

#### Burnett open house pre-K, K

Burnett Elementary will host Open House for pre-K and kindergarten on Thursday, Sept. 3 – 5 p.m. for Pre-K; 6 p.m. for kindergarten. Parents are encouraged to visit their child's classroom and see the exciting things that are happening at Burnett.

#### Labor Day closings set

**South Belt-Ellington Leader**  
The Leader office will be closed Monday, Sept. 7, in observance of Labor Day.

**Clear Brook City MUD**  
Clear Brook City MUD will close Monday, Sept. 7, in observance of Labor Day. The office will re-open Tuesday, Sept. 8, at 8 a.m. Payments may be left in the drop box located on the drive-through window side of the building.

#### Holiday trash schedule set

**Clear Brook City MUD**  
Residents living in Clear Brook City MUD will have regular trash service pickup on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 7. All trash should be at curbside no later than 7 a.m. to ensure pickup that day. Residents missing this regular trash pickup date will be serviced on the next regularly scheduled pickup date of Thursday, Sept. 10.

**City of Houston**  
Residents living within the Houston city limits will not have trash collection service on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 7. Trash pickup normally scheduled for Monday will be picked up Tuesday, Sept. 8, instead. Trash pickup normally scheduled for Tuesday will be picked up Wednesday, Sept. 9, instead. The city's normal trash pickup schedule will resume Thursday, Sept. 10. All neighborhood depositories will also be closed on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 7.

#### Highland Meadow meets

The monthly meeting of the Highland Meadow HOA will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 9, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Parker Williams Library at 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. Homeowners are encouraged to attend. Questions prior to the meeting may be directed to Deniece Reyes with C.I.A. Services, Inc., at 713-981-9000 or at [customerservice@ciaservices.com](mailto:customerservice@ciaservices.com)

#### Kirkmont I meets Sept. 9

Kirkmont I Homeowners Association will meet Wednesday, Sept. 9, at 7:30 p.m. at 10102 Blackhawk. Homeowners and all residents are welcome to attend.

#### Chamber luncheon set

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce will host a membership luncheon Thursday, Sept. 17, at Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Drive in Pearland, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Featured speakers include state Sen. Larry Taylor, state Rep. Dennis Paul and San Jacinto College Chancellor Brenda Hellyer. Individual reservations are \$25 each. Table sponsorship is \$300. Attendees should RSVP by Monday, Sept. 14. For more information, to RSVP or to purchase tickets, contact South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Sherry Trainer at 281-481-5516.

#### Citizen's Police Academy set

Constable Chris Diaz invites all citizens to attend the upcoming third annual Citizen's Police Academy. Classes will be held for 10 consecutive Tuesdays beginning on Sept. 15, and ending with a graduation ceremony on Nov. 17. All classes will be held at the John Phelps Courthouse located at 101 S. Richey in Pasadena.

Citizens will hear from experts in the fields of counter-terrorism, domestic abuse, human trafficking, ethics and law enforcement, and many other topics that will help one to better understand what officers face today. Tips on how to keep family and community safe will also be discussed. There is no fee for participants. For more information or to sign up for the academy, contact Sgt. Cindy Vara-Leija at 713-477-2766 or via email at [Cindy.Leija@cn2.hctx.net](mailto:Cindy.Leija@cn2.hctx.net).

#### Tax-Aide volunteers sought

Each year from Feb. 1 through April 15, Houston-area AARP Tax-Aide volunteers help about 50,000 low-income taxpayers who are age 60 and over. For the 2016 tax season, volunteers are needed now for two weekly four-hour shifts as a Tax-Aide tax counselor, greeter, technology coordinator or administrator. Training will be provided in January at local Clear Lake-area churches. Speakers of Spanish and English are especially needed. Learn more and sign up at [www.aarp.org/tavolunteer8](http://www.aarp.org/tavolunteer8) (English only).

#### Legion hosts Backyard Bash

American Legion Post 490, 11702 Galveston Road, will host a Backyard Bash on Saturday, Sept. 12, from 4 to 10 p.m. Entertainment will include a disc jockey from 4 to 6 p.m. and a live band from 6 to 10 p.m. Presale tickets are \$20 each, and \$25 at the door. For more information, call 281-481-1179.

## Diaz focuses on community outreach

By James Bolen

In the current political climate where police are often viewed as the enemy, Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Chris Diaz is on a mission to reach out to the South Belt community to change this perception locally.

"We must build a relationship and build trust," Diaz said at a press conference held at the Leader office Monday, Aug. 31.

To accomplish this, Diaz feels the constable's office needs to interact with the community and vice versa.

Diaz encourages residents to participate in both the upcoming Citizen's Police Academy and National Night Out.

Set to begin Tuesday, Sept. 15, the Citizen's Police Academy is a 12-week program designed to give residents a working knowledge of the constable's office, including police procedures

and protocol.

Through the CPA's interactive courses, participants learn many aspects of law enforcement, such as the Texas Penal Code, patrol procedures, gang awareness, terrorism information and many other topics.

Residents will gain a better understanding of how police services are conducted in their communities and see how and why deputies make some of their decisions in the course of their duties. Graduates of the CPA play a vital role in their community by improving communication between citizens and law enforcement and by providing local input and support throughout the county. (See related sidebar on this page.)

Now in its 32nd year, National Night Out is a nationwide event designed to prevent crime by encouraging neighbors to communicate with each other and local law enforcement officers.

Several communities participate by having block parties, cookouts and other gatherings, often with presentations from local leaders and law enforcement representatives. (See related story on this page.)

The constable said deputies will have an increased presence at local civic club and homeowner association meetings, and he urges residents to also become engaged. Diaz compared the community to a family and said families shouldn't wait until a wedding or a funeral to have a family reunion.

Diaz also stressed the importance of having a culturally diverse staff.

"This is a diverse community, and we have to make sure our office is also diverse," Diaz said. "We have to reach out to different cultures and understand different languages. We have to adapt and understand different cultures and their values. It won't happen overnight."

Another development to gain the public's trust is the proposed use of body cameras on deputies. The department recently obtained a pair of

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### Precinct 2 brass unites



Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Chris Diaz (third from left above) is on a mission to promote cooperation and trust between his department and the South Belt community. As part of that initiative, Diaz is pictured to the left (with Sgt. Robert Sanchez) with a pair of prototype glasses that are equipped with a camera and audio recorder. Pictured above with Diaz at a recent press conference held at the Leader office are, left to right, Sgt. Marcus Anderson, Deputy Vance Britt, Chief Deputy Jerry Luman, Lt. David Williams, Lt. Mike Kritzer and Sanchez.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

## National Night Out 2015 announced

National Night Out 2015 will take place Tuesday, Oct. 6, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Founded in 1983 by Matt Peskin of National Association of Town Watch in Wynnewood, Pa., the event is aimed at preventing crime by encouraging neighbors to communicate with each other, as well as local law enforcement officers.

Last year's campaign involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from 16,000 communities. More than 38 million people participated in NNO 2014.

The event is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Along with the traditional display of porch lights and front porch vigils, NNO will be celebrated by neighborhoods and communities with

a variety of events and activities such as block parties, cookouts, parades, flashlight walks, contests, youth programs and visits from local police.

Now in its 32nd year, the annual event took place in August in years past. Organizers have since changed the NNO's Texas date to give residents an opportunity to enjoy cooler weather.

The Houston Police Department, Harris County Sheriff's Office and Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's Office will once again be participating in the yearly program.

South Belt residents within the city limits that are planning on having a block party should contact Houston police Officer Richard Buitron at 281-218-3800 or [Buitron@Houstonpolice.org](mailto:Buitron@Houstonpolice.org). Residents outside of the city limits having parties should contact Harris County Constable Precinct 2 Chris Diaz's office at 713-477-2766. The sooner the law enforcement agencies are aware of your NNO party location, the better chance an officer can come by and visit.

## 20-year-old shot near Edgebrook

A 20-year-old man was hospitalized after he was shot three times at an apartment complex in the 10900 block of the Gulf Freeway near Hartsook early Friday, Aug. 28.

According to police, the incident took place at the Del Mar apartments around 4:30 a.m. Two men were reportedly arguing when one of them

pulled out a gun and began shooting. The victim was hit once in the left shoulder, once in the right hip and once in the right leg. He was transported to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital in serious but stable condition.

At press time, there was no known motive for the shooting.

## EPP crude storage nears capacity

The controversial crude oil storage facility located on Highway 3 between Beltway 8 and FM-2553 (Scarsdale) is nearing its maximum build-out capacity, company officials said.

Owned by Enterprise Products Partners (EPP), the 150-acre site is easily identified by its multiple large dome structures. Referred to as the Enterprise Crude Houston (ECHO) terminal, the facility connects local refineries to Eagle Ford Shale production in South Texas via the Seaway Pipeline.

While initial plans called for constructing just 17 storage tanks on the property (capable of delivering roughly 6 million barrels of oil per day), the company now plans to build three additional ones.

The three new tanks will support EPP's recently announced pipeline project from Midland's Permian Basin to Sealy. That pipeline will connect with the recently completed Rancho II Pipeline, which runs from Sealy to ECHO.

EPP is about to also begin construction on a 30-inch pipeline that will run from ECHO to

the Enterprise Houston Terminal located on the Houston Ship Channel.

Beyond ECHO, the Enterprise pipeline systems distribute crude oil, condensate and processed condensate to Texas City, Baytown and Beaumont areas as well as numerous ship and barge docks.

James A. Cisarik, EPP's senior vice president of Government Affairs and Public Relations, is enthusiastic about ECHO's progress and its future.

"Enterprise is very pleased with the ECHO project to date," Cisarik said. "This new storage facility has been a great success within a very competitive environment for crude oil, condensate and processed condensate storage (Fairway Midstream, Magellan, HOFECO, Kinder Morgan, Cockrell, MODA, Seabrook Logistics and others have all developed competing projects). And now as we are nearing the completion of our tank construction phase, Enterprise's focus will shift toward providing excellent service to our customers."

## Martin honors PISD's Lewis

Houston District E City Council Member Dave Martin presented a special proclamation to Pasadena Independent School District Superintendent Kirk Lewis during a public Council session on Tuesday, Aug. 11.

Lewis plans to retire early next year after a successful 30-year career with the school district.

Since joining PISD in 1986, Lewis has served in a number of roles including executive director of communications and community relations, as well as deputy superintendent for administration and public relations and governmental affairs.

Lewis was appointed as the district's super-

intendent in 2006, and in this role, has overseen increased graduation rates, increased enrollment and success in advanced placement and dual-credit courses and the creation of the Pasadena Early College High School, among other accomplishments.

PISD currently includes 63 total campuses with approximately 7,400 staff serving more than 54,000.

Martin congratulated Lewis on a long and successful career and thanked him for his dedication to the education and success of the students in the Pasadena Independent School District.

See related photo on Page 2A.

## City warns of water bill scam

The City of Houston is warning residents of a potential scam that involves collecting payments for water usage.

Several residents have notified the city about a possible con where a caller identifies himself as being with the city's water department and demands payment for a delinquent bill. The caller directs the customer to pay the amount via MoneyGram to a "rush" address.

If residents receive such a call, city officials advise hanging up and reporting the incident to the city.

Public Works Utility Customer Service reminds all customers if they receive a call that might be fraudulent, ask for a call back phone number or hang up. Report the incident immediately to Utility Customer Service at 713-371-1400. If after 7 p.m. or on a weekend, contact a city representative by calling 311.

Here are the steps the city will take if a water bill is delinquent:

- The customer will receive via mail a delinquent notice of the past due amount (on yellow paper)

- The customer will receive via mail a notice of disconnection before disruption of service (on pink paper).

## 9/11 Heroes Run set for Sept. 12

The annual Houston 9/11 Heroes Run is scheduled to take place Saturday, Sept. 12, at Ellington Airport, 11602 Aerospace Drive, beginning at 8 a.m. Opening ceremonies will begin at 7:30 a.m.

Now in its fifth year, the event is a 5K run to honor the first responders who died on 9/11, as well as the servicemen who died in the two subsequent wars.

Named in honor of fallen Marine Travis Manion, the 9/11 Heroes Run's goal is "to honor the fallen by challenging the living." Its slogan is "if not me, then who" – words said by Manion before setting off on his second and final deployment to Iraq.

The event is open to runners and walkers of all levels and of all ages. Events take place all over the world, on or near Sept. 11, and are or-

ganized 100 percent by local community volunteers. Houston has consistently been among the highest attended and highest earning events.

Registration is \$40 for individuals and \$110 for a family of four. Online registration closes Wednesday, Sept. 9 at 11:59 p.m.

Packet pickup and registration will take place at Luke's Locker, 1953 W. Gray, Sept. 9 and Sept. 10 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Packet pickup and registration will take place at the airport Friday, Sept. 11, from 2 to 7 p.m.

Proceeds from this event will go to assist wounded veterans, injured police officers and firefighters and the families of fallen heroes and veterans.

For additional information or to register online, visit [www.911HeroesRun.com](http://www.911HeroesRun.com) or [www.travismanion.org](http://www.travismanion.org).

## Tank farm growth continues



The crude oil storage facility located on Highway 3 between Beltway 8 and FM-2553 (Scarsdale) continues to expand and is now nearing its capacity. While initial plans called for just 17 tanks, Enterprise Products Partners now plans to construct three additional tanks on the 150-acre site. The facility serves as a hub connecting product from around the state to various local refineries.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

# In My Opinion

## Check charges on credit cards

About three weeks ago I visited a Asian food restaurant on Scarsdale near Sageglen.

