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Fire evacuates Stuchbery

Stuchbery Elementary was briefly evacuated Tuesday, Sept. 13, due to a small fire related to a malfunctioning air conditioning unit. Students returned to class once fire department crews deemed the campus safe.

Fun Bunch to meet

South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce Fun Bunch, a seniors' group (or near seniors), meets Thursday, Sept. 15, at 10 a.m. at the Chamber, 10500 Scarsdale Blvd.

Dobie financial aid Sept. 15

Dobie High School will hold a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) program on Thursday, Sept. 15, 6:30 p.m., in the cafeteria. Senior parents and students are urged to attend.

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 dianel10@comcast.net or Brenda Mackebon Keener at keenersrus@comcast.net.

PIP meeting Sept. 20

The Positive Interaction Program will meet Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria in the staff meeting room on the first floor. PIP consists of police and citizens working for safer neighborhoods. For information, call Officer Richard Buitron at 281-218-3900.

Lariaettes host dance clinic

The Dobie Lariaettes are having their annual Hand & Stand Dance Clinic Tuesday, Sept. 20. Participants will learn the stand routines, and sit with the Lariaettes at the first half of the Dobie vs. Deer Park game on Friday, Sept. 23, at 7 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Stadium.

The clinic will be at Dobie from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 20, for students in Pre-K-8th grade. Preregistration is \$25 or, at the door is \$35, cash or money order only. Preregistrants will receive a shirt, which gives them free admission to the game. For information, contact Christy Gonzales at chrstygznls@yahoo.com.

Test preps for Dobie students

Dobie juniors will take the PSAT in October. PSAT prep classes are being offered. The fee is \$50 cash and includes instruction and materials. SAT prep classes are also being offered for seniors who need to raise their scores or will be taking the test for the first time. SAT prep classes meet Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 until 8 p.m. The fee is \$50 cash which includes prep and a study guide. The first test this semester will be Oct. 1. For more information about these programs, students should go to P-16 or the College Connection table during Mega Lunch. Students should arrive early, as space is limited and will fill up quickly.

Genealogy group meets

The Parker Williams Genealogy Group will meet Monday, Sept. 19, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Parker Williams Branch Library at 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. at 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.

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 Sept. 16. Closure impacts eastbound and westbound frontage roads. The westbound frontage road U-turn lane at Blackhawk will be closed from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Friday, Sept. 30. The closure will impact eastbound and westbound frontage roads.

CrossRoads ESL classes

CrossRoads United Methodist Church, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd., is offering English as a Second Language classes for adults. Classes meet Mondays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Basic and intermediate/advanced classes available. Classes begin Monday, Sept. 19 and are free. Call Miriam at 281-484-9243 or Criselda at 832-724-4296.

Area Republicans to meet

The Pearland Area Republican Club meets Tuesday, Sept. 20, with guest speaker Chris Harvey. Harvey, a well-known motivational speaker, will share his personal story about experiences at the Republican National Convention and discuss the importance of Republicans voting. Everyone is invited. Plan to bring a friend on Sept. 20 for free refreshments at the Church of Christ annex, 2217 N. Grand Blvd. in Pearland. The meeting begins at 7 p.m.

JFD soccer car wash set

The Dobie High Boy's Soccer will host a car wash fundraiser Saturday, Sept. 24, at Snowie's Snowcones in the Food Town parking lot on Scarsdale. Players will wash cars for a minimum \$5 donation from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Easthaven Church celebrates 75 years

Easthaven Church is celebrating its 75th anniversary. Begun as a mission of First Baptist Church of South Houston, then-Easthaven Baptist Church had its first gathering on Easter 1941 in the home of Herman Head, who would later also donate property on Edgebrook to house the new church.

The church was incorporated in September 1941 and called on Fred Sanderlin to serve as its first pastor. At that time, the church also agreed to partner with other churches in the city and became a contributing member to the Union Baptist Association – a relationship that continues to this day.

Additional pastors over the years include R.H. McCroskey; J.P. Graham; W.C. Koonce; Buford E. Cain; Michael Collins; Dr. Bruce Prescott; and current Pastor Kevin J. Rizer.

Cain was the longest tenured pastor (29 years) serving from 1952 to 1981.

"He was a man of vision," said Rizer. "And under his leadership, the church had its greatest community influence."

Under Cain's direction, the church started Easthaven Baptist School and Daycare; built two sanctuaries; constructed multiple expansions of education and cafeteria space; built a gymnasium; and drew plans for a nursing home to be built on the church property.

With the new millennium came new challenges for the church, and in 2000, the decision was made to relocate. In March 2001, Rizer became pastor. The current property was purchased in 2002, and construction of the relocated facility was completed in October 2004.

Easthaven Church turns 75



Easthaven Church will celebrate its 75th anniversary with a special celebration Sunday, Sept. 18, from 3 to 5 p.m. Founded as a mission of First Baptist Church of South Houston, Easthaven was originally located on Edgebrook before moving to its current location on Beamer in 2004. Current pastor, the Rev. Kevin J. Rizer (left), is shown above with Leo Lopez, chairman of deacons, recently baptizing a young church member. Photo submitted

Blue Angels coming to Ellington

The U.S. Navy Blue Angels will be returning to Houston for the 32nd Annual Commemorative Air Force Wings Over Houston Airshow, set for Oct. 22-23, at Ellington Airport. Produced by the Commemorative Air Force, the nonprofit air show also will feature a special tribute to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, which propelled the United States into World War II. Other highlights of the show include performances and displays of vintage warplanes, modern military aircraft, civilian aerobatic pilots and numerous exhibits and activities. The

performance line-up will be finalized in the coming weeks.

"The U.S. Navy Blue Angels, along with a great lineup of aerobatic pilots and flight demonstrations of modern and vintage aircraft are shaping up for another exciting show that draws fans from all over the United States and the world to Houston," said Airshow Director Bill Roach. "We're putting together the final touches on a thrilling show lineup, but now is the time to purchase tickets, especially if you want to be in prime reserved seating." **Continued on Page 3A**

City to enforce trash can regulations

The City of Houston will soon begin enforcing regulations that prohibit trash cans from being in public view outside of scheduled collection times.

According to the city's website, household garbage must be put inside the city-provided container which should be placed at the curb between 6 p.m. the day before and 7 a.m. on the scheduled collection day. Containers must be removed from the curb and/or public view by 10 p.m. on the day of collection and stored in a secure location.

Fines for violations range from \$50 to \$2,000 per day. Enforcement will begin in the Sagemont subdivision, at the Sagemont Civic Club's request. Other homeowner groups are expected to follow suit.

The new initiative was formally announced by Houston City Council Member Dwight Boykins at a community meeting held last month.

Earlier this month, Boykins' office mailed out educational letters to Sagemont residents notifying them of the city ordinance pertaining to trash can regulations. After the mailers have been delivered, crews from the city's Department of Neighborhoods plan to conduct a subsequent

sweep of the neighborhood to warn offenders of the upcoming enforcement.

Sagemont Civic Club President Kay Barbour said the initiative is aimed at beautifying and revitalizing the community.

"If you have violations on your property, don't wait for someone to force you to correct it – clean it up," Barbour said. "Why should anyone have to look at your trash can, your trash on the curb or in your driveway or front porch, your junk motor vehicle, your high grass, etc.? Fix your rotted wood. Paint your home if it needs it. A well-kept home surrounded by other well-kept homes increases property values. Take a look at your house. Would you want to live next door to you?"

The program is not without its critics.

A recent thread on Facebook's *Southbelt This & That* page had roughly 50 responses – almost all of which were from people opposed to the measure.

"I am all for keeping the neighborhood clean, but I think this is just petty," posted Facebook user Claudia Martinez.

For additional information or to report violations, call 311 (713-837-0311) or visit www.houstontx.gov/311.

Evening of Cuisine set for Oct. 6

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce's annual Evening of Cuisine will take place Thursday, Oct. 6, at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer, from 5 to 9 p.m. Now in its 19th year, the event is by far the chamber's biggest fundraiser every year. The all-you-can-eat function allows attendees to sample a wide variety of food and beverages from many local vendors. This year's event will feature cuisine ranging from Mexican to seafood, as well as multiple desserts.

Confirmed participants include Barcenas Mexican Restaurant, Bubba's Shrimp Palace, Bud Light/Silver Eagle Distributors, Celeste's Cakes N

More, d'lish catering, inc, Eximius Coffee, Kroger #746, Las Haciendas Mexican Bar & Grill, Randy's Smokehouse & BBQ, San Jacinto Culinary Arts, Savannah Café & Bakery, Sweet Angels Café-Bakery, and Tony's Pizza & Grinders.

Sponsors for the event include Almeda Mall, San Jacinto College, Memorial Hermann Hospital, Constable Chris Diaz and the *South Belt-Ellington Leader*. Judged awards will be given to best entrée, best dessert, best booth design, and rookie of the year. There will be five People's Choice awards this year. Attendees will vote for

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Rizer noted the church has grown far more diverse over the years, particularly since relocating. "In our new location, Easthaven has become a church where diversity is evident," Rizer said. "When you attend (particularly the 9:45 a.m. service) one of the first things you will notice is Easthaven looks like our community."

The pastor feels the church's current diversity serves as being beneficial to its overall goals.

"Our mission here is to allow Christ to be what unifies us and to minister to, and through,

this community regardless of age, race, politics or socio-economic status," Rizer said. "Sometimes those conversations are hard, but I believe the church is the place those conversations must be held. It's easier to have those conversations with people you are worshiping and serving the community with. We want Easthaven to be that kind of church."

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O'Connor decides landmark case

By James Bolen

A former Dobie student, now working as a federal judge, recently made national headlines for his ruling that blocked the Obama administration from enforcing new guidelines intended to expand restroom access for transgender students in public schools.



Reed O'Connor

A 1983 graduate from the area high school, Reed O'Connor was appointed by President George W. Bush in 2007 to serve on the Federal District Court for the Northern District of Texas.

In a directive issued this past May, Obama's Justice and Education departments stated that public schools must allow transgender students to use bathrooms and locker rooms that match their gender identity, rather than those matching their gender assigned at birth.

Administration officials described the transgender issue as a civil rights matter protected under the federal sex-discrimination law known as Title IX.

While the Obama administration said the guidelines were not necessarily a mandate, it also left the option open to withhold federal education funds from states that refused to comply, prompting Texas and 12 other states to file suit.

In his 38-page ruling, O'Connor recognized the sensitive nature of the issue.

"This case presents the difficult issue of balancing the protection of students' rights and that of personal privacy when using school bathrooms, locker rooms, showers and other intimate facilities, while ensuring that no student is unnecessarily marginalized while attending school," O'Connor wrote.

In his decision, O'Connor sided with the states, granting a preliminary injunction, ordering all parties to "maintain the status quo."

O'Connor further ruled the Obama administration may not pursue legal action against schools based on its interpretation that Title IX's

"definition of sex includes gender identity."

O'Connor described Title IX as "not ambiguous."

"It cannot be disputed that the plain meaning of the term sex as used in § 106.33 when it was enacted (by the Department of Education) following passage of Title IX meant the biological and anatomical differences between male and female students as determined at their birth," O'Connor wrote in his opinion.

The decision was met with both praise and condemnation.

"We are pleased that the court ruled against the Obama administration's latest illegal federal overreach," Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton said in a statement. "This president is attempting to rewrite the laws enacted by the elected representatives of the people and is threatening to take away federal funding from schools to force them to conform."

A group of five civil rights organizations, including the American Civil Liberties Union, issued a joint statement, calling the ruling "unfortunate and premature."

"A ruling by a single judge in one circuit cannot and does not undo the years of clear legal precedent nationwide establishing that transgender students have the right to go to school without being singled out for discrimination," the statement read.

An appeal is likely, and the case may reach the Supreme Court.

O'Connor, 50, was formerly the varsity quarterback at Dobie before attending South Texas College of Law, where he graduated second in his class, summa cum laude in 1989. Following graduation, O'Connor worked as a civil litigator for five years at Vinson & Elkins.

