

Easter egg hunts planned

Two Easter egg hunts are planned for South Belt families on Saturday, March 31.

Kirkwood South

Kirkwood South Christian Church, located at 10811 Kirkfair, will hold its annual Easter egg hunt on Saturday, March 31, from 10 a.m. to noon. The hunt is open to children ages 2 to 12. The event will also feature crafts and refreshments. The Easter egg hunt is free and open to the public. For additional information, contact Lacreitia McReynolds at 281-481-1735 or lamcreynolds@sbcglobal.net.

American Legion

The American Legion Post 490, located at 11702 Galveston Road, will host its annual Easter egg hunt Saturday, March 31, beginning at 11 a.m. The event is open to children 10 years of age and younger. Free hot dogs and drinks will be provided. Children must provide their own baskets. For more information, call 281-481-1179.

Clear Brook holiday info

The offices of the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District will be closed Friday, March 30, in observance of the Easter holiday. They will reopen on Monday, April 2, at 8 a.m. For convenience, payments may be left in the drop box located on the drive-thru window side of the building.

Trash pickup

Clear Brook City MUD residents who have regular trash service on Tuesday/Friday will have service on Good Friday, March 30.

All trash should be at curbside no later than 7 a.m. Residents missing this trash pickup date will be serviced Tuesday, April 3.

Residents with Monday/Thursday service will not be affected.

Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one northbound and southbound frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from the IH-610 South Loop to Edgemoor/Clearwood will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Friday, March 30.

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from FM-518 to FM-517 in League City will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Saturday, April 7. Alternate entrance and exit ramps will be closed.

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

Beverly Hills to meet

The Beverly Hills Civic Club will hold a meeting Thursday, March 29, at the Beverly Hills Community Center, located at 10201 Kingspoint, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. New officers will be elected at the function.

LSA presents Annie

Lutheran South Academy's Drama Department presents the musical *Annie* April 5 through 8 at the San Jacinto South Fine Arts Center, 13735 Beamer. Performances are at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, with a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7.50 for students and may be purchased at <http://www.luthersouth.org/>.

Highland Meadow to meet

The Highland Meadow HOA's monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 4, at 7 p.m. at the Highland Meadow pool building, located at 11419 Brook Meadow. Homeowners are encouraged to attend. Questions prior to the meeting may be directed to Alma Reyes with C.I.A. Services at 713-981-9000 or CustomerCare@ciaservices.com.

Dolphins hold registration

The Southbelt Dolphins football, cheer and drill teams will hold registration at the Sagemont Community Center, located at 11507 Hughes Road, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 31, and Saturday, April 28. Total cost is \$300. Required deposit at registration is \$150. For more information, call Raoul Garza at 281-481-7880.

Ellington recycling closure

The Ellington Field/Clear Lake Neighborhood Recycling Center will be temporarily closed so city crews can install a solar LED light fixture and a CCTV security camera. The goal of this effort is to combat illegal dumping while providing security lighting. The project is expected to be complete by June.

For additional information on the improvements, contact City Council Member Dave Martin's office at 832-393-3008 or districtc@houstontx.gov.

Library friends seek items

The Friends of Parker Williams Branch Library, located at 10851 Scarsdale, is seeking donations of current, gently used fiction and nonfiction books, especially adult soft-backs, pocket books and children's books. CDs and DVDs will also be accepted. The items will be sold to fund summer programs and other expenses.

Mayor speaks at Martin town hall meeting

Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner made an unannounced appearance at the Lone Star Flight Museum at Ellington Airport Thursday, March 22, to address City Council Member Dave Martin's town hall meeting.

While the functions usually serve to promote the city's Capital Improvement Projects, the mayor used the opportunity to discuss ongoing recovery efforts from Hurricane Harvey.

"More rain fell on the Houston region than in any other region in the country in the country's history," Turner said. "More than 50 inches of rain fell on the Houston area. So there was a whole lot of water."

According to Turner, 345,000 structures in the city were impacted by the storm. Of those, 135,000 were single-family dwellings. In the southern portion of District E alone, there were

approximately 4,080 damaged structures, Turner said.

To combat this, Turner has proposed multiple options, such as expanding channels, adding detention basins and elevating homes and structures. The mayor is also a staunch supporter of the proposed coastal spine.

"We've had a lot of talks about the coastal spine, and we need to realize that that's something that needs to be included in the equation," Turner said. "It costs about \$12 billion for the coastal spine, but it's better to do something on the front end than wait for disaster to hit and then try to recover."

Turner referenced three "fronts" for funding sources.

The first front of funding is already available through the state's General Land Office. According to Turner, residents are eligible for \$17,000 to make their homes livable or \$60,000 to make permanent repairs.

The second front for funding involves roughly \$5 billion that was approved by Congress this past December. While those funds have been specifically earmarked for the region, they must still go through the feds, then to the state, before reaching the city. Turner said it would likely take until August to receive this funding.

The third front of funding is an additional \$89 billion approved by Congress. These funds, however, are to be divided among Texas, California, Florida, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Again, the money must first go through the feds and then the state, before reaching the city. These funds won't likely be available until December, Turner said.

The mayor is taking steps to help speed up this process.

"We're working with all of our stakeholders and partners to see if we can expedite that time line because, quite frankly, people need that money right now," Turner said.



City Council Member Dave Martin (left) hosted his annual CIP town hall meeting Thursday, March 22, at the Lone Star Flight Museum at Ellington Airport. Seated to Martin's left is Mayor Sylvester Turner, who was a guest speaker at the event.

Threat places Frazier on lockdown

An unspecified external threat caused Frazier Elementary to be temporarily placed on lockdown Friday, March 23.

According to school officials, a "possible threat" was detected at approximately 10:45 a.m., prompting the campus to go into "secured perimeter" lockdown. This entails bringing in all students from outside and locking all exterior doors.

Administrators deemed the campus safe around 11 a.m., and the school schedule continued as normal.

A message was sent to parents notifying them of the event.

This marked the second time this month the campus experienced a scare. On Monday, March 5, the school dismissed late after a possible shooting was reported nearby.

Traffic stop leads to felony arrests

A traffic stop led to multiple felony arrests on Thursday, March 22.

According to Lt. Mike Kritzler from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office, the incident began around 1 p.m. when local contract deputies pulled over a vehicle in the 13000 block of Scarsdale for having illegal window tint.

Upon making contact with the driver and oc-

cupants, deputies detected the smell of burnt marijuana coming from the inside of the vehicle. All occupants were detained as deputies conducted a search of the vehicle.

The search yielded 2.5 ounces of marijuana and multiple other items believed to be stolen in burglaries. Two stolen firearms were recovered.

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Morman addresses state of Precinct 2

By James Bolen

Dozens of community leaders and elected representatives were in attendance Thursday, March 22, as Harris County Commissioner Jack Morman delivered an address on the current state of Precinct 2.

Represented by Morman since 2011, Precinct 2 includes more than 380 employees operating 50 parks, 17 community centers, more than 1,300 miles of county roads, the Lynchburg Ferry and the Washburn Tunnel. The precinct also includes 99 percent of the Houston Ship Channel and the Port of Houston. Composed of 15 separate cities, Precinct 2 has twice the number of cities as any other precinct in the county.

Morman spoke at length about Hurricane Harvey and its subsequent recovery, as well as future flood mitigation efforts.

"This past year Harris County was on the re-

ceiving end of one of the worst flooding events in our nation's history," Morman said. "Seven months ago Harris County and our region received over 50 inches of rain in just 4 days. I lost count of how many Astrodomes that amount of rain would fill. In unincorporated Harris County, over 30,000 residential structures flooded during Harvey, with approximately 5,700 homes flooded in Precinct 2. Our cities from top to bottom also were hit hard. Everyone was affected one way or the other, but the resolve of the people of Harris County, both during the storm, and throughout the recovery process, has been inspiring to witness."

In just the unincorporated parts of Precinct 2, crews and contractors picked up more than 260,000 cubic yards of debris. That's enough to fill more than 16,000 dump trucks.

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Deputies bust local prostitution ring

Deputies from Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Chris Diaz's office recently busted a prostitution ring operating out of a residence in the 11400 block of Gnarwood.

On Feb. 26, South Belt contract deputies performed a welfare check on the aforementioned residence. While there, deputies observed signs of possible prostitution and human trafficking, prompting them to request the assistance from the Precinct 2 Special Operations Division to

conduct a follow-up investigation.

Over the next few weeks, Special Operations deputies conducted surveillance on this residence and began working the case.

On March 20, deputies with the Precinct 2 Special Operations Division were able to locate an advertisement for a possible prostitution meet-up on a well-known prostitution website. This advertisement was for the residence located

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County hosts Easter egg hunt



Harris County officials hosted their 28th annual Easter egg hunt at El Franco Lee Park on Saturday, March 24. Adults shown above at the event are, left to right, Precinct 2 Constable Chris Diaz; state Rep. Carol Alvarado; and Justice of the Peace Jo Ann Delgado. Children shown above are, left to right, Sophia Garza, 6; Tegan Martinez, 3; Diana Armenta, 9; and Nicole Garcia, 2.

