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Beamer exit to close

The westbound Beamer exit on Beltway 8 will be closed from 10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, to 5 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 25.

Beltway closures planned

The eastbound and westbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Beamer will be closed continuously until further notice.

Both northbound and southbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Crenshaw will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Friday, Aug. 23.

At least one alternate lane on the northbound Beltway 8 frontage road will be closed at Crenshaw daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Monday, Sept. 2.

Both northbound and southbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Vista will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Friday, Aug. 30.

At least one alternate lane on the northbound Beltway 8 frontage road from Vista to SH 225 will be closed daily from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and nightly from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Friday, Aug. 30.

At least two inside northbound Beltway 8 frontage road lanes will be closed at SH 225 nightly from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. through the morning of Friday, Aug. 30.

The closures are associated with the project to widen Beltway 8 from two to four lanes.

CCISD holds meeting

The Clear Creek Independent School District will hold a public meeting on Monday, Aug. 26, to discuss its 2019-2020 budget and proposed tax rate. The function will be held at 6 p.m. at the CCISD Education Support Center, 2425 E. Main St. in League City. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one lane on the northbound frontage road of the Gulf Freeway from FM 517 to FM 518 in League City will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Monday, Sept. 30.

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

The northbound exit ramp on the Gulf Freeway at NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 will be closed continuously through 5 a.m. Friday, Feb. 28, 2020. Motorists wishing to access these intersections may exit using the exit to FM 518 and proceed on the northbound frontage road to the intersections or exit using the Bay Area Boulevard exit ramp, U-turn and head south to the NASA Bypass or FM 528.

The northbound exit ramp on the Gulf Freeway between SH 96/League City Parkway and FM 518 will be closed continuously through 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31.

Drivers traveling north on the main lanes will continue to NASA Road 1, exit, then U-turn and come back to FM 518.

At least one alternate lanes of both the northbound and southbound main lanes of the Gulf Freeway between IH-610 South Loop and Beltway 8 South will be closed nightly (excluding weekend) from 9 a.m. to 5 a.m. through the morning of Friday, Aug. 30.

The closures are associated with an ongoing construction project to widen the freeway from three to five lanes in each direction and the frontage roads from two to three lanes in each direction.

Knights sell spaghetti

The Knights of Columbus will host a fundraising dinner Friday, Aug. 30, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the St. Luke Catholic Church social hall, 11011 Hall Road. The menu includes all-you-can-eat spaghetti with the original KC 9201 pasta sauce, two made-from-scratch Italian meatballs, garden salad with Italian dressing, French bread and ice tea or lemonade. Cost is \$7 eat-in or take-out. For children under 12, the cost is \$3 (one meatball), eat-in only.

Prayer walk set for Aug. 31

School Prayer Walks USA will host a prayer walk from 9 to 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 31, at Beverly Hills Intermediate School, located at 11111 Beamer Road. All are welcome to pray for the protection and peace of students and staff. For more information, call 281-484-0901.

Clothing drive underway

Assistance League of the Bay Area volunteers are ready to help clothe local students through their largest annual philanthropic program, Operation School Bell. This program provides clothing, shoes, and hygiene kits to children, pre-kindergarten through high school.

School districts served are Clear Creek, Dickinson, Friendswood, La Porte, Deer Park, Texas City and Odessa campuses Bay Area and Galveston Island.

Operation School Bell funding is raised through the Assistance League Resale Shop, 100 E. NASA Parkway, Suite 80, in Webster, and is the group's annual fundraiser. This year's event *Mamma Mia! The Party* is scheduled for Feb. 8, 2020 at Lakewood Yacht Club in Seabrook.

Filing ends in mayoral, council races

Filing has ended for the Nov. 5 City of Houston elections, with a large field of candidates competing for multiple races affecting the South Belt community.

In the race for mayor, incumbent Sylvester Turner is facing 11 challengers. Vying for the position are Kendall Baker; Dwight A. Boykins; Derrick Broze; Tony Buzbee; Naoufal Houjami; Bill King; Sue Lovell; Victoria Romero; Demetria Smith; Johnny "J.T." Taylor; and Roy J. Vasquez.

Front-runners include Buzbee, King, Boykins and Lovell. Buzbee and King are both successful attorneys and businessmen, while Boykins and Lovell are current and former members of Houston City Council, respectively.

Boykins currently represents District D, which encompasses much of the South Belt community.

Many of the candidates, including all of the aforementioned front-runners, are campaigning on their support for Houston firefighters and 2018's Proposition B, which pared firefighter pay with that of police officers. While approved by voters, the proposition – opposed by Turner – was later ruled unconstitutional.

For his efforts, Boykins has landed the endorsement from the Houston Professional Fire Fighters Association, which has been notably at odds with Turner.

In the race to fill Boykins' District D seat, candidates include Anthony Kirk Allen; Carla Brailey; Andrew C. Burks Jr.; Rashad Cave; Marlon A. Christian; Dennis Griffin; Mike Grissom; T. "Nissi" Hamilton; Brad "Scarface" Jordan; Travis McGee; Dontrell L. Montgomery; Ken Moore; Jerome Provost; Carolyn Evans-Shabazz; and Terrill D. Thomas.

Jordan has garnered much media attention in the race, as he is a well-known rapper.

In the District E City Council race, incumbent Dave Martin is facing challenger Sam Cleveland.

South Belt resident Ericka McCrutchon, who serves as president of the Kirkwood Civic Club, is running for Houston City Council At-Large Position 4. McCrutchon will face Bill Bald-

win; Christel Bastida; Anthony Dolcefino; Javier Gonzalez; Tiko Hausman; Nick Hellyar; James "Joe" Joseph; Jennifer L. Laney; Letitia Plummer; and Jason Rowe.

If elected, McCrutchon said the city's infrastructure would be a top priority for her. Other priorities include street and sidewalk repairs; additional bike and mobility scooter lanes; and flood control projects.

South Belt residents will have a chance to also vote on four other at-large positions, as well as city controller.

Several of the races will likely head to a subsequent runoff, as no one candidate will receive the 50 percent of the vote necessary to secure the spot among the crowded field of competitors.

Students return to school



South Belt students have returned to school, with Pasadena ISD and Clear Creek ISD both starting the 2019-2020 academic year on Monday, Aug. 19. Shown above at Stuchbery Elementary are members of the student patrol, which assist with the school's arrival procedures. Students patrol members pictured are, left to right, Alizae Munoz, Isela Jimenez and Camila Franco Lopez. Photo submitted

Heavy rains fall on South Belt area

The South Belt area was hit hard by storms the evening of Wednesday, Aug. 14, causing extensive flooding in the area.

According to the Harris County Flood Control District, the community received nearly 3 inches of rain in just approximately two hours, with the rain gauge at the A120 Beamer ditch at Hughes Road recording 2.92 inches of rain between 7 and 9 p.m.

Significant flooding was reported on multiple area thoroughfares, including both Fuqua and Blackhawk.

Several South Belt residents also reported losing electrical power for up to 12 hours.

Lightning may have also caused an apartment fire on Alameda Genoa Road near the Gulf Freeway.

See related story on this page.

CCISD excels on 2019 state tests

The Clear Creek Independent School District once again outperformed the state average on all academic, graduation, and college and career readiness indicators as outlined in the Texas Education Agency's 2019 accountability results.

"As I often have said, we utilize the State's ever-changing accountability system as just one indicator to guide our continuous improvement efforts," said Dr. Greg Smith, superintendent of schools. "I am proud of the work of our students and teachers as they are the heart of our collective success."

In the newly released A-F rating system, 36 of the 43 CCISD schools were issued an A or B, six issued a C, and Clear View High School received

a D. Clear View High School is an alternative to a traditional high school for approximately 200 students who are at-risk of graduation for varying personal reasons. "It is a wonderful learning environment, intentionally designed to provide each student the academic, social and emotional support to get back on track, graduate, and go on to a college, a career or the military. And they do," said Smith. "It is an A+ school, and our community knows it."

Overall, the school district earned a 91 percent when calculating the three domains of student achievement, school progress and closing the gaps. However, due to an arbitrary rule added in July

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Pasadena ISD receives \$2M in grants

By Rebeca Lazo
Pasadena ISD Communications

During the June and July board meetings, the Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees approved six grant awards totaling nearly \$2 million for various schools and departments in the district.

The following grants were approved:
– CASE Partnership Grant; \$30,000; Harris County Department of Education. Frazier Elementary will use this grant funding to provide high-quality after-school programming for a minimum of 55 students.

– "Let's Get Physical" – Phase III Grant; \$5,000; Oliver Foundation. This grant has been awarded to Turner Elementary and will be used to purchase exercise equipment for the "Let's

Get Physical" program for Turner's second grade students. Equipment provided by the funds include: 10 Exerpeuticadjustable exercise bikes with desk, 13 adjustable student standing desks, nine Trideerball chairs, and nine Wobble Stools.

– Make it Mobile Grant; \$4,286; Lowe's Toolbox for Education. Freeman Elementary will use the award to purchase mobile shelving units for the school's library. With the shelves, the librarian will have the ability to move the shelving for various events to create a flexible learning environment and shared library space with minimal disruptions to learning.

– Texas Education for Homeless Children and Youth Grant; \$145,675; Texas Education Agency. Awarded to the Pasadena ISD Special Pro-

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Juarez featured on Project Row House

Former Dobie student Sabrina Juarez is having her artwork featured as part of the Project Row House series.

Following her high school graduation, Juarez, now 23, attended the University of Houston, where she earned a bachelor's degree in photography and digital media.

Project Row Houses is a community platform that enriches lives through art with an emphasis

on cultural identity and its impact on the urban landscape.

"We engage neighbors, artists, and enterprises in collective creative action to help materialize sustainable opportunities in marginalized communities," the group states on its website.

Project Row Houses occupies a significant footprint in Houston's historic Third Ward.

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Despite charges, delays, school in Riverstone moves forward

Despite multiple criminal charges against him, the former head of the charter school being constructed in Riverstone Ranch recently told the *Leader* that plans for the campus are moving forward.

This past April, former Houston Gateway Academy Superintendent Richard Garza was charged with one count of conspiracy, two counts of theft concerning programs receiving federal funds, three counts of wire fraud and two counts of engaging in monetary transactions involving criminally acquired property after he was accused of stealing hundreds of thousands of dollars from the school. Houston Gateway Academy IT specialist Ahmad Bokaiyan also faced one count of conspiracy and three counts of wire fraud. The pair are accused of stealing more than \$250,000.

Garza told the *Leader* that some of the charges have since been dropped, but at press time, it was unclear which ones, if any.

