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Alligator spotted at Riverstone Ranch



A 5- to 6-foot alligator has been spotted in the pond in the Riverstone Ranch subdivision. Residents are concerned the animal may pose a threat to area children and pets. Some are also concerned for the safety of the ducks at the pond, as alligators are carnivorous. Harris County officials told the *Leader* it is unlikely Texas Parks and Wildlife would capture the animal due to its size. At press time, it was unclear what actions, if any, would be taken.

Photo by Jay Do

Schlitterbahn tickets for pics

The *South Belt-Ellington Leader* is seeking readers' 2015 vacation photos for possible publication. A first- and second-place prize of Schlitterbahn tickets will be awarded monthly during June, July and August to the best submissions. Each month's first-place winner will be awarded eight tickets, while each month's second-place winner will be awarded six tickets. All submissions should include where and when the photo was taken, as well as identify each person in the picture and tell the story about the trip. All photos must be high resolution. Email photos to mynews@southbeltleader.com. Do not compress photos when emailing.

Lariaettes hold car wash

The Dobie Lariaettes will hold a car wash in the McDonald's parking lot on Fuqua Saturday, June 27, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased from any current Lariaette or at the car wash. Any donations are always welcome.

SB Dolphins to register

The Southbelt Dolphins of the Bay Area Football League will host a registration for players in all age groups Saturday, June 27, at Longhorn Grill (formerly Fat Pat's), at 10330 Blackhawk, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Preseason workouts will begin in late July, and opening weekend for games is Aug. 15 as the Dolphins play the La Marque Cougars.

Kirkwood to meet June 25

The Kirkwood Civic Association will hold its monthly meeting Thursday, June 25, at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road, at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are held the last Thursday of the month. For information, call Ericka McCrutchon at 281-989-9990.

Genealogy group meets

The Parker Williams Genealogy Group will meet July 6, 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.

Summer literacy at San Jac

San Jacinto College South will host its annual Summer Literacy Institute July 30 and 31. This year's theme is *Driving Forces Behind Today's Literacy*. Educators at all levels, local and statewide, are invited to attend. Online registration is open through July 29, and on-site registration will also be available on July 30 and 31. Registration fee is \$70. The event will take place at the South campus inside the student center (Building 11) banquet room, \$11,250. On-site registration will be from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., with breakfast beginning at 8 a.m. The South campus is located at 13735 Beamer Road. For online registration, visit <https://secure.touchnet.com>. For more information, contact Kina Lara at kina.lara@sjcd.edu or Joanie DeForest at joanie.deforest@sjcd.edu.

Dobie '95 reunion set

The Dobie Class of 1995 will celebrate its 20-year reunion Friday, Aug. 7, at Cadillac Bar (private party hall), 1802 Shepherd, from 7:30 p.m. to midnight. The event will be casual in attire. Organizers have located nearly the entire class, including several not found for the 10-year reunion. Tickets are \$42 per person, classmate or guest, if paid online by 5 p.m. (Houston time) Wednesday, Aug. 5. Pay-by-check deadline is Wednesday, July 22. Cost at the door will be \$55 each, cash only. To access the invitation, or to pay to attend, go to www.reunionscoop.com, click on Roll Call of Reunions and follow the directions. The password is RN95, case sensitive. For more information, contact Reunions by Class Act at 713-780-0020 or classact95@comcast.net.

PISD's Lewis to retire as superintendent

By James Bolen

Pasadena Independent School District Superintendent Kirk Lewis announced he will retire as superintendent, after serving nine years in the position.

Lewis made the announcement at PISD's monthly board meeting Tuesday, June 23. The retirement will take effect January 15, 2016.

"When January 2016 rolls around, Pasadena ISD will have been an integral part of my life for 30 years," Lewis said. "I have met and worked with thousands of wonderful people, each committed to the children we serve. I've learned from them, grown with them and shared great success and painful tragedy with all of them. When you walk together through life with people like

those in this district, you develop a bond that is truly one of life's greatest blessings. These men and women of Pasadena ISD will be forever in my heart and in my prayers. I have been privileged to work with an amazing group of educators."

Originally from Ropesville, near Lubbock, Lewis received his bachelor's in advertising/public relations from Texas Tech in 1976. Following this, he attended the University of Houston-Clear Lake, where he received a master's in education futures in 1983. Lewis went on to earn a doctorate in education leadership from Lamar University in March 2008.

Lewis began at PISD in 1986 as administrative assistant to the superintendent, responsible for communications and policy development.

He was promoted to executive director for communications and community relations in 1995 and to deputy superintendent for administration, public relations and governmental affairs in 2001, before being promoted to superintendent in April 2006.

Under his leadership, PISD has seen an increase in graduation rates, a dramatic reduction



Kirk Lewis

in dropout rates, a significant increase in number of students taking and passing AP exams and dual credit courses and the creation of Early College High School concept and the Career and Technical High School that now bears his name.

He has also overseen the successful passage of six bond programs valued at more than \$1.3 billion. The funds were used to construct six new elementary schools, nine middle schools, two intermediate schools and two high schools (Memorial/CTHS). Replacement campuses constructed include 11 elementary schools, two middle schools, six intermediate schools and one high school. Numerous new wings and renovations were also added with the secured funds.

Lewis has resided in Pasadena for 39 years. He and his wife, Robin, have been married 34 years and have two sons, Adam, a teacher at Sam Rayburn High School, and Andrew, an electrical engineer for Dashiell Corporation in Houston. In addition to his work at PISD, Lewis also teaches Sunday school at South Main Baptist Church, where he also serves as a deacon.

Lewis is grateful for his time with the district and plans to make the most of his remaining months.

"Thank you for the opportunity to serve you, this district, our staff and students and this community for 30 years," Lewis said. "There is still much to be done. I have a few more months to do the work I love with the people I love and the students who mean the world to me. I promise to give each remaining day my best."

Spaceport approval expected



The Federal Aviation Administration will make an official announcement Tuesday, June 30, on whether or not it will approve the City of Houston's request to build a commercial spaceport at Ellington Airport. The spaceport would be ninth in the nation, if approved. An artistic rendering of the proposed facility is shown above.

FAA to decide on proposed spaceport

The Federal Aviation Administration is expected to approve the City of Houston's request to construct a commercial spaceport at Ellington Airport.

If approved, the facility would be the ninth of its kind in the nation.

"This is a new and exciting sector of the 21st century economy that carries amazing potential for growth," said Houston Mayor Annise Parker. "We believe a licensed spaceport in Houston would not only serve as an economic generator for the city but it would also enhance Houston's well-deserved reputation as a leader and key player in the aerospace industry."

Houston City Council members agreed with that assessment in July 2013, when they voiced their overwhelming support for the pursuit of spaceport licensing at Ellington Airport. Should the required federal licensing be secured, the Houston Airport System would move forward in establishing the required infrastructure and

support facilities needed to accommodate enterprises such as, component and composite fabrication, space vehicle assembly, launching of micro-satellites, astronaut training, zero gravity experimentation and space tourism.

"It's important to realize that this type of work is already taking place today," said Houston Aviation Director Mario C. Diaz. "This is not a conversation based on science fiction or futuristic projections. This is a conversation about how Houston can access and enhance an industry that is already well established and growing exponentially."

The launches being proposed for Ellington Airport would involve reusable launch vehicles executing horizontal, rather than vertical, take-offs, departing in a fashion similar to commercial aircraft.

An official announcement from the FAA will be released at a city press conference to be held Tuesday, June 30.

South Belt celebrates July 4

The annual South Belt Independence Day parade and fireworks show are quickly approaching, set to take place Saturday, July 4.

Now in its 28th year, the parade will wind from Beverly Hills Intermediate to San Jacinto College South. See accompanying map on this page.

This year's event will be a salute to all first responders. The Southeast Volunteer Fire Department, Houston Fire Department, Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office and Houston Police Department are expected to take part in the parade.

All residents, organizations and businesses are welcome to participate. Participants are encouraged to decorate their vehicles and floats, as prizes will be awarded in various categories.

Community and nonprofit groups may sign up for the parade at no charge, unless they wish to be eligible for a prize. A \$50 fee is charged for

commercial entries. Noncommercial entries may enter the contest for \$25.

Entry forms are available at www.southbeltleader.com/Parade_entry.pdf or the *Leader* office, 11555 Beamer, or by calling the *Leader* at 281-481-5656 or Judy Harrison at 281-481-6909 or emailing mynews@southbeltleader.com. The forms are to be filled out and returned to the *Leader* office, faxed to 281-481-5730 or emailed by July 2. For convenience, entry forms may be dropped off through the mail slots located on each side of the front office doors.

Fireworks display

On the evening of Saturday, July 4, South Belt residents may view the annual fireworks show at El Franco Lee Park, located at 9400 Hall Road. Organizers said this year's display will be the largest to date. Funded by the annual South Belt Spectacular Cookoff, the display is scheduled to begin at 9:30 p.m.

Man arrested for murdering child, 4

A South Belt man has been charged with murder in the death of his girlfriend's 4-year-old son on Father's Day in the 11800 block of Algonquin near Scarsdale and the Gulf Freeway.

The suspect, Usbaldo Franco, 27, is charged in the 183rd State District Court for his role in the death of Jordan Aragon, 4, of the above address. He was reportedly babysitting the child for his girlfriend at the time of the incident.

The child, who was found unresponsive, was rushed to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital with multiple injuries to his chest and stomach. He was pronounced dead a short time later.

Franco was arrested on Monday, June 22, without incident. He is currently being held without bond.

A GoFundMe account, located at www.gofundme.com/JordanAragon, has been set up to help the family with funeral expenses.

The family will also host a fundraiser Saturday, June 27, from 1 to 7 p.m. at the Broadway Buffalo Wings at 330 Southmore in Pasadena.



Usbaldo Franco

Thousands enjoy Sagemont VBS

By James Bolen

Sagemont Church wrapped up its annual vacation Bible school (VBS) Thursday, June 18, with the final performance of its four-part original musical *When Pigs Fly*.

Written by Sean Morgan, son of the Rev. John Morgan, the musical was a lighthearted comedy featuring parodies of popular show tunes.

"The meat of the story is unconditional love, like that of Christ," Sean Morgan said.

The performance featured world-famous Latino actor and musician Robert Amaya.

A Florida resident, Amaya met Sean Morgan a while back on the set of the yet-to-be-released movie *Altar Egos*, also written by Morgan, and the two became close friends.

Amaya has appeared in such Christian films as *Mom's Night Out*, *Courageous* and *October Baby*, as well as musicals such as *Les Miserables* and *Miss Saigon*.

The actor was enthusiastic about his role in the Sagemont production.

"Being Latino, it's nice to be able to represent our culture in positive roles," Amaya said. "A Latino man doesn't always have to be depicted as

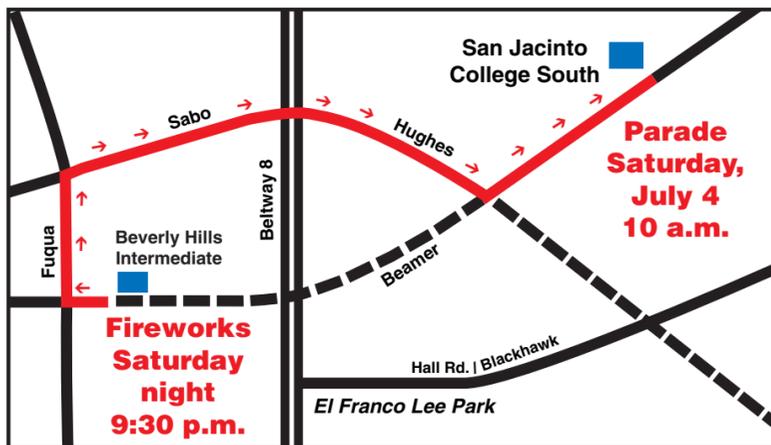
a drug dealer. He can also be a strong man with love for his family."

More than 2,000 people attended *When Pigs Fly* each of the four nights it was presented, even during the threat of Tropical Storm Bill when many other local events were canceled. Coincidentally, one of the lessons taught by Rhonda Black of Sagemont's Children Ministry during VBS, prepared months in advance, was *Jesus Calms the Storm*.

"We believe he (Jesus) granted us grace," Sean Morgan said.

The title of this year's VBS was *All Star Access*, a Hollywood-like theme, in which Jesus Christ is the biggest movie star of all. A mock-up of the famous Hollywood sign was constructed at the church with one of the L's repositioned, spelling Hollywood instead. Several other elaborate displays, such as giant popcorn boxes and fake movie awards, also adorned the church facilities. John Morgan said a team of roughly 500 volunteers worked to make VBS a success. Another highlight of *All Star Access* was a Hollywood Squares game, set up like the classic TV show.