Photo by David Ellison

Dobie's Sory remembered



Dobie High School's first principal, Allen M. Sory (left), died Tuesday, March 20, at the age of 96. Sory was responsible for establishing the local campus's name, mascot and school colors. Shown above with Sory in a rare photo of all five Dobie principals are, left to right, Frank Braden, Jerry Speer, Steve Jamail and Franklin Moses.

Photo submitted

Dobie's first principal, Sory, dies at 96

Allen M. Sory, who served as the first principal of Dobie High School died Tuesday, March 20, at the age of 96.

Sory served as Dobie principal from the campus's opening in 1968 until his retirement in 1979. It was Sory who came up with the local high school's name, mascot and colors.

Prior to his time at Dobie, Sory taught science at South Houston High School from its opening in 1957 until 1963. He also taught at Pasadena High School and served as assistant principal at Sam Rayburn High School.

There was an outpouring of support on social media from former students and staff members alike.

"The JFD family has lost a great and humble man," said 1972 Dobie graduate Karen Curtis Edwards on the Dobie High School Gone But Not Forgotten Facebook page. "He opened his school with his heart and his arms open to all his

students. More than once I saw him shed a tear for one of us. He spoke and listened with respect and usually with a smile. I remember his smile, it showed me that he cared. My sincere thoughts and prayers for his family and all of his JFD students."

This sentiment was shared by former Dobie Latin teacher and Academic Decathlon coach Richard Golenko.

"Mr. Sory was a fine man with a strong interest in academic achievement," Golenko said. "He was the perfect principal to open a new school. Although I don't recall him using the term 'Dobie Pride,' his leadership exemplified it. He certainly had a lasting impact on this retired educator. My sincerest condolences to Mr. Sory's family and friends."

Funeral services were held at First United Methodist Church of Pasadena on Monday, March 26. See related obituary on Page 2A.

2 arrested in attempted ATM theft

Houston police arrested two men early Thursday, March 22, for attempting to steal an ATM from Texan Bank in the 12900 block of the Gulf Freeway.

Police were notified of the incident around 2 a.m. when they received two separate alerts – one involving a stolen pickup truck that was used in the attempted heist and one from an alarm company stating the ATM had been disturbed.

Using a GPS tracker, the owner of the stolen truck was able to locate his truck at the Texan Bank. Upon his arrival at the bank, the truck owner witnessed two men attempting to load the ATM into the truck using a front-end loader, also later determined to be stolen.

Police arrived at the scene before the men were able to successfully load the ATM into the

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In My Opinion

Ganje thankful to all helpers at Fun Fest

Clear Brook City MUD and the South Belt – Ellington Chamber of Commerce had the privilege of hosting the 3rd Annual Family Fun Fest at Clear Brook City MUD on Saturday, March 24, 2018. What a wonderful time for all! While we all technically live in the huge metropolis of Houston, our South Belt community strives to maintain a small town relationship with all who live here. The Board of Directors of Clear Brook City MUD and its' employees work tirelessly to maintain family friendly parks and sponsor events that everyone can enjoy. Both CBC MUD and the South Belt – Ellington Chamber of Commerce work to promote and insure the success of our local business members.

The event could not have taken place without the many community volunteers and members of the Chamber. Area officials volunteering for the event include CBC MUD Board Members Chuck Tyka, Kelly Buckman and Jim Towey, PISD Board Member Kenny Fernandez, Harris County Precinct One Learning Center Director Dave Matthews and his crew, PISD Associate Superintendent of Campus Development Alyta Harrell and JSC Federal Credit Union Cynthia Hawk. Organizations include Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's Lt. Mike Kritzer, Sgt. Robert Sanchez and the officers that make up his precinct along with the many volunteer members of the SVFD.

Sponsors of the event included Steve Sipes State Farm, Liberty Chiropractic, San Jacinto College, Little Longhorns Daycare, CrossRoads Church, *South Belt Ellington Leader*, South Belt Graphics and Printing, Niagara Bottling, Texas Pride Disposal, Lutheran South Academy, Shell Federal Credit Union, STAR Business Solutions and Team Sylvia

There were many individuals who worked months to prepare for this event. Thank you to Chamber President/CEO Kay Barbour, Christina Davis, Tearie Szydlo, Sharon Turner, Otilia Robles, Linda Webster, Mary Maddox, David Flickinger and The Fun Bunch from the Chamber. My apologies for anyone I may have overlooked. The point being, because of so many thoughtful and caring folks, our community benefited and had a great family event in which to participate.

We are already planning for our 4th Annual Family Fun Fest for 2019. We sincerely hope that you and your family enjoyed your fun day in the park and we all look forward to an even better time next year.

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GM of Administration
Clear Brook City MUD

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Publisher's note: The following is a

CCART sets meeting for April

The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers will hold its April meeting on Tuesday, April 17. The meetings are held at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway in Seabrook. The featured speaker is Johanna Wycoff, author of *Dancing in the Bomb Shelters-My Diary of Holland in World War II*. Her book chronicles the German occupation of Holland in 1940 and her wartime experiences hiding Jewish friends and encountering Schutzstaffel brutality. The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. with a social gathering for coffee and cookies. The business meeting will begin at 10 a.m. All Texas retired school employees from the area are invited. The annual dues are \$50.

Holy Week at St. Luke scheduled

The Catholic Community of St. Luke the Evangelist has scheduled its dates and times for Holy Week. On Holy Thursday, March 29, the Mass of the Lord's Supper, which is multilingual, will start at 7 p.m. At 11:15 p.m., the night prayer and close of the night watch will take place in the parish hall. There will be no confessions.

On Good Friday, March 30, the morning prayer will be held at 9 a.m., the Veneration of the Cross and Communion Service will be held at 3 p.m., the English Stations of the Cross will be at 6 p.m. and the Spanish version of the Veneration of the Cross and Communion Service will be held at 7:30 p.m.

On Holy Saturday, March 31 the morning prayer, Laudes, will be held at 9 a.m. and the Great Easter Vigil will be held at 8:30 p.m. There will be no confessions.

On Easter Sunday, April 1, there will be several services. Mass will be celebrated in the church at 7:30 a.m., 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. There will also be Mass in the parish hall at 9:30 a.m. to accommodate overflow at 9:15 Mass. There will be a Mass in Spanish in the church at 1 p.m.

Local library events set

Bracewell Branch Library

The following events are scheduled for the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint this week:

Saturday, March 31, 10:30 a.m. Spanish computer basic class
Tuesday, April 3, 10:30 a.m. Family storytime
Tuesday, April 3, 11:15 a.m. Preschool playtime
Wednesday, April 4, 10:30 a.m. Polliwog Nature Club, sponsored by Harris County Precinct One, provides an event for children to hop into nature by developing nature knowledge and skills through a variety of books, songs, crafts, and hands-on experiences with live animals. Each program is offered as a 5-week series.

Wednesday, April 4, Computer courses: 2 p.m. Computer Basics; 3:15 p.m. Internet Basics; 4:30 p.m. Basic Powerpoint

For information about Bracewell Library, call 832-393-2580.
Bracewell hours this week are: Thursday, noon – 8 p.m.; Friday, 10 – 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Sunday, closed; Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Parker Williams Library

The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd: Tax help is available Monday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. from AARP Foundation volunteers. Bring appropriate documents. See related article on sidebar of Page 1A. There will be no tax assistance on Good Friday, March 30.

All Harris County Public Libraries close for Easter at 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 29. Parker Williams Library reopens on Monday, April 2, at 1 p.m.

Monday, April 2, 2 – 4 p.m. The Parker Williams Genealogy Group is an informal group that meets the first and third Monday of each month (unless the library is closed) to discuss family history research (beginner to advanced). Meetings are free and open to anyone interested in tracing family history.

Monday, April 2, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Microsoft Excel I. Learn how to use Microsoft Excel for business or personal use. Classes led by Microsoft Office user specialist Lizett Ceja. Registration is requested.

Monday, April 2, 6 p.m. Magic: The Gathering Gameplay, for ages 8 and older
Tuesday – Wednesday, April 3 – 4, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Free GED classes registration. Students must attend both days of registration.

Tuesday, April 3, 10:30 a.m. Basic computer classes: Learn mouse, keyboarding, basic internet skills and more. Registration requested.

Tuesday, April 3, 2 p.m. Estate planning: Join attorney William D. Archer to learn about estate planning, requirements to probate a will and how to avoid probate, what to do when a loved one passes, utilizing trusts, and using Transfer on Death Deeds. This program is free, but register by signing up on our events calendar or calling the library at 281-484-2036.