Later, I noticed a test charge against my credit card for .01 from Tokyo. My card was cancelled and a new card was issued. A few days ago I visited the same restaurant and today someone tried to skim 1,800.00 off my new card.

This seems to be the only common use of both cards, the second being used rarely since I got it.

Wonder if any other South Belt area residents have had suspicious activity from Asian country's and have visited the same restaurant.

Mike Davis

## Invite to celebration of life for baby Mason

The Craft family would like to give our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the South Belt Community, and friends who were there for our family during the horrific tragedy of our beloved son, grandson, great-grandson and nephew.

As our healing begins, we would like to have a Celebration of Life in Honor of Mason Joseph Craft, Sunday, Sept. 6, 2015 at Scotty's Pub located at 10943 Scarsdale Blvd. Houston, TX 77089 during the hours of 12 p.m. - 2 a.m.; we will be selling BBQ plates, silent auction, holding a raffle and a 50/50 raffle!!!

Tickets can be purchased prior to Sunday by contacting one of the below people:  
KRISTIN - (713) 624-2874  
CRYSTAL - (281) 785-6473

The Band Hennessy will be performing. God Bless each and every one of you,

Joe, Lori, Amanda, Kristin and Courtney Craft

## DeLaGarza wants Texas moving forward

We need to come together not only as a community but as proud Americans. We need to make sure that our great state of Texas moves forwards and not backwards.

The EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) wants to pass better laws to clean up our air quality. We have all driven down 225 and not only see but smell that we need major improvement in our air quality.

Our air quality is very poor right now and will only get worse as our city continues to grow. We need to call our elected leader Pete Olson (who has done many wonderful things for our state) to work with the EPA on passing better laws and regulations.

Our leaders should not place the Economy over our Health and future. The quality of our air affects our children and senior citizens the most. We need to stand up for them and call Pete Olson at 281-485-4855.

Blanca DeLaGarza

## Marshall Kendrick Middle School rolls out the red carpet in honor of namesake



Pictured are PISD Board of Trustees member Marshall Kendrick and his wife, Denie. Photo submitted

Longtime Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees member Marshall Kendrick and his wife, Denie, were given Hollywood treatment Monday, Aug. 24, as they made their way down the red carpet at the middle school that bears his name.

Faculty, staff and district administrators stood at the end of the carpet to meet the campus celebrities as they strolled through the main lobby before touring the school.

"I was pleasantly surprised by the welcome we received when we entered the building," Kendrick said. "This is such an honor and a privilege. A lot of hard work has gone into building this facility and it truly shows."

The 130,000-square-foot facility, located at 3000 Watters Road, opened its doors to more than 750 students on the first day of school, Aug. 25.

# Deaths

## Waymon Dorsey



South Belt resident Waymon Dorsey, 73, died on Aug. 28, 2015.

A visitation will be held Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2015, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Forest Park East Funeral Home in Webster.

The funeral service will be held Wednesday, Sept. 9, at 11 a.m. with a short visitation from 10 to 11 a.m. at Bible Way Fellowship Baptist Church, 10120 Hartsook St. in Houston. Repast will follow the service, and the final resting place will be at the VA Cemetery.

## Carl Ira Rodgers



Carl Ira Rodgers, 73, of Pearland, died Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2015, at Clear Brook Crossing Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center in Houston.

He was born on May 10, 1942, in Orangefield, Texas, to Ira Branch Rodgers and Leona Higginbotham Rodgers of Louisiana. He graduated from Vinton High School in Vinton, La.

He owned America Transmission on Fuqua and also lived in the South Belt area.

Rodgers resided in South Belt for the past 37 years. He began American Transmission in 1980 and continued to grow the company throughout the community that included six stores for 36 years. He had a love for classic cars that included entering car shows and parades.

Rodgers had a great passion for coaching youth sports including Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League baseball, softball, basketball, football, and much more. His gift of teaching the games, as well as life lessons to young children and teenagers, has left a great impact on countless children and their families. He was involved in the community coaching Little League ball, YMCA, and he coached at Faith Christian Academy and Harvest Christian Academy. One of his greatest enjoyments in life was spending time with family, and he loved playing basketball with his children and grandchildren.

Rodgers was preceded in death by his parents, son Carl Dean Rodgers, daughter Car-

la Jean Rodgers and brother Willie Ray Lavolette.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Darlene Clawson Rodgers of Pearland; son Walt Rodgers of Houston, daughter Stephanie Waddell and husband Chad of Pearland, son Brian Rodgers and wife Lindsay of Riesel, and daughter Angel Burnett and husband Eric of Pearland; grandchildren Ruthie Rodgers, Deanna Rodriguez, Jackie Rodgers, Kaitley Waddell, Kelsey Waddell, Kinsey Waddell, Chad Waddell Jr., Trey Burnett, Hayden Burnett, Halle Burnett and

Ella Rodgers; great-grandchildren: Jose Castillo, Pedro Gonzalez and Lylah Baldwin; sister Verdine Rogers; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

The service celebrating Rodgers' life was held Saturday, Aug. 29, 2015, at Niday Funeral Home. Interment followed at South Park Cemetery in Pearland.

In lieu of usual remembrances, memorial contributions in Rodgers' name may be made to the Helping Hands Ministry of Sagemont Church or the Alzheimer's Association.

## Pct. 2 Constable Diaz focuses on community

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iVUE glasses that come equipped with a high-definition digital camera and audio recorder (see related photo on this page). The cameras are preferable over similar devices worn on the lapel because they stay trained on the deputy's point of view.

"If you're doing what you're supposed to be doing, no officer should have a problem with wearing a camera," said Precinct 2 Lt. Mike Kritzler.

This sentiment is shared by Kritzler's fellow lieutenant David Williams.

"Technology has totally changed law enforcement," Williams said. "This holds police accountable, and that's a good thing."

Officials said the technology also protects officers, citing the recent controversy with state Rep. Garnet Coleman as an example.

While the Precinct 2 office has a prototype of the glasses, the devices will first be tested by the Precinct 1 office before being implemented locally.

"While the changes may not come quickly, Diaz is confident they will come through dedication and perseverance."

"We're building on a foundation, but it's not going to happen overnight," Diaz said. "We're going to continue to work hard and continue to do our part to be a good steward to the community."

**Performance**  
Diaz said two areas of particular importance to him are outstanding criminal warrants and patrolling school zones and bus drop-off zones.

The Precinct 2 office has led the county for four consecutive months in criminal warrant disposals. According to the latest statistics released on Aug. 10, Precinct 2 received and disposed of 127 percent of its issued warrants - meaning the department cleared 100 percent of its current warrants and then cleared additional warrants from its backlog. The next closest of the eight constable precincts was the Precinct 5 office with 100 percent.

"The constable wanted to aggressively pursue these, and that's what we did," said Williams, who added that additional investigators had been hired to assist with this goal. "We've concentrated our efforts, and they're doing a fantastic job."

With the beginning of the new school year, Diaz is also placing a high value on student safety. During the first week of school, deputies made 96 stops in school zones, issuing 77 citations (some with fines in excess of \$1,000) and 21 warnings. Diaz said the warnings were for driving just over the speed limit, adding that no warnings were issued for passing a school bus while dropping off or picking up students.

## CCISD committee needs volunteers

Clear Creek Independent School District is seeking community and business members to serve on the District Education Improvement Committee (DEIC) for the 2015-2016 school year.

The DEIC Committee is involved in establishing and reviewing the district's educational goals, objectives, and major district classroom instructional programs. This includes planning, preparing and reviewing the District Improvement Plan.

The committee meets six times per year after school, with the first meeting scheduled for Sept. 8, at 4:30 p.m., in the board room of the Edu-

cation Support Center. The DEIC Committee serves exclusively in an advisory role. Both community and business representatives are needed.

Community member representatives must reside in the district. Business member representatives need not reside in the district, but must own or operate a business in the district. If interested in serving on the DEIC, download and complete the DEIC volunteer form and email the document to rhughes@ccisd.net. To mail an application, send to:

Clear Creek ISD, C/O Deputy Superintendent of

Curriculum and Instruction, P.O. Box 799, League City, TX 77573.

Completed forms must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Sept. 25, 2015.

Both parent and community representatives are needed.

The District Education Improvement Committee will meet on the following dates in the Board Room at the Education Support Center: Tuesday, Sept. 8, 4:30 to 6 p.m.; Monday, Oct. 5, 4:30 to 6 p.m.; Monday, Nov. 2, 4:30 to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, Dec. 8, 4:30 to 6 p.m.; Monday, Feb. 1, 2016, 4:30 to 6 p.m.; Monday, April 4, 4:30 to 6 p.m.

## Martin, Parker honor PISD's Lewis



Pasadena Independent School District Superintendent Kirk Lewis (second from left) was presented a special proclamation at a Houston City Council meeting Tuesday, Aug. 11, by District E City Council Member Dave Martin (left) and Mayor Annise Parker (right). Lewis began at PISD in 1986 as administrative assistant to the superintendent. He was promoted to executive director for communications and community relations in 1995 and to deputy superintendent for administration, public relations and governmental affairs in 2001, before being promoted to superintendent in April 2006. He recently announced he will be retiring in January. Lewis is pictured above with his wife Robin. See related story on Page 1A. Photo submitted

## Lariaettes host Hand & Stand Clinic

The Dobbie Lariaettes will hold their annual Hand & Stand Dance Clinic on Tuesday, Sept. 29.

Participants will learn the Lariaette stand routines, then sit with the Lariaettes in the stands during the first half of the Dobbie vs. South Houston game on Friday, Oct. 2, at 7 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Stadium.

The clinic will be held at Dobbie High School from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 29, for students in Pre-K through eighth grade.

Preregistration is \$25, or \$35 at the door, cash or money order only. Participants who preregister will receive a shirt that will guarantee them free admission into the football game.

For more information, contact Amanda Castro at Amanda.Castro54@yahoo.com.

## Local library events set

### Parker Williams Branch

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

Thursday, Sept. 3, 4 p.m. - Movie Madness will present *Holes*, rated PG.

Friday, Sept. 4, 2 p.m. - Movie Time - Movies of the 1940s will present *Shadow of Doubt*, starring Teresa Wright and Joseph Cotton.

Wednesday, Sept. 9, 4:30 p.m. - Computer Kids - A program to help give children some exposure to using computer programs that they will encounter throughout their school years.

Wednesdays - Preschool storytime is at 10:30 a.m.

Thursdays - Toddler storytime is at 10:30 a.m.

Saturdays - Vietnamese Storytime: Level 2 begins at 10 a.m., Level 1 begins at 11:15 a.m., and Level 3 begins at 2:30 p.m. For more information, speak with Loc Bui.

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

### Bracewell Branch Library

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

Every Tuesday: 10:30 a.m. - Family storytime, followed by a Storytime-themed Craft and Playtime at 11 a.m.; Noon - Toddler Yoga.

Every Wednesday: 10:30 a.m. - Toddler storytime, followed by Toddler Playtime at 11 a.m.; 2 p.m. - Computer Basics; 3:15 p.m. - Internet Basics; 4:30 p.m. - Intro to MS PowerPoint.

Every Thursday: 4 p.m. - Kids Craft.

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.

For more information on programs, call the Bracewell Branch Library at 832-393-2580.

## The Constable Corner Back-to-school safety advice

From Christopher E. Diaz, Constable, Harris County Precinct 2

This week, most area schools opened for the 2015-2016 school year. It is our sincere hope that you and your family enjoyed the summer and making memories to cherish forever.

Now, it is time to consider how best to return to the learning environment and remain safe. This month's Constable's Corner is intended to identify several important cautionary steps to take to ensure your child is safe at school, and when traveling to and from school each day. Therefore, please consider the following checklist as a means to help you ensure that your child is safe the entire semester, and that they obtain a good education in a good environment.

Please consider implementing the following safety tips with your family:

Update your child's ID photo and fingerprints. My office provides this as a service at most Precinct 2 functions. To acquire an ID kit or for more information, please contact our Community Services Division.

Meet your child's teachers and any adult who has access to and contact with your child. Make sure they are authorized to work with children in their environment.

Determine which individuals are authorized to pick up your children when you are unable to do so. Provide this list to the administration office.

If your child walks to school, walk the route with him or her to identify landmarks and safe places to go if help is needed or if the child believes he or she is being followed. Teach your child to always cross streets at corners where there are traffic signals or designated crosswalks. Teach children not to run into a street or cross between parked cars, to look both ways and left again before crossing, and to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them. Familiarize your child with your neighborhood.

If your child rides the bus, visit the bus stop with him/her and meet the driver. Both parents and children should learn the bus number and the route.

Teach your child how to safely board and disembark from a bus. Teach them to always cross the street at designated street corners or crosswalks. When crossing they should not run into the street or cross between parked cars.

If your child rides a bicycle to school teach them roadway safety. Make sure your child wears a helmet, bright or reflective clothes, and that the bicycle is safe. Riding with a friend is advised.

Teach your child to look for danger signals and what to do if he/she is followed, approached for a suspicious purpose, or bothered in any way. Include a discussion on how to get away quickly and what to report to a trusted adult. If your child is in danger, teach him/her to scream, run away in an opposite direction, run to a safe haven, and call the police.

