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Labor Day closings

The South Belt-Ellington Leader will be closed for Labor Day, Sept. 5. Clear Brook City MUD is also closed Sept. 5. These offices will open Tuesday, Sept. 6. CBC MUD will open at 8 a.m. Payments to CBC may be left in the drop box by the drive-through.

CBC MUD trash pickup

Clear Brook City MUD residents will have regular trash service Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 5. All trash should be at curbside by 7 a.m. to ensure pickup. Residents missing this trash pickup date will be serviced on the next regularly set pickup date of Thursday, Sept. 8.

Lady Longhorns host Bingo

The Dobie Lady Longhorns Booster Club will hold a bingo fundraiser Saturday, October 15. Doors open at 5 p.m. Bingo games will run from 6 to 10 p.m. Tickets can be purchased through a Dobie soccer player or a booster club member. The event serves as one of the primary fundraisers to help cover costs associated with the Dobie soccer program. For more information, email jfdgirlssoccer@gmail.com.

Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage lane on the Gulf Freeway from FM-1959/Dixie Farm Road to FM-528/NASA Road 1 will be closed nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Monday, Sept. 26. Alternate exit and entrance ramps will be closed. At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from FM-1959/Dixie Farm Road to FM-528/NASA Road 1 will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Monday, Sept. 26. Alternate exit and entrance ramps will be closed. There will be a total closure of the FM-528/NASA Parkway southbound exit ramp until further notice. Southbound main-lane traffic wanting to exit at FM-528/NASA Parkway will have to exit at Bay Area, travel through the intersection at Bay Area and down the southbound frontage road to FM-528/NASA Parkway. The closures are associated with construction to widen the I-45 from three to five lanes each way and the frontage roads from two to three lanes in each direction.

Genealogy group meets

The Parker Williams Genealogy Group will meet Sept. 5 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the library at Scarsdale and Beamer. This group meets the first and third Mondays to discuss genealogy research. Meetings are free and open to anyone interested in tracing family history.

Boykins holds golf tourney

On Monday, Sept. 12, Houston City Council member Dwight Boykins will host the third annual 'Swingin' for Seniors Golf Tournament at Hermann Park. The tournament raises money for the Senior Assistance Fund, which improves quality of life for District D senior citizens by providing minor home repairs at no cost. Visit www.seniorassistancefund.com/events.html or call 832-393-3001 for information or to become a sponsor.

St. Luke's celebrates Mass

The Catholic Community of St. Luke the Evangelist Church will celebrate the Mass of the Sorrowful Virgin on the first Wednesday of the month on Sept. 7 and Oct. 5 at 6:30 p.m. For information, call 281-481-6816.

Beltway closures set

The eastbound U-turn lane on the Beltway 8 frontage road at Blackhawk will be closed from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Friday, Sept. 16. The closure impacts both eastbound and westbound frontage roads. The westbound U-turn lane on the frontage road at Blackhawk will be closed from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Friday, Sept. 30. The closure will impact both the eastbound and westbound frontage roads. At least one inside lane on the westbound frontage road from SH-288 to Kirby Drive will be closed continuously until Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2017. The closures are associated with the project to widen Beltway 8 from Beamer to Highway 288 from two to four lanes in each direction.

Tri-County women meet

The Tri-County Republican Women invites the public to meet the Harris County Republican judicial candidates Tuesday, Sept. 13, at Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Drive. Networking starts at 10:30 a.m., business meeting at 11 a.m. and lunch at noon. Lunch is \$15 and it is optional. RSVP at 713-922-1100 by Sept. 9 to be included for lunch.

Dobie 45th reunion set

Dobie's 45th reunion will be held Saturday, Sept. 17, at the County Line Event Center, 18232 County Road 127 in Pearland, from 7 to 11 p.m. The cost is \$65 per person and includes a buffet dinner, alcoholic beverages, dessert, a disc jockey, dancing and more. Dress is casual. For information, contact Debbie Englehart Hughes at dhughes533@aol.com, Diane West Lister at dianell10@comcast.net or Brenda Mackebon Keener at keenersrus@comcast.net.

South Belt students return to school

While the heat index may suggest otherwise, summer is coming to an end, and South Belt students have returned to school.

With the exception of incoming freshmen, students in the Pasadena Independent School District returned Tuesday, Aug. 23. To familiarize ninth-grade students with high school campuses before halls become crowded, they began class the previous day on Monday, Aug. 22.

Students within the Clear Creek Independent School District also began classes Monday, Aug. 22.

According to PISD officials, things ran fairly smoothly, aside from a few expected traffic delays.

"What a great start to the 2016-2017 school year," said PISD Superintendent Dr. DeeAnn Powell. "In all, 55,700+ students walked into our doors this past week, and we are so privileged to serve these students. These are exciting times in Pasadena ISD. We are excited to provide rigorous instruction, innovative programs and outstanding extracurricular activities in a safe and caring environment."

One major change for PISD students is the relaxing of the district's dress code, as school uniforms will no longer be required.

Students are now allowed to wear collarless shirts of any color with logos, prints, pictures, stripes and plaids as long as they are free of inap-

propriate designs.

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

All other items in the dress code will remain the same as the previous year.

To view the full dress code policy, visit <http://www1.pasadenaisd.org/common/pages/DisplayFile.aspx?itemId=30268886>.

While overall enrollment figures at PISD remain roughly the same as last year, most local campuses saw a slight increase in student population, with numbers expected to climb through October. At press time, the total number of students in the South Belt area was 12,924.

Of particular concern to some is the enrollment at Dobie High School. On Monday, Aug. 29, Dobie's student population was 3,911 – up 71 students from the second Monday during the 2015-2016 academic year, according to Dobie Principal Franklin Moses.

While that figure is significantly higher than the district's other high schools, PISD officials stressed that not all students would be on campus at any given time. Of the nearly 4,000 students, 276 are set to attend the district's new career and technical center during part of the day. An additional 124 students are scheduled to take part in Dobie's dual-credit College Now program at San Jacinto College.

Dobie briefly topped the 4,000-student mark at the beginning of both the 2013-2014 and 2015-2016 school years, but those numbers quickly dropped once dropouts and transfers were accounted for.

By comparison, Memorial had 2,855 students enrolled last year; Rayburn had 2,735; South Houston had 2,328; Pasadena had 2,315; and the Dr. Kirk Lewis Career and Technical High School had 1,015.

In July 2013, the PISD board of trustees approved capping enrollment at the campus, but

the move affects only new transfer requests not students who live within the school's set boundaries.

Dobie has been at its maximum capacity for several years and currently has more than a dozen portable buildings to accommodate students.

In 2014, Dobie was named one of the 100 largest high schools in America. With a reported 3,452 students, Dobie ranked No. 88 on the list. According to PISD officials, however, Dobie's enrollment at the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year was actually 3,708 students, which would have placed the school at No. 56 on the list.

In November 2014, voters approved a bond that funded the construction of a Dobie ninth-grade center to alleviate overcrowding at the area campus. Officials expect the campus, currently under construction at the intersection of Fuqua and Monroe, to reduce enrollment at the primary campus by roughly 1,000. A sixth comprehensive high school was considered, but the Future Facilities Committee, composed of parents and community members, opted in favor of the ninth-grade campus instead. The new facility is expected to open next August for the 2017-2018 school year.

Local enrollment

Other local enrollment figures are as follows:

- Atkinson: 528
- Burnett: 564
- Bush: 732
- Frazier: 532
- Meador: 599
- Moore: 494
- South Belt: 611
- Stuchbery: 733
- Melillo: 658
- Morris: 941
- Roberts: 631
- Beverly Hills: 1036
- Thompson: 954

Atkinson students return to class



South Belt students returned to school this past week. According to Pasadena Independent School District officials, things ran fairly smoothly, with the exception of expected traffic delays. Overall enrollment in the school district slightly increased from 55,577 to around 55,700, but those figures are expected to rise through October. Atkinson Elementary students shown above enjoying their first day of class are, left to right, Jose Luis Vieyra, Aldo Reyna, Victor Perez and Yako Veloz. The students are all part of Atkinson teacher Mauricio Meza's second-grade class at the area school. Photo submitted

South Belt to get early voting location

The South Belt community will soon have a nearby polling location in which to cast early votes in future elections.

On Tuesday, Aug. 23, Harris County Commissioner's Court approved funding for a new polling location, to be located at 10851 Scarsdale at Beamer. The early voting site will be located in the Harris County annex that currently houses the Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace court and constable substation, the Harris County Tax Office and Parker Williams Branch Library.

The development comes in response to community outcry after Harris County Clerk Stan Stanart's office removed the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Hall No. 66 as an early polling spot for reasons that remain unclear.

IBEW Assistant Business Manager Mike Mosteit suspects the removal stemmed from complaints related to the voting site being located at a union facility.

"We're a labor union, and we make endorsements," Mosteit said, adding that the IBEW had, at one point, placed signs up in support of its favored candidates.

The signs in question were removed by Harris County constable deputies, as they were allegedly in violation of state law that says political signs

can't be within 100 feet of a polling location.

While Mosteit admits the signs were within 100 feet of the polls, he said they were located inside offices open for members only. He further said the offices in which the signs were hung were accessible through only side entrances and clearly marked that they were not polling places.

"We were within our rights," Mosteit said. "Those people need to stay out (of the offices)."

IBEW Hall No. 66 had served as an early voting location for at least 12 years, according to Mosteit. Located approximately 5 miles from the Leader office at Beltway 8 and Beamer, it had traditionally been the closest place for South Belt residents to vote early.

In its absence, residents had to travel roughly twice that distance to cast their votes early, with the nearest locations being located at the Harris County Courthouse Annex No. 25 at 7330 Spencer Highway in Pasadena and the Freeman Branch Library at 16616 Diana Lane in the Clear Lake area – both around 10 miles/15 minutes away.

The new Scarsdale polling location is already listed on Stanart's website as being an early voting location for the November general election.

To see a complete list of polling locations, visit www.harrisvotes.org.

Swimming season comes to close

Students have returned to school, and with the end of summer vacation, comes the closure of several local swimming pools.

The Ashley Pointe, Riverstone Ranch and Highland Meadows pools will also close after Labor Day.

Ashley Pointe pool hours are from 1 to 9 p.m.; Riverstone Ranch pool hours are from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Highland Meadows pool hours are from 3 to 8 p.m.

The Clear Brook Meadows pool will remain

open two weekends past Labor Day, closing Sunday, Sept. 19. Pool hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The Sageglen pool will remain open weekends through the month of September, closing for the season Sunday, Sept. 25. Sageglen pool hours are noon to 9 p.m.