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Morgan welcomes Amaya

Sagemont Church's annual vacation Bible school was a huge success, with more than 2,000 people attending its four-part original musical, *When Pigs Fly*, each night. World-famous actor and musician Robert Amaya (right) was the featured performer in the musical. Amaya has appeared in such films as *Mom's Night Out*, *Courageous* and *October Baby*. Amaya is shown to the left with Sean Morgan, who wrote the play.

Photo submitted

In My Opinion

Friend thanks community members

Dear Residents of the South Belt area, Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Mother of Unity #2292 would like to thank all our friends in the South Belt area for supporting the court and its charitable endeavors by braving the elements and coming out for the annual luncheon and games party. We truly appreciate your support and hope that everyone had a good time, even though the lights went out for awhile. (Those fancy phones sure came in handy as flashlights.) If the "good Lord is willing and the creeks don't rise" we will see you the 3rd Wednesday in June, 2016. In the meantime, all Catholic ladies in the area are invited to join the court at the next regular business meeting, Tuesday, September 8th, 6:45pm in St. Luke's Social Hall at 11011 Hall Road. You do not have to be a member of St. Luke's to join.

The officers of the court thank you with grateful hearts, Yvette Gonzales, Regent; Carolyn Friend, Vice Regent; Glorine Craven, Secretary; Delia Coy, Financial Secretary; Claudette Waight, Treasurer. **Carolyn Friend**

King on the Rebuild Houston Quagmire

The City of Houston has lost the election contest brought by taxpayers to invalidate the results of the 2010 referendum on the Rebuild Houston program, and anyone who suggests otherwise is kidding themselves. An 8-0 Texas Supreme Court decision that finds that the ballot language was "egregiously" misleading is not just another step in the process. While it will take a few months to finalize the paperwork, you can take to the bank that those 2010 election results will be overturned, and the Rebuild Houston charter amendment invalidated.

Exactly what this means is less clear. Based on the City's arguments in Court and the Mayor's press release, the administration believes that it can, and intends to, continue collecting the drainage fees. Working through whether the City can legally do that will make a bunch of lawyers rich over the next few years. In the meantime, the financing of the City's infrastructure is going to be racked with uncertainty at a critical juncture when we can hardly afford to drop the ball on fixing our streets and drainage.

I only see one way out of this quagmire. We must have another election on the Rebuild Houston program this November - but this time with clear and transparent ballot language. Voters will then have the advantage of seeing how the program has actually worked for the last four years, and can make an even more informed judgment.

For example, since Rebuild Houston began, the administration has only transferred about \$16 million from Rebuild Houston to the Stormwater Fund each year. That is only about 15% of the drainage fees the City collects. I suspect that most voters back in 2010 thought a lot more of their drainage fees would actually be spent on drainage.

If such an election is held, I will oppose continuing Rebuild Houston - just as I opposed the initiative back in 2010. It is patently apparent to me and a growing number of Houstonians driving our third-world streets or dealing with the heartbreak of flood damage to their homes that the program is not working.

For 180 years Houston (and almost every other city in the country) has built infrastructure projects through bond elections. Every few years, City Hall would propose a list of projects to voters and tell taxpayers how much they were going to cost. Taxpayers then decided whether they wanted to make the proposed improvements or not. Sometimes bond elections required a tax increase. Sometimes there was sufficient room in the City's budget to service the bonds without a tax increase.

But taxpayers had the final say in either case. The other flaw in the Rebuild Houston program is its so-called "pay-as-you-go" feature. The Rebuild Houston promoters told us we would save money by delaying projects until they could be built without bonds, thus saving the interest that would be paid on the bonds. However, they failed to take into account that, historically, construction costs have risen faster than the interest rates on bonds. As a result, it is normally more expensive to put off improvement projects.

There is also the inconvenience and hard-

ship citizens must endure while waiting on projects to be completed; inconveniences and hardships like running to the tire shops to replace blowouts and enduring flooding of our homes. This is actually a regressive tax of sorts, which affects lower income Houstonians more severely.

Had we held a bond election in 2010 instead of the ill-conceived Rebuild Houston scheme, scores of street and, more importantly, drainage projects could have been completed by now. Whether those would have saved any of the homes that were recently flooded we will never know.

We need to return to the model that worked for 180 years.

Regardless of which model is better for Houston, the only way to resolve this issue is to let Houston taxpayers vote on Rebuild Houston again in November. If the Rebuild Houston advocates are as confident of the merits of their program as they claim to be, they should have no fear placing the measure before the voters again. But if they simply charge forward in defiance of the Texas Supreme Court, we will likely have years of additional litigation and fiscal uncertainty. Why should we spend millions in additional legal fees when that money could be used to fix our streets and drainage?

It is time to re-vote on Rebuild Houston. Visit www.chron.com to read a Houston Chronicle article about my thoughts on the issue. **Bill King**

Sagemeadow not Sagemont

Publisher's note: In last week's *Leader*, in an In My Opinion letter from Josephine Eagar, she referred to the maintenance committee as Sagemont in regards to the Blackhawk memorial controversy.

The organization involved was actually Sagemeadow, not Sagemont. We did not correct the error in letters, as our policy is not to change letters.

We did in a publisher's note refer to it as Sagemeadow. Those working with Sagemont Civic Club want our readers to know they were not involved. **Marie Flickinger**

Estrella on Weber Elementary trash

My son and I went to play basketball at Weber Elementary this morning and I was appalled at the trash strewn all over the grounds. This is the first time in years that we had visited as he and my daughter are now at Clear Brook. It makes me mad to see how the school has been left as other visitors have carelessly left their trash. Parents of those kids should be ashamed of how these kids have so little regard for other persons or, in this case, property. What's worse is I am going to assume that it is not just relegated to kids. Some teens and young adults are also probably culpable. I am also going to assume this has been going on since school has ended. It's so irritating to view this and wonder how people live in this world with that type of attitude toward the school and the environment. No wonder the district put a fence around the back of the school a few years ago. And it was there when my kids went there. I wonder what caused this to think it would be in their best interest to surround the property? It wouldn't surprise me if this district reads this article and decides to permanently close the basketball court and play area. Who can blame them? If it does happen, some people will cry saying their kids are being punished because now they will have no place to play. To that I say this, about cleaning up after yourself, whether or not you are the culprit. Take some pride people!!!!



Gabriel Estrella

Local library events set

Parker Williams Branch

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

On Thursday, June 25, at 11 a.m., a book discussion on *Gilead*, by Marilyn Robinson, will be held. At 4 p.m. on June 25, PS3 Sonic & Segal All Star Racing is scheduled.

Movie Madness will present *The Tale of Despereaux* at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 1.

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

Bracewell Branch Library

The following summer reading program events are scheduled for June at Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint.

A Kid's Craft and Movie is set for 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 25; Movie Time will be held Friday, June 26, at 2 p.m. Call the library for title; Ringling Clowns will be at the library on Tuesday, June 30, at 2 p.m.; and Music and Movement is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 1.

Bracewell hours are Sunday and Monday - Closed; Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday from noon to 8 p.m., Friday from 1 to 5 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call Bracewell Library at 832-393-2580.

Campa appreciates positive attitude of Mull

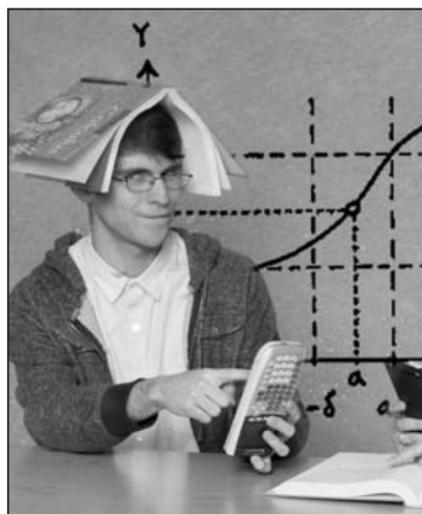
Gilberto Hernan Campa, one of J. Frank Dobie High School's Shining Stars, is shown with distinguished educator Sonja Mull, an instructor of Algebra 2 and calculus.

Both were honored at the annual Pasadena Independent School District Shining Stars Gala, which recognizes the top students from each high school and their favorite teachers. Campa has enjoyed the role of principal cellist of Virtuosi of Houston Youth Chamber Orchestra. He has

also held a leadership position as president of the French Club. Concerning the future, Campa plans to double major in international studies and music in order to get a symphony job or work for a world organization.

Regarding his teacher, Campa said, "Mrs. Mull has a glow around her when she teaches. Not only does she teach math wonderfully, but she always strives to do the best for her students. She has taught me to rise above and see the positive in every situation, that no matter if you are stuck now, you will find the answer if you keep looking."

The *South Belt Shining Stars* will be presented in a series of 10 students being honored along with their favorite mentor. This is the second in the series of 10. The 10 *Shining Stars* represent the Top 10 Dobie High School students. The information and photos were supplied by the Pasadena Independent School District. The *Leader* is also running the Top 10 *Shining Stars* from Memorial and South Houston high schools. (See Pages 3A and 5A.)



Monte Bryant Burke



Monte Bryant Burke, 57, died suddenly from a heart attack at his home on Monday, June 8, 2015. He was born on March 16, 1958.

Burke is preceded in death by his father, Thomas Bryant Burke, and mother Shirley Trump Burke, both of Little Rock, Ark.

Survivors include his wife, Tammy Burke, of Friendswood; brothers Dallas Burke (Veronica) of Fort Worth and Randy Burke of Little Rock, Ark.; sister Tonya Burke of Loco, Okla.; stepchildren Becky Richardson of Murfreesboro, Tenn., Melissa Brown of Laverne, Tenn., and Tim Kyle of Houston; six grandchildren: Katelyn Richardson, Mariah Richardson, Makayla Richardson, Dakota Richardson, Chase Perry and Irellynn Kyle; nieces Natasha Farnam (Brooks), Jami Borden, Jodi Borden, Madison Burke, Emily Burke, April Jobe French (Destry), Sommer Jobe, Cheryl Eakes, Mona Butts-Skrobe and Jennifer Guy; nephew Billy Butts; great-nieces Sydney Farnum, Ashlyn Job, Ava Couvillion (that he hoped to meet soon); great-nephews Shawn Weibe and Tristan Yates; aunts Marilyn Susta-la of Waco, Texas, and Patty Hankey of Denton, Texas; uncle Don Burke of Austin; and many cousins and in-laws.

For many years, Burke was a Sunday school teacher and deacon at Easthaven Baptist Church. He then became a member and teacher at Baybrook Baptist Church. His passions were teaching the Bible, visiting people in hospitals and nursing homes, playing guitar, song writing, family, pugs, bantering on Facebook, and children laughing. He was well known for his wit and humor.

An Irish celebration of life was celebrated on Thursday, June 18, 2015, at the American Legion Post 490, 11702 Galveston Road in Houston.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be given to the Pregnancy Crisis Center, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., Ste. 800, Houston, TX 77089.

Jose Gonzalez

Jose Gonzalez, 87, died peacefully on Tuesday, June 16, 2015, in Houston. He was

born in Hutto, Texas, to Gregorio Gonzalez and Matilde Paz de Gonzalez. Gonzalez and the love of his life, Maria, were married for many years.

Gonzalez was a skilled and certified auto mechanic. His passion included being a test student pilot by flying private Cessna airplanes, boxing and baseball.

He and his wife shared the gift of music with the entire family. Time spent together consisted of the hum of guitar strings followed by the preparation of food and sweets, which were his favorite.

Gonzalez was preceded in death by his wife, Maria, and grandson Javierito.

He is survived by son Jose Gonzalez Jr. and wife and daughters Yolanda Montano, Maria Maldonado, Diana Guzman and husband with grandchildren Danny, Jeanne, Jennie, Jennifer, Jeanette, Jonathan, Erika and Lauren.

The family resided in the South Belt area.

The funeral Mass was celebrated Friday, June 19, 2015, at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, with visitation an hour prior to Mass. Interment followed at Forest Park East Cemetery.

Greer attended Hardin-Simmons University where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. It was there that he met his wife of 42 years, Shirley Sheriff. Together they lived in Houston and reared their children, Allyn, Stephanie and David. They were also blessed with two grandchildren, Braelyn and Axl.

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Greer loved his once-a-week card game, his almost daily golf games, and he would always have a laugh to share with friends. He was also known for showing up to pick up his wife from the airport in a frog costume, dressed as Zorro or Prince Charming, holding a sweet, hilarious, and slightly embarrassing sign with a poem he had created for her. His creative mind kept his wife, sisters and children enjoying surprises and laughs throughout his life.

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The service celebrating Greer's life was held on Friday, June 19, 2015, at Niday Funeral Home.

Paul G. Gillespie Sr.