In 1994, O'Connor began his career as a prosecutor working for the Tarrant County District Attorney's Office where he would stay until 1998. O'Connor then became a prosecutor for the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Texas.

In 2003, the Department of Justice detailed O'Connor, an expert in federal criminal law, to

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Pasadena ISD walks for success

In an effort to provide students with the encouragement and support to return to school, the Pasadena Independent School District will hold its annual *Walk for Success* Saturday, Sept. 17, from 9 a.m. to noon.

As part of the initiative, PISD administrators, faculty and staff members will be visiting homes of high school students who have not re-enrolled for the 2016-2017 school year. Each high school will have teams of teachers and staff that will visit the homes of these students to encourage them to return to school.

Through the program, students will ideally be re-enrolled in school or encouraged to pursue other viable options for earning a high school diploma. During the walk, district personnel will also be calling on students who have re-enrolled

but not returned to school.

PISD officials will also be reaching out to students who have yet to pass the TAKS test by offering them additional support provided through various campus and district programs.

Last year, a total of 183 homes were visited by 131 volunteers. Overall, a total of 224 contacts were made through home visits and phone calls.

Volunteers will meet in the cafeteria at Sam Rayburn High School, located at 2121 Cherrybrook Lane in Pasadena, at 9 a.m. Participants will walk door-to-door and make phone calls between 9:30 a.m. and noon.

For additional information on the program, visit www1.pasadenaisd.org/students/second_ary_7-12/walk_for_success/ or watch www.youtube.com/watch?v=uE6hwUGIRP0.

Garbage truck catches fire, explodes



A garbage truck caught fire, then exploded Tuesday, Sept. 13, while en route in the 11100 block of Sageking in the Sagemeadow subdivision. The driver of the truck said he fled from the vehicle after seeing flames behind the front cabin. After exiting the truck, he said it then exploded. Crews from the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department are shown above extinguishing the blaze. The cause of the fire was still under investigation at press time.

Photo by Laura Yandell

In My Opinion

Shah informs readers of Pets of Sagemont

I needed to contact you in regards to if you could possibly mention on the *South Belt Leader* an announcement letting people who may be unaware of a Facebook page called Pets of Sagemont, which can be very useful in helping people who have lost pets to help get reunited and help in general with lost pets in the Sagemont area. Thanks,
Janna Shah

Benzhofer comments on area panhandlers

I have lived in this area for 34 years and am very upset about this panhandling situation, the couches, mattresses, etc., under I-45 where people have just "moved in" and put those of us who have to drive in these areas at risk. I monitor a couple

areas (South Belt where I live and Hobby Airport / I-45 / College area where I drink my coffee every day). Every day you have to either call 311 or HPD because one of the three in wheelchairs is obstructing traffic, walking between traffic lanes, cursing auto drivers because they (drivers) don't want to buy their water or have the windshield washed or just won't donate to their cause. According to my last phone call with Sean Quitzau he swears most of these people are not homeless, just are panhandling because they collect more money than if they were employed. I believe the city should be doing more public education to discourage this practice but, of course, someone would have to care. Many of my friends complain but make no effort to do anything. I will continue to do what I do because areas have been cleaned up and HPD has answered when I've called. You just have to be persistent - almost a daily event until more people care enough.
LaVerna Benzhofer

Harris County monthly Tax Sale a success

Sullivan recovers lost revenue for taxpayers

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

Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP, we make drastic improvements to eye-sore properties across Harris County. "Delinquent property taxes unfairly burden the taxpayers of Harris County, and we need to recover every dollar possible," said Sullivan. Each month, the county holds a tax sale. The goal is to collect delinquent taxes and put neglected properties

into the hands of new owners. For the month of September 2016, a total of 350 properties were posted for sale. Sullivan successfully reclaimed \$2,905,180 for the citizens of Harris County. To date for 2016, his office has reclaimed \$25,939,462 from the monthly Tax Sale. To learn more about the tax sale, visit the website at <http://www.hctax.net>. For questions, call 713-274-8000.

2016 Pasadena Livestock Show and Rodeo events set

Pasadena Livestock Show and Rodeo's association received two 2016 "best picks" awards by the Pasadena Citizen. PLS&R was named "Best Venue for Live Music" and "Best Community Event" in Pasadena. Continuing the tradition under the grand covered arena, Friday, Sept. 23, will kick off this year's 2016 rodeo season. In addition to nightly PRCA rodeo action and the ever-popular cook-off, this year's featured entertainment will include Daryle Singleary, Sam Riggs, Brothers Osborne, Canaan Smith, and Mo Pitney.

93Q will host its 24th Birthday Bash on Friday, Sept. 30, with none other than Aaron Watson. Inside Campbell Hall, the Silver Spur Club will also have live music nightly after the rodeo concerts. This year's parade will be held on Saturday, Sept. 24, beginning at 10 a.m. at the corner of South Shaver and Spencer Highway. 100.3's on-air personality "Cowboy Dave" will serve as the parade marshal. "Family Night" and "Pink Night," in honor of breast cancer awareness, will be held on Monday, Sept. 26, and will feature the Wrangler Champions Challenge finale. Closing out this year's rodeo on Friday, Sept. 30, and Saturday, Oct. 1, will be fan favorite bull riding and bull fighting events. Military Appreciation night will be held

on Saturday, Oct. 1. Kyle Park will take the stage after the bulls on Oct. 1. The 34th Annual BBQ Cook-off which will be held Oct. 6-8, and for the young chefs in the family, the Jr. Chili Cook-off will be held on Oct. 8. A carnival will also be on the fairgrounds throughout the rodeo and cook-off, and will be included in the price of an event ticket. Also for children, Mutton Bustin will be held each night, as well as a new kid zone open Monday through Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 3 to 7 p.m. Kid zone activities include wagon hay hauling, hippy hop barrel racing, games, and two petting zoos. For ticket information, go to www.pasadenarodeo.com, or call the rodeo office at 281-487-0240.

Cub Scouts hold recruitment rallies at local elementaries

Representatives from local Boy Scout troops and Cub Scout packs will be on hand to answer questions and hold registration at area elementary schools during the following dates and times: Sept. 15 - Laura Bush Elementary, 9100 Blackhawk Blvd., 6 p.m. in the cafeteria; Sept. 21 - Stuchbery Elementary, 11210 Hughes Rd., 6 p.m. in the cafeteria; Sept. 22 - South Belt Elementary, 801 Riverstone Ranch Rd., in conjunction with the school's open house from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.; Sept. 27 - Frazier Elementary, 10503 Hughes Rd., 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. **General information on South Belt area scouting** The Boy Scouts of America is one of the nation's

largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations. The BSA provides a program for young people that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and develops personal fitness. The South Belt area's scouting program is comprised of four units. Two Boy Scout Troops (Troops 692 and 773) and two Cub Scout Packs (Packs 692 and 773). Boy Scouts are for ages 11 to 18 and Cub Scouts are for ages 7-10 or 1st through 5th grade. We operate within the boundaries of the San Jacinto District of the Sam Houston Area Council under the Boy Scouts of America. Our district is comprised of individuals from Clear Creek ISD,

Deer Park ISD, La Porte ISD, Pasadena ISD and surrounding areas. During the school year, the two packs meet weekly on two separate days: Pack 692 on Mondays at 7 p.m., at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road. For more information, contact Jeri Joslin at 713-898-2642. Pack 773 on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. at CrossRoads United Methodist Church, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For more information, contact Seth Webb at 281-627-1678. For information on Boy Scouts, contact Robert Mendoza at 713-569-2970 or visit beascout.org. For more information on Cub Scouts, call Patty Hernandez at 281-840-0889.

Audience invited to join the fun in melodrama

The San Jacinto College theater and film department will present *Lorna's Love Lost*, an interactive melodrama that invites audience members to join the fun and participate in live theater action.

Performances will take place in the Powell Arena Theatre (Building 13) on the Central campus, located at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena. Show dates and times are Sept. 21, 22, 23 and 24 with a 7:30 p.m. curtain.

"This is an action-packed, entertaining, family-oriented show and it's the type of play that encourages audience participation," commented Dr. Jerry Ivins, the Central



From left, San Jacinto College student Payton Millsap (from La Porte) plays the role of Floozy Flannigan, guest artist Cody Hoefar (from Houston) plays the role of Uriah Blackstone, and guest artist Angelica Stross (from Pearland) plays the role of Lorna Dove in the melodrama *Lorna's Love Lost*, set to open Sept. 21 at the college's Powell Arena Theatre. Photo by Rob Vanya

Elected officials speak out

Rep. Pete Olson looks back at 9/11

Incredibly, it's been 15 years since the horrific and world altering events of 9/11; and four short years since we lost brave countrymen in Benghazi. Today, we pray for the souls of those whom we have lost and while we grieve for them and their families, we must also remember the persistent and tenacious evil that drove these gruesome acts of terrorism.

Before, between, and after these moments of incredible violence against America, we have been under threat from radical Islamists who would like nothing more than to wipe our country from the face of the earth. Indeed, our confrontation against these savages dates back to the time of Thomas Jefferson's presidency when he confronted the Barbary Pirates and their stronghold in Islamic-controlled Tripoli. For years, the Barbary Pirates raided shores and attacked ships at sea in order to capture and enslave Christians or demand ransom for their return. Not all that dissimilar to the hundreds of

millions of dollars in ransom our submissive president recently paid to Iran, the largest state sponsor of terrorism of our time. During the course of the next fifteen years, the American people deserve leaders who will acknowledge the threats in our world, plan and react to them accordingly. Keep in mind that our generation shoulders a burden to fight for a safer, more free world for our children and grandchildren.

As a former U.S. Naval aviator who helped enforce the no-fly zone over Iraq and an officer in the Pentagon, serving the Joint Chiefs of Staff, I know full well the difference between American leadership that shows the world our courage and resolve, and American leadership that shows the world weakness and retreat. Just as presidents Thomas Jefferson, Franklin Roosevelt, John Kennedy, Ronald Reagan, George Bush, and George W. Bush showed the world our fortitude and resiliency to

fight against foreign threats to our nation, so too must we elect leaders who will, once again, recognize and confront the foreign challenges of our day. Our Navy motto states that we are a "Global Force for Good" and I wholeheartedly agree with that statement. But it must stand for every American, our collective consciousness, and our nation's overwhelming will to confront and stop the evil we face. So today, let us remember the innocent, the brave, and the daring friends we lost on too many 9/11's; and then tomorrow, let us go forward with conviction that this year we will steel ourselves to the task ahead and empower new leadership for our nation who will have the courage to confront those who wish to destroy and eliminate all that we hold dear.

American leadership and resolve is our world's last best hope for a Global Force for Good. In Defense of Freedom,
Pete Olson

Joe Cambiaso



Joe Cambiaso, 86, died peacefully on Sept. 8, 2016, in Houston. He was born on July 8, 1930, in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Bi and Memmen Cambiaso, his wife of 55 years, Hortense Cambiaso, and his oldest son, Tony Cambiaso.

Joe, a 30-year resident of the South Belt area, was a father to his children, Joey Cambiaso and Josephine Cambiaso. He also had family both in Texas and in Santo Domingo. Other family members include sisters Titina and Finette, daughters-in-law Shannon Cambiaso and Deanna Cambiaso, son-in-law Rick Baade, and several grandchildren.

He served in two branches of the armed forces. He fought in the U.S. Army as a sergeant during the Korean War, and served in the Air Force as a still photographer. His heroic service to his country by fighting in the renowned battle at Pork Chop Hill is an honor that will never be forgotten. Joe retired from NASA, and had the honor to photograph recovery operations for the Mercury, Gemini, and Apollo programs. He flew in NASA's Zero G Aircraft, befriended many astronauts, and received numerous prestigious awards for his contributions to the space program. Memories of him flying with his bright orange jump suit, flight helmet, and bomber flight jacket will be cherished and shared forever.

He was a mentor to all who knew him and was respected for his knowledge in professional photography. He eventually fulfilled a lifelong dream of owning his own business, National Film Company, and flying in his own personal Cessna airplane.