The Sagemont and Beverly Hills swimming pools will close for the season after Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 5. The pools will each be open from 1 to 5 p.m. on the holiday.

Beamer extension nears completion

The project to extend Beamer Road to Bay Area Boulevard is nearing completion, according to Harris County officials.

A combined effort between Harris County and the Texas Department of Transportation, the \$10.3 million endeavor will extend Beamer roughly one mile from its current dead end at Tall Ships Lane in the Heritage Park subdivision.

While construction had been briefly put on hold due to delays related to a sound barrier wall and the installation of a traffic light, crews are now ahead of schedule, officials said.

In June, officials estimated the project would be complete by the end of October, but that projection has now been bumped up nearly a month,

with a target completion of Sept. 20.

This project is in addition to a second endeavor that will widen Beamer from one to two lanes in each direction from Tall Ships to Dixie Farm Road.

According to Harris County Project Coordinator Larry Allen, this phase of construction poses far more problems than the southern portion, as there are more than 80 pipelines that engineers must either navigate around or move altogether.

While Harris County Commissioner's Court has already approved funding for the second phase of construction, it is currently unknown when its design will be complete and work on the project will begin.

Study: local streets among the most dangerous in state

Several local intersections are among the most dangerous in the state, according to a new study.

Conducted by Houston attorney Brian White, the study analyzed data from the Texas Department of Transportation from 2012 to 2015 to determine which intersections had the most frequent accidents and caused the most bodily harm and fatalities.

With the data, White calculated a "danger score" using the number of crashes, injuries and fatalities at each intersection.

Of the 300 intersections listed, eight were located within 10 miles of the Leader office, with two located in the immediate South Belt area.

Of the local intersections, the Beamer and Beltway 8 crossing scored the highest, ranking 66th on the list. According to TxDOT records, there were 77 accidents at the intersection, with a total of 66 injuries.

Ranking 78th on the list was the intersection of Beamer and Scarsdale. Records show significantly more crashes at that crossing, but not nearly as many caused injuries. Records show that 134 accidents took place at the intersection, resulting in 40 injuries.

The intersection of the Gulf Freeway and NASA Road 1/FM 528 ranked 13th on the list with 341 accidents, 83 injuries and one death.

The intersection of Genoa Red Bluff and Red Bluff ranked 30th on the list with 78 accidents, 86 injuries and two deaths.

The Beltway 8 and Telephone Road/SH 35 crossing ranked 44th on the list with 113 accidents and 66 injuries.

The Beltway 8 and Genoa Red Bluff crossing ranked 62nd on the list with 58 accidents, 49 injuries and one death.

The intersection of the Gulf Freeway and FM 2351 ranked 150th on the list with 59 accidents and 40 injuries.

The Beltway 8 and Fairmont crossing ranked 243rd on the list with 66 accidents and 20 injuries.

According to the study, the intersection of Beltway 8 and Bissonnet was the most dangerous in the state, with 335 crashes and 263 injuries.

To see the complete list, visit <http://www.attorneybrianwhite.com/dangerous-intersections-texas.php>.

Hundreds attend Make it Right!



Harris County's Make It Right! crime forgiveness event at Sagemont Church was a huge success Saturday, Aug. 27, with nearly 1,000 people attending the function. Organized by Harris County District Attorney Devon Anderson, the event allowed people with misdemeanor offenses in Precincts 2 and 8 to clear unresolved warrants without going to court or the fear of arrest. In Harris County Precinct 2, Place 1 Justice of the Peace Jo Ann Delgado's (left) court alone, more than 75 offenders had their cases dismissed. Shown above at the event with Delgado are Harris County Precinct 8, Place 1 Justice of the Peace Holly Williamson and Harris County Precinct 8 Constable Phil Sandlin. Photo by Marie Flickinger

Stuchbery plays Pokémon at Leader



Several members of the Stuchbery Elementary staff stopped by the Leader during a Pokémon contest the day before school started for students. Stuchbery staff members pictured are, left to

right, (front row) Tonya Davis, Cheryl Fox, Dana Sylvester, (back row) Goretti Rerri, Lehng Nguyen, Robin Salinas and Kevin Albert.

Photo by Alexis Lochner

Lariaettes earn awards at Line Camp

The J. Frank Dobie Lariaettes recently welcomed Crowd-pleaser's Dance Camp to host their annual back-to-school Line Camp. The girls learned three routines in two days, focusing on leadership and dance technique. At the end of camp, the staff selected Camp All-Stars – participants who stood out both for dance performance and technique, as well as for hard work, leadership and dedication.

Photos submitted

Shown at right, Lariaettes receiving Elite Performer Awards, named Best of the Best of Camp, are, left to right, Natalie Balle, Lt. Colonel Alayna Cano and Naya Cooper.



Dobie Lariaette 2016 Line Camp All-Stars shown are, left to right, (front row) Astrid Silva, Colonel Marissa Kruschinsky, Collyne Garza, (middle row) Xochitl Romero, Alexis Sanchez, Natalie Balle, Jennifer Cantarero, (back row) Corina Banda, Sara Head Social Brittany Gonzales, Lt. Colonel Alayna Cano, Jazz-Cortez, Gabriela Ramirez, Maria Pedroza and Naya Cooper.

Appraisal Review Board seeks applicants

District Judge Robert K. Schaffer, administrative judge for the state district courts in Harris County, is accepting applications from Harris County citizens interested in service on the Appraisal Review Board (ARB). The ARB was created by the Texas Legislature to provide an independent judicial review of taxpayer protests of valuations established by the Harris County Appraisal District (HCAD). Service on the ARB would begin in January 2017. Applications must be submitted to Judge Schaffer through the HCAD human resources division beginning September 1 and received no later than Oct. 14, 2016, in order to be considered. A change in the law during the 83rd session of the Texas Legislature now allows a former ARB member

who has served three consecutive terms to be reappointed after sitting out a year. The ARB is a citizen board that sits in panels of three to hear testimony and review evidence in order to determine property owner protests which cannot be resolved informally with HCAD. Service on the review board does not constitute a full-time job, but members are compensated per diem when conducting hearings and attending ARB meetings. ARB members are required to attend ARB meetings in addition to serving on panels for actual ARB hearings. Review board service is generally a full-time commitment during the summer and fall months and requires members to be available to serve all day, every weekday and several Saturdays from

May through September. Weekday hearings are also held throughout the year. ARB members are not always scheduled every day, but must be available to serve if needed. Candidates for the ARB must be current residents of Harris County, having resided in the county for at least two years; must be up to date on property tax payments for the tax is being paid under an installment agreement; and, must not have served on the ARB for at least a year if they have served for all or part of three consecutive terms. Persons who fall into any of the following categories are not eligible to serve:

1. An individual currently employed by the State Comptroller of Public Accounts, or who is a member of the governing body, an officer, or a full- or part-time employee of a county, city, school district, community college district, MUD, or any other entity supported by local property taxes. Former governing body members, or officers of a taxing unit served by HCAD, are ineligible for four full years from the date they ceased to serve in that capacity.

2. Anyone who personally, or whose spouse personally, has a contract with local government or an appraisal district. The same restriction applies if the person, or his or her spouse, owns a 10 percent or greater interest in a business which contracts with a local government or appraisal district.

3. Persons that have appeared before the ARB for compensation as a tax consultant, accountant, appraiser, or representative of a property owner less than two years before the date the person is

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Building preparations begin long before first day of school

Long before teachers enter their classrooms, thousands of students flood the hallways, and the first homework assignment is ever made, Clear Creek ISD's Maintenance and Operations department is hard at work preparing for the start of school. They begin months before the prior school year has even ended. In many cases, a preliminary schedule of responsibilities is first developed in December, said Edward Hall, Director of Maintenance and Operations. That's done so that all of the maintenance and operations responsibilities can be completed before teachers return to work, he said. "Responsibilities like cleaning and performing floor maintenance on more than 7 million square-feet over 44 campuses in roughly 49 days. That alone takes 187 custodians to accomplish these tasks based on time and motion studies," Hall said. The 187 does not include custodians working on summer school campuses. "We map out campuses in close proximity and assign a defined number of custodians to teams, which includes six detailing teams and six floor cleaning teams," he

said. The number of custodians assigned to each team is work-loaded by defining the tasks required in each building and applying International Sanitary Supply Association time and motion studies. Those tasks include anything from window cleaning, dusting and furniture cleaning, to carpet extraction and floor removal. "The time and motion study allows us to convert tasks into time," Hall said. Using seven hours of daily productivity as a guide, Hall and other department heads are able to assign the appropriate number of custodians to clean and perform care in elementary campuses in about 10 days and intermediate campuses in about 15. As for high schools, custodial personnel remain on the seven campuses all summer because the number of camps and district events scheduled, he said. Besides standard cleaning, summer is also a time for the Maintenance and Operations department to perform preventative maintenance and assist Facility Services with bond construction inspection. Maintenance Coordinator

Steve Borowitz works with custodial personnel to schedule cooling tower cleaning and inspection around summer schools and campus cleaning schedules. His technicians brave the outdoor heat and humidity inside mechanical rooms to ensure each part is inspected and coils are cleaned of scale and debris. This allows cooling towers to work more efficiently and provide a cool and comfortable climate for teachers and students. Technicians also walk a number of schools each day taking air temperature and humidity to ensure HVAC systems are functioning properly. Maintenance coordinator Solomon Sandoval and his electricians perform preventative maintenance on campus emergency lighting, breaker and distribution panel infrared inspections, and check each exterior light pole to ensure these lights are operational. Special Projects supervisor Tom Young works to ensure district life safety systems are inspected and repaired. Young works closely with city fire marshals as they walk buildings and bond construction.

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Catholic Daughters attend biannual national convention



St. Luke's Catholic Church's Catholic Daughters Court #2292 members were a hit wearing purple bowler hats topped with a yellow rose to represent CDA colors. The hats were used as an aid to finding each other in the crowded convention center and lobby where approximately 900 attendees were attempting to catch an elevator or grab a table at the restaurant during breaks. Shown above are, left to right, Kathleen Taylor, Carolyn Friend and Irene Flynn.

