

Dobie celebrates 50 years

J. Frank Dobie High School will celebrate its 50th anniversary by hosting an open house for alumni on Saturday, Aug. 10, from noon to 3 p.m. Former students can tour the original Dobie campus, now Beverly Hills Intermediate at 11111 Beamer, for \$10 at the door. Proceeds will go to the Dobie High School fund. Alumni can walk the halls of their youth, see what's changed and what has remained the same for half a century, before heading over to the new campus, located at 10220 Blackhawk, where panoramic pictures of all graduating classes from 1968 to 2018 will be displayed in the lobby. For additional information, view the event's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1733819893330794/permalink/1860807690632013>.

Olson lauds Tony's Pizza

U.S. Rep. Pete Olson recently recognized local restaurant Tony's Pizza & Grinders on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives. Introduced to the owners by *Leader* publisher Marie Flickinger, Olson formed a friendship with the family and feels they represent the American dream. A video of Olson's acknowledgment appeared on C-SPAN and can be viewed at <https://www.c-span.org/video/?c4741638/tonys-pizza-grinders-us-house-rep-speech>.

TxDOT seeks consent

Texas Department of Transportation officials are seeking to enlarge drainage ports on the Beltway 8 frontage road near Kirkwyn, just west of Beamer. Such construction, which would significantly improve drainage along the road, would require the approval of residents on this stretch of Kirkwyn. TxDOT officials will be in attendance at the Kirkwood Civic Club meeting Thursday, July 26, at 6:30 p.m. Residents wishing to give their consent may do so at this meeting. Those unable to attend may give their consent by calling Jamie Castaneda at 281-433-4214. Affected residents should have received a notification from the civic club.

Photo contest underway

The *Leader* is seeking 2018 vacation photos for possible publication. A first- and second-place prize of Schlitterbahn tickets will be awarded for July and August to the best submissions. Monthly first-place winner will be awarded eight tickets, while each month's second-place winner will be awarded six. All submissions should include where and when the photo was taken, as well as identify each person in the picture and tell the story about the trip. All photos must be high resolution. Email photos to mynews@southbeltleader.com.

Beltway closures planned

At least two eastbound and two westbound inside frontage road lanes on Beltway 8 at Genoa Red Bluff will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Friday, Aug. 3. The eastbound entrance ramp to Beltway 8 between Beamer and Sabo is closed until further notice. The eastbound and westbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Beamer will be closed continuously through 9 p.m. Saturday, July 28. For a complete list of closures, visit <http://traffic.houstontransstar.org/construction>.

Purple Heart luncheon set

The American Legion Auxiliary Post 490 invites all veterans to the Purple Heart Luncheon Sunday, Aug. 5, from noon to 2 p.m. at 11702 Old Galveston Road. The meal will include spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread and a variety of desserts. There will be no cost for Purple Heart recipients, and the cost for all other veterans and family members will be \$5. To RSVP, email President@ALAAUnit490.org or call 281-414-0943.

Gulf Freeway closures set

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

Washburn Tunnel to close

The Washburn Tunnel will be continuously closed through 7 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 2. During this time, crews will be conducting in-depth maintenance to the tunnel lining, as part of the Washburn Tunnel Concrete Repairs Project. Drivers are reminded to use alternate routes during the closure. Alternate routes include the 610 East Loop freeway, the Sam Houston Parkway and Highway 146.

Pre-register at South Belt

South Belt Elementary will hold pre-registration for pre-K students Tuesday, Aug. 7, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pre-K families with Fast Pass tickets must register from 8 to 10 a.m. Registration for grade levels kindergarten through fourth grade will be held Wednesday, Aug. 8, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Thursday, Aug. 9, from noon to 7 p.m. For more information call the South Belt Elementary office at 713-740-5276.

Abbott, chamber salute Harvey heroes

By James Bolen

Dozens of business and community leaders, as well as numerous elected officials, gathered Thursday, July 19, as the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce held its 34th annual banquet.

This year's theme was a salute to the local heroes of Hurricane Harvey.

Guest speaker, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, joined the chamber in recognizing the 24 honorees for their heroic acts during the devastating storm.

"A storm the magnitude of Hurricane Harvey could've ripped us apart, but instead it pulled us together and proved that no force is more powerful than the Texas spirit," Abbott said. "Tonight, we salute the heroes of Hurricane Harvey who stepped up in incredible ways during one of the darkest times for this community. I thank these brave men and women for answering a higher

calling and putting their lives on the line when they were needed most."

Heroes honored at the banquet included first responders, health-care professionals, volunteers, educators and faith leaders. The governor presented honorees with signed gubernatorial commendations in recognition of their service. The heroes were also each recognized by U.S. Rep. Pete Olson, state Sen. Larry Taylor, state Rep. Dennis Paul, Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis, and Houston City Council members Dwight Boykins and Dave Martin.

"If you were a person who lived in this region at the time, each and every one of you is a hero in one way or another," Abbott said. "I don't think there's a single person in this part of Houston who didn't step up and help in some way."

One of the heroes, however, stood out to Abbott.

While her own home was not damaged by the

storm, Dobie student Reena Benitez, 16 at the time, walked 2.2 miles through waist-high floodwaters from the Clearwood Crossing subdivision to the temporary shelter set up at her high school. When rescue workers first spotted Benitez walking along Blackhawk, they presumed she was an evacuee herself. For her efforts, a photo of Benitez was featured on the back page of the banquet's program.

"People often ask me 'Governor, what does the future of Texas look like?'" Abbott said, as he held up a copy of the program. "From now on, I'm going to tell them 'The future of Texas is a 16-year-old girl, who thinks more about others than she does herself - who cares so much about helping her fellow man she's willing to walk through water like this to help her fellow Texans. This is what the future of Texas looks like.'"

Olson, Taylor, Ellis and Noble Alix Jr., chamber treasurer and senior vice president of Texas Citizens Bank, also gave brief remarks praising the honorees.

"It didn't matter what church you went to or what color your skin is," said Olson. "Our code of humanity is why we're here tonight," Taylor praised Abbott for his dedicated work

following the storm.

"We also have a statewide Harvey hero here tonight in Gov. Abbott," said Taylor. "Gov. Abbott was here on the ground immediately in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey and stayed here, coordinating statewide efforts and relief. He was at every meeting. But he also went up to D.C. and worked out some good deals. It's true. Normally, it's 75/25, but he got 90/10. That's better than any deal ever on FEMA and those kind of things. I don't know how you did it, but great job. We appreciate it."

Ellis expressed gratitude that Harvey's historic rainfall wasn't accompanied by the hurricane-force winds experienced south of the Houston area and contemplated whether or not other communities could have fared as well the South Belt.

"I'm not sure other people could have handled it," said Ellis.

This sentiment was strongly reinforced by Alix.

"The endless downpours of Hurricane Harvey were enough to shake the strongest of us to our

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Governor praises Benitez



Texas Gov. Greg Abbott (left) joined the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce in honoring local heroes from Hurricane Harvey at the group's 34th annual banquet, held at the Lone Star Flight Museum on Thursday, July 19. Abbott is pictured above showing those in attendance a photograph on the back cover of the event's program that he felt embodied the heroic efforts being recognized that evening. Abbott described the photo, which showed Dobie student Reena Benitez wading through waist-high floodwater to volunteer at the Dobie shelter, as "what the future of Texas looks like." Pictured with Abbott is the Rev. Emory Gadd. Photo by Bruce Summers

PISD seeks citizen nominations

The Pasadena Independent School District is currently accepting nominations for its 2018 Distinguished Citizen of the Year award.

The distinction is awarded annually to a local resident or business representative who has demonstrated a strong commitment to the causes of education and youth-related activities in communities served by the district.

Nominations must be submitted through the online form on the Distinguished Citizen webpage by Aug. 10. Supporting documentation, such as newspaper clippings or résumés, can be submitted to the Pasadena ISD Department of Communications, located at 1515 Cherrybrook Lane in Pasadena.

Nominees must live or work within the boundaries of the school district and demonstrate a commitment to the educational, social, spiritual and personal growth of students in the community through volunteer efforts in Pasadena ISD schools or any student-related organizations.

Current employees of Pasadena ISD are not eligible for the award.

The Distinguished Citizen Award will be pre-

sented at a special reception in the fall. At the event, a bronze plaque will be dedicated and permanently placed at the front entrance of the Pasadena ISD Administration Building.

The date of the ceremony has yet to be determined.

For additional information or to submit a nomination, visit https://www1.pasadenaisd.org/community/distinguished_citizens/distinguished_citizen_nomination_form.

Past recipients of the Distinguished Citizen Award include the following: John Sweitzer (2017); Dr. Iraj Jabbari (2016); Marie Flickinger (2015); Nelly Quijano (2014); Melvin Cowart (2013); Linda Lukaszewski (2012); Dana Philibert (2011); Bill Barmore (2010); Terry Brotherton (2009); Carroll Smith (2008); Herman Williams (2007); Charles Davis (2006); Emory Gadd (2005); Rosalie Kuntz (2004); Dr. Paul Covell (2003); Judy and Russell Lamontagne (2002); Eddie Dansby (2001); Gilbert Aguilar (2000); Denise Converse (1999); John Phelps (1998); Kathleen Morris (1997); Kathryn Whitfill (1996); and Faye Schimek (1995).

Passport Fair comes to chamber

The Harris County District Clerk's Office will host a Passport Fair for area residents and their families on Wednesday, Aug. 1, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (closed noon through 1 p.m. for lunch) at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce office, located at 10500 Scarsdale Blvd.

Residents may apply for new passports or renew expiring passports at the event.

All applicants must use Application Form DS-11 completed in black ink only. A 2-inch-by-2-inch passport photo is required. Passport photos can be taken on site the day of the Passport Fair. U.S. Department of State fees must be paid by personal check, money order or cashier's check. Harris County District Clerk fees may only be paid by credit card. Fees for new and renewals for children 16 and older and adults start at \$110, while fees for new and renewals for children 15 and younger start at \$80. Additional fees for expedited delivery apply. There is a Harris County District Clerk's processing fee of \$35 per application and a \$12 passport photo fee of \$12 per application.

Items needed for passport renewals for those age 16 and older include an original and one copy of the birth certificate, naturalization certificate and copy of current passport and copy of

picture page and front and back of the driver's license to be turned in with application. A new passport photo will also be needed.

Children ages 15 and younger must be present to process their passport book. Both parents must be present with state-issued ID, unless the non-present parent fills out a DS-3053 (must be signed by a notary and both dates must match and copy of front and back of ID used for notary). Items needed include original birth certificate or naturalization certificate or old passport certificate (along with a copy) and new passport photo and a DS-11 application in black ink only.

For new passports, items needed include original or certified copy of proof of citizenship, i.e. a U.S. birth certificate, a U.S. Consulate birth abroad or naturalization certificate. Those 16 and 17 years old and older will need a Texas ID or driver's license (if 16-year-old doesn't have ID, they can pass with just their parents' IDs). If presenting an out-of-state ID, additional IDs must be provided: work, college, etc. If 15 and younger, no ID is required - Parents' IDs will suffice.

Carjacking suspect fatally shot

One man is dead and two others are on the run after a foiled carjacking attempt early Thursday, July 19, at an apartment complex in the 7900 block of Beltway 8 near Pearland Parkway.

According to Houston police, the incident took place around 2 a.m. at the Sweetwater Point apartments, as the carjacking victim was returning home and was approached by three armed men demanding his pickup truck.

The resident complied, and the suspects attempted to flee the scene in his vehicle. The three men got delayed, however, when they couldn't exit the security gate and were forced to leave the truck behind. The crooks then jumped a fence and fled on foot down the Beltway 8 service road.

As the robbery victim went to retrieve his vehicle, at least two of the suspects began firing guns at him. The resident then reportedly returned fire at the suspects, striking one.

The suspect who was shot collapsed in the middle of the frontage road. He was transported to the hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

As the shooting victim was laying in the road, an oncoming driver swerved to miss him and crashed into a nearby construction zone.

An HPD K-9 unit and helicopter, along with help from the Pearland Police Department and constable deputies, searched the area for the other two suspects until approximately 4 a.m. but came up empty-handed. The shooting and subsequent search caused extensive traffic delays on the beltway.

The carjacking victim was not injured in the shootout.

Anyone with any information on this incident is urged to call HPD's Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

Cornyn, others address flood projects

By James Bolen

U.S. Sen. John Cornyn made a surprise trip to Thompson Intermediate Friday, July 20, to discuss proposed flood relief projects.

The senator was joined by U.S. Rep. Pete Olson, U.S. Rep. John Culberson, Harris County Judge Ed Emmett and representatives from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Harris County Flood Control District, the City of Houston, the Pasadena Independent School District and the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership.

Olson noted that the site of the meeting was symbolic of Friday's function, as it had been rebuilt after suffering extensive damage during Harvey.

"This place was ground zero," said Olson. "This room was under 5 feet of water, but you can't tell today because of the hard work of all of you - D.C., Austin, local municipalities and churches."

Cornyn spoke on the unprecedented amount of relief funding the state received following Hurricane Harvey and the need to work closely with other entities to put the available money to use as soon as possible to limit similar flood damages in the future.

"Once Congress appropriates the money, it

takes time," said Cornyn. "It's unusual to get this amount of money. We're not going to dictate what needs to be done with it, but we will be there to help."

The sentiment was echoed by Emmett.

"Approaching the one-year anniversary of Harvey, people are looking to move forward," said Emmett. "It takes a little time to get the money flowing. Now, it's time to convert those dollar figures you keep reading about in the paper into real action."

All parties in attendance expressed a desire to work together to get necessary work done as quickly as possible.

"We have a great partner in the City of Houston. We couldn't ask for a better partner than Mayor Turner," Emmett said. "Floodwaters don't pay attention to county lines. We're all in this together."

A similar position was taken by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Harris County Flood Control District.

