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Holiday observances set

South Belt-Ellington Leader

The Leader office will be closed Friday, July 3, in observance of Independence Day.

Clear Brook City MUD

The offices of Clear Brook City MUD will be closed Friday, July 3, in celebration of Independence Day. They will re-open for regular business on Monday, July 6, at 8 a.m. For customer convenience, payments may be left in the drop box on the drive-through window side of the building.

Parker Williams and Bracewell libraries

The Parker Williams and Bracewell libraries will be closed Friday and Saturday, July 3 and 4, in observance of Independence Day.

Dobie gives STAAR Retest

Dobie will give the STAAR Retest on Monday, July 6, through Friday, July 10. Students must arrive in the cafeteria by 7:15 a.m. and will need a form of identification to check in. The schedule is:

Monday - English 1; Tuesday - English 1 make-up, Algebra 1, Biology or U.S. History; Wednesday - English 2; Thursday - English 2 make-up, Algebra 1, Biology or U.S. History; and Friday - Algebra 1, Biology or U.S. History make-up.

Houston Symphony at Dobie

The Houston Symphony will perform a free concert at Dobie High School as part of its Sounds Like Fun Series.

The concert will be held on Tuesday, July 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the school located at 10220 Blackhawk Blvd.

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 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.

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.

Highland Meadow meets

The monthly meeting of the Highland Meadow homeowners association will be held on Wednesday, July 8, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. Homeowners are encouraged to attend.

Questions prior to the meeting may be directed to Deniece Reyes with C.I.A. Services Inc. at 713-981-9000 or customer@ciaseservices.com.

Fundraiser set for Gonzalez

A barbecue fundraiser is set for local resident Rafael Gonzalez who was recently diagnosed with Stage 4 pancreatic cancer. The fundraiser will be held Saturday, July 11, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Scoreboards Bar and Grill located at 12880 Beamer Road.

Barbecue plates will be \$8 each, and raffle tickets are two for \$5 or five for \$10. Gonzalez' only hope is in receiving chemotherapy and medications which are not covered by his insurance, and the family is struggling to meet the cost of prescriptions and medical bills.

VBS at Kirkwood South

Thailand Trek is the theme of this year's Vacation Bible School at Kirkwood South Christian Church, 10811 Kirkfair. VBS for ages 4-11 will be held Sunday, July 12, through Wednesday, July 15, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The community is invited.

Summer literacy at San Jac

San Jacinto College will host its annual Summer Literacy Institute on July 30 and 31 at the San Jacinto College South Campus, 13735 Beamer Road. 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.

For online registration, visit https://secure.touchnet.com/C22834_ustores/web/store_main.jsp?STOREID=5&STCATID=2.

For more information, email Kina Lara at kina.lara@sjcd.edu or Joanie DeForest at joanie.deforest@sjcd.edu.

Feds approve new Ellington spaceport

By Lori Rodriguez

Houston, we have a spaceport.

At a press conference at the Hobby Center on Tuesday, June 30, Houston Mayor Annise Parker formally announced the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) approval for Ellington Airport to become the United States' 10th commercial

spaceport

"I'm very pleased to announce that the city of Houston has been approved by the FAA to build and operate a licensed commercial spaceport," Parker announced.

Parker said that Houston has three things that set it apart from all of the other spaceports in the

United States.

"One is that we have an existing airport," Parker stated, "and a lot of Houstonians don't think about Ellington or they think of the old Ellington Field. They don't recognize that it is a first-class airport today. We have existing space-oriented infrastructure around it; private sector infrastructure. And we have a history in space that no place else in America has had. When you put that combination together with the great economy we have here, the high quality of life, the low cost of living, the same reasons that people have been coming here in droves over the last decade, we think we are going to be highly competitive with the other spaceports."

Parker commended Houston's historical involvement with space exploration and remarked on the appropriateness of Ellington Airport as the FAA's chosen location to advance the nation's space goals.

"Ellington is a great location for a spaceport," Parker stated. "There's plenty of land, and you already have runways in place. It's surrounded by a strong aerospace presence. It has the specific infrastructure, the commercial and retail infrastructure and the support of everybody in the region."

City of Houston Aviation Director Mario C. Diaz commented on the space exploration opportunities that the Ellington spaceport will

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Parker presented FAA license



The Federal Aviation Administration granted the Houston Airport System a launch site license at a press conference Tuesday, June 30, enabling Ellington Airport to become the 10th commercial spaceport in the United States. Dr. George C. Nield, FAA associate administrator for commercial space transportation (left), is shown above presenting the license to Houston Mayor Annise Parker, as Houston Aviation Director Mario C. Diaz applauds.

Photo by Lori Rodriguez

July 4 parade, fireworks scheduled

Independence Day is here, and the South Belt community will once again celebrate with its annual parade and fireworks display on Saturday, July 4. Now in its 28th year, the parade will honor 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 this year's event. More than a dozen other groups have also registered to participate, including local youth sports teams, Dobie ROTC, Morris Middle School's National Elementary Honor Society, Dobie cheerleaders, U.S. Coast Guard (arranged by Chuck Maricle), San Jacinto College, Dobie Lariatettes and Galaxy Cheer.

The local Knights of Columbus will have a float honoring Steve Buckman, who died June 20. See related obituary on Page 2A.

Participating elected officials include Har-

ris County Precinct 2 Constable Chris Diaz and Precinct 2, Place 1 Justice of the Peace Jo Ann Delgado.

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. at Beverly Hills Intermediate. Participants will travel north on Beamer, then east on Fuqua, then southwest on Sabo/Hughes Road, before returning to Beamer and continuing south to the parade's final destination at San Jacinto College South. (See map, Page 2A.)

Participants are urged to arrive early.

Fireworks display

Later that evening, 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 Cook-off, the display is scheduled to begin at 9:30 p.m.

Car burglaries up, home burglaries down

The South Belt community has seen a recent increase in the number of reported burglaries of motor vehicles, while simultaneously seeing a noticeable drop in burglaries of habitations.

Law enforcement officials said the trend is common for this time of year. With school now out, people are more likely to be home to scare away intruders. Conversely, students who are out of school are now more likely to break into vehicles.

From May 1 through June 26, the Houston Police Department reported 101 BMVs and 25 home burglaries in the 12D20 beat, which includes most of the South Belt area within the city limits in the 77089, 77075 and 77034 ZIP codes.

Patrolled by HPD's Clear Lake Division, the 12D20 beat runs vertically from Kingspoint on the north to Sagedowne on the south and horizontally from Blakhawk on the west to the Gulf Freeway on the east.

HPD Officer Richard Buitron said BMVs take place most frequently near freeways, which make for an easy getaway for crooks. Buitron said shopping centers near the Gulf Freeway at Fuqua and Beltway 8 at Blackhawk are particularly common target for thieves.

The officer also advises residents to be aware of sliders. Named for their ability to slide in and out of cars without being noticed, sliders often target women at gas stations or businesses such as day cares, where the victims often briefly leave their purses inside their vehicles.

Previously thought to be on the decline in the South Belt area, sliders are now making a comeback, Buitron said. Some businesses, such as the H-E-B gas station on Blackhawk, have added extra personnel to watch for such crimes.

Buitron said to avoid leaving a purse or any valuables inside a vehicle, if possible. If it's necessary to transport valuables, the items should be placed out of view or in the vehicle's trunk.

Burned Confederate flag causes stir

A Sagemeadow resident made national headlines this past week when someone allegedly set fire to a Confederate flag hanging in front of his house.

Originally from Alabama, Michael Peek said he mounted the flag a few weeks back to replace an American flag that had been stolen from the property.

On Sunday, June 21, Peek was in his backyard when he reportedly smelled something burning. He then traced the odor to the front of the home, where he found the flag on fire.

The incident comes fresh on the heels of a national debate about the Confederate flag after accused South Carolina shooter Dylann Roof was photographed with it. Several national retail chains have since pulled the item from stores.

Several residents have taken to Facebook to share their opinions, with dozens posting both for and against the flag on the People of Sagemont page.

"The Confederate flag is a symbol of the South," said Facebook user Angela Corrales-

Farek. "I am a proud southerner who comes from a long line of proud southerners. Unfortunately, the South had slaves. Not everyone in the South was a slave owner. People act like racism was and is only a Southern thing. It is not."

Facebook user Michelle Madsen Getz disagrees.

"If you think that the confederate battle flag does not represent bigotry and racism now in the present time, you are mistaken," Getz said. "What flag does the KKK fly? and white supremacist groups? It is an active symbol of hate and ignorance."

Other users felt the crime itself should be addressed.

"Flag debate aside, trespassing, vandalism and starting fires are all wrong and illegal," said Facebook user Xavier Sustaita. "Destroying someone else's property is not a good way to make a discussion point."

Peek reportedly intends to leave the charred flag up as a reminder. He also plans to add additional Confederate flags to the property.

Smoke near Brio site sparks fear

Recent clouds of smoke coming from near the Brio Superfund site have alarmed officials from San Jacinto College South, who have complained of the odor of the clouds entering the campus's ventilation system at least four times during the past two weeks.

The odor and smoke is coming from South Fork Road, which is the east side of the Brio site. Officials familiar with the Brio site assured the Leader the smoke in question is not coming from the controversial site.

It is believed the smoke is coming from burn-

ing brush in the area where the Harris County Flood Control detention basin construction is occurring to the northwest of the Brio site.

It appears that weather conditions have been just right recently for the smoke to hug the ground.

While it is assumed the smoke clouds are relatively harmless, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is investigating the incident to be on the safe side.

Its findings should be completed by the end of the week.

Buitron speaks on texting, driving

By James Bolen

Houston Police Officer Richard Buitron is on a mission to educate people about the dangers of texting and driving.

Buitron, who hosts HPD's local monthly Positive Interaction Program, recently gave a presentation on the topic at Moore Elementary, where his daughter attends school.

"It's become a real problem," Buitron said. "Even officers are ree-eyed when they respond to these accidents."

The officer was inspired to make the presentation after he volunteered as a crossing guard at the area school and spotted several distracted drivers.

"I almost got hit," Buitron said.

Buitron feels the practice is often learned from watching others.

"Kids do what they see their parents do," Buitron said.

According to the Texas Department of Transportation, distracted driving, which includes distraction, driver inattention or cell phone use, is becoming increasingly common and dangerous, causing traffic crashes and fatalities.

Riverstone Ranch alligator causes alarm

By Jay Do

A 5- to 6-foot alligator has been the cause of concern for many residents of the Riverstone Ranch subdivision for a couple of weeks.