Paul G. Gillespie Sr., 82, of South Belt, died Thursday, June 18, 2015, surrounded by his family after a short battle with cancer. He was born on Dec. 4, 1932, in Sturgis, S.D., to George and Ruth Gillespie, the fifth son of seven children.

Gillespie graduated from Spearfish High School in 1950. After graduation, he joined the U.S. Air Force. He served during World War II and the Korean War, where he received a National Defense Service Medal. After an honorable discharge, Gillespie worked as an aircraft instrumentation electrician and had worked on, and with, the Apollo 11 NASA team and Space Shuttle, where he was honored for his contributions.

Gillespie continued in his field working for NASA at Ellington Air Force Base, and

Deaths

Harrell "Duane" Greer



Harrell "Duane" Greer, 76, of Houston, formerly of South Belt, died on Sunday, June 14, 2015. He was born on May 7, 1949, the middle child of a Navy family in Lakehurst, N.J.

Greer attended Hardin-Simmons University where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. It was there that he met his wife of 42 years, Shirley Sheriff. Together they lived in Houston and reared their children, Allyn, Stephanie and David. They were also blessed with two grandchildren, Braelyn and Axl.

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Victor Berkeley "Vic" Rogers

Victor Berkeley "Vic" Rogers, 77, former South Belt resident, died Monday, June 22, 2015. He was born on Jan. 20, 1938, to Victor Lee and Lillian Beatrice Mock of Buna, Texas, where he enjoyed a country boyhood with his two brothers.

After graduating from Buna High School, Rogers relocated to Houston in 1956 and went to work with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In his travels back home, he met and later married the love of his life, Gail E. Burns, on Aug. 19, 1960, in Groves, Texas. After returning to Houston, they raised two children, attended church regularly, and were married 54 years before her death on Oct. 30, 2014.

Rogers was actively involved in sporting activities. He played in men's fast pitch softball and in Houston City basketball leagues. He later refereed youth and men's basketball games and tournaments along with coaching Little League baseball. He enjoyed deer hunting and all types of fishing. His favorite pastime, however, was raising cattle and horses on his farm in Louisiana.

Rogers enjoyed a long 46-year career with the federal government before his retire-

ment. He loved traveling with his wife, family and friends to many places throughout the world. Also, playing dominoes with family and friends gave him great pleasure.

Rogers is preceded in death by his wife, Gail.

He is survived by his son, Steve Rogers and wife Yvette of Pearland; daughter Susan Ehlinger and husband Kevin of Houston; his brothers, Delman Rogers and wife Hellen of Mansfield, La.; Phillip Rogers and wife Vivian of Schulenburg, Texas; granddaughters Nicole Rogers and Renee Rogers of Pearland; grandsons Ryan Ehlinger and Sean Ehlinger of Houston.

Visitation will be held Thursday, June 25, 2015, from 2 to 3 p.m. at Niday Funeral Home-Beamer. The funeral service will follow at 3 p.m. Rogers will be laid to rest with his wife at Galveston Memorial Park.

Terri Anne Harmon

Terri Anne Harmon, 33, died peacefully on the morning of June 18, 2015. She was born on Aug. 27, 1981.

Harmon was born and raised in the South Belt area where she lived at the time of her death. She was dedicated to her family as a stay-at-home mother and spent most of her time with her 5-year-old son.

She was preceded in death by her father, Paul Harmon Sr.

She is survived by her mother, Theresa Al-Asmar; son Michael Dellinger; husband Dane Dellinger; sister Sarah Al-Asmar; brothers Sammy Al-Asmar, Jacob Al-Asmar, Joseph Al-Asmar and fiancée Pauline Ragasa, and Paul Harmon and wife Jennifer and their two children; and other numerous extended relatives.

The service was held Saturday, June 20, 2015, at Niday Funeral Home.

Edith Faye Howard

Edith Faye Howard, 83, of South Belt, died Wednesday, June 17, 2015. She was born in Woodworth, La., on July 24, 1931.

She graduated from LeCompte High in Louisiana. She married Harlan "Cotton" Howard on Oct. 4, 1968, in Harris County.

Howard worked in the recruiting department for Schlumberger. She had a passion for gardening, traveling, crafts, singing and dancing.

Howard was preceded in death by four brothers and two sisters.

She is survived by daughter Leitha Dianne Deloach (Jerry); son Dennis Howard (Jennifer); son Tim Howard

later retired from Atlantic Aviation at Hobby Airport. He received many awards for his contributions to the aeronautics industry.

He was an active member of St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church. He served as an officer of the church food pantry for many years, was active in the men's club and St. Vincent de Paul, as well as serving and volunteering in many other church ministries.

Gillespie met his bride of 61 years, Maria E. "Mary" Gillespie in Laredo, Texas, on a blind date. They married on June 13, 1954. Both were passionate about their love for Jesus Christ and their dedication to their five children.

Gillespie is preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, two sisters, son Paul G. Gillespie Jr., grandsons Matthew and David Crain, and son-in-law Bill Crain.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Gillespie, daughters Shirley Cummings and husband Mike of Alvin, Jane Crain of Maiden, N.C., Linda Bertram and husband Tony of Friendswood, and Cindy Reaves and husband Stacy of DeKalb, Texas; his brother, Robert Gillespie of Sturgis, S.D.; grandchildren Christina Tweedle, Jeremy Howells, Melanie Blount, Lydia Sebesta, Brittany Pettus, Will and Jess Crain, Dawn Pajak, Ruth and Janie Crain, Emma Harrell, Austen and Sarah Bertram, and Larissa and Jared Efurud; 27 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 25, 2015, St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church in Houston. Interment will follow at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

All are welcome to return to the church for continued celebration of Gillespie's life.

Stephen Thomas Buckman

Stephen Thomas Buckman, 64, died on Saturday, June 20, 2015, at Houston Methodist Hospital after a hard-fought battle with heart disease. He was born in Kansas City, Mo., on Jan. 8, 1951.

Buckman graduated from Bishop Lillis High School in 1969 and San Jacinto College South in 1999 with a degree in business administration. He and Kelly Smith were married that same year. He was a manager for the City of Houston in the Wastewater Treatment Division, retiring after 27 years of service. He was also a director and board secretary for Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District in Houston. He was an accomplished gardener and often cultivated floral and landscape arrangements. He also loved woodworking and antiques and spent many hours in his garage.

Buckman was passionate about serving his community. He was an active and dedicated member of St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus Chapter 9201, where he was a fourth degree Knight and served as the Grand Knight for two years.

Buckman is preceded in death by his parents, Albert Buckman Sr. and Cecilia Kendrick Buckman, and siblings Albert (Doug) Buckman Jr. and Mary Lynn Buckman.

He is survived by his wife, Kelly Smith Buckman; his siblings, Charlotte Buckman Cook (Kansas City, Mo.) and Paul Buckman (Monroe City, Mo.); as well as many nieces and nephews.

The service celebrating Buckman's life will be held at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road, with a reception to follow at the church. Arrangements were still being confirmed at press time; check the Niday Funeral Homes website at www.nidayfunerals.com for date and time of services.

Buckman will be laid to rest in St. Mary's Cemetery in Shelbina, Mo.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to the Knights of Columbus Chapter 9201 or St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church at 11011 Hall Road, Houston, TX 77089.

Jim Green

Jim Green, 56, longtime South Belt resident, died Tuesday, June 16, 2015. He was born Aug. 15, 1958, in Oklahoma and moved to Houston in 1974 where he lived in the South Belt area. He graduated from J. Frank Dobie High School in 1976.

Green started a construction-remodeling business in the area and was quite popular with his customers.

Memorial services will be held Sunday, June 28, 2015, at 3 p.m. at Forest Lawn Funeral Home, 8706 Alameda-Genoa Road in Houston.

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Area high schools excel at competition

Dobie High School recently took first place in the fifth annual Pasadena Independent School District Name That Book competition held on Thursday, May 28. The event is considered the Super Bowl of reading competitions. Instead of scoring points on the field, participants earn points by using their knowledge of books. Teams from each campus identify the name of a book based on clues. The preliminary competition consists of two rounds of 15 questions. Teams with the highest number of points advance to the bonus round for a chance to be named champion of the competition. Area high schools Dobie, South Houston and Memorial took first-, second- and third-place honors, respectively, in the high school division at this year's competition.



The Dobie High School team took first place at the Name That Book competition. Members pictured are, left to right, (front row) Angelica Cervantes, Athena Robles, Ariana Croes, Jennifer Gutierrez, Patricia Capelo, Keara McHugh; (back) Melissa Thomas, Alexis Padilla, Bryana Garcia, Lorissa Saiz, Vincent Gutierrez and Gabriel Perez.

Photos submitted



The South Houston High School team took second place at the Name That Book competition. Members pictured are, left to right, Crystal Islas, Anitric Sanchez, Sarah Meyer, Annelise Gonzalez-Espinoza, Reyna Hernandez, Marisa Moreno, Lizette Hernandez, and Kathleen Hammerle.



The Memorial High School team took third place at the Name That Book competition. Members pictured are, left to right, Montanna Little, Cassidy Urdiales, Alondra Cruz, Kelly Wadyko (PMHS librarian), Ansiya Arakkal, Jeremy Davis, Tom Jacob, Cardarius Hamilton, Elvia Espinoza and Sam Cepeda.

Walker graduates from UHCL



Matt Walker (center) graduated from the University of Houston-Clear Lake with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications last month. His son, Buddy Lynn Walker (left), and daughter Lucy Marie Walker (right), attended the graduation. All three are former South Belt residents. Walker, a former *South Belt Leader* staff writer, is starting this summer in the graduate program for literature/writing. Buddy is currently enrolled at the University of Houston Central Campus and is also pursuing a bachelor of arts in communications and an MA in divinity. He wants to be a youth pastor/missionary. Lucy plans to attend San Jacinto College South in the fall and is interested in dentistry.

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NASA Aglow meets July 9

Bonji Warnecke, founder/director of Door of Hope Ministries and author of *Door of Hope: A Journey from Captivity to Freedom*, will give her testimony at the NASA Aglow meeting on Thursday, July 9, at 9:30 a.m. at Praise Chapel, 18516 Highway 3 in Webster.

Warnecke's message is to help others find hope in the dark when they have lost their sense of meaning and purpose. The dark place can be anything from divorce, to

losses and loneliness, or they may feel like a fifth wheel in a society that can't connect and they feel they have lost their self worth, value and identity.

Warnecke has earned a bachelor's degree from Calvary Theological Seminary. She has served as the speaker for women's meetings, revivals, retreats, conferences, prisons, school campuses, rehabilitation hospitals, to the homeless and has been interviewed on Daystar Television

and KSBJ Radio. Her call as evangelist and teacher has equipped her to bring a word in due season.

Praise Chapel is located at 18516 Highway 3 in Webster. From I-45 south, take NASA 1 Bypass and exit quickly at Highway 3; from there turn left to Praise Chapel, on the left about 1 block.

The public is invited to join in worship and to hear this guest speaker on Thursday, July 9. For more information, call 281-910-1971.

Thompson releases sixth six-weeks rolls

Thompson Intermediate School recently announced its sixth six-weeks honor roll for the 2014-2015 school year. Students earning status are:

Seventh grade Honor roll

Gema Isabel Alanis, Jada Vernice Alix, Anilu Itzayana Arrieta, Rida Asif, A'lexis Lasur Austin, Justin Duane Blogg, Demontre J. Bristo, Makenzie Elyce Brown, Jocelyn Bustos, Dominic Avery Caballero, Jayla Cherie Carmouche, Samantha Nell Carter and Leah Rose Castaneda.

Elissa Eneledia Castillo, Diego Alan Cerda, Jolany Janeth Collins, Joshua Daniel Collins, Sophia Colmenares, Danielle Joy Colunga, Jacob Alexander Colunga, Sebastian Antonio Comabella Paredes, Shelby Ranay Couchman, Esperanza Daniela Cruz and Carrie Briana Cubes.

Enoc Ruben Curiel, Bailce Phi-Anh Dang, Tammy Tam Dang, Quang Ngoc Do, Hoan My Tran Doan, Angelina Phuongthanh Dong, Alonso Dossal, Marcus Jordan Doss, Jacob Ryan Efrid, Annette Florine Eonnie, Alberto Antonio Escobar, Granyeli Feliciano and Nancy Mitchell Flores.

Lee Andrew Frost, Andrew Garcia, Valerie Marie Garibay, Agustin Jose Gomez Chicas, Anthony Gonzales, Noah Elijah Gonzales, Aaron Jeremy Gonzalez, Eduardo Gonzalez, Alejandra Zafiro Gracias, Kianna Tanae Groves, Miquela Danielle Guajardo and Rogelio Dejesus Guajardo.