Sheri Willey, deputy chief of project management for the USACE Galveston District, went as far as to suggest that her department might even give Flood Control the entire \$295 mil-

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Cornyn tours Thompson



Pasadena Independent School District Superintendent Dr. DeeAnn Powell (right) is shown above giving U.S. Sen. John Cornyn (center) a tour of Thompson Intermediate, following the senator's unannounced visit to the area school on Friday, July 20. While 16 PISD campuses flooded during Hurricane Harvey, Thompson was by far the most affected, with waters reaching 5 feet high inside the school. Homes located across the street on Sagedowne had water up to their roofs during the storm. Pictured above with the pair are, left to right, former Thompson Principal Melissa McCalla, U.S. Rep. John Culberson and U.S. Rep. Pete Olson. Photo by Marie Flickinger

In My Opinion

Culpepper gives back to community in need

My name is Shawn Culpepper and I was born and raised in Houston. My parents Vivviane and Bill Culpepper attended Dobie in 1977, I have 2 sisters and we all graduated from J. Frank Dobie High School.

Grew up in Sagemont, and attended Sagemont church our whole lives. I joined the navy in 2004 where I got stationed in San Diego and was attached to a Seabee Unit.

I returned to Houston in 2008 and tried a few things out in college. I graduated the fire academy in 2009. I been in sales for the last 10 years.

My Friend John Laboube called me about a year ago and asked if I would be interested in opening a furniture store in Pearland. John is a Marine war Veteran as well and has been successful in the furniture business going on about 6 years now.

So on top of him and I growing up together since we were 5 and joining the service together and returning home, I was 100% in.

We named the Store "American Furniture and Mattress" because we are both

veterans and feel like it's a great name to show what America is all about. In my eyes "2 childhood pals that played as children, joined the service and now owning a business where we can give back to the community.

Right after Harvey we decided to take what little money we had left and buy 360 mattresses and give them away to the community for free.

We saw family, friends, neighbors, in total devastation after the storm, we just felt like the least we can do is get some people a descent night of sleep then we will do so. American Furniture and Mattress is a store that prides themselves with integrity to all, Love, and strive to have the values of if at all possible to help your neighbors and community out the best of our ability.

We are still each month looking for people who have been really hurt from the storm and donating a whole home (of furniture) to them.

We are involved in the youth sports, and really just trying to help as many people as we can.

John and I are blessed to have grown up in such a wonderful neighborhood and it is a great honor for us to be able to give a little back.

Shawn Culpepper

Chamber honors Harvey heroes

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"The rising waters brought peril to and across some of our own doorsteps. Fear for our lives and survival of our families became a very real and personal event. But along came these heroes. We're thankful to you heroes for being fellow neighbors. We're oh so proud of you for showing courage in the midst of the storm. We're inspired by each of you for showing the very essence of humanity. Your willingness to come to the aid of your fellow man is certainly something to be greatly admired. So, we lift you up now because your service is an example of why the South Belt-Ellington is such a vital and alive community. Your selfless actions and your sacrifices made a real difference. Your courage is what makes Texas powerful. Your courage is what makes the United States of America the home of the brave. So, heroes, we salute you."

Heroes officially recognized at the banquet included the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department; Pasadena ISD Superintendent Dr. DeeAnn Powell; local contract officers

from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office; Jason and Rebecca Carter; Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital; the Houston Fire Department; D.D. Matthews; Charles Smith; Mike Gibson; Hilton Koch; Sagemont Church; Christian Temple; Dr. Mary Campbell-Fox; the Texas State Guard; the U. S. Coast Guard; Reena Benitez; Kat Kiel; Travis Teichelman; Jessica Cordero; Thi Nguyen; Kenzie Fernandez; Jessica Rowland; and Matthew Vela.

These heroes, along with more than 12,000 others, were memorialized on a wall of honor that was unveiled at the event. Plans are currently being made to display the wall at selected areas throughout the South Belt community. A second, smaller wall with approximately 10,500 names (originally to be featured in the annual Fourth of July parade that was canceled due to inclement weather) is currently on display at the *Leader* office, located at 11555 Beamer.

The evening's festivities concluded with Abbott swearing in the chamber's 2018 chairman and officers. Kenny Fernandez will serve

as the board's chairman; Rebecca Lilley will serve as second vice chair; the Rev. Emory Gadd will serve as secretary; and Alix will again serve as treasurer.

In an unexpected move, Paul presented *Leader* publisher and previous chamber chair Marie Flickinger with the inaugural Marie Flickinger Excellence in Community Service Award.

Flickinger was humbled by the honor.

"I do things because I enjoy them," Flickinger said. "I don't think I deserve this."

Following the event, Flickinger gave a heartfelt thank you to all of the elected officials who took part in the banquet.

"I owe a debt of gratitude to all the politicians who participated and gave out certificates," Flickinger said. "Some had conflicting plans, but they came anyway to honor the community. That speaks well of them, and that speaks well of the community. All of them are to be commended and recognized. We're one of the smallest chambers around, but we got all of the top lawmakers to participate."

Deaths

Joeann Speich



Joeann Speich, 75, died Tuesday, July 17, 2018. Joeann was born on May 16, 1943, in Louisiana to Arthur and Zona Larid.

In 1980, she met and married William Speich and began a 38-year relationship filled with devotion and love. William and Joeann lived in Houston their entire marriage.

Joeann was a loving mother to Ray Hayter, Debra Kolb and son-in-law Rob, Steve Speich and daughter-in-law Lorie, Cheryl Pressley, and Chelie Leland and son-in-law Mark.

The only people to put a smile on her face more than them were her grandchildren Dustin Pressley, Chris Press-

Marjorie Mae Crowe



Marjorie Mae Crowe, 96, died July 21, 2018.

She is preceded in death by her children Judy Ann Crowell and Wayne Byron Crowell. She is survived by her children Linda Lou Deischer, Carol Sue Forsstrom, Stephen Paul Crowell, Jack Edwin Crowell; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Marjorie was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother and friend. Marjorie Mae Crowe will be greatly missed by family and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, July 30, at South Belt Church, 13100 Beamer Road.

Cantor Eisenberg joins CSH for 2018 High Holy Days

As the synagogue enlists the help of cantors to heighten the joy of worship, Congregation Shaar Hashalom announces contracting Cantor Roger Eisenberg for the 2018 High Holy Days.

Eisenberg is a singer and guitarist who has sung and performed in synagogues and on the secular stage. For him, music becomes a medium of spiritual inspiration. Yet, an amazing paradox of a successful cantorial career is that the amount of time that a cantor is actually engaged in public musical performance is paled by the time devoted to teaching, counseling, pastoral care, and program development.

Eisenberg's journey into cantorial career actually started before his cantorial studies, with earning a bach-

elor's degree in music education/music therapy from Kansas University. Moreover, while studying at KU he assumed the responsibilities of the local Hill's director.

Five years of cantorial studies at the Philip and Sara Betz School of Jewish Music at Yeshiva University have completed his education for the religious side of music.

With a little more education, Eisenberg became a career counselor and even managed a nursing home. He has served conservative congregations for more than 20 years at the Westchester Jewish Center in Mamaroneck, N.Y., and at Beth Israel Congregation in suburban Baltimore, where he was honored with the title cantor emeritus after 17 years of distin-

guished service. Throughout his careers, he loved to sing, but it was never enough without family and community.

Now, having trained more than a thousand children for B'nai Mitzvah and devoting the majority of his time and energy to the needs of his congregation and community, he and his wife Liz (Leelah), are now blessed to spend more time with their children Chaim and Shira, and grandchildren in their new life in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area and is located at 16020 El Camino Real.

For more information, visit the website www.shaarhashalom.org or call 281-488-5861.

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lion of disaster supplemental funding the Corps recently allocated for the long-awaited Clear Creek drainage project.

Willey further said work on the endeavor could begin as soon as one month from now.

The first stage of the project will involve adding a concrete lining to the Beamer ditch from Astoria to the future South Belt Stormwater Detention Basin, to be located near the intersection of Beamer and Dixie Farm Road.

While the entire Clear Creek project will take be-

tween five and 10 years to complete, Willey said it would remove roughly 2,000 area homes from the 100-year flood plain and greatly reduce flooding for thousands of others.

All entities represented at the meeting stressed the need for the proposed coastal spine.

"We're working closely with the Corps," said Laura Acheson, Cornyn's head of environment issues. "Our job is to get the coastal spine project moving. We're doing everything we can to speed the process up and secure funding. When the Corps has all of the money, it's easier

to get the project moving."

All involved parties also expressed support for the upcoming HCFC bond election.

"All of us in this room support the bond," said Cornyn.

Set to take place Saturday, Aug. 25 – the one year anniversary of Hurricane Harvey's landfall in Houston – the measure would provide \$2.5 billion in funding for flood mitigation projects throughout the county. The issuance of bonds would be spread over 15 years, and the expected tax increase for most homeowners would be limited to 1.4 percent or less.

Elected officials share their words

Olson acts to repeal medical device tax, votes for H.R. 184

Rep. Pete Olson acted on July 24 to protect medical innovation and help patients get the medical devices they need. Olson co-sponsored and voted for H.R. 184, the Protect Medical Innovation Act, which permanently repeals the excise tax on medical devices.

The Affordable Care Act imposed a 2.3% tax on medical devices within the United States. This unfairly punishes both patients, who are forced to pay more for the lifesaving and life-improving devices they need, as well as the companies and workers who make these products.

The bill passed the House

by a vote of 283-132 and now heads to the Senate for consideration.

"Since the beginning of Obamacare, costs have escalated for doctors and medical professionals to develop new, lifesaving technologies to help their patients," Olson said. "This tax increases costs for patients in need of specialized care and discourages innovation. We should be encouraging innovation, not burdening this critical industry with unfair taxation and government overreach. A permanent repeal of this tax provides the certainty needed for patients and manufacturers. I

was proud to co-sponsor this bill, which will encourage new medical innovation, create more jobs and save lives. I urge the Senate to act quickly as well."

Background on H.R. 184

• In the 114th Congress, a temporary two-year suspension of the medical device tax was passed by Congress and signed into law by the president.

• According to the Department of Commerce, 80 percent of medical device companies have fewer than 50 employees and the industry supports 2 million jobs across the United States.

NASA Aglow announces meeting

The NASA Lighthouse of Aglow invites everyone to join them for a monthly meeting on Aug. 9, at 9:30 a.m. Guest speakers will be from Bethesda House, a prayer ministry that is designed to empower individuals through the Word of God to receive emotional, physical and spiritual healing. The ministry was birthed from a vision given to founders Ruth and Sonny Beck and Sue Wilson, and opened in Galveston in the spring 2003.

Bethesda House has provided workshops to groups of individuals interested in learning how to pray for the sick and provides private ministry in areas of deliverance to individuals upon request.

NASA Aglow is a part of Aglow International, an interdenominational organization of God-seeking women with more than 200,000 members meeting together each month through local Aglow groups in 177 countries.

The NASA chapter meets at 9:30 a.m. on the second Thursday of each month at Praise Chapel, located at 18516 Highway 3 in Webster. Childcare is provided. For more information, contact Rhonda Baronne, the NASA Lighthouse president, at 281-797-4512.

Auditions to be held for "Doublewide, Texas"

Auditions for "Doublewide, Texas," a hilarious comedy about residents of one of the smallest trailer parks in Texas, four doublewides and a shed, will be held on July 30 and July 31 at 7 p.m. at the Bay Area Harbour Playhouse in Dickinson.

"The audition date was originally set for "A Piece of My Heart," said Bennie Nipper, artistic director of the theater. "But we have postponed production of that play and will be doing this great comedy about Texans instead."

The hilarious fast-moving play is written by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wooten, three Texans who have penned several other award-winning plays about fellow Texans.

It will be directed by Nipper and will be on stage Sept. 7 – 23 in the upstairs Top Deck theater. Nipper will be seeking six females and three men to play the feisty residents who do not want their trailer park to be annexed by their small neighboring town of Tugaloo.

Nipper promises that the play will delight actors as they tell the story of the park residents who are fighting "the big guys."

Performances will be on Friday and Saturday night at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m., at the theater, located at 3803 Highway 3 in Dickinson. For more information, call 281-337-7469 or visit www.harbourtheater.com.

Local library events set

Bracewell Branch Library

The following events are scheduled for the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint: Tuesday, July 31, 10:30 a.m. Meet at the library for "Texas Snakes and More" for this segment of the Summer Reading Animal program. This snake and reptile show educates and entertains people about snakes and provides participants an opportunity to touch a variety of nonvenomous snakes.

Wednesday, Aug. 1, Computer courses: 2 p.m. Computer Basics; 3:15 p.m. Internet Basics; 4:30 p.m. Basic Powerpoint

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

Parker Williams Library

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

Thursday, July 26, 3 p.m. Teen Thursday features Makey Makey Guitar Hero for ages 12 and older. Meet in the library community room to make a guitar with cardboard, duct tape, and aluminum foil. The finished product will be hooked up to a Makey Makey to play some Guitar Hero.

Friday, July 27, 3 – 5 p.m. Gaming: Xbox Halo Tournament (rated T) for ages 13 and older. Meet in the library community room for the P53 action. Winner stays on, losers rotate off. Level up at the Parker Williams Branch Library.

Saturday, July 28, 2 – 4 p.m. Magic: The Gathering Gameplay for ages 8 and older. A staff member will be present if instruction is needed. A special thank you is given to Strike Zone for the generous donation of Magic: The Gathering cards. For more information, visit http://www.hcpl.net/sites/default/files/feb-MTG-1.jpg

Monday, July 30, 3 p.m. Teen DIY and the movie "Mission Impossible: Rouge Nation" (rated PG-13, 131 minutes) and Spy Stuff for ages 13 and older. Meet in the library community room to watch the movie and create "spy stuff."

