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July 4 parade, fireworks

The 29th annual South Belt Fourth of July parade will take place Monday, July 4, beginning at 10 a.m. The parade route will wind from Beverly Hills Intermediate to San Jacinto College South. While the parade starts at 10 a.m., participants are urged to arrive early, as the lineup for the caravan will begin at 9 a.m. All residents, organizations and businesses are welcome to enter. Participants are encouraged to decorate their vehicles and floats, as prizes will be awarded in various categories. Community and nonprofit groups may sign up for the parade at no charge, unless they wish to be eligible for a prize. A \$50 fee is charged for commercial entries. Noncommercial entries may enter the contest for \$25. Entry forms are available at www.southbeltleader.com, the *Leader* office, 11555 Beamer, and on Page 4B. The forms are to be filled out and returned to the *Leader* office, faxed to 281-481-5730 or emailed by July 2. On the evening of July 4, residents may view the annual fireworks at El Franco Lee Park, 9400 Hall Road. Funded by the annual South Belt Spectacular Cook-off, the display is scheduled to begin around 9:15 to 9:30 p.m.

Shredding Saturday, June 25

Harris County Sheriff's Office will host a document shredding Saturday, June 25, 9 a.m. to noon, Harris County Courthouse Annex, 10851 Scarsdale. Contact the Harris County Sheriff's Office Community Services Division, 713-759-9454, for further information.

Graduation issues available

Extra copies of the *Leader's* June 2 graduation issue are available at the newspaper office, located at 11555 Beamer. Graduates from J. Frank Dobie, Clear Brook, South Houston and Clear Horizons Early College high schools and Lutheran South Academy are featured.

Lariaettes hold car wash

The Dobie Lariaettes will hold a car wash Saturday, June 25, in the McDonald's parking lot at 11323 Fuqua. Pre-sale tickets are \$5 and can be purchased from any current Lariaette. Drive-ups will also be welcome, and donations will be accepted.

Band seeks musicians

A community band is seeking musicians to join the group of music loving folks with a wide variety of skills and talent. Membership ranges in age from high schoolers to senior citizens. Rehearsal meetings are held Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. at Pearland's Robert Turner High School. For information, contact Bobby Wren at 832-654-0906 or email bobbywren@hotmail.com.

Cowgirls drill camp set

The Sagemont Cowgirls will host its annual drill camp on Saturday, June 25, at the Cowboys football field located at El Franco Lee Park from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For additional information, contact Kerri Lynn Blanton at Chelsey1004@yahoo.com.

Club seeks members

The Frey Garden Club-South Belt Area chapter is seeking members. Affiliated with the Houston Federation of Garden Clubs, Texas Garden Clubs and National Garden Clubs, the group meets monthly at 10 a.m. on the second Wednesday of the month between September and May. Meeting locations vary each month. For information, contact Christa Kaiser at 281-481-6160 or kkaiser@spynet.com.

CCFA to meet June 28

The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA) Bay Area support group will meet Tuesday, June 28, at 7:30 p.m. at the State Farm Insurance office, located at 12941 Gulf Freeway, Suite 101. Patients and caregivers are invited to attend. Meetings are free.

American Legion picnic

American Legion Post 490, 11702 Galveston Road, will host a free picnic Monday, July 4, from noon to 6 p.m. The event will feature a live band, free food, drinks, watermelon, corn, a hot dog eating contest, a pie eating contest, horseshoes, a volleyball tournament, cornhole, a baby pool, snow cones, a moon bounce and other games. Games begin at 2 p.m.

3-year-old found in pool

A 3-year-old child is in critical condition after being found in a backyard pool Sunday, June 19, in the 9900 block of Sagedowne. The child's parents were administering CPR when paramedics arrived on the scene. While the parents were at home at the time of the incident, investigators said there was a 30-minute lapse when the child's whereabouts was unknown. It is unclear, however, how long the child had been in the pool.

The child was taken to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, before being transported to Texas Children's Hospital. The child regained a pulse en route to the first hospital but remained in serious condition at press time.

No charges have been filed. The case was still under investigation at press time Wednesday, June 22.

Party to elect new Pct. 1 commissioner

By James Bolen

Harris County Democrat precinct chairs will vote Saturday, June 25, to decide who will replace the late El Franco Lee as Precinct 1 commissioner.

The unorthodox election is somewhat controversial, as the winner will likely hold the position for an indefinite amount of time. Lee, who died this past January, had held the seat in the Democratic stronghold for more than 30 years.

The coveted position comes with a base salary of roughly \$170,000 a year and is not term limited. Once elected, commissioners rarely face serious challengers or step down from the esteemed position, which represents 1.2 million people and oversees a \$200 million annual budget.

The race is unique in that there is no official filing or deadlines, making it difficult to determine exactly how many people are actually seeking the position. Candidates vying for the position have been forced to try and sway party precinct chairs, rather than campaign directly to county voters, as they would in a traditional election.

While the Harris County Democratic Party recognizes 10 total candidates, three have emerged as

the front-runners – interim Commissioner Gene Locke, state Sen. Rodney Ellis and Houston District D City Council Member Dwight Boykins.

Additional candidates include District B City Council Member Jerry Davis, District K Council Member Larry Green, community activist Georgia Provost, KPFT chairman DeWayne Lark, educator Rickey Tezino, former county publicist Vernell Jessie and Nathaniel West Sr. (biography unavailable).

Council members running for the seat must walk a fine line when campaigning for the position, as the state's new "resign-to-run" provision requires them to step down from their current spot before officially seeking another one.

A longtime friend of Lee's, Locke has promised to follow in his predecessor's footsteps by providing needed services to the South Belt community.

"The South Belt area, as well as all Precinct 1 communities, can continue to count on the Harris County Precinct 1 Commissioner's office for excellent services in infrastructure improvements, parks, public safety, flooding and social services," Locke said. "Like my predecessor, the late

Commissioner El Franco Lee, I am dedicated to improving the quality of life for families in the area. Along with preserving all of Commissioner Lee's important programs, like the South Belt Stormwater Detention Basin that will reduce flooding in the area, I am closely working with law enforcement to improve safety and security in the unincorporated and incorporated neighborhoods. In addition to improving roads and bridges, my office is constructing much-needed sidewalks to make it easier and safer for area children and their parents to walk to schools. Also, we are making numerous improvements to El Franco Lee and Dixie Farm Road parks. Of course, our seniors program and other community activities will not only continue, but they will be improved. I hope to continue as your Precinct 1 commissioner for many more years. Together, we can work to find solutions to improve infrastructure, increase job opportunities, develop a viable economy, maintain safe and clean parks and create affordable housing."

Both Locke and Ellis have claimed they have the requisite number of precinct chairs in their corner to clinch the nomination. Last week, Ellis went as far as to issue a detailed press release listing the names of 65 of the 125 Precinct 1 precinct chairs he said had endorsed him – two more than the number needed to secure the election.

Locke and Boykins, however, both dispute El-

lis' endorsement list.

"My private conversations with precinct chairs tell a different story," Locke said. "A significant number of persons on the list have expressed their unequivocal support for me or are still weighing their options. I respect the right of these decision makers, who have been placed in a difficult situation, to keep their own conscience with regard to this nomination, and I would never pressure any precinct chair to publicly disclose his or her vote before casting it on June 25."

This sentiment is echoed by Boykins. "After reviewing the list, it was very clear that not all of those chairs had committed," Boykins said. "And a lot of those chairs weren't happy about their names being printed without their permission."

The race has gotten heated in the past week, with Ellis taking to Facebook to air his grievances.

"Good people sometimes make lousy decisions – as Locke did when he broke his promise to you not to seek the Democratic nomination for Precinct One Commissioner," Ellis said in a post. "In public life, lousy decisions always catch up to you, and that's what happened yesterday. Locke claimed he had secured a majority of precinct chairs in support of his campaign. When we called his bluff, Locke could have simply released his list so all chairs could evaluate the state of the race for themselves. Instead, Locke

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Caudle collects 1,000+ socks

A charity sock collection drive sponsored by long-time South Belt resident Lynn Maxwell Caudle for her 90th birthday far exceeded her expectations, receiving more than 1,000 pairs to donate to multiple charities. Caudle initially requested that friends, family and community members donate the items in lieu of birthday gifts so she could pass them on to the Bluebonnet Youth Ranch in Yoakum – a home for abused and neglected children. When Caudle received more socks than she expected, she shared the wealth with other local charities, including The Bridge Over Troubled Water and the *Leader's* annual Christmas program.

Photo submitted

Charity sock drive exceeds expectations

By James Bolen

A selfless 90th-birthday wish for socks for needy children far exceeded the expectations of longtime South Belt resident Lynn Maxwell Caudle, who is now distributing extra donated items to other area charities.

For her 90th birthday on June 7, Caudle, who resides in Sagemont Townhomes, requested friends and family donate socks to the Bluebonnet Youth Ranch in lieu of birthday gifts or parties. Elizabeth in Yoakum, the ranch is a nonprofit organization that houses abused and neglected children.

"It's a wonderful place," Caudle said. "I asked what they needed most, and with no hesitation, they told me socks."

The *Leader* additionally promoted the drive, and Caudle said the results were far beyond expectation.

"My sock count has risen to more than 1,000 pair," Caudle said. "I had hoped for maybe 100 pair. I am ecstatic and have never had a better birthday."

Caudle and her two sons, Martin Maxwell and Michael Maxwell, recently traveled to Yoakum to deliver 550 pairs to the children at the Bluebonnet ranch.

"I've never seen children so excited," Caudle said, jokingly adding, "Or at least the girls. The little boys were just so-so."

CCISD campuses named top schools

The Clear Creek Independent School District excelled in a recent study done by the local nonprofit advocacy group Children at Risk.

The study ranked and issued letter grades for 1,331 public schools in the Greater Houston area based on academic outcomes over the past year.

Elementary, intermediate and high schools were evaluated separately on how high students scored on standardized tests and the level of improvement from the year prior. CCISD led the pack with 70 percent of schools receiving an "A" letter grade and no schools receiving "D" or "F" letter grades.

Clear Horizons Early College High School

Caudle donated an additional 300 pairs of socks to The Bridge Over Troubled Water, a shelter for battered women and their children located in Pasadena. An additional 150 pairs have been set aside for the *Leader's* annual Christmas drive for needy families in the South Belt community.

In all, Caudle sent out 75 letters and emails seeking donations. Most were delivered to friends and family members, but she sent three to people she doesn't personally know – Queen Elizabeth II, Michelle Obama and J.J. Watt. While the latter two failed to respond, Caudle did receive a response from the queen.

"I got a letter from Queen Elizabeth," Caudle said. "We share a birthday. We both turned 90."

The former owner of a craft shop, Caudle now enjoys quilting and painting, as well as reading and gardening. Her husband, Stan Caudle, died this past year but left behind 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Caudle is already planning a bigger drive for her birthday next year but preferred to not mention specifics.

She is grateful for everyone who participated in the endeavor.

"Thank you to South Belt citizens, the *South Belt Leader* for the publicity and to my neighbors and friends here in Sagemont Townhomes," Caudle said.

New laws ease firework restrictions

By James Bolen

Once again, the sale of fireworks in the South Belt community is sparking controversy, with the opening of a new booth on Beamer, just north of Dixie Farm Road.

While the stretch of road was once a hot spot for such booths, the last remaining ones were shut down in July 2009 by the City of Friendswood Fire Marshal's Office, citing extrajurisdictional jurisdiction (ETJ).

ETJ is the legal ability of a governing body to exercise authority beyond its normal boundaries, given that an agreement has been reached with the adjoining municipality.

In this instance, the City of Friendswood worked jointly with the City of Houston, the City of Pearland and Harris County. At that time, state law dictated that a governing body may exercise ETJ up to 5,000 feet outside of their established jurisdiction. The fireworks booths in question were located 1,800 feet outside of the Friendswood city limit, which extends to Beamer and Dixie Farm Road.

This past legislative session, however, Sen. Eddie Lucio Jr. of Brownsville drafted Senate Bill 1593, which states a municipality may only prohibit the sale of fireworks within its own boundaries. The bill passed and was subsequently signed into law by Texas Gov. Greg Abbott and took effect this past September.

The sale of fireworks along Beamer has been an ongoing, controversial and confusing issue – even among law enforcement.

In July 2008, City of Houston officials erroneously issued more than 30 citations on the stretch of Beamer between Astoria and Dixie Farm, as the northbound side of the street fell in the fireworks ban area, while the southbound side did not.

With the help of the *Leader*, the tickets were later dismissed.

Fireworks have long been forbidden within the city limits, and in the last decade, the Clear Brook City and Sagemeadow municipal utility

districts have both entered into strategic partnership agreements with the City of Houston, prohibiting the practice.

Despite the partnership, an overlook on the Clear Brook City MUD's part allowed a fireworks booth to open in the parking lot of Mount Olive Lutheran Church in the 10300 block of Scarsdale in 2013, prompting extensive litigation from the Sageglen Civic Club.

In the end, the bench sided with the church, and sales are expected to resume on the property this Independence Day.

Transporting fireworks – even in municipalities where their sale is prohibited – is also now easier, thanks to a bill authored in 2013 by Lucio's son, Eddie Lucio III, who serves as a state representative in Brownsville. House Bill 1813 states that it is now lawful in the state to transport the items, provided they are kept in a non-passenger area of the vehicle, such as a trunk or hatchback.

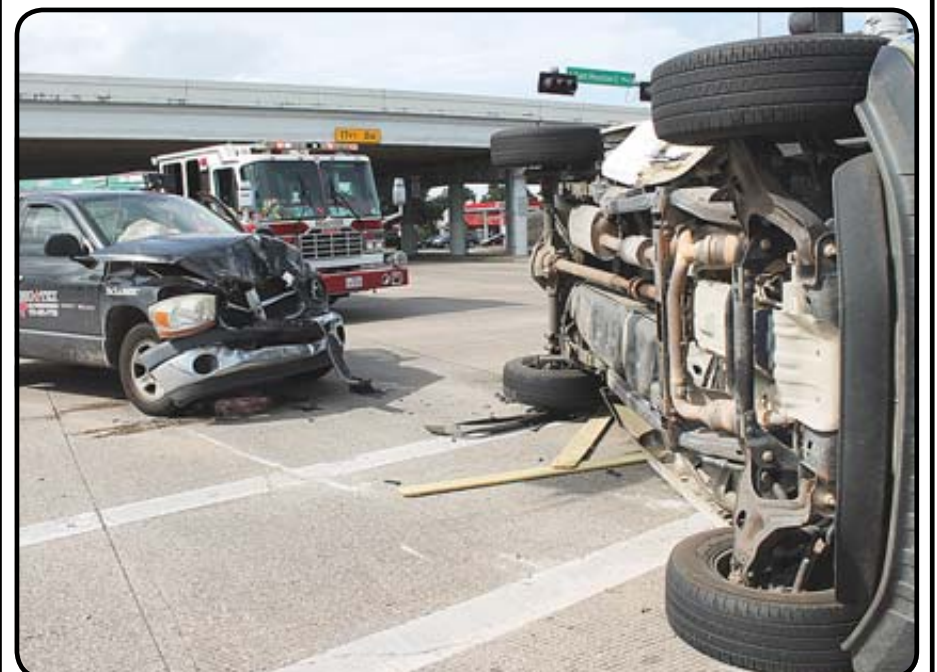
Should one still get charged with possession of fireworks within the city limits, fines can range anywhere from \$500 to \$2,000 for each individual item. In 2007, the state raised the minimum age to purchase fireworks from 12 to 16. Parents of offending minors can also be fined, even if they are unaware their children are breaking the law.

Local subdivisions located within the city of Houston include Sagemont, Sagemont Park, Kirkwood, Genoa, Beverly Hills, Rainbow Valley, Eastridge Terrace, Sycamore Valley, Scarsdale and King's Place.

Subdivisions not within the city limits and under Harris County's control include Clear Brook Meadows, College Place, Riverstone Ranch, Woodmeadow I and II, Highland Meadow, Ashley Pointe, Blackhawk, Meadows of Clear Creek, Sagemeadow, Estates of Green Tee, Sageglen, Kirkmont and Kirkwood South.

The Bella Vita, Villa D'Este and Villa Verde subdivisions are located within the City of Pearland.

Truck flips at Beltway, Beamer



An emergency crew from the Houston Fire Department is shown above responding to an accident at the intersection of Beamer and Beltway 8 on the afternoon of Monday, June 20. The driver of the white truck that rolled over reportedly admitted to running the light, causing the collision. No serious injuries were reported. The intersection has long been a hot spot for automobile accidents. Residents are urged to use caution when driving through it.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

Deaths

Nancy Jo Kneisler



Nancy Jo Kneisler, 73, died on May 27, 2016, in League City, Texas. She was born on June 26, 1942, in Baraboo, Wisconsin, and was a South Belt resident since 1970.

