)	4:30
Sept. 6	Friendswood	4:30
Sept. 13	Calhoun	4:30
Sept. 20	at C.E. King	4:30
Sept. 27	*Clear Creek	4:30
Oct. 4	*at Clear Falls	4:30
Oct. 11	*Clear Springs	4:30
Oct. 25	*at Dickinson (Vitanza)	4:30
Nov. 1	*Alvin	4:30
Nov. 8	*at Clear Lake	4:30

* District 24-6A games

Brook Freshman Red

2018 Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 17	Manvel scrimmage	TBA
Aug. 24	Dawson scrimmage	TBA
Aug. 30	La Porte	6:00
Sept. 6	at Friendswood (Winston)	6:00
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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9

7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.
9:30 a.m.
NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse - Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 a.m., Praise Chapel, 18516 Hwy. 3 in Webster. The public is welcome and encouraged to bring others. For details, call 281-910-1971.

10 a.m.
Fun Bunch - for senior citizens, ages 55 and older, meets the second Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, 10500 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call Ronn Canon at 281-610-8999 or the chamber at 281-481-5516.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email at jpochsner@aol.com for details.

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, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.

6:30 p.m.
Pearland Area Republican's Club - meets monthly on the second Thursday (except December, June and July) at the Pearland Church of Christ Annex, 2217 N. Grand Blvd.,

Pearland. For details, call Gary at 281-993-8335.
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 details, contact the office at 281-488-5861 or at csh@shaarhashalom.org.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Women's Group, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM-518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-856-1611.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or 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 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.

Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - West End Group, noon, Shepherd of the Heart United Methodist Church, 12005 County Rd. 39, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.

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

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

call 281-484-9243.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 11
7:30 a.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - "Breakfast with Bill", Saturdays, 7:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.
10 a.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.

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

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

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12
1 p.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.

Scleroderma Support Group - Do you know someone with scleroderma? Join a support group on the second Sunday, 2 to 4 p.m., at Memorial Hermann Northeast Hospital in Humble. Bring a friend. Call Jacob Davila at 281-706-6232, or email jdavila@scleroderma.org.
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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.

7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA meets Sundays, 7 p.m., 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 13
10 a.m.
Al-Anon Deer Park - Mondays, 10 to 11 a.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for details, or drop in.

Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.
11:30 a.m.
Overeaters Anonymous Deer Park - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for details, or drop in.

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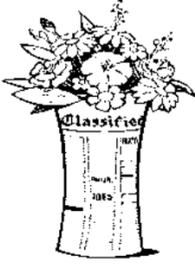
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MONDAY, AUGUST 13

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.

CrossRoads UMC - Mercy Hearts meets on the second and fourth Mondays, 6 to 8 p.m., at CrossRoads UMC located at 10030 Scarsdale. The focus of the new Mercy Hearts is support for families of inmates and ex-offenders. The program will provide a complimentary meal, group Bible study and discussion. Child care is provided. This is a confidential ministry and information will be treated accordingly. For details, contact C. Talbot at 281-245-7072 or Chucktal@msn.com.

Scrabble Club #511 - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Come, improve crossword playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for more information.

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.

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

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

Congregation Shaar Hashalom - Israeli Folk Dancing on Monday, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., 16020 El Camino Real, 77062. \$4/session or \$35/10 sessions for CSH members and \$5/session or \$45/10 sessions for nonmembers. Everyone is welcome. For information, contact 281-488-5861 or csh@shaarhashalom.org.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Education Bldg., 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For details, call Russell at 832-483-6715.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14

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 more information, or drop in.

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

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.

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

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

Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch is \$15. Variety of interesting speakers. For details, call 281-900-7257 or email nalix@texascitizensbank.com.