Joe lived a life of continuous adventures and achievements. Services were held at Forest Park East Funeral Home and Cemetery in Webster.

Pasadena ISD receives grant

The Pasadena ISD Child Nutrition Department recently received \$22,166 in grant funding for kitchen equipment and infrastructure upgrades to enhance the school meal program and ensure students have nutritious foods.

Harryman, director of child nutrition services. "These funds will enable our district to purchase mobile serving equipment to provide our students with better access to breakfast. Many students are not able to come through the traditional serving line due to transportation issues in the morning. These grants will enable us to bring breakfast to the students."

The grant, competitively awarded by the Dairy MAX, Inc. and Fuel Up to Play 60, will benefit students at Fisher, Frazier, Freeman, Gardens, Garfield, Jensen, Pearl Hall, Red Bluff, and Stuchbery Elementary Schools, as well as Pasadena Memorial and South Houston High Schools. The grant funding will be used to provide various mobile food carts for the district's breakfast program. "We are thrilled to have been chosen as a recipient of the school nutrition equipment grants," said Mary

food processors, industrial scales, steamers, freezers, etc. "Approximately 100,000 schools and institutions - more than 43 million children - rely on USDA's National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program for one to two meals per day," said Bill Ludwig, Southwest Regional Administrator for the Food and Nutrition Service. "The majority of schools are successfully meeting the meal standards. These grants are part of our ongoing commitment to our nation's children, and to support school food service departments with the additional resources they need to continue successfully meeting the updated meal standards. Locally, these grants will help to improve access to nutritious meals."

Students to attend Girls State



Shown are, left to right, Alex Thompson and Grace Psenick who were selected to represent Lutheran South Academy at the Texas Bluebonnet Girls State at Texas Lutheran University, Seguin, June 12-18, 2016. Bluebonnet Girls State is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary and exists to instill a deep sense of the personal responsibilities and obligations of citizenship. Girls are nominated in their junior year, based on accomplishments of leadership, citizenship and character in their schools and community. While there, the girls have the opportunity to learn the problems of government by performing the same duties as real office holders. Photo submitted

Hill enjoys breakfast at Frazier



Frazier Elementary Pre-K student Chrystal Hill enjoys a nutritious breakfast. Photo by Jade Wise

Evening of Cuisine . . .

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favorite booth. New this year will be two People's Choice and two Kid's Choice awards. Attendees 13 and up will vote for their favorite entrée and favorite dessert. The Kid's Choice awards allow children 12 and under to vote on their favorite entrée and dessert. The event will also feature live and silent auctions. Dining tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door and are available at the chamber, 10500 Scarsdale; Central Ace Hardware, 11676 Beamer, and the *Leader* offices, 11555 Beamer. For more information, call the chamber president, Kay Barbour, at 281-481-5516.

Local library events set

Parker Williams Library The following events are scheduled at the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale: Friday, Sept. 16, 2 p.m. - Movie Time for Adults, featuring *Bread and Tulips* (PG-13). Saturday, Sept. 17, 10:30 a.m. Financial Planning and Funding. Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. - Preschool Story Time. Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. - Toddler Story Time. Saturdays, Vietnamese Story Time - Level 2 begins at 10 a.m., Level 1 at 11:15 a.m., and Level 3 at 2:30 p.m. For more information on these programs, speak with Loc Bui. For more information on these programs, call the library at 281-484-2036.

Bracewell Branch Library The following events are scheduled for the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint: Thursday, Sept. 15, 4 p.m. Kids Craft, Weather Indicator. Saturday, Sept. 17, 10:30 a.m. Computación Básica (Spanish Computer Class). Saturday, Sept. 17, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. Manga/Anime Club. Tuesday, Sept. 20, 10:30 a.m. Preschool storytime; 11 a.m. Storytime craft. Wednesday, Sept. 21, 10:30 a.m. Toddler storytime; 11 a.m. Toddler playtime. Wednesday, Sept. 21: Computer courses. 2 p.m. Computer Basics - Course covers the main parts of a computer. Common computer terminology is defined and features of different computers and types of productivity, communications, educational, and entertainment programs are explained. 3:15 p.m. Internet Basics - Course explains the purpose of the Internet, what is needed to connect to it and important terms. Learn how to use web browsers and search engines. Students will be introduced to English vocabularies specifically to searching the Internet. 4:30 p.m. Basic Powerpoint - Students learn basic functions of this program to create presentations, including adding graphics and multimedia. Students learn to identify the printing options for presentations. For additional information on these programs, call the library at 832-393-2580. All events are free and open to the public. Bracewell hours are Sunday and Monday - Closed; Tuesday and Wednesday - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday - noon to 8 p.m., Friday - 1 to 5 p.m., and Saturday - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Leader to monitor social media

Publisher's note: Starting this week, the *South Belt-Ellington Leader* will report on various issues being discussed on *South Belt area social media*. J. Frank Dobie senior Mary Doan will cover this for the *Leader*. By Mary Doan Members of the People of Sagemont Facebook page express their concern on speeding in school zones in the local area. To address any other concerns, contact officer Jerome Stevens at jerome.stevens@houstonpolice.org or at 832-395-1790. The Harris County Sheriff's Office will host "Shred-It" an event at which all documents such as old med-

ical records, bills and credit cards will be shredded free of charge. Each household is limited to five boxes or bags per vehicle. The event will take place at Bear Creek Community Center, 3055 Bear Creek Drive, on Saturday, Oct. 8, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. For further information, contact the Harris County Sheriff's Office Community Service Division at 713-759-9454.

A youth football team carrying football helmets at the intersection of Beltway 8 and Blackhawk are seen collecting money. As cars continue driving by on the feeder, they continue collecting money, unsupervised by an adult. They have also been seen at the intersection of Beltway 8 and Pearland Parkway. A woman's purse was stolen right out of her car Friday, Sept. 9, as she was getting gas from the local H-E-B on Blackhawk. They call these individuals, "sliders," as they wait for the right moment when no one is watching to steal. This has been seen to happen at multiple gas stations along Beltway 8. The Chamber of Commerce is holding another meeting to address this issue.

Millennials are spotted pushing grocery carts into cars and breaking bottles on the ground in the parking lot of Jack-in-the-Box and Kroger after curfew. The group of teens is known for walking to Jack-in-the-Box after going to the movies. To report concerns, contact Council Member Dwight Boykins at districtd@houston.tx.gov or 832-393-3001.

O'Connor makes headlines

Continued from Page 1A serve as Counsel to the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee in Washington, D.C. He advised then-Chairman Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) and drafted legislation on terrorism, alien smuggling, cyber-crime, child pornography, sentencing reform, violent crime and drug policy. In 2015, O'Connor was

named to Dobie's Hall of Honor. Prior to writing legal opinions, O'Connor submitted sports stories to the *Leader* for publication while still attending Thompson Intermediate. O'Connor and his wife Tammy are the parents of daughters Kaitlyn, 19, and Margaret, 15. O'Connor's siblings Michael, John and Kathleen also attended Dobie.

St. Luke's hosts bazaar

St. Luke Feast Day Bazaar will be held Saturday, Oct. 15, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 1750 Riverstone Ranch Drive in Houston (across from South Belt Elementary School). For more information, visit the website at www.stlukescatholic.com.

Activities will include booths for children of all ages, music - DJ, multicultural food booths, arts and craft booths, a wine and beer garden, and raffles with prizes.

Tax volunteers sought

Yearly, the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide group provides assistance to thousands of taxpayers in the area. They provide free tax services for members of communities who are age 50+ and also to those neighbors of low to moderate income. Volunteers are currently being sought for the upcoming tax season to fill the roles of tax counselors and client facilitators. Bilingual volunteers are also needed, especially speakers of both Spanish and English. Volunteers are asked to commit to a minimum of four hours per week from Feb. 1 to April 15. No previous experience is necessary. In January, volunteers will attend a comprehensive five-day training course leading to IRS certification on tax law, tax forms and the software needed to prepare and electronically file income tax returns. To apply, go to www.aarp.org/giving-back and select Tax Preparation.

Oct. 11: Deadline to register for Nov. 8th election

Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector Mike Sullivan reminds citizens that Oct. 11, 2016 is the last day to register to vote in the Nov. 8 General Election. "Registering to vote is easy and it ensures your voice is heard in the community," said Tax Assessor-Collector Mike Sullivan. "You can register to vote at any local library, post office or Tax Assessor-Collector office branch location. "Voter registration applications must be received by my office or postmarked by Oct. 11, 2016 for the applicant to be eligible to vote in the 2016 General Election." If a registered voter has moved within Harris County or had their name changed, they can update their voter registration information by visiting www.hctax.net and clicking on the Name/Address Change button under the Voter Registration tab. "Since I took office, we expanded our voter registration outreach efforts in Harris County," said Sullivan. "We hosted numerous voter registration drives at local high schools, the monthly U.S. naturalization ceremonies and even local businesses whose employees have relocated. "In addition, we work with multiple community organizations to host volunteer deputy voter registrar trainings. These volunteers are incredibly important, as they help register voters and submit applications to our office." Currently, Harris County has more than 2.1 million registered voters. Residents may check their voter registration status at www.hctax.net or they can call 713-274-8200 or email voters@hctx.net if they have questions. Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector Mike Sullivan also serves as the Harris County Voter Registrar, which conducts voter registration activities and maintains a certified list of registered voters. Learn more about voter registration and the requirements by visiting www.hctax.net.

Ayrshire celebrates Applewhite, Ashley Pointe



La Colombe d'Or was recently the scene of a dinner celebrating Sherry Applewhite's 25th anniversary with Ayrshire Corp. Ayrshire is the primary developer for the South Belt area. Also celebrated was the financial closing for three more sections of Ashley Pointe. Shown are, left to right, (front row) Marie Flickinger, member of the Ashley Pointe HOA Board; Judge Sherry Applewhite, vice president at Ayrshire Corporation; Elyse Lanier, wife of former Mayor Bob Lanier; Maria Montes, office administrator at Ayrshire Corporation; Billy Burge, president at Ayrshire Corporation; Juliana Bihlet, principal at Blackline Engineering, LLC; (back row) David Flickinger, David Orlando, president of Brighton Homes; Chris Clark, member of the Ashley Pointe HOA Board; John Howell, senior vice president at The GMS Group, LLC; Tommy Lott, president of Lott Marketing; Burr Buckalew, executive vice president at StarTex Title Company, LLC; Asim Tufail, principal at Blackline Engineering, LLC; and Tim Drone, executive vice president at J. Patrick Homes.

Annual Mistletoe Market Oct. 1



The annual Mistletoe Market will be held Saturday, Oct. 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Bella Vita Clubhouse, 1548 N. Rivera Circle, just off Scarsdale. Bella Vita's sewing group, Hands of Love Stitchers, has made a quilt especially for the event and announced the quilt will be raffled off prior to the 4 p.m. closing. The quilt's design is "Double Arrow" and it measures 54" by 78." Above, two club members display the quilt, left to right, Norma Barton and Ronnie Stimson. Raffle tickets will be available at the Mistletoe Market, 6 for \$5, or \$1 each. The winner will take the quilt home. Proceeds from the quilt raffle will be used to support the group's community service projects. Photo submitted

Noises Off comedy presented at Bay Area Harbour Playhouse

Noises Off, a comedy by Michael Frayn, was called the funniest farce ever written when it hit Broadway. Now it runs Sept. 30 through Oct. 23 at the Bay Area Harbour Playhouse in Dickinson and theater patrons can expect plenty of laughs. The playhouse is producing the play for the second time, the first being in 1996. Director Amber Fabian has gathered stage veterans to once again put together the manic menagerie cast of itinerant actors rehearsing a flop called *Nothing's On*. Mike Fabian, Amber's husband, is replaying his role as Loyd Dallas, the director of the play within a play. Others in the cast include Bonnie Reichel, Sam Kee, Felipe Bautista, Heather Green, Georgi Stevens, Chris Lowe and Damarcus Gray. They do their best to express the friendship, betrayal, and love revealed in Frayn's three-act play. The two-story set, designed by David Jarkey and Fabian, is unique in that it turns, allowing the audience to feel as if they are seeing rehearsals from a theatre seat in the front row and then seeing the audience as if they were looking out at them from the stage. Shows will be on Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at the theater located at 3803 Highway #3 in Dickinson. Tickets start at \$12 with discounts available for seniors, military, and groups of ten or more. For more details, call 281-337-SHOW (7469) or visit www.Harbourtheater.com.