Wednesday, April 4 from 1 to 2 p.m. Basic computer classes (Vietnamese). Learn mouse, keyboarding, basic internet skills and more at this weekly class in Vietnamese. Registration is requested.

Below are the programs that occur every week:
Wednesdays, Preschool storytime, 10:30 a.m. For children, ages 3 to 5 years, storytime features stories, songs, fingerplays and a craft.

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

Saturdays, Vietnamese Learning Time. Classes begin at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. For more information on these programs, speak with Loc Bui.

For more information on any events, call the library at 281-484-2036.

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

letter from Laredo addressing the help she received with the Prayer Walk.

Marie,
Thank you so much for printing my letter in the Southbelt Leader this month. I got to meet your sister and was glad she joined us.

Our councilman Dwight Boykins also joined us and we were all glad to meet him.

I plan to have another prayer walk soon, but am making a decision where and when in the next couple of weeks. Thanks again for your support.

Patricia Laredo

Muecke comments on Martin's meeting

Publisher's note: The following is a letter from Muecke addressed to Council Member Dave Martin.

Good morning Councilman Martin,
Yes, it was a very good meeting and well attended. I liked NASA but this location was much nicer and convenient for a number of people. Also, gave me a free look around of just what really won WW II. Use this location again.

All presenters did a good job, I just wish more people would stand up, ask questions and get involved.

The mayor did a good job on hitting a number of important topics. He mentioned what foreigners look at Houston for, NASA and the Rodeo. Need to run this by you. Ever since I became active in this community I looked at ways to rebuild Freeway Manor. Location, Location, location. This community is now 60 years old, some nice but old houses on nice big lots. We are 10 miles from downtown, 3 miles from Hobby, 2 miles from the beltway, 6 miles from Ellington, 15 from NASA, Baybrook shopping center that is growing leaps and bounds and 40 miles from Galveston. Easy commute in all directions and being next to Pasadena. My dream was to have some one come in and re develop this area of Freeway Manor, Sun Valley and Gulfway Terrace. Lets go back to Bellaire, it had a bad reputation, do not move there. Look at what redevelopment has done for that area.

Once you get this flooding issue up and running lets explore how this area can be re-developed into a first class location. It will be the center point for southeast Houston. Keep up the good work for this community.

James E. Muecke
Hawk concerned over debris, flooding

I am very concerned about flooding in our area with piles of loose debris still in yards in Sageglen likely to clog gutters.

The HOA's need to get them to get it cleaned up. There is a trash can lid in a gutter opening on Scarsdale. Hoping the 4 – 6 " moves north.

Cynthia Hawk

Elected officials share their words

Garcia comments on HISD superintendent vacancy

Texas State Sen. Sylvia Garcia issued the following statement regarding the current vacancy in Superintendent for the Houston Independent School District:

"In light of the current situation facing Houston ISD,

the families and the community it serves, I urge the board of trustees to act swiftly to decide how the next Superintendent will be picked," said Garcia.

"The students, teachers and community need to know as

soon as possible how the district will move forward. The current board of trustees is the most diverse in the district's history and I trust that they will take into account the vast diversity of Houston in the search for new leadership."

CrossRoads announces Easter events

CrossRoads United Methodist Church has announced the following dates and times for its upcoming Easter events. CrossRoads is located at 10030 Scarsdale Blvd.

The UMC Chancel Choir will present the Easter musical cantata "Salvation Story" under the direction of Wayne Browne and musical accompaniment of Loretta Longoria Russo. The presentation will be on Thursday, March 29, at 7 p.m. at Crossroads UMC on Scarsdale. All are invited.

A special bilingual Good Friday service will be held on March 30 at 7:30 p.m.

The third annual CrossRoads egg hunt will be held on Saturday, March 31, at 10 a.m. and features face painting, music and fun activities.

CrossRoads will have three Easter services on Sunday, April 1. The traditional church service will be at 8 a.m., the contemporary service will be at 9 a.m. and the Spanish service will be at 10:30 a.m.

AARP offers free tax help

Volunteers from AARP Foundation Tax-Aide will be available to answer questions and offer tax preparation at Parker Williams Public Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., on Mondays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through April 16. There will be no help available on Friday, March 30, as the library will be closed for Easter. This service is free and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Bring Social Security cards or other official documentation for oneself and all dependents, last year's income tax return, W-2 forms from each employer, unemployment compensation statements, forms and other necessary forms to help the volunteer complete the return. For more information, visit aarp.org/taxaide.

Frazier Pre-K Round Up announced

Frazier Elementary will host the Pre-K Round Up on Wednesday, May 2, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. This meeting will provide information on Frazier's pre-K program and criteria for qualifying, and each family will be scheduled for an individual preregistration appointment to take place sometime in May. To qualify for pre-K, a child must turn four years old by Sept. 1.

Lariaettes hold upcoming annual spring show

The J. Frank Dobie Lariaettes and Dance Department will be holding the annual spring show, "Lariaettes Live from the Red Carpet" April 5, 6 and 7 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium at Dobie High School. Admission is \$10, and tickets can be purchased presale from any Lariaette, or at the door while supplies last. Come and support the Lariaettes and dance students as they perform for the last time during the 2017-2018 school year.

Leader checks out social media

By **Laura Benavides Scallan**

A new member of the *Pets of Southbelt* Facebook group is looking for their puppy, "Lil Dude." He went missing March 25. He is a five-month-old lab/pit mix. The dog is black with a white chest and white paws. If found, contact the owner on Facebook. The post has also been shared to the *Pets of Southbelt* Facebook page.

There have been several comments on the *Pets of Southbelt* Facebook page and the *Alameda Southeast* Next-door page concerning the ducks at the former Joe's Crab Shack location near Fuqua. (See photo below.)

A white, F-250 Ford truck was stolen from the parking lot behind House of Pies on March 23. The owner of the truck posted surveillance video of the robbery on the *Southbelt/Sagemont Crime Alert* Facebook group. The alleged thief later posted the truck for sale on Facebook.

A dog was found and posted on the *Pets of Southbelt* Facebook page. The dog was found near Riverstone Ranch at Clear Creek close to the intersection of Riverstone Ranch Drive and South Belt Elementary. The dog is a black female, with a white stripe going down its chest. The finder can only house the dog for a few days.

A dog with a collar and what seems to be part of a

leash was found at Thompson Intermediate and reported to the *Pets of Southbelt* Facebook group. The dog may have broken free from the leash. The dog is black with brown and white markings. The dog has been taken home by a staff member. To claim the dog, contact the member through Facebook.

King, a German shepherd, has been reported missing and the owner's post was shared on the *Pets of Southbelt* Facebook page. If found, call 713-545-3135 or 832-434-6348.

A dog has also been spotted around the duck lake near the former Joe's Crab Shack location and posted to the *Pets of Southbelt* Facebook group. The dog is light brown with a spot on its side.

A solid orange and pregnant cat was being transported when the door came unhinged on the carrier. The cat escaped and was last seen on Hughes Road and Sageorchard Lane. The cat has been posted to the *Pets of Southbelt* Facebook page.

A member of the *Pets of Southbelt* Facebook page has cross shared a post off Next-door. There is a white dog with a brown spot over his right eye and ear that is roaming in Lakes of Highland Glen. The Facebook group member also cross shared another post off Nextdoor of a black and brown small dog

that was found.

The medium-sized brown dog was spotted again and posted to the *Pets of Southbelt* Facebook page. Pictures have been posted.

Another member of the same Facebook group has posted a photo of their missing dog, Duke. Duke is a chipped black and white boxer mix. If found, call 713-820-3525.

A black, medium-sized dog was posted on the *Pets of Southbelt* Facebook page. The dog was spotted off New Brunswick and Gotham behind Burnett Elementary.

Sammy Sosa, an orange tabby, has been reported as missing since March 15 on the *Pets of Southbelt* Facebook group. The cat is neutered, has a drooping belly, pink paw pads and a pink nose. If found, contact the owner at 281-487-3252 or 832-244-8044.

A black, medium-sized dog was posted to the same Facebook group. The dog was seen off New Brunswick and Gotham behind Burnett Elementary.

A member of the same Facebook group shared a post of an older looking Boxer that was seen in the Southdown neighborhood.

Roxas, a male, neutered, ragdoll cat is missing from the Riverstone Ranch subdivision. The owner has posted photos of Roxas. If found, call or text 832-602-9441.

Deaths

Allen M. Sory



Allen M Sory, 96, of Orlando, died March 20. (See related story Page 1A.) He was born in Fort Worth on Oct. 21, 1921, to Elmer and Erma Sory. He was married to Wanda for 65 years. (See related story Page 1A.)

Allen had a career in education and worked for the Pasadena Independent School District.

He was the first principal to serve J. Frank Dobie.

In that position, he was responsible for starting many of the practices that are continued at the school today.

