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Chamber luncheon set

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce will host a membership luncheon Thursday, Sept. 17, at Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Drive in Pearland, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Featured speakers include state Sen. Larry Taylor, state Rep. Dennis Paul and San Jacinto College Chancellor Brenda Hellyer. Individual reservations are \$25 each. Table sponsorship is \$300. Attendees should RSVP by Monday, Sept. 14. For information, to RSVP or to purchase tickets, contact Chamber Executive Director Sherry Trainer at 281-481-5516.

Roberts MS open house set

Fred Roberts Middle School will host its first open house on Thursday, Sept. 10, from 5:15 to 8 p.m. Parents will have a chance to visit their child's teachers, visit the book fair in the library, and visit the counselors in the cafeteria. There will be a 1 to 1 Technology meeting in the cafeteria from 6:30 to 6:45 p.m. Spirit shirts and Komen shirts will be available for purchase for \$10 each in the cafeteria. For more information, call Fred Roberts Middle School at 713-740-2390.

Citizen's Police Academy set

Constable Chris Diaz invites all citizens to attend the upcoming third annual Citizen's Police Academy. Classes will be held for 10 consecutive Tuesdays beginning Sept. 15, and ending with a graduation ceremony on Nov. 17. All classes will be held at the John Phelps Courthouse located at 101 S. Richey.

Citizens will hear from experts in the fields of counterterrorism, domestic abuse, human trafficking, ethics and law enforcement, and many other topics that will help one to better understand what officers face today. Tips on how to keep family and community safe will also be discussed. There is no fee for participants. For information or to sign up for the academy, contact Sgt. Cindy Vara-Leija at 713-477-2766 or Cindy.Leija@cn2.hctx.net.

Legion hosts Backyard Bash

American Legion Post 490, 11702 Galveston Road, will host a Backyard Bash on Saturday, Sept. 12, from 4 to 10 p.m. Entertainment will include a disc jockey from 4 to 6 p.m. and a live band from 6 to 10 p.m. Presale tickets are \$20 each, and \$25 at the door. For more information about the event, call 281-481-1179.

Sageglen meets Sept. 14

The Sageglen Community Association September meeting will take place Monday, Sept. 14, at the Sageglen Community Building located at 11610 Sageyork at 7 p.m.

PIP meeting Sept. 15

The Positive Interaction Program will meet Tuesday, Sept. 15, at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria in the staff meeting room on the first floor. Guest speaker will be Harris County Assistant Attorney Susan Fillion, who will speak on elderly financial exploitation. PIP consists of police and citizens working for safer neighborhoods. For information, call Officer Richard Buitron at 281-218-3900.

LegalLine offered Sept. 16

LegalLine will be available Wednesday, Sept. 16, from 5 to 9 p.m. LegalLine is a public service of the Houston Bar Association where attorneys offer free legal advice over the telephone. For more information, call the HBA office at 713-759-1133.

K of C spaghetti Sept. 25

Knights of Columbus Council 9201 will sponsor a charity fundraising spaghetti dinner on Friday, Sept. 25, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the St. Luke Catholic Church Social Hall, 11011 Hall Road. The menu will include all-you-can-eat spaghetti with KC 9201 pasta sauce, two homemade Italian meatballs, garden salad with Italian dressing, French bread, and iced tea or lemonade. The cost is \$7 eat in or take out. For children under 12, the cost is \$3, eat in only.

JFD PSAT prep classes set

PSAT prep classes will be offered for Dobie students grades 10 and 11. The PSAT will be given Oct. 14 and is the first step in the college placement testing process. Students have an opportunity their junior year to qualify as National Merit Scholars which opens the doors for prestigious college admission as well as academic scholarships. Prep classes are offered at Dobie to provide test strategies and skill enrichment. Classes will cost \$50 (cash) and include all materials, a practice test in which scores will be analyzed, and 18 hours of tutoring. Students can register during Mega Lunch at the College Connection table or in P-16. Registration forms will also be available during Open House on Sept. 14 from 6 to 8 p.m. Space is limited, and applicants will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. For more information, call Jennifer Johnson or Nancy Carlton in the Dobie College Now office at 713-740-0370.

Dobie baseball player dies following training

Steven Moreno, a 14-year-old freshman student at Dobie High School, died Sept. 4 in a Houston area hospital, just days after suffering from a heat-related illness following running activities in a baseball athletics period at the school.

According to those familiar with the situation, including family member Jennifer Castro, Moreno fell ill while running in the athletics period.

He was attended to by Dobie athletics training personnel and was eventually transported to a local hospital. Moreno appeared to be improving for a time before being transported to another hospital in the Texas Medical Center, where he died.

At press time, the family had not been updated on autopsy results. Moreno was also involved in the school band, both at Dobie High School and

previously at Beverly Hills Intermediate.

"Our deepest sympathy goes to the student's family. (He) leaves behind a host of friends who will miss him greatly," Pasadena ISD school district officials said in a statement released Sept. 5.

"The family has been impressed that Steven touched so many hearts during his time here," Castro said. "It's sad that



Moreno

we had to find out this way, but we are so thankful for the outpouring of support and love that has been shown. We had no idea that Steven meant so much to so many, and it's been a beautiful thing to see."

Moreno is survived by his mother, Angelica Moreno; father Julio Moreno, sister Linda Moreno and stepbrother Jonathan Moreno, as well as other relatives. A member of the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League for several years, Moreno will be honored during an age 16-under benefit tournament later this month. Proceeds will go toward assisting the family with funeral costs. See more information on Page 1B.

Hughes tree removal causes stir



The removal of several trees along Hughes Road has angered many residents, who see the move as being unnecessary. The removals are part of the ongoing project to replace Hughes Road. Some of the removals are to make way for new infrastructure, while others were removed to make room for new turn lanes. The photo to the left shows where several large trees have been cut down to make room for a new turn lane in front of Sagemont Church. The above photo shows an esplanade in front of Frazier Elementary, where the two trees in the forefront have been marked for removal.

Crews cut down trees, irk residents

The recent removal of several trees along Hughes Road as part of the ongoing project to replace the area street has drawn the ire of many in the community.

While it is unclear exactly how old the trees were, some residents told the *Leader* the oaks were approximately 50 years of age. The majority of the removed trees were located east of Sagemont Church near Sagemont Church. In all, 59 of 486 trees are set to come down.

City officials said some of the trees were removed to make way for new infrastructure, while others were removed to make room for new turn lanes. One of the more controversial removals involves a large oak tree in front of Sagemont Church that was cut down to make room for a new turn lane. Many residents are questioning the need for such a turn lane, now that the renovated church's main entrance is located on Beltway 8.

It is presumed the construction was based on outdated designs. The original design for the

project was conducted by Snowden Engineering in 1999, before being reassigned to Othon Inc. in 2012. City officials said changes in design between the two firms was minimal.

At a public meeting on the project last month, officials warned that some residents might have trees removed from their properties but made no mention of removing trees from the esplanades. Officials said the removals would be a last resort and affected residents would be notified in advance.

While the esplanades are city property, the trees were planted by the Sagemont Civic Club, which was not notified of the plan to remove the trees. Officials said the removed trees will be replaced with equivalent sized ones, on an inch-by-inch basis. A total of 284 inches of trees are to be removed and replaced.

As of Wednesday, Sept. 9, construction crews had temporarily stopped cutting the trees down, while city officials and community leaders assess the issue.

Shaver project nears completion

Houston District E City Council Member Dave Martin will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony Tuesday, Sept. 22, at Iglesia Cristo de Poder, 5300 S. Shaver St., to mark the completion of the South Shaver Street reconstruction project. The event will begin at 10 a.m.

The long-awaited project reconstructed South Shaver Street from the Gulf Freeway to State Highway 3/Old Galveston Road.

In the works for roughly four decades, the undertaking involved widening the area thoroughfare from a four-lane undivided roadway with open ditches to a six-lane divided roadway with raised median, curb and gutter drainage, side-

walks, street lighting and improved underground utilities.

The project also included widening 1/2 mile of Berry Bayou and building a 13.2-acre detention basin north of South Shaver Street.

The endeavor was a joint venture between the Texas Department of Transportation, the City of Houston and the Harris County Flood Control District. The estimated cost of construction was \$13.5 million – 80 percent of which was funded by the Federal Highway Administration and 20 percent of which was funded by the City of Houston.

Work began on the project in June 2014.

Man arrested after allegedly setting fire to local hospital

A man was arrested early Thursday, Sept. 3, after allegedly setting two fires at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital.

David Williams, 33, is facing a criminal arson charge, according to Houston Fire Department officials.

Williams, who celebrated his birthday on Wednesday, arrived at the hospital around 1 a.m. to be treated for an injury. At some point, he became agitated and left the emergency room and proceeded to the adjacent professional building, which was unoccupied during the early morning hours.

Williams then broke into the building and set

two fires, one on the first floor and one on the second floor. Hospital security responded and confronted Williams, who at this point, broke out a bottom-floor window.

Williams reportedly ignored commands to exit the building and proceeded to destroy contents of the building.

When Houston police arrived at the scene, Williams exited the building and was detained without incident.

The hospital suffered extensive damage caused by fire, smoke, water and vandalism. Fire department officials said the damages may exceed \$1 million.

Martin to hold town hall meeting

Houston District E City Council Member Dave Martin will host a town hall meeting Tuesday, Sept. 22, at Space Center Houston, 1601 NASA Road 1, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

"It is a privilege to be able to host these town hall meetings every year," Martin said. "I look forward to being able to provide updates to the community, as well as to meet the residents and hear their questions and concerns. There are many important issues affecting our city today, and these meetings are a wonderful opportunity to get the public involved."

Representatives from the City of Houston Public Works and Engineering Department, the

Houston Parks and Recreation Department, the Houston Police Department and the Houston Airport System are scheduled to take part in the event.

Additionally, Martin has invited representatives from Trendmaker Homes and Fidelis Realty to provide an update on their respective developments at the corner of Clear Lake City Boulevard and El Dorado Boulevard. An invitation has also been extended to General Growth Partners, which is coordinating the expansion of Baybrook Mall.

For more information, contact Martin's office at 832-393-3008.

Sheriff's office hosts shredding event

The Harris County Sheriff's Office will host a document shredding event Saturday, Sept. 26, at the Harris County Courthouse Annex, located at 10851 Scarsdale at Beamer, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Identity theft has become one of the costliest crimes in the nation. In addition to helping prevent thieves from physically getting their hands

on the discarded personal and confidential information of others, the event will also help by heightening general public awareness on how to avoid becoming a victim of identity theft.

Residents may bring up to five banker boxes or grocery bags full of documents.

For more information, call 713-759-9454.

Sagemont man, 28, fatally shot

A South Belt man was found dead in his vehicle Sunday, Sept. 6, at an apartment complex in the 5000 block of Selinsky near Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. He had reportedly been shot twice – once in the head and once in the shoulder.

Cornelius Cotton, 28, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Houston police responded to an anonymous call just after 2 p.m. to find Cotton shot to death in the driver's side of a white pickup truck in the parking lot of the Crestmont Village apartments.



Cotton

A longtime Sagemont resident, Cotton did not live in the complex. Police said it is unclear when Cotton was shot.

While there was no known motive or suspects at press time, records show Cotton was arrested on felony drug charges last year. Investigators said potential witnesses were hesitant to talk to police. Cotton leaves behind an 18-month-old son, Mikael, and a newborn 1-month-old daughter, Michelle. A fundraising page has been established to help Cotton's family with funeral costs. To make a donation, visit www.youcaring.com/sheila-r-cotton-430227.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to call the Houston Police Department's Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

PISD police salute Goforth



Police officers across the country mourned the loss of Harris County sheriff's Deputy Darren Goforth Friday, Sept. 4. Members of the Pasadena Independent School District Police Department's Honor Guard are shown above saluting Goforth before the funeral. Pictured above are, left to right, Officer Joseph Scarafile, Sgt. Richard Phillips, officers Seth King, Mark Mills and Kyle Wilson. Photo submitted

In My Opinion

Suspicious truck concerns residents

I live in the Kirkwood South subdivision and am on the "Nextdoor Kirkwood South" website. Neighbors on this website have reported numerous sightings (including myself) of a black Chevrolet extended cab truck in the Kirkwood South area for the past several weeks. The truck drives slowly up and down the streets of the subdivision, over and over. It even drove down my street.

drive down my street belong to the people who live there.