Kneisler graduated from Spring Branch High School in Pasadena ISD in 1978. She worked 30 years teaching at Teague Elementary, Sparks Elementary, Stuchbery Elementary and retired from Morris Middle School.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Earl and Vivian Hughes. She is survived by her husband, Jerry Lee Kneisler; children Carrie Ewing and John Earl Kneisler; grandchildren John Paul Ewing, Lucas Ewing, Benjamin Ewing, Emily Kneisler, Elayna Kneisler, Elyssa Kneisler, and Rex Kneisler; and great-grandchild Bernhard Ewing.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, June 2, 2016, at 1 p.m. in the chapel of Angels at Forest Park Lawndale. Burial followed at Forest Park Lawndale.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the American Stroke Association at donatenow.heart.org/stroke/.

Robert "Bob" Lewis Emery



Robert "Bob" Lewis Emery, husband, father and grandfather, died June 17, 2016. He was born in Abilene, Texas, July 24, 1939, delivered by his uncle Oscar. One of four sons of Lewis Vernon Emery and Lourene Westbrook Emery, he met and married the love of his life Elizabeth Ferguson while stationed at Redstone Arsenal in Alabama in 1963.

Emery was one-of-a-kind; successful in his career but, more importantly, successful in his life with his friends and family. His greatest joy was

spending time with his wife and family. He was always front and center for every grandchild's sporting and academic events. He loved spoiling them.

Emery was slow to anger and quick to make you laugh. Affectionately known as "Captain God", he was a pilot for 20 years with Gulf Oil Corporation in Houston, where he retired as Chief Pilot. He later started a successful consulting company, Emery Aviation Services using the same logo as his father's company, Executive Aircraft Services. He was well respected for his work ethic and knowledge of all things aviation, so much so that he never advertised or sought business - the business came to him. For him, it was more about relationship and less about the money, he loved what he did and loved the relationships built through the business. So many business associates became close friends, a true testament to his character.

Emery was a Sagemont resident from 1964 to 1980. Both his son Mark and daughter Leslie graduated from J. Frank Dobie, 1978 and 1982, respectively.

He and his wife lived in Friendswood and enjoyed entertaining in their home and traveling the world. They especially loved their place in Cabo San Lucas and never missed a summer there.

Emery's second love was his 1955 candy apple red T-Bird, which he purchased

during his rough necking days in Ventura, California and continued to work on, drive and show throughout his life. He was an Eagle Scout and member of the QB society. He was well known and beloved for his non-stop stories and sense of humor.

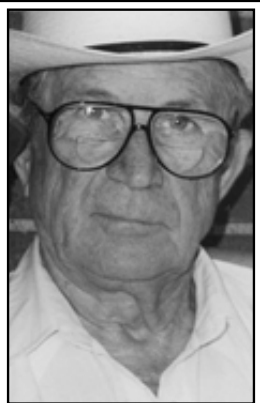
Emery was preceded in death by his parents and younger brother William Ralph Emery.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, son Mark Robert Emery and his wife Melissa; daughter Leslie Emery Perryman and her husband Jeff; grandchildren Alexis and Samantha Reid, and Miles and Marissa Emery; brother Richard Westbrook Emery and his wife Gay; brother Joe Michael Emery; sister-in-law Kim Richardson Emery; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews and countless friends.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, June 25 at 11:30 a.m. at Friendswood Friends Church, 502 S. Friendswood Drive, Visitation starts at 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to the Bob Emery team for the Walk to End Alzheimer's at the website act.alz.org/goto/bobemery.

Herbert Byron Hewitt

Herbert Byron Hewitt, 92, of South Belt died peacefully in his home on June 16, 2016. Byron was married to Billie Capps Hewitt for 27 years,



and Patty J. Cummings Hewitt until his death.

Byron Hewitt is survived by his daughters Denise Hewitt Long, Patricia Hewitt Dahne, Charlotte Hewitt Ryan, and Hollie Hewitt; grandchildren Ryan Hancock, Field Isbell, Oliver Ryan, Austin Hewitt, Thomas Dahne and Dani Hewitt; great-granddaughter Jewell Hancock; step-children Jimmy Cummings, Carolyn Cummings VanKirk, and Tricia Cummings; step-grandchildren Brittany Olivera, Jeremy Cummings, Amanda Cummings, Kevin VanKirk, Robert VanKirk; and step-great-grandchildren Tagan Cummings and Kimber Olivera. Hewitt was the son of Charles Henry Hewitt and Martha Lodusky Winters Hewitt of Groesbeck, Texas. Hewitt's siblings included Bernice, Iris, Effie, Fred, Zetta, Clowe, Katherine, Polly, Fannie, and Trueman Hewitt.

Hewitt was a U.S. Navy and U.S. Coast Guard veteran and served during World War II. He was employed by Pritchett Engineering, Hughes Tool Company, and later owned Hewitt Sales and Service in Houston.

Hewitt was an avid hunter and fisherman, and loved the outdoors and Texas. He had many friends and was greatly admired and will be missed by many. A memorial service will be held at Forest Park East Funeral Home on Tuesday, June 28, at 2 p.m.

Arturo R. Ibarra



Arturo R. Ibarra of South Belt 70, died June 8, 2016,

surrounded by his family.

Ibarra was born in Mission, Texas Jan. 15, 1946 to Heliodoro and Santa Ibarra. He graduated from Mission High School and received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from UT Pan American University.

He married the love of his life, A. Nora Sandoval on Nov. 28, 1968. The union was blessed with two sons, Michael and Daniel.

Ibarra began his career in business with Diamond Shamrock then continued with Hercules/Himont and Lyondell. He enjoyed taking care of his family and especially spending time with his grandchildren Aryan and Alec Ibarra.

He leaves to cherish his memories his wife of 47 years; two sons and two grandchildren; one brother, Hector Ibarra; and one sister, Irma Ibarra Becho. He is preceded in death by his parents and a nephew Stephen D. Becho.

Visitation was held Tuesday, June 14, with a rosary at Pasadena Funeral Chapel on Pasadena Blvd. Funeral services were Wednesday, June 15, at the Catholic Community of St. Luke the Evangelist Church on Hall Rd. Interment followed at Forest Park East Cemetery.

Leader obituary policy

Obituaries submitted to the Leader are published free of charge.

They are edited to conform to the Leader style.

In My Opinion

FEMA rep correcting flood related rumors

We're hearing a couple of things that are in the grapevine that aren't accurate. This IS what is accurate:

If you have flood insurance you CAN still register for possible FEMA assistance. If you were damaged in a prior storm and registered prior you DO need to register again for this most recent disaster declaration (assuming your county is part of the declaration). Essentially, each disaster is treated as a separate situation.

The State, FEMA, various county officials and the SBA are still out doing preliminary damage assessments in a number of other counties.

Should there be additional counties added onto the current declaration for May storms, that information will be reported.

Robin Smith

Cornyn aide explains new FOIA bill update

Whether you like Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton, whether you support more gun control or less, whether you believe in climate change or not, there's a bill that just passed Congress which all Americans can easily support. It's a bill that makes a good law better by improving citizen access to public records under the Freedom of Information Act. It's about time. The Freedom of Information Act celebrates its 50th anniversary next month, and it's one of the best ideas ever to come out of Washington. It upholds a fundamental principle of democratic government: If your tax dollars are involved in a government program, agency, benefit, etc., you have a right to know what that money is spent - or misspent. But over the years various bureaucratic roadblocks had cropped up - under Democrats and Republicans - that undermined the purpose of the law.

If it costs you an exorbitant sum to access public records, or you don't get them for months or years, you won't have answers to your questions.

Finally, some of those roadblocks are being cleared away, and President Obama has promised to sign the changes into law. The update requires federal agencies to operate under a "presumption of openness," which limits their ability to cite exemptions to withhold information.

It also requires them to disclose records that probably will be of special public interest without forcing document-seekers to go through a time-consuming request process. People will also be able to request records from any agency through a single source at the Office of Management and Budget. That ends the need to navigate the bureaucracy trying to find the right place to send a request.

Another good thing about the bill is its sponsors came from both parties. Our own Sen. John Cornyn, a Republican, teamed up with Democratic Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont to help get it through the Senate.

Bipartisanship has almost disappeared in Washington in recent years. It's encouraging to see it hanging on in some manner for a bill like this.

Libby Hambleton

Deputy press secretary

Muecke: The gun is not the problem

All the news head lines are GUNS. The gun is not the problem. It is a not caring, don't give a dam let someone else society that is the problem. When society was involved, we had no problems with guns.

Now Donald Trump; on the other side of the fence, like him, hate him, agree with him or not but he has brought excitement to our political process.

He has brought up the hard questions that no one before wanted to think about or discuss. People are finally, yes - thinking, listening, asking questions, talking and the most important, they are voting.

Our country is faced with many dangerous issues, within and outside our borders. If we do not elect the correct people this coming Nov. 8, 2016 to correct this, our great country that so many sacrificed their life for, may have 10 years. Think about this.

James E. Muecke

Ascencio appreciates positive attitude of DeLeon

Cristian Ascencio, one of J. Frank Dobie High School's Shining Stars, is shown with distinguished educator Gilbert DeLeon, an instructor of Advanced Placement Calculus BC.

Both were honored at the annual Pasadena Independent School District Shining Stars Gala, which recognizes the top students from each high school and their favorite teachers.

Ascencio has volunteered as an election clerk for the Texas primary elections and with the National Honor Society. He has enjoyed the roles of principal bassist of the J. Frank Dobie

High School Chamber Orchestra, along with serving as member of the National Honor Society and Science Club. He has also held a leadership position as study captain of the Latin Club, with focus on ancient geography. Concerning the future, Ascencio plans to major in electrical engineering at the University of Texas at Austin and work toward owning his own company to conduct research.

Regarding his teacher, Ascencio said, "Mr. DeLeon is an amazing teacher who always makes learning entertaining with



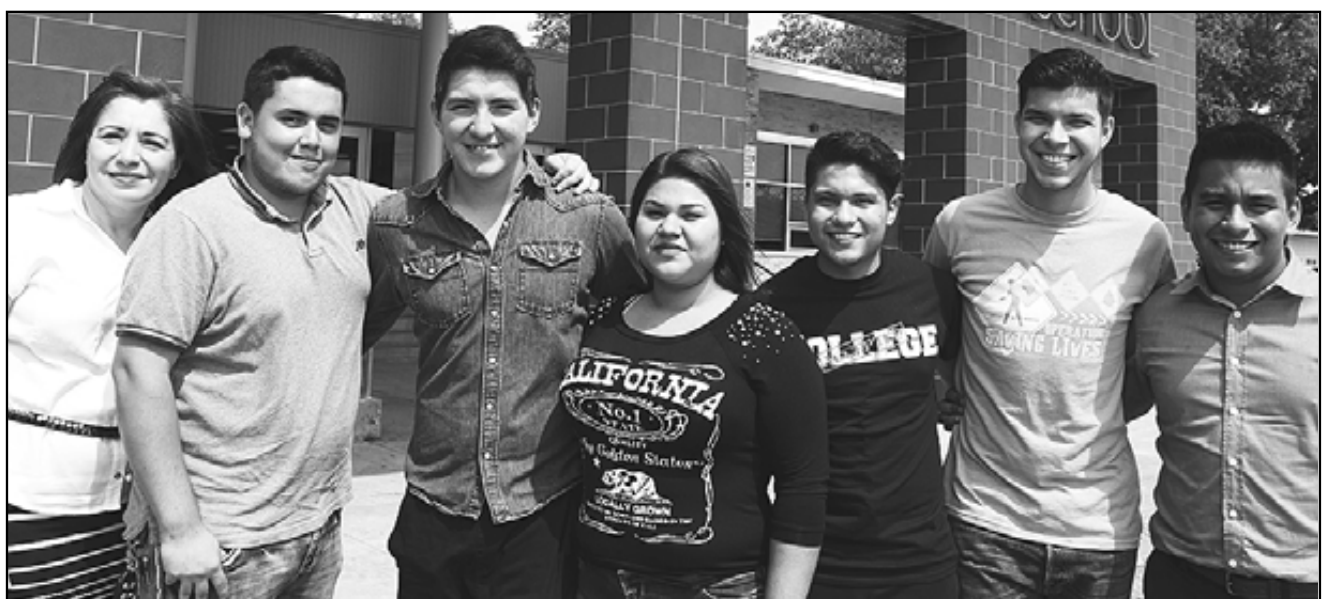
his love of mathematics, but also knows when we need to take care of business. In class, he is intense, but approachable. We are not afraid to tell him that we are confused. By making a comfortable atmosphere to learn, Mr. DeLeon truly becomes a father of calculus to us. He does a great job influencing and motivating us to do our best."

The South Belt Shining Stars will present a series of the students being honored along with their favorite mentor. This is the first in the series of 10. The 10 Shining Stars represent the Top 10 Dobie High School students. Information and photos were supplied by the Pasadena Independent School District. The Leader is running Top 10 Shining Stars from Memorial and South Houston.

Seniors trade limited opportunities in Mexico for U.S. diplomas

Leaving behind life as they knew it, some South Houston High seniors left their homeland to pursue opportunities in the United States. Shown below are, left to right, English for Speakers of Other Languages I (ESOL

1) teacher Myrna Alanis, Ulises Luna, Abraham Madrigal, Celeste Contreras, Edgar Guevara, Mauricio Galvan and ESOL 2 teacher Miguel Fierro.



South Houston High seniors Celeste Contreras, Mauricio Galvan, Edgar Guevara, Ulises Luna and Abraham Madrigal left behind family, friends and their homeland of Mexico to follow their dreams of a better life in the United States. Those dreams of success became a reality when they received their diplomas - a tangible symbol of their academic achievements and hopes for a positive future.

Four of the five students participated in the graduation at NRG stadium June 1. The fifth student will graduate at the end of summer coursework. "I am going to be the first one in my family to graduate from high school," Galvan said. "My parents are very proud of me because I am going to be someone, have a good job, better life and a better future."

For the five South Houston students, adjusting to life in the States came with many challenges. In that short time frame, they had to learn a new language and keep up with their class work - all while work-

ing to help their families make ends meet.

"When I came here, I knew zero English," Luna said. "It made it hard to understand the classes. My first day here, I wanted to cry. I felt so lost. I wanted to ask other students for help, but they only spoke English."

Despite these challenges, the five students say they have gained a sense of belonging, made life-long friendships and built up a great appreciation for the support of teachers.

"We meet a lot of people who come from the same place, but these are my real friends," Madrigal said. "We have been through some of the same experiences and have seen violence in our country. We took the same classes. They are my family."

When the students were not at home watching TV or listening to music in English to learn the language on their personal time, they spent long hours studying and practicing with their ESL teacher and their mentor, South Houston teacher Myrna Alanis. They credit her for their success.

"This is an honor because they were part of my class and graduated in three years," Alanis said. "They are part of my life. They taught me and I taught them. I am very proud of their accomplishment."

Since arriving here three years ago, the students have taken English for Speakers of Other Languages courses (ESOL) each year and doubled up on all other required core areas, such as social studies, government and economics, throughout the school year and in the summer.

South Houston staff sped up the process for the students to earn the credits required to graduate with their class.

"They were held to the same standard as any other student at this school, and they were still able to accomplish their goal with limited to no English proficiency when they arrived," said Sarah Potter, the school's sheltered instruction peer facilitator. "It really shows that if you work hard and put your mind to it, anything is possible."

The students reflected on their first year having Alanis as

their teacher.

"I remember that she would have us take three tests on Fridays," Luna said as the students laughed. "I would come to school at the end of the week and think, 'Oh my God.' She told us that's how you learn - you must practice. At the end of the year, I was able to write an essay and take the STAAR test."

This was a sentiment echoed by others in the group.

"If you want to talk to someone, you can talk with her," Galvan said. "People give you a lot of ideas on how to do well in school, but Ms. Alanis makes you work extra hard and gives tough love. That's what we needed."

Each student left something - or someone - behind in Mexico to escape impoverished conditions. That fact, they said, motivated them to do well in school.

"In Mexico, people are trying to survive, but when you come to the United States and see the profits, you think, 'Wow, this is totally different,'" Madrigal said.

Madrigal's mother left to

come to the U.S. when he was eight. In the meantime, he lived with his grandmother and two brothers.

"I had to be a father for my brothers," Madrigal said.

Luna moved in with his uncle, leaving behind his two brothers.

"They treat me the same as my parents would, but it's not the same," Luna said. "I wanted to go back to Mexico, but my uncle wanted me to stay for the opportunities that are here."

Their experiences moving to the U.S. have given them a new grasp on life, and taught them about the importance of friendship, perseverance and a quality education.