Monday, July 30, 7 p.m. Family storytime features Texans Recovering Together, for ages 5 and older. Meet in the library community room for a presentation by the Harris Center, a mental health organization, that addresses stress and worry that come with storms and hurricanes.

Tuesday, July 31, 2 p.m. Musical movies features "Moana" (rated PG, 107 minutes) for ages 10 and older. Meet in the library community room for a musical movie on Tuesdays throughout the summer. For the musical movies, singing along isn't just allowed, it's encouraged.

Tuesday, July 31, 2 p.m. Book discussion: "Behold the Dreamers" by Mbolo Mbue. Pick up a book at the library (or download it) and meet at the Blue Beetle Café, 10904 Scarsdale Blvd., Suite 210 (in the FoodTown Shopping Center next to CVS) to discuss it.

Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2:30 p.m. Program Summer: Houston Food Bank, for ages 5 and older. Meet in the library community room for a presentation by a Houston Food Bank representative who will focus on fun games and activities to get and keep kids and parents moving.

Below are the programs that occur every week:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bayou Theater sells single tickets on Aug. 1 for 2018-2019 season

The Bayou Theater at University of Houston-Clear Lake is preparing for a show-stopping 2018-2019 season, with almost twice as many outstanding performances to offer Clear Lake theater lovers than last sea-

son. The season, which covers nearly all musical genres, features nationally and internationally recognized artists.

"Excellent deals for season packages have been available since June, but starting Aug. 1 at 10 a.m., single tick-

ets for all 18 shows will go on sale," said Alex Malone Bayou Theater managing director. "We hope people are as excited as we are to see performances by Mandy Harvey from 'America's Got Talent'."

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Paul accepting Texas Armed Services scholarship applications

The office of Rep. Dennis Paul is accepting applications for the Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program for the 2018-2019 school year. In order to be considered for the TASSP, a student enrolling in college immediately from high school must meet two of the following four academic criteria at the time of application:

- Be on track to graduate, or has graduated high school with the Distinguished Achievement Program or the International Baccalaureate Program;
- Have a high school GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale;
- Achieve a college readiness score on the SAT (1070) or ACT (23);
- Be ranked in the top one-third of the prospective high

school graduating class.

Additionally, students must be enrolled in a college or university in the Fall 2018/Spring 2019 academic year in order to be nominated for the TASSP during the current nomination cycle. For more information on specific requirements, visit http://www.hhloans.com then click on the "Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program" link.

TASSP encourages students to participate in Reserve Officers' Training Corps programs at civilian colleges. Students are required to agree to a four-year commitment as a member of the Texas Army National Guard, the Texas Air National Guard, the Texas State Guard, the United States Coast Guard, the United States Merchant Marine,

or commissioned officers in any branch of the armed services of the United States.

These annual awards can make a significant difference in the life of high-achieving students. A student may receive up to \$4,000 for the 2018-2019 school year and, dependent on available funding, may receive up to four years of awards.

If one lives in House District 129 and would like to be considered for nomination by Rep. Paul for the TASSP, email a cover letter and resumé to District129.Paul@house.texas.gov no later than June 30. One may also contact Dawn McDonald, the district director, at 281-488-8900 with any questions. Each member of the Legislature is authorized to nominate one student.

Williams announces new principal, Golibart-Coppedge

Christine Golibart-Coppedge was named principal of Williams Elementary School during a recent meeting of the Pasadena ISD Board of Trustees.

As a former teacher at Mathtys Elementary and Milstead Middle, peer facilitator at Jensen Elementary and assistant principal at Roberts Middle, she brings a wealth of educational experience to

her new role.

"I'm forever grateful to the previous leaders I've been fortunate to work under for helping to mold me into the person I am today," said Golibart-Coppedge.

Golibart-Coppedge says she is excited for the new challenge and is looking forward to meeting and working with the students and families in the Williams community.

"I'm honored and privileged to have been chosen as the new principal," said Golibart-Coppedge. "I have a passion and love for education and students. I can't wait to jump in and see the students progress and succeed."

Golibart-Coppedge will take over as principal following former principal Michael Hanson's transfer to Sam Rayburn High School.



During a recent board meeting of the Pasadena Independent School District, Christine Golibart-Coppedge was selected as Williams Elementary's new principal.

Leader checks out social media

By Laura Benavides Scallan

A member of the *Community of Sagemont & 77089* Facebook group is in search of individuals who are great at hip-hop, jazz, ballet, stands routines and contemporary dance that would like to volunteer to coach and choreograph a youth dance team, The Princettes. The same member also posted that the team is fundraising by selling vanilla popcorn snack bags for \$1.50 each.

A member of the *people of sagemont 2* Facebook group has reported that her neighbor's truck, an F-250, was stolen. The truck is white and had a trailer attached to it. The member also mentioned that her husband's truck, an F-350, had also been stolen from their home in May.

Another member of the same Facebook group shared an image for a Toy's for Tots

softball tournament. The tournament will be held on Saturday, Aug. 4, at El Franco Lee Park. Games will start at 9 a.m. and the cost per team is \$100. Also, each player is required to bring a new toy worth \$5. All proceeds of the event will go to the Sagemont Helper's Christmas Party. For more information, contact Mike Silva at 832-455-3763, Jeremy Valencia at 832-459-9912 or Leo Fuentes at 832-606-3288. The same member is also looking for a food truck vendor for the event.

On the same Facebook group, a member shared an image of the Texas law on outdoor dogs, Texas Statute 821.077 Unlawful Restraint of Dog as a reminder to local pet owners.

Another member of the same Facebook group has posted about a volunteer opportunity for families to open their homes to a foreign exchange student for an academic school year. The member also posted the information on several of the community Facebook groups. For more information, contact the member on Facebook.

A member of the *South Belt-Ellington Neighbors* Facebook group is asking for help in finding her wedding rings. The member was admitted to Memorial Herman Hospital off Fannin on April 30 after being involved in a car accident.

The rings were removed and placed in a clear plastic cup. The member's husband was not able to collect the rings because he was involved in the accident as well. The member posted a photo of her missing rings and the letter she received from the hospital about her rings. If found, contact the member via Facebook.

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Flickinger receives Humanitarian Award for service to South Belt community from Latino Learning Center

The Latino Learning Center in Houston, recently held its Annual Humanitarian Awards, where Marie Flickinger was honored in the Special Recognition for a Philanthropic Life category for her longtime support and advocacy of the South Belt community.

Flickinger is the co-founder and publisher of the *South Belt-Ellington Leader* and chair of the San Jacinto College board of trustees. She immediately took action following Hurricane Harvey in 2017 by reaching out to Dr. DeeAnn Powell, Pasadena School District superintendent, and her other contacts and community supporters to feed and house 1,500 community members at Dobie High School. At its peak, the

makeshift shelter had more than 150 volunteers and ran with limited resources from the American Red Cross. It was a success because of Flickinger's leadership.

"I feel blessed that I get to do what I love every day, and that is helping people," said Flickinger. "I feel there are a lot of things I may never do; I may never be a Scout mom or a PTA mom, but I do love what I do. I don't expect any recognition for it. It's a true honor to work for the community and for San Jac."

Flickinger is also well known for her instrumental role in uncovering the negative impacts of the Brio Superfund site. She is the Environmental Protection Agency community representative for

the site and has served on two mayoral transition committees for the City of Houston.

Throughout the years, such leadership and humanitarian efforts locally and statewide have been recognized. Flickinger was inducted into the Hall of Honor at Dobie High School and received the Pasadena ISD Distinguished Citizen award. The Marie Spence Flickinger Fine Arts building on the San Jacinto College South campus is named in her honor, and she earned the prestigious M. Dale Ensign Trustee Leadership Award from the American Association of Community College Trustees in 2013 for her significant contribution as a trustee toward promoting the commu-

nity college concept.

As the first woman elected to the San Jacinto College board of trustees in 1995, Flickinger is also past-chair of the board of the Community College Association of Texas Trustees, and past-chair of the Two-Year College Stakeholder Committee with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

"When it comes to someone who dedicates her life so tirelessly to the those around her, to the community and to San Jacinto College, there is nobody like Marie Flickinger," said Dr. Brenda Hellyer, chancellor of San Jacinto College. "We are fortunate to have community members like Marie who voluntarily serve on our board of trust-

ees and who genuinely care about the welfare of students, employees and residents."

Flickinger's involvement in the South Belt community also includes coordinating the annual July 4th parade and numerous Christmas drives for needy families. Her efforts have helped the South Belt area flourish.

The Latino Learning Center Inc., was founded in October 1979. Its mission is to inspire and empower at-risk Latinos to pursue their potential and achieve success. For more than four decades, the center has been one of the most effective organizations in the country to help Latinos become productive contributors, according to the center's website.

Nguyen describes Haynes as helpful

Dominic Nguyen (left), one of J. Frank Dobie High School's Shining Stars, is shown with distinguished educator Jennifer Haynes, Dobie High School counselor.

Nguyen was a member of Key Club and volunteered with the club. He plans to attend the University of Houston.

In regard to Haynes, Nguyen said, "By providing her helpful guidance and concern towards my education, career, future, and overall well-being, she has made my edu-

cational path clearer and much simpler."

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UHCL College of Education offers new degree plan

University of Houston-Clear Lake has a new degree plan specifically aimed at graduate students who would like to become licensed professional counselors. The degree is a Master of Science in clinical mental health counseling, and enrollment is open for fall.

"Till now, UH-Clear Lake College of Education has offered a Master of Science in counseling with clinical men-

tal health and counseling concentration, a 48-credit hour degree plan," said Dilani Perera-Diltz, associate professor and coordinator of counseling.

"The Texas Licensing Board of Counselors requires the program to be 60 credit hours, so now we are offering students the option to move to the new degree program, which is a direct path toward the LPC," she said. "It's now

no longer a concentration. It's a full degree."

Perera-Diltz said that students wishing to obtain licensure must move to the new program. "Those who are already enrolled in the previous program can continue, but since fall 2017, we have not enrolled new students in that program."

In this new degree plan with licensure, Perera-Diltz said students become eligible

to work with a broad scope of mental health issues, ranging from offering strategies and support to people who are experiencing life's hurdles, to people who are coping with serious mental disorders. Licensed professional counselors can assess, diagnose and treat people struggling with mental health issues including anxiety, depression, eating disorders, post-traumatic stress disorder,

and bipolar disorder.

"As a graduate of this program, students will know how to encourage clients to discuss their emotions and experiences, help them process their reactions and adjust to difficult changes, and guide clients through the process of making changes in their life," Perera-Diltz said.

At UHCL, students are taught by full-time faculty who are LPCs themselves, she continued. "Class sizes are small, and courses include valuable experiential activities in which they get to learn about the needs of certain parts of the population in the community."

She added that the counseling program's honor society, Upsilon Chi Lambda, is very active and promotes a variety of activities for students to gain additional community service experience.

"Once a student passes the exam and completes the LPC internship, he or she can work anywhere where mental health services are needed," Perera-Diltz said. "The license is very broad and that is attractive to students—they can specialize in an area that they choose. The crux of counselor training is to attend to the life span development and multicultural foundation of all people so that they can work among people from any age or cultural group."

LPCs are qualified to work collaboratively with health professionals including psychologists and psychiatrists to provide therapeutic care at hospitals, nursing homes, schools, substance abuse treatment centers, community agencies, government organizations and corporations. The U.S. Department of Labor projects a 19 percent growth through 2024 in this field.

"The need for mental health care is very high in Texas, so there should be no difficulty in finding a job for those who are properly qualified," she said. "The projected job growth is much higher than the average for all occupations."

UHCL's College of Education is accepting enrollment in this program starting this fall. For information about the counseling program, visit www.uhcl.edu/education/departments/counseling-special-education-diversity/counseling.

Tamayo says Ortega is a positive impact

Luis Miguel Tamayo (right) one of Lewis Career and Technical High School's Shining Stars, is shown with distinguished educator Eric Ortega, 8th-grade soccer coach at Southmore Intermediate.

Tamayo has volunteered at the Community Emergency Response Team; See, Test, and Treat Health Fairs; Pasadena Pet Adoption Center; Seabrook Lucky Trail Marathon; St. Peter's Church; blood drives at school; Milstead Middle School ACE program; and ESL peer tutoring. He has also done volunteer work with the National Honor Society. Tamayo has worked as a Pasadena youth soccer sports official, Strawberry Park cashier and in his father's landscaping business.

After high school, Tamayo plans to attend Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., to major in either biochemistry or kinesiology. After graduation from Cornell, he wants to attend medical school in pursuit of a career in dermatology. Additionally, he would like to be part of various medical volunteering abroad programs to help those with dire need for medical attention. Tamayo also wants to become involved in politics and make positive changes in communities.

Tamayo said the following on Ortega, "I had always

been a part of soccer, but after being coached by Mr. Ortega, soccer became a part of me. Mr. Ortega led the 2013 Southmore team to go undefeated and become champions of the PISD district tournament, PISD district league, and 2013 Kinkaid tournament. He has a gift for making people smile, whether it is by having unique handshakes with each individual or by improvising jokes. I owe it all to him for my position on the high school varsity soccer team, and still today, Mr. Ortega cheers me on during my games. It is crystal clear to notice the positive impact Mr. Ortega has on students, teachers, and administrators. Although school may be a place of stress at times, Mr. Ortega always manages to spread joy and cheerfulness. His nature for helping others and making people smile is what makes Mr. Ortega an individual like no other."