A neighbor on the website reported the truck was slowly driving up and down his street and when he stepped out his front door, the truck stepped on the gas and drove away.

The truck doesn't have front plates and the back plates are paper and hard to read. Some of the people on the website said they have called the constable and reported the suspicious vehicle.

Please publish this in the *South Belt Leader* so people can keep their eyes open! Thank you!

Yvonne Baier

Sagemont Civic Club meets Sept. 14

The Sagemont Civic Club will meet on Monday, Sept. 14, from 7 until 8:30 p.m. at the Sagemont Park Community Center.

JROTC car wash Sept. 26

Dobie High School's Air Force JROTC unit will host a car wash on Saturday, Sept. 26, at Snowie's located at the intersection of Beamer and Scarsdale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Funds are being raised to help cadets with costs of attending an air show in San Antonio this October along with attending a JROTC Leadership School this summer and for their annual military ball. Donations will be accepted the day of the car wash for a minimum of \$5 per vehicle. Tickets will also be pre-sold by cadets. No rain checks for pre-sold tickets.

Lariaettes host dance clinic Sept. 29

The Dobie Lariaettes will hold their annual Hand & Stand Dance Clinic on Tuesday, Sept. 29. Participants will learn the Lariaette stand routines, then sit with the Lariaettes in the stands during the first half of the Dobie versus South Houston football game on Friday, Oct. 2, at 7 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Stadium.

The clinic will be held at Dobie High School from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 29, for students in Pre-K through eighth grade.

Preregistration is \$25, or \$35 at the door, cash or money order only. Participants who preregister will receive a shirt that will guarantee them free admission into the football game. For more information, contact Amanda Castro at Amanda.Castro54@yahoo.com.

Local library events set

Parker Williams Branch

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

Thursday, Sept. 10, 4:30 p.m. - The library will present *Be a Responsible Pet Owner*.

Monday, Sept. 14, 1:30 p.m. - Computer Training and Senior Health Resources - Learn about online resources for information needs on health, and also learn to improve computer skills.

Monday, Sept. 14, 4:30 p.m. - Teen iTalk Books, This month, the book discussed will be the world of Maire Lu's *Legend*.

Wednesday, Sept. 16, 5 p.m. - *CyberPatriot*.

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

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

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

For information on programs, call the Parker Williams Library at 281-484-2036.

Bracewell Branch Library

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

Every Tuesday: 10:30 a.m. - Family storytime, followed by a Storytime-themed Craft and Playtime at 11 a.m.; Noon - Toddler Yoga.

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

Every Thursday: 4 p.m. - Kids Craft.

Bracewell hours are Sunday and Monday - Closed; Tuesday and Wednesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday noon to 8 p.m., Friday 1 to 5 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information on programs, call the Bracewell Library at 832-393-2580.

Bayshore Medical volunteers give \$50,000 to SJ scholarships

This year, 50 is the magic number for the Bayshore Medical Center volunteer auxiliary. The group is celebrating its 50th years of service by giving \$50,000 toward San Jacinto College scholarships.

Twenty-five San Jacinto College nursing students have each already received \$1,000 scholarships this semester for their tuition. In the spring, the volunteers will donate another award of \$25,000 to the college for more scholarships. It's a gift that gives students like Emily Duggan a bit of relief when it comes to college expenses.

"This scholarship helps me out a lot," said Duggan, who was encouraged by her mother, Melissa Jackson, to attend the San Jacinto College nursing program. Jackson graduated from San Jacinto College in 1991 and has since earned her bachelor's degree in nursing.

She has worked as a nurse for Bayshore Medical Center for more than 20 years. "My mom has been the one helping me out with my tuition, so I'm very appreciative to the volunteers for this gift."

John Logan, Bayshore Medical Center volunteer and upcoming scholarship chairman, said funds are raised each year through purchases from the Bayshore Medical Center gift shop. He noted that giving funds to the San Jacinto College nursing program is an investment toward the future health care workforce while also bringing some financial relief to the students.

"It's important to help all people because it instills in them a sense of relief and the knowledge that someone believes in them," said Logan. "We're giving this money to advance students in the nursing program because we may see them here one day at

Bayshore. It comes full circle."

Since its inception, Bayshore Medical Center has given nearly \$500,000 in support of San Jacinto College students through equipment and scholarship assistance. Approximately 302 students from programs such as nursing, radiology, physical therapy, surgical technology, and emergency medical technician have received assistance through the group's donations.

"This is a community in which we can all be proud, one that includes passionate people like the volunteers of Bayshore Medical Center, who are devoted to giving back to their community to make it strong and vibrant," said Ruth Keenan, executive director of the San Jacinto College Foundation. "San Jacinto College is forever grateful for the continuous support given to our students."



The Bayshore Medical Center volunteer auxiliary is celebrating its 50 years of service this year by giving \$50,000 toward San Jacinto College scholarships. Pictured are, left to right, John Logan, Bayshore Medical Center volunteer and incoming scholarship chair; Dr. Brenda Hellyer, San Jacinto College chancellor; Melba Solemas, Bayshore Medical Center volunteer; Ruth Keenan, executive director of the San Jacinto College Foundation; Cathy Leimback, Bayshore Medical Center volunteer; Larry Wilson, vice chairman of the San Jacinto College Board of Trustees; Miriam Moore, Bayshore Medical Center volunteer; and Michael Kane, dean of health sciences at San Jacinto College. Photo by Amanda Fenwick

Romance writers host workshops

New York Times and *USA Today* bestselling historical romance author Sarah MacLean will present writing workshops on Saturday, Sept. 19, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Starfish Writers Conference, hosted by the Houston Bay Area Romance Writers of America.

The conference, at South Shore Harbour Resort, includes a light breakfast, full lunch, door prizes and raffle baskets. *New York Times* bestseller Sophie Jordan will also attend and co-teach a session. Preregistration is required. For more information or to register online, visit hbarwa.com.

Tax-Aide volunteers sought

Each year from Feb. 1 through April 15, Houston-area AARP Tax-Aide volunteers help about 50,000 low-income taxpayers who are age 60 and over. For the 2016 tax season, volunteers are needed now for two weekly four-hour shifts as a Tax-Aide tax counselor, greeter, technology coordinator or administrator. Training will be provided in January at local Clear Lake-area churches. Speakers of Spanish and English are especially needed. Learn more and sign up at www.aarp.org/tavolunteer8 (English only).

AARP 199 meets Sept. 18

AARP Webster Area Chapter 199 will meet Friday, Sept. 18, at 10 a.m. at Bay Area Community Center, 5002 E. NASA Parkway in Seabrook (the large building with a blue roof inside Clear Lake Park on the north side of NASA Parkway). Everyone is invited to come to the meeting, and to enjoy coffee, cookies and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before the meeting starts at 10 a.m.

Every month, the group has different speakers to discuss various topics of interest to seniors. Every two months the group has a potluck lunch. The Sept. 18 speaker will be Amy B. Edwards from CanCare (Fighting Cancer with Hope).

September is pot luck lunch, and members and guests are asked to bring a dish to share after the speaker finishes. The group also organizes day trips by bus to local area points of interest at minimal cost.

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

For more information, contact Quin Shepperd at 281-486-7770 or Qeshepperd@yahoo.com.

Care Partners meet Sept. 18

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

Gatherings consist of a continental breakfast, arts and crafts, exercises, entertainment, a singalong, a devotional break, lunch, and ends with a game. Those who have a family member or know of someone with these challenges, are welcome to attend. All services are provided free of charge. An initial interview must be conducted by Interfaith Care Partners staff to welcome new participants into this program.

The next gathering will be held in the Mother Cabrini Center at the church on Friday, Sept. 18.

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

Melillo students receive free folders



Pasadena Independent School District Education Foundation in partnership with Neighbors Emergency Center donated 12,000 folders to Pasadena ISD schools this week. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Melillo Middle School students Anthony Zepeda, Emily Delgado, Alec Garza, Emma Hernandez, (middle row) Andrick Perez, Irene Torres, Mykel Pitts, Steven Nguyen, Chyler Harris, Dylan Campos, Erin Mattingly, Neighbors Emergency Center lead marketing liaison, Cindy Parmer, PISD director of Community Relations and Education Foundation, (back row) Melillo teacher Jennifer Basinski and students Esperanza Regalado, DeAndre Cooper, Eduardo Sepulveda, Xavier Gutierrez, Gilbert Hernandez and Elijah Howard. "Neighbors

Emergency Center is a proud supporter of education throughout the state of Texas. We were happy to donate folders to Pasadena ISD," Erin Mattingly said. "School supplies are an essential part of a child's everyday needs in the classroom. And often some children go without. With this donation, Neighbors Emergency Centers' hope is to make the lives of students better this school year." Sixteen of Pasadena ISD's schools received the donations. Donation campuses were Atkinson, Bailey, Bush, Frazier, Gardens, Golden Acres, Jensen, Meador, Pomeroy, Red Bluff, South Belt, South Houston, Teague and Young elementary schools, Melillo Middle School and Park View Intermediate School. Photo submitted

HCAD seeks Appraisal Review Board Service applicants

District Judge Robert K. Schaffer, administrative judge for the state district courts in Harris County, is accepting applications from Harris County citizens interested in service on the Appraisal Review Board (ARB).

The ARB was created by the Texas Legislature to provide an independent judicial review of taxpayer protests of valuations established by the Harris County Appraisal District (HCAD).

Service on the ARB would begin in January 2016. Applications must be submitted to Judge Schaffer through the HCAD human resources division and received no later than Oct. 15, 2015, in order to be considered. A change in the law during the 83rd session of the Texas Legislature now allows a former ARB member who has served three consecutive terms to be re-appointed after sitting out a year.

The ARB is a citizen board that sits in panels of three to hear testimony and review evidence in order to determine property owner protests which cannot be resolved informally with HCAD.

Service on the review board does not constitute a full-time job, but members are compensated per diem when conducting hearings and attending ARB meetings. ARB members are required to attend ARB meetings in addition to serving on panels for actual ARB hearings.

Review board service is generally a full-time com-

mitment during the summer and fall months and requires members to be available to serve all day, every weekday and several Saturdays from May through September. Weekday hearings are also held throughout the year. ARB members are not always scheduled every day, but must be available to serve if needed.

Candidates for the ARB must be current residents of Harris County, having resided in the county for at least two years; must be up to date on property tax payments for property in Texas or show the tax is being paid under an installment agreement; and, must not have served on the ARB for at least a year if they have served for all or part of three consecutive terms. Persons who fall into any of the following categories are not eligible to serve:

1. An individual currently employed by the state comptroller of public accounts, or who is a member of the governing body, an officer, or a full- or part-time employee of a county, city, school district, community college district, MUD, or any other entity supported by local property taxes. Former governing body members, or officers of a taxing unit served by HCAD, are ineligible for four full years from the date they ceased to serve in that capacity.

2. Anyone who personally, or whose spouse personally, has a contract with local government or an appraisal district. The same restriction applies if the person, or his or

her spouse, owns a 10 percent or greater interest in a business which contracts with a local government or appraisal district.

3. Persons that have appeared before the ARB for compensation as a tax consultant, accountant, appraiser, or representative of a property owner less than two years before the date the person is appointed.

4. Any individual who has ever been employed by HCAD or has ever served as a member of the district's board of directors.

5. Applicants who are presently under indictment or have previously been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude.

Applicants selected as finalists will be scheduled for interviews. Following are some important contact numbers for those interested in applying to become an ARB member.

