

Schlitterbahn tickets for pics

The *Leader* is seeking readers' 2015 vacation photos for possible publication. A first- and second-place prize of Schlitterbahn tickets will be awarded monthly during June, July and August to the best submissions. Each month's first-place winner will be awarded eight tickets, while each month's second-place winner will be awarded six.

All submissions should include where and when the photo was taken, as well as identify each person in the picture and tell the story about the trip. All photos must be high resolution. Email photos to mynews@southbeltleader.com. Do not compress photos when emailing.

St. Luke's Youth BBQ Sale

The St. Luke's Youth Ministry will have a barbecue sale at St. Luke's Catholic Church, 11011 Hall, Saturday, June 13, from noon until 7 p.m. in the parking lot along Hall Road and on Sunday, June 14, after all of the Masses in the social hall. The youth will sell a chopped beef sandwich, chips and a drink for \$7. Proceeds from this sale will go toward the youth summer retreats. For more information, or to donate contact CJ McCarren in the Office of Youth Ministry at 281-481-4735.

Diaz hosts shredding event

Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Chris Diaz will host a free document shredding event Wednesday, June 17, at 101 S. Richey in Pasadena, from 3 to 7 p.m. The second annual Scam Jam is aimed at combating identity theft, which has become one of the costliest crimes in the nation. Residents may safely dispose of outdated personal and financial documents in an on-site mobile shredder. Light refreshments will be served. Attendees are urged to RSVP to Cindy Vara-Leija at 713-477-2766.

Genealogy group meets

The Parker Williams Genealogy Group will meet June 15, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the library at Scarsdale and Beamer. This group meets the first and third Mondays to discuss genealogy research. Meetings are free and open to anyone interested in tracing family history.

NARFE meets June 16

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Gulf Freeway Chapter 941 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. at the El Franco Lee Senior Community Center, 9500 Hall Road. This month's meeting will be held on June 16. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call Roy at 713-734-1461.

PIP meeting June 16

The Positive Interaction Program will meet Tuesday, June 16, at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria in the staff meeting room on the first floor. The guest speaker of the event had not been confirmed at press time.

PIP consists of police and citizens working for safer neighborhoods. For information, call Officer Richard Buitron at 281-218-3900.

CDA to host game party

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Mother of Unity #2292 will host its annual Summer Games Party on Wednesday, June 17, at St. Luke's Social Hall, 11011 Hall Road, from 10:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Tickets are available for a homemade luncheon, dessert and drink, as well as the opportunity to play and win door and game prizes. Tickets are \$12 per person and are limited to the first 180 sold, so call now to reserve a spot. Raffle tickets are also available for \$5 per book. Prizes include a J.J. Watt jersey, gift cards, an original painting, a Guys and Gals package, an Instax Mini Camera, a Kindle Fire HD, and more. For ticket sales and information, call 281-734-3184 or 832-860-9663.

July 4 parade theme set

The annual South Belt Fourth of July parade will take place Saturday, July 4, beginning at 10 a.m. The parade will travel from Beverly Hills Intermediate to San Jacinto College South via Fuqua and Sabo/Hughes Road.

This year's event will be a salute to all first responders, including police, firefighters and paramedics. Multiple local first responders are expected to take part in the parade. Participants are encouraged to decorate their vehicles and floats. Trophies will be awarded.

All residents, organizations and businesses are urged to participate. Community and non-profit groups may sign up for the parade at no charge, unless they wish to be eligible for a prize. A \$50 fee is charged for commercial entries. Noncommercial entries may enter the contest for \$25.

Entry forms are available at www.southbeltleader.com/Parade_entry.pdf or the *Leader* office, 11555 Beamer, or by calling the *Leader* at 281-481-5656 or emailing mynews@southbeltleader.com. The forms are to be filled out and returned to the *Leader* office, faxed to 281-481-5730 or emailed by July 2.

For convenience, entry forms may be dropped off through the mail slots located on each side of the front office doors.

Paul speaks on 84th Legislative Session

Freshman Rep. Dennis Paul, who represents state House District 129, spoke at length on the recent 84th Legislative Session at a town hall meeting Tuesday, June 9.

Of approximately 6,300 total proposed pieces of legislation, roughly 1,300 passed, Paul said.

At the top of the list, House Bill 1 approved a \$209.4 billion budget, roughly 75 percent of which will go toward funding health and human

services (36.8 percent) and education (37.4 percent).

"It was a very conservative budget," Paul said.

Lawmakers focused much of their efforts on conservative causes, such as Second Amendment rights and pro-life issues.

Regarding Second Amendment rights, legislators passed both open carry and campus carry bills.

Pro-life legislation included a bill that cut all remaining funding to Planned Parenthood.

Lawmakers also passed multiple tax cuts, including margin taxes and homestead/property taxes.

The budget includes \$840 million toward border security. HB 10 will provide tools necessary to combat human trafficking, while HB 11 will provide funding for 250 full-time Texas Department of Public Safety officers to patrol the border, as well as necessary planes, boats and weapons.

Approximately \$5.5 billion was approved for transportation funding. This will go primarily toward road construction and right-of-way acquisition.

While public education and most higher education received slightly more funding this session, community colleges took a hit.

"They wanted more, and they got less," Paul said. "I support Texas' system of community colleges, and as a strong supporter of higher education, would have loved to see a complete funding of those colleges and will work to see how that can work into the budget this next session."

Overall, Paul was pleased with his first legislative session.

"All in all, I think it was a good session," Paul said.

Paul addresses constituents



State Rep. Dennis Paul held a town hall meeting Tuesday, June 9, to discuss the recent 84th Legislative Session. Roughly 50 were in attendance at the function, in which Paul spoke on a myriad of issues, ranging from border security to education funding.

Photo by James Bolen

Sagemont VBS features Robert Amaya

Sagemont Church will hold its annual Vacation Bible School (VBS) June 15-18 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. nightly. The theme for the 2015 VBS is All Star Access, a glamorous movie theme that shows Jesus Christ as the biggest "star" of all time.

This year, actor Robert Amaya will join Sagemont's team in the production of a drama presented each night in the large group assemblies. Millions of people all over the world have seen Amaya and his work, including the films *Mom's*

Night Out, *Courageous* and *October Baby*. He has co-starred with actors such as Sean Astin, Patricia Heaton, Trace Adkins and Victoria Jackson. Besides acting professionally, Amaya is also a musician and bilingual motivational speaker and lives in Florida where he volunteers in the children's ministry at his church.

VBS at Sagemont is free and open to all children who will be entering kindergarten this fall. **Continued on Page 6A**

Blackhawk memorial causes stir

A recent decision by the Sagemeadow Maintenance Committee to remove a mother's memorial in the 11400 block of Blackhawk marking where her son was hit and killed by a car has garnered citywide media attention and drawn the ire of many community members.

A b r a h a m "Bubba" Garza, 8, was killed in May 2012 when he was struck by a vehicle as he was attempting to cross the street. Since his death, Garza's mother, Crystal Garza, has maintained a memorial at the site with wooden crosses and flowers to remember her son.

This past week, however, the mother found a citation at the memorial site from the homeowners group that said "Sorry for your loss. Please remove from median."

A lengthy thread on the People of Sagemont Facebook page showed overwhelming support for the grieving mother.

"They are heartless," said Facebook user Dawn Brannon Morrison. "There is no reason to

break this mother's heart. It's not hurting anything."

This sentiment was shared by Facebook user Laura Ashley Gonzales.

"That's ridiculous," Gonzales said. "I would leave it there. No parent should have to deal with that."

Other users felt the memorial served as a reminder for drivers to be cautious while driving down that stretch of road.

"I see this memorial almost daily, and it is a good reminder to me to slow the heck down and be a more alert and cautious driver," said Facebook user Sherry N Curtis.

At least one other user, however, saw it from the HOA's point of view.

"Do people realize this memorial is not on her property?" asked Facebook user Miguel Montes. "At least the HOA was considerate enough to send notice to her instead of carelessly ripping it off the median and throwing it away."

Other posts on the People of Sagemont Facebook page suggested the memorial might make it difficult for those living on the street to sell their homes if prospective buyers thought the location was unsafe.

The Sagemeadow Maintenance Committee had no response since the members have not yet met to discuss the issue. The committee is expected to meet on Thursday, June 11.



Hobby international flights set

Southwest Airlines recently brought the "LUV" to Houston. On May 13, the airline held its annual shareholder meeting - the first time ever held outside of their headquarters in Dallas.

Southwest officials also announced the addition of two new international destinations to its line-

up of flights launching soon from the \$156 million international terminal at William P. Hobby Airport (HOU), anticipated to open Oct. 15.

During a special celebration held at Houston's City Hall, Southwest Airlines CEO Gary Kelly

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Swimming pools open for summer

Summer is around the corner, and with it comes the opening of several area pools to help South Belters beat the heat.

The Sagemont and Beverly Hills swimming pools will be open daily from 1 to 8 p.m., with the exception of Mondays when the pools are closed for cleaning.

The Sageglen pool is currently open daily from noon to 9 p.m., except on Sundays when the hours are from 1 to 9 p.m. The pool is closed on Mondays for cleaning.

The Riverstone Ranch pool is currently open daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., except on Sundays when hours are noon to 8 p.m. The pool is closed

on Mondays for cleaning.

The Clear Brook Meadows pool is currently open daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., except on Mondays when the pool will be closed for cleaning.

The Ashley Pointe pool is currently open daily from noon to 8 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and 1 to 9 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. The pool is closed on Tuesdays for cleaning.

The Highland Meadow pool is currently open daily for the summer from 3 to 8 p.m., with the exception of Mondays when the pool is closed for cleaning.

PISD offers summer meals, books

While the Pasadena Independent School District is officially closed for the summer, several area campuses will remain open to provide meals and library services for students.

Meals

Several local PISD campuses are offering free meals through much of the summer as part of the district's 2015 summer feeding program.

Funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, this program will provide free breakfast and lunch to children 18 and younger at participating schools.

Local schools participating in the program include Moore, Bush and South Belt elementaries, Melillo Middle School, Beverly Hills Intermediate and Dobie High School.

The dates and times vary from campus to campus. While the schools in the immediate South Belt area are offering the free meals only through June, other campuses in the district are also offering them in July and August.

For more information, call 713-740-0146 or visit www.summerfood.org.

Libraries

PISD students do not have to wait until next school year to get their hands on library books this summer.

From June 8 to 25, 46 campus libraries in the district will keep their doors open so students can check out books as part of the summer library reading program. Students may keep the library books until school starts Aug. 25. Hours and days vary for each campus.

For the library schedule and list of participating campuses, visit www.pasadenaisd.libguides.com.

South Belt schools participating in the program include Atkinson, Burnett, Bush, Moore, South Belt and Stuchbery elementaries, Melillo and Morris middle schools, Beverly Hills Inter-

mediate and Dobie High School.

"We want to empower students to continue learning even when it is not a requirement," Christine Van Hamersveld, director of Libraries and Instruction said. "Time spent reading is the best predictor of achievement. We have extended the reading program to ensure all our students have the motivation and resources to become avid readers and lifelong learners."

The district has teamed up with the Pasadena Public Library to promote summer reading through a nationally renowned Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP). The program uses fun themes and graphics to get students excited about reading. This year's theme is "Every Hero has a Story," which encourages students to use the power of reading to transform their summer.

Students are encouraged to visit the Pasadena Public Library when campus libraries are closed.

Students can also access reading materials through READsquared (pisd.readsquared.com), an online program designed to provide easy access to books online and a fun reading experience for children of all ages. The program includes book reviews, interactive activities and a book log so students can keep track of time spent reading. This program will be available to students during the district summer library reading program and will extend through the upcoming school year.

"Our hope is that by making our resources easily available to students, we can prevent a summer slide," Van Hamersveld said. "When students return to school in the fall, we want them to talk to us about what they read and what they want to read in the future. Our ultimate goal is to enhance the literacy program in the district by providing continuous access to books because daily readers are high achievers."

San Jac child care center to close

The San Jacinto College South child care center will close its doors Monday, Aug. 31.

"This has been a very difficult decision for many people, and we have done a careful study to review all the facts and data in order to make an informed decision," said San Jacinto College Chancellor Brenda Hellyer. "San Jacinto College has kept this center open for several years because we knew employees, students, and some community members have found it convenient and of a very high quality. However, we are now reaching a critical decision point in regards to addressing significant problems with the facility and related infrastructure."

Hellyer said multiple options were considered to keep the center open, but none seemed cost feasible.

"As we evaluated options for moving forward, part of the consideration was the age of the build-

ing and the condition of the infrastructure. While we have made many upgrades and repairs over the years in order to continue and maintain the center, there is currently damage to the plumbing infrastructure and to the foundation of the building."

Repairs were started to address these issues but were discontinued due to the significant costs associated in repairing to the appropriate standard. Additionally, we evaluated options to bring the entire building up to today's building standards and determined that it was cost prohibitive, especially in light of the age and condition of the facility."