Hometown Heroes Park - has free dance "lessons" Tuesdays following the senior luncheon taught by 35-year dance area instructors Lewis and Betty Whistler at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. For questions regarding lessons, call 832-517-5833. League City Parks Dept. requires an activity card for all participation of activities. Seniors (age 55 and older) get a free "full activity card." Nonresident seniors pay \$25 a year for this full activity card. If under age 55, there is a "special limited to ballroom activity card" (residents pay \$25/year, nonresidents pay \$37.50) to enjoy "daytime" ballroom activities. Saturday night ballroom dances require a door fee to cover expenses. For questions about the activity card, call the park office at 281-554-1180.

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15

AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in

Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in. 9:30 a.m.

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

The Community Club - meets monthly on the third Wednesday at Golden Corral, 4021 Spencer Hwy., in Pasadena. Social time is 9:30 a.m.; meeting is at 10 a.m. The club is a charitable organization of women helping the Salvation Army feed and care for homebound elderly/disabled people, children and the homeless, providing scholarships for Bridge Over Troubled Water clients. Day trips may be scheduled, followed by a guest speaker/program with fellowship and lunch. New members and guests are invited. For details, email Jmopry@yahoo.com.

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

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

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

Hometown Heroes Park - has Hump Day Dance to practice ballroom dances (not lessons) in a casual environment. A variety of rhythms are played from 1 to 3:30 p.m., Wednesdays, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. League City nonresidents must purchase activity card (see Tuesday 12:30 p.m. dance for details). Help is available to assist learning dance moves. For more information, call Neva Schroder at 417-838-2204.

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 for women. Visit www.bayareaturningpoint.org for more information.

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

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

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

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

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

Harris County Master Gardeners - presents Fall Vegetable Gardening on Thursday, Aug. 16, at 6:30 p.m. in the Freeman Branch Library, 16616 Diana Lane. This is a free Harris County Master Gardener event. For details, visit https://hcmga.tamu.edu/Public/pubGreenThumb.aspx or call 713-274-0950.

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

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Cisneros family visits Orlando



The Cisneros family, from Durham Park, visited Orlando the first week in July. Shown above left are, left to right, Michael Cisneros, Isabella Cisneros and Carolyn Cisneros attending a character dinner at Chef Mickey's where Isabella had dinner with Mickey and Minnie. The family also visited Disney World's Magic Kingdom where Isabella dressed up like a princess and met all her favorite Disney princesses. Shown above right,



Isabella (right) met Princess Ariel from "The Little Mermaid." The family visited Universal Studios, too. Shown below left are, left to right, Carolyn, Isabella and Michael posing in front of a SpongeBob store. Isabella visited some of her favorite cartoon characters as shown in the photo below. Left to right are SpongeBob SquarePants, Isabella and Squidward. Isabella will begin second grade at Laura Bush Elementary in the fall.



Gourriers celebrate anniversary in Cabo



The Gourriers celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary with their son, Desmond, in Cabo San Lucas and Cabo San Jose. Shown above are, left to right, Yolanda, Desmond and Steven Gourrier. Shown below, left to right, Steven, Desmond and Yolanda enjoy the scenery of the rock formations at the Sea of Cortez near Cabo. Yolanda is a teacher at Pasadena Early College High School where Desmond is a 10th-grade student. Steven is the principal at the South Early College High School in the Houston Independent School District.



Trio cruise, dive in Caymans



Wendy LeFever, Ray Reed and Colby Reed vacationed on the Carnival Miracle Cruise ship. They enjoyed an excursion at one of their favorite diving spots, the Grand Caymans. The trio dived to a depth of 83 feet and enjoyed an adventurous time on July 20. Shown above, left to right, LeFever, Ray and Colby take a Kodak moment while diving.



During the dive, the group experienced all kinds of ocean wildlife. Shown above with a sea turtle are, left to right, Ray, LeFever and Colby. Shown below is a large tropical fish the group encountered during their dive. Ray was raised in the South Belt area and currently works at Niday Funeral Home. LeFever has lived in the South Belt area for the past 22 years and works at South Houston High School.



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