Application forms are available at www.hcad.org. The forms may also be obtained by calling the ARB executive office at 713-957-5265.

If that number is busy, call the office of the taxpayer liaison officer as a backup contact at 713-957-7499.

Calls requesting information on ARB service requirements should go to 713-957-5265.

Applications should be submitted to:

Judge Robert K. Schaffer, c/o HCAD Human Resources, P.O. Box 920975, Houston, Texas 77292-0975.

Deaths

Daniel "Dan" F. Muske



Former longtime South Belt resident Daniel F. Muske, 85, died Friday, Sept. 4, 2015, at his residence in New Ulm, Texas.

Muske was born on May 24, 1930, in Winedale, Texas, to Louis A. and Viola M. Weber Muske. He was baptized on Aug. 24, 1930, and confirmed on June 24, 1945. As a youth, Muske attended the Winedale School and Boundary School and graduated from Burton High School.

Muske served in the United States Army from 1952 until 1954, and then attended Southwest Business College. On Oct. 19, 1957, he married Joyce Seidel. He then became employed by W. Harold Broyles Insurance and Real Estate.

On March 1, 1960, the Muskes established Dan Muske Insurance Service Inc. In 1976, he became part own-

er of American Underwriters Inc.

He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church of Shelby, Texas. He was active in his community, serving as secretary of the New Ulm Lions Club for 21 years. Other memberships included Meals On Wheels, VFW, American Legion and the United Sports Association, where he served as president.

The United Sports Association was the organization set up in the South Belt area initially for finding Little League property and later included other youth sports. In his capacity of working with the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League, Muske's photo appeared on Page 1 of the *South Belt Leader's* first issue on Feb. 5, 1976. He also served as a director of Republic State Bank on Edgebrook.

He loved spending time with his family, especially on their annual vacation trip to Rockport. He also enjoyed sports, coaching baseball, umpiring, dancing, traveling, and gambling on his monthly trips to Marksville, La. He loved to talk and tell jokes and stories.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Muske of New Ulm; son Jay Muske and special friend Gina Talbert of Friendswood; daughters and sons-in-law Sandra and Terry Krebs of Shelby, and Wanda and Rocky Leopold of Columbus; grandchildren: John and Monica Anderson, Michael Krebs, Justin Krebs and fiancée Julie Locke, Cort Leopold, Drew Leopold, Lexi Leopold and special friend Derrick Hayes, Jared Muske and special friend Sarah Lucas, Cole Muske, Westin Talbert and Brooke Talbert; great-grandchildren Kaylee Anderson and Wesley Anderson; brother Clyde Muske and wife Delores of Houston; sister-in-law Carolyn Muske of Brenham; brother-in-law A.G. Seidel of New Ulm; and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Preceding Muske in death were his parents, Louis and Viola Muske; brother Howard Muske; father-in-law and mother-in-law Ernest and Alice Seidel; sister-in-law Betty Seidel; infant granddaughter Elizabeth Ann Leopold and infant nephew David Brian Muske.

Serving as pallbearers were John Anderson, Michael Krebs, Cort Leopold, Justin Krebs, Jared Muske, Drew Leopold, Cole Muske, Westin Talbert, Wesley Anderson, Lexi Leopold, Kaylee Anderson and Brooke Talbert. Honorary pallbearers are all members of these organizations: New Ulm Lions Club, American Legion Post 602 of Shelby, Texas, VFW Post 7104 of Brenham, driver, Clint Lister and riders of the Banse Bus to Paragon Casino and all members of Friends Tree.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2015, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Shelby, with the Rev. John David Nedbalek officiating. Burial followed in New Ulm Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to New Ulm Lions Club, P.O. Box 242, New Ulm, Texas 77950; Texas Lions Camp, 4100 San Antonio Highway, Kerrville, Texas 78028 or to St. Paul Lutheran Church of Shelby, Texas.

Funeral arrangements for Daniel F. Muske were ar-

ranged by Memorial Oaks Chapel in Brenham, Texas. To post a tribute to the family, visit www.memorialoakschapel.com.

Steven Moreno



Steven Moreno, 14, of South Belt, died Friday, Sept. 4, 2015, surrounded by family and friends at Memorial Herman Children's Hospital after collapsing at a training session. He was born on March 8, 2001.

He is survived by his mother, Angelica Moreno, father Julio Moreno, brother Jonathan Moreno, and sister Linda Moreno.

He was passionate about sports, baseball in particular.

The funeral service will be held Thursday, Sept. 10, 2015, at 10 a.m. at Crespo Funeral Home, 4136 Broadway in Houston.

Kristene K. Anderson



Kristene Kimberly Anderson, 59, of South Belt, died on Sunday, Sept. 6, 2015. She was born on Nov. 16, 1955, to the Rev. Frederick David and Jean Olson of Houston, Texas.

She married Pastor Michael J. Anderson of Chicago, Ill., on Jan. 22, 1981, and they were married for 34 years.

Her joy for life and talent for humorous storytelling made many laugh and smile. Her ministry of 40-plus years as encourager, prayer warrior, straight-forward counselor will be long remembered.

Their son, the Rev. Jon Paul McDaniel, now lead pastor of Christ Church Apostolic, was born in 1992. He married Crystal Jean Bratcher and they gave the Andersons three grandchildren, Jon Paul II, Kristen Rebecca, and Savannah Ireland Jean.

Anderson is survived by her mother, Jean Olson Baker; brother and sister-in-law the Rev. Frederick and Alexa Olson; sister and brother-in-law Charlene and Frank Bratcher; and several nieces, nephews, and numerous extended family members.

Visitation and service will be held Friday, Sept. 11, 2015, at Christ Church on Fuqua. Open visitation and viewing will be from 3 to 5 p.m., and the homegoing service will follow at 5 p.m.

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First Pasadena Early College HS students graduate

By Jay Do
The first graduates of the Pasadena Early College High School program recently walked the stage and received both their high school distinguished diplomas and their associate degrees from the San Jacinto College, marking a significant milestone for Pasadena Independent School District's first early college program.
"We are very proud of our first Pasadena Early College High School graduating class," said Pasadena High School Principal Joe Saavedra. "It is a very rigorous program because in addition to completing all the high school requirements, students are transitioned into the college environment beginning their freshman year where they begin to work towards their associate degree requirements. We are proud of them for being the first to take the plunge, accept the challenge, never giving up, and staying focused on their future. These are amazing kids, and it was such a joy to watch them grow and mature over the past four years into distinguished graduates."
Since its opening in September of 2010, the Pasadena Early College High School has worked jointly with San Jacinto College to provide

students the opportunity to begin taking college courses as early as their ninth-grade year. Since then, the school has continued to redefine the typical comprehensive high school experience by providing a small school setting within Pasadena High School and enabling students to earn both their high school diploma and either an Associate of Arts or an Associate of Science degree in the four years of high school.
"The Pasadena Early College High School shall serve, or include plans to scale up to serve, students in grades 9 through 12," said Aldo Prado, dean of the Pasadena Early College High School. "Our main target are students who are at risk of dropping out of school and first college generation who might not otherwise go to college. This does not exclude any other student from entering the program. In Pasadena Early College High School, we will continue promoting a highly rigorous environment to ensure that our students earn a high school diploma as well as an associate degree from San Jacinto College or up to 61 college hours. We want to accomplish this by providing a nurturing, respectful environment that instills our students with the confidence and skills

necessary to meet the challenges of an ever-changing world and to become valued members of a global community."
Like many schools following the early college high school model, Pasadena Early College High School strives to increase high school and college graduation rates among students who are not widely represented on college campuses by providing accelerated instruction in a small schooling environment and the ability to graduate from high school with up to half of their college education complete, while at the same time, saving a total of almost \$6,000 in college tuition.
"The early college system gives them a leg up when they're going to college," said Pasadena Independent School District Communications Specialist Melissa Trevizo. "They graduate with an associate's degree and a diploma, so they're basically two years ahead of everyone else. It's also at little to no cost to them. If they were to go to high school and to San Jacinto College, it would be 100 percent out of their own pocket, but through the Early College High School system, some of that is covered for them, since San Jacinto offers that at a dis-

counted rate. They're paying less for it in the long run, and they're getting a huge leg up over their peers."
Extracurricular activities offered at Pasadena High School, including competing athletics and performing arts, are still made available to students partaking in the early college program if they so choose.
"They're still able to participate in any extracurricular activities offered at Pasadena High School that they would like to," said Trevizo. "Most of the students elect not to participate in any extracurricular activities, because the workload of essentially taking high school and college courses at the same time is very heavy. Because of the commitment that that takes, most students choose to drop their extracurricular activities, but the option still remains available to them to participate in any of the activities offered at the Pasadena High School should they

choose to do so."
In the short time following its opening, the Pasadena Early College High School has only grown in size and expectations.
"The Early College High School has been accepting new freshman classes every year, so we now have over 20 students participating in the system per every grade level," said Trevizo. "Interest level in the system is very high. Students interested in enrolling in the program must maintain at least an 80 average in all their core classes, pass the State of Texas Assessment Academic Readiness tests, show a good attendance record and submit two letters of recommendation from current teachers. They also have to complete an application for San Jacinto College."
With the passage of the 2014 bond election, Pasadena Independent School District will expand the Early College High School program to Do-

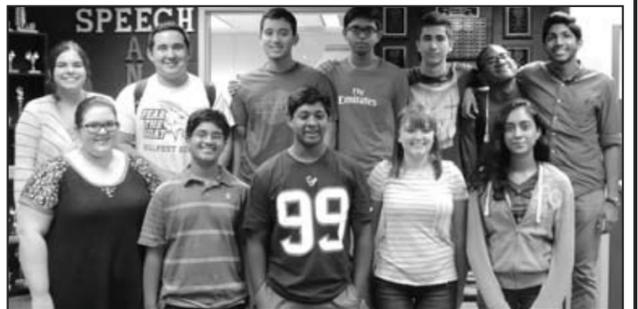
bie, Sam Rayburn, Pasadena Memorial and South Houston. Once fully operational, these five early college programs will graduate approximately 500 to 600 students per year with a high school diploma and an associate degree. With the first of its graduates successfully out the door, the Early College High School program looks to the future with nothing short of high hopes for the years to come.
"It is a great partnership between Pasadena Independent School District and San Jacinto College District, which includes both boards of trustees," said Saavedra. "As stewards of these great institutions of learning, their support is invaluable and allows educators like all of us to explore new and innovative ideas that can have meaningful and generational impact in our community for years to come, as is the case with our Early College High School program."

Clear Brook Debate attends Foster HS tournament

The Clear Brook High School Debate Team attended its inaugural meet at Foster High School in Richmond on Aug. 28-29 to get back into the competitive spirit, and is off and running with outstanding achievements and state qualifications that are well under way.
Lincoln Douglas Debate was the event where the team excelled the most. Varsity member Suketh Subramanya beat out more than 75 other competitors, and in doing so, advanced to the semifinal round where he

faced off against an Austin area debater.
Though he downed in the semifinal round, Subramanya picked up six of his needed 12 points for the Texas Forensics Association State Meet which will be held in Austin in March.
In addition to Subramanya, fellow LD members Dhiren Wijesinghe, Keion Rasti and Gabe Rivera also found success by advancing to out rounds after the four pre-lim sessions concluded.
Wijesinghe picked up two points by advancing to the octo-final round,

while both Rasti and Rivera picked up one point each. In addition to this, both Rasti and Rivera advanced to the final round of foreign extemporaneous speaking, picking up one and two points, respectively, for those events.
Additional success was found by Adarsh Suresh and Kiara Soliz who also advanced to the semifinal round in their extemporaneous speaking events.
The team heads to Elkins High School next to continue their quest for state qualifications.



