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PISD relaxes dress code

The Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees voted to approve revisions to the dress code in the student code of conduct for the 2016-17 school year. Beginning in the fall, students will be allowed to wear collarless shirts of any color with logos, prints, pictures, stripes and plaids as long as they are free of inappropriate designs.

Under the revised dress code policy, students are also permitted to wear capris pants as long as they meet all of the criteria listed in the pants and jeans section of the dress code.

All other items in the dress code will remain the same as the previous year. To view the full dress code policy, visit the back-to-school webpage at www.pasadenaisd.org.

Vacation photos sought

The *Leader* is seeking readers' 2016 vacation photos for possible publication. A first- and second-place prize of Schlitterbahn tickets will be awarded monthly during June, July and August to the best submissions. Each month's first-place winner will be awarded eight tickets, while each month's second-place winner will be awarded six.

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

Lariaettes set dance clinic

The Dobie Lariaettes are having their annual Summer Dance Explosion Dance Clinic on Thursday and Friday, July 28 and 29, including dancing, games, crafts, and lunch.

The clinic will be held at Dobie High School from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for children in Pre-K-eighth grade. Pre-registration is \$40, due by July 19, or at the door is \$50, cash or money order only. Participants will perform what they have learned Friday, July 29, at 3 p.m. in the Dobie auditorium, and they will also receive a clinic souvenir at this time. For more information contact Christy Gonzales by email at chrstygznls@yahoo.com

Brook '96 reunion set

The Clear Brook class of '96 will celebrate its 20-year reunion Saturday, Aug. 6 at Cadillac Bar on Shepherd Dr., from 7 to 10 p.m. The event will be casual attire. Cost is \$60. Email Clearbrook1996reunion@gmail.com for tickets. Join the Facebook group "CBHS Class of 1996 20-year reunion" to get more information.

Highland Meadow meets

The monthly meeting of the Highland Meadow HOA has been rescheduled from July 13 to Monday, July 25, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. Homeowners are encouraged to attend. Questions prior to the meeting go to Gina Victor with C.I.A. Services Inc., 713-981-9000 or CustomerCare@ciaservices.com

Library seeks books

The Friends of Parker Williams Branch Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., is in need of donations of gently used books, both soft and hard cover, fiction and non-fiction, especially children's books, CDs, DVDs and current magazines are also accepted.

Football car wash July 16

The Dobie High School football program/booster club will host a car wash fundraiser Saturday, July 16, at Snowies' Snowcones in the Food Town parking lot on Scarsdale. Players will wash cars for a minimum \$5 donation from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bay Singles to host dance

The Bay Area Singles Club Monthly Dance is July 16, from 7 to 10 p.m. at VFW Lodge at 5204 Highway 3, Dickinson, Post No. 6378. Bring party snacks to share. Cost is \$7 for members and \$9 for nonmembers. For more info call 409-948-1156 or 281-337-3112.

BibleWay holds health fair

BibleWay Fellowship Baptist Church, 10120 Hartsook, will hold its annual Community Health Fair Saturday, July 16, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will feature health screenings, immunizations for children up to 12 years old (bring immunization records), hearing tests and school supplies (while they last). All services are free. For more information, call 713-943-2215.

Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from FM-1959/Dixie Farm Road to FM-528/NASA Road 1 will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Monday, July 18. Alternate exit and entrance ramps will be closed. The closures are associated with an ongoing construction project to widen the freeway from three to five lanes in each direction and the frontage roads from two to three lanes in each direction.

Dobie grad killed in fatal freeway shooting

A recent Dobie graduate was fatally shot early Saturday, July 9, while riding as a vehicle passenger in the 12300 block of the Gulf Freeway near Fuqua.

Geovanni "Geo" Rios, 18, was pronounced dead at the scene.

According to the Houston Police Department, Rios was a backseat passenger in a white Chev-

rolet Tahoe traveling north on the freeway frontage road around 1:35 a.m. when the vehicle was struck by multiple gunshots, presumably fired from another vehicle, investigators said. Rios was struck in the head by a bullet, killing him.

The bullet-ridden truck was discovered by an HPD patrol officer that was patrolling the area. Police reported that a large crowd of onlookers had gathered around the vehicle. The driver of the Tahoe had allegedly fled the scene after parking the vehicle, police said.

Investigators said surveillance footage obtained by officers determined two additional ve-

hicles were traveling ahead of the Tahoe, and the backseat passenger in the second car is believed to be the triggerman who fired the lethal shot.

The suspect vehicle is described only as a possible four-door sedan of unknown color, make or model.

Anyone with information in this case is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-600 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

An account has been established to help Rios' family pay for funeral expenses. To donate, visit www.gofundme.com/2dh6wqz8.



Car gets stuck in cement

The driver of the BMW shown to the left had a bad day Friday, July 8, after getting his vehicle stuck in freshly laid cement at the intersection of Hughes Road and Sageburrow. The street repairs are part of the city's ongoing pavement/drainage improvements along the area thoroughfare. Neighbors said the driver maneuvered around warning barricades before coming in contact with the cement.

Photo submitted

HPD identifies suspected driver of interest in fatal June crash

Houston police have released a photo of a person wanted for questioning in a fatal crash that took place around 10 p.m. Thursday, June 23, in the 7800 block of Galveston Road between South Shaver and Edgemoor.



Martin Ayala Sanchez

Investigators are asking for the public's help in locating Martin Ayala Sanchez, 31, to determine what information he might have regarding this deadly crash.

The victim, Kevin Joel Berrios-Rivera, 19, was transported to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

According to police, the driver of a burgundy Scion was traveling south on Galveston Road and was attempting to make a left turn when the driver of a blue Ford Mustang struck the vehicle from behind.

The Mustang came to a stop near railroad tracks just south of the crash site, then fled the scene on foot.

All five people inside the Scion were transported to area hospitals. Berrios-Rivera was a rear passenger in the Scion when he was injured. It is believed Sanchez is the owner of the Mustang, and investigators are seeking to question him about this incident.

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Sanchez is urged to call the HPD Hit and Run Unit at 713-247-4065 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

PISD seeks citizen award nominations

The Pasadena Independent School District is accepting nominations for the 2016 Distinguished Citizen Award.

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

Nominees must demonstrate a commitment to the educational, social, spiritual and personal growth of youth in the community through volunteer efforts in Pasadena schools or any youth-

related organization.

They must also live or work within the boundaries of the school district.

The Distinguished Citizen Award will be presented at a special reception in the fall. A bronze plaque will be dedicated at the reception and placed at the front entrance to the PISD Administration Building.

Those interested in submitting a nomination should return a completed form along with any supporting documentation such as newspaper

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Light erected at Blackhawk, Hughes



Harris County work crews are shown above installing a new traffic light at the intersection of Hughes Road and Blackhawk. County officials said the signal is needed to accommodate for future growth in the South Belt community. The \$219,000 project is scheduled to be complete by the end of the month.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

Truck crashes through store



A female driver drove through the front of the KwikShop convenience store, located next to the Kroger at Beltway 8 and Sabo, the night of Thursday, July 7. While the store has barriers in place to prevent such accidents, the driver was somehow able to maneuver between them. No injuries were reported.

Photo submitted

USA Karate founder Tucker dies at 54

Former South Belt resident and longtime area business owner Michael Stewart Tucker died Friday, July 8, after battling an illness.

Tucker was the owner of USA Karate, located at 11101 Resource Parkway. Founded in 1991, USA Karate has been a weekly advertiser in the *Leader* since the



Michael Tucker

school's inception.

"He loved working with all his students and derived a tremendous energy for life from being with them," a post on USA Karate's Facebook page stated. Operations at the school will continue normally, per Tucker's instructions. Tucker was the winner of various national awards.

A memorial service for Tucker will be held Saturday July 23, at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Parkway (corner of NASA 1 and Highway 3) in Webster. The service will begin at 2 p.m. See additional information in related obituary on Page 2A.

City to host flood meeting at Sagemont

City and county officials will host a meeting Tuesday, July 26, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Sagemont Church, 11300 S. Sam Houston Parkway E., aimed at reducing injuries and fatalities in severe weather events.

Dubbed *Turn Around, Don't Drown*, the event will feature representatives from the Houston Police Department (HPD), the Houston Fire Department (HFD), the City of Houston Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and other partners, as well as the Harris County Flood Control District. The meeting will be the fourth such function in an ongoing series. The campaign will include a series of informational workshops, presentations, brochures and promotional safety giveaways.

HPD has purchased 2,000 car escape tools to be distributed to citizens, while the supplies last. The Houston Police Federal Credit Union and Yellow Cab Greater Houston Transportation Company have also purchased steel-tipped car escape tools to be distributed with other giveaways at the workshops. Ready Houston has also provided promotional giveaways for the event. Mayor Sylvester Turner said the campaign

aims to encourage citizens to wait and not venture out on the roadways in severe weather events.

"The best approach is always to stay home, but if you should find yourself in a car in rising water, we want you to know what to do to save yourself," Turner said. "Don't become our next flood-related fatality. Make your plan now."

Acting HPD Chief Montalvo urges motorists to heed warnings and any traffic barricades in the roadway.

"When we say turn around, don't drown, that also means to not drive around any barricades our officers or city officials placed in the road," Montalvo said. "They're doing that for a reason, and that is to keep drivers safe and away from high water and danger."

A new flood safety brochure with valuable information and photos is available on the HPD website at http://www.houstontx.gov/police/pdfs/brochures/english/turn_around_dont_drown.pdf.

For more information, contact Council Member Dave Martin's office at 832-393-3008 or by email at district@houstontx.gov.

Publisher's Opinion

Personal note from Leader publisher

Normally, in this column, the subject matter is one that affects our readers.

I am taking some liberties this week and am going to use it for a personal issue.

As many of you know, last January I suffered some significant heart issues and was hospitalized at Southeast for a week.

Upon my release the doctor's opinion of my recovery was uncertain.

The cause was not officially determined. It is believed that I had a virus that caused my heart, as a pump, to quit working properly.

During that time, I was shocked with the support that I got from the community, particularly in the promise of prayers.

I feel so honored. I had prayers from those at my church, St. Luke's, but also from Baptists, Methodists, Lutherans, etc.

It is my belief that those prayers, all of them, along with the love and support of my family, contributed to my recently being

told by my doctor I am doing so well that he does not want to see me until December.

I know here in Houston we have a fantastic medical center. But I can tell you this, in South Belt we also have a tremendous hospital, Memorial Hermann Southeast. This may not have always been true, but today this hospital is a leader in the industry.

Thanks to all of you who shared with me good wishes and especially all those who had me in their prayers. I truly believe God listened and you will have to put up with me here at the *Leader* for a while longer.

On another note, a special thanks to all who made July 4 another special day in the South Belt - way too many to name here, but you know who they are.

Thanks to all of you!

Marie Flickinger
Publisher

Michael (Mike) Stewart Tucker



Michael Stewart Tucker, founder and owner of USA Karate, died Saturday, July 8, 2016, surrounded by his family.

He was born on March 21, 1962, in Denver, Colo. After graduating from Clear Creek High School in League City, he completed a bachelor's degree at the University of Houston-Clear Lake in 1985. He married Monica Contreras Vargas on Jan. 10, 2003. Monica has three sons: Christopher, Gabriel and Emilio, and he loved them all dearly.

Tucker started training in 1980 under Al Garza. He was recognized five consecutive years as one of the top ten instructors in Texas and as Rookie of the Year and Top Black Belt Fighter in 1985.

From 1985 to 1990, Tucker ran schools for Garza and helped create a unique martial arts and business system. Early in spring 1987, Tucker, age 25, was teaching karate fulltime, sparring, and winning tournaments when he was discovered to have a large tumor in his chest. It was diagnosed as non-Hod-

gkin's lymphoma.

He underwent intensive, successful treatment including surgery, radiation, and chemotherapy.

Things went well for a number of years. Tucker opened his first karate school in 1991 off Scarsdale in the Food Town shopping center at what is now USA Karate. Through years of diligence and constant improvement, Tucker developed the current system being taught. He expanded the karate classes to include after school care and then summer day care in 1997.

Tucker was a 6th Degree Master Level Black Belt under Rick Moneymaker and Tom Muncy, 8th Degree Grandmasters in Okinawan Kempo and Tuite - Jitsu. He also held a 4th Degree Black Belt under 9th Degree Grandmaster George Dillman in Ryukyuan Kempo. In addition Tucker held a 3rd Degree Black Belt under 8th Degree Master Al Garza in Tae Kwon Do, and a 1st Degree Black Belt under 7th Degree Zdenek Matl in Judo and Jitsu.

In 1993, Tucker was recognized as one of the Top Instructors of the Year in the state of Texas by the Amateur Organization of Karate.

In 1999 Mike was inducted into the World Martial Arts Hall of Fame as the Master Instructor of the Year. That year he was also certified as a 5th Degree Black Belt in Torite-jitsu by the World and British Kempo Arts Federation, signed by 11 Masters and Grandmasters.

In June 2000, carbon dioxide started building up in his body and he began to deal

with the long-term side effects of his cancer. His heart and respiratory system suffered severe damage. Sadly, he had to quit sparring in karate but he continued to teach and develop his business.

In 2005-2006 his karate facility was affected by adjacent fires on two separate occasions almost exactly a year apart. Plans formed for construction and operation of the Scarsdale facility which opened in 2007.

Scarring damaged the aortic valve and Tucker had successful replacement surgery in 2015. He opened his second school in Pearland in June 2013.