"Don't give up because every day there are new challenges," Madrigal said. "You have to stay on track and you will see the benefits."

Galvan agreed. "Just because you come from another country and don't know the language doesn't mean you can't be successful," he said. "We stuck together and kept our heads high, fought and learned along the way. That's how you make it."

Crespin cites Emmons' compassion, understanding

Alicia Maria Crespin, one of Pasadena Memorial High School's Shining Stars, is shown with distinguished educator Eve Emmons, an instructor of AP English literature.

Crespin has done volunteer work with the National Honor Society, the National Hispanic Honor Society, Jeans for Teens and Toys for Tots.

Crespin has enjoyed leadership positions freshman class president, junior representative in the superintendent's student advisory committee and junior rotarian of the Pasadena Rotary Club.

Concerning future plans, Crespin plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin to pursue a double major in finance and business. Crespin commented about her teacher, "When I walked into my AP Literature class, I knew that Mrs. Emmons would exceed my expectations of what defines a great teacher. Mrs. Emmons not only teaches us the importance of influential pieces of literature, but she also brings light to real-world applications, thus enhancing our learning experience. Mrs. Emmons' compassion, support and understanding are unmatched. I feel blessed to have met such a wonderful

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

The 10 Shining Stars represent the Top 10 Pasadena Memorial High School students. The information and photos were supplied by the Pasadena Independent School District.

The Leader is also running the Top 10 Shining Stars from Dobie and South Houston high schools.



Wood inspires Cruz with passionate teaching

South Houston High School's Shining Star Cynthia Cruz is shown with distinguished educator Donald Wood, AP government and AP economics instructor. Cruz has volunteered for student council's Shoes For Kids, art shows, Halloween dances and Ecology Club.

She has engaged in extracurricular activities including student council, National Honor Society, varsity tennis,

Ecology Club, Superintendent Student Advisory Committee and Asian Culture Club, with leadership positions as freshman and sophomore class president and secretary of the National Honor Society. Concerning future plans, she plans to attend the University of Houston to obtain a bachelor degree in architecture. Cruz said, "Mr. Wood has helped me discover my unforeseen love for both government and eco-



nomics. Mr. Wood cares deeply for his students and never fails to make us laugh. He has such an incredible spirit and passion for his career. Mr. Wood has had the greatest impact on my education and I cannot thank him enough."

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J. Frank Dobie announces final 6-weeks honor rolls for 2015-16

J. Frank Dobie High School recently released its sixth six-weeks honor rolls for the 2015-2016 school year. Students earning status are:

Honor roll

Ninth grade
Alondra Acevedo, David Patrick Amaya, Hector Ulises Anaya, Alexandra Yoselin Andrade Ortiz, Brisa Antunez-Vargas, Olivia Graciane Aranda, Josiah Elias Constante Arenas, Aslyn Geselle Argueta Torres, Arismendy Arysty and Elyssa Karman Armenta.

Victoria Noemi Ayala, Keivonne Julien Ayers, Ulvi Bakhtashi, Corina Gisselle Banda, Vivian Alizeyah Banda, Madeline Berosppe, Gabriela Betancourt Diaz, Christian Antoine Blackmon, Aylin Michelle Bonilla, Johnathan Allen Brown-Klawuhn and Meloni Camacho.

Francisco Javier Camargo, Roberto Elias Campa, Christopher Artemio Canales, Ricardo Garza Canales, Christel Chantal Carpio Moni, Alyssa Lauren Carrico, Iasis Lachelle Carrington, Jadda Marie Carter, Rebecca Giza Castillo, Connor Anthony Caughlin and Elsa Ceballos.

Omar Nicolas Chapa, Mairany Maythe Chavez, Preston Van Chung, Erik Cruz Cisneros, Tania Lashuan Collier, Sara Elaine Cortez, Andrea Jazmin Cruz, Angela Leticia Cruz, Luis Alberto De Jesus, Victoria Juana Deleon and Celestina Olivia Deluna.

Yousef Arsan Diab, Aaron Quoc-Hung Dinh, Kevin Dinh, Dang Hai Doan, Matthew Austin Dobbs, Jacklynn Le Duong, Katelynn Nguyen Duong, Tiffany Tram Duong, Chenauia Chance Eglin, Elizabeth Bettye Early and Osasere Edo-Ewosinha.

Mariela Elizondio, Christopher Matthew Escalera, Adriana Escamilla, Angela Escamilla, Eric Escobedo, Jonathan Caleb Escobedo, Celine Nicole Espinosa, Destiny Ciara Estes, Emily Jovanna Estrada, Caleb Lance Exum, Monique Jean Fagan and Michelle Ann Fernandez.

Kaitlin Denise Flores, Katherine Flores, Ruben Flores, Iqra Fnu, Quinn Caleb Gabino, Atziri Galarza, Ana Isabel Gallardo, Stephanie Gallegos, Omar Galvan, Jonathan Anthony Gamez, Natasha Rae Ganegstad, Jeimmy Estephania Garcia Salinas and Miranda Teresa Garcia Valdes. Benito Ivan Garcia, Jennifer Marcela Garcia, Yaletzy Leslie Garcia, Yareli Garcia, Lucio Ricardo Garza, Marco Antonio Garza, Olivia Renee Garza, Paulina Garza, Genesis Isela Gaytan, Adam Israel Gil, Riley Michael Gilbert, Megan Erin Glass and Darianna Renee Glenn.

Angel Isaiiah Gomez, Eduardo Gomez, Destinee Rai Gonzales, Alysa Marie Gonzalez, Angel Isaiiah Gonzalez, Gabriella Veronica Gonzalez, Jonathan Gonzalez, Karina Nicole Gonzalez, Stephanie Nicole Gonzalez, Victoria Lauren Gonzalez and Daija Danielle Green.

Dermeisa Dacoria Green, Karen Anh Green, Keishon Denaee Groves, Jacqueline Marlene Guadrama, Emilio Norberto Guerra Perez, Giselle Guerra, Bianca Gabriela Guerrero, Jeremy Guerrero, Julissa Andrea Guerrero, Emily Kristel Guzman Ibarra and Megan Tien Harris.

Abu Hasnat, Carmen Paola Hernandez Irbau, Ana Belen Hernandez, Daniel Alexander Hernandez, Katelyn Nicole Hernandez, Natalie Yamilet Hernandez, Roxanne Nicole Hernandez, Sofia Raquel Hernandez, Julysa Marie Herrera, Brian Khang Hoang and John Hoang.

Trevor Anthony Hondros, Ivy Lynnngoc Hua, Kimberly Dinh Huynh, Phat Tan Huynh, Thu Anh Huynh, Tri Na Huynh, Van Thanhhsandy Huynh, Victoria Havy Huynh, Areeba Imran, Muhammad Haider Iqbal, Jade Elizabeth Jacobo, Zaria Monique James

and Rocio Jimenez Rebollar. Andrew Jose Jimenez, Joshua Elmer Kay, Han Bao Khuat, Hoang Vu Le, Melody Ngoc Thy Le, Nathan Nhut Srrah Le, Nhi Catherine Tu Doan Le, Thompson Le, Vincent Thienlac Le, Genie Alexis Leija, Nicholas Dustris Lewis, Samantha Lyn Leyva and Ricardo Ivan Lima.

Aaliyah Angel Lizcano, Lauryn Michelle Locksey, Daveante Rashod Lopez, Samantha Nicole Lopez, Jenny Lu, Johnny Khang Lu, Zandy Lucero, Nicolas Miguel Luna, Austin Luu, Tam Thanh Luu, Hieu Minh Ly, Nairda Nico Macedo and Derajah Aujan-aye Mack.

Kathy Mai, Andrea Marie Manzanales, Kali Marquez, Ezekial Martinez, Katherine Aleli Martinez, Lauren Lee Martinez, Stephanie Martinez, Alejandra Monserrat Mendez, Ezequiel Mendez, Ismery Milian Ramos, Erik Taylor Millis and Caleb Richard Monroe.

Lisette Montalvo, Alondra Montelongo, Adrian Cristobal Montez, Jose Francisco Montiel Morales, Gerardo Montoya, Azul Itzel Mora Campos, Eduardo Morales-Celedon, Jonathan Roger Moreno, Kristopher Eugene Morris, Miah Lee Muniz and Briana Alyssa Munoz.

Eliana Marissa Munoz, Monica Lizeth Nanez Ruiz, Jade Janae Nanez, Renita Nicole Navy, Luis Andres Naira, Kayla Janae Newsome, Anh Thu Ngoc Ngo, Jeany Phan Ngo, Judy Ngo, Quoc-Truong George Ngo, Tuyen Mong Nguyen and Aaron Tyler Viet Nguyen.

Alan Tuiet Nguyen, Andy Nguyen, Anh Ngoc Tu Nguyen, Bao Tran Nguyen, Dalila Thao Nguyen, Danny Nguyen, Danny Huy Nguyen, Dat Huu Nguyen, Elena Tran Nguyen, Jennifer Ngoc Nguyen, Justin Khang Nguyen, Kennedy Hoa Nguyen and Khanh Mai Nguyen.

Michelle Kim Nguyen, Natalie Mai Nguyen, Nikki Mai Nguyen, Randy Quang Nguyen, Ronald Tai Nguyen, Tai Tri Nguyen, Thy Doan Anh Nguyen, Tiffany Ngoc Nguyen, Victor Phong Nguyen, Jonathan Alejandro Nuncio, Precious Uodorim Ogumamam and Gabriela Olvera.

Brian Onofre, Katherine Valeria Orta, Alana Evonne Ortega, Fernando Ortega, Adolf Daniel Ortuno, Melissa Osuna, Sara Christine Otwell, Rolando Ramon Palacios, Laura Palomares, Wendy Marie Pantoja, Cayla Sofia Pena and Jahid Fitzgerald Pennie.

Dominique Desiere Peralta, Pablo Esteban Perdomo Castillo, Alexandra Genoveva Perez, Alfredo Perez, Bianca Elizabeth Perez, William Joseph Pettis, Minh-Triet Ngoc Pham, Rachel Pham, Amy Nhi Phan, Khoi Kevin Phan, Joshua Allen Phan-Coy and Taylor Tress Pleasants.

Miguel Angel Quiroz-Hernandez, Sebastian Anthony Ramirez, Rijja Rasool, Roberto Emmanuel Rayos, Rebecca Maryori Rendoers, Faith Renteria, Alexa Reyes, Hugo Cesar Rios, Ashley Crystal Rivera, Courtney Racquel Robertson, Sara Kay Robison and Patricia Galindo Rocha.

Isai Rodas, Angel Andre Rodriguez, Bryanna Danielle Rodriguez, Christian Xavier Rodriguez, Gustavo Alejandro Rodriguez, Isaiiah Jeremiah Rodriguez, Natalie Rodriguez, Kayla Marie Romero, Madeline Romero, Coby Glenn Rose and Joanna Michelle Salazar.

Lidia Alicia Salazar, Valeria Berenice Salazar, Christian Jared Saldivar, Yarenia Salinascano, Kareem Andres Salomon, Angelina Rebecca Sanchez, Gabriel Alfonso Sanchez, Kaitlyn Nicole Sanchez, Adrian Jose Santos Gomez and Karina Nicole Santos-Lanuza.

Lauren Elizabeth Schwausch, Neema Mohamad Shafaei, Sa'teria Marie Small, Camille Hope Smith, Kalista Lanae Smith, Rachel Celeste Smith,

Shaniqua Sharmae Smith, Emily Solis, Giovanni Solis, Jocelyn Solis, Victoria Adelina Solis, Ashley Lynette Sorto and Daniella Zaneta Springs.

Paige Carnae Stephens, Gloria De Jesus Suazo Osorio, Michaela Cora Taylor, Christian Andres Tijerina, Ariana Kaylee Toran, Adriana Alexis Toro, Fernanda Torres, Thomas Edward Torres, Alexis Hang Thu Tran, Con Tran, Dinh Phu Tran and Kailes Wayne Tran.

Lily Ann Tran, Mary Tran, Patrick Tinh Tran, Taylor Tran, Dominic Nguyen Trinh, Vianey Magdalena Urbina Paez, Chelsey Elizabeth Urdiales, Clare Aine Vanpelt, Leslie Vargas, Luis Rey Vasquez, Tanner Davidmichael Vega, Cristian Everardo Vela and Zoe Nicole Vela.

Marco Antonio Velazquez, Francisco Van Veloso Estrada, Melissa Vidal, Vy Phuong Vu Viet, Franklin Villalobos, Serena Michelle Villanueva, Julian Villareal, Monica Maria Villareal, Dat Huu Vu, Hao Nhat Vuong, Kayla Danielle Wilson and Jack Henry Yu, Jaime Yzaguirre.

Honor roll

Tenth grade

Larry Herrera Aguirre, Adela-Marie Alanis, Pedro Alba, Raymond Alba, Ja'myriah Alexzandrea Anderson, Bailei McKenna Ankenbruck, Christiana Ugochi Anyanwu, Francesca Marie Arellano, Luis Omar Arellano and Emerson Humberto Arias Canas.

Rogelio Armenta, Clarissa Marie Arredondo, Denise Rose Avalos, Jacqueline Claribel Ayala, Doan Kim Banh, Josue David Barahona Madrid, Nicholas Aaron Barrientes, Garrett Raul Barrientes, Pedro Barrientos, Felicia Michelle Barton and Hillary Veronica Bazaldua.

Ce'briaya Janae Rynicia Bell, Vincenett Elva Bennett, Trinity Myshell Blockmon, Jordan Lee Boer, Sydney Bricann Bonner, Daniel Giovanni Botello, Ethan Nokusu Brown, Kimberley Nhu Bui, Lily Uyen Bui, Sarah Jane Bustamante and Ramon Cahue.

Miranda Fabiola Calderon, Victor Xavier Campuzano, Christian Mike Cano, Kathy Cantu, Alyssa Maria Cardenas, James Anthony-Lee Castaneda, Robert Joseph Castillo, Adamaris Celeste Ceja, Tatiana Jesse Chacon, Alyssa Isabel Chapa and Victoria Denise Charles.

Kimberly Ruby Chew, Enrique Cordova, Cuauhtemoc Cornejo, Itzamarie Corral, David Fernando Cortes, Celeste Marie Covarrubias, Jasiel Eliab Cruz, Jose Andres Cruz, Marc Angel Cruz, Alexander Gabriel Cuaping, Paul Jackson Anderson D'cruze and Briana Lanae Davis.

Deishawn Davis, Andrea Del Villar Martinez, Diamante Alexia Deleon, Graciella Del Rosario Delgado, Veronica Michelle Delgado, Allyson Adriana Diaz, Vi Diem Diep, Thy Thi Dinh, Natalie Michelle Diosdado, Rodrigo Diosdado, Duc Huu Doan and Abasi Ruben Dominguez.

Miguel Enjel Elizarraras, Henry Lee Ellis, Mark Todd Embrey, Rianna Denise Ennett, Joel Alfredo Erazo, Alex Jacob Estala, Zachary Taylor Fernandez, Maria Jose Figueroa, Sandra Concepcion Figueroa, Eduardo Francisco Flores and Julian David Flores.

Priscilla Renee Flores, Karina Frias, Zackery Eli Frias, Alex Giovanni Fuentes, Michelle Fuentes, Shalma Gama, Angelica Garcia Cantu, Giselle Garcia, Jacquelyne Andrea Garcia, Liberty Bobby Garcia, Mark Anthony Garcia, Ovidio Jesus Garcia and Analise Nicole Garza.

Klarissa Heidy Garza, Mayela Garza, Jasslyn Gomez Portillo, Jasmín Sarai Gomez Velazquez, Maxine Angelina Gomez, Cyrus Renee Gonzales, Jessica Arlette Gonzales, Aleida Darian Gonzalez, Edgar Gonzalez, Eleazar Ezequiel

Gonzalez and Monica Irene Gonzalez. Ana Sofia Gracia, Home-ro Gracia, Mahogany Shante Green, Jazmin Alanna Guerrero, Cassandra America Guevara, Tina Kim-Thanh Ha, Alena Hava, Aiana Renee Hernandez, Amanda Nicole Hernandez, Maritza Janeth Hernandez and Ramon Hernandez.

Steven Conrad Hernandez, Tommy Hernandez, Anaraly Hinojosa, Alice Gia Ho, Lynn Tuyet Ho, David Vie Hoang, Chelsey Jeanai Holman, An Thien Huynh, Alejandro Raymond Ibarra, Muhammad Fahad Iqbal, Kimberli Izaguirre and Samera Makell Jackson.

Elizabeth Britney Jasso, Devin David Dakota Jewell, Javier Jimenez, Douglas Joseph Jones, Jakob Brandon Jones, Cinthia Joselin Juarez, Genesis Alexandria Juarez, Hannah Danielle Klugh, Giselle Lara, Kevin Wayslays Lara, Jason Dang Le and Loc Hoang Phuc Le.