Clear Brook Speech and Debate Team members attending the Foster tournament were, left to right, (front row) Elizabeth Isabell, Adarsh Suresh, Anish Antony, Hannah Alsobrook and Lizna Lakhani, (back row) Kiara Soliz, Matt Garcia, Gabe Rivera, Suketh Subramanya, Keion Rasti, Ryan Williams and Dhiren Wijesinghe. Photo submitted

CCISD gifted, talented program accepting in-district referrals

The Clear Creek Independent School District Gifted and Talented Program is accepting written referrals for CCISD students in grades 1-12 for the 2015-2016 school year.

Gifted services are designed for students who demonstrate significantly above-average achievement or potential in the areas of general intellectual ability, specific subject matter aptitude, and creative/productive thinking skills.
Criteria for selection include cognitive skill tests, professional recommendations, classroom performance and portfolio samples. The deadline for students in grades 1-12 is

Oct. 1, 2015.
All kindergarten students in Clear Creek ISD are screened for possible testing throughout the school year. The deadline for accepting referrals for students in kindergarten is Dec. 1, 2015.
For more information, contact the advanced academics specialist at the child's elementary campus or the Advanced Academics/Gifted Talented office at 281-284-0081.

Legally Blonde at Clear Creek Community Theater

Clear Creek Community Theatre (CCCT) kicks off its 51st season on Friday, Sept. 11, with the hilarious and heart-warming show, *Legally Blonde: The Musical*.
Based on the novel by Amanda Brown and the MGM motion picture starring Reese Witherspoon, *Legally Blonde: The Musical* follows the transformation of California valley girl Elle Woods as she follows her boyfriend to Harvard Law School. There, she tackles stereotypes, snobbery, and scandal in pursuit of her dreams. With music and lyrics by Laurence O'Keefe and Nell Benjamin and book by Heather Hach, *Legally Blonde: The Mus-*

sical enjoyed a successful Broadway run and continues to entertain audiences worldwide.
Steven Sarp and Hope Diamond are co-directing a cast of 21 actors and two dogs - Doogie, who plays Elle Woods' feisty and faithful companion, Bruiser, and Ruby, who plays Rufus.
Diamond notes *Legally Blonde* is full of great characters with good messages to share with the audience. Elle Woods is a role model for us all because she is someone who believes in herself. I love Elle for so many reasons, but I think the main thing that draws me to her is how she exudes a positive life. Everyone has successes and failures in life, but failures can be successes too... if you commit yourself entirely to that event and learn from it. Sometimes you can learn more from a failure than a success!"
Sarp adds that this is probably the biggest show CCCT has done, outside of Christmas shows, within at least the last five years. "This show contains both a jump-rope sequence and a dance sequence inspired by *Riverdance*. While the basic set is simple, because there are so many locations, the set changes become quite complex. There are set changes that have to happen in the middle of songs, so the crew has to be on its toes, too!"
Presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI), *Legally Blonde: The Musical* runs Sept. 11 through Sept. 27 with performances at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. on Sundays.

Tickets are \$13 to \$15. Group rates are available. Tickets may be purchased online at www.clearcreekcommunitytheatre.com or by calling the box office at 281-335-5228.
Clear Creek Community Theatre is located at 18091 Upper Bay Road in Nassau Bay.

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Veterans legal clinic set for Sept. 12

Veterans who need legal advice or legal assistance can visit a free legal clinic Saturday, Sept. 12, at the Galveston VA Outpatient Clinic, 3828 Avenue N in Galveston, from 9 a.m. until noon.
No appointment is necessary. The clinic is co-sponsored by the Galveston County Bar Association and the Houston Bar Foundation's Veterans Legal Initiative.
Any veteran, or spouse of a deceased veteran, can receive advice and counsel

at the clinic from a volunteer attorney in any area of law, including family, wills and probate, consumer, real estate and tax law, as well as disability and veterans benefits.
Veterans who need ongoing legal representation and who qualify for legal aid may be assigned a pro bono attorney through the Houston Volunteer Lawyers to handle their case.
The Houston Bar Foundation also sponsors weekly Friday afternoon clinics at the Michael E.

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Lariaette of the Week



The Dobie High School Lariaette of the Week for Aug. 27 through Aug. 31 is junior Naya Cooper. She is a two-year line member and the daughter of Angela and Joseph Cooper.

Over The Back Fence by Alexis



HAVE A GREAT BIRTHDAY, DAVID! Former South Belt resident David Griffin, of Plain City, Utah, is wished a happy Sept. 13 birthday from his wife Angela; sons Robert and Kenney; parents Bobby (Leader staffer) and husband Kenneth Griffin; sister Tracy and husband Jim Giles and sons Aaron and Cody and daughter Kristen of Kirkwood South; and friends in the South Belt area.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Sept. 10 through Sept. 16.

Atkinson Elementary
Sing a happy birthday song to Kathie Teuscher Sept. 12.

Burnett Elementary
On Sept. 11, Glenda Moore is wished a happy birthday.

Bush Elementary
Sing a happy birthday song to Ana Cavazos Sept. 13. The day for a birthday cake for Jeannene Gazaw is Sept. 14.

Frazier Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles for Becky Shelton Sept. 13. Principal Wendy Wiseburn celebrates a happy birthday Sept. 14. Sept. 15 is the day for a cake for Mary Tran.

Meador Elementary
The day for a party for Diana Blanco is Sept. 10. Maria Rutherford is sent a birthday greeting Sept. 14.

Moore Elementary
Adela Moreno enjoys a birthday Sept. 15. Blow out the birthday candles for Randi Howard Sept. 16.

Stuchbery Elementary
Curtis Halvorson enjoys a happy birthday Sept. 10. The day for a cake for Lauren Keith is Sept. 12. Blow out the candles Sept. 14 for Angelica Flores.

Melillo Middle School
Guy Mitchell celebrates a birthday Sept. 15.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
America Mendoza is sent birthday greetings Sept. 10. Light the birthday candles Sept. 13 for Phillip Rachuig.

Thompson Intermediate
On Sept. 13, Maricarmen Mendoza is wished a happy birthday. Enjoying a birthday Sept. 15 is Rosa Nunez.

Dobie High
Jaime Bohon, Kellymary Cooling-Davis and Glenn Smith celebrate a birthday Sept. 10. Sept. 12 is the day for a cake for Donald Randle. Light the birthday candles on Sept. 13 for Jennifer Bland, Thomas Etienne and Erika Garcia. Light the candles on a triple-layer cake for Susan Locklear, Rodney Pannell and Dana Stockton Sept. 14. Ryan Peel enjoys a birthday Sept. 15. Marcos Escobar celebrates a birthday Sept. 16.

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

Thursday, Sept. 10: Shellie Ortiz, Veronica Adame, Robert Resendez, Emily Auffarber, Suzy Krienitz, Diane Hall, Christy Cobb and Charles Monty; Friday, Sept. 11: Kyle Patterson, Amber Edwards, Sherrie Hosek-Vandament, Phillip Ford and Dan Sciba; Saturday, Sept. 12: Tracy Cavazos-Garcia, Rhoda Mohr, Christian Muñoz and Jessica Moore; Sunday, Sept. 13: Matthew Koska, Michelle Perez, Holly Kopouka, Mari Rivera, Debbie Flores, David Griffin, Lisa Clinton, Joe Sanchez and Kathryn Nguyen-Maldonado; Monday, Sept. 14: Michele Guirrero, Eric Brown, Elaine Baker, Jacob Lacadou, Julie Lakota, Tom Golightly, Michael York, Dolph Larson, Kristi Okwuonu and Mark Husband; Tuesday, Sept. 15: Dawnella Woods, Jackie Williams, Patricia Jones, Jesse Salas, Corey Salyer, Crystal McGoldrich, Kristi Ortiz, David Young, Shawn Black and Michelle Poole; and Wednesday, Sept. 16: Peter Hoth, Kairy Barkley, Jorge Sanchez, Mark Wilson, Darren Landwehr, Bobbi Furgeson, Brandy Rogers, Claude Van Court, Angela Starr, Anna Aranova and Melissa Norman.

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Lariaette Escort of the Week



The Dobie High School Lariaette Escort of the Week for Aug. 27 through Aug. 31 is junior Sean Saperstein. He is a first-year escort and the son of Heidi and Michael Saperstein.

Hobby Lions Club to meet

Hobby Airport Lions Club will meet Wednesday, Sept. 16, at noon at the Golden Corral at Fuqua and I-45. For information, email HobbyAirportLions@gmail.com.

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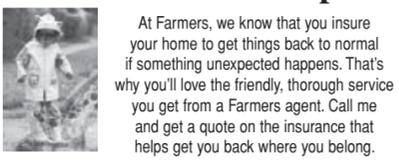
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2015-2016 Meador Mustang faculty



The 2015-2016 Meador Mustang faculty are, left to right, (front row) Assistant Principal Amy Clowers, Natali Garza, Cecelia Stewart, Nora Gonzalez, Erika Nava, Shirley Hawley, Maria Gonzalez (K), Catarina Hlozek, Liliana Vargas, Irma Vega, Jennifer Shriner, Filgia Norman, Carolyn Eastburn, Melisa Hinojosa, Yolanda Arebalo, Principal Beverly Bolton, (second row) Michelle Cason, Miraim Reyna, Rithy Vooun, Dora Barnett, Omega Pena, Myriam Garcia, Sandra Richey, Laura Moreno, Layna Hamon, Maria Rutherford, Alvina Villanueva, Shannon Mills, Cheryl Caudill, (third row) Tina Caudill, Maria Gonzalez (3), Sarah Flores, Corin Culpepper, Margo Sanchez, Christine Browning, Anna Ayala, Cathy Taylor, Karen Barton, Connie Daumas, Johana James, (fourth row) Blondie Curtis, Aimee Espinoza, Jenny Drager, Amanda Johns, Maira Armenta, Cindy VanTilburg, Joycelyn Woodard, Chantay Hill, Maria Hernandez, Paulina Rivas-Lopez, Mike Barton, Genoveva Arrona, (back row) Lauren Riojas, Jason Watson, Jill Gifford, Tara Merida, Deidre Colbert, Kimberly Tanner, Janet Flores, Frank Sanchez, Kim Cowan, Kristin McDonald, Nichol Vargas and Kathryn Katsus.

Photo submitted

Introduction of Judaism

There is a class introducing participants to Judaism that gives an opportunity to ask questions regarding Judaism or the Jewish community. Examined are Judaism's beliefs regarding sin, sacrifice, atonement, heaven/hell/the afterlife, devil/Satan, monotheism, the Messiah and other topics.

The class goes through a vocabulary of Jewish life, holidays and holy days, life cycle events and Judaism's view of the controversial issues of the day. The class is mandatory for anyone looking to convert to Judaism, and is \$72 for a semester or \$144 for the year which covers the cost of all handouts used in the class.

This class meets Wednesday evenings from 7:15 to 9 p.m. at Congregation Shaar Hashalom, and is conducted by Rabbi Stuart Federow. The congregation, located at 16020 El Camino Real in Houston, is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. For more information, visit www.shaarhashalom.org or contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or at csh@shaarhashalom.org.

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Remember When

35 years ago (1980)
Two bodies were discovered at the Green Arbor Apartments on Sabo. The body of a 14-year-old was discovered by another family member in his apartment. The youth had apparently died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound to his head. When the apartment personnel heard the ambulance for the boy, they decided to check on a 64-year-old man who lived in the complex and discovered that he had died in his apartment several days before of carcinoma of the lung.

30 years ago (1985)
A 17-year-old male was arrested after allegedly striking a teacher at Dobie High School. Pasadena ISD security investigators were notified after Associate Principal Peggy Walters called officers to the scene of a disturbance in the school's automat.

Administrator Steve Sanders attended a "topping out" ceremony at the construction site of the new Memorial Hospital Southeast on Beamer Road. More than 200 construction workers, contractors, engineers, designers and hospital personnel attended the ceremony. The facility, set to open in November 1986, would replace the one on Bellfort.