Alex Mark Gutierrez, Kayla Alia Hall, Christian David Hernandez, Leonardo Josue Hernandez, Steve Szvaytan Hernandez, Jacob Vinh Ho, Peter Quoc-Vuong Hoang, Stephanie Nicole Horton, Kacy Abigail Huerta, Doan Thy Ba Huynh and Destiny Faith Jenkins.

Jasmine Julia Jimenez,

Faith Morgan Johnson, Nicholas Ryan Keel, Irene Sojung Kim, Ashley Marie Lam, Kayla Marie Lawson, Jacob Hong Phuc Le, Jessica Kimmie Le, Vicki Phuong Le, Xavier Ja Von Lee, Elaine Anh Lien, Jazlyn Therese Limon and Erin Marie Loosier.

Abigail Lopez, Fernando Lopez, Milow Lozano, Giovanni Daniell Luna, Vivian Luu, Sheila Ly, Tania Jaizet Manriquez Murillo, Sarah Caprice Marquez, Arryanna Sol Martinez, Carolina Martinez, Selesite Oralia Martinez, Xitlali Eve Martinez and Emily Catherine Mauro.

Marissa Ann Maxwell, Karina Gisel Medina, Christopher James Mendiola-Garcia, Annye Melissa Mendoza Aguilaz, Kaaynat Karim Mistry, Christopher Rodolfo Monita, Ernesto Xavier Morales, Gisell Adriana Morales, Kristy Anahi Morales, Allison Neira and Andy Keith Neira.

Hallie R. Nelms, Alyssa Quynh Nguyen, Leslie Bigh Ngoc Nguyen, Jose Emilio Perez, Evamaria Perla, Joe-Patrick Perlera, Hughes Pham, Kelly Nguyen Pham, Georgina Victoria Piche, Chloe Marchelle Ray, Jonathan Gabriel Resendez, Christian Reyes and Gerardo Jesus Rivas.

Julian Alexander Rodriguez, Naomi Sarai Rodriguez, Gracie Danielle Roessler, Elexus Anastasia Romero, Aliyah Janae Salas, Crystal Salgado, Atiana Nevaeh Sanchez, Eloy Sanchez, Marissa Sanchez, Samantha Jeanne Schroder, Miranda Nicole Serrano and Justin Tyler Silva.

Randy Clay Smith, Felicity Michelle Soto, Caleb Alexander Hernandez, Jason Tao, Everett Peter Quoc-Vuong Hoang, Stephanie Nicole Horton, Kacy Abigail Huerta, Doan Thy Ba Huynh and Destiny Faith Jenkins.

Huy Tran, Savannah Elizabeth Tran and Juliana Vega.

Alexys Rayne Vela, Oscar Norberto Velasquez, Cammy Ngoc Vo, Angela Vy Vu, Dai Trang Ngoc Vu, Mary Ngan Vu, Zoe Elizabeth Whitley, Alyssa Renee Williams, Rayvn Rochelle Williams, Eric Juwan Wilson, Jeffrey Alan Wilson, Erin Faith Woodard, Lian Ashley Yui and Kimberley Judith Zometa.

Eighth grade Honor roll

Luis G.A. Ramirez, Jessica Acosta, Mahmood Raed Adi, Darielys Nicole Alexander, Druscilla Nicole Alvarez, David Patrick Amaya, Alexandra Yoselin Andrade-Ortiz, Brisa Antunez-Vargas, Aslyn Geselle Arguetaorres, Elyssa Karmen Armenta and Andrea Grace Arredondo.

Rachel Arroyo Espinoza, Victoria Noemi Ayala, Ulvi Baktashi, Corina Gisselle Banda, Jared Jacob Banda, Christian Antonio Blackmon, Alexis Breyon Boguess, Aylin Michelle Bonilla, Ericka Michelle Caceres, Meloni Camacho, Nicolas Javier Campero and Devan Julius Campos.

Yazmine Athena Carrillo, Kristin Nicole Cates, Connor Anthony Caughlin, Omar Nicolas Chapa, Diocelina Chavez-Sanchez, Sara Elaine Cortez, Angela Leticia Cruz, Yessica Ivone Cruz, Luis Alberto De Jesus, Andrea Fernanda Deleon, Celestina O. Deluna and Stephanie Lan Do.

Tiffany Tram Duong, Elizabeth Betty Early, Osasere Edo-Ewansiba, Adriana Escamilla, Angela Escamilla, Osvaldo Jared Escamilla, Celine Nicole Espinosa, Bianca Alicia Espinoza, Emily Jovanna Estrada, Joseph Venancio Flores, Ruben Flores and Miranda Teresa Garcia Valdes.

Benito Ivan Garcia, Yareli Garcia, Lucio Ricardo Garza, Marco Antonio Garza, Olivia

Renee Garza, Genesis Isela Gaytan, Nicholas Roland Gaytan, Adam Israel Gil, Megan Erin Glass, Eduardo Gomez, Brenda Lee Gonzales, Alysa Marie Gonzalez and Jenice Marie Gonzalez.

Karina Nicole Gonzalez, Stephanie Nicole Gonzalez, Victoria Lauren Gonzalez, Keishon Denaee Groves, Max River Guerra, Jeremy Guerrero, Julissa Andrea Guerrero, Corina Ivana Hernandez, Daniel Alexander Hernandez, Katelyn Nicole Hernandez and Julysa Marie Herrera.

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Johana Lizeth Perez Mendiola, Bianca Elizabeth Perez, Izayah Matheu Perez, Caitlyn Olivia Peterson, William Joseph Pettis, Minh-Triet Ngoc Pham, Thien Minh Pham, Amy Nhi Phan, Joshua Allen Phan-Coy, Eduardo Manuel Pineda, Taylor Tress Pleasants and Oscar Jesus Puente.

Kera Nikole Ramirez, Morgan Nicole Rankins, Rijja Rasool, Roberto Emmanuel Rayos, Rebecca Maryory Renteros, Ashley Crystal Rivera, Sara Kay Robison, Christian Xavier Rodriguez, Illiana Reyna Engracia Rodriguez and Isaiah Jeremiah Rodriguez.

Leslie Azeneth Rodriguez, Priscilla Marie Rodriguez, Kayla Marie Romero, Joana M. Salazar, Lidia Alicia Salazar, Christian J. Saldivar, Kaitlyn Nicole Sanchez, Karina Nicole Santos-Lanuz and Jefferson Haze Sargent.

Lauren Elizabeth Schwausch, Camille Hope Smith, Rachel Celeste Smith, Betzabe Analee Solis, Emily Solis, Giovanni Solis, Victoria Adeline Solis, Ashley Lynette Sorto, Jesse Gerald Sumrall, Michelle Ta, Autumn Celeste Tilley, Ariana Kaylee Toran and Adriana Alexis Toro.

Alexis Hang Thu Tran, Mary Tran, Patrick Tinh Tran, Chelsey Elizabeth Urdiales, Nicholas Saul Vega, Cristian Everardo Vela, Zoe Nicole Vela, John Velarde, Marco Antonio Velazquez, Dai Ngoc Thanh Vu, Kayla D. Wilson and Isaiah Joseph Zermeno.

Smith makes lasting impact on Diaz

South Houston High School's Shining Star Adan Diaz is shown with distinguished educator Kim Smith who teaches band. Diaz's volunteer activities include working at a local Goodwill, attending Shoes for Kids, aiding intermediate schools with UIL events, assisting with NHS and student council events, beach cleanup, and helping elementary schools with various events.

Extracurricular activities for Diaz include marching and concert band, student council academic decathlon, National Honor Society Academic World Quest, and basketball.

Diaz served in leadership positions in marching band as

brass captain, student council as secretary, senior class as parliamentarian, superintendent's advisory committee as student advisor.

Diaz said, "Throughout my time in high school, I have encountered many different educators who have made a lasting impact on my development as a person, but Mrs. Smith is very unique.

"Whether it may be through her various personal anecdotes or her display of the magnificent wonder of music, I have learned many lessons that apply to life in general outside of music. Through her teachings, I have acquired perseverance, relentlessness, along with various other lessons that I will carry with me for the rest of my life. It has truly been a pleasure to have been a student of Mrs. Smith."

Diaz plans to pursue an undergraduate business degree in finance at either the University of Texas at Austin or the University of Houston.

The *South Belt Shining Stars* will be presented in a series of 10 students being honored along with their favorite mentor. This is the second in the series of 10. The 10 *Shining Stars* represent the Top 10 South Houston High School students. The information and photos were supplied by the Pasadena Independent School District. The *Leader* is also running the Top 10 *Shining Stars* from Dobie and Pasadena Memorial high schools. (See Pages 2A and 5A.)



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Beverly Hills takes first place!



Beverly Hills Intermediate School took first place in the intermediate division at the Pasadena Independent School District Name That Book competition on May 28. Team members pictured are, left to right, Ashley Tsikis, Kyana Shannon, Sofia Hernandez, Jade Nanez, Adrian Montez, Benjamin Tran, Alexander Tran, Jenny Hinojosa and Georgina Baeza.

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Elected officials speak out

Gov. Abbott signs bill that bans sale of e-cigarettes to minors

Gov. Greg Abbott signed into law S.B. 97 sponsored by State Rep. Carol Alvarado (Houston) that prohibits the sale of electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) to minors. According to a CDC study, more than a quarter of a million middle and high school students who had never smoked a cigarette used electronic cigarettes in 2013, reflecting a threefold increase from 2011. The increased use of e-cigarettes by minors is especially troubling because the long term health effects of e-cigarettes is not known. Typically, e-cigarettes are composed of propylene glycol and/or glycerol, nicotine and flavoring agents. "Nicotine is highly addictive and can have negative effects on an individual's brain development from the

prenatal period into adolescence. In fact, one teaspoon of liquid nicotine could be lethal to a child and smaller amounts can cause severe illness, often requiring trips to the emergency room. "This is very alarming because there has been a dramatic increase in the number of calls to poison control centers involving e-cigarette liquids, with more than half of the calls involving children under the age of 5. "I am glad that Gov. Abbott has signed this important and essential piece of legislation into law. Texas will now join the other 41 states that have already prohibited the sale of e-cigarettes to minors," stated Alvarado. "Minors should not be using e-cigarettes and this bill will be a huge step in protecting the health of our kids."

State Rep. Alvarado outraged by change in school policy

Recently, Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller announced that the Texas Department of Agriculture is repealing certain prohibitions under the state's decade old school nutrition policy that restricted the use of deep fryers and soda machines in Texas schools. State Rep. Carol Alvarado issued the following statement: "First, he granted amnesty to cupcakes and now it is deep fryers in the lunchroom. Will his next step be recommending that schools replace physical education classes with doughnut-eating contests? "I think it is mind-boggling that our agriculture commissioner would think

that placing deep fryers and soda machines back in our schools would help reduce childhood obesity. "Healthy eating should not stop once a child enters the schoolhouse doors. Most children consume about one half of their daily calories at school, so our schools play a vital role in helping cultivate a healthier lifestyle. "Commissioner Miller's plan is a mistake and a huge step backwards in ensuring that our children are eating healthy and living healthier lifestyles. This commissioner should be finding more ways to provide healthier food options instead of finding more ways for the state to subsidize obesity."

VBS survives Bill

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In all, 2,185 people participated in the VBS, including more than 1,600 children. Sagemont's Spanish Ministry, Sagemont en Español, played an increased roll in this year's VBS, due in part to Amaya's popularity in the Latino culture. "The Latino family is a model for Sagemont," John Morgan said, noting that Hispanics now constitute 30 percent of Sagemont attendees. "They've changed the whole outlook of Sagemont." While Amaya has taken part in numerous vacation Bible schools over the years, he feels Sagemont's program is vastly superior. "There's vacation Bible schools, then there's Sagemont's vacation Bible school," Amaya said. "The lighting, the sound, the talent. I'm not only happy to do it. I love doing it. I feel blessed." John Morgan feels the annual vacation Bible school, now in its 49th year, is a valuable tool for participating children. "It's not just a Sagemont thing, it's a community thing," Morgan said, adding there are similar programs at other area churches. "Vacation Bible school reaches more children than Christian schools. And these are children doing right, not rioting in the streets." See related ad on Page 6B.

Over The Back Fence by Alexis

SCHOOL DAZE

The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays June 25 through July 1.

Atkinson Elementary
Birthday greetings are sent to **Maria Zamora** June 28. The day for a party for **Esther Janis** is June 29.

Burnett Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles for **Nancy Fehst** on June 26.

Bush Elementary
The day for a party for **Maggie Mayes** is June 29. Sing a happy birthday song to **Amanda Davis** on June 30. Light the birthday candles July 1 for **Marite Portales**.

Frazier Elementary
On June 28, special birthday wishes are sent to **Kristin Konzelman**.

Moore Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles for **Melanie Singletary** June 26.