Approximately 70 children are cared for in the center during a regular semester, and those families are being or have been contacted in order to provide adequate time for them to locate alternate accommodations.

PISD candidates sworn in



The winners of the May 9 Pasadena Independent School District election were officially sworn in at the district's May 26 board meeting. PISD attorney Dexter Joyner is shown above swearing in, left to right, Kenny Fernandez, Vickie Morgan and Marshall Kendrick. Fernandez is new to the board, while Morgan and Kendrick are longtime members with a combined 55 years of service. Photo by Reesha Brown

In My Opinion

McDonald speaks out on Pasadena ISD

As I am studying my Inclusion class and just having a student graduate, I reflect on the experiences of my child, myself, the school system and the interaction that occurred between us.

I recognize I frequently give the school system a difficult time for all the things I feel they do not do, that they should.

At this time, I would like to give my Pasadena School District and the schools we (yes we, because I feel I was there as much as my child was) attended props for all the instruction, guidance, and support throughout my child's 15 year public education experience.

Ours is a long story, but needless to say, after encountering a public education specialist, she got me started on a referral process for services before my child was 3 years old. I can not tell you how this encounter changed and blessed our lives. My student started school at Stuchbery Elementary at 3 years old and it was a phenomenal experience. As the teachers and specialists worked with my child, they also worked with me and taught me what I needed to know to better help my student. They referred me for services outside of the school and the district also provided parent support and seminars.

The transitions to Mellilo Middle School and Thompson Intermediate School were smooth; and the staff, specialist, principals, and teachers at Thompson were willing to work us with and were supportive of my student. The transition to Dobbie High School is as it is for all freshmen. The staff was very welcoming and provided the extra support I expected for my student.

I would encourage all parents to be as involved as you can be in your student's education. The student gets out of it what they put in it. My children are examples that public school can be a rewarding and successful educational experience. My student that graduated this year graduated in the National Honor Society, in the top 10% of the class and received several awards. One of my other children not only graduated a year early, but with college credit as well.

Children live up to your expectations no matter the limitations. All the schools we have attended have been accommodating to the services for all my children.

I would like to thank the teachers and staff we have had for supporting my high expectations and allowing me the opportunity to volunteer, go on field trips and be a part of parent organizations.

Dawn McDonald

Duff cites teachers, parents as examples

I am so tired hearing about our fat children and how the school lunches are making them fat. The summer time has started. This is time for parents and teachers look in a mirror. They are the ones to set an example to the children. Parents give your child a job – not let them sit and exercise their thumbs only. Teachers do you not remember the games to play on the play ground. Choose sides and you had to run? Walking is better than sitting, which I see they do. Games give them something that is fun. Parents and teachers lets see what you can do.

Billie Duff

Waits offers several safety tips

Hope you will join us at the next PIP meeting – you will learn interesting and valuable information.

Here are a few things you may want to know:

1. Tip from Tae Kwon Do: The elbow is the strongest point on your body. If you are

close enough to use it, do!

2. Learned this from a tourist guide. If a robber asks for your wallet and/or purse, DO NOT HAND IT TO HIM. Toss it away from you... Chances are that he is more interested in your wallet and/or purse than you, and he will go for the wallet/purse. RUN LIKE MAD IN THE OTHER DIRECTION!

3. If you are ever thrown into the trunk of a car, kick out the back tail lights and stick your arm out the hole and start waving like crazy... The driver won't see you, but everybody else will. This has saved lives.

4. Women have a tendency to get into their cars after shopping, eating, working, etc., and just sit (doing their checkbook, or making a list, etc. DON'T DO THIS!) The predator will be watching you, and this is the perfect opportunity for him to get in on the passenger side, put a gun to your head, and tell you where to go. AS SOON AS YOU GET INTO YOUR CAR, LOCK THE DOORS AND LEAVE.

If someone is in the car with a gun to your head DO NOT DRIVE OFF, Repeat: DO NOT DRIVE OFF! Instead, gun the engine and speed into anything, wrecking the car. Your Air Bag will save you. If the person is in the back seat they will get the worst of it. As soon as the car crashes bail out and run. It is better than having them find your body in a remote location.

5. A few notes about getting into your car in a parking lot, or parking garage:

A.) Be aware: look around you, look into your car, at the passenger side floor, and in the back seat.

B.) If you are parked next to a big van, enter your car from the passenger door. Most serial killers attack their victims by pulling them into their vans while the women are attempting to get into their cars.

C.) Look at the car parked on the driver's side of your vehicle, and the passenger side. If a male is sitting alone in the seat nearest your car, you may want to walk back into the mall, or work, and get a guard/police officer to walk you back out. IT IS ALWAYS BETTER TO BE SAFE THAN SORRY. (And better paranoid than dead.)

6. ALWAYS take the elevator instead of the stairs. Stairwells are horrible places to be alone and the perfect crime spot. This is especially true at NIGHT!

7. If the predator has a gun and you are not under his control, ALWAYS RUN! The predator will only hit you (a running target) 4 in 100 times; and even then, it most likely WILL NOT be a vital organ. RUN, Preferably in a zig-zag pattern!

8. As women, we are always trying to be sympathetic: STOP! It may get you raped, or killed. Ted Bundy, the serial killer, was a good-looking, well educated man, who ALWAYS played on the sympathies of unsuspecting women. He walked with a cane, or a limp, and often asked 'for help' into his vehicle or with his vehicle, which is when he abducted his next victim.

9. Another Safety Point: Someone just told me that her friend heard a crying baby on her porch the night before last, and she called the police because it was late and she thought it was weird. The police told her 'Whatever you do, DO NOT open the door.' The lady then said that it sounded like the baby had crawled near a window, and she was worried that it would crawl to the street and get run over. The policeman said, 'We already have a unit on the way, whatever you do, DO NOT open the door.' He told her that they think a serial killer has a baby's cry recorded and uses it to coax women out of their homes thinking that someone dropped off a baby. He said they have not verified it, but have had several calls by women saying that they hear baby's cries outside their doors when they're home alone at night.

10. Water scam! If you wake up in the middle of the night to hear all your taps outside running or what you think is a burst pipe, DO NOT GO OUT TO INVESTIGATE! These people turn on all your outside taps full blast so that you will go out to investigate and then attack.

Gary Waits

AARP 199 meets June 19

AARP Webster Area Chapter 199 will meet Friday, June 19, at 10 a.m. at Bay Area Community Center, 5002 E. NASA Parkway in Seabrook (the large building with a blue roof inside Clear Lake Park on the north side of NASA Parkway).

Everyone is invited to come to the meeting, and to enjoy coffee, cookies and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before the meeting starts at 10 a.m.

Every month, the group has different speakers to discuss various topics of interest to seniors. Every two months the group has a potluck lunch.

The June 19 speaker will be Dr. Niloufar Ghadiri, a board certified in internal medicine physician with Houston Methodist St. John Hospital. She will speak about metabolic syndrome, which is a collection of symptoms that can lead to diabetes and heart disease, and how to avoid this common disease. There will be time for questions and answers.

The group also organizes day trips by bus to local area points of interest at minimal cost. The next day trip is on June 23 to the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum at College Station. The following trip will be on Aug. 26 to Chappell Hill Lavender & Berry Farm and Gift Shop. Lunch will be at the Chappell Hill Deli and Bakery.

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

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

Hobby Lions Club to meet

Hobby Airport Lions Club will meet Wednesday, June 17, at noon at the Golden Corral at Fuqua and I-45. For more information, email HobbyAirportLions@gmail.com.

Local library events set

Parker Williams Branch

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

Manga Club will meet Friday, June 12, at 4 p.m. If the last one was missed, join any time.

On Saturday, June 13, Mango Meetup is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Those using Mango Languages (or any resource) to learn a language may come to practice what they've learned. Call the library to RSVP and tell them the language being learned.

Create a Super Hero: Origins and Powers will be presented on Monday, June 15, at 2:30 p.m. Learn about where some superheroes gained their powers while figuring out a back story and set of powers for oneself.

Movie Madness will present *Inkheart*, Rated PG, on Wednesday, June 17, at 2 p.m. Wednesdays – Preschool storytime is at 10:30 a.m.

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

Saturdays – Vietnamese Storytime: Level 2 begins at 10 a.m., Level 1 begins at 11:15 a.m., and Level 3 begins at 2:30 p.m. For more information, speak with Loc Bui. For information, call the Parker Williams Library at 281-484-2036.

Bracewell Branch Library

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

A Kid's Craft and Gaming is set for 2 p.m. Thursday, June 11; Movie Time will be held Friday, June 12, at 2 p.m.; Express Children's Theatre is scheduled for Tuesday, June 16, at 2 p.m.; and Music and Movement is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 17.

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

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

Thompson names new APs



Thompson Intermediate School recently selected, left to right, Travis Teichelman and Christine Veltman as its new assistant principals for the 2015-2016 school year. Photo submitted

PLT presents Goodbye Charlie

Pasadena Little Theatre, Houston's oldest community theater in continuous operation, begins its 61st season, the Season of Dreams, with *Goodbye Charlie* by George Axelrod – a knockout farce about a cad and womanizer with a foul mouth and a taste for booze.

Killed hightailing it from a lover's husband's yacht, Charlie "returns" as a woman (cigar in hand) and gets a second chance at life and love. Written by the playwright of *The Seven Year*

Itch, the debut Broadway run starred Lauren Bacall as the title character to be followed by Debbie Reynolds along with Tony Curtis in the film adaptation.

Pasadena Little Theatre's presentation of *Goodbye Charlie* features as director well-known stage actor/singer Revis Bell in his directorial debut along with an outstanding cast. This promises to be a hilarious show and one that will be a sellout quickly.

The production opens on

June 12 and continues weekdays through June 28. Friday and Saturday showtimes are 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 3 p.m. Ticket prices are \$15 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors. There is one Thursday show at 8 p.m. on June 25 which is PLT's special Two-for-\$20 Thursday show.

To purchase tickets, make reservations, or for more information, log onto www.pasadenalittletheatre.org. or call the theater's box office at 713-941-1758.



Ralph Garza of South Belt as George and Haley Hernandez as Charlie in Pasadena Little Theatre's presentation of *Goodbye Charlie* by George Axelrod. Photo submitted

Mount Olive holds VBS

Mount Olive Lutheran Church will hold Vacation Bible School June 15-18. Camp Discovery will be held at the Chuck Wagon for supper at 6:30 p.m., Stage Show begins at 7 p.m., and Discovery Camp closes at 8:30 p.m.

VBS is for 3-year-olds to eighth grade; teen camp meets, too. Adults will also camp to discover God's word while kids are on camp excursions.

There is no charge, but registration is required in order to have enough food and supplies. For more information, call 281-922-5673 or email sharon@moutolivehouston.org.

Clear Lake Bridge holds fundraiser

The Clear Lake Bridge Club, 16614 Sea Lark Road in Houston (between Ramada Drive and El Camino Real), will join with other American contract bridge clubs to participate in a fundraiser to support Alzheimer's disease care and research.

The club will sponsor fundraising bridge games. There will be a benefit game Sunday, June 21, beginning at 1 p.m. On Monday, June 22, the club will sponsor two games and serve lunch between the two. The cost of the Sunday game will be \$8. The Monday games will be \$18 for both games, or one game will be \$10. Profits will go to the Alzheimer's foundation. There will be two sections of each game. One section will be for players with 0-500 points. The other section will be for 500 plus player points.

This is just one of the special games planned for June. Regular games are Monday-Friday at 10 a.m., Tuesday night at 7 p.m., Thursday afternoon at 2 p.m., Wednesday afternoon at 2 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m. Some of these games are at the beginner level.

For more information, call the bridge club at 281-480-1911. Dave Glandorf, resident bridge teacher, will also begin his next series of lessons at the Clear Lake Club. Information on these can be obtained by email at drglan.dorf@sbcglobal.net or by calling 281-488-6318.

Elected officials share their words

Are you prepared for hurricane season?

By U.S. Rep. Pete Olson

It's hard to believe, but the 2015 Hurricane Season is already here. If there's one lesson that we on the Texas Gulf Coast still learned from the rain and flooding we endured, it's the importance of early and thorough preparation. Working together, we can appreciate the importance of hurricane preparation and having the necessary information to be ready for this hurricane season.

Here are five tips from NOAA's National Hurricane Center on how to best prepare and survive a hurricane:

1. Know the difference between hurricane and tropical storm "watches" and "warnings." A hurricane watch is a notification for residents to be on alert of a potential storm. Areas that are reported to have a storm warning are required to take immediate actions to safeguard life.

2. Keep emergency contact information handy. Phone numbers for local emergency management officers, local law enforcement, hospitals, utility service providers and insurance information are recommended to be kept nearby during storms.

3. Pack emergency kits ahead of time. Packing essential items such as bottled

water, snacks and canned foods is useful and at times, lifesaving after storms frequently cause homes to lose gas and electricity. Items such as batteries for hand radios and flashlights are also helpful and difficult to find following hurricanes and tropical storms.