Some 80 water main leaks had been repaired in area subdivisions over the previous month in response to a request by the South Belt Coalition. Crews had fixed leaks in the Sagemont, Beverly Hills, Scarsdale and Rainbow Valley subdivisions and would continue to work in the area until all known leaks were repaired.

The abandoned fire station on Sagearbor and Sagedowne underwent renovations in the form of boarding windows, cleaning up broken glass, mowing and removing concrete. The station was on the Houston's Department of Public Works Utility Operations maintenance list after residents complained that teenagers were frequenting the old building. It was abandoned the previous year when firefighters were moved into Station 70 on Beamer Road.

25 years ago (1990)
During registration at San Jacinto College South, the college reached a milestone by registering its 5,000th student to attend class.

Many South Belt area residents stopped by Fast Signs near Alameda Mall to sign a giant banner in support of American troops participating in Operation Desert Shield. Through a nationwide effort by the company, 100 banners were to be sent to the Middle East.

Oak Haven Apartments, a planned community for senior citizens and handicapped adults, was preparing for residents to move in beginning in October.

Two armed bandits hit the Texas Commerce Bank on South Belt Drive and stole an undisclosed amount of money.

20 years ago (1995)
Nine fields at the youth sports complex at El Franco Lee Park on Hall Road were being readied for play in the spring. Five Little League fields, three girls' softball fields and one unfenced community-use baseball field neared completion under Phase 1 of the project.

Slight increases to supplemental salaries for coaches and intermediate school music teachers were approved by Pasadena school trustees; and high school band, choir and orchestra directors and assistants and major department chairmen would get more substantial raises to their stipends.

Former Thompson Principal Vicki Thomas replaced longtime Pasadena school administrator Lewis Anderson for the position of associate superintendent for campus development.

15 years ago (2000)
Lightning struck the home of Billy and Ada Burk. Southeast Volunteer Fire Department fought the fire.

Pasadena and Clear Creek school districts banned all outdoor activities due to heat.

10 years ago (2005)
South Belters rallied to help victims of Hurricane Katrina, which devastated parts of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. The Leader office became a drop-off point for emergency food, water, clothing and household items to aid victims who had been displaced to the Houston area from New Orleans.

The Ellington Field-MD Anderson Hospital land exchange was completed. This allowed more than 2,000 reserve personnel to move from the location on Old Spanish Trail to facilities at Ellington. MD Anderson Hospital took over the 43-acre site in order to expand medical facilities.

A gaming establishment at the former Kidney Center on Kingspoint was the victim of burglars who reportedly broke in and stole 30 eight-line machines. That same building had been raided six months earlier by Houston police. At that time, \$16,000 in cash was confiscated, and 90 machines were removed.

5 years ago (2010)
Gary Brian Pearson, 56, was killed on the Gulf Freeway near Fuqua. According to police, Pearson was traveling south on the freeway on a motorcycle and made an unsafe lane change in front of a Lexus sport utility vehicle. The Lexus then struck the motorcycle from behind, and Pearson lost control. He died at the scene. The driver of the Lexus was not injured. No charges were filed.

Just two days later, Ricardo Plasencia, 52, died from injuries he incurred on the Gulf Freeway near Scarsdale. Police records indicate Plasencia was driving on the freeway when he failed to maintain a single lane of traffic and struck a street light and freeway pillar. Blood test results determined Plasencia was under the influence of alcohol.

1 year ago (2014)
The state Supreme Court, composed entirely of nine Republican justices, said it would not hear the case of Judge George Risner against the Harris County Republican Party, despite a last-minute appeal from the defendants.

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SHHS honors country songwriter, cattle rancher, filmmaker

Three South Houston High School graduates, all entrepreneurs with a passion to entertain, have been selected for induction this fall in the school's Alumni Hall of Honor.

Chosen for induction are Larry Willoughby, a Grammy-nominated songwriter and Nashville record executive; Bob Garner, a Central Texas rancher and host of a popular spring bash for Trojan alumni; and Bill Hughes, an award-winning sci-fi illustrator and filmmaker.

Willoughby graduated from South Houston in 1969, Garner in 1971 and Hughes in 1980.

The three will be honored during homecoming festivities on Oct. 16 along with three former teachers selected earlier this summer for induction in the school's Faculty and Staff Hall of Honor. The teachers are Barbara Coon, a physics teacher and counselor during her South Houston tenure; Ella Gauthier, a math teacher and success coordinator; and George Neal, a law enforcement instructor and coach.

Willoughby, Garner and Hughes will bring to 76 the number of South Houston alumni who have been inducted into the Hall of Honor since the program was launched nearly five years ago. The number of teachers inducted will rise to 26 with the addition of Coon, Gauthier and Neal.

All three alumni inductees remain active in their chosen professions.

Willoughby is currently vice president of A&R (artists and repertoire) for Capitol Records' Nashville division. In that position, he has helped shape the careers of numerous country recording stars, among them Keith Urban, Trace Atkins and Deana Carter.

Garner, in addition to his ranching enterprises, owns three pool and lake management companies in Texas. A Navy veteran with 15 years of active service, Garner served two tours in the Persian Gulf during Operation Desert Storm, receiving numerous decorations and service awards.

Hughes has redirected his love of comic books and science fiction into an independent filmmaking career. He recently expanded his 2005 short film, *Matt Mercury and his Rocket Rangers*, into a full-length, space comedy feature, released earlier this summer.

The film, *Matt Mercury - Plot of the Galactic Mastermind*, was recently nominated for best special effects among independent productions by the Austin Revolution Film Festival.

Larry Willoughby
Class of 1969
Active in choir and Future Farmers of America in high school, Willoughby joined the Houston Fire Department after graduation. He got his big break in the music business when he auditioned for coun-



try singer/songwriter Guy Clark and earned a spot as a guitar player and backup vocalist in Clark's band. Under Clark's guidance, Willoughby honed his own songwriting and performing

skills. Soon after, he landed a recording contract with Atlantic Records. His debut album, *Building Bridges*, rose to No. 47 on the Billboard magazine chart in 1984. The title track from the album reached No. 55 as a single - but 12 years later took him to new heights.

The song was covered by Brooks and Dunn and rearranged with backing vocals from Sheryl Crow and Vince Gill. That version soared to No. 4 on the charts and earned a Grammy nomination for Best Country Collaboration.

Willoughby spent several years on tour after the release of his *Building Bridges* album, then found himself drawn to the business side of country music. He signed on as tour manager for country stars Rodney Crowell - his cousin - and Rosanne Cash before moving in the direction of artist development.

After a stint as director of membership with ASCAP/Nashville, he was hired away for the spot of Director of A&R at MCA/Universal Records, a label featuring the talents of Gill, George Strait, Reba McEntire, Wynonna and Trisha Yearwood.

During Willoughby's tenure, MCA outpaced all rivals in country music awards. Even with his move to Capitol as vice president of A&R, he has kept a hand in songwriting. His songs have been recorded by such artists as Waylon Jennings, Eddy Raven, Big House, the Amazing Rhythm Aces, Nicolette Larson and the Oak Ridge Boys.

Willoughby is married to the former Janet Howard, also a 1969 South Houston graduate.

Bob Garner
Class of 1971
Garner, a football trainer

and choir member during his high school days, has owned and developed three ranches since completing his naval career in 1995, the latest located outside Goldthwaite, Texas. At the same time, he founded and built two corporations - Lone Star Pool



Management and Lone Star Lake Management - into industry leaders.

His lake management firm is the state's second largest. He also established Lone Star Lifeguards to train nearly 300 lifeguards per season for his pool management firm.

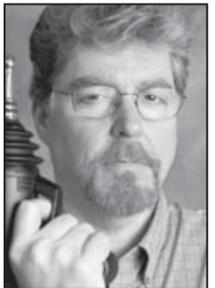
It was in 2004, while operating a ranch outside of Hempstead, that Garner hosted his first Edgebrook Reunion, a weekend bonfire bash for South Houston High alumni from the 1960s and 1970s. With organizational help from classmate Martha Collins Manuel, Garner hosted around 300 alumni, spouses and friends at his ranch that year - the start of what has become a spring tradition, since moved to Garner's ranching operations near Goldthwaite.

Garner's reunions are credited with sparking renewed interest in alumni activities at South Houston and for providing momentum that helped lead to the creation of the school's new Alumni Association and the Hall of Honor itself.

Bill Hughes
Class of 1980
Hughes honed his writing and drawing skills while a staffer on the South Houston student newspaper. Growing up close to NASA and inspired by sci-fi productions such as *Star Trek*, *Lost in Space* and *Planet of the Apes*, Hughes enjoyed a creative surge with the release of *Star Wars* in 1977.

While still at South Houston, he produced his first illustrated story, *Manhattan Rogers and his Flying Devil-Doggie Commandoes*. After graduation, he attended the University of Houston and started his own caricature business at Astroworld.

While at UH, he produced his first full-length comic book, based on the same Manhattan Rogers character. Later, after entering an art contest with a cartoon drawing of a pirate, he landed a deal to turn his cartoon subject into a comic book series, the *Voyages of the SheBuccaneer*.



In 1996, his association with the publisher led to an opportunity to illustrate and design a *Star Wars* brand book, *Droids*, for Dark Horse Comics.

In 2005, in partnership with wife Heidi, Hughes ventured into independent filmmaking. His first *Matt Mercury* short proved a hit

with critics and won several awards.

Hughes launched his own studio, WonderVista, and began to branch out from sci-fi. A deal with cowboy band Riders in the Sky led to a series of band coloring books, a comic book telling the story of the Alamo and an animated version of the comic book. That project continued with James Drury, former star of the TV series *The Virginian*, joining the cast as Buffalo Bill Cody. Hughes also launched a website, jesusandkidz.com, that offers Bible stories for children.

Hughes' "Matt Mercury" creation remains his franchise. Plans are in the works for an animated series based on the film, a series of novels and a video game.

Alumni and teacher inductees will be honored at a special reception during homecoming open house activities on Oct. 16. The open house will begin at 10:30 a.m. with the grand opening of South Houston High's new Hall of History, a campus museum featuring photos and memorabilia of the school's first 53 years.

A courtyard picnic will follow with the Hall of Honor reception set for 12:30 p.m. and a student/alumni pep rally at 1:45.

The inductees will be honored again during ceremonies preceding the Trojans' homecoming game against Pasadena that same night. Ceremonies begin at 6:30 p.m., with the kickoff at 7 p.m.

Girl Scouts donate bench



Left to right, Girl Scout Troop 26248 juniors Kylie Davis, Kaylyn Zweremann (back) and Stacie Guernsey carry a colorful wooden bench to Life Church's Life's Little Blessings day care. The girls made and donated the bench to the day care as part of their bronze award badge project.

Photo submitted

Concert features renowned mezzo-soprano

San Jacinto College will host a baroque and chamber music concert featuring Ars Lyrica Houston, award-winning musicians who specialize in selections from the 17th and 18th centuries performed on period instruments.

A highlight of the concert will be a guest artist performance by internationally renowned mezzo-soprano Jamie Barton, who will perform in collaboration with Ars Lyrica. The concert is free and open to the public and will take place Monday, Sept. 14, at 7 p.m. at the San Jacinto College Central Campus Dr. Monte Blue Music Building, 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena.

A Grammy nominee, Barton has performed at Carnegie Hall as part of the *Great Singers III: Evenings of Song* series.

She also appeared as a guest soloist in the Marilyn Horne Foundation Gala at Carnegie Hall. She won the 2015 Richard Tucker Award, and won both the Main and the Song Prizes at the 2013 BBC Cardiff Singer of the World Competition. She made her Spivey Hall debut singing Brahms' *Alto Rhapsody*, which was also broadcast on National Public Radio.

As a member of the Houston Grand Opera Studio, Barton participated in several recital series including the popular *Recital at Rienzi*. Barton attended Indiana University, where she performed roles such as Tisbe in *La Cenerentola*, Buttercup in *HMS Pinafore*, and Mrs. Soames in the 2006 world premiere of Ned Rorem's *Our Town*.