Residents are concerned the animal may pose a threat to local children and pets. Many are also concerned for the safety of the ducks at the pond, as alligators are carnivorous.

While VanMor Properties, the managing association for the Riverstone Ranch subdivision,

initially was not pursuing having the alligator removed due to lack of interest from local animal enforcement entities, it may soon be relocated or killed as it fits the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's legal definition of a "nuisance alligator."

As defined in Texas Administrative Code Title 31, Part 2, Chapter 65, Section 65.352, a nuisance gator is "an alligator that is degrading or

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Church aids in molestation arrest

A male former Sunday school volunteer at Sagemont Church has been accused of sexually assaulting a 13-year-old female church member.

Friendswood resident John Dixon Meharg, 43, is charged with aggravated sexual assault of a child and indecency with a child. Investigators said the alleged assault took place in January at Meharg's apartment at 2525 Barry Rose Road. Meharg was reportedly dating the victim's mother.

In January of this year, during a Sunday school lesson on why "bad things happen to good people," the victim broke into tears and confided to a

church official about the attack.

The police were immediately called and Meharg taken from the church and into custody. The case was forwarded to a grand jury.

Meharg was indicted at the beginning of June and turned himself in a few days later on June 15. Meharg was one of approximately 500 Sunday school volunteers at the church. He, as all staff and volunteers do, passed an extensive background check before taking the position, church officials said. Meharg is currently out on bail after posting a \$50,000 bond.

Hughes construction confuses many



While the long-awaited project to repair Hughes Road from Beltway 8 to Sagemont is a welcome sight for most South Belt residents, the Leader has received multiple complaints about the construction barricades causing confusion among drivers. A major accident took place on Hughes Road near Sagemont Sunday, June 28, reportedly injuring four. Construction is expected to take roughly 500 days.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

In My Opinion

Kirk Lewis writes letter to community

The following is an open letter to the Pasadena ISD Community from Dr. Kirk Lewis on June 25, 2015.

Dear Friends:
When the board hired me as Superintendent in 2005-06 it was the most amazing and terrifying opportunity I had ever been granted. Over the past 10 years, I have found this work professionally and personally fulfilling beyond anything I could have imagined. It is with a tinge of sadness, coupled with expectation, that I inform you that I have submitted my letter of retirement as Superintendent of the Pasadena Independent School District effective January 15, 2016. After serious reflection, I believe my decision to retire is the right one for me and my family, and, ultimately I believe, for the district.

When January 2016 rolls around, Pasadena ISD will have been an integral part of my life for 30 years. I have met and worked with thousands of wonderful people, each committed to the children we serve. Our teachers, administrators and support staff have blessed me in so many ways. 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.

The children I've encountered during those 30 years, your children and grandchildren, enriched my life beyond imagination. Their desire to learn, their marvelous dreams and their amazing perseverance encouraged me when I felt like finding something easier to do. "Doing what is best for our kids" is more than a trite saying in our district. It is a heart commitment. As I wind down a career, I know these students gave me far more than I ever gave them. It is, nevertheless, intensely gratifying to know that we, as a district and a community, played a role in opening doors of opportunity for all of them. To the parents of our community, thank you for trusting us, trusting me, with the education of your children.

I've had the privilege to work with an exceptional Board of Trustees. They are individuals of deep commitment and personal integrity. Even as the board transitioned and new trustees were elected or appointed, I never had to question their commitment to the children of our community. I sincerely appreciate their wisdom, advice and friendship through the years. Their desire to do what is right for our students and staff sets the standard for school boards across Texas and gives those of us in the work every day the strength to make critical decisions.

In the end, I know that my responsibility to serve this community and its children. I hope I have fulfilled that role in ways that have made you proud. I can never offer enough gratitude to our community in Pasadena, South Houston, the South Belt-Elington area of Houston and Pearland. Our parents and community members have been so supportive of our schools, our students and our new initiatives. I appreciate your willingness to share thoughts with me through emails and phone calls or simply when I saw you out in our community. The businessmen and women, churches, civic organizations and parents of Pasadena ISD value education. You helped us secure a promising future for the children of our area. I can never thank you enough for your constant support.

In closing, thank you for the opportunity to serve you, this district, our staff, our students and this community for 30 years. It has been an honor being a part of Pasadena ISD. It is my intent to stay involved in our community. You have become too much a part of my life to leave it behind. I will pray each day for this community, our staff, our students and this district as it continues down the path of excellence.

With all respect, sincerity and gratitude,
Kirk Lewis

14U All-Stars win softball championship

I would like to thank my team for all their hard work and dedication on the road to this championship. Thank you to my Assistant Coaches: John Colunga, Roderick Jefferson, and Joe Olivares for their help. I could not have done this accomplishment without you. Last but not least a big special thanks to all the

Community Health Fair July 18

A Community Health Fair will be held Saturday, July 18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at BibleWay Fellowship Baptist Church, 10120 Hartsook St. in Houston. All services are free and include health screenings, immunizations for children up to 12 years (bring shot records), and hearing tests. Health/medical vendors, doctors, nurses, a speech therapist, pharmacist and other health professionals will provide services. Free school supplies will be available. For more information, call 713-943-2215.

GOP fundraiser July 25

A "Fun" Raiser, hosted by Clear Lake Area Republicans, is set for Saturday, July 25, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Landolt Pavilion at Clear Lake Park, 5001 NASA Road 1 in Seabrook. Admission is \$30, which includes dinner and will be free for accompanying children 7 and under. A live performance by the Blues Other Brothers and a silent/live auction will be held. Gun giveaway chances will be available in advance at local functions as well as the day of the event. Also included are a moon walk, food and fun for all. For information, visit <http://clearlakearearepublicans.com>.

Gonzales cites lifetime influence by Higginbotham

Vincent Gonzales, one of J. Frank Dobie High School's Shining Stars, is shown with distinguished educator Steven Higginbotham, an academic decathlon instructor.

Both were honored at the annual Pasadena Independent School District Shining Stars Gala, which recognizes the top students from each high school and their favorite teachers. Gonzales played in the orchestra pit for *Into the Woods* musical produced by Dobie's fine arts department, volunteered in the Hall of Honor and for the annual Vietnamese Martyr Church Crawfish Festival. He served as a volunteer for the Moore Elementary Halloween Festival, as a violinist for various school functions and for other National Honor Society volunteer events.

Extracurricular activities include Academic Decathlon, Latin Club, Envirothon, Math Club, National Honor Society,

Chamber Orchestra, Symphony Orchestra, UIL Mathematics, UIL Calculator Applications and UIL Number Sense. Gonzales has enjoyed leadership positions in Latin Club as co-president, study captain for Latin Oratory, and playwright. He also served as Envirothon captain and Academic Decathlon captain. He plans to attend Rice University, double majoring in mathematical economic analysis and physics. He plans to specialize in energy economics in graduate school.

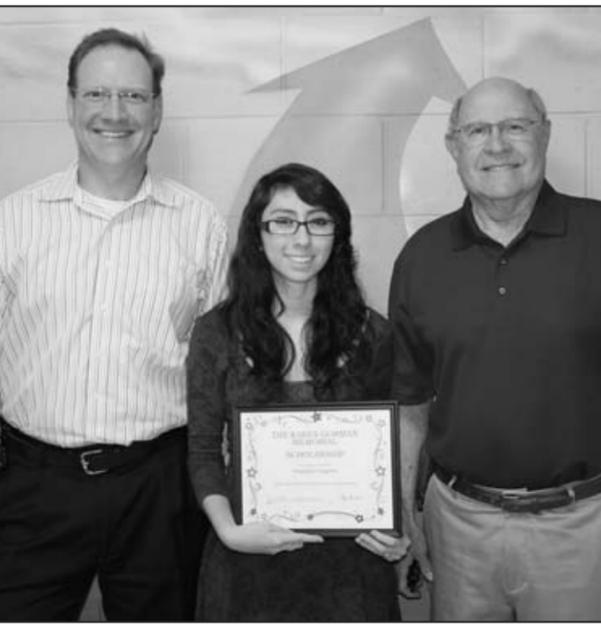
Gonzales said, "When I stepped into the halls of Dobie my freshman year, I had a severe case of what they call tunnel vision; my interests, likings, tastes, all extremely reserved and inelastic. It is without doubt that Mr. Higginbotham has expanded my field of vision. By introducing me to the workings of history, politics, and even music, I have gained a greater understanding and appreciation for subjects that were

previously personal areas of neglect. Over the course of three years, Mr. H. has provided the support needed to advance my knowledge beyond prior perceivable limits, but it is over the course of my lifetime that his influence will ever be felt."

The South Belt Shining Stars will be presented in a series of 10 students being honored along with their favorite mentor. This is the third 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.)



Vasquez receives scholarship



The Karen Gorman Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Dobie High School senior Angelica Vasquez in memory of former Frazier teacher, Karen Gorman. The scholarship was presented by Gorman's husband, John Gorman Jr., and son John Gorman III. Pictured are, left to right, John Gorman III, Vasquez and John Gorman Jr. Photo submitted

Pete Olson to speak at recovery program at Life Church July 12

Life Church's Celebrate Recovery program welcomes Pete Olson, U.S. House of Representatives for the 22nd District of Texas, on Sunday, July 12, at 5:30 p.m.

Olson is a graduate of Clear Lake High School, Rice University, the University of Texas Law School and is also a veteran of the United States Navy.

He returned home to Texas, and in November 2008, the people of the 22nd District of Texas elected him to

the 111th Congress.

Olson will share his personal experiences that will emphasize the importance of faith-based programs in the community.

Celebrate Recovery, a faith-based recovery program for hurts, habits and hang-ups, has been in existence for more than 22 years.

It is more than a 12-step drugs and alcohol program, also serving those who have suffered with grief, divorce, anger, overeating, abuse and

numerous other obstacles that society encounters.

Life Church is located at 9900 Alameda Genoa and has served the South Belt community for more than 16 years.

Celebrate Recovery meetings have been held every Sunday evening at 5:30 for 4.5 years in the chapel located on Life's campus.

For more information, contact Cindy Melton at cindy.melton@life.cc or visit www.life.cc.

Local library events set

Parker Williams Branch

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

Movie Madness will present *Ella Enchanted*, rated PG, at 3 p.m. on Thursday, July 2. The Harris County Sheriff's Department will present *Stranger Danger* at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, July 6.

On Wednesday, July 8, Movie Madness will present *Eragon*, rated PG, at 2 p.m.

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 July at Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint.

A Kid's Craft and Movie is set for 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 2; The library will be closed Friday and Saturday, July 3 and 4, in observance of Independence Day; All About Turtles will be presented at the library on Tuesday, July 7, at 2 p.m.; and Music and Movement is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 8.