4. Prepare an emergency evacuation plan. Create a plan regarding where you can stay and temporary housing locations for your animals prior to a storm warning. In the event of an evacuation, follow FEMA's Evacuation guidelines.

5. Stay alert in case of other natural disasters. The passing of the hurricane eye is not the end of a storm. NOAA warns that tornadoes, high winds and the possibility of a hurricane changing its course makes it important to remain alert following a storm. Our county offices also have important local emergency management information if you need it.

Additionally, in the event of a hurricane, my office stands ready to help. Should the need arise for assistance, please feel free to contact one of my Texas offices or my Washington office. Be safe and be prepared.

Deaths

Chad Matthew Harris



Chad Matthew Harris, 32, died on Friday, June 5, 2015.

He is survived by his parents, John and Vicki Harris of South Belt; brother Cory Harris and wife Keanti; sister Lynmze Harris and fiancé Junior Martinez; niece Jazmyne Backman and nephew Joshua Harris; numerous aunts and uncles; and a host of other family and friends.

Harris was a Dobbie High School graduate. He loved the outdoors and could always be found fishing, swimming, having barbecues, going go-carting and spending time working on cars. He loved his family and enjoyed every opportunity he had to spend time with them. He was known to have a really big heart and would always be available to help friends and family in need. He was an animal lover who loved his dog and fish.

The funeral service was held Wednesday, June 10, 2015, at 11 a.m. at Clayton Funeral Home in Pearland with the Rev. Lawrence Lewis officiating.

Interment followed at Forest Park East Cemetery in Webster.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.claytonfuneralhomes.com.

Barbara Ellen (Dunn) Morrison



Barbara Ellen (Dunn) Morrison, 70, of South Belt, died Friday, June 5, 2015. She was born on Jan. 17, 1945, in Frankston, Texas, to Hurshel and Olza Ophelia Dunn.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her nephew, Dewayne Dunn.

Morrison is survived by her husband of 54½ years, William O. Morrison Sr.; daughters Carla D. Parker (Jeffrey) and Marilyn Morrison (Glen), both of Houston; son William O. Morrison Jr. of Galveston; brothers Preston L. Dunn Sr. (Bertha) of Elizabeth, Ark., and Allie Dunn (Brenda) of Savannah, Tenn.; sisters Carolyn Horton (Paulk) of Savannah, Tenn., and Betty McLeod (Jerry) of Grapeland, Texas; grandchildren Nicole Morrison of Houston, Scott Parker (Lynda) of Friendswood, Jennifer Sechrist (Jeffrey) of Canton, N.C.; Justin Parker (Kelly) of Houston; and Amy Muniz of Candler, N.C.; great-grandchildren Aubrey Davis, Ashton Davis, Emma Parker and

Charlotte Parker, all of Houston, and Juliana Sechrist, Jaymeson Sechrist and baby-girl-on-the-way Sechrist of Canton, N.C.; her dog, Sammy; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Morrison was a member of Sagemont Church. She was a retired bank teller, first at Republic State Bank, then Bank One, and finally Chase Bank. She enjoyed cooking, sewing, quilting, shopping, traveling and spending time with her family and friends.

The service celebrating Morrison's life was held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 10, 2015, at Niday Funeral Home – Beamer Chapel. Burial followed at Wofford Cemetery in Frankston, Texas.

Estel Eugene Craft



Estel Eugene Craft, 75, died on June 9, 2015, following a long battle with lung cancer. He was born on July 12, 1939, to Fred Izeah and Ruth Princess Hailey Craft in

Bremond, Texas.

Craft is preceded in death by his brother, Tommy Craft, and sisters-in-law Yvonne Craft and Betty Caudle.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Barbara Ann Brock Craft; sons Estel "Bubba" Craft Jr. and Arnold Craft and wife Mary; daughters Kim Pavlovsky and husband Jonathan and Sonja McClellan and husband Matthew; grandchildren: Alicia Craft, Joshua McClellan, Arnie Craft Jr., Kourtney Neubauer (Brian), Estel Craft III, Jeremy McClellan, Amy Craft, and Faith Ann McClellan; his sister, Geneva Carter (Don); brother Fred Craft; sister-in-law Nancie Craft; and dog, Clyde.

Founder of Craft's Car Center (established in 1974), Craft's dream carries on through his son, Arnold Craft. He was a member of Cokesbury United Methodist Church and helped chaperone youth trips and loved to help provide transportation in the church buses.

After raising their children, Craft and his wife decided to move to Bayou Vista to live out their golden years. They loved fishing trips. He was always busy with various projects and took many road trips – especially driving his wife to casinos. Craft was a Master Mason, in good standing with Park Place No. 1172.

A Celebration of Life service honoring Craft will be held Friday, June 12, 2015, at 12:30 p.m. at South Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 1310 N. Main Street in Pearland.

Continued from Page 1A announced Houstonians will soon enjoy nonstop service to Liberia, Costa Rica and Montego Bay, Jamaica on Nov. 1, in addition to the already revealed destinations that launch on Oct. 15: Mexico City, Puerto Vallarta, Los Cabos and Cancun in Mexico and San Jose, Costa Rica, Belize City, Belize. Service to Aruba began earlier this year.

A 2012 study commissioned by the Houston Airport System (HAS) indicates that the new terminal will generate more than 10,000 jobs across the Greater Houston metropolitan area and will provide an economic impact of \$1.6 billion. The study estimates that the terminal will bring in an additional 1.5 million passengers per year

at Hobby Airport. The terminal project, fully funded by Southwest Airlines, includes a new five-gate international terminal, expansion of the existing security checkpoint, and upgrades to the Southwest Airlines ticketing counter area.

HAS made significant investments to complement the increased passenger traffic, including a four-level parking garage that will add 3,000 spaces to the existing parking inventory and improvements to the existing roadways approaching the airport.

Houston will become a major international connection point for Southwest Airlines customers traveling from Dallas Love Field, where federal law bans non-stop international flights.

Moore names 4th nine-weeks rolls

Moore Elementary School recently released its honor and merit rolls for the fourth nine-weeks grading period of the 2014-2015 school year. Students earning status are:

Second grade Honor roll

Herli Barahona, Kristin Do, Jose Flores, Anneliese Goodrum, Kayla Lam, Ilijah Limon, Ryan Nguyen, Riley Nguyen-To, Tahlon Provost, Julian Ruiz, Hunter Stacey, Cruz Torres, Caitlyn Tran, Vivian Tran, Thomas Young and Jordi Zamudio.

Merit roll

Ayaan Ali, Eduardo Cuevas, Alexis Davis, Tripp Harris, Kaden Mai, Mariela Quirino, Dillon Steve, Philip Tran and Emma Zamora.

Third grade Honor roll

Viviana Acosta, Nancy Bazaldua, Julia Hernandez, Eric Huynh, An Huynh, Jordan Leahman, Joshua Lopez, Hailey Maldonado, Cindy Nguyen, Tuyet Nguyen, Sabri-

Fourth grade Honor roll

Jordi Acosta, Katherine Alvarez, Mariana Cuevas, Raymundo De La Garza, Vaneli Gonzalez, Billy Junkin, Connor King, Evan Kruschinsky, Ivan Lopez, Sean Lopez, Olivia Lugo, Felipe Miranda, Ann Nguyen, Landon Nguyen, Sydnee Pector, Jade To Nguyen, Joseph Vu, Kate Wang and Ainsley Willis.

Merit roll

Chelsey Blanton, Shelby Carte, Hannah Carte, Camren Fowler, Dylan Nguyen, Siern Rocha, Jakob Serna, Johnny Tran and Jared Zamudio

Constable at Atkinson Career Day



Constable Phil Sandlin (back) watches as Atkinson Elementary School first-graders Cynthia Pineda (front) and Ebsedy Fonseca from Rosa Quintana's class take a tour of the police vehicle during career week. Photo submitted

HPD mounted patrol visits Frazier



The Houston Police Department Mounted Patrol visited Frazier Elementary recently as part of the school's annual career fair. Pictured is Janielle Wiley's Pre-K class with the officers and their horses. Shown are, left to right, (front row) Isabella Pecina, Hyrum Wheeler, Mia Gonzalez, (second row) Marissa Martinez, Jordyn Rodriguez, Kimberly

Lopez, Nathan Moya, Johnathon Garza, (third row) Jeremiah Martinez, Camila Garcia, Toryn Provost, Jeremiah Ramos, Aaliyah Longoria, Genesis Tamez, Gilbert Andrade, (fourth row) Janielle Wiley, Denise Diaz, (back row) Officer H.L. Mann and Officer Juan Gomez.

Photo submitted

Frazier scholarships awarded to seniors

Photos submitted



The Frazier Elementary PTO scholarships were presented to Dobie seniors Valerie Mendoza (left) and Chelsea Tajonera (right), by Frazier PTO president Rossana Bobbitt (center).



The Ruth Young Memorial Scholarship was presented to Dobie senior, Carli Blue in memory of former Frazier student, Ruth Young. The award was presented by Young's father, Mark Young, for the 10th year. Also, in attendance were the recipients of the first and fourth annual Ruth Young Memorial Scholarships, Tina Bui and Samantha Valdez. Left to right are Samantha Valdez, Carli Blue, Mark Young and Tina Bui.



The Thuy Epperson State Farm Educational Scholarship was presented to Dobie senior Carolina Herrera. The scholarship was presented by State Farm agent Thuy Epperson who was also a student at Frazier Elementary and Dobie High School and received the Frazier PTO Scholarship as a graduating senior.

Bush Elementary awarded \$4,980 grant

Laura Bush Elementary was awarded a grant for \$4,980 on Wednesday, May 20, from Pasadena Independent School District's Century Club via McDonald's. This grant was written by kindergarten teacher Jacqueline Breed, first-grade teacher Melanie Resendez, and second-grade teacher Kelly Senulis.

This grant provides resources to promote literacy and movement within the classroom with a program called HeidiSongs. This is a curriculum in which students learn math and language skills through song and dance.

These HeidiSongs materials allow teacher to incorporate a variety of learning styles when teaching beginning reading skills.

Students are taught to improve muscle memory needed for writing and should be able to access letter sounds and sight words through connections to songs they know.

Whole group instruction and guided practice will be interactive as the students use Promethean Board and dry erase boards to participate

and demonstrate knowledge. Literacy centers will have folder games and activities that align with the songs used in the lessons.

Students will be encouraged to learn as they sing and dance their way to reading.

Ronald McDonald delivered the grant along with Pasadena Independent School District administrators.



Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Mia Creekmore, Devin Duong, Joshua Mejia, Andrew Bryant, Huy Le, Jocelyn Ceguera, Max Torres, (second row) Kordier Dimas, Reggie Cameron, Katie Ruiz, Isaac Vasquez, Trjah Smith, Ale Santiago, (third row) Christian Teruel, Amorian Wright McBride, Kaylee Guevara, Monica Luna, (back row) Barbara Walling from Neighbors

Emergency Center; Chris Bezdek, Education Foundation treasurer; Suzanne Anderson, LBE counselor; Jodie Kenemer, Pasadena ISD General Counsel; Jacqueline Breed, kindergarten teacher; Debbie Barrett, principal; Stephanie Miller, assistant principal; and Renea Ivy, Pasadena ISD Associate Superintendent of Communications.

Photo submitted



The Lindsay Simpson Memorial Scholarship was presented to Dobie senior, Zachary Blue in memory of former Frazier student, Lindsay Simpson. The scholarship was presented by Simpson's mother, Lauren Simpson. Left to right are Lauren Simpson and Zachary Blue.



The Matthew Kutra Memorial Scholarship was presented to Dobie senior, Alexis Corpus in memory of former Frazier student, Matthew Kutra. The award was presented by Kutra's parents, Julie and Deron Kutra and his brother, Aaron Kutra. Left to right are Julie Kutra, Alexis Corpus, Aaron Kutra and Deron Kutra.

Dobie to host Camp Invention

Dobie High School recently announced plans to host a STEM-focused program this summer called Camp Invention.

According to camp director and Dobie teacher Clinton Hopper, Camp Invention is a hands-on program that invites children ages 6 to 12 to explore, develop questions and solve real-world problems through the creative use of tools and materials.

The United States is a global leader in business and innovation because of the genius and hard work of scientists, engineers and innovators. Yet according to the U.S. Department of Education, less than 16 percent of high school seniors are interested in a career in science, technology, engineering or mathematics — STEM.

A major component of House Bill 5, passed by the Texas Legislature in 2013, is the introduction of endorsements to the graduation plan of every student in a public high school. A large portion of these

endorsements are placed under the heading STEM, or are very much STEM related. These pathways have been created in order to attract students to course work that will prepare them for 21st-century jobs.

"Camp Invention is a terrific way for students to prepare themselves for jobs that haven't been created yet. Problem-solving skills are rated the most crucial skill needed for the future workforce," said Dobie Principal Franklin Moses. He continued, "I encourage students to be a part of this great opportunity being offered at Dobie."