Every other even numbered year in July, Catholic Daughter members who are elected by the court, will travel to the national convention held in a different state each time. This year three delegates, Carolyn Friend, Regent of Court Mother of Unity #2292, Irene Flynn, Kathleen Taylor and an alternate, Gere Korenek enjoyed a trip to Pittsburgh for the Catholic Daughters of the Americas 56th Biennial National Convention. Prior conventions have been held in New Mexico, New York, Montana, Nebraska and Houston. Taylor preceded the group to Pennsylvania, spending some vacation time with her husband, Hugh. Catholic Daughters is the largest Catholic women's organization in the world and was begun in 1903 by the Knights of Columbus. On the Monday prior to the convention, Taylor and Friend enjoyed a tour of Amish Country in Ohio, where they experi-

enced how an Amish family lived, some even to this day. Later, they were shown around the grounds from an Amish buggy, saw the theatrical production of *Josiah for President*, and ate in an Amish Country Restaurant. Flynn and Korenek took a tour of Pittsburgh and learned about its history. That Tuesday, everyone toured some historical churches in the area. After the tour, several workshops were presented by board members on the aspects of being a Catholic Daughter including Leadership, Spirituality, Legislation, and Circle of Love. Even though the convention is hard work, as it begins in early morning hours and may go on until well past bedtime, it is not all work. Taylor participated in the Walk/Run for Love early one morning raising money for the many CDA National Projects and Charities, such as Habitat for Humanity, SMILE Train, and others too numer-

ous to mention. One evening a "State Night Dinner" was hosted by each state for its attendees. Another evening there was a "fun night." The theme this year was Sports-O-Rama. Those attending were asked to wear the jerseys, etc., of a favorite sports team. The rose which Court #2292 attendees wore on their purple bowler hats was later changed to a red, white and blue ribbon, for the patriotic Mass held in honor of Veterans of all armed services on Friday morning. Catholic women wanting to be a part of this group and get involved and, perhaps, be elected as a delegate to represent the court in South Dakota in 2018, should call Friend at 281-484-4170 or visit the next meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Luke the Evangelist Social Hall at 11011 Hall Road. Members can be a member from any Catholic church, not specifically St. Luke's, to join the court.

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Lariaette of the Week



The Dobie High School Lariaette of the Week for Aug. 22 through Aug. 26 is junior Aleida Gonzalez. She is a two-year line member and the daughter of Miguel and Iliana Gonzalez.

CCISD readies for school

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district painting requests. Each maintenance supervisor works closely with Paul Miller and facility services to support bond construction in the summer as well. Miller and his project managers are juggling hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of upgrades, remodels and new construction.

General maintenance supervisor Gaylon Orrill and carpenters stripe parking lots and paint fire lanes in the summer heat.

Technicians till and install mulch in all district elementary playgrounds as well as pressure wash buildings and entryways to ensure they're clean and debris free.

He also sorts through and prioritizes several hundred

ARB members sought

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org. Only current application forms from this site will be considered.

Application forms may also be obtained by calling the ARB executive office at 713-957-5265.

As a backup contact, if that number is busy, call the office of the taxpayer liaison officer at 713-957-7499.

Those requesting information on ARB service requirements should call 713-957-5265.

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Over The Back Fence by Alexis

RON ENJOYS A BIRTHDAY
Ron Williams of Ace Hardware is wished a very happy birthday Thursday, Sept. 1, from his family, friends and the Leader staff.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, KAREN!
Birthday greetings are sent to Karen Taylor Sept. 3 friends and the staff at the Leader.

ELLIE CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY
Marie and David Flickinger send greetings for a wonderful birthday to their daughter-in-law Ellie (Garza) Flickinger on Monday, Sept. 5. Best wishes are sent from husband David (Leader president); daughter Natalie and husband Jose Abarca; grandchildren Kelvin Lopez, Noah and Isabella Abarca; and friends and the Leader staff.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MARIE!
Birthday greetings are sent to Marie Flickinger, South Belt Leader owner, on Thursday, Sept. 1, from husband David; sons Fred and wife Leslie Flickinger and David and wife Ellie Flickinger; granddaughters Kimberly Flickinger and Courtney Durham and husband Chris and great-grandchildren Abigail and Jackson Durham; granddaughter Natalie and husband Jose Abarca; and great-grandchildren Kelvin Lopez, Noah and Isabella Abarca; sister Alexis Lochner; and her friends and staff at the South Belt-Ellington Leader.

MANY THANKS TO JAY AND KIMBERLY
A big round of applause and much appreciation is sent to two staff members, Kimberly Flickinger and Jay Do, who did an amazing job during the summer to help the South Belt Leader run smoothly and efficiently. Flickinger helped with the Leader's accounting during the summer. Now a senior at Texas A&M, she was chosen by the Heritage Foundation to intern in Washington, D.C., during the fall semester. After this internship she will finish her senior year at A&M.

The interviewing and writing of many Leader feature stories this summer was done by Do, who returns to Dobie High School as a senior. The Leader staff appreciates the excellent work both contributed to the paper.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District enjoy birthdays Sept. 1 through Sept. 7.

Atkinson Elementary
Birthday greetings are sent to Jennifer Chrysler Sept. 1 and to Michelle Pinkerton Sept. 2. Sept. 3 is the day for a cake for Belva Alaniz. Florestela Trujillo enjoys a birthday Sept. 7. Belated wishes are sent to Patricia Villarreal who celebrated her birthday on Aug. 18.

Burnett Elementary
Sing a chorus of a happy birthday song to Amy Otwell, Amanda Pettitt and Marisol Vazquez Sept. 3. Esmeralda Paredes is sent a birthday greeting Sept. 5.

Bush Elementary
Blow out the candles on a birthday cake for Carina Henriquez Sept. 1. Sing a happy birthday song to Nadja Diaz-Rodriguez Sept. 3. Light the birthday candles Sept. 6 for Juliette Patterson.

Frazier Elementary
Send a birthday greeting Sept. 2 to Debra Hawkins. Birthday wishes are sent to Maria Arriaga and Anabell Lopez Sept. 3. Blow out the birthday candles on a double-layer cake for Raquel Rojas and Jessica Vela Sept. 6. Paula Oliva celebrates a birthday Sept. 7.

Meador Elementary
Marking a birthday Sept. 2 is Frank Sanchez. The day for a party for Catarina Hlozek is Sept. 3.

Moore Elementary
Light the birthday candles for Veronica Rangel Sept. 2. Sept. 4 is the day for an ice cream cake for Viet Lam.

South Belt Elementary
Blow out the candles on a birthday cake Sept. 4 for Thu Duong. Lily Campos and Anh Ton enjoy a birthday greeting Sept. 5.

Stuchbery Elementary
Sept. 4 is the day for a cake for Sharon Garris. Maria Posadas is wished a happy birthday Sept. 7.

Melillo Middle School
Light the birthday candles Sept. 5 on a cake for Amira Abdelhalim.

Roberts Middle School
Enjoy a slice of birthday cake Sept. 2 with Gabriela Tornero. Happy birthday wishes are sent Sept. 4 to Jose Mendoza.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Blow out the birthday candles for Wes Hardy Sept. 1. The day for a party for Dawn Nguyen is Sept. 2.

Thompson Intermediate
Dena Cockerell enjoys a birthday Sept. 3. Celebrating a birthday Sept. 6 is Jessica Boland. Share a birthday cake with Ca-Lishea Woods on Sept. 7.

Dobie High
The day for a party for Maria Freyre is Sept. 1. Enjoying a birthday Sept. 2 is Christopher Puente. Birthday greetings are sent to Julia Hernandez Sept. 5. Sept. 6 is the day for a cake for Alexander Garcia.

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

Thursday, Sept. 1: Tiffany Gay, Maribel Manriquez, Jasmine Manning, Karen Jenkins and Steve Landin; Friday, Sept. 2: Fil Cantu, Stacy Aguirre, Suzanne Hernandez, Karen Young and Mary Hernandez; Saturday, Sept. 3: Steve Boney, Josie Parker, Veronica Hernandez, Keith Nelson, Ruth Fuller, Donald Musquiz, Tomas Shorts Jr. and Leslie Montemayor; Sunday, Sept. 4: Ashlie Files, Lashanda Scott, John Laird, Nikki Spriggs, Angie Reynolds, Jerry O'Brien, Betty Thomas, Darin Peltier, Tommy Walko, Joe Scanlin and Denise Turnage; Monday, Sept. 5: London Shelton, Stacy McNaughton and Cathy Tate; Tuesday, Sept. 6: Coleen Terrell, Jennifer Navarro, Titus Purdy, Robert Evans, Jill Lambert, Debbie Bennett, Christina Gordon, Candi Beasley and John Evans; and Wednesday, Sept. 7: Gerard Dougherty, Shaun Stevenson, Shelly Robinson, Perla Gonzales, Nicholas Chiapetta, Nora Rangel, George Mottu, Stacy Parker, Paula Oliva, Liliana Olivares, Leann Stokes, Edna Salinas, Angie Hernandez and Yvette Rodriguez.

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Email birthday, anniversary, vacation, congratulations, etc., to mynews@southbeltlead.com with OTBF as the subject. The deadline is Friday noon for the next week's publication.

Lariaette Escort of the Week



The Lariaette Escort of the Week for Aug. 22 through Aug. 26 is Head Escort Sean Saperstein. He is a senior and is the son of Mike and Heidi Saperstein.

Israeli folk dancing dates set

Israeli folk dances, the most fun way to exercise, will be held at Congregation Shaar Hashalom Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. September dates are 12, 19 and 26.

There will be no session on Labor Day, Sept. 5. The only day in October the dances will take place is Oct. 31. The entire community is invited to attend. For more information, contact the office at 281-488-5861 or email shaar.hashalom.email@gmail.com.

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Thompson announces new faculty



New faculty for the 2016-2017 school year at Thompson Intermediate School are pictured, left to right, Sally Thacker (science), Kandace McMullin (science), Kristin Cortese (special education math), Alex Alvarado (connect), Ryan Peterson (social studies), Stefanie Tang (English, language, arts and reading), Dora Hawkins (science), Michael McDonald (seventh-grade writing), and Jennifer Dacy (peer facilitator).

Remember When

40 years ago (1976)
Dr. C. Lee Meyer, superintendent of the Pasadena Independent School District, announced that Heidi, the drug sniffing dog, along with trainer Billy Smith would be used in surprise visits throughout the district's intermediate and high schools.

The Murphy family achieved highest honors in karate. Sharon joined husband Bill Murphy as a black belt holder. Their children, Debbie and Ricky, were awarded purple belts, the highest color awarded in the junior karate division.

Houston Fire Chief Joe Perino told the South Belt Press (now known as the South Belt-Ellington Leader) that Sagemont would not lose its fire station. In fact, three different sites in the South Belt area were being considered for a new station, one of those located at Beamer and the beltway. The station on Sagemont being used as No. 70 was previously under the jurisdiction of the Southeast (formerly Sagemont) Volunteer Fire Department. The city took possession of it upon annexation of the Sagemont area.