Stuchbery Elementary
June 26 is the day for a birthday party for **Jessica Baker**.

Melillo Middle School
Norma Delgado enjoys a birthday June 27. Celebrating a birthday June 30 is **Christine Wright**.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Light the birthday candles for **Vanessa Schultz** June 30.

Dobie High
Blow out the birthday candles for **Jacob Rogers** on June 25. On June 26, happy birthday greetings are sent to **Maria Morales** and **Ana Valencia**. Birthday greetings are sent to **Julie Smith** June 27. Sing a happy birthday song to **Letishar Manning** on June 29. Blow out the birthday candles June 30 for **Jillian Hughes**.

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

Thursday, June 25: **Caryn Cybulski, Vicki Cox, Keith Lawler, Rebecca Parchmont** and **Michelle Pewthers**; Friday, June 26: **Phil Sandlin, Eric Waguespack, Telena Bence, Suzy**

Matthews, Maricela Juarez and **Laura Arnold**; Saturday, June 27: **Lorie Medina, Zel Bell, Ruth Clay, Amy Luedecke Pederson, Ynot Guillory, Danielle LeBlanc Judge** and **Robyn Bryant**; Sunday, June 28: **Jan Edwards Barker, Daren Williams, Kim York Hillis, Kristin Konzelman-De La Rosa** and **Carla Pronio**; Monday, June 29: **Kristi Rogers, Elizabeth Medina, Terri Nicholson, Marty Bryce, Cheryl Raymond** and **Judy Lannou Thiele**; Tuesday, June 30: **Darla Arenas, Kimberly Villarreal, Susan Jenins-Cowan, Kimberly Filson, Marlene Varela, Sonya Hernandez** and **BJ Parmelee**; and Wednesday, July 1: **Siobhan Strambler, Barbara Porbandt, Tina Ramirez, LaKechia Cole-Dixon** and **Piper Sais**.

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Email birthday, anniversary, vacation, congratulations, etc., to mynews@southbeltleader.com with OTBF in the subject line. Items must be submitted by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

Harris County Master Gardeners set July events

The Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 have scheduled its events for the month of July. Events include:

Open Garden Day July 6 – Children
Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 will host Open Garden Day on Monday, July 6, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at Genoa Friendship Garden, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Road. Master gardeners will be available to answer gardening questions. Plants will be for sale in the greenhouse and an educational program for children is set. For information, visit <https://hcmga.tamu.edu>.

Open Garden Day July 20
Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 will host Open Garden Day on Monday, July 20, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at Genoa Friendship Garden, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Road. Master gardeners will be available to answer gardening questions. Plants will be for sale in the greenhouse and educational programs for adults and children are scheduled. For more information, visit <https://hcmga.tamu.edu>.

Hibiscus Program by Marti Graves July 15
On Wednesday, July 15, a hibiscus program by Marti Graves will be held at 10 a.m. in the meeting room at Clear Lake Park, 5001 NASA Parkway in Seabrook. Graves is a member of the Lone Star Chapter of the American Hibiscus Society, editor of its newsletter, *The Petaloid*, and executive secretary of the National Society. This is a Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 event. For information, visit <https://hcmga.tamu.edu>.

Hobby Lions Club to meet
Hobby Airport Lions Club will meet Wednesday, July 1, at noon at the Golden Corral at Fuqua and I-45. For more information, email HobbyAirportLions@gmail.com.

Israeli Folk Dancing classes for July and August

Israeli folk dances are held at Congregation Shaar Hashalom, 16020 El Camino Real, on Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. July dates are July 6, 13, 20 and 27. August dates are Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31. *Please note:* There will be no sessions in September, as Labor Day and the Jewish High Holidays occupy the entire month. Dances are \$4 per session or \$35 for 10 sessions for CSH members, and \$5 per session or \$45 for 10 sessions for nonmembers, to cover expenses. Everyone is welcome to join the group – even if never attended before. For more information, contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or at cs@shaarhashalom.org.

Free legal clinic for veterans June 27 in Lake Jackson

Veterans who need legal advice or legal assistance can visit a free legal clinic on Saturday, June 27, from 9 a.m. until noon at the Lake Jackson VA Outpatient Clinic, 208 Oak Drive South. The clinic is a public service of the Brazoria County Bar Association and the Houston Bar Foundation's Veterans Legal Initiative, a coalition of local bar associations that provide pro bono legal services to U.S. veterans in 18 counties in Texas. No appointment is necessary. Any veteran, or spouse of a

deceased veteran, can receive advice and counsel 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 to handle their case. For more information on the June 27 clinic and other services for veterans, contact the Veterans Legal Initiative at 713-759-1133 or visit www.hba.org.

2015 graduates honored at St. Luke's

The 2015 graduating seniors of St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Community and their families were recently honored with a special luncheon hosted by the parish, along with the Knights of Columbus, Guadalupana Association, and the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

Following the Saturday 10 a.m. Mass celebrated by Father Douglas Guthrie, the seniors and their guests were invited to the decorated church social hall, where the

Knights of Columbus prepared a meal of barbecue brisket, chicken, potato salad, and all the trimmings served by members of the Catholic Daughters, Guadalupanas and other parish volunteers. CJ McCarren, director of Youth Ministry, was master of ceremonies while Matt Kiernan, St. Luke's Young Adult director, presented a slide show enhancing his words of wisdom regarding what comes next. Kiernan spoke on the

importance of keeping family close and not abandoning one's faith while going forward with planning the rest of one's life. As guests enjoyed a piece of graduation cake for dessert, a book of practical advice, a gift from the Parish Youth Ministry, was presented to the graduates by McCarren while Yvette Gonzalez, Catholic Daughter regent, presented a gift bag from Court Mother of Unity 2292 in which was a beautifully

decorated table cross and pen imprinted with different Bible verses as well as a book of faith wisdom sprinkled with practical advice for the soul. Scholarships were then awarded by the different organizations including the Catholic Daughters of America Scholarship committee chairman Viola Torres and regent Yvette Gonzalez presented five \$1,000 scholarship certificates from

the Court to the following deserving youths who belong to St. Luke's Parish or are immediate family members of someone in the Court: Margaret "Meg" Court, Adrien Guerin, Joseph Mercado, Alejandra Salinas, and Quentin Sessor. Additionally, a \$1,000 scholarship in honor of deceased member Sammie Hart was awarded to Chelsea Tajonera, and a \$500 award went to Athena Robles in memory of deceased member Chris Estrada.



Graduates shown are, left to right, Athena Robles, Joseph Adrien Guerin, Chelsea Tajonera, Viola Torres and regent Mercado, Quentin Sessor, Meg Court, Alejandra Salinas, Yvette Gonzalez. Photo submitted

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Remember When

35 years ago (1980)
The superintendent of Pasadena Independent School District was pleased with the performance of the district's students on the Texas Assessment of Basic Skills test which was administered to all fifth- and ninth-graders in the state. Beverly Hills Intermediate was undergoing major construction involving the expansion and updating of its facilities, but work was not expected to be completed until November. PISD board of trustees named Thomas D. Baccaro assistant principal of Beverly Hills.

30 years ago (1985)
MUD 13 directors would not pursue a planned election calling for the annexation of the proposed new MUD 192. Response to a questionnaire sent to the 2,200 homes in MUD 13 was not great enough to warrant another election. Dr. Lon Luty, former superintendent of schools at Alamogordo, N.M., was expected to be named the new superintendent of schools for the Pasadena Independent School District. Work began to remove 160,000 square feet of asbestos at South Houston High School – one of 19 PISD schools found to have traces of asbestos.

25 years ago (1990)
Within the previous six months, three outside independent agencies had called for further investigation of Brio toxic waste dump including the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry. Members of the U.S. Geological Survey said the Brio Task Force's 250-foot impermeable clay buffer between aquifers did not exist. Clear Creek Independent School District board members had to pick and choose as they began to whittle down a proposed \$99.6 million budget for the 1990-91 school year.

20 years ago (1995)
Sageglen resident Eunice Acott, mother of Houston Rocket Clyde Drexler, was announced the grand marshal of the annual South Belt July 4th parade. Construction began on eight blocks of Scarsdale west of Beamer which would create a four-laned, esplanaded roadway from Beamer to 300 feet west of Sageking. Future plans were to extend Scarsdale into Pearland as funds would become available. San Jacinto College regents raised tuition for the first time since 1991 to offset decreasing state appropriation.

15 years ago (2000)
The Clear Creek Independent School District board of trustees selected Chuck Schneider, 46, as the board member to replace Allison Cambre. Construction on the new \$227 million expansion for Hobby Airport was officially underway. The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce building committee approved the plans for the construction of the chamber's proposed building to be constructed on Scarsdale just west of Beamer Road.

10 years ago (2005)
Another motor vehicle accident, although not a fatality, occurred at the intersection of Beamer and Beltway 8. Texas Department of Transportation officials decided to adjust the timing of the lights due to the high number of accidents there. Police were investigating burglaries at local car dealerships in which customers' vehicles had been broken into and possessions stolen. With the Fourth of July coming, investigators from the fire marshal's office began patrolling the South Belt area educating residents that possession of fireworks was illegal within the city limits. Representatives said the marshals patrolled 10 days prior to July 4 and New Year's Eve to remind people of the laws and answer questions.

5 years ago (2010)
The man charged with kidnapping and murdering former South Belt resident Susana De Jesus was sentenced to life in prison with no chance of parole. South Belt resident and board of trustee member Stuart J. Stromeyer resigned from the Clear Creek Independent School District. A member of the CCISD board for four years, Stromeyer left his post because he moved out of the district.

1 year ago (2014)
Two Dobie graduates were named Pasadena Independent School Dis-

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Dobie recognizes senior cheerleaders



The 2015-2016 Dobie Senior Varsity Cheerleaders were recognized at a crowning dinner held June 18. The following seniors were crowned as part of a tradition for the cheerleaders. The seniors are crowned each year as a tradition to acknowledge and appreciate them. Senior cheerleaders are, left to right, Hannah Brady, four-year member; Julie Lohse, four-year member; Samantha Schwartz, two-year member; Ashley Hicks, three-year member; Tina Nguyen, two-year member; Ryan Sosa, two-year member; and Megan Cook, four-year member. Photo submitted

Educator selected to author prestigious 'Cross Papers'

San Jacinto College veteran educator Dr. Karen Hattaway was recently selected by the League for Innovation in the Community College to author the prestigious *Cross Papers #18*, a scholarly, in-depth monograph that will help to shape teaching strategies in many of the nation's community colleges.

The format for the *Cross Papers* was established by K. Patricia Cross, a retired educator and scholar of educational research who wrote the first seven issues. Since the release of the inaugural issue in 1997, the *Cross Papers* have been designed to provide faculty with a body of useful, proven, practical strategies they can use in their classrooms to help improve their own teaching and their students' learning.

In her *Cross Papers #18*, Hattaway, an English professor at the San Jacinto College North campus, used the example of student interaction with traditional and new-media "texts," explaining that to become successful

learners, students must not only manage texts in many disciplines, but also create their own texts to master and apply concepts in all their courses. The word *texts* in the context of her scholarly report refers to various educational tools and resources. "Students create their own texts as they develop reports, diagrams, video and visual communications, as well as the traditional kinds of academic texts, like tests," commented Hattaway. "The point is that a text is a basis for learning - a book, a biology specimen stretched out on wax, the periodic table, patient charts, the operation

of a diesel engine, a completed weld. All of these are the texts that are involved in a student managing information gained in a class to become the knowledge that he or she develops to support the skills of investigation, reporting, and critical thinking that each student needs to take away from our campuses."

Hattaway's essay encourages faculty inquiry groups to provide opportunities for instructors to research, collaborate, develop, and evaluate ideas and practices designed to help students engage meaningfully with subject matter in the courses

they take. Hattaway was glad to contribute to the *Cross Papers* body of work because of the personal benefit she has gained from the writings. "I have read and incorporated many techniques and methods from past *Cross Papers* into my own teaching," she remarked. "My goal (with *Cross Papers #18*) is to contribute to this tradition by offering sound ideas that can translate productively into engaged teaching and learning." In addition to authoring *Cross Papers #18*, Hattaway presented her work during the League for Innovation's recent 2015 national conference in Boston.

Her personal teaching philosophy centers on creating a better future. "I am a teacher because teaching creates a healthy future by encouraging students to build skills for work, learning, and thinking that will shape tomorrow," she said. "Teaching is the only profession where what is created never goes out of style or wears out. Education is forever."

Hattaway holds a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Missouri, a master's in English from the University of Oklahoma, and a Ph.D. in English from Rice University. The longtime North Channel area resident began teaching at San Jacinto College in 1969 and is one of the founding faculty members of the North campus.