Blue Angels return for 32nd local air show

The Commemorative Air Force (CAF) Wings Over Houston Airshow is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) community event produced by a volunteer effort of the Gulf Coast Wing, Houston Wing, and Tora! Tora! Tora! of the CAF, with support from the Lone Star Flight Museum in Galveston, Texas Legends Flying Museum, Vietnam War Flight Museum, Lewis Air Legends and Collings Foundation West. The air show is dedicated to showcasing vintage World War II aircraft, along with the thrills of modern aviation. One of the top air shows in the United States in its category, the CAF Wings Over Houston Airshow attracts more than 90,000 festival goers throughout Houston as well as from around the globe. The 2016 air show benefits the CAF Wings Over Houston Airshow Scholarship Program, Aviation Career Education Academy, Exchange Club of Sugar Land, West-chase Rotary Club and the Commemorative Air Force aircraft restoration and flying historical programs, in addition to numerous other nonprofit participating organizations.



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Soccer hosts bingo fundraiser

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

Bay Area Singles Dance set

The Bay Area Singles Club monthly dance will be held Saturday, Sept. 17, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the VFW Lodge, Post 6378, at 5204 Highway 3 in Dickinson. Attendees should bring party snacks to share. Cost is \$7 for members and \$9 for nonmembers. For more information, call 409-948-1156 or 281-337-3112.

2016 Property Tax Rates in San Jacinto Community College District

This notice concerns the 2016 property tax rates for San Jacinto College. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual tax rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers start rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$63,161,906
Last year's debt taxes	\$22,776,987
Last year's total taxes	\$85,938,893
Last year's tax base	\$48,889,194,632
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.175783/\$100
This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$85,868,034
÷ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$48,820,229,490
= This year's effective tax rate (Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)	\$0.175886/\$100
This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent healthcare expenditures)	\$63,109,827
÷ This year's adjusted tax base	\$48,820,229,490
= This year's effective operating rate	\$0.129270/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$0.139611/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$0.053185/\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$0.192796/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease
If San Jacinto College adopts a 2016 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.175886 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2015 taxes by \$3,137,629.

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Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balance

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Interest and sinking	1,600,000

Schedule B - 2016 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Ltd Tax GO Building & Refunding Bonds, Series 2007	1,200,000	549,144	750	1,749,894
Ltd Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2008	150,000	22,613	750	173,363
Ltd Tax GO Building Bonds, Series 2008A	1,030,000	104,030	1,000	1,135,030
Limited Tax GO Bonds, Series 2009	5,000,000	605,000	500	5,605,500
Limited Tax GO Building and Refunding Bonds, Series 2011	2,132,641	1,644,184	500	3,777,325
Refunding Bonds, Series 2012	470,000	491,819	500	962,319
Refunding Bonds, Series 2015	0	2,110,850	500	2,111,350
Limited Tax Building Bonds, Series 2016A	0	6,114,750	750	6,115,500
Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2016B	0	2,205,094	750	2,205,844
Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2016C	300,000	2,642,622	750	2,943,372
Total required for 2016 debt service		\$26,779,497		
- Amount (if any) paid from Schedule A		\$0		
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources		\$0		
- Excess collections last year		\$0		
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2016		\$26,779,497		
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 99.42% of its taxes in 2016		\$156,227		
= Total debt levy		\$26,935,724		

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 1001 Preston, Houston, TX 77002.
Name of person preparing this notice: Mike Sullivan
Title: Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector
Date Prepared: 09/08/2016

Lariaette of the Week



The Dobie High School Lariaette of the Week for Sept. 5 through Sept. 9 is junior Gabriela Ramirez. She is a first-year line member and the daughter of Eugene and Maria Ramirez.

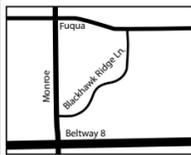
Israeli Folk Dancing Sept.-Oct.

Israeli folk dances, the most fun way to exercise, will be held at Congregation Shaar Hashalom, 16020 El Camino Real in Houston, on Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Remaining September dates are 19 and 26. The only day in October the dances will take place is Oct. 31, since the Jewish High Holidays occupy most of October.

The cost, \$4 per session or \$35 for 10 sessions for CSH members; \$5 per session or \$45 for 10 sessions for nonmembers, will cover expenses. Everyone is welcome to join the group – even with no previous attendance.

The entire community is invited to attend. For more information, contact the office at 281-488-5861 or at shaar.hashalom.email@gmail.com.

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SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Sept. 15 through Sept. 21.

Atkinson Elementary
Angi Fox celebrates a birthday Sept. 20.

Bush Elementary
The day for a birthday gift for Enrique Macias is Sept. 18.

Frazier Elementary
Send a birthday greeting Sept. 15 to Mary Tran. Laura Longoria enjoys a special birthday Sept. 16. Light the birthday candles for Chelsey DuPont Sept. 17. Quynh Nguyen celebrates a happy birthday Sept. 20.

Meador Elementary
Amy Clowers enjoys a birthday Sept. 17.

Moore Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles for Adela Moreno Sept. 15. The day for a birthday gift for Randi Howard is Sept. 16.

Melillo Middle School
Send a birthday greeting Sept. 19 to Brittney Forbes.

Roberts Middle School
The day for a double-layer birthday cake is Sept. 17 for Rebecca Dietz and Jose Robleto.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Tiffany Wright is sent birthday greet-

ings Sept. 21.
Thompson Intermediate
Rosa Nunez enjoys a birthday Sept. 15. Celebrating a birthday Sept. 17 is Pamela Crawford. Celebrating a birthday Sept. 20 is Steven Vromant. Blow out the birthday candles Sept. 21 for Rosa Garcia.

Dobie High
The day for a party for Ryan Peel is Sept. 15. Marking a birthday Sept. 16 is Marcos Escobar. Light the birthday candles Sept. 17 for Ruth Freeman and Alfred Valdez. Marina Granados enjoys a birthday Sept. 18. Celebrating a birthday Sept. 19 is Erica Ba. Happy birthday greetings are sent Sept. 20 to Delia Garrett. Share a slice of a triple-layer cake Sept. 21 with Jermaine Gasaway, Manuel Moreno and Zaira Tamez.

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

Thursday, Sept. 15: Dawnella Woods, Jackie Williams, Patricia Jones, Jesse Salas, Corey Salyer, Crystal McGoldrich, Kristi Ortiz, David Young, Shawn Black and Michelle Poole; Friday, Sept. 16: Peter Hoth, Kairy Barkley, Jorge Sanchez, Mark Wilson, Darren Landwehr, Bobbi Furgeson, Brandy Rogers, Claude Van Court,

Angela Starr, Anna Aranova and Melissa Norman; Saturday, Sept. 17: Michael Nevills, Fauna Santos, Alice Mireles, Xavier Sustaita, Jose Ochoa, Kourtney Russell, Reggie Godbolt, Sandy Muse, Dean Konrad, Letty Lopez, Tracy Dukes, Sandra Sankey and Tara Johnston; Sunday, Sept. 18: Carey Holder, Cathey Cox, Anthony Virgadamo, Leslie Cockerham; Monday, Sept. 19: Tasha Ford, Diane Martinez, Carlos Melcher, Stacy Mayberry, Elyse Totten, Jo Ann Minchew, Porsche Lancelin, Roe Moreno, Rita Hernandez, David Bergeron, Gracie Bires, Michelle Griffin, Marisa Hartley, LaToya Oliver and Brittany Swanson; Tuesday, Sept. 20: Bren Duh, Freddy Silva, Rebeca Sanchez, Doris Zacks, Nancy Naquin, Peggy Bennett, Keith Mercado, Sandra Buchman, Manuel Guerrero, Ricky Aquino, Dawn Sharpe and Catherine Windsor; and Wednesday, Sept. 21: John Neal, Laura Arispe, J. Cruz Aannette, Barbara Dillon, Tiffany Willis, Heather Bowen, Matt Bolt, Rose Dunlap-Adaway, Cesar D'Agostino, Kim Kapsiak, Jennifer Paling, Susan Silva and April Carson.

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

Dobie Longhorn Band Section of the Week



The J. Frank Dobie Longhorn Band Section of the Week announced at the Dobie vs. Summer Creek game on Aug. 27 was the flute section. Band Members of the Week were Viviana Frias, Julian Mata, Jade Nañez and Eric Wilson. Members of the flute section are, left to right, (front row) Christian Reyes, Taia Perrodin, Marissa Maxwell, Jenna Rodriguez, Tracy Tran, Nadia Garcia, Andrea Cruz, Melissa Vidal, Isabel la DeLaGarza, Betzabe Solis, (middle row) Judy Ngo, Macie Owens, Courtney Dao, Gabriel Unica, Karina Medina, Alina Herazo, Emily Reyes, Tatiana Martinez, Jocelyn Nuñez, Mara Guerra, Jacqueline Reyna, (back row) Daniel Camacho, Bryan Salas, Darielys Alexander, Anthony Perez, Devan Campos, Viviana Frias and Seth Gonzalez.

Photo submitted

Remember When

40 years ago (1976)

The Harris County Mosquito Control District confirmed mosquitoes carrying the St. Louis Encephalitis (SLE) virus were found in the Sagemont and Ellington Air Force Base areas.

The Scarsdale Maintenance Committee lowered the tax rate for property owners.

Barbara Taylor of Sage-

meadow and Steve Erickson of the Glenbrook Valley area were Junior Optimists for the month of September.

35 years ago (1981)

The Pasadena Independent School District made low-fat milk the only choice for students.

Would-be swindlers were operating locally with a scam including an envelope full of money. They tried to get the victim to put up his or her own money for a share of the cash.

30 years ago (1986)

The child of a Wood Meadow resident was exposed to pesticides from diapers purchased from the Walgreens on Scarsdale at Beamer. Walgreens settled for \$3,000 in civil penalties and \$1,000 a day for each day the contaminated diapers remained on the shelf.

Stuchbery was one of two PISD elementary schools serving students in the East Harris County Cooperative for Deaf Education, a state-funded project which allowed deaf students to be educated in public schools.

PISD enrollment figures, based on the third day of attendance, showed an increase of only 40 students from the previous year across the district.

25 years ago (1991)

Construction began for a right turn lane west of Beamer at Scarsdale Boulevard. Plans for the Brio toxic waste incinerator called for the plant to be built on a piece of property just south of Brio and Dixie Oil Processing. Former Friends-

wood Mayor Ralph Lowe owned the property selected for the incinerator.

20 years ago (1996)

Former Houston City Councilman Frank Mancuso was released from Memorial Hospital Southeast after undergoing open-heart surgery.

Crime Stoppers offered a \$1,000 reward for information leading to an arrest in the death of South Belt resident Allen Harris, 39. Harris was riding his bicycle on Old Galveston Road when he was crushed against the guardrail by a vehicle. The unknown driver did not stop.

15 years ago (2001)

In approximately 10 hours, the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department collected more than \$16,000 which was sent to members of the New York City fire and police departments after the 9/11 attacks.

Members of the South Belt area showed caring, sympathy and patriotism. Some attended "See You at the Pole" prayer services held at local schools. A replica of a flag made by students of styrofoam cups was built in the fence at Stuchbery Elementary.

10 years ago (2006)

Precinct 2 deputy constables made arrests for theft, drugs, a weapon violation and for outstanding warrants. One arrest alone cleared 11 local warrants.

Southwestern Bell began upgrading telephone lines in the South Belt area. The old lines had become obsolete and were being replaced with fiber optic cable

lines.