Camp Invention will be held on the campus of Dobie High School from July 6 to July 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

The weeklong camp costs \$150 per student, or \$125 for the children of Pasadena ISD employees.

For more information about registration or curriculum, email chopper@pasadenaisd.org or call 713-740-0370, extension 04365.

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Dobie government students offer support



Dobie High School Government Pathway students offered support at the Get Moving Fun Day of Shine. Shown are, left to right, Maxine Gomez,

Andrea Diaz, Alexis Lopez, Nikki Howell, Alyssa Cardenas, Julian Benitez and Dulce Hernandez.

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Burnett Elementary names all-year rolls

Burnett Elementary School recently released its all year honor, merit, perfect attendance and achievement rolls for the 2014-2015 school year. Students earning status are:

All-year honor roll
First grade
 Jenna Capps, Isaura Correa, Sophia Ford, Maximiliano Gonzalez, Alan Hernandez, Jeffrey Ordonez and Mariah Romero.

Second grade
 Tamryn Anderson, Kirsten Duong, Emily Henriquez, Skye Koch, Trish Nguyen, Angel Padilla, Angel Rhodes, Sydney Rodriguez, Luis Salazar and Stephen Wilson.

Third grade
 Kaitlyn Corona and Oscar Sosa.

Fourth grade
 Iveth Flores, Nadia Koch and Cindy Medina.

All-year merit roll
First grade
 Kayla Aguirre, Blue Banda, Aniya Brannon, Kiara Brannon, Megan Bui, Ashley Cantarero, Kennedy Cavazos, Davia Constantino, David Contreras, Lila Davis, David Elizalde, Joseph Faz, Lexi Galindo and Deigo Garcia.

Sarah Garza, Marcé Gibson, Matthew Gonzalez, Miranda Hernandez, Londyn Johnson, Siah Johnson, Juanita Juarez, Travis Keith, Kimberly Ledesma, Adriana Martinez, Ariela Medina, Lennyn Mendoza and Jeremiah Mosley.

Matthew Nguyen, Victory Nwosu, Alex Perez, Johnathan Ramos, Rebecca Reyes, Luis Rocha, Elias Rodriguez, Miranda Rodriguez, Camila Santini, Ryan Stanley-Landreneau, Parker Tran and Kevin Velasquez.

Second grade
 Lena Hoang, Riley Martinez, Caiden Oliver, Chloe Robles and Alex Sosa.

Third grade
 Alan Bui, Yalat DeLuna, Katya Flores, Xally Hernandez, Adriana Ramirez and

Anna Serpas.

Fourth grade
 Jonathan Espinoza, Lyzbeth Flores, Lluvia Martinez and Yair Martinez.

Perfect attendance
All year
 Kevin Alvarado, Tamryn Anderson, Teyvn Anderson, Alexandria Arias, Angie Arias, Enrique Banda, Leigha Bolan, Kiara Brannon, Londyn Clarke, Kayla Coleman and Manuel Colunga.

Christopher Contreras, David Contreras, Nam Duong, Nathalia Elizalde, Adrian Figueroa, Lyzbeth Flores, Emilee Frank, Kaylee Frank, Humberto Gaona, Margarita Gaona, Mariana Garcia and Samuel Garcia.

Xally Hernandez, Javier Legaspi, Amarissa Lopez, Jennifer Ly, Connor Maldonado, Jackson McCall, Ariela Medina, Isaac Mendoza, Amir Miles, Seth Miller, Mario Moreno and Samuel Moreno.

Ny Nguyen, Dorothy Nwosu, Samuel Pineda, JaMeria Porche, Chloe Robles, Lyla Rohmfeld, Jessica Rohmfeld, Daniel Saravia, Alyson Schwausch, Sahalley Silva, Israel Yanez Gutierrez and Laisha Zarazua.

Kindergarten achievement
All year
 Alma Argueta, Angela Argueta, Louis Aviles, Alexavier Barrera, Leigha Bolan, Moses Carranza, Paige Duong, Diego Garay, Jales Gibson, Caela Griffin, Alexavier Hernandez, Divinity Jones and Jasara Key.

Luna Khuory, Sydney Lumsey, Miah Martinez, Samuel Moreno, Andy Nguyen, Toby Nguyen, Brittany Ocanas, Isiah Ochoa, Mikeal Pantaleon, Destiny Parker, Andy Pineda and Kaden Ramirez.

Daniel Salamanca, Gael Salinas, Alexander Sanchez, Geovanny Sanchez, Kallye Sigue, Ashlee Taylor, Nolen Thomas, Damian Torres, Adriana Ubias, Adrian Villatoro and Xamira Zambrano.

Over The Back Fence by Alexis

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BILL!
 Local businessman **Bill Winning** celebrates his birthday Monday, June 15. Best wishes are sent from his wife, Carol, family, friends, and the staff at the *Leader*.

SCHOOL DAZE
 The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays June 11 through June 17.

Burnett Elementary
Jennifer Ramirez celebrates a birthday June 14.

Bush Elementary
 The day for a party for **Mariana Meneses** is June 17.

Frazier Elementary
Bonnie Murray celebrates a birthday June 11. June 17 is the day for a birthday cake for **Emily McLaughlin**.

Meador Elementary
 Marking a birthday June 12 is **Margo Sanchez**.

Moore Elementary
 The day for a party for **Laura Rodriguez** is June 11. Blow out the birthday candles for **Dixie Thompson** June 16.

Stuchbery Elementary

June 14 is the day to sing a birthday song to **Heather Trog**.

Melillo Middle School
 Celebrating a birthday June 15 is **Betty Henderson**.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
 Blow out the birthday candles for **Eglantina Torres** June 12. On June 15, light the candles for a double-layer birthday cake for **Georgina Baeza** and **Carla Castillo**.

Thompson Intermediate
Kaylyn Harlan celebrates a birthday June 11. Sing a happy birthday song to **Rachel Heffernan** June 13.

Dobie High
 June 14 is the day for a birthday party for **Stefanie McKinney**. On June 17, light the candles for a double-layer birthday cake for **Miguel Herrera** and **John Kneisler**.

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

Thursday, June 11: **Greg Medina, Nicoale Zeigler-Clement and Debbie Mills**; Friday, June 12: **Charlie Groover,**

Marilyn Millet, Myla Pallorina-Mamitag, Matthew Kippley and Edily Watson; Saturday, June 13: **Daniel Huston, Rhonda Jones, Andrea Amaro Delatorre, Heidi Beckham and Keshia Rodriguez**; Sunday, June 14: **Thomas King, Sherie Taylor, Wesley Holt, Thomas Golightly, Sandra Torres, Dale Brister, Kelley Brown, Laura Keith, Karl Jasso and Sandy Gutheinz**; Monday, June 15: **Margarita Duron, Yvette Hoisington, Oscar Guevara, Amanda LeeAnn, Dana Castillo, Raquel Fotorny, Jen Joyce, Corrie Galloway, Jason Evans and Derek Gray**; Tuesday, June 16: **Michael Amos, Sandra Waldrop, Billy Stanley, Arturo Ayala, Niki Youngberg, Melissa Farr and Caitlin Caughlin**; and Wednesday, June 17: **Javier Fuentes, Patrick Thomas, Steven Bryant, Rick Bailey, Christine Thomas, Charles Maricle, Jan McDonald, Michelle Miller and Stephanie Hartman**.

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

Israeli Folk Dancing continues through July

Israeli Folk Dancing continues, and new dancers are joining every session. The public is invited to join in and have fun while reaping the benefits of excellent cardiovascular work. The sessions are not built on one another, so if a few are missed, it is easy to catch up quickly.

The dances are held at Congregation Shaar Hashalom, 16020 El Camino Real, Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Remaining June dates are June 15, 22 and 28. July dates are June 6, 13, 20 and 27.

Dances are \$4 per session or \$35 for 10 sessions for CSH members, and \$5 per session or \$45 for 10 sessions for nonmembers, to cover expenses. Everyone is welcome to join the group – even if never attended before.

For more information, contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or at csh@shaarhashalom.org.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom presents Pirkei Avot: Ethics of Our Fathers

The second chapter of the *Ethics of Our Fathers* is here, with Rabbi Johnny Ouzzan. This is part of a six-week series, conducted on Wednesday nights at 7:30 p.m. at Congregation Shaar Hashalom, 16020 El Camino Real. Don't worry if a session or two is missed – one can still benefit from the rest.

The remaining class date is June 17. Investment in the studies is \$15 per class.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom is located at in Houston, and is the Conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. The community is invited to attend. For information, contact the office at 281-488-5861 or at csh@shaarhashalom.org.

Dobie sets class reunions

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

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

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

South Houston Int. student, Thompson teacher selected for JASON National Argonaut Exploration in Bahamas

Melissa Trevizo
PISD Communications
 South Houston Intermediate eighth-grader **Daniel Leon** and Thompson Intermediate eighth-grade teacher **Carol Waters** have been selected to participate in a weeklong exploratory adventure at the Cape Eleuthera

Institute in the Bahamas with world renowned explorers, scientists and engineers as part of the JASON National Argonaut program.

JASON Learning is a national science organization that partners with NOAA, NASA, National Geographic and others to help science come alive in

the classroom and inspire students to pursue careers in STEM careers.

As part grant from Chevron, students and educators from 12 districts were able to join the Jason Argonaut Exploration. The process to be accepted into the program is highly rigorous and requires students and teachers to submit a video and

write essays explaining why they are the best candidates.

When Leon and Waters begin their journey, they will participate in hands-on research at Cape Eleuthera, collecting samples and studying aquaculture and sea life.

"This will be a new experience that I will remember for the rest of my life," Leon said. "This is going to be a really fun experience, and I know it will be a good opportunity for me."

Leon and Waters were honored at the 2015 JASON National Argonaut reception recently in Spring Branch along with the other Argonaut explorers.

They were also honored at the Pasadena Independent School District's May board meeting where the 2014 JASON Argonaut explorers student Helios Trevino, now a student at Pasadena Early College High School, and educator Jessica McCoy, now a teacher at the Lewis Career and Technical High School, shared their experiences.

"This is an honor to be chosen out of all of the educators who applied. It's going to be amazing to work with students and guide them through this process," Waters said. "Some of the

cool things about the JASON program is the passionate staff and that students get to embark on a scientific adventure and learn in the real world instead of typical classroom learning. I'm looking forward to taking a step back and seeing students flourish in that kind of environment."

The JASON Argonaut program was made possible through a generous donation from Chevron. The district partnered with Chevron to provide JASON curriculum for middle and intermediate school students throughout the school year.

"Chevron is proud to invest in JASON Learning, which is our flagship Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) program in Houston," said Joni Baird, Chevron public affairs manager. "The program connects students with real-world science and exploration experience to inspire and motivate them to study and pursue STEM careers. With the number of STEM jobs continuing to grow in Houston, creating a strong STEM foundation in our public schools is critical to U.S. global competitiveness to our ability to create good jobs and to the overall economic strength of our great community."



South Houston Intermediate eighth-grader Daniel Leon and Thompson Intermediate eighth-grade teacher Carol Waters, have been selected to participate in the JASON Learning National Argonaut program in the Bahamas.

Photo submitted

Master Gardeners host program on conservation in wetlands

On Wednesday, June 17, Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 welcomes Andrew Sipocz of Texas Parks and Wildlife, who will present *Wetlands and Wildlife Conservation and Restoration* at 10 a.m. The event will be held in the Clear Lake Park meeting room, 5001 NASA Parkway in Seabrook. For more information, visit <https://hcmga.tamu.edu>.

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Remember When

35 years ago (1980)
 Eight major accidents resulting in the deaths of two drivers and the hospitalization of approximately 10 others since September 1979 marked Choate Road as one of the most dangerous thoroughfares in the area.

The Houston Water Quality Control Division continued to work to clear the rust from the South Belt area's water. The water became tinted with rust when an excessive amount of chlorine in the water began corroding the rust in the water pipes.

Quick action of two Sage-

mont pool employees, lifeguard Bobby Richmond and assistant manager Bobby Carlton, averted a tragedy when they rescued a 1-year-old girl who fell into the deep end of the pool.

30 years ago (1985)
 Directors of MUD 13 would hold another election concerning the \$14.5 million bond issue if response to a questionnaire was favorable.

Pasadena Independent School District trustees hired Dexter Joiner to be the district's delinquent tax attorney effective July 1.

A right turn lane was added on Fuqua at the eastbound approach to the bridge over I-45. This was the result of a joint project between the city and the South Belt Chamber of Commerce.

Maintenance and cleanup crews from Harris County Flood Control began working on ditches in the Sagemont area.

25 years ago (1990)
 Spilled diesel fuel caused several wrecks on the Gulf Freeway between Scarsdale and FM 2351 within a matter of two minutes.

A 20-year-old man drowned while swimming at Windmill Lakes.

Dr. Allison Cambre was named the new pastor at Cokesbury United Methodist Church.

South Belt resident Hilda Rios was named the 1990-91 Teacher of the Year of the Deer Park Independent School District.