At the time of the indictments, it was reported that both suspects were fugitives. Garza told the *Leader*, however, that this was untrue.

While Garza was initially suspended from duty, he said he is now back in his position of superintendent.

According to investigators, Garza awarded a \$280,841.85 no-bid contract in 2014 to a company owned by Bokaiyan called Hot Rod Systems to build an IT system at the new campus, even though construction at the school had yet to begin. Bokaiyan then allegedly wired \$164,381 into Garza's personal bank account.

Investigators allege that Garza used these

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City cooling centers remain open

City of Houston cooling centers, consisting of 11 multiservice centers, 60 community centers and 40 library locations remain available during business hours, however the City of Houston Public Health Heat Emergency Plan has been suspended, including free METRO rides to designated cooling centers.

The plan is activated when the heat index reaches 108 degrees two or more consecutive days and suspended when it falls below that threshold.

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

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

– Stay hydrated by drinking more water

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Lightning bolt starts apartment fire

A lightning bolt may have been responsible for starting a fire at an apartment complex in the 10300 block of Alameda Genoa Road near the Gulf Freeway around 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 14.

Upon their arrival, Houston Fire Department crews found the second floor of one building engulfed in flames. The blaze quickly spread

through the attic to other apartments. In all, eight units were damaged, leaving 10 people homeless.

One female resident was transported to the hospital for health problems associated with smoke inhalation. One firefighter was also treated on scene for possible heat exhaustion and dehydration.

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Atkinson to get first-ever playground

Atkinson Elementary will soon get its first playground in the campus's history.

A joint project with the nonprofit organization KaBOOM!, the effort is being led by Atkinson staff members Richard Whittaker and Kim Grzesiek.

According to the KaBOOM! website, "The

well-being of our communities starts with the well-being of our kids. Kids who live in low-income communities face many structural obstacles to play, such as a lack of safe play spaces or any place to play at all. We want to make it as easy as possible for all kids to learn, explore,

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Again, again and again!



Crashes at the intersection of Beamer and Beltway 8 have become commonplace, with accidents often happening multiple times a week. The above crash took place Saturday, Aug. 17, just four days after another serious accident occurred at the spot. The three-vehicle crash shown above was caused by a driver from Alvin running the light, police said. A pregnant woman involved was transported to the hospital to be checked. The *Leader* is reaching out to city officials to see what can be done to improve safety at the crossing. See related editorial on Page 2A. Photo by Marie Flickinger

In My Opinion

Young: be aware of illegal van drivers

While Pasadena I.S.D. and all area I.S.D.'s vet all school bus drivers, and follow the rules set by the State of Texas and The City of Houston. As concerned parents and private school van owners. We would like to raise awareness of illegal private van transportation to our neighborhood schools. As we begin a new school year. Make sure you know who's driving your child(ren) to and from school.

We know of van services that don't adhere to the ordinance required by The State of Texas or The City of Houston. We've outlined a couple of things parents should look for when using a private van service.

State of Texas requires:

State of Texas requires all drivers participate and pass the School Bus training course before issuing a "Texas School Bus Driver Safety Training Certificate". City of Houston requires:

- FB.I. record search and fingerprinting, Driving record,
- D.B.A. certificate,
- Required commercial insurance,
- Once all the above, along with a couple of other items meet the city requirements. A City of Houston "School License" will be issued.

All transportation vans have to pass the city inspections and will have the "City Permit" posted to the lower right side of the windshield.

We know of drivers that do none of the following, and even a couple that didn't have a Texas Driver's License which is the most basic of items needed to drive a vehicle. We have even had reports that children are left at other address's or in vans at the end of a school day. Which is a more severe issue.

As private school van owners, we must keep all children safe. We also hope the information will help you choose a certified busing service.

In short ask your van driver for their, "Texas School Bus Certificate", City of Houston "School License", "Commercial Insurance" and finally check the windshield for the "City of Houston Permit".

All documents must be kept on their person at all times.

Noell Young

Muecke comments on mass tragedies

Saturday Aug. 3, 2019 was a tragic day in America. In two large cities two very young men decided to kill and they did, a total of 31 dead and many injured. Look what else happened this weekend. Just here in Houston this weekend 7 people killed and 8 injured. That is a tragedy also. Then you look at Washington D. C, Detroit, Chicago and Baltimore, all with strong gun laws, how many are killed each day, week, month and year.

All we hear is we have to take away weapons or put severe limits on who can purchase and own. Bottom line this is just taking away good peoples protection as a criminal will always have a weapon from some place. Go back in history, David and Goliath used rocks so there are other methods to kill. Don't forget how many people are killed by DWI/DUI. About 32 young children under the age of 4 have now died while in a hot vehicle. Then, 77 First Responders killed while on duty, 94 died from accidents off duty and heart attacks and other, and 32 suicides.

Do we create laws to stop all this from happening. That is not the answer as a weapon does not kill. People do. Really it is a SOCIETY PROBLEM, we are allowing the criminal element to take control while the good people sit at home and say oh this is terrible but do nothing to change this. You can create many new laws but until we take control of the criminal element this will continue to happen

and it will. Maybe tomorrow, as a pattern has now been set. Know who your voting for, what are their positions on this issue. Jim Muecke

Boldt on Alzheimer's congressional bill

Over the past several months, I have been working with the Alzheimer's Association and Congressman Pete Olson's (R-TX22) office to better improve the way we deal with Dementia in this country.

Many people are unaware that these diseases are not exclusive to the elderly and that there are more than 200,000 Americans under the age of 65 with a diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease. Because of their young age, they fall outside of the scope of many of the support systems that we have developed in order to support senior citizen suffering from Alzheimer's.

In efforts to combat this, the Younger Onset Alzheimer's Disease Act of 2019 (HR1903) was introduced this year to extend the protections of the Older Americans Act of 1965 to anyone with The Disease regardless of age.

I am happy to announce that Congressman Olson has recently signed on as a co-sponsor of this bill. I want to extend my warm thanks to Congressman Olson for his accessibility and compassion in these efforts. His support will be crucial in helping to move this bill forward and better protect younger adults living with Alzheimer's Disease. Best Regards,

Travis Boldt
Ambassador for the Alzheimer's Association. District-22

Cuevas: amicus brief filed for bail reform

To All Media Outlets:

Today (Tuesday, Aug. 20), the Harris County Deputies' Organization FOP 39 filed an Amicus Brief in O'Donnell v Harris County. Law enforcement takes bail reform very seriously, but we believe it must be done within the parameters of the law with public safety as a factor. We filed this brief because we do not believe the settlement agreement reached by the Parties follows state law and is contrary to the Fifth Circuit. The Fifth Circuit stated that what made the automatic money bail system in Harris County unconstitutional was the Judges not using their discretion in issuing bonds. Creating an automatic PR bond system does not fix that problem, it just harms a different set of people. Judges need to follow state law and use their discretion when issuing bonds. They must weigh the individual's interests with the interests of the community. The County should not be allowed to bargain away their responsibilities to the Community like this. Nothing in the bail rules they intend to implement is about public safety. A stranger can point a gun in your face and punch you in the stomach and he would get an automatic PR bond without any Judge utilizing his or her discretion in determining if that person is a danger to you, the community, or himself.

Harris County has made a settlement that goes far beyond what is required by law. If the Commissioners want to enact programs to help people make court dates, they should do that through the regular political process and the voters can let them know if they like their tax dollars being spent in that manner. It is impermissible for the County to constrain the taxpayer in this way and the Fifth Circuit specifically told them that. We are tired of this lip service by the County that this is about public safety. The settlement agreement should be thrown out by Judge Rosenthal and Harris County should start over remembering that they serve all the people of Harris County.

David Cuevas
HCDO FOP 39 President

Publisher's Opinion

Drive carefully at Beamer & Beltway intersection

Right outside our front office door, our staff can be assured of a news story a couple of times a week. (See photo Page 1A.)

That would be accidents at the intersection of Beamer and Beltway 8.

Interestingly enough, the majority of accidents take place on the eastbound side. I have even been there when there was a fatality of a young high school girl who had just gotten off work at her job at McDonald's. Many people have been injured.

People have been calling and emailing our office asking what can be done about this intersection. To me, the easy answer

is get drivers to quit running the red light. But in addition to that, I believe we need the city to study the lights and the intersection. Maybe there is something else that can be done.

I have asked City Councilman Dwight Boykins to look at the situation. Additionally, I plan to address city council on the issue of solicitation of money in this intersection. We will report any action in upcoming editions of the *Leader*. We will see what happens. In the meantime, please drive carefully!

Marie Flickinger
Publisher

Local library events set

Bracewell Branch Library

The following events are scheduled for the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint: Thursday, Aug. 22, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Spanish computer class for adults and seniors
Monday, Aug. 26, 10:15 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. Citizenship class. The classes cover the 100 civics questions and how to prepare for the citizenship interview. Other topics include the citizenship application and qualifications. Class participation is by appointment only. Call the library to sign up.

Tuesday, Aug. 27, 10:15 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. Citizenship class. Class participation is by appointment only. Call the library to sign up.

Wednesday, Aug. 28, 10:30 a.m. Polliwog club. Little polliwogs will hop into nature by developing nature knowledge and skills through a variety of books, songs, crafts and hands-on animal experiences brought to you by Harris County Precinct One constables. This is a special three-week series. Space is limited. This session is open to the first 30 children. Register online, by phone or in person.

Wednesday, Aug. 28, 10:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Citizenship class. Class participation is by appointment only.

Wednesday, Aug. 28. Computer courses: 2 p.m. Computer Basics; 3:15 p.m. Internet Basics; 4:30 p.m. Basic PowerPoint.

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

Bracewell hours are: Thursday noon – 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 1 – 5 p.m.; Sunday, closed; Monday, 2 – 6 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Parker Williams Library

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

Thursday, Aug. 22, 10:30 a.m. Computer Basics. Meet in the library computer lab to learn and practice a variety of basic computer skills, from the computer hardware and operating system to the internet. Register is requested.

Friday, Aug. 23, 4:30 – 5:45 p.m. Beginning Spanish. Learn beginning level Spanish grammar and vocabulary in class sessions and using a free app anytime. Put it into practice in conversations and activities with fellow learners during class. Registration is requested.

Saturday, Aug. 24, 10 a.m. to noon. Volunteer Fair. Learn about opportunities to help non-profit organizations serve the South Belt community and southeast Harris County, and learn about the services they provide.

Saturday, Aug. 24, 1 – 2:30 p.m. Intermediate Spanish with Mercedes. Brush up on Spanish by practicing listening and speaking with fellow learners and instructor Mercedes. Registration is requested. (There is a session also Aug. 31). Registration requested.

