

Community Health Fair set

A Community Health Fair will be held on Saturday, July 18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at BibleWay Fellowship Baptist Church, 10120 Hartsook St. in Houston.

All services are free and include health screenings, immunizations for children up to 12 years (bring shot records), and hearing tests. Health/medical vendors, doctors, nurses, a speech therapist, pharmacist and other health professionals will provide services. Free school supplies will be available. For information, call 713-943-2215.

Congregation sets garage sale

Congregation Shaar Hashalom, 16020 El Camino Real at Buoy in Clear Lake City, will hold a giant Sisterhood Garage Sale on Sunday, July 19, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call 281-488-5861.

PIP meeting July 21

The Positive Interaction Program will meet Tuesday, July 21, at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria in the staff meeting room on the first floor. Guest speaker will be Houston Police Department Officer Jason Curtis, who will address city ordinances.

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

Lariaettes hold car wash

The Dobbie Lariaettes will hold a car wash in the McDonald's parking lot on Fuqua on July 25 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased in advance from any current Lariaette line member or at the car wash. Any donations are always welcome.

Summer literacy at San Jac

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

Educators at all levels, local and statewide, are invited to attend. Online registration is open through July 29, and on-site registration will also be available on July 30 and 31.

Registration fee is \$70. The event will take place at the South campus inside the student center (Building 11) banquet room, \$11,250. On-site registration will be from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., with breakfast beginning at 8 a.m.

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

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

CrossRoads VBS July 27-31

CrossRoads UMC, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd, 2015 Everest Vacation Bible School will take place July 27-31, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. for ages 4 years old through entering fifth grade. Registration donation is \$10 (includes a T-shirt) or \$15 (includes T-shirt and VBS music CD). Register and pay online at www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/EZ/cokeburyhouston. For more information, contact Alison Myers, children's director, at 281-484-9243, ext. 204.

Schlitterbahn tickets for pics

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

All submissions should include where and when the photo was taken, as well as identify each person in the picture and tell the story about the trip.

All photos must be high resolution. Email photos to mynews@southbeltleader.com. Do not compress photos when emailing.

Child care center reunion set

The San Jacinto College South child care center will host a preschool reunion on Friday, July 31, in the student center banquet room (Building 11) from 6 to 8 p.m. Former families and employees are invited to attend to reunite and share memories of the center before it closes later this summer.

After serving the community for decades, the center will permanently shutter its doors Aug. 31 due to its aging facilities and related infrastructure. Refreshments will be served.

Stuchbery registration set

Stuchbery Elementary will hold Pre-K registration Tuesday, Aug. 11, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. To enroll in Pre-K, students must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1 and must qualify for the program. Early registration for kindergarten through fourth grade will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 12, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Thursday, Aug. 13, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. For Pre-K requirements or any additional information, call Stuchbery's office at 713-740-0752 or visit the PISD website at www.pasadenaisd.org.

Pasadena ISD names new principals, APs

The Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees recently approved several administrative promotions involving staff members with close ties to the South Belt community.

Former Dobbie High School assistant principal Melissa Allen will take on a new role as 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. In 2013, Allen earned her Ed.D. from the University of Houston.



Melissa Allen

"I am very excited about continuing to support the South Belt community in my new role at Thompson as principal and to support our students to be the best they can be," Allen said. "There are big shoes to fill, and I'm looking forward to being able to build on the culture of family, pride and success amongst the students and

faculty." Former Thompson Intermediate Principal Toni Lopez was named executive director of Curriculum and Instruction. Lopez served as principal for six years at Thompson and has 19 years of educational experience. Lopez holds a Bachelor of Science degree in interdisciplinary studies from Texas A&M University and a master's in educational management with principal certification from the University of Houston-Clear Lake.

Andrea Wenke takes the lead as principal at Southmore Intermediate. Wenke has worked in education for more than 30 years and comes to PISD most recently from Pearland ISD. A graduate of the University of Texas-Austin, Wenke holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education. She also earned her master's degree in education management from the University of Houston-Clear Lake in 1998.

Martin Moffett was named principal of Mae Smythe Elementary School. Moffett has been with PISD since 1998 as assistant principal at Garfield Elementary and has 31 years of experience in education. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in history from Adrin College of Michigan and also a master's degree in educational administration from the University of Houston-Clear Lake.

Norma Gomez-Valenzuela was named principal of Fisher Elementary School. Gomez-Valenzuela has more than 20 years of educational experience. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in interdisciplinary studies and also a master's degree in educational administration both from the University of Texas at El Paso.

Assistant principal since 2008 at Bobby Shaw Middle School, Kelly Cook will take on a new role as the principal of the Nelda Sullivan Middle School upon its opening in 2016. Cook has been a member of the PISD team since beginning her career as a physical education teacher at Southmore Intermediate in 2003. A graduate of the University of Houston with a bachelor's degree in kinesiology, Cook also holds a master's in education administration from the University of Houston-Clear Lake.



Toni Lopez

Changing focus from the intermediate level to middle school this year is Melissa Messenger, former assistant principal at San Jacinto Intermediate. Messenger takes on the role of principal of the new Marshall Kendrick Middle School, which will welcome students for the first time on the first day of school. She has a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies from Texas A&M University and a master's in educational management from the University of Houston-Clear Lake.

Veronica Sandoval was named principal of Thomas Hancock Elementary School. Sandoval has been with PISD since 2002, first as a bilingual teacher at Mattheys Elementary, then as assistant principal of Milstead Middle School. She holds a Bachelor of Science in interdisciplinary studies and also a master's degree in educational management both from the University of Houston-Clear Lake.

Jorly Thomas takes the lead as principal at the new Fred Roberts Middle School as it opens its doors this school year. Thomas previously worked as an assistant principal, first at Beverly Hills Intermediate, then at Dobbie High School. A graduate of the University of Houston, Thomas holds a bachelor's degree in history. He also earned his master's degree in counseling from Prairie View A&M in 2000.

Former Thompson Intermediate School assistant principal Darby Hickman takes on the position of principal at Bobby Shaw Middle School. Hickman has worked at PISD schools since 2010 and has 13 years total experience. Hickman earned his bachelor's degree from Barclay College in elementary education and holds a master's degree in education administration from the University of Houston-Clear Lake.

Lisa Haws was named principal of Morales Elementary School. Haws has been with PISD since 1999, first as a first-grade teacher, then as peer facilitator and an assistant principal, all at Golden Acres Elementary. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Spanish from Northwestern University and also a master's degree in educational administration and supervision from the University of Phoenix.

These administrators have already been hard at work with their colleagues preparing for the 2015-16 school year and will welcome students on the first day of school, August 25.

Assistant principals

PISD also named five new assistant principals - one at the elementary level and four serving intermediate schools.

All of these assistant principals are former PISD teachers at various grade levels, and many are members of the Aspiring Administrators group, which serves to prepare those employed by the district to become administrators.

A math teacher and basketball coach at Dobbie High School will also be named an assistant principal. **Continued on Page 3A**

PISD appoints administrators



Pasadena Independent School District recently appointed multiple new administrators with ties to the South Belt community. Recent appointees shown above are, left to right, new assistant principal Jaelyn Sweet, counselor Jessica Casteel and new assistant principal Kimberlee Villarreal. Not pictured: Travis Teichelman, who will serve as an AP at Thompson Intermediate, as will Christine Veltman. Former Dobbie High School basketball coach Trevor Parker will serve as AP at South Houston Intermediate. Photo by Melissa Trevizo

City passes 2016-2020 CIP budget

By James Bolen

Houston City Council approved the FY2016 - FY2020 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Wednesday, July 8, despite vocal opposition from some members who complained the funding was unequally distributed among districts.

The plan proposed to allocate a mere 3 percent of funds for District E projects, while other districts received as much as 21 percent.

District E Council Member Dave Martin, along with members C.O. Bradford and Michael Kubosh, voted against the measure.

Martin presented several amendments that would have distributed the funds evenly over the 11 council districts, but none passed.

While District D fared a little better, receiving 11 percent of the funds, Council Member Dwight

Boykins was still upset with the funding plan.

"It is important to note that I was elected by the constituents of District D and work for them, and not for the mayor," Boykins said. "I am here to represent their interests and will always advocate for what is right and fair for my communities. When one or two districts are inequitably funded and unfairly advanced to the detriment of other districts, this is something that must be addressed."

Community activist and District E resident James Muecke views the new CIP budget as a slight to South Belt residents and places much of the blame on Houston Mayor Annise Parker.

"We pay taxes like everyone else, received very little in return," Muecke said. "Which district got the most? Well naturally, the district that

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PISD's Lewis gets \$39,907 increase

The Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees recently voted to give Superintendent Kirk Lewis, who is set to retire in January 2016, a salary increase of \$39,907. (Lewis will receive only half that, as he is working only half a year.)

The measure will increase Lewis' pay by roughly 14 percent from \$278,486 to \$318,393, making him the highest paid superintendent in the Greater Houston area.

Houston ISD Superintendent Terry Grier previously held that distinction, earning \$300,000

per year.

PISD board President Mariselle Quijano said, however, the figures are misleading, as several other local superintendents receive various perks and bonuses.

Despite routinely meeting performance goals, Lewis has reportedly refused previous bonuses, saying he didn't want to take credit for the work other people had done.

Quijano said the raise will not affect Lewis' retirement pay, as that is based on his top-three full years.

Kirkwood resident conned, robbed

By Jay Do

A local resident of the Kirkwood subdivision has recently fallen victim to an attack on her personal belongings, and on her peace of mind and sense of security in what would appear to be a professional neighborhood scam.

The scam is executed in a simple but effective manner. The victim is approached by an individual claiming to be a contracted lawn care service provider, and is asked to follow the individual to a location in the victim's backyard from which the victim no longer has a clear vantage point of the house.

While the scammer is distracting the victim by offering lawn care services, a partner listens for a code word over a walkie-talkie from the scammer talking to the victim, and enters the house through the back entrance once the clear signal is given. The partner then gathers as much valuable belongings as he can during the time that the victim is distracted, and makes a hasty exit from the house, once the scammer talking to the victim notifies him through code that the victim is returning to the house.

The Kirkwood victim, who wishes to remain anonymous, **Continued on Page 2A**

Boykins promotes seniors' program

By Jay Do

Council Member Dwight Boykins has recently initiated the Seniors Assistance Fund in hopes of being able to provide financial aid and communal support to senior citizens residing in the City of Houston's District D.

"The Seniors Assistance Fund is a program established by Boykins to assist District D senior citizens with minor home repairs at no cost to them or to taxpayers," said District D Board of Directors Member Gilbert Deleon.

"The program is focused on assisting seniors who are on a fixed income and are suffering damages to their home but don't have the funds necessary to have the proper repairs made.

"The Seniors Assistance Fund hopes to alleviate some of the minor issues in the homes of our senior citizens before they develop into larger problems."

With senior citizens being vital assets to the success of the community, it is imperative that the community provide aid to their basic needs. The Seniors Assistance Fund has made it possible to easily address the basic needs of senior citizens that may affect their quality of life.

"The process begins when a senior citizen living in District D calls either Boykins' office or the community center in regards to repairs that they need that are under \$500," said Deleon. "Boykins' office then contacts a board member to go out and survey the property to make sure they are indeed a senior citizen, that they do live in District D and that the repairs required are \$500 or under. We then contact the contractor that we've been working with and they go out to do the job. Once the repairs are finished and the residents are satisfied, we turn in the invoice and the

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Car catches fire at McDonald's



A vehicle caught fire Friday, July 10, in front of the McDonald's located at the Chevron station at Beamer and Beltway 8. The Shift C crew from the Houston Fire Department's Station 70, located directly across the street from the incident, was quick to extinguish the blaze. The driver of the vehicle was not present at the time of the fire. No one was injured. At press time, it was unclear what started the blaze. Photo by Marie Flickinger

Southeast VFD seeks volunteers

By Jay Do

For more than 40 years, the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department has been dedicated to the preservation of the lives and property of residents and visitors of the South Belt community. Since its establishment, the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department has provided emergency medical and fire suppression services to the county and the surrounding localities through volunteer and career paid staffing.

Yet as the population of the South Belt community continues to grow at an increasing rate, the fire department now finds itself short on the volunteer staff needed to continue to serve its community. As such, the organization strongly encourages volunteers to join the cause and help to continue the fine tradition of the volunteer fire department.

"We started out back in 1971," said Southeast Volunteer Fire Department Chief Chuck Tylka. "There were about 40 guys who got together and decided that we needed a fire department for this area. At that point, this area which we now call the South Belt-Ellington area was known as Sagemont, and it was not even a part of the City of Houston. Houston's fire departments could not respond to any calls outside of its city limits, so these gentlemen got together and formed the Sagemont Volunteer Fire Department to serve their Sagemont community. When the Sagemont community was adopted into the City of Houston, we changed our name to a more generic name, and we now go by the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department."

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In My Opinion

Jim asks, is this fair to neighborhood?

On Wednesday July 8, 2015, the mayor presented the FY 2016/2020 9 million dollar Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to the city council.

It was a lopsided distribution of tax dollars to the 11 city council districts. District E, our area, received 3% while District C, Councilperson Eilan Cohen, which represents the mayors area and the Montrose area received 21%. I happened to tune in to the Municipal channel 16 and watched the debate. Our councilman Dave Martin, supported by coun-

cilmen at large C. O. Bradford and Mike Kubosh took the mayor to task about this. A very lively and strong debate ensued, strong words.

The poor mayor did not take this well, by her facial expressions, body movement and the swinging of her #2 wood pencil.

Mr Martin asked that these tax payer dollars be evenly distributed to all 11 districts, about 9% each. Councilperson Cohen said she had an old district that needed more help and the reason for the more dollars.

That may be so, but I look around our old area and see the many pot holes, clogged street drains, flooding and so

many other issues that need attention. A vote was taken, 13 for and 3 against. The mayors hip pocket group voted with the mayor.

Now I ask, is this fair to our neighborhood.

NO, it is not, but this is what happens when we allow the wrong people to get elected to elective office, and it is your fault for allowing this to happen. We have elections coming up; city, state and federal.

Right now, start following the election process, listen, discuss with your relatives, neighbors and friends. Select who you feel best represents your interests and then get your butt out of the easy chair and go vote.

Remember this is about your tax dollars and the future of this great country. Yes, your vote can make a difference. Either America survives or your children and grand children will live a much poorer and divided life.

Jim Muecke

Eloy Becho family says thanks to all

The Becho family would like to express their gratitude to all the people that attended Stephen Becho wake on May 15 and funeral on May 16, 2015. They were deeply touch by all the cards, flowers, meals, and donations.