Tucker continued to teach, supervise his instructors, and operate two karate schools. He achieved his 7th degree black belt and the title of Grand Master in 2014. Respiratory issues created by the cancer and treatments intensified, requiring additional breathing support. Ultimately, Tucker was unable to overcome the combined long-term effects of the original cancer treatments.

Tucker attributed much of his resilience and continued positive attitude to the physical, psychological, and spiritual teachings of karate. Through the many medical challenges and hospitalizations, he continued to focus on his schools assuring that a high operating standard was set.

He carefully selected staff who shared his passion and who would maintain that standard over time. His staff members were like a second family to him. He touched many lives and was admired for his determination, perse-

verance, and positive persona as he dealt with all of his challenges. His legacy will live on in his schools, students, friends and family.

In addition to karate and business skills, Tucker was an accomplished woodworker. His intricate works will be treasured by his family. He was an avid Dallas Cowboy fan, card/game player, and dog lover.

He is survived by his wife; children, Christopher Vargas and wife Nina, Gabriel Vargas, and Emilio Vargas; parents Ruth and Larry Marcott, and Thomas Tucker; brothers and their families, Douglas Tucker and wife Sherry, and daughters Catherine Laws and husband Matt, daughters Lexi and Cali; Kristina Brown and husband David, daughters, Brooke and Taylor Rose; Gregory Tucker and wife Elizabeth, daughters Audrey and Rachel; Troy Marcott and wife Valerie, daughter Courtney Allen and Randy Marcott; aunt Elizabeth Moyer and husband Patrick, son Daniel and daughter Phoebe; uncle Bill Tucker and wife Joan; and cousins Wesley and son Wayne and Scott and wife April and daughter Amelia.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, July 23, 2016 at 2 p.m. at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 West NASA Parkway (corner of NASA 1 and Hwy. 3) in Webster.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mike Tucker's name to the charity of your choice.

For additional information visit the website <http://usakarate.cc/socialsite/our-instructors>.

Willie Harthcock Taylor

A memorial service for Willie Estelle Harthcock Taylor, 84, of South Belt, will be held July 20, 2016, at 2 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Lexington, Miss. The reception will follow at the home of Jan and Mills Head.

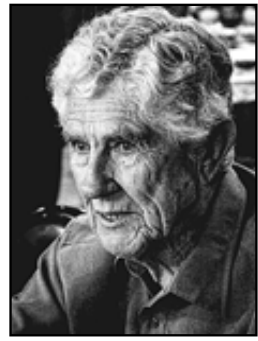
Taylor was born on March 10, 1932, in Eulogy, Miss. She died on June 22, 2016, at Kindred Health Hospital, Pasadena, after a series of health complications.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Billy and Daisy Harthcock; sister, Annie Shanks; brothers, Bobby Harthcock, Roy J. Harthcock and Donnie Harthcock; and her oldest son, Phillip Porch.

Taylor is survived by her husband of fifty-nine years Van Taylor Jr., of Houston; daughters Deborah Stevens of Dallas and Vanessa Rucker of Tucson; son Ernie Taylor III, of Mount Holly, N. C.; sister Jan Heard of Lexington, Miss.; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She will be remembered as a devoted and compassionate wife and mother.

In loving memory of Taylor, donations may be made to a church or charity of one's choice.

Raymond Keeling Sr.



Raymond Herndon Keeling Sr., 88, of Houston, died on Wednesday, June 22, 2016. His last days were spent at home surrounded by his loving family.

He was an American hero, the family moral compass, role model to all, mentor and loving husband and father.

Keeling was a grandfather, great-grandfather and a great-great-grandfather. Born in Miles, Texas, on June 21, 1928, to Forrest and Thelma Keeling, he proudly served his country in the Army Air Corps and U.S. Air Force until his retirement in 1973, at which time he and his family moved to the Sagemont subdivision in Houston.

He is survived by Anita, his wife of 66 years; son Raymond H. Keeling Jr.; and three daughters, Gail Van Winkle, Kim Hubenak and Lynette Keeling; 15 grandchildren (one of whom preceded him in death); 20 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; one brother; and four sisters. He was preceded in death by his older brother and sister.

Keeling served in the U.S. Air Force for 27 years and retired as a chief master sergeant. He worked in the Air Force Security Division as a cryptanalyst for the National Security Agency. During his time in the military, he mastered multiple languages and received many awards and decorations: a Combat Readiness Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal with one bronze oak leaf cluster, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Air Force Good Conduct Medal with two bronze oak leaf clusters, Good Conduct Medal with five bronze loops, World War II Victory Medal, National Defense Service Medal with one bronze star, Air Force Longevity Service Award with one silver oak leaf cluster and Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon. His postings included Alaska (then still a territory), Ellington Field in Houston, Ft. Belvoir, Va., Lackland AFB in San Antonio, Germany (2 tours), Misawa, Japan, and Fort Meade, Md. Of the many assignments he was tasked throughout his military service, he most loved weather forecasting.

After his military service, Keeling sold real estate, new and used cars and managed a couple of silk screen printing businesses. Entering full retirement at 65, he enjoyed traveling with his wife, Anita, including trips to Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, St. Croix, USVI, Minnesota and Las Vegas, Nevada.

He demonstrated his love of family through projects, such as numerous home remodelings, car refurbishing, collecting and restoring antique clocks, and any task that needed doing. He loved music; playing guitar, banjo,

ukulele, violin and singing beautifully. Passionate about fishing, he has a garage full of rods and reels, owned four different boats during his retirement years, and fished often with his family and friends.

His memorial service, with full military honors, was held on Thursday, June 30, at the Houston National Cemetery and officiated by long time pastor and friend, Emory Gadd with Sagemont Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Raymond Keeling to an organization of choice, to the American Heart Association, or to the American Stroke Association at 800-242-8721 (website is <https://donate-now.heart.org>.)

Madeline S. Vasquez

Madeline S. Vasquez died July 9, 2016. She was born January 23, 1938.

Vasquez was known as Mary Madeline Santos throughout her life. She attended Sacred Heart Dominican College and graduated in 1960 with a degree in nursing. In October of that year, she married Lupe Garza Vasquez. She was employed by Harris County in the San Jose Clinic in downtown Houston. Subsequent to this position, she was hired by Houston Independent School District as a school nurse for Lamar Elementary.

Vasquez received a master degree in nursing from the University of Houston main campus in the late 1970s and was later promoted to a position with Child Study. She worked for this department within the HISD until she retired in July 2001, subsequent to a stroke.

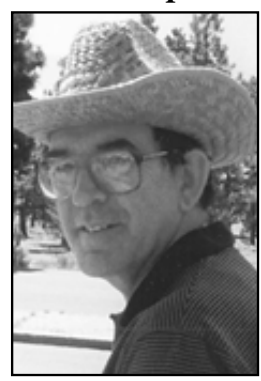
Vasquez is survived by her son-in-law Robert and daughter Sonya Barrientz (only child), their two children Marivella Kristeen and Zarean Robert.

She is preceded in death by her husband Lupe, who was her primary caregiver until he passed from stomach cancer on Aug. 3, 2008. Vasquez is also preceded in death by her parents Adeline and Luis Santos; sisters Dora Hernandez, Julia Shem, and Angie Scoggins; and many family members.

The couple lived in the home they purchased in the late 1960s on Members Drive in the Beverly Hills subdivision and had been residents of the South Belt community from then until their passing.

The wake was July 13 at Forest Park Westheimer Funeral Home. The funeral service is on Thursday, July 14, at 10 a.m. at the funeral home, 12800 Westheimer Road, followed by Interment.

John Leason Bishop



John Leason Bishop, 81, died July 10, 2016. Bishop was born in Richmond, Ky., on January 28, 1935.

He moved to Houston when he was nine years old, where he became a lifelong resident.

Bishop was a faithful member of Faith Community Church. He retired from the U.S. Post Office after serving the Hobby airport and Clearlake-NASA Postal area.

Bishop is preceded in death by his parents, Keith and Neva Bishop, and his brother James Bishop.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Carolee Bishop; sons Mark Bishop and Scott Bishop; granddaughter Hala Bishop; nephew Keith Bishop and niece Kelly Kuhlman.

There will be a visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 14, 2016 at Crowder Funeral home in Pearland.

A memorial service will be held Friday, July 15, 2016, at 3 p.m. at Faith Community Church, 2402 E. Broadway St. in Pearland.

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

Thank you, thank you, thank you from Weld!

First to Harris County Sheriff's Office for holding the shredding event on Scarsdale recently.

It was much appreciated. I made two trips. Hope the participation was good enough that we will have another in the future.

Secondly, thanks to the *Leader* for publicizing the event. This paper does so much good for our community. We really appreciate all you do.

David R Weld
Publisher's note: Thank you for the kind words. Shredding has become a very important service to our community. I just wish we knew about this earlier so we could give the community better notice.

–Marie Flickinger

Local library events set

Parker Williams Library

The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale. Thursday, July 14, at 2 p.m. – Summer Movie. Feature presentation of *Ice Princess*, rated PG.

Friday, July 15, at 4 p.m. – Anime Club. Feature presentation of *Naruto Shippuden*, rated TV-14.

Tuesday, July 19, at 3 a.m. – Teen Tuesday. Topsy Turvy Time Travel Tea

Wednesday, July 20, at 2:30 p.m. – Thomas Davis, The Snakeman

Wednesday, July 20, at 6 p.m. – Pass the NCCER Test and Boost Your Career

Wednesdays – Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.; Thursdays – Toddler Story Time, 10:30 a.m.; Saturdays – Vietnamese Storytime. Classes are at 10 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. For more information on Vietnamese programs, speak with Loc Bui.

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

Bracewell Branch Library

The following events are scheduled for July at the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint.

Thursday, July 14, at 6 p.m. – Teen Video Gaming

Tuesday, July 19, at 10:30 a.m. – Nature Discovery Center: Bunny Buddies

Wednesday, July 20, at 10:30 a.m. – Kids Craft

Thursday, July 21, at 6 p.m. – Teen Video Gaming

Tuesday, July 26, at 10:30 a.m. – Pocketwatch Puppets

Wednesday, July 27, at 10:30 a.m. – Kids Craft

Thursday, July 28, at 6 p.m. – Teen Video Gaming

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

For more information on these programs, call the library at 832-393-2580.

Elected officials speak out

City Councilman Dave Martin on Gulf Coast storm suppression

Last month the Gulf Coast Community Protection and Recovery District (GCCPRD) released its Storm Surge Suppression Study, Phase 3 Final Report. This report unveils recommended actions to take for storm surge mitigation. For the past two and a half years the GCCPRD has been studying a six county region along the upper Texas Gulf Coast that is most vulnerable to storm surge. Storm surge impact in this area poses a significant risk to the public, the economy and the environment. This final report outlines a plan for local, state and federally elected officials to use when advocating for protection for the coast.

For the Central Region of this study, which focuses on Chambers, Harris and Galveston counties, the GCCPRD has recommended the High Island to San Luis Pass Coastal Spine including the navigation gate at Clear Lake and a modified Galveston ring levee. According to the team, this combination provides "a region-wide reduction in storm surge that extends from the Gulf of Mexico to Houston, providing enhanced protection for communities located along the shoreline of Galveston Bay and industry located along the Houston Ship Channel."

The report further states, "The total cost for implementing the GCCPRD study area coastal protection plan is \$11.6 billion. The total damage caused by Hurricane Ike alone was over \$30 billion. The upper Texas Coast has

a population of more than six million people, generates over 31 percent of the state's \$1.4 trillion gross domestic product and has a significant role in our nation's energy industry and our national security. In comparison, the federal government invested \$14.5 billion in hurricane protection for New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina to protect a population of 900,000 people.

"The upper Texas Coast has a population of more than six million people, generates over 31 percent of the state's \$1.4 trillion gross domestic product and has a significant role in our nation's energy industry and our national security. In comparison, the federal government invested \$14.5 billion in hurricane protection for New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina to protect a population of 900,000 people. In addition to GCCPRD board approval of the Phase 3 Report, the board also accepted an additional Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant from the Texas General Land Office to continue the Storm Surge Suppression Study. Phase four of the study will include the following actions:

- Optimize the recommended alternatives to better estimate costs and benefits.
- Update depth damage curves for petrochemical facilities via economic analysis.
- Complete the extended benefits analysis.
- Conduct additional environmental studies.

• Continue public outreach and stakeholder engagements.

Although we still have a long way to go, this is positive news for those that live in the Clear Lake area and for residents in Harris County. Since being sworn into office I have been actively involved in discussions regarding coastal storm surge protection. I have worked closely with area elected officials in addition to the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership who have been integral in leading these efforts in partnership with Texas A&M Galveston, on behalf of the Bay Area. As a New Orleans native and Houstonian for many years now, I have experienced my fair share of hurricanes and tropical storms and am adamant that now is the time to take a proactive approach to continue the fight for funding for the Coastal Spine system that we now have confirmed would be the best solution to minimize the impact to our coast and protect our most precious assets.

With the release of this report, I now encourage you to contact your local, state and federal elected officials making your voice heard regarding protecting the residents and resources of the Harris County area. Encourage them to continue to be a strong, united voice to fund the Coastal Spine which will help to preserve our communities and businesses for the future."

To view the entire report, visit www.gccprd.com.

Elected officials speak out

Cornyn: FBI investigation makes clear Clinton jeopardized national security

From Sen. John Cornyn

"To be blunt, yesterday's announcement proved that she has not been telling the American people the truth for a long, long time now.

"From the beginning, Secretary (Hillary) Clinton and her staff have done their dead-level best to play down her misconduct, even if that meant lying to the American people.

"She owes it to the public and we owe it to the public that the entire evidence be presented to them in an open and a transparent way. And that's why the FBI should release this information."