Allen was a member of the Lions Club and First United Methodist Church of Pasadena. He had a passion for gardening and travel.

He was preceded in death by parents; sisters Loretta Clayton and Lounell Amsden; granddaughter Donna Brown; and daughter-in-law Earline Sory.

He is survived by his wife; his son Steve Sory; daughter Sheryl Tous and husband Jorge; grandchildren Teresa Queal, Kina Williamson and husband John, Denise Wood and husband Joe, Julia Tous, and Anna Tous; great-grandchildren Justin Sory, Daniel Sory, Cameron Queal, Jordan Queal, Austin Queal; and great-great-granddaughter, Addison Sory.

A funeral service was held Monday, March 26, at First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy. in Pasadena.

Allen was laid to rest at Forest Park Cemetery in Webster.

Joyce Ann Harper



After gracefully battling cancer for the past year, Joyce Ann Harper, 74, surrounded and comforted by her family, died on March 17, 2018.

She was born in Sanford, N.C. on April 6, 1943, to late parents Clawson and Hortence Womack. She was raised in Norfolk, Va., with her three brothers, Ronnie Womack, Roger Womack and Raymond Womack. She has been a resident of the South Belt area for the past 37 years. A devoted mother, she was preceded in death by her children Jimmy Harper, Sandi Harper and Tommy Harper.

Joyce was a proud member of the local bowling leagues for more than 50 years. She enjoyed fishing, gardening and caring for rescued animals, including several tortoises. Joyce enjoyed traveling to visit her family in North Carolina and Virginia. She will be remembered for her incredible strength, selfless heart and simple nature.

She is survived by Bill Harper, her loving husband of 56 years; her oldest son Eddie Harper and wife Sandra and their children David and Haley Harper; grandson Chad Harper and wife Anna Culp and their children Thomas and Sandi Harper; her best friend of 28 years Lisa Premm; as well as many other family members and countless friends.

Joyce was a compassionate caretaker to those around her. She was best known for her infamous deviled eggs, au gratin potatoes and pork chops. She was the true definition of strength and perseverance as she faced great adversity throughout her life. She was loved greatly by everyone who met her and her gentle spirit will be deeply missed.

Mary Frances Snedeker Bogan



Mary Frances Snedeker Bogan, longtime South Belt resident, died on Sunday, March 25, 2018 at Memorial Southeast Hospital after a long illness.

Mary was born in Houston on Dec. 9, 1941. Some who knew her say she was a wonderful wife, mother and the absolute best grandma, or "Buh-Buh," to her devoted three grandsons. She went to Southmayd Elementary, Deady Junior High and graduated from Milby High School a year early in 1959. She was smart, and had dreams to go to college and become a registered nurse. However, she ended up meeting Sammie Bogan, and the couple married in 1961. She decided to stay home to raise her three children, until her youngest was eight years old.

Mary went back into the workforce as a merchandiser for American Greetings. She loved that job, as it really reflected her personality, displaying greeting cards for people to buy to give to each other, to say things they couldn't "speak" otherwise. This is the person she was, the one everyone came to for advice and for spiritual guidance.

Mary loved the Lord, and she was always telling anyone who would listen to her that they needed to have a personal relationship with God. She quoted John 5:15, "Remember Jesus said, 'I am the vine; you are the branches...apart from me you can do nothing.'" and "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding," Proverbs 3:5.

The closeness of family was the next most important thing to Mary after her relationship with God because, as a child, she grew up mostly living at her grandmother's house. She loved her children fiercely and she and Sammie still lived with their oldest son Richard Bogan. Their daughter and son-in-law Mary and Eric Collins lived just minutes away with their three sons, Joshua Collins, Matthew Collins, and Michael Collins, and they were the light of Mary's life.

She spent countless hours a week on the phone and computer with them, playing games with them. They spent every weekend together, her daughter taking her to get her hair done each week and such, as she was her best friend, and they would always go back to her house for fun with the family. She was well loved and will be missed.

Visitation is at Niday Funeral Home, 12440 Beamer Road, on Friday, March 30, from 6 to 8 p.m. for friends and family. A celebration of life will be Saturday, March 31 at 10 a.m. at Niday Funeral Home. There will be a brief graveside service following at Rosewood Cemetery in Humble at 12:15 p.m.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on April 4 in the Chapel at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 8000 Eldorado Pkwy., Frisco.

Interment immediately following the funeral mass at Ridgeview Memorial Park cemetery, 7800 Sanctuary Drive, Frisco.

Diana Jeanne Saiz



Diana Jeanne Saiz, age 60, died on Saturday, March 24, 2018, after a courageous battle with breast cancer. Diana was born in Roswell, N.M., on June 5, 1957, to Joe and Elia Guadalupe Saiz.

She is the oldest of four siblings. Diana has resided in New Mexico, The Azores, Michigan, California and Texas.

Diana graduated from J. Frank Dobie High School in 1975 and took business courses from Houston Community College from 1985 to 1987.

She was employed by AT&T in 1977, retiring in 2015 with the position of Senior Validation Accountant. During that time, Diana relocated to Dallas when AT&T moved its operations there. Houston was her hometown but she made Dallas/Frisco her home.

Diana was active in local politics and was an alternate delegate from 2010 to 2011 for the Denton County Republican Party.

She also volunteered to serve in public relations for the Golden Corridor Republican Women's Club in 2013.

She was also a Mary Kay consultant and was recognized for her sales performance.

In 2014, Diana was diagnosed with breast cancer. During her treatment she continued her volunteer efforts in local GOP activities and strived to vote as long as her health permitted.

Diana was an activist who supported, donated and campaigned for many conservative candidates who ran for local, state and national offices.

Her hobbies included pencil drawing, tint painting art, coin collecting and American history art.

Diana was preceded in death by her father Joe Encarnacion Saiz of Houston; grandparents Jose and Emilia Saiz; aunt Mary-Louise Saiz; and cousins Cynthia L. Saiz-Dale and Alexander Saiz Jr., all from Albuquerque, N.M.

She is survived by her mother Elia Saiz; brothers David Saiz, Robert Saiz and Larry Saiz; sister-in-law Lupe Hernandez Saiz; and nieces and nephews Loris Saiz, Daniel Saiz, Kristi Saiz, Katie Saiz and Clint Saiz.

A visitation will be held at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home, 8520 Main Street, Frisco, Texas, on Tuesday, April 3, from 6 to 8 p.m. Liturgy of the Word and rosary begins at 6:30 p.m.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on April 4 in the Chapel at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 8000 Eldorado Pkwy., Frisco.

Interment immediately following the funeral mass at Ridgeview Memorial Park cemetery, 7800 Sanctuary Drive, Frisco.

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Ducks apparently not starving



There have been multiple comment threads on social media about the ducks at the former Joe's Crab Shack located near Fuqua and the Gulf Freeway. The restaurant has been closed for more than a year, and some residents are concerned about the welfare of the ducks. The holding pond where the ducks reside predates the opening of Joe's, as it was part of the Park at Fuqua development that previously occupied the space. A visit to the pond indicated the ducks appear to be healthy and well fed. One Facebook commenter said it would be illegal to relocate the birds, as they are state and federally protected animals.

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HM Easter egg hunt a success



Highland Meadow Homeowners Association held its Easter egg hunt at Highland Meadow Park. Shown above are the golden egg winners, bottom to top, Levy My-Linh Morales, 1-3 years age group; Ricky Barrera, 4-7 years age group; and Ava Siros, age 8 and older group. All were given a 2018 Easter bunny. In addition to golden egg winners, nine extra prizes of small Easter bunnies, Easter pens and bags of flavored popcorn were given to the various age groups. More than 1,500 eggs filled with candy were hidden throughout the park. Chili hot dogs, chips, punch and desserts were served.

Photo by Rudy Alafa

Melillo announces annual spring carnival

The 10th annual spring carnival will be held at Dixie Melillo Middle School on April 20 from 6 to 8 p.m. The carnival will include a dunking booth, an obstacle course, a rock wall, a cake walk, a silent gift basket auction and DJ C Rey will be set up. Food at the festival will include turkey legs, sausage on a stick, snow cones, nachos, popcorn and chopped barbecue sandwiches.

BAQG schedules April meeting

The Bay Area Quilt Guild meets the first Tuesday of each month. The April meeting will be on Tuesday, April 3, at the Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, located at 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Fellowship begins at 6:30 p.m. and the general meeting/program begins at 7 p.m.

The guest speaker is Cynthia Williford with the program "Embellishment, or Why I Quilt!" Plan to meet for a fun and informative evening.

Guests are welcome to attend two meetings at no charge. For more information, call Debby Benson at 713-248-8757 or check the website at bayareaquiltguild.org.