Discuss troubling scenarios with your child and teach him/her how to recognize danger signals and what to do for their safety. It is wise to ensure children are not distracted while walking or riding a bicycle, so teach them to refrain from the use of headphones and electronic devices.

If your child is latchkey, make sure you develop rules for safety and practice them often. Include a list of emergency contacts (e.g. fire, police, ambulance, family members, or a trusted neighbor) should they need help.

Other important topics to discuss are:

- School safety. Please obtain a copy of the student code of conduct and review it with your child.

- Bullying. There is a zero tolerance for bullying at all schools. If a child is experiencing bullying, teach them how to identify the signs of bullying and to report such abuse to a teacher or adult immediately.

- Gun safety. Always keep guns in secure places and out of a child's reach. If a gun is seen, a child should run and tell an adult.

- Internet safety. Monitor your child's Internet use by utilizing parental control measures. Spend time teaching safe Internet use to your child. Talk to your child about suspicious online dangers so that they will always report suspicious or predatory behavior to you. Finally, teach your child never to give out personal and confidential information, addresses, and phone numbers.

- School Resource Officers. Precinct 2 like many police departments assign uniformed personnel to assist with school security. The School Resource Officer is an excellent person to seek out for any safety concerns.

While many topics are discussed in this month's Constable's Corner, I hope that you and your family will have a safe and productive school year. My staff and I are available to discuss any of the issues presented above, and may be contacted at 713-477-4766.

For additional information, please visit our website at: <http://hccp2.com>.

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## MHSH helps hundreds get ready for back to school

Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital teamed up with the YMCA to make sure hundreds of area students had the tools needed when the school bell rang. Memorial Hermann Southeast physicians, employees and volunteers donated money and supplies for Operation Backpack.

"We not only want our community to be healthy, we want our communi-

ty to be successful and it starts with making sure our future leaders are equipped to learn and succeed," said Kyle Price, senior vice president and CEO, Memorial Hermann Southeast. "It's great to know so many young students won't have to worry about having what they need on the first day of school."

Enough supplies were purchased and donated to

distribute 748 backpacks to students in Alvin, Pasadena and Pearland Independent school districts. Employees from Memorial Hermann Southeast and Pearland met at the Vic Coppinger Family YMCA in Pearland to stuff the backpacks full of supplies.

Mario Garner, newly appointed senior vice president and CEO at Memorial Hermann Pearland Hospital also took part in the event. Memorial Hermann Pearland is scheduled to open in early 2016.

"At Memorial Hermann Pearland, we want to create a culture of service right from the start," said Garner. "I want our commitment to the community to extend far beyond the walls of our hospital."

YMCAs across the Greater Houston area set a goal of distributing 100,000 backpacks to the community this year.

The backpacks include not only school supplies but also notes of encouragement to the students.



Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital Senior Vice President and CEO Kyle Price (center) is joined by Mario Garner (left), Senior Vice President and CEO at Memorial Hermann Pearland Hospital, and Glenn Burnett (right), Vice President and Chief Financial Officer at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital.

Photo submitted

## South Belt resident Gilbert locates siblings

By Jay Do

A local South Belt resident recently had the pleasure of locating and connecting with her biological sisters, bringing an end to a search of more than a decade and a half.

Being raised by adoptive parents, Diana Gilbert believes that she enjoyed a childhood that not many children given up for adoption get the opportunity to experience.

"Growing up in an adoptive family was honestly a fantastic experience," said Gilbert. "I have amazing parents, and they told me that I was an adopted child at a very young age so that it was no secret. There were times when it was difficult. When I was little, it was harder to understand, but I was blessed with amazing parents who always let me know that I was chosen."

Finding out that she was an adopted child was a frightening experience for Gilbert.

"I found out that I was adopted when I was really young, so it was a little scary," said Gilbert. "When you find out something like that at a young age, you think things like 'My birth parents didn't want me, so they walked away from me.' You start to have insecurities that anyone might walk away from you. There was some fear involved, but I have wonderful parents who always reassured me and always made sure to love me unconditionally. I did a little bit of running

away, which consisted of me running into the garage, hiding there with my teddy bear and eating popsicles."

While it was certainly different, Gilbert's childhood was filled with the unconditional love that all children deserve from their family.

"I never felt like I didn't belong in that family," said Gilbert. "Being adopted into a family, one of the things I yearned for the most was to be able to look like someone. I favor my father—we're both blond and blue-eyed, but I just really wanted to look like someone. That came to light when I had my own children. As far as my family and my extended family, nobody ever treated me any differently."

Gilbert initially began her search for her biological relatives with the intentions of starting a family of her own. What she would uncover through the course of her search would provide her with so much more.

"I started looking for my biological sisters during my first marriage," said Gilbert. "I got married and my husband wanted to have children. What I wanted more than anything, was to have a medical history of my family, so I began doing some research. This was early on in the days of the Internet, so there was really not a whole lot to go on, but there were a few adoption websites available. I posted the information that I had on my adoption records and after about three or four years of searching, I located my first sister, Katy. She lives in Austin, and we've known each other for about 15 years now. She was also given up for adoption, and we connected and got to know each other. I, per my adoption records, knew that she existed, but she had no idea that I even existed. We started looking for our other biological sisters and our biological parents, but we kept hitting all these dead ends. She and I together combined

our information and put it out there. This was in around 2001, so there was nowhere near the amount of resources available on the Internet as there is today. One of our sisters in New Jersey Googled our biological parents. That was how she found out that she had more sisters, because she had been raised by our biological parents and had no idea that we were given up for adoption. It turned out that our biological parents were together for many years, but they were never legally married. That was why we were having such a hard time trying to locate them, especially our birth mother, because that wasn't her legal last name. About four months ago, she sent me a message via Facebook and I just cried with joy, because I've just been waiting for a message like that for so long."

Locating her biological sisters and getting to know them has been an experience unlike anything Gilbert has been through in her life.

"It's an amazing feeling to know that my biological relatives are open to being a part of my life," said Gilbert. "It's not easy, it's very odd. It's like you have this instant connection with somebody, but at the same time, they're a stranger. We look like mirror images of each other. Imagine meeting this person who's a complete stranger, but it's like looking in a mirror. We had an instant connection. After two weeks of talking to my sisters, we were all wondering when we were going to get together. There was no hesitation or any intention to hold it off any longer. It was very open and amazing. It certainly could have gone the other way, where we all found out about each other and decided we didn't want to be a part of each other's lives, but I'm thankful that didn't happen."

Having connected with her biological siblings, Gilbert now looks to intertwine



Diana Gilbert is shown with her boyfriend, Beau Everett.

the lives of family members from all chapters of her life.

"My youngest son went with me on our trip and he was able to meet two of my sisters, so we've got three out of four," said Gilbert. "We've got one more aunt for him to meet, and I am planning a future visit that will incorporate my older son and my mother. Our biological parents are both deceased, so my mother is already calling them her new kids. My boyfriend and I are also planning a trip in September so that he can meet them. We're focusing on open doors and open communications, and everybody in their own time and in their own way will become a part of each other's lives. We all understand that this is a lot to take in and it's definitely going to take some time, but we're glad that everyone's keeping an open mind about this as we move forward."

Gilbert's appreciation for her adopted parents has only been reinforced throughout her journey to find her biological siblings.

"I am so grateful for my adopted parents, because my sisters all had pretty hard lives

in and out of foster care, oftentimes with not very much food on the table," said Gilbert. "I am very grateful for my adopted parents, and one thing I've learned from this

is that it does not matter who gives birth to you. Your parents are the people that raise you. My adopted parents are my parents and they'll be my parents forever."



Diana Gilbert's adopted parents, Norman and Erma Coskey.

## Mamitags enjoy endless summer

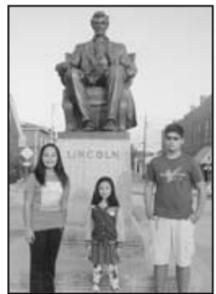
The Mamitag family of South Belt went on a 15-day road trip through the eastern United States and Canada for their summer vacation.



Kyle, Chloe and Maxene pose with the Mississippi River in the background.



Chloe, Maxene and Kyle stand in front of Graceland's Music Gate at the former home of Elvis Presley in Memphis.



Maxene, Chloe and Kyle at Abraham Lincoln's statue in Hodgenville, Ky. Lincoln's boyhood home was closed due to construction.



Maxene, Ringo, Myla, Kyle and Chloe (front right) experienced the power of the Horseshoe Falls while on the Hornblower Niagara Cruise.



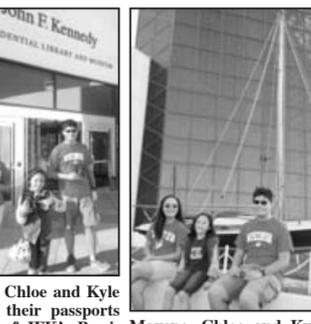
Kyle, Chloe and Maxene stand on the Canadian side showing the Rainbow Bridge.



Maxene, Chloe and Kyle tour the Olympic Park in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.



Maxene, Chloe and Kyle hold up their passports in front of JFK's Presidential Library and Museum.



Maxene, Chloe and Kyle pose with JFK's sailboat, Victora.



Kyle, Chloe and Maxene are at the replica of the Statue of Liberty in New York presented by Boy Scouts of America, Niagara Frontier Council No. 387.



Kyle and Chloe snap a selfie with The Big Apple in Colborne, Montreal, where homemade apple pies and bread are made in front of visitors.



Kyle in Times Square



Maxene, Chloe and Kyle are at the registry room on Ellis Island where new arrivals to the U.S. were inspected and registered by the Immigration Service.



The children on the Empty Sky, a memorial to the September 11 attack of the World Trade Center. The parallel walls have engraved names of victims and faces the former World Trade Center site.



Maxene, Chloe and Kyle stand at the main information booth in Grand Central Terminal. The four-faced clock on top of the booth is the most recognizable icon in the terminal.



Kyle, Chloe and Maxene smile with the Statue of Liberty in the background.

## Pasadena ISD business office wins top awards

The Pasadena Independent School District business office has earned five prestigious awards for excellence and commitment to fiscal integrity and high-quality financial reporting.

The Texas Comptroller Leadership Circle program was created in December 2009 to recognize local cities, counties and school districts across Texas that are striving to meet a high standard for financial transparency online.

Pasadena ISD has been recognized every year since that time with the highest level of transparency. From 2010-2013 the district earned four gold level awards, the top level at that time. In 2014 and 2015, consecutive platinum level awards were earned, the state's highest honor.

The business office earned two awards through the Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO). For the thirteenth consecutive year, Pasadena ISD earned the Meritorious Budget Award for excellence in the preparation and issuance of a system annual budget.

Pasadena ISD is one of only 129 school systems internationally to receive this award and one of 21 in the state of Texas. The district also earned the ASBO Certificate of Excellence Award for the comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ending Aug. 31, 2014. This is the second year Pasadena ISD has been presented this achievement.

The business office also became one of only 18 school districts in Texas to receive the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada in their first year of submission. The organization also recognized the district's financial report ending Aug. 31, 2014, with the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

"It is an honor to accept these awards and be recognized for the work we did as a team; however, we are most proud of the two documents we produced," Nina Conway, executive director of business services said. "They are excellent resources for all staff, board members and the community that contain valuable information about funding, enrollment growth and staff increases as well as other general information about the district as a whole."



Jade Wise, Pasadena ISD graphic designer; Nina Conway, executive director of business services; and John Piscacek, associate superintendent of business and finance, proudly display their prestigious awards. This group worked as a team to produce the Pasadena ISD budget book and comprehensive annual financial report. Not shown is staff accountant Laurie Pruett.

Photo submitted

## American Legion donates \$1,000



Faith Federspiel, commander of American Legion Post 490, presents Tiffany Bennett, principal at Genoa Red Bluff Elementary, a \$1,000 check for school supplies for needy students.

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## Harris County Master Gardeners set September events

The Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 has scheduled its events for the month of September. Events include:

### Kitchen vegetable gardening on Sept. 16

On Wednesday, Sept. 16, Mary Demy, Galveston County Master Gardener, will present *Kitchen Vegetable Gardening* at 10 a.m. in the meeting room at Clear Lake Park, 5001 NASA Parkway in Seabrook. This is a Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 event. For information, visit <https://hcmga.tamu.edu>.

### Open Garden Day Sept. 21

Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 will host Open Garden Day on Monday, Sept. 21, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at Genoa Friendship Garden, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Road. Master gardeners will be available to answer gardening questions. Plants will be for sale in the greenhouse, and an educational program for children is scheduled. For more information, visit <https://hcmga.tamu.edu>.

### Lions Club meeting set

The Houston Space City Lions Club will meet Tuesday, Sept. 8, at 7 p.m. at the Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway. For more information, call George Malone at 281-438-7243.

### Romance writers host workshops

*New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling historical romance author Sarah MacLean will present writing workshops on Saturday, Sept. 19, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Starfish Writers Conference, hosted by the Houston Bay Area Romance Writers of America.

The conference, at South Shore Harbour Resort, includes a light breakfast, full lunch, door prizes and raffle baskets. *New York Times* bestseller Sophie Jordan will also attend and co-teach a session. Preregistration is required. For more information or to register online, visit [hbarwa.com](http://hbarwa.com).