Vina Le, Sebastian Leal Rodriguez, Leslie Alejandra Logoff Villarreal, Matthew Grant Leon, Jerianne Kenyia Limtom, Andrew Nigel Logan, Alexis Liselda Lopez, Eliana Yasmeen Loredo, Marcus Loya, Alejandra Magana, Jordan Nathaniel Marcum and Jorge Christian Martin.

Hugo Ulises Martinez Garcia, Lesley Ada Martinez, Sergio Natividad Martinez, Kathleen Mackenzie Masterson, Zithlaly Medrano, Amanda Isabel Mejia Hernandez, Britney Marisela Mejia, Daniel Mejia, Tanya Yolanda Mendez, Jacqueline Mendoza and Samantha Nicole Merrill.

Leonard Louis Meyers, Hana Osama Mohamad, Rachel Elidem Mondragon, Mallerim Morales, Carlos Alejandro Moreno, Krystal Moreno, Reyna Nering, Amber Tien Nguyen, Anh Quoc Nguyen, Anthony Duc-Huy Nguyen and Dominic Minh Nguyen.

Emily Quynh Nguyen, Jenny Kim Nguyen, Justin Hoang Nguyen, Nam The Nguyen, Sean Hung Nguyen, Thao Vy Thuan Nguyen, Thi Ngoc Nguyen, Tina Nguyen, Tommy Nguyen, Tommy Thai Nguyen, Tommy Tin Nguyen, Trinh Nguyen and Vincent Thanh Trinh Nguyen.

Vy Phuong Nguyen, Ayan-na Lysette Nguyen-Echeverry, Huy Quang Ninh, James Andrew Odom, Victoria Chukwunonso Onozie, Natalie Elizabeth Orta, Ramon Ruiz Ortega, Alexis Rae Oses, Desmond Elijah Owens, Relencia Necoloe Owens and Kimberly Marie Padilla.

Ryan Edward Pair, Victoria Palos, Samuel Angel Parker, Priyal Patel, Kristen Dung Patton, Maria Jose Pedrosa Rodriguez, Jacquelyn Pena, Andrea Carolina Perez, Gisselle Perez, Jordan Renee Ashley Perez, Kenneth Angel Perez, Luis Ivan Perez and Melody Christine Louise Perry.

Andrew Dang Pham, Huang Quynh Le Pham, Jasmine V Pham, John Tran Phan, Lan My Phan, Noelle Ngoc Phan, Rosa Thao Phan, Tam Thanh Phan, Uyen Tran Khanh Phan, Lisette Adamaris Pitty, Christian Alex Ponce, Victoria Alayna Postel and Michelle Monique Pozo.

Kyrah Allise Prince, Kayla Sarai Promise, Brittany Janell Puente, Desiere Angelica Quijas, Gabriela Isabel Ramirez, Reagan Elizabeth Razo, Jackelyn Jade Rendon, Abigail Renteria, German Abraham Reyes, Mia Alexandra Reyna, Gardenia Esmeralda Rivas and Beatriz Anna Rivera.

Dwayne Paul Robinson, Ana Marissa Rodriguez, Erik Rodriguez, Jenna Cassandra Rodriguez, Leslie Magaly Rodriguez, Marcos Rodriguez, Mario Alberto Rodriguez, Leslie Ashley Rodriguez-Rangel, Xochitl Kimberly Romero and Katherine Daniela Rubio Salgado.

Erika Rubio, Anita Marie Rudon, Melissa Ruiz, Ruby Renee Ruiz, Jason Matthew Naples Sabal, Valerie Alexandra Sahagan, Jacqueline Carla Saldana, Dominique Amber Sanchez, Noe Rolando Sanchez, Jonathan Joel Sarazen and Joseph Emil Sargent.

Alexandria Nicole Saucedo, Brian Steven Silguero, Amentanese Jashae Simien, Tyrique Da Shawn Smith, Katia Esther Soto, Kennedy Paige Southall, Andy P Hung Ta, Victoria Ta, Jeremy Rey Tazonera, Adrian Tamez, Christiana Nicole Tatum and Amber Nicole Terrell.

Laquavious Demar Thomas, Cecilia Maria Torres, Anthony Isaac Tran, Annie Ngoc Tran, Hy Gia Tran, Jimmy Quoc Tran, Kaitlyn My-Hanh Tran, Lan Quynh Hoa Tran, Patrick Martin Tran, Phuc Vinh Tran, Son Hong Tran and Thomas Toan Van Tran.

Tony Duc Tran, Vnam Le Tran, Vicente Trevino, Ann Phung Truong, Steven Truong, Marcey Jean Tsikis, Luis Eduardo Tufino Berber,

Mercedes Chanelle Turner, Jeremiah Donte Tyler, Tiffany Alexi Urias, Joanna Theresa Urrutia and Maia Renae Valdez. Roxanne Valdez, Joshua Valtierra, Leilani Isabel Vargas, Annette Vega, Aylene Vela, Cesar Rafael Villareal, Marvin Roberto Villatoro, Nguyen Thanh Vu, Andrew Ryan Vu, Holly Thao Vu, Nhi Xuan Vu, Peter Tien Vu, Natasha Miranda Walters and Johari Amina Weaver.

Yvonne Anahi Whaley, Bryan Anthony Wheatley, Hailey Machell Williams, Karyn GERALYNN Williams, Jacob Alan Young, Sami Lin Yu, Monica Aidee Zabala, Alaana Zamora, Cesar Refugio Zamora, Stefany Elizabeth Zamora and Stephanie Zarate.

Honor roll

Eleventh grade

Robin Emmanuel Acaec, Mishelle Lucero Acosta, Janeth Silvia Amador, Ciriah Lashell Amerson, Elijah Noel Argueta, Antonio Armenta, Lizbet Armenta, Oscar Armenta, Jacob Tyler Armesen, Luis Angel Ayala, Samantha Rae Balderaz and Natalie Celine Balle.

Kevin M Bariya, Brianna Alexis Barrientos, Valencia Rae Barrientos, Sean Michael Bayne, Lauren Taylor Bell, Odalys Belman Hernandez, Chance Dennis Bittle, Jazmyyn Deyvion Bolden, Allison Marie Bravo, Jovonte Dominique Brown and Ashley Monet Butler.

Marissa Chanel Butler, Shyanee Marie Cabrales, Kyncieddi A'shari Calais, Victoria Anne Campbell, Jennifer Noemi Cantarero, Nick Simon Carcamo, Elena Isabel Cardenas, Braden Elissa Carker, Nanci Carrera, Delana Nicole Carrillo and Nyomi Marie Carrington.

Thomas Harold Carte, Ash-ali Rena Carter, Fabian Eduardo Castillo, Michael Le Castillo, Andrea Guerra Cavazos, Kate Lizette Cedillos, Andrea Chapa, Diana Sarahi Chapa, Vanessa Vianey Chapa, Lizbeth Daniela Chavez Garcia and Isabel Mercedes Chavez.

Sydney Maryna Chollett, Jarely Florelli Claros, Breanna Ja'sanay Coleman, La-Day-ijah Rymkell Elise Cook, Naya Kimberly Cooper, Emily Elizabeth Corona, Nathan Andrew Covarrubias, Renee Elyse Coy, Alyssa Arianna Cruz, Belen Areli Cruz, Elissa Garza Cruz and Lesly Michelle Cruz.

Chealse Allison Cubos, Trinity Alexis Curry, Rickey Tyrone Curtis, Jimmy Tuan Dang, Courtney Hang-Nga Dao, Julia Anne Dasilva, Amanda Maria Davila, Ajah Desiree Davis, Alexa Michelle De Alejandro, Valeria De Leon, Adrian Alexander DeLlossantos and Alvin John Devezza.

Abeer Arsan Diab, Gabriel Anthony Diaz, Ivan Mauricio Diaz, Vu Huy Dinh, Jay Do, Tuan Thanh Do, Jazmyyn Arisa Drumgo, Katrina Danielle Dukes, An Gia Duong, Jasmine Danyle Edwards, Jordan Matthew Eflid, America Celeste Eguia and Yovanna Verenise Elizondo.

Lauren Taylor Escobar, Victoria Louise Escobar, Ramiro Javier Esparza, Brandon Jonathan Flores, Javier Raul Flores, Leticia Liliana Flores, Monserrat Flores, Amelia April Fuentes, Randy Alexander Fuentes, Emily Gaminio and Katherine Anne Gangestad.

Desdrienneja Archanel Gant, Bryana Kristine Garcia, Cassandra Alysia Garcia, Destiny Celess Garcia, Gerardo Andres Garcia, Lesly Garcia, Miguel Ray Garcia, Nadia Lynn Garcia, Noe Garcia, Valeria Garcia, Jesus Antonio Garibay and Kevin Michael Gartner.

Ana Ruby Garza, Ashley Marie Garza, Cesar Samuel Garza, Jazalyne Sudario Garza, Jacob Paden Gilbreath, Jade Marie Giron, Amanda Gjerde, Crystal Renee Glover, Alonzo Gonzales, Brittany Amber Gonzales, Leandra Gabriela Gonzales and Arianna Teresa Gonzalez.

Brandon Joseph Gonzalez, David Alexander Gonzalez, Miguel Angel Gonzalez, Jeremy Wayne Green, Tiffany M Grigar, Jose Anthony Guerrero, Lilianna Renee Guevara, Christopher Anthony Gutierrez, Karina Lyzette Gutierrez, Alexis Renee Guzman and Idania Guzman.

Evan Andrew Hausler, Thomas Allen Hawkins, Cameron Kristian Haynes, Beatriz Hernandez, David Luis Hernandez, Emily Ann Hernandez, Lesley Jasmin Hernandez, Edna Fernanda Herrera, Chelsea Christine Hickman and Samantha Rae Hill.

Andrew Lawrence Hinojosa, Michael Anthony Hinojosa, Eric Vie Hoang, Jazmine Marie Howard, Joe Angel Huerta, Syed Hassan Husain, Nicole Thy Duong Ngoc Huynh, Thanh Cong Huynh, Rebekah Rochelle Rane Jagdeo and Jasmine Monae James.

Syed Mustafa Jehangir, Jeantrel Dsean Jolivette, Aryn Tresa Joseph, Esther Yoomi Kim, Michelle Jordyn Kristoff, Stanley Richard Krivik, Marissa Nichole Krustchinsky, Danny Lam, Robert Anthony Lazo, Hellen Thu Le, Sean Dang Le and Steven Le.

Tai Thai Le, Mauro Lerma, Cristian Anthony Limas, Emily Jean Lloyd, Valeria Lomas, Amanda Marie Lomas, Samantha Rachelle Lopez, Rafael Luis Gomes Siqueira, Lisa Makenna Luna, Steven Khang Ly, Alanis Lindsay Macias, Nikolas Vincent Maffei, Jeremy Austin Marcum and Aaron Alejandro Marrufo.

Patrick Jonathan Marsh, Marissa Martinez, Sara Noemi Martinez, Sebastian Martinez, Hailey Michelle McBride, Kateesha Janice Mejia, Noah Anthony Mejia, Shelby Nicole Melendez, Alexandra Brook Meyers, Michael Mohebrook and Alejandro Montejano.

Deandre Maurice Moore, Mark Antony Moormann, Jesus Alberto Morales Esquivel, Angela Jazmin Morales, Everett Moreno, Francisco Moreno, Hefziba Eloise Moreno, Oren Frank Moreno, Fiorella Ivana Morin, Isaac David Motel and Gabriela Nichole Munoz.

Muhammad Umer Mustafa, Xochitl Celeste Navarro, Aimy Nguyen, Anthony Anhko Nguyen, Bao Triet Nguyen, Catherine Ngoc Nguyen, Dat Tien Nguyen, Derek Nguyen, Dorothy Tu-Uyen Nguyen, Huy Thanh Nguyen, Johnathan Long Viet Nguyen and Nathan Truong Nguyen.

Quyen Tranthuy Nguyen, Steven Nguyen, Taylor Quang Nguyen, Thanh Thao Thuan Nguyen, Thao Thi-Phuong Nguyen, Christiana Chikadodina Nnabuike, Jocelyn Nunez, Keven Lay Nuon, Donatus Chukwuka Oguamanam and Ariana Uriah Okhuozagbon.

Kimberly Yaneth Orellana, Kevin Noe Ornelas, Adam Antonio Padilla, Alexis Shardee Pamplin, Saugat Pandit, Rebecca Ann Paredes, Alexus Ophelia Perea, Natali Elisse Perez, Natalie Elissa Perez, Ruben Robert Perez, Elena Tien Pham and Thanh-Nguyet Trinh Pham.

Tin Nhan Pham, Vy Le Nhat Pham, Alice Hong Pham, Evelyn Quynh Nhu Phan, Kevin Bui Phan, Steven Phi Phan, Jaysha Octavia Phlocha, Brandon Anthony Ponce, Louise Predatsch, Diego Alejandro Quintanilla Tovar, Diego Miguel Quiroz and Erika Ogo Ragasa.

Edwing Yohalmo Reyes, Michael Angel Reyes, Jacqueline Saray Reyna, Camryn T Ridge, Noah Sebastian Ridge, Kaylee Reynan Rios, Sylar Ray Rocha, Ariana Yasmine Rodriguez, Ashley Renee Rodriguez, Jerson Manuel Rodriguez and Lilibeth Rodriguez.

Xena Aylene Rodriguez, Daniel Alejandro Rojas Ramirez, Hector Daniel Rojas, Ashley Margarita Ruiz, Deanna Elizabeth Ruiz, Ariana Salazar, Esteban Ariel Salazar, Edwin Alan Saldivar, Kenia Elizabeth Salomon, Devin Nicholas Sanchez and Isaac Xavier Sanchez.

Vianney Hope Sanchez, Luis Felipe Santa, Alfredo Santospico, Sean Michael Saperstein, Jocelyn Yvette Serrano, Steven Serrano, Arnetta Princess Sevor, Rebecca Lynn Shaffer, Brian William Dowlf Sharpe, Jordan Gregory Shea and Mireya Renae Sifuentes.

Alexis Danielle Silva, Astrid Ayana Silva, Michael Lawrence Slaten, Breasia Elaine Smith, Chanel Lioness Smith, Nayelli Andrea Suarez, Sara Sundaeweb Sultant, Leanna Loan Ta, Debora Tabarez, Andres Arnulfo Tamez

and Abigail Louise Taylor. Nathanael Christopher Taylor, Aaliyah Dariel Thomas, Adrianna Starshae Thomas, Zaria Shrone Thomas, Erick Torres, Katherine Damarri Torres, Brianna Cherron Townes, Vy Ngoc Yen Tran, Barbara Vy Tran, Danny Diep Tran, Jacklyn Cattien Tran and Johnny Tran.

Joseph Liem Tran, Kelly Mai-Tram Tran, Tracy Truc-Mai Tran, Tram Thi Bich Tran, Tyler D Tran, Vinessa-Vy Nhu Tran, Linh Huynh Phuong Trinh, Jennifer Truong, Ni Thai Truong, Gabriel Tristan Arcalas Luna, Kimberl Skye Vanek, Destinee Irene Vargas, Vanessa Vargas and Julisa Naomi Vasquez.

Ashley Vazquez, Jorge Alberto Vazquez, Eden Vega Santibanez, Adrian Samuel Velasquez, Diamondlee Alexandra Velez, Diana Laura Vidal, Brianna Denise Villanueva, Abigail Villasean, Janet Diem Vu, Lam D Vu, Justin W Vu, Khoa Manh Vu and Tam Vu.

Mykhanh Taylor Vuong, John Patrick Walker, Monica Idella Walton, Kiara Julia Wells, Grant Alexander Wilhelm, Macy Kate Williams, Jamisson Edwin Wilson, Samaria Sasha Wilson, Jacob Dylan Worship, Alyssa Lynaealanda Xayadeth, Natalie Michelle Zaragoza and Luis Daniel Zavala.

Honor roll

Twelfth grade

Ahmad Hussein Abusaif, Maite Albarran, Eliazar Alejandro Albitar, Aliana Cristina Aleman, Marina Rosalyn Allen, Tristin Taylor Allen, Alexis Fabian Alvarez, Daniel Alvarez, Delia Guadalupe Amador, Sara Ester Amaya, Genneivue Uzoamaka Anagbogu, Edgar Arzate and Cristian Ernesto Ascencio.

Lidia Avitia, Ahmed Maythan Badr, Keaahua Jhonea Bailey, Dante Latroy Baines, Dillon Ray Baker, Alan Emilio Ballesteros Rivera, Adam Quinton Boswell, Reality Ragine Boutte, Hannah Marie Brady, Robert Erving Brown and Khoa Dang Bui.