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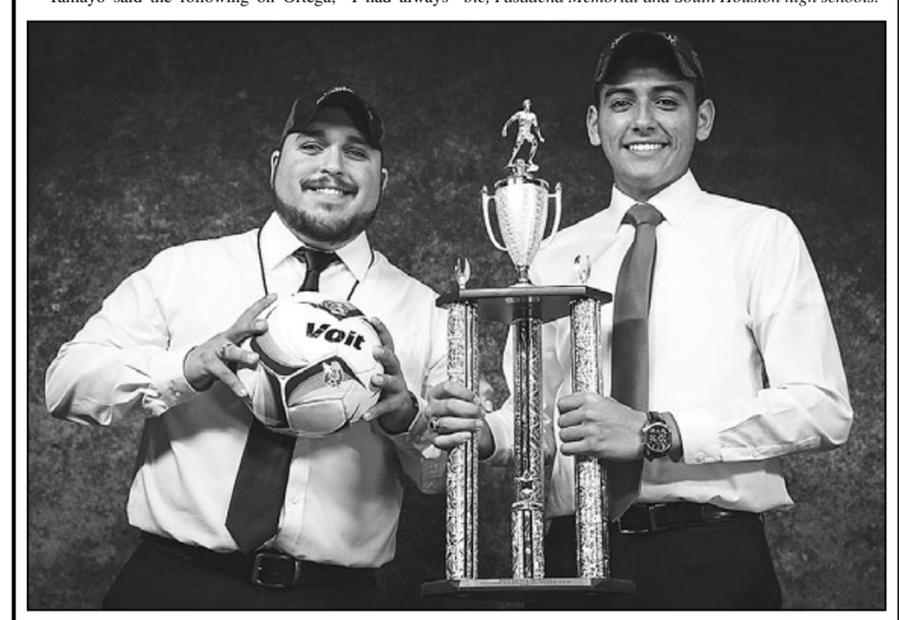
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Girls dedicate birthdays to at-risk students

Three June birthday girls recently dedicated their birthdays or half birthdays to children served by Communities In Schools-Bay Area.

In lieu of gifts, the girls asked for items in high demand for at-risk students at 15 campuses in Clear Creek and Dickinson Independent School Districts.

Inspired by a story the girls read at school about a similar situation in which a child asked for gifts for others were Elise Santala, fifth-grader, and Emmie Santala, second-grader, from Lutheran South Academy; and Gigi Reddinger, third-grader at Mossman Elementary School in CCISD.

The girls' mothers asked Communities In Schools-Bay Area what was most needed by the at-risk students so they would be more comfortable in school. Undergarments, laundry detergents and deodorant were needed for children at all grade levels. Two years ago, Gigi's mother Kelli Reddinger collected socks for students after discovering many students went without socks.

For more information on the Communities In Schools-Bay Area dropout prevention program, visit www.cisba.org.



Shown loading containers of gifts for CIS-Bay Area students asked for in lieu of recent birthday gifts are, left to right, Elise Santala; Darcy Santala, Elise's mother; Gigi Reddinger; and Emmie Santala. Photo submitted

Cooling centers remain open, COH suspends PHHEP

City cooling centers, consisting of multi-service centers, libraries and recreation centers remain available during normal business hours, however the City of Houston Public Health Heat Emergency Plan has been suspended, including free METRO rides to the centers.

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High-risk groups such as adults age 55 and older, children under the age of five and people with chronic illness are urged to stay inside air-conditioned buildings between 1 and 5 p.m., the hottest part of the day.

The Houston Health Department urges people protect themselves and loved ones from potentially deadly heat-related illness with the following tips:

- Increase water consumption. Drink lots of liquids even before getting thirsty, but avoid those with caffeine, alcohol or large amounts of sugar because these can result in the loss of body fluid.
- Conduct outdoor work or exercise in the early morning or evening when it is cooler. Outdoor workers should drink plenty of water or electrolyte replacement beverages and take frequent breaks in the shade or in an air-conditioned facility. Those unaccustomed to working or exercising in a hot environment need to start slowly and gradually increase heat exposure over several weeks.
- Wear light-colored, loose fitting clothing that permits the evaporation of perspiration.

Do not leave children, senior citizens or pets unattended in a vehicle.

A wide-brimmed hat helps prevent sunburn as well as heat-related illness. Sunscreen also protects from the sun's harmful rays and reduces the risk of sunburn.

If the house is not air-conditioned, seek accommodations in air-conditioned facilities during the heat of the day: multi-service centers, malls, movie theaters, libraries, etc.

Take frequent cool baths or showers if your home is not air-conditioned.

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Moore announces Meet the Teacher Night

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

Israeli folk dancing sessions to be held

Few people really enjoy cardiovascular exercises per se. But it doesn't have to be a chore: Dancing is an excellent way to exercise while having fun. Israeli folk dancing sessions are conducted at Congregation Shaar Hashalom and are not built on one another, so anyone can start any time.

The dances are held on Mondays, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. This month's last date is July 30. August dates are 6, 13, 20 and 27. The cost is \$4/session or \$35/10 sessions for CSH members and \$5/session or \$45/10 sessions for nonmembers. The entire community is welcome to join the group, even if one has not previously attended.

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

AARP Webster chapter sets meeting

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

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

On Friday, Aug. 17, Dawn Monachino, the education specialist at Houston Audubon, will give a presentation that includes live animals. She usually brings a song or two for audience participation. Monachino's interest in wildlife started young but it really developed later in life. It turned into her second career. She worked at the Houston Zoo, Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium and the Denver Zoo. She is very fortunate to combine her two careers of music and wildlife in one position. She will present at 10:30 a.m. after the chapter business meeting.

There will be a potluck lunch at the Aug. 17 meeting. Members and visitors are encouraged to bring a dish to share after the meeting ends.

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

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

Oseguera sparks a fire in Barragan

Yelitza Barragan, (left) one of South Houston High School's Shining Stars, is shown with distinguished educator Michael Oseguera, 11th-grade advanced placement statistics teacher at South Houston.

Barragan has done community service for projects such as a pond cleanup at South Houston High School, Armand Bayou Park cleanup and recycling at South Houston. She has also volunteered as a teacher's aide, at Houston Food Bank, at Tweens Read and at various local festivals and carnivals.

As for attending a university, Barragan is still considering which school she wants to attend, and plans to major in environmental science where one day she hopes to become a leader in the field. Her dream consists of widening the range by which she understands environmental concerns and reach others in ways that will encourage them to be increasingly selfless.

Barragan stated about Oseguera, "Mr. Oseguera is one

of the rare teachers that manages to bring life and excitement into his classroom every single day. I can confidently say that he was the first teacher ever to make me excited about going to class. I actually had fun in a classroom, and I never thought that was possible. In a way, he unintentionally sparked within me a fire to yearn learning. Because of this, now I realize I must pursue a career that makes me feel the same way Mr. O made me feel during his class, and that in fact, it isn't an inconceivable dream."

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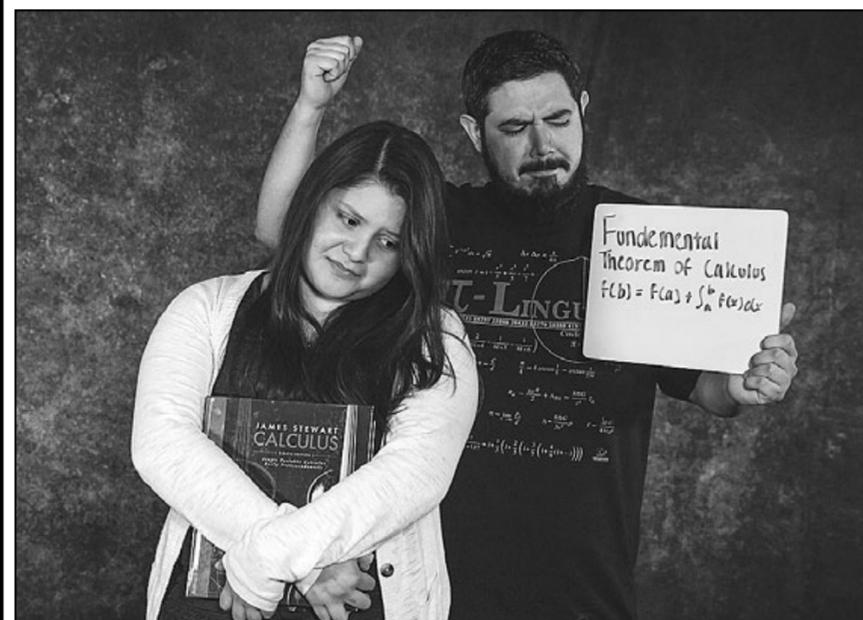
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UHCL sets calendar

The University of Houston-Clear Lake has released its recent calendar briefs.

Freshman fall 2018 application deadline

The final application deadline for new college students planning to enter UH-Clear Lake in the fall 2018 semester is Aug. 1. For more details on deadlines, visit the UH-Clear Lake office of admissions, 2700 Bay Area Blvd., or online at www.uhcl.edu/admissions. To apply, visit ApplyTexas.org. For more information, call 281-283-2500, or email admissions@uhcl.edu.

Foreign language course registration

Learn a new language and get personal attention from expert teachers in UHCL's noncredit Foreign Language Program. Small classes and private tutoring are available for Spanish, Chinese, German, Japanese, Russian and more.

Registration is through Aug. 27 and classes begin Aug. 27 at University of Houston-Clear Lake.

To learn more or to register, call the Foreign Language and English Enhancement Program at 281-283-3033 or visit www.uhcl.edu/academics/extended.

2018 CAMEO Emerging Artists Show

UHCL Art Gallery hosts this year's Clay Arts Museum and Educational Organization "Emerging Artists Show" which showcases works of Texas higher education ceramics instructors and their students. The result is a unique display of varying artistic perspectives.

The show will run through Aug. 2, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday, 9 a.m. to noon, at the Art Gallery, University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

Admission to the gallery is free. Parking is available in the visitor lot or Student Lot D. For more information, call 281-283-3376 or visit www.uhcl.edu/art-gallery.

Center for Executive Education

Medical residents can gain a competitive edge in their field and position themselves for leadership roles. The four-week elective course will provide participants with business training to navigate through healthcare management with case studies, interactive and collaborative exercises led by UH-Clear Lake faculty.

The course will be held Aug. 6 through Aug. 31, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Texas Medical Center, Suite 120, 2151 West Holcombe.

Content modules include Healthcare IT, Economics and Policy, Team Building and more. The fee is \$2,000 for 20 sessions. To enroll and to get more information, call the Center for Executive Education at 281-283-3120 or visit www.uhcl.edu/center-executive-education/center-services.

Habitat Work Days

Help maintain the beauty of the UH-Clear Lake campus by volunteering at Habitat Work Days each Tuesday morning in August with the Environmental Institute of Houston.

Dates in August are 7, 14, 21 and 28 at 9 a.m., at the North Office Annex, University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

Volunteers assist in upkeep, including clearing paths, cleaning the pond and other conservation tasks. For more information, call UHCL Environmental Institute of Houston at 281-283-3950 or email eih@uhcl.edu. To learn more, visit www.uhcl.edu/environmental-institute.

Center for Executive Education: "Effective Application of Supervisory Techniques"

Supervisors at all experience levels are invited to learn more about how to apply leadership skills to improve their organization. In this course - part of UHCL's Management and Leadership Certification program - attendees will use Insights Discovery to learn about types of personality to help boost supervisory awareness to effectively manage today's workforce.

The course will be held Aug. 10 and Aug. 24, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Center for Executive Education, Bayou Building, room 2230, University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

Course fees are \$850, which includes both sessions, and group discounts are available. Participants must attend both sessions to complete the course.

To learn more about the course or to register, call the Center for Executive Education, 281-283-3120, or email cee@uhcl.edu.

UH-Clear Lake fall open registration

Returning students at UH-Clear Lake can register for fall courses in open registration. Open registration for fall runs through Aug. 24 with late registration from Aug. 25 to Sept. 4. Freshmen students must attend an orientation before registering for courses. Class schedules are available online at www.uhcl.edu/academics/resources.

For more information about registration, contact the office of the registrar at 281-283-2525 or email records@uhcl.edu.

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Over The Back Fence by Alexis

HAPPY 10TH ANNIVERSARY!

Wishes for a happy tenth anniversary on July 26 are sent to **Steven and Rebecca (Heeth) Irvine** from Rebecca's father **Richard Heeth**, a longtime Kirkwood resident.

CONGRATULATIONS, EUGENE!

Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences announced that South Belter Eugene Boakye Anshah was named to the MCPHS University dean's list for the spring 2018 semester. Anshah is pursuing a doctorate degree in pharmacy, and plans to graduate in 2019.

SCHOOL DAZE

The following personnel of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays July 26 through Aug. 1.

Atkinson Elementary
Sing a happy birthday song to **Stacy Fontenot** Aug. 1.

Burnett Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles for **Maria Romero** Aug. 2.

Bush Elementary
Three cheers for a happy birthday are sent on July 27 to **David Blevins, Maracha Hernandez** and **Minerva Licea**. **Maria Flores** enjoys a birthday July 29.

Moore Elementary
Light the birthday candles July 26 for **Gloria Guillen** and **Myra Nevarez**. Blow out the candles on a cake for **Cindy Walker** July 29. The day for a party for **Eduardo Ledezma** is Aug. 1.

South Belt Elementary
Sing three choruses of a birthday song July 26 to **Hortensia Armenta, Marie Goree** and **Sara Simmons**. Light the birthday candles July 27 for **Valeria Sanchez**. A birthday greetings is sent to **Lakitha Green** July 28. July 31 is the day for a cake for **Kristen Denbleyker**.

Meilillo Middle School
Marking a birthday Aug. 1 is **Stephanie Ali**.

Roberts Middle School
Light the birthday candles July 27 for **Fred Leggin**. Send a birthday greeting July 31 to **Luis Arroyo**.

Thompson Intermediate
On July 31, happy birthday greetings are sent to **Wayne Sanders**. **Michael McDonald**, **Patricia Tabarez** and **Bob Boyes** celebrate a birthday on Aug. 1.