Girl Scouts donate Easter eggs



Stuchbery Elementary students Starrlyte Jodway (left), Sydnie Hile (center) and Marissa Vasquez, along with members of Girl Scout Troop 143009, filled more than 600 Easter eggs for pre-K and kindergarten classes for their spring service project. The eggs were used by Stuchbery pre-K and kindergarten classes to hold their annual Easter egg hunt.

Melillo announces honor rolls

Melillo Middle School has announced its honor roll for the third nine-weeks.

Honor Roll Fifth Grade

Rigoberto Alanis, Ariana Alaniz, Jonathan Alexander, Hailey Amora, Keiley Anthony, Daniel Arceneaux, Grace Arriola, Lorenzo Betancourt Mejia, Lorian Betancourt Mejia, Nathan Borjas, Kaylie Bui, Stephanie Bui, Emily Cano, Angelina Cao, Jonathan Carter, Paris Cervantes, Adam Daley, Alejandro Del Villar, Kristin Do, Vyvy Do and Abril Dosal.

Andre Espinosa, Evan Fernandez, Viviana Fernandez, Aniya Flemming, Ileana Garcia, Kai Gilhousen, Alfonso Gonzales-Adame, Gabriella Gonzalez, Mason Harris, Emily Hernandez, Marvin Jerezano, Grant Johnson, Joseph Jones, Xavier Keller, Jakovos-Panagiotis Kostikoglou, Yocelyn Lagos, Jacob Lam and Nathan Le.

Natalia Le Goenaga, Karyme Leal, Mayte Marfil, Natalie Martinez, Rubi Martinez, Kaylynn McClain, Vanessa Moreno, Trish Nguyen, Ryan Nguyen, Alan Nguyen, Uchenna Nwaodu, Avery Owens, Jabez Palma, Nikolas

Pelaez, Madison Puente, Natalie Quiroz, Alyssa Ramirez, Matthew Rangel and Jayden Reimer.

Robinson, Derek Rodriguez, Katherine Sabillon-Velasquez, Joseph Salazar, Vashiti Sanchez, Daniel Silva, Ethan Snow, Pitou So, Jason Ta, Ruby Tabarez, Tristan Tran, Nolan Tran, Andrew Ullman, Isaiah Vivier, Sophia Vu, Megan Vu and Addison Yount.

Sixth Grade

Jacob Aguirre, Chelsea Akinloye, Mai Anh Vo, Ezekiel Arriaga, Michelle Avalos, Noah Bahena, Shaira Balanta Pachon, Rosalyn Barber, Mya Bell, Joseph Benavides, Diego Camacho, Daniel Campero, Jill Canales, Camryn Collins, Heli Contreras, Ashley Cruz, Tyler Dang, Di Dao, Julissa Duarte, Vivian Duong, Gracie Dykstra, Dylan Erickson, Zoe Espinoza, Izabel Fernandez and Jesus Gamez Cepeda.

McKlaus Erick Garcia, Devin Garza, Ariana Garza, Kira Goeman, Karley Goeman, Lydia Golenko, Ricardo Gomez, Alexa Gonzalez, Alana Goree, Joshua Gracia, Madeline Hernandez, Julia Hernandez, Jazmin Hernandez, Tyler Hudgens, An

Huynh and Eric Huynh.

Bella Isales, Megan Johnson, Shalini Johnson, Makayla Johnson, Shana Kieselhorst, Sebastian King, Quynh Ky, Laura Landers, Emely Lazo, Dennis Le, Rachael Le, Tommy Le, Jordan Leahman, Nathan Lind, Joshua Lopez, Adriana Luna, Julie Machado, Cesar Martinez, Gabriela Martinez, Olivia McMahan and Darianny Mercedez.

David Miranda, Roselynn Molina, Michael Montano, John Moya, Tran Ngo, Quoc-An Ngo, Alex Nguyen, Tyler Nguyen, Troy Nguyen, Kail-ee Nguyen, Taylor Nguyen, Cindy Ni, Jacqueline Oba, Ayah Z. Palomares, Abigail Panza, Mary Grace Pelekamoyo, Belle Perridon and Haley Precella.

Jayden Rangel, Eduardo Reynero, Mandilynn Riley, Daniel Rodriguez, Sophia Rodriguez, Kaylee Ruiz, Valerie Salazar, Jorge Salinas, Emily Salinas, Ivan Sanchez, Aliyah Sanchez, Madelyn Sepulveda, Jasmine Stewart, Kenton Thai, Jimmy Tran, Nghia Tran, Vivica Valencia, Julissa Vega, Walter Velasquez, Isabelle Villegas, Cardin Vo, Hallie Vu, Iveen Vu, Stephen Wiggins and Alana Zambrano.

South Belt honors students, staff



South Belt Elementary honored students and faculty members for their outstanding contributions to the school in a School Family Assembly held on March 23. Shown with their awards are, left to right, (front row) Katelinh Moore, third-grade Pasadena Rotary Outstanding Student; Abigail Gutierrez, fourth-grade Pasadena Rotary Outstanding Student; (back row) Anh Ton, South Belt Teacher of the Year; and Kasi AlAyoubi, Pasadena Rotary Outstanding Faculty Member.

Straw named new CCISD Safe, Secure School Division director

The Clear Creek Independent School District has named retired Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Craig Straw as the director of the Safe and Secure Schools Division.

Straw proudly served the U.S. Air Force for 27 years. During his military tenure, Straw was involved in foreign military advisory and combat in global hot spots such as Iraq and Afghanistan, oversaw military logistics and security at U.S. Air Force bases along the East Coast and in Texas, and coordinated Hurricane Gustav and the Deep Water Gulf Spill recovery efforts.

"Chief Master Sergeant

Straw's expertise will provide the Clear Creek Independent School District a superior perspective and preparedness in regards to school safety matters," said Dr. Greg Smith, Superintendent of Schools. "His tactical, operational and strategic approach to security and emergency management response will further our ability to provide each student and staff member a nurturing and safe learning environment, every day."

Aside from his extensive military and intelligence experience, Straw deeply understands that school safety starts and ends with creating a culture based on a set

of core values like those in Clear Creek ISD. "Beyond the credentials, which are impressive, Craig has his own personal story of how moving from an unsafe school to a safe environment shaped his commitment to service and education," said Smith.

When asked what is his top priority for the Clear Creek Independent School District, Straw stated, "To provide a safe and secure environment for the growth and development of the next generation Americans and future world leaders."

Straw joined Clear Creek Independent School District on March 5, 2018.

Meador recognized, honor, merit rolls announced

Meador Elementary has announced its recognized, honor and merit rolls for the third nine-weeks.

Recognized Roll First Grade

Isabel Aguilar-Martinez, Madison Anderson, Brandon Anderson, Matthew Barragan, Savannah Boutte, Derek Broadwell, Diamondique Burton, Juan Ciudad, Solanch DeLeon, Angel Diaz, Ashly Dominguez, Carolyn Erazo, Daniel Garcia, Antonio Garza, Cesar Gonzalez, Alexa Guevara, Arlett Guzman and Paige Hladysch.

Madison Johnson, Vizion Jones, Kenberly Jones, Alexa Martinez, Kara McElfresh, Gregory Mneil, Jeanelle Melgoza, Isaac Montano, Elian Moreno, Caleb Navarro, Jesselyn North, Evelyn Padilla, Alyssa Picarro, Azul Pineda, Taaliiah Rasheed and Fabian Rodriguez.

Ke'asia Ross, Alexis Ruiz, David Salguero, Roman Salinas, Regina Saucedo, Daniel Savala, Gabriel Soto, Josiah

Soudine, Mario Suazo, Carlos Teran, Avery Thomas, Marissa Thompson, Gabriela Torres, Gary Valley, Flor Vasquez, Madilynn Wallace, Sha'var Williams and Miley Williams.

Second Grade

Musa Bahar, Angelica Barragan, Mario Cardona, Megan Do, Genesi Dominguez, Emily Espinoza, Ariana Espinoza, Gabriel Garcia, Luis Gomez, Ra'naiya Guichard, Allison Guillen, Renee Guy, Cayden Hamed, Melodie Hernandez, Alexis Hernandez, Yahir Ibarra and Monserrat Jaime.

Luis Lupian, Katherine Luviano, Karely Maldonado, Anthony Maldonado, Jennie Mancuso, Maia Martinez, Johnnie Medina, Mariany Mendez, Julianna Milkulski, Madalyn Parrish, Derek Pena, Arabell Perez, Kimberly Perez, Janelle Ramos, Tahirah Rasheed, Ishmael Rodriguez, Dante Salas, Mariana Salazar, Azari Schells, Jada Smith,

Alexander Tiscareno, Maurice Ty, Alexander Vargas, Anel Villarreal and Emilio Zavala.

Honor Roll Third Grade

Lexie Cowan, Koy Holcombe, Jordan Lucas, Pretty Mccoy, Jillian Mikulski, Kayla Rosette, Daniel Salamanca, Jaedon Sinclair and Julian Villasenor.