Jessica Yvette Bustamante, Luis Daniel Cabeja, Andrea Montserrat Cahue, Victoria Jessica Calzada, Lisa Gabriela Camacho Berrios, Katia Krista Camacho, Daniela Campo, Alan Steve Campos, Griselda Marisol Campos, Mandy Thuy Cao and Jonathan Vidal Castellon.

Macalyn Marie Castro-Cardenas, Kristy Jeanette Christmas, Brandon Van Chung, Jared Andrew Cinco, Bethany Grace Cook, Kevin Joseph Cortez, David Alejandro Cruz, Lisbeth Leisly Cruz, Melissa Sarahi Cruz, Wesley Wade Dawson and Alexandra Rocio De Alejandro.

Angelica Cuaping Dejeu, Christina Marie Deleon, Ashley Ann Deveza, Hung Tony Dinh, Quang Tran Dinh Do, Joshua Arthur Dobbs, Ryan Vaughn Ehlinger, Reagan Cierra Ellis, Lakendric Keshon English, Rainy Nicole Ferrell and Marissa Nicole Flores.

Robert Eusebio Flores, Marquise Juane Francis, Daisy Guadalupe Fuentes, Yohana Galvan, Adrian Isael Garcia, Brianna Elizabeth Garcia, Leslie Alejandra Garcia, Crystal Garza, Ivonne Monsterrat Gauna Montalvo, Justin Allen Gee and Andrew Davendra Ghansyam.

Tyler Anthony Giron, Gyrion Isaiah Gittens Johnson, Holly Sophia Gonzales, Angela Josephine Gonzalez, Vanessa Alexandra Gonzalez, Rayiona Nicole Green, Javier Guerra, Vanessa Alejandra Guerra, Jennifer Gutierrez, Vincent Michael Gutierrez and Sarah Crystal Guzman.

Daniel Jared Harder, Myl-ese Avery Harris, Kallie Nicole Hart, Chantelle Marie Hatch-et, Lada Heng, Ariana Le-nae Henry, Katrina Elisabeth Herazo, Joselyn Hernandez, Ashley Lisett Hernandez, Ashley Javonn Hicks, Victor Hinojosa and David Vinh Ho.

Hainhu Ho, My Ha Hoang Ho, Michelle Ngoc Thao Hoang, Dechanelle Nickay Howell, Jason Huerta, Jennythy Ngoc Huynh, Darius Larenz Hypolite, Aryn Danielle Ibarra, Jacob Ryan Izaguirre, Brady Houston Jacobs, Alexis Celeste Jimenez and Destiny Inebowers Karkosky.

Tareen Jahan Kazi, Catherine Elizabeth Keton, La'claudia Ty Kee Ana Labarre-ra, Giselle Emelissa Landa, Nathan Murrell Lazenberry, Anna Nguyen Le, Bobby Nihyen Le, Emily Ngoc Le, Jenny Thu Le, Quynh Nguyen Hai Le and Tommy Le.

Kacie Lyn Little, Sarah Ruth Loftin, Orlando Nigel Logan, Julia Michelle Lohse, Jared Wayne Loosier, Alyssa Leanne Lopez, Cecilia Judith Lopez, Denis Eusebio Lopez, Albert Luu, Randall Andrew Cole Macneel Haberman, Anh Hoang Lan Mai and Ashley Clarissa Maldonado.

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Young actors workshop at Pasadena Little Theatre

Pasadena Little Theatre, 4318 Allen Genoa Road, is offering theater workshops for children of all ages in the month of July.

Children will be taught acting technique, and will work with costumes and props while also learning theater etiquette.

Each workshop culminates with performances. Three workshops are offered for various ages.

Disney High School Musical, One Act Edition is the production for the 13- to 18-year-olds. The shows for this workshop are July 15 - 17 and July 22 - 24. Show times are 7 p.m. and ticket prices are

\$8 for children and \$10 for adults. Auditions were held for this workshop in June. The director of this workshop is Janet Sharpley.

Gran's Guide to Stop an Ogre (Also Works for Witches and Bullies) by Stephanie Dremaree is the production for the 8- to 13-year-olds. The workshop runs from July 18 to July 29. The cost of this workshop is \$125. Children may be enrolled on the first day of the workshop, July 18, at 9 a.m. Show dates are July 29 and 30 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., and July 31 at 3 p.m. Ticket prices are \$5 for children and \$8 for adults. The director is Marla Miller.

Visit the website www.pasadenalittletheatre.org or email Janet Sharpley at actsharp@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Oh, The Places You'll Go, adapted from the Dr. Seuss book by Marla Miller, is the production for the 5- to 7-year-olds.

The workshop runs from July 21 to July 29. The cost of this workshop is \$75. Children may be enrolled on the first day of the workshop, July 21, at 9 a.m. Show dates are July 29 and 30 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., and July 31 at 3 p.m. Ticket prices are \$5 for children and \$8 for adults. The director is Marla Miller.

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Thompson holds Literary Lions breakfast

The Literary Lions breakfast was held on May 31 in celebration of the Thompson students who achieved more than 125 points in Accelerated Reader.

Students read books throughout the year and take AR tests to earn points. The more they read and the more they test, the more points they earn.

This year's top reader and winner of the E.J. Ritchey Reading Award was Zoe Whitley (shown in the center of the picture holding her new Kindle).

Whitley earned more than 700 points during the school year.

San Jacinto Energy Venture camps set

Summer camps provide exploration opportunities for campers. At San Jacinto College, summer camps provide a time when campers can explore what they "want to be when they grow up."

This summer, the College will offer the career camps Energy Venture and the Maritime Venture Summer Camp, both designed to show students lucrative career options that otherwise may go unnoticed.

Linda Droblich, business development manager with Continuing and Professional Development at San Jacinto College, has coordinated Energy Venture Camp since 2008 and said career camps are all about discovery.

"If our students are being asked to pick career tracks in middle school, then it's up to us to expose them to as many careers as possible," Droblich said.

Energy Venture is a week-long camp for 7th, 8th and 9th-graders, ages 12-15, and is designed to learn about careers in energy while also participating in fun activities. Campers perform lab experiments, win prizes for best-in-class team efforts, take a behind-the-scenes tour of a refinery or chemical products facility, and hear from guest speakers.

Droblich said campers come from school districts within the College's district, but some have come from as far as Katy. The camp is offered free of charge for students who qualify, and space is limited. Camp dates are June 20-24, June 27-July 1, July 11-15 and July 18-22 at the South campus; and July 11-15 at the North campus.

"We've heard the success stories from parents whose children, once Energy Venture participants, have pursued careers in the petrochemical industry," Droblich said. "One of our instructor's sons came to our camp and is now studying geology at Texas A&M University."

Besides showing campers lucrative career positions in petrochem such as engineers, geologists and process operators, the camp also provides activities for students to understand the dollars and cents of being on their own one day and what living expenses can cost.

"This illustrates to campers what types of jobs they may want to pursue in order to pay for the items they aspire to have one day," Droblich said.

The Maritime Venture Summer Camp allows campers, ages 14-17, opportunities to explore careers available in the region's thriving maritime industry. The camp promises an entertaining and educational maritime adventure at the brand new Maritime Technology and Training Center on the Maritime Campus. Campers will take field trips on vessels to learn about the Houston Ship Channel and different aspects of the maritime industry. They'll also learn about seamanship and navigation, meet guest speakers from industry, and participate in a variety of activities throughout the week. The cost of the camp is \$20. Camp session dates are June 20-24, both located at the Maritime Center at 3700 Old Highway 146 in La Porte.

"Unless students know someone who works in these industries, they may not realize the opportunities that these industries have to offer," Droblich said. "That's what we're doing — introducing to them those careers in hopes of them one day coming here to earn their associate degrees, get a job in the workforce, and then move on to a university for a bachelor's degree if they wish."

To learn more about Energy Venture, visit energyventurecamp.org. To learn about San Jac College summer camps, visit sanjac.edu/calendar/summer-camps.

Over The Back Fence by Alexis

KELLY CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY
Kelly Buckman, Clear Brook City MUD board member, enjoys a birthday June 24 and is sent greetings by friends, family and the Leader staff.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays June 23 through June 29.

Atkinson Elementary
Marking a birthday June 27 is Tulu Sarkar. Birthday greetings are sent to Maria Zamora and Abby Guerra June 28. The day for a party for Esther Janis is June 29.

Burnett Elementary
Ashley Arguelles celebrates a birthday June 23. Blow out the birthday candles for Nancy Fehst on June 26.

Bush Elementary
The day for a party for Margaret Mayes is June 29.

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

South Belt Elementary

On June 23, light the candles on a birthday cake for Susi McDaniel.
Stuchbery Elementary
Sing a song to Dana Sylvester June 23. June 24 is the day for a party for Kristin Wallis.

Meillio Middle School
Norma Delgado enjoys a birthday June 27.

Roberts Middle School
Sing a happy birthday song June 27 to Gracie Hernandez.

Dobie High
Send double birthday greetings June 23 to Gregory Randall and Kevin Roca. Enjoying a birthday June 25 is Jacob Rogers. Share a triple-layer birthday cake June 26 with Nivia Guzman De Fabian, Maria Morales and Ana Valencia. Birthday greetings are sent to Julie Bennett June 27. Sing a happy birthday song to Letishar Manning on June 29.

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

Thursday, June 23: Darryl Reed II, Sylvia Alcalá, Jamal Khan and Christa Guthrie; Friday, June 24: Barbara Stevens, Stephanie Guzman and Lisa Yarzy; Saturday, June 25: Caryn Cybulski, Vicki Cox, Keith Lawler, Rebecca Parchmont and Michelle Pewthers; Sunday, June 26: Phil Sandlin, Eric Waguespack, Telena Bence, Suzy Matthews, Maricela Juarez and Laura Arnold; Monday, June 27: Lorie Medina, Zel Bell, Ruth Clay, Amy Luedecke Pederson, Ynot Guillory, Danielle LeBlanc Judge and Robyn Bryant; Tuesday, June 28: Jan Edwards Barker, Daren Williams, Kim York Hillis, Kristin Konzelman-DeLaRosa and Carla Pronio; and Wednesday, June 29: Kristi Rogers, Elizabeth Medina, Terri Nicholson, Marty Bryce, Cheryl Raymond and Judy Lannou Thiele.

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Bettencourt urges pension reform

The Texas House Committee on Pensions met recently at Houston City Hall to discuss the city's looming pension crisis. In his invited testimony, Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner promptly joined the leaders of the city's three pension boards by stating that he will not consider pension reform proposals to eliminate defined benefit plans in favor of defined contribution plans, despite it being done in the private sector years ago.

"Defined contribution plans can never be off the taxpayers table," Senator Paul Bettencourt said. "Defined contribution plans work in the private sector, they work in the counties - and we should have been switching new employees to these plans more than a decade ago. By immediately taking the possibility of moving to a defined contribution plan off the table, a long-term, balanced solution to Houston's pension problem will remain unattained. The numbers just don't add up."

Under Government Accounting Standards Board Statement #68 (GASB 68), a much higher level of pension reporting and higher level of contributions are required than were discussed.

Pension experts estimated that the \$450 million contribution made was \$250 million short of what was needed. The city is using an Annual

Required Contribution (ARC) definition that is not the national standard in a GASB 68 pension-reporting environment. Because the city is using the antiquated ARC, Houston is claiming to be only \$54 million underfunded. Despite this, 31 percent of the city's payroll will be used for pensions - and the city will spend \$404 million to cover its pension obligations for the year. As noted during testimony by former Kemah Mayor and pension expert Bill King, this amount "... is roughly 40 percent of all property taxes that the city will collect."

He also added that there is "... no permanent fix that doesn't involve some usage of defined contribution plans in the future."

"We have to recognize the obvious, which is that defined benefit plans are no longer sustainable in what is nearly a zero percent interest rate economy and with their continuing poor rate of return results," Senator Bettencourt continued. "That is why I filed SB 1994 last session that would have given pension boards the authority to begin switching new employees to defined contribution plans."

Because a defined contribution plan should be part of a long-term solution to public pension liabilities, Senator Bettencourt plans to refile this bill and related solutions in the upcoming legislative session.

Rainbow Valley Civic Club celebrates 10 years

Members of the Rainbow Valley Civic Club recently celebrated their 10 year anniversary as an active civic club. In keeping with their community values, the civic club held its celebration at the local fire station #70, located on Beamer Rd. at Beltway 8.

Eli Tanksley, Judge Joann Delgado, and members of the Thompson Intermediate School Choir. The Rainbow Valley Civic Club was founded in 2004 by newly wedded couple James and Alva Gums, in an effort to better their neighborhood. Speed bumps and stop signs were quickly put up throughout the neighborhood to deter speeders.

As the civic club grew, a monthly newsletter was established to keep neighbors abreast of neighborhood news and concerns. These newsletters were printed and distributed by Norman and Erma Coskey.

Today, the Rainbow Valley Civic Club provides local children with school supplies, hosts an annual Neighbors Night Out, family picnic event and an annual Christmas party event.

The civic club has continued to host monthly meetings, alternating each month between meeting at a restaurant or at the Sagemont Community Center. The newsletter now includes Yard of the Month winners to encourage the upkeep of all lawns in the neighborhood. Coskey's advertising page of businesses and services in the newsletter has proven to be an effective fundraiser. The civic club recently upgraded the newsletter to multicultural printing, publishing it in English, Spanish and Vietnamese.



Eli Tanksley was chosen to be the speaker of the evening at the Rainbow Valley Civic Club celebration. Tanksley is shown above addressing attendees.



Judge Joann Delgado, above, is shown stopping by to offer support and congratulations to the members of the Rainbow Valley Civic Club.



Sonny Linton, former member of Rainbow Valley, provides entertainment for attendees of the celebration with a song.



Rainbow Valley Civic Club President James Gums (right) poses with Station #70 firefighters (left to right) Daniel Milligan, Kevin Martinez, Martin Loya, Paul Escarcesa and Guadalupe Perez.

Remember When

40 years ago (1976)
City Councilman Frank Mancuso acknowledged that an additional exit from the area was needed after a flood stranded Sagemont, Sagemeadow, Sagemont Park and Scarsdale residents in their subdivisions.

Two savings and loan companies in the Alameda Mall area were hit by a pair of robbers who robbed three S&L establishments in two weeks.

30 years ago (1986)
A ceremony celebrating the 20th anniversary of Sagemont Baptist Church was held at the church. The church began with 16 people on June 1, 1966. In 1988, the word *Baptist* was removed from the church's name so those looking for a church would feel welcome.

25 years ago (1991)
Lightning hit a residence in the 11100 block of Sagemont.

South Belt's local justice of the peace, Judge Howard Wayland, took up the responsibility for educating the state's justices of the peace as vice chairman of the education committee.

20 years ago (1996)
Holly McCoy was crowned Miss South Belt. Metro reduced its fare on the 247 Fuqua and 244 Monroe Park and Rides to just \$1 during July.

15 years ago (2001)
South Belt area community leaders were approached by Houston city officials for South Belt to become a Super Neighborhood.

1 year ago (2015)
Pasadena Independent School District Superintendent Kirk Lewis announced he was retiring as superintendent, effective January 15, 2016, after serving nine years in the position. Originally from Ropesville, near Lubbock, Lewis received his bachelor's in advertising/public relations from Texas Tech in 1976. Following this, he attended the University of Houston-Clear Lake, where he received a master's in education futures in 1983. Lewis went on to earn a doctorate in education leadership from Lamar University in March 2008. Lewis began at PISD in 1986 as administrative assistant to the superintendent, responsible for communications and policy development. He was promoted to executive director for communications and community relations in 1995 and to deputy superintendent for administration, public relations and governmental affairs in 2001, before being promoted to superintendent in April 2006. Under Lewis' leadership, PISD saw an increase in graduation rates, a dramatic reduction in dropout rates, a significant increase in number of students taking and passing AP exams and dual credit courses and the creation of the Early College High School concept and the Career and Technical High School that now bears his name. He also oversaw the successful passage of six bond programs valued at more than \$1.3 billion. The funds were used to construct six new elementary schools, nine middle schools, two intermediate schools and two high schools (Memorial/CTHS). Replacement cam-

pus constructed include 11 elementary schools, two middle schools, six intermediate schools and one high school. Numerous new wings and renovations were also added with the secured funds. In addition to his work at PISD, Lewis has taught Sunday school at South Main Baptist Church, where he also has served as a deacon.