### AARP 199 meets Sept. 18

AARP Webster Area Chapter 199 will meet Friday, Sept. 18, at 10 a.m. at Bay Area Community Center, 5002 E. NASA Parkway in Seabrook (the large building with a blue roof inside Clear Lake Park on the north side of NASA Parkway). Everyone is invited to come to the meeting, and to enjoy coffee, cookies and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before the meeting starts at 10 a.m.

Every month, the group has different speakers to discuss various topics of interest to seniors. Every two months the group has a potluck lunch. The Sept. 18 speaker will be Amy B. Edwards from CanCare (Fighting Cancer with Hope).

September is pot luck lunch and members and guests are asked to bring a dish to share after the speaker finishes. The group also organizes day trips by bus to local area points of interest at minimal cost.

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

For more information, contact Quin Sheppert at 281-486-7770 or [Qeshepperd@yahoo.com](mailto:Qeshepperd@yahoo.com).

# Over The Back Fence by Alexis

**WHITTEDS CELEBRATE 30 YEARS**  
Gary and Donna Whitted celebrated 30 years of marriage, Sunday, Aug. 30. Donna is the daughter of Carl and Frances Valigura. Carl has delivered the *Leader* paper in the South Belt community for many years. Best wishes are sent to the happy couple from family, friends and the *Leader* staff.

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

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

**SCHOOL DAZE**  
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Sept. 3 through Sept. 9.

**Atkinson Elementary**  
Sept. 3 is the day for a cake for Belva Alaniz.

**Burnett Elementary**  
Sing a chorus of a happy birthday song to Amy Otwell, Amanda Pettit and Marisol Vazquez Sept. 3. Esmeralda Paredes is sent a birthday greeting Sept. 5. Sept. 8 is the day for a cake for Kelly Douglas.

**Bush Elementary**  
Sing a happy birthday song to Lily Campos Sept. 5.

**Frazier Elementary**  
Send birthday wishes to Maria Arriaga and Anabell Lopez Sept. 3. Blow out the birthday candles for Raquel Rojas and Jessica Vela Sept. 6. Paula Oliva celebrates a birthday Sept. 7. Paula Golden is wished a happy birthday Sept. 8.

**Meador Elementary**  
The day for a party for Lauren Riojas is Sept. 8.

**Moore Elementary**  
Sept. 4 is the day for a cake for Viet Lam. Blow out the birthday candles for Sofia Cruz Sept. 9.

**South Belt Elementary**  
The day for a party for Ashlynnne Armstrong is Sept. 3. Blow out the candles on a birthday cake Sept. 4 for Thu Duong. Ann Ton is sent a birthday greeting Sept. 5.

**Stuchbery Elementary**  
Sept. 4 is the day for a cake for Anita Guerrero.

**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
Norma Alba celebrates a birthday Sept. 5.

**Melillo Middle School**  
Sept. 5 is the day for a cake for Amira Abdelhalim.

**Thompson Intermediate**  
Anabell Lopez and Dena Cockerell enjoy a birthday Sept. 3. Light the birthday candles Sept. 6 for Jessica Boland. Share a birthday cake with Ca-Lishea Woods on Sept. 7.

**Dobie High**  
Birthday greetings are sent to Julia Hernandez Sept. 5. Sept. 6 is the day for a cake for Alexander Garcia. The day for a party for Dianne Berreth is Sept. 8. Birthday greetings are sent to Luke Hales and Irma Iracheta Sept. 9.

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

Thursday, Sept. 3: Steve Boney, Josie Parker, Veronica Hernandez, Keith Nelson, Ruth Fuller, Donald Musquiz, Tomas Shorts Jr. and Leslie Montemayor; Friday, Sept. 4: Ashlie Files, Lashanda Scott, John Laird, Nikki Spriggs, Angie Reynolds, Jerry O'Brien, Betty Thomas, Darin Peltier, Tommy Walko, Joe Scanlin and Denise Turnage; Saturday, Sept. 5: London Shelton, Stacy McNaughton and Cathy Tate; Sunday, Sept. 6: Coleen Terrell, Jennifer Navarro, Titus Purdy, Robert Evans, Jill Lambert, Debbie Bennett, Christina Gordon, Candi Beasley and John Evans; Monday, Sept. 7: Gerard Dougherty, Shaun Stevenson, Shelly Robinson, Perla Gonzales, Nicholas Chiappetta, Nora Rangel, George Mottu, Stacy Parker, Paula Oliva, Lilianna Olivares, Leann Stokes, Edna Salinas, Angie Hernandez and Yvette Rodriguez; Tuesday, Sept. 8: Scott Carpenter, Donna Fress, Blades Barber, Joy Witt, Susan Jackson, Deondre Corbin, Rick Coates, Mike Kickirillo, Paula Golden and Carl Heinrich; and Wednesday, Sept. 9: Sonny Salazar, Carolyn Simon, Maria Aguilar, Jack Staudt, Martin Garcia, Richard Williamson, Amanda Silverthorn-Caldwell and Sarah Joseph.

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## NASA Aglow meets Sept. 10

Prophetic intercessor Deborah DeGar, founder and director of International House of Prayer in Houston, will speak at the NASA Aglow Lighthouse meeting on Thursday, Sept. 10, at 9:30 a.m. at Praise Chapel in Webster.

DeGar is widely known. She has served in the USA, Seoul Korea, Argentina, Israel and Africa. She held the position of prayer partner recruiter and trainer at Houston CET/TBN Television Network. She also participates in many city reaching prayer teams.

NASA Aglow meets at 9:30 a.m. on the second Thursday of every month at Praise Chapel, 18516 Highway 3 in Webster. For more information, call 281-910-1971.

## Introduction of Judaism

There is a class introducing participants to Judaism that gives an opportunity to ask questions regarding Judaism or the Jewish community. Examined are Judaism's beliefs regarding sin, sacrifice, atonement, heaven/hell/the after-life, devil/Satan, monotheism, the Messiah and other topics.

The class goes through a vocabulary of Jewish life, holidays and holy days, life cycle events and Judaism's view of the controversial issues of the day. The class is mandatory for anyone looking to convert to Judaism, and is \$72 for a semester or \$144 for the year which covers the cost of all handouts used in the class.

This class meets Wednesday evenings from 7:15 to 9 p.m. at Congregation Shaar Hashalom, and is conducted by Rabbi Stuart Federow.

The congregation, located at 16020 El Camino Real in Houston, is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. For more information, visit [www.shaarhashalom.org](http://www.shaarhashalom.org) or contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or at [esh@shaarhashalom.org](mailto:esh@shaarhashalom.org).

## Israeli Folk Dancing classes for September-October

And the dancing continues.... What was meant to last for only four to five months is now in its sixth year, as the participants do not want to stop dancing. Sessions are not built on one another, so if a few are missed, one can catch up quickly.

Dances are held at Congregation Shaar Hashalom on Mondays, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. There will be no dance classes in September due to the Jewish Holy Days. Dancing will resume on Oct. 12 (no session on Oct. 5 – another Jewish holy day) and will continue on Oct. 19 and Oct. 26. 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 if never having attended before. Dancing is an excellent cardiovascular exercise while having fun.

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## PISD Police Dept. promotes, swears in officers

Pasadena High School alumni recently joined the Pasadena Independent School District Police Department. Pictured at right are, left to right, Capt. Bill McMahan and officers Joanna Lopez and Abraham Guajardo.



Photos submitted



The PISD Police Department promoted two officers and swore in five more in front of family, administrators and board members during a ceremony at the PISD Administration Building. Pictured from left are Capt. Bill McMahan, Sgt. Trae Morris, and officers David Reeves, Joanna Lopez, Austin Breese, Manrique Portillo and Abraham Guajardo.

## Remember When

**35 years ago (1980)**  
Pasadena Independent School District enrollment figures showed that once again the South Belt

area – which accounted for one-fourth of the district's 35,415 enrollment – had the district's largest high school, intermediate school and elementary school: Dobie High, Thompson Intermediate and Burnett Elementary.

Numerous South Belt business establishments had used their marquees to send out get well wishes to Houston Astro pitcher J.R. Richard since his surgery the previous month.

The Harris County Sheriff's Department investigated the attempted rape of a 19-year-old Kirkmont resident. The woman, who was cleaning the Kirkmont house of a friend who was out of town, reported a young man forced his way into the house and threatened her with a knife.

Trustees of the Clear Creek Independent School District adopted a \$36,073,999 budget and retained the 1980 tax rate of 82 cents per \$100 valuation at their regular monthly meeting.

**30 years ago (1985)**  
U.S. Postal Service officials acknowledged that traffic flow problems existed within the potential service area of a planned post office for the South Belt area and said that the Postal Service would support South Belt Coalition efforts to get the problems resolved.

**15 years ago (2000)**  
Pasadena Independent School District involved

raided a Scarsdale apartment complex after an anonymous tip that pornographic-related activities were taking place in one of the units.

Work on a new section of the beltway that would ultimately stretch past Interstate 45 and Beamer Road was expected to begin during the month according to representatives of the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation.

The City of Houston planned to begin construction the following year of a regional, 50 million gallons-a-day water treatment plant on the north side of Ellington, east of Highway 3.

**25 years ago (1990)**  
Approximately 1,400 feet of noise reduction barriers would be included in the extension of Beltway 8 through the South Belt area.

First-day enrollment for PISD schools increased by 2,070 students from 33,817 to 35,887. Both elementary and secondary school enrollments rose by approximately 1,000 students.

Planning was underway for Investment Land and Development Co. to build 43 new homes on 9.7 acres of land at Hughes Road and Blackhawk.

**10 years ago (2005)**  
Local elected officials expressed optimism for the military presence at Ellington Field to continue despite being affected by the Base Realignment and Closure committee. The Texas Air National Guard was slated to lose its F-16s, which would result in the loss of about half of the personnel of the 147th Fighter Interceptor Group.

PISD trustees approved a \$355.7 million budget for the 2005-2006 school year.

Gas prices in Houston soared. Regular unleaded at South Belt area stations ranged from \$2.74 to \$3.31 per gallon. This was after Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast but before Rita threatened the Houston

faculty and staff in planning for the new Dobie.

Gene Paul Robertson, 28, was arrested and charged with a felony murder in the death of Anthony (Tony) Chapin, 23.

Andrew René Love, 19, was found dead in his home. Fomer Dobie principal Frank Braden suffered a heart attack and was recovering in Bayshore Hospital.

The Sagemeadow home of Glenda Chaney was destroyed by a fire. The Southeast Volunteer Fire Department and Houston Fire stations 70 (on Beamer) and 93 (on FM 1959) fought the fire.

**5 years ago (2010)**  
The accomplice in the 2009 kidnapping of Susana De Jesus was sentenced to 13 years in prison for his role in the crime that left the former South Belt resident dead. Wallace Ledet IV pleaded guilty to aggravated kidnapping in the case, as well as burglary of a habitation in an unrelated crime. Ledet, 26, was reportedly a high school friend of Nicholas-Michael Edwin Jean, who in May, pleaded guilty to killing De Jesus, and in June, was sentenced to life in prison with no chance of parole. Ledet told investigators he had nothing to do with De Jesus' death but admitted dropping Jean off at the site of the abduction.

**1 year ago (2014)**  
The 1st Court of Appeals reached a decision in the case of Judge George Risner against the Harris County Republican Party, prohibiting a GOP challenger from appearing on the November ballot. The three-judge panel overturned an earlier decision made by a trial judge that offered Leonila Olivares-Salazar a chance to replace the fraudulent signatures with valid ones. Without the additional valid signatures, the court ruled that Olivares-Salazar's original petition was insufficient to allow her name to appear on the party's ballot.

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# Jerry Terrell reflects on life spent with SVFD



**Jerry Terrell**

**By Jay Do**  
For more than 40 years, the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department has been dedicated to the preservation of the lives and property of residents and visitors of the South Belt community. Since its establishment, the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department has provided emergency medical and fire suppression services to the county and the surrounding localities through volunteer and career paid staffing. Seemingly fitting for its sole purpose to the community, the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department was born from the ashes of a disgraced fire department. "I lived out here in Sagemont," said Assistant Fire Chief Marshall Jerry Terrell. "We weren't part of

60 volunteers to start out with. We had someone who had some experience to be our chief and assistant chief. I had no experience whatsoever at the time; most of us didn't. The City of Houston offered to let us train at the Houston Fire Academy, so that was where we got our initial training. The Genoa Fire Department only had one pumper truck that seated the driver and the captain. The only way anyone else rode on it was to hang onto the sides or the tailboard. When the Genoa Fire Department was shut down, the City of Houston confiscated that truck and gave it to us. That became our first fire engine. We went door to door raising funds for the department, and that was how we essentially got started."