Please continue praying for the family. They are going through some hard times. Stephen Daniel Becho will not be forgotten.

Parents Eloy & Irma Becho
Melissa Becho & Gilbert Perez
Rusty & Christine & son Aiden Gwodz
Jeanette Cantu, & son Moses

Coach Colunga congratulates team

I would like to congratulate my team for a great run during their 2015 All-Star season.

The hard work, dedication, but most of all great sportsmanship they displayed.

Our team received numerous compliments from umpires and fellow teams of how well they played and represented their home park.

They held their own against tough A/B level competition. Great Job ladies. Way to represent South Belt.

Head Coach Eddie Colunga

McDonalds visit with Cruz



U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz was the guest speaker at an event attended by Dawn and Chris McDonald. Dawn is chair for Precinct 996 and serves in Rep. Dennis Paul's office, and Chris is the Senate District 6 executive committee member of the Republican Party of Texas and vice president of the Sageglen Homeowners Association.

Photo submitted

Elected officials speak out

Education bill bipartisan opportunity

U. S. Sen. John Cornyn

In remarks on the Senate floor recently, U.S. Sen. John Cornyn spoke about the bipartisan achievements during the first six months of Republican control of the Senate and the Every Child Achieves Act being considered. "Last week, I had a chance to travel the state of Texas... [and] folks are happy to see the Senate back to work, under new management, and getting things done that they elected us to do."

"Under new leadership, the Senate's made tremendous progress from what this Senate used to be. We have seen the Senate return to regular order, functioning as a deliberative body that considers wide-ranging

legislation to benefit the everyday lives of the American people.

"Overall, the Senate's passed more than 40 bipartisan bills, and we have seen 22 of those already signed into law by President Obama.

"And this week we'll take up an open amendment piece of legislation. We'll take up an education bill that will ultimately give school districts in Texas, and across the country, more flexibility and more power to make the best choices for their students.

"And so I... look forward to an open amendment process and a vigorous debate over our nation's education priorities and the important role that the states play and

local control plays in making sure that all students have access to educational opportunities.

"Last month, our Democratic friends laid out a strategy, something they called the 'Fillbuster Summer,' saying unless they got 100 percent of what they wanted, that they weren't going to allow the Senate to proceed to consider these appropriation bills.

"Well, I would like to just remind them that there's a lot of work... that needs to be done, and if we could just get back in the spirit of this bipartisan cooperation, everybody can let their voice be heard and their vote will count, but pure partisanship will not get the job done."

Supreme Court complicit in illegal taxes

U. S. Sen. Ted Cruz

Our government was designed to be one of laws, not of men. And this transparent distortion is disgraceful. These justices are not behaving as umpires calling balls and strikes. They have joined a team, and it is a team that is hurting Americans across this country.

ObamaCare is the biggest job killer in America. Millions of Americans have lost their jobs, have been forced into part-time work, have lost their health insurance, have lost their doctors.

Millions of Americans have seen their health insurance premiums skyrocket, and it is a direct result of President Obama, of Democrats in the United States Congress, and of lawless judges at the United States Supreme Court who have joined the team of the Obama administration.

If those justices want to become legislators, I invite them to resign and run for office. That's the appropriate place to write laws: on this floor, not from that courtroom....

The Court adopted and put its stamp of approval on the IRS's blatantly unlawful reading of the stat-

ute to make subsidies and taxes applicable to individuals on federal exchanges when Congress explicitly provided the opposite. Jonathan Gruber famously said ObamaCare was built on exploiting the stupidity of the American people. Unfortunately, the Supreme Court is now complicit in that deception....

After this ruling, ObamaCare will now be responsible for imposing illegal taxes on more than 11 million individuals and for burdening hundreds of thousands of businesses with illegal penalties on their workers, killing jobs, and further slowing economic growth.

If you're a young person right now, you come out of school, you got student loans up to your eyeballs, you're struggling, you don't know if you're going to get a job, the dismal Obama economy means your future is bleak. You have no hope or optimism about actually beginning a career, getting skills, moving towards the American dream.

Well today, the United States Supreme Court has joined arm-in-arm with President Obama and the IRS

has illegally imposed taxes on you....

Mr. President, I remain fully committed to repealing every single word of ObamaCare.

And mark my words, following the election in 2016, the referendum that we will have, in 2017 this chamber will return and we will repeal every word of ObamaCare. We'll bring back economic growth.

We'll bring back opportunity. And then we'll pass commonsense health care reform that makes health insurance personal and portable and affordable, that keeps government from getting between us and our doctors. We will recognize that this horrible experiment has failed.

And when millions of Americans lose their jobs, are forced into part-time work, lose their health care, lose their doctors, when millions of Americans see their premiums skyrocket, it's incumbent on members of this body, it's incumbent on the federal government to fix the wreckage they caused, to fix the wreckage that the Supreme Court has now embraced lawlessly.

City of Houston passes 2016-2020 CIP budget

The mayor takes a hit in that Mr. Martin does call the mayor's hand on issues. With a strong mayor form of government, the mayor can get even, and she does this. The other council members want free stuff for their district, not what is best for all those that live and pay taxes in the city."

Passed by Council each

project will provide for the design and construction of storm drainage improvements, necessary concrete paving and underground utilities in the Alameda Genoa Place area near Cullen. The venture is intended to reduce flooding in the areas adjacent to the Sims Bayou and Clear Creek watersheds.

A second project will make paving and drainage improvements on Kirkmeadow. Construction costs are estimated at \$106,000.

Local District E projects include paving and drainage improvements in the Arlington Heights and Freeway Manor subdivisions. Construction costs for the Arlington Heights project are estimated at \$27 million, while roughly \$16 million has been allocated to two separate endeavors in Freeway Manor – one north of Edgebrook and one south.

In addition to the issue of inequities, Martin also complained of designated funds being shifted around among entities, causing construction delays for much-needed projects.

A particular concern for Martin involved the funding for the expansion of Kingwood Drive, one of District E's most pressing projects, according to the city's "worst-first" criteria. Upon researching the project prior to Wednesday's vote, Martin noticed funding for it had been transferred from the city's Dedicated Drainage and Street Renewal Fund (DDSRF) to the Texas Department of Transportation. Further investigation revealed the ex-

FY 2016 - 2020 Capital Improvement Plan: District Projects							
Includes Public Improvement Program, Enterprise Programs, and Component Units							
(\$Thousands)							
Fiscal Year Planned Appropriations							
District	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2016 - 2020	%
A	72,577	42,216	43,328	14,509	14,767	187,397	6%
B	89,294	46,020	37,473	51,258	56,854	280,901	10%
C	187,517	180,686	139,449	45,045	60,889	613,586	21%
D	99,685	122,678	55,861	36,043	19,519	333,786	11%
E	4,749	14,438	23,068	23,018	29,108	94,381	3%
F	21,878	34,515	52,630	43,237	25,371	177,631	6%
G	136,841	113,449	106,254	76,119	13,146	445,809	15%
H	66,836	21,127	51,092	46,747	2,230	188,032	6%
I	68,732	22,261	43,285	33,768	1,384	169,429	6%
J	96,842	74,415	45,266	24,759	8,834	250,116	9%
K	38,699	34,291	64,038	30,004	18,804	185,836	6%
Subtotal*	883,650	706,096	661,744	424,507	250,906	2,926,904	31%
Citywide**	1,478,528	1,495,835	1,204,726	1,592,355	702,837	6,474,280	69%
Grand Total:	2,362,179	2,201,931	1,866,470	2,016,862	953,743	9,401,184	

*Summation of each column will be greater than the total because some projects are identified in multiple districts
**Aviation, Fleet, Technology, Water, and Wastewater are included in Citywide.

H.R. 5 undermines education act

U. S. Rep. Gene Green

On July 8, the House of Representatives voted on H.R. 5, the Student Success Act. The bill was passed in a partisan vote of 218-213. Congressman Gene Green released the following statement:

"H.R. 5 undermines the fundamental purpose of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), which was created to ensure that disadvantaged children receive a high-quality edu-

cation. This bill cuts crucial education funding, fails to hold states and districts accountable for supporting and improving the achievement of all students, eliminates and weakens protections for disadvantaged students, and lacks critical support systems for our nation's educators.

"This reauthorization was an opportunity to make much needed improvements to the ESEA and create a

better education system. This bill is a huge step in the wrong direction.

"I voted no on H.R. 5. We should instead support a reauthorization bill that restores our nation's commitment to providing equal opportunity for all students regardless of their background and protects our country's students including the most vulnerable, which was the original intention of this landmark civil rights law."

Victim warns of scammers

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anonymous, was approached by an individual asking to enter her backyard to clear some trees at the request of a neighboring resident, to which she complied.

"He rang my doorbell and asked to enter my backyard to clear out some trees along the water line on my side of the property because the neighbors were complaining," said the resident. "He said I wouldn't have to pay anything, and that he just needed to get into my yard to clear out the debris that would be left from taking out the trees. He asked to meet me in the backyard, so I locked the front door and went out the back door, while he went through my gate to the back."

Believing that he was the

only individual that arrived, the resident did not see the need to lock her back door as she went to her backyard.

"I didn't see anyone else in the pickup truck that they came in, so I left the back door unlocked," said the resident. "I met him in the back, and I took my poodle with me. I have a greenhouse back there, and he took me to a corner on the far side of the yard to show me where the men would begin cutting. I didn't notice it at the time, but now that I think about it, he took me to a part of the backyard where my view of the house was obstructed by the greenhouse. He had a walkie-talkie and I remember hearing him say to someone 'This lady's got a jungle back here.' That must have been their code for something, because there are only four trees in the back of my house."

The individual then began offering his lawn care services to the resident.

"He kept asking for me to let him come and cut my trees for only \$60," said the resident. "When I told him I wasn't interested, he started asking me to mow my lawn and put insecticides out for me, and I still told him I wasn't interested.

"At this point, my poodle was running around, and I didn't want to risk letting him run out into the streets, so I told him that I needed to bring my poodle back into the house. He began to look a little nervous and said something into his walkie-talkie, but I didn't think much of it then."

Little did she know at the time, the resident was being victimized as she was talking to whom she thought was a persistent salesman.

"As he was on his way out, I asked him which neighbor had contracted him to cut the trees, and he pointed to my next door neighbor. After he left, I went to her house and asked her if she had asked for the trees to be removed, and she said she didn't ask anyone. We drove around and looked for the pickup truck, because he said that they would begin working that afternoon, but we could not

find it."

Confused and tired, the resident went back to her house to rest.

"Later that afternoon, I went back to the house, and I was going to take a nap with my poodle," said the resident. "I noticed dry oak leaves on the floor that were not there before, and then I saw one of my earrings on the floor. I picked it up, and at that point, I was getting pretty scared. When I was putting it back with the rest of my jewelry, which I keep in little candle holders, I noticed one of them was knocked over, and one was empty except for a little piece, which he must have dropped on his way out. All of my drawers were left ajar. I looked in a little box that my daughter had made me where I keep my rings, and found that all four of my rings, including my wedding rings, were gone."

While local police were notified of the situation, the resident was told that there was not much they could do for her, aside from filling out a police report for her to take to her insurance agency to get the money back on her stolen jewelry. Unfortunately for the resident, with the jewelry all being decades old, there was no paperwork on file for them, meaning there is little that she could do.

"I asked the police officer who responded to the scene if checking the local pawn shops would be a good place to start," said the resident. "I was told that that's not how these thieves do it anymore. They take them to those shops that melt down the gold, and they get money from the raw gold instead."

With only a description of one of the scammers involved, there was also little local law enforcement could do for the resident in terms of searching for the suspects.

"The one individual that I saw was a Hispanic male of medium build," said the resident. "He wasn't overweight or overly skinny. He had to have been in his mid-20s. He came dressed in a baseball cap, a T-shirt, some shorts and tennis shoes, and they arrived in a red pickup truck."

Refusing to sit idly by as this mockery of justice unfolds in her own home, the resident is reaching out to the community and doing all in her power to see to it that no one else is forced to feel the pain of having his or her privacy invaded.

"These individuals had the story all conjured up," said the resident. "He showed up, and he knew his lines, so it seemed like he was part of a legit lawn care organization. It was very convincing. I want all the people from that area to be aware of these scammers and thieves, because a lot of people live in that area surrounding the water line. I would advise everyone living around there to be vigilant above all else. Look for the red pickup truck, look for these individuals claiming to be contracted by a neighbor. Do not open the door to them, and do not go out into the backyard with them. These scammers may have gotten some of my jewelry, but I'm getting something out of it too. I'm going to do everything I can to get word out to people and make sure this doesn't happen to anyone else."

Local library events set

Parker Williams Branch

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

A demonstration will be held outside the library by the Houston Mounted Police on Thursday, July 16, at 2:30 p.m.

Create a Super Hero: Costume and City on Monday, July 20, at 2:30 p.m. Create a life-size portrait for a super hero flying, running or fighting over a city.

On Wednesday, July 22, at 2 p.m. Movie Madness will present *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief*, rated PG. Wednesdays – Preschool storytime is at 10:30 a.m. Thursdays – Toddler storytime is at 10:30 a.m. Saturdays – Vietnamese Storytime: Level 2 begins at 10 a.m., Level 1 begins at 11:15 a.m., and Level 3 begins at 2:30 p.m. For more information, speak with Loc Bui.

For more information on programs, call the Parker Williams Library at 281-484-2036.

Bracewell Branch Library

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

A kid's craft and a movie are set for 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 16; Movie Time will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, July 17; Nature Discover Center will present *Scapes & Tails* at the library on Tuesday, July 21, at 2 p.m.; and Music and Movement is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 22.

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

For more information, call Bracewell Library at 832-393-2580.

Nguyen thanks Barrett for four years of teaching

Catherine Nguyen, one of J. Frank Dobie High School's Shining Stars, is shown with distinguished educator and Latin instructor Lisa Barrett.

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.

Nguyen has volunteered as an election clerk, in the Hall of Honor, in the MD Anderson blood drive, with National Honor Society services and HOSA services. Extracurricular activities include Health Occupations Students of America, National Honor Society, and Texas State Junior Classical League Latin Club. Nguyen served

in a leadership role as a Mottoes study captain in Latin Club.

Nguyen said, "I am fortunate to have had Mrs. Barrett as my teacher for four years. In addition to teaching me the Latin language and culture, Mrs. Barrett has taught me about the mechanics of life that I did not know before and how to survive many more years of school to come.

"She has cared for me throughout my high school years and has been there for the ups and downs of the long journey. What I take with me down the road is that mindset and slow but steady work will get things done, and flashcards are a student's best friend."