Fourth Grade

Kevin Argueta, Hussai Arias, Brian Bulluck, Kiera Jnlouis, Xavier Martinez, Minh Nguyen and Keyla Zeledon.

Merit Roll Third Grade

Isreal Aguilar, Kevin Alfaro, Diana Campuzano, Jessica Cardenas, Jannie Cardenas, Samantha Christiancho, Matthew Espinoza, Andres Garcia, Tasneem Rasheed, Brianna Thompson and Courtney Williams.

Fourth Grade

Julian Cardenas, Josse-lynn Delgado, Richard Le, Alejandro Martinez, Blaze Murua and Saleh Rasheed.

Grahams see Astros gold



Leader staff member Rosa Graham (left) and her son David Graham, a coach in the Clear Creek Independent School District, recently got a chance to see the Houston Astros' 2017 World Series trophy as part of the team's 24-hour Gold Rush event at Minute Maid Park. The event allowed fans to purchase merchandise from the Astros' Gold Program, which commemorates the team's 2017 championship season.

Photo submitted

Pasadena senior pageant set, SB residents may participate

The 2018 Ms. Pasadena Senior Pageant is set for April 5 at 7 p.m. at the Pasadena Convention Center.

This is the 18th year for the pageant, and it has grown from a handful of hopefuls to one of the most anticipated events on Pasadena's calendar.

Ms. Pasadena Senior is open to contestants ages 60 and older. The contestants can also be residents of the South Belt area. This year's entries include a water aerobics instructor, an ESL teacher, a Lakewood Church volunteer and an opry-circuit comedian.

"The theme, The Age of Elegance, reminds us that each

stage in life provides new opportunities and to live each season to the fullest," said Lou Ann Nolan, director of Madison Jobe Senior Center.

The current Ms. Pasadena Senior, Juanita Washington, echoes that sentiment, "I am changed and forever grateful. Words cannot explain the different experiences and moments that have touched my heart this year."

Washington will pass the crown to the winner in a field of 12 entries. Contestants will be judged on poise, talent, interview questions and philosophy of life. Along with the title and honor of wearing the crown and representing Pasadena at local events, Ms.

Pasadena Senior will receive a \$500 cash prize, a diamond necklace and a deluxe gift basket.

Stephanie Gerry, of Channel 2's, Houston Life TV will serve as emcee alongside famed magician, Paul Driscoll. Derrick Shore, co-host of Houston Life TV and Ernie Manouse of Houston-PBS are slated to make appearances as well.

The 2018 Ms. Pasadena Senior Pageant is free and open to the public, compliments of major sponsor, Cigna HealthSpring. A reserved ticket is required for entry. For information, call 713-477-0175 or email svarela@ci.pasadena.tx.us.

Frazier names awards

Frazier Elementary has announced its awards for the third nine-weeks.

Perfect attendance pre-K

Frederick Thomas Alexander, Milan Baker, Natalia Celeste Betancourt, Zoe Thy Carter, David Khang Chavez, Hector David Galarza, Liam Goffney, Alexander Gordon, Kourtney Hinojosa, Lauren Hoang, Niko Katsikes, Alberto Navarete, Magdalena Perales, Roselyn Ramirez, Kevin Richardson, Liam Sanchez and Jayden Leonel Turchios.

Kindergarten

Miguel Sebastian Armenta, Nevaeh Mackenzie Bumgarner, Sophia Grace Guerrero, Bella Alessandra Hernandez, Jonrey Adriel Jarabese-Perlos, Luis Leal Avendano, Leevan Lewis III and Bella La'sha Diane Longoria.

Ayden Elijah-Joseph Martinez, Lila Rose Pavalonis, Addison Bailey June Peoples, Kober Rodriguez, Diego Ray Rojas, Marie Elizabeth Sanchez, Aiza Inaaya Shaikh, Presley Shelton and Cristian Antony Suret Esquibel.

First Grade

Emily Alexis Armenta, Zahir Antonio Balbi Loiz, Alexandra Betancourt, Louis Betancourt Mejia, Alexander Chai Buntaer, Emily Olivia Campos, Domonique Clayton, Amber Lee Corpeno, Samuel Espino Iv, Shaikh Ashhar Faizan, Paul Gonzales Jr. and Abdiel Juan Hernandez.

Isabel Lynn Irizarry, Emma Nicole Longoria, Brendan Jeremiah Motton, Arra Lynette Munoz, Alessandra Paz, Noah Maximilian Perales, Armando Procoro Reyes, Izaiah Moises Rivas,

Zion Anthony Taylor, Sophia Elena Trevino, Jocelyn Vicky Urrutia, Alexander Williams, Abram Arye Wright and Ephraim Patrick Wright.

Second Grade

Yosselin Yudith Banegas, Yaszlyn Ray'ni Brown, Israel Cantu, Sophia Cardenas, Elias Cardenas Iv, Tayla Sanaa Carter-Curl, Annalise Chavez, David Noah Corral, Melanie Giselle Crain, Davin Dinh, Gracie Y Giang, Oscar Ezekiel Guzman, Alyzza Merie Hernandez, Dez A'nya Johnson and Sasha Maliya Lewis.

Aaliyah Chanel Longoria, Joseph Jeremiah Marro, Kyndall Nevaeh McClain, Aaron Moreno, Brooklyn Mckenzie Morris, Bryan Josue Ojeda, Aaron Jordan Owens, Trace Adair Parker, Damian Paz, Isabella Michelle Pecina, Adam Jesus Pulido, Alfredo Ramirez Jr, Cameron Reuben Ramos, Noah Rodriguez, Daila Citlali Valdez, Amanda Lynn Villalobos, Ezekiel Peter West and Hyrum Geremia Wheeler.

Third Grade

Andres Omar Aceves, Aiden Lorenzo Aguilar, Dayana Milagros Aguilar, Steven Alexander Aguilar, Aaron Timothy Baulch Jr., Lali Gabrielle Bowman, Javier Chavez Jr., Logan Nathaniel Cooper, Dylan Corpeno, Emma Grace Espino, Kimora Taywana Exum and Hunter Edward Ford.

Gabriella Lisette Garza, Ezequiel Uriel Gonzalez, Alexander Cole Griffin, Alezey Cassidy Hernandez, Ariana Elizabeth Keigley, Genesis Adriana Leal, Rodrigo Martinez, Nikolai Mateo Miranda, Garren Wellington Parker,

Geovanny Guadalupe Perez, Zoe Jane Perez, Nichelle Rodriguez, Estibem Suret Esquibel and Andrew Emilio Urrutia.

Fourth Grade

Olivia Paige Aguirre, Aaron Nicolas Almaguer, Alana Rose Baulch, Diego Antoine Betancourt, Jaylyn Nicole Constanza, Adrian Alexander Corral, Oliver Leonardo Fabian Guzman, Savannah Georgia Flores-Lewis, Kourtney Lynn Goeman, James Gonzalez, Marvin Gonzalez Anadali Hernandez, Tamyha Lashelle Johnson, Landon Scott Kenney, Alexis Denise Lazcano and Oscar Tadeo Leal Avendano.

Faith Maryann Martinez, Addison Christine McAfee, Aubrey Denise McAfee, Kira Lynn Merserson, Diego Paz, Octavio Paz, Luke Noel Penaloza, Delylah Ramirez, Ava Grace Richardson, Eduardo Salazar, Edward Vince Salazar, Alan Jayden Sanchez, Liliana Carmen Sepulveda, Alejandro Joseph Tufts-Garay, Viviana Serena Villegas, Ethen Phat Vu, Olivia Lauren Wheeler and Brianna Yanez.

Honor Roll Third Grade

Aiden Aguilar, Christian Carter, Aidan De La Rosa, Genesis Leal, Zoe Perez and Aubrey Reyes.

Fourth Grade

Anderson Aguilar, Celeste Arriaga, Savannah Flores-Lewis, Julietta Garcia, Ava Richardson, Edward Salazar, Liliana Sepulveda, Alex Tufts-Garay and Viviana Villegas.

Merit Roll Third Grade

Mia Macias, Rachel Martinez and Cullen Ponder.

Parr Elementary supports animals in community

The Parr Elementary Student Leadership Team has enlisted the backing of the entire student body and the League City and Webster Police departments to support animals in their community. Every grade level is tasked

with collecting items in need for the League City Animal Shelter.

On April 13, members of the League City and Webster Police departments will visit the students, share information about police dogs and

deliver the donated items to the League City Animal Shelter.

Through April 13, the public is encouraged to join with the Parr family and drop off the items listed to the front

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Atkinson names honor, merit rolls

Atkinson Elementary has named its honor and merit rolls for the third nine-weeks.

Honor Roll
Third Grade
Ernesto Alcantar, Vanessa Blanco, Joseph Fernandez, Brooke Kelso, Huy Le, Serina Martinez, Jocelyn Nguyen, Precious Osaghae, Noah Serna and Minh Vu.