A veteran and lifetime member, Terrell is one of only two remaining members that originally founded the department. "I honestly do not know why I joined the fire department," said Terrell. "It was just something that I really wanted to do at the time, and it's been something that I've enjoyed doing ever since. Being a part of the fire department is either going to be something that you enjoy doing or you just don't. There's very little in between. Those who really like it stick with it for years, and those who don't like it don't stay for very long. Being part of this fire department has been something that I really like doing and something that I've enjoyed doing my whole life." Having been part of the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department since its establish-

ment, Terrell has seen all of its changes, as it has grown along with the South Belt community. "Funding has been one of the major changes that I've seen since we started out," said Terrell. "We started out going door to door collecting money, and then the water district took notice and put a box in their bills for people to make an voluntary donation to us. We only had about 70 percent of people pay the extra \$5 to us, which was not very good. Eventually, the water district was able to charge residents per every water tap, so we were able to collect money from everyone." The Southeast Volunteer Fire Department has also adapted its operating procedures to better serve the rapid population increase of its community. "Our dispatching process has also changed significantly," said Terrell. "At first, we did our own dispatching. We had our own portable units that we could take from one house to the next and put antennas on top of the house, and we had a lot of the housewives do our dispatching for us. We had a fire phone that rang directly to our numbers. We would wait for it to ring three times to pick it up, that way we would all pick it up at the same time. We did that to prevent someone from picking up on the first ring and not being at a dispatching house, because that wouldn't have done us any good. Once the phone rang, we had an exponential growth system in place, where I'd call a few people, they'd each call a few

one or two major fires in this area a year. I guess you can consider it lucky, but without people actually fighting fires, the knowledge of fighting the fires stays with the older people who have been working with fires for a while and may seem very intimidating to younger folks who are just starting out."

While the work that he has done for his community over the last four decades has put his life on the line upon countless occasions, Terrell could not be less concerned. "The fact that I may not make it back from a fire call has never entered my mind," said Terrell. "It's way back in the back of my mind somewhere. We preach about safety religiously. Even if I tell someone to go into a fire and I happen to be in command, they have the ability to do otherwise if they see something that is unsafe. They are trained not to go in and to relay that information back to the people in command, because they may be seeing something that is completely different from the information that we have. When I'm in command, I am usually the first one to arrive at the scene, and I try to make a determination as to how we're going to fight the fire, either defensively or offensively. If the house is a total loss, there's no need for anyone to go in. They can't do any good from inside, so there's no need to put them in that path of unnecessary danger. You can't always predict everything, but you can take steps to prevent anyone from getting hurt. At the end of the day, my guys that go out there need to know that they're going to get the job done successfully and make it back. It's my job as commander to see to it that that happens."

Four decades of his life spent in the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department has turned Terrell from an inexperienced youth into a proud chief. Some things that have not changed are his loyalty to the people he works with and his commitment to serving his community. "The thing that I've loved most about working with the fire department throughout the years is the people that I get to associate myself with and the camaraderie that comes with working for a fire department," said Terrell. "I'm retired, so it gives me something active to do, instead of sitting at home on the couch all the time. I've made some extremely great friends along the way. I've known some of these people for 25, 30 years. There's something special about getting together with a group of great friends who are committed to serving the community, and it just makes me extremely happy."

"We have the same type of engines as the Houston Fire Department," said Terrell. "We have A-1, high quality, up to date equipment. The only thing that we do not have is a ladder truck, but we have mutual agreements with the Houston, Pearland, Forest Bend and Friendswood fire departments, and they all have ladder trucks. We will call one of them if we are ever in a situation where we need a ladder truck, and you'd be surprised by how fast they can get there. A few years ago, the Christian Academy out here went up in flames, and we had everybody out here."

As the population of the South Belt increases at a growing pace, the number of calls made to the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department has grown with it. "We're averaging about 130 calls a month," said Terrell. "For the last two years, the number of calls have increased about 15 percent each year. The majority of the calls are medical calls. The population's getting older, and we're getting a lot of lift assist calls, where someone's fallen and they need help getting back up. We only have about

## Cub Scout 692 visits Ellington



Cub Scout Pack 692 had the privilege of visiting with 1-149th ARB Apache pilots and mechanics at Ellington Joint Reserve Base on Saturday, Aug. 22. Scouts learned about the capabilities of the Apache helicopters as well as what goes into maintaining and operating them. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Ramey Ali, Jorgen Rodriguez, Kaleb Kouches, Joaquin Caballero, Frankie Chapa, Mauricio Campos, (middle row) Braxton Mayo, Nathan Lind, Emil Cabellero, Seth Lara, Kevin Pino, Sabino Hernandez Jr., Zachary Owens, Jake Joslin, (back row) CW2 Craig Graham (Apache pilot), SFC Sabino Hernandez Sr. (platoon sergeant, P), and CW2 John Henderson (Apache pilot). Not pictured is CW2 Jacob Gaston (Apache pilot). Photo submitted

## Pasadena Education Foundation gears up for new school year

With a new school year just beginning, the Pasadena Education Foundation is already hard at work to provide for the needs of more than 56,000 students and 3,500 teachers. The foundation was established in 2003, in large part to provide mini grants for programs large and small that would otherwise remain unfunded. Since that time, the foundation has awarded \$1.9 million in grant funds. To kick off the process for the 2015-2016 school year, the foundation will hold a mini grant workshop Wednesday, Sept. 9, in the board room of the administration building to aid those who wish to apply for funding this year.

Grants are awarded at the classroom, campus and district level up to \$5,000. To qualify for the mini grants, district employees must submit an application and proposal by Thursday, Sept. 17.

Winners will be notified in December when the Pasadena ISD Prize Parade surprises them at their campus. Jeremy Jackson, an athletic trainer at Pasadena High School has received a few mini grants in his eight years at the campus.

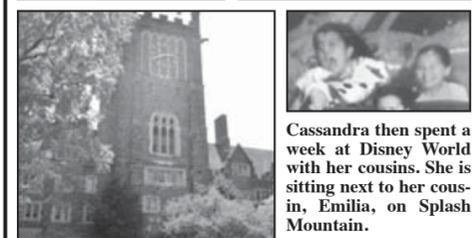
"The impact that the education foundation has had on our program is enormous," Jackson said. "It really encourages me to see someone who believes in what I'm doing. The education foundation is providing funds for me to help teach my students in a better way." Carter Lomax Middle School teacher Cynthia Martinez Bagwell is shocked by the Prize Parade team as she received a mini grant for her classroom for \$4,890. Photo submitted

## Lazo enjoys several summer trips

Cassandra Lazo had a full summer with family and friends. She started with a trip to Chicago where she saw the Broadway musical *On Your Feet*, the story of Emilio and Gloria Estefan. She met most of the cast and is pictured below with Josh Segarra (Emilio) and Ana Villafane (Gloria).



Cassandra and her mother, Grace Lazo, overlook the Chicago River.



On a road trip to North Carolina, the family stopped in Selma to walk across the Edmund Pettus Bridge, the sight of the Bloody Sunday, 50 years ago. Pictured above are Grace, Cassandra and Jose.



Left: At basketball camp at Duke University, Cassandra and her father, Jose Lazo, stand in front of her dorm.



The highlight of camp was training with Duke women's coach Joanne P. McCallie and meeting Duke men's coach Mike Krzyzewski.



Above, Cassandra (middle) took her yearly trip to San Juan De Los Lagos, Jalisco, Mexico, where her grandfather is from. Pictured with her are her parents, Jose and Grace.

## HCAD certifies appraisal roll

Sands Stiefer, chief appraiser of the Harris County Appraisal District, certified the 2015 appraisal roll.

The importance of certifying the appraisal roll listing the property values is that state law allows Harris County taxing jurisdictions to begin the process of setting property tax rates for 2015. "Certification is the final step in the 2015 appraisal process for most of our tax base. The appraisal roll provides taxing jurisdictions with the value of the properties completed to date. We also give the taxing units estimates of the value and number of accounts not yet complete so they have as much information as possible when they start their rate adoption process," Stiefer said.

After certification, the rolls with the value are provided to the Harris County Tax Assessor/Collector and the cities, school districts and other taxing entities so the governing bodies of the taxing units can set their tax rates for the upcoming year. The total taxable value for property in Harris County has increased 12.1 percent to \$392.2 billion, compared with \$349.9 billion in 2014.

Taxable value is the value after exemptions have been deducted. Residential properties, which are single family homes, made up 41 percent of the county's tax base, apartments were about 8 percent and commercial properties other than apartments made up approximately 25 percent. The total taxable value of residential properties increased 15 percent, compared with 2014, the taxable value of apartments increased 19 percent and commercial properties increased 12 percent.

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## Silguero family vacations at several national parks

The Silguero family of South Belt, Gus, Holly, Daniel and Joseph, recently spent their vacation visiting some of the U.S. national parks.



Joseph just hanging out in the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone National Park.



Daniel, Joseph, Holly and Gus at Old Faithful in Yellowstone



Joseph and Daniel in a hole at Arches National Park



Daniel at Delicate Arch at Arches National Park



Gus, Joseph, Holly and Daniel at Double Arch in Arches National Park



Holly sitting in front of Mesa Arch in Canyon Lands National Park.

## De Leon family enjoys historial vacation

The De Leon family took a fun historical vacation in August to Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, Gettysburg and Valley Forge. While in Washington D.C., they visited the Capitol, several monuments, and the most memorable of all was laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.



Yolanda and Gilbert pose in front of the White House.



Sofia shakes hands with the Sergeant of the Guards while Yolanda, Gilbert and Lola receive instructions for placing a wreath in front of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.



Lola (left) and Sofia place a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.



The De Leon family wreath in front of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.



Sofia and Lola pose with a statue of President Lincoln at Gettysburg National Park.



Gilbert pays tribute to the fallen heroes at the Vietnam Memorial.



Gilbert, Sofia and Lola read about the Liberty Bell, enjoyed a tour of Independence Hall, and took in the sights of Philadelphia.



Sofia and Lola pose with a statue of President Lincoln at Gettysburg National Park.



Yolanda, Sofia, Lola and Gilbert took some time off from the historical sites to enjoy Hershey Park.

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## Morgans spend time with grandkids

Bill and Terrie Morgan traveled in Texas to vacation with their grandchildren this summer. Pictured with Terrie and Bill are Mallory, Mason and McKenna Nickens from Mansfield, Texas, and Brooklynn Harmolin from Arlington, Texas.



Above: The family at a big July 4th celebration in New Braunfels.



Left: At the Mayan Dude Ranch in Bandera, Texas.

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## JFD's strong start fades as Deer Park coasts, 52-20

As bad as Dobie's 52-20 opening night loss to Deer Park looked on the computer screen, there is no cause for panic in the Longhorn land.

It's just one football game, and while things did get out of hand on the scoreboard over the final 24 minutes and 39 seconds, there are remedies.

Trailing 21-14 after Jaylon Bolden's dynamic 59-yard catch and run, the Longhorns got themselves back in the mix just before halftime, only to see things unravel from there. The Deer covered 69 yards on just two plays to bump the halftime lead to 28-14, then coasted in the second half en route to the lopsided win.

It's not the type of debut first-year Dobie varsity football head coach Mike Norman was looking for to say the least, but it's time to move on.

"I think everybody, including myself, was a little too amped up early on," Norman said.

"We had that long, sustained drive to open the game with a score, but then later on we had the fumble on another drive that could have resulted in some points.

"You sort of saw some of the steam come out of a lot of the guys. Great start, and we just couldn't keep it up. Certainly did not expect to give up 50 points.

"We had some missed tackles, which was surprising. The defense had been looking pretty good heading into the game, and I still think we are very good on that side of the football."

"Offensively, there were a couple of times where we didn't help the defense out by going three and out."

And yet there were the positives.

Starting quarterback Tyler Giron marched the Longhorns down the field on the opening drive of the game, hitting Kaelon Woods with a couple of passes for key chain moves. And even after a holding call wiped out Anthony Owens' 10-yard scoring run, the Longhorns bounced back.

Giron eventually found tight end Jason Lester, who made a one-handed

grab in the back of the end zone for a 10-yard touchdown reception and 7-0 Dobie lead.

As for Bolden, he had just two catches in the game while coming back from a sore hamstring, but one of those covered 59 yards and got Dobie within seven points just before halftime.

Unfortunately, Linton's 59-yard dash with under a minute to go set up quarterback Cameron Thompson's 10-yard scoring run

with :19 left in the half. Deer Park then scored on a 16-yard run from Linton to open the second half as the game began to slip away.

Late, Dobie quarterback Jeremy Davis had a 9-yard run to complete the Longhorns' scoring for the night.

So Norman's debut as Dobie's head coach is in the past, and that's just where the Longhorns plan to keep it.

"You could see an up-

beat feel and a great energy (Monday), so I think we'll bounce back just fine."

Next up, the Longhorns will take on the Clear Springs Chargers in their home opener Saturday, Sept. 5 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.

The Chargers were handled pretty well by North Shore in a 49-13 season-opening loss as well, but Norman knows Clear Springs can and will produce offensively.

"It's going to be a completely different situation than with Deer Park," Norman said.

"Deer Park lines it up and comes right at you, whereas Clear Springs wants to spread you out and get you out in

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**Dobie (0-1) hosts Clear Springs (0-1)**  
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At left, former Dobie High School multi-sport athlete Amanda Nguyen continued her softball playing career at West Point, where she was a four-year starter for the Black Knights. She began her career at second base but eventually moved to the outfield. And what a career it was. Nguyen finished her career in 2014 as the Patriot League's all-time leader in hits and stolen bases. She also ranks in the top 9 in two other categories. Late last month, Nguyen scored the ultimate honor as she was named to the Patriot League's All-25th Anniversary squad, which recognized the league's top 25 all-time performers.