Concerning future plans, Nguyen plans to attend the University of Houston in the Honors College, major in biochemistry and apply to the college of pharmacy at the university.

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Volunteers sought for SVFD

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A veteran and lifetime member of the department, Tylka joined following what could have been a tragic event.

"I got in it because I was interested in the medical side," said Tylka. "My wife's grandmother had a heart attack Thanksgiving Day and not a one of us knew what to do. I realized at that point that I had no idea what to do in regards to providing emergency medical service, so I decided to take first aid classes. At that time, I was working with one of the members in my full-time job who was with the Volunteer Fire Department who invited me to join."

Over the last four decades, Tylka has served in numerous positions throughout the organization, including emergency medical technician and firefighter. His loyalty to his comrades and community have earned him the position of chief of the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department.

"I'm approaching 40 years serving with the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department," said Tylka. "I wasn't there from the get-go, but we still have two individuals who were there from the beginning, Assistant Chief Fire Marshal Jerry Terrell and Board of Directors President Ed Baker."

"The majority of our calls nowadays, about eighty percent, are emergency medical service calls. We don't fight as many fires as we used to, but this community is getting older and fires aren't that uncommon."

The most notable amongst the many changes that Tylka has bore witness to throughout his years of service is the change in the staff that comprise the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department.

"We're still sitting at about 45 to 50 volunteers," said Tylka. "What has changed considerably throughout the years is the availability of people. We have a lot more flexibility in our staff, so we don't have as long of shifts as we used to. Our staff is now a combination of both volunteers and full time firefighters, so we're not as limited on staff as we were in the early days."

While the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department is comprised of a diverse group of individuals, they all share the same commitment, dedication and passion in serving their community.

"There are certain people in the world, I just happen to be one of them, who have a desire to help their community," said Tylka. "Not everybody has this desire, and that's perfectly fine. This group of people have joined and learned and banded together to help each other. At the end of the day, it's just neighbor helping neighbor. It gives you a sense of pride that you're able to help someone in their time of need."

"That's a trait that everyone in the Volunteer Fire Department possess, because it's a large commitment of time and money. These people are committed to doing this."

"They sacrifice a lot of time with their families, whether it be on missing

special milestone events in their lives or skipping a holiday dinner. We never know when that fire bell is going to ring, and these people are the ones who give it all to be able to answer the call."

Because the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department is a strictly volunteer and nonprofit organization, funding for its operations must come from sponsors and local municipal utility districts.

"There's a secondary support group that makes this all possible, and that's our municipal utility districts," said Tylka. We are served funded in part by the Kirkmont, Sagemeadow, and Clear Brook City municipal utility districts.

"These municipal utility districts are political entities that serve to provide water and sewer and other essential services to the community, one of which include funding for volunteer fire departments. They make it possible for us to do our operations and conduct our service throughout the community."

While the work that they do for their community seemingly puts their lives on the line each day, the courageous members of the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department could not be less concerned.

"We don't even think about the possibility of not making it back, said Tylka. "One of the purposes of training is that it allows you to do a job successfully without having external influences affect your emotions. If you go upon a horrific car accident, you don't want to see people to stand on the side and screaming. You want people to do what they can and help the people inside the cars. It's the same thing with us. We don't focus on the burning house."

"We focus on helping the people inside the burning house. We focus on getting our jobs done successfully by getting them out of the house safely and getting the fire extinguished. My job as the chief is to make sure all of my guys come back safe and making sure they have all the equipment and resources necessary to do so."

Residents of the South Belt area interested in joining the cause of the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department are strongly urged to attend one of the weekly

meetings held at the department's Station 1 located at 10510 Scarsdale Blvd. on Thursdays at 7 p.m.

"Being a part of a volunteer fire department pays absolutely nothing. People join because they want the sense of pride in serving their community and the bonds of camaraderie that comes with serving in a first response organization. Someone can join our fire department simply by coming to our fire department on Thursday evening at our station on Scarsdale. If someone has the desire to be part of a great organization and help their community, all they have to do is show up, and we will make sure that they get all the training they need to be able to serve their community."

Comprised of approximately 50 active volunteers, the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department covers the approximate five square miles of southeastern Harris County that is bordered by Beltway 8, Interstate 45, Pearland and Friendswood. These heroes are the neighbors, friends, and coworkers of the South Belt community who often go unnoticed. They represent a wide range of occupations with a wide range of skills, yet they all share the same professional goal to serve their beloved community when it needs them most.

"I love the interaction with the community, the camaraderie with the people that are in the service with me and the personal knowledge that I have helped somebody," said Tylka. "I think that's what everybody in our volunteer fire department are looking for. Some of our younger members will use the volunteer fire department as a stepping stone to a career in firefighting or as a medic."

"A lot of people in our community just assume that they are entitled to immediate assistance when they pick up the phone and dial 911. They don't realize that a large group of people are making so many sacrifices to be able to assist them when they call for help. I am truly honored to be able to work with a group of people who make those sacrifices to assist those in need, because they are so dedicated and committed to ensuring the well-being of their community."

Jones aided by Boykins



Theodore Jones is shown with Gilbert Deleon in front of the Jones' water heater closet that only months previously caved in due to a water leak. Jones reached out to the Seniors Assistance Fund program, and Deleon had the water heater replaced and the ceiling damage repaired.

Photo by Jay Do

Boykins initiates senior assistance in District D

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While the Seniors Assistance Fund is made available to all senior citizens living in District D, far too few have taken advantage of the program.

"The Seniors Assistance Fund provides aid and service to all seniors living in the District D," said Deleon. "That's roughly from the NRG Stadium down to Fuqua Street. Even with an area of coverage that large, I think it's making a small impact on the community, because we're not getting a lot of referrals. People aren't necessarily aware that this aid is being provided for them. That's why it's important that we start getting word out, so that people know that help is available for them if they need it."

A strictly finite amount of funding and resources has been responsible for the slow progress and growth of the Seniors Assistance Fund.

"The time that it takes to get the repairs done de-

pends on the specific situation and the repairs that need to be made," said Deleon. "Usually, all repairs are completed with a couple months of when we're first notified, because the funds for this program are limited."

The Seniors Assistance Fund prides itself on not receiving its funding from taxpayers. As a result, it is forced to look to generous donors and sponsors to fund its operations.

"The way that the funding for this program has been obtained, and will continue to be obtained, is that Boykins hosts an annual golf tournament fundraiser," said Deleon. "Sponsors contribute to the fundraiser, and the money that is raised is then used on all the repairs throughout the course of the year. As an example, last year, we raised around \$66,000 at the tournament. There's a total of eight board members and we each do two repairs a month. If every repair costs \$500, that's \$8,000 a month and that's \$72,000

in a year. That's a little over our budget, so we try to make sure that the seniors get their repairs done under the \$500 to make our budget go as far as possible."

The Seniors Assistance Fund will even provide aid to homeowners whose repairs run over the \$500 limit.

"If the cost for the repair is over the \$500 limit, we let the homeowner know that they're over our allotted budget," said Deleon. "At that point, they have the choice to either not have the repairs done at all, or have the repairs done up to \$500 and pay the rest on their own. We spend the entire \$500 on the individual and after that, with the contractor right there, they can work up some kind of negotiation and come to a deal."

The Seniors Assistance Fund has only developed and improved upon itself in the short year that it has been in service. Slight misunderstandings during the beginnings of the program compelled Deleon and other board members

of the program to develop a more thorough paperwork process in order to ensure that there are no misunderstandings between any parties involved in the process.

"In the early days of this program, we ran into a few issues where we had some misunderstandings with people expecting to get more service done to the property than we were able to provide," said Deleon.

"As a result, we now have a contract for every step of the process, from the moment that the board member shows up to survey the area, to the moment that the contractor shows up to do the repairs. Everything is written down on paper to ensure the legitimacy of the process and make sure that the homeowners know exactly what is being done to their property."

Both the senior citizens involved in the Seniors Assistance Fund, as well as the rest of the community have reacted positively to the implementation of the program.

"The majority of the people involved in this program have been very appreciative of the stuff that we have going on for them," said Deleon. "Warm notes have been received by the council member from people thanking him and the community for the repairs we've had done to their property. Support from the community for the program has been very positive overall, and we're hoping that it stays that way for the coming years."

The next fundraising event for the Seniors Assistance Fund will take place on Monday, July 20, at the Hermann Park Golf Course, starting at 7 a.m. Interested sponsors are asked to attend the event and help in any way that they can.

"We did pretty well with the \$66,000 from last year's tournament, and we have just enough left over to host this year's tournament," said Deleon. "Our target goal is to reach somewhere between \$60,000 and \$70,000, because at \$500 per repair, that comes out to around 120 to 140 repairs over the course of next year. We'd certainly appreciate any and all support that we can get from our sponsors."

With a successful year completed and the Seniors Assistance Fund well underway, Deleon and the other members of the program look forward to a prosperous future of giving back, while at the same time providing jobs and instilling the importance of volunteerism throughout the community.

"This is a very special and innovative program that we have going on here," said Deleon. "We are the only district that does a program like this for our seniors. No one else has anything going on that's similar to this. We do this because we're very appreciative of the seniors in our community and we want to give back to them for all that they do. The important thing at this point is to make more individuals within the community be aware that such a program is in place and available for them. Seniors need to know that it's there for them and they just have to give us a call and we'll send over \$500 to fix up their house for them. It doesn't even have to be anything major. I've seen repairs done from a kitchen faucet to a whole ceiling. Senior citizens in our district need to be made aware that we are here to help."

PISD names new admins . . .

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bie High School since 2006, Trevor Parker, was hired for the position of assistant principal at South Houston Intermediate School. A graduate of the UH-Clear Lake with a bachelor's degree in finance, Parker also holds a master's in education administration from Lamar University.

Jaelyn Sweet will stay at her home campus of 11 years, Park View Intermediate, as assistant principal. Sweet was formerly a special education life skills and health teacher at the campus. Sweet has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Stephen F. Austin University and a master's in educational management from the University of Houston Clear Lake.

Former dyslexia intervention teacher at Queens Intermediate School, Kimberlee Villarreal, will take on the position of assistant principal at Teague Elementary. Villarreal has worked at PISD schools since 1998. Villarreal earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Houston and holds a master's in educational leadership from the University of St. Thomas.

These new administrators will officially be introduced to their students on the first day of school, August 25, but will immediately begin working with their colleagues to prepare for the 2015-16 school year.

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Christine Veltman will leave her role of nine years as a teacher at Bondy Intermediate School to become an assistant principal at Thompson Intermediate School. A graduate of the University of Houston, Veltman holds a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies. Veltman earned her master's in education administration from the University of St. Thomas.

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The original ambulance for the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department (then known as the Sagemont Volunteer Fire Department) is shown above in 1971.

The department now has 13 vehicles, including late-model fire engines, ambulances, duty vehicles, rescue trucks and a brush truck. Photo submitted

Juarez sees Hunkin as teacher, mentor, friend

Jesus Juarez, one of Pasadena Memorial High School's Shining Stars, is shown with distinguished educator Tristan Hunkin, who instructs a course in business. Juarez and Hunkin 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.

Juarez has volunteered as a member of the teen committee for the Strawberry Festival, as a musician for the school musical, and as a musician in various band



events such as Solo and Ensemble and Region Band auditions.

He plans to attend the Red McCombs School of Business at the University of Texas for a double major in business administration and international relationships. After this, he plans to pursue medical school.

Concerning his instructor, Juarez said, "Charismatic, determined, and passionate are three words that describe Mrs. Hunkin. An outstanding sponsor of Business Professionals of America, Mrs. Hunkin possesses

events such as Solo and Ensemble and Region Band auditions.

"Yet, Mrs. Hunkin isn't only a teacher but a mentor. She has taught me values of self-confidence and humility.

"Pushing me to new levels that I was too timid to reach, I became a passionate leader in my community and realized that I could impact the world."

"All I can say to you, Mrs. Hunkin, is thank you for not only being a mentor but a true friend."

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Registration for the 2015-2016 Playschool year is still underway.

Playschool is a mother's day out program offered for children ages six weeks through four years old as of September 1, 2015.

It is held from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays from September to May.

For more information, contact the Children's Ministry office at **281-481-8770, ext. 2632**

SJC announces upcoming events

San Jacinto College recently released its calendar of events for July 17 through July 24.

The South campus is located at 13735 Beamer Road in Houston; Central campus is located at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena; and North campus is at 5800 Uvalde Road in Houston.

Registration for fall
Registration continues for classes that begin on Aug. 24, 2015, at San Jacinto College. Register at sanjac.edu/apply-register/overview/registration.

The registration payment deadline is Aug. 13. After that date, registration remains open, but all financial obligations incurred, not covered by financial aid, installment payment plan, third party agreement or scholarship, must be paid on the day of registration. Fall 2015 payment plans will be available July 21 through Sept. 11.

Last day to apply for August graduation
The last day to apply for August graduation is July 17.

2015. No ceremonies will be held.

Summer camps
San Jacinto College will host a variety of fun and enriching summer camps for kids of all ages at each of its three campuses. Camp prices vary, depending on the camp. The following camps are coming up the week of July 20-24:

- Basketball Camp, July 20-24, Central campus
- All-State Choir Camp, July 20-23, Central campus
- Guitar Camp, July 20-24, North campus
- Best Buy Hip Hop Summer Camp - Section 2, July 20-24, Central campus

Some scholarships are available to those who qualify to help with camp tuition. To register, visit sanjac.edu/calendar/summer-camps.

Meningitis vaccinations
Meningitis vaccinations will be available on all three campuses throughout the summer at San Jacinto College. For a list of locations, dates, times and costs, visit sanjac.edu/meningitis.

Over The Back Fence by Alexis

ABIGAIL CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY!
Happy birthday wishes are sent to **Abigail Martinez**, who turns 9 on July 24, from her mom **Erica**, dad **Alex**, brothers **Alex II** and **Axel**, and sister **Audrey Martinez**. Abigail is a student at Genoa Elementary, and the family is celebrating on July 19.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays July 16 through July 22.

Burnett Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles for **Sandra Trojan** July 19.

Bush Elementary
Sing a happy birthday song to **Erin Plotner** on July 20.

Stuchbery Elementary
Ella Escalona is wished a happy birthday July 22.

Melillo Middle School
Celebrating a birthday July 18 is **Jennifer Vann**.

Beverly Hills intermediate
Light the birthday candles July 21 for **Yara Rios**.

Thompson Intermediate
On July 19, happy birthday greetings are sent to **Johnny Morse**. Sing a chorus of a birthday song July 20 for **Rosalba Lopez**.