CCISD's Clean Living Encouragement and Responsibility members teamed up with the Bay Area Alliance for Youth and Families to host a family fun walk titled Assets in Motion held at Challenger 7 Memorial Park.

State Sen. Mike Jackson's local office received a fake anthrax package in office mail on Sept. 11. The letter had a Lubbock postmark with the return address of an inmate.

5 years ago (2011)

A San Jacinto College soccer player was killed the morning of Tuesday, Sept. 13, when the vehicle he was traveling in was involved in a traffic collision at Beamer and Astoria. According to police, Jose Perez, 18, was a rear passenger of a BMW that allegedly ran a red light at the intersection, causing it to strike another vehicle and then flip over.

1 year ago (2015)

The Rev. John Morgan, pastor of Sagemont Church, and renowned local attorney John Eddie Williams were inducted into Pasadena High School's Wall of Honor. Morgan established what would later become Sagemont Church in 1966. His original congregation consisted of 16 members. He is also well known for his "Financial Freedom" seminars, as well as seminar recordings and his book under the same title, all of which have reached more than a million people. Morgan has served on numerous boards ranging from the chairman of trust-

ees at Houston Baptist University to president of the Texas Baptist Pastor's Conference. In 2005, he was awarded the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Morgan attended Kruse Elementary and Jackson Intermediate before enrolling at Pasadena High. He continued his education at Baylor University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He earned his doctorate from Southwest Baptist University.

Lariaette Escort of the Week



The Lariaette Escort of the Week for Sept. 5 through Sept. 9 is Ethan Brown. He is a junior and is the son of Gene Brown.

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St. Luke's Knights cook spaghetti



The Knights of Columbus council 9201 held a pasta dinner fundraiser at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church on Friday, Aug. 26. More than 200 dinners of penne pasta, meatballs, and salad were served. Funds were raised to support the Missions of Mercy ministry. Some of the K of C crew pictured are, left to right, Dominic Cantalamessa, Milton Ditttrich, Henry Skinner, Leon Guerra, Marlon Hulin, Father Douglas Guthrie and Larrol Burleigh. Photo submitted

CrossRoads working with Morris



CrossRoads United Methodist Church recently collaborated on a Back to School partnership with Morris Middle School. Filled back packs and back to school clothing were recently donated by CrossRoads UMC members for those students in need attending Morris Middle School. Future collaborations will include mentoring and free ESL class opportunities starting in October at CrossRoads. Shown are, left to right; Lori Turney, Cris Alvarado, Pastor Arturo Cadar, Morris Middle School Counselor Andrea Ross Branch, Pastor Sonia Shearrow, Vanessa Cisneros and Rosa Alfaro. Not pictured is Linda Garies. Questions concerning the ESL classes can be made to CrossRoads at 281 484-9243. Photo by Gary Turney

Dynamic Women monthly luncheon set for Sept. 29

The guest speaker at the September Dynamic Women luncheon will surely put a song in one's heart! Latrell Lindon is an accomplished singer and songwriter whose down-to-earth and down-home style will have attendees tapping their toes and singing along.

The Dynamic Women luncheon which will be held Thursday, Sept. 29, at Golfcrest Country Club in Pearland from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Lindon, the youngest of nine children, grew up singing in the family quartet, and has written and recorded several original albums. Her style is primarily country and southern gospel, but she has also written and recorded songs of other styles including ballads, love songs, jazz, Christmas and children's songs.

Doors will open at 10 a.m. when guests can do some shopping and networking with exciting area vendors who feature home décor, fashion accessories, jewelry, health and beauty, and business and professional services. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. and the event ends at 1 p.m.

Guests can register for free door prizes when they sign in. The cost of the luncheon is \$16 which includes the networking/shopping event and lunch. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the guest speaker, the shopping and the luncheon. The group encourages guests to invite friends to attend this special event. The Dynamic Women group seeks to connect women through networking and friendship, help women grow their businesses, and provide a service to the community. For reservations, email Sandee Ellis at sandeeellis@comcast.net.

Moore Elementary celebrates Grandparent's Day

Grandparent's Day was officially Sept. 11, but Moore Elementary celebrated the prior week, inviting grandparents for four days of quality time with their grandchildren. Among the activities were breakfast each day and a week-long book fair.

Photo by Angelica Perez



Marissa Lugo (left) and John Ramirez spend time during Grandparent's Week with their grandmother Diana Resendez.



Madison Hill, Tripp Harris, Caden Hill and Nicholas Harris enjoy time at Moore with their grandmother, Linda Harris.



Jeremiah Martinez enjoys breakfast with his grandmother, Belinda Lara.



Christina Torres, Abigail Zamarripa, Angel Mendoza and Ivan Torres pose with their grandmother, Maria Zamarripa.

PLT presents Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf



Julie Owen, Jeff Luchsinger, Kelsie Peltier and Billy Chmielewski star in Edward Albee's *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf* at Pasadena Little Theatre Sept. 23 through Oct. 2. Photo submitted

'Virginia Woolf' at Pasadena Little Theatre

Pasadena Little Theatre, Houston's oldest community theater in continuous operation, continues its 62nd season, the Something To Talk About season, with *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf*, by Edward Albee. This renowned play won no less than five Tony Awards in 1963 and will be featured on PLT's Black Box stage. History professor George and his boozey wife, Martha, return late one Saturday night from a cocktail party at the home of the college president, Martha's father. Martha announces that she invited another couple, newly appointed instructor Nick and his timid wife, Honey, over for a nightcap.

When the younger couple arrive, the night erupts into a no-holds-barred torrent of marital angst and verbal tirades. PLT's presentation of *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf* features as director well-known actor and director, Julie Owen, along with an outstanding cast. This production opens on Sept. 23 and continues weekends through Oct. 2. Friday and Saturday showtimes are 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 3 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$15 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors. To purchase tickets, make reservations or for more information, call the box office at 713-941-1758, or log onto www.pasadenalittletheatre.org.

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Dittrich, Bentley explore Europe

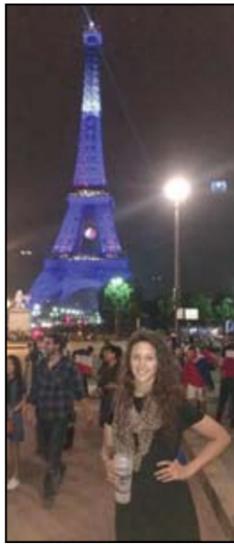
Alicia Dittrich (South Belt resident, Clear Brook grad, Clear Lake teacher and JV volleyball coach) traveled on a European adventure with Samantha Bentley (Clear Brook grad). Dittrich and Bentley met while playing volleyball at Clear Brook High School and have remained "besties" over the years. The trip started June 9 with a return to the United States on June 20. They began in Paris for the kickoff of the Euros soccer games, then to Germany, Amsterdam, Copenhagen and Rome. Alicia's sister, Ellen Dittrich (Clear Brook grad), joined the trip for a few days in Amsterdam.



Above and two photos at right: in Paris



Directly above, left and right: in Amsterdam



Directly above, left and right: in Amsterdam



Copenhagen



Rome

Mother/daughter enjoy two-week road trip together after graduation

The idea to take a road trip the summer before starting college started when Dominique Palacios told her mother, Yvette Rodriguez, that she wanted to visit the gravesite of her former softball coach, Shelly Bollin, who passed away Dominique's sophomore year. And so began a plan to drive cross country, along with their traveling gnome and spider, to visit the former coach's grave in Indianola, Iowa, and to enjoy a mother/daughter vacation. Yvette's brother joined them for the first week. Coach Bollin wasn't in Dominique's life for very long but her impact made her feel like she could do anything. "There aren't too many people in

this world who can do that," said Dominique. What started as just a wish turned into a wonderful vacation. The karaoke roadtrip journey continued with stops in St. Charles, Mo., Detroit, Mich., and Chicago, Ill., to visit family. The next two-day leg was to Destin, Fla., driving through beautiful country and making Dominique listen to and sing '70s and '80s music along the way. The last leg was bittersweet, but after 4,000 miles they were glad to be home in "the great state of Texas." They loved every minute of the trip and said that it brought back memories of their "Griswald" family vacations years ago.



Yvette (left) and Dominique (right) hitting the road on June 6.



Dominique places flowers at Clear Brook High School Varsity Coach Shelly Bollin's grave. Her resting place is in Indianola, Iowa, overlooking beautiful rolling hills.



Dominique and Yvette make a quick stop at Big Boy Burger on the way to Detroit, Mich. It was a balmy 65 degrees.



The pair made a travel gnome rest area stop near Kalamazoo, Mich., on the way to Chicago.



After lunch selfie - almost to Destin, Fla.



Blue water and white sand! The end of a day at the beach.

The preparation of the soul for the High Holy Days season

As the High Holy Days approach, Congregation Shaar Hashalom will prepare for the prayers and the Cheshbon HaNefesh, the introspection called for at this time of the year. Rabbi Stuart Federow of Congregation Shaar Hashalom, located at 16020 El Camino Real in Houston, is the Conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. Contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or email csh@shaarhashalom.org for more information. Classes will take place at Congregation Shaar Hashalom on three Sundays - Sept. 18 and 25 and Oct. 9 between 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. Congregants and community - all ages are welcome.

Meador Elementary honors grandparents

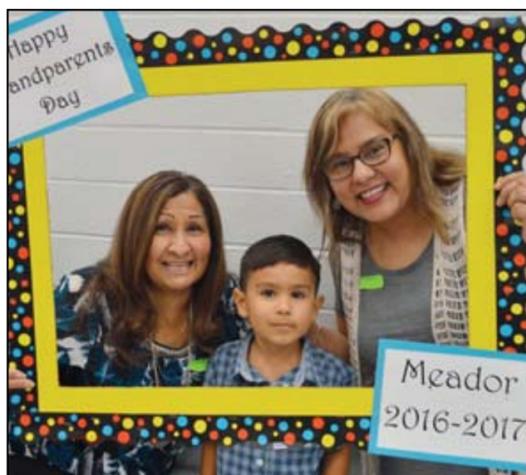
Meador Elementary had 160 grandparents attend their annual Grandparents Day Luncheon on Sept. 12, 2016. This a special day that students and their grandparents look forward to each year. Photos submitted



Debbie Thomas, Avery Thomas (student) and Rob Thomas



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Longhorns get first win, cruising past Morton Ranch

It's little secret that the Dobie Longhorns were not happy with the way the first two weeks unfolded. An 0-2 record was what the Longhorns had to show for subpar performances against Summer Creek and Clear Springs.

Perhaps that's all behind the Longhorns now, who scored their first win of the season, a 24-12 decision over Morton Ranch Sept. 9, at Katy ISD's Rhodes Stadium.

The Longhorns built a 17-0 halftime lead and went on to win the game. JFD varsity football coach Mike Norman believes it's only the start of better days for his program.

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Dobie (1-2) at Dawson (2-1) Friday, Sept. 16 The Rig, Pearland, 7 p.m.

Dobie's Jeremy Davis rushed for a touchdown as the Longhorns scored their first win of the season over Morton Ranch Sept. 9 at Rhodes Stadium in Katy. Now the Longhorns will try to make it two in a row to conclude nondistrict play as they face the Dawson Eagles.

Locals now 2nd-ranked San Jac soccer sweeps; tougher road lies ahead

San Jacinto College's men's soccer team came up with a pair of shutout wins at home, staying undefeated through the first third or so of the regular season.

In defeating Northeast Texas 5-0 and Paris 2-0, the Coyotes continued to share the wealth.

In the victory over Northeast Texas, Carlos Blasco had a goal and two assists to lead the way. Four different players scored goals for the winners, extending a season-long trend.

Blasco got the scoring started in the first half as he assisted Meike

Hikaruhiro, and a four-goal second half secured the win. Ricardo Ramos netted a pair of goals, and Reyes Vargas and Heiko Leinweber also tallied scores to lead San Jacinto College to the win.