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.

Future 'mathletes' invited to math camp

Let the kids freshen up summer math skills at Math Mysteries, offered for fourth-through eighth-graders, by University of Houston-Clear Lake's Kids U.

Sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders will delve into logic and more July 13-16, from noon to 3 p.m., in the univer-

sity's Arbor Building, Room 1310.09, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

The session for fourth- and fifth-graders will be held July 20-23, from noon to 3 p.m., in the same building, Room 1310.01.

Campers will explore the twists and turns of logi-

cal reason and mathematics through problem-solving as they dive deep into the world of math.

The fee is \$129. For more information or to register, visit <http://kidsu.uhcl.edu> or call the Center for Educational Programs at 281-283-3530.

Campus visits offered throughout the week

University of Houston-Clear Lake's Office of Admissions welcomes busy prospective students to take a tour of the campus through-

out the summer Tuesday through Friday at a variety of times.

Prospective students will take a tour of the university at 2700 Bay Area Blvd., making stops at the university's Alfred R. Neumann Library, state of the art computer labs, the Bayou Theater, fully equipped fitness center, and the 524-acre wildlife preserve that the campus is nestled upon.

Those interested in art will also tour the Arbor Building,

home of the painting, printmaking and photography studios and more.

The campus tour will take approximately 45 minutes, with additional time necessary for those who want to tour the Arbor Building.

To reserve a spot, contact UHCL's Office of Admissions at least 48 hours in advance at 281-283-2500 or visit <http://www.uhcl.edu/campusvisit>.

UHCL Art School explores Art of ancient Rome

Explore the art of ancient Rome with the Art School for Children and Young Adults at the University of Houston-Clear Lake during the fall 2015 semester.

Classes are offered for children 3 years old and up, as well as home-schooled students, at a variety of times, dates, and locations.

Younger students will explore a variety of different mediums including painting, drawing, clay and more, while older students may choose to focus on a certain area of artistic creation.

Students are instructed by some of UHCL's faculty and staff, as well as art education students.

Fees range from \$90 to \$120, with classes starting mid-September. For more information or to register, visit <http://hsh.uhcl.edu/ASC> or call 281-283-3344.

Deaths

William "Bill" Gene Ogletree



Former South Belt resident and businessman William "Bill" Gene Ogletree, 67, died on Saturday, June

20, 2015. A native Houstonian, he was born on Aug. 13, 1947, in Houston.

Ogletree is preceded in death by his parents, William and Jean Ogletree, and his brother, John Ogletree.

He is survived by his wife, Norma Dowell Ogletree; son David (Debbie) Ogletree; daughter Deborah (Larry) Walters; two grandchildren, Katherine "Katie" Walters and Jacob "Coby" Walters; his sister, Donna (Mirko) Marinac; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Ogletree graduated from Smiley High School, the University of Houston, and Bates College of Law.

He founded the Ogletree Law Firm and was later a partner in Ogletree Abbott

Clay & Reed Law Firm. The funeral was held Friday, June 26, 2015, at 11 a.m. in the Chapel of Angels located in Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery.

Stephen Thomas Buckman

A rosary will be held for Stephen Thomas Buckman on Thursday, July 2, 2015, at 8 p.m. A memorial Mass will be at 4 p.m. on Friday, July 3, followed by a dinner. Both will be held at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road. Buckman died on Saturday, June 20, 2015. His obituary ran in last week's *Leader*, but services had not been released at press time.

Ellington to be home of spaceport

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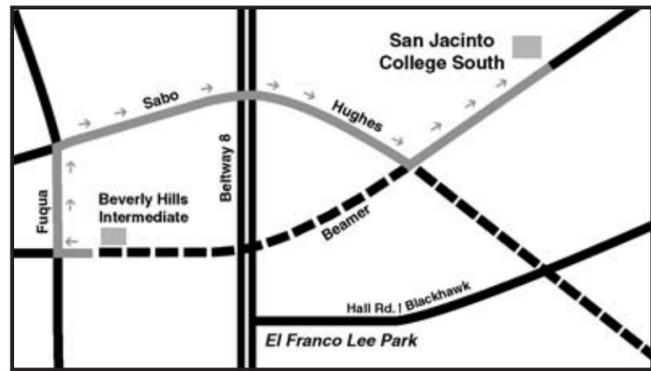
"The vision was to create the area of physical infrastructures and support so that scientists, engineers, investors, inventors and business people can achieve their dreams to overcome the difficult challenges inherent in that

mission," Diaz stated, "and in the process create a cluster of aerospace companies that will continue to drive the Houston economy and economic pillar in that aerospace sector."

Parker stated that she expects Ellington Airport will participate in the future of space travel which

involves horizontal launches instead of the customary vertical launches.

"We know that this is not a destination," Parker stated. "This is one more milestone in our efforts to continue to lead in space and to make sure that the word *Houston* continues to be the first word in space."



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.

Riverstone alligator . . .

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Regardless of its outcome, residents are urged to exercise extreme caution when approaching the area in which the alligator was spotted. Signs are on order by VanMor Properties to be installed around the immediate vicinity of the Riverstone Ranch pond within the coming weeks.

Alligators have a natural fear of humans and usually begin a quick retreat when approached by people.

Should residents come to find themselves in a close encounter with the alligator, they are advised to back away slowly. While it is extremely rare for wild alligators to chase people, they can run up to 35 miles per hour for short distances on land.

Residents should never make the mistake of assuming that an alligator is slow or lethargic.

They are extremely quick and agile creatures and will defend themselves should they find it necessary, as

proved by the Chambers County attack on June 28 that left a father and son hospitalized in serious condition.

Residents are asked to keep in mind that it has been a Class C misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$500 for anyone caught feeding an alligator since October of 2003 and are advised to contact the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department at 281-842-8100 if they are approached by the alligator or spot it out of the water and on public streets or private property.

Fireworks safety urged July 4th

Fireworks are an Independence Day tradition. However, they can also be extremely dangerous, causing severe burns, eye injuries and even death.

Follow these safety tips when using fireworks:

- Make sure fireworks are legal in your area before buying or using them. In the city of Houston and other parts of Harris County, fireworks are illegal, and users can face legal consequences.
- Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks.
- Avoid buying fireworks that are packaged in brown paper because this is often a sign that the fireworks were made for professional displays and that they could pose a danger to consumers.

Always have an adult supervise fireworks activities. Parents don't realize that young children suffer injuries from sparklers. Sparklers burn at temperatures of about 2,000 degrees - hot enough to melt some metals.

- Never place any part of your body directly over a fireworks device when lighting the fuse. Back up to a safe distance immediately after lighting fireworks.
- Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully.
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
- Keep a bucket of water

or a garden hose handy in case of fire or other mishap.

- Light fireworks one at a time, then move back quickly.
- Never carry fireworks in a pocket or shoot them off in metal or glass containers.
- After fireworks complete their burning, douse the spent devices with plenty of water from a bucket or hose before discarding them to prevent a trash fire.
- To learn more about fireworks safety, visit the Harris County Fire Marshal at www.hcfmo.net, Houston Fire Department at www.houston.gov/newsroom.org, or U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission at www.cpsc.gov.

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J. Frank Dobie JROTC developing dedicated community citizens

By Jay Do

Since its introduction at the start of the 2010-2011 school year, the Unit TX-20104 Air Force Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps at J. Frank Dobie High School has been committed to developing better citizens for the community and dedicated to instilling sound values and principles in the next generation.

"Our mission is to make better citizens for America," said Alfonso Viera, United States Air Force major and Dobie High School senior aerospace science instructor. "We're not looking to recruit for the armed forces. There's no military commitment when you're joining JROTC. If a student does serve with JROTC for three or more years and they are interested in enlisting in the military after school, then they will earn two stripes higher with their rank after training."

"Two days out of the week we focus on aerospace science, and the other two days we do military drills and learn about mili-

tary history and traditions. On Fridays, we do a regular PE day with a team sport and exercise. Every Wednesday, each student has to wear their full JROTC uniform for the full day, and sometimes getting all the students to wear that uniform is the most difficult thing to battle."

For students who are interested in pursuing a career in the military, the JROTC provides the unique opportunity of being able to get a hands-on feel of the training required in order to join the armed forces.

"We're trying to lead people in the direction of becoming leaders and officers in the military, so after high school, if they choose to go into ROTC in college and have been with the JROTC program for three or more years, they will have earned a full year's worth of ROTC credits," said Viera. "If they choose to enter the military right away after high school, then they will earn the two stripes of higher ranks and the responsibilities that

come along with it. Regardless of which direction they choose to take, they already know a lot about what the military consists, like how to put on a uniform and stuff like that."

Under the direction and leadership of Viera and Texas Air National Guard Senior Master Sgt. Everett Valdez, Dobie's JROTC students participate in a wide array of activities and exercises to get the full experience of training to be in the armed forces.

"In addition to learning how to properly wear the military uniform, which is a big part of the military itself, students also learn about military drills and organization and management skills," said Viera. "In the summer, if they choose to, they can attend a cadet leadership course. We have one out in the University of Houston and one at Texas A&M in Prairie View. We just had 18 of our cadets go out for a week and participate in some of the activities that were offered out there. A lot of our students have had relatives that are

in the military and they just want to get a feel of what it's going to be like. Two times a year, we administer the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test, and that's just a vocational test that just takes their strengths and their weaknesses and gives them an idea of some of their potential career pathways."

"The JROTC also provides camaraderie and extracurricular activities. We teach arm and exhibition drills and marksmanship. We also work with the Colorguard team to present the flags at the football games. We have competitions against other high schools where we go and compete against them in drills, Colorguard and rocketry. We have a ceremonial saber team who goes to weddings and homecoming and other events and do the ceremonial saber salute. All of this stuff keeps us busy throughout the year, and it gives students who are interested in joining the military a feel of what to expect when they continue on to their next level of training."

JROTC also appeals to students who are not interested or have no intention of pursuing a career in the armed forces.

"Some students who aren't really interested in joining the military still join JROTC just to give it a try," said Viera. "To be honest, some kids don't want to be in PE. Being in JROTC gives them the full year's worth of PE credits. That gives them the option of either taking PE and dressing out and working out five days a week, or taking JROTC and doing other activities and having to wear that uniform one day a week. Another reason as to why we might attract students who aren't interested in joining the military is that the JROTC course also counts as a credit for an elective. If the student has already gotten their PE credit, the JROTC course can count as a credit for a general elective towards graduation."