Dobie High
Ernestina Martinez and **Youlanda Ravenel** celebrate a birthday July 17. **Michelle Malveaux** enjoys a birthday July 18. The day for a party for **Paige Puga** is July 19. Sing a happy birthday song July 22 for **Kevin Erickson**.

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

Thursday, July 16: **Jessika Paquinto, Mark Campbell, Kelly McBeth, Angie Roach, Clarissa Garza Andrus, Stephanie Alldredge Vickers and Brad Janacek**; Friday, July 17: **Christina Trevino, Crystal**

Ybarra, Corey Cephus, Frances Licari Bowler, Myra Rowe, Marsa Outland Prister, Vicki Sorensen, Jenelle Lee, Kimberly Sommerfelt and Mary Jason Rowe; Saturday, 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**; Sunday, July 19: **Fred Alvarez, Terrell Session, Gary Hilliard, Armando Trevino, James Argo and Anne Tyson**; Monday, July 20: **Junior Lynn, Curtis Eads, Mary Johnson, Chris Cole and Joey Cowdyo**; Tuesday, July 21: **Natalie Sweet, Denise McMurrough, Vanessa Veltman and Danielle Clay**; and Wednesday, July 22: **Judith Kemle and Hey-Zues Lara**.

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

New CrossRoads assistant pastor focusing on youth

By Jay Do

The establishment of the CrossRoads United Methodist Church has called for the arrival of an associate pastor. Through the appointment process of the Methodist Church, Trey Comstock has been found to be the best fit for the position and has been assigned to the new congregation.

A native Houstonian, Comstock grew up on the north side of the city near the Champions area and attended the John Cooper School in the Woodlands for high school. Following his graduation from high school, Comstock attended the College of William and Mary, where he graduated with degrees in theater and political science in 2009. Comstock then joined the Teach for America program, serving as a core member in Washington, D.C., and taught middle school math and science until 2011, while attending George Mason University and earning his master's degree in education in 2011. At that point, Comstock moved to Atlanta, Ga., along with his wife to attend Emory University and earned his master's degree in public health and his master's degree in divinity from the Candler School of Theology in May of 2015.

Despite the different courses that his life has taken, Comstock believes a calling to serve his faith has guided him to this point in his life. "For me, it's about the call to ministry," said Comstock. "When I was getting into college, I wanted to get into politics. I had very good grades throughout high school and

into college, so it seemed very feasible. During my sophomore year, I got a call in a very different direction. I was called to do ministry with an international focus. Since then, I've been taking the most secure route to this moment. Public health and education are two ways to offer tangible love to people in a way that does more good than harm. There's a terrible history of missions where people with very good intentions and love of Christ have no idea what they're doing and end up doing more harm than good. Public health and education are two ways for me to be grounded in best practices and care. I want there to be a link between the spiritual care of Christ and the tangible care that humans are able to provide each other."

Through a comprehensive interview process, Comstock found that the ideals and vision of the CrossRoads congregation highly appealed to him. "United Methodist Church pastors don't really hunt for jobs," said Comstock. "We're appointed by the bishop where we go. I found out about CrossRoads through the appointment process. It's very similar to a sorority rush. I'm given a list of three churches to get interview with, and each of those three churches are given a list of three candidates to interview. I interviewed with the senior pastor at CrossRoads back in early April, and it turned out that we were both at the top of each other's list. He laid out the vision for the church and I was very excited."

Comstock was primarily drawn to CrossRoads by the congregation's diversity.

"The multicultural nature of the church is really exciting to me," said Comstock. "That's something that I feel more churches should be doing, and certainly something that more United Methodist churches should be doing. It's diverse in a lot of ways, not just culturally and linguistically, but also economically. A lot of churches tend to be built around middle-class to upper-class folks, more like a country club church. This is not a country club church. This is a working-class church and a middle- to upper-class church. Rather than just serving the either rich or the poor, we have people of all economic situations working together in one congregation and one community. A lot of churches have another Spanish speaking church come and rent their building, but it's not one congregation. CrossRoads is the opportunity for it to be one unified congregation with many different cultures, languages and backgrounds, which to me, is more like what heaven really is."

With Comstock comes his valuable skill set that he hopes to put to good use with the CrossRoads congregation. "I have a lot of international experience," said Comstock. "I was a public health researcher and documentary filmmaker in Paraguay for three months. I've also worked at an AIDS orphanage in Kenya for three months. I lived in Belgium as a kid, so international experience is a big deal for me. My

Spanish is all right. It needs to get better, but it exists. I grew up in the theater and contemporary worship. I have a lot of practical ministry skills. I've worked as a sound tech for a Christian rock band and I've helped start contemporary services. I have a good skill set for a church interested in contemporary worship and in using media. I also used to be a middle school teacher with Teach for America, so I should be able to help with the curriculum of the services and things like that. These are things where I fit in well and would be able to provide a lot to the church."

Comstock also hopes that his age will play a part in filling an audience gap that currently plagues many United Methodist churches.

"There's a rule in ministry that you attract what you are," said Comstock. "You tend to bring into the church what you are. At my previous appointment, we had a lot of young families come back to the church. A lot of that was because of some of the changes that were made to the church, but a part of it was because they saw a young pastor who they could have a connection with. It's always a balance of being young enough and knowing enough. I like to think I know enough of what I'm doing, but I'm also young enough to attract the younger audience. The United Methodist Church suffers from what's known as the doughnut hole between the ages of 18 to 35. We do really well from birth to 18, and we do really well from 35 and above, but it's that doughnut hole that every

Methodist church is trying to figure out how to approach, and I think I can help to compensate for that gap in our congregation."

With his first week serving as a new pastor at a new church complete, Comstock's initial opinions of the CrossRoads congregation are overwhelmingly positive.

"I like it a lot," said Comstock. "Any church has challenges, and CrossRoads certainly has its share of challenges. What I saw on Sunday was a very diverse community coming together to worship God. Despite the fact that we did everything in both English and Spanish, everyone understood what was going on. I see tremendous potential in CrossRoads. The hope and the idea behind this church is very possible. It's going to be very difficult, but it's only difficult because it's worth doing. I see a lot of very good people that just need to learn how to communicate with each other and to love one another. They have the capacity to do so, that's what's most important."

Comstock brings with him his own visions and ideals for the direction in which to take the newly established congregation. "For me, it would be a church at the heart of the community, as the community really is," said Comstock. "We live in a really diverse area. What I would like to see is for the demographics of our congregation to match the demographics of this community. I would love to be able to have as many Spanish speaking services as we have English

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Bay Area Singles Dance July 18

The Bay Area Singles Club monthly dance will be held Saturday, July 18, from 7 to 10:30 p.m. at the VFW Lodge, Post 6378, at 5204 Highway 3 in Dickinson. Bring party snacks to share. Cost is \$7 for members and \$9 for nonmembers. For more information, call 409-948-1156 or 281-484-4762.

Open Garden Day July 20

Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 will host Open Garden Day on Monday, July 20, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at Genoa Friendship Garden, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Road. Master gardeners will be available to answer gardening questions. Plants will be for sale in the greenhouse, and educational programs for adults and children are scheduled. For information, visit <https://hcmga.tamu.edu>.

Dobie sets class reunions

Class of 1970 40-year Reunion
The J. Frank Dobie Class of 1970 will hold its 40th reunion on July 25, from 6 to 11 p.m. at Las Brisas Mexican Bar and Grill. More details can be found on Facebook, search for "Dobie Class 1970 Reunion."

Class of 1975 40-year Reunion
The J. Frank Dobie Class of 1975 will hold its 40-year reunion Sept. 25-26 at South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center, 2500 S. Shore Blvd. in League City. Tickets are \$85 per person if paid by Aug. 1.

Tickets at the door or after Aug. 1 will be \$100 per person. This includes dinner and entertainment for Saturday night. A block of rooms at a special rate will be available.

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

Class of 1995 20-year Reunion

The J. Frank Dobie Class of 1995 will hold its 20-year reunion Friday, Aug. 7, from 7:30 p.m. to midnight at Cadillac Bar (private party room), 1802 Shepherd Drive in Houston.

To access the invitation or to pay to attend, go to <http://www.reunionscoop.com> then click on Roll Call of Reunions and follow the directions.

The reunion will be casual. Payment is to the planner, Reunions by Class Act. For more information, call 713-780-0020. The cost is \$42 each (classmate or guest) if paid online by 5 p.m. (Houston time) Wednesday, Aug. 5.

Checks should be made to Class Act, P.O. Box 572255, Houston, TX 77257, and must be postmarked by Wednesday, July 22. Cost at the door is \$55 per person, cash only.

Care Partners meet July 17

Interfaith Care Partners Ministry group at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, 10727 Hartsook St. (near Alameda Mall), a gathering for persons with Alzheimer's, dementia or memory loss, meets the third Friday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Gatherings consist of a continental breakfast, arts and crafts, exercises, entertainment, a singalong, a devotional break, lunch, and ends with a game. Those who have a family member or know of someone with these challenges, are welcome to attend. All services are provided free of charge. An initial interview must be conducted by Interfaith Care Partners staff to welcome new participants into this program.

The next gathering will be in the Mother Cabrini Center at the church on Friday, July 17. For more information or to register a loved one, call Interfaith Care Partners at 713-682-5995 or visit the website at www.interfaithcarepartners.org.

AARP 199 meets July 17

AARP Webster Area Chapter 199 will meet Friday, July 17, at 10 a.m. at Bay Area Community Center, 5002 E. NASA Parkway in Seabrook (the large building with a blue roof inside Clear Lake Park on the north side of NASA Parkway). Everyone is invited to come to the meeting, and to enjoy coffee, cookies and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before the meeting starts at 10 a.m.

Every month, the group has different speakers to discuss various topics of interest to seniors. Every two months the group has a potluck lunch. The July 17 speaker will be an AARP state representative from the Fraud Watch Program who will speak on fraud prevention strategies. There will be time for questions and answers.

July is also a potluck lunch month, so members and guests are asked to bring a dish to share after the speaker finishes.

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

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

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35 years ago (1980)
In an election sparked by controversy, write-in candidates Joe Champion and Norma Stroud were elected to the Sageglen Community Association board.

Houston City Council passed a motion to have the city legal advisors prepare an ordinance that would permit the introduction of fluoride into the city's water system.

Alameda Mall was undergoing approximately \$2 million of improvements which included more parking for shoppers.

Sageglen resident Angela Shiflett placed in the top 10 out of 69 girls in the Miss Texas pageant.

30 years ago (1985)
Redesigning and widening of the Kingspoint/Kleckley intersection at Alameda Mall would cost \$267,743 and would take two months to finish.

Houston Arson investigators arrested a southeast Houston man in connection

with the May 29 fire at the Sagemont Townhomes on Beamer. The fire was allegedly set to get back at the man's ex-wife who lived in the townhomes.

The South Belt Security Alliance filed a \$10,000 lawsuit against Southeast Security Associates for remarks made against the company on a local news program.

Mouth-to-mouth resuscitation by a lifeguard at the Sageglen Community Association swimming pool was credited with saving the life of a 3-year-old girl.

Houston homicide detectives investigated the skeletal remains found on Dixie Farm Road near Clear Creek, south of the creek.

25 years ago (1990)
The Veteran's Administration altered its policy. Under the new policy, any veteran considering buying a new home in Southbend would have to visit the regional VA office to review the information on file before a case number or appraiser could be assigned.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development announced it was temporarily discontinuing insuring mortgages in the Southbend subdivision.

Lawyers for two Weber Elementary students charged the Clear Creek Independent School District with fraudulently withholding documents concerning alleged contamination of the school's water supply in 1985.

20 years ago (1995)
Christopher Williams, Mr. J. Frank Dobie High School of 1984, was killed at Fort Sill, Okla., during a training exercise. He reportedly lost his life while trying to save the lives of many of his men.

A nine-member Community Partnership Team from the Clear Creek Independent School District supported a reduced bond issue.

Cash, checks and charge

slips were stolen from Ace Central Hardware during an after-hours burglary.

Only two of the original 670 homes in Southbend remained three years after a court settlement in which the subdivision's developer agreed to take title to all houses.

15 years ago (2000)
Rep. Ken Bentsen announced \$10 million in federal funding for a new supply complex for the Air National Guard located at Ellington Field.

Southeast Volunteer Fire Department called on the community for assistance. The fire department was seeking volunteers to help serve the 30,000 residents in its zone. It was serving the area with only 30 volunteers - a ratio of 1,000 to 1.

10 years ago (2005)
At a public hearing in San Antonio, accusations were made that the decision to eliminate the Texas Air National Guard at Ellington was flawed, inaccurate and mathematically wrong. The accusations were made to members of the Base Realignment and Closure committee by Rep. Tom DeLay, Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, County Commissioner Sylvia Garcia and Houston Mayor Bill White.

Trial dates were set for two of the four men accused in the murder-for-hire killing of South Belt resident Luan Cong Pham. The other two men remained in the Harris County Jail awaiting trial.

The pool at Beverly Hills Park was closed after plaster began falling off the sides, making it unsafe for swimmers.

Charges of indecency with a child were filed on a 17-year-old Kirkwood resident after his stepmother walked in while he was exposing himself to his 5-year-old stepister.

Houston police released a photo of the wig-wearing

man who robbed the Bank of America on Blackhawk at Beltway 8.

Clear Brook principal Michael Kreis resigned after only one year to return to the Dallas area, his original home.

5 years ago (2010)
Multiple law enforcement agencies raided two suspected illegal gambling operations on the Gulf Freeway at Fuqua. Undercover FBI agents, deputies from the Harris County Sheriff's Office and officers from the Houston Police Department conducted the raids, which netted 14 arrests. Police described the locations as non-descript storefronts with no visible signage.

Nancy Flores was named the new principal of Morris Middle School. She replaced Susan Blalock, who retired.

The South Point Park and Ride expansion project finalized with the ribbon cutting for the new facility located at 12410 Kirland at Interstate 45 South. The capacity of the facility was more than doubled, adding 390 extra parking spots.

1 year ago (2014)
The Pasadena Independent School District proposed a \$175.5 million November bond election to construct new campuses and make other structural improvements. The bond would provide for a new Dobie High School ninth-grade campus and a new local intermediate school, to be located in the Riverstone Ranch area.

A young woman was killed in a single-vehicle accident in the 2200 block of Pearland Parkway near Hughes Road/Barry Rose. Taylor Montgomery, 20, was pronounced dead at the scene.

According to Pearland police, Montgomery was traveling north on the street when she failed to maneuver a curve and veered off

the road, striking a light pole and then a cement wall, causing her car to flip over.