The concert will also feature guest artist Adam LaMotte, an acclaimed soloist, concertmaster, and conductor who has performed with numerous orchestras, including the Northwest Sinfonietta in Seattle, String Orchestra of the Rockies, Astoria Festival Orchestra, Portland Baroque Orchestra, and the Maggini String Orchestra in Houston.

The concert repertoire will include compositions by Handel, Vivaldi and

Haydn. San Jacinto College music lessons at all three offers music degrees and campuses.

Genealogy group to meet

The Parker Williams Genealogy Group will meet Sept. 21, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the library at Scarsdale and Beamer. This group meets the first and third Mondays to discuss genealogy research. Meetings are free and open to anyone interested in tracing family history.

CCART meets Sept. 22

The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers (CCART) will hold its first meeting of the 2015-2016 season on Tuesday, Sept. 22. Meetings are held at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway in Seabrook. There will be a short business meeting, followed by the featured speakers, state Sen. Larry Taylor and TRTA District IV President Marcy Cann.

The meeting will conclude with a potluck salad and sandwich luncheon. Members are asked to bring either a salad, sandwiches, or a dessert.

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. Annual dues are \$45.

Perez Barber Shop oldest in South Belt area

By Jay Do

Few South Belt residents recall a time when Sagemont and Kirkwood subdivisions did not exist. Few will remember a time when J. Frank Dobie High School and Almeda Mall were little more than ideas and schematics on a drawing board.

In a rapidly developing and changing society, former South Belt resident Gary Hilliard has taken it upon himself to locate what he believes to be the oldest business of the area.

Through his searchings, Hilliard has concluded that the Perez Barber Shop, established by Israel Perez in 1961, is today the oldest standing business of the South Belt community.

"When my family moved here in 1966, that little strip center on Kingspoint next to where the big Vietnamese Martyrs Church is today was the only business center in the area," said Hilliard. "Kings-point was the only road there. There was no Kleckley, there were no big shopping centers. You'd take a little dirt road onto King-

point, and there would be that little strip center with a grocery store and the barber shop in it. That was it all the way up to Edgebrook."

After 15 successful years of serving the then newly developed South Belt community, Perez handed the business over to his daughter. For more than three decades, the Perez Barber Shop has withstood the test of time and prevailed successfully through years of economic disaster under the watchful eye and leadership of Doris Perez.

"Israel Perez was the man who initially ran the shop," said Hilliard. "He was a fantastic guy, and it was just a fantastic, run-of-the-mill barbershop. When I was 15, I walked in and Israel told us that his daughter had just graduated from barber college, and she'd be taking over the shop. That was Doris Perez, and she's been working there ever since."

Despite having relocated more than 40 miles away from his childhood home, Hilliard regularly makes the commute back to the Perez

Barber Shop for his haircuts.

"Every time I walk in there, it looks just like it did in 1966," said Hilliard. "I live in Mont Belvieu, but I still go all the way back to get my hair done, and the reason for that is because Doris still cuts a multitude of hair from all the people that I graduated with. She keeps me updated on what's going on around here, who's married to who, who's divorced and who's working where. She still knows all the business of the area."

The Perez Barber Shop represents more to Hilliard than a means to get his hair-

cuts. The now 54-year-old business provides Hilliard with a glimpse of his childhood through a rare, unchanged perspective.

"Considering how much everything around it has changed so much, it's really neat to see something that's a focal point of the community not change at all," said Hilliard. "These people are probably still using the original combs that they started the business with. It's just neat that it's still there, because it reminds me of my childhood from 40 years ago when so much has changed."

Hilliard has no doubt that the commitment and dedication of the Perez family to hang on to a piece of the unchanged past will allow them to continue to withstand the test of time and serve the South Belt community.

"In a society where so much changes so fast, it is always wonderful when you find something that time has not affected," said Hilliard. "Doris and Perez Barber Shop are still going strong and show the capacity to continue to be a vital part of this community for years to come."

Thunderbirds, Breitling Jet Team at airshow

The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds and the Breitling Jet Team headline this year's Commemorative Air Force (CAF) 31st annual Wings Over Houston Airshow, which will be held Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 17 and 18, at Ellington Airport.

The Thunderbirds, performing as a team of six

F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft, return to Houston following their last Wings Over Houston performance in 2010. The Breitling Jet Team from Europe, the world's largest professional civilian flight team that performs in seven L-39C Albatros jet aircraft, will end their first U.S. tour with this first-time performance at Wings Over Houston.

"We're excited to present two very high-caliber jet demonstration teams this year, which is why we strongly recommend you

purchase tickets now to get reserved seating," said Bill Roach, airshow director. "We had record attendance last year and expect to draw even more people who haven't seen the Thunderbirds here in five years, and they also want to see the Breitling Jet Team on its first U.S. tour. We're still putting the final touches on the show and will update our website as we finalize performances and special events."

The show also features civilian acrobatic performances and re-enactments by vintage CAF military aircraft; the performance list and show is being finalized and updates are posted on the show's website, www.wingsoverhouston.com.

Other highlights of the show include static displays of vintage and modern military aircraft as well as numerous exhibits and activities including: Heroes &

Legends Tent featuring distinguished veterans signing autographs and memorabilia, NASA Driven to Explore Exhibit, Commemorative Air Force (CAF) Hangar 57, Experimental Aircraft Association, National USA Forces Museum, The 6th Cavalry Historical Association, Kid's Carnival, motion simulator rides and more.

Visit the airshow's website, www.wingsoverhouston.com, for show updates and to purchase tickets in advance. Tickets can also be purchased by calling 888-4-FLYSHOW. Purchase early for best pricing as ticket prices go up as the event nears and to secure reserved seating. Tickets can be purchased at the gate on show days, but premium reserved seats sell out early. General admission tickets will also be available at area Kroger stores by mid-September.

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South Belters share 2015 vacation photos

Wheelers spend time in Thailand, Cambodia, China

This summer, the Wheeler family vacationed in Asia for a month where they spent time in Thailand, Cambodia and China. They were there to visit family members in Thailand and Cambodia from July 18 through Aug. 17.



The family spent about two hours on The Great Wall of China. They took a cable car up and hiked about 30 minutes to get to the wall. There were many watch towers and spectacular views. Left photo: Left to right are Olivia, Ben and Evelyn. Right photo: Ben, Evelyn, Hyrum, CC and Olivia.



The family waves from the top of the temple. The stairs were very steep to climb, but they made it to the top with no problems. Scenes from the movie *Tomb Raider* were filmed in Angkor Wat.

In the ruins of ancient temples that were taken at Angkor Wat in Siem Reap, Cambodia. This picture was taken at The Bayon, one of many temples in Angkor Wat.



Evelyn and Olivia were taken at the Forbidden City in Beijing, China.



Left to right, Evelyn, Ben, Hyrum, CC and Olivia ride the elephants in Ayutthaya, the ancient capitol of Thailand.



Ben, Hyrum, Olivia, and Evelyn stand under an overgrown tree at Angkor Thom.

Stacey, Philmon families enjoy sun, sand and surf

Steve and Samantha Stacey and sons Hunter and Luke Stacey, and Keith Philmon and daughters Mazzy and McKenzie and niece Shirley Bishop took a family vacation to Destin, Fla., this summer, Aug. 6-9.



Standing in front of the welcome sign at the Florida state line are, (front row) Samantha Stacey, Steve Stacey, McKenzie Philmon, Luke Stacey, Hunter Stacey, (back row) Shirley Bishop, Mazzy Philmon and Keith Philmon.



Luke Stacey is buried in the sand.



Hunter Stacey and McKenzie Philmon build sandcastles on the beach.



McKenzie Philmon (above) and Hunter Stacey (below) enjoyed boogie boarding.



The entire family on the Seablastrer snorkel/dolphin cruise boat are, left to right, (front row) Steve Stacey, Samantha Stacey, Hunter Stacey, McKenzie Philmon, (back row) Keith Philmon, Luke Stacey, Shirley Bishop and Mazzy Philmon.



Hunter Stacey assists with the alligators at Fudpucker's Restaurant.

Hoangs enjoy traveling

The Hoang family, Bridgegate residents for 13 years, enjoy taking a vacation every summer as a family. In the past they have traveled to Disney World in Orlando, Vancouver, Whistler and Victoria in British Columbia, Canada, Vietnam, Thailand and Japan. This year, the family visited Sedona, Grand Canyon and Las Vegas in Arizona.



At the Grand Canyon in Arizona are, left to right, Tam Nguyen, Kristine Hoang, Ledung Nguyen, Ninh Hoang, Tracie Hoang and Kevin Hoang.



Tracie Hoang raises a heart above the sky on top of the Grand Canyon in Arizona.

Companies seek industrial technology graduates for jobs in oil and gas industry

What is happening with oil and gas prices and employment on the upstream side of the industry means a very different situation for those working downstream. The industry may have made headlines in recent months but companies continue to experience a workforce shortage. "Technicians and operators are in short supply today," said Dan Odle, commercial development director for Monument Chemical and Houston Chemical Association's board of directors vice president. "It's been this way for several years, and there doesn't appear to be any relief of this in the near future."

Shaquille Anderson of Liberty, Texas, is about to start his paid internship with Chevron Phillips, following his recent graduation from the San Jacinto College process technology program and several interviews and job offers from other refineries. He will work as a process technician intern for three months, shadowing operators on the job before his evaluation to become hired as an employee. "What is happening on the upstream side doesn't really affect what I'll be doing," said Anderson. "There's a big demand for new people, like myself, to enter the workforce."

As oil prices decline, the petrochemical industry benefits from the low prices of raw materials. Odle also noted that expansions and projects that are underway will continue, and that means a greater need for a robust workforce. The East Harris County Manufacturers Association (EHCMA) reports that industry has more than \$40 billion in projects in the works across the region but is facing the reality of more than 50 percent of its current employee base approaching retirement over the next few years. In fact, just six months ago, Anderson's uncle retired from his job as a Chevron Phillips operator. In looking for workforce recruits, representatives from Konecranes recently visited San Jacinto College to interview students training in the electrical, non-destructive testing, welding, and instrumentation programs. The company specializes in the repair of electric overhead cranes, which can require vast knowledge of a variety of craft trades. More than half of the company's business is conducted within the petrochemical industry. "We will look at a technician to see if there is a need at one of our locations

for whichever program they graduated from, but they have to be willing to learn the rest of the craft for what is needed," said James Terry, Konecranes project manager and a San Jacinto College graduate and former adjunct professor. Technicians can start working for the company at the \$22-\$24 per hour range. "Any technicians who understand welding and electrical have an advantage. We're seeing more cranes automated or semiautomated, so someone with PLC (programmable logic controller) and electronics training could find a place for work with us as well." Terry noted that during his 15 plus years with the company, he has never experienced any layoffs. "When layoffs happen in certain areas of the industry, it's felt very little in our work," said Terry. "Besides the refineries, we also have our employees working in the manufacturing plants, automotive, machine shops, paper mills, and steel mills. Houston is our largest overhead crane service branch in the world." Frank White, Konecranes district manager for the Rio Grande, said that throughout his 20 years working in the industry, he's never been able to completely fill all of the positions that are available. "Working on overhead cranes is not something people think of when thinking about a career," said White. "We're a supporting company to industries like petrochemical, automotive, manufacturing - wherever product is being moved. I need about 25 people working in the field, and I need 15 people immediately. People just don't know about these jobs."