"Only about 6 to 7 percent of our students end up joining the military. A lot of the students may not be able to get in simply because they don't meet the physical requirements or they may have gotten tattoos or things like that. While students in JROTC rarely join the military, but a lot of them go into corporations and companies and they apply the leadership and management skills that they've acquired through the JROTC program to their civilian careers."

Dobie's branch of the JROTC has only grown in both interest and size since

its introduction less than five years ago. "The interest level keeps on getting higher and higher," said Viera. "When we started in 2010, we had about 80. That number's been growing since. Last year, we had 181 cadets at the start of the year. We only have two instructors at the moment, but if our numbers grow above 181, then the Air Force would push for us to have an additional instructor."

Above all else, JROTC

hopes to be able to develop model citizens for their community, and works to do so by instilling the same core values that the United States Air Force instills in its cadets.

"The Air Force has three core values, and they're the same core values that we try to instill in our cadets to make them better students: integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do," said Viera. "Those are the three main things that we try to instill,

in addition to just doing the right things in their lives." Progress in the JROTC program's efforts has clearly been made and is not only visible to those around the JROTC cadets, but also felt throughout the community.

"I see a lot of progress in our efforts to make these students better citizens, especially if we get a freshman student who's acting a certain way, then by the time they're seniors, they latch on to the things that

we teach here and they walk out of this school a lot more mature than when they first came in," said Viera. "Overall, I'm really pleased with the way things are going. There's something about Dobie and students seem to like the idea of a military course. There are going to be some good years and some bad years, but fortunately, we've only seen good years up to this point, and I'm looking forward to watching our program grow."

Dobie AFJROTC attends leadership course

Dobie Air Force JROTC recently attended the Cadet Leadership Course at the University of Houston. The program was a six-day mini-boot camp that challenged the cadets to excel in many areas.

Areas covered were drill, uniform inspection, room inspection, physical training exercises, team sports (basketball and volleyball), team building, and academics. The course schedule consisted of getting up at 4:30 a.m. and lights out by 10 p.m. each day. On the last day of the course, a graduation parade and awards ceremony were held.

Cadets Miranda Dehoyos (top 5 percent) and Adam Gonzales (top 10 percent) earned Distinguished Graduates.

Dehoyos also earned best flight in drill award. Cadet Steffin Myles earned overall best flight award.



Dobie Air Force JROTC cadets pictured are, left to right, Steffin Myles, Hunter Gilmore, Thomas Hawkins, Jennifer Gutierrez, Adam Gonzales, Sarah Mattfeld, Perla Zuniga, Tatiana Chacon, Devon Bustamante, Trent Whitehead, Matthew Leon, Miranda Dehoyos, Collin Lieske, Luis Coreas, Zachary Carter, Rafael Coreas, Omar Rodela and Oscar Rodela III. Photo submitted

Deibel taught Hernandez valuable life lessons

Pasadena Memorial High School's Shining Star Julio Cesar Hernandez is shown with distinguished educator Dana Deibel, instructor of Pre-AP Algebra 2. 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.

Concerning volunteer work, Hernandez said, "I have participated in various community service projects with the National Honor Society, such as visiting the local nursing home once a month, volunteering at the Pasadena Rotary fish fry, helping with the school musical, etc." Extracurricular activities for Hernandez include National Honor Society

(NHS), Pasadena Memorial High School varsity soccer team and Business Professionals of America (BPA).

Leadership positions for Hernandez include secretary for the National Honor Society, Junior Rotarian of the Month, Texas Boy's state delegate, and captain of the Pasadena Memorial High School varsity soccer team.

Future plans include attending Texas A&M University to pursue a degree in petroleum engineering.

"Mrs. Deibel was anything but your ordinary teacher," said Hernandez. "Her teaching methods exceeded any others, her approachable personality made it easy to ask for help when needed, and her witty humor made the class extremely enjoyable. Not only did she push me to discover my true passion for math, but she also taught me life lessons that went beyond the pages of a Pre-AP Algebra 2 curriculum. I am more than honored to have had her as a teacher, and I am eager to carry on all the valuable lessons I gained from her class as I continue my journey into college."

The South Belt Shining Stars will be presented in a series of 10 students being honored along with their favorite mentor. This is the third 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 5A.)



Students showcase talent at annual GT Fair

More than 250 students in the Pasadena Independent School District Gifted and Talented (GT) program displayed their talents at the seventh annual districtwide GT Showcase at Beverly Hills Intermediate.

The event attracted nearly 600 district staff, community members and proud parents who explored the displays while students presented their

projects – the culmination of a year's worth of independent research conducted at school.

"We are so proud of these students for dedicating countless hours to develop innovative projects," Leslie Axel, district coordinator of advanced academics said. "It takes excellent problem solving, organization and research skills to succeed in this program. This event

showcases how GT students can go above and beyond even the highest expectations."

Each year, GT students in grades K-8 explore various topics of interest based on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) career pathways and the humanities, and develop projects that demonstrate their critical thinking, creativity and analytical skills.

With support from gifted and talented certified

teachers, students research a topic, collect and analyze data using STEM and develop their projects during GT enrichment periods in classrooms.

Students present their projects at their home campuses and the top projects are selected to display at the district level.

The Pasadena ISD Gifted and Talented program offers an environment of support for accelerated students.

The district identifies

and serves students in the GT program who exhibit exceptional potential in general intellectual ability. The program focuses on enhancing the development and the abilities of each student. By taking AP and Pre-AP classes and exams, students can gain AP or college credit.

"With the support of parents and teachers, these students meet challenges of this rigorous curriculum head on," Axel said.



South Houston Elementary first grader Giselle Chavez stops for a photo in front of her penguin display. Photo submitted

Replacing tennis court lights



According to Tim Hinkle, the tennis courts lights (5 of 12) at the Harris County Kirkwood South Park had been out for about 90 days before being replaced. Above, crews are shown repairing the lights prior to the next rains. Photo by Tim Hinkle



Calling All Parents with Young Children!

Sagemont Church Playschool Registration Underway!

Registration for the 2015-2016 Playschool year is still underway. Playschool is a mother's day out program offered for children ages six weeks through four years old as of September 1, 2015. It is held from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays from September to May. For more information, contact the Children's Ministry office at **281-481-8770, ext. 2632**

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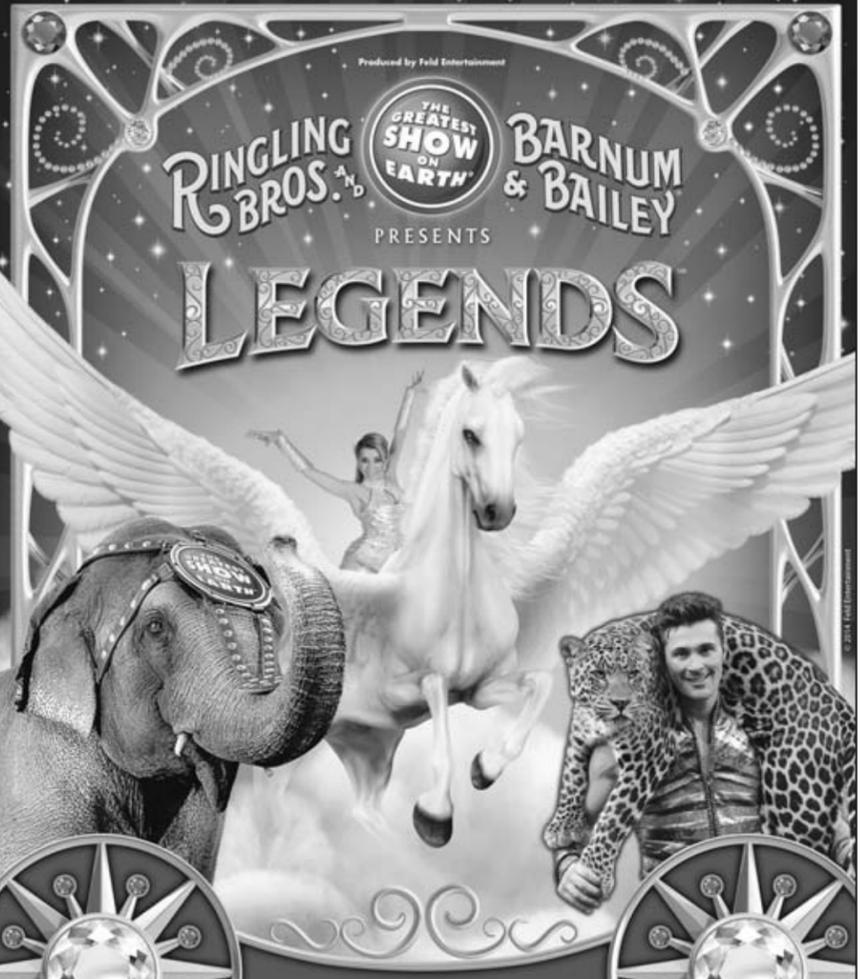


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Veterans who need legal advice or legal assistance can visit a free legal clinic on Saturday, July 11, 9 a.m. until noon, at the Conroe VA Outpatient Clinic, 800 Riverwood Court, Suite 100 in Conroe.

The clinic is a public service of the Montgomery County Bar Association, The Woodlands 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 July 11 clinic and other services for veterans, contact the Veterans Legal Initiative at 713-759-1133 or visit www.hba.org.

Over The Back Fence by Alexis

BIRTHDAY CHEERS FOR CHERYL
Local author Cheryl Bolen of Green Tee, formerly of Sagemont, is wished a happy birthday Wednesday, July 8. Sending best wishes are her husband John, son and Leader staff member, Bo, son, John, and family and friends in the South Belt area.

ROBERT ENJOYS A BIRTHDAY
Robert Griffin of Utah will celebrate a birthday Wednesday, July 8. Robert is wished a great day by his grandparents, Bobby and Kenneth Griffin, and other family members in South Belt area.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays July 2 through July 8.

Atkinson Elementary
Light the birthday candles for Gisell Ortega July 3. The day for a party for Olga Soto is July 6.

Burnett Elementary
Stacy Anthony and Amy Vasquez celebrate a birthday July 2. Blow out the birthday candles for Eliezer Torres on July 4.

Bush Elementary
Sing a happy birthday song to Ashley Burke on July 5.

Meador Elementary
Marking a birthday July 8 is Sanjuanita Nuncio.

South Belt Elementary
Kasi Al Ayoubi enjoys a birthday July 3. July 4 is the day for a birthday and fireworks celebration for Derenda Dehoyos.

Stuchbery Elementary
July 3 is the day for a birthday party for Cheryl Wilson. Cristel Olier is wished a happy birthday July 6. Sing a happy birthday song to Johnny Tsikis on July 7. Denise Palos celebrates a birthday July 8.