Monday, Aug. 26, 4:30 – 5:45 p.m. Beginning Spanish. Learn beginning level Spanish grammar and vocabulary in class sessions and using a free app anytime. Put it into practice in conversations and activities with fellow learners during class. Registration is requested.

Monday, Aug. 26, 6:30 – 8 p.m. Reduce Stress Through Meditation, for adults. The scientific community has recently been exploring the use of meditation as a healing modality. Meet at the library for a session on meditation to reduce stress-related responses, improve concentration, enhance clarity of thought and mental equilibrium.

Tuesday, Aug. 27, 10:15 – 11:45 a.m. Quilting and Conversation club. Meet the fourth Tuesday of each month at the library for the 2019 quilting project. Participants will create a section of a handmade quilt (a bookshelf design) and unite the sections at the end of the year. Everyone is welcome.

Tuesday, Aug. 27 at 2 p.m. Book discussion: "Meet Me at the Museum" by Anne Youngson. Pick up a copy of the book from the library and meet with friends to discuss it.

Wednesday, Aug. 28, 4:30 – 5:45 p.m. Beginning Spanish. Learn beginning level Spanish grammar and vocabulary in class sessions and using a free app anytime. Put it into practice in conversations and activities with fellow learners during class. Registration is requested.

Below are the programs that occur every week, unless the library is closed:

Tuesday, Babytime lapsit, 10:30 a.m. For babies from birth to 18 months, featuring a mother-baby lapsit time with fingerplays, songs and playtime.

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

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

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

Saturday, Vietnamese learning time, for adults and children ages 8 and older. Classes begin at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. It's a great time to take a class to help with a skill for work, gain understanding of a topic or learn a language. There are many free classes available online at the library website or on the internet, through universities or other sources. Practice navigating the internet to learn about these, or sign up for one. For more information on these programs, speak with Loc Bui.

For more information on all other programs, call the library at 832-927-7870.

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

UH and TSU to be early voting venues for November 2019 election

Harris County Clerk Dr. Diane Trautman announced today that the University of Houston and Texas Southern University will serve as early voting and Election Day polling locations for the Nov. 5, 2019, general and special elections.

"It's so important for young people to be involved in the election process," said Trautman, Harris County clerk. "These additional voting locations will make it easier for students, faculty and staff, as well as the surrounding communities to vote."

University of Houston is home to over 46,000 students and nearly 7,000 faculty and staff. Texas Southern University, one of the nation's largest historically black universities, has over 9,000 enrolled students. Each university has offered strong support of the additional polling locations.

"We are thrilled to open

the University of Houston to voters for the upcoming election and are thankful to the Harris County clerk's office for making this opportunity possible.

"We embrace and encourage differing viewpoints, political or otherwise, on our campus. Hosting a polling station will allow convenient access for our thousands of students, faculty, staff and members of the community to exercise their civic right to vote," said Jason Smith, UH vice chancellor/vice president for governmental relations.

"Nothing is more precious than the right to vote," said Dr. Austin A. Lane, TSU president. "By making this more accessible for our students and the TSU community, we are helping to ensure that more voices are heard in our elections. Combined with other efforts at TSU to make

sure that our students are registered to vote and kept informed about the election cycle, this will undoubtedly make a difference."

Early voting begins Monday, Oct. 21, and the Harris County clerk plans on having an additional six new locations for a total of 52 early voting locations. Additionally, all early voting locations will be open on Election Day. All early voting and Election Day polling locations are subject to the approval of Commissioners Court.

On Election Day, voters in Harris County will be able to vote at any one of the more than 700 polling locations.

For more information on the countywide Polling Place Program and other elections information, visit www.HarrisVotes.com or call the Harris County clerk's office at 713-755-6965.

Elected officials share their words

Council OKs funds for bayou greenways

Council Member District C, Ellen R. Cohen

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen and her colleagues approved the \$17M final allocation of matching funds for the Bayou Greenways 2020. Over the past seven years, through a public-private partnership with the Houston Parks board, the city has realized the vision of connecting nearly 160 miles of hike and bike trail greenspace along Houston's bayou corridors. The project is on schedule and, when completed in 2020, more than 3,000 acres of greenspace will have been created and connected.

Upcoming: agenda of Major Thoroughfare and Freeway Plan Amendments

On Thursday, Aug. 29, the Houston Planning Commission will host a meeting to review and vote on proposed amendments to the 2019 Major Thoroughfare and Freeway Plan. This annually reviewed document iden-

tifies the widths, speed limits, and building setbacks of Houston's streets. The meeting will begin at 2:30 p.m. in City Hall Annex Chambers, located at 900 Bagby St., public level.

The 2019 MTFP will then move to City Council for a vote in September. All Planning Commission meetings are open to the public, include the opportunity for public comment, and are streamed and archived online via HTV.

August Quality of Life meeting canceled

Carol Jean Yeaney



Carol Jean (Dinger) Yeaney, 78, of Sagelegen died Aug. 17, 2019. Carol was born Dec. 4, 1940, in Pittsburgh, Pa. She was the only child of the late Foster Dinger and Harriet Dinger. Carol was fortunate to find the love of her life in high school and married Jerry D. Yeaney Aug. 19, 1961.

Carol is survived by her husband; children Bradley Dale and wife Frances Yeaney, Mark Russell and wife Kristi Yeaney, and Kelly Lynn and husband Edward Montalvo; grandchildren Jackson and Ted Yeaney and Emily and Ethan Montalvo; her brother-in-law Darrell and wife Sue Yeaney; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Jerry and Carol enjoyed traveling and seeing the world. Since Jerry enlisted in the Army, the couple had the unique privilege of moving from Pittsburgh to Germany and saw much of Europe with their young family.

Taking great pride in being a military wife, Carol excelled at performing all the duties it entailed by learning and executing all the formalities of entertaining, uniform presentation, and etiquette rules that she carried gracefully into her civilian life. In addition to those duties, Carol displayed great strength by holding down the home front during pregnancy and caring for two toddlers, while Jerry served two tours in Vietnam serving their country. Jerry and Carol settled down in Sagelegen in 1976 and quickly called themselves proud Texans.

Carol worked for many years at Clear Lake Regional Hospital as a nurse in the orthopedics department. She later decided to pursue her real passion of animals, and went to work for Sagemont Animal Hospital for 20 years before retiring, in order to travel and enjoy her family.

Being a devoted faithful servant of the Lord and a very active member of Crossroads (Cokesbury) United Methodist Church for more than 44 years, Carol formed lifelong friendships with those she called family. Among the activities in her church, she was a member of the Wesley Sunday School Class and UMW, sang in the choir and was a MYF youth leader. She also served for many years on the Altar Guild, as well as participated in numerous other committees and discipleship studies throughout the church and attended Charge Conference every year.

One of her favorite passions was organizing the twice-a-year trip to Lakeview Methodist Camp

where many of her church friends and family members would gather in "God's Country" to enjoy food, table games, fishing, boating, snipe hunting, and simply each other's company for the weekend.

Carol enjoyed camping and tent-camped all over Europe with her family before returning stateside and upgrading to a pop-up and then their beloved camper. They took great pride in filling their USA sticker map on the side of their camper, which reflected all the states that they actually stayed overnight. They were able to complete that map with all the states filled with the exception of Oregon and Ohio. They joined several camping clubs, but really enjoyed their last years camping alongside her daughter's family during most three-day weekends, spring and summer breaks.

In addition to her unwavering love for her cats, Gracie and Sadie, Carol's passions also included reading and expanding her knowledge on many topics, hosting lavish dinner parties, decorating her home for every season and holiday, shopping, dining with friends, playing Joker, adopting strays, serving as Queen of her Red Hat Society chapter, and rooting for her beloved Pittsburgh Steelers. She had a beautiful soul and was smart, independent, strong minded, loyal, feisty, fun, and fearless, with an adventurous spirit, a great sense of style and an infectious smile.

To know Carol was to realize that her proudest accomplishment was her children and grandchildren. She attended their countless sporting events, recitals, concerts, and awards banquets and beamed with pride as she watched each of them perform. She never missed an opportunity to dote on and spoil each of them with her unconditional love. She truly lit up every time she spoke of her family and proudly shared their stories with all her friends. Carol and Jerry's love story and strong marriage, whose priorities included putting God first and making time for family, set the perfect example for her children to fashion their own lives and their marriages.

Carol loved the Lord, her family, and her friends with everything she had and her absence has left a void in the heart of everyone who had the privilege of knowing and loving her.

Come and go visitation will be held Saturday, Aug. 24, 2019, from 3 to 5 p.m. at Niday Funeral Home, 12440 Beamer Road. Funeral and reception will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 31, at Crossroads United Methodist Church, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in honor of Carol Yeaney to either Crossroads United Methodist Church or the Houston Humane Society.

Carmen Luna Mottu

Carmen Luna Mottu, 85, was a native Houstonian born to Dolores Manriquez and Emilio Luna Feb. 26, 1934. She died Aug. 15, 2019. She had six brothers and four sisters.



Carmen started work at Nabisco in June 1966 and retired after 33 years in Feb. 1999. Those who were blessed to know Carmen knew that despite her small stature her presence and personality were big enough to fill a room and her smile was big enough to warm anyone's heart. Her sense of humor and quick wit kept everyone on their toes all the while making them feel loved and welcomed. One could always find her at church on Sunday mornings decked out and dressed to the nine's with a matching hat in a pew close to the front. Despite the many years of a beautiful life lived, she never lost her spark.

Carmen is survived by her siblings Emilio Luna, Alfred Luna, Joe Luna, Lucy Hernandez and Francesca Luna Shoemaker; her children Roseann Bailey and husband Richard, Alva Sepulveda and husband Carlos, Roy Mottu and wife Dee, Velma Flores and husband Felix and James Mottu and Kenia Garcia.

She is also survived by her grandchildren RoxSann Bailey, Rozette Dumel, Richard Bailey, Ryan Sepulveda, Justin Sepulveda, Jessica Mottu, Jasmine Mottu, Jade Mottu, Monica Comeaux, Felix Flores and Anthony Mottu; her great-grandchildren Matthew Dishongh, Micah Dishongh, Carlie Bailey, Heidi Demel, Ivan Demel, Kailey Sepulveda, Amelia Sepulveda, Kash Sepulveda, Leyla Sepulveda, Honey Sepulveda, Solomon Mottu, Alexis Comeaux and Amaya Pot; and, last but not least, her longtime companion, her "Honey," Wilfredo Hernandez (Willy).