"We have always known that Dr. Hattaway is one of our most innovative and dedicated faculty members," commented Dr. Laurel Williamson, deputy chancellor and president of San Jacinto College. "Now we know that the nation sees her in the same way. To be chosen to author one of the *Cross Papers* is an incredible honor, an achievement that few attain." Williamson further describes Hattaway as a faculty leader who takes on difficult challenges and who understands that creating an environment of student success is a dynamic combination of teaching and direct support for the student. "I have learned much from her, and our discussions about the changing landscape of education and the demands of our profession are always lively and enlightening," Williamson said. "I am glad to have a colleague such as Dr. Hattaway."



Dr. Karen Hattaway, right, is shown with Dr. Laurel Williamson, deputy chancellor and president of San Jacinto College, who describes Hattaway as a faculty leader who takes on difficult challenges. Photo by Amanda Fenwick

HOSA students volunteer at PW Library

Periodically, the Parker Williams Branch Library seeks to determine how much the library is used by the public by counting the patrons that come through its doors at various times and days. They also record how many are adults and how many are children.

Customer count week, which occurs three times during the year, provides a

snapshot of how the library is used, which plays into the decision making process by administrators for deciding the library's budget.

The current customer count was held during the week of June 15 through June 20.

HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) students from Dobie High School volunteered their time

during their summer break to help with the count.

Three of the Dobie students who volunteered are pictured, Jenny Le, Mandy Cao, and Kevin Phan. Cao, who will be a senior next year at Dobie, coordinated the HOSA student volunteers. Anne Regier and Erin Fernandez are the sponsors of HOSA at Dobie. Former AARP Chapter

4341 previously provided volunteers for the count and its former members still volunteer.

Former AARP members who volunteered were Irene Flynn, Ellie Melanson, Charles Robinson, Charlene Knox and Wilma Beck. The Friends of Parker Williams Branch Library members filled in the balance of the shifts.

Ed Jackson, president of the Friends of the Library group, said, "We are a small group and welcome new members from the community."

The library, located at 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., Suite 510, is on the west side of Beamer and north of Scarsdale in the center that also houses Judge Jo Ann Delgado's justice of the peace court and the county tax office. The library is closed on Tuesdays and Sundays.



Above, left to right, Dobie HOSA students Jenny Le, Mandy Cao and Kevin Phan volunteer at the Parker Williams Branch library. At right are volunteer Irene Flynn, former member of the AARP Chapter 4341, and Ed Jackson, president of Friends of the Parker Williams Library. Photos submitted



CCISD earns national recognition for budget

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States (GFOA) and the Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) recently honored the Clear Creek Independent School District for superior budgeting practices. The GFOA awarded CCISD the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its budget beginning Sept. 1, 2014. ASBO International selected CCISD to receive the prestigious Meritorious Budget Award for the 2014-2015 budget.

The GFOA award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting and represents a significant achievement. "This award reflects the commitment of CCISD's board of trustees, the district's Business and Support Services Department," said GFOA Director Stephen J. Gauthier. "It signifies the resolve of this organization to meet the highest principles of governmental budgeting. CCISD's pioneering efforts to improve the quality of budgeting provides an excellent example for other governmental bodies in the United States."

In order to receive the budget award, CCISD had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to as-

sess how well a budget serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide and a communication device. Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four categories, and the 14 mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the award.

CCISD Deputy Super-

intendent Paul McLarty is pleased CCISD received this prestigious designation. "This honor for the 10th year in a row speaks to the diligence of Business Services Director Alice Benzaia in preparing this budget document. We appreciate her work and attention to detail."

According to John D. Musso, ASBO International executive director, "The ASBO International Meritorious Award reflects CCISD's commitment to sound fiscal management practices and represents a significant achievement for the Business and Support Services Department, staff, and the school district."

CCISD has received this award given for excellence in school budget presentation and setting a high standard for transparent budget development for eight years, receiving the first Meritorious Award in 2007.

Council Member Christie remembers the role a community college played in his career

Many people have walked the halls of San Jacinto College, including Houston's very own Council Member Jack Christie.

The At-Large Position 5 council member considers himself a lifelong learner and says community colleges play an important role in providing Houston industries with a strong workforce. "Colleges like San Jacinto College are thinking in advance and staying a step ahead in getting people those high paying jobs in industries like maritime and petrochemical," said Christie. "With Houston businesses demanding a higher quality of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education, community colleges adapt to that need very quickly."

Christie himself comes

from a STEM education background. He was inducted into the Texas Science Hall of Fame in 2000 in recognition for his support of STEM education. The nationally renowned chiropractor, whose expertise has landed him appearances on NBC's *Today*, ABC's *World News*, and CNN, began his educational journey in his hometown of Texas City at College of the Mainland. He wanted to become a chiropractor and follow in the footsteps of his father. Christie transferred to San Jacinto College, where he was able to complete his pre-med courses while simultaneously working toward his Doctor of Chiropractic degree at Texas Chiropractic College.

"The community college system is invaluable to students," said Christie. "I had never see a junior or senior university student struggle after transferring from a community college."

Christie recalls taking some of his San Jacinto College courses alongside Ph.D. students, a common practice among university students looking to complete any additional courses needed to fulfill requirements in their programs.

An avid runner of more than 40 years, Christie also noted how he enjoyed his physical education courses and remembers when the San Jacinto College baseball and basketball teams went to nationals.

After graduating from Texas Chiropractic College, he served in the Army Reserves Medical Corps for six years and has since attended a number of prestigious universities to take courses in finance and government. He received a certificate in International Relations upon completion of graduate courses at the Bush School of Government at Texas A&M University. In addition to serving as a Houston council member, he continues to run two successful Houston-area practices that care for more than 20,000 patients. Over the years, his clients have included professional athletes, Grammy award winning artists and Oscar winners. "I believe in lifelong learning," said Christie. "Some instructors can instill that in you. I remember the quality of professors at San Jacinto College. They challenged me and prepared me for my next step and lifelong educational journey."

Green attributes achievement to Purdy

Stephanic Green, one of Pasadena Memorial High School's Shining Stars, is shown with distinguished educator Debbie Purdy, an instructor of AP Chemistry. Green volunteered in Rotary Books for the World, CT Church food fair, Rotary fish fry, NHS nursing home bingo, Teal and Black Gala, Pasadena Strawberry Festival teen committee, Band Solo and Ensemble, school musical (pit musician), Houston Zoo crew and Toys for Tots.

Extracurricular activities for Green included marching band, wind symphony (concert band), Interact Club, National Honor Society (NHS), National Hispanic Honor Society (NHHS), and Federal Reserve student board of

directors.

Green said, "I have had numerous excellent teachers throughout my high school career, so it was at first difficult to pick which has had the greatest impact on my education. However, I decided to choose Mrs. Purdy because she is by far the most helpful and selfless teacher I have ever had. She valued everyone's opinion equally and was always willing to stay after school, sacrificing her own free time, to let her AP Chemistry students finish labs or correct tests, no matter how long it took, in order for us to succeed."

"I attribute much of my academic achievement to Mrs. Purdy's dedication to placing her students' needs before her own."

Future plans for Green include courses in biochemistry and cell biology at Rice University as an undergraduate, and medical school to become a surgeon specializing in neurology.

The South Belt Shining Stars will be presented in a series of 10 students being honored along with their favorite mentor. This is the second in the series of 10. The 10 Shining Stars represent the Top 10 Pasadena Memorial High School students.

The information and photos were supplied by the Pasadena Independent School District. The Leader is also running the Top 10 Shining Stars from Dobie and South Houston high schools. (See Pages 2A and 3A.)



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Leader shares South Belters' 2015 vacation photos

Castillo explores Australia, New Zealand

Allyson Castillo, daughter of Maria and Tommy Castillo of South Belt, spent two weeks in Australia and New Zealand with her high school on an educational trip. Instead of a big quinceañera for her 15th birthday, Allyson decided she would rather experience the trip. The group visited Sidney where they enjoyed time at a sanctuary for kangaroos (right photo) and koala bears (left photo). They visited Whakarewarewa, the only living geothermal Maori village in New Zealand, a unique experience with an authentic fusion of geothermal activity and Maori culture. While in New Zealand, the group also visited the Hobbiton Movie Set for *Lord of the Rings* and *The Hobbit* located near Matamata on the North Island. Allyson will be a sophomore at Carnegie Vanguard High School this fall. Her siblings are Ella and Dylan Castillo.



Acosta enjoys fishing

Victoria Acosta decided to go fishing with her family on her first day of summer. She is the daughter of Jeffrey and Veronica Acosta and her brothers are Jeffrey Jr., Justin Rene and Jonathan Camilo Acosta. She is the youngest and loves fishing as much as her father does. She plans to fish in some local tournaments this summer, including the Future Anglers Association which is the first Youth Saltwater Series to hit the Gulf Coast. Victoria attends Melillo Middle School and will be a sixth-grader in the fall.

All three photos are of Victoria with speckled trout. In the photo with the silly face (bottom right) she holds a speckled trout that weighed 5-1/2 pounds and was 24 inches in length. In the top right photo, she holds a 23-inch, 5-pound speckled trout. The family caught more than 20 releases that day and kept enough for a family fish fry.

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Newest JFD coaching arrivals get acquainted



Dobie varsity football head coach Mike Norman (right) now has his 2015-2016 coaching staff in place and on site as defensive coordinator Donald Randle (left) and offensive coordinator Anthony Evans (center) have been able to focus their energies on the Longhorns. Both coordinators finished the 2014-2015 school year elsewhere before coming on board full time this summer.

Brook Wolverine ex Juengel is a Class AA baseball all-star

Matt Juengel, a member of the Miami Marlins' minor league baseball system, is officially an all-star.

At the all-star games, Juengel's South All-Star team was handed a 9-0 defeat by the North All-Star Team. As for Juengel, he went 0 for 2 with a pair of strikeouts as the designated hitter.

Juengel, who played at Clear Brook High School before eventually being drafted by the Marlins in 2012, represented the Jacksonville Suns in the Southern League (Class AA) All-Star Classic.

An outfielder, Juengel joined six teammates as well as his Jacksonville coaching staff at the All-Star Classic, played June 23 in Montgomery, Ala.

Prior to the all-star break, Juengel was particularly hot at the plate this month, having been named the Southern League Player of the Week for June 1-7.

His 13 home runs and 42 runs driven in are currently team highs, and his .278 overall batting average has been on the climb this month.

Juengel has also added 12 doubles and a triple thus far through 67 games. His 118 total bases also represent a team high for the season.

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LSA's Salazar likes pro baseball idea

By John Bechtle Sports Editor

Paul Salazar, fresh off helping the Lutheran South Academy varsity baseball team win a Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools Class 4A state title, is about to become a member of the St. Louis Cardinals Major League Baseball organization.

The class of 2015 graduate, selected by the Red Birds in the 11th round (341st overall) of the MLB First-Year Player Draft earlier this month, told the *Leader* he is likely to ink his professional contract within days.

From there, Salazar is likely to be off to Jupiter, Fla. for the remainder of the summer along with several other Cardinal first-year signees, particularly those from the high school ranks.

Then, beginning next spring training in Feb-

ruary, the hard-throwing right-hander will begin making what he hopes is a steady climb through the Cardinals' minor league system.

Perhaps one day, sooner than later Salazar plans, he'll be standing on the bump in legendary Busch Stadium.

"Oh I've thought about it," Salazar said of possibly one day reaching the

big time.

"It would be the best moment of my baseball life, but I'm sure it would also be nerve-wracking. I'm going to go out there, go to work and try to get there as fast as I can."

If Salazar does bypass the chance to attend college - he has inked a letter of intent to play at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock - Salazar can

still go back to the books.

He says part of his proposed financial agreement with the St. Louis organization, while still unsigned, includes funds to attend college.

Albeit exciting, it's a tough decision for a high school athlete to make when drafted by a major league baseball team.

There's the certainty of getting four years of college paid for through athletic scholarships while attending college.

But pitchers and catch-

ers, in particular, can save several years of wear and

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At left, Paul Salazar helped lead the Lutheran South Academy varsity baseball team to the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools Class 4A state championship during the 2015 season. Now, the hard-throwing right hander appears to be headed to the St. Louis Cardinals' minor league system. As of press time June 24, Salazar was close to signing a contract with the team.