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San Jac student government groups honored



Members of the Student Government Association (SGA) from each of the three San Jacinto College campuses organizations were elected to lead the Texas Junior College Student Government Association (TJCSGA) Region V for the 2016-2017 academic year at this year's TJCSGA state convention. San Jacinto College students Madeline Pool (Central campus SGA) will serve as president, Tyree Hampton (North campus SGA) will serve as vice president and Wilfred Alequin-Perea (South campus SGA) will serve as secretary. Shown above are, left to right, (first row) Joanna Zimmerman, San Jacinto College associate vice chancellor for student services; Erin Lewis, San Jacinto College North campus student engagement and activities coordinator; Amanda Rose, San Jacinto College Central campus student engagement and activities coordinator; Pool; Daniel Byars, San Jacinto College South campus student engagement and activities coordinator; (second row) Naomi Rosales, Francesca D'Agostaro, Karla Melgar, Alequin-Perea, (third row) Jesus DeLeon, Hampton and (back row) Jeffrey Ryan. Photo by Amanda Fenwick

Dorthene, Dick Randall celebrate 48th anniversary

Dorthene and Dick Randall celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary on June 16. Longtime residents of the South Belt community, the Randalls completed the construction of their Sagemont residence in 1968. They have resided there since. Dorthene has worked part time at JCPenney, volunteered at the cancer hospital and genealogical research at the Clayton Library in her time in the community. Dick worked with NASA at the Johnson Space Center with Northrop Services and Lockheed contractors from 1966 to 1994 and was involved with test project management and safety management on Gemini, Apollo, and shuttle and space station projects. The couple raised Dianne Randall, who at-



Dick and Dorthene Randall are pictured above enjoying a meal together. Among the first residents of the South Belt community, the couple celebrated the 48th anniversary of their wedding on June 16.

Lewis tech high school commencement speaker Tucker set sails on journey to Maritime career

Commencement speaker and maritime enthusiast Devin Tucker has set sail on his journey into adulthood after graduating from Dr. Kirk Lewis Career and Technical High School as part of the Inaugural Class of 2016. Tucker delivered an inspiring commencement speech in front of a sea of 270 fellow classmates, dressed in black and gray robes. "As the face of our math and science hallways, Albert Einstein, once said, 'Learn from yesterday, live for today or for tomorrow. The important thing is to not stop questioning.' "Those of you who know me know that I'm the one that never stops asking questions because I, just like Albert Einstein, believe that asking questions is the root to understanding something. I encourage everyone here, not just the students, as you continue with your lives ask questions because the answers could be the key to success." Tucker attended Garfield, Golden Acres, Lomax, Bondy, and Memorial before attending Lewis CTHS as a junior. He decided to finish high school at Lewis CTHS to follow his dreams and pursue a career in maritime transportation, one of many career pathways offered at the school. Tucker played the clarinet for three years and made a lot of friends during his time at Memorial, but he decided to leave all that behind to begin a new chapter in his life that would navigate him toward his first passion: maritime transportation.

"Two years ago, we were all faced with a decision... that would change our future for better or for worse," Tucker said. "And although I miss my friends and band, I know I made the right choice and I know it will pay off not only for me but for all of us." Tucker excelled during his time at Lewis CTHS, where he was ranked in the top ten percent of his senior class and received the Academic Excellence Award. He has been recognized by the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce and the Pasadena Rotary, in addition to receiving several scholarship awards from the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce, the Pasadena Rotary, the Port of Houston and the Richard Fernandez Maritime program. He was inducted into the National Honor Society and served as vice president of the maritime club. Through the maritime program, Tucker has received various certifications along the way including a Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC), required for work on a dock; and boater certification for both Texas and Louisiana. He was inspired by his stepfather, who is in the mooring profession, to pursue a career in maritime transportation. "He informed me about the opportunities in the field and I haven't looked back ever since," Tucker said. The Lewis CTHS maritime program brings boating into the classroom. Students participate in various hands-on activities, field trips and classroom projects that give students the knowledge, training and skills to pursue secondary education and entry-level work in the field. For the past two years, Lewis CTHS maritime students have taken tours aboard

Beverly Hills lists honor rolls for final 6-weeks of 2015-16

Beverly Hills Intermediate recently released its last six-weeks honor rolls for the 2015-2016 school year. Students earning status are:

Honor roll
Seventh grade
 Christopher Acevedo, Jacob Daniel Acevedo, Bryan Albarán, Jayla Marie Arenas, Jhan-natul Jul Asfi, Janie Eyenid Ayala, Kristen Alisse Barba, Briana Guadalupe Benavides, Sean Alexander Block, Noe Botello, Elizabeth My Hong Bui, Julia Thao Bui and Madeleine Ngoc Tuyet Bui.

Tony Mai Bui, Danielle Marie Bulman, Ernesto Calvillo, Esmeralda Calvillo, Alberto Josue Campa, Yarlina Carolina Campos, Rayden Xavier Canales, Deanna Edilia Castellano, Zenaida Castillo, Alissa Mar-shae Coleman and Monique Mariah Covarrubias.
 Nicholas Antonio Covarru-

bias, John Bernard Cruz, Yelizavet Renay De La Cerda, Javier DeLeon, Quan Hoang Dinh, Celene Le Duong, Guadalupe Escalera, Erick Fernando Escobar, Angel Dejesus Estrada, Francisco Estrada, Ibrahim Yusuf Farage and Lizeth Flores.
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Rendezvous events set

After a relaxing month of June, the Lunar Rendezvous Festival is ready to launch an action-packed July. To get everyone in the mood, a dining night will be held on July 10 at the newly opened Grazia's Italian Grille - Clear Lake. What a better way to start a fun month than being fed yummy treats.
 A relaxing spa night at Oasis Salon and Medi Spa will be the next event on Tuesday, July 12.
 Spa night was introduced in Calendar of Events in 2014 and is well on its way to becoming a festival event favorite.
 Spa night offers pampering services such as manicures, massages, make up consultation, shopping and more. This event sells out quickly and this year may be no exception. Tickets are limited; event-goers are encouraged to get tickets early.
 Next up on Saturday, July 16, is the annual fun run, an event that takes place every year at the Space Center Houston on the grounds of the NASA Johnson Space Center. The run is a 5K that is fun for all ages and abilities, and is led by Jay Lee and Jennifer Mason. It is a long-standing event of the Lunar Rendezvous Festival.
 On Monday, July 18, the Lunar Rendezvous Festival will host its highly anticipated annual golf tournament. It will be played at Magnolia Creek Golf Club and offers, not only full-round tournament play but a lunch, silent auction and an award ceremony. Hole-in-one incentives as well as other challenges like "Closest-

to-the-Pin" are all a part of what makes this day a fun-filled event.
 Ball week will begin with a sunset service to be held at Clear Creek Community Church - Bay Area on Sunday, July 24. This evening is designed to be inspiring and thought-provoking; the week ends, culminating with the Coronation Ball -- a celebration that allows the many volunteers and the court, working countless hours throughout the festival, an opportunity to come together and reflect on the ideals and purpose of Lunar Rendezvous Festival.
 On July 26, the invitation is extended to attend the Lunar Rendezvous fashion show, one of the most highly anticipated and talked about events of the festival. Each year a professional fashion show produced by Lenny Matzewski showcases a wide range of fashion and glamour and a whole lot of fun.
 Guests are treated to the latest fashions from local Bay Area boutiques as well as a lunch and silent and live auctions. Each year the event plans to be bigger and better, and is one not to be missed.
 The festival's final celebration is the annual Coronation Ball on Saturday, July 30 at the San Luis Convention Center. Here, in a ballroom setting, the Court, the Little Ladies in Waiting, the Pages and the Royal Court are presented. The Coronation Ball is a formal black tie event that depicts the history, tradition and honor of the Lunar Rendezvous Festival.
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Devin Tucker delivers commencement speech at the Lewis CTHS inaugural graduation ceremony. Photo by Melissa Trevizo

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Leader vacation pic contest begins with Schlitterbahn ticket prizes

To start off the annual vacation photo contest of the *South Belt Leader*, this week's issue features pictures from vacations of *Leader*-related families. The *Leader* staff and relatives are not eligible to win the Schlitterbahn tickets.

Lopez, Rodriguez enjoy Monster Jam World Finals 17



Zombie driver Bari Musawwir poses with Lopez, a second grader at South Belt Elementary. Lopez attended the event with his grandparents, Davy Flickinger (*Leader* president) and Ellie. Lopez is the son of Natalie and Jose Abarca and Kevin Lopez. One-year-old brother, Noah (not shown), looks forward to attending Monster Jam.

During spring break, Kelvin Lopez (left) and his friend, Karter Rodriguez, attended the Monster Jam World Finals 17 in Las Vegas. The boys visited and got autographs from many Monster Jam drivers.



Lopez and Rodriguez get autographs from Monster Energy drivers Damon Bradshaw and Coty Saucier. Lopez is a super fan of Monster Jam.



Lopez reads a Monster Jam program in front of Monster Mutt Rottweiler.

Scarberry family travels cross country



Leader staff member Jannie Scarberry and her husband Robert recently traveled cross country visiting national landmarks. Jannie is shown in the left photo kissing George Washington, while visiting

Mount Rushmore in Black Hills, S.D.; Robert is shown in the center photo posing next to a carved tree, while visiting in Eureka Springs, Ark.; and the couple are shown together in the right photo, while visiting the Grand Canyon.

Commissioner's election controversies heating up

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 attacked the integrity of our supporters, and my credibility, in effect calling all of us liars. That's a desperate move of a losing campaign – and another lousy decision. I am proud to say that we are running a different kind of campaign – one in which everyone is valued and welcome to join without threats or intimidation. Our campaign is 100 percent on the record – we don't send anonymous letters in the mail. We do what we say – and we're proud to own it.

"Gene Locke is a good man who has made some lousy decisions in this campaign. There is one very simple way for Locke to correct his latest mistake – release the names of his supporters and stop

making sly innuendos and attacks on my credibility and the integrity of my supporters."

Contrary to Ellis' post, Locke has always maintained with the *Leader* that he would seek the position permanently, should a viable candidate not emerge or if the party was in disagreement.

While residents will not have a direct say in the election, Boykins asks them to reach out to their precinct chairs to voice their opinions.

"I'm a public servant," Boykins said. "I'm out here working for the people, and unfortunately, the people won't have a chance to vote in this election. I encourage them to contact their precinct chairs and tell them to vote for the people's choice, not their

own."

It was unclear at press time how exactly the vote would be conducted. Multiple calls requesting the information from the county party went unanswered. Precinct chairs must be present to vote.

Should a single candidate not receive 50 percent or more of the vote

on June 25, a runoff will take place on the spot. The winner will run unopposed in November.

Update
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2016-2017 Lariaette Officers Announced



The J. Frank Dobie High School Lariaettes Drill Team recently held its annual Mother-Daughter Banquet to celebrate the end of a successful year, as well as the start of a new one. New military officers and members of the social committee were installed at the event. Pictured at the Hermann Park Japanese Garden are, left to right, Colonel

Marissa Krustchinsky, Major Julia DaSilva, Lieutenant Jazmin Guerrero, Co-Head Social Executive Brittany Gonzales, Co-Head Social Executive Gabriela Munoz, Social Executive Katherine Maslonka, Social Executive Sylar Rocha, Lt. Colonel Alayna Cano and Lieutenant Adela Alanis.

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Ortho has donated 10 pallets of Ortho Bug B Gon to help the City of Houston with its Zika abatement program. The donation is equal to 3,600 bottles of the product. Bug B Gon is an outdoor insect killer for use on lawns and gardens. It is not an insect repellent for use on individuals.

The Bug B Gon will be available to residents for free at the Kingwood Community Center and all Houston Health Department Multi-Service Centers during regular hours. A list of the multi-service centers is online.

The product will be given away on a first-come, first-served basis. The product is also available this week at

the Mobile Permitting Center, Fosters Elementary School, 1800 Trailwood Village

Since February, the City of Houston Solid Waste Department has been conducting weekend sweeps of illegal dump sites to reduce mosquito breeding sites and combat the spread of Zika. They have hauled away 3,000 tons of debris and 19,000 tires. Mayor Turner is hoping for funding from the state of Texas to help cover the increased costs the City is incurring.

Residents need to do their part, too. Follow the three Ds of mosquito defense: drain, dress, DEET! Drain standing water on your property and keep hedges trimmed. Dress

in long pants and long sleeves, keep windows and screens repaired and use air conditioning. When outside, spray exposed skin with mosquito repellent containing DEET, reapply as necessary and use netting to protect babies in strollers or car seats. More information, visit www.houston.tx.gov/health/Epidemiology/HHD_Fact_Sheet.pdf.

Tax sale successful

Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector Mike Sullivan is working to reclaim lost revenue for Harris County residents. Thousands of properties sit vacant throughout the county, creating unsafe conditions and lowering property values. Many property owners are delinquent, and for years they fail to meet their tax obligations.

With help from the county's delinquent tax attorneys, Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, drastic improvements are made to eyesore properties across Harris County. "Delinquent property taxes unfairly burden the taxpayers of Harris

County, and we need to recover every dollar possible," said Sullivan. Each month, the county holds a tax sale. The goal is to collect delinquent taxes and put neglected properties into hands of new owners.

For June 2016, a total of 334 properties were posted for sale. Sullivan successfully reclaimed \$2,750,853 for the citizens of Harris County.

To date for 2016, the county has reclaimed \$16,692,704 from the monthly tax sale. To learn more about the sale, visit www.hctax.net. For questions, call 713-274-8000.

Lunar Rendezvous announces events

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 The highlight of the evening is the announcement of the new royal court which is composed of the festival queen, queens alternate and captain who will serve for the following festival year.

Lunar Rendezvous Festival, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, was founded in 1965. This event has involved more than 25,000 area volunteers in its 51-year history. In the past 10 years, the festival has given more than \$1.5 million back to the Bay

Area Community in donations to local charities such as Bay Area Turning Point, Perry Family and Bay Area YMCAs, Bay Area Museum, Assistance League's Operation School Bell, and student scholarships. For more information about this year's festival, contact the 2016 festival chairperson, Kim Barker, or Lisa Holbrook at lunarrendezvousfestival@gmail.com. More details and tickets to all of these events may be found on the website at www.lunarrendezvous.org.

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NO WATER BALLOONS, WATER GUNS, ETC.

For more information, call Marie Flickinger at 281-481-5656. All entries must be received by July 2.

Name of entry _____

Name of Organization or Business _____

Person to Contact _____ Email _____

Address _____ Phone _____

- Truck (2 axle) Car Float Truck (3 axle) Other

Due to the length of this parade, we request participants do not attempt to walk.

All entries for community and nonprofit groups are free of charge—unless those participants wish to be eligible for a trophy in the judging contest. These contest entries require a \$25 entry fee. **ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS.**

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Please complete this entry form & submit, email or drop off at South Belt-Ellington Leader office (11555 Beamer) before July 2nd.

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TD15 all-star baseball play begins

Will teams from the Pearl Land Little League continue its recent dominance in Texas District 15 all-star tournament competition? Or, is it time for another league such as Sagemont-Beverly Hills to experience a breakthrough?

The action is set to unfold beginning June 24-25 as 10, 11 and 12-year-old as well as junior (age 13-14) and senior (age 15-16) division play begins.

As has long been the case in Little League baseball, each of the tourna-

ments will feature double elimination formats. SBHLL will go head-to-head against Pearl Land Little League all-star teams in two of the brackets, with teams from such leagues as East End, Dixie, Friendswood, South Houston and OFA also involved.

As Sagemont-Beverly Hills did in the 90s, Pearl Land has advanced far

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Texas District 15 openers

***10-year-old: SBHLL vs. Pearland East, Fri., June 24, 6 p.m., at South Houston L.L.**

***11-year-old: SBHLL vs. either East End or Friendswood, Sat., June 25, 4 p.m., at Friendswood L.L.**

***12-year-old: SBHLL vs. Pearland West, Fri., June 24, 6 p.m., at Pearland L.L.**

***Juniors: SBHLL vs. South Houston (2), Fri., June 24, 8 p.m., at Pearland L.L.**

***Seniors: SBHLL vs. East End, Sat., June 25, noon, at Pearland L.L.**

Tournament bracket updates at www.eteamz.com/td15. All tournaments are of the double elimination variety.



At right, SBHLL senior division all-star Aaron Nguyen will do his part as the locals battle other area leagues in the Texas District 15 tournament, set to begin June 25, at the Pearland Dad's Club.

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Dobie, Brook players help East football win late

Players from Dobie and Clear Brook walked away winners in what truly was their final appearance for their respective high school programs.

The East squad made a late defensive stand against the West, securing a 13-10 win at the 2016 South Texas Bowl, held at Aldine ISD's Thorne Stadium June 18.

Dobie running back Anthony Owens and tight end Jason Lester played on the East team's offensive squad, while Clear Brook's Malik Sonnier and Cameron Dolford were defensive contributors.

The South Texas Bowl, operated by the Texas High School Coaches Association, is a showcase event designed to allow

seniors a final chance to gain collegiate exposure.