Carmen was preceded in death by grandson Carlos Mottu Sepulveda, sisters Rosie Crespo, Lillie Duran, brothers Felix Luna, Richard Luna and Tim Luna and sister-in-law Emparo (Pye) Luna.

Although family members have expressed their hearts are heavy and sadness may linger they also express a sense of peace, believing their beloved sister, known as Mom, Momo and "Hat Lady" is resting peacefully and pain-free with her Lord and Savior.

Family and friends will gather Wednesday, Aug. 21, for a visitation at South Park Funeral Home from 5 to 9 p.m. with a vigil service beginning at 7 p.m. The funeral service will be held Thursday, Aug. 22, at 11 a.m. at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church with a procession following to Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Leader obituary policy

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UHCL releases calendar briefs

Bayou Theater opens season with Mercury

Keeping a longstanding tradition, the Bay Area orchestra Mercury will open the 2019-2020 season of University of Houston-Clear Lake's Bayou Theater on Friday, Aug. 30, 7:30 p.m. Mercury will perform the baroque fugues of Johann Sebastian Bach and the tango music of Astor Piazzolla.

The Bayou Theater is located in UH-Clear Lake's Bayou Building, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

Antoine Plante, Mercury's artistic director looks forward to the opening of the Bayou Theater season every year. "We open the season for the theater. But it's also the first performance of Mercury's season," Plante said.

"This is the night when the members of the orchestra get back together after the summer. The opening of the season is a special moment for the orchestra and we have felt this way for years. We love it."

Learn more about the season's lineup and purchase tickets at www.uhcl.edu/bayou-theater.

CLASP to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month
Learn about the diverse

professional and personal accomplishments of Latinos in our community when the Clear Lake Association of senior programs opens its fall season on Tuesday, Sept. 10, with a celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. Join in a lively panel discussion about their challenges and the lessons they learned while traveling the path to success.

CLASP is an outreach initiative of University of Houston-Clear Lake created to encourage lifelong learning through free monthly presentations that engage community members of all ages in a wide variety of topics. UH-Clear Lake is designated a Hispanic Serving Institution by the U.S. Department of Education.

The discussion is 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Garden Room of UHCL's Bayou Building, 2700 Bay Area Blvd. CLASP presentations are open to the public. Free parking is available in the Visitors Lot. For more information, visit www.uhcl.edu/clasp.

Art exhibit documents destruction of Iraqi Kurdish culture
Piers Secunda is a New York-based British artist

who uses paint to capture the marks and textures of violence inflicted by ISIS on Kurdish and Iraqi culture over the last decade. Secunda's work, "ISIS Bullet Hole Paintings," will be on exhibition Sept. 12 through Nov. 14 in the Art Gallery at University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

Secunda uses the paint to create casts, or moldings, to meticulously craft a disconcerting record of the destruction of ancient art that ISIS has wrought upon the Middle East, specifically in Iraq.

The exhibition includes paintings, drawings and artifacts, including an Arabic-language Christian prayer book that was partially burned by ISIS in Qarakosh, Iraq, and a traditional handwoven Kurdish shepherd's bag, on loan from an Iraqi museum. This is the first loan from a museum in Iraq to an institution outside the country's borders since the late 1980s.

Secunda will attend the opening of the exhibition Thursday, Sept. 12, from 5 to 7 p.m. The Art Gallery is free and open to the public. Find out more at www.uhcl.edu/art-gallery.

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School days return to South Belt for area students

Morris ready to brighten the new year for students



Holding large colorful crayons above is the Morris Middle School administration team preparing for the new school year. Left to right are Jamie Otto, assistant principal; Robin Cate, assistant principal; Allison Lewallen, principal; and Alex Sanchez, assistant principal.



All smiles above is the sixth-grade reading team. Left to right, (front row) are Michelle Shelley, Mary Myers, (back row) Elissa Boyd, Mai-An Cao, Alicia Tillotson and Maria Nuncio. New to Morris Middle School this year are Shelley, Myers, Cao, Tillotson and Nuncio.

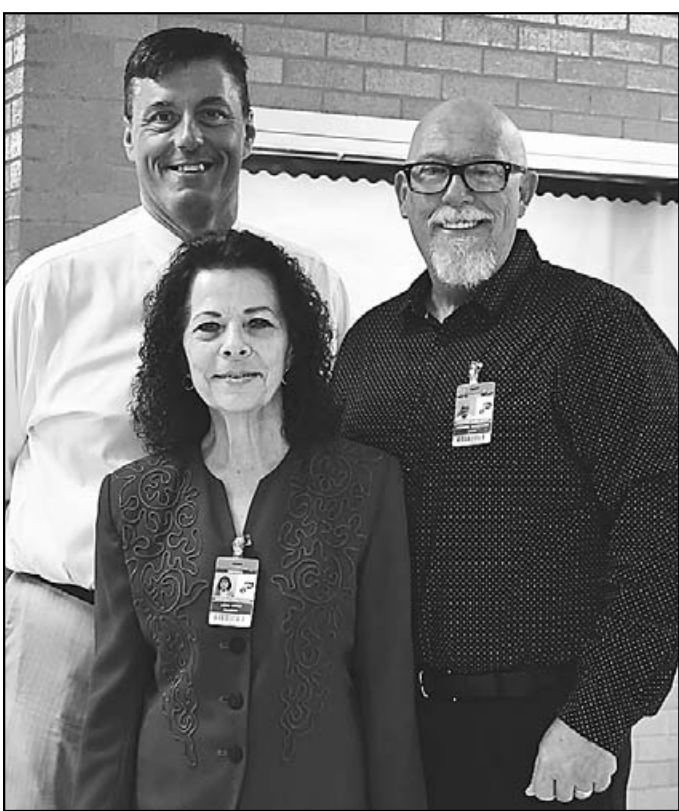


Moore students eager for school

Shown left, left to right, (front row) are Jessie Martinez, Marcus Olivari, Melahny Machado, (back row) Jill Lacamu, principal; and Demetria Pitts, assistant principal. Martinez, Olivari and Machado are third-graders this year.

Atkinson fourth-graders looking forward to final year

Shown to the left is first year pre-kindergarten teacher Donna Koonce. Shown far left are fourth graders, left to right, Aaron Villarreal next to Katherine Acac and Zaiyden Zaragoza, who are in their last year at Atkinson. Shown below are (front) Lena Ortiz, principal; (back left) Tim Verden, counselor; and Richard Whittaker, math peer facilitator, enjoying the quiet halls of ending summer, before all the students enter the first day of school.



Note from publisher:

The staff of the *Leader* welcomes all our PISD and CCISD teachers and staff.

We especially look forward to covering the many accomplishments of our students.

We urge our teachers and school personnel to be certain to send in stories and pictures of the many accomplishments of our students.

Marie Flickinger



Meador Elementary staff earning TEA Distinctions



On Aug. 20 staff at Meador Elementary were congratulated for earning four out of five TEA Distinctions. Shown above, left to right, are Scott Harrell, executive director, Leadership and Learning; Amy Clowers, assistant principal; Dr. Karen Hickman, deputy superintendent of academic achievement; Dr. DeeAnn Powell, superintendent; Beverly Bolton, principal; Alyta Harrell, associate superintendent for campus development; Tara Merida, counselor.

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Project Row Houses features Juarez



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Juarez's artwork will be displayed as part of Project Row Houses' Summer Studios residency program. The Summer Studios residency was developed in 2006 to provide an opportunity for emerging artist to work on the PRH site, transforming the art houses into temporary studios and engaging the community. The viewing period will take place daily from noon to 5 p.m. through Sunday, Sept. 15. For additional information about Project Row Houses, visit <https://projectrowhouses.org>.



Dobie graduate Sabrina Juarez (pictured left) will have her art displayed as part of Project Row Houses' Summer Studios residency program. The Project Row Houses site in Third Ward encompasses five city blocks and houses 39 structures that serve as home base for a variety of community enriching initiatives, art programs and neighborhood development activities.

Tristans celebrate 50 years



Joe and Juanita Tristan celebrated fifty years of marriage Aug. 16. The couple married Aug. 16, at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Houston. The occasion was celebrated with a blessing and renewal of vows which was officiated by the Rev. Douglas Guthrie at the morning celebration of Mass at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church. This was followed by a reception, dinner and dance held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Pearland, hosted by the couple and their three children. Joe and Juanita have lived in the South Belt area and have been parishioners of St. Luke's since 1975. The Tristan family have been blessed with two sons, John Tristan; Jeffrey and wife Stephanie and a daughter, Jessica and husband Trevor Foreman. They have seven grandchildren, Hannah Tristan, Joseph Tristan, Lillian Tristan, Matthew Tristan, Nicholas Tristan, Gabriella Tristan and Isabella Tristan.



Colmenares accepted to UTMB program for virus research

Sophia Colmenares, a high school student at J. Frank Dobie High School, was accepted into the High School Summer Biomedical Research Program at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston.

This unique and selective process allowed Colmenares to conduct graduate level research under the guidance of a university professor on Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV), one of the leading causes of lower respiratory tract infection worldwide.

Sophia dedicated eight weeks of her summer to study the virus and helped discover an important molecular mechanism that is correlated with viral replication.

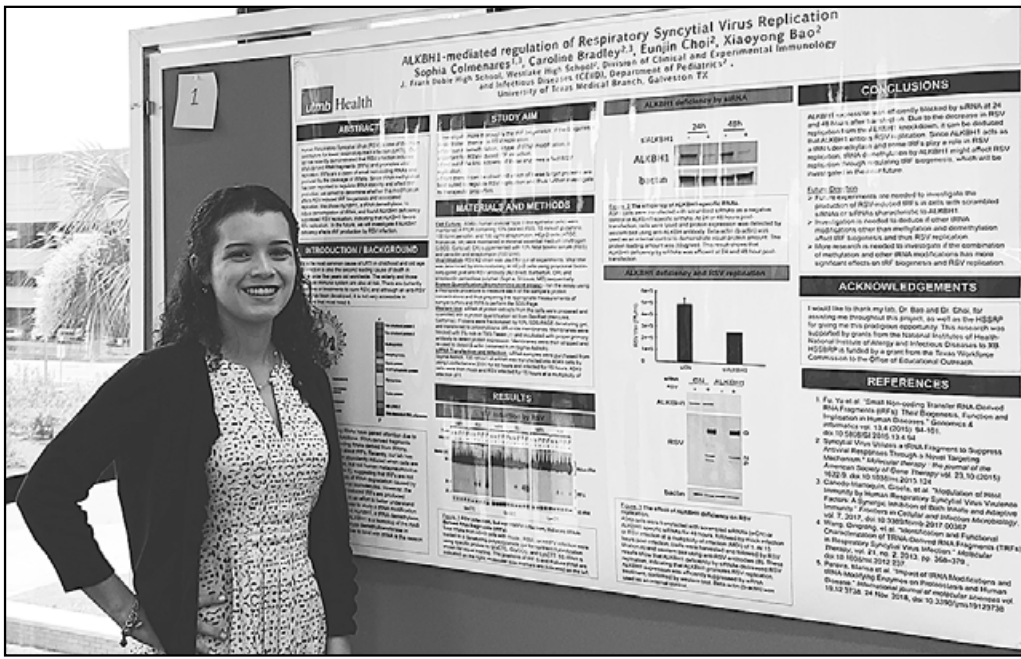
On Thursday, Aug. 1, she concluded the research, and the university invited family, friends and school members to celebrate her accomplishment.