Fourth Grade
Diana Armenta, Yarezi Arredondo, Miranda Medal, Edgar Orozco, Emily Tang, Andres Valdez and Yuliana Zambrano.

Genoa shares honor rolls

Genoa Elementary has shared the names of the students who made the honor roll for the third nine-weeks.

Honor Roll
Third Grade
Roman Gonzalez, Stefanie Pelico, Michael Torres and Amaya Vargas.

Fourth Grade
Helen Acosta, Lucas Calderon, Victoria Chioreanu, Kaileen Culpepper, Alysabeth DeLeon, Nazirah Limon, Devani Morales and Marlenie Sandoval.

Bush announces honor, merit rolls

Laura Bush has announced its honor and merit rolls for the third nine-weeks.

Honor Roll
Third Grade
Emma Jacob and Kaylie Tran.

Fourth Grade
Camila Arguello, Kayleen Basurto, Jacob Davis, Hannah Nguyen, Alana Oliver, Xime-

Parr needs donations to help animal shelter

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office of Parr Elementary School, 1315 Hwy. 3 South in League City between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Parr Elementary counselor, Anita Oliphant at 281-284-4114.

Some of the items request-

PISD releases fine arts calendar of events

The Pasadena Independent School District has released its calendar of upcoming fine arts events. The events are listed by name, date, time and location.

South Belt Elementary Singers Choir Festival, April 28, time not listed, M.O. Campbell Center.

Fred Roberts Middle School spring orchestra concert, May 1, 6:30 p.m., Fred Roberts Middle School cafeteria.

Laura Bush Elementary honor choir, May 3, 6 p.m., Laura Bush Elementary cafeteria.

Beverly Hills Intermediate orchestra concert, May 3, 7 p.m., Beverly Hills Intermediate big gym.

Thompson Intermediate Spring Concert, May 3, 7 p.m., inside Thompson Intermediate gym.

Dobie High School orchestra spring concert/senior recognition, May 4, 6:30 p.m., Dobie main campus

UHCL sets calendar

The University of Houston-Clear Lake has announced its calendar of events.

Kids U registration now open
UHCL's Center for Educational Programs ensures the learning doesn't stop this summer with Kids U summer day camps.

Registration is now open for campus focusing on creative writing, art, game design, coding, dinosaurs, bugs and more from nine different subject areas. Classes are open for pre-K through 12. Costs vary with each camp. To register or for more information, visit www.uhcl.edu/education/centers-initiatives/center-educational-programs.

Art School for Children and Young Adults
Students can express their creativity while learning about culture, history and science in these interactive art classes at UHCL. The classes will run through April 5 and will be at various times and locations.

Elementary age classes will focus on creating original artwork using clay, paint, pastels, markers and crayons for "The Art of Space." Advanced students in grades four through six will create a pixel origami sculpture, trading cards game pieces and game boards to create

Over The Back Fence by Alexis

BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR JUDY
Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent March 30 from friends and the *Leader* staff to **Judy Harrison** who is on staff at San Jacinto College.

Judy is one of many who was flooded during Hurricane Harvey. She is back in her home now and, hopefully, will have a great birthday.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays March 29 through April 4.

Meador Elementary
Light the birthday candles March 29 on a cake for **Cecelia Stewart**.

Moore Elementary
On March 31, **Cheryl Ivens** celebrates a special birthday.

South Belt Elementary
Candy Howard enjoys a birthday March 31. Blow out the birthday candles April 1 for **Amy Rojas**. Warm wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Morgan Champbellan** April 4.

Roberts Middle School
Enjoying a happy birthday March 31 are **Jeffery Hamilton** and **Maribel De La Fuentes**.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Send birthday greetings April 1 to **Dominique Guest**. Share in the happy birthday celebration for **Freddie Joseph** April 2.

Thompson Intermediate
Light the trick birthday candles for **Melissa Allen** on April 1.

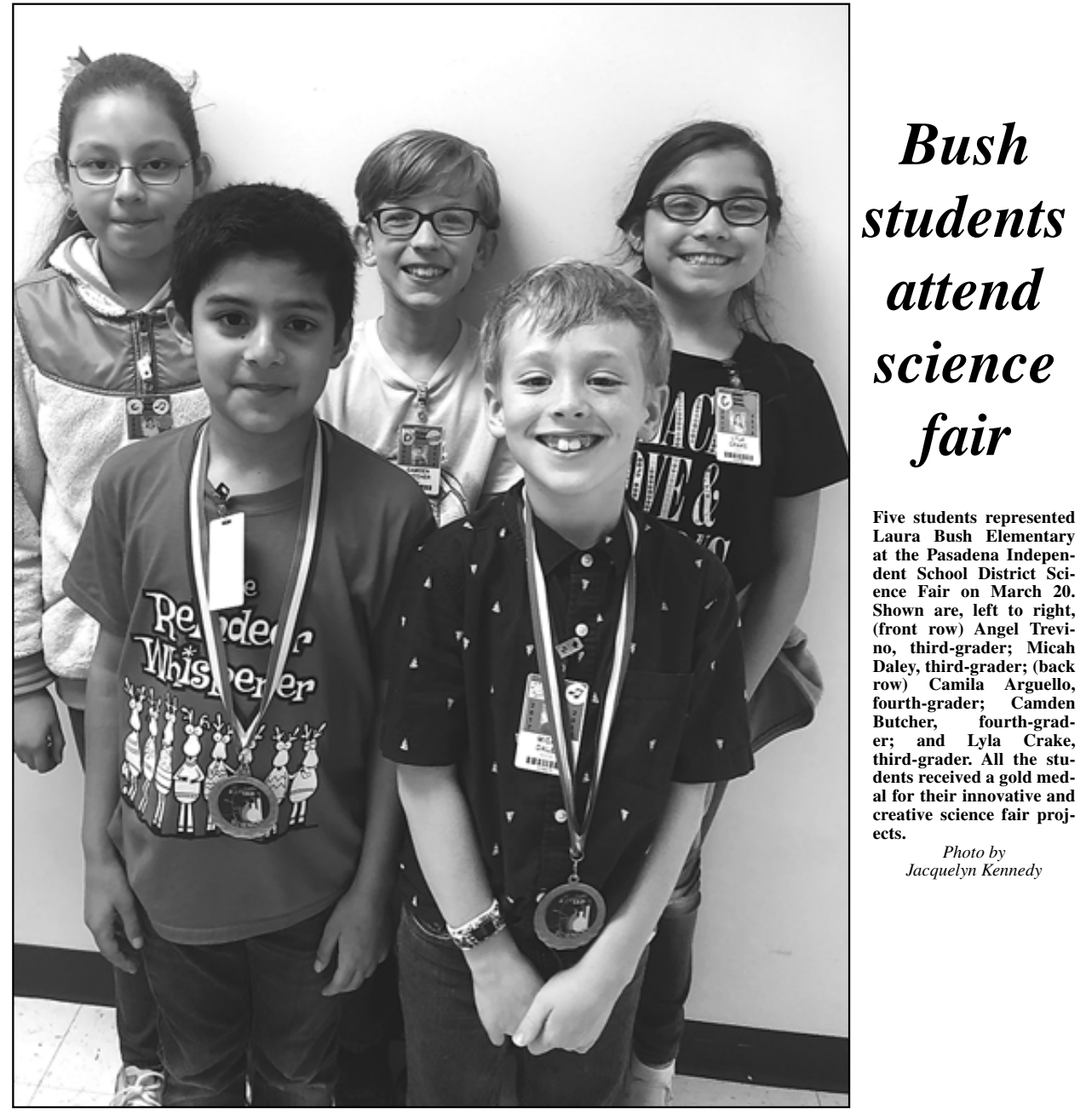
Dobie High
Enjoy a slice of a triple-layer cake March 30 with **Bertilda Hollin**, **Nghiep Nguyen** and **Leslie Siegler-Keton**. Send a happy birthday greeting April 1 to **Johnetta Roy**. Warm birthday greetings are sent to **Clarence McNeill** on April 2. **William Daugherty** marks a day of celebration on April 3.