Owens and Lester were first team selections to the

2013 Dobie graduate

Cabreja finds good fit at TSU; discovers versatility is a must

By John Bechtle Sports Editor
What a terrific time for the Cabreja family of the South Belt area.

Class of 2016 Dobie graduate Luis Cabreja grabbed plenty of the local spotlight this spring as he qualified for the Region III tennis tournament in boys' singles.

Not long after, Cabreja solidified his collegiate future, signing a letter of intent to attend Schreiner University in Kerrville,

District 22-6A postseason honor squad. Sonnier was a first team pick in District 24-6A, and Dolford made

his way on to the second team for the Wolverines.

As for Owens, he led Dobie in rushing during

the 2015 season. At press time, final game statistics from the South Texas Bowl were unavailable.

After transferring from NAIA Wylie to TSU, Cabreja had to sit out the 2015 campaign but was allowed to practice and work out in the weight room with his Tiger teammates.

After a solid 2016 run as a sophomore, more could be in store for Cabreja.

With two remaining years of eligibility with the Tigers, Cabreja simply wants to keep playing the game he loves.

He's on track to receive a bachelor's degree in accounting next summer, so the 2017 season could very well be his last on a baseball diamond.

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Dobie High School class of 2013 graduate Jose Cabreja was a first-team all-district pick in 2012 with the Longhorns. Now his journey since graduation has taken him to Texas Southern University, where he has thrived in a utility role.

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GHVCA again decides Pearland's Botkin is best

The Greater Houston Volleyball Coaches Association has selected its Fab 50 list of prep volleyball talent for 2016, and Pearland's Brooke Botkin

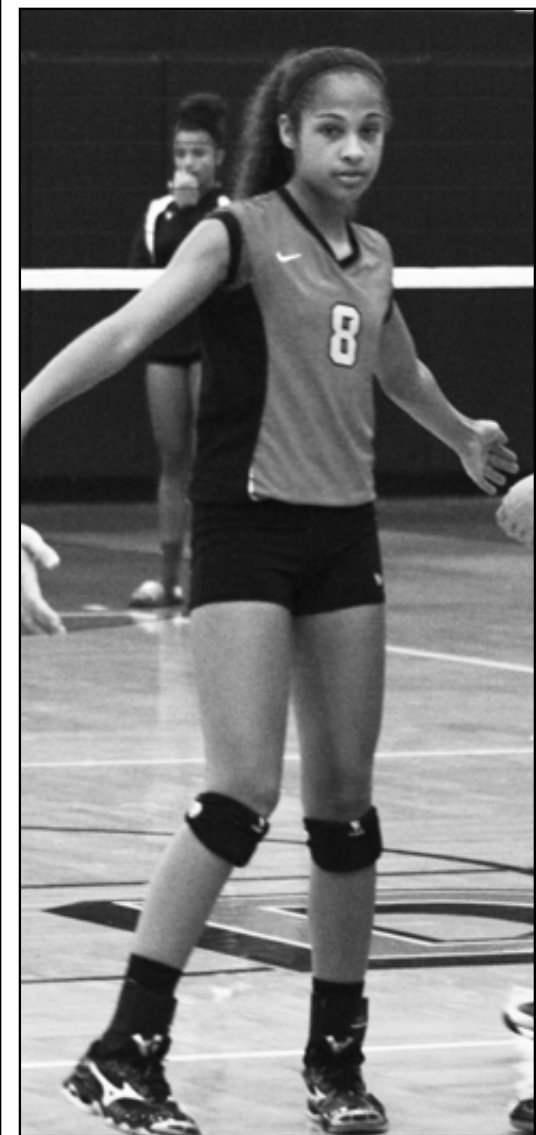
again heads the list. Botkin, now a senior and four-year starter for GHVCA Executive Director/Pearland varsity volleyball head coach John

Turner, is the association's Preseason Player of the Year. She was also the 2015 GHVCA's choice for the award. The outside hitter has committed to play

at the University of Southern California beginning next fall. The GHVCA Fab 50 list for 2016 includes many of the big names

from the Region III ranks, including a pair of players from Clear Brook - four-year starter Jaden Newsome and Jordan Russell. The 2016 season promises to be thrilling, with University Interscholastic

League realignment now matching former District 22-6A champion Pearland against the likes of George Ranch, which won the Class 5A, Region III championship in 2015 and finished at 41-8 overall.



Clear Brook senior-to-be Jaden Newsome has been a starter for the Lady Wolverines since her freshman season in 2013. Now, she is one of the key returnees for 2016 as Clear Brook looks to make a move in the 24-6A ranks, where the toughest competition in Region III exists. Newsome has been named to the Houston Area Volleyball Coaches Association's Preseason Fab 50 squad.

South Belt sports news, notes

Dobie head start football camp July 25-28

Dobie varsity football head coach Mike Norman and his staff will host the 2016 Head Start Football Camp July 25-28, at Dobie High School. Incoming seventh- through ninth-grade students as of the 2016-2017 school year are invited to attend the four-day camp (M-TH). Entry fee for the event, which will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. each day, is \$50 cash/money order or credit card per student. No checks will be accepted.

Norman and his staff will provide instruction in all phases of the game, and participants will receive specialized training at all positions on the football field. A \$10 late fee will be assessed for all registrants after July 21st. Participants should wear a T-shirt, shorts, socks and tennis shoes and bring cleats (optional), water bottle and sunscreen. The Pasadena Independent School District does not provide medical insurance coverage for these types of summer or extracurricular activities, so parents are responsible for such coverage. For more information, direct email to Norman at MNorman@pasadenaisd.org.

Lutheran South Academy summer camps

Registration is now open for summer camps at Lutheran South Academy. Camps are available for art, baseball, basketball, cheer, football, camp invention, martial arts, sewing, shooting, soccer, softball and volleyball.

For students interested in weights, strength and agility, Pride camps are available for students entering the sixth through 12th grades as of the 2016-2017 school year.

The Pioneer Power Camp is for students entering grades nine through 12 beginning with the 2016-2017 school year and is great for students taking part in football, boys' soccer, basketball, baseball and volleyball.

Camp lengths vary depending on the camp. Go to www.lutheransouth.org for more details and camp registration.

Dobie High School youth volleyball camps

Dobie High School varsity volleyball head coach Dawn Gutierrez Sexton and her staff will host the first of several age group-aimed youth camps July 12-14, at Donna Branch Court at the school.

Students entering the third through the sixth grades as of the 2016-2017 school year are eligible to take part in the camp. Each daily session runs from 9 a.m. to noon, and the cost is \$50 per participant. Instruction in all phases of the game and game action will all be included.

There will also be separate incoming ninth grade and incoming 10th through 12th grade camps held July 26-28, from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$50 per participant. The camps are voluntary, but also serve as a great opportunity for incoming Dobie players to prepare for the 2016 season.

The Pasadena Independent School District does not provide medical insurance coverage for these types of summer or extracurricular activities, so parents are responsible for such coverage. For more information, direct email to Gutierrez Sexton at DGutierrez2@pasadenaisd.org.

Dobie High School volleyball tryouts will be held Monday, Aug. 1. The *Leader* will provide additional information as the tryout date nears.

Thompson Intermediate soccer camp

The Thompson Intermediate coaching staff will host the 2016 soccer camp for boys and girls July 5-8 at the school. Students entering the sixth- through eighth grades as of the 2016-2017 school year are eligible to attend.

Entry fee is \$25 cash only. No checks or credit/debit cards will be accepted. The camp will run from 9 to 11 a.m. each day. Participants will receive instruction in all phases of soccer, including dribbling, passing, kicking, shooting, rules and regulations and more.

The Pasadena Independent School District does not provide medical insurance coverage for these types of summer or extracurricular activities, so parents are responsible for such coverage. For more information or to register, direct email to DSawyer@pasadenaisd.org.

Thompson Intermediate basketball camp

The Thompson Intermediate coaching staff will host the 2016 basketball camp for boys and girls July 5-8 at the school. Students entering the sixth- through eighth grades as of the 2016-2017 school year are eligible to attend.

Entry fee is \$25 cash only. No checks or credit/debit cards will be accepted. The camp will run from 9 to 11 a.m. each day. Participants will receive instruction in all phases of basketball, including dribbling, passing, rebounding, shooting, team defense and team offense and more.

The Pasadena Independent School District does not provide medical insurance coverage for these types of summer or extracurricular activities, so parents are responsible for such coverage. For more information or to register, direct email to DSawyer@pasadenaisd.org.

Thompson strength/conditioning camp

The Thompson Intermediate coaching staff will host the 2016 strength and conditioning camp July 18-21 at the school. Students entering the sixth- through eighth grades as of the 2016-2017 school year are eligible to attend.

Participants will engage in a variety of weight training and running/conditioning activities aimed at preparing student-athletes for the new school year. Cost of the camp is \$25 cash only. No checks or credit cards will be accepted.

The Pasadena Independent School District does not provide medical insurance coverage for these types of summer or extracurricular activities, so parents are responsible for such coverage. For more information or to register, direct email to DSawyer@pasadenaisd.org.

South Belt Youth Soccer Club sign-up

The South Belt Soccer Club is now accepting on-line registration for the fall 2016 season as youth boys and girls age 4 to 18 are welcome to join the league.

Children eligible for the under 5 to under 8 (4, 5, 6 and 7-year-olds) will pay \$115 to register, while children in the under 9 and under 10 groups (8 and 9-year-olds) will pay \$130. Those in the under 11 and older (10 to 18-year-olds) will pay \$170 to register.

Families may register their children by visiting www.southbeltsoccer.org, and simply follow the prompts. After registering on-line, families will be required to present a copy of their child's birth certificate to the SBYSC team coach.

Only credit card/debit card payments will be accepted at the time of on-line registration. A late fee will be assessed after Sept. 1, 2016.

The registration fee covers/uniform shirt, shorts and socks in addition to the league-wide fundraiser. Parents will be responsible for providing shin guards, soccer cleats and a practice ball.

Practices begin in August, with games set to begin in September. Regular season games will be held on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, either at El Franco Lee Park or Beverly Hills Park.

Clear Creek ISD Hall of Honor

Clear Creek ISD officials are still accepting nominations through July 8 for the inaugural Athletic Hall of Honor class.

Due to the sheer volume of alumni worthy of such an honor, nominations will be sought annually and, in turn, encompass a specific era, folding in CCISD high schools as they were created.

For the current 2016 nomination season, only candidates active or enrolled in Clear Creek High School or the former Webster High School from 1948 through the 1972 school year may be considered. The CCISD Athletic Hall of Honor operates as a 501(c)3 and is under the guidance of an independent board of directors.

Prospective nomination packages should include a nomination form, a letter of recommendation and any relevant supporting materials such as newspaper clippings and photographs, for example.

To access the nomination form and more information on requirements for induction and other guidelines regarding the CCISD Athletic Hall of Honor, visit www.ccisd.net, find athletics under the departments tab and then select the CCISD Athletic Hall of Honor tab on the left side of the page.

Nominations are due to the following address by July 8, 2016: CCISD Challenger Columbia Stadium, Attn: CCISD Athletic Hall of Honor, 1955 W. NASA Blvd. Webster, TX 77598.

Clear Brook volleyball camp

Clear Brook High School varsity volleyball head coach Meredith Thompson and her staff will host the 2016 Lady Wolverines' Youth Clinic July 25-28, at the high school.

Students entering the third through ninth grades as of the 2016-2017 school year are eligible to attend. Third through fifth-grade students will attend from 8 to 9:30 a.m., at a cost of \$80 per student. Sixth through eighth-grade first-year players will attend from 8 to 10:30 a.m., at \$100 per student. Advanced eighth-grade and ninth-grade players will attend from 10:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., at \$100 per student. After July 15, a \$20 late fee will apply to all registration costs.

The Clear Creek Independent School District does not provide medical insurance coverage for these types of summer or extracurricular activities, so parents are responsible for such coverage. For more information or to register, direct email to Thompson at mthomps1@ccisd.net.

2016 Preseason Player of the Year

Brooke Botkin, Pearland (S-OH)

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- Sophie Walls, The Woodlands*
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- Katelyn Finch, Tompkins*

Versatile Cabreja enjoying Texas Southern U. baseball

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That's certainly not a definite, but if so, it's been a good ride for the former Longhorns standout.

While at Dobie, Cabreja, the starting second baseman, helped form a tremendous double play combination with Jose Reyes, who played at Blinn College after he left Dobie and will now enter his senior season at the University of Houston.

In fact, Cabreja's strong play as a junior in 2012 netted him 22-5A first team all-district honors.

While Reyes went to Blinn, Cabreja headed for Wylie College in Marshall, Texas. After electing to transfer to TSU, Cabreja missed out on 2015 but returned to the diamond beginning last fall.

This spring, Cabreja made 16 starts among the Tigers' 35 games, batting .322 with three doubles, a homer and nine runs batted in.

On March 20 of this season, Cabreja had a four-hit game against Grambling State University.

His lone homer of the season came of the pinch hit variety in TSU's final game of the season, an eventual 7-5 loss to Ala-

bama State in the Southwestern Athletic Conference title game.

During the season, Cabreja wound up being a bit of a "jack of all trades" for the Tigers, spending time at every position on the field except pitcher and catcher. He was also often the Tigers' designated hitter.

"I wasn't an every day starter, but basically played in a utility role," Cabreja said.

"One thing you learn in the college game is that versatility can take you a long way.

"Anything to get you more at-bats, more opportunities to play is what you are looking for.

"The college game is very competitive. You can't afford to have mental breakdowns in terms of the game.

"(The baseball year) is a grind. You basically start in August with fall workouts and the season ends in May or early June, depending on the postseason.

"You also have to handle your academics, so it can be tough."

Tough or not, Cabreja has taken care of his business, which is why the 2017 season could possi-

bly be his last.

Although he has two years of playing eligibility remaining, Cabreja plans to attend graduate school after earning his bachelor's degree from TSU.

Head coach Michael Robertson, the Tigers' leader since 2008, said he wants to keep Cabreja around the program as long as possible.

"Jose has outstanding practice habits, is a team player, is loyal and really is a leader for us," Robertson said.

"If I had (bringing Cabreja in) to do all over again, I certainly would. Jose has been a great fit for the Texas Southern University baseball program.

"He's just been great both on and off the field. He understands the commitment of being a student-athlete.

"Academics come first and being a baseball player second. I look for great things ahead for Jose, and of course we are glad he has years remaining to play here at TSU."

As for Cabreja's ability to play a variety of positions on the baseball diamond, it's simply another drawing card as far as Robertson is concerned.

"He's an athlete," Robertson said of Cabreja. "He can play second, short, third and of course the outfield.

"Jose can catch, too. I like to have as many athletes as possible with that skill set, so Jose is a great fit there."

While first his career at Dobie and now his collegiate career has been plenty of fun and certainly rewarding, earning a living for him and his loved ones long term is the final answer.

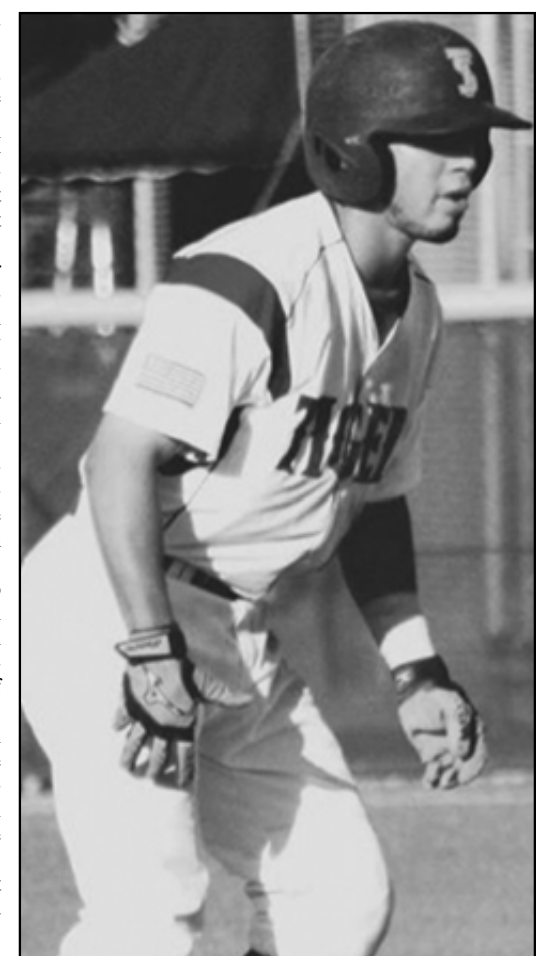
"It's been great," Cabreja said. "I'm certainly going to enjoy playing the game every day that I'm out there.

"We have a chance to be really good next season (TSU was 24-26 a season ago), and I'm looking forward to being a part of that."

Cabreja is playing in the Houston Collegiate Summer League, featuring a combination of Karl Young, Stan Musial league players.