Sophia encourages fellow peers to apply to the program in the years coming. "This is what the program is about," said Sofia.

Biomedical Research Training

The primary goal of this program is to provide a stimulating, active bench experience in scientific research for high school students in order to increase their familiarity with the scientific process and their motivation to pursue careers in research or science teaching.

The program addresses the critical need in the United States for more scientists and science teachers. UTMB is a major biomedical science center supporting more than 750 research projects, many of which are well suited for developing students with academic potential and encouraging them to pursue biomedical and scientific careers.



Shown, top right, is Sophia Colmenares, presenting the results of her research experience in oral presentation and the concluding research poster session.

Shown right, are Sophia Colmenares (left) and Dr. Marguerite Sognier, director of the UTMB high school program.

Below Sofia Colmenares learns about maintaining cell cultures, and extraction and purification of various biomolecular and electrophoresis.



CIS-Bay Area receives \$50,000 grant from Simmons Foundation

On Aug. 13, Communities In Schools - Bay Area announced it has received a \$50,000 grant from The Simmons Foundation to support dropout prevention programming at Eugene Kranz Junior High School in Dickinson.

Founded in 1989, Communities In Schools - Bay Area is a nonprofit organization that provides school-based programming for at-risk and economically disadvantaged students on 20 Clear Creek and Dickinson ISD campuses in Harris and Galveston counties.

More than 23,000 students have access to Communities In Schools - Bay Area's services consisting of campus-wide programming and individualized case management services that include basic needs assistance, academic interventions, resource connection and behavioral health support. Communities In Schools - Bay Area campus programs are located in the communities of Dickinson, Bacliff, Houston, Webster, League City and Friendswood.

The Simmons Foundation funding will support school-based programming at Kranz Junior High School that includes trauma informed practices that involve understanding, recognizing, and responding to the effects of various types of trauma in children.

This is Communities In Schools - Bay Area's second year providing services at Kranz Junior High School, which opened in August 2018.

"This amazing contribution supports our work in helping the most at-risk students in Dickinson ISD achieve their potential in school, and we are honored to continue this partnership with the Simmons Foundation," stated Peter Wuenschel, Executive Director of Communities In Schools - Bay Area.

The Simmons Foundation provides grants to nonprofits that support the resilience of marginalized and vulnerable communities through client-centered services and advocacy.

Since 2006, the Simmons Foundation has granted \$195,000 to support Communities In Schools - Bay Area programming.

Communities In Schools - Bay Area's mission is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life.

For additional information on Communities In Schools - Bay Area dropout prevention programs, visit www.cisba.org or call 281-486-6698.

The mission of the Simmons Foundation is to partner with organizations that strengthen women, youth and families while building an educated, tolerant and resilient community.

For additional information, visit www.thesimmonsfoundation.org.



Communities In Schools - Bay Area staff are shown above, left to right, Janet Summers, senior program director, and Abbie Laird, student support specialist.

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The Burleigh family escape to Colorado to beat the heat



The Burleigh family enjoyed a quick getaway with their recent visit to Colorado. They flew to Denver and visited many of the beautiful mountain ranges and state parks. Shown above are, left to right, Bethany Burleigh, Denise Burleigh and Barry Burleigh at White River National Forest (Maroon Bells Aspen) which features a beautiful reflective lake and two 14,000-foot mountains. At right, Bethany (right) and Barry also walked in the snow at Breckenridge Ski Resort. Barry grew up in the South Belt area and is the owner/chiropractor of Burleigh Chiropractic (formerly Stokes Chiropractic center). Denise is a licensed insurance sales agent who owns Insurance for All Ages Agency.



O'Briens visit Niagara Falls



Adding to the 16 presidential homes and libraries they visited last year, Catherine (above and below, right) and Jeff O'Brien returned from a three-week road trip where they added seven more presidents to their list. Their 6500-mile trip took them through 14 states and three Canadian provinces. They rode a ferry from New Brunswick to Nova Scotia, across the famous Bay of Fundy. Biologist Catherine was excited to see whales, dolphins and seals. When asked why they went to Nova Scotia, Jeff replied, "to play golf," which he did in Yarmouth and in Niagara Falls. They visited the Titanic memorial in Halifax, the final resting place for 121 victims of that tragedy. In Niagara Falls, the O'Briens stayed on the Canadian side, where they toured under the falls and took a boat tour to just below the Horseshoe Falls. In addition to their hotel that overlooked the American falls, they stayed in B&Bs in Yarmouth, a 1782 farmhouse in New Hampshire and an 1888 Victorian mansion in Little Rock. Jeff's sister accompanied them on the trip and was excited to see their family homestead in Tennessee, which is on the historical register.

Robleses enjoy family vacation to Europe



This summer, the Robleses enjoyed a family vacation in Europe, visiting Spain and Paris. Shown left at Marbella beach in Spain are, left to right, Luis Robles, Natalie Robles, Tanya Robles, Otilia Robles and Luis Carlos Robles. Shown right, posing in front of the famous Eiffel Tower are, left to right, Luis, Otilia, Natalie, Tanya and Carlos. The family members have been South Belt residents for seven years and members of the South Belt-Ellington Chamber. Their children graduated from Cristo Rey Jesuit high school. Natalie and Tanya attend UH-Clear Lake and Carlos attends San Jac.



UHCL offering study abroad

Representatives from Magister, the largest teacher-training enterprise in Madrid, spent three days at University of Houston-Clear Lake meeting with Gigi Do, assistant vice president of Global Learning and Strategy, and the deans of all four colleges to collaborate on a potential study-abroad, student-exchange program.

Magister designs, develops and teaches new undergraduate and graduate programs for five universities in Spain. Representatives proposed numerous collaborative degree options, including creating a joint dual master's program with UH-Clear Lake in the Master of Science in multicultural studies with bilingual or ESL specializations and Bachelor of Science in interdisciplinary studies with core subjects EC-6 with bilingual supplemental certification, both offered through UHCL's College of Education.

"We think our master's in bilingual education and teaching Spanish as a second language could be especially interesting to UHCL students, as they are accredited by the Ministry of Education in Spain and can be taken online from any location," said Ana Maria Gonzalez Martin, Magister's executive director of global initiatives and operations.

Applications for students studying art and design, sociology, museum studies, anthropology, cross-cultural and global studies, history and other disciplines on the undergraduate and graduate level in the College of Human Sciences and Humanities abound as well in this framework, said Rick Short, HSH dean.

Gonzalez said Magister is prepared to provide classroom and office space within a centrally located building near the Museo del Prado and other internationally renowned museums.

Opportunities could be created for internships for students across all disciplines, and UHCL professors could become visiting researchers, scholars and lecturers in various Spanish universities, and vice-versa.

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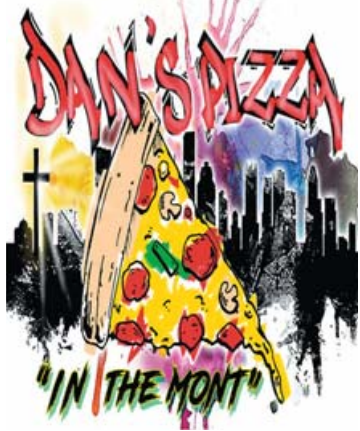
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It's scrimmage weekend Aug. 22-24 for those teams, and Clear Brook and Dobie are among those groups looking forward to seeing a different colored jersey or two across the line of scrimmage.

regular season comes the following week.

Not that it matters, but Florez and his staff will match up against the man he replaced at Clear Brook, current Dawson head coach Mike Allison.

Both programs have great hopes for this season as well. Dawson is looking to get back to the playoffs in a District 23-6A alignment that is headed by defending undefeated champion Pearland and Strake Jesuit, which was second a season ago.

to have their way with the rest of the field.

Clear Brook will open the 2019 regular season

Friday, Aug. 30, at Bulldog Stadium in La Porte, where the new-look Bulldogs and first-year head

coach Anthony Renfro await. La Porte is coming off a 2018 season in which it won just two of 10 games.

Dobie's scrimmage season gets going Aug. 23 with a trip to Beaumont to go against a United High School squad that was just 2-8 in 2018 as well.

For Dobie, it's about solidifying an answer at quarterback and rounding off the rough edges before the regular season starts Thursday, Aug. 29, at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.

The Longhorns figure to be led by 1,000-plus yard rusher Darius Hale this season after the now junior debuts with 16 touchdowns as a sophomore.

Dobie went on to go

7-3 last season, which was good for a playoff berth.

This is a new season for Clear Brook and Dobie, and the expectations should be as high as possible.

The biggest goal from a scrimmage standpoint is to remain healthy. From there, it'll be time to focus on the regular season and 10 games that will mean so much come November.

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Former Brook star headed to Rome



Anthony Miles (with ball) graduated from Clear Brook High School in 2008 and at the time was the all-time leading scorer within the varsity boys basketball program. Following a steady career at Lamar University in Beaumont, Miles was not drafted into the NBA but has instead enjoyed a

7 plus-year career overseas. The Dutch Basketball League scoring champion in his debut season in 2013, Miles is now set to play for Eurobasket Roma of the Serie A2 Italia league in Rome. He, his wife, Nicole, and their children traveled to Rome earlier this week. See Page 6B for more.

Dobie, Brook VB keep wins coming

Dobie won its fifth match in seven starts after an 0-4 start, and Clear Brook won its second straight match as both varsity programs continue to build momentum toward district play.

Clear Brook is 7-5 overall this season after getting past Summer Creek and Dulles in consecutive starts.

The Lady Wolverines handed Summer Creek a 25-14, 26-24, 25-13 loss Aug. 16 to get back over the .500 mark and to end a two-match losing streak.