July 6 on the Senate floor, U.S. Senator John Cornyn called for the release of the FBI's interview of former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton as part of their investigation into her use of an unsecured, private email server.

"While the FBI did not

recommend that the former secretary of state be indicted, the concerns that I have previously raised time and time again have only been reaffirmed by the facts uncovered by Director Comey and the FBI's investigation.

"It is now clear beyond a reasonable doubt that Secretary Clinton behaved with extreme carelessness in her handling of classified information and that she and her staff lied to the American people and, at the same time, put our nation at risk.

"It's pretty clear that Secretary Clinton thought she could do anything she wanted, even if it meant sending classified information over her personal, unsecured home server.

"We know the FBI found that Secretary Clinton behaved at odds with the story she has been telling the

American people, as I said a moment ago. "To be blunt, yesterday's announcement proved that she has not been telling the American people the truth for a long, long time now. From the beginning, Secretary Clinton and her staff have done their dead-level best to play down her misconduct, even if that meant lying to the American people."

"To make matters even worse, Director Comey confirmed that Secretary Clinton's actions put our national security, and those who are on the front lines protecting our national security, in jeopardy.

"Her intent was obvious, though. It was to avoid the accountability that she feared would come from public recognition of her official conduct. So she wanted to do it in secret, away from prying eyes of government watchdogs

and the American people."

"I would join my colleague, Senator Grassley, Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and others who have called for the public release of the FBI's investigation so we can know the whole story. That would also include the transcript from the three and a half hour interview that Secretary Clinton gave to the FBI just, I believe, it was last Saturday. That way the American people can have access to all the information."

"She owes it to the public and we owe it to the public that the entire evidence be presented to them in an open and a transparent way. And that's why the FBI should release this information."

"Then and only then will the American people be able to render a well-informed and an adequate judgment on her actions taken as a whole."

Legislators seek to revoke Clinton clearance

Following a lead by U.S. Senators John Cornyn of Texas and Cory Gardner of Colorado, Congressman Michael McCaul (R-Texas-10) and South Belt Congressman Pete Olson (R-Texas-22) introduced the Taking Responsibility Using Secured Technologies (TRUST) Act of 2016 in the House. This legislation mirrors the legislation introduced in the Senate last week by Cornyn and Gardner. This bill would revoke Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's security clearance as well as the security clearances of Secretary Clinton's colleagues at the State Department who exhibited extreme carelessness in their handling of classified information. Additionally, the TRUST Act expresses the sense of Congress that Secretary Clinton should not have access to classified information until she earns the legal right to such access.

"FBI Director James Comey stated that Former Secretary of State Clinton was 'extremely careless' in her handling of 'very sensi-

tive, highly classified information." In November, the American people will have their opportunity to hold her accountable for the potential damage her actions have done to the security of the United States. Until then, one thing is clear: Hillary Clinton and anyone else who demonstrates extreme carelessness should not have access to classified information," said McCaul. "It puts our national security and American lives at risk to trust someone with as disastrous a track record as hers to properly handle such information. Her actions are grounds for disciplinary action, not a promotion to the most powerful office in the world - and we must send a clear message to all we trust with a security clearance that extreme carelessness will not be tolerated," McCaul concluded.

Olson said: "The FBI confirmed that in spite of her claims to the contrary, Hillary Clinton improperly stored and transmitted highly classified information in a reckless manner. While

the FBI investigation is now closed and Clinton faces no criminal charges, Congress can act. In its investigation, the FBI could not confirm whether any of the sensitive U.S. classified information was hacked by China, Russia, Iran, North Korea or another outside organization. This information confirms that at a minimum, she cannot be trusted with highly sensitive information," Olson concluded.

The legislation follows the FBI's investigation into Secretary Clinton's use of a personal e-mail system in her capacity as Secretary of State. In his announcement earlier this week, Comey also said that "there is evidence that they were extremely careless in their handling of very sensitive, highly classified information" and that "none of these e-mails should have been on any kind of unclassified system, but their presence is especially concerning because all of these e-mails were housed on unclassified personal servers not even supported by full-time securi-

ty staff." The FBI uncovered several thousand additional emails related to her position, some of which contained classified material, that were not included in the 30,000 emails Clinton handed over to the State Department. Comey concluded the FBI's findings with "we assess it is possible that hostile actors gained access to Secretary Clinton's personal e-mail account."

Comey stated the investigation initially focused on whether classified information was transmitted on Secretary Clinton's personal e-mail system and evolved to determine if there is evidence that classified information was not properly transmitted or stored on that personal e-mail system and whether there is evidence that the system was hacked by foreign or hostile hackers. While Comey confirmed that classified information was transmitted and stored improperly and the personal e-mail system may have been hacked, he formally recommended that no charges be filed against Clinton.

Cruz fights for Kate Steinle's Law

July 6, the Senate voted on Kate's Law, a bill introduced by U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz. The measure failed to invoke the 60-vote threshold necessary to move the bill forward.

The legislation is named for Kate Steinle, the 32-year-old woman who died in the arms of her father on a San Francisco pier after being shot by an illegal alien who had several felony convictions and had been deported from the United States five times.

This bill would strengthen federal law by increasing the

maximum sentence for illegal reentry to five years, creating a new illegal reentry penalty of up to 10 years for anyone who had previously been denied admission or deported at least three times, and imposing a five-year mandatory minimum sentence for anyone convicted of illegal reentry who had a prior aggravated felony or had been convicted of illegal reentry twice before.

After the vote, Senator Cruz said, "It is disappointing to see Democratic leaders stand with convicted felons

rather than the American people. Once again, many Democrats have politicized an issue that shouldn't be a red state/blue state issue," Cruz said.

"Americans are tired of politicians standing with violent criminal illegal aliens. This should bring us together. We should protect the American people. Because of the Obama administration's weak immigration enforcement policies, we are failing to adequately deter deported illegal aliens from illegally reentering the country, es-

pecially those with violent criminal records. That's why Kate's Law is necessary. We must increase the penalties for those who would contemplate illegally returning to the United States to prey on innocent Americans." All Americans, regardless of political affiliation, deserve to be protected from violent illegal immigrants who flout our laws. If our Democratic colleagues continue to put politics over protecting Americans, the consequences are immense. Doing so, costs lives."

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Pasadena ISD adult, student volunteers honored

Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees announced the district's 2016 Volunteers of the Year at the June board meeting recently.

Board President Nelda Sullivan and Superintendent of Schools Dr. DeeAnn Powell presented the recipients with awards in several categories.

"We are fortunate at Pasadena ISD to have so many who volunteer by giving up their personal hours to help the students, teachers and administrators throughout the district," said Powell.

Karla Castillo was honored as an Outstanding Adult Volunteer for Elementary for dedicating nine years of service to students at Matthys. She assists with fundraising activities, school pictures, teacher appreciation lunches, carnivals, and book fairs. She has also served on the Parent Advisory Committee for the past three years.

The Secondary Outstanding Adult Volunteer is Stephanie Frost. Frost continuously offers her time and creativity to Melillo Middle School students and staff. In her three years at the campus, she has assisted with book fairs, the spring carnival and field trips.

Maria Garcia, a Sam Rayburn student, was named Outstanding Student Volunteer for Elementary for her dedication and commitment as a student worker at South Shaver, where she provides assistance in the campus library and front office.

The Outstanding Student Volunteer for Secondary is Rylvr Rentschler, a Dobie student who serves at Atkinson. Through the PALS program, Rentschler has worked with the HOSTS each week for the past two years to help

students become successful readers. Rentschler mentors students through the OMEGA program each week and initiated a program to help students interact with OMEGA students during spirit days at school.

She also volunteers her time outside of school at various organizations including the YMCA and the local Fire Station.

Henry and Carolyn Shillings were named Outstanding Grandparent Volunteers for their commitment to students and staff at Teague Elementary over the past seven years.

The couple assists with many projects such as can food drives, toy drives and teacher appreciation events.

A representation of close ties between alumni and the district happened as Paul Tran of Green Logic Lighting and Electric was named the Outstanding Small Business Volunteer for Elementary. A former student of Mae Smythe Principal Martin Moffett, Tran was inspired by Moffett to give back and organized and funded a trip for Mae Smythe fourth graders to visit the Alamo and Six Flags Fiesta Texas.

Shades of Texas represented by owner Jon Mathews was named Outstanding Small Business Volunteer for Secondary. Mathews is another example of a former student going above and beyond as a volunteer, alumnus and community member.

With one phone call from Park View Principal Rob Hasson, Mathews came to their aid to help beautify and prepare for the school's 50th anniversary celebration. Mathews continues to visit Park View to check on the

plants and Atrium area. He uses the visits as an opportunity to speak to students about the importance of "paying back what was given to you."

Albemarle was named the Outstanding Large Corporation for their 20 years of service to Jackson Intermediate. Through this partnership, Albemarle assists with uniform drives, belt donations, breakfast taco sales and art supply donations for students. Albemarle has funded computer donations, attendance incentives and trophies for athletic awards.

They also provide PALS shirts and annually sponsor an appreciation breakfast. Albemarle regularly supports the mentor program for at-risk students by providing speakers, serving as mentors and funding the monthly luncheon.

Zion Lutheran Church represented by Holly Harris was named Outstanding Organization Volunteer.

The church has consistently donated school supplies and Christmas gifts to Fisher students and their siblings for the past ten years.

Outstanding Student Organization Volunteer is the Dobie PALS program represented by students Albert Nguyen and Holly Gonzalez.

For the past three years, 105 high school students have volunteered each week at Frazier, serving as mentors and reading partners. Each Dobie PAL is matched with a Frazier student to provide individualized attention and boost academic achievement.

The students also volunteer at school carnivals, math nights, track and field, and school dances.



The Pasadena Independent School District recently honored the 2016 Outstanding Volunteers of the Year at a board meeting. Shown above are, left to right, (front row) Maria Garcia, (back row) Karla Castillo, Paul Tran, Holly Gonzalez, Albert Nguyen, Henry Shillings, Carolyn Shillings, Jon Matthews and Stephanie Frost.

Luu grateful for Capell's positivity, wisdom

Albert Luu, one of J. Frank Dobie High School's Shining Stars, is shown with distinguished educator Lynn Capell, an instructor of math.

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.

Luu has volunteered with the HOSA, Key Club and the National Honor Society. Concerning the future, Luu plans to earn a bachelor's degree, attend medical school to earn a med-

ical degree, complete residency and possibly become a trauma surgeon.

Regarding his teacher, Luu said, "Mrs. Capell was responsible for three-fourths of my math education in high school as my teacher from freshman to junior year. I can't thank her enough for reinforcing and furthering my knowledge of what math really is. Everyone has a foundation that they stand on, and I am proud of my strong foundation in math that was built upon what Mrs. Capell has taught me. She truly is a math genius for teaching me geometry, algebra and precalculus and making the concepts a breeze. She is one of the few teachers that I would be glad to ask questions in class and receive a direct answer. She has guided me along the path that math travels and has shown me the different angles I can view it."

The South Belt Shining Stars will present a series of the students being honored along with their favorite mentor. This is the fourth 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 also running Top 10 Shining Stars from Memorial and South Houston.



Stewart among nine in state to earn grant certification

By Reesha Brown, PISD When securing funding for educational programs and initiatives throughout the school district, the Pasadena ISD Grants Department is there to help.



Rikitra Stewart

A key component of the district's grants department is a grants compliance coordinator who oversees and ensures that each award meets state and federal guidelines and regulations.

Filling that role since its inception in 2013, Rikitra Stewart has provided compliance for over \$18 million in funding for various district programs and initiatives.

She is among 173 people nationwide and nine in Texas to earn certification from the National Grants Management Association as a Certified Grants Management Specialist. "During previous NGMA conferences, grant professionals spoke highly about the opportunity, which inspired me to grow in my profession and obtain the certification when the new exam became available," Stewart said.

The certification program was developed by NGMA to offer industry credential to individuals with the knowledge essential to practice grants management. Obtaining a CGMS credential confers formal recognition of professional competency in the full lifecycle of grants management.

To gain certification, applicants must be in the field

for at least three years and demonstrate their professional competency by passing a rigorous examination.

A recent shift in federal government policies involving grants motivated Stewart to pursue numerous professional growth opportunities to meet challenges head on and to stay abreast of the changes in hopes of providing a greater level of grant compliance support to the district. These changes were incorporated into the exam, along with various ways to apply these changes in different scenarios.

"The text covers the New Uniform Grant Guidance, also known as 2 CFR Part 200, and the laws associated with federal grants," Stewart said. "It is my hope that having knowledge of the federal regulations will allow me to be a better resource for the grants department and the district as a whole."

This year, Stewart was able to network with nearly 600 top professionals in the industry at the NGMA's annual conference in Washington D.C., where she received special recognition and represented the Houston-area as a presenter.

During Stewart's presentation, she shared how she established the NGMA Houston Chapter and provided the audience with tips to help them start a chapter in their state.

Stewart continuously finds ways to excel, professionally. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in broadcast journalism from Dillard University and earned a master's degree in public administration from the University of Houston. Before she pursued a career in grants management, she was involved in education as a substitute teacher and as an assistant to the community relations manager of after-school programs at the Harris County Department of Education (HCDE).

A year later, she was promoted to the position of project director within HCDE, overseeing several after-school programs throughout Houston and the surrounding area. In this position, Stewart's achievements earned her recognition as the top project director in the State of Texas for after-school programs.

"I was elated when the position as a grants compliance coordinator became available at Pasadena ISD," she said. "The opportunity presented itself at a time when I was interested in expanding my experience in grant compliance to work with after-school grants and many other educational grant programs."