He's playing a little bit of third base and left field for the Westchase Express.

He's keeping his glove skills sharp and hoping to keep swinging a hot bat. In baseball, there's little time for days off.



After sitting out the 2015 season, Jose Cabreja, a 2013 Dobie graduate, hit .322 for the Texas Southern University Tigers in 2016. He started 16 of 35 games and has two seasons of eligibility remaining.

At right, Dobie graduate and Texas Southern University sophomore Jose Cabreja (third from left) is playing for the West Chase Express this summer, a Carl Young/Stan Musial combination league. Primarily a second baseman at Dobie, Cabreja has shown his versatility since arriving at TSU, playing every position on the field with the exception of pitcher and catcher. On schedule to graduate next summer with a bachelor's degree in accounting, Cabreja told the *Leader* the 2017 season could very well be his last as he may opt for graduate school. Then again, he may choose to keep playing.

Courtesy photos



South Belt area prospects moving in minor leagues

The San Jacinto College baseball team made headlines earlier this month after reaching the JUCO World Series in Grand Junction, Colo., after then having seven players chosen in the MLB first-year player draft.

At press time, two of those players – Ryan January to Arizona and Brandon Montgomery to the Los Angeles Dodgers – had signed contracts with the teams that drafted them.

Those players will soon begin their professional baseball careers in the minor leagues, with hopes of one day reaching the big time.

There are a couple of other players with South Belt area ties who are also hoping to one day be playing at the highest level of professional baseball.

Matt Juengel, now 26 years old and playing in the Miami Marlins' organization, could be close to fulfilling his dream.

A 24th round selection of Miami out of Texas A&M University back in 2012, Juengel has made his way to the Marlins AAA club – the New Orleans Zephyrs.

Juengel began the season at the AA level and made his way to New Orleans roughly a month into the regular season.

The former Clear Brook High School standout has

now played 44 games at New Orleans, moving from the outfield back to his high school position of third base.

Over those 44 games as of June 20, Juengel had hit just .248 but had delivered run production nonetheless.

In the Pacific Coast League, Juengel had scored 22 runs, collected 38 hits over those 44 games and smacked 11 doubles and four homers. Juengel had also driven in 18 runs over that span.

It remains to be seen just how much farther Juengel will advance. At age 26, players in the minor leagues are no longer considered top prospects.

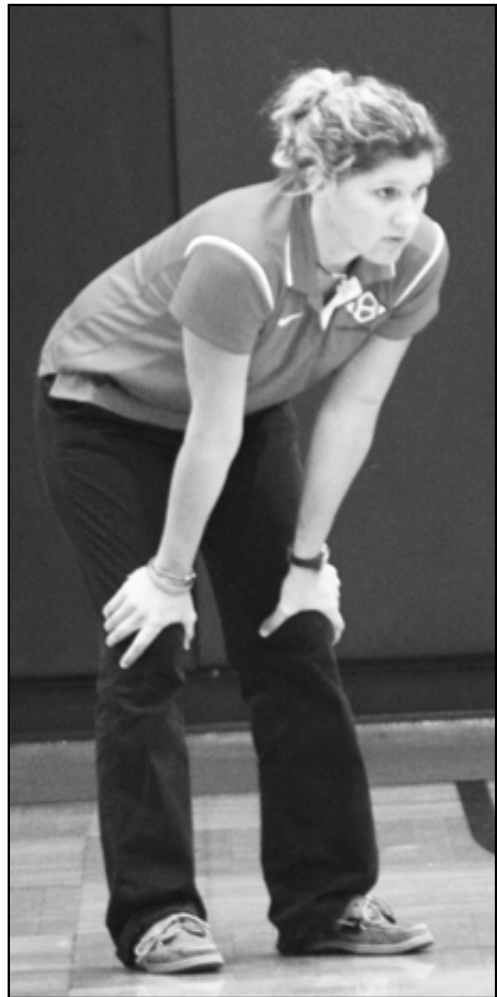
Then again, Juengel is still playing, which means his dream remains alive.

Elsewhere, Brandon Waddell, who graduated from Clear Lake High School but has family members in the South Belt area, is pitching at AA Altoona in the Pittsburgh Pirates' system.

Waddell, a fifth-round pick out of the University of Virginia, began the 2016 campaign with five straight wins and an earned run average of .241.

Today, Waddell stands at 6-2 overall with a 4.20 ERA, coming off a June 18, game in which he went 4 1/3 innings, allowing seven walks and two runs.

Brook, St. Agnes volleyball opens 2016



Clear Brook varsity volleyball head coach Meredith Thompson has high hopes for her Clear Brook varsity volleyball team, even as the Lady Wolverines will eventually compete in Region III's toughest district – 24-6A.

Brook High School

2016 Varsity volleyball schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 5	Clear Brook scrimmage	2 p.m.
Aug. 6	TBA	TBA
Aug. 9	St. Agnes	6:30 p.m.
Aug. 16	Houston Memorial	6:30 p.m.
Aug. 19	Dobie	6:15 p.m.
Aug. 23	at Dulles	6:30 p.m.
Aug. 26	at Stratford	6:30 p.m.
Aug. 30	Bellaire	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 2	at Deer Park	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 9	*Clear Falls	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 13	*Clear Creek	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 16	*Friendswood	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 20	*at Clear Lake	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	*Clear Springs	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 27	*at Alvin	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 1	*Dickinson	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 4	*at Clear Falls	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 7	*at Clear Creek	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 11	*at Friendswood	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 15	*Clear Lake	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 18	*at Clear Springs	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 21	*Alvin	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 25	*at Dickinson	6:30 p.m.

* – District 24-6A match

Beverly Hills Intermediate Football Camp

July 25-28 (M-TH) at Dobie High School

Applicant's Name: _____

School: _____

Grade entering 2016-2017: _____

Age: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____

Positions: Offense: _____ Defense: _____

I wish to enroll my child in the 2016 football camp. I understand that neither the coaches nor anyone connected with the football camp will assume any responsibility for accidents, medical, dental or other expenses incurred as a result of injuries sustained during the camp. I further acknowledge that my child is physically fit to participate.

Parent / Guardian signature: _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Emergency contact/phone: _____

Physician/phone: _____

Camp to be held at Dobie High School

Cost is \$30 per student. Please no checks or money orders. Cash only.

Camp hours are 9 to 11 a.m. each day for both incoming seventh-grade and eighth-grade students.

Report 15 minutes early July 25. Bring tennis shoes. Cleats optional.

For more information, call coach Ben Portis at 713-299-0251.

Camp information: The camp is designed for those student-athletes who will be entering either the seventh or eighth-grade at Beverly Hills Intermediate as of the 2016-2017 school year. Participants will take part in technique drills and also perform strength and conditioning activities in addition to pass catching, receiving, blocking, tackling and more. The camp staff will also cover the rules and regulations involving intermediate level games.

Dobie VB to open Aug. 8 against Elkins, Atascocita



Lauren Escobar (2) got plenty of starting time at setter a season ago and again will be charged with getting the Lady Longhorns' offense up to speed in matches. The regular season opens Aug. 8.



Natasha Walters (14), who returns to the varsity team as a junior, figures to bring both experience and talent to the front line as the Lady Longhorns look to battle for the District 22-6A crown.

Dobie High School

2016 Varsity volleyball schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 5	at Clear Brook scrimmage	2 p.m.
Aug. 6	tri-team scrimmage	9 a.m.
Aug. 8	Elkins/Atascocita	4 p.m.
Aug. 11-12	at Northside tourney (S.A.)	TBA
Aug. 16	at Baytown Sterling	6 p.m.
Aug. 18	at Dickinson tourney	TBA
Aug. 19	at Clear Brook	6:15 p.m.
Aug. 20	at Dickinson tourney	TBA
Aug. 23	Dickinson	6:30 p.m.
Aug. 26	at Eisenhower	5:30 p.m.
Aug. 27	Goose Creek ISD tourney	TBA
Aug. 30	Spring	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 2	at Goose Creek Memorial	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 6	Channelview (Phillips F.H.)	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 9	*at Beaumont West Brook	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 13	*South Houston	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 16	*at Sam Rayburn	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 20	*Pasadena	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	*at Deer Park	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 27	*at La Porte	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 30	*at Memorial	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 4	*Beaumont West Brook	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 7	*at South Houston	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 11	*Sam Rayburn	6:30 p.m.
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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

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

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

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

CrossRoads UMC – ESL classes Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 p.m. at the church, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Course, books and child care are free. For information, call 281-484-9243 or visit www.crossroads-umc.org.

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

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

Alateen – Support for teenagers, friends and family members of alcoholics/addicts, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, room 208. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

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.

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

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

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

Bay Area Genealogical Society – Meets the last Friday of each month at University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook Dr., Clear Lake. Coffee and socializing at 6:30; meeting at 7 p.m. No general meeting in Nov. or Dec. For information, visit www.TxBayAreaGen.org.

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

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

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SATURDAY, JUNE 25

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

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

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

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

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

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

Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class – Sunday and Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details or additional classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at drglandorf@scbglobel.net or call 281-488-6318.

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

5:30 p.m.

Celebrate Recovery – A faith-based 12-Step Program. Sundays, Chapel at Life Church, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for details or to RSVP for child care.

Alcoholics Anonymous – Candlelight Meeting, First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy, Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous – Alcohol problems? Meetings are on 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 27

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

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

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

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

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3:15 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy for adults with Parkinson's, 3:15 to 4:45 p.m., Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for details. 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 information. 6:30 p.m.
Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting - St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland. Enter door next to recycling bins. For details, call 713-865-3668 or visit www.oahouston.org. 7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For information, call 713-856-1611.
Friends Helping Friends Grief Support Group - meets Mondays, Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster, 7 to 8:15 p.m., in the Team Conference Room. Anyone who's lost a loved one is welcome. Free. For information, call Mrs. Barry Craven at 281-486-4241 or R. Sanchez at 281-337-4365. 7:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - New AA meeting, Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery Program, open meeting Monday, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Education Building, 11011 Hall Road, 77089. For more information, call Russell Garcia at 832-483-6715. 7:30 p.m.
Congregation Shaar Hashalom - Israeli Folk Dancing on Monday, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., 16020 El Camino Real, 77062. \$4/session or \$35/10 sessions for CSH members and \$5/session or \$45/10 sessions for nonmembers. Everyone is welcome. For information, contact 281-488-5861 or csh@shaarhashalom.org.

TUESDAY, JUNE 28
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., 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 details, call 713-472-0565. 10 a.m.
American Begonia Society - Houston Satellite meets on the fourth Tuesday, Clear Lake Park, 5001 NASA Pkwy. (on the lake side), Seabrook. For information, call Joe at 281-481-2458.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details. Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group of AA meets at noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.
Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch is \$15. Variety of interesting speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or visit nalix@texascitizens-bank.com. 1 p.m.
Ballroom Dance Practice - Tuesdays, Hometown Heroes Park. Enjoy a variety of ballroom music, free dancing, 1 to 3 p.m., on a beautiful floating hardwood floor. Instructor available to assist. Everyone is welcome! For questions, call 281-554-1180. 1001 East League City Pkwy. 1:30 p.m.
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - #1530 meets at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd., 1:30 p.m. Call Jeanette Sumrall, 713-946-3713, for details.
Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class - Sunday and Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details or classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or call 281-488-6318. 6 p.m.
Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish) - Support for family/friends of alcoholics/addicts, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 6 p.m., First United Methodist Church, room 215, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in. 6:30 p.m.
CrossRoads UMC - ESL classes Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 p.m. at the church, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Course, books and child care are free. For information, call 281-484-9243 or visit www.crossroads-umc.org. 7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For information, call 713-856-1611.
Houston Space City Lions Club - Meets the second and fourth Tuesday, 7 p.m., at Luby's (11595 Fuqua). For details, call George Malone at 281-438-7243.

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 29
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or drop in. 10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details. Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group of AA meets at noon at 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611. 1 p.m.
Hometown Heroes Park - has free Hump Day Dance to practice ballroom dance, 1 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. League City nonresidents must purchase activity card. Help is available to assist learning dance moves. For details, call Neva Schroder at 417-838-2204. 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
CrossRoads UMC - Invites everyone to the Wednesday night service beginning with a light meal and fellowship at 5:30 p.m., followed by a praise, worship and prayer service at 6:30 p.m., then a Bible study led by both pastors (English and Spanish). Everyone is welcome!
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Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For information, call 713-856-1611.
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Alcoholics Anonymous - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.
THURSDAY, JUNE 30
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. 10 a.m.
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CrossRoads UMC - ESL classes Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 p.m. at the church, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Course, books and child care are free. For information, call 281-484-9243 or visit www.crossroads-umc.org. 6:30 p.m.
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Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Women's Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For information, call 713-856-1611.
AI-Anon (English) - Support for family and friends of alcoholics/addicts, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, room 215. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in. 8:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - AA meetings are Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For information, call 713-204-2481.

4th of July Parade Entry Form

A parade will be held in conjunction with the July 4th Spectacular. Parade lineup will be at 9 a.m. at Beverly Hills Intermediate, 11111 Beamer. The parade will begin at Beverly Hills Intermediate at 10 a.m. and will continue to San Jacinto College on Beamer Road. Businesses and individuals are encouraged to build floats and participate in the parade.

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For more information, call Marie Flickinger at 281-481-5656. All entries must be received by July 2.

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Name of Organization or Business _____

Person to Contact _____ Email _____

Address _____ Phone _____

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* Each entrant is liable for the entry & participants involved with their entry. Adult supervision is a must!

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Texas District 15 tournament action set to get underway

Continued from Page 1B within the little league ranks, particularly since 2010. The 2010 Pearland Little League team played at the World Series in Williamsport, Pa., and the 2015 team made its way to regionals, one step away from the series.

It's been a few seasons since the Sagomont-Beverly Hills Little League claimed a District 15 crown, but there's always a time to begin a new winning streak. Sagomont's 9-year-old all-star team has already been eliminated, but there

are more chances. It is and always has been key to win the first game of a given tournament in double elimination play, because in some cases it provides extra days off and, therefore, rest for the winners. It will be hot out there on

the field, and SBHLL is slated to play at least four of its five opening games in what could be brutally warm conditions. In the 10-year-old division, SBHLL plays a 6 p.m. game against Pearland East. It will be warm. The SBHLL 12-year-

old team is slated to go against Pearland West in a 6 p.m. game. Again, it will be warm. Sagomont's 11-year-old team will open with a 4 p.m. game. It will be even warmer at that time of the day. And SBHLL's senior league team has a

noon game scheduled to begin its tournament. Talk about hot. Regardless of the weather conditions, SBHLL will be looking to get a team or multiple teams to sectionals this season. It all begins June 24-25 and runs through at least the

end of the month and, in some cases, longer. The list of Texas District 15 tournament openers is shown on Page 1B. The TD15 website is located at www.eteamz.com/td15.

District officials have stated that dates and times that are currently listed are subject to change. The SBHLL also has a Facebook page that is regularly updated with scores and new games.

There is also a list of little league site maps on the Sagomont-Beverly Hills Little League website at www.eteamz.com/sbhll. Let the games begin as SBHLL looks to advance in five age group divisions



The Sagomont Pirates cruised to the championship at the Friendswood Firecracker tournament June 18-19 at Renwick Park in Friendswood, defeating the Pearland Naturals squad by a 6-4 count in the title game. Members of the 12-under team are, left to right, (front row) Marcus Lind, Jonathon Gonzales, Bryce Sanchez, Matthew Arnesen, Jaydon Carter, Christian Medina, (middle row) coach Daniel Ramirez, Zachary Ramirez, Allen Gonzalez, Jacob Cueva, Dylan Dixson, Matthew Castel-


lano, Christian Torres, coach Joseph Lind, (back row) manager Jose Torres and coach Ruben Gonzalez. These players and coaches, in addition to players Darius Hale and Matthew Castillo, will represent the Sagomont-Beverly Hills Little League in the Texas District 15 tournament, which will be held beginning Friday, June 24, at the Pearland Dad's Club. The locals will face Pearland West in a first-round game at 6 p.m.



Sagomont Pirates 12-year-old player and Sagomont-Beverly Hills Little League all-star Dylan Dixson (left) gave his father a huge Father's Day present June 19, smacking a pair of home runs as the Pirates defeated the Pearland Naturals 6-4, winning the Friendswood Firecracker tournament along the way. Dylan's mother, Lakechia Dixson, was also in the stands as the locals set the bar high for the upcoming Texas District 15 all-star tournament.



Marcus Lind (baserunner with helmet) and the Sagomont-Beverly Hills Little League 11-year-old all-stars fell a bit short in their quest to win the Texas District 15 crown in 2015. Now a 12-year-old majors division all-star, Lind and his teammates hope to turn their fortunes around beginning Friday, June 24.




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