### Former Dobie H.S. star Nguyen on PL's 25th anniversary team

One simple glance at the Army women's softball and Patriot League record books leaves little doubt as to the legacy Amanda Nguyen built as a star player for the Black Knights.

Now, there is concrete proof that will never be taken away, even if one day her record setting figures are surpassed.

Nguyen learned late last month that she has been named to the Patriot League's All-25th Anniversary team, which honored the league's top 25 performers since the

league's inception. Patriot League officials plan to honor athletes in other sports throughout the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year.

A lifelong South Belt resident, Nguyen was both an all-district volleyball and softball player while at Dobie. She graduated in 2010 and headed for West Point, where the accomplishments just kept coming.

A four-year starter for the Black Knights, Nguyen set both team and league records during a brilliant career, including

Patriot League all-time records of 287 career hits and 115 career stolen bases. She still ranks first in single season hits with 85 as well as single season stolen bases with 40 in 2013.

Her 161 career runs scored is third in the Patriot League, while her .369 career batting average is ninth best leaguewide.

Nguyen was a starter from the moment she arrived at West Point, and went on to make the All-Patriot League first team all four years.

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### BHI, Thompson football to host intrasquad outings

It's about time to find out if the Beverly Hills and Thompson intermediate football programs can once again lead the way in the Pasadena ISD ranks for the 2015 season.

Both schools will celebrate the impending start to the regular season by hosting intrasquad scrim-

mage Saturday, Sept. 5, on their respective campuses.

At Beverly Hills, the Battlin' Bears annual Food, Fun and Football

extravaganza will feature breakfast and lunch items for sale throughout the event, set for 8 a.m. to noon at the school.

Beverly Hills' head football coach Ben Portis and his staff welcomed more than 200 players in for competition during the first week of practices that

moved through to the first Saturday practice," Portis said.

"We had some of the best efforts on Saturday as

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**Football scrimmages**

Saturday, Sept. 5

Thompson Lions Red vs. White, 9 a.m.

Beverly Hills

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began Aug. 25. "We had tremendous practices all week, and that all culminated with tremendous hitting and blocking as the practice

### Wolverines trail early, fall to LP

Falling behind 42-0, the Clear Brook Wolverines couldn't quite crawl back into the fight while losing to La Porte 49-27 in a varsity football season opener Aug. 27 at Veterans Memorial Stadium in League City.

La Porte, which produced 490 yards of offense in the game, jumped out to that 42-0 lead with six minutes left in the third quarter before the Wolverines got on the scoreboard.

Quarterback Jaizac Garcia, who played for the Southbelt Dolphins as a youth football player, wound up having a big night for Clear Brook.

Despite two interceptions, Garcia completed his night 11 of 21 for 202 yards and three touchdowns through the air.

He threw a 38 yard touchdown pass to Mark Milton and also found Caleb Chapman for 34 yards and another touchdown.

Chapman led all Clear Brook receivers with four grabs for 101 yards and the one score.

Jarrett Smith paced the running game for Clear Brook, gaining 105 yards on just 10 carries.

La Porte's Austin Ushaw scored three times.

The game marked the

head coaching debut for Mike Allison at Brook. He is just the fifth head coach in school history, following Jim Hatfield, James Smith, Bubba Arledge and Paul Lanier.

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# South Belt sports news, notes

## SB youth soccer registration is online

The South Belt Youth Soccer Club is accepting online registration for the 2015 fall season that begins in late September. Players age 4 through 18 as of July 31, 2015, are eligible to compete. The registration fee for those in the under-5 through U8 divisions will pay \$135, which includes a uniform (shirt, shorts and socks) and fundraising fee. The fee for those in the U9 and U10 divisions is \$150, and the U11 through U18 fee is \$190, with both including uniform and fundraising fee. There will be a \$20 late fee applied after Sept. 1, 2015. Only credit card and debit card will be accepted as forms of payment online. To register, visit [www.southbeltsoccer.org](http://www.southbeltsoccer.org).

# Deer Park subvarsity football sweeps past Longhorn squads

In another hotly-contested series of subvarsity football games between Dobie and Deer Park Aug. 27, the Deer were able to escape with a sweep.

## Deer Park 21 Dobie JV 20

A missed extra point was the difference in the junior varsity Orange contest as the Deer held on to defeat Dobie 21-20. Andrew Logan had a 5-yard touchdown run for the Longhorns in the first quarter, and quarterback Jacob Sulak found Willie Dixon with a 20-yard scoring pass as Dobie led 14-7 at halftime.

In the fourth quarter, Juan Valencia scooped up the loose ball after teammate Dejuan Dixon blocked a punt and raced 40 yards for the touchdown.

But the Longhorns failed on the conversion, holding a 20-15 edge.

Deer Park's late touchdown was enough for the win. Defensively, the Longhorns also got terrific play from Sedrick Romar.

## Deer Park 28 Dobie JV White 6

Deer Park's junior varsity maroon team scored a

touchdown in each quarter while going on to defeat the Longhorns' JV white team 28-6.

Nick Barrientos scored Dobie's lone touchdown on a 6-yard run in the second quarter. Henry Ellis also stood out offensively for the locals.

From a defensive standpoint, Dylan Rowe, Tyrique Smith and Jalen Clark made big plays.

The Dobie coaching staff pointed to an inability to get off the field on third down defensively and crucial penalties in big situations as factors in the defeat.

## Deer Park 24 Dobie Fr. Orange 20

Dobie's freshman Orange White team fought back from a 14-6 deficit but could not get over the top during a 24-20 loss to Deer Park.

Julius Wells and Kean-dre Green paved the way offensively for Dobie, while the defensive effort was led by Taylen Duhon and Cervantes Pounds III.

## Deer Park Fr. White 3 Dobie Fr. White 0

A 23-yard field goal with four seconds remaining in the game was the difference as Deer Park's

freshman White team downed Dobie 3-0 in a defensive battle all the way.

Jonathan Moreno, D'Angelo Ramirez, Daleon Eaglin and Jacob Montoya stepped up offensively for the Longhorns.

On the defensive side, the Longhorns were led by Ramirez, Tyler Guzman, Wyatt Baxley and Ezequiel Mendez.

The Dobie subvarsity squads will look for their first wins of the season Sept. 3 against the Clear Springs Chargers.

South Belt football predictions	Troy Leland	John Bechtle	Eli Tanksley	Toni Muse	Emory Gadd	Debbie Vaughn
Dobie hosts Clear Springs	Dobie	Dobie	Clear Springs	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie
Westfield hosts Clear Brook	Westfield	Westfield	Westfield	Westfield	Westfield	Westfield
Clear Creek hosts Alief Taylor	Clear Creek	Alief Taylor	Clear Creek	Alief Taylor	Alief Taylor	Clear Creek
North Shore hosts Manvel	Manvel	Manvel	North Shore	Manvel	North Shore	Manvel
Brazoswood hosts Deer Park	Deer Park	Brazoswood	Deer Park	Deer Park	Brazoswood	Deer Park
Dickinson hosts Summer Creek	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson
George Ranch hosts Friendswood	George Ranch	George Ranch	George Ranch	George Ranch	George Ranch	George Ranch
Houston Memorial hosts Pearland	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland
Dawson hosts Magnolia West	Dawson	Dawson	Magnolia West	Magnolia West	Dawson	Dawson
La Porte hosts Bellaire	La Porte	La Porte	Bellaire	La Porte	La Porte	La Porte
This week's record	8-2	7-3	8-2	8-2	7-3	9-1
Season record	8-2	7-3	8-2	8-2	7-3	9-1

# Patriot League softball honors Dobie ex Nguyen

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Perhaps the best season for Nguyen and her teammates came in 2013. That year, she helped lead the Black Knights to the Patriot League title, and the team advanced to the NCAA Regionals in Austin, where the team went up against the University of Texas.

Nguyen hit .381 overall that season with 40 stolen bases. The team finished 35-26 that season.

As for making the Patriot League's 25th anniversary team, Nguyen is thrilled.

"I am deeply honored to be a part of the All-Patriot League 25th Anniversary Team," she said.

"To be named among the best the league has ever had to offer for the past 25 years is truly humbling. I share this honor with my family, coaches, and teammates/best friends because I couldn't have done it without them. Whether it was countless hours in the U.S. Golf and Games batting cages

or encouraging words to keep on pushing after a bad game, there are many reasons for my success. "I am so thankful that I was given the opportunity to play collegiate softball, and I gave it the best shot that I can to make everyone proud. Hopefully, I made Dobie and South Belt proud, too."

Today, Nguyen is off the softball field for the most part and is a platoon leader for the 18th Human Resources Company at Fort Bragg, N.C.

One of the all-time great women's softball players for the Army Black Knights from 2011 through 2014, Amanda Nguyen (right) cemented her legacy by being named to the Patriot League's 25th Anniversary Team, honoring the league's best performers through the 2015 season. Nguyen, who starred as a volleyball and softball player at Dobie High School, went on to establish several Army as well as Patriot League all-time and single-season records while being a four-year starter for the Black Knights. Largely finished with softball since the end of the 2014 season, Nguyen is now stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Photo courtesy Army



# CCISD stadiums nets sponsor

The Clear Creek Independent School District has announced the launch of a six-year sponsorship agreement with Houston Methodist St. John Hospital.

During the August CCISD school board meeting, CCISD Board of Trustees approved the six-year lease agreement with Houston Methodist St. John Hospital, which places the hospital at the Stadium Founding Sponsor level for the district's newest and much-anticipated facility addition, Clear Creek ISD Challenger Columbia Stadium.

The stadium complex, located off West NASA Boulevard, is scheduled for completion in late 2015, later than originally forecasted due to record rainfall during the spring. "Houston Methodist St. John Hospital is no stranger to our district and backing public education," said CCISD Superintendent Dr. Greg Smith.

"In fact, they have consistently stepped up to support our students and

special programs over their 26-year history with CCISD."

Under a separate agreement, Houston Methodist St. John Hospital is also the Official Healthcare Provider for CCISD Athletics.

Houston Methodist athletic trainers work alongside coaches and CCISD's professional and student athletic trainers to strengthen student athletes and better protect them from injury.

This major sponsorship specifically supports CCISD in the purchase and ongoing operation of the stadium's state-of-the-art scoreboard and video board intended to enrich the fan experience at the new stadium.

The video board and supporting equipment were not purchased through the Bond 2013 program, which is funding the construction of the stadium as well as

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## Week 4 games Saturday, Sept. 5

**Cowboys at Beaumont Bulls**  
*Beaumont Ozen High School*

**Dolphins at Bayou City Gators**  
*San Jacinto Intermediate*

**Rams host Pearland Texans**  
*Dobie High School*

# BAFL Week Three Scores

	Sr.	Jr.	Soph.	Fr.
Eagles	39	20	13	18
Dolphins	2	0	25	6
Patriots	42	19	38	25
Cowboys	0	0	0	0
Rams	0	0	0	0
Stingrays	41	24	39	34

# Bay Area Football League Standings

Senior Division American				Senior Division National			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Bulls	3	0	0	Hurricanes	3	0	0
Sharks	3	0	0	Stingrays	3	0	0
Cougars	2	1	0	Eagles	2	1	0
Patriots	2	1	0	Dolphins	1	2	0
Cowboys	1	2	0	Saints	0	2	0
Panthers	1	2	0	Mustangs	0	2	0
Texans	1	1	0	Rams	0	3	0
'49ers	0	2	0	Gators	0	3	0
Junior Division American				Junior Division National			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Patriots	3	0	0	Hurricanes	3	0	0
Cowboys	2	1	0	Dolphins	2	1	0
'49ers	2	0	0	Eagles	2	1	0
Bulls	1	2	0	Saints	1	1	0
Sharks	1	2	0	Mustangs	1	1	0
Cougars	1	2	0	Rams	1	2	0
Texans	1	1	0	Stingrays	1	2	0
Panthers	0	3	0	Gators	0	3	0
Sophomore Division American				Sophomore Division National			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Bulls	3	0	0	Stingrays	3	0	0
Texans	2	0	0	Hurricanes	2	1	0
Patriots	2	1	0	Mustangs	1	1	0
Sharks	2	1	0	Rams	1	2	0
Cougars	1	1	0	Eagles	1	2	0
Cowboys	1	2	0	Dolphins	1	2	0
Panthers	1	2	0	Saints	0	2	0
'49ers	0	1	0	Gators	0	3	0
Freshman Division American				Freshman Division National			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Sharks	3	0	0	Eagles	3	0	0
Bulls	2	1	0	Hurricanes	3	0	0
Patriots	1	1	1	Stingrays	2	0	1
Cowboys	1	2	0	Dolphins	2	1	0
Panthers	1	2	0	Saints	1	1	0
'49ers	0	1	0	Mustangs	0	2	0
Texans	0	1	0	Rams	0	3	0
Cougars	0	2	0	Gators	0	3	0

# Sports Calendar

## FOOTBALL

### Thursday, Sept. 3

Dobie JV Orange at Clear Springs, Springs H.S., 6:30  
Dobie JV White at Clear Springs, Springs H.S., 4:30  
Dobie freshman Orange hosts Clear Springs, 4:30  
Dobie freshman White hosts Clear Springs, 4:30  
Brook JV Silver hosts Westfield, Brook, 6:30  
Brook JV Black hosts Westfield, Brook, 4:30  
Brook freshman Silver at Westfield, 4:30  
Brook freshman Black at Westfield, 4:30