As the grants compliance coordinator for the district, Stewart ensures that the district's competitive grant projects are implemented with fidelity. Stewart said she is readily accessible for district staff and faculty and enjoys providing knowledge and her expertise on the subject of grants and various guidelines and restrictions that come with the funding opportunities. She also maintains strong relationships with the funders. Stewart currently provides compliance support, grant budget monitoring and reporting assistance to 23 projects ranging from \$2,500 to \$3.4 million.

"I enjoy the opportunity to work with different departments, like business and finance and communications, to collectively support district grant programs," Stewart said. "Furthermore, I get the rewarding opportunity to visit campuses and see these programs in action."

"I encourage district staff to reach out to us with their current or future program needs - as I have had the privilege of seeing first hand, the impact grants can make on students, parents, teachers, and the community as a whole," Stewart said.

Reid thankful for Evans' inspirational impact

Kaleigh Celeste Reid, one of Pasadena Memorial High School's Shining Stars, is shown with distinguished educator Tara Evans, a college counselor.

Reid has done volunteer work at the Pasadena Public Library and at various community events with the National Honor Society and the Mighty Maverick Student Council.

Reid has enjoyed leadership positions as vice president of the Globetrotters, secretary and president of the Mighty Maverick Student Council, treasurer of the National Honor Society and Pasadena Memorial Peer Mentor.

Reid plans to attend Baylor University and pursue the University Scholars' program in Honors College. After earn-

ing her bachelor's degree, she intends on continuing her education in the hope of becoming a professor of history. Reid commented about her teacher, "Nothing I could ever write would accurately depict the brilliance of Mrs. Evans. Her shining enthusiasm and unceasing dedication to her work and the success of her students is undeniable. She motivates and encourages, inspires and nags; constantly pushing her students to take a chance on and to believe in themselves. She has been a continuous positive force for my peers and I, always full of inspiration and support. She has facilitated my growth into a confident, bold and college-accepted young woman. I am proud to call her my mentor and my friend."

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



Scully motivates Garcia with commitment, devotion to students' success

South Houston High School's Shining Star Ryan Garcia is shown with distinguished educator Kerri Scully, Pre-AP geometry instructor. Garcia has volunteered at his local church's children's ministry as a teacher assistant and is actively involved in the Key Club community service work.

He has engaged in extracurricular activities including National Honor Society, Key Club, Trojan TV Crew, Theater and Culinary Club, with leadership position as executive producer of Trojan TV, co-president of the Culinary

Club, National Honor Society historian, Key Club historian and Mu Alpha Theta treasurer. Garcia plans to attend Colorado College in the fall to major in psychology and minor in political science. With regard to his teacher, Garcia said, "Mrs. Scully helped with my transition from intermediate to high school by providing the best advice to help me succeed in my four years of high school. Her devotion to helping all students be the best they can and pushing us to do the best we can has significantly impacted my self-confidence and is shown through all my academic achievements.

To this day, her impact on students can be seen all across the country through her endeavors on making a great impact of students just like me whether it be through teaching or promoting the Trojan Spirit at our pep-rallies."

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Forgotten Angels golf tourney set

The Liberty Mutual Invitational Golf Tournament benefiting Forgotten Angels Foundation is scheduled for Oct. 17 at Golfcrest Country Club, located at 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland.

Forgotten Angels is a Pearland-based nonprofit that transforms the lives of people with intellectual, developmental, and physical disabilities - at home, at work, and in the community.

"This year's golf tournament will be a huge boost for vocational initiatives at the Forgotten Angels Resale Shop, the Sweet Angels Café-Bakery and our newest endeavor the Green Angels Farm," said Executive Director Tim Pylate.

Amateur golfers of all skill levels are invited to compete in a four-person scramble format. Every player will receive a gift package including a solid-colored club polo shirt (retail value \$75 at registration).

The tournament is chaired by Michelle Colombo, CPA.

Registration and lunch will start at 11:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. An awards dinner, featuring the famous "Tour of the World" buffet, and auction will follow play.

Members of the winning team will receive a TaylorMade M2 Driver, a Championship trophy and an invitation to play in the 72-hole Liberty Mutual Invitational National Finals, March 8 - March 12, 2017 at TPC Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. Handicap restrictions apply. For details visit www.libertymutualinvitational.com.

Those interested in becoming a sponsor should contact Tim Pylate at Forgotten Angels Foundation at 832-243-5925, ext. 144 or at tpylate@forgottenangels.org.

Information on the tournament is available online at www.forgottenangels.org.

Judaism, tattoos to be discussed

What is Judaism's stand on tattoos? This is what Rabbi Marshal Klaven, the rabbi of Congregation B'nai Israel in Galveston, will discuss in a forum hosted by Congregation Shaar Hashalom in Clear Lake.

What is Rabbi Klaven's position on tattoos and the Jewish tradition? Here is a clue: The Rabbi's arms are covered with tattoos - but not just random tattoos.

His arms display the text of the Shema, the holy Jewish text found in every Mezuzah (the gadget affixed to the doorposts of Jewish houses). Just like Johnny Depp once said, "My body is my journal, and my tattoos are my story."

The Rabbi's path took him through studying and working in Israel, ordination from the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, serving as a United States Air Force Chaplain, and serving as the Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life's Director of Rabbinic Services, which supports 110 small congregations in 13 southern states in every facet of their spiritual lives. In 2014 Rabbi Marshal Klaven

became the spiritual leader of Congregation B'nai Israel of Galveston.

While at the Hebrew Union College, Klaven received the Rabbi Ferdinand M. Isserman Prize for exemplary community engagement and wrote a groundbreaking history of the prolonged Jewish engagement with tattooing. Rabbi Klaven's sermons, poems, and other writings have been published in a number of collections, including Taste of Torah: A Little Nosh of D'rash, Text Messages: A Torah Commentary for Teens, Reform Judaism Magazine and D'var Acher.

The presentation will take place on Sunday, July 24, at 3 p.m. at Congregation Shaar Hashalom.

The synagogue is located at 16020 El Camino Real, and is the Conservative synagogue in the Bay Area.

Following the presentation Rabbi Klaven will take questions.

The entire community is invited.

For additional information, visit www.shaarhashalom.org. The Synagogue office can be contacted at 281-488-5861 or at csh@shaarhashalom.org.

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Named All-American



Varsity Cheerleaders, Jazmine Howard and Laura Ochoa, were named All-American Cheerleaders at the National Cheerleaders Association camp held recently. The Dobie squad attends the camp each year to gain skills and increase ability as a team. The teams did very well winning multiple awards. (See next week's *Leader* for additional photos.)

Finian's Rainbow at Harbour Playhouse

"Finian's Rainbow," the always magic musical that debuted on Broadway over 55 years ago, is an original and satirical play that seems forever sprayed with the magic of stardust that audiences still love and find fascinating. Fantasy, reality, Irish folklore, and romance are all found in this comedy, written by Harburg, Lane and Saidy. It is open through July 31 at the Bay Area Harbour Playhouse in Dickinson.

Something full of buoyancy, airily off the ground, it is peopled by a handsome and delightful cast of characters that make for a skylarking frolic.

Director Bennie Nipper brings out the mischief as actors portray a Leprechaun, a not overly-bright sheriff, a deaf/mute, a loud-mouthed bigot senator, and other fun roles.

Veteran actors David Blystone, Sam Kee, Daniel Par-

tida, Nyah Taylor, and Mollie Akin return to the stage to lead the 25-plus cast. Cameron Vega, Maggie Bledsoe, Stephanie Hendrickson, Felipe Bautista, Colbee Dickson, and Klaira Jackson keep the action moving.

Foot tapping is expected as Irish folksongs, gospel tunes, and popular Broadway hits are presented by singers coached by Whitney Nolder and accompanied by pianist Andrea Warren.

Performances will be Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at the playhouse, 3803 Highway 3 in Dickinson. The production will be downstairs on the large, main deck stage.

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TANKSLEYS MARK ANNIVERSARY
Best wishes are sent to Eli and Sheila Tanksley who enjoyed a wonderful 44th anniversary on Sunday, July 10. They celebrated with a dinner at a nice restaurant.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays July 14 through July 20.

Atkinson Elementary
The day for a birthday party for **Claudia Trevino** is July 15.

Burnett Elementary
Sing a happy birthday song to **Teresa Abel** on July 15. Blow out the birthday candles for **Sandra Trojan** July 19.

Bush Elementary
Send a happy birthday greeting to **Lizbeth Cavazos** on July 15. **Karla Galvan** marks a birthday July 18. Sing a happy birthday song to **Vanessa Gil** and **Erin Hubert** on July 20.

Meador Elementary
Enjoy a slice of birthday cake on July 14 for **Corin Culpepper** and **Johanna James**.

Moore Elementary
Light the birthday candles July 14 for **Ana Chapa**.

South Belt Elementary
Send a birthday greeting July 19 to **Norma Castro**.

Stuchbery Elementary
Melisa Nichols and **Kayla Ogden** share a birthday July 14.

Melillo Middle School
Holly Tudor marks a birthday July 16. Celebrating a birthday July 18 is **Jennifer Vann**.

Roberts Middle School
Sing a double chorus of a happy birthday song July 19 to **Mekali Ball** and **Sandra Palma**.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Enjoying a double birthday July 15 are **Danielle Davis** and **Allison Joiner**. Blow out the birthday candles for **Kyle Devries** July 16. Marking a birthday July 18 is **Krystal Smith**.

Thompson Intermediate
Sing a chorus of a birthday song July 20 for **Rosalba Lopez**.

Dobie High
Melania Duarte marks a birthday July 14. The day for a party for **Ernestina Martinez** and **Youlanda Ravenell** is July 17. **Michelle Malveaux** enjoys a birthday July 18. **Paige Puga** marks a birthday July 19.

FACEBOOK FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
The *Leader* sends happy birthday wishes to its Facebook friends who celebrate a birthday this week:
Thursday, July 14: **Elaine Ann Monagas, Monay Noyobiz, Courtney Amelia Alba, Stephanie Moreno Gutierrez, Kitsie Gaines Forrest, Riva Saenz, Verónica Mier, Lori Plopper Chambers and Jeffrey Robert McGee**; Friday, July 15: **Steve Cummings, Sorita Sann, Soyla Tovar, Kelli Arnesen Gonzalez, Irma Villanueva, Rachel Garza, Rebecca Brandes Wright, Marlon Taylor, Teresa Reynolds Abel and Harley Rankins**; Saturday, July 16: **Jessika Paquinto, Mark Campbell, Kelly McBeth, Angie Roach, Clarissa Garza Andrus, Stephanie Alldredge Vickers and Brad Janacek**; Sunday, July 17: **Christina Trevino, Crystal Ybarra, Corey Cephus, Frances Licari Powledge, Myra Rowe, Marsa Outland Brister, Vicki Sorensen, Jenelle Lee, Kimberly Sommerfelt and Mary Jason Rowe**; Monday, July 18: **Maddie Patterson, Keith Milam, Luis Revilla, Diann Fernandez, Cathy Todd, Steve Garza, Debbie Marshall Ray, Misha Lesley-Burkins, Kathy Haigler and Michelle Malveau**; Tuesday, July 19: **Fred Alvarez, Terrell Session, Gary Hilliard, Armando Trevino, James Argo and Anne Tyson**; and Wednesday, July 20: **Junior Lynn, Curtis Eads, Mary Johnson, Chris Cole and Joey Cowdoy**.

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Eli ready for parade



Eli Tanksley is shown here with an early spot under a shade tree waiting for the annual South Belt Fourth of July parade to begin.

PISD seeks nominations

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clippings or resumes, by Aug. 19.

To submit a nomination and to see more information about past honorees, visit: www1.pasadenaisd.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=80772&pageId=493284. For more information, contact Reesha Brown at 713-740-0186 or rbrown1@pasadenaisd.org.

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- 2008 – Carroll Smith
- 2007 – Herman Williams
- 2006 – Charles Davis
- 2005 – Emory Gadd
- 2004 – Rosalie Kuntz
- 2003 – Dr. Paul Covell
- 2002 – Judy & Russell Lamontagne
- 2001 – Eddie Dansby
- 2000 – Gilbert Aguilar

Popular alligator moved to new location



An alligator, found in a ditch near Monroe and Alameda Genoa recently, was the subject of postings on social media. Others had tried, but failed, to capture the gator until the Gator Squad came and removed the reptile from the ditch. Shown with **Chris Stephens** and **Christy Kroboth** of the Gator Squad (holding the alligator) are members of Houston Fire Department Station 61, shift D, left to right, **Jacob Chagoya, Tracy Taylor, Kiev Roy, Marcus Fairfax, Charles Dixon, Al Aleman, Jose Lopez** and **Gabriel Luke**. The photo was submitted by **Luis Ybarra**. He said the neighborhood kids had a great time feeding the gator and the gator had a constant flow of children visiting the couple of weeks it stayed in the ditch.

Remember When

40 years ago (1976)
After a meeting between Harris County and City of Pearland officials, the road connecting Green Tee Terrace and Sagemeadow was reopened. The meeting included two owners of a portion of the property where the road is located. An estimated increase of nearly \$1 million for utilities was included in the proposed 1976-77 Pasadena Independent School District budget.

35 years ago (1981)
Longtime Dobie High School track and field coach **John Bryan** resigned to take a similar position at La Porte High School. The road linking the back of the property of San Jacinto College South to Scarsdale's Astoria Boulevard was completed, giving direct access to the Gulf Freeway.