Melillo Middle School
Celebrating a birthday July 6 is Sherry Gates.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Lauren Lester enjoys a birthday July 2. A triple birthday celebration is in order for Emily Morin, Ben Portis, and Cecillee Williams July 5.

Thompson Intermediate
Marking a birthday July 3 is Yadira Lozano. Blow out the birthday candles July 5 for Nicole Cannon.

Dobie High
On July 5, happy birthday greetings are sent to Agustina Martinez and Alfredo Ochoa. Sing a happy birthday song to Erin Fernandez July 8.

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

Thursday, July 2: Mary Collins, Brent Garza, Carrie Ramos, Leslie Eaton, Michelle DeGomez, Paul Staton, Randy Weber, Eddie Shields, Darrel Black and Carolyn Benitez-Pineda; Friday, July 3: Nancy Smith, Frank Castillo, Bill Phenix, Benny Outland and Kelly Goolsby. Saturday, July 4: Detric Bowie, Tina Garrett, Bob Shaw, April Smith, Miles Thomas and Brent McCrary; Sunday, July 5: Stacey Imboden, Jeanette Tickell, Chris Constance, Shannon Raymond Covington, Francisco Campos, Elindabeth Kolar, James Notias, John Colunga, Ashley Chapman, and Stacey Buchanan; Monday, July 6: Teri Perkins, Cristel Anne, Lisa Shepherd, Bonnie Miller, Wally Barbier and Cristel Lasater; Tuesday, July 7: Christopher Poole, Beth Pope, Petrea Phenix, Sarah Wingo, Shawn Shockley, Gloria Martinez, Julie Valenti and Larry Bowden; and Wednesday, July 8: Sammy Shimmfessel, James Cook, Denise Patterson, Julie Remely, Zul-Tan Jackson, Erik Valdez, and Shannon Lawrence.

LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS
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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>.

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>.

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>.

Israeli Folk Dancing set 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.

Dobie sets class reunions

Class of 1970 45-year Reunion

The J. Frank Dobie Class of 1970 will hold its 45th reunion on July 25, from 6 to 11 p.m. at Las Brisas Mexican Bar and Grill. More details can be found on Facebook, search for "Dobie Class 1970 Reunion."

Class of 1975 40-year Reunion

The J. Frank Dobie Class of 1975 will hold its 40-year reunion Sept. 25-26 at South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center, 2500 S. Shore Blvd. in League City. Tickets are \$85 per person if paid by Aug. 1. Tickets at the door or after Aug. 1 will be \$100 per person. This includes dinner and entertainment for Saturday night. A block of rooms at a special rate will be available.

For more information, call Susie Holmes Holt at 281-222-4140, Pam West Saxton at 832-330-8368, or Debbie Green Harrell at 832-818-5028.

Sagemont cheer excels at UCA Camp

The Sagemont Cowboy Cheerleaders attended University of Texas-Austin UCA Cheer Camp from June 18 to 21. The girls excelled in all areas bringing home three first-place trophies and many new skills.



Cowboy Cheerleaders named All-American at UCA Cheer Camp are, left to right, Dayyani Arboleda, Ashlyne Medina and Anaya Antoine.



The Sagemont Cowboy Cheerleaders attending University of Texas-Austin UCA Cheer Camp are, left to right, (front row) Zoe Espinoza, Nylah Banks, Angelina Sanchez, Ashlyne Medina, (middle row) Madysyn Saenz, Anaya Antoine, Maddie Montes, Dayyani Arboleda, Emy Mora, (back row) Katelyn Mendoza, Miranda Giraldo and Chelsey Blanton.

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Pasadena ISD superintendent releases second book

One biblical truth leads to another, according to Dr. Kirk Lewis, author of the recently released Bible study book, *The Chase: Our Passionate Pursuit of Life Worth Living*, especially if one is "pursuing God's heart with every breath taken." *The Chase* is a New Testament companion piece to the author's award-winning first release, *Put Away Childish Things*.

"There is a verse in the Bible that says if every story about Jesus was told, the whole world could not contain the books that would need to be written," explained Lewis. "That idea has always

intrigued me. When I read Scripture, every conversation anyone had with Jesus had to be extremely condensed. It is left to our imagination to read between the lines, to understand how the characters in the story thought and felt. Like my previous book, *The Chase* allows me to use the Bible's words and my imagination to expand a story and, hopefully, reveal a new truth that helps us live a better, more purposeful life."

The book retells many of the Bible's well-known New

Testament stories through the imagined thoughts and feelings of the characters.

Among the chapters contained in the book are stories about Nicodemus, Zacchaeus and the woman at the well. "If you've grown up in the church like I did, there is a tendency to take the people for granted. Make them caricatures instead of the ordinary people chasing after God's will," said Lewis. "When we imagine their thoughts not unlike the thoughts we might have under similar circumstances, we learn how we should respond to God's call in our own lives."

Prior to its release, the book garnered positive praise from Dr. Ron Lyles, pastor of South Main Baptist Church, Pasadena, who praised "its imaginative and poetic ability to help the Gospel stories come alive for us." In addition, Dr. Grear Howard, adjunct professor at Truett Seminary at Baylor University, said, "The words are not complicated. The stories may even be familiar if one has

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Remember When

35 years ago (1980)
Three South Belt area coaches resigned from the Pasadena Independent School District: Dobie coach Randy Riddell, Thompson coach Jim Mercer and Beverly Hills coach Pam Contreras.

Two teenage brothers being transported from the Clear Creek Landing apartments by Harris County Sheriff's deputies for disorderly conduct drew a crowd of more than 200 people when they resisted arrest.

30 years ago (1985)
Dr. C. Lee Meyer, who was forced to resign from the Pasadena Independent School District after serving 10 years as superintendent, accepted a position with the Texas Education Agency as an educational consultant to monitor school districts.

Dr. Lon Luty, 47, was unanimously selected to become superintendent of PISD.

Third-, fifth- and ninth-graders in the Clear Creek ISD scored well above the state averages on the Texas Assessment of Basic Skills tests.

After four years on the market, Cokesbury United Methodist Church signed a contract to sell its buildings on Kingspoint to the Houston-Galveston Catholic diocese.

25 years ago (1990)
Heavy rains put a damper on the annual Fourth of July festival and caused the fireworks display to be canceled.

The Pasadena Independent School District received a thumbs-up from the Texas Education Agency for the district's latest accreditation go-round.

The first graduating class from Dobie High School (1970) celebrated its 20-year reunion.

20 years ago (1995)
The Clear Creek Independent School District board unanimously passed a policy endorsing sexual abstinence saying it was the only effective way to prevent crisis pregnancies.

At the same board meeting, CCISD also adopted a new health textbook which teachers had picked as their third choice.

Woodmeadow's Tom Roach was named Father of the Year by Community Partners of Houston.

The new J. Frank Dobie head football coach Stan Labay became an official member of the community when he bought former baseball coach Jim Mavroulis' house in Kirkmont.

15 years ago (2000)
Beverly Hills area residents started a Citizen Patrol to counter crime in the community.

Pearland resident Daniel Ray Howard, 25, was arrested by FBI agents in connection with the Bank United robbery at the Kroger grocery store on Fuqua.

Kailey Waddell, daughter of Chad and Stephanie Waddell of Sageglen, was chosen first runner-up and most photogenic in the 2000 Strawberry Festival Beauty Contest.

10 years ago (2005)
Miles Bozarth, 85, the first principal at Stuchbery Elementary, died after a battle with cancer.

Commissioner James V. Hansen, of the Base Realignment and Closure commit-

tee, accepted an invitation to visit Ellington Field. He was invited by Rep. Tom Delay and the Ellington Field Task Force to see firsthand what a valuable asset Ellington was to the nation.

Ellington manager Mary Case was named the new manager of Hobby Airport. Perry Miller was eventually named Ellington manager.

5 years ago (2010)
While Houston was spared the brunt of Hurricane Alex, the South Belt area was still hit hard by heavy rainfall in its wake. Roughly 8 inches of rain fell between Wednesday at 10 p.m. and Friday at 10 p.m., according to the Harris County Flood Control District's rain gauge located at the Beamer ditch at Hughes Road. Despite the heavy rains, area flooding was minimal. Heavy rainfall, however, is believed to have played a role in a fatal traffic accident that took place Thursday afternoon on the Gulf Freeway at Edgebrook, where an infant was killed when thrown from a southbound vehicle.

Participation in the annual July 4th parade was lower than expected due to earlier rainfall with several entries dropping out.

City of Houston Mayor Annise Parker announced the establishment of the Special Ethics and Council Governance Committee on Redistricting and Term Limits and appointed Councilman Mike Sullivan, who represents the South Belt, as its chair. All other council members would serve as committee members. The committee would consider matters related to City Council redistricting based on the provisions of the Houston City Charter and the 2010 federal decennial census, as well as examine matters related to current city term limits.

1 year ago (2014)
Larry Savala was sworn in to the Pasadena Independent School District board of trustees, replacing Jerry Speer. Savala was president of the Hispanic Family Initiative and received many honors for his volunteer work in the community.

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Bad weather delays CCISD bond construction projects

The record rainfall in Galveston and Harris counties has impacted several bond construction projects in the Clear Creek Independent School District.

According to the Houston/Galveston National Weather Service, rain totals for this area are more than 20 inches above normal. The heavy rain has impacted the construction schedule of CCISD Challenger Columbia Stadium, McWhirter Elementary and Clear Brook High School.

According to Paul McLarty, deputy superintendent of Business and Support Services, the new stadium will not open in late September as expected. "Due to higher than normal rain totals the last several months, we've been notified that construction crews cannot meet the original completion date. The project schedule is still under review, but right now our best estimate is that the CCISD Challenger Columbia Stadium will not be complete until November."

The original 2015 CCISD Fall Football Schedule split varsity games between the new stadium and Veterans Memorial Stadium. Changes have been made and the official 2015 CCISD Varsity Football Schedule now reflects all home games will be played at Veterans. To view the entire fall schedule go to www.ccisd.net/departments/athletics.

The construction of McWhirter Elementary School in Webster is also behind due to bad weather. The phase one completion date is three weeks behind schedule

right now. "In this instance we believe a good plan is in place to make up the delay, and the project will be completed by the original date which is December 2015," explained McLarty. The additions and renovations at Clear Brook High School in Friendswood are also behind schedule due to the record rainfall. Project managers are working to assess the impact on completion of the project.

The Clear Lake High School rebuild is also behind schedule. This project has been most affected by

a slow permitting process. The projected completion date of phase one is May 2016.