Road crews from Harris County Precinct 1 finished blacktopping a 170-foot roadway extension of Blackhawk between Sage-meadow and Green Tee Terrace subdivisions. Precinct 1 officials were also investigating the possibility of completing the four-lane section of Beamer between Kirkwood and Sagemont.

30 years ago (1986)
Construction on the Kirkmont MUD building began.

The PISD board of trustees met to issue an order implementing single-member districts.

25 years ago (1991)
Members of King of Kings Lutheran Church celebrated 25 years of service.

School enrollment in PISD schools grew by more than 1,100 students including a small population growth in South Belt area schools.

20 years ago (1996)
Original Sagemont resident Emma Norris was seen as General Burns in the movie E.L.M.-Entry Level Male.

An exit incentive program for San Jacinto College employees aged 55 and up with 15 years of district employment was approved by regents. Under the plan, those choosing to accept the incentive could get one year of contracted salary.

15 years ago (2001)
The PISD Board of Trustees approved the administration's proposed \$235.5 million budget.

The Leader asked Mayor Lee Brown's assistance in having the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers present a program to South Belt residents regarding the studies which have been conducted

on Clear Creek. City officials immediately responded and agreed to make the official request.

10 years ago (2006)
On Tuesday, Aug. 29, Gov. Rick Perry ordered special elections to be held concurrently with the Nov. 7 general election for the congressional seat vacated by former Rep. Tom DeLay, who resigned and removed his name from the ballot.

Two weeks after the start of school in PISD, traffic on Blackhawk near the J. Frank Dobie entrance was still a major problem for motorists.

5 years ago (2011)
Galveston's Lone Star Flight Museum announced it will be moving to Ellington International Airport. Houston City Council recently approved a 40-year contract with the museum for use of 14 acres just on the inside of airport property at Aerospace Avenue and Hillard. The contract will require the museum to make at least \$7.5 million in improvements. The flight museum had been at its current home at the Scholes International Airport in Galveston for 23 years. The decision to move the facility was prompted by heavy damage caused by Hurricane Ike.

Sagemont resident Kevin Stevens and his 9-year-old

son Hunter landed a 7-foot-long black tip shark while fishing off the coast of Galveston in a 12-foot kayak. The incident, captured on video by Hunter Stevens, sent the pair into instant global fame, with the two appearing on programs such as Good Morning America and Fox and Friends.

Former longtime Dobie High School swim coach Dennis Shippey died Aug. 31, at the age of 65. He enjoyed more than 30 years as the Longhorns' head swimming coach and was one of the nation's top competitive swimmers for much of his life before retiring in 2008, following a diagnosis of Alzheimer's. In June, Shippey was inducted into the Texas Senior Games Hall of Fame.

1 year ago (2015)
Houston District E City Council Member Dave Martin honored outgoing Pasadena Independent School District Superintendent Kirk Lewis by presenting him with a special proclamation during a public Council session.

A 20-year-old man was hospitalized in serious but stable condition after he was shot three times at an apartment complex in the 10900 block of the Gulf Freeway near Hartsook. No immediate arrests were made.

50 years later, South Houston 'Jannettes still going strong



South Houston High School's Jannettes drill team is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. To mark the occasion, about 150 former members of the team will be performing with the school's current drill team in a joint performance at halftime of the Trojans' home game against Galena Park on Saturday, Sept. 3. Many of the former team members will also perform in May in the drill team's annual spring show. Some of the original 100 drill team members are pictured above.

Photo submitted

ing full-size drill teams at the three district high schools then in existence – South Houston, Pasadena and Sam Rayburn. Girls interested in performing spent the spring semester of 1966 in training in preparation for May tryouts.

All three drill teams made their debut that fall. Pasadena's Eagle Escort, South Houston's 'Jannettes and Sam Rayburn's 'Tex-Anns immediately became local traditions.

At South Houston, the 'Jannettes replaced the Spartans, a pom-pom waving pep squad established shortly after the school opened in 1957.

Jackie Calhoun was a senior on the first 'Jannettes squad and served as a social officer. For her, the drill team was established just in time. Another year and she would have missed it.

"I wanted our school to have a drill team really bad," says Calhoun, now Jackie Calhoun Williams. "I had two friends who went to Bellaire and Spring Branch – and they had drills teams at their school. When it was announced, I said, 'Yes! Sign me up.'"

Memories of the 'Jannettes early years are almost endless. Many revolved about the Trojans' next-to-last game that first season, a 0-0 tie against Baytown played in quagmire conditions in Baytown.

Walker, who married Mike Nixon, a halfback on the Trojans football team, recalls vividly the pea-soup fog – and, most of all, the mud.

"There was so much mud – and we happened to be using canes that night in our routine," Nixon says. "Well, if you leaned on your cane too much, it went right down into the mud. A couple of girls got their canes stuck. They couldn't get them out!"

Recalls Williams: "My boot got stuck in the mud. I tried to pull it out, but my foot came right out of my boot!"

The routine became an exercise in comic relief, Nixon recalls.

"When we did our high kick, the mud went flying everywhere," she says. "It was really a lot of fun."

The 'Jannettes hit the big time, in a sense, the following year when they performed at halftime of an AFL game between the Houston Oilers and Oakland Raiders in Rice Stadium. The contest, played in early December, started in 70-degree weather.

"But then the wind started blowing," Johnson recalls, "and when we went out to perform it was down to 31. And all we had with us were our rain coats. That was it!"

So much of what the alumni 'Jannettes thought were trials and tribulations at the time, they say, are now part of their happy recollections of being a teenager. Those were the days when the drill team and the band performed together, when several members of the drill team even performed with batons.

Nixon remembers dancing to "Georgy Girl," one of the most popular tunes of 1967. The split formation caused different sections of the band to play out of sync.

"It was like half the band was about a half-beat behind," Nixon says. "I just started singing the song in my head – and kept going!"

Among the earliest 'Jannettes, memories of the drill team's first director, Annetta Schomber, remain especially vivid. A former Kilgore Rangerette, Schomber kept order with a firm hand.

"Occasionally, one of the girls would forget to take something to the game – and that was just something you didn't do," Johnson says. "There were no cell phones

in those days, but normally a girl would find a way to call her mom. I remember all those times somebody's mom would pull up next to the bus – and whatever it was that got left behind would get passed right through the window so Schomber wouldn't find out. You did not want to endure the wrath of Schomber!"

For Williams, the experience of being a 'Jannette has never really faded. Her daughter, Holly Williams, performed for Dobie's Lariatettes drill squad. Holly graduated in 1993 and went on to perform for the Kilgore Rangerettes.

Now it's mom's turn again. But the alumni 'Jannettes will be the first to admit that they prefer the good old days of drill – muddy boots and all.

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Perea, Mora to wed



Frank and Connie Mora announce the engagement and upcoming wedding of their son, Frank G. Mora Jr., to Stachea Perea. The couple became sweethearts while attending McPherson College in Kansas. The prospective groom is a 2008 graduate of Dobie High School. He is employed by the Pasadena Independent School District, and finishing his degree to become an English teacher and a baseball coach. The bride-to-be is employed at GEO Group Southeast Texas Transitional Center (Adult probation Office). The couple plan to marry in September in Colorado Springs, Colo., where the bride-to-be was born. They are planning a honeymoon trip to Cancun, Mexico. Upon their return, they will reside in Deer Park.

Paredes, Smalls, engaged



Esmeralda Paredes and Javier Paredes of Riverstone Ranch announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Cynthia Paredes, to Alexander Smalls, son of Maria Camacho and Jesse Smalls of Cinco Ranch. The bride-to-be, a longtime South Belt area resident, is a 2007 graduate of J. Frank Dobie High School. She is currently a mechanical engineer for the University of Houston. The prospective groom is a petroleum engineer for the University of Oklahoma. He is a marathon runner in the annual Chevron Houston Marathon. The couple are avid travelers. After a late-October wedding at Ashton Gardens West in Katy, the couple plan to spend their honeymoon in Bora Bora.

By Al Carter, PISD

Georgian Walker was risking a demerit, but she didn't care.

A junior on the newly established drill team at South Houston High School, Walker stood at attention in the end zone of a stadium in Beaumont waiting to make her debut as a 'Jannette, the squad's newly minted name, derived from the school's Trojan mascot.

In silent formation were nearly 100 girls – and nearly 200 shaking knees. Someone on the field walked by, looked at Walker and said, "Y'all look scared to death." Walker couldn't hold back. "That's because we are!" she yelled.

The date was Sept. 9, 1966. In their debut that night, the 'Jannettes certainly performed no worse than the Trojan football team, which had to rally for an 8-8 tie against Beaumont South Park.

Now, 50 years later, the 'Jannettes are still on the march – and in various vintages. To mark the drill team's golden anniversary, about 150 former drill members are preparing to join the school's current dance troupe in a joint performance at halftime of the Trojans' home game against Galena Park on Saturday (Sept. 3). Kickoff is 6 p.m.

Many of the participants were members of the original 'Jannettes who performed for the first time in the fall of 1966.

"The Class of 1967 and 1968 have always been about supporting the school," says Libby Powers Johnson, a junior on the 1966 squad. "Our alumni have always been there for South Houston. We saw this as just one more thing we can do for our school."

A year ago, Johnson contacted 'Jannettes sponsor Saranya Taylor about putting together an alumni squad for a 50th anniversary performance. Taylor approved the idea, a Facebook page was established and former 'Jannettes, many from last year's squad, jumped at the chance to participate.

Many of the alumni 'Jannettes plan to return in May to participate in the drill team's annual spring show – with proceeds going to meet the squad's financial needs.