20 years ago (1995)
 A light pole stood in the way of the freeway connector completing the southbound lanes of the Gulf Freeway to the east side of the beltway.

The San Jacinto College system began searching for a new chancellor to replace outgoing chancellor Tom Sewell.

The Miss South Belt pag-

hawk was finally accepted by the county and opened allowing access to Dixie Farm Road.

Houston Mayor Bill White agreed to participate in the annual Fourth of July parade. It was his fourth consecutive appearance in the parade.

5 years ago (2010)
 The First Convenience Bank inside the Kroger at the intersection of Beltway 8 and Sabo was robbed at roughly 9:15 a.m. According to police, two suspects were involved in the robbery. No weapons were used, and no one was injured, police said. The suspects reportedly fled the scene in an unidentified vehicle. This was not the first time the bank had been robbed. The previous October, the bank was robbed by someone the FBI dubbed the "Billy Goat Bandit." No immediate arrests were made.

Former South Belt resident Leonard "Kirk" Narcisse retired from the Houston Fire Department after serving more than 30 years. Narcisse worked his entire HFD career serving the South Belt community. After completing the Houston Fire Department Training Academy, Narcisse was initially assigned to Fire Station No. 61, located on Monroe Road near Almeda Genoa Road, where he worked from March 1980 until May 1991. He then transferred to Fire Station No. 70, located on Beamer Road near Beltway 8, where he served the last 19 years on the "B" shift until his retirement. After retiring, Narcisse said he intended to travel and spend more time with his family.

1 year ago (2014)
 Mariselle Quijano-Lerma was elected to serve as president of the Pasadena Independent School District board of trustees. She re-

placed Jack Bailey, who had served as president for two of the last four years. Marshall Kendrick would serve in Quijano-Lerma's former position of assistant secretary.

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KPRC surprises student with Senior Scholarship Award

Houston's KPRC 2 made a surprise visit to Clear Horizons Early College High School (CHECHS) at the San Jacinto College South campus to award student Rama Imad with a \$2,000 KPRC 2 Senior Scholarship Award. This April, KPRC kicked off its Senior Scholarship Award program, in which 20 graduating high school seniors were each surprised with a \$2,000 scholarship over four weeks. Each week, a scholarship recipient was featured on KPRC 2's morning newscast.

When KPRC anchors Owen Conflenti and Rachel McNeill surprised Imad at a CHECHS senior seminar, her shock and surprise was felt throughout the room. "To have received a scholarship where the deciding factors weren't my own words, but those of my teachers and mentors, was absolutely phenomenal," said Imad. "It reminds me that hard work and perseverance pay off and that four years of juggling academics, work, and being involved in high school, college, and the community do not go unnoticed. I am so honored to be a part of the tight-knit family here at CHECHS and San Jacinto College."

Natalie Nysten, CHECHS community liaison and independent study-mentoring teacher, nominated Imad for the scholarship and says she has always stood out as an extraordinary student. "She is not afraid of any challenge given to her, and this is one of the many reasons Rama was selected for this scholarship," said Nysten. "She exemplifies what a true, dedicated student can accomplish here at Clear Horizons Early College High School and San Jacinto College."

Imad has definitely overcome her share of obstacles. When she was in the sixth grade, she contracted meningitis and as a result suffered from memory loss and the loss of her photo-memory. She was bound to a wheelchair for one year before moving to crutches, and up until ninth grade, attended physical therapy for tremors in her fingers and hand. Her math skills were adversely affected and although she struggled in her math classes, she persevered and became a math major.

Recently, Imad, the 2015 CHECHS valedictorian, graduated summa cum laude from San Jacinto College with an associate of science degree in mathematics, three weeks before she received her high school diploma.

She has received a total of \$398,000 in scholarship earnings. Imad has been accepted to Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, where she plans to study neuroscience.



KPRC anchors Owen Conflenti and Rachel McNeill surprised Clear Horizons Early College High School and San Jacinto College student Rama Imad with a \$2,000 KPRC 2 Senior Scholarship Award. Pictured are, left to right, Dr. Brenda Jones, San Jacinto College South campus provost; Conflenti; Sheema Nasir (mother); Imad; McNeill; and Dr. Brett Lemley, Clear Horizons Early College High School principal.

Photo by Andrea Vasquez

Meador Elementary releases 4th nine-weeks, end of year rolls

Meador Elementary School recently released its fourth nine-weeks and end-of-year recognized, honor and merit rolls for the 2014-2015 school year. Students earning status are:

First grade Recognized roll
Jocelyne Adan, Leonela Aguila, Kevin Argueta, Hussai Arias, London Bates, Natalia Betancourt, Ethan Blandon, Rick Bonilla, Alecia Cardenas, Marlin Carter, Joseph Chacon

and Tiffany Contreras. Keana Davis, Ian Esquivel, Yazmyne Gaines, Timothy Guerra, Christopher Hernandez, Kiera Jnlouis, Richard Le, Alejandro Martinez, Xavier Martinez, Liani Mercado and Alessandria Meza. Jacoby Muniz, Blaze Murua, Mary Nguyen, Minh Nguyen, Cody Patterson, Jayla Pulido, Joaquin Ramirez, Rachel Rivera, Jayden Robinson, Kimberly Rodriguez, Irene Rosales and Gisell Sabillon.

Mia Sanchez, Brianna Schulgen, Allison Seymore, Jordyn Smith, Itzel Sosa, Xavier Swafford, Devin Terrell, Fernando Vargas, Janyvia Williams and Christopher Zarate. **Second grade Honor roll**
Bryan Anderson, Marvin Carter, Joshua Cavazos, Tatyonna Chappel, Kendra De-noon, Brenden Foxx, Anyscia Hagler, Natalie Martinez, Elaine Nguyen, Kristi Nguyen, Aleks Saldana, Omar Santos,

Cindy Su, Yara Valois and Michelle Zarate. **Merit roll**
Aysjha Anderson, Byanka Ayala, Bethany Espinoza, Edson Mareno, Samuel Martinez, Mateo Mercado, Lex Palm, Ileen Preza, Yainely Robles, Lena Swick and Patience Thomas. **Third grade Honor roll**
Alex Escobar, Amely Fuentes, Arlett Gonzalez, Noelani Gonzalez, Natali Iglesias, Arick Lastik, Jocelyn Nuncio, Yulissa Oliva, Serenity Quillens, Arianna Ramos and Efrain Ruiz.

Students win math challenge



Atkinson Elementary believes that learning math facts is an important step in the learning process regarding mathematics. The school has a contest called the Math Fact Challenge. Atkinson PTO donates two bicycles each year to a boy and a girl who reach the highest required levels. This year's winners are, left to right, Courtney Nguyen (kindergarten) and Guillermo Fernandez (first grade).

Photo submitted

Atkinson 4th 9-weeks rolls

Atkinson Elementary School recently announced its honor and merit rolls and principal's list for the fourth nine-weeks grading period of the 2014-2015 school year. Students earning status are:

Principal's roll
Kindergarten
Vanessa Blanco, Rebeca Castelan, Sasha Cepeda, Moses Godin, Elyse Gonzalez, Jimena Gutierrez, David Hernandez, Henry Hong, Huy Le, Diego Marban, Emily Trevino and Jose Luis Vieyra.

li Marban, Valerie Pesquera, Thien Pham, George Sandoval, Jazlynn Urban, Stephanie Vieira and Nathan Zavala. **Third grade**
Tara Al-Taher, Vianey Alanis, José Flores, Victor Garcia, Adrian Gonzalez, Kalib Le, Henry Nguyen, Christina Prouse, Ana Rodriguez, Geovanny Rodriguez, Maximo Tapia and Aylin Zuniga. **Fourth grade**
Angel Avango, Jordan Coscarelli, Hue Le, Joshua Perez, Marisa Perla, Victoria Sanchez, Allan Solache, Yarah Tovar, Abel Vasquez and Samantha Wilkerson.

Third grade
Dylan Baez, Nathan McClure, Duyen Nguyen, Linda Pham, Christina Prouse and Emily Reyes. **Fourth grade**
Janet Armenta, Alexis Cline, Jade Gallegos, Iliana Mealey, Katelin Nguyen, Kelly Nguyen, Martin Nguyen, Justin Thach and Carol Tran. **Merit roll**
Nataly Baez, Quang Huynh, Shazia Mustapha and Juleny Rivera. **Third grade**
Any Botello, Christian Covarrubias, Maximiliano Delgado, José Flores, Victor Garcia, Stephanie Gonzalez, Emily Hamlett, Ryan Le, Henry Nguyen, Lena Nguyen, Joseph Ontiveros, Lilly Tran and Thomas Vu. **Fourth grade**
Joshua Best, Adrian Escalera, Lizeth Escalera, Hayden Marshall and Jesse Nguyen.

First grade
Leonardo Baltazar, Jordyn Galloway, Jaylen Garza, Haylee Gomez, Miguel Gomez, Gwendolyn Jones, Connor Maciel-Rangel, Edgar Orozco, Ezekiel Portales, Mariely Rangel, Nathan Rodriguez, Liliana Sepulveda, Lillyen Spell and Bao Vu. **Second grade**
Leo Alvarez, Lorali Bolton, Daniela Maldonado, Anade-

li Marban, Valerie Pesquera, Thien Pham, George Sandoval, Jazlynn Urban, Stephanie Vieira and Nathan Zavala. **Third grade**
Tara Al-Taher, Vianey Alanis, José Flores, Victor Garcia, Adrian Gonzalez, Kalib Le, Henry Nguyen, Christina Prouse, Ana Rodriguez, Geovanny Rodriguez, Maximo Tapia and Aylin Zuniga. **Fourth grade**
Angel Avango, Jordan Coscarelli, Hue Le, Joshua Perez, Marisa Perla, Victoria Sanchez, Allan Solache, Yarah Tovar, Abel Vasquez and Samantha Wilkerson.

Merit roll
Joshua Cavazos, Kendra Denoon, Bethany Espinoza, Natalie Martinez, Elaine Nguyen, Lex Palm, Lena Swick and Michelle Zarate. **Third grade Honor roll**
Arick Lastik, Yulissa Oliva, Arianna Ramos and Efrain Ruiz. **Merit roll**
Natali Iglesias. **Fourth grade Honor roll**
Lorenzo Cantu. **Merit roll**
Isaac Dao, Kylie Dennis and Marcelo Saucedo.

Second grade Honor roll
Landen Adame, Alex Ayala, Lorenzo Cantu, Isaac Dao, Fabian Martinez, Mark Penalzoza and Luis Torres. **Merit roll**
Theresa Burchfield, Alex Carroll, Kylie Dennis, Cruz Medina and Marcelo Saucedo. **End-of-Year rolls**
First grade Recognized roll
Jocelyne Adan, Leonela Aguila, Kevin Argueta, Hussai Arias, London Bates, Natalia Betancourt, Ethan Blandon, Rick Bonilla, Marlin Carter, Tiffany Contreras, Keana Davis and Ian Esquivel. Yazmyne Gaines, Timothy Guerra, Kiera Jnlouis, Audrina Lanza, Richard Le, Lauren Lewis, Alejandro Martinez, Xavier Martinez, Liani Mercado, Jacoby Muniz, Blaze Murua and Minh Nguyen. Jayla Pulido, Joaquin Ramirez, Rachel Rivera, Jayden Robinson, Kimberly Rodriguez, Irene Rosales, Gisell Sabillon, Mia Sanchez, Brianna Schulgen, Jordyn Smith, Itzel Sosa and Fernando Vargas. **Second grade Honor roll**
Bryan Anderson, Tatyonna Chappel, Brenden Foxx, Anyscia Hagler, Cindy Su and Yara Valois. **Merit roll**
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Isaac Dao, Kylie Dennis and Marcelo Saucedo.

PISD names Health Care Professional of the Year

When it comes to improving the safety, health and wellness of students and staff, school nurses are considered superheroes. For the first time, Pasadena Independent School District honored a school nurse as the Health Care Professional of the Year. This individual demonstrates excellence in the nursing practice, advocates for students ensuring that every opportunity is provided for them to receive health care services, and makes outstanding contributions to the health and well-being of students and staff in the district. The honor went to Renee Welch, registered nurse at Pasadena Memorial High School.

Each principal was asked to submit the name of a health care professional who met all criteria outlined in the nomination application. Those include the following:
• Displays genuine concern for the health and well-being of students and staff
• Aptitude to embrace and work collaboratively with colleagues
• Strong focus on serving as an advocate for students and families
• Embraces opportunities to partner with community resources

Continues to improve professional practice by seeking relevant staff development opportunities
All nominations were reviewed by a committee. According to district nurse specialist April Weisedel, Welch had not only met the criteria, but exceeded all expectations. "Renee has consistently gone above and beyond the requirements of a school nurse," Weisedel said. "She mentors new nurses, creates student health care plans that meet state and national stan-

dards for students in Pasadena ISD who require school health-related services. Additionally, she serves on multiple committees including a standards committee while maintaining her position as lead nurse for the district." A longtime resident of Pasadena, Welch attended all Pasadena ISD schools including South Shaver Elementary, Southmore Intermediate and Sam Rayburn High School, where she graduated in 1977. She graduated from Texas Woman's University in 1981 with a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing and general sciences.