Head coach Meredith Thompson's team kept things rolling with a 25-16, 25-12, 25-15 victory over the Dulles Lady Vi-

kings Aug. 20, keeping the flow going in the proper direction.

Junior Kailin Newsome still leads the team in kills, with Kayleigh Schultz setting the tone as the leader in assists.

The Lady Longhorns are now 5-5 this season after topping Spring Aug. 20 at home, the win coming after the locals endured a difficult stretch to begin the season.

Spring captured the first set 25-18 before the Lady Longhorns stormed back to take the next three sets and the win, 25-19, 25-21, 25-21. Dobie simply played off a strong showing at Dickinson.

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Dobie delivers impressive performance at debut cross-country event

The high school cross-country season is off and running for the Longhorns after the school's varsity and junior varsity boys and girls teams showed well at the Huffman High School Relays Aug. 16 to open things.

Dobie's Alberto Campa and Geraldo Torres were particularly impressive, combining to capture the gold medal in the varsity boys 6-mile race in a time of 33 minutes, 21.9 seconds, winning by nearly a half a minute.

The duo's performance allowed the Longhorns to

take fourth overall in the team standings.

Kingwood Park came up with the third- and fourth-place finishers en route to the team crown, with second-place Barbers Hill producing second and ninth-place efforts to highlight its morning. Host Huffman was third, just ahead of Dobie.

Elsewhere in the varsity boys division, Javier Martinez and Jordan Martinez were 15th with a time of 36:04.9, and teammates Jackson Ruiz and Robert Montano were 26th with a clocking of 38:11.8.

Thirty-sixth place and a time of 38:05.55 went to the Longhorns' Julio Martinez and Michael Depaz.

"The hard work these guys put in this summer is showing up in the results," Dobie boys head coach Irvin Theodile said.

The Dobie varsity girls were third in the final team standings, and the Lady Longhorns' junior varsity squad also wound up third.

Junior Amary Singleton, a Region III qualifier in both 2017 and 2018, also got off to a solid start to her season. She teamed with third-year varsity

standout Grace Castaneda in the 4-mile race for a time of 26:52.3, with eighth place the result.

A time of 27:17.1 came with 13th place overall for 2018 regional qualifier Izzy Padilla and her teammate Danielle Colunga, who is now in her fourth season.

At 28:46.9, the Dobie pairing of McKenzie Rankins and Abby Duron took 23rd.

Karissa Hernandez Hernandez and Miranda Serrano were 34th in a time of 31:08.2 in the varsity division to cap the

team's effort in that division.

On the junior varsity end of things, the girls also placed third for a terrific debut to their season. Kiandra Porter and Nayeli Perez teamed for the 12th overall position with a time of 31:49.0.

The No. 14 spot went to Abigail Ortiz and Leslie Cruz at 32:02.8, and Ana Alfaro and Isabella Delgado were the teammates for 20th place in a time of 33:56.4.

Valery Baez and Isela Munoz also contributed a great effort, placing 33rd

with a clocking of 36:08.8. "I am very pleased with our opening performance," Dobie girls' coach Mo Hickman said. "These young ladies sacrificed their summer of sleeping in everyday to training before the sun comes up."

"We have a lot of new members joining the program this season and I am really looking forward to developing our younger runners."

"Our potential varsity team this year is a great group of runners that train and work very well together.

"Most of the varsity runners are returners from the past two seasons and are doing a great job of providing a strong nucleus. Of course we miss our last years senior standouts (Itzari Galarza and (Micheala) Munoz), but the young guns are eager to step right in."

"We finished third on both levels behind very reputable teams last week, so we will take that opportunity and continue to learn, develop and grow. We are very excited the season has started and are training hard for October."

Upcoming Dobie Runs

- Bulldog Relays**
Northwest Park, La Porte, 8 a.m.
Fri., Aug. 23
- Huntsville Invit.**
Barr Ross Park, Huntsville
Thurs., Aug. 29, 3:30 p.m.
- Galveston Beach Invit.**
East Beach, 7:30 a.m.
Fri., Sept. 6



Dobie's Geraldo Torres maneuvered the course at Huffman High School exceptionally well as the Longhorn boys got off to a fourth-place start at the team relay event to begin the 2019 campaign.



Dobie's Geraldo Torres (left) and Alberto Campa display their first-place medals after combining to win the Huffman Relay 6-mile varsity boys event in a time of 33 minutes, 21.9 seconds.

USA, Pleasants win gold

Class of 2019 graduate Taylor Pleasants and her teammates captured gold for the third straight time, delivering a 4-3 walk-off win over Japan in eight innings to win the World Baseball Softball Confederation's U-19 Women's Softball World Cup Title Aug. 17 in Irvine, Calif.

Scoreless after the regulation seven innings of play, the game reverted to the international tiebreaker for the top of the eighth inning, with Japan quickly vaulting ahead 3-0 and on the verge of a win.

In the bottom of the eighth inning, the USA's Frankie Hammoude came up with the biggest hit of the tournament, smacking a game-tying three run homer.

Later in the frame, USA's Charla Echols tripled and scored on a walk-off hit by Jasmine Sievers for the 4-3 win.

Pleasants did not bat in the title game but made her presence felt during the tournament. She walked and scored a run during a

15-0 win over Botswana Aug. 11, and was 1 for 3 with a run scored in an 8-0 win over Czech Republic.

The now Louisiana State University freshman softball player also tripled and drove in a run as USA reached the championship game with a win over Australia.

Pleasants, the 2018-2019 District 22-6A Most Valuable Player in both volleyball and softball, is now among the all-time great female student-athletes from Dobie after a career that saw her be a four-year starter in the two sports from the moment she arrived on campus.



Taylor Pleasants

Dobie 19, Alvin 0

Boys' doubles

- 1) Sebastian Delgado/Quan Dinh (D) def. Caleb Smith/Zach Tafoya 8-2.
- 2) Hayden Lazo/Tristan Pedraza (D) def. LA Deberny/Adrian Rodriguez 8-4.
- 3) Lael Martinez/Brian Nguyen (D) def. Hugh Roth/Justin Thompson 8-0.

Girls' doubles

- 1) Julia Bui/Kristy Morales (D) def. Jordan Curtner/Reata Evans 8-0.
- 2) Erica Hay/Gisell Morales (D) def. Ari'anna Cole/Eden Haneline 8-1.
- 3) Jennifer Ho/Megan Rodriguez (D) def. Layla Delgado/Larissa Saenz 8-2.

Mixed doubles

- 1) Thailony Kam Trevino/Kyle Redmon (D) def. Jordan Weber/Jonathan Molder 9-7.

Boys' singles

- 1) Sebastian Delgado (D) def. LA Deberny 6-3, 6-1.
- 2) Tristan Pedraza (D) def. Adrian Rodriguez 6-4, 6-3.
- 3) Quan Dinh (D) def. Zach Tafoya 6-2, 6-3.
- 4) Hayden Lazo (D) def. Jonathan Molder 5-7, 6-0, 10-0.
- 5) Kyle Redmon (D) def. Caleb Smith 6-1, 6-2.
- 6) Brian Nguyen (D) def. Hugh Roth 6-1, 6-1.

Girls' singles

- 1) Julia Bui (D) def. Jordan Weber 6-2, 6-0.
- 2) Kristy Morales (D) def. Jordan Curtner 6-1, 6-0.
- 3) Gisell Morales (D) def. Reata Evans 6-0, 6-1.
- 4) Erica Hay (D) def. Eden Haneline 6-0, 6-0.
- 5) Jennifer Ho (D) def. Ari'anna Cole 6-1, 6-0.
- 6) Megan Rodriguez (D) def. Larissa Saenz 6-4, 6-2.

A top prospect SJC baseball's Little draws national attention

Nothing short of spectacular as a freshman last season at San Jacinto College, hard-throwing Luke Little has now thrust

himself into the national spotlight. Little first went 3-1 with two saves keeping opposing offenses to a 2.04 earned run average in his

first season with the Gators. Perhaps most impressively, Little struck out 69 batters over just 35.3 innings as he helped the Gators go 42-12.

Now, Little has kept his resume looking strong. Pitching this summer for the Traverse City Pit Splitters of the Northwood League, Little was dominant out of the team's bullpen.

Tossing 12 1/3 innings, Little went 3-0 with 22 strikeouts. The left-hander regularly sat at 95 to 97 miles per hour with his fastball and touched 99 three times.

Little has committed to pitch beyond the 2020 season at the University of South Carolina but may have other choices.

Named the Northwood League's top pitching prospect by perfectgame.org, Little is projected to be an early-round selection in the 2020 MLB First-Year Player Draft next June.

For now, Little is back at San Jacinto and working on his studies and preparing for preseason workouts with the Gators. His future seems bright at the preseason begins.



San Jacinto College left-hander Luke Little was named the top pitching prospect by perfectgame.org after an eye-popping summer season in the Northwood League with the Traverse City Pit Splitters.

Netters finding rhythm

JFD blanks Alvin

A 19-0 victory over an understaffed Alvin squad isn't likely to dramatically alter the Dobie team tennis squad's 2019 season, but there are definite signs that things are coming together just in time for District 22-6A play.

Even with hard-fought 10-9 losses to Shadow Creek and George Ranch, the Longhorns are now 4-8 with just a smidge more than two weeks remaining before the 22-6A opener at Summer Creek.

Dobie head coach Manuel Moreno Jr. acknowledges the Longhorns need to squeeze more production out of the boys draw moving forward, but overall, he's pleased.

"We had 5-2 leads in those losses to George Ranch and Shadow Creek after the doubles and couldn't get to 10 wins, so we have to find a way to win the big points, particularly on the boys' side."

"Shadow Creek was very

good, so it's a little easier to take that one, but we really feel like we are at least on par with some of these teams we have lost to, and just haven't done it."

Moreno is confident in the team's doubles pairs, particularly as No. 1 girls singles player Julia Bui has teamed with Kristy Morales at No. 1, with Hay and Gisell Morales shoring up the No. 2 spot.

"We have played 12 matches so far and have a few more coming before district," Moreno said.

"These have been learning experiences for us, and I do love the tight-knit group we have. It's great to coach this group. Probably the most fun in my 21 years."