About 24 hours later, San Jacinto downed Paris 2-0 at home on goals by Juan David Agredo and Savio Adams, with an assist coming from Jeffrey Hernandez.

Goalkeeper Paul Tyson, who had three saves in the win over Northeast Texas, sat out the first half against Paris.

Reserve keepers Ce-

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Brook drops 5-setter Dobie volleyball spikes SoHo Trojans

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The team tennis season is about to take on added importance for Steven Phan and the rest of the Longhorns. After playing in the Remembering Ike tournament Sept. 16-17, Dobie will open District 22-6A action Sept. 20, at Beaumont West Brook. Dobie's home opener then comes Sept. 23 against South Houston.

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Garcia has 6 TD passes

Smith picked up 258 yards, Brook moves to 2-1 at break

Clear Brook is doing everything it can to prove itself a playoff contender in the District 24-6A varsity football race.

The Wolverines, projected to finish just behind the likes of defending district champion Clear Creek, a tough Dickinson squad, Clear Springs and Friendswood, the locals may have other ideas.

Following a convincing 34-6 drubbing of South Houston, the Wolverines have now won two of three to round out nondistrict play.

Clear Brook is now on a bye week before opening District 24-6A play against Clear Falls Friday, Sept. 23 at Veterans Memorial Stadium in League City.

Clear Falls, once the loser of 17 straight games, has now won two straight after pounding Rayburn 30-7 in its latest outing.

Perhaps defeating a winless South Houston

team so soundly won't earn the Wolverines much credit in the big picture, but this team remains explosive on offense a season after the graduation of top offensive performer Brandon Taylor.

With Taylor now running track at the University of Miami, the Wolverines have turned to others, including the junior quartet of quarterback Jaizac Garcia, tailback Jarrett Smith and receivers Mark Milton and Caleb Chapman.

Garcia, who missed the second half of the 2015 season with a shoulder injury, has been one of the Houston area's success stories through the first three weeks of the season. After throwing his sixth touchdown pass of the season against South Houston, Garcia has completed 65 percent of his passes for 516 yards.

He's thrown 22 completions to Chapman and 15 more to Russell Hall.

Garcia didn't need to use his arm much against the Trojans.

Instead, the Wolverines focused on getting the ball to workhorse Smith, who rushed for 258 yards in the game and now has 412 yards in the ground game for Clear Brook.

Milton, a dual threat much in the mold of Taylor from a season ago, has averaged nine yards a carry and scored three times.

Stephen Trejo got increased playing time against South Houston and made it pay off with both a 5-yard run and 5-yard reception for touchdowns. Clear Brook built a 21-0 lead and went on to win easily.

Now there will be two weeks of preparation for the Knights of Clear Falls.

A win is a must for either of the two teams, especially with playoff-tested Friendswood, Dickinson, Clear Springs and Clear Creek lurking.

South Belt football predictions	Troy Leland	John Bechtle	Eli Tanksley	Toni Muse	Emory Gadd	Debbie Vaughn
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This week's record	9-1	6-4	9-1	8-2	8-2	8-2
Season record	18-11	18-11	25-4	17-11	20-9	18-11

Volleyball – Lady Longhorns drop SoHo; CB falls

Continued from Page 1B and Clear Creek, the Lady Wolverines to this point in the District 24-6A play. In losses to Clear Falls

and Clear Creek, the Lady Wolverines led two sets to one in both, yet lost both matches in five sets. Such

is life in the ever-competitive District 24-6A. Closing out matches for the win is just not an easy thing to get done.

Against Clear Falls Sept. 9 at home, Jordan Russell helped Clear Brook get out to a lead against the Lady Knights, but the visitors fought back.

In the end, Clear Falls came away with a 25-14, 23-25, 18-25, 25-20, 15-

12 victory. Russell wound up with a match-high 23 kills for Clear Brook, a total matched by Clear Falls' Briana Garcia.

Shifting to Sept. 13 against Clear Creek, Brook once more had the lead heading into the fourth game but could not close out the win.

Instead, Clear Creek went on to win 25-16, 22-25, 26-28, 25-19, 15-10, keeping Clear Brook win-

less in District 24-6A action despite a pair of great efforts at home.

Next up, the Lady Wolverines will host Friendswood Friday, Sept. 16, at 6 p.m.

Then comes a Tuesday, Sept. 20 match against Clear Lake at Krueger Field House, on the Clear Lake High School campus. That varsity-level match will also begin at 6:30 p.m.

Teams	W	L
Clear Creek	2	0
Clear Falls	2	0
Friendswood	1	1
Clear Lake	1	1
Clear Springs	1	1
Dickinson	1	1
Clear Brook	0	2
Alvin	0	2

Teams	W	L
Deer Park	2	0
West Brook	2	0
Dobie	1	1
Memorial	1	1
Pasadena	1	1
La Porte	1	1
South Houston	0	2
Sam Rayburn	0	2

Sports Calendar

VOLLEYBALL
Friday, Sept. 16
Brook varsity hosts Friendswood, 6:30
Dobie varsity at Sam Rayburn, 6:30
Dobie JV at Sam Rayburn, 5:30
Brook JV hosts Friendswood, 5:30
Brook freshman A hosts Friendswood, 4:15
Dobie freshman A at Sam Rayburn, 4:30
Dobie freshman B at Sam Rayburn, 4:30

Tuesday, Sept. 20
Brook varsity at Clear Lake, 6:00
Dobie varsity hosts Pasadena, 6:30
Dobie JV hosts Pasadena, 5:30
Brook JV at Clear Lake, 5:30
Brook freshman A at Clear Lake, 5:15
Dobie freshman A hosts Pasadena, 4:30
Dobie freshman B hosts Pasadena, 4:30
Brook freshman A at Clear Lake, 5:00

TENNIS
Friday, Sept. 16
Dobie varsity hosts Bellaire, 8:30 a.m.
Dobie seniors at Remembering Ike, Galv., TBA

Saturday, Sept. 17
Dobie seniors at Remembering Ike, Galv., TBA

Football
Thursday, Sept. 15
Dobie JV Orange hosts Dawson, Veterans, 6:30
Dobie JV White hosts Dawson, Veterans, 4:30
Dobie Fresh. Orange at Dawson, campus, 6:30
Dobie Fresh. White at Dawson, campus, 4:30

Friday, Sept. 16
Dobie varsity at Dawson, The Rig, 7:00

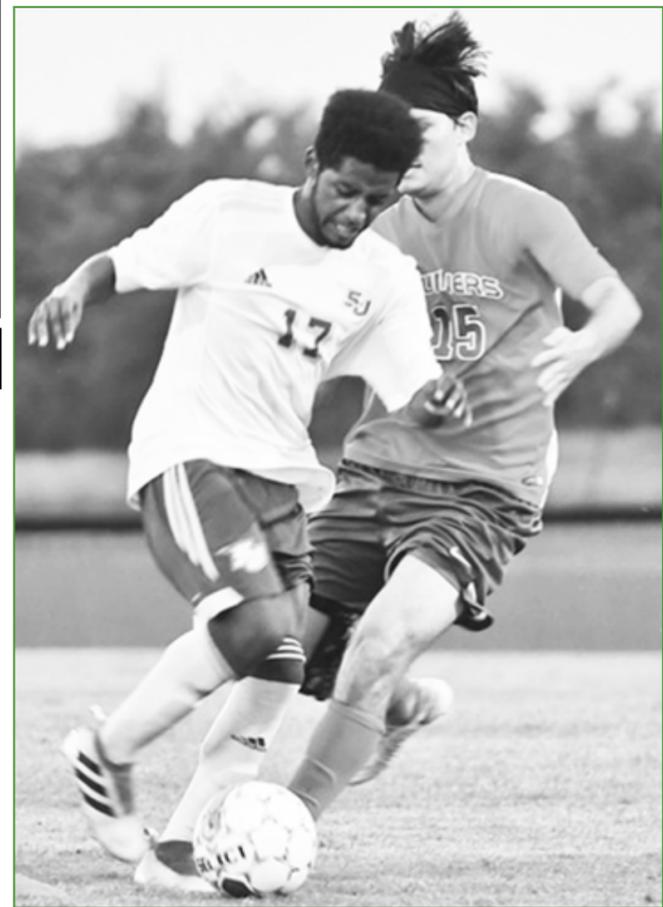
Saturday, Sept. 17
Ellington Rams host Bulldogs (at Dobie High School, 8 a.m.)

SOCCER
Friday, Sept. 16
San Jacinto at Coastal Bend, Beeville, 4:00
Saturday, Sept. 17
San Jacinto at Laredo, 4:00

Week 6 BAFL games
Saturday, Sept. 17

Ellington Rams host Bulldogs
Dobie High School

Sagemont Cowboys/Southbelt Dolphins – byes



The San Jacinto College men's soccer team, including Luis Almedia (13), is ranked No. 2 in the nation according to the recent National Junior College Athletic Association Division 1 men's soccer rankings. The team opened the season unranked nationally but has reeled off six straight wins. Photo by Andrea Vasquez

San Jac soccer ranked No. 2

Continued from Page 1B sar Cerrera (20 minutes) and Francisco Yapor split time in the first half against the Dragons, with Tyson rounding out the win over the match's last 45 minutes.

Unranked to open the season, San Jacinto has now run its win streak to six through the first third of the season.

Region XIV foe Tyler is still top-ranked in the latest National Junior College Athletic Association poll, but SJC has climbed

to No. 2. "The guys have gotten off to a great start with two tough wins on the road and four home wins," said San Jacinto College men's soccer head coach Ian Spooner.

"The hard work and dedication they've put in during preseason and thus far has been paying off."

"They are putting the team first, and it shows since we have 15 players with either a goal or assist so far. "It's great to get off to

a good start, but we must continue to play at a high level every day and not be content with what we have done over the past couple of weeks."

The schedule will soon toughen for the locals. A road trip to Coastal Bend Sept. 16 may not prove too difficult, but then comes a trip to Laredo a day later.

San Jacinto will then host Tyler Sept. 23 in the first of home and home series against the No. 1-ranked Apaches in what should be two battles.

	Sr.	Jr.	Soph.	Fr.
Bulldogs	12	0	28	25
Cowboys	38	26	0	0
Hurricanes	21	19	42	25
Dolphins	14	14	0	0
Raiders	15	19	9	0
Rams	0	6	0	25

Senior Division				Junior Division			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Hurricanes	5	0	0	Texans	5	0	0
Eagles	5	0	0	Patriots	4	0	0
Stingrays	4	0	0	49ers	4	0	0
Dolphins	4	1	0	Cowboys	4	1	0
Cowboys	4	1	0	Eagles	4	1	0
49ers	3	1	0	Bulldogs	3	2	0
Patriots	3	1	0	Rams	3	2	0
Texans	3	2	0	Sharks	3	2	0
Bulls	2	2	0	Bulls	2	1	1
Raiders	2	2	0	Stingrays	2	2	0
Sharks	2	3	0	Gators	2	2	0
Bulldogs	2	3	0	Hurricanes	2	2	1
Mustangs	1	3	0	Raiders	2	2	0
Rams	1	4	0	Dolphins	1	4	0
Gators	1	4	0	Panthers	1	4	0
Panthers	1	4	0	Saints	0	3	0
Saints	0	4	0	Mustangs	0	4	0
Cougars	0	5	0	Cougars	0	5	0
Sophomore Division				Freshman Division			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Bulldogs	5	0	0	Bulldogs	5	0	0
Hurricanes	5	0	0	49ers	4	0	0
Patriots	4	0	0	Texans	4	0	1
Sharks	4	1	0	Stingrays	3	0	1
Cowboys	3	1	1	Bulls	3	1	0
Eagles	3	1	1	Patriots	3	1	0
49ers	3	1	0	Cowboys	3	2	0
Texans	3	2	0	Sharks	3	2	0
Stingrays	2	2	0	Eagles	3	2	0
Raiders	2	2	0	Hurricanes	3	2	0
Bulls	2	2	0	Dolphins	2	3	0
Dolphins	2	3	0	Rams	2	3	0
Mustangs	1	3	0	Saints	1	3	0
Gators	1	3	0	Mustangs	1	3	0
Rams	1	4	0	Panthers	1	4	0
Panthers	1	4	0	Gators	1	3	0
Saints	0	3	0	Raiders	0	4	0
Cougars	0	5	0	Cougars	0	5	0

San Jacinto College baseball to take on USA Baseball 18U

The San Jacinto College baseball team will play two exhibition games against the USA Baseball 18-and-Under National Team at the North campus later this month as part of the 18U National Team Trials.