30 years ago (1986)
Frazier Elementary principal **John Markgraf** resigned and moved to Chicago.

County Judge **Jon Lindsay** met with the Southeast Harris County Economic Development Council after a request for economic development funds. Between \$50,000 and \$75,000 would be made available for monitored use by the council.

City and county law enforcement were working to solve a series of burglaries in the South Belt. The suspects were believed to use police scanners to avoid being caught.

Due to non-funded, state-mandated programs and slow economic conditions, PISD feared a \$5 million budget deficit.

A vacant house on Sageville Drive, which had become an eyesore after a fire approximately two years earlier, was bulldozed and the lot cleared.

25 years ago (1991)
George Rodonaia, a Soviet dissident, was happy to find a position at Cokesbury United Methodist Church as associate pastor.

Two South Belt homeowners arrived home in the 11000 block of Sagerock to find Hispanic males armed with double-barreled shotguns waiting in the garage. According to Precinct 2 Sgt. **Rick Holloman**, the invaders demanded entry to the house, but one of the homeowners refused. One of the armed men fired a blast into a brick wall. Neighbors were alerted, but when they arrived, the two men took their car keys then stole two vehicles and fled.

20 years ago (1996)
Jon Paul Fleming, 17, was working as a mess hall supervisor at El Rancho Cima Boy Scout Camp near San Marcos when he noticed a Scout leader choking. **Fleming** performed the Heimlich maneuver on the man, who was from a Genoa troop. The Scout leader, previously unknown to **Fleming**, said he would have died had **Fleming** not performed the life-saving maneuver.

Gregory Jones, assistant principal at South Houston High School for seven years, was named principal at Thompson Intermediate.

15 years ago (2001)
FEMA required residents in the 100-year flood plain whose homes were damaged 50 percent of the appraised value (less land value) to either raise the structure or abandon it. The city announced plans to open a local office for homeowners seeking permits to repair their homes.

Members of Sagemont Church and of The Freedom Church, formerly known as Gulf Meadows Baptist Church, announced the joining of their respective memberships into one collective church family.

10 years ago (2006)
U.S. District Judge **Sam Sparks** ruled that Rep. **Tom DeLay** had withdrawn his candidacy for the general election for Congressional District 22 as opposed to becoming ineligible. As a result, **DeLay's** name would stay on the November general election ballot.

Precinct 2 deputy constables responded to numerous calls for service after the 4th of July holiday. The calls included assault, burglaries to a home and a business as well as an arrest for possession of cocaine.

5 years ago (2011)
Construction of the new right-turn lane on Blackhawk south of Beltway 8 heading east to the Gulf Freeway began Monday, July 11, after multiple setbacks.

1 year ago (2015)
The Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees approved multiple administrative promotions involving staff members with close ties to the South Belt community.

Former Dobie High School assistant principal **Melissa Allen** was named principal of Thompson Intermediate School this year.

Allen has worked for PISD since 2002, moving from teacher to peer facilitator then as an administrator. She earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Houston and also holds a master's degree in educational management from the University of Houston Clear Lake.

Previously, a fifth-grade teacher at Beverly Hills Intermediate School for 14 years, **Travis Teichelman** was hired as assistant principal of Thompson Intermediate School. **Teichelman** earned his Bachelor of Arts in criminal justice from Stephen F. Austin University and also received a master's degree in educational management from the University of Houston Clear Lake.

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Chamber's education committee filling needs for elementary students

By Jay Do
 Since its establishment in 2012, the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce's Education Outreach Committee has continued to make great leaps and strides in terms of providing support to the underprivileged in order to see to it that everyone has an equal opportunity to acquire a quality education. Comprised of a coalition of current business leaders and local community members, the Education Outreach Committee provides polo shirts to elementary students who otherwise do not have the means to have school uniform clothing in order to improve the level of education necessary to grow and develop the future workforce and business leaders in the South Belt-Ellington Chamber service area.

"Texas Bay Area Credit Union, for the first four years, was our sponsor. They've provided 1,500 shirts to us. This year, we're having to go out and get other sponsorships for the shirts. Ace Hardware has donated and we're working on a few other ones. Whoever sponsors the shirts gets their logo on the sleeve of the shirts. We've used the same color of the shirt the whole time so that we can use and reuse the inventory from past years with the current inventory and make sure we have enough of all the sizes. We start out providing each school with three bins and 100 shirts total. They're already folded and sorted by size. We will deliver those the second week of August to the schools."

The Education Outreach Committee currently provides support for Atkinson, Burnett, Bush, Frazier, Genoa, Jessup, Meador, Moore, South Belt and Stuchbery elementary schools.

"We decided that there were plenty of places where parents could get school supplies," said Harrison. "We wanted to provide something that other people weren't providing. When we talked to Pasadena schools, they give every family a \$25 voucher to help offset school supply costs. We wanted to provide for something that would not be given as high of a priority. We want to take away the barriers from learning. If a student feels good about themselves, if they have the right clothing on, people aren't picking on them about the clothes they're wearing. That takes away one of the barriers of learning and that's our goal. We wanted to do it from the elementary school level to give them a firm start in their education."

Now entering its fourth year serving students from ten elementary schools throughout the South Belt area, the Education Outreach Committee has only grown in size, impact and effectiveness.

"The reports back from the school are very positive," said Harrison. "They are excited that they can help provide things for the families of these underprivileged students. They've told us many, many stories of how somebody came in and had nothing and was so grateful for getting the shirts. This project has really helped underprivileged students feel like they belong and not have to feel embarrassed about coming to school in a wrong shirt. No student should have an obstacle to learning, and clothing is definitely an obstacle. If they feel good and they look good, they're more likely to participate in the class and learn what they need to learn. I'm an educator, so I'm very much about not having to have our students worry about what they're wearing and they can focus on the material that's being taught."

Support from area business leaders has also grown with the committee in recent years.

"There are more and more people interested in getting involved," said Harrison. "We have had people bring school supplies, and we distribute whatever people bring. We're the collectors and distributors. We've done pencils, rulers, dry-erase boards and markers. Our business community has become more and more interested in serving the community through the schools. The people that they're serving are the future customers and their parents are the current customers, so they're trying to keep business in the community and give back to the community by working together with the schools. We would hope that people in the community would favor businesses in the community whenever they make their purchases."

The committee now seeks donations, both monetarily and otherwise, from the community in order to continue its operations.

"We do ask for monetary donations," said Harrison. "Another thing we do is ask for volunteers to come fold the shirts to distribute to the schools. That's a big challenge, because we have to get 1,500 shirts folded and sorted by size."

"It's a community effort to get these shirts out to the kids, and that's where people can help. People can contribute either by giving us a monetary donation or by volunteering to help fold the shirts."

Fully aware of the imperativeness of the chamber's involvement within the community, Harrison is steadfast committed to seeing the success of the Education Outreach Committee.

"The chamber is a vital part of our community," said Harrison. "It's a

business organization that strengthens our community. For the longest time, the chamber was on projects that served the businesses of the community, but now we're seeing that it's important to have a link with the roots in our community, which are our kids and our schools. I think that the project is important from a couple of standpoints. It helps the kids and their parents have a good base of learning, but I also understand the need to look the part. If the kids are dressed nicely, if they have the clothing that they need so that they don't feel lesser when they go to school, that takes away a barrier. They're not thinking about that, they're thinking about what they need to be learning. The chamber, in partnership with the schools, is helping the community understand the importance of all of us working together. The schools are a vital part of the community, the parents who live and work in the community and the chamber that supports all that and connects all the business aspects with the community."

Flight museum in Phase II

Construction on the new Lone Star Flight Museum at Ellington Airport (EFD) is getting ready for take-off. Officials broke ground late last year and crews are expected to pour the foundation for the new facility soon.

The museum is moving from its current location in Galveston to Ellington. After Hurricane Ike did significant damage in 2008, a decision was made to move the museum inland and expand its reach and educational mission.

"We believe the pairing of the rich history of Ellington Airport with one of the finest aviation collections in the nation will make the Lone Star Museum a great attraction

in Houston for years to come," said Arturo Machuca, general manager at Ellington Airport.

"The Houston Airport System is looking forward to the Lone Star Museum's arrival at Ellington."

In addition to a collection of award-winning historic aircraft, the 130,000 square-foot museum will feature interactive, educational exhibits focusing on the science, technology, engineering, and math concepts essential to flight while allowing visitors to explore Texas' rich aviation heritage.

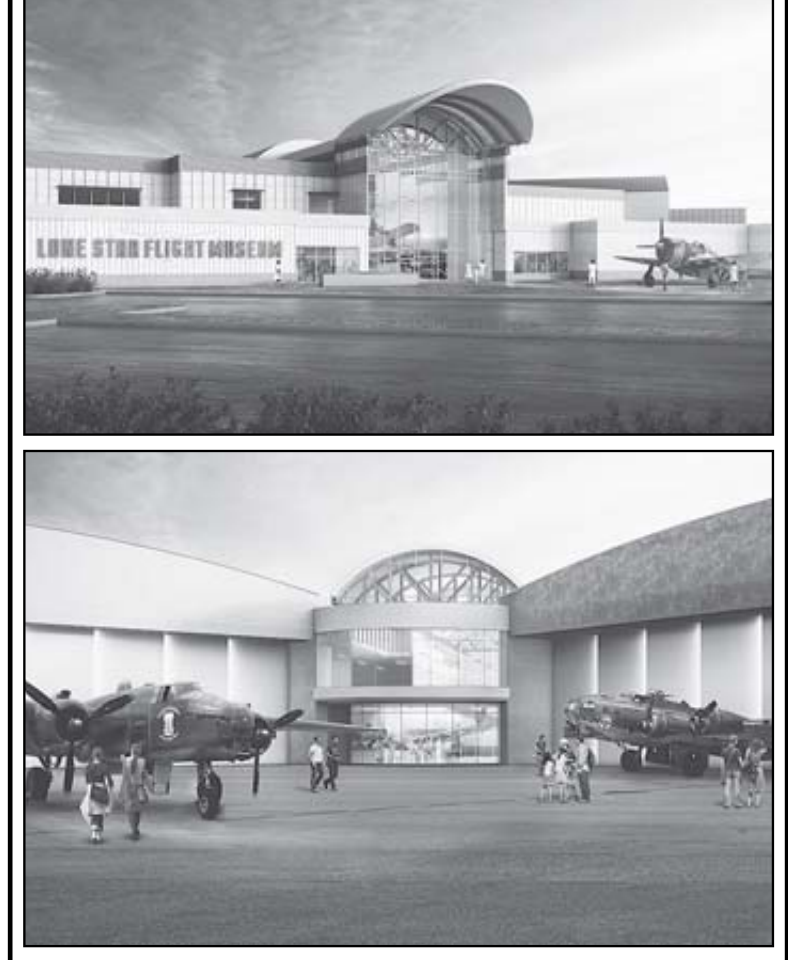
Another highlight of the new facility will be a \$1 million Aviation Learning Center and the Texas Aviation Hall of Fame.

"We're really looking forward to this opportunity to re-envision the museum," said Larry Gregory, the museum's president and chief operating officer. "It's an opportunity to expand our outreach, too. We're giving kids a chance to learn about (science, technology, engineering and math) subjects, and we're using airplanes as a tool. It gives them something they can see and touch."

An initial \$25 million Phase I capital campaign to build a new facility at Ellington Airport was completed in 2015. A \$10 million Phase II campaign is underway.

The museum is anticipated to open in 2017.

Artistic renderings of Flight Museum



HOU, IAH enjoy fast check-in

When it comes to the length of time it takes to get through the Transportation Security Administration checkpoints at Houston's airports, less is more — and happening more often at George Bush Intercontinental (IAH) and William P. Hobby (HOU) airports than many airports across the nation.

Recent studies of the times it takes to clear security lines while heading to terminal gates — conducted both by the TSA and the Houston Airport System — show more than 90 percent of travelers get through the mandated security checkpoints in 10 minutes or less, more often than not.

To keep passengers moving at that brisk pace, the airport system has invested in a number of projects to help TSA with its vital mission. The Houston Airport System is leading the way with a reconfiguration of the Terminal D checkpoint, expected to be completed

by the end of this summer. When the automated security lane opens in Terminal D, travelers won't have to push carry-on luggage toward the X-ray machine.

They will simultaneously place their items in bins on an automated belt. The bins will go through the X-ray machine and, after items are removed, return to the beginning of the line. This means TSA officers won't have to divert their attention from security to collecting containers. Terminal B has a new monitoring system that checks the terminal exit lane, a job typically manned by a TSA employee.

A big help is the geographic spacing between the multiple security checkpoints at Bush Intercontinental. The five independent terminals at Bush are spread out, and each terminal has its own TSA checkpoint.

Also, Houston's corporate scene attracts savvy business fliers who understand security protocols and are likely

enrolled in the TSA Pre-check Trusted Traveler program. This program allows the government to verify the traveler is not a security threat before he or she flies, and that person goes through an expedited security line.

But the key factor is the cooperation and communication between the airport, TSA, Customs and Border Protection and Federal Aviation Administration. This level of cooperation helps ensure adequate staffing is available, and remains nimble enough to handle any challenges that arise — like bad weather or other factors that can cause delays. All of these partners work together to share responsibility.

The cooperation, technology and focus on customer service has helped travelers flying out of Houston's main commercial airports move quickly to their gates and on to their destinations with shorter waits at security and a better experience when traveling.