CCISD is still assessing the impact on phases two and three. Summer repair and maintenance projects at Armand Bayou Elementary, Clear Lake City Elementary, Whitcomb Elementary and Clear Creek Intermediate School are on schedule as those projects are mainly indoors.

The eight-room addition underway at Greene Elementary has not been severely impacted by weather.



CCISD Challenger Columbia Stadium during construction and after rains in May 2015 (left) and October 2014 (right). Photos submitted

Nesmith, Scarberry wed at lakeside

Tiffany Lynne Nesmith and U.S. Coast Guard IT3 Robert Austin Scarberry of St. Louis, Mo., were united in marriage on Saturday, May 23, 2015, in a double-ring outdoor ceremony by the lake at the home of the bride's parents' on Centralia Lake in Illinois.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Don Nesmith, Joel Harrison, friend of the family, officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Don and Terri Nesmith of Centralia, Ill., and Linda Nesmith of Salem, Ill.

The groom is the son of longtime South Belt residents Robert and Jannie Scarberry. He is a 2007 J. Frank Dobie High School graduate.

The bride wore a cap-sleeved ivory gown with a fitted bodice and sequined, pearl and lace floral patterns covering it and the full skirt with a long, flowing train. She carried a bouquet of shades of purple flowers and white calla lilies.

The man of honor and bridesman wore light gray suits with lavender bowties, and the bridesmaid wore an above-the-knee-length orchid lace-covered dress.

Jade Scarberry, daughter of the groom, was the flower girl. She wore a bright orchid satin sequined dress with a tulle-covered skirt. Austin Henke, nephew of the bride, was ringbearer.

Man of honor was John Meyer of Surprise, Ariz., longtime best friend of the bride.

Bridesman was Joey Meyer of Surprise, Ariz., and bridesmaid was Stacy Jackson of St. Louis.

Serving as best man was John Pham of Houston, friend and fellow Coast Guardsman of the groom.

Groomsman was Tyler Scarberry of South Belt, brother of the groom.

Justin Henke of Chicago, brother of the bride, and Fabian Coker of O'Fallon, Ill., served as ushers.

A reception followed on an outdoor deck with round tables covered with full-length white tablecloths

decorated in shades of purple and gray.

Following the reception, attendees formed a boat parade for a cruise around the lake. Afterward, music was provided by the bride's father's band, Invaders 2.0, on a deck by the lake with numerous lakeside neighbors arriving on their boats to listen.

The couple is planning a honeymoon in the near future.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Austin Scarberry

PISD's Gallegos featured on cover of Houston-based magazine

Gloria Gallegos is in the business of breaking down language barriers.

As associate superintendent of special programs in Pasadena Independent School District, Gallegos has dedicated more than 30 years to helping students in the district overcome barriers — and others throughout the Houston area have taken notice.

Gallegos and her family were featured in a high profile Houston-based magazine, Mi Familia, which aims to inspire young Hispanic families to be successful. The spotlight includes photos of the Gallegos family and a Q-and-A interview with Gallegos and her husband of 40 years, Juan, in which readers get the inside scoop on how this power couple became an inspiration in the Hispanic com-



munity. The interview was published in the magazine's February 2015 edition.

Gallegos was born and raised in Mexico. She grew up in a family where there were limited resources, but she learned the importance of getting an education and helping others through her parents. She moved to El

Paso where she met the love of her life, Juan. The couple got married after she graduated from high school and had their first child when she was 17.

Gloria candidly admitted that her mother was concerned about the couple starting a life together so young, but Juan, who had already begun his career in engineering, promised to support Gloria in a way that would help her achieve her lifelong goals.

"I was very young but she had faith that Juan would be responsible and provide a good life," Gallegos said.

"I promised her mother that Gloria was going to finish school and college," Juan added. "As a husband who is always ready to support you in what you do, I will always be there to support your every need."

Gallegos had to overcome many challenges in school due to language barriers. Even though she was terrified at the thought of going to college, she eventually received an Associate of Arts degree at San Jacinto Community College. In 1981, she received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Houston Clear Lake, graduating with honors, magna cum laude, in 1983. She later received a master's degree in science from the University of Houston Clear Lake, with certification in educational diagnosis.

As a non-native English speaker, Gallegos said she understands the challenges students face in learning the language. Her past experiences have led to committed efforts to help students in Pasadena ISD understand

English. This is a noteworthy undertaking in a district that serves more than 54,000 students, of which over 80 percent are Hispanic.

Employed by the district in 1982, Gallegos has held several positions leading up to her current title. She began her career as a second-grade bilingual teacher and moved up to assistant director, director and then executive director of special programs. For the past 14 years, she has served as the associate superintendent of special programs.

"When I saw a recruiting commercial on television, they [Pasadena ISD] stated they needed bilingual teachers and I thought, 'I can do that,'" she said. "So I decided to go to school and obtain a bilingual certification and thus be able to help children who do not understand English develop English language skills."

Implementing a bilingual program into the district was no easy task.

"It was a very long process which involved many people and required everyone to agree that there would be bilingual education in Pasadena," she said. "The Pasadena ISD board members unanimously approved the program which still exists today."

She conducted an investigative study titled *Articulation Assessment of Hispanic Students Proficient Limited English*. This was perhaps one of her greatest achievements. The study was published in Texas and continues to be the stepping stone to assessing articulation programs of non-En-

glish speakers.

Much has been accomplished under Gallegos' leadership. She has been a driving force in helping students in the area overcome language barriers. Her passion for education has led to the creation and success of numerous innovative dual language programs and the implementation of bilingual curriculum including: the Bilingual/ESL and Dual Language Program; Helping One Student To Succeed (HOSTS); Behavior Intervention, Parent Engagement program, Parent Advisory Council, Migrant and McKinney-Vento Program for homeless students; several special education programs and more.

Gallegos said she hopes her story will inspire others to step over barriers, get an education and reach for a promising future.

"For students who want to go to school, there are avenues," she said. "Always learn about where the opportunities are and do not give up. If you do not want to go to college, study a technical career to develop employable skills and contribute to the economic base."

She also hopes to leave behind a legacy for her husband, three children and five grandchildren.

"I always pray to God to advise my thoughts, my words, to give me the wisdom to move forward," Gallegos said. "I know it's not something that is in me. I know it's divine intervention. So I want to be remembered as a woman who made a positive difference in the community."

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Oseguera is math mentor to Ik-Ejiofor

Chifulumanya Ik-Ejiofor, South Houston High School's Shining Star is shown with distinguished educator Michael Oseguera (left), who teaches AP Statistics. 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.

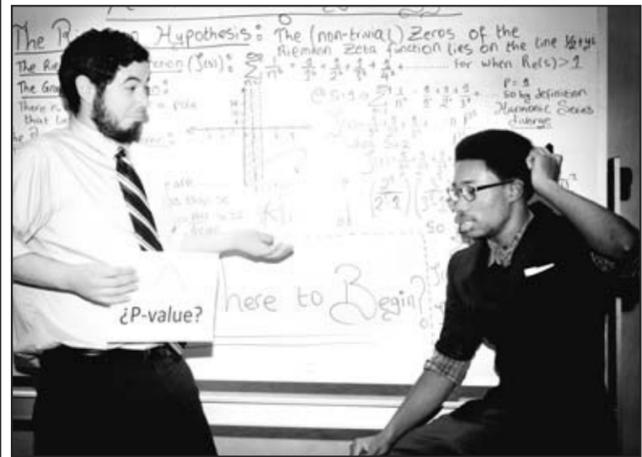
Ik-Ejiofor has volunteered for the National Honor Society Community Service and Ecology Club. Extracurricular activities for Ik-Ejiofor include Key Club,

National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta (Math Club).

Concerning the future, Ik-Ejiofor plans to attend Texas A&M University to study chemical engineering and earn a master's in mathematics and hopes to win a Fields Medal for solving the Riemann's hypothesis.

Regarding his teacher, Ik-Ejiofor said, "In simple words, he is just the adult version of me. We think alike and I think we have a pretty decent chance of winning a Fields Medal for our collaboration in solving one of the millennium questions in the field of mathematics."

The South Belt Shining Stars will be presented in a series of 10 students being honored along with their favorite mentor. This is the third 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 3A.)



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Floating down the Frio



Lance and Kristi Donaho of Kirkwood South spend many summer days in Leakey, Texas. Sons Eli, 13, and Sam Donaho, 14, floated the Frio on June 9, 2015. This was their first trip down the Frio this summer. All the rain in May made for a perfect river with water everywhere.

Shulbas take road trip



2008 San Jacinto College graduate Kelli Jones-Schulba (left) and former Sagemont resident Aaron Schulba (he loves wearing his SVFD polo from his days with the department) are shown in Gruene, Texas, on Sunday, June 28, 2015, during a tour of the small Texas town with current Sagemont residents David and Cathy Schulba. The couple stopped for a quick selfie in front of the famous Gruene Hall. It was the end of a four-day San Antonio vacation where they stayed at the Menger Hotel and enjoyed their first-ever float on the Comal River and drive-in movie experience. They also spent time on the Riverwalk and toured the amazingly scary Towers of America.

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Athletics physicals a must

It's a situation intermediate and high school coaching staffs dread maybe as much as anything heading into each preseason.

This key player or that key player cannot participate on the first day (Aug. 3 for Dobie football and volleyball) of preseason workout for the laziest of reasons.

The athlete has not

completed an athletics physical for the 2015-2016 school year and delivered it to be placed on file at the school.

Like it or not, athletes, there is not participation without this task being completed.

It's not a coach's rule. Instead, it's a rule directed by the University Interscholastic League, the official governing body of

extracurricular activities in Texas.

Simply put, athletes will not be eligible to take part in any preseason workout in any sport without having first completed an athletics physical.

For questions or paperwork necessities, direct calls to Dobie High School campus athletic coordinator Mike Norman at 713-740-0370

VB camps, training near

It's July, which means the start of the high school volleyball season is ever so close.

High school programs within Texas will be eli-

gible to begin preseason workouts Monday, Aug. 3. Opening night matches are eligible to begin Aug. 10.

Prior to this, of course, many high school coach-

es are offering preseason camps to help players best prepare for the start of workouts.

Here's a rundown of things that are going on at Clear Brook and Dobie high schools.

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.

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Meredith Thompson, the varsity volleyball head coach at Clear Brook High School, will host a youth camp later this month just prior to welcoming Lady Wolverine returnees as well as first-year players for the start of preseason workouts Aug. 3.

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Sagemont HR kings honored

At right, divisional home runs champions from the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League were awarded trophies for their ability to hit the long ball following the completion of the regular season. From left, Omar Cerna of the coach pitch Yankees and Matthew Arneson of the major division A's both homered four times. Jaedon Reichelt of the minor division A's went deep once.