Texas AirHogs Fall Baseball Classic

Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 14-15

Grand Prairie, Texas

Sept. 14 Games

9 a.m. – Cisco vs. McLennan

11:30 a.m. – Galveston vs. Cisco

2 p.m. – McLennan vs. San Jac

4:30 p.m. – Odessa vs. Galveston

7 p.m. San Jac vs. Odessa

Sept. 15 Games

9 a.m. – Odessa vs. Weatherford

11:30 a.m. – Seminole vs. San Jac

2 p.m. – Seminole vs. Weatherford

4:30 p.m. – Galveston vs. Navarro

7 p.m. Navarro vs. McLennan

Former San Jac Gator reliever still excelling

At right, former San Jacinto College reliever Luis Quinones (above) has continued his strong start to his professional baseball career within the Toronto Blue Jays' organization. The 22-year-old was taken in the 34th round of the 2019 amateur draft by the Jays, and has been nothing short of spectacular. In his latest outing Aug. 13, Quinones struck out eight over four shutout innings, earning the win for his Class A Short Season Vancouver Canadians, competing in the Northwest League. Quinones is 1-1 in seven overall games this season with an earned run average of .086. He has struck out 31 batters in 21 frames to this point.

Vancouver Canadians photo



Thompson football marks preseason scrimmage date

Coming off a 2018 season that saw the Lions win three of the four available district football championships, the Thompson Intermediate program is gearing up to host the annual Red and White scrimmage Saturday, Aug. 31, at Thompson.

The Lions will debut their seventh-grade programs from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., with the eighth-grade programs to follow from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

The school's booster club members will also be on hand selling barbecue sandwich plates for \$5 each throughout the course of the football action.

The Lions open the 2019 regular season Sept. 9-10 against the Park View Cowboys, with the A division teams playing at Park View and the B teams vying at Thompson.

Beverly Hills Intermediate will begin its season against the Jackson Tigers Sept. 9-10, with the A teams meeting at Jackson and the Bears hosting the B division games on campus.

Beverly Hills will not host a preseason scrimmage this year.

The always-popular Beverly Hills/Thompson clash on the football field will occur Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 as the eighth-grade teams go head-to-head Sept. 30 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.

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Sports Calendar

TENNIS

Friday, Aug. 23

Dobie varsity at Pearland, 3:00

Tuesday, Aug. 27

Dobie varsity hosts Clear Springs, 2:30

Friday, Aug. 30

Dobie varsity hosts La Porte, 3:30

VOLLEYBALL

Friday, Aug. 23

Brook varsity at Cy-Creek, 6:00

Dobie varsity at Bellaire, 6:30

Dobie JV at Bellaire, 5:30

Brook JV at Cy-Creek, 5:00

Dobie freshman A at Bellaire, 4:30

Brook freshman A at Cy-Creek, 5:00

Brook freshman B at Cy-Creek, 6:00

Tuesday, Aug. 27

Brook varsity at Kingwood, 5:30

Dobie varsity hosts Alvin, 6:30

Dobie JV hosts Alvin, 5:30

Brook JV at Kingwood, 4:30

Dobie freshman A hosts Alvin, 4:30

Dobie freshman B hosts Alvin, 4:30

Brook freshman B at Brazoswood, 4:30

Friday, Aug. 30

Brook varsity hosts Deer Park, 5:30

Dobie varsity at Channelview, 6:30

Dobie JV at Channelview, 5:30

Brook JV hosts Deer Park, 4:30

Dobie freshman A at Channelview, 4:30

Brook freshman A hosts Deer Park, 4:30

Brook freshman B hosts Deer Park, 5:30

CROSS-COUNTRY

Friday, Aug. 23

Dobie all teams at La Porte Inv., 8 a.m.

Thursday, Aug. 29

Dobie all teams at Huntsville, Kate Barr Park, 3:30

FOOTBALL

Friday, Aug. 23

Brook all teams at Dawson scrimmage, The Rig, TBA

Dobie all teams at Beaumont United scrimmage, TBA

Wednesday, Aug. 28

Dobie JV Orange at Santa Fe, Indian, 6:30

Dobie JV White hosts Deer Park, Dobie main, 4:30

Dobie freshman Orange hosts Santa Fe, Aux., 6:30

Dobie freshman White hosts Santa Fe, Aux., 4:30

Thursday, Aug. 29

Dobie varsity hosts Santa Fe, Veterans, 7:00

Brook JV Black

Brook JV Red

Brook freshman Red

Brook freshman Black

Friday, Aug. 30

Brook varsity at La Porte, Bulldog, 7:00

Bay Area Football League Standings

Senior Division

Teams	Wins	Losses	Ties
49ers	1	0	0
Eagles	1	0	0
Dolphins	1	0	0
Panthers	1	0	0
Sharks	1	0	0
Stingrays	1	0	0
Wildcats	1	0	0
Mustangs	0	0	0
Cowboys	0	1	0
Hurricanes	0	1	0
Patriots	0	1	0
Raiders	0	1	0
Rams	0	1	0
Texans	0	1	0
Trojans	0	1	0

Junior Division

Teams	Wins	Losses	Ties
49ers	1	0	0
Cowboys	1	0	0
Hurricanes	1	0	0
Panthers	1	0	0
Patriots	1	0	0
Stingrays	1	0	0
Raiders	1	0	0
Mustangs	0	0	0
Dolphins	0	1	0
Eagles	0	1	0
Sharks	0	1	0
Wildcats	0	1	0
Rams	0	1	0
Texans	0	1	0
Trojans	0	1	0

Bay Area Football League Standings

Sophomore Division

Teams	Wins	Losses	Ties
Hurricanes	1	0	0
Eagles	1	0	0
Dolphins	1	0	0
Patriots	1	0	0
Trojans	1	0	0
Stingrays	1	0	0
49ers	1	0	0
Mustangs	0	0	0
Cowboys	0	1	0
Panthers	0	1	0
Sharks	0	1	0
Raiders	0	1	0
Rams	0	1	0
Texans	0	1	0
Wildcats	0	1	0

Freshman Division

Teams	Wins	Losses	Ties
49ers	1	0	0
Cowboys	1	0	0
Dolphins	1	0	0
Hurricanes	1	0	0
Panthers	1	0	0
Patriots	1	0	0
Texans	1	0	0
Mustangs	0	0	0
Eagles	0	1	0
Sharks	0	1	0
Stingrays	0	1	0
Raiders	0	1	0
Rams	0	1	0
Wildcats	0	1	0
Trojans	0	1	0

Pee Wee Division

Teams	Wins	Losses	Ties
49ers	1	0	0
Eagles	1	0	0
Hurricanes	1	0	0
Patriots	1	0	0
Raiders	1	0	0
Stingrays	1	0	0
Rams	1	0	0
Mustangs	0	0	0
Cowboys	0	1	0
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Sharks	0	1	0
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SBGSA sets special deal within 8U

South Belt Girls Softball Association officials have announced a Procrastinator Special fall registration deal for the 8-under (born in 2011-2012 years) division only.

The registration fee is \$60, which represents a \$10 discount, and there are no residency restrictions. There are no fundraising responsibilities, and those who register are eligible for sibling discounts.

To register for the fall ball league, visit www.southbeltsoftball.com.

Registration for the fall league ends Aug. 31 as the season gets underway soon thereafter.

BAFL Week One Scores

Divisions	Sr.	Jr.	Soph.	Fr.	PW
Cowboys	19	32	6	32	7
Eagles	20	0	22	7	13
Dolphins	30	6	24	46	6
Raiders	0	46	16	0	24
Rams	0	0	DNP	0	27
Panthers	40	42	DNP	27	0

Week Two – Sat. Aug. 24

Cowboys host Patriots, El Franco Lee Park
Dolphins host Eagles, Blackhawk Park
Rams host Sharks, Dobie High School

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

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

Rotary Club of Pearland – Meets Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. at Allendale's Kitchen & Cocktails, 5010 Broadway St., in Pearland. Variety of speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or email nalix@texascitizensbank.com.

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

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Women's Group, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com.

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First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com.

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

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

StartSchoolLater.net (SSL) Houston Chapter - informational meeting about the link of teen sleep deprivation to depression and low academic performance. The public is welcome, 11 a.m., on the fourth Saturday at the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-229-1409. RSVP is requested for meeting attendance.

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

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

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

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

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

Scleroderma Support Group – Do you know someone with scleroderma? Join a support group on the fourth Sunday, 2 to 4 p.m., at the Waterford in the Blue Bonnet room, 201 McDermott St. in Deer Park, 77536. Contact Kathy Baker at 713-826-6214 or KBaker58@comcast.net.

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

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

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

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300.

Scrabble Club #511 – Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Come, improve crossword playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for details. No meetings on holidays.

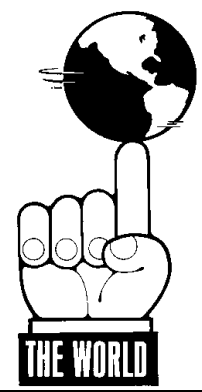
Toastmasters – The Young Professionals Southeast Toastmasters Club #05324194 meets Mondays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., at the South Belt Chamber of Commerce, 10500 Scarsdale Blvd., next to the fire station. For details, call Karen Nunn at 832-722-9061 or Carolyn Carmichael at 832-372-3565 or visit <https://youngprofessionalstoastmasters.com/>.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the Education Bldg., 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For details, call Jesse at 832-725-8479 or Rita at 281-309-2801.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom – Israeli Folk Dancing on Monday, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m., 16020 El Camino Real, 77062. \$4/session or \$35/10 sessions for CSH members and \$5/session or \$45/10 sessions for nonmembers. Everyone is welcome. For information, contact 281-488-5861 or csh@shaarhashalom.org.

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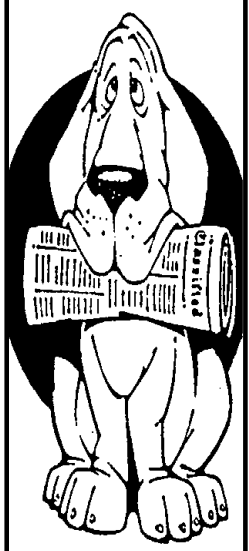
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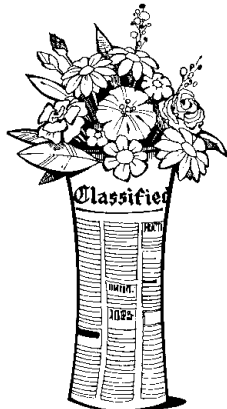
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

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AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.
 9:30 a.m.
Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For additional information, call 713-472-0565.
 10 a.m.
American Begonia Society - Houston Satellite meets on the fourth Tuesday (not necessarily the last Tuesday) of the month at Clear Lake Park, located at 5001 NASA Parkway (on the lake side) in Seabrook. For additional information, call Joe at 281-481-2458.
 10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.
 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Free dance lessons - taught by Lewis and Betty Whistler (35 years of experience) at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E League City Parkway, on Tuesdays. Bringing a partner is not required. There is a different dance focus monthly. For additional information concerning the dance lessons, call Betty at 832-517-5833. For questions and additional information about League City's activity card, call the park office at 281-554-1180.
 Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300.
 1:30 p.m.
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - #1530 meets at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd., 1:30 p.m. For additional information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713.
 2 p.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class - Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For additional information or class schedules, contact Dr. Glandorf at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or call 281-488-6318.
 7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For additional information, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com.
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28
 7 a.m.
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 9:30 a.m.
Young at Heart Senior Club - Meets the second and fourth week monthly (Nov./Dec. meet second week only) at Covenant United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Lots of fun activities, trips, etc. Call Jan Okumura at 832-298-9480 for additional information.
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 1 - 3:30 p.m.
Hometown Heroes Park - has Hump Day Dance to practice ballroom dances (not lessons) in a casual environment. A variety of rhythms are played from entry to advanced dancing levels at 1001 E. League City Pkwy. League City non-residents must purchase an activity card (see Tuesday, 12:30 p.m. dance, for more information). Help will be available to assist learning dance moves. For additional information concerning the activity card, call the city at 281-554-1180.