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Rising Stars qualifiers eye nationals

Several elite athletes within the Rising Stars Track Club still have their sights set on making their way to the national level. As many as 20 of the team's youth track as well as field competitors advanced to the Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympics Region 17 National Qualifying Meet after excelling at the district level. Now, those athletes

should be familiar with their surroundings at the Region 17 event returns to Traylor Stadium in Rosenberg July 2-4. On the line is a chance for competitors to make their way to the national event – the AAU Junior Olympic Games, set for Aug. 1-8 at Norfolk State University in Norfolk, Va. Nadi'ya Shelby, an 8-year-old competitor, is among many South Belt

Track Club members who have advanced to the Region 17 event, including the long jump as well as the 800- and 1,500-meter runs. Trevor Doswell, also 8, has qualified in the turbo javelin competition. Among the 9-year-old athletes, Ramiro Garivay will compete in the 1,500-meter racewalk, and will be joined by Jeremiah Beverley in the 800-meter

run event. Beverley has also qualified to take part in the javelin as well as the 1,500-meter run. Stars Robert Watkins and Aaron Joseph figure into the mix in the long jump event, while Chardrel Terrell made her way to the Region 17s in the 800- and 1,500-meter runs as well as the long jump. In the 10-year-old division, Braylan Shelby and Jason Doswell have advanced. Shelby qualified in the 800- and 1,500-meter runs as well as the long jump, and Doswell made his way to the next round in the shot put and javelin. Camryn Dickson and Joshua Ross give the Rising Stars big hopes for national advancement in the 11-year-old division. Dickson is set to compete in the 100-, 200- and 400-meter events, while Ross has qualified in the 1,500-meter racewalk, the javelin and shot put. Christianne Ross will lead the way for the Rising Stars in the 12-year-old division as she competes at the Region 17s in the 1,500-meter racewalk as well as the 800-meter run. The team also has talented athletes scheduled to compete among the 13-year-olds. Amari Singleton qualified in the 400- and 800-meter runs, and she also won the 1,500-meter racewalk at district to move on. Matthew Kovacevich's win in the 3,000-meter run allowed him to move on, and he also qualified in the 800-meter run as well as the triple jump. Mikey Ramirez is also entered in the 800-meter run after qualifying at district. Cameron Devereaux will lead the Stars in the 14-year-old division after advancing in the 800- and 1,500-meter runs. In the 15-16-year-old category, Camille Singleton hopes to make her way to nationals in the 100-, 200- and 400-meter events. Sydney Devereaux won the 1,500-meter run at district, and she also qualified for the next level in the 800-meter event. Shelby Devereaux is headed to the national qualifying event in the 800-meter run. Kalia Hendrix, 17, advanced to the national qualifier in three different events. Hendrix will next take part in the 100-, 200- and 400-meter runs at the Region 17 competition. Caleb Devereaux, in the 1,500-meter run and the 800-meter run, will also give the Rising Stars a great chance for advancement to the national meet.

Texas Eclipse 10U third at USSSA Champions tourney



The Texas Eclipse 10-under select baseball team finished third at the United States Speciality Sports Association's Champions Village Tournament in Omaha, Neb. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Ernest Zamarron, Jose Martinez, Kaden Fernandez, Franco Aguilar, Steve Gracia, (middle row)

Brandon Liceaga, Alex Quiroga, C.J. Salinas, Kaleb Campos, Tomas Zamarron, (back row) assistant coaches Anthony Gracia, Henry Liceaga and Joe Campos, and head coach and manager Alberto Quiroga. Not pictured is Brayden Trevino.

Local sports news, notes

Lady Wolverine volleyball

Clear Brook varsity volleyball coach Meredith Thompson, her staff and current and former collegiate players will combine to host the 2015 Lady Wolverines' youth camp July 27-30 at Westbrook Intermediate.

Students entering the third through ninth grades as of the 2015-2016 school year are eligible to attend.

The first session (8 to 9:30 a.m./\$80 per student) is for students entering third through fifth grade. The second session (8 to 10:30 a.m./\$100 per student) is for those entering the sixth through eighth grade who are competing in the beginning stages of the game.

Eighth-grade students playing club volleyball and who were on their respective seventh-grade A team this season as well as ninth-grade students are eligible to attend the 10:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. session for \$100 per student.

The entry form can be obtained at www.clearbrookathletics.com. For more information, direct email to Thompson at mthomp1@ccisd.net.

Dobie H.S. volleyball

Dobie High School varsity volleyball coach Dawn Gutierrez and her staff will host the Lady Longhorns' annual youth camp June 30 through July 2 at the school.

Students entering the third through sixth grade as of the 2015-2016 school year are eligible to attend. The cost is \$40 per student, and those participating should bring their own shoes, knee pads, water, etc. Parents of participants are required to cover medical insurance/costs as the Pasadena ISD does not cover students' insurance for summer fitness/recreation programs.

Dobie youth football in July

Incoming seventh through ninth-grade students as of the 2015-2016 school year may now mark their calendars to attend the Dobie High School football program's Camp Head Start, slated for July 30-31 at Dobie.

First-year Dobie varsity football head coach Mike Norman and his staff will oversee the camp from 8 to 11 a.m., which will include instruction involving the fundamentals of the game as well as position drills and other activities.

It will also give participants a great opportunity to learn first-hand about Dobie High School football and expectations within the program.

Camp hours are 8 to 11 a.m. Those who register by July 29 may do so for \$30, whereas late registration, including walk-up cost, is \$40.

Payment may be made by cash, credit card or money order. No personal checks will be accepted.

Participants should wear shorts, a T-shirt and tennis shoes and cleats. Items participants should bring include water bottle, sunscreen, etc.

Parents of participants are required to cover medical insurance/costs as the Pasadena ISD does not cover students' insurance for summer fitness/recreation programs.

For more information about the Longhorns' camp, including registration details, direct email to Norman at MNorman@pasadenaisd.org.

Thompson Lions hoops

The coaching staff at Thompson Intermediate will host a youth basketball camp for students entering the sixth through eighth grades as of the 2015-2016 school year.

The event, to be held July 13-16, will feature instruction in all phases of the game, including dribbling, shooting, passing, defense, rebounding, offensive skill sets and more.

Cost of the camp is \$25 cash per student. No other forms of payment will be accepted. Participants should wear shorts, a T-shirt and tennis shoes.

Parents of participants are required to cover medical insurance/costs as the Pasadena ISD does not cover students' insurance for summer fitness/recreation programs.

Participants are asked to arrive 15 minutes early July 13 in order to complete the registration process.

GAT strength/conditioning

The coaching staff at Thompson Intermediate will host a voluntary strength and conditioning program for incoming seventh and eighth-grade students as of the 2015-2016 school year.

The session will be held July 20-23, from 9 to 11 a.m. each day. Cost is \$25 cash per student, and no other forms of payment will be accepted.

Parents of participants are required to cover medical insurance/costs as the Pasadena ISD does not cover students' insurance for summer fitness/recreation programs. Participants are asked to arrive 15 minutes early July 13 in order to complete the registration process.

Street Olympics open to locals

Five thousand Houston-area youth, ages 6 to 17, are expected to participate in the 2015 Summer Games, Discovery Camp, 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament and Splashdown over eight weeks, culminating in the final event, Bright Futures Fair, and the closing ceremonies' Parade of Champions on August 8 at NRG Arena.

Summer Games' preliminary training and trials take place over an eight-week period at 90 neighborhood agencies' sites throughout Harris County.

Six Street Olympics outreach staff members facilitate and monitor the practices at some of the sites.

The 12 sports include: Softball throw, kickball, football passing accuracy, basketball (dribble and free throw), jacks, hopscotch, shuttle relay, jump rope marathon, Hula Hoop medley, 50- and 100-yard dash.

This year, chess has been added to the Summer Games adding cerebral "muscle" to the sporting activities.

Each agency may send only one qualifier and an alternate per activity and age group division to represent it at the final event in August.

The Street Olympics' mission is to implement and sustain programs that provide training, support and resources that lead to healthy and productive lives for youth.

In 1986, Harris County Precinct One Commissioner El Franco Lee had an idea: take the typical street games that children play during their summer break and add a bit of structure to give those youths a fun and a more rewarding summer experience.

Youths in the South Belt area are invited to participate in any of the available programs.

To do so, parents may call either the Sagemont Community Center at 281-922-2343 or the Beverly Hills Community Center at 713-948-9065.

Dobie H.S. volleyball boot camp, tryout

Dobie High School varsity volleyball coach Dawn Gutierrez and her staff will host the Lady Longhorns' voluntary boot camp for incoming freshmen as well as returning program players as of the 2015-2016 season. The camp will be held July 27-30 at Dobie, from 9 a.m. to noon each day. The cost is 40 per student. Parents of participants are required to cover medical insurance/costs as the Pasadena ISD does not cover students' insurance for summer fitness/recreation programs.

Gutierrez will also host official Dobie team tryouts Aug. 3, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (varying times) in the school gym. Any player wishing to participate must have a current athletic physical on file at the school before being cleared to try out. For more information, call Gutierrez at 281-889-3481 or direct email to her at dgutierrez2@pasadenaisd.org.

Dobie youth swimming camp Aug. 3-6

Dobie High School swimming coach Bradley Nguyen will host the Longhorns' annual youth camp Aug. 3-6 at the Beverly Hills Intermediate pool, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. each day. The fee is \$60 cash or check (made out to Dobie H.S. swim booster club), and includes a camp T-shirt. Participants should wear swimming attire and bring goggles, towel, water, etc. Parents of participants are required to cover medical insurance/costs as the Pasadena ISD does not cover students' insurance for summer fitness/recreation programs. For more information, call Nguyen at 281-773-1712.

Houston Defender 7th grade basketball wins, again



The Houston Defenders seventh-grade team in Amateur Athletic Union play, won the championship at the The Chosen Classic III Basketball Tournament in Alvin, posting a 5-0 record along the way and defeating the Shadow Creek Shooting Stars 41-24 in the final. Members of the team include, left to right, (front row)

Shannon Hayes (Thompson), Tomas Garcia (Beverly Hills), Darion Ramos (Bondy), Isaiah Bibb (Creekside), (back row) Trevon Washington (San Jacinto Intermediate), Marquice Scott (Beverly Hills), Coach Mike Rogers, DeMarcus Carathers (Beverly Hills) and Dylan Tinner (Pearland West).

SBGSA 10U takes fourth at West U's Houston Metro



The South Belt Girls Softball Association's 10-under age group all-star team competed in the Houston Amateur Softball Association Championship Tournament at West University South, eventually taking fourth place out of the 21-team field. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Alexis Acosta, Marisa Perla, Emma Hernandez, Kaitlyn Olivares, (middle row) Claire

Ramirez, Christina Mejia, Julie Machado, Elliyah Jackson, Miriam Castillo, (back row) coach Robert Ramirez, coach Joe Torres, Alaina Hampton, Briana Garcia, coach George Garcia, coach Cruz Castillo and coach Henry Perla. Not pictured are player Caidence Martin and coach Ruben Garcia.

Senior-to-be Kaelon Woods has caught nearly everything thrown his way thus far during Dobie's two weeks on the 7-on-7 circuit, and the returning starter at receiver should play a big role in the team's offense heading into 2016.



Dedrick Simpson (right), one of the Longhorns' top returning defensive players, has worked on his coverage skills during 7-on-7 play this summer.

Photos by John Bechtle

Already a big offensive weapon for the Longhorns over the previous two varsity seasons, Jaylon Bolden (left) is another player who figures to see even more touches this season in first-year head coach Mike Norman's offense.



Kaelynn Wilson (33) helped to lead the San Jacinto College women's basketball team to a turnaround season during the 2014-2015 campaign and was later named to the National Junior Col-

lege Athletic Association's Women's All-Star Game, to be played next month in Niceville, Fla. Photo by Rob Vanya

San Jac hoopster Wilson earns all-star nod

San Jacinto College women's basketball student-athlete Kaelynn Wilson has been selected to play in the National Junior College Athletic Association Women's All-Star game, to be played July 23-26 in Niceville, Fla.

The freshman forward from San Antonio's Wagner High School helped lead the San Jacinto College women's basketball team to a remarkable turnaround season in 2014-

2015. The team went from 3-27 the previous season to 23-9 this year.

The locals were nationally ranked at the end of the regular season and advanced to the semifinals at the Region XIV tournament.

During 2014-2015, Wilson was second on the team in scoring at 11.8 points per game, with a 47.2 field goal shooting percentage, and a 69.3

free throw shooting percentage. She averaged 5.3 rebounds per game.

"Only the top 40 players in the nation make the all-star game, so that's an indication of Kaelynn's talent," commented Adonna Weaver, San Jacinto College women's basketball assistant coach.

"Kaelynn leads by example with her hustle and selfless play, and she is a model as a team player. She deserves the national

recognition."

In related news, freshman guard Miranda LeJune, a graduate of Pearland High School, was selected to play in the all-star game as well but declined due to scheduling conflicts.

LeJune had an outstanding 2014-2015 season for San Jacinto College and decided to transfer to the University of Texas at Arlington, where she will compete this fall.

For the 2014-2015 season at San Jacinto College, LeJune averaged 9.7 points per game, with a 32.9 field goal shooting percentage, and a 75.3 free throw shooting percentage.