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Condits to celebrate golden anniversary

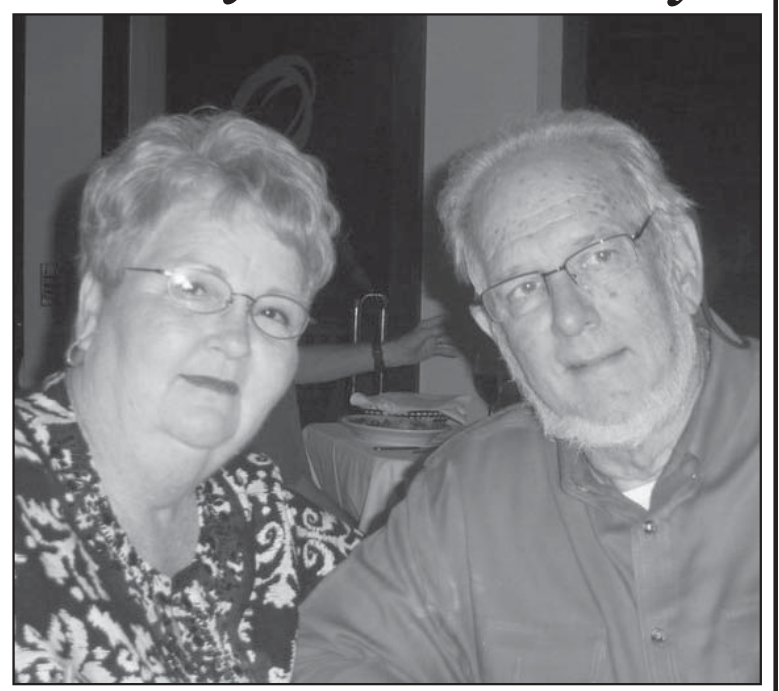


Longtime South Belt residents Russ and Tina Condit will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on July 24, 2015. Diamantina R. Trujillo, daughter of Miguel and Adela, and Russell C. Condit, son of William and Jean, were wed at the Holy Redeemer Church in Laredo, Texas, on July 24, 1965. Russ and Tina met and were married when both were serving in the United States Air Force at McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey. After spending an-



other three years in the USAF at Yokota Air Base, Japan, they returned to the United States where Russ obtained a degree from Penn State University while Tina provided her support by working on the campus. The couple has a son, Jeffrey, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1971, the same year that Russ took a position with Texaco, Inc., and they moved to Houston. Tina held several employment positions during Russ' 31-year career. Since retirement in 2001, they have enjoyed extensive travel which includes more than 25 cruises. Russ has a sister, Beverly, and her family in Pennsylvania and Nebraska, and Tina has nine surviving brothers and sisters, their families, and her mother, Adela, in Houston. Jeffrey, who also resides in Houston, likes to spend quality time with his parents and will enjoy a quiet dinner with them at a fine restaurant to celebrate their 50th anniversary. True to form, Russ and Tina will embark on a Caribbean cruise shortly thereafter.

Heinrichs celebrate 50-year anniversary



Ted and Linda Heinrich, longtime residents of Sagemeadow, celebrated their 50th anniversary on Friday, July 10. They met on a blind date and were married seven months later on July 10, 1965, in Freeport. To celebrate they were treated to a family getaway at The Retreat at Artesian Lakes in Cleveland and a reception at the Courtyard Houston NASA/Clear Lake. Both events are given by their two children and five grandchildren and friends. These included Carl Heinrich and daughter-in-law Martha Heinrich and their children Carl IV, Drayton, Meadaux and Easton Heinrich; son-in-law Anthony Sais and daughter Piper Sais and their daughter Parker Sais; close family friends Adam and Kim Serna and their children Gabriella and Sofia Serna.

5-week SJC computer course lands jobs

Kimberly Sanchez's plan for taking a local computer course was to pick up a few new skills, spruce up her resume, and apply for some jobs online. What she picked up was employment.

Sanchez was a participant in the inaugural Basic Computer Workplace Skills course offered at the Cleveland-Ripley Neighborhood Center in Pasadena recently with curriculum delivered by the San Jacinto College Continuing and Professional Development (CPD) division. She learned about the free course through Bridge Over Troubled Waters. Her classmate, Sara Corey, also received a call for a job interview after posting her resume online during a class project and was hired by Eagle Collision.

"Because of this class, I was hired for a job," said Sanchez, a single mother of three children who was hired by

Home Depot as a customer service representative. "Now that I have these new computer skills, they are going to keep me in mind for an office position. I'm even thinking about going back to school, transferring to San Jacinto College." The five-week course, funded by the Texas Public Education Grant, covered lessons on how to use Microsoft Word, type a basic resume, how to conduct an online job search and complete an online job application, how to use Excel, and the basic operations of a computer.

For student Jacqueline Jackson, the course helped her overcome some of the intimidation associated with first-time computer users.

"I am grateful to God for this opportunity," said Jackson. "Before this class, all I could do was turn on a computer. Now, it's no longer a machine to me, but a computer."

Offering this type of class to community members provides an invaluable service for anyone looking for employment in today's technologically savvy job search environment, according to Margie Pena, community developer with Neighborhood Centers Inc. In addition to more companies and organizations relying on online applications for their hiring process, GED testing is phasing out paper and going online, says Jereyn Hughes-Glenn, director of computer and IT training with the college's CPD division.

Hughes-Glenn recently addressed the 10 participants upon their completion of the Basic Computer Workplace Skills course at the Neighborhood Center and said, "You have now entered the education system, and we want to see you one day walk across that stage to shake hands with

our chancellor."

"This class puts you in the 21st century and gives you the ability to use computers in everyday life, from shopping at a grocery store to helping your children with their homework to transitioning into a job that uses computers," Hughes-Glenn noted. "This is why we're here, to serve our community."

The San Jacinto College CPD division will soon offer a bank teller course at the Cleveland-Ripley Neighborhood Center.

Help teach children gun safety

The Houston Police Department wants to remind everyone that firearms safety is a responsibility all must share, especially with regards to children.

With children out of

Rushing waters aren't the only danger associated with flooding. Houstonians could be confronted by unlicensed contractors, false charities and other unscrupulous players looking to take advantage of their situation.

"They can take you for a lot of money, a lot of aggravation," said Jeff Kapec, a former insurance adjuster.

People need information to help prevent the problem arising. Simple "Do this, avoid that" knowledge can prepare people to make good decisions.

What you should do when: You think a solicitation might be a scam

Ask for references and check them out before agree-

ing to meet or buy.

- Favor local businesses with a fixed address.
- Never pay upfront for work. Sometimes you may have to put some money down but make sure they are legitimate businesses through your vetting process.

For local salespeople who call or visit:

- Vet them. Make sure they are licensed or bonded or have good references. (On the other hand, don't overlook a legitimate low-cost solution: sometimes the boy next door can do a great job for small repairs.)
- If you sign a contract, make sure you have a few days to cancel.
- Get their phone numbers, addresses, and record their li-

avoided by following these gun safety tips:

- Keep all firearms out of reach of children. They should be stored unloaded and under lock and key.
- Do not hide them under pillows or in bedside tables or nightstands.
- Talk to children about the dangers of firearms and remind them these are not toys.
- Most importantly, child-proof guns with a trigger guard or some other safety device.
- One should always assume and treat a firearm as if it was loaded.
- Teach children to "Stop, Don't Touch, Run Away and Tell a Grown Up."

Police Chief Charles A. McClelland Jr. speaks on child gun safety, and proper use and installation of a child safety gun lock on the HPD YouTube channel at <http://youtu.be/e6wyXbnJgUY>.

Under the Texas Penal Code, making a firearm accessible to a child is a Class C misdemeanor. If a child discharges a firearm causing serious bodily injury or death to himself/herself or another person, it is a Class A misdemeanor.

For more information on gun safety, visit www.texasch.us/parent_info.htm or <https://eddieagle.nra.org/>.

HPD's Help Us, Help You campaign is aimed at sharing information and educating citizens on crime prevention and everyday tips related to public safety.

Consulting PeopleClaim and the Better Business Bureau is a safe way to ensure the company is legitimate and in good standing. Both services can be free.

You have an insurance claim

- Be prepared with a listing of all the damage.
- Read your policy for what is covered and not covered.
- If possible, have a contractor present.

If a property owner says it was damaged by the storm, it was. (That's the rule of law insurance companies must follow in Texas concerning property damage.)

- Document the damage with a lot of pictures.
- If the insurer denies your

claim or offers less than it takes to fix it, call the company back and discuss it.

- If need be, escalate. Be persistent: Call the supervisor. If not satisfied call the insurance company's claim manager. If need be, go to the top.

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Medina's education impacted by Graham

South Houston High School's Shining Star Diego Medina is shown with distinguished educator Kimberly Graham who instructs AP English 3. Medina and Graham 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. Medina has served as a volunteer for Adopt-a-Beach and participated in Academic Decathlon as extracurricular activities.

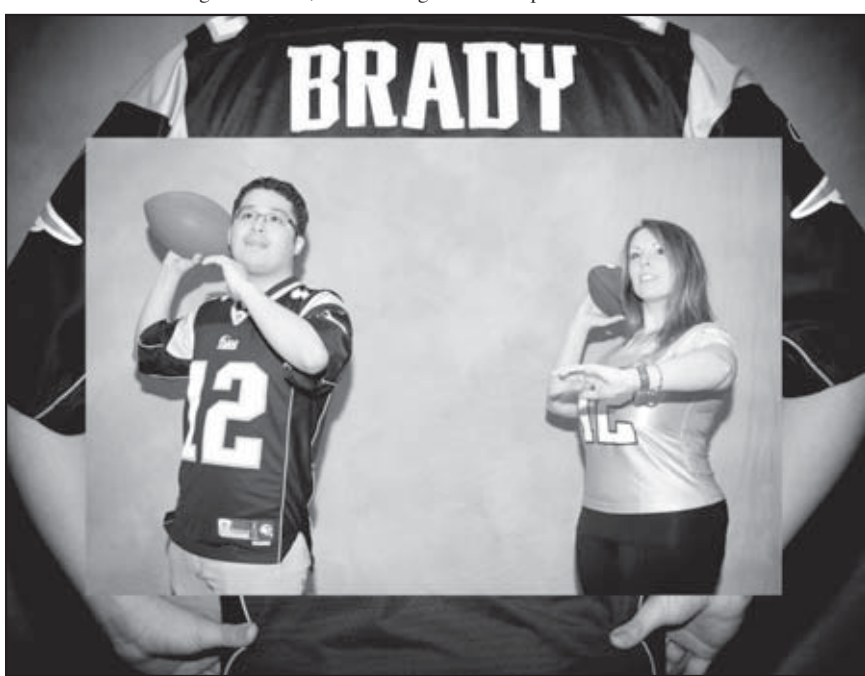
Medina held the leadership position of National Honor Society president. In the future, Medina plans to major in chemical engineering.

Concerning his teacher, Medina said, "The hardest thing about Shining Stars is having to single out the best educator among an array of excellent educators. However, despite the quality of all of my teachers since kindergarten, I can definitely say that Ms. Graham had the most impact on my education."

"Ms. Graham fueled every day with enthusiasm and a bright smile. Although Ms. Graham is new to South Houston, she was recognized as the 'Teacher of the Year' in only her first year, which is truly a testament to the profound impact Ms. Graham's energy has on her students and the school."

The South Belt Shining Stars will be presented in a series of 10 students being honored along with their favorite mentor. This is the fifth in the series of 10. The 10 Shining Stars represent the Top 10 South Houston High School students.

The information and photos were supplied by the Pasadena Independent School District. The Leader is also running the Top 10 Shining Stars from Dobie and Pasadena Memorial high schools. (See Pages 2A and 3A.)



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Leader shares 2015 vacation photos

Colemans enjoy trip to Florida



The Coleman family of Sagemont enjoyed vacationing for five days in Florida with best friends Michelle and Javi Munguia and family. The trip was the Colemans' first time in Florida. They started off the vacation at Henderson State Beach and then chartered a dolphin tour (mom and baby dolphin inset) on the second day. The third day the family spent time shopping on the boardwalk. They spent the last two days enjoying the breezy air on the beaches. They also ate at the Margaritaville Restaurant.

Pictured are (back left) Destiny Coleman, Timothy Coleman and their two sons, (front left) Trace and Kailor, and Michelle and Javi Munguia (back right) and their three children, (front right) Sophia, Suhrai and David.

Photos submitted



Kailor gives a "thumbs up!"



Kailor (right) takes a turn at driving the boat with the captain's assistance.

Gross, James family explores Europe

Longtime Kirkwood South residents Robert and Mary James took their entire family on a two-week trip to Europe the day after daughter Chrissy Gross' son graduated from Dobie High School.



The first stop for the family on June 6 was Paris, France. Pictured on a bridge over the Seine are, left to right, Chris Powell, Zane Gross, Robert James, Mary James, Chloe Gross, Tammy Gross and Chrissy Gross.



Zane and Chloe on June 13 inside a Dublin souvenir shop.



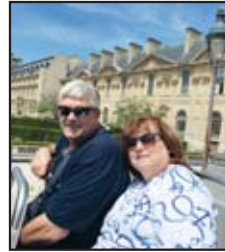
Zane and Chloe have fun at the Tower of London on June 10.



Mary, Robert, Tammy, Zane and Chloe at a castle in Kilkenny, Ireland, on June 12.



Gross' parents Robert and Mary James take a Seine River cruise near the Eiffel Tower on June 7.



Robert and Mary James outside of the Louvre in Paris on June 7.



Chrissy on the London Eye on June 9 with Big Ben in the background.



Chris Powell at the third stop of the trip, Ireland. This picture was taken on June 12 at Tollymore Forest. The group went on a Game of Thrones tour to Northern Ireland, and this location was near a site that was used for filming the show.

Garay, Salazar visit California



Luis Garay and girlfriend Vanessa Salazar went to visit her family in San Diego. While there, they went to La Jolla, Calif., (beach pictures) and also took the time to visit UCLA in Los Angeles (bottom left photo). The couple live in Woodmeadow subdivision, and have both lived in the South Belt area for about eight years. Both are Dobie High School graduates. Salazar graduated in 2013 and Garay graduated in 2015. They spent about two weeks in California, spending most of their time outside enjoying the bright California sun. While there, they attended a family member's high school graduation. Both plan to move to California in the near future to attend school in Los Angeles.



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Avoid scams after a storm

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- If you can't resolve it on the phone, file a complaint online using PeopleClaim, the BBB, or the Texas Attorney General's Office.
- If need be, call and file complaints with multiple organizations.

"I think after storms, people really need to take a deep breath," Kapec said. He is now the director of marketing and publicity for www.PeopleClaim.com, an online dispute resolution system.