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Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention - Call 281-286-2525 (24-hour crisis hotline) for confidential domestic violence/sexual abuse support group for women. Visit www.bayareaturningpoint.org for information.

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

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7:30 a.m.
Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. at Allendale's Kitchen & Cocktails, 5010 Broadway St., in Pearland. There are a variety of speakers. For additional information, call 281-900-7257 or email nalix@texascitizensbank.com. The restaurant is opened at 7:30 a.m. exclusively for Rotary attendees. Breakfast is available at one's own expense.

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6:30 p.m.
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Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Women's Group, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church in the youth building annex. For additional information, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com.

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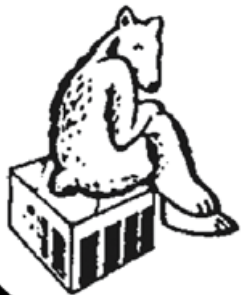
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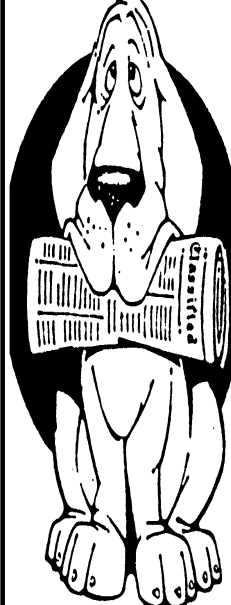


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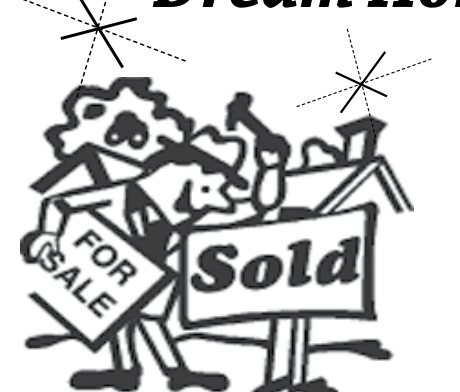
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Miles finds hoops home in Rome

By John Bechtle
Sports Editor

Seven-plus seasons into a playing career that has had him and his family spending the majority of their lives overseas, former Clear Brook High School all-time leading scorer Anthony Miles is still proving that he's got what it takes to beat the odds.

Back when he was playing football for the Sagement Cowboys at El Franco Lee Park or at Beverly Hills and then Brookside intermediates, Miles clearly always knew where his heart was.

His first love was and still is basketball, and he was going to find a way to play as long as he could.

Miles set out to reach his first goal of playing collegiately by excelling with the Clear Brook varsity boys program. A 12-points-per-game sophomore season was followed by 19 per game the following year.

During his senior year, Miles put together a torrid closing stretch that at the time made him the leading scorer in program history.

With 23 points per game, Miles led the Wolverines to second place that season, but his 6-foot to 6-foot-1 height simply wasn't for what most collegiate recruiters were looking.

It was enough for Lamar University, where the coaching staff watched Miles start all but two of his team's games over his final three seasons. He averaged 14 points per game

in his best season from a scoring standpoint, but still didn't seem to fit the mold of a future pro player.

Still, Miles helped lead the Cardinals to the NCAA Tournament for the first time. Ironically, Miles had 14 points in his final game with Lamar, a 71-59 loss to Vermont in the opening round of the Midwest Regional.

The 2012 NBA Draft came and went without Miles garnering nary a sniff of recognition, yet back to work. Now heading into his eighth professional season overseas and nearing his 30th birthday in a few months, Miles has to believe things have worked out to this point.

Yes, the Netherlands or Rome or any other space between can seem like a world away from home. Truth be known, it is, the Miles' family has learned to first adapt and to now love their jet-setting ways.

Miles' first season came in 2013, with him in the Netherlands playing for Rotterdam Basketball College.

Averaging 18.8 points per game, Miles was named an All-Star that season and went on to win the Dutch Basketball League scoring title.

He's played in a handful of cities since that time, eventually marrying high school sweetheart Nicole, with the couple having children.

On January 5, 2014 Miles signed with BC Politeknika-Halychnyna of the Ukrainian Basketball

Super League.

On July 27, 2017, Miles signed with Givova Scafati of the Italian Serie A2 Basket. He averaged 19.4 points and 4.9 rebounds per game.

On July 8, 2018, Miles signed with Cagliari Dinamo Academy, where he again put up the points, more than 18 per night, but the team went just 11-19.

"It's a grind, or certainly can be," said Miles, who said he has been fortunate in that his body has held up through the thick and thin.

"There are some beautiful places overseas. But you are still overseas. Fortunately, my family loves to come with me.

"My wife loves the time to shop in a different country and to see the different cultures, and our kids actually like being able to experience a different language or what have you when they are with us.

"Home is still home. That's where I'm from. But we have adjusted well as a family being gone nine, 10 months out of the year. It wasn't always easy for me in the beginning. There were some money issues and some things previously, but it's all worked out in the past several years."

While proving that he is year after year one of the top-scoring point guards, Miles has also gained plenty of interest. Thankfully, he says, it hasn't been hard at all to find work in recent years.

In turn, Miles has been

able to focus more on location and financial return when making a decision as to where to play. He had an invitation to return to Cagliari Dinamo this season, but instead chose Eurobasket Roma of the Serie A2-Italia league smack dab in the middle of Rome, Italy.

"If you have to play overseas, Rome is a beautiful place to do it," Miles said. "It's still overseas, so there are adjustments, but we are thrilled to be going back.

"My job is to get in there and mesh with my new teammates as quickly as possible. Teams usually do a pretty good job of finding out what kind of person you are, how you are to work with off the court and what type of teammate you might be, but you still have to mesh with the players.

"I'm looking forward to it. My body feels great. I still feel like I can play this game at a high level and help my team be successful in the long run.

"This my eighth year, but I'm just going to keep playing as long as it works for myself and my family, and my body holds up. We've been fortunate that you can make a good living playing basketball even if it's not the NBA.

"It's a year-by-year thing for me in terms of where I will play, but you get used to that as well over time. As long as I am in demand and teams want me to come play for them, I'm there."

Miles knows he's not the only Clear Brook bas-

ketball player to make it professionally. Ronnie Price played at Clear Brook and moved on to Nichols State University for a season before playing three seasons at Utah State.

There, Price averaged 24.3 points per game as a senior and was named the Division 1 Independent Player of the Year.

Despite his scoring prowess, Price went undrafted in the 2005 NBA Draft but still went on to play parts of 12 seasons in the NBA, retiring in 2017. He's now a scout with the Phoenix Suns.

Chameka Scott was first a star for the Lady Wolverines and then was part of a national championship team at Baylor. She, like Miles, played primarily overseas before being forced to retire due to Chron's Disease. Regrettably, Scott died in January 2018 after battling cancer.

Miles isn't sure just how long this particular journey will last but is eyeing the future.

He may start a basketball school but would prefer to fire up his own youth league. Miles believes there are many southeast Houston athletes talented enough on the court to follow. It's a matter of him and others doing their part to provide guidance.

"This sport has been great to me, and of course I want to keep it going," he said.

"When I am done playing, I think it's natural to stay close to basketball in some way."



Born a true scorer on the basketball court, Anthony Miles (1) began his school career at Beverly Hills Intermediate and then became the all-time leading scorer at Clear Brook High School. More of a traditional point guard at Lamar University, Miles has now been an outstanding scorer while playing professionally overseas. He is set to begin his eighth season later this month.

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Anthony Miles (shooting) is coming off a 2018-2019 season in which he averaged 20.9 points per game while making 37 percent of his 3-point attempts and 78 percent of his free throws for Cagliari Dinamo Academy. He's now with yet another new squad, looking to have his most productive season yet.

Dobie volleyball improving

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Dobie entered play at the Dickinson Invitational with no wins over the first week-plus of the season, then dropped another match to fall to 0-4.

From there, though, the Lady Longhorns had to feel great about both their progress and results after eventually making their way to the bronze plaque match.

Junior Victoria Thomas was an All-Tournament pick for the locals as she was one of the team's kills leaders over the six matches.

North Forney opened the tournament with a 25-14, 25-21 defeat of Dobie, but then the wins began to come.

Keasea Robinson and Precious Oko had six kills apiece as Dobie downed Alief Hastings 25-27, 25-14, 25-18 for its first win of the young season.

Next, Madison Garrett had six kills as the Lady Longhorns took down Danbury 25-13, 25-17 in a pool play game.

Dobie then went up against Galveston Ball, getting a 25-14, 25-19

victory as Thomas' seven kills paved the way at the nets.

Alayna Gonzalez paced the team with six kills of her own as Dobie advanced deeper with a 25-22, 25-13 victory over Morton Ranch.

In that battle for the bronze award, Kempner emerged with a 26-24, 25-13 victory, leaving Dobie at 4-2 for the tournament but definitely feeling better about the way things are coming along to this point.

Harris Memorial Fund sets South Belt 5K run

Friends and former colleagues of longtime Dobie High School staffer Barry E. Harris have finalized plans for the first-ever South Belt 5K and Kids 1K Run/Walk, benefiting Harris' scholarship fund. Harris was a longtime Dobie instructor and Pasadena ISD athletics supporter prior to his death in 2018 from the affects of cancer. Proceeds from the South Belt 5K and Kids 1K events will go to aid the Harris scholarship fund in future years.

The event, complete with a certified course, is set for Saturday, Nov. 9, beginning and ending at Dobie High School while traveling through El Franco Lee Park. The 5K run will go off at 7 a.m., with the kids event to begin at 8 a.m. The entry

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