Dobie High
Birthday greetings are sent to **Ana Solis** on July 26. **Hector Saldivar** marks a birthday July 27. The day for a party for **Janelle Adams** is July 28. **Beatriz Manzano** celebrates a birthday July 29. **Angela Badon** and **Yvette Castillo** celebrate a birthday July 30.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS

The *Leader* sends happy birthday wishes to friends who celebrate a birthday this week:

Thursday, July 26: **Kenneth Sublett, Jeffrey Frugia, Jackie Maduzia, Magda Adams, Debra Patterson, Maricela Solis Crow, Kendrick Woods, Jenny Batson, Terrie Nichols, Kenny Fernandez, Eric Madsen, Gina D'Orazio** and **Elizabeth Bazan**; Friday, July 27: **Lydia Garcia, Joanne Mata** and **Sean Kean**; Saturday, July 28: **Ariana Mena, Trina Atkins, Al Maldonado, Johnny Carmona, Alyssa Chambers, Tori Mask, Dana Milburn** and **Sandy Nelson**; Sunday, July 29: **Codie Salyer, Wanda Veltman, Tracy Samford, Gina Trevino** and **Tiffany Barras**; Monday, July 30: **Donald Rogers, Anne Hyma, Brenda Molina Correa, RP Wocka, Danielle Mendoza, Melanie Benney, Oren Martin, Christine Elliott** and **Randy Kelley**; Tuesday, July 31: **Gloria Wallace, Robert Gentry, Jennifer Kramer, David Freeman, Jacob Stahle, Felix Garcia, Jim Waltz** and **Ashley Glover**; and Wednesday, Aug. 1: **Gabriel Diaz, Helen Kainer, Andrew Burks, Denny Wranich Sr., Emilio De Los Santos, Ryan Hanzelka, Jo Lyday** and **Scott Bishop**.

PLT presents "Real Women Have Curves"

Pasadena Little Theatre, Houston's most established community theater, is featuring its first all-Latina production of "Real Women Have Curves" by Josefina Lopez on the Black Box Stage.

The play is set in a tiny sewing factory in East Los Angeles. The story is told from the point of view of Ana, the youngest employee at the factory. She is extremely ambitious and a feminist that is desperately wanting to go to college but can't afford it. Her sister, Estela, is the owner of the sewing factory and their mother works alongside them. The action follows the course of a week while the women talk about their lives, loves and deepest desires while attempting to meet impossible production deadlines. Originally performed in 1990, this play touches on topics that are relevant to women even today. In 2002 the play was adapted into a film featuring America Ferrera which contains adult content.

"Real Women Have Curves" features Crystal E. Mata, director, and Rose A. Mata, assistant director. The all-women cast includes actresses Juliet M. Barron, Jazmine Blas, Sylvia Armendariz, Claire Orellana and Janie (Juanita) Herrera Frederick. This production opens July 27 and continues weekends through Aug. 5. Friday and Saturday showtimes are 8 p.m. and the Sunday matinee is at 2:30 p.m. Adult ticket prices are \$18 at the door and \$15 for advanced purchases online and \$12 for students and seniors. There will be one Thursday performance at 8 p.m. on Aug. 2. To purchase tickets, make reservations or for more information, call the box office at 713-941-1758, or visit www.pasadenalittletheatre.org.



Pasadena Little Theatre presents "Real Women Have Curves." The production will open July 27 and will run on weekends through Aug. 5. Shown above are the ladies of Estela Garcia's factory who are ready to play some hard ball. The actresses are, left to right, Jazmine Blas and Claire Orellana, (back row) Sylvia Armendariz, Juliet M. Barron and Janie "Juanita" Herrera Frederick.

Remember When

40 years ago (1978)
Lightning struck the Nichols' home located on Sagevale.

Southeast Volunteer Fire Department responded to 29 calls marking its busiest month of the year.

35 years ago (1983)
The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League All-Star baseball team won the bi-district playoffs at Sharpstown and advanced to the state playoffs in Waco.

Trustees of the Clear Creek Independent School District joined other area school districts in adopting passage of the Texas Assessment of Basic Skills tests as a requirement for graduation.

30 years ago (1988)
Pasadena Independent School District first-grade TEAMS scores improved in all areas, with the exception of the Spanish version of the writing test, while mastery percentages improved in all areas but one.

Jeff Bailey Insurance Company, located at 10000 Gulf Freeway, was under investigation for selling policies and distributing binder cards on Stone Mountain Insurance Company. A state regulatory agency in Georgia ordered the company to cease and desist from writing policies.

25 years ago (1993)
The San Jacinto College District Board of Regents approved the 1993-1994 budget and accepted library construction bids for the college district's North and South campuses at its regular monthly meeting. Each library would be a two-story structure of approximately 40,000 square feet. Construction on both facilities was scheduled to begin in September and would take nearly a year to complete.

Jackie Lee Forbes, 30, a former resident of the South Houston area, was charged with the murder of Barbara Ann Gaskins, 22, formerly of Sageglen. According to the victim's mother, her daughter was moving back in with her when the murder occurred. Forbes had been the victim's boyfriend.

20 years ago (1998)
Teachers from the Pasadena Independent School District were set to receive a \$1,403 raise in the 1998-1999 school year.

The Clear Creek Independent School District board of trustees voted 4-3 not to renew superintendent John Wilson's contract.

15 years ago (2003)
South Belter Avis Smith Gunnels, the July 15 Texas Two-Step lottery winner, traveled to Austin to collect \$825,000 after taxes of the \$1.1 million jackpot from Austin's lotto claim center.

Mayor Lee Brown visited officers and board members of the South Belt-Ellington Super Neighborhood 80.

10 years ago (2008)
A group of Pearland activists led by Rep. Mike O'Day approached the Alvin Community College Board of Regents, to discuss the possibility of switching Pearland schools over to San Jacinto College's service area.

The City of Houston storm drainage project on Sabo Road neared completion, but some residents in the area were concerned flooding would still be problematic unless additional repair work was done in areas under Harris County's control. Of particular concern was ditch A119-09-00, which ran downstream from the north, parallel to the townhomes, before cutting to the west under Sabo just north of Sagetree. It served as a divider between the Kirkwood and Sagemont Park subdivisions. Troubling residents was a brick wall that had been constructed under Sabo to restrict water flow downstream. While it helped alleviate flooding in areas located downstream, it worsened it in areas adjacent to Sabo.

Suspects Edward Harris, 19, and Rodney Bishop, 20, were arrested and charged with felony theft for a stolen motorcycle.

Suspect Anthony Session, 20, along with a 15-year-old juvenile, were arrested and charged with making a terroristic threat after allegedly attempting to rob a gas station with a BB gun.

5 years ago (2013)
Pasadena Independent School District officials announced that recently promoted administrators Alya Harrell and Rhonda Parmer would share the duties of overseeing all schools in the South Belt community. Both Harrell and Parmer have longstanding ties to South Belt schools, having served as principals at Beverly Hills Intermediate and Frazier Elementary, respectively. The pair were promoted to the positions of associate superintendent of campus development in early July.

1 year ago (2017)
A fatal traffic accident took place early Friday, July 21, in the 13800 block of the Gulf Freeway near Sage-downe between Beltway 8 and Scarsdale. According to police, the incident occurred around 3:10 a.m. when the driver of a black Volkswagen CC traveling south on the freeway made an unsafe lane change and struck an 18-wheeler hauling a tractor-trailer. Both vehicles then swerved across the freeway and struck the concrete dividing barrier between the southbound lanes and the HOV lane. The force of the impact caused the 18-wheeler to roll over and ride on top of the dividing barrier and caused the trailer it was hauling to be pushed on top of the cab of the truck. The female victim, a passenger

Pearland GOP meets

The public is cordially invited to Pearland Area Republican Club's meeting on Thursday Aug. 9. Kerri Taylor will be the special guest speaker.

Taylor is the director of the Houston Chapter of Unbound. There will be information regarding both border trafficking issues as well as student mental health issues. The public is invited to attend on Aug. 9 at the Pearland Church of Christ annex, 2217 N. Grand Blvd.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Meeting begins at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

SJC releases briefs

San Jacinto College has released its recent calendar briefs.

Registration now open

Registration is now open for fall 2018 classes that start on Aug. 27. For more information on steps to register, visit the website sanjac.edu/apply-register/overview/registration.

University of Texas at San Antonio recruiter visit

The University of Texas at San Antonio will have a recruiter available to provide transfer and degree program information on Monday, July 30, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the San Jacinto College North campus in the lobby of Building 6.

For more information, contact Carolyn Shoemaker at carolyn.shoemaker@sjcd.edu.

Summer camp

San Jacinto College is winding up the summer by hosting Water-bots Camp July 30 - Aug. 3.

For more information and to sign up, visit sanjac.edu/summer-camps.

Tickets going on sale

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and vocalist Graeme James, who's on his first U.S. tour all the way from New Zealand."

Malone added that Trey McLaughlin and the Sounds of Zamar will present a special performance of gospel music. Alex Preston, a finalist on "American Idol," will also perform. These performances are two highlights of the season. "An expanded season like this would not be possible without a wonderful sponsor like Opus Ocean Grille," Malone said. "Their generosity enables the arts in Clear Lake to continue to thrive."

Longtime Clear Lake fan favorite Mercury will return for a four-concert orchestral series. Bayou Theater will highlight the holidays with thrilling performances by Annie Moses Band, a Juilliard-trained group of six siblings playing the highest caliber of holiday bluegrass selections, and Riders in the Sky, a Grammy Award winning group whose music is known by anyone who has seen "Toy Story 2" or "Monsters, Inc."

"Purchasing tickets ahead of time and taking advantage of season packages are still the most affordable way to enjoy the full season," Malone said.

To purchase season tickets, call 281-283-2065, email bayouththeater@uhcl.edu or visit www.uhcl.edu/bayou-theater.

Jones is 2018 Business Person of the Year

The Future Business Leaders of America and Phi Beta Lambda Business Honor Society recently named Dr. Brenda Jones, San Jacinto College South campus provost, its 2018 Business Person of the Year.

Jones has more than 18 years of service in community college education. Her dedication to student success is evident in the college's recent endeavors and recognitions. As a member of the college's Strategic Leadership Team, Jones assisted in the promotional efforts that helped to pass the college's 2015 bond referendum, allocating \$425 million for building renovations, technology upgrades and new building construction. In 2016, she led the team that secured San Jacinto College's partnership with Baylor University as one of 10 Texas community colleges chosen to be part of their Baylor Bound transfer program. Jones also had a significant impact on the college receiving the 2017 Aspen Institute Rising Star Award as one of the top five community colleges in the nation and its recent consecutive nomination as a top 10 finalist for the 2019 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence.

"It is an honor to be selected as the 2018 Future Business Leaders of America's and Phi Beta Lambda's Business Person of the Year," said Jones. "Our PBL students are some of the brightest, talented leaders in their communities, and their career aspirations as future business leaders are well in the making. Our college has always been champions of PBL and the valuable opportunities it provides for our students."

As an innovative and visionary leader, she has been recognized at the state, national and international levels. From 2011 to June 2018, she has received a number of awards that emphasize her dynamic leadership in higher education. These awards include the 2011 Association of Educational Office Personnel Boss of the Year Award; the 2012 Chair Academy Idahlynn Karre International Exemplary Leader Award for global leadership in higher education; the 2013 San Jacinto College Excellence Award for administration; the 2016 Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction and the Texas regional Hallmark Award; 2017 PTK District IV CEO Hall of Honor inductee; and in June 2018 she was named a PTK Alumni of Distinction.

Each year at its national conference, FBLA-PBL recognizes one outstanding national business leader who has contributed to the success of the community as well as a local, district or state chapter of FBLA-PBL. Eligible award recipients exemplify a career of long term business success; demonstrate a continued commitment to the success of students in the local chapter by serving as a role model and mentor; promote and encourage the development and utilization of innovation, creativity and cutting-edge best practices within their institution and local chapter; and serve as a strong advocate for the continued growth, sustainability and support of the local FBLA-PBL chapter and students.

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Associate degrees hold great value in largest med center

Associate degrees in the health sciences are holding their own in the job market as students choose affordable education pathways for solid paychecks.

Angela Drieling and Brooke Bryant with Alate Health, an interventional radiologic clinic in the Texas Medical Center, each received associate degrees in the health sciences from San Jacinto College. Drieling holds an associate degree in nursing and works as a clinical manager. Bryant graduated with her associate degree

in medical radiography and works as an interventional radiologic technologist.

Since graduating from the college in 2001, Drieling has worked as a nurse for a variety of leading health care providers, including Woman's Hospital of Texas, Kindred Hospital, Memorial Hermann Hospital and Bayshore Medical Center. She has also owned and operated a successful tutoring center that specializes in nursing and the National Council Licensure Examination review.

"I haven't had any prob-

lems getting jobs in this field, and I make good money," said Drieling. The median annual wage for registered nurses in the United States was \$70,000 in 2017, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, with the lowest 10 percent earning less than \$48,690, and the highest 10 percent earning more than \$104,100.

"Honestly, the training I received at San Jacinto College was harder than my bachelor's degree but it was well worth it because I felt prepared for my first nursing job."

Drieling previously earned a bachelor's degree in community health education from Texas A&M University but found it difficult to find a job. She researched local nursing programs and decided to turn to San Jacinto College for her training. The San Jacinto College Associate Degree Nursing program is well known for being one of the region's most rigorous programs to ensure employers receive highly qualified nurses. Graduates of the college's nursing program near or exceed the state and national pass rate standards

for the NCLEX. San Jacinto College currently offers the Associate Degree Nursing program, the Licensed Vocational Nursing program and is currently developing an ADN-to-Bachelor of Science in nursing transition program.

Bryant said it was her clinical rotations in radiography that helped her to network with potential employers.

"Clinicals through the college best prepared me for finding jobs in this field," said Bryant. "They helped me to network with potential employers. I can say every single one of my classmates from my program are working in medical radiography."