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CCISD National Merit Semifinalists named

On Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2015, officials of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced the names of 16,000 semifinalists in the 61st annual National Merit Scholarship Program, including 20 students who attend high school in the Clear Creek Independent School District. They attend Clear Brook, Clear Creek, Clear Falls and Clear Lake high schools. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for 7,400 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$32 million that will be offered in the spring. The nationwide pool of semifinalists, representing less than 1 percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state. The number of semifinalists in a state is proportional to the state's percentage of the national total of graduating seniors. CCISD's new National Merit Semifinalists are: Clear Brook High School: Dylan J. Abeysekera and Anthony B. Cianchetti. Clear Creek High School: Emily M. Berthiaume and Christina R. Morrison. Clear Falls High School: Jason L. Lee. Clear Lake High School: Ayman A. Abouleish, Sahil Bhutani, Eric Chen, Saima H. Choudhury, Richard Z. Dong, Sarah E. Lovelace, Keerthi Madala, Mitchell E. Sims, Ria Sur, Kevin Tian, Paulina N. Truong, Alison C. Vicary, Xiaoyi Wang, Angelia A. Wu and Lekha V. Yesantharao. For more information about the National Merit Scholarship Program, visit <http://www.nationalmerit.org/>.

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Horns regroup after final play loss; 22-6A opener next

By John Bechtle Sports Editor

It's not necessary to discuss his return to The Rig in Pearland for the first time since becoming Dobie's varsity football head coach back in April. For Dobie varsity football head coach Mike Norman, it's all about the Longhorns getting a win to open District 22-6A action against the Oilers.

A program he was a big part of for the previous 21 years. After a 34-32 loss to Clear Springs that came on the final play of the game, Dobie is 0-2 this season.

With back-to-back 22-6A games first against Pearland and then Manvel in eight days, the road will be tough, to say the least.

Dobie has not beaten the Oilers in a long while - 1997 to be exact.

But Norman doesn't care about the past, whether it's his at Pearland or the past of Dobie.

"I expect us to step up to the challenge," Norman said. "They put their pants on the same way as we do. I'm telling you, athlete for athlete, we match up with them."

It's all about playing with a positive mindset, playing with emotion and intensity.

"The goal here is always going to be to first win a district championship and to then of course advance deep in the playoffs."

"It all starts this week for us. Yes, we are 0-2 but everybody is 0-0 at this point. It's time to go out and get a win."

Springs escapes
After giving up 52 points against Deer Park in the season opening loss, Dobie played much

better in several phases of the game against Springs Sept. 4 in its home opener at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena, yet still came up short.

It was back and forth between the two teams for much of the night. Springs led 21-10 at halftime, but the Longhorns fought all the way back to eventually lead in the fourth quarter.

Dobie defensive back Ke'montre Lowe-Ali, who earlier in the game came up with a big interception to end a Springs' threat, recovered a loose ball in the end zone on a kickoff, giving the Longhorns 14 points in eight seconds and a 32-28 lead with 6:49 to play.

The Dobie defense then came up with a big series to stop the Chargers, including a pass breakup from Lowe-Ali.

At that point, the Longhorns seemed to be in a great position to knock off the Chargers, but a JFD fumble opened the door one last time for Springs, and the visitors from League City took advantage.

Using 13 plays in all, the Chargers went 51 yards of dink and dunk, ending with quarterback Will McBride's 6-yard touchdown pass to Benton Phillips as time expired.

It wasn't the way it was supposed to end for Dobie, especially when the locals did so many things right to win.

On a first-quarter touchdown pass from quarterback Tyler Giron to Kaelon Woods down the middle from 47 yards out gave the Longhorns a 7-0 lead not yet two minutes into the game.

Then came the final play of the first quarter.

A fourth-and-24 play

from their own 29-yard line, the Longhorns' special teams unit slipped.

The snap to punter Jos-

ue Villalta sailed way over his head and bounced toward the Longhorns' end zone.

Villalta fielded the ball inside the 10-yard line with enough time to punt but lost control of the ball

once more.

At the end of a hectic play that included Villalta kicking the ball soccer-style along the turf, Springs' Matthew Testa scooped up the loose football and found the Dobie end zone from 18 yards out for a 7-7 tie.

The second quarter

largely went the way of the Chargers. A six-play, 54-yard drive ended with a 22-yard touchdown run from McBride at the 7:22 mark of the second quarter.

Dobie responded with a solid drive and could have tied the game, but Giron fumbled a snap on

a first-and-goal play from the 7-yard line. Springs' defensive end Del'Chaun Rushing recovered the ball at the Chargers' 11-yard line, ending the Dobie threat.

Sabino Lozano cut into Springs' lead with a 37-

yard field goal with 1:15 left in the half, but Dobie gave up its second touchdown inside a minute of the half this season, leading to a 21-10 halftime deficit for JFD. McBride's pass to Michael Gillas-

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Dobie's Jaylon Bolden (with ball) is pushed out of bounds by Clear Springs' Blake Tessitore during the Chargers' 34-32 win Sept. 5 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Bolden led the Longhorns with six grabs for 123 yards.

Photo by Al Carter

Manvel VB sweeps Dobie; Clear Brook to face Creek

Dobie's season of transition on the varsity volleyball continued against Manvel Sept. 4 in District 22-6A action, with the Lady Mavericks sweeping their way to a win.

Manvel came away with a 25-21, 25-17, 25-13 victory over the Lady Longhorns at Donna Branch Courts.

Despite the 0-2 start to league play, Dobie is improving and still has plenty of time to find its way in a 14-match district race.

The Lady Longhorns will be back in action against Pasadena Sept. 11, at Phillips Field House. The varsity match will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Meanwhile, Clear Brook, which has also had trouble landing wins this season, will take on state-ranked Clear Creek Sept. 11, in the District 24-6A opener for both teams.

Clear Creek is the defending 24-6A champ.

Longhorn tennis opens 22-6A play

The road to the District 22-6A varsity tennis championship is about to begin, and the Dobie Longhorns aim to be in contention at the very end.

Dobie has not been able to advance to regionals in the two team tennis seasons since the area playoff round began, but things could always be different this time around.

Defending 22-6A champion Dawson is likely to be heard from again,

but the Longhorns hope they can sneak in there and grab their first league title since 2013 instead.

It all starts Tuesday, Sept. 15, as the Longhorns travel to Pearland to face the Oilers in the 22-6A opener for both teams. Play will begin at 3 p.m.

Dobie will play its first home match within District 22-6A action on Friday, Sept. 18, as the Manvel Mavericks come

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Baseball tourney to assist Moreno family

In honor of Dobie High School student Steven Moreno, the Sagmont-Beverly Hills Little League will host a benefit baseball tournament for 16-under division teams later this month.

Moreno, a 14-year-old freshman student, died Sept. 4, two days after apparently suffering heat-related stress while running

during the school's regularly-scheduled baseball athletic period (See additional details on Page 1A).

Moreno was also a solid player in the Sagmont-Beverly Hills Little League, where he played primarily as a catcher.

Proceeds from the SBHLL's 16U open tournament will go to the

Moreno family to assist with funeral costs.

Moreno is to be laid to rest Sept. 10 following a service at Crespo Funeral Home, 4136 Broadway. The service will be held at 10 a.m.

Chris Escalera, the vice president of SBHLL's Junior/Senior Division, is handling all details surrounding the benefit tournament.

For additional information about the tournament or to assist the Moreno family directly, Escalera can be reached at 832-630-4007.

Intermediate athletics to begin next week

Can Thompson and Beverly Hills maintain their tradition of success within the Pasadena ISD ranks this season on the football field?

Are the Lady Lions' or Lady Bears' volleyball programs ready to take that next step toward the top in volleyball?

Of note, the annual Thompson versus Beverly Hills series will take place Oct. 5 and Oct. 6, at both campuses.

The answers are about to come as the Pasadena ISD's intermediate athletic season is on the doorstep.

The football season will open Sept. 14 and Sept. 15 on fields at various PISD school locations.

As for volleyball, there is a final day of scrimmage action Sept. 10, and the regular season will be served up Sept. 17.

Thompson was among the elite on the football field, running away with the eighth-grade A football championship in the playoff round.

The same can be said for Beverly Hills, which certainly boasts its own decades-long line of success. Now, a new crew of Battlin' Bears must be prepared to win.

The Bears' seventh-grade program gets things started Sept. 14 with games against the Queens Hornets, and the same two programs will vie in eighth-grade play Sept. 15.

The Lions' eighth-grade teams will open the season Sept. 14 against Southmore, with the seventh-grade programs to follow Sept. 15.

On the volleyball court, the PISD season debuts Sept. 17 as Thompson hosts San Jacinto Intermediate.

The Dark division matches will open play each week at 5 p.m., with the Light division matches following at 6:15 p.m.

Thompson and Beverly Hills' eighth-grade teams will face each other Oct. 15 at Dobie.

Seventh-grade play is at Beverly Hills.

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PISD Intermediate Football

Monday, Sept. 14: Lions' 8A at Southmore; Lions' 8B hosts Southmore; Bears' 8A hosts Queens; Bears' 8B at Queens.

Tuesday, Sept. 15: Lions' 7A at Southmore; Lions' 7B hosts Southmore; Bears' 7A hosts Queens; Bears' 7B at Queens.

All PISD football games start at 5 p.m.

PISD Intermediate Volleyball

Thursday, Sept. 17: Beverly Hills' 7th and 8th at Bondy; Thompson 7th and 8th hosts San Jacinto.

Volleyball matches start at 5 p.m./6:15 p.m.

District 22-6A opener
Dobie at Pearland
Friday, Sept. 11, 7 p.m.
The Rig, Pearland

Tough Westfield runs past Brook FB, 59-12

Much like Dobie, the Clear Brook varsity football program has found wins hard to come by when going up against proven playoff caliber competition over the first two weeks of the season.

A week after falling behind 49-0 but rallying for 27 points in an eventual 49-27 loss to La Porte, the Wolverines saw themselves on the short end of

a 49-0 halftime score Sept. 3, at Westfield.

From there, Brook's Jaizac Garcia threw two more touchdown passes to give him five for the season. However, the Wolverines eventually lost 59-12.

Garcia and Mark Milton hooked up for the second

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Tamijani scores Player of the Week honors at William Penn

At right, William Penn University kicker Samson Tamijani (10), a longtime South Belt resident, was named the Special Teams Player of the Week in the Heart of America Conference after helping to lead his team to a thrilling 51-48 triple overtime victory over MidAmerica Nazarene Sept. 5 in Oskaloosa, Iowa. Tamijani, who played varsity football and varsity soccer at Sam Rayburn High School, where his father was the varsity boys' soccer head coach, drilled six extra points and nailed a 21-yard field goal in the victory. The Statesmen, playing in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, are now 2-0 this season after scoring wins over a pair of nationally ranked opponents.



Dobie Diamond Club to host Fall Bingo Night

Saturday, Oct. 3, 6 to 10 p.m.
Tickets \$25 each. Doors open at 5 p.m.

The Dobie Diamond Club, the official booster organization of the school's baseball program, will host its fall bingo night to raise funds for costs associated with the baseball program. Eight of the 10 games will pay \$100 each to the winner. A ninth game will pay \$250 to the winner, and a final game will pay \$500 to the winner. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Baseball players and board members currently have admission tickets for sale, and tickets may also be purchased at the door. For more information, direct email to dobiediamond@gmail.com.

At left, Dobie varsity baseball head coach Miguel Torres, his players and members of his booster club are preparing for the Diamond Club's semiannual bingo night, a fundraising effort for the baseball program. Players and booster club members have tickets for sale currently, and tickets will also be on sale at the door the evening of the event.

South Belt area sports news, notes and registrations

Dobie football boosters to meet

The Dobie High School football booster club will host its monthly meeting Monday, Sept. 14, at 7 p.m., in the athletic annex. Parents of all Dobie football players are encouraged to attend the monthly meetings as both in-season and postseason activities are discussed and planned.

JFD swimmers set Sept. 12 car wash

The Dobie High School swimming program will host a fundraising car wash Saturday, Sept. 12, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Snowie's Snow Cones in the Food Town parking lot at the corner of Beamer and Scarsdale. Swim team members are selling \$5 advance tickets, and donations of \$5 or more will be accepted on the day of the event.