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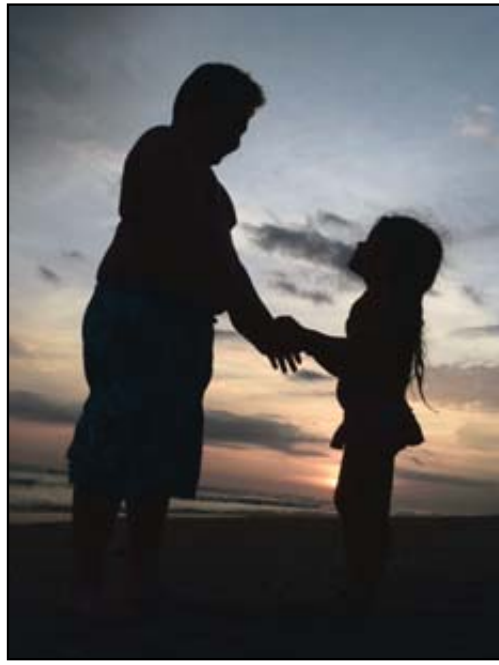
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Cavazos family enjoys time together at the beach in El Salvador

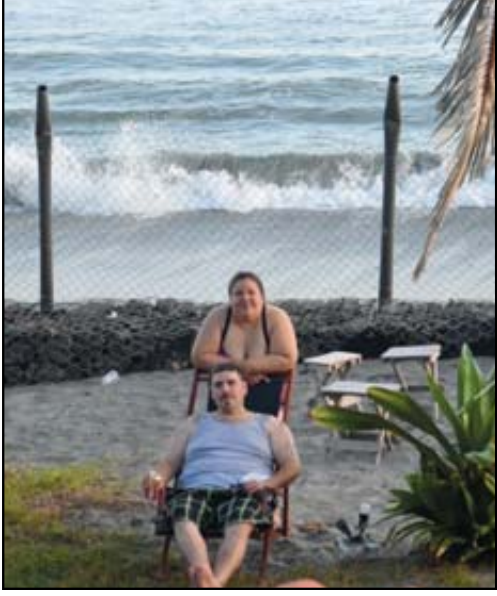


Above, left to right, Pete, Julian, Sandra and Sophia Cavazos enjoy the Las Hojas Beach on the coast of El Salvador.

South Belt residents Pete and Sandra Cavazos and their children, Julian and Sophia, recently spent time on the coast of El Salvador. Julian is a fifth-grader at Morris Middle School and previously attended Stuchbery Elementary.



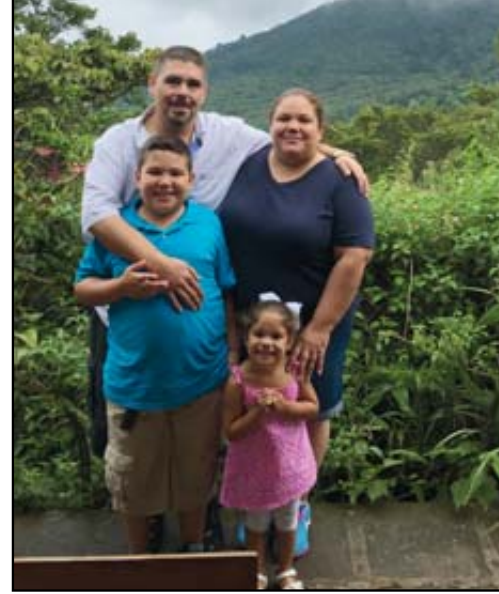
Julian and Sophia Cavazos dance in the sunset on the coast of El Salvador.



Sandra (back) and Pete Cavazos (front) at Las Hojas Beach in El Salvador.



Julian Cavazos enjoys some fresh coconut water by the pool.



Left to right, (front row) Julian, Sophia, (back row) Pete and Sandra enjoying the beautiful scenery in the city of La Palma.



Sophia and Pete went horseback riding along the beach.



Pete, Julian, Sandra and Sophia enjoy time in the pool.

Embrey family explore Colorado

The Embrey family of Riverstone Ranch traveled to Colorado this summer for hiking, rafting and 4x4 fun. Pictured below at the Continental Divide at Tincup Pass are Mark Embrey Jr., Nicole Embrey and Tess Embrey, children of Mark and Olga Embrey.



Vacay contest winners

The 2016 *Leader* vacation contest winners have been chosen for the final draw. All photos received in August up to the deadline, including those that will appear in future *Leader* issues, have been judged.

The first place winner, receiving eight Schlitterbahn tickets, is the Chris and Sarah Jones family, who enjoyed a trip to Puerto Vallarta. Winning six Schlitterbahn tickets for second place is Yelena Reyes who explored New Zealand with Loan Peabody. Taking third place for four Schlitterbahn tickets are Gary and Melanie Ford who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary at Disney World. Honorable mention in the contest goes to Tim and Donna Bush, Pete and Sandra Cavazos and the Chelsea Pavalonis family.

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Peabody, Reyes explore New Zealand

Dobie High teacher Loan Peabody and Yelena Reyes spent five days in New Zealand where they enjoyed a traditional Maori Feast called a Hangi. They visited the Whaka Maori Village and toured the Agrodome, where they learned the finer points of sheep-shearing and goat milking. The highlight of the New Zealand experience was Hobbiton where the *Lord of the Rings* was filmed. The last week of their "Journey Down Under" was spent in Australia where they made friends

with koalas, kangaroos, and even pythons! After enjoying a Vivid Light Show and the famous Opera House in

Sydney, they went snorkeling at the Great Barrier Reef. Reyes has been on trips with Peabody three times since

her high school days but this is her first time to the South Pacific, and is the second for Peabody.



Yelena Reyes holds Hazel, the koala in Kuranda Koala Gardens.



Loan Peabody visits with Matilda, a kangaroo, at Sydney Wildlife World.



Loan Peabody and Yelena Reyes pose together at Hobbiton, Matamata.

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SC ground game rolls past Dobie

The stat sheet will say Summer Creek's Myles Wanza rushed for more than 200 yards and a pair of scores as the Bulldogs handed Dobie a 30-14 home loss to start the 2016 season.

A deeper look will show that the Bulldogs held Dobie to 188 total yards and seven first downs, and that JFD quarterbacks were a combined 4 of 18 through the air.

not a huge concern for the Longhorns moving forward, provided they make the necessary adjustments heading into week two against Clear Springs.

Dobie head coach Mike Norman saw a player here not taking care of an assignment, and a play or two there not going for the big gainer desired.

It's all correctable after one week, and Norman, his staff and players all feel as though the corrections will be made. Dobie is too talented for things not to come together this season as hoped. It's just one game. There is no panic.

"We had a lot of guys out there playing for the first time, and it showed in some spots," Norman said. "We missed some plays and had some mistakes."

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Summer Creek quarterback John Holcombe (3) leaps to avoid the tackle of Dobie linebacker Dejuan Dixon during the first half of the Bulldogs' eventual 30-14 victory over the Longhorns Aug. 27, at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. The Bulldogs' ground gain led the way to the win with 223 yards, but Dixon, a junior, did his part with a game-high 15 tackles. Photo by David Flickinger

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The Cardinals entered play boasting three of the Houston area's top ranked defensive players in their mix, including defensive tackle Jayden Peevy, a Texas A&M commit, and defensive end, Alex Duke, who has committed to play at the University of

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Clear Brook hosts La Porte
Friday, Sept. 2
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Dobie's Sexton wins No. 300

Dobie varsity volleyball head coach Dawn Sexton reached a milestone Aug. 26, earning career win No. 300 as the Lady Longhorns defeated Eisenhower on the road.

The win was significant for her resume and perhaps future plaques to come, but Sexton was more excited about the Lady Longhorns' victory.

Sexton and the Lady Longhorns are confident the rest of the season can hold great rewards. "The season is progressing," Sexton said. "Players are getting comfortable with each other and working better together. We played a tough pre-

Brook volleyball gains traction

Maybe the approach isn't as desirable as head coach Meredith Thompson would like, but the Clear Brook varsity volleyball team is starting to see some of the positive results gleaned from what

has been a rather solid season to this point. Clear Brook has now won three straight, including a pair of back-to-back matches against Stratford and Bellaire in which the locals lost the first two

games to rallied for marathon wins. In the past, some of those marathon wins have gone in favor of the opposition. But perhaps no more.

Brook fell behind Stratford Aug. 26 by a 25-21, 25-23 count but came back to win 25-19, 25-15, 15-6. Against Bellaire, the Lady Cardinals won the first two games only to see Brook win 25-20, 25-18, 15-11.

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JFD freshman FB sweeps SC

Dobie controlled the action at the freshman level as the Longhorns got off to a great start on the football field Aug. 25, at Dobie.

Due to wet field conditions at Summer Creek High School, the two junior varsity games were cancelled.

Dobie Orange 28 Summer Creek 6

Dontavion Crosby had three scoring runs and the Longhorns' defense allowed just a single score in an easy 28-6 victory over Summer Creek.

Dobie jumped ahead for good in the first quarter as Crosby busted off touchdown bursts of 40 and four yards.

The lead was extended in the second quarter as Ty'Veyon Ware had a seven-yard run. In the third quarter, the Longhorns put the game away with a two-yard scamper to the end zone by Crosby.

Camran Guy and Marcus Herrera also stood out on the offensive side of the football.

Defensively, Summer Creek found it tough to

gain much as Dobie's help came from Dustin Dominguez, Kobe Ruiz, Marcel Fields, Giambi Boyd, Adrian Johnson, Theo Randle, Carson Fletcher and Carlton Coleman.

Dobie White 24 Summer Creek 0

The Longhorns dominated play in the freshman White game to the tune of a 24-0 shutout over Summer Creek.

Dobie took an immediate 8-0 lead as Demarcus Carathers excited the home crowd with a 75-yard kickoff return to open the game.

In the third quarter, Christian Cleckley had a 25-yard run for a touchdown. Dobie then secured the win in the third period as Cleckley went 30 yards for a touchdown.

Dobie Subvarsity Football Thursday, Sept. 1







Dobie JV Orange hosts Clear Springs Auxiliary Stadium, 6:30 p.m.

Dobie JV White hosts Clear Springs Auxiliary Stadium, 4:30 p.m.

Dobie Fr. Orange at Clear Springs Springs H.S., 6:30 p.m.

Dobie Fr. White at Clear Springs Springs H.S., 4:30 p.m.