The college's medical radiography program is accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology. The college's medical imaging department offers two associate degrees: radiography and sonography; and certificate programs in the advanced imaging modalities of magnetic resonance imaging, mammography and computed tomography. All candidates pursuing the advanced modalities must be registered through the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists in radiography and hold a Medical Radiologic Technologist License from the Texas Medical Board.

For more information about the health sciences programs at San Jacinto College, visit sanjac.edu/program/health-sciences.

Check out a video of Drieling and Bryant at Alate Health in the Texas Medical Center: <https://youtu.be/pP11Bo9kLm>.



Shown above are San Jacinto College graduates, now Alate Health employees, left to right, Angela Drieling, Brooke Bryant and Lauren Moss. Alate Health is located in the Texas Medical Center. Photo by Jeannie Peng Mansyur

Jacobson, Schaefer marry



Jennifer C. Jacobson, M.D. and Stewart L. Schaefer, M.D. were wed April 28, 2018, at 6 p.m. in Gruene, Texas, in the Gruene Estates Chapel. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Emory Gadd of Houston. Following the wedding ceremony the parents of the bride hosted a reception with a seated dinner and dancing.

The parents of the groom hosted a rehearsal dinner at the Gristmill River Restaurant for the wedding party and family. The paternal grandparents of the bride hosted a breakfast for the wedding guests at Rudy's the morning following the wedding.

The bride is the daughter of Paula and Jeff Jacobson and Angela Shifflett Menard and Andy Menard. The maternal grandparents of the bride are Eunice Conn and the late John Conn of Many, La., and Betty and Roy Shifflett of New Braunfels. Barbara and Robert (Bob) Jacobson are the paternal grandparents of the bride. The groom and his parents are longtime residents of the South Belt area.

The groom is the son of Denise and Richard Schaefer of Edmonds, Wash. The maternal grandparents of the groom are Dolores and Arthur Krawchuk of Fenton, Mich. The late Nancy and James Schaefer of Bingham Farms, Mich., are the paternal grandparents of the groom.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father. She wore an Ashley & Justin Bride ivory fit-and-flare gown featuring sheer lace over chiffon with subtle beading throughout and a scalloped V-neckline, cap

sleeves, an illusion back and a cathedral train. She carried a colorful bouquet of hydrangeas, lilies, roses, scabiosas, and wax flowers in coral, peach and periwinkle. The bouquet housed a string of pearls from her paternal grandmother and a pendant necklace from the bride's paternal great-great-grandmother. The bride's attendants wore full-length crepe gowns in periwinkle blue with individual silhouettes. The groom wore a light gray notch lapel tuxedo with a floral periwinkle and coral bow tie. His attendants wore matching tuxedos with periwinkle polka dot bow ties.

Jennifer received her medical degree from the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio. Upon graduation she completed her psychiatry residency at the University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School. She received her fellowship training from the University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.

Stewart received his medical degree from the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio. During medical school, he was a member of the prestigious Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society. He completed his internal medicine residency training at the University of Washington. Upon graduating from residency, he received a faculty position in Hospital Medicine at Dell Seton Medical Center in Austin.

The happy couple would like to thank all the friends and family for traveling so far to be a part of this very special time in their lives. The couple is making their home in Austin.

Board approves CCISD committee recommendations

The Clear Creek Independent School District Board of Trustees has unanimously approved a set of recommen-

dations outlined by the District's School Safety Committee during its regular July 23, 2018 meeting.

The approved recommendations address facilities, security personnel, student mental wellness, security training and

protocols, policies and procedures, and communications in an effort to improve overall safety for students and staff.

"The real way to prevent school violence is through people, prevention and communication," stated Board President Page Rander. "The committee was bold in pushing forward their recommendation in supporting 30 additional full-time employees whom will both be officers and counselors, as well as wanting to explore adding more staff to address the social and emotional needs of children."

After meeting for several weeks throughout June and July, the committee reviewed current safety measures and developed a list of recommendations for board approval.

Prior to making a final recommendation to the school board, the committee considered community feedback during a public meeting on July 16. Visit http://www.ccisd.net/UserFiles/Servers/Server_645402/File/BoardApprovedRecommendations.pdf to view the full list of the committee's final approved recommendations.

Accordingly, several updates to the district's dress code policy will go into effect for the 2018-2019 school year. The following dress code updates reflect the committee's final recommendations related to prevention through policy:

- During normal school hours, secondary students shall be required to wear identification badges.
- Inappropriate shoes includes, but is not limited to, shower shoes, house slippers, and "heclies" (roller shoes).
- Any head coverings (including but not limited to hats, caps and hoodies) are not allowed on campus during school hours.
- Trench coats or oversized jackets are not allowed on campus during school hours.

For more information about campus-specific dress code policies, visit one's campus website.

Vazquez describes Ackerman as outstanding

Edna Edysa Vazquez (left), one of Pasadena Memorial High School's Shining Stars, is shown with distinguished educator Kevin Ackerman, 12th-grade advanced placement calculus instructor at Pasadena Memorial High School.

Vazquez's volunteer work includes helping with the Pasadena Independent School District Rugged Race, Rotary Books for the World, Milstead Middle School; Family Fitness nights, Crenshaw Park cleanup and the Lions Club of Pasadena Chili Dinner.

For future plans, Vazquez plans to attend the University of Houston and pursue a bachelor's degree in business administration, either in finance or entrepreneurship. She also plans to minor in mathematics. As for a career, she hopes to someday work in the health care industry as a hospital administrator. Her ultimate goal is to someday have obtained enough knowledge, experience and confidence in her own abilities to be able to establish and successfully operate her own medical facility.

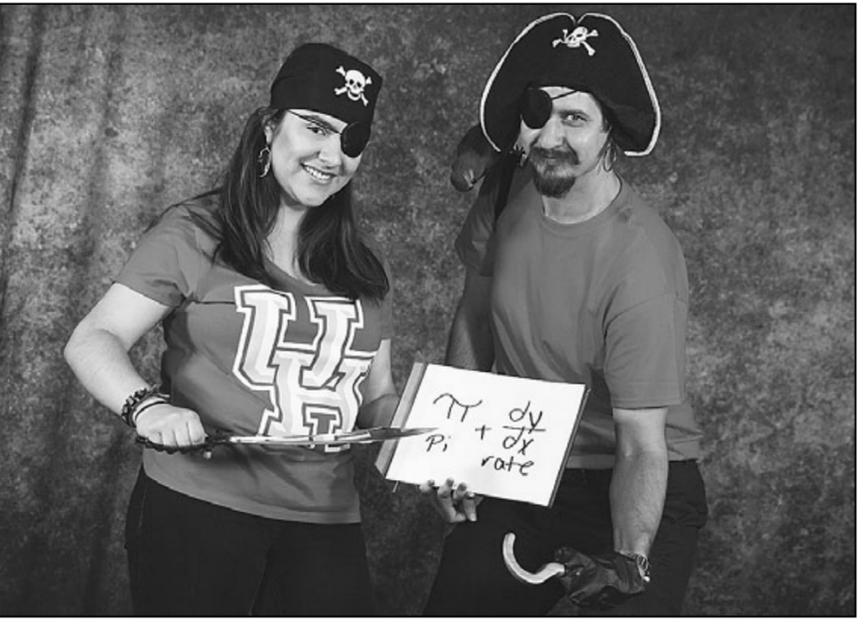
As for Ackerman, Vazquez said, "Through witty jokes

and funny stories, Mr. Ackerman manages to facilitate our understanding of calculus, making it truly captivating and intelligible. Not only is he a paragon of teaching, Mr. Ackerman is an outstanding person who establishes and maintains a genuine connection with his students, going far beyond a teacher's responsibilities of simply educating. He confidently believes in my abilities and aspirations, always encouraging me to push beyond my limits, for although as math people we're inherently lazy and failure is daunting, we mustn't hesitate to take a chance when presented with one, but rather always keep striving for success."

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

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

The Leader is also running the Shining Stars from Dobie, Lewis Career and Technical and South Houston high schools.



Scammers using spoofed FBI, U.S. Marshal phone numbers to fool victims to collect fines

The FBI Houston Division is warning the public about a phone scam that spoofs, or fraudulently displays, the real telephone numbers of the offices of the FBI or the U.S. Marshal on the victim's caller ID.

The scam involves individuals claiming to be FBI agents, U.S. marshals, court officers, or other law enforcement officials, attempting to collect a fine in lieu of arrest for failing to report for jury

duty or other offenses. The scammers tell the victims they can avoid arrest by purchasing a prepaid debit card or gift card and read the card number over the phone to supposedly satisfy the fine.

Scammers use many tactics to sound credible. They sometimes provide information like badge numbers, names of actual law enforcement officials and federal judges, and courthouse ad-

resses. They may also spoof their phone numbers to appear on caller ID as if they are calling from a government agency.

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South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce banquet honors Hurricane Harvey Heroes



Shown above are the board members of the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce being sworn in by Gov. Greg Abbott (front, left), left to right, Marie Flickinger, the Rev. Emory Gadd, Rebecca Lilley, David Matthews, Kristi Koncaba, Cynthia Hawk, Rosanne Kerr, Alyta Harrell, Noble Alix Jr., Chris Clark, Kenny Fernandez and Terry Felton.



Shown with Gov. Greg Abbott (front, center) are, left to right, (front row) Kathy Bailey; Fred Roberts, Pasadena Independent School District board member; and Kenny Fernandez, PISD board member. (back row), Jack Bailey, PISD board member; Marshall Kendrick, PISD board member; and Dennie Kendrick; (back row), Jack Bailey, PISD board member; Marshall Kendrick, PISD board member; and Kenny Fernandez, PISD board member.

All photos on this page were taken by Bruce Summers



Shown above with Gov. Greg Abbott (front, center) are, left to right, (front row) Chuck Tylka, Jim Bishop, Dean Baier, Jim Towey, (back row) Pat Bishop, David Flickinger, Mary Clark and Chris Clark.



Shown above with Gov. Greg Abbott (front, center) are, left to right, (front row) Council Member Rae Sinor and Harris County Tax Assessor Ann Harris Bennett, (back row) Rep. Dennis Paul, Rep. Ed Thompson, Rep. Greg Bonnen, Constable Phil Sandlin, Pasadena Mayor Jeff Wagner, Constable Chris Diaz and U.S. Rep. Pete Olson.



Shown above with Gov. Greg Abbott (front, center) are, left to right, (front row) Marie Flickinger, San Jacinto College board chair; Dr. Brenda Hellyer, SJC chancellor; (back row) Larry Wilson, SJC board member; Dr. Ruede Wheeler, SJC board member; Keith Sinor, SJC board member; and John Moon Jr., SJC board member.



Shown above is an overview of the crowd that attended the chamber banquet. There were more than 420 guests who attended the event with the governor. The venue was the Lone Star Flight Museum hanger which featured early-model airplanes.

Comment from the publisher

The South Belt-Ellington Leader and the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce want to thank all those involved with our South Belt Harvey Heroes banquet featuring Gov. Greg Abbott, Congressman Pete Olson, County Commissioner Rodney Ellis, state Sen. Larry Taylor, state Rep. Dennis Paul and city councilmen Dwight Boykins and Dave Martin. These elected officials took time from their busy schedules to honor our Harvey Heroes. We also appreciate all those in attendance and especially thank our committee members who worked so hard on this neat event. It was a fantastic time. Thanks to all!

Marie Flickinger, publisher



Shown above with Dr. Mary Campbell-Fox (left) receiving her award are, left to right, Dwight Boykins, council member; Jessica Beemer, chief of staff with Dave Martin's office; Dave Martin, council member; and Gov. Greg Abbott.



Shown above are Kenzie Fernandez (left) with her father Kenny Fernandez. The duo are searching the names on the wall listing Hurricane Harvey heroes.

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H.S. football, volleyball report dates set

Brook's Stromeyer takes Alvin soccer

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Dr. Angel Román

Monday, Aug. 6. It's kind of a big day around these parts, and across the state of Texas for that matter.

What is it with Aug. 6, seemingly just another in a long line of hot, steamy days in Texas?

It's none other than official report day for Texas high school football programs like Clear Brook and Dobie.

At Dobie, the Kevin Berneathy era began months ago, but the first-year varsity football head coach will finally have the chance to lead the Longhorns onto the field.

On Aug. 6, incoming freshmen will report at 8 a.m., with proceedings going on until noon.

Fast forward to 3 p.m. then, when all 10th through senior-class players will report for training that will run until 7:30 p.m.

There are additional key dates for both Dobie football parents and players to bear in mind.

Berneathy and his staff will host a mandatory parent orientation event

Thursday, Aug. 2, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. No players are

permitted to attend. Players will thus attend a mandatory player orientation

Friday, Aug. 3. Incoming freshmen will meet from 9 to 10:30 a.m., with all other subvarsity players required to attend from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

At Clear Brook, first-year varsity football head coach Lupe Florez and his staff are ready to get things going with the Wolverines.

The program's mandatory parent/player meeting is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 4, beginning at 9 a.m. in the school's auditorium.

Looking ahead to Aug. 6, Clear Brook incoming freshmen players will report for workouts beginning at 6 a.m., running through 7:30 a.m.

Florez and his staff will then welcome all 10th-grade through senior players at 3 p.m.

Across the state, pre-season workouts will be performed in shorts and T-shirts through Aug. 8, with teams eligible to don pads beginning Aug. 9.

As for those pre-season volleyball workouts, Dobie head coach Dawn Sexton will get her players on the court Wednesday, Aug. 1, beginning at 7 a.m.

At Clear Brook, head coach Meredith Thompson will begin pre-season workouts Aug. 1, at 8 a.m.

Dobie will attend a scrimmage Thursday, Aug. 3, at Clear Brook High School, at noon.

On Aug. 4, Dobie will host a 9 a.m. scrimmage that will include three other schools. Meanwhile, Brook will scrimmage at Clear Falls at 9 a.m.