Mark Hanna, spokesman for the Insurance Council of Texas, recommends asking an insurance agent for advice. He or she has worked with the contractors or mechanics before and knows if they've done well and treated their customers fairly.

"They have worked with these people over the years," Hanna said.

Comstock begins local ministry



The Rev. Trey Comstock

Comstock at new CrossRoads

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speaking services and that they are both attended equally. I would love to see a diverse congregation who can find the common space to commute to and share our faith together.

"I don't want to see a congregation where the half that speaks English never speaks to the half that speaks Spanish and the other way around. I want to see a congregation where we're able to bring those two cultures together and offer meaningful outreach to both through events that bring the community together.

"This church isn't a fortress against the community, but this is a community center. Christ breaks down all barriers, but humans tend to build their own barriers against that. A lot of times we hear the story of the Tower of Babel. It goes something like the builders built the tower so high that's why it fell. The truth to the story is that they were building a fortress, so that they could all stay within those walls and never have to go anywhere or do anything. They were so united that they built a barrier against change so that they would not be scattered throughout the earth. I don't want us to build a wall, but rather open the doors to change and let this be a place where all of the community feels welcomed, loved and experiences Christ."

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The Tragedy of Hamlet, Prince of Denmark

Clear Creek Community Theatre continues its Shakespeare in the Summer series with a modern retelling of *The Tragedy of Hamlet*.

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Performances: *Hamlet* runs July 23 through Aug. 1 - Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$13 to \$15. Group rates are available.

Clear Creek Community Theatre is located at 18091 Upper Bay Road in Nassau Bay.

The Servant of Two Masters

The Servant of Two Masters was written by Carlo Goldoni in 1746 in the "commedia dell'arte" style which is the grandfather of today's TV sitcoms.

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Performances: Aug. 7, 8, 14 and 15 at 7 p.m., and Aug. 9 at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets are available online at www.clearcreekcommunitytheatre.com or by contacting the box office 281-335-5228.

Clear Creek Community Theatre is located at 18091 Upper Bay Road in Nassau Bay.

SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

Norman excited as Dobie nears preseason work

There is just a little more than two weeks before the start of preseason football workouts at Dobie High School. Players will hit the field for the first time Aug. 3.

It's an exciting time for the program, what with first-year head coach Mike Norman and his staff ready to unveil the next era of Dobie football. The *Leader* took the opportunity to sit down with Norman to discuss a variety of football-related topics as that first week of practice

draws near.

Coaching staff

Norman retained virtually the entire coaching staff from former head coach Jim Phillips' regime - with the exception of two. Longtime Dobie educator/coach Todd Gerles has elected to return to

teaching only. Former defensive coordinator Lance Dale, who interviewed last spring for the head coaching position, has joined the football staff at Dickinson High School.

There won't be many role changes with the curriculum. **Continued on Page 3B**

Dobie Aug. 3 workout times

1:30 p.m. - Sophomores, juniors and seniors report.

5:30 p.m. - Incoming freshmen report.

BAFL programs to host conditioning

The Southbelt Dolphins of the Bay Area Football League will host a final equipment issue session, Saturday, July 18.

The session (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.) will be held at Blackhawk Park, the home field site for the Dolphins during the regular season.

All players who are already registered to play this season must attend one of the available ses-

sions.

Team officials are still seeking both 8- to 9-year-old players as well as those 10 to 12 years old.

Families must provide a copy of the player's birth certificate at registration, and the sign-up fee must be paid in full.

Conditioning camp

The Dolphins will host an optional conditioning camp for their registered

players July 20-21 and July 23, also at Blackhawk Park, from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m.

While players are not required to attend the league wide camp, team officials strongly urge those who have the time to attend, to do so as it will help players better get acclimated to the summer heat. **Continued on Page 2B**

Bay Area Football League Key Dates

Saturday, July 25: First official day of practice. The Dolphins (Blackhawk Park) and Cowboys (El Franco Lee Park) will practice on their home game fields, while the Rams will practice on their normal practice field at Wilson Park.

Saturday, August 15: Opening day within the league. Ellington will play at the Magnolia Park Sharks. The Cowboys will play at the Bayou City Gators, and the Dolphins will play at the La Marque Cougars.

Athletics physicals a must

Just over two weeks remain before the start of preseason workouts for cross-country, football, tennis and volleyball at the high school level.

That means it's almost time to get back out on the playing surface, but not before athletes take care of any off-field issues, including completing an athletics physical for the 2015-2016 school year.

Per University Inter-

scholastic League guidelines, athletes who do not have a completed physical on file at their attending school will not be allowed to take part in any form of team-related workouts.

Seemingly every year, coaches come away dismayed at the number of athletes who show up for workouts but do not yet have an official physical on file. It's time to get it done.

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

Intermediate school athletes will not begin football or volleyball workouts until the first day of school - Aug. 25.

The same rule applies. Without a completed physical, athletes cannot practice.

Dobie's Molina now a Thunderduck



Damian Molina (seated), a class of 2015 Dobie High School graduate, is set to join the baseball program at Richland College in Dallas after signing a letter of intent with the Thunderducks this summer. Those with Molina at the signing included, left to right, Devin Molina (brother), Telsie Molina (mother), Guy Simmons (Richland

College baseball head coach) and J.D. Molina (father). Damian Molina pitched for the Dobie varsity baseball team this past season and also played in the infield and outfield, and now he'll take his on-field versatility to Richland, where the Thunderducks were 21-24 in National Junior College Athletic Association Division III action.

20 years ago -

Talton, Dobie made Region III run

Editor's note: The following is a recap of the Longhorns' 1994-95 run to the varsity boys' basketball Region III tournament final. Later this month, the *Leader* will share thoughts from some of the players who were on the ride along

with Talton. **By John Bechtle Sports Editor**

What a perfect time it was last April to welcome former longtime Dobie varsity boys' basketball coach Scott Talton into the Pasadena ISD athletics hall of fame.

The late Talton, along with other PISD legends from the past, including Dobie's Randy McEachern, were honored at Phillips Field House before a packed house, including plenty of Talton supporters.

How fitting it was for the Talton family and so many of his former players. It was 20 years ago plus some change when the varsity boys' basketball team enjoyed its finest moment in program history.

Dobie's playoff run that season - four wins in all - included victories over the state's then No. 2 ranked team and another over a team that had won 23 straight contests before falling to the Longhorns.

A sluggish start against eventual Region III champion Clear Lake all but doomed Dobie in its quest to reach state, but the loss did nothing to diminish

the memories the players and coaches were able to savor.

As it stands, the 1994-95 run to the Region III title game represents the Longhorns' deepest-ever playoff journey.

It simply all came together for the Longhorns that year - until running into Clear Lake.

The Longhorns' Deondray Carter was named to the all Region III team after the tournament was complete.

As for Talton, he was recognized as the Coach of the Year in the Greater Houston area by both major metropolitan newspapers - the Houston Chronicle and the Houston Post.

Dobie entered the playoffs that 1994-95 season as the second-place team in the district, with North Shore taking the top spot. At 19-10 overall, it's hard to imagine that very many people expected the **Continued on Page 2B**



Scott Talton had many shining moments while winning 500 career games as Dobie's varsity boys' basketball coach. One of those surely came during the 1994-95 season as Talton guided the Longhorns to the Region III and within one win of the state tournament.

JFD offers incoming frosh camp

Dobie varsity football is \$30 prior to July 29 and head coach Mike Norman and his staff will host Camp Head Start July 30-31 at the high school. The camp will run from 8 to 11 a.m. each day. Cost of the camp is \$40 thereafter. Parents will be responsible for covering their children with appropriate medical insurance. For more information, call 713-740-0370.

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Brook ex takes Alvin VB gig

Suzi Boulavsky Buechele, a four-year volleyball starter at both Clear Brook High School and the University of Oklahoma, has been named the varsity girls' volleyball head coach at Alvin High School.



Suzi Boulavsky Buechele

Buechele played as a freshman at Clear Brook alongside her sister, Jessie Boulavsky, that first year. She then anchored the middle as a power left-handed outside hitter for current head coach Meredith Thompson.

Heavily recruited as a high school senior, Buechele chose Oklahoma, where she enjoyed a standout career with the Sooners. The 2010 team reached the Sweet 16

round of the NCAA tournament.

Buechele was named an Academic All-American first team selection by the College Sports Information Directors of America following the 2011 season.

Following her collegiate graduation, Buechele

focused on earning a master's degree before joining Pearland varsity volleyball head coach John Turner's staff for the previous two seasons.

At Alvin, Buechele inherits a strong program, one that very well could challenge defending District 22-6A champion Pearland for the league's top spot this season.

Pearland went unbeaten to win the league title a season ago, followed by Alvin, Dawson and Manvel.

Buechele is expected to assist Brook's Thompson at the Lady Wolverines' youth camp coming later this month (see Page 3B). She will then open workouts at Alvin Aug. 3.

Carter, Galloway led as JFD rolled into Region III final

Continued from Page 1B Longhorns to venture very far in the postseason bracket.

However, Carter, Corrie Galloway, Talton and the rest of the team had other ideas.

It all began in the bidistrict round as the Longhorns went against Angleton at the University of Houston's Hofheinz Pavilion.

Honestly, Dobie might have caught a break before the game even began after Angleton standout player James Harris was suspended for taking part in a fight at school and subsequently missed the game.

Without Harris' size in the post available, the Wildcats turned to the 3-point field goal with little success.

Instead, Galloway delivered his first of several terrific postseason performances, scoring a game-high 23 points and controlling the boards with 11.

Carter, meanwhile, gave the Longhorns a 1-2 punch as he had 10 points.

The game was close through much of the first half, but the Longhorns closed the deal both by defending the 3-point line - Angleton went 4 of 24 from deep - and by converting its own chances as Keith chipped in with 12 points, including a trio of 3-point field goals.

On to the area playoff round as the Longhorns looked to overcome its perceived role as David versus a very good Goliath team.

Beaumont West Brook, led by future San Jacinto College men's basketball star Omar Sneed, had put together quite an impressive season entering the second round.

No doubt, the Bruins figured Dobie to be not much more than a blip on the radar screen.

Interestingly enough, the Bruins looked to have the game won, yet the Longhorns refused to fold.

Beaumont West Brook, ranked No. 1 in the greater Houston area for the entire season, entered the game at 28-2 and holder of the state's No. 2 overall ranking.

With all of that buildup in hand, the Bruins were favored to win Region III. West Brook, which defeated the Longhorns by 10 points in the regular season, held leads both in regulation and the first overtime, only to see the Longhorns recover.

Down 62-58 with a minute, four seconds left in regulation, Dobie got a 3-pointer from Carter to get within one.

After a pair of Bruin free throws again lengthened the BWB edge to 3, Carter drained a 3-pointer from the top of the key with :11 remaining.

Keith hit a big three ball at the start of the first overtime, as each time the Longhorns fought back. Stanton's 3-pointer late in the first overtime extended the game once more.

Once the second overtime came, the Longhorns decided to take things into their own hands.

Forcing West Brook into turnovers on each of the Bruins' first five possessions in double overtime, the Longhorns took control.

With West Brook fouling intentionally at times to save precious clock ticks, the Longhorns eventually sank 10 straight free throws to lock up the win.

An 88-72 double overtime thriller in hand, the Longhorns had advanced.

Again, Galloway led the Longhorns with 22 points and 11 rebounds.

Carter also did his work inside for Dobie to the tune of 17 points and 10 rebounds.

Keith fired in 13 points, with Richie Evensen good for 10 more.

As great as Sneed was for West Brook, he saw his final game end with 29 points and 15 rebounds.

Deemed as the upset of the season to that point, the game was one for the ages, especially for Dobie.

"It was an inspired effort," Talton told the *Leader* at the time. "Deondray hit two big threes, and Shaun had a huge three."

"When we hit that three at the end of the first overtime, it was a huge lift for us. We had a ton of momentum."

Days later, the Longhorns hoped to carry that momentum into action against MacArthur in a game played at Butler Field House.

For the second time in as many games, the Longhorns seemed to be headed for a playoff exit.

Down five points (54-49) with :30 to play, Dobie took advantage as MacArthur missed the front end of a 1-and-1 opportunity at the free throw line.

Carter drove inside for a quick basket, and the same scenario played out once more.

Following a MacArthur free throw miss, Carter scored another basket as the score was 54-53.

With :09 left, Carter's two free throws put the Longhorns ahead for good at 55-54.

Evenson's late free throw made the final score 56-54 as Dobie was headed to the Region III final four, held at Hofheinz Pavilion annually at that time.

With Clear Lake and Milby on the other side of the bracket, the Longhorns prepared for a bigger, physical Washington team that had won 23 straight games to that point.

To put things in perspective, Dobie's Galloway and Carter were freaks of nature, especially then. Galloway was taller than Carter at 6'6, but he had a thinner frame that made it much easier for him to block shots while coming from the weak side than simply bodying up against the biggest of big men.

Carter, shorter than Galloway at 6'1", was much more muscular than Galloway but simply lacked the height to continuously defend much taller players.

One thing's for sure, though. Galloway and Carter could jump out of

the building while going up against anyone.

The quandary against Washington then, was that the Golden Eagles featured two big bodies on the inside, including 6-foot-7-inch Derrion Yates.

Neither team gained much of an edge on the scoreboard throughout.

Simply put, Carter's floater in the lane over Yates with :04 left in the game gave the Longhorns a 39-38 victory and an invitation to the Region III final against Clear Lake.

"I was looking for a good shot," Carter said of his turning, twisting effort over Yates. "(Yates) had the height advantage, so I had to go over him."

Talton's view was similar. "We had hoped to go to either Deondray or Corrie," Talton said.

"We hit Deondray high and he did a good job of going 1-on-1. Deondray turned on (Yates) and had the ball away from him."

Carter, who scored his team's final eight points, finished the game with 21. Galloway added 13 points and six rebounds.

It was on to face Clear Lake, which had already forged quite a history against Dobie. When Clear Lake won the state title in 1989, Dobie had been the last team to beat the Falcons in a regular season game at Phillips Field House in what was considered - at the time - to be one of the Longhorns' most thrilling wins in school history.

This time around, however, the Longhorns lacked the magic that had carried them to this point.

Clear Lake hit three straight threes early on to build a 9-2 lead. Five minutes elapsed in the first quarter before Dobie made its first basket.

Shooting 4 of 24 from the field in the first half, Dobie trailed 22-9 at one point before getting to within 22-14 at halftime.

In the second half, the Falcons were simply able to hold off the locals, making nine straight free throws down the stretch while winning 42-33.