Dobie cheerleaders at parade



Enjoying a little summer fun, Dobie's varsity and JV squad gathered together with the cheer float for the 29th annual South Belt Fourth of July parade. Shown, left to right, (front row) are Andrew Salas, Michelle Kelly, Juliana Moreno, Olga Cisneros, Victoria Ayala, Samantha Carter, Alize Murillo,

Jazmine Howard, Shelby Couchman, (middle row) Bailee Dang, Maya Scott, Brittany Puente, Aaliya Luna, Alysia Loosa, Laura Ochoa, Katrina Dukes, Sara Otwell, Reagan Razo, Aliza Alfaro, Jeimmy Garcia, (back row) Bianca Espinoza, Briana Loredo, Genesis Juarez, Laila Hernandez, and Andres Melchor.



The Dobie varsity squad is pictured with the varsity vehicle in preparation for the South Belt Fourth of July parade. Shown, left to right, (front row) are seniors Katrina Dukes, Jazmine Howard, Laura Ochoa, (middle row) Alize Murillo, Briana Loredo, Aliza Alfaro, (back row) Brittany Puente, Victoria Ayala, Sara Otwell, Reagan Razo, and Jeimmy Garcia. The parade participants gathered in the parking lot of Beverly Hills Intermediate School, the starting point of the parade, and followed the route, ending at San Jacinto College South campus.

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South Belt community celebrates Fourth of July



SageMont Church's Heavenly Sounds Handbell Choir participated in this year's July Fourth parade. Members shown above include Irvin Heminger (left), Claudia Sabella (second from left) and Sandra Hughes (third from right). Shown with the performers are the Rev. John Morgan and Beth Morgan (who served as grand marshals) and Emory Gadd and Susan Gadd.



Multiple units from the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department once again participated in this year's parade.
Photo submitted by Nancy Mueller



Gilbert Aguilar (left) and his great-granddaughter Ruby Aguilar are shown above with Emory Gadd.



Sara Funderburk and her son Noah Funderburk are shown to the left greeting Precinct 2 Lt. Mike Kritzler. Precinct 2 Constable Chris Diaz is shown behind Kritzler in the Hummer, which is flying a black and blue American flag in honor of fallen officers.
Photo by Nancy Mueller



Gerad Funderburk and his wife Sara Funderburk are shown at the parade with their son Noah Funderburk and daughter Madi Funderburk.



David Barbour and Emily Harrison are shown above with baby, Kayleigh.



Football players from J. Frank Dobie High School are shown above traveling the parade route in a float sponsored by Tony's Pizza and Grinders.



The Gulfway-Hobby Rotary Club participated in this year's parade. Shown above riding in the organization's vehicle are, left to right, Adrian Garcia, Ty Spiker, Allen Vargas, Julie Garcia and Andy Garcia.



Brooklynn Nichols is shown above representing the 2016 Miss Texas Sweetheart beauty pageant. Nichols attends the Goudeau Accelerated Preparatory (GAP) Academy and is the daughter of Michael Nichols and Michelle Martin.

Leader readers share vacation photos

Shown below are summer vacation photos submitted by readers competing in the *Leader's* 2016 vacation photo contest. A first- and second-place prize of Schlitterbahn tickets will be awarded each month to the best submissions. The *Leader* will continue to accept photos throughout the re-

mainder of the summer for possible publication. All entries should include a detailed description of each photo and the names of everyone pictured. Email photos to mynews@southbeltleader.com. Do not compress photos when emailing.

Doan family has fun in the sun

Longtime South Belt residents Matthew Doan, Kelly Nguyen, Teresa Doan and David Doan recently attended the Royal Caribbean Cruise, during which they visited Jamaica, Cozumel, and the Grand Cayman. The Doans have resided in the South

Belt community for 11 years, with daughters Teresa and Christine, having graduated from J. Frank Dobie High School, and Mary, who is entering as a senior in the fall.



In Cozumel, Mexico, Matthew and Kelly are shown posing with exotic birds of the region.



Teresa is shown above holding a chameleon in Cozumel, Mexico.



While in Stingray City, Jamaica, Kelly, Matthew, David and Teresa petted and swam with stingrays.



Matthew is shown above kissing a stingray in Stingray City, Jamaica, while Teresa and David look on.

Cook tours Europe with Dobie group



Bethany Cook, a 2016 graduate of J. Frank Dobie High School, recently traveled to Italy on a week long trip with a group of other Dobie students and their chaperone, Dobie AP Statistics teacher Linda Puckett. The trip was a graduation gift from her great uncle, Raymond Godeke of Fullerton, California. Shown above is Cook at the Colosseum. While in Italy, Cook was able to see Venice, Assisi, the Vatican, the Sistine Chapel and Pompeii, as well as many other magnificent sites.

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SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

Eckols happy to teach Lamar baseball's next talent wave

By John Bechtel Sports Editor
He may have secured a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering that could one day secure a sta-

ble future for a family of his own, but that doesn't mean Justin Eckols is ready to turn his back on college baseball just yet. In fact, Eckols is soon

set to return to Lamar University in Beaumont, where he will begin pursuing his master's degree while continuing his on-going role with the Cardinals' baseball program. The 2011 Dobie High School graduate completed his playing eligibility with the Cardinals following the 2015 season, but found ways to stay around the game. Longtime Lamar Uni-

versity baseball coach Jim Gilligan gave Eckols a role with the team after that 2015 season, and new head coach Will Davis, promoted to the lead role after being a longtime assistant at Lamar University, has continued the commitment. Surely Eckols will one day use the degree he has earned in the classroom, but being on a baseball field sure is a lot of fun for the former Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League all-star standout. There really is no absolute title for Eckols at this point within the program. He's officially listed as an equipment manager, but the bottom line is successful baseball programs employ and find ways to utilize solid baseball minds like that of Eckols. It simply works.

In Major League baseball today, 14 of the 30 managers were formerly catchers either in the minor leagues or the big leagues. "I just think that as a catcher, you are always thinking about the next move that is coming in the game or the next situation that could develop," Eckols said. "You're always thinking about the hitter in the box, the next hitter coming up and so forth. There's pitch calling on the field as a catch-

er, and from the dugout there are always situations where you are thinking ahead and trying to give your guys an advantage. As a catcher, you are basically an extension of the coaching staff. "Coach Davis was a catcher at LSU (Louisiana State University), so he knows the value of having those types of players around." Eckols was a three-year starter at Dobie High School and signed with Paris Junior College following his graduation in 2011. After two sea-

sons with the Dragons, Eckols joined Gilligan's program at Lamar University. As a junior in 2014, Eckols started 47 of the Cardinals' 50 games, hitting .259 at the plate and owning a fielding percentage of .976. Though he battled with health issues in 2015, Eckols closed out his playing days with 21 starts in 32 games, hitting .296. He made just one error that season and fielded a .994 clip to close out his playing days.

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Important BAFL dates set

This stagnant pattern of mid-90s heat is just something that is going to have to be dealt with as a wave of athletics will begin around the South Belt area very soon.

Preseason workouts for high school volleyball and football begin Monday, Aug. 1, with conditioning work to be performed out of doors.

Also, the Bay Area Football League has set Saturday, July 23, as the first allowable day for

preseason practice. From there, it's a race to start the regular season Saturday, Aug. 13.

Prior to the start of these activities, there are also a few more youth sports camps and conditioning programs designed to help young athletes prepare for the 2016-2017 school year. See Page 3B for more information.

BAFL set to go
A total of 19 teams are ready to get things going for the 2016 Bay Area

Football League.

After that first July 23 Saturday practice session, teams will work out in the evenings over the course of the next couple of weeks as the Aug. 13 first kickoff nears.

On that opening day, the Sagemont Cowboys will play at the Pasadena Panthers, while the Southbelt Dolphins will host the Ellington Rams at Blackhawk Park.

As usual, game times are as follows: Pee wee: 8 a.m.; seniors: 9 a.m.; juniors: 10:45 a.m.; sophomores: 12:30 p.m.; and freshmen: 2:15 p.m.

High school sports
The Dobie and Clear Brook volleyball programs will host tryouts Aug. 1, at 8 a.m., and full array of workouts are scheduled throughout that day and the next few before scrimmage matches are played Friday and Saturday, Aug. 5-6.

Dobie begins the regular season Tuesday, Aug. 9 as the locals host Atascocita and Elkins in a tri-match beginning at 4 p.m. Clear Brook also opens its regular season Aug. 9, hosting St. Agnes.

Football workouts start Aug. 1, and workout and study session times will be released soon as head coach Mike Norman gets things going at Dobie, and Mike Allison follows suit with the Clear Brook Wolverines.

Lady Rams seek drill, cheer, mascots

The Ellington Lady Rams are seeking drill (ages 8 to 13, as of Aug. 1, 2016), cheer (ages 9 to 13, with tryout) and mascot (ages 5 to 7) team members for the upcoming season.

The Lady Rams represent the Ellington Rams youth program of the Bay Area Football League, performing routines during games and at half-time, etc.

Families of prospective candidates must provide a copy of their child's birth certificate at registration.

For more on opportunities with the Lady Rams, call drill team director Cindy Soto at 832-216-5325.



With a mechanical engineering degree in hand and opportunities in collegiate baseball still on the table, former Dobie Longhorn baseball standout Justin Eckols (center) has obviously made parents Tim and Elizabeth Eckols proud. Currently listed as an equipment manager for the Lamar University baseball squad, Eckols will return in 2017 and will continue to pursue a master's degree.



Dobie netters nearing start

Looking for its first varsity team tennis title since 2012, the Dobie Longhorns will likely have to defeat longtime rivals Deer Park and La Porte to win this time around. Thanks to the University Interscholastic League's two-year realignment that renews beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, the Longhorns will see some old yet new faces within District 22-6A. Gone is two-time defending league champion Dawson Pearlard, the 22-6A champion of 2013, has also exited. So have Alvin and Manvel. That may sound great on the surface, yet Deer Park is a two-time de-



At left, Dobie junior Leilani Vargas is being counted on to provide strong play and leadership during the 2016-2017 season.

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Aikido World Alliance founder to appear at San Jacinto College



Andrew M. Sato, Chief Instructor and founder of the Aikido World Alliance (AWA), will be at the San Jacinto College South campus later this month to host an Aikido seminar.

Members of the Aikido

At left, South Belt area residents and all San Jacinto College students will be presented a great opportunity to learn more about the martial art Aikido and its history as Aikido World Alliance founder and chief instructor Andrew M. Sato hosts a three-day seminar at the San Jacinto College South campus on Beamer. Those who wish to participate may register for \$100. The public may attend free of charge. *SJC photo*

World Alliance will come from dojos in Louisiana, Oklahoma and several other states to work with him during this special presentation.

Aikido is a Japanese martial art developed in the 1920s as a peaceful resolution to an attack.

"You learn to take an attacker's momentum and redirect it," said San Jacinto College Martial Arts Instructor Charles Woodby.

Practitioners are meant to defend themselves while also protecting their attacker from injury.

Sato has been training in Aikido since 1977 as a member of the Aikido Association of America (AAA).

He founded the AWA in 2005 to further his own understanding of Aikido and to provide leadership to students seeking his knowl-

edge.

"My journey with Aikido started when I came back from Japan wanting to study something to keep in touch with my culture," noted Sato.

"I soon found Aikido and the rest has been a non-stop of understanding this wonderful art."

"It's a privilege for a high-ranking official such as Andrew Sato to come down and teach this seminar," said Woodby.

The college has not seen an Aikido Seminar of this significance since the 1990s.

Sato will teach participants and spectators open handed, weapons and defensive techniques.

San Jacinto College professor of Physical Education Judy Harrison will host the seminar, and she encourages the community

to attend and learn about the martial arts.

"We want to fill up that gym," said Woodby, adding that the college would like to make this seminar an annual event.

The seminar will be held in the gymnasium on the San Jacinto College South campus, Friday through Sunday, July 22 through 24.

On Friday, the event will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Saturday's event will take place from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and on Sunday, it will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The seminar is free to all spectators, but participants must pay a \$100 fee to participate in all three days. SJC students can participate at a discounted price of \$75 when they present their San Jac ID.

South Belt sports news, notes

2016-2017 athletic physicals stressed

Two-a-day football and volleyball workouts will get underway at the high school level Monday, Aug. 1, and various coaching staffs are again stressing the importance of student-athletes taking care of their 2016-2017 athletic physical responsibilities ahead of time.

The University Interscholastic League, the official governing body of extracurricular activities in Texas, requires all student-athletes to have a completed athletic physical on file at their school of attendance.

Student-athletes must have this done prior to being allowed to take part in any practice or workout. There are no exceptions.

It's an issue seemingly every school year as some student-athletes simply do not get this handled. It's a maddening experience for coaches.

Families of athletes who have yet to undergo and turn in an athletic physical for the 2016-2017 school year may take the first step by contacting school officials.

There is a printable form available at dobie.pasadenaisd.org under the Quick Links tab.

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 21.

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.

Dobie High School youth volleyball camps

Dobie High School varsity volleyball head coach Dawn Gutierrez Sexton and her staff will host age group-aimed youth camps this month at Donna Branch Court at the school.

The incoming ninth-grade and incoming 10th through 12th grade camps will be 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 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 online 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 online 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 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.

Dobie End of Summer Swim Clinic

Dobie High School swimming coaches Bradley Nguyen and Kyle Ediger will host the Longhorns' End of Summer Swim Clinic Monday through Thursday, Aug. 1-4, at the Beverly Hills Intermediate pool.

Students age 6 through 14 are eligible to attend the clinic, which will run from 5 to 6 p.m. each day. Cost of the clinic is \$50, cash only.

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 on registration details, direct emails to Nguyen at ktnguyen@pasadenaisd.org.