The Lady Longhorns will open the season Tuesday, Aug. 7, at Elkins. Matches begin at 4 p.m.

Clear Brook is at Cy-Fair ISD's Bridgeland High School.

Varsity play is set to begin at 1 p.m.

Stromeyer has resigned his position at the school and has agreed to the same role at Alvin High School.

Stromeyer, a 1995 Clear Brook High School graduate, played soccer for the Wolverines under longtime head coach Rick Sickmiller.

He was then the program's assistant coach for two seasons before spending the past eight campaigns in the lead role.

The position at Alvin
Continued on Page 2B

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Brook's Miles back overseas



Clear Brook High School graduate Anthony Miles, now 30, is keeping the dream alive, having signed to continue his professional basketball career for the 2018 season with the Cagliari Dinamo Academy, part of the Itali Serie 2 league. After graduating from Clear Brook in 2008, Miles started 105 of 126 career games at Lamar University but went undrafted in the 2012 NBA draft. Subsequently, Miles has enjoyed a fine playing career overseas. A season ago, he averaged 19.4 points per game for Givova Scafati of the Serie 2 Basketball League. See more about Miles on Page 2B.



Dobie Class of 2017 graduate Jeremy Green enjoyed a standout freshman season at Ecclesia College, a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics program in Springdale, Ark. Now, he's ready to resume his baseball career in 2018-2019 at Dakota State University in Madison, S.D.

Dakota State inks Dobie's Green

By John Bechtle Sports Editor

Longtime South Belt area resident and Class of 2017 Dobie High School graduate Jeremy Green is headed to South Dakota later this summer to continue his collegiate baseball career, and he doesn't care how cold it may get.

Green, a three-year letterman at Dobie, has already experienced his share of cool temperatures

on the baseball field, having excelled during his freshman season at Ecclesia College, a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics program in Springdale, Ark.

There, Green was named to Natural State Baseball's All-Arkansas Collegiate Baseball Team, a collection of standout players at each of the state's various baseball levels.

Playing primarily in right field for the Royals, Continued on Page 2B

Area girls' softball sets fall ball sign-up

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

Players age 4 through 16 as of Aug. 1, 2018, are eligible to compete in the league. Early registration is going on now through July 31, at \$70 per player. Regular registration is Aug. 1 through Aug. 15, at \$75 per player.

There are no fundraiser fees, and additional sibling discounts are available. Visit www.southbeltsoftball.com for registration details.

For questions about the registration process, leave questions on the league's Facebook page at South Belt Girls Softball Association. League officials regularly monitor the page and will answer quickly.

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Clear Brook hoops scoring legend Miles headed back to Italy

Anthony Miles left the Clear Brook varsity boys' basketball program as its all-time leading scorer following a tremendous three-year career in which he collected nearly 2,000 points from 2006 to 2008.

Following a standout career at Lamar University in which he started 105 of 126 possible games and helped the team to an NCAA tournament appearance, Miles vowed to play the sport as long as he could. Today, he still is.

It hasn't always been easy. Considered a bit small (6'1") for a traditional shooting guard role in the NBA, Miles went undrafted in 2012 and has since carved out a fine six-year career overseas.

As he prepares to leave for Italy to play for Casilari Dinamo Academy next month, Miles spoke to the *Leader* about his pro career.

"I'm still living the basketball dream and providing for my family," he said.

"As long as I can do that, and I do have a terrific support system in place, then I'm going to keep playing as long as I can."

Miles' hoops journey has taken him to various spots across the world, including Ukraine, Poland,

Italy and more.

His travels have been made easier by the accompaniment of his family, including his wife, Nicole, and the couple's children Damon and Anthony.

"It hasn't always been easy for them to adapt, but they have always been there to support me and be by my side," Miles said.

"There are language barriers, the different cultures and other challenges. Living overseas comes with its share of ups and downs, but my family has adjusted well to most of it. With that said, it has allowed me to go out and just play basketball.

"As the kids have gotten older, I've always given them the chance to stay home and be with their friends or classmates, but they've chosen to travel with me.

"They've picked up little pieces of culture and things of that nature from each stop, so hopefully that will give them some great memories when this is all said and done."

For American-born players, a basketball career played overseas doesn't provide a ton of financial security, at least long term.

Like Dobie graduate old girls for cheerleaders. For more information or to speak with a team official, leave a message on the team's Facebook page at Southbelt Dolphins Youth Football Club.

Karima Christmas, who has played extensively overseas as well as in the WNBA, Miles has primarily played under one-year contracts during his previous five years abroad.

He's had a couple of two-year offers, but sometimes the one-year commitment is good for both player and club.

"A season will usually last about 10 months," Miles said.

"Sometimes you are up in the air for a month or two while your agent figures out where you fit next, but it's worked out for me.

There's also the concern of if the contract will be paid on time, and my time in Italy has been great.

"I don't always know where I'll be playing, but I've been blessed in that my body has held up well with the exception of minor issues.

"Like I said, as long as I can continue to provide well for my family, I'll keep playing. We all know this doesn't last forever."

Through it all, just as

At right, Anthony Miles (1) drives between a pair of defenders in a game overseas a season ago. Miles, a 2008 Clear Brook High School graduate and once the leading scorer in program history, has now played five seasons professionally overseas. Earlier this month, Miles agreed to a one-year contract that will have him playing for Casilari Dinamo Academy, also in Italy. A prolific scorer at Clear Brook, Miles, now 28, has also relied on his shooting and scoring ability to keep his career alive.

Courtesy photo

he did at Clear Brook, Miles has focused on scoring the basketball. Teammates and coaches tend to change by the season, yet Miles just keeps shooting.

While he has since been surpassed by current University of Texas-Arlington freshman David Azore as Clear Brook's leading scorer, Miles has carved out a nice career professionally.

A kinesiology major at Lamar, Miles said the coaching profession likely beckons in the future. He joked that one day he

might like to lead the varsity boys' basketball program at Clear Brook.

For now, though, Miles is busy keeping his hoops dreams alive.

In his first professional season, Miles played for Rotterdam Basketball College, leading the Dutch league in scoring at 18.8 points per game.

Last season, his fifth in the pro ranks, Miles averaged 19.4 points per game for Givova Scafati of the Serie 2 basketball league.

The following is a release delivered by those

associated with the Casilari Dinamo Academy after Miles was signed earlier this month.

"Cagliari Dinamo Academy is pleased to announce that it has reached an agreement with the player American Anthony Miles, born in 1989 in New Orleans on December 15th (185 cm by 75 kg), talented play-guard who will bring points and experience to the young rossoblu group.

"Trained in Texas at Lamar University, in the senior year he produces

14.5 points a match, in addition to 4.1 assists and 4.6 rebounds, signed his first professional contract in the Netherlands with the Rotterdam Challengers, where he confirms the excellent references of the college and concludes the season by top scorer of the league with an average of 18.8 points per game.

"With the career continues European Championship in Ukraine, Poland where he is the second absolute scorer in the championship, Romania in the ranks of Rovinari Ener-

gia Targu where he made his debut in Fiba Cup and then in Latvia where he takes part in the national championship and the prestigious VTB League competition with the VEF Riga shirt.

"In 2017 he arrives in Italy, at Scafati, and in the jersey Givova plays nine games reporting 19.4 points and 4.9 rebounds of average.

"Anthony Miles is a player with great performance skills, shooting from beyond the three points is one of its main

weapons. He loves to push the ball and ride the transition phases, situations in which he can show off his excellent running qualities and finalizer.

"Capable of involving the companions, has always shown good attitude in putting themselves at the service of the team. In defense he is very competitive, he is quick to play on passing lines ready to fly on the break.

"His marked athletic skills make him an excellent rebounder despite his role."



Southbelt Dolphins FB club has player, drill, cheer spots

The Southbelt Dolphins of the Bay Area Football League has openings for 9- and 10-year-old football players as well as 5-to-7-year-old girls as team mascots and 8-to-13-year-

old girls for cheerleaders. For more information or to speak with a team official, leave a message on the team's Facebook page at Southbelt Dolphins Youth Football Club.

Sports Calendar

TENNIS

Wednesday, Aug. 1

Dobie varsity team practice, Dobie, 6:00

Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 6-7

Dobie varsity team practice, Dobie, 6:00

Wednesday, Aug. 8

Dobie varsity team practice, Dobie, 8 a.m.

Thursday, Aug. 9

Dobie varsity at Pearland Dawson, 9 a.m.

Friday, Aug. 10

Dobie varsity at Friendswood, 6:00

Saturday, Aug. 11

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

Tuesday, Aug. 14

Dobie varsity at Katy, 3:00

VOLLEYBALL

Wednesday, Aug. 1

Dobie volleyball opening workouts, 7 a.m.

Brook opening workouts, 8 a.m.

Friday, Aug. 3

Dobie all levels at Clear Brook scrimmage, noon

Dobie all levels at Brook scrimmage, noon

Saturday, Aug. 4

Dobie all levels host tri-scrimmage, 9 a.m.

Brook all levels at Clear Falls scrimmage, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 7

Brook varsity at Cy-Fair Bridgeland, 1:00

Dobie varsity at Elkins, 6:00

Brook JV at Cy-Fair Bridgeland, noon

Dobie JV at Elkins, 5:00

Brook freshman A at Cy-Fair Bridgeland, noon

Dobie freshman A at Elkins, 4:00

Brook freshman B at Cy-Fair Bridgeland, 1:00

Thursday, Aug. 9

Brook varsity at Pearland Adidas Classic, TBA

Dobie JV at Rayburn tourn., TBA

Friday, Aug. 10

Dobie varsity hosts Alvin, 6:00

Brook varsity at Pearland Adidas Classic, TBA

Dobie JV hosts Alvin, 5:00

Dobie freshman A hosts Alvin, 4:00

Dobie freshman B hosts Alvin, 4:00

Saturday, Aug. 11

Brook varsity at Pearland Adidas Classic, TBA

Brook freshman B at Dobie tourn., TBA

Tuesday, Aug. 14

Brook varsity hosts Houston Memorial, 5:30

Dobie varsity at Baytown Sterling, 6:30

Dobie JV at Baytown Sterling, 5:30

Brook JV hosts Houston Memorial, 4:30

Dobie freshman A at Baytown Sterling, 4:30

Brook freshman A hosts Houston Memorial, 4:30

Brook freshman B hosts Houston Memorial, 5:30

Dobie grad Green to continue baseball at Dakota State

Continued from Page 1B Green hit .354 for the season with four doubles, three triples, three home runs and 50 runs batted in.

Ecclesia had a great season, yet finished one victory away from gaining an automatic NAIA World Series bid. A possible at-large berth did not come Ecclesia's way despite the team being ranked as high as No. 10 during the season.

All things considered, Green very possibly would have remained at

Ecclesia. That was until Royals' head coach Derion Hardy was named the assistant head coach and recruiting coordinator at Dakota State last month.

Hardy wanted Green to come with him to Dakota State, and the chance to return to his familiar position of catcher sealed the deal.

"I've been told to bring a heavy coat with me," Green said of the cooler conditions that usually welcome players for a good portion of the base-

ball season.

"But I got used to the cold in Arkansas. It can get chilly there, too, so I'll be ready.

"Being able to catch is something I have wanted to do. Obviously, you get a better view of the game back there, and I think you really get a great feel for the game pitch by pitch."

Dakota State is also an NAIA program, and while the team struggled its way to just five wins this season after an 0-19 start, Green is confident he can be of assistance.

A college baseball sea-

son runs up to nine months per year, including fall baseball and workouts. Green said the ability to take care of one's body and prepare for the daily grind is also key to succeeding collegiately.

Then, there is the small detail of producing when you go to the plate.

"At the plate, you're just looking for a pitch to put a good swing on," he said. "In high school, if a guy has a good fastball, that is all you're going to see.

"At this level, you see more pitch sequences and

a lot more pitches on the edges. Again, you're just looking to put a good swing on the ball. I did that consistently last season, so I'm looking forward to keeping that going."

Academically, Green began studies in sports management but said he plans to make the switch to kinesiology at Dakota State.

Clearly, Green one day has his eyes on becoming a coach post-graduation.

"That's the idea," Green said. "I would love to be a coach one day. Right now,

I'm focused on playing baseball and getting my education."

So add Green to this list of players competing collegiately at the moment. That list includes but is not limited to Green, Tyler Myers (headed to University of Mississippi), Euro Diaz (Angelina) and others from the 2018 team.

"The important thing is to be able to play baseball and to get your education paid for," said Green, who is getting the vast majority of his educational expenses covered at Dakota State.

"I had a good first year, and I just want to keep things going," Green said.

"I got that first chance at Ecclesia with the help of coach Hardie, and now I'm moving on to Dakota State (where Geoff Schaab is the head coach).

"I've played baseball for the majority of my life, and to have the chance to continue playing is great.

"It may be South Dakota, but that doesn't bother me. It's about baseball. I just want to compete the best I can and give myself a chance to be in the lineup every day."

Alvin boys' soccer hires Stromeyer

Continued from Page 1B was opened when then head coach Shawn Ruby was named an administrator at Alvin Junior High.

According to Stromeyer, he was Ruby's top choice to assume the controls of an Alvin program that won the District 24-6A championship earlier this year.

Stromeyer interviewed with Alvin High School principal Dr. Johnny Briseno and also spoke with AISD Athletic Director Mike Bass, who phoned shortly thereafter to offer Stromeyer the job.

"It's an opportunity that I could not pass up," Stromeyer said. "It's simply a great time for me to make this move for myself and my family. Knowing that I was basically hand-picked for the job and had been on their radar for about three years is a great feeling."

The growth seen in Alvin these days doesn't hurt. The school district has plans to open a fourth high school within two years or so, and additional elementary and middle schools coming figure to boost the athletic programs at each of the district's high schools.

Stromeyer will also be able to assume Ruby's role in the special education department at AHS, which was his field of responsi-

bility at Clear Brook.