Carter, who more than capably guarded 6'10" Clear Lake post player Justin Maronge, finished with 20 points.

Maronge, meanwhile, had just nine points and four rebounds.

With 41 of Dobie's 72 points scored in the final two games, Carter cemented his status as a basketball icon at Dobie.

Even Talton knew what he had watched was something special.

"Deondray stepped up and answered the call in every game for us," Talton said. "I don't think anyone had a better regional tournament than him."

That's the anatomy of what went down that 1994-95 season.

Talton and many other players combined for plenty of other memorable moments, but this one represented the closest JFD has ever gotten to the state tournament.

Up next, some of the players retell their memories of how it all played out back then.

SBGSA 14-under all-star team places fourth at FASA national championship



The South Belt Girls Softball Association's 14-under age group all-star team competed in the Fastpitch America Softball Association Firecracker National Championship tournament in Bear Creek Park, taking fourth place among 10 teams in the event. Members of the SBGSA team are, left to right, (front row) assistant coach John Colunga, De'Janee Dykes, Lexanie Rodriguez,

Danielle Colunga, assistant coach Joe Olivares, (back row) head coach Eddie Colunga, Morgan Jefferson, Bionce Caldera, Shayenne Oilvares, Mandelyn Jones, Erika Garza, Arryanna Martinez, Kayla Romero and Maritza Elizalde. Not pictured is assistant coach Roderick Jefferson and players Kayla Guajardo and Delilah Alvarado.

Bay Area Football League season nears Aug. 15 kickoff

Continued from Page 1B

Preseason practices within the Bay Area Football League will begin Saturday, July 25. The Dolphins' first practice at Blackhawk Park will begin at 8:15 a.m.

The BAFL regular season will kick off Saturday, Aug. 15.

Rams to condition

The Ellington Rams' organization will also host a voluntary conditioning camp July 21-23 at Wilson Park, home practice site

for the team.

Registered players for the 2015 regular season may attend the conditioning camp for \$35.

Players should wear a T-shirt, shorts and cleats or appropriate football shoes.

Players are also asked to bring water.

The camp will run each evening from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

For more information, call team president Sandy Gracia at 832-863-4639.

'Boys to train

The Sagemont Cowboys will also host a 3-night conditioning camp for its registered 2015 players.

The camp will be held July 20-21 as well as July 23 at El Franco Lee Park, home game facility of the Cowboys.

Then it's on to preseason practices for a couple of weeks before the start of the regular season. Kickoff is indeed right around the corner.

Ellington Rams - Joined BAFL in 2003 and made an instant impact. Won the senior division Super Bowl championship last season.

Sagemont Cowboys - Was a charter organization within BAFL in 1977. Has for decades developed young players who have eventually gone on to play at Dobie.

Southbelt Dolphins - Entered BAFL in 1985 and have produced numerous Super Bowl titles. Many former Dolphins also eventually play football at Dobie.

Ellington Rams

2015 football schedule

Date	Opponent
Aug. 15	at Magnolia Park Sharks
Aug. 22	at Pearland Hurricanes
Aug. 29	Texas City Stingrays
Sept. 5	Pearland Texans
Sept. 12	at Bayou City Gators
Sept. 19	East End Eagles
Sept. 26	Bye Week
Oct. 3	Southbelt Dolphins
Oct. 10	Pasadena Panthers
Oct. 17	at League City Saints
Oct. 24	at North Shore Mustangs

8 a.m. - Pee wee; 9 a.m. - Senior; 10:45 a.m. - Junior; 12:30 p.m. - Sophomore; 2:15 p.m. - Freshman.

Southbelt Dolphins

2015 football schedule

Date	Opponent
Aug. 15	at La Marque Cougars
Aug. 22	North Shore Mustangs
Aug. 29	East End Eagles
Sept. 5	at Bayou City Gators
Sept. 12	League City Saints
Sept. 19	Bye week
Sept. 26	Pearland Hurricanes
Oct. 3	at Ellington Rams
Oct. 10	Texas City Stingrays
Oct. 17	at League City '49ers
Oct. 24	Sagemont Cowboys

8 a.m. - Pee wee; 9 a.m. - Senior; 10:45 a.m. - Junior; 12:30 p.m. - Sophomore; 2:15 p.m. - Freshman.

Sagemont Cowboys

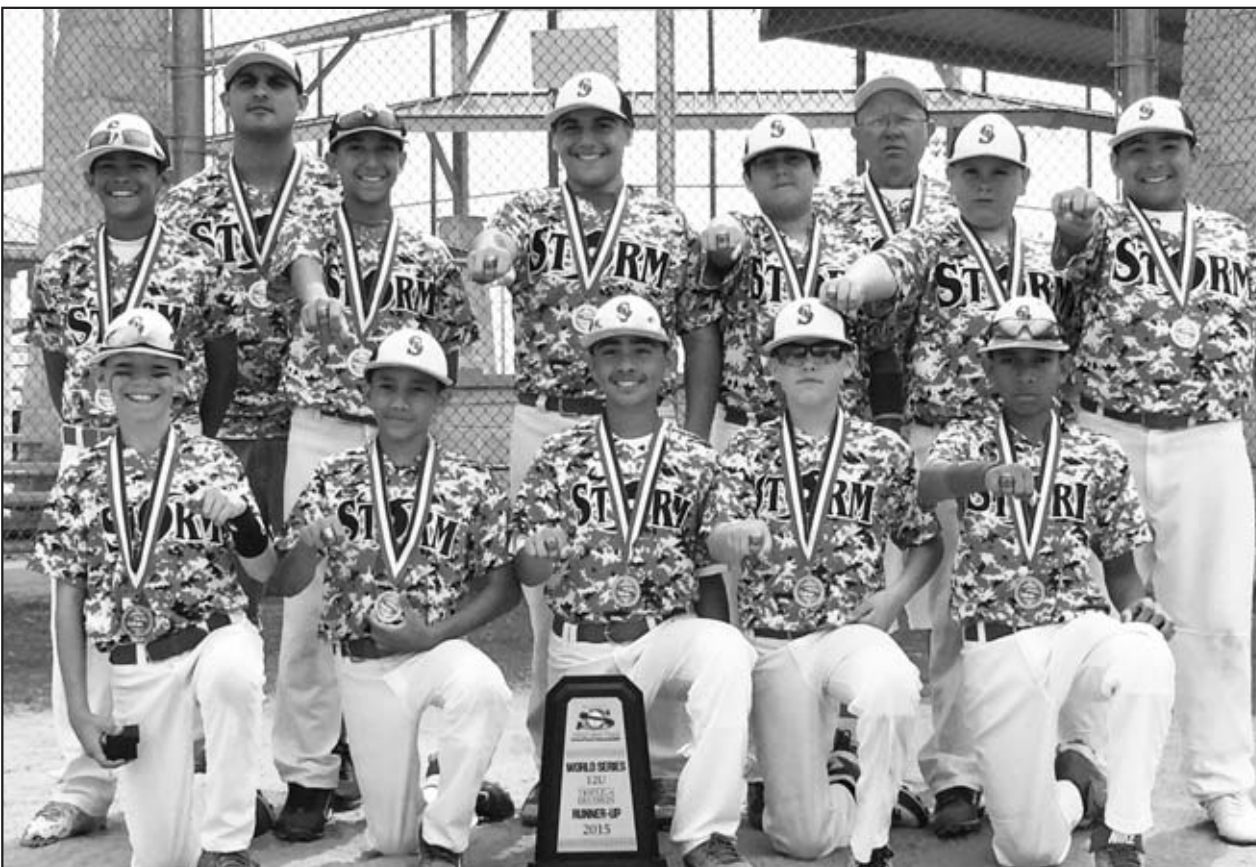
2015 football schedule

Date	Opponent
Aug. 15	at Bayou City Gators
Aug. 22	Magnolia Park Sharks
Aug. 29	Pearland Patriots
Sept. 5	at Beaumont Bulls
Sept. 12	League City '49ers
Sept. 19	Bye week
Sept. 26	La Marque Cougars
Oct. 3	at North Shore Mustangs
Oct. 10	Pearland Texans
Oct. 17	at Pasadena Panthers
Oct. 24	at Southbelt Dolphins

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Texas Storm 12U baseball places second at Super Series World Series

At right, the Texas Storm, a 12-under select baseball team based in the South Belt area, placed second at the Super Series World Series Baseball Tournament (AAA division). The team played six games in four days, qualifying for the trophy round and eventually placing second in World Series competition for the second straight season. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Matthew Garcia, Mario Irachete, Xavier Lerma, Colby Mooror, Norberto Ramirez, Jr., (middle row) Luke Giron, Aaron Longoria, Cameron Jauregui, Mauricio Jasso, Kyle Redmon, Xavier Tellez, (back row) coaches Aaron Longoria and Craig Redmon. Not pictured is Jaja Sanni.



Sports news, notes

Lady Wolverine volleyball

Clear Brook varsity volleyball coach Meredith Thompson, her staff and current and former collegiate players will combine to host the 2015 Lady Wolverines' youth camp July 27-30 at Westbrook Intermediate.

Students entering the third through ninth grades as of the 2015-2016 school year are eligible to attend.

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

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

The entry form can be obtained at www.clearbrookathletics.com.

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

GAT strength/conditioning

The coaching staff at Thompson Intermediate will host a voluntary strength and conditioning program for incoming seventh- and eighth-grade students as of the 2015-2016 school year.

The session will be held July 20-23, from 9 to 11 a.m. each day. Cost is \$25 cash per student, and no other forms of payment will be accepted.

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

Participants are asked to arrive 15 minutes early July 20 in order to complete the registration process.

Dobie VB boot camp, tryout

Dobie High School varsity volleyball coach Dawn Gutierrez and her staff will host the Lady Longhorns' voluntary boot camp for incoming freshmen as well as returning program players as of the 2015-2016 season.

The camp will be held July 27-30 at Dobie, from 9 a.m. to noon each day. The cost is \$40 per student. Parents of participants are required to cover medical insurance/costs as the Pasadena ISD does not cover students' insurance for summer fitness/recreation programs.

Gutierrez will also host official Dobie team tryouts Aug. 3, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (varying times) in the school gym.

Any player wishing to participate must have a current athletic physical on file at the school before being cleared to try out.

For more information, call Gutierrez at 281-889-3481 or direct email to her at Dgutierrez2@pasadenaisd.org.

JFD youth swimming camp

Dobie High School swimming coach Bradley Nguyen will host the Longhorns' annual youth camp Aug. 3-6 at the Beverly Hills Intermediate pool, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. each day.

The fee is \$60 cash or check (made out to Dobie H.S. swim booster club), and includes a camp T-shirt. Participants should wear swimming attire and bring goggles, towel, water, etc.

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

For more information, call Nguyen at 281-773-1712.

Dobie netters invite ex players

The Dobie High School tennis program will host its annual exes matches Saturday, Aug. 8, at the Longhorn courts.

Current members of the Dobie program will compete against former Longhorn players in doubles competition. The action will begin at 9 a.m. All players are expected to be ready to be divided into doubles teams and to be ready to compete by 9:15 a.m.

There will also be an open workout for former players who wish to get in some practice. That will be held Aug. 7, from 6 to 8 p.m. Current Dobie players will also be practicing in preparation for the upcoming season at this time.

Any former JFD varsity tennis players interested in competing may direct email to Dobie tennis head coach Manuel Moreno Jr. at mmoreno@pasadenaisd.org.

Norman's Dobie football era set to hit the field Aug. 3

Continued from Page 1B rent staff. Norman brought in new coordinators. Anthony Evans will head the offense, and Donald Randle is the defensive coordinator.

Charles Washington, who was the Longhorns' offensive coordinator for the 2014 season, will return to his original role as quarterbacks coach but will remain heavily involved in offensive game planning.

The transition

The term "rebuild" won't be used as long as Norman is heading the Dobie program, but there's little doubt the program has and will continue to undergo a bit of a transition phase as the pre-season and regular season play out. It simply goes that way.

But having just watched roughly 60 athletes parade into the weight room for strength and conditioning work on this particular day, Norman was pleased with the way players have "bought in" to the new way of life within JFD

football.

Norman wasn't hired in time for the program to be able to go through a full spring workout session, so the new guy in town has yet to see his players in pads and full uniform. He can't wait.

But he saw a couple of weeks of players tossing the ball around, and the Longhorns were involved in nine or so 7-on-7 games.

"There are some great athletes here, and we want to encourage the continual work ethic and focus to doing the little things right in order to be more successful," Norman said.

"The talent level here is sufficient to be very competitive. The kids are excited to get going. They've committed this summer. We're excited to get them out there."

Dobie outlook

One thing is for sure. Dobie will be committed to throwing the football more than in recent years. Norman and his staff focused on identifying play makers during the 7-on-7 schedule.

Breon Simmons. Jaylon Bolden. Kaelon Woods. You will be getting the football coming your way. And there will be plenty of others.

The staff is also excited about the possibilities surrounding Jesse Paredes, a senior who will be playing football for the first time. He's slated to play tight end.

The best word used to describe Norman's offense is multiple. That is, the Longhorns will employ numerous sets designed to create mismatches and advantages.

The system will also take what the defense gives when necessary.

Dobie will still run the football quite a bit. But the ball will be in the air much more as well.

The biggest concern heading into 2015 is the restocking of the offensive line. All five starters from 2014 graduated in the senior class.

If one counts Paredes as a possible starter at tight end, there will be six newcomers along the offensive

front when the Longhorns trot onto the field Aug. 28 at Deer Park.

Defensively, the Longhorns could produce a standout unit, especially in the front seven. That excites Norman.

"I think anytime you are entering a first-year situation, you want an offense or a defense to lead the way early. We should be able to do that," a smiling Norman said.

BHI/GAT connect

When Norman arrived at Dobie, he placed an emphasis on creating a connection between the Dobie staff and those at Thompson and Beverly Hills, as well as, of course, the intermediate level athletes.

Members of Norman's staff frequently visited athletic activities at both schools near the end of the 2014-2015 year, and visits have also been made this summer.

Norman has already requested that members of both intermediate staffs become more involved with scouting Dobie's future opponents on a week-

ly basis.

The way Norman sees it, it's about creating a family atmosphere. The majority of the student athletes at Thompson and Beverly Hills will get involved in the seventh grade and remain in athletics through their senior years at Dobie.

To Norman, that's a valuable six year period in the growth of young people not only as athletes but

as students. Those student athletes will have support the entire way.

His debut

To hear Norman describe it, he's been able to do little this summer but stay within the four walls of his office and plan. He's obviously chomping at the bit to get out on the field.