Submitted photo



Julks getting it done as rising UH player

By John Bechtle Sports Editor

Corey Julks is simply a self-made college baseball player, and he's made out to be a pretty good one in the span of a little more than a year.

In fact, it could be argued that Julks has been able to make a big name for himself over the past couple of months.

A late-season surge for the Cougars, including hitting all five of his home runs over Houston's last 15 games, helped Julks become a steady presence in the lineup — especially as the Cougars made their conference championship

At left, a strong freshman season at the University of Houston and a solid start to the Cape Cod summer league season in Massachusetts has former Clear Brook High School standout Corey Julks in prime position looking ahead. He finished his first season at UH with a pair of homers in regional play.

Photo courtesy UH

and regional tournament pushes.

In all, Julks collected at least one hit in 14 of the Cougars' final 15 games, and he drove in at least one run in 12 of those contests.

Perhaps it took him a bit to get things going for the Cougars, but Julks seems to be on top of his game at the moment.

It wasn't that long ago that Julks was a not-so-highly recruited infielder finishing out his senior year at Clear Brook High School.

He was a three-year starter for head coach Gene Flores and the Wolverines, and a jump to the junior college ranks seemed in the offing.

Today, he's off to a hot start in the collegiate Cape Cod Baseball League, a summer wooden bat circuit along the East Coast while representing the Cougars.

Basically, Julks put together that late regular season and regional tournament surge that nearly helped catapult his University of Houston baseball team into the NCAA Super Regionals. And he's reaping the rewards.

An to be quite frank,

Julks has merely stood out among the elite for a solid couple of months, yet not much before.

"It took me a little while to realize what I had to do here (at the University of Houston)," Julks said.

"There's a lot of talent in this program, and everybody is competing for playing time.

"You have to go out and work. Extra hitting, extra fielding. You just have to do whatever it takes to get on the field and make a difference."

Julks was going to be able to play collegiately somewhere for sure, but he wasn't on the Cougars' radar until late in the game.

Originally signing early last spring to attend Angelina College, Julks instead found his way downtown with the Cougars.

Daren Julks, Corey's father, told the Leader that his son seemingly parlayed a strong game during his 2014 season at Clear Brook against the Clear Springs Chargers into something bigger.

University of Houston assistant coaches in attendance enjoyed Julks' performance so much that

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SBHLL's all-star tourney run ongoing

So the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League is down to one contender for a Texas District 15 championships, but the 2015 all-star season was still successful for the locals.

The 9-year-old and 11-year-old teams were defeated twice without winning, but each of the other age group teams came up with at least one victory in the double-elimination format.

The 12-year-old team played July 1.

SBHLL 9s drop pair
Sagemont-Beverly Hills' 9-year-old all-star team had a tough draw, going against Pearland

West in the opener of the Texas District 15 tournament that was held in early June. The locals were defeat-

ed by a 16-6 count against Pearland West June 5, and then lost a 13-2 game to East End on June 6 to complete a short stay in

the event. Friendswood went on to win the TD15 title but then went 1-2 in the Section 4 tournament.

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Youth football camps come later this month

Believe it or not, the start of the youth football preseason is not that far away.

As of press time, there are fewer than five weeks — 33 days to be exact — before the start of Dobie High School's preseason football workouts.

With that in mind, there are several youth football camps available prior to the start of school workouts.

At Dobie, incoming seventh- through ninth-grade students as of the 2015-2016 school year may now mark their calendars to attend the Longhorns' 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 par-

ticipants a great opportunity to learn firsthand 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.

As for the Thompson

Lions, head football coach Doug Sawyer and his staff will host the school's annual football camp July 27-30 at the school. Cost is \$25 cash per participant.

Next week, the Leader will have more details on the respective camps at Thompson and Beverly Hills, which will be open to incoming intermediate students.

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Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League delivers strong all-star season

Continued from Page 1B where host Lamar National was crowned the winner.

10s win opening game
The SBHLL 10-year-old all-star team tasted victory in its opening game of the Texas District 15 tournament at the Friendswood Little League facility at Renwick Park before suffering a pair of defeats.

a 20-1 defeat in the first game of the tournament for both squads.

Unfortunately, the locals then fell 17-1 to host Friendswood in a winner's bracket game.

From there, Pearland East ended SBHLL's season with a 25-11 setback in an elimination game for both teams.

the championship with a 9-8 triumph over Pearland East.

11s drop hard-fought tilt
Sagemont's 11-year-old all-star team also had a rough go of things while competing at the Pearland Little League's facility at the Pearland Dad's Club.

The locals played well in the early innings of the tournament opener but wound up losing a 14-4 game to the host Pearland

East squad.
Facing elimination, SBHLL went bat-for-bat against Friendswood but came up on the short end of a 2-0 game.

That Pearland East team ended up winning the Texas District 15 championship with an 11-6 victory over Pearland West in the event finale.

12s display power
The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League's

12-year-old all-star squad put on a power display in two games to open the TD15 at El Franco Lee Park before running into nemesis Pearland.

In the tournament opener, Sagemont built an 11-0 lead over East End and then hung on for a 14-11 victory.

In a winner's bracket game, the locals advanced with a 14-8 victory over Friendswood.

With a spot in the championship round on the line, SBHLL came up on the short end of a 29-0 score against Pearland West.

In an elimination contest, Pearland East took on SBHLL July 1, after press time for a chance to go against Pearland West for the Texas District 15 crown.

Pearland West, a previous 19-0 winner over Pearland East, needs only

one win to advance to sectionals.

Juniors drop SoHo
The SBHLL junior division all-star team scored a run to briefly lead Pearland 1-0 in the Texas District 15 opener before losing 12-1.

A bounce-back 20-10 win came against South Houston before Pearland eliminated the locals with a 17-4 victory.

Pearland went on to win the district title, downing OFA to go undefeated in the tournament.

Seniors get a win

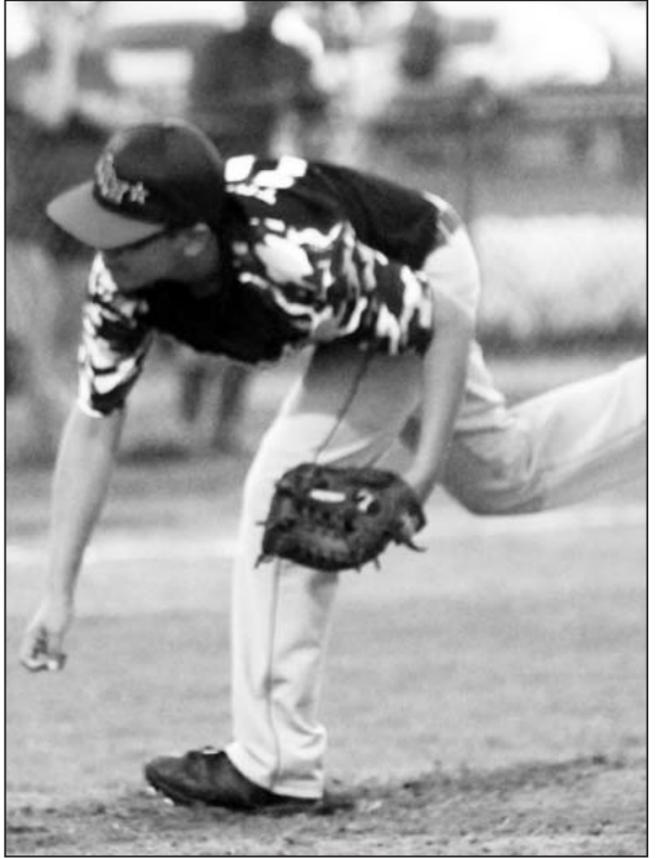
Sagemont's senior division team opened play with a 9-1 defeat against OFA but then came back with a 8-5 victory over Pearland. The locals fell out of play following a 16-0 loss to East End.



Matthew Arnesen, the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League's home run king in the major division (see Page 1B), came through with big hits as the locals won their first two Texas District 15 all-star games before running into nemesis Pearland in a winner's bracket contest.



Tyler Stormer was another major division heavy hitter as SBHLL pounded out 28 runs in two games to start Texas District 15 all-star play well. From there, the locals fell to Pearland West and played Pearland East July 1, after press time.



Christian Torres of the SBHLL's major division all-star team earned the win in the tournament opener as the locals defeated East End 14-11 after leading the game 11-0 at one point.

Photos by John Bechtle



Zachary Ramirez of Sagemont-Beverly Hills' 11-year-old all-star team delivers a fastball during the Texas District 15 opening game against Pearland at the Pearland Dad's Club. The locals went on to lose the game, 14-4, despite a solid performance from the players.



Marcus Lind (right) of the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League's 11-year-old all-star team came up short on the base stealing try against Pearland in the Texas District 15 tournament, and the locals also played well against Friendswood before bowing out 2-0.



Sagemont-Beverly Hills' Devin Molina sent a deep shot to center field early in an all-star tournament game against Pearland as the locals stayed close in the game. However, a 14-4 loss to Pearland was followed by a close 2-0 setback against Friendswood as SBHLL was eliminated.



Zarian Forde (right) of the Sagemont-Beverly Hills junior division all-star team gets back to first base ahead of a pick-off attempt during the first inning of SBHLL's District 15 game against Pearland June 24 at the Pearland Dad's Club. Forde eventually scored the first run of the game, but Pearland went on to win, 11-1.



Aaron Nguyen, the starting second baseman for SBHLL's junior division all-star team, fields a ground ball during the District 15 tournament opening game against Pearland. Despite loading the bases with no outs in the top of the first inning, the locals were later quieted offensively as the hosts won.



Nicholas Gaytan started on the mound for Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League during the District 15 junior division all-star tournament opener. He pitched well, but a tough Pearland lineup eventually strung together some runs while going on to win 11-1.

Brook, Dobie VB coaches plan preseason camps, workouts

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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 found at www.clearbrook

athletics.com. For more information, direct email to Thompson at mthomp1@ccisd.net.

Dobie High School varsity volleyball coach Dawn Gutierrez and her staff will host the Lady Longhorns' voluntary boot camp for in-

coming 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.

For more details, call Gutierrez at 281-889-3481 or direct email to her at dgutierrez2@pasadenaisd.org.

The Leader says, "Have a great July 4th holiday!"