South Belt football predictions

						
Dobie at Clear Springs	Clear Springs	Clear Springs	Clear Springs	Clear Springs	Dobie	Clear Springs
Clear Brook hosts La Porte	La Porte	La Porte	La Porte	Clear Brook	La Porte	Clear Brook
Galena Park at South Houston	Galena Park	Galena Park	Galena Park	Galena Park	South Houston	Galena Park
Manvel at North Shore	North Shore	Manvel	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore
Summer Creek at Friendswood	Friendswood	Friendswood	Friendswood	Friendswood	Friendswood	Friendswood
Baytown Sterling at Baytown Lee	Lee	Sterling	Sterling	Lee	Sterling	Sterling
Vidor at Pasadena Memorial	Memorial	Vidor	Vidor	Vidor	Vidor	Memorial
Dawson at Deer Park	Deer Park	Dawson	Dawson	Dawson	Dawson	Dawson
Dickinson at George Ranch	George Ranch	George Ranch	George Ranch	George Ranch	George Ranch	George Ranch
Clear Creek at Channelview	Clear Creek	Channelview	Channelview	Clear Creek	Clear Creek	Clear Creek
This week's record	5-5	5-5	10-0	4-6	7-3	5-5
Season record	5-5	5-5	10-0	4-6	7-3	5-5

Sports Calendar

VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Sept. 1

Clear Brook hosts Clear Creek ISD Invitational, TBA

Friday, Sept. 2

Brook varsity at Deer Park, 6:30
Dobie varsity at Goose Creek Memorial, 6:30
Dobie JV at Goose Creek Memorial, 5:30
Brook JV at Deer Park, 5:30
Brook freshman A at Deer Park, 4:30
Dobie freshman A at Goose Creek Memorial, 4:30
Brook freshman B at Deer Park, 4:30

Saturday, Sept. 3

Clear Brook hosts Clear Creek ISD Invitational, TBA

Tuesday, Sept. 6

Dobie varsity hosts Channelview, Phillips, 6:30
Dobie JV hosts Channelview, Phillips, 5:30
Dobie freshman A hosts Channelview, Phillips, 4:30

Friday, Sept. 9

Dobie varsity at Beaumont West Brook, 6:30
Brook varsity hosts Clear Falls, 6:00
Dobie JV at Beaumont West Brook, 5:30
Brook JV hosts Clear Falls, 5:00
Brook freshman A hosts Clear Falls, 4:15
Dobie freshman A at Beaumont West Brook, 4:30
Brook freshman B hosts Clear Falls, 5:15

Saturday, Sept. 10

Brook JV at Manvel Invitational, TBA
Brook freshman A at Alvin Invitational, TBA
Brook freshman B at Alvin Invitational, TBA

Tuesday, Sept. 13

Brook varsity hosts Clear Creek, 6:30
Dobie varsity hosts South Houston, 6:30
Dobie JV hosts South Houston, 5:30
Brook JV hosts Clear Creek, 5:30
Brook freshman A hosts Clear Creek, 4:15
Dobie freshman A hosts South Houston, 4:30
Dobie freshman B hosts South Houston, 4:30

TENNIS

Friday, Sept. 9

Dobie varsity at Alvin, 2:45 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 10

Dobie varsity hosts Tomball, 8 a.m.

Football

Thursday, Sept. 1

Dobie JV Orange hosts Clear Springs, Auxiliary, 6:30
Dobie JV White hosts Clear Springs, Auxiliary, 4:30
Brook JV Black at La Porte, 4:30
Brook JV Red at La Porte, 6:00
Dobie freshman Orange at Clear Springs, campus, 6:30
Dobie freshman White at Clear Springs, 4:30
Brook freshman Black hosts La Porte, 4:30
Brook freshman Red hosts La Porte, 6:00

Friday, Sept. 2

Brook varsity hosts La Porte, CCISD Veterans, 7:00

Saturday, Sept. 3

Dobie varsity at Clear Springs, Challenger, 6:00

Thursday, Sept. 8

Dobie JV Orange hosts Morton Ranch, Aux., 6:30
Dobie JV White hosts Morton Ranch, Aux., 4:30
Brook JV Black at South Houston, campus, 4:30
Brook JV Red at South Houston, campus, 6:30
Dobie Fresh. Orange at Morton Ranch, campus, 6:30
Dobie Fresh. White at Morton Ranch, campus, 4:30
Brook freshman Black hosts S. Houston, campus, 4:30
Brook freshman Red hosts S. Houston, campus, 6:30

Friday, Sept. 9

Dobie at Morton Ranch, Rhodes, 7:00
Brook varsity hosts South Houston, Challenger, 7:00

SOCCER

Thursday, Sept. 1

San Jacinto hosts Angelina, South, 7:00

Saturday, Sept. 3

San Jacinto hosts Mountainview, South, 7:00

Friday, Sept. 9

San Jacinto hosts Northeast, South campus, 7:00

Saturday, Sept. 10

San Jacinto hosts Paris, South campus, 4:00

Dobie volleyball pushes forward

Continued from Page 1B season to get us ready for district."

Dobie did experience a tough setback Aug. 30 at home against Spring. Despite winning the first two games - 25-21, 25-19 - Dobie wound up losing

Footballers ready at BHI, GAT

The Pasadena ISD intermediate football season is drawing ever-so-close, and the programs at Beverly Hills Intermediate and Thompson Intermediate will mark the occasion by hosting separate intrasquad scrimmages on campus Saturday, Sept. 3.

Family fun at BHI
At Beverly Hills Intermediate, the longstanding Family, Friends, Food and Football event will be held on campus, and all Bear fans are welcomed.

The scrimmage action involving each of the school's four football teams is the star attraction, but there will be plenty more to see for Battlin' Bear fans.

On-field play will begin at 8 a.m. with the seventh-grade A and eighth-grade B teams going head-to-head.

At 9 a.m., it'll be the eighth-grade A and eighth-grade B teams

Wolverines dash past Bellaire

Continued from Page 1B Houston beginning next spring. Bellaire also possesses the services of defensive back Donovan Stiner, who has yet to decide on a collegiate destination but is destined to find a Division I home when he does so.

None of that mattered to Clear Brook, which made a bit of a statement to open the season following a 41-point second-half outburst that left the Cardinals seeking answers.

The Wolverines have won no championships, nor has an eventual playoff berth been secured with the win over Bellaire, but second-year head coach Mike Allison's team is 1-0 and ready to host District 22-6A heavyweight La Porte after a convincing win in week one.

A big second half allowed the Wolverines to cruise to the win as quar-

terback Jaizac Garcia, running backs Jarrett Smith and M.J. Milton along with receiver Caleb Chapman stood out.

Each of the aforementioned players came into the season with high expectations.

Garcia entered 2015 as the starter at quarterback but then missed roughly half of the season with a shoulder ailment.

Now healthy, the former Southbelt Dolphin standout completed 24 of 30 passes for 210 yards and a pair of scores. Along the way, Chapman reeled in 16 passes for 104 yards and a touchdown.

Smith, now a junior and the latest in a lengthy line of Smith family members to excel at Clear Brook, broke through for 114 yards on the ground and three scores.

Milton, a speedster who was slowed during his

senior season, also showed he is back and healthy, rushing for an even 100 yards and a pair of scores on just nine attempts.

Defensively, the Wolverines got a big 60-yard interception return from Darian Holmes for the final touchdown of the contest.

Overall, Clear Brook collected 450 yards of offense and 25 first downs against a defensive unit featuring three highly-sought-after recruits.

What a start to the season. Now it's time to face the Bulldogs of La Porte, who opened the season with a 34-23 loss to Atascocita.

Clear Brook hasn't had much luck in nondistrict play against the Bulldogs, but the Wolverines have already shown this can be a vastly different season in many ways.

Southmore will host the eighth-grade A and seventh-grade A games, with B team games played at Thompson.

As will be during the regular season, all of the games will begin at 5 p.m. Having won three of the four possible Pasadena ISD football titles in 2015, the Lions are looking for another strong season on the field.

Of interest to South Belt area youth football fans, Thompson and Beverly Hills will go head-to-head for neighborhood bragging rights Oct. 17-18.

BAFL Week Three Scores

	Sr.	Jr.	Soph.	Fr.
Eagles	20	42	6	39
Cowboys	14	6	6	14
Dolphins	51	0	8	0
Bulldogs	28	41	44	35
Rams	0	26	0	6
Hurricanes	32	21	38	46

Bay Area Football League Standings

Team	Senior Division			Junior Division			
	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
<i>Dolphins</i>	3	0	0	<i>Patriots</i>	3	0	0
<i>Hurricanes</i>	3	0	0	<i>49ers</i>	3	0	0
<i>Eagles</i>	3	0	0	<i>Bulldogs</i>	3	0	0
<i>Stingrays</i>	3	0	0	<i>Texans</i>	3	0	0
<i>Cowboys</i>	2	1	0	<i>Cowboys</i>	2	1	0
<i>Bulldogs</i>	2	1	0	<i>Eagles</i>	2	1	0
<i>49ers</i>	2	1	0	<i>Rams</i>	2	1	0
<i>Patriots</i>	2	1	0	<i>Sharks</i>	2	1	0
<i>Texans</i>	2	1	0	<i>Stingrays</i>	2	1	0
<i>Sharks</i>	2	1	0	<i>Bulls</i>	1	1	1
<i>Bulls</i>	1	2	0	<i>Dolphins</i>	1	2	0
<i>Panthers</i>	1	2	0	<i>Panthers</i>	1	2	0
<i>Raiders</i>	0	2	0	<i>Hurricanes</i>	0	2	1
<i>Saints</i>	0	2	0	<i>Raiders</i>	0	2	0
<i>Mustangs</i>	0	2	0	<i>Mustangs</i>	0	2	0
<i>Gators</i>	0	3	0	<i>Gators</i>	0	2	0
<i>Cougars</i>	0	3	0	<i>Saints</i>	0	1	0
<i>Rams</i>	0	3	0	<i>Cougars</i>	0	3	0
Team	Sophomore Division			Freshman Division			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
<i>Patriots</i>	3	0	0	<i>Stingrays</i>	3	0	0
<i>Bulldogs</i>	3	0	0	<i>Texans</i>	3	0	0
<i>Hurricanes</i>	3	0	0	<i>49ers</i>	3	0	0
<i>Sharks</i>	3	0	0	<i>Bulldogs</i>	3	0	0
<i>Cowboys</i>	2	0	1	<i>Cowboys</i>	2	1	0
<i>Eagles</i>	2	0	1	<i>Dolphins</i>	2	1	0
<i>Dolphins</i>	2	1	0	<i>Bulls</i>	2	1	0
<i>49ers</i>	2	1	0	<i>Eagles</i>	2	1	0
<i>Stingrays</i>	2	1	0	<i>Patriots</i>	2	1	0
<i>Texans</i>	1	2	0	<i>Sharks</i>	2	1	0
<i>Bulls</i>	1	2	0	<i>Hurricanes</i>	1	2	0
<i>Panthers</i>	1	2	0	<i>Saints</i>	1	0	0
<i>Raiders</i>	0	2	0	<i>Raiders</i>	0	2	0
<i>Gators</i>	0	1	0	<i>Gators</i>	0	2	0
<i>Mustangs</i>	0	2	0	<i>Mustangs</i>	0	2	0
<i>Cougars</i>	0	3	0	<i>Cougars</i>	0	3	0
<i>Rams</i>	0	3	0	<i>Panthers</i>	0	3	0
<i>Saints</i>	0	1	0	<i>Rams</i>	0	3	0

Week 4 BAFL games

Saturday, Sept. 3

Southbelt Dolphins host Magnolia Park Sharks Blackhawk Park

Sagemont Cowboys at La Marque Cougars La Marque High School

Ellington Rams at League City Saints Countryside Park

San Jacinto College men's soccer wins pair; home opener against Angelina hits Sept. 1

Opening weekend just might be hard to top, but the San Jacinto College men's soccer team will try to do just that when Angelina visits Coyote Field on the South campus for SJC's 2016 home opener.