Pasadena Memorial High School nurse Renee Welch (center front) receives flowers from April Weisedel, district nurse specialist, after being named Pasadena ISD's 2014-15 Health Care Professional of the Year. Other nominees pictured are, left to right, (back row) Sylvia Moreno, Gardens Elementary; Heather Shirley, Milstead Middle School; Ashleigh Morris, Fisher Elementary; and Colleen Hicks, Sparks Elementary. Nominees not pictured are Nicole Seymour, Teague Elementary; Misty Harrison, Garfield Elementary; and Debra Blum, Red Bluff Elementary.

Shortly after college, she began her nursing career at Park Plaza Hospital as the medical, surgical, E.R. and house supervisor. She later transitioned into nursery care at Jefferson Davis Hospital where she worked in transitional care, NICU and served as director of low birth weight and premature growth and development. Welch returned to her Pasadena ISD home in 1992 as the school nurse at Williams Elementary, then Park View Intermediate and Pasadena Memorial where she currently serves as the lead nurse.

Her accomplishments have not gone unnoticed. "We proudly recognize Renee for her dedication and devotion to students, staff and the community," Weisedel said. "She is our health care superhero and our Health Care Provider of the 2014-2015 School Year."

Pasadena ISD alumni asked to participate in directory project, district's first in 10 years

Ever since he joined the Pasadena Independent School District's Communications Department five years ago, Al Carter has maintained the same desk arrangement. On the left, a telephone. And on the right, four books – a set of alumni directories for the district's four oldest high schools.

"They're never out of reach," says Carter, who coordinates alumni development projects for the school district. "There isn't a day out of the week when I don't pick up at least one of the directories to help with reunion inquiries or other alumni requests. Some tug at your heartstrings."

In just the past six months, information from the district's alumni directories has led to the return of two senior rings lost nearly 50 years ago. Information from the books has helped friends reunite and has assisted in tracking down alumni for hall of fame inductions and other events.

Not all of the inquiries have produced happy endings, such as a recent request from a former teacher for assistance in locating one of her prize pupils – no longer living, it turned out.

"There were tears," Carter said, "but also closure."

Still, just as alumni age, so do alumni directories. As such, the Pasadena ISD has contracted with Harris Connect, a Virginia-based company, to produce updated volumes for directories last published in 2005. New directories will be compiled for Pasadena, South Houston, Sam Rayburn and J. Frank Dobie high schools.

And, for the first time, a database will be produced of alumni from Pasadena Memorial, which opened in 2003-04. Directories for the four oldest high schools will be completed later this year.

Advance purchases are now being accepted through Harris Connect.

A data CD with the Pasadena Memorial alumni information will be presented to the school district and made available – free of charge – to Memorial alumni and alumni groups with a non-commercial interest in the information.

"Because Memorial is relatively new with a relatively small alumni base, a print edition would not have been cost effective," Carter said. "But because of the district's strong desire to include Memorial in the process, we were able to negotiate the production of a data CD that's sure to be a helpful tool for Memorial classes planning their first reunions."

The process of collecting information for the 2015 alumni directories began last week with the mailing of postcards to Pasadena ISD alumni. The card asks each alumnus to call a toll-free number and provide contact information and brief biographical information for use in the directory. Memorial graduates are asked to log in to a website to provide their information.

"There is no obligation of any kind attached to the process," Carter said. "An alumnus can decline to have any or all of his contact and bio information included. What's important is that we generate a high percentage of responses from our alumni rolls."

To help the cause, the school district – for the first time – will employ the contact resources generated by alumni associations now in place for South Houston and Sam Rayburn high schools. The district also hopes to spread the word through Facebook pages for alumni groups from all five Pasadena ISD high schools, Memorial

included. "When alumni directories were produced in 1999 and 2005, those organizations and those social media tools were not in place," Carter said.

"The response rate then depended solely on the number of alums who responded to Harris Connect's postcards and phone calls. Now we have the means to spread the word in multiple ways, to encourage participation from a Pasadena ISD perspective and, most importantly, to answer questions and relieve any concerns alumni may have about the process."

Carter said it's important that alumni understand that they are under no obligation to purchase a directory when they contact Harris Connect. "Harris Connect, of course, is in business to sell its products and make money," Carter said. "When contacting the company, a representative will go over product options and pricing. But there is no obligation to buy anything. Inclusion in the book is not contingent on a purchase."

Carter said the Pasadena ISD has also made arrangements with Harris Connect to include responses from former students from the five district high schools who did not finish high school at that campus.

"Previously, the company worked only with graduation lists provided by the district."

Carter said. "We pointed out that many of our former students closely associate with our schools and our graduating classes. As such, a former student may contact the company, provide his class affiliation and information to be included in the directory." The contact numbers for the high schools are: Pasadena High – 800-775-6321; South Houston High –

866-615-2110; Sam Rayburn High – 800-651-2013; J. Frank Dobie High – 800-829-8359; and Pasadena Memorial High – 800-735-8239.

Alumni who do not receive postcards within the next couple of weeks are asked to call the number for their high school. The information gathering process will continue through the summer.



Kathy Brown White, a 1968 South Houston High School graduate, holds up her senior ring, recently returned to her with the help of information gleaned from the 2005 SHHS Alumni Directory. The ring had been lost for 20 years.

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Cheerleaders receive scholarships



The J. Frank Dobie Cheer Booster Club announced the 2014-2015 recipients of the Cheer Booster Scholarships. These girls have served as Dobie cheerleaders for four years, showing dedication and hard work. Scholarships were awarded to, left to right, Tia Joseph, Samantha De La Cruz, Alexis Corpus and Adriana Resendez. Photo submitted

Solano receives iHeartRadio scholarship

The Advertising Education Foundation of Houston (AEFH) recently awarded San Jacinto College student Anthony Solano a \$2,000 scholarship.

Sponsored by iHeartRadio, the scholarship will go toward tuition and fees. This year, Solano transferred to the college from St. Edwards University in Austin.

"At first I tried to register at another local community college, but I felt like I was at the DPS," said Solano. "My mom suggested I try registering at San Jacinto College, and what a difference that was. The staff was so friendly, and I learned a lot about the opportunities available to students here."

Solano plans to transfer to the University of Houston to major in industrial engineering with a minor in marketing. In the future, he hopes to create a nonprofit foundation or public charity that focuses on education.

Growing up, Solano remembered seeing the financial hardships his own family and friends went through.

Then last year, after working as a third-grade afterschool teacher for Foundation Communities, an organization that provides affordable, attractive

housing for families and single adults, along with on-site educational, financial stability, and health support services, Solano realized he wanted to make an impact on accessible education for younger students.

"During my time at

Foundation Communities, I saw how a family's financial status does indeed affect a child's education," he said. "While teaching, I saw a lot of potential in them to become the next generation of teachers, engineers, lawyers, and public figures. However,

most do not have the financial support to continue their dreams. As a result, I realized that helping students at an early age to receive a quality education, along with financial support throughout their college careers, would be a great investment in our future."



San Jacinto College student Anthony Solano was recently awarded a \$2,000 scholarship sponsored by iHeartRadio at the Advertising Education Foundation of Houston (AEFH) benefit luncheon. Pictured are Anthony Solano (center) with his parents Griselda Guadalupe Solano (left) and Jose Guadalupe Solano. Photo submitted

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Continued from Page 1A through those who have just completed sixth grade. More than 2,100 attended VBS at

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The Parent Track starts at 6:45 each evening and will be finished at 7:50 so that parents might attend the large group assembly featuring Robert Amaya.

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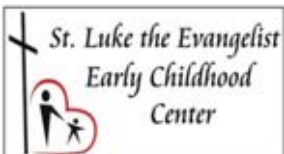
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Rams registering players

There's still time to join the Bay Area Football League as a member of the Ellington Rams. Team officials will host the first of two additional registration sessions Wednesday, June 17, from 6 to 8 p.m. The session will be held in the parking lot at the Dry Clean Super Center, 11202 Scarsdale. A second registration session is set for Saturday, June 20, from 9 a.m. to noon, at Clear Brook City Park, 2121 Scarsdale. The Rams play their home games at Dobie High School and conduct most practices at Wilson Park. Practices will get underway in late July, and the 10-game regular season starts in August.

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Roberts wraps up great St. Edwards career

By John Bechtle Sports Editor

Faith Roberts enjoyed her four-year stay at St. Edwards University in Austin so much, she said there's no doubt she'd do it again.

Sure, there's always the allure of living in the Austin area, but Roberts, a softball star at Dobie High School from 2008 to 2011, chose to play for the Hilltoppers because it just felt right at the time.

Four years and a bachelor of business administration degree later, Roberts couldn't be any happier. Attending St. Edwards was fulfilling in so many ways.

"If I had it to do over again, I'd do exactly the same thing," Roberts said. "I absolutely loved it."

"My teammates were great, the coaching staff was great and it was just a good fit as far as being at a smaller college where you could develop closer relationships."

In turn, the Hilltoppers got a starting catcher who was steady and consistent much of the time and sensational at others.

Roberts' freshman season at St. Edwards was slowed as she recovered from a torn knee ligament that she actually played through during her senior season at Dobie.

Subsequently, Roberts appeared in just 16 games for the Hilltoppers, starting three and logging just three hits in 19 at bats.

After that, though, St. Edwards no doubt received more than it bargained for.

Roberts started 38 of 52 games in 2013, hitting .333 with 12 doubles and 31 runs driven in.

After earning the first of what would be three straight All-Heartland Conference second team

selections for her play in the regular season, Roberts stepped up even bigger in

the postseason, helping guide the Hilltoppers to an NCAA Super Regional

spot. As a junior, Roberts said she struggled at the plate a bit but still wound

up with a huge year, hitting 10 home runs (fifth place) and driving in 10 runs. **Continued on Page 6B**



Over the final three years of her career at St. Edwards University in Austin, former Dobie High School star Faith Roberts was a solid source of power for the Hilltoppers, hitting 22 home runs and driving in nearly 110 runs while being named a second team all-conference pick all three seasons.

Sagemont AS 9s drop two games

It was a short run for Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League's 9-year-old all-star team in Texas District 25 action.

The locals were first defeated, 16-6, by Pearland West before dropping a 13-2 game to East End, thus ending its stay in the double-elimination event at the Friendswood Little League facility at Renwick Park.

The majority of remaining all-star play is set to begin June 24.

As of press time, the 10-year-old all-star tournament is to be held at the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League facility at El Franco Lee Park, while the 11-year-old tournament will be held at the Pearland Little League park.

SBHLL will also host the major division (12-year-old) all-star event, and the junior division all-star tournament will be played at Pearland Little League.

As is the case with all of these all-star events, the format is double elimination. The Leader will list the names of the respective age group all-stars when they become available.

Clear Brook's Juengel swings hot bat



Matt Juengel, a 2008 Clear Brook High School graduate, was named the Southern League Player of the Week for June 1-7 while playing for the Miami Marlins' Class AA affiliate, the Jacksonville Suns. For more information, see Page 2B. Photo courtesy Jacksonville Suns

Myers earns all-star nod

Dobie varsity baseball standout Tyler Myers is among those in the class of 2016 who have been invited to take part in the Houston Area Baseball Coaches Association's Red-Blue All-Star Game.

The game, featuring many of the Houston area's top varsity baseball players, is part of HABC's two-day All-Star Games and Combo Series June 15-16 at Baseball USA. The junior game is June 16, at 7 p.m.

The scouting and college combine, open to all 2015 varsity lettermen, will be held June 15, and the senior and junior all-star games will take center stage June 16.

Myers, a District 22-6A first team selection as a pitcher (see Page 3B), is expected to see action at shortstop or third base and also pitch an inning or so. "I'm looking forward to that, too."

Myers, a select baseball player for much of his playing career, is competing for the Stars of the Professional Baseball Academy. He's also part of Dobie's 7-on-7 football program with hopes of playing varsity football this fall.

"Playing football is a lot different than baseball, but I've enjoyed it," Myers said. "Right now, I'm just trying to build up my (football) arm strength and get as much experience as I can heading into the pre-season."

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Sports news, notes

Dobie boys' hoops

Dobie varsity boys' basketball head coach Kevin Cross and his staff will host the 2015 Longhorns' basketball camp June 15-18 at the school. Students entering the sixth through ninth grades as of the 2015-2016 school year are eligible to attend. Instructors will lead participants in skills drills, fun games, strength and conditioning and other basketball-related activities. The fee is \$50 per player, which will include a camp T-shirt. Parents of participants are required to cover medical insurance/costs as the Pasadena ISD does not cover students' insurance for summer fitness/recreation programs. For more information, direct email to Cross at KCross@pasadenaisd.org.