Thompson youth volleyball

The Thompson Intermediate volleyball coaching staff will host the 2016 Lady Lions' youth clinic July 25-28, from 5 to 7 p.m., at the school.

Students entering the seventh or eighth-grades as of the 2016-2017 school year are eligible to attend. The fee is \$25 cash only per student.

Coaches Jessica Fitzmorris and Brooke Jordan and other clinic personnel will provide instruction in all phases of the game, including serving, receiving, passing, digging, setting and more. Participants should wear proper volleyball attire, including shorts, T-shirt, athletic shoes, knee pads, etc.

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 on the clinic or to register, direct email to Fitzmorris at JFitzmorris@pasadenaisd.org.

SJC softball tryouts Aug. 12

The San Jacinto College softball team will host tryouts for the 2017 season on Friday, August 12. High school seniors are invited to attend. Pitchers and catchers will try out from 2 to 4 p.m., and infield and outfield prospects will try out from 4 to 6 p.m. All tryouts will take place at the San Jacinto College South Campus softball field located at 17375 Beamer.

Participants are asked to register for tryouts with Assistant Softball Coach Kelsey Walters, at kelsey.walters@sjcd.edu or 281-998-6150 ext. 3524. As this year's National Junior College Athletic Association Region XIV champions, San Jac finished the 2016 season with an overall record of 38-25, after its third-ever appearance at the NJCAA National Softball Tournament. SJC will take part in a mini fall season primarily against area club programs, and then will compete within Region XIV next spring. For more information on San Jacinto College softball, visit sanjacsports.com.

Team tennis season soon begins at JFD

Dobie 2016 team vs. former JFD stars Saturday, Aug. 13 9 a.m., at Longhorn Courts

Continued from Page 1B Park annually possesses one of the region's toughest lineups top to bottom.

And the Deer have had a great deal of success against Dobie in 21/22-6A Area Championship play in recent years, downing the locals twice.

La Porte is also returning to 22-6A, and the Bulldogs have been talented in the past. Ditto for Beaumont West Brook, a former postseason foe of the Longhorns.

But Dobie head coach Manuel Moreno Jr., entering his 18th season at Dobie and 33rd overall, doesn't let his teams settle for second place or worse.

As is usually the case, the Longhorns saw several

top players from the 2015-2016 season graduate, so newcomers will have to step up in quite a few roles.

It all starts Thursday, July 21, as the Longhorn returning varsity players begin practices.

The 2016 preseason will include road matches at the San Marcos tournament as well as at Friendswood.

From there, the Longhorns will take on a group of former JFD players in the annual exes matches Saturday, Aug. 13, at 9 a.m.

Dobie will begin District 22-6A action Sept. 20, with a road trip to face the Beaumont West Brook Bruins.

At right, now entering his 18th season as Dobie's head tennis coach and 33rd overall in prep tennis, Manuel Moreno Jr. has a busy nondistrict schedule set as he prepares the Longhorns for 22-6A action.



Dobie High School Fall Team Tennis Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
July 21	Team Practice (returnees)	6 p.m.
July 28	Team Practice (returnees)	6 p.m.
Aug. 1-5	Team Practice (returnees)	6 p.m.
Aug. 8-9	at San Marcos tourn.	TBA
Aug. 12	at Friendswood	6 p.m.
Aug. 13	Dobie exes matches	9 a.m.
Aug. 16	Katy	3 p.m.
Aug. 18	George Ranch	9 a.m.
Aug. 18	Dickinson	4 p.m.
Aug. 19	Willis	2 p.m.
Aug. 23	Clear Brook	2:30 p.m.
Aug. 26	Clear Creek	2:30 p.m.
Aug. 30	Clear Springs	2:30 p.m.
Sept. 9	at Alvin	2:45 p.m.
Sept. 10	Tomball	8 a.m.
Sept. 16	Bellaire	8:30 a.m.
Sept. 16-17	at Remembering Ike tourn.	TBA
Sept. 20	*at Beaumont West Brook	2:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	*South Houston	2:30 p.m.
Sept. 27	*at Rayburn (Taylor T.C.)	2:30 p.m.
Sept. 30	*Pasadena	2:30 p.m.
Oct. 4	*at Deer Park	3:30 p.m.
Oct. 7	*at La Porte	3 p.m.
Oct. 11	*Pasadena Memorial	2:30 p.m.
Oct. 17-22	21/22-6A Area Champs.	TBA
Oct. 28-29	Region III Champs.	TBA

* - District 22-6A matches

CB may lag behind frontrunners

Facing life without everything player Brandon Taylor, the Clear Brook varsity football team is ready to challenge the field in District 24-6A this season.

Yes, football is a team game and Taylor was far from the lone contributor on offense for the Wolverines, but replacing his

production will be a priority from day one as head coach Mike Allison begins his second season.

Friendswood, which defeated Clear Brook in the regular season finale in 2015 and went all the way to the Class 6A Division II semifinal round, is picked to win the 24-6A crown by staffers at Dave

Brook will open 2016 against La Porte.

Campbell's Texas Football. Dickinson is tabbed second, with defending district champion Clear Creek third and Clear Springs fourth.

Newcomer Alvin is slotted fifth, followed by Brook, Clear Lake and Brazoswood.

Brook will open 2016 against La Porte.

Former Dobie standout's son signs

Jaiden Woodson, son of former Dobie varsity baseball standout Doug Woodson, has verbally committed to play football at the University of Memphis.

Jaiden Woodson has been a dual threat running back/return man for the past two seasons at Clear Creek High School.

He will play his senior season with the Wildcats

beginning next month.

Doug Woodson played for Dobie's 1989 Region III final team that lost to Deer Park. In 1990, Woodson was part of the South Belt Palomino team that won the World Series in Greenville, N.C.

According to a report on Memphis.247sports.com, the Tigers plan to utilize Jaiden Woodson's talents at the slot receiver

position.

Woodson helped lead a talented Clear Creek team to the District 24-6A title a season ago.

As for 2016, Friendswood is the preseason favorite in the revamped 24-6A mix.

Teams such as Dickinson, Clear Creek and Clear Springs are also viewed as postseason contenders.

NJCAA honors SJC student-athletes

The National Junior College Athletic Association has recognized 14 San Jacinto College athletes with 2015-2016 Academic Student-Athlete Awards for their outstanding work in the classroom.

Annually, the NJCAA honors student-athletes with awards based on their grade point averages for the academic school year.

Those with a 4.0 mark earn Pinnacle status, with those in the 3.80 to 3.99 average earning Superior

status. Exemplary status goes to those with GPA's in the 3.60 to 3.79 range.

The SJC women's volleyball program, guided by head coach Sharon Nelson, led the way with seven players making their way on the national list.

Superior status went to Hannah Baker, Ines Bawedin, Juell Rayburn and Kayden Thomas, with Hannah Westerlage, Nakia Baker and Sophia Botsch landing Exemplary ratings.

From the Central campus, baseball players Hunter McClellan (Pinnacle) and Patrick Donahoe (Exemplary) drew praise, as did women's basketball player Laneisha Jeans (Exemplary).

Three San Jacinto College men's soccer players from the South campus - Miguel Canas (Pinnacle), Richard Ramos (Exemplary) and Luis Almeida (Exemplary) were recognized, as was softball player Dani Damian (Exemplary).

LSA football picked tops in 4-4A

Coming off a berth in the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools regional semifinal round, the Lutheran South Academy Pioneers again have high hopes this 2016 varsity football season.

The Pioneers, who this season will be led by former longtime Dobie assistant coach Richard Stallings, are coming off a 10-2 mark in 2015, a season that ended with a loss to Dallas Christian.

Dave Campbell's Texas Football Magazine, an annual guide to the prep game across the state, tabbed the Pioneers as the team to beat in the TAPPS District 4-4A Division II ranks.

The Pioneers will also compete against the likes

of Second Baptist, Fort Bend Baptist, Westbury Christian, Victoria St. Joseph's and Corpus Christi John Paul II for the league crown.

Campbell's magazine has also designated Pioneer star running back Christian Shelmire as the Preseason Offensive Player of the Year in 4-4A.

As a junior in 2015, Shelmire rushed for 1,768 yards and 22 touchdowns.

Lutheran South Academy will also welcome back receiver Terrell Davis, who caught more than 900 yards worth of passes a season ago.

50 points four times, 40 points four times and the 60-point mark three times.

Quarterback Patrick Gonzales, who threw for 4,346 yards and 51 touchdowns, has graduated.

Receiver Joshua Shelmire, who had more than 1,500 yards receiving a season ago, has also graduated and is now headed for Southern Methodist University.

Stallings, the husband of Dobie graduate and former Pasadena Memorial High School principal Angela Stallings, was an assistant principal at South Houston High School at his latest stop.

Angela Stallings is now an associate superintendent of campus development within PISD.

JFD's Whaley is TSWA All-State



Dobie varsity softball player Yvonne Whaley was an honorable mention All-State selection by the Texas Sports Writers Association, as announced earlier this month. A varsity player since she set foot on campus, Whaley, a center fielder who hits in the lead-off spot for the Lady Longhorns, will be a junior during the upcoming 2016-2017 school year. Teams were selected by TSWA members based on nominations from coaches and media members from around the state.

Houston Methodist to provide Pasadena ISD sports medicine support

Houston Methodist St. John Hospital has partnered with Pasadena ISD athletics to provide sports medicine services and financial support to the district's 9,800 athletic students and 400 coaches and athletic trainers.

Houston Methodist St. John will provide orthopedic surgeons at football games to care for

injured athletes; weekly injury clinics for football athletes to receive evaluations from medical professionals; and professional development opportunities for athletic trainers and coaches in the district.

In addition, the hospital will annually award two \$2,500 sports medicine scholarships to benefit students.

The Pasadena ISD

board of trustees voted to approve the partnership at a board meeting last month.

"We searched for a hospital that would offer the best medical support for our school district and we knew Houston Methodist St. John was the perfect fit," PISD Director of Athletics Rodney Chant said.

"We are excited about the opportunities the part-

nership will bring to athletes, athletic trainers and coaches."

Dan Newman, Houston Methodist St. John Hospital CEO, echoed this sentiment.

"Houston Methodist St. John Hospital is proud and excited to partner with Pasadena ISD," Newman said.

"We value athletics and its contribution to commu-

nities. We look forward to our relationship with the athletic trainers, coaches and athletes and welcome the opportunity to provide superior care and exceptional service to all we serve."

The three-year partnership agreement with Houston Methodist St. John will run through the 2018-2019 academic school year.

"We have a long history of providing world-class sports medicine care in the Greater Houston athletic community," said Jace Duke, manager of athletic training services at Houston Methodist St. John.

"This partnership opportunity allows us to expand our reach to serve the athletes and families in Pasadena."

Left to right, Houston Methodist St. John Hospital representatives Jace Duke, manager of athletic training services; Cathy Supak, outreach athletic trainer; Dr. Kevin Brooks, orthopedic surgeon; and Dan Newman, CEO gathered with Pasadena ISD representatives Dr. DeeAnn Powell, superintendent; Jana Williams, assistant athletic director; and Randall Dugas, district athletic trainer at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena as Houston Methodist and PISD announced its partnership to provide the district's student-athletes with sports medicine services through the 2018-2019 school year.



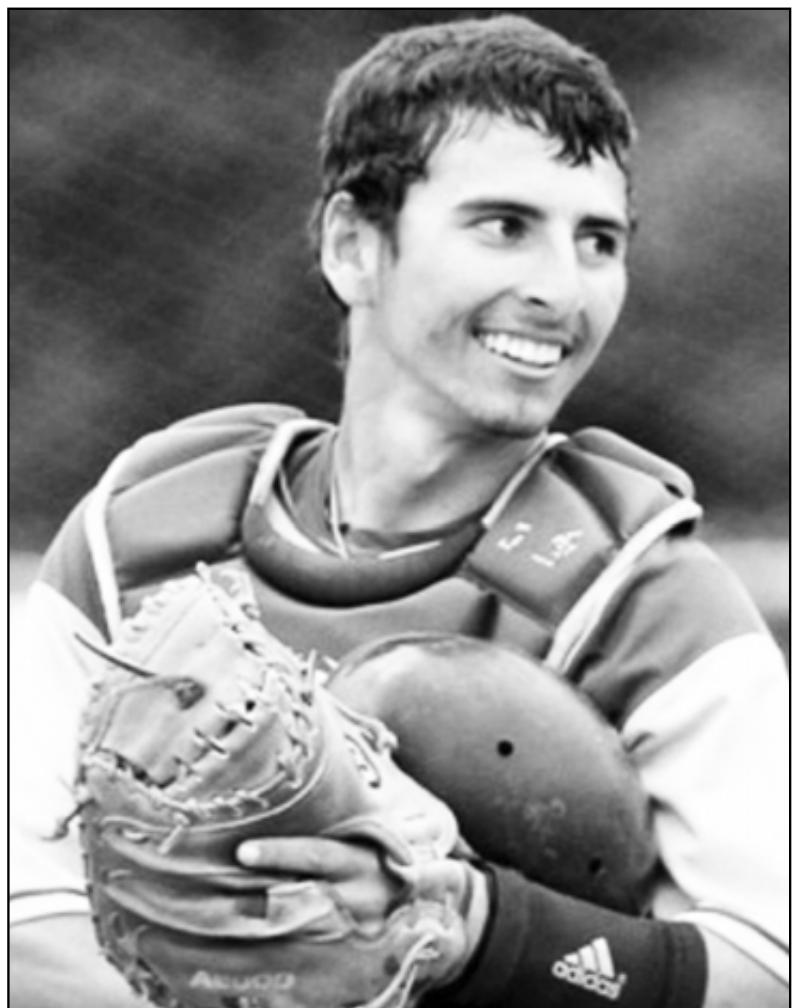
Dobie ex Eckols living baseball dream at Lamar U.