San Jac will enter the fray with the Roadrunners at 2-0 after a pair of big wins at the Bulldog Invitational, hosted by Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Aug. 26-27, in Perkinston, Mississippi.

Taking on preseason No. 3 ranked Eastern Florida State in the tournament opener, San Jac got a second-half goal from Ricardo Ramos in the 50th minute and went on to win a double overtime thriller as Ramos chipped in the eventual game-winner in the 108th minute.

In the tournament finale, San Jacinto fell down 2-0 against host Mississippi Gulf Coast but dominated with five second-half goals in a 5-3 win.

Carlos Blasco, Andrew Giraldo, Luis Almedia, Ivan Rosales and Meike Hikaru hit all tallied in the second half for the locals, providing for the final margin of victory.

Goalkeeper Paul Tyson earned wins in both matches as San Jacinto got out of the gate with a pair of quality wins. Now, An-

gelina awaits.

It's still a long season. The goal remains the same – a return visit to the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I Men's National Championship tournament, which returns to Tyler Junior College's Paul Hartley Fields Nov. 14-19.

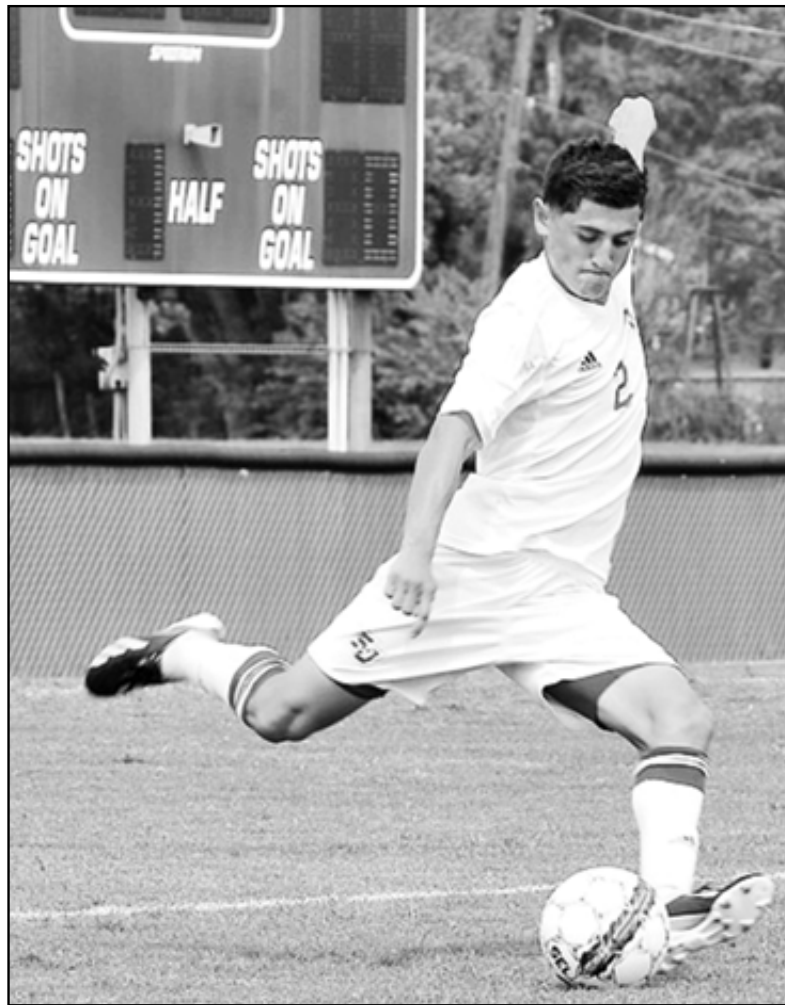
But San Jac now knows where it stands and what is possible. After going 12-6-1 a season ago and missing nationals by a single win, the bar has been raised.

"Our new freshman class and sophomore returners have been working hard throughout offseason to prepare for another run for nationals," said San Jacinto College men's soccer head coach Ian Spooner.

"We've been focusing a lot on our team building to go into this season as a cohesive group, making sure we're all on the same page before we go on the field."

"We have some great talent on the team this year, so it'll be great to see them grow as a team and individually."

The Sept. 1 opener against Angelina will begin at 7 p.m. San Jacinto will then face Mountainview in a Sept. 3 contest, also on the college's South campus.



Following a pair of wins during an opening-weekend trip to Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, the San Jacinto College men's soccer team, including Jeffry Hernandez (2), will play its home opener Sept. 1, on the South campus against Angelina College.

Photo by Andrea Vasquez/SJC

Lady Longhorns secure Sexton's career 300th



A celebration ensued after Dobie's varsity volleyball team scored a memorable "W" over Eisenhower Aug. 26, securing head coach Dawn Sexton's 300th career victory. Sexton spent the majority of her coaching career at North Shore High School before taking over at Dobie prior to last season. In the win over Eisenhower, sophomore outside hitter Taylor Pleasants had 13 kills, Jacqueline Garcia came up with 18 assists and Macy Williams had

eight digs and three service aces from her libero spot. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Yvonne Whaley, Garcia, Karis Pham, Williams, (middle row) Sexton, Lauren Escobar, Nia Herman, Kat Villanueva, Crystal Glover, (back row) Madison Taylor, Jakara Henry, Pleasants, Natasha Walters, Karyn Williams and Raene Oliveira. See more Dobie volleyball on Pages 1B and 2B.

TD Club honors Lutheran South Academy football



The Touchdown Club of Houston honored two Lutheran South Academy class of 2017 varsity football players at its annual preseason banquet. Terrell Davis (left) and Christian Shelmire (right) were named to the TD Club's Preseason All Greater Houston Team for the 2016 season. Davis is a wide receiver/defensive back who was rewarded in 2015 as part of the Texas Association Private and Parochial Schools first team all-academic and second team all-district wide receiver. He was also a bronze medalist in the 400-meter dash at the state track meet

in May. Shelmire put together a great season as a junior, rushing for more than 1,700 yards for the Pioneers. He went on to earn first team all-district and first team all-state pick. A Top 50 Lone Star Running Back prospect and a *Dave Campbell's Texas Football Magazine* private school cover page athlete, Shelmire is looking for another big season this time around. For 2016, the Pioneers are being coached by Richard Stallings (center), a former longtime assistant coach at Dobie High School.

PISD serves up intermediate volleyball play

The Pasadena Independent School District's Intermediate volleyball season begins Sept. 8 as teams from each of the district's 10 schools vie for both titles and PISD Cup points.

Per University Interscholastic League rules, intermediate school team practices/tryouts were held when school began Aug. 23.

The district scheduled a round of scrimmages that began Aug. 31 and will continue Sept. 1, and the action will all begin Sept. 8.

Beverly Hills opens the season by taking on the Bondy Lady Patriots, while Thompson heads to South Houston to face the Lady Indians.

Throughout the season, the seventh- and eighth-grade Dark team matches will begin at 5 p.m., with the

Light team matches to follow. Both seventh- and eighth-grade matches will be played at the same location on separate courts. Thompson and Beverly Hills go head-to-head Thursday, Sept. 22, on Donna Brach Court at Dobie High School.

Beverly Hills

2016 Volleyball Schedule

Date	Opponent
Sept. 8	Bondy
Sept. 15	at Jackson
Sept. 22	Thompson (at Dobie)
Sept. 29	*South Houston
Oct. 6	at San Jacinto
Oct. 13	Park View
Oct. 17	at Southmore
Oct. 20-21	7th Dark tourn. (at Jackson Int.)
Oct. 20-21	8th Dark tourn. (at South Houston Int.)
Oct. 24	at Queens
Oct. 27-28	7th Light tourn. (at Miller Int.)
Oct. 27-28	8th Light tourn. (at Bondy Int.)

7th/8th Dark team matches always 5 p.m.

Light team matches follow thereafter

Tournament times to be announced

Thompson

2016 Volleyball Schedule

Date	Opponent
Sept. 8	at South Houston
Sept. 15	Southmore
Sept. 22	Beverly Hills (at Dobie)
Sept. 29	*Park View
Oct. 6	Jackson
Oct. 13	at Queens
Oct. 17	Bondy
Oct. 20-21	7th Dark tourn. (at Jackson Int.)
Oct. 20-21	8th Dark tourn. (at South Houston Int.)
Oct. 24	at Miller
Oct. 27-28	7th Light tourn. (at Miller Int.)
Oct. 27-28	8th Light tourn. (at Bondy Int.)

7th/8th Dark team matches always 5 p.m.

Light team matches follow thereafter

Tournament times to be announced

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Bay Area Writers League – Meets the first Thursday monthly, Barnes and Noble, Bay Area Blvd. and Gulf Fwy., 7 p.m. Newcomers welcome.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

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.

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

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

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

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

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

Al-Anon – meeting at CrossRoads UMC, Friday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.

Serenity Now Al-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 Al-Anon principles, that they are not alone, and discover choices available. For details, call 281-484-9243.

281-487-8787, or just drop in.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous – Alcohol problems? Meetings are Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-204-2481.