Line Drive 10U seventh at Jennie Finch



The Texas Line Drive 10-under select softball team took part in the first annual Jennie Finch World Series in Sulphur, La., with great results. The locals placed seventh among 32 teams in varying age divisions from across the country. They were also the last '05 team left standing and the second from Texas remaining in the field. During a break

in the action, many of the players were able to meet Finch, one of the top women's softball pitchers in U.S. history. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Lien Brister, Jordee Wilkins, Eviana Robles, Trystin Somenet Hailey Hernandez, (back row) Alexa Quiroz, Paris Kimble, Ella Brown, Mikaila LeCompte and Ariana Perez.

Coach pitch Rangers win SBHLL division championship



The Rangers of the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League won the coach pitch division championship during the 2015 season. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Isaac Vasquez, Jayden Gomez, Cristian Tamayo, Isaiah Jones, Eze-

kiel Portales, Xavier Forero, (middle row) Josiah Perez, Dominick Leija, George Sandoval, Jaiden Torres, (back row) coaches Marco Cavazos, Calvin Jones, Bryan Gomez, Adrian Vasquez and Alex Portales.

Sports news, notes

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.

JFD youth swimming camp

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.

South Belt Girls Softball Association 12-under all-stars repeat Metro crown



The South Belt Girls Softball Association's 12-under all-star team captured the Amateur Softball Association Metro Tournament championship for the second straight season, going undefeated through the 12-team tournament in Deer Park. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Diarra Hypolite, Chloe Flores, Celeste Salazar, Ashley Garcia,

Leslie Longoria, Erika Taffola, Ale Perez, Karisa Hernandez, McKenzie Rankins, Kayla Guajardo, Felicity Soto, Marisa Soto, (back row) coaches Nick Garcia, Art Guajardo and Charlie Salazar.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JULY 2

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 drdglndorf@sbcglobal.net or 281-488-6318. Cost is \$6 per game or \$15 per lesson. For information, call 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.

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.

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 Westminister 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.

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, JULY 3

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY, JULY 4

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.

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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, 5:30 p.m.

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.

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

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

MONDAY, JULY 6

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

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

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Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon at 2245 N. Main (building next to pawn shop). For more information, call 713-856-1611.
 2 p.m.
Genealogy Group - Parker Williams Genealogy Group meets from 2 to 4 p.m. on first and third Mondays of each month at the Parker Williams Library, Beamer at Scarsdale. Public is invited. For information, email Liz Hicks at erootrot@usa.net.
 3:30 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered. For adults with Parkinson's disease only.
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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.
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New Directions Singles - Group for ages 55 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner, 6:30 p.m., at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Parkway, Webster. The dinner may include guest speakers and/or group activities. For more information, call Bambi at 281-482-7143 or 281-795-4514.
 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.
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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.
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 Bietel at 281-474-3430 or Diana Kawalec at 281-334-1033.

Church in the youth building on the Westminster side. For information, call 713-856-1611.
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WEDNESDAY, JULY 8
 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.
Young at Heart Club - Meets the second and fourth week of each month (except November and December) at Covenant United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Lots of activities, trips, etc. Call Nellie Galney at 713-991-3517 for more information.
 10 a.m.
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 drglanford@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.
 11:30 a.m.
American Business Women's Association Bay Area Vision Chapter - Now meets at Perry's Steakhouse & Grille, 487 Bay Area Blvd., on the second Wednesday of every month. For more information or to RSVP, call Lorilyn Wynn at 281-388-5202.
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Alzheimer's Support Group - The free group meets the second Wednesday of each month at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. For more information, call Steven Williams at 281-929-4199 or 713-266-6400.
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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.
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.
Bay Area New Democrats - Meet at the Clear Lake Court House at 1020 W. NASA Pkwy., Suite 204. For more information, visit www.bayareanewdemocrats.org.
THURSDAY, JULY 9
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 9:30 a.m.
NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse - Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 a.m., Praise Chapel, 18516 Highway 3 in Webster. Public welcome and encouraged to bring others. For information, call 281-910-1971.
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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 drglanford@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.
 11:30 a.m.
ABWA - Southeast Express Network - American Business Women's Association-South meets the second Thursday of each month, Spring Creek Barbeque, 9005 Broadway (518), Pearland. Lunch is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$20 and includes networking with professional business women, lunch and guest speaker. Women of all ages and occupations are invited. Bring plenty of business cards. Reservations appreciated. Visit www.seen-abwa.org.
 Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, 2245 N. Main (building next to pawn shop). For information, call 713-856-1611.
 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.
 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, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Room 215. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
Alateen - Provides support for teenage children, friends and family members of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday at 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, room 208. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
 8:30 p.m.
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.

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Local NARFE Meeting - The National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 1321, meets the first Tuesday of each month in the Clear Lake Community Center, 5001 NASA Parkway. A meal will be available for \$6. For more information, call Bob Mitchell at 281-333-2881.
 Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon, at 2245 N. Main (building next to pawn shop). For more information, call 713-856-1611.
Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets weekly, Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Drive, Pearland. Lunch is served for \$15. Variety of interesting speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or visit nalex@texascitizensbank.com.
 1 p.m.
Trailmixers - Meets the first Tuesday of the month at the Luby's Cafeteria on Fuqua. Former and current employees of J. Frank Dobie High School are welcome for lunch and conversation.
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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.
 6:30 p.m.
Bay Area Quilt Guild - Meets the first Tuesday of each month at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church located at 10310 Scarsdale Blvd., Houston. Fellowship begins at 6:30 p.m. Meeting and program begin at 7 p.m. Come for a good time and a chance to see some quilts. Guests welcome.
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Former Wolverine Julks keeping baseball dream alive and well

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day that he was extended a chance to play for the Cougars beginning this fall.

Julks accepted the Cougars' letter of intent offer and has begun to make the Cougars' trust pay off. Though he admits to performing a bit slowly out of the gate, Julks turned things around.

Overall, Julks started 48 of the 53 games he appeared in with the Cougars this spring. He hit .302 overall, smacking 11 doubles and two triples to go with 38 runs driven in.

In the NCAA Houston Regional, Julks led the Cougars to a 6-4 win over Houston Baptist with a three-run homer.

Although the Cougars fell shy of advancing to the Super Regional round, Julks did his part with another homer in the Houston Regional en route to making the all-tournament team. Julks' performance, especially when the stakes were the highest, also led to his earning American Conference All-Tournament, All Silver Glove Series Team and American Conference Player of the Week (May 11) honors.

Signed as an infielder, Julks was in left field for much of UH's late-season play, but he has played extensively at third base thus far through roughly a dozen games in the Cape Cod League.

"Here or back in Houston with the Cougars, I'll play wherever the coaches want me to play," Julks said.

"It's all about giving yourself an opportunity to get out there and perform. Third base, shortstop, left field, center field, wherever I need to play."

And Julks has adjusted to hitting with a wooden bat in Cape Cod, hitting .300 (fourth best in the league) with four doubles and a triple for the Bourne Braves. Julks has also swiped six bases and hit safely in 13 of the team's 16 games through June 30.

The weather in the Massachusetts area? "Money," he said. "It's absolutely perfect here. Unbelievable. I've never been to this part of the country, and it's great. No complaints there, for sure."

It's far too early to tell where Julks is headed. Because he chose to attend UH, he must complete three full seasons at the university before being eligible for the 2017 major league baseball first-year player draft.

In the just-completed 2015 MLB draft, the University of Houston had eight draft eligible players selected.

If Julks plans to have that happen for himself in 2017, he has to keep on keeping on. The competition just never stops.

For now, Julks merely wants to hold down the role he has secured at the

University of Houston.

In his five years at UH, head coach Todd Whitting has been extremely successful at recruiting the best of the best, especially within local circles while posting a 172-122 mark. The 2014 team won 48 games against just 18 setbacks.

And Whitting has more talent coming into the program. Former Dobie High School shortstop Jose Reyes, deemed one of the best defensive players in the JUCO ranks over a two-year span at Blinn College, has signed with the Cougars for 2016 and has already been on campus working out.

"I haven't thought about the draft in two years or anything like that," he said. "My only focus is to keep getting better and doing things right to stay on the field."

"Like I said, you just have to keep working, practicing, eating right, working out in the weight room, all of it."

"If you don't, someone will take your job. I played well for my first season, but that doesn't mean I have anything in hand for next season."

"As a team we just want to keep getting better and put ourselves in position to win our conference, advance to a Super Regional and get to the College World Series. It's a team game, and everyone has to do their part."

Off the field, Julks has

been studying health during his first academic year. But just as he has done with his collegiate base-

ball career, Julks is careful as to not get too far ahead of himself.

"I really haven't decid-

ed what I want to get into permanently. I'm just getting some of the basics out of the way, and I'll get into

something a little more stable when I decide what that is." The Cape Cod Wooden

Bat League season runs through Aug. 2. Postseason action in the league continues through Aug. 11.

By that time, Julks will likely be more than ready to get back to Houston and get back to work with his University of Houston teammates.

"It was a great end to a first season for me," Julks said.

"Now I know the way things go, and I have a better idea of what to expect on a daily basis."

"I absolutely love everything about being at UH. The college is great, the coaching staff is terrific and my teammates all pull for one another. We're all trying to achieve the same thing out there on

the baseball field."

With eight University of Houston players drafted last month by major league baseball clubs and another stout recruiting class, players such as Julks, regardless of previous experience or accomplishment, know they have to get back to work on the baseball field.

"At this level, everybody is pushing for one of those nine starting spots on the field, and anything can change at any time," Julks said.

"I did pretty well with my opportunity, especially late in the season. Now it's time to go back out there and put it together again. I'm confident in myself and feel like I can go get it done."

Defenders' 7th Grade AAU hoops on a roll



The Houston Defenders, a seventh-grade Amateur Athletic Union select basketball team featuring players from the South Belt area, captured the championship at the Texas Gulf Coast Invitational in League City. Despite playing without three players, the Defenders defeated the Dickinson Gators 48-42 to finish with a perfect 5-0 record at the event. Members of the team are, left to right,

(front row) Shannon Hayes (Thompson), Darion Ramos (Bondy), Damian Garcia (team manager), Tomas Garcia (Beverly Hills), (back row) Marquice Scott (Beverly Hills), coach Mike Rogers, Trevon Washington (San Jacinto), Keon Edwards (San Jacinto) and DeMarcus Carathers (Beverly Hills).



Through 16 games with the Bourne Braves in the Cape Cod Summer League, Corey Julks' .300 batting average was fourth best across the circuit, and he had hit safely in 13 of his 16 games played. Julks had slapped four doubles to go with a triple and had swiped six bases. Photos courtesy Bourne Braves



Corey Julks slides into third base after slapping a triple in early season play with the Bourne Braves in the Cape Cod Baseball League, where select collegiate players are invited to compete each summer.

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