The first game will be played on Sunday, Sept. 25 at 6 p.m., and the second game will be played on Tuesday, Sept. 27 at 4 p.m.

Both games are free and open to the public and will be played at John Ray Harrison Field at Andy Pettitte Park, located at 5800 Uvalde in Houston.

Following the National Team Trials, the USA 18-U National Team will participate in the Pan

American Baseball Confederation Championships in Monterrey, Mexico, where it will compete against teams from all over the world.

Kory Koehler, San Jacinto College volunteer assistant baseball coach, says people who come out to see the exhibition games will see some exciting and competitive baseball.

"Every Major League Baseball organization and many National Collegiate Athletic Association programs will have representatives at the games," Koehler commented.

"The players on the national 18U team are the best 40 high school seniors from across the country.

"Most of them will sign

six-figure contracts next June, and many of them will one day play in professional baseball at the highest level. It will be an honor to compete against them."

The San Jacinto College baseball team, coming off an appearance in the National Junior College Athletic Association's World Series championship game, will compete in scrimmages throughout the fall semester.

The 2017 season gets underway in late January, 2017. To find out more about the college's baseball program or any of the college's other athletic programs, visit sanjacsports.com.



Madrid's former players now at universities

Above, Zauri Kilgo, who came to San Jacinto College via Detroit's Chandler Park Academy, developed into a key contributor during the season. The 5-foot-6-inch sophomore guard had an average of 4.5 assists per game, which paced the team. "Zauria stepped in and led our team," San Jacinto College's women's basketball head coach Mike Madrid said. "She is a selfless player who handles the ball well and facilitates the game for her teammates. I am excited about her opportunity at Kentucky State."

At right, Kaelynn Wilson, a product of San Antonio's Wagner High School, played well during her stay at San Jac. She was an all-region selection after averaging 13.3 points per game, a mark that ranked 10th overall. The 5-foot-11-inch sophomore forward ranked seventh in the conference in total field goals (171 of 343) and was 20th in rebounds with a 5.7 per game average.

Top right, Kristel Reid, who played high school basketball at Rosenberg Terry, excelled during the 2015-16 season. She earned a spot on the all-conference team and the region XIV All-Tournament team. The 5-foot-10-inch sophomore wing played in all 33 games, starting in 20 and averaging 7.8 points per game. Reid ranked 12th in the conference in rebounds per game with a 6.7 mark and was among the conference's top shooters at 42.7 percent (18th in the conference).

Five San Jac women's hoopsters find universities

Five women's basketball players who graduated from San Jacinto College in May will continue their college education and basketball careers by transferring to four-year universities.

Vanessa Jones transferred to Angelo State University; Kaelynn Wilson is now at Glenville State University; Kristel Reid will play at The University of Texas at the Permian Basin; Zauria Kilgo

is now at Kentucky State University and Gabby Alvarez chose to attend the University of St. Thomas.

San Jacinto College women's basketball head coach Michael Madrid says there is more to a successful college basketball program than just winning on the court.

"At San Jac, our goal is to graduate students and we focus on the word 'student' in the term student-athletes," he commented.

"We consistently talk to our young ladies about the importance of academics and make it clear that our No. 1 goal is to graduate.

"Basketball gives students a tremendous platform to be role models academically and athletically.

"Our two biggest victories are when these young ladies walk across the stage at San Jac and sign at another institution to

continue their education."

Madrid said that contributions from all five of the transferring graduates helped propel the team a

successful 2015-16 season.

They ended the season as regional runner-up, the farthest any women's

basketball team has ever advanced in the history of the college. For more SJC sports, visit sanjacsports.com.



Vanessa Jones, a shooting guard from Flower Mound Marcus High School in the Dallas area, had a solid season for San Jac last season. She was named to the all-region and all-conference teams, as well as the Region XIV All-Tournament team. She played in all 33 games, making 32 starts. Her 13.6 points per game average was eighth in the conference and Jones ranked second in the conference in 3-point goals with 85 total (251 attempts). She also had 106 total assists, which was seventh-best in the league.



Gabby Alvarez of Kingwood Park High School developed as a powerful offensive weapon while at San Jacinto College. The 5-foot-5-inch sophomore guard shot 41.5 percent from 3-point range for the season, which led the team. "Gabby is a pure shooter who sees the floor extremely well," SJC women's basketball head coach Mike Madrid said. "Her love for the game is evident in the amount of time she spends crafting her skills. I am excited to see her play in the Houston area for St. Thomas."

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
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.

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

Noon

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

6 p.m.

Texas German Society, South Belt (SE) Chapter – A social group focused on the culture, music, heritage and language of Texas German immigrants. Meets the third Thursday, monthly, 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visitors welcome. Call 281-481-1238 for details.

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.

Survivors of Suicide Support Group – support and coping skills in a non-threatening environment to adults who have lost a loved one to suicide. For details and location, call 713-533-4500 or visit www.crisishotline.org.

7 p.m.

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

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 drop in.

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.

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.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
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.

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

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

Noon

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.

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.

7 p.m.

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

1611.

8 p.m.

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

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.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
7:30 a.m.

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

10 a.m.

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

11 a.m.

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

1 p.m.

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.

7 p.m.

Bay Area Bluegrass Association – holds a bluegrass music show and jam session on the third Saturday, (except December). Stage show is at 7 p.m. Pickers may bring instruments and come early. Free. Johnny Arolo Civic Center, 300 Walker, League City. For details, visit <http://www.bayareabluegrass.org>.

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.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
11:15 a.m.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom – Presents *Line by Line with the Prophets*, sessions by Rabbi Stuart Federow, 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., at 16020 El Camino Real, 77062, the Conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. Everyone is welcome. Previous classes are not required. Visit www.shaarhashalom.org or contact the Synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or csh@shaarhashalom.org.

1 p.m.

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.

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. Glendorf at drglendorf@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.

5:30 p.m.

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

6:30 p.m.

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

7 p.m.

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

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

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? Meets 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.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

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

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

Seniors and Law Enforcement Together - SALT meetings are 10:30a to 11:30 a.m., Madison Jobe Senior Center, 1700 East Thomas St., Pasadena on the third Monday. No December meeting. January meeting is on the second Monday. Meetings start timely and teach seniors how to avoid identity theft, scams, fraud, etc. Police officers and sheriffs may be in attendance. Free. Refreshments served. For details, call 713-477-0175.

Overeaters Anonymous Deer Park - Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for details, or drop in.

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

Genealogy Group - The Parker Williams Genealogy Group meets from 2 to 4 p.m. on the first and third Mondays at the Parker Williams Library, Beamer at Scarsdale. The public is invited to attend. For details, email LizHicks@erootrot@usa.net.

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.

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, 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.

Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting - Mondays at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland. Enter door next to recycling bins. For details, call 713-865-3668 or visit www.oahouston.org.

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

Friends Helping Friends Grief Support Group - meets Mondays, Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster, 7 to 8:15 p.m., in the Team Conference Room. Anyone who's lost a loved one is welcome. Free. For information, call Mrs. Barry Craven at 281-486-4241 or R. Sanchez at 281-337-4365.

The Clear Lake Gem and Mineral Society - Meets the third Monday at Clear Lake Park Bldg., 5001 NASA Pkwy., Seabrook. Presenters explore topics such as fossils, planetary geology, mineralogy, lapidary, jewelry making, fossil and mineral collecting. Field trips to Texas collecting sites and surrounding states. Interested persons welcome. Door prizes. Free parking. For details, visit www.clgms.org.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom - Israeli Folk Dancing Monday, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., 16020 El Camino Real, 77062. \$4/session or \$35/10 sessions for CSH members and \$5/session or \$45/10 sessions for nonmembers. Everyone welcome. For details, 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 20

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.

Hobby Area Travel Social - HATS club meets the third Tuesday of the month in the Fellowship Hall at Glenbrook United Methodist Church, 8635 Glen Valley Dr. (north of Airport and east of Broadway). This month is a potluck lunch. HATS' annual dues are \$5. Visit hatsocial.org for details.

Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Tuesday - Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For details, call 713-472-0565.

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

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941 meets the third Tuesday, 2 p.m., El Franco Lee Park Community Center, 9500 Hall Rd. Visitors welcome. For details, call Roy at 713-734-1461.

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.

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.

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.

Breast Cancer Support Group - Meets monthly on the third Tuesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the lobby of the Clear Lake Regional Breast Diagnostic Center, 200 Medical Center Blvd., Suite 106, Webster. For information call 281-526-6840.

Pearland Area Republican's Club - meets monthly on the third Tuesday (except December, June and July) at the Pearland Church of Christ Annex, 2217 N. Grand Blvd. in Pearland. For information, call Gary at 281-993-8335.

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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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

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.

Hobby Area Travel Social - HATS club has a day trip to Huntsville to visit the prison museum and the Sam Houston statue. Be at the center by 7:45 a.m. The bus will leave the Glenbrook United Methodist Church parking lot, 8635 Glen Valley Dr., at 8 a.m. HATS' annual dues are \$5. Visit hatsocial.org for details and cost.

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.

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

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, 417-838-2204.

StartSchoolLater.net (SSL) Houston Chapter - informational monthly meeting about the link of teen sleep deprivation to depression and low academic performance. Public is welcome, 5:30 p.m., on the third Wednesday, Parker Williams Library, Room F, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., 77089. For details, call 281-229-1409.

CrossRoads UMC - Invites everyone to the Wednesday night service beginning with a light meal and fellowship at 5:30 p.m., followed by a praise, worship and prayer service at 6:30 p.m., then a Bible study led by both pastors (English and Spanish). Everyone is welcome!

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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.

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

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

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.

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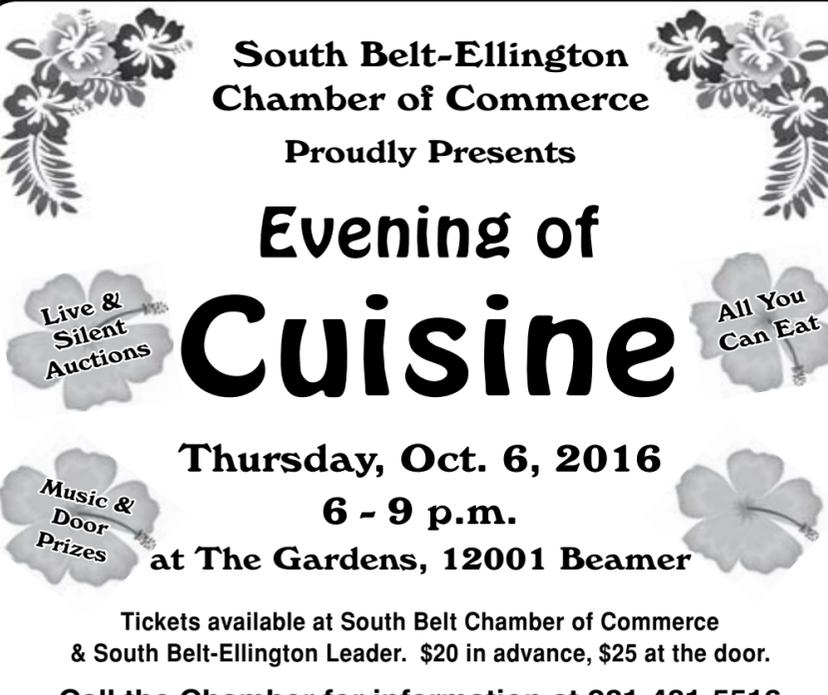
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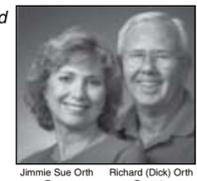
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After Remembering Ike, Dobie netters turn to district title chase

All jokes aside, Dobie High School tennis coach Manuel Moreno Jr. and his coaching counterparts merely want to see the entire Remembering Ike Invitational play out start to finish.