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
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2 p.m.
Genealogy Group - Parker Williams group, 2 to 4 p.m. on the first and third Monday at the Parker Williams Library, Beamer at Scarsdale. Public is invited. For details, email Liz Hicks at erootrot@usa.net.
3:15 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy for adults with Parkinson's 3:15 to 4:45 p.m., Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for details.
6 p.m.
New Directions Singles - Age 60 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner with guest speakers, 6 p.m., at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Pkwy. For details, call Margarita at 832-715-9658.
Scrabble Club #511 - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Come, improve crossword playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for details.
6:30 p.m.
Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting - Monday at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway, Pearland. Use door near recycling bins. For details, call 713-865-3668 or visit www.oahouston.org.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For information, call 713-856-1611.
Friends Helping Friends Grief Support Group - meets Mondays, Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster, 7 to 8:15 p.m., in the Team Conference Room. Anyone who's lost a loved one is welcome. Free. For information, call Mrs. Barry Craven at 281-486-4241 or R. Sanchez at 281-337-4365.
7:30 p.m.
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 session for nonmembers. Everyone is welcome. For information, contact 281-488-5861 or csh@shaarhashalom.org.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Education Bldg., 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For details, call Russell at 832-483-6715.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
7 a.m.
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 details, call 713-472-0565.
10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.
11:30 a.m.
Local NARFE Meeting - National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 1321, meets the first Tuesday at Clear Lake Community Center, 5001 NASA Pkwy. Lunch is \$6. For information, call Bob Mitchell at 281-333-2881.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch is \$15. Variety of speakers. For details, call 281-900-7257 or visit nalix@texascitizensbank.com.
1 p.m.
Trailmixers - Meets the first Tuesday at Luby's, 11595 Fuqua. Former and current employees of J. Frank Dobie High School are welcome.
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1:30 p.m.
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - #1530 meets at the Sagement Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd., 1:30 p.m. For information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713.
2 p.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class - Sunday and Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details or classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or call 281-488-6318.
6 p.m.
Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish) - Support for family/friends of alcoholics/addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, room 215, First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.
6:30 p.m.
CrossRoads UMC - ESL classes Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 p.m. at the church, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Course, books and child care are free. For details, call 281-484-9243 or visit www.crossroads-umc.org.
Bay Area Quilt Guild - meets the first Tuesday, Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Fellowship is at 6:30 p.m.; meeting/program begins at 7 p.m. The September speaker is award-winning quilter M.J. Fielek with the program *Bucket List Quilts*. Ms. Fielek also has a workshop the following day, Wednesday, Sept. 7, on binding, picking the right color, making a perfect corner, and other techniques. Cost is \$40. Guests are welcome. For information or to register for the workshop, call Debby Benson at 713-248-8757 or visit bayareaquiltguild.org.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For information, call 713-856-1611.
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Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? Meetings are Thursdays,

8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-204-2481.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
7 a.m.
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.
10 a.m.
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Noon
Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club - meets monthly, first and third Wednesday, noon, Golden Corral, 4021 Spencer Hwy., Pasadena. December may be an exception. For information, call Monica Montoya at 281-794-5531.
American Business Women's Association Bay Area Vision Chapter - Meets at Bon Appetit Cafe, 18027 Point Lookout Dr., 77058, monthly, first Wednesday, noon to 1:30 p.m. Professional speaker often present. For details, contact Christie O'Rear at christieorear@gmail.com.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
1 p.m.
Hometown Heroes Park - has free Hump Day Dance to practice ballroom dance, 1 to 3:30 p.m., Wednesdays, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. League City nonresidents must purchase activity card. Help is available to assist learning dance moves. For details, call Neva Schroder at 417-838-2204.
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
CrossRoads UMC - Invites everyone to the Wednesday night service beginning with a light meal and fellowship at 5:30 p.m., followed by a praise, worship and prayer service at 6:30 p.m., then a Bible study led by both pastors (English and Spanish). Everyone is welcome!
6 p.m.
Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish) - Support for family/friends of alcoholics/addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, room 215, First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.
Alzheimer's Support Group - meets the first Wednesday, classrooms 3 and 4 (third floor), Bayshore Medical Center, 4000 Spencer Hwy., Pasadena. For information, call 713-944-4782 or 713-266-6400. Free.
6:30 p.m.
The Catholic Community of St. Luke the Evangelist Church - celebrates the Mass of the Sorrowful Virgin monthly on the first Wednesday, 11011 Hall Rd. There will be a special guest Sept. 7 and Oct. 5 at 6:30 p.m. For information, call 281-481-6816.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For information, call 713-856-1611.
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, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
7 a.m.
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.
NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse - Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 a.m., Praise Chapel, 18516 Hwy. 3 in Webster. Public welcome and encouraged to bring others. For details, call 281-910-1971.
10 a.m.
Harris County Master Gardeners - at Precinct 2 presents *Growing Palms*, a lecture by O.J. Miller, Clear Lake City Councilman and palm enthusiast, at the Clear Lake Park meeting room, 5001 NASA Parkway, Seabrook. Free. For details, visit https://hcmga.tamu.edu.
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11 a.m.
ABWA - Southeast Express Network - American Business Women's Association-South meets the second Thursday at Spring Creek Barbeque, 9005 Broadway (FM 518) in Pearland. Networking/lunch/member spotlight begin at 11 a.m. The program/business meeting begins at 11:45 a.m. The Sept. 8 meeting features attorney Melissa Lanier presenting "Employment Law: What You Need to Know to Protect your Company and Yourself." Women of all ages/occupations invited. Bring business cards. Guests welcome. Meeting fee is \$20. RSVP at www.seen-abwa.org.
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Alateen - Support for teens, friends and family members of alcoholics/addicts, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, room 208. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.
8:30 p.m.
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Moreno relishes USTA Task Force role

Dobie High School veteran tennis coach Manuel Moreno Jr. and his son, Mitchell, are headed to the Big Apple, where they will take in some of the sites and memorials associated with New York City.

In Texas, the high school season is divided into a fall session where "Team Tennis" is the focus.

omponent of the high school game. "That was shocking to me. I think Texas has some ideas and some game plans to follow, and that's part of what being on this Task Force is about."

TTCA held 50 open doubles events across the state, with more than 1,500 players taking part as part of its "Wilson Blast" program.

The Morenos will no doubt experience their fair share of fun on this trip, but coach Moreno is just as thrilled about the true purpose of the trip.

In 2015, the United States Tennis Association formed a High School Tennis Task Force, made up of seven prep coaches from across the country.

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According to Moreno, fewer young players can now afford even modest fees for USTA memberships, but still want to be involved in off-season tennis programs.

The task force is in place to help provide the USTA recommendations on how to both promote and improve the high school game on a national level. So far, Moreno has seen progress.

Moreno said Texas' development is far and away an industry leader.

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ment. He will have a chance to see former O'Connell teammate Bobby Kleinecke in New York, with Kleinecke there to discuss the goings-on of the Texas Tennis Coaches Association.

"The state's purpose was to help get the USTA more involved with high school tennis," Moreno said.

"I have to admit that even I was a little surprised to learn that Texas is well ahead of the rest of the nation at the high school level on a number of levels."

"Overall, we (USTA, high school coaches) are working together to help promote and develop the game at the high school level, and that's important to me," Moreno said. "I'm just honored to be a part of the process and be able to do my part."

young players a better chance to stay involved in the game of tennis.

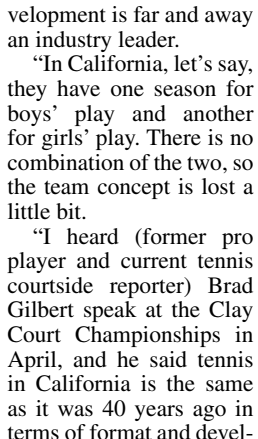
"States like California and Florida would seem to be our biggest competitors for exposure, but we are well ahead of both of those states."

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Growing pains affect JFD netters

While in some ways it might have been expected, the Dobie varsity tennis program is not off to a start of its liking to this point in the Team Tennis portion of the schedule.

Admittedly, Dobie coach Manuel Moreno Jr. has once again put his

team through the paces, pitting his players against some of the toughest competition the region allows.

Dobie has gone against Clear Creek, Clear Brook, Clear Springs, Friendswood, Willis and Schertz Clemens of the San Antonio area.



Dobie's varsity tennis team has struggled to get team wins early this season, but No. 1 girls' singles player Leilani Vargas has stood out in her role at the top of the ladder.

Some of the matches did not reach full conclusion due to weather, while others were played out in steamy court conditions.

There have been some close losses and some big losses, leaving Dobie wanting more as the season progresses.

There are matches coming at Alvin Sept. 9 and at home against Tomball (Sept. 10) and Bellaire (Sept. 16) before District 22-6A play gets under way Sept. 20 at Beaumont West Brook.

"Leilani has been great and has given us everything we could have asked for and then some, but we have had difficulty at some of the other spots, and we still haven't settled some of our combinations in doubles play."

The message is clear. Dobie has to come together quickly if the goal of challenging for top-tier spot at the 21/22-6A Area Championships is to be had come the latter part of October.

Maybe it's just one of those classic rebuilding years, but Moreno will never give in to that.

Dobie has rarely been blessed with a roster chock-full of USTA Super-championship level players, yet the Longhorns have nearly every year under Moreno managed

to challenge for a league title. Moreno still expects to see that this season.

Of particular concern, though, was Dobie's 10-9 loss to Willis Aug. 19. The Longhorns went out and built a solid 5-2 lead after the doubles, but perhaps let the other two possible wins in doubles slip away.

"I still believe playing a tough schedule only helps you down the line. You don't get any better going against teams you can beat."

Longhorns eye turnaround against Clear Springs

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There may be those who wish to push the panic button after a 16-point loss to the Bulldogs, but no one at Dobie is on that list.

but (team statistician) Emory Gadd asked everybody who was playing in their first varsity game under the lights to raise their hand just as we were about to take the field, and there were a lot of hands in the air," Norman said.

"We prepared, felt like we were ready to go and did everything we could to hang in there against a solid Summer Creek team. I thought our defense played well enough until right there at the end when they scored their last one

(for a late 30-14) lead. We just didn't make enough plays in other phases of the game."

As for the two early safeties that put Dobie down 4-0, one was the result of a poor snap and another resulted after a block was missed on the outside.

Norman, having seen the film, said everything else on both negative plays was executed correctly.

Quarterback Jeremy Davis completed just three of 15 passes, and one of those was returned for a

60-yard score. But Davis remains a dynamic player. He scored the first touchdown of the season on a 7-yard keeper with just under five minutes left in the second quarter.

The Longhorns also failed to spring sophomore Kris Morris loose on many big gainers, but those plays will come. Senior Broderick Martin, meanwhile, continued to be a pleasant surprise, scoring on a 52-yard second-half run.

Rather, Norman is of the mindset that the Longhorns were simply a player or play away from making big things happen against the Bulldogs. Some of those potential big things turned into negatives in the loss, but everything is fixable.

"This is not an excuse, but I really think the guys will respond with a great effort. In any game, you want to execute well, have your playmakers make some big plays and give yourself a chance to win in the end."

As the clock ran out, Dobie defensive back Ke'Montre Lowe-Ali (2) moves in to stop Summer Creek running back Myles Wanza (22) during the first half of action in the season opener between the two teams Aug. 27, at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.

Wanza had 204 yards rushing and a pair of short touchdown runs to help the Bulldogs to a 30-14 victory.

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Getting a block from receiver Ryan Pair on the outside against Summer Creek's Jordan Williams, Dobie's Broderick Martin (23) heads upfield for a big gain against the Bulldogs. In the second half, Martin broke off a 52-yard touchdown run to keep the Longhorns close down the stretch. Summer Creek added a late score in an eventual 30-14 victory as the Longhorns and Bulldogs clashed in the 2016 regular season opener for both teams at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Martin finished the game with 70 yards rushing in his varsity debut. Next, Martin and the Longhorns face Clear Springs Sept. 3, at Columbia Challenger Stadium in Webster.



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