The decision to leave Clear Brook was clearly not easy for Stromeyer, but the fact that his wife, Alta, also teaches in Alvin ISD factored into the family's choice.

He also spoke to Sickmiller about his decision. It was Sickmiller, now retired, who gave Stromeyer his first coaching opportunity at Clear Brook.

Subsequently, Sickmiller recommended that it be Stromeyer who replaced him at Clear Brook. "Rick is the first nonfamily member I called after I took the job at Alvin," Stromeyer said.

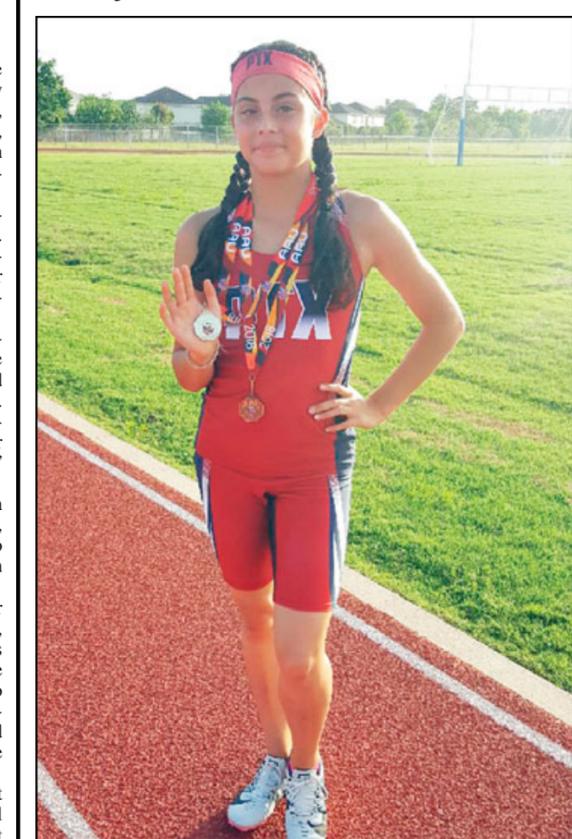
"He has always been like a second father to me, and I wanted to be able to share this opportunity with him."

Of his time at Clear Brook, Stromeyer said, "The one thing that always stands out is seeing some of the players go on to play at the next level collegiately. I believe we had 10 of them during my time there.

"That, and the fact that so many of these guys still contact me to tell me about their lives and some of the things they've achieved after high school.

"The wins are great of course, but it's always about building relationships that will last a lifetime."

Lady Bears' track star Sanchez competing at AAU JOs



Beverly Hills Intermediate incoming eighth-grader Mia Sanchez is competing at the 2018 Amateur Athletic Union's Junior Olympics in Des Moines, Iowa, having qualified for several events while representing the Pearland Track Xpress. In addition to the 800-meter run, Sanchez will join teammates in both the 4x400-meter and the 4x800-meter relays. This spring as a seventh-grade student at Beverly Hills, Sanchez had a breakout



debut season as she won the Pasadena ISD championship in the 200-meter dash and helped her Lady Bear teammates to strong finishes in the 4x100- and 4x200-meter relays. Following the season, Sanchez was named the Lady Bears' Most Valuable Competitor. The AAU national event runs through Aug. 4 at Drake University.

Submitted photos

Sports camps, news, notes

Thompson sets summer camp series

The Thompson Intermediate coaching staff still has some camps and fitness activities aimed at keeping first-year and returning Lion athletes active as the fall sports season nears. Parents must provide medical insurance coverage as the Pasadena ISD does not do so for these types of events.

Volleyball Camp – The Lady Lions' July 31-Aug. 3 volleyball camp for girls will include training in all phases of the game, including offensive and defensive alignments, conditioning, passing, hitting, serving, blocking, etc. Registration is \$25 cash only per student. Camp hours are 9 to 11 a.m.

Football Camp – The Lions' July 30-Aug. 2 football camp will include strength training as well as drills in all phases of the game, including passing, receiving, ball carrying, tackling, defensive secondary work and more. Registration is \$25 cash only per student. Camp hours are 9 to 11 a.m.

Equipment pickup date Aug. 10 – All football players, including incoming seventh-grade students, will pick up their football practice gear and pay a one-time \$65 participation fee. All volleyball players, including incoming seventh-grade students, will pick up their practice gear and pay a one-time \$45 participation fee. Eighth-grade pickup time is 10 a.m. to noon, with seventh-grade pickup time to follow from 1 to 3 p.m.

Pasadena ISD offers football season tickets

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

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

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

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

Robinson Fastpitch softball camp

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

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

Players entering the seventh through 12th grades as of the 2018-2019 school year are eligible to attend. To register for the camp, visit www.mcdonaldclinics.com. For more information, direct email to camp director and Dobie High School graduate Iver McDonald Robinson at ivermac18@gmail.com.

SB youth soccer club hosts fall sign-up

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

Ex-Brook hoops coach Thompson to Pasadena

Former Clear Brook varsity boys' basketball head coach Christian Thompson has joined the boys' hoops staff at Pasadena High School.

SBGSA 8-under Kryptonite takes second at Sugar Land softball



The South Belt Girls Softball Association's 8-under Kryptonite squad excelled at the Hope for Our Heroes Tournament, hosted by the Texas Inferno in Sugar Land July 21. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Emma Parker, Gabby Ramirez, Katie Salinas, Destiny Sidiropoulos,

Madison Villatoro, (middle row) Izelliah Williams, Cecilia Velasquez, Alyssa Arredondo, Sasha Cepeda, Gisselle Morales, Addisyn Castorena, Alayna Rodriguez, (back row) coaches Alex Lacamu, Justin Parker and Jay Rodriguez. Submitted photo

Coyotes' Saenz announces 2018-2019 softball roster



As she enters her 16th season at San Jacinto College during 2018-2019, Kelly Saenz has reloaded the college's softball roster, intent on getting things back on track after a 23-32 run in 2017-2018. Nine sophomores are currently slated to return, including Dobie High School graduates Michelle Kristoff and catcher Allison Bravo. Kristoff led the team in wins as a freshman, and Bravo was an all-conference second-team pick, hitting well above .300.

San Jacinto College Softball 2018-2019 Preseason Roster

Player	Pos.	Class	Hometown
Arya Ayala	IF	Fr.	Corpus Christi
Allison Bravo	C	Soph.	Dobie
Daliah Bravo	UT	Fr.	Spring
Morgan Childs	IF	Fr.	Santa Fe
Madelyn Daniel	C	Soph.	Nederland
Vanessa Flores	UT	Fr.	Houston
Lacey Gabaldon	UT	Soph.	Cypress Ranch
Dominique Garcia	P	Soph.	Pas. Memorial
Victoria Garcia	OF	Fr.	Katy
Denisse Gracia	P	Soph.	GC Memorial
Lillie Grotenhuis	OF	Fr.	Humble
Kirstin Hanson	UT	Fr.	Sweeney
Gigi Hernandez	OF	Soph.	C.C. Carroll
Michelle Kristoff	P	Soph.	Dobie
Samantha Martinez	IF	Soph.	Texas City
Amber Rambert	IF	Fr.	League City
Ariana Saenz	IF	Fr.	Mont Belvieu
Meagan Smith	P	Fr.	Ingleside
Madelyn Tannery	P	Fr.	Conroe
Ashley Tran	IF	Soph.	Klein Oak
Gabby Vasquez	OF	Fr.	Spring
Marissa Vasquez	P	Fr.	Dickinson

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JULY 26

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – Imperfect Nooners Group meets at noon at 2245 N. Main in Pearland. For more information, call 713-856-1611, or drop by to attend the meeting.

Kirkwood Civic Association meets at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd. For more information, call Ericka McCrutchon at 281-989-9990.

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

FRIDAY, JULY 27

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

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

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Noon

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

6:30 p.m.

Bay Area Genealogical Society – Meets monthly, the last Friday, at University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook Dr., Clear Lake. Coffee and socializing prior to 7 p.m. meeting. No meeting in November/December. For more information, visit www.TxBayAreaGen.org.

7 p.m.

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

8 p.m.

Serenity Now Al-Anon Group – meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 8 to 9 p.m., located at 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers or addicts share, learn about Al-Anon principles, discover that they are not alone, and learn about choices available to them. For more information, call 281-484-9243.

SATURDAY, JULY 28

7:30 a.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous – "Breakfast with Bill", Saturdays, 7:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. For more information, call 281-487-8787, or drop in.

10 a.m.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.

11 a.m.

StartSchoolLater.net (SSL) Houston Chapter – informational meeting about the link of teen sleep deprivation to depression and low academic performance.

The public is welcome to attend. The meeting is at 11 a.m. on the fourth Saturday at the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. For more information, call 281-229-1409. RSVP is requested for meeting attendance.

11 a.m.

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

1 p.m.

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

8 p.m.

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

SUNDAY, JULY 29

1 p.m.

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

2 p.m.

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

5:30 p.m.

Celebrate Recovery – A faith-based 12-Step Program, Sundays, 5:30 p.m., in the Chapel at Life Church, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for more information

or to RSVP for child care.

7 p.m.

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

8 p.m.

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

MONDAY, JULY 30

10 a.m.

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

10 a.m.

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

11:30 a.m.

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

Noon

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

3:15 p.m.

Houston Area Parkinson Society – Free exercise and speech therapy for adults with Parkinson's 3:15 to 4:45 p.m., Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for details.

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MONDAY, JULY 30

Scrabble Club #511 - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Come, improve crossword playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for details.
Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting - Mondays at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland. Enter door closest to recycling bins. For details, call 713-865-3668 or visit www.oahouston.org. 7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For information, call 713-856-1611. 7:30 p.m.
Congregation Shaar Hashalom - Israeli Folk Dancing on Monday, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., 16020 El Camino Real, 77062. \$4/session or \$35/10 sessions for CSH members and \$5/session or \$45/10 session for nonmembers. Everyone is welcome. For details, contact 281-488-5861 or csh@shaarhashalom.org.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Education Bldg., 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For details, call Russell at 832-483-6715.

TUESDAY, JULY 31

AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in. 9:30 a.m.
Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For details, call 713-472-0565. 10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details. Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch is \$15. Variety of interesting speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or visit nalix@texascitizensbank.com. 1 - 2 p.m.

Free dance lessons - taught by Lewis and Betty Whistler (35 years experience teaching dance) at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E League City Parkway, on Tuesdays from 1 to 2 p.m. Bringing a partner is helpful but is not required. All ages are welcome. Each month, features a different focus. In July, basic Cha-Cha lessons are taught. For questions about this class or other lessons they teach, call Betty at 832-517-5833. For questions about League City's activity card requirements, call the park office at 281-554-1180. League City Parks Dept. requires an activity card for all participation of activities. Seniors (age 55 and older) get a free "full activity card." Nonresident seniors pay \$25 a year for this full activity card. If under age 55, there is a "special limited to ballroom activity card" (residents pay \$25/year, nonresidents pay \$37.50) to enjoy "daytime" ballroom activities. 1:30 p.m.
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - #1530 meets at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd., 1:30 p.m. For information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713. 2 p.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class - Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details or classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at dr glandorf@sbcglobal.net or call 281-488-6318. 7 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For information, call 713-856-1611.
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1
7 a.m.

AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in. 9:30 a.m.
Carmelites - a nondenominational senior citizen social group that meets at 15500 El Camino Real in Clear Lake on the first and third Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. for a time filled with fun, fellowship, lending library, coffee and bingo. The meetings are open to anyone age 50 or older and there are no dues. Day trips and extended trips are available. Deposits may be taken on the Nashville Show trip (Nov. 25 - Dec. 1) and the Classic Danube River Cruise with Oberammergau Passion Play (June 7 - 16, 2020.) Plan ahead to join the trips. For details, call Marilyn at 713-947-2388. 10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details. 11:30 a.m.
Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club - meets monthly, first and third Wednesday, Golden Corral, 4021 Spencer Hwy., Pasadena. For details, call Monica Montoya at 281-794-5531.

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Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611. 1 p.m.
Hometown Heroes Park - has free Hump Day Dance to practice ballroom dance (not lessons) 1 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. League City nonresidents must purchase activity card (see Tuesday 12:30 p.m. dance for details). Help is available to assist learning dance moves. For details, call Neva Schroder at 417-838-2204. 7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For information, call 713-856-1611.
Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention - Call 281-286-2525 (24-hour crisis hotline) for confidential domestic violence/sexual abuse support group for women. Visit www.bayareaturningpoint.org for information. 8 p.m.
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Pounds on Grand Canyon ledge



Shown above is Kori Pounds hanging on to a rock in the Grand Canyon. Pounds visited the canyon during a family vacation to Flagstaff, Ariz., June 5-9. A local tour guide instructed Pounds how to set the pose to appear as if she were falling off a canyon cliff.

Cousins explore Costa Rica



Shown above are cousins Alyssa Perez (left) and Rebecca Ortiz. Perez, a recent graduate of Dobie High School, was gifted a graduation trip to Costa Rica from her parents. Her family has lived in South Belt for 21 years. Perez invited her cousin to join her for a week of fun. Shown above, the cousins get ready for a zip lining excursion. Shown below, Ortiz (left) and Perez were able to do some hiking and bird-watching.



Shown above, Perez (left) and Ortiz enjoy the scenery of a waterfall. The cousins also went horseback riding and white-water rafting.

Solis family visits Costa Rica



Longtime South Belt residents, the Solis family took a vacation to Costa Rica. Shown above are, left to right, Nelly Solis, Oscar Solis and Eric Solis. Shown below, Eric plays around with a lifelike crocodile in the pool.



Shown above, Eric, a seventh-grader at Beverly Hills Intermediate, was able to experience La Fortuna waterfall close to the Arenal Volcano in Costa Rica. The family also saw monkeys, toucans and sloths.

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