### Friday, Sept. 4

Brook varsity at Westfield, 7:00

### Saturday, Sept. 5

Dobie varsity hosts Clear Springs, Veterans, 6:00  
Sagemont Cowboys at Beaumont Bulls  
Southbelt Dolphins at Bayou City Gators  
Ellington Rams host Pearland Texans, Dobie

### Tuesday, Sept. 8

Thompson 8A hosts San Jacinto scrimmage, 5:00  
Thompson 8B at San Jacinto scrimmage, 5:00  
Beverly Hills 8A at Bondy scrimmage, 5:00  
Beverly Hills 8B at Bondy scrimmage, 5:00

### Wednesday, Sept. 9

Thompson 7A hosts San Jacinto scrimmage, 5:00  
Thompson 7B at San Jacinto scrimmage, 5:00  
Beverly Hills 7A at Bondy scrimmage, 5:00  
Beverly Hills 7B at Bondy scrimmage, 5:00

### Thursday, Sept. 10

Dobie JV Orange hosts Pearland, Veterans, 6:30  
Dobie JV White hosts Pearland, Veterans, 4:30  
Dobie freshman Orange at Pearland, 4:30  
Dobie freshman White at Pearland, 4:30

## VOLLEYBALL

### Friday, Sept. 4

Brook varsity hosts Deer Park, 6:30  
Dobie varsity hosts Manvel, 6:30  
Brook JV hosts Deer Park, 5:30  
Dobie JV hosts Manvel, 5:30  
Brook freshman A hosts Deer Park, 4:30  
Dobie freshman A hosts Manvel, 4:30  
Brook freshman B hosts Deer Park, 4:30  
Dobie freshman B hosts Manvel, 4:30

### Tuesday, Sept. 8

Brook varsity hosts 7 Lakes, 5:30  
Brook JV hosts 7 Lakes, 4:30  
Brook freshman A hosts 7 Lakes, 4:30

### Wednesday, Sept. 9

Dobie varsity at Aldine Davis, 6:30  
Dobie JV at Aldine Davis, 5:30  
Dobie freshman A at Aldine Davis, 4:30

### Friday, Sept. 11

Brook varsity hosts Clear Creek, 6:30  
Dobie JV vs. Pasadena, Phillips, 6:30  
Brook JV hosts Clear Creek, 5:30  
Dobie JV vs. Pasadena, Phillips, 5:30  
Brook freshman A hosts Clear Creek, 4:30  
Dobie freshman A vs. Pasadena, Phillips, 4:30  
Brook freshman B hosts Clear Creek, 4:30

## TENNIS

### Friday, Sept. 4

Dobie varsity hosts Clear Springs, 2:30

### Friday, Sept. 11

Dobie varsity hosts Bellaire, 2:30  
Dobie varsity at Remembering Ike tourn., TBA

### Tuesday, Sept. 15

Dobie varsity at Pearland, 3:00

# Deer spoil Norman's debut; JFD eyes Springs Chargers

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in space. It's something we have to adjust to quickly and be ready to go." So the Deer Park outcome, particularly the final score, might have delivered some shock factor. But Norman, his staff

nor the players will dwell on it. Instead, it's all about going out and getting Norman's first head coaching win against Clear Springs. "We did a lot of good things against Deer Park," Norman said. "We have a talented group, and we'll

bounce back." A season ago, Dobie defeated Clear Springs to earn its first win of the 2014 season. With back-to-back 22-6A games coming against Pearland and Manvel, and win over Springs would be huge.



Ashley Deveza and the rest of the Dobie varsity tennis program plan to have some fun during the annual Remember Ike Invitational in Galveston Sept. 11-12 as 16 programs from in and around the Houston area compete for the championship trophy.

## Ever-busy Dobie tennis program close to opening District 22-6A

Now at 6-3, the Dobie varsity tennis team is getting closer and closer to District 22-6A action. After a 4-0 start to the season, the Longhorns have lost two of three, including a tough 10-9 loss to Clear Brook. State-ranked Clear Creek also handed the Longhorns a 17-2 setback. The Longhorns had some great chances to win that elusive 10th match against Clear Brook but could not close it out. Head coach Manuel Moreno said focusing on winning the key points and games over the next week

or so leading into district play will be a key. "It's a team game," Moreno said. "There is no one win or loss that is bigger or worse than the others, but every match counts. We probably should have defeated Clear Brook, and the kids know that. "As we get closer to league play, we have to dig deep and find ways to win those key points. It's always something that we look at this time of the year." Dobie is also looking forward to taking part in the Fifth annual Remem-

bering Ike Invitational in Galveston Sept. 11-12. The Longhorns are actually hosts of the tournament in conjunction with the City of Galveston Parks and Recreation Department. In the opening round, Dobie will face top-seeded Stratford. Friendswood is seeded second, and defending tournament champion Clear Brook is seeded third. Sixteen teams in all will be in the mix for burnt orange and white division trophies. Dobie is also one of several host sites for play on Sept. 12.

## State-ranked Pearland defeats JFD volleyball

Opening district play against one of the state's top varsity volleyball programs certainly isn't ideal, but the Dobie program gave it everything it had Sept. 1 at Pearland. In the end, the Lady Oilers began the defense of their 2014 league championship with a 25-14, 25-10, 25-7 victory over Dobie. The decision ended a short, one-match winning streak for Dobie, which handed Baytown Lee a 25-20, 25-12, 25-

21 loss Aug. 28 at home. The Lady Longhorns will play their first District 22-6A home match Sept. 4, against the Manvel Mavericks. Two losses to Manvel in 2014 played a huge role in keeping Dobie out of the playoffs. A nondistrict at Aldine Davis comes Wednesday, Sept. 9, for Dobie. The program will then be in action against the Pasadena Lady Eagles Friday, Sept. 11, at Phillips Field House.

## Dobie football boosters to host monthly meeting

The Dobie High School football booster club will host its monthly meeting Monday, Sept. 14, at 7 p.m., in the athletic annex. Parents of all Dobie

football players are encouraged to attend the monthly meetings as both in-season and postseason activities are discussed and planned.

## JFD swimming program sets fundraising car wash

The Dobie High School swimming program will host a fundraising car wash Saturday, Sept. 12, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Snowies' Snow Cones in the Food Town parking lot

at the corner of Beamer and Scarsdale. Swim team members are selling \$5 advance tickets, and donations of \$5 or more will be accepted on the day of the event.

## Clear Creek ISD stadium to offer new delicacies

Football fans and families alike should consider adding Clear Creek ISD Veterans Memorial Stadium to their list of weekend destinations for entertainment, fun food and competition.

performances for fans this season. Award-winning bands, cheerleaders, choir students, precision dance teams and ROTC students round out the perfect football experience at the stadium.

Now through the first week of November, the Clear Creek Independent School District will host 23 games at Veterans Memorial Stadium, welcoming new teams to the turf as well as long-held rivalries. Fans can look forward to some fabulous football fare at the stadium concession stands. A selection of new menu items ranging from pulled barbecued pork sandwiches to chicken caesar salads will be offered to hungry fans. Three special menu items will be chosen for each game night in an effort to offer a varied menu each week. Chicken fried steak sandwiches, hamburgers, stuffed baked potatoes and chicken sandwiches or chicken wraps are also among the new menu items.

And, of course, the die-hard concession connoisseur will still be able to order a hot dog, nachos, popcorn or a bag of peanuts. Be prepared to be wowed by the multi-talented CCISD visual and performing arts students who have been preparing much of the summer to deliver memorable half time

# BHI, Lions host intrasquad scrimmages

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drills were sharp, and we look forward to cranking it back up this week as we prepare for our FUN, FOOD and FOOTBALL extravaganza."

the eighth-grade A team at 9 a.m. The 7th grade B will scrimmage the 7th grade A at 10 a.m. The 8th grade A will scrimmage the 7th grade A at 11 a.m.

and the preseason work has already begun. The program's Red versus White scrimmage is Sept. 5, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Hot dog combination plates will be available for purchase, and there will be other vendors on site as well as a silent auction. "We can't wait," Thompson head football coach Doug Sawyer said. "We had a great summer program, and our athletes are excited. "Our annual Red versus White is what kicks it all off. Our first week was good, of course, we were in shorts shirts and helmet the first four days. But Aug. 29 was our first day in pads, and they came to hit. We are hoping to improve in the eighth grade from last year and we hope to compete for the title in seventh grade."

As for the Sept. 5 scrimmage schedule, Portis said the Bears' seventh-grade A team will scrimmage the eighth-grade B team at 8 a.m. The Lions plan to push for the district championship in all four divisions,

## Beverly Hills Bears 2015 7th B football schedule

Date	Opponent
Sept. 9	Bondy (scrimmage)
Sept. 15	at Queens
Sept. 22	Southmore
Sept. 29	at South Houston
Oct. 6	at Thompson
Oct. 13	San Jacinto
Oct. 20	at Park View

All games played on campus at 5 p.m.

## Beverly Hills Bears 2015 7th A football schedule

Date	Opponent
Sept. 9	at Bondy (scrimmage)
Sept. 15	Queens
Sept. 22	at Southmore
Sept. 29	South Houston
Oct. 6	Thompson
Oct. 13	at San Jacinto
Oct. 20	Park View

All games played on campus at 5 p.m.

## Thompson Lions 2015 7th B football schedule

Date	Opponent
Sept. 9	at San Jacinto (scrimmage)
Sept. 15	Southmore
Sept. 22	Bondy
Sept. 29	at Jackson
Oct. 6	Beverly Hills
Oct. 13	Miller
Oct. 20	at Queens

All games played on campus at 5 p.m.

## Thompson Lions 2015 7th A football schedule

Date	Opponent
Sept. 9	San Jacinto (scrimmage)
Sept. 15	at Southmore
Sept. 22	at Bondy
Sept. 29	Jackson
Oct. 6	at Beverly Hills
Oct. 13	at Miller
Oct. 20	Queens

All games played on campus at 5 p.m.

## Beverly Hills Bears 2015 8th B football schedule

Date	Opponent
Sept. 8	Bondy (scrimmage)
Sept. 14	at Queens
Sept. 21	Southmore
Sept. 28	at South Houston
Oct. 5	at Thompson
Oct. 12	San Jacinto
Oct. 19	at Park View

All games played on campus at 5 p.m.

## Beverly Hills Bears 2015 8th A football schedule

Date	Opponent
Sept. 8	at Bondy (scrimmage)
Sept. 14	Queens
Sept. 21	at Southmore
Sept. 28	South Houston
Oct. 5	Thompson
Oct. 12	at San Jacinto
Oct. 19	Park View

All games played on campus at 5 p.m.

## Thompson Lions 2015 8th B football schedule

Date	Opponent
Sept. 8	at San Jacinto (scrimmage)
Sept. 14	Southmore
Sept. 21	Bondy
Sept. 28	at Jackson
Oct. 5	Beverly Hills
Oct. 12	Miller
Oct. 19	at Queens

All games played on campus at 5 p.m.

## Thompson Lions 2015 8th A football schedule

Date	Opponent
Sept. 8	San Jacinto (scrimmage)
Sept. 14	at Southmore
Sept. 21	at Bondy
Sept. 28	Jackson
Oct. 5	at Beverly Hills
Oct. 12	at Miller
Oct. 19	Queens

All games played on campus at 5 p.m.

## New CCISD stadium gets sponsor

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many other district facility rebuilds. Funding for the video board will be derived from advertising leases by business and industry sponsors. As the stadium founding sponsor, the Houston Methodist brand will be prominently displayed on the video board's top position panel, as well as on signage in the stadium concourse areas. The sponsor will also be featured in several in-game video promotion features.

"Just as our exemplary school district continues to grow, the Houston Methodist St. John Hospital campus and service offerings are growing and expanding," said Dan Newman, Houston Methodist St. John Hospital CEO. "The stadium founding sponsor opportunity was a natural next step for Houston Methodist given our longevity with CCISD and our high level of engagement, both in giving back, and protecting students from sports injuries as well as encouraging healthy outcomes when

injuries do occur." The sponsorship is part of Clear Creek ISD's ongoing commitment to engage the community in all things education to better provide quality and real-world resources and experiences for students. Students from all five comprehensive high schools, who are enrolled and excel in their campus audio/video classes, will run nearly all of the audio visual production activities to support many of the events during the year in CCISD Challenger Columbia Stadium.