She led the team and nation in assists with 8.1 per game and averaged 1.8 steals per game.

For more information about the women's basketball program, visit sanjac-sports.com.

Record 16 SJC baseballers ink at 4-year colleges

A school-record 16 San Jacinto College baseball student-athletes will transfer to four-year colleges and universities, following a successful 2015 season in which the team posted an overall record of 41-22, won the Region XIV tournament and advanced to the National Junior College Athletic Association World Series for the 23rd time in school history.

Head coach Tom Arrington was proud of the success of the student-athletes on the field and in the classroom.

"It's gratifying to have quality athletes come in here and help us to be what we believe is the premier junior college program in the country," commented Arrington, who was named the 2015 Region XIV Coach of the Year.

"The coaching staff also has an obligation to make sure these young men get the best education possible.

"We have to prepare

these guys for lifelong success, not just baseball success."

The following are the San Jac players who will transfer, followed by the universities they will attend beginning this fall (2015-2016 school year) sophomore catcher Will Foreman (Stephen F. Austin University); sophomore pitcher Alex Phillips (Baylor University, Region XIV All-Academic Team, Region XIV South All-Conference Team); sophomore pitcher Rex Hill (Texas Christian University, Region XIV South All-Conference Team); sophomore pitcher Douglas Holloway (TCU, Region XIV All-Academic Team); sophomore infielder Austin Homan (Texas A&M University, Region XIV All-Region Team, Region XIV South All-Conference Team); sophomore outfielder Walker Pennington (Texas A&M, NCAA World Series All-Tournament Team, Region XIV All-Region Team,

Region XIV South All-Conference Team, Region XIV All-Academic Team, Exemplary Academic Achievement); sophomore pitcher Riley Smith (Louisiana State University, Region XIV South All-Conference Team, Region XIV All-Region Team); sophomore pitcher Aaron Ford (Auburn University, Region XIV South All-Conference Team); sophomore outfielder Josh Palacios (Auburn, Region XIV South All-Conference Team, Region XIV All-Region Team); sophomore infielder Eric Garza (Georgetown University); sophomore pitcher Eric Nouis (SFA, Region XIV All-Academic Team, Exemplary Academic Achievement); sophomore outfielder Jon Meyer (Biola University, Region XIV All-Academic Team); sophomore pitcher Austin Johnson (Texas Lutheran University, Region XIV All-Academic Team, Su-

perior Academic Achievement); sophomore infielder Josh Croft (Cumberland University, Region XIV South All-Conference Team, Region XIV All-Conference Team); sophomore pitcher Dalton Viner (Wichita State University) and freshman infielder Garrett Luna (Texas A&M

Corpus Christi). San Jac has won five national titles (1985, 1986, 1987, 1989, 1990) and has appeared in 13 national championship games, most recently in 2012 when it finished as the national runner-up. For more information, visit sanjac-sports.com.

Texas Line Drive '05 wins La Porte Father's Day event



The Texas Line Drive '05, a select youth softball team based in the South Belt area, captured the championship trophies at the annual Father's Day tournament held in La Porte. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Hailey Hernandez, Ariana Perez, Eviana Robles, Jordae Wilkins,

Trystin Somenet, (middle row) coach Farrell LeCompte, Mikaila LeCompte, Ella Brown, Lien Brister, Alexa Quiroz, Paris Kimble, (back row) coaches Dale Brister and Art Robles. Not pictured is player Victoria Ramirez and coach Mike Somenet.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

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.

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 drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or 281-488-6318. Cost is \$6 per game or \$15 per lesson. For more information, call the club at 281-486-1911.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, 2245 N. Main (building 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.

Kirkwood Civic Association meets at the Sagemont Park and Recreation Center on Hughes Road. For more information call Ericka McCrutchon at 281-989-9990.

Cokesbury Support Group - Those who are the husband, wife or partner of a chronically ill/disabled person may join a new support group, Well Spouse, the last Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Cokesbury United Methodist Church, 10030 Scarsdale. Free childcare provided. For more information, contact Jennifer Miller at houstonwellspouse@gmail.com or 713-724-2360, or visit the Well Spouse Association at http://www.wellspouse.org.

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, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, room 208. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

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.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

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.

Bay Area Genealogical Society - Meets the last Friday of each month at University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook Drive in Clear Lake. Coffee and socializing is at 6:30 and the meeting begins at 7 p.m. For more information, visit www.TxBayAreaGen.org.

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

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), in building next to pawn shop. For more 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 drglandorf@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, JUNE 28

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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.

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

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.

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3:30 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy, 3:30 to 5 p.m., 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 p.m.
Scrabble Club #511 - Meets Mondays at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua, 6 p.m. Come and improve crossword game playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for more information.

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 more information, call 713-856-1611.

7 p.m.
Friends Helping Friends Grief Support Group - Group meets Mondays, Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster, 7 to 8:15 p.m., in the staff meeting room. Anyone who has lost a loved one is welcome. Free. For information, call Betty Bielat at 281-474-3430 or Diana Kawalec at 281-334-1033.

TUESDAY, JUNE 30
 7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, in the Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or drop in.

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

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

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.

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Alzheimer's Support Group - The free group meets the first Wednesday of each month in the third floor classrooms 3 and 4 of Bayshore Medical Center, 4000 Spencer Hwy. in Pasadena. For more information, call 713-944-4782 or 713-266-6400.

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

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.

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.

THURSDAY, JULY 2
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4 p.m.
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.

6:30 p.m.
Diabetes Support Group - A support group for young adults with Type 1 diabetes. All subjects are open for discussion: new technologies, research advances, fears, phobias, dating and other personal matters. Meets the first Thursday of each month (or the second Thursday if that day is a holiday) at various restaurants in the area. Contact Dan Steiner, CDE, at 713-922-9677 for more information.

7 p.m.
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 at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Room 215. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

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The Bay Area Writers League - Meets the first Thursday of each month, Barnes and Noble, Bay Area Blvd. and the Gulf Freeway. 7 p.m. Newcomers welcome.

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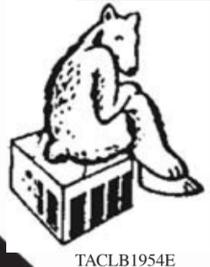
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Lutheran South Academy's Salazar nears St. Louis signing

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 tear on their arms and legs by getting on with their pro careers, so to speak.

Salazar's lifelong goal has been to play professional baseball, so why not go for it now?

Though he had hoped to be drafted sooner than the 11th round, which would have landed him more of a financial windfall, Salazar also knows this opportunity may not come again.

As they say, anything can happen.

A bogus medical report stating that Salazar had previously undergone hip surgery apparently made some teams wary during the early portion of the draft.

The fact is, Salazar had minor surgery to remove bone spurs in his pitching elbow in between his sophomore and junior seasons.

Rehab went smoothly, and Salazar's performance

has reflected that he's obviously healthy.

"I'm just ready to get this started and become a member of the St. Louis Cardinals organization," Salazar said.

"I spoke with some of their scouts, and I knew they had some interest prior to the draft. Now, we're probably going to see how it all works out."

So how'd all of this come about?

Salazar spent two years in the Pearland High School program before he and his family decided a change was needed. Lutheran South Academy fit the bill.

"If I had stayed at Pearland High School, I just wouldn't be in the position I am now," Salazar said. "I needed to get my grades up, but I also needed more exposure on the baseball field and get an opportunity to contribute more and get my skills on display."

Salazar spent two years in the Pearland High School program before he and his family decided a change was needed. Lutheran South Academy fit the bill.

"When I got to Lutheran South, things came together. Coach (LSA varsity baseball head coach Aaron) Schneider told us that he believed we could win a state championship but that we just needed to be patient and take care of business on and off the field."

"Things also started coming together for me once I returned from my surgery. Now, it's all about going out there and putting it together."

Schneider had to be thrilled at what he saw from Salazar after the hard-throwing right-hander arrived at LSA for his junior season after playing at Pearland High School through his sophomore campaign.

During his two years at LSA, Salazar also played at the corner infield spots, but clearly, his primary role was on the bump.

At 6-foot-2-inches and 195 pounds, Salazar already rushes his fastball at hitters at 90-plus miles per hour.

In due time, likely sooner than later, Schneider believes Salazar has the body frame and arm speed to throw in the mid-90s consistently and mix in fine curveball, slider and change-up complimentary pitches.

In other words, should Salazar sign with the Cardinals, Schneider is of the opinion St. Louis will have added yet another power arm to its seemingly endless stable of hard throwers.

In addition to Salazar's physical tools, Schneider told the *Leader* Salazar knows how to control his game in his mind.

"Paul's baseball IQ is exceptional, and he under-

stands how to work hitters on the mound," Schneider

said. "After some time in instructional and developmental ball, I expect him to climb the minor league ranks fairly quickly. The Cardinals do a great job in prepping their players, and rarely miss on their draft selections."

"Though I may be a bit impartial, I think they got a steal with Paul in the 11th round. He should have gone much higher and probably would have aside from some miscommunication on his health records."

And Salazar clearly agrees. Last November he signed a letter of intent to continue his education and playing career at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

That doesn't seem likely at this point, but Salazar won't forget about his education or his final season at Lutheran South Academy.

"It was our dream to win a state championship, and we did that," Salazar said. "It was great to be able to get a state title for coach Schneider after everything he did for us along the way. It was exciting."

Salazar is about to become one of perhaps as many as 1,000 first-year players entering the minor league systems across professional baseball this summer.

He'll ride a lot of buses and will have to earn his own way along every step, but he is pumped for the challenge.

"I'm going to do everything I can to get to the big leagues," Salazar said. "The sooner the better. I believe in myself."

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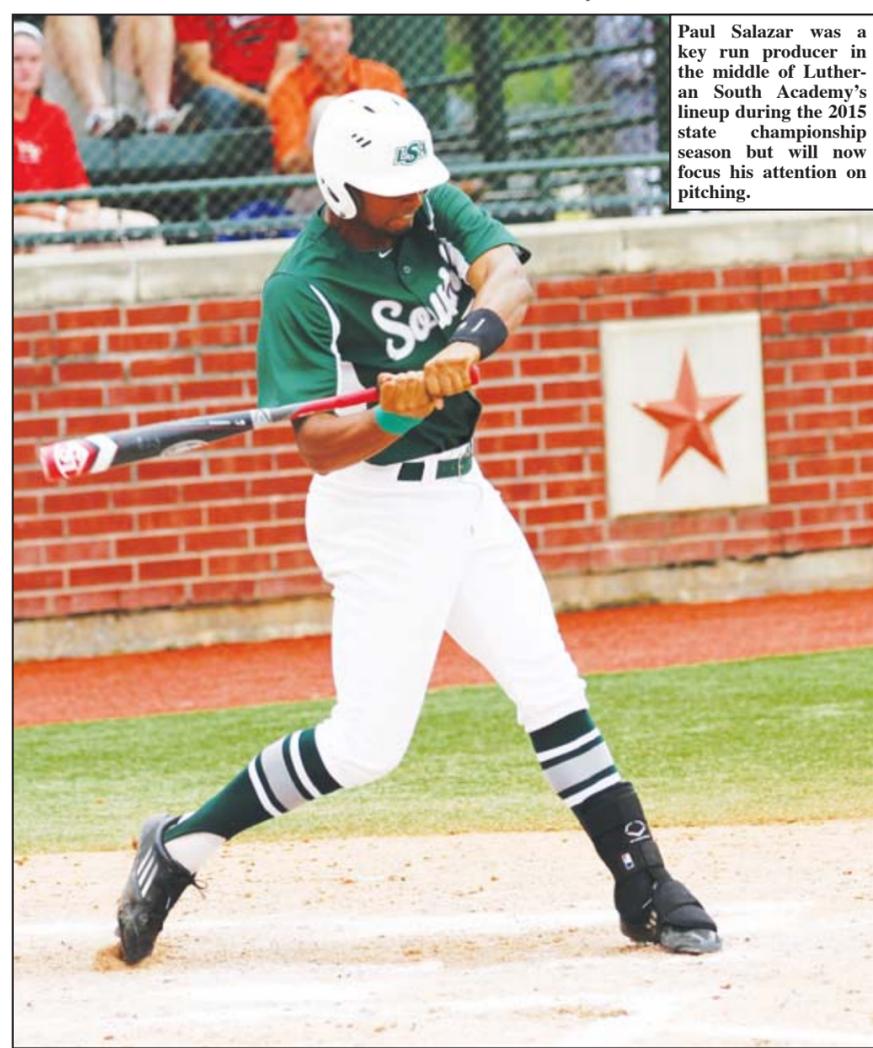
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Paul Salazar was a key run producer in the middle of Lutheran South Academy's lineup during the 2015 state championship season but will now focus his attention on pitching.

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