Brook boys'/girls' hoops

Clear Brook varsity boys' basketball coach Christian Thompson will host the annual Wolverines' youth hoops camp for boys and girls June 15-19 at Westbrook Intermediate. Instruction will cover all phases of the game, including shooting, passing, rebounding, offensive and defensive drills and more. Session I, from 9 a.m. to noon each day, is open to those entering kindergarten through the fifth grade as of the 2015-2016 school year. Session II, from 1 to 4 p.m. each day, is open to those entering the sixth through ninth grades as of the 2015-2016 school year. Cost is \$100, which includes a youth basketball and T-shirt. As is always the case in the Clear Creek ISD, the parents must provide medical coverage as the district does not cover students with insurance during summer fitness/recreation programs. For more information, direct email to Thompson at jthompson@ccisd.net.

SJC men's hoops tryout

The San Jacinto College men's basketball team will hold tryouts for the 2015-2016 season on Saturday, June 13. Tryouts will take place at Anders Gymnasium on the San Jacinto College Central campus, from 1 to 3 p.m. There is a \$25 processing fee for the tryouts, and participants will be required to sign a waiver of liability. Questions about the try-out should be directed to the men's basketball office at 281-476-1849.

Lady Wolverine volleyball

Clear Brook varsity volleyball coach Meredith Thompson, her staff and current and former collegiate players will combine to host the 2015 Lady Wolverines' youth camp July 27-30 at Westbrook Intermediate. Students entering the third through ninth grades as of the 2015-2016 school year are eligible to attend.

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

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

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

Dobie H.S. volleyball

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

Students entering the third through sixth grade as of the 2015-2016 school year are eligible to attend. The cost is \$40 per student, and those participating should bring their own shoes, knee pads, water, etc.

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

GAT open gym, boot camp

Students still attending Thompson Intermediate will still have a chance to maintain their fitness and skill sets during the summer months. Athletic staff members will host open gym June 15-18, June 22-25, June 29-July 2 and July 6-9, all from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Both boy and girl students also have the opportunity to take part in the Lions' summer boot camp, which will be held Monday through Thursday, June 22-25, June 29-July 2 and July 6-9.

Cost of the camp is \$75 cash only. Participants will receive fitness training while using power ropes, tires, ladders, weights and other training tools. There will also be instruction in form running, agility conditioning and more.

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

For more information about any of the summer athletic activities at Thompson Intermediate, direct email to head football coach Doug Sawyer at DSawyer@pasadenaisd.org.

Dobie youth football in July

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

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

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

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

Payment may be made by cash, credit card or money order. No personal checks will be accepted. Participants should wear shorts, a T-shirt and tennis shoes and cleats. Items participants should bring include water bottle, sunscreen, etc.

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

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

District 22-6A Awardees

Varsity Girls' Soccer

Most Valuable Player

Sarah Harder, Pearland, Sr.

Defensive Player/Year

Katie Guzman, Pearland, Sr.

Offensive Player/Year

Elizabeth Rodriguez, Dawson, Jr.

Goalkeeper/Year

Erin Webster, Alvin, Jr.

Newcomer of the Year

Mackenzie Ostrom, Dawson, Fr.

Senior of the Year

Malyn Nunez, Dobie

Coach of the Year.

Jaimee Hutchins, Dawson

First Team Honorees

Bailey Botkin, Pearland, Soph.

Kayla Izaguirre, Pearland, Fr.

Ariel Hernandez, Pearland, Soph.

Blake Delemeter, Pearland, Fr.

Nicole Young, Pearland, Jr.

Kaylie Rainwater, Pearland, Sr.

Keely Hayden, Alvin, Sr.

Alyssa Barker, Alvin, Jr.

Marissa Wright, Alvin, Sr.

Seyra McCullough, Alvin, Soph.

Claire Jeffress, Dawson, Fr.

Amber Gajevsky, Dawson, Jr.

Madison Leidy, Dawson, Sr.

Deanna Martinez, Dobie, Sr.

Erica Romero, Dobie, Sr.

Evelin Olivera, S. Houston, Sr.

Lialana Zapata, Pasadena, Sr.

McKenzie Morris, Manvel, Sr.

Second Team (Dobie)

Summer Naser, Jr.

Isabela Tamayo, Jr.



Malyn Nunez became one of the Lady Longhorns' all-time leading scorers during her four-year varsity run. For 2015, she was named the 22-6A Senior of the Year.



Dobie's Deanna Martinez (7) enjoyed a three-year varsity career for the Lady Longhorns, and in 2015 her play in the midfield earned her 22-6A first team accolades.

Nunez, Lady Longhorns

earn 22-6A soccer honors

Dobie's varsity girls' soccer team fell just short of a postseason berth in 2015, but that didn't keep several of the team's players from gaining recognition from a collection of the league's head coaches.

Malyn Nunez, a four-year letterwinner and one of Dobie's all-time leading scorers, was honored as the District 22-6A Senior

of the Year, while teammate Erica Romero, also a four-year varsity performer, was also elected to the first team.

Nunez currently plans to continue her studies at the University of Houston, while Romero will also remain in Houston as part of the St. Thomas University program along with teammate Mariah Escobar.



Erica Romero (seated), who has signed to play collegiately at the University of St. Thomas in Houston beginning this fall, ended her soccer career at Dobie with an all-district 22-6A first team nomination. Those with her at her collegiate signing included, left to right, (middle row) St. Thomas women's soccer head coach Nikola Barjaktarevic, Dobie varsity girls' soccer head coach Bryan McDonald, Dobie teammate and fellow St. Thomas signee Mariah Escobar, St. Thomas women's soccer student assistant coach Nakati Stewart and (back row) Dobie principal Franklin Moses.

At left, junior Summer Naser (4) led the way on the defensive end of the field for the Lady Longhorns this season, her second with the varsity unit.

At right, Isabela Tamayo (11) was also a second-team all-district selection for the Lady Longhorns following the 2015 season. She, like Naser, will return in 2016 as a senior as Dobie will look to get back to the playoffs.



Dobie's Sergio Q picks Western Texas soccer



Dobie class of 2015 graduate and varsity boys' soccer star Sergio Quintanilla (seated, center) will continue his education and playing career at Western Texas College in Snyder, Texas, after signing a letter of intent with the Westerners at the two-year institution. Those with Quintanilla at the signing included, left to right, (seated) Sergio Quintanilla (father), Maria Quintanilla (mother), (standing)

Justo Manrique (Dobie varsity boys' soccer head coach) and Franklin Moses (Dobie principal). During the 2015 season, Quintanilla was the District 22-6A Most Valuable Player after guiding the Longhorns to an unbeaten record in league play. Quintanilla was also an All-Greater Houston first-team selection.

Southern League honors Juengel

Former Clear Brook varsity baseball standout Matt Juengel is still living the dream – the dream of

playing professional baseball that is.

Now 25 years old and playing for the Miami Marlins' Class AA affiliate Jacksonville Suns, Juengel landed Southern League Player of the Week honors after a productive stretch of games covering June 1-7.

During that key set, Juengel hit .391 (9 for 23) and stroked six extra-base hits, including three doubles and three home runs. He also drove in seven runs along the way.

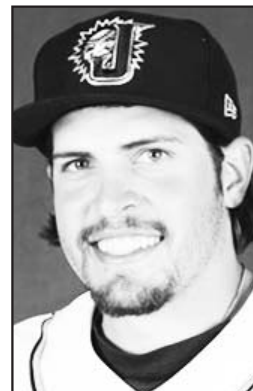
For the season, Juengel, the team's starting left fielder, is hitting .273 with 11 doubles and nine

homers. He's driven in 30 runs and slugged at a .479 percentage.

A 2008 Clear Brook High School graduate, Juengel went on to play first at Panola College and then at Texas A&M University before being drafted in the 24th round of the 2012 first-year player draft by the Marlins.

Juengel joined Clear Brook's varsity team as a sophomore and helped the team make two playoff appearances over three seasons.

For more information on Juengel and the Jacksonville Suns, visit www.jaxsuns.com.



Matt Juengel



A perceived position of strength for the Dobie varsity baseball team in 2015 quickly became a position of need this season, and junior Tyler Myers more than filled the bill on the mound. Myers, an all-district first team shortstop selection as a sophomore in 2014, this time was a first-team pick as a pitcher, leading Dobie in wins along the way. His 4-2 victory over Sam Rayburn on April 28 at Maguire Field in Pasadena helped land the Longhorns in the playoffs for a fifth straight season.



Damian Molina came through in a variety of ways for the Longhorns during his senior season. A converted catcher, Molina played the outfield and also started and pitched in relief. He was one of the team's four honorable mention choices within District 22-6A.



A full-time starter as a sophomore in 2013, Marcos Martinez returned in 2015 as a starter and gave the Longhorns a lift at the plate as well as both corner infield spots en route to a 22-6A honorable mention award.

*Photos by
John Bechtle*



Luis Salazar answered Dobie's need for a new starter at second base during 2015, eventually landing a 22-6A honorable mention selection.

22-6A Varsity Baseball Awards

Most Valuable Player

Joe Dalmolin, Alvin

Newcomer of the Year

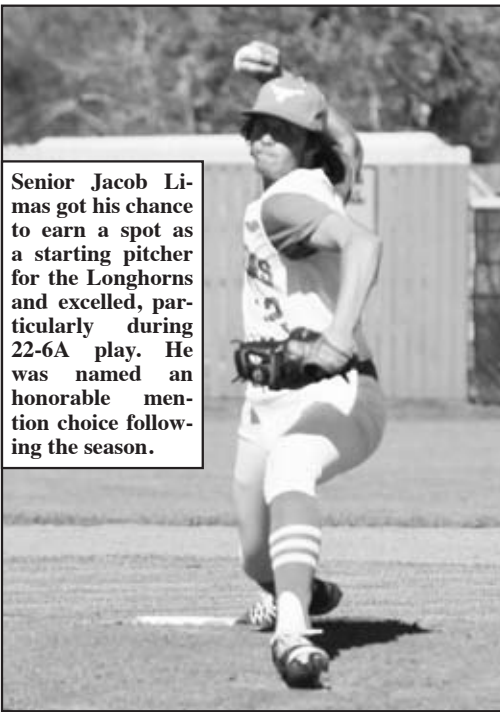
Michael Oyeruides, Dawson

Coach of the Year.

Craig McFarland, Alvin



Sophomore Euro Diaz earned the starting spot in center field and played well both in the field and at the plate as a first-time starter at the varsity level. Diaz was eventually named a 22-6A second-team selection.



Senior Jacob Limas got his chance to earn a spot as a starting pitcher for the Longhorns and excelled, particularly during 22-6A play. He was named an honorable mention choice following the season.

Honorable Mention (Dobie)

Marcos Martinez Sr. (1B)

Luis Salazar (2B)

Jacob Limas (P)

Damian Molina (P)

22-6A Varsity Baseball Awards

First Team Honorees

Pitcher

Tyler Myers, Dobie, Jr.

Pitcher

Logan Portis, Memorial, Sr.

Pitcher

Chris Jefferson, Dawson

Pitcher

Brady Basso, Pearland

Pitcher

Casey Mincha, Pearland

Pitcher

Brendan Owens, Pearland

Catcher

Raul Martinez, Rayburn

First Base

Gunner Olszewski, Alvin

Second Base

Bailey Bennett, Manvel

Third Base

Corben Henry, Alvin

Shortstop

Donovan Lewis, Manvel

Outfielder

Austin Alexis, Manvel

Outfielder

Gavin Alvarez, Alvin

Outfielder

Ryan Diaz, Pearland

Outfielder

Fernando Rodriguez, Pasadena

Designated Hitter

Shane Jackson, Manvel

Utility Player

Adrian Hinojosa, Rayburn

Second Team (Dobie)

OF - Euro Diaz, sophomore

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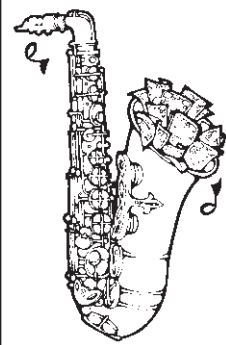
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AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.
9:30 a.m.
NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse - Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 a.m., Praise Chapel, 18516 Highway 3 in Webster. Public welcome and encouraged to bring others. For information, call 281-910-1971.
10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Bridge games weekdays, 10 a.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark Rd. For lessons, contact Dr. Dave Glandorf, bridge instructor, at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or 281-488-6318. Cost is \$6 per game or \$15 per lesson. For more information, call the club at 281-486-1911.
11:30 a.m.
ABWA - Southeast Express Network - American Business Women's Association-South meets the second Thursday of each month, Golden Corral, 9115 Broadway, Pearland. Lunch is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$20 and includes networking with professional business women, lunch and guest speaker. Women of all ages and occupations are invited. Bring plenty of business cards. Reservations appreciated. Visit www.seen-abwa.org.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, 2245 N. Main (building next to pawn shop). For information, call 713-856-1611.
4 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free water exercise for individuals with Parkinson's disease, 4 to 5 p.m., Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital Clear Lake, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Call 713-313-1652 or visit www.hapsonline.org for a list of all services.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Women's Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518) at the First Presbyterian Church in the youth building on the Westminister side. For information, call 713-856-1611.
Al-Anon (English Speaking) - Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday, 7 p.m., First