Now in its sixth running, the tournament will play out Sept. 16-17 at several locations in the far southeast Texas region.

In each of the past two seasons, rain has slowed play to a halt and the draws had to be shortened. Friendswood was the 2015 champion after defeating Stratford in the final.

Moreno, a resident of Galveston, knows there is also rain in the forecast this time around but is

hoping for the best.

"We have had really good support of the tournament but just haven't been able to get it completed in full in the last two years," Moreno said. "It's really a shame because a lot of teams, us included, are using this event as a way to squeeze in some extra matches."

"Most teams have already started or will start district play very soon, so being able to get that extra court time at this point in the season is critical."

"We've played quite a few matches but have had some other matches shortened because of rain or lightning. I'd like for us to be able to get some more

matches in."

Ironically, Moreno and some of his coaching counterparts came up with plans for the Remembering Ike tournament as a way to remind Houston and Galveston area residents that despite the damage caused by Hurricane Ike in 2008, Galveston is both recovering and thriving.

And while there hasn't been much in the way of severe weather of late on the island, rain has slowed play at the tennis tournament on more than one occasion.

The tournament is headed by defending champion Friendswood and finalist Stratford. Do-

bie is also in the mix along with Clear Falls, Manvel, La Porte, Morton Ranch, Nederland, Fort Bend

Austin, Dawson, Clear Springs, Willis, Texas City, Dickinson and Ridge Point. Following its first-

round match against Stratford, Dobie will play either Clear Springs or Fort Bend Austin Saturday,

Sept. 17, at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. Match time will be 8:30 a.m.

An afternoon session will feature trophy play, with Dobie slated to play a to-be-determined opponent at Galveston Ball High School.

Dobie to Beaumont

Following the Remembering Ike event, Dobie and many of its counterparts will be immersed in district competition for the remainder of the season.

The Longhorns will make a lengthy road trip to open league play, taking on West Brook in Beaumont Tuesday, Sept. 20.

It'll be the first time this group of players has had to take a bus trip of this length for a match during the week, but Dobie will be prepared.

West Brook, part of District 21-6A the last two seasons, has gone

against and lost to Dobie three times in area championship play. Now, the two teams will vie for the 22-6A crown along with front-runner Deer Park, La Porte and the other Pasadena ISD schools.

There's no way around the fact that Dobie has struggled in terms of closing out key matches this season, going a full month between district victories.

But Moreno points out that, despite the team's tough schedule of opponents in nondistrict action, Dobie has rarely been defeated soundly.

Yes, the Clear Creeks, the Clear Brooks and the Friendswoods had their way with Dobie, but there have also been close finishes, including losses to Willis and Tomball, among others.

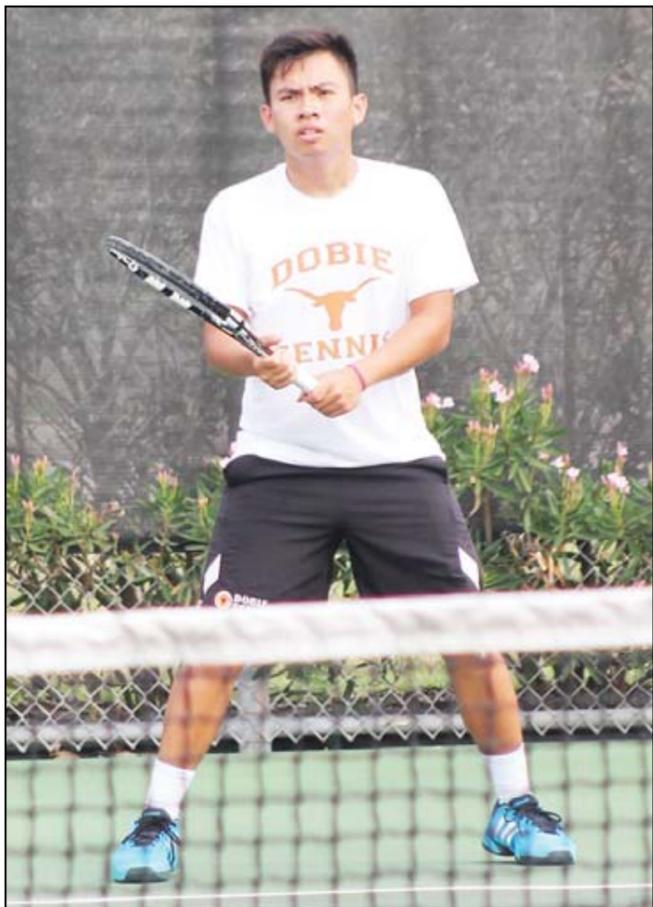
As for Dobie, Ricky Perez has asserted himself once more as the No. 1 boys' singles player. Leilani Vargas has played well as the top-ranked Lady Longhorn.

But, while doubles has long been a strength for Dobie teams, the locals have struggled this season, particularly in super tie-breaker scenarios. Finding a solid mixed doubles has also been a challenge as 22-6A play nears.

will take on 22-6A newcomers La Porte and Deer Park. The Deer, on paper, appear to be the favorite to win the 22-6A title. But Moreno doesn't like to finish second in anything, and he says the Longhorns will battle till the end.

"I don't want to slight any of the other teams in Pasadena ISD, but I feel like we are the better team in the group," Moreno said. "After that, West Brook, Deer Park and La Porte are kind of the unknowns. It's been a while since we have seen them in league play."

Later in the year, Dobie



At left, Dobie's Tommy Nguyen eyes a service return in a nondistrict matchup this season. He and the rest of the Longhorns' team tennis squad will begin District 22-6A competition against Beaumont West Brook Tuesday, Sept. 20, in Beaumont. First, though, Dobie will play in the 15-team Remembering Ike tournament Sept. 16-17 in Galveston. Photo by John Bechtle

Remembering Ike Invitational Friday and Saturday, Sept. 16-17

Friday, Sept. 16 matches

- Dobie hosts Stratford, Dobie, 3 p.m.*
- Friendswood vs. Morton Ranch, UTMB, 3 p.m.*
- Nederland vs. Fort Bend Austin, at Galveston Ball, 3 p.m.*
- Clear Springs hosts Dawson, Clear Springs, 3 p.m.*
- Texas City hosts Willis, Texas City, 3 p.m.*
- Dickinson hosts Ridge Point, Dickinson, 3 p.m.*
- Sept. 17: Dobie vs. Dawson/Cl. Springs, UTMB, 8:30 a.m.*

First win in tow, Dobie looks to avenge Dawson loss

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On the Longhorns' next drive, the reliable Sabino Lozano booted a 35-yard field goal as the locals took a 10-0 lead into the second quarter.

That second quarter remained largely quiet until the Longhorns went back to work with halftime nearing.

This time, third-year receiver Breon Simmons was the go-to guy as Davis tossed a 20-yard scoring strike to the senior. Lozano's extra-point kick gave the Longhorns a 17-0 lead as they looked to be in good shape for their first win of the season.

The third quarter was

quiet again until late, as this time Davis ended a lengthy Dobie drive with a 1-yard scoring burst as the Longhorns took complete control at 24-0 with just over a minute to play in the quarter.

Morton Ranch struck for a quick score on its first play after Dobie took the 24-0 lead.

Quarterback Dallas Ross, contained in the option offense for the most part by Dobie, broke loose on a 75-yard dash for a score with under a minute to go in the third quarter.

In the game's final minute, Ross fired a 38-yard touchdown pass to Micah White to round out the

scoring. Dobie had just 10 first downs in the game and lost a pair of fumbles, but Davis came up with a hand in three scores to lead the Longhorns to their first victory of the season.

Ke'montre Lowe, shifting from safety to cornerback this season, had a pair of interceptions that greatly helped Dobie's field position on both occasions.

Improvements still need to be made, but the Longhorns appear to be making strides.

Norman says it all started the first solid day of practice following the loss to Clear Springs. "I saw some of the teachers and

administrators, and even they said some of the players had a different look, a different feel about them as the game approached," Norman said.

"I saw it in that Tuesday practice. Just a different energy, and an urgency to get some things done. We've all told our guys that they can't be afraid to make mistakes out there. No team is going to play a perfect football game. It isn't possible."

"As long as your effort is there and you are in position to make plays, things will come together. Our play against Morton Ranch showed some of those improvements."

Individually, the Longhorns continue to get a solid season out of Martin, the senior tailback who spent most of last season at the junior varsity level but did play some at the varsity level toward the end of last season.

Norman said Martin's talent on the football field has rarely been in question. Martin has simply put it all together this season.

"He's just a natural running back," Norman said. "He sees the creases and is able to hit the gaps at the right time. He just sees it. Plus, he runs hard. He's just a tough guy to deal with."

Against Morton Ranch, Martin had the touchdown catch but also rushed for 174 yards on just 13 carries.

A 69-yard dash helped boost Martin's total. For the season, Martin now has gained 303 yards on just 27 carries, a little more than 11 yards per attempt.

And Dobie still has Kris Morris, the talented

sophomore. Solid yet not great this season, Dobie knows Morris's time is coming. To this point he has tallied 192 yards on 58 carries.

Norman reminds Dobie fans that Morris didn't reach the varsity level last season until the team's fifth game. There is an adjustment period, and the coaching staff believes Morris is due for a breakthrough soon.

Lowe, meanwhile, has adapted well to cornerback this season and continues to make plays, said Norman.

"I think at safety sometimes you are required to think about defensive alignments and other responsibilities, whereas at corner sometimes it's about being in the right position, trusting your instincts and making plays," Norman said. "Ke'montre has done a great job to this point."

So now it's on to Dawson. After this game, Dobie will play five of its final six games at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.

Dawson possesses a high-powered offense but has also surrendered its share of points on defense. As is usually the case, Norman expects a shootout on the scoreboard.

"Dawson is a great program, but we are playing better football," Norman said.

"I'd like to see us improve our tackling, our wrapping up on plays. We are getting there a lot but just not closing out. I think we'll be better at that this week."



With career highs in passing yards (255) and touchdown passes (3), Mary Hardin-Baylor's Blake Jackson picked up his second straight Offensive Player of the Week honor after leading the Cru past Texas

Lutheran University by a 56-21 count. The Dobie graduate (2012) will now try to help UMHB keep things rolling against one of the top-ranked programs in the NCAA Division III ranks.

ASC football honors Jackson, again

Blake Jackson has done it again. The 2012 Dobie High School graduate was named the Offensive Player of the Week in the American Southwest Conference.

A senior at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Jackson is off to a red-hot start while leading the Cru to back-to-back top-sided wins.

Throwing for a career-high 255 yards and three

touchdowns, Jackson led UMHB to a 56-21 victory over Texas Lutheran University.

Jackson added 119 yards on 12 carries, setting the Cru up for its first major test of the season, a Sept. 17 battle against NCAA Division III No. 3-ranked Linfield College. In its opening game of the season, Linfield was a 48-14 winner over Chapman University.

As a junior at Dobie, Jackson was one of the Longhorns' catalysts as they won the district championship during the 2010 season. A severe high ankle sprain during the third week of the 2011 season ended Jackson's senior campaign.

Coming out of Dobie, Jackson originally signed a letter of intent with Southwest Missouri State University.

He played at SWMS for a season but then transferred to UMHB in the preseason prior to his sophomore season.

Now the full-time starter under center, Jackson has hopes of leading UMHB to an NCAA Division III national title. So far, the Cru has played well in all phases of the game and appears to be well on their way to a solid season.



Sophomore tailback Kris Morris has been solid in three games this season but is still looking for a breakout performance as District 22-6A action nears. Morris could be due for a big night as the Longhorns get set to face Dawson Sept. 17.

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