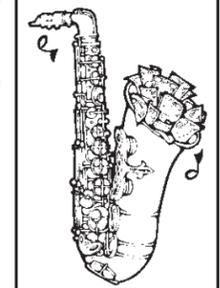
# CALENDAR

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**  
7 a.m.  
**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" each Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.  
10 a.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Bridge games weekdays, 10 a.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark Rd. For lessons, contact Dr. Dave Glandorf, bridge instructor, at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or 281-488-6318. Cost is \$6 per game or \$15 per lesson. For more information, call the club at 281-486-1911.  
Noon  
**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, 2245 N. Main (building next to pawn shop). For information, call 713-856-1611.  
4 p.m.  
**Houston Area Parkinson Society** - Free water exercise for individuals with Parkinson's disease, 4 to 5 p.m., Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital Clear Lake, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Call 713-313-1652 or visit www.hapsonline.org for a list of all services.  
6:30 p.m.  
**Diabetes Support Group** - A support group for young adults with Type 1 diabetes. All subjects are open for discussion: new technologies, research advances, fears, phobias, dating and other personal matters. Meets the first Thursday of each month (or the second Thursday if that day is a holiday) at various restaurants in the area. Contact Dan Steiner, CDE, at 713-922-9677 for more information.  
7 p.m.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Women's Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518) at the First Presbyterian Church in the youth building on the Westminster side. For information, call 713-856-1611.  
**Al-Anon (English Speaking)** - Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Room 215. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.  
**Alateen** - Provides support for teenage children, friends and family members of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway,

Pasadena, room 208. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.  
**The Bay Area Writers League** - Meets the first Thursday of each month. Barnes and Noble, Bay Area Blvd. and the Gulf Freeway. 7 p.m. Newcomers welcome.  
8:30 p.m.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.  
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6 p.m.  
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7 p.m.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., (Hwy 35), in building next to pawn shop. For more information, call 713-856-1611.  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**  
7:30 a.m.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** - "Breakfast with Bill", Saturdays, 7:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

10 a.m.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., (Hwy 35), in building next to pawn shop. For more information, call 713-856-1611.  
11 a.m.  
**Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English)** - For persons whose lives are affected by an addict. Saturdays, 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.  
1 p.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Bridge games weekdays, 10 a.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark Rd. For lessons, contact Dr. Dave Glandorf, bridge instructor, at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or 281-488-6318. Cost is \$6 per game or \$15 per lesson. For more information, call the club at 281-486-1911.  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**  
1 p.m.  
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2 p.m.  
**Grief Support Group** - For any adult who has lost a loved one. Meets Sundays, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas, 2 to 3:15 p.m., First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. For information, call 281-487-8787.  
5:30 p.m.  
**Celebrate Recovery** - A faith-based 12-Step Program, Sundays, 5:30 p.m., Chapel of the Educational Building at Life Church in Houston, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for information or to RSVP for child care.  
6:30 p.m.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** - Candlelight Meeting, Sunday, 6:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.  
7 p.m.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous NA meets Sundays, 7 p.m., 2245 N. Main St.,

Pearland (building next to pawn shop). For more information, call 713-856-1611.  
8 p.m.  
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**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 - LABOR DAY**  
10 a.m.  
**Al-Anon Deer Park** - Monday, 10 to 11 a.m., Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P. St., Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall, back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for information.  
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11:30 a.m.  
**Overeaters Anonymous Deer Park** - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P. Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for information, or just drop in.  
Noon  
**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon at 2245 N. Main (building next to pawn shop). For more information, call 713-856-1611.  
2 p.m.  
**Genealogy Group** - Parker Williams Genealogy Group meets from 2 to 4 p.m. on first and third Mondays of each month at the Parker Williams Library, Beamer at Scarsdale. Public is invited. For information, email Liz Hicks at eeroottrot@usa.net.  
3:30 p.m.  
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6:30 p.m.

**New Directions Singles** - Group for ages 55 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner, 6:30 p.m., at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Parkway, Webster. The dinner may include guest speakers and/or group activities. For more information, call Bambi at 281-482-7143 or 281-795-4514.

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**Pearland Overeaters Anonymous How Meeting** - meets Mondays at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway (FM 518). Enter door closest to recycling bins. For more information, call 713-865-3668 or visit [www.oahouston.org](http://www.oahouston.org).

7 p.m.

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

**Friends Helping Friends Grief Support Group** - Group meets Mondays, Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster, 7 to 8:15 p.m., in the staff meeting room. Anyone who has lost a loved one is welcome. Free. For information, call Betty Bielat at 281-474-3430 or Diana Kawalec at 281-334-1033.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

7 a.m.

**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" each Tuesday through Friday at 7 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, in the Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in. 9:30 a.m.

**CCART** - The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers meets the second Tuesday of each month, Sept. through May, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Bay Area Community Center, 5002 Nasa Parkway in Seabrook near Landolt Pavilion. Texas retired school employees from surrounding school districts welcome to attend and join. Annual dues are \$35. 9:30 a.m.

**Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - Exhibits include dioramas, an old-time kitchen and a turn-of-the-century doctor's office. Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For information, call 713-472-0565. 10 a.m.

**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Bridge games weekdays, 10 a.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark Rd. For lessons, contact Dr. Dave Glandorf, bridge instructor, at [drdglanford@sbcglobal.net](mailto:drdglanford@sbcglobal.net) or 281-488-6318. Cost is \$6 per game or \$15 per lesson. For more information, call the club at 281-486-1911. 10:30 a.m.

**Tri-County Republican Women** - General meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month, except June and July, Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Drive, Pearland. Lunch available for \$15. Must have exact cash or make checks payable to Golfcrest Country Club. For reservations, call Laura Morgan at 281-484-8083. Noon

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**Rotary Club of Pearland** - Meets weekly, Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Drive, Pearland. Lunch is served for \$15. Variety of interesting speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or visit [nalix@texascitizensbank.com](mailto:nalix@texascitizensbank.com). 1 p.m.

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**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** - TOPS #1530 meets at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road, at 1:30 p.m. For information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713. 6 p.m.

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**Harris County Master Gardeners** - The Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 offers free evening gardening lectures the second Tuesday of each month at the Clear Lake meeting room (lakeside) at 5001 NASA Parkway. Programs will be held at 6:30 p.m. Visit the website for a list of topics and location at <https://hcmga.tamu.edu> or call 281-855-5600. 7 p.m.

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

**Houston Space City Lions Club** - Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m., Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway. For information, call George Malone at 281-438-7243. 8 p.m.

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

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

7 a.m.

**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" each Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, in the Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or drop in. 9:30 a.m.

**Young at Heart Club** - Meets the second and fourth week of each month (except November and December) at Covenant United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Lots of activities, trips, etc. Call Nellie Galney at 713-991-3517 for more information.

10 a.m.

**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Bridge games weekdays, 10 a.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark Rd. For lessons, contact Dr. Dave Glandorf, bridge instructor, at [drdglanford@sbcglobal.net](mailto:drdglanford@sbcglobal.net) or 281-488-6318. Cost is \$6 per game or \$15 per lesson. For more information, call the club at 281-486-1911. 11:30 a.m.

**American Business Women's Association Bay Area Vision Chapter** - Now meets at Perry's Steakhouse & Grille, 487 Bay Area Blvd., on the second Wednesday of every month. For more information, or to RSVP, call Lorilyn Wynn at 281-388-5202. Noon

**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon at 2245 N. Main (next to pawn shop). For information, call 713-856-1611. 6 p.m.

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

**Alzheimer's Support Group** - The free group meets the second Wednesday of each month at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. For more information, call Steven Williams at 281-929-4199 or 713-266-6400. 7 p.m.

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

**Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center** - Confidential domestic violence support group for women, 7 p.m., 210 S. Walnut off NASA Pkwy. between I-45 South and Highway 3. Call 281-338-7600 or visit [www.bayareaturningpoint.com](http://www.bayareaturningpoint.com) for information. 24-hour crisis hotline is 281-286-2525. **Bay Area New Democrats** - Meet at the Clear Lake Court House at 1020 W. NASA Pkwy., Suite 204. For more information, visit [www.bayareanewdemocrats.org](http://www.bayareanewdemocrats.org).

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

7 a.m.

**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" each Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in. 9:30 a.m.

**NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse** - Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 a.m., Praise Chapel, 18516 Highway 3 in Webster. Public welcome and encouraged to bring others. For information, call 281-910-1971. 10 a.m.

**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Bridge games weekdays, 10 a.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark Rd. For lessons, contact Dr. Dave Glandorf, bridge instructor, at [drdglanford@sbcglobal.net](mailto:drdglanford@sbcglobal.net) or 281-488-6318. Cost is \$6 per game or \$15 per lesson. For more information, call the club at 281-486-1911. 11:30 a.m.

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

**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, 2245 N. Main (building next to pawn shop). For information, call 713-856-1611. 4 p.m.

**Houston Area Parkinson Society** - Free water exercise for individuals with Parkinson's disease, 4 to 5 p.m., Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital Clear Lake, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Call 713-313-1652 or visit [www.hapsonline.org](http://www.hapsonline.org) for a list of all services. 7 p.m.

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

**Al-Anon (English Speaking)** - Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Room 215. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in. **Alateen** - Provides support for teenage children, friends and family members of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday at 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, room 208. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in. 8:30 p.m.

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# South Belters share 2015 vacation photos

## Janaceks take grandchildren on RV road trip to San Francisco

Larry and Bonnie Janacek spent 11 days, July 13-23, on an RV trip with their four grandchildren ages 6 to 10 – Kyle Janacek, Kamryn Janacek, Aiden Remedis and Justin Remedis. The family traveled to and from Houston to San Francisco, Calif., driving and stopping to see the sights in New Mexico and Arizona. They stayed at a different camp-

ground each night except for the three nights in Petaluma, Calif. (40 miles north of San Francisco), where they stayed in a KOA and visited the sights of San Francisco. The favorites for the children were White Sands, N.M., and the tour of Alcatraz in San Francisco. This was a great trip that the grandchildren say they are ready to do again.



Departing in the family's rented Cruise America RV are, left to right, Bonnie Janacek, Justin Remedis, Aiden Remedis, Kamryn Janacek, Kyle Janacek and Larry Janacek. The picture of the dog in the window came with the RV, but got a lot of attention at the RV parks.



Kerrville-Schreiner Park, Kerrville, Texas – Aiden Remedis with "Flat Stanley" from his school.



White Sands, N.M. – Kamryn Janacek and Aiden Remedis.



Above, at Ghiradelli Square in San Francisco are Larry Janacek, Kyle Janacek, Aiden Remedis, Justin Remedis, Brian Janacek, Kamryn Janacek and Bonnie Janacek.



On the Alcatraz tour, Kamryn Janacek stands at the door of an escaped prisoner's cell.



In San Francisco, in line for Alcatraz Cruise are Justin Remedis (front), Kamryn Janacek, Kyle Janacek and Aiden Remedis.



San Francisco – Alcatraz with Bay Bridge in the background – Aiden Remedis, Kamryn Janacek, Justin Remedis and Kyle Janacek.



San Francisco – Kamryn Janacek, Aiden Remedis, Kyle Janacek and Justin Remedis wait in line for a trolley car ride.



Holbrook, Ariz. – At the Petrified Forest, Kyle Janacek, Aiden Remedis, Justin Remedis and Kamryn Janacek sit atop a 200-million-year-old petrified log.

## Gonzalez family enjoys fun, sun in Cancun

Jesus and Elizabeth Gonzalez and their family, Karina, Miranda and Emily spent their nine-day summer vacation in Cancun, Mexico. The couple were also celebrating their 17th wedding anniversary on Aug. 1, 2015. On the vacation, they took a river tour in Xcaret, a pyramid tour in Chichen Itza, and other tours in Cancun.



At right, Miranda poses on an extra-large chair on the beach.



After a long day in Xcaret, Karina, above, decided she needed a little break to rest in the heat and sunshine.



"Natives" with Karin, Miranda and Emily near Chichen Itza.



Local Mayans being "fierce" with Emily, Miranda and Karina.



Above, Emily, Elizabeth and Miranda swim in the Xenote near Chichen Itza. The Xenote is supposed to make one younger by seven years. Below is a view of the ceiling in the Xenote.



Karina and Elizabeth appear to be jumping over a pyramid.



Traveling down the river at Xcaret River Park. The water was nice and cold at approximately 75 degrees.



Top: Miranda and Karina Bottom: Karina and Elizabeth

## Interfaith Care Partners Ministry meets Sept. 18

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

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

The next gathering will be held in the Mother Cabrini Center at the church on Friday, Sept. 18. For more information or to register a loved one, call Interfaith Care Partners at 713-682-5995 or visit the website at [www.interfaithcarepartners.org](http://www.interfaithcarepartners.org).

## Lemasters and family visit Norway

Johnny and Kathy Lemaster left the Texas heat for a two-week vacation in Norway. Accompanying them were Kathy's brother and his wife, Kermit and Sandy Tandberg. Kathy and Kermit's grandfather immigrated from Norway to the United States when he was 17 years old. The first week of their trip was spent in the Oslo/Drammen area visiting with family and sightseeing. They toured a Viking Ship museum, Akershus Fortress and the Norsk Folkemuseum among other sites. They took a train from Oslo to Copenhagen where they saw beautiful landscapes, farming country and large cities. In Copenhagen, they boarded a cruise ship and enjoyed a seven-day cruise of the Norwegian Fjords. Ports of call were Stavanger, Bergen, Alesund and Geiranger. While in port at Geiranger, Kathy's cousin, Marius Karlsen, who is in the Norwegian Air Force, did a fly-by with four F-16 fighter planes.



Counter-clockwise from top left: Johnny and Kathy at the Norsk Folkemuseum with grass covered roof houses in Oslo; Johnny (showing his Texas Pride) and Kathy at Geiranger Fjord; Kathy, Johnny, Sandy and Kermit on a sailboat with cousin Gro Karlsen in Drammen, Norway; Kathy and Johnny at the home where her grandfather grew up in Sande, Norway; Kathy at the home of Norway's national composer, Edvard Grieg, in Bergen, Norway; Johnny and Kathy making a "troll" friend in Geiranger, Norway.



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## CCART meets

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The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. All Texas retired school employees from the area are invited. Annual dues are \$45.



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