United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Room 215. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
Alateen - Provides support for teenage children, friends and family members of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday at 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, room 208. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
8:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.
FRIDAY, JUNE 12
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or drop in.
10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Bridge games weekdays, 10 a.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark Rd. For lessons, contact Dr. Dave Glandorf, bridge instructor, at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or 281-488-6318. Cost is \$6 per game or \$15 per lesson. For more information, call the club at 281-486-1911.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - West End Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, Shepherd of the Heart United Methodist Church, 12005 County Road 39, Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.
6 p.m.
Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish) - Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 6 p.m., room 215, First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., (Hwy 35), in building next to pawn shop. For more information, call 713-856-1611.
SATURDAY, JUNE 13
7:30 a.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - "Breakfast with Bill", 7:30 a.m., First

United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
10 a.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., (Hwy 35), in building next to pawn shop. For more information, call 713-856-1611.
11 a.m.
Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English) - For persons whose lives are affected by an addict. Saturdays, 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.
1 p.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Bridge games weekdays, 10 a.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark Rd. For lessons, contact Dr. Dave Glandorf, bridge instructor, at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or 281-488-6318. Cost is \$6 per game or \$15 per lesson. For more information, call the club at 281-486-1911.
SUNDAY, JUNE 14
1 p.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Bridge games weekdays, 10 a.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark Rd. For lessons, contact Dr. Dave Glandorf, bridge instructor, at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or 281-488-6318. Cost is \$6 per game or \$15 per lesson. For more information, call the club at 281-486-1911.
2 p.m.
Grief Support Group - For any adult who has lost a loved one. Meets Sundays, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas, 2 to 3:15 p.m., First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. For information, call 281-487-8787.
3 p.m.
Scleroderma Support Group Meeting - Do you have scleroderma or know someone with scleroderma? This is a rare illness that is caused by overproduction of collagen. Join support group meetings the second Sunday of each month from 3 to 5 p.m. at Pasadena Bayshore Hospital, 4000 Spencer Hwy., Pasadena. Bring a friend. Contact Jacob Davila, group leader, at 281-706-6232, or email jdavila@scleroderma.org.
5:30 p.m.
Celebrate Recovery - A faith-based 12-Step Program, Sundays, 5:30 p.m., Chapel of the Educational Building at Life Church in Houston, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for information or to RSVP for child care.

6:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Candlelight Meeting, 6:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous NA meets at 7 p.m., 2245 N. Main St., Pearland (building next to pawn shop). For information, call 713-856-1611.
8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.
MONDAY, JUNE 15
8:30 a.m.
Harris County Master Gardeners - Open Garden Day, with Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at the Genoa Friendship Garden, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Rd. Master Gardeners will be available to answer gardening questions. Plants for sale in greenhouse and educational programs for children. For details, visit https://hcmga.tamu.edu.
10 a.m.
Al-Anon Deer Park - Mondays 10 to 11 a.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for information, or just drop in.
10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Bridge games weekdays, 10 a.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark Rd. For lessons, contact Dr. Dave Glandorf, bridge instructor, at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or 281-488-6318. Cost is \$6 per game or \$15 per lesson. For more information, call the club at 281-486-1911.
10:30 a.m.
Seniors and Law Enforcement Together - SALT holds monthly meetings, 10:30 a.m., Madison Jobe Senior Citizens Center, 1700 East Thomas St. in Pasadena, third Monday of each month. No meeting in December. January meeting is on the second Monday. Meetings teach seniors how to avoid identity theft, scams, fraud, etc. Police officers and sheriffs may be in attendance. Free. Refreshments served. Meetings start timely and are one hour or less. For information, call 713-477-0175.
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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 information, or just drop in.

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

2 p.m.
Genealogy Group - The Parker Williams Genealogy Group meets from 2 to 4 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month at the Parker Williams Library, Beamer at Scarsdale. The public is invited to attend. For information, email Liz Hicks at erootrot@usa.net.

3:30 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered. For adults with Parkinson's disease only.

6 p.m.
Scrabble Club #511 - Meets Mondays at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua, 6 p.m. Come and improve crossword game playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for more information.

6:30 p.m.
New Directions Singles - Group for ages 55 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner, 6:30 p.m., at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Parkway, Webster. The dinner may include guest speakers and/or group activities. For more information, call 281-482-7143 or 281-795-4514.

6:30 p.m.
Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting - meets Mondays at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway (FM 518). Enter door closest to recycling bins. For more information, call 713-865-3668 or visit www.oahouston.org.

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

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

7:30 p.m.
The Clear Lake Gem and Mineral Society - Meets the third week of the month at Clear Lake Park Bldg., 5001 NASA Parkway, Seabrook. Guests welcome. Presenters explore a variety of subjects such as fossils, planetary geology, mineralogy, lapidary, jewelry making, rock, fossil and mineral collecting. Field trips to various collecting sites throughout Texas and surrounding states. All interested persons welcome to attend. Door prizes. Free parking. For more information, visit www.clgms.org.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

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

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

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

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1 p.m.
Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets weekly, Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Drive, Pearland. Lunch is served for \$15. Variety of interesting speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or visit naix@texascitizensbank.com.

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

2 p.m.
The National Active and Retired Federal Employees - NARFE Chapter 941 meets the third Tuesday of each month, 2 p.m., El Franco Lee Park Community Center, 9500 Hall Road. Visitors welcome. For additional information, call Roy at 713-734-1461.

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

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

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

Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center - Weekly sexual assault

support group offers a confidential self-help support group for victim/survivors of rape and sexual abuse. To attend or for more information, call 281-286-2525.

7 p.m.
Positive Interaction Program - meets the third Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m., at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria, in the staff meeting room, first floor. Bring a friend and work together to make PIP the best in the city. PIP consists of police and citizens working together to make neighborhoods safer. For information, call Officer Richard Buitron at 281-218-3900.

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

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

10 a.m.
Harris County Master Gardeners - The Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 presents *Wetlands and Wildlife Conservation and Restoration*, a lecture by Andrew Sipocz of Texas Parks and Wildlife, at the Clear Lake Park meeting room, 5001 NASA Parkway, Seabrook. For details, visit <https://hcmga.tamu.edu>.

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

11:30 a.m.
Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club - meets on the first and third Wednesday of the month, 11:30 a.m., Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway (Fuqua and I-45). December may be an exception. For information, call Monica Montoya at 281-794-5531.

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

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

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

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

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

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

Al-Anon (English Speaking) - Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, room 215. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

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

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St. Edwards right for Roberts

Continued from Page 1B (in program history) and smacking 14 doubles to go along with 42 RBIs. Her .662 slugging percentage now ranks her second in program history.

In the Heartland Conference Tournament, Roberts once again excelled, going 6 for 10 with a pair of home runs and seven runs batted in. As for 2015, Roberts said it was simply one of those seasons that could have gone either way. Unfortunately, it didn't go the way of the Hilltoppers.

The team began Heartland Conference action at 5-0 but wound up 12-11, and 27-22 for the season. A 2-1 loss to St. Mary's in the Heartland Conference tournament on May 2 wound up being Roberts' final collegiate appearance for St. Edwards.

"We missed some key games due to weather, and we dealt with injuries," she said. "We had some potentially major series and games rained out. It just seemed like we couldn't get on track for any length of time."

Roberts started 48 games for the Hilltoppers, hitting .318 with 12 doubles (39 for her career), eight home runs and 36 RBIs.

Still, she hoped there was more softball to be played.

"It took a while (to sink in), because we were hoping that because of our previous postseason success, we would get an at-large bid," Roberts said. "It didn't happen, so that was the end."

So after many years in the South Belt Girls Softball Association, a season playing in the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League and four-year stops at Do-

bie and St. Edwards, Roberts will put softball behind her.

"My body needs the rest," she said. "Catching is demanding, and it's hard on your legs in particular. I know I'll miss playing and being in control of the game as the catcher, but my body will be happy for it."

And while Roberts may be leaving her St. Edwards teammates behind, she may not quite be through being a part of a team.

With memories of spending so much time with her grandfather, an Air Force mechanic, Roberts is likely to try to fulfill a lifelong goal of becoming a pilot.

She has yet to decide just which military branch she'll choose, but Roberts, with her degree in hand, can enter as an officer. From there, the sky's the limit.

Rising Stars track again earns several wins

The Rising Stars Track Club continued to turn heads as part of a strong summer as several athletes scored wins and other honors at the Dragons Invitational June 6.

From the primary division, Menelik Gurnell, 8, was the winner of the shot put as his best throw went to the 20 feet, 2 inch mark.

Gurnell also ran the 400-meter event at 1 minute, 26.16 and the 800-meter run at 3:09.75.

In the submidget division for 11-year-old competitors, Camryn Dickson was the winner of the 400-meter run at 1:04.90.

Matthew Kovacevich, who has scored medals all summer, was fourth in the triple jump at 30'8". His time in the 1,500-meter run was 4:58.

Cameron Devereaux, who was involved in the youth division for 14-year-olds, was third in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:12. At 59.06, Devereaux was also quick in the 400-meter run and completed the 200-meter dash in a time of 25.24.

Once again, the Rising Stars had great success in the intermediate division for 15 to 16-year-old athletes.

Sydney Devereaux, 15, won a pair of events, including the 800-meter run (2:24) and the 1,500-meter run (5:21.60).

Luis Figueroa's time of 8:36.59 in the 1,500-meter racewalk was plenty good enough for a victory, and Jeremy Davis was third in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 15.34.

Camille Singleton, who will be a junior at Dobie during the 2015-2016 school year, was a double winner.

At 58.48, Singleton won the 400-meter run. She also came through with a win in the 200-meter dash at 24.71.

Primary division athlete Trevor Doswell entered the 400-meter run (1:43.08) as well as the long jump (6'0"), while

Gianni Gerami finished the 400-meter run in a time of 1:40.80.

Among the 9-year-old subbantam athletes, there was Jeremiah Beverley (3:14.54 in the 800-meter run and 6:44.78 in the 1,500-meter run), Ramiro Garivay (3:18 in the 800 and 1:33.5 in the 400), Kailey Pineda (3:09.46 in the 800 and 1:20.37 in the 400) and Chardel Terrell (2:49.59 in the 800 and

1:19.90 in the 400).

Jason Doswell represented the team in the bantam division for 10-year-olds, where he threw the shot put 19'6".

Joshua Ross, in the submidget division for 11-year-olds, ran the 400-meter event in a time of 1:35.3.

Four other Rising Stars took part in the midget division, where 12-year-olds vie. Paul Burgess complet-

ed the 400-meter run in a time of 1:08, and Christian Ross' time of 2:43.73 was solid in the 800-meter run.

Christianne Ross, meanwhile, was at 3:01.12 for 800 meters and 1:12.97 for 400 meters. Bryce Shackelford threw the shot 18'3" and also ran the 400-meter dash in a time of 1:26.39.

The Rising Stars also had several standouts in the subyouth division for

13-year-olds.

Those athletes includes James Burgess (1:07 in the 400 and 29.25 in the 200), Mikey Ramirez (1:10.36 in the 400 and 29.6 in the 200), Amari Singleton (1:07.67 in the 400 and 5:41.11 in the 1,500) and Brandon Shackelford (1:08.85 in the 400 and 33.03 in the 200).

Youth division athlete Michael Burgess, 14, was at 1:26.37 (400).

Texas Line Drive 10U third at USFA state tournament

At right, the Texas Line Drive 10-under softball team took third place among 31 entries in the United States Fastpitch Association's Texas State Tournament in Beaumont. The team is headed to the Jennie Finch World Series in Sulphur, La., later this month before attending the USFA World Series in Panama City, Fla., in July. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Ariana Perez, Eviana Robles, Trystin Somenet, Jordee Wilkins, (middle row) Paris Kimble, Victoria Ramirez, Hailley Hernandez, Ella Brown, Lien Brister, Mikaila LeCompte, Alexa Quiroz, (back row) coaches Farrell LeCompte, Dale Brister and Art Robles. Not pictured is coach Mike Somenet.



Her playing career now done, former Dobie High School standout Faith Roberts isn't currently part of a team but just may soon be on another as she considers chasing her dream of becoming a pilot.

SJC's Pennington tabbed second team AA

An eye-popping offensive year at the plate paid big dividends for San Jacinto College sophomore outfielder Walker Pennington, who was named a second team All-America selection by the National Junior College Athletic Association following the 2015 season. Pennington, a transfer from Texas Christian University who played high school baseball at Houston Memorial, led the San Jacinto College team in numerous categories. His .410 batting average, 87 hits, 12 home runs and 68 runs driven in were all team highs, and his 12 doubles tied him with two other players for the team lead. At the JUCO World Series, Pennington was an all-tournament selection after going 10 for 19 with two doubles, a triple and a homer while driving in four runs.



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