Continued from Page 1B Eckols could have quickly opted to leave the

fame and focus on finishing his engineering degree program, but Gilligan had

other ideas. Now, Davis has told Eckols the baseball program will help

fund Eckols' master's degree efforts over the next two years.



A 2011 Dobie High School graduate and three-year starter behind the plate for the Longhorns, Justin Eckols began his collegiate playing career with the Paris Junior College Ponies, where he played the 2012 and 2013 seasons before leaving for Lamar University in Beaumont.

"It's been a lot of fun," Eckols said. "That first year (2015), I had a lot of players asking me about opposing pitchers. I had faced a lot of the guys we were going against, so a lot of our guys were looking for tips."

"I was also a little bit of a bridge between the players and the coaching staff."

"A lot of times during a busy season, it's hard for a player and coaches to have 1-on-1 face time, so you basically need that type of guy on staff who can play messenger and keep the flow of communication open. Really, I'm just out here trying to help anyway I can."

Since joining the Cardinals as a staff member, Eckols has been the team's primary batting practice pitcher.

He says his arm is in great shape, and his body feels better these days because he's not squatting to catch but rather simply using his arm to pitch.

And Eckols received quite an honor early this month, accompanying Lamar University slugger Reid Russell to the TD Ameritrade College Home Run Derby, held July 3 at TD Ameritrade Park Omaha.

Reid, a junior transfer who tied a school record

MLB Managers Who Were Catchers

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| Mike Scioscia | Anaheim |
| Brad Ausmus | Detroit |
| A.J. Hinch | Houston |
| Ned Yost | Kansas City |
| Joe Girardi | N.Y. Yankees |
| Bob Melvin | Oakland |
| Scott Servais | Seattle |
| Jeff Banister | Texas |
| Mike Matheny | St. Louis |
| Bruce Bochy | San Diego |
| John Gibbons | Toronto |
| Kevin Cash | Tampa Bay |
| Brian Snitzer | Atlanta |
| Joe Maddon | Chicago Cubs |

with 18 home runs this season, was one of eight college baseball power hitters invited to compete in the derby.

He brought along Eckols, who pitched to Reid during the contest.

After a slow start in the opening round, Reid recovered to reach the semifinals. However, he fell one long ball shy of moving on and eventually took third.

Hagen Owenby of East Tennessee State University was crowned the champion of the 2016 event.

Now there's a little bit of down time coming before the start of the fall semester at Lamar University. Eckols can certainly afford to relax, as he has

options at his disposal and a solid baseball program still in demand of his services.

Eckols is well aware of the number of former catchers who have gone on to become successful managers and coaches throughout all levels of baseball. For now, he's certainly open to all possibilities.

"When it comes to baseball, I think you always want to leave that door open," Eckols said.

"Not every guy ends up with the chance to stay in the game once he's done playing. I recognize this is a solid opportunity for me. Right now, I'm just going to see where it takes me."

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.

Thompson Intermediate Football Camp

July 25 to July 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.

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Camp to be held at Dobie High School

Cost is \$25 per student. Please no checks or money orders. Cash only.

Camp hours are 9 to 11 a.m. for all participants.

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

For more information, direct email to coach Doug Sawyer at DSawyer@pasadenaisd.org. Camp information: The camp is designed for those student-athletes who will be entering either the seventh or eighth-grade at Thompson

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JULY 14

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

NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse - Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 a.m., Praise Chapel, 18516 Hwy. 3 in Webster. Public welcome and encouraged to bring others. For information, call 281-910-1971.

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.

ABWA - Southeast Express Network - American Business Women's Association-South meets the second Thursday, Spring Creek Barbeque, 9005 Broadway (FM 518), Pearland. Lunch is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (\$20). Includes networking with professional business women and guest speaker. Women of all ages/occupations invited. Bring business cards. Reservations appreciated. Visit www.seen-abwa.org.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group of AA, 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.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom's - Rabbi Stuart Federow hosts free discussions on Judaism and religion in general, open to the public, second Thursdays, at Victor's, 1425 NASA Pkwy., (next to "space" McDonald's). This is the Conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. For information, contact the Synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or at csh@

shaarhashalom.org. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Women's Group, 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) - 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., Houston. For information, call 713-204-2481.

FRIDAY, JULY 15

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

Interfaith Care Partners - ministry at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, 10727 Hartsook St., Houston, for those with Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, strokes, etc. and caretakers, meets on the third Friday, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., with continental breakfast, arts, crafts, exercises, entertainment, devotional break, lunch, and game. Family members or acquaintances are invited. For information, call the church at 713-946-5768; Claudia Rojas, Interfaith Care Partners, at 713-682-5995; or visit www.interfaithcarepartners.org.

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 Road 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.

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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.

Al-Anon - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Friday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.

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SATURDAY, JULY 16

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 NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.

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

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

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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 Pkwy. For details, call 281-487-8787.

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

Alcoholics Anonymous - Candlelight Meeting, Sunday, 6:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in. **Continued on Page 4B**

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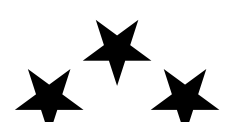
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SUNDAY, JULY 17
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA meets Sundays, 7 p.m., 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611. 8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? 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 details, call 713-204-2481. 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.

MONDAY, JULY 18
10 a.m.
Al-Anon Deer Park - Mondays 10 to 11 a.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for information, or just drop in.
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. 10:30 a.m.
Seniors and Law Enforcement Together - SALT meetings are 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Madison Jobe Senior Center, 1700 East Thomas St., Pasadena on the third Monday. No December meeting. January meeting is on the second Monday. Meetings start timely and teach seniors how to avoid identity theft, scams, fraud, etc. Police officers and sheriffs may be in attendance. Free. Refreshments served. For details, call 713-477-0175. 11:30 a.m.
Overeaters Anonymous Deer Park - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for information, or just drop in.

Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group of AA meets at noon at 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611. 2 p.m.
Genealogy Group - The Parker Williams Genealogy Group meets from 2 to 4 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month at the Parker Williams Library, Beamer at Scarsdale. The public is invited to attend. For information, email Liz Hicks at erootrot@usa.net. 3:15 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.
New Directions Singles - Age 60 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner with guest speakers, 6 p.m., at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Pkwy. For details, call Margarita at 832-715-9658.
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 - Mondays at 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.
The Clear Lake Gem and Mineral Society - Meets the third Monday at Clear Lake Park Bldg., 5001 NASA Pkwy., Seabrook. Presenters explore topics such as fossils, planetary geology, mineralogy, lapidary, jewelry making, fossil and mineral collecting. Field trips to Texas collecting sites and surrounding states. Interested persons welcome. Door prizes. Free parking. For details, visit www.clgms.org. 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 details, contact 281-488-5861 or csh@shaarhashalom.org. 8 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 details, call Russell Garcia at 832-483-6715.

TUESDAY, JULY 19
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 information, call 713-472-0565. 10 a.m.
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Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch is \$15. Variety of interesting speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or visit nalix@texascitizensbank.com. 1 p.m.
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The National Active and Retired Federal Employees - NARFE Chapter 941 meets the third Tuesday, 2 p.m., El Franco Lee Park Community Center, 9500 Hall Rd. Visitors welcome. For details, call Roy at 713-734-1461. No meeting in Aug.
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.
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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.
Breast Cancer Support Group - Meets monthly on the third Tuesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the lobby of the Clear Lake Regional Breast Diagnostic Center, 200 Medical Center Blvd., Suite 106, Webster. For information call 281-526-6840. 7 p.m.
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WEDNESDAY, JULY 20
7 a.m.
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Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club - meets monthly, first and third Wednesday, 11:30 a.m., Bravos Mexican Restaurant, 10906 Fuqua. December may be an exception. For information, call Monica Montoya at 281-794-5531. 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 p.m.
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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! 6 p.m.
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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, JULY 21
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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Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group of AA, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611. 6 p.m.
Texas German Society, South Belt (SE) Chapter - A social group interested in the culture, music, heritage and language of German immigrants in Texas. Meets monthly on the third Thursday, 6 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visitors welcome. Call 281-481-1238 for information. 6:30 p.m.
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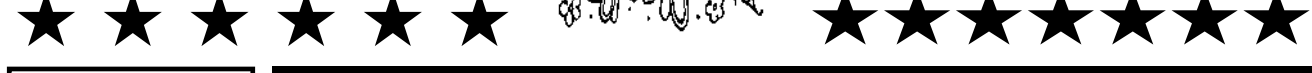
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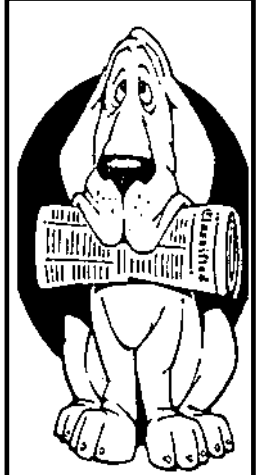


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Brook graduate Mackey Jr. finds home with Coffeyville C.C. baseball

**By John Bechtle
Sports Editor**

A dual-sport standout with a passion for baseball, Clear Brook class of 2016 graduate Tywon Mackey Jr. is ready to try his skill set at the junior college baseball level.

Earlier this summer, Mackey signed a letter of intent with Coffeyville Community College in Kansas, where he will join a Ravens' program that went 1-2 in the Region VI postseason tournament in May.

For Mackey, a new challenge has been presented for an athlete that has seemingly done everything possible at the high school level.

Mackey played running back during his freshman and sophomore seasons with the Wolverines, including 2013 at the varsity level.

Making the switch to linebacker over the past two seasons, Mackey was a first-team, all-district performer.

Having begun his gridiron career long ago with the Ellington Rams, Mackey enjoyed the intensity that football brought.

He even felt as though the gridiron game helped prepare him for each coming baseball season.

"Football was definitely a lot of fun for me, and it certainly helped me to be more aggressive and to attack and make plays," Mackey said. "A lot of that translates

to the baseball field. On the football field (Mackey played right field for the majority of his stay at Clear Brook), you have to stay on your toes and be ready for anything. Being more aggressive works hand-in-hand with playing baseball, too. It was a good combination for me."

Speaking of baseball,

At right, Clear Brook High School class of 2016 graduate Tywon Mackey Jr. was a terrific two-spot athlete with the Wolverines, earning all-district honors in both football and baseball during his time at the varsity level. Both a running back and linebacker as a football player, Mackey was also a starting outfielder for three seasons on the varsity baseball diamond. Now, Mackey is set to take his talents to Coffeyville Community College in Coffeyville, KS, where he is set to join the Red Ravens' program beginning this fall. The Coffeyville program qualified for the post-season on the final day of the regular season in 2015 and went 1-2 in the Region VI post-season tournament as part of the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I ranks.

Courtesy photos

Mackey wound up being a solid performer for the Wolverines for four seasons under head coach Gene Flores.

He finished his career as a 24-6A first team all-district pick in the outfield

and picked up other accolades as the summer progressed.

Mackey had hopes of hearing his name called during the MLB First-Year Player Draft last month, but it wasn't to be — for

now. Being looked over, Mackey is ready to go to Coffeyville, work on his skills, and perhaps hear his name called in 2017 or 2018.

"I'm certainly motivated to improve my game

and perhaps get drafted," said Mackey, who also plans to one day become a police officer. "I'm go-

ing to keep working on my approach at the plate, my overall hitting and my outfield play. Things will

come together for me. "Getting the chance to keep playing baseball in college is a blessing. I

know the competition is going to be tougher, but I'm prepared for that challenge."



Clear Brook High School class of 2016 graduate Tywon Mackey Jr. (seated center) will continue his education and baseball playing career at Coffeyville Community College in Kansas, after signing a letter of intent with the Red Ravens. His parents, Ni-

Sprinter Taylor reaches U20 champs

Shrugging off a minor injury at the Texas high school state championships in May, Brandon Taylor has continued his eye-grabbing 2016 track and field season.

Taylor, a class of 2016 Clear Brook High School graduate, went undefeated in the 100-meter dash events throughout the spring season with the Wolverines before suffering with hamstring issues during the state meet.

Having won a bronze medal in the 100-meter dash as a junior in 2015, Taylor came away disappointed in Austin this time around, yet he wasted little time being down.

Now, Taylor is headed to Bydgoszcz, Poland, where he will represent the United States in the

100-meter dash at the International Association of Athletics Federations Under-20 Championships, formerly known as the World Junior Championships.

Competing as a member of the Texas Storm summer program, Taylor qualified for the world championships after a fourth-place finish in the 100-meter dash at the USA Junior Championships June 24, in Clovis, California.

Noah Lyles, running unattached to a program, won the 100-meter dash at 10.08 seconds, followed by Ohio State University's Nicholas Gray (10.32).

Hakim Montgomery of Troy University won the bronze medal for third place at 10.37, and Taylor

was fourth at 10.41.

The city of Bydgoszcz is in northern Poland, and Taylor will compete with the rest of the U.S. team July 19-24.

Soon after returning, Taylor will prepare to head to the University of Miami, where he will be part of the Hurricane men's track and field team beginning this fall.

Taylor will run the 60-meter indoor and 100-meter outdoor events, and is also expected to join the Hurricanes' sprint relay squads at some point during his career.

Taylor hopes to qualify for the 2020 Olympic Games, which are being referred to as Tokyo 2020, and will begin in July of that year. So far, Taylor appears on course.

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