The focus will not solely be on the nondistrict season opener against Deer Park - Aug. 28 at

Abshire Stadium. But it sure would be a great way to kick off Norman's head coaching career.

"I just think it would be a great lift for the program to get that first W over a quality opponent and get this thing started," Norman said.

"We're going to do everything we can to be ready for that one and to get this thing going strong."

Thompson Intermediate Football Camp

July 27 to July 30 (M-TH) at the school

Applicant's Name: _____

School: _____

Grade entering 2015-2016:

Age: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____

Positions: Offense: _____ Defense: _____

I wish to enroll my child in the 2015 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 Thompson Intermediate 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 27. Bring tennis shoes. Cleats optional.

For more information, direct email to coach Doug Sawyer at DSawyer@pasadenaisd.org.

Beverly Hills Intermediate Football Camp

Aug 3 to Aug. 7 (M-F) at the school

Applicant's Name: _____

School: _____

Grade entering 2015-2016:

Age: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____

Positions: Offense: _____ Defense: _____

I wish to enroll my child in the 2015 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: _____

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Emergency contact/phone: _____

Physician/phone: _____

Camp to be held at Beverly Hills Intermediate School

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

Camp hours are 4:30 to 6 p.m. each day for incoming seventh-grade students; 6 to 7 p.m. for incoming eighth-grade students.

Report 15 minutes early Aug. 3. Bring tennis shoes. Cleats optional.

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

JFD tennis schedule out; drills start Aug. 3

The journey will soon begin as the Dobie varsity tennis team tries to make its way back to regionals in team tennis after missing out a season ago.

Head coach Manuel Moreno Jr. will have several vacancies to fill across the draw sheet, particularly with four-year stand-out Ruben Vargas having graduated.

But Dobie does appear to have strength in pairs returning, where it relates to doubles. Incoming seniors Lada Heng and Hai Ho, who scored Line 1

first-team all-district status a season ago, will be back.

Another pair of seniors, Ashley Deveza and Karen Neira, figure to give the Lady Longhorns another doubles duo that will be hard to handle. They were the Line 2 first-team pick in 2014.

In singles, Heng was an honorable mention choice at girls' No. 1 in 2014, while Ho was a first-team choice at No. 2. Neira was also the first team honoree at No. 3.

Clearly, there is a need

for more answers on the boys' side.

Luis Cabreja, a senior, is certainly a candidate to play No. 1 singles this season after being a second-team pick on the No. 2 line in 2014.

Cabreja and Bao Nguy-

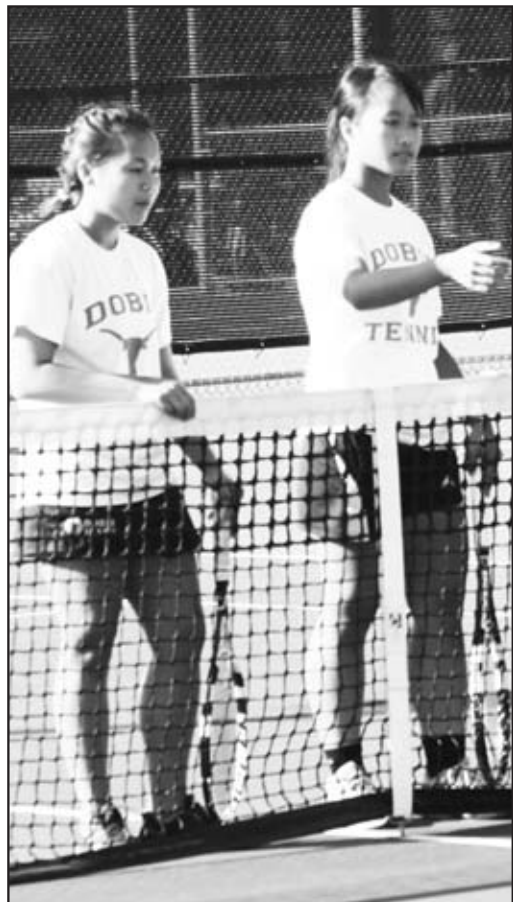
en should also figure prominently into the picture as Dobie's top returning boys' doubles squad.

Albert Luu and David Ho also factor in as solid returning players on the boys' side for the Longhorns.

Dobie High School

2015 Varsity Tennis Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 3-7	Practice at Dobie	5-8 p.m.
Aug. 8	Dobie exes matches	9 a.m.
Aug. 11-13	Practice at Dobie	3-6 p.m.
Aug. 14	at Willis	10 a.m.
Aug. 15	at Sherman (Duncanville)	9 a.m.
Aug. 15	at Burlison (Centennial)	3 p.m.
Aug. 18	at Katy	3 p.m.
Aug. 19	Friendswood	3 p.m.
Aug. 20	Galveston Ball	3 p.m.
Aug. 21	Baytown Sterling	9 a.m.
Aug. 21	Atascocita	3 p.m.
Aug. 25	Clear Brook	2:30 p.m.
Aug. 28	Clear Creek	2:30 p.m.
Aug. 29	Dickinson	9 a.m.
Sept. 1	Clear Falls	2:30 p.m.
Sept. 4	Clear Springs	2:30 p.m.
Sept. 11	Bellaire	8:30 a.m.
Sept. 11-12	at Remembering Ike (Galv.)	TBA
Sept. 15	*at Pearland	3 p.m.
Sept. 18	*Manvel	3 p.m.
Sept. 22	at George Ranch	3:30 p.m.
Sept. 25	*at Pasadena	3 p.m.
Sept. 29	*South Houston	3 p.m.
Oct. 2	*at Dawson	3 p.m.
Oct. 6	*Alvin	3 p.m.
Oct. 13	*Memorial	3 p.m.
Oct. 16	Goose Creek Memorial	3 p.m.
Oct. 19-24	21/22 Area Championships	TBA
Oct. 30-31	Region III tourn. (Deer Park) TBA	
* District 22-6A matches		



Lada Heng (left) and Hai Ho combined to be the District 22-6A No. 1 girls' doubles first-team squad last team tennis season. They will return in 2015 to lead Dobie once more.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JULY 16

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY, JULY 17

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

Interfaith Care Partners - Interfaith Care Partners ministry at Saint Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, 10727 Hartsook St., near Alameda Mall. This gathering, for those with Alzheimer's, dementia, Parkinson's, strokes, etc. and their caretakers, meets the third Friday of each month, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. It consists of a continental-type breakfast, arts, crafts, exercises, entertainment, a sing-a-long, devotional break, lunch, and bingo game. Those who have a family member or know of someone with these challenges are invited. For information, call the church at 713-946-5768; Claudia Rojas, Interfaith Care Partners, at 713-682-5995; or visit the website at www.interfaithcarepartners.org.

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

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

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

SATURDAY, JULY 18

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

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

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

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

Bay Area Bluegrass Association - Produces a bluegrass music show and jam session the third Saturday of each month. December, 2015, is an exception. July 18, 7 p.m., will be a Mandolin contest. Must be registered at least 30 minutes prior to start time. Prizes will be awarded. Johnny Aroflo Civic Center, 400 Walker St., League City. For more information, visit <http://www.bayareabluegrass.org>.

SUNDAY, JULY 19

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

lesson. For more information, call the club at 281-486-1911.

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

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

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

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

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MONDAY, JULY 20

Harris County Master Gardeners - Open Garden Day, with Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at the Genoa Friendship Garden, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Rd. Master Gardeners will be available to answer gardening questions. Plants for sale in greenhouse and educational programs for adults and children. For details, visit <https://hcmga.tamu.edu>.

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.

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Seniors and Law Enforcement Together - SALT holds monthly meetings, 10:30 a.m., Madison Jobe Senior Citizens Center, 1700 East Thomas St. in Pasadena, third Monday of each month. No meeting in December. January meeting is on the second Monday. Meetings teach seniors how to avoid identity theft, scams, fraud, etc. Police officers and sheriffs may be in attendance. Free. Refreshments served. Meetings start timely and are one hour or less. For information, call 713-477-0175. 11:30 a.m.
Overeaters Anonymous Deer Park - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for information, or just drop in. Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon at 2245 N. Main (building next to pawn shop). For more information, call 713-856-1611. 2 p.m.
Genealogy Group - The Parker Williams Genealogy Group meets from 2 to 4 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month at the Parker Williams Library, Beamer at Scarsdale. The public is invited to attend. For information, email Liz Hicks at erootrot@usa.net. 3:30 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered. For adults with Parkinson's disease only. 6 p.m.
Scrabble Club #511 - Meets Mondays at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua, 6 p.m. Come and improve crossword game playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for more information. 6:30 p.m.
New Directions Singles - Group for ages 55 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner, 6:30 p.m., at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Parkway, Webster. The dinner may include guest speakers and/or group activities. For more information, call Bambi at 281-482-7143 or 281-795-4514. 6:30 p.m.
Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting - Meets Mondays at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway (FM 518). Enter door closest to recycling bins. For more information, call 713-865-3668 or visit www.oahouston.org. 7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), First Presbyterian Church in the youth building on the Westminster side. For more information, call 713-856-1611. 7 p.m.
Friends Helping Friends Grief Support Group - Group meets Mondays, Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster, 7 to 8:15 p.m., in the staff meeting room. Anyone who has lost a loved one is welcome. Free. For information, call Betty Bielat at 281-474-3430 or Diana Kawalec at 281-334-1033. 7:30 p.m.
The Clear Lake Gem and Mineral Society - Meets the third week of the month at Clear Lake Park Bldg., 5001 NASA Parkway, Seabrook. Guests welcome. Presenters explore a variety of subjects such as fossils, planetary geology, mineralogy, lapidary, jewelry making, rock, fossil and mineral collecting. Field trips to various collecting sites throughout Texas and surrounding states. All interested persons welcome to attend. Door prizes. Free parking. For more information, visit www.clgms.org.
- TUESDAY, JULY 21**
 7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, in the Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or drop in. 9:30 a.m.
Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include dioramas, an old-time kitchen and a turn-of-the-century doctor's office. Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For information, call 713-472-0565. 10 a.m.
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TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - TOPS #1530 meets at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road, at 1:30 p.m. For information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713. 2 p.m.
The National Active and Retired Federal Employees - NARFE Chapter 941 meets the third Tuesday of each month, 2 p.m., El Franco Lee Park Community Center, 9500 Hall Road. Visitors welcome. For additional information, call Roy at 713-734-1461. 6 p.m.
Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish) - Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 6 p.m., First

- United Methodist Church, room 215, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in. 6:30 p.m.
Breast Cancer Support Group - Meets the third Tuesday of every month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the lobby of the Clear Lake Regional Breast Diagnostic Center, 200 Medical Center Blvd., Suite 106, Webster. For more information call 281-526-6840. 7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518) at the First Presbyterian Church in the youth building on the Westminster side. For information, call 713-856-1611. 7 p.m.
Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center - Weekly sexual assault support group offers a confidential self-help support group for victim/survivors of rape and sexual abuse. To attend or for more information, call 281-286-2525. 7 p.m.
Positive Interaction Program - meets the third Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m., at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria, in the staff meeting room, first floor. Bring a friend and work together to make PIP the best in the city. PIP consists of police and citizens working together to make neighborhoods safer. For information, call Officer Richard Buitron at 281-218-3900. 8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481. **WEDNESDAY, JULY 22**
 7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, in the Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or drop in. 9:30 a.m.
Young at Heart Club - Meets the second and fourth week of each month (except November and December) at Covenant United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Lots of activities, trips, etc. Call Nellie Galney at 713-991-3517 for information. 10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Bridge games weekdays, 10 a.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark Rd. For lessons, contact Dr. Dave Glandorf, bridge instructor, at drglanford@sbcglobal.net or 281-488-6318. Cost is \$6 per game or \$15 per lesson. For more information, call the club at 281-486-1911. Noon
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Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish) - Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 6 p.m., First United Methodist Church, room 215, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in. 7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, meets at 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518) at the First Presbyterian Church in the youth building on the Westminster side. For more information, call 713-856-1611. 7 p.m.
Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center - Confidential domestic violence support group for women, 7 p.m., 210 S. Walnut off NASA Pkwy. between I-45 South and Highway 3. Call 281-338-7600 or visit www.bayareaturningpoint.com for information. 24-hour crisis hotline is 281-286-2525. **THURSDAY, JULY 23**
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Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free water exercise for individuals with Parkinson's disease, 4 to 5 p.m., Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital Clear Lake, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Call 713-313-1652 or visit www.hapsonline.org for a list of all services. 7 p.m.
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J. Frank Dobie High School's Lariette officers are shown waving to the crowd on board their boat spangled with their nation's colors. Pictured above are, left to right, Megan Schuetz, Kellie Tyer, Naseem Shafaei, Gabbi Munoz and Brittany Gonzales.



Members of the J. Frank Dobie High School's Lariette drill team are shown above taking to the streets in the parade to show off their patriotic red, white and blue. Pictured above are, left to right, Aleida Gonzales, Alexis Chicas, Katrina Herazo, Vi Diep, Natalie Balle, Marissa Rodgers, Maritza Hernandez, Xochitl Romero, Alexis Sanchez, Sylar Rocha, Naya Cooper, Katherine Maslonka and Jazalyne Garza.

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Judy Harrison is shown above preparing for the start of the parade. Harrison has served as a chair of the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce Education Committee and has helped to organize the parade for several years. For her full-time work, Harrison is a professor of physical education at San Jacinto College.

At right, mother and daughter duo Courtney and Abigail Durham are shown riding through the parade and handing out candy in Fire Chief Chuck Tylka's truck.



Members of the Houston Fire Department from Station 70 Shift C pose for a picture prior to the start of the parade. Shown above are, left to right, District Chief James Soukup, Capt. Kevin Marinez, Firefighter Curtis Eberhardt, Firefighter Rob Hyatt, Hayden Goldstraw and Engineer Operator Hayden Goldstraw.

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Students of J. Frank Dobie High School's Future Farmers of America organization are shown waving to spectators as they ride through the route of the parade. Pictured above are, left to right, Elizabeth Shelly, Jackie Mendoza, Jordan Shannon and Sabrina Brantner.



Southeast Volunteer Fire Department Dean Baier and Justin Gibbs are shown riding through the parade and waving to the crowd from atop their fire truck.



South Belt resident Kenneth Balliet (left) and his son, Kenneth Jr., celebrated the 4th of July as well as Kenneth Jr.'s birthday in style, touring the annual parade in a classic 1967 Plymouth Fury.



Judges of the parade are shown above having a hard time picking their winners, due to the overwhelmingly large number of superb entries in this year's parade. Pictured above are, left to right, Ellie Flickinger, Alexis Lochner, Leslie Flickinger and Fred Flickinger.

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