SB youth soccer registration is online

The South Belt Youth Soccer Club is accepting online registration for the 2015 fall season that begins in late September. Players age 4 through 18 as of July 31, 2015, are eligible to compete.

The registration fee those in the under-5 through U8 divisions will pay is \$135, which includes a uniform (shirt, shorts and socks) and fundraising fee.

The fee for those in the U9 and U10 divisions is \$150, and the U11 through U18 fee is \$190, with both including uniform and fundraising fee. Only credit card and debit card will be accepted as forms of payment online.

To register, visit www.southbeltsoccer.org. Games will be played at El Franco Lee Park as the primary site. The schedule begins later this month.

Beverly Hills Bears

7th Light volleyball schedule

Date	Opponent
Sept. 10	Bondy (scrimmage)
Sept. 17	at Bondy
Sept. 24	Queens
Oct. 1	at Southmore
Oct. 8	South Houston
Oct. 15	Thompson
Oct. 20	at San Jacinto
Oct. 26	Park View
Oct. 29-	Light tourn. at Thompson
Oct. 30	Light tourn. at Thompson

Light level matches on campus at 6:15 p.m.

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Dark level matches on campus at 5 p.m.

Thompson Lions

7th Light volleyball schedule

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Sept. 24	at Southmore
Oct. 1	at Bondy
Oct. 8	Jackson
Oct. 15	Beverly Hills
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Dark level matches on campus at 5 p.m.

Beverly Hills Bears

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

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

NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse - Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 a.m., Praise Chapel, 18516 Highway 3 in Webster. Public welcome and encouraged to bring others. For information, call 281-910-1971.

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

ABWA - Southeast Express Network - American Business Women's Association-South meets the second Thursday of each month, Spring Creek Barbeque, 9005 Broadway (518), Pearland. Lunch is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$20 and includes networking with professional business women, lunch and guest speaker. Women of all ages and occupations are invited. Bring plenty of business cards. Reservations appreciated. Visit www.seen-abwa.org.

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

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

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

Al-Anon (English Speaking) - Provides support for family

and friends of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Room 215. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

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

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Alcoholics Anonymous - "Breakfast with Bill", Saturdays,

7:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

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

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

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

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

Scleroderma Support Group Meeting - Do you have scleroderma or know someone with scleroderma? This is a rare illness that is caused by overproduction of collagen. Join support group meetings the second Sunday of each month from 3 to 5 p.m. at Pasadena Bayshore Hospital, 4000 Spencer Hwy., Pasadena. Bring a friend. Contact Jacob Davila, group leader, at 281-706-6232, or email jdavila@scleroderma.org.

Celebrate Recovery - A faith-based 12-Step Program,

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

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

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

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

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

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

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

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
 3:30 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered. For adults with Parkinson's disease only. 6:30 p.m.
Mended Hearts Cardiac Support Group - A national organization dedicated to inspiring hope in heart disease patients and their families, meets the second Monday of each month at the Clear Lake Heart Towers auditorium, 495 Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. A free meal begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by a speaker. For information, call 281-538-4648. 6:30 p.m.

Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting - meets Mondays at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway (FM 518). Enter door closest to recycling bins. For more information, call 713-865-3668 or visit www.oahouston.org. 7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), First Presbyterian Church in the youth building on the Westminster side. For information, call 713-856-1611. 7 p.m.

Sagemont Civic Club - Meetings are held the second Monday of every month, 7 p.m., Sagemont Park Recreation Center, 11507 Hughes Road.
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The National Active and Retired Federal Employees - NARFE Chapter 941 meets the third Tuesday of each month, 2 p.m., El Franco Lee Park Community Center, 9500 Hall Road. Visitors welcome. For additional information, call Roy at 713-734-1461. 6 p.m.

Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish) - Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 6 p.m., First United Methodist Church, room 215, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in. 6:30 p.m.

Breast Cancer Support Group - Meets the third Tuesday of every month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the lobby of the Clear Lake Regional Breast Diagnostic Center, 200 Medical Center Blvd., Suite 106, Webster. For more information call 281-526-6840. 7 p.m.

Pearland Area Republican's Club - meets the third Tuesday of the month (except December, June and July) at the Pearland Church of Christ Annex, 2217 N. Grand Blvd. in Pearland. For more information, call 281-485-4140 or 281-485-1431. 7 p.m.

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Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center - Weekly sexual assault support group offers a confidential self-help support group for victim/survivors of rape and sexual abuse. To attend or for more information, call 281-286-2525. 8:30 p.m.

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

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 7 a.m.
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Survivors of Suicide Support Group - The Southeast Houston group meets twice each month. The group offers support and coping skills in a non-threatening environment to adult individuals who have lost a loved one to suicide. For information on registration or to obtain a physical address for a location, call 713-533-4500 or visit www.crisishotline.org. 7 p.m.

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

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Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free water exercise for individuals with Parkinson's disease, 4 to 5 p.m., Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital Clear Lake, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Call 713-313-1652 or visit www.hapsonline.org for a list of all services. 6 p.m.

Texas German Society, South Belt (SE) Chapter - A social group interested in the culture, music, heritage and language of German immigrants in Texas. Meetings are on the third Thursday of each month, 6 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visitors are welcome. Call 281-481-1238 for information. 7 p.m.

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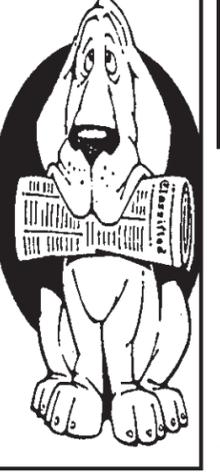
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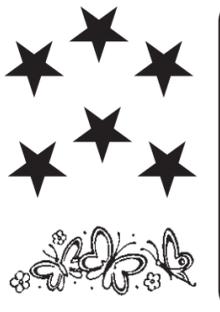
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District 22-6A play here: Dobie football seeks elusive first win under Norman

Continued from Page 1B Chargers wanted no part of Davis' punishing running style. Two Davis runs netted nine yards as the Longhorns got to the 2-yard line. Following an offside call on Springs, Davis eventually breached the goal line from a yard out. The extra-point snap was botched, but Giron came up with a miracle play for a 2-point conversion. Avoiding Springs' defenders left and right while zigzagging his way against the Springs goal line, Giron wound up throwing what amounted to a 30-yard pass to tight end Jason Lester for the conversion. Just like that, Dobie was within 21-18. Despite a 1-yard scoring plunge from Springs' Adrien Smith with 5:18 left in the third quarter, the

Longhorns stayed close. Dobie's Juwan Bracey ended a Springs' drive with an interception, and Giron fired a 20-yard scoring pass over the middle to Jacoby Davis with just under 7 minutes to go in the game. Lowe-Ali's touchdown on special teams followed as Dobie took a brief lead, then the drama ended with McBride's winner to Phillips. The pluses from the outcome include the fact that both Giron and Davis are playing very well at quarterback, and the Dobie passing game overall looks better than it has in years. Bolden had his second straight big game for the Longhorns, reeling in five balls for 123 yards. Woods had four catches for 62 yards, including a touchdown. Overall, Dobie quarter-

backs completed 17 of 32 passes for 261 yards. However, the running game has not come along as quickly as expected. Against Clear Springs, Dobie carried 31 times for just 90 yards. And the team's pass defense continues to be an issue. McBride completed 14 of 25 throws for 219 yards, including five passes to Gillaspia for 100 yards. And giving up 86 points in two games, albeit to a pair of playoff-worthy opponents, was not expected, either. "Yes, you want to win every game, but you also want to see the fight, the intensity and the enthusiasm you need from your team week in and week out," Norman said. "We definitely saw that in the second half. "We did expect to perform better defensively,

but we also have to consider that it's not as easy as playing in one 3-4 defense last season to another 3-4 defense this year. "It's a different system with different coaches and nuances. It takes time. "It's easy to say we lost on the last play of the game, but if you take away a snap over the punter's head and a couple of costly fumbles, then the game doesn't come down to that. "There were other things that contributed along the way." Norman has expected

responsibility and accountability from everyone associated with his program since the first day he walked through the door at Dobie. Those are ultimately just two of the positive traits that can get the program to the next level. Despite the 0-2 start and a game coming against Pearland, Norman is confident Dobie's time will come. "We know Pearland has one of the best teams in the state," he said. "But it's a football game that

puts our 22 against theirs, and our kids match up," he said. "We've continued to work on the little things. Our effort has been there, and that's all we can ask. We can go out and get a win." Pearland is 2-0 this season after a pair of convincing wins. The game against the Longhorns could also prove to be significant in that over each of the previous three seasons, the Pearland/Dobie winner has avoided having to take on North Shore in the first

round of the playoffs. Dating back to 2011, Dobie is 0-4 in the postseason against North Shore. But the playoff talk will have to wait for later. Right now, each team within District 22-6A is 0-0 and looking to get off to that great start that could eventually lead to the playoffs. "We need to be more consistent in all phases of the game," Norman said. "We have done

some things really well, and you can see us really performing well at various times, and then others we have had some issues. "I think just settling down and playing football, having fun and trusting our abilities will go a long way. It's still a long season, and Dobie's goals are still very much attainable. It's all a matter of going out and getting it done on the football field.



Dobie defensive end Dedrick Simpson (40) chases Clear Springs tailback Dionte Smith (with ball) toward the sideline during first-half action Sept. 5 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Smith scored a touchdown for the Chargers in the second half that

helped pave the way for a 34-32 come-from-behind victory over the Longhorns. Also in on this play was Clear Springs offensive lineman Garritt Holleran (76) and Dobie defensive tackle Chandler Tisby.



Kaelon Woods (26) of Dobie helped his team strike fast, running away from Chargers' defensive back Langston Frederick (18) for a 47-yard touchdown catch and run in the first quarter.

Westfield takes out Wolverines

Continued from Page 1B ond time this season on a scoring play, this time from 25 yards away. Later, Garcia found Cuatarus Quarles for 32 yards and a touchdown. But Westfield, now 2-0 after opening its season with a comeback win over

Manvel in the opening week, was simply too fast and powerful. Mustangs' running back Tyrique Cleveland ran for three touchdowns, and quarterback Dillon Sterling Cole fired three touchdown passes as the home team coasted to the win. Garcia wound up completing 6 of 15 passes for 99 yards and the two scoring plays. Stephen Rowe led the Wolverines' ground game with 69 yards on 12 carries, and Tim Thompson collected 36 yards on six totes. Quarles, including his touchdown reception, had 38 yards receiving. Clear Brook has a bye

week Sept. 10-12 before getting ready to take on the Baytown Sterling Rangers Sept. 18, at Baytown's Stallworth Stadium.

Dobie team tennis squad set to begin 22-6A play

Continued from Page 1B to the Longhorn Courts to take on the Longhorns in another 3 p.m. match. Just prior to the start of district play, the Longhorns will be very busy closing out the nondistrict portion of their schedule. Dobie head coach Manuel Moreno Jr., in conjunction with the City

of Galveston Parks and Recreation Department, is hosting the Fifth annual Remembering Ike Invitational Sept. 11-12 in Galveston, at Dobie High School and a host of other locations. Moreno, a resident of Galveston, helped get the tournament started, and in some of the area's most

prestigious programs will be in attendance. The Longhorns will open the tournament Sept. 11, against the top-seed Stratford Spartans. Friendswood, which has defeated Dobie this season, is the No. 2 seed, followed by Clear Brook, which was the winner of the 2014 event in Galves-

ton. Dobie will also play a nondistrict match against Bellaire Friday, Sept. 11, at 8 a.m., prior to heading to Galveston for the Stratford match. If Dobie should fall against Stratford, the Longhorns will be in second-round action Sept. 12, at Dobie High School. That match is set for 8:30

a.m. Dobie, as usual, has been one of the busiest teams thus far in nondistrict play. Although some matches either were rained out or incurred scheduling conflicts, the Longhorns had 17 nondistrict matches slated at one point. Moreno hopes the experience will pay off in district play.