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

Thursday, March 29: **Melissa Oliveia**, **Marquise Scott**, **Adam Stringer**, **Mary Wilms**, **Veronica Rivera** and **Bobby Rodriguez**; Friday, March 30: **Marilynn Kiel**, **John Berlitz**, **Gina Escobar**, **Michelle Matzahn**, **Walter Luna** and **Kristin Baxter**; Saturday, March 31: **Sabita Harnamji**, **Beth McDonald**, **Marsha Flournoy**, **Ami Havivy**, **Sabine Jones**, **Eric Schwab**, **Gilbert Marlowe**, **Cheryl Padora**, **Eliza Gillock**, **Gloria Bustamante** and **Sandy Cline**; Sunday, April 1: **Sharon Lay**, **Carol Baccaro**, **Charlie Heaton** and **Natasha Logan**; Monday, April 2: **Raven Brooks**, **Minerva Segovia**, **Stephen Hooper**, **Mona Valerio**, **Suzette Corona**, **Yvette Cheatwood**, **Cathy White**, **Edward Gish** and **Lisa Bourque**; Tuesday, April 3: **Erika Saavedra**, **Lillian Lee**, **Aimee Salazar-Arroyo**, **Maria Keim** and **Sharon Rhoads**; and Wednesday, April 4: **Debbie Pitre**, **Monika Sandridge**, **Jenn Copeland**, **Wendy Banh Nguyen**, **Travis Doe**, **Katie Burns** and **Jared Fredricksen**.

LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS
Email birthday, anniversary, vacation, congratulations, etc., to mynews@southbeltleader.com with OTBF in the subject line.

Items must be submitted by Friday noon for the next week's publication.



Bush students attend science fair

Five students represented **Laura Bush Elementary** at the **Pasadena Independent School District Science Fair** on March 20. Shown are, left to right, (front row) **Angel Trevino**, third-grader; **Michale Daley**, third-grader; (back row) **Camila Arguello**, fourth-grader; **Camden Butcher**, fourth-grader; and **Lyla Crake**, third-grader. All the students received a gold medal for their innovative and creative science fair projects.

Photo by Jacquelyn Kennedy

Remember When

40 years ago (1978)
South Belt area residents were being plagued with numerous types of garbage problems. Residents in the city were experiencing sporadic garbage collection as the city of Houston trucks were frequently breaking down, and repairs became a major problem throughout the city.

35 years ago (1983)
The family of Troy Erickson, a Dobie sophomore who was suspended from school for refusing to take off his earrings, were looking into hiring a lawyer to challenge the school district's policy against boys wearing earrings.

Habitat Work Days
Help maintain the beauty of the UHCL campus by volunteering at Habitat Work Days each Tuesday morning in April with the Environmental Institute of Houston. The dates for the month of April are 3, 10, 17 and 24 at 9 a.m., at the North Office Annex, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

Volunteers will assist in upkeep, including clearing paths, cleaning the pond and other conservation tasks. For more information, call UHCL Environmental Institute of Houston at 281-283-3950 or email eh@uhcl.edu. To learn more, visit www.uhcl.edu/environmental-institute.

CLASP: Using mix realities to prepare for life in outer space
UHCL distinguished alumna Evelyn Miralles will discuss how mixed reality technology is being used to prepare for life in space on April 5 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bayou Building, Garden Room, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

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murder trials within the next month.

Southbend Properties Inc., via Judge Howard Wayland's JP court, filed eviction notices to 11 former Southbend homeowners who refused to vacate their residences by the date determined by the new owner, SPI.

20 years ago (1998)
The Clear Brook varsity cheerleading squad placed first in the Large Varsity Division of the Astroworld Cheerfest.

Jody Stevens, a South Belt resident, qualified as a contestant to win the right to appear on the Wheel of Fortune, which was shooting in Houston.

15 years ago (2003)
Traffic congestion concerns caused a change in the starting and dismissal times for South Belt area schools in the Pasadena Independent School District.

U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay addressed approximately 250 chamber members at the tri-chamber luncheon. At the event, DeLay recognized the state decathlon championship teams of J. Frank Dobie and Friendswood high schools.

10 years ago (2008)
The widening of Dixie Farm Road from Beamer to FM-518 was running ahead of schedule, according to Victor Vann, construction manager for the Texas Department of Transportation. Originally projected to be complete by January 2009, the project was thought to possibly be finished as early as November.

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce scheduled its annual Casino Night at The Gardens on April 25.

The Pasadena Independent School District incorporated several new technologies into its classrooms to help students learn both efficiently and safely.

The South Belt Spectacular Cook-off was set for April 17-19. The event would once again be held at Tom Bass I Park due to construction at El Franco Lee Park. The 12th annual event would be the only fundraiser for the Fourth of July fireworks at El Franco Lee Park.

Fred Roberts, who was seeking the GOP nomination for state representative, District 144, filed both civil actions and legal complaints against his opponent, Ken Legler, for the release of Roberts' Social Security number in a direct mail piece that was believed to have been mailed to more than 5,000 households.

5 years ago (2013)
A South Belt resident was killed in a bizarre automobile accident in the 12200 block of the Gulf Freeway near Alameda Mall. Olga Posada, 28, was pronounced dead at the scene. According to police, Posada was a passenger in a Toyota 4-Runner. When the male driver got out of the parked vehicle, Posada reportedly jumped in the driver's seat and asked him to teach her to drive. Police say she then released the hand brake and stepped on the accelerator, causing her to strike the wall of a furniture store before crashing into another vehicle, killing her instantly. Posada's 10-year-old son, who was also in the vehicle, was transported to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital in critical condition.

A pair of Scarsdale home invasions took place within a block of each other in a two-day time period. On Tuesday, March 26, at roughly 5:10 a.m., three armed suspects reportedly kicked in the side door to a home in the 12600 block of Sandyhook. At the time of the incident, the house was occupied by a 53-year-old woman, a 23-year-old woman and a 10-year-old boy. Upon gaining entry, the crooks forced the residents into the master bedroom and demanded the older woman open a safe in the closet. When she was unable to do so, the men carried it outside, along with a Sony PlayStation gaming system. The suspects fled the residence in the homeowner's Toyota Tundra pickup truck, which was found undamaged a couple of blocks away in the 12700 block of Cornig.

The following day on Wednesday, March 27, a woman was tied up and pistol-whipped during a brazen daylight home invasion in the 12800 block of Gotham. According to police, two teens knocked on the 44-year-old woman's door at roughly 11:30 a.m. asking for donations to help their basketball team. When the woman declined, one of the teens sprayed mace in the woman's face, while the other pointed a pistol at her before striking her in the face with it. The two males then allegedly forced their way into the home, tied the woman up and rummaged the house for valuables. The men reportedly left the home with jewelry and electronics. No immediate arrests were made.

1 year ago (2017)
Strong winds ripped through the South Belt area late Friday, March 24, and early Saturday, March 25, causing extensive damage to several area homes and businesses. The worst of the damage was focused at the intersection of Sagegreen and Sagevale in the Sageglen subdivision, where the storms snapped several trees in half, destroyed fences, tore bricks off homes, knocked a chimney off a house and caused a garage to collapse on a vehicle. Despite multiple reports online that attributed the damage to a tornado, the National Weather Service said the local destruction was likely caused by straight-line winds. According to the NWS, winds of 35 mph, with gusts of 45 mph, were recorded. Several area homes were left without power following the storm. No injuries were reported.

Neal Brownlee and Adriana Robinson were named assistant principals for Dobie High School at the Pasadena Independent School District board meeting Tuesday, March 28. Brownlee had been with the district 19 years, first serving as a special education and physical education teacher at Southmore Intermediate, before becoming assistant principal at Kendrick Middle School.

A 2005 Dobie graduate, Robinson had been with the district six years, first serving as a social studies, science and special education teacher at Beverly Hills Intermediate, before working as a peer facilitator at Roberts Middle School. Brownlee replaced longtime Dobie assistant principal Donna Branch, who was promoted to assistant athletics director earlier in the year, and Robinson replaced Ryan Peel, who was promoted to dean of the Dobie Early College program the previous year.

Morman gives update

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Beyond recovery, Morman is taking steps to minimize future flooding events.

"We have been working on ways not only to recover from the storm but to better protect the residents of Harris County from future flooding," Morman said.

"Fixing flooding issues in our area will be the greatest challenge of our future. In December, Commissioners Court voted to update the floodplain regulations for the unincorporated areas of Harris County. These regulations include changes to building height requirements, stricter permitting on buildings within the 100 and 500 year floodplain and more accurate guidelines for mapping the floodplains. In the past, building officials have focused on the 100-year flood event. Clearly they were off the mark. We now are basing much of this new criteria off of the 500-year flood plain."

According to Morman, County Commissioners Court has approved \$20 million in funds for the first phase of home and business buyouts, with the residences along the lower San Jacinto River in the Highlands receiving the first assistance.

While the county is eligible for significant amounts of state and federal aid, Morman stressed the need to take the lead on local efforts.

"Waiting on the feds and the state can't be our only option," Morman said.

"In the meantime, we need to create more effective flood protection infrastructure. Harris County will have to take on many flood control projects alone and plan for funding to meet the required match for federal and state funding.

"This money will let the Flood Control District make immediate improvements to our flood control infrastructure, such as channel widening, storm water detention basins and more efficient floodwater conveyance. We are working with the flood control district on solutions right now. All these projects, however have to be compatible with existing downstream neighborhoods and development. We have to be very careful not to solve one flooding problem by creating another. That's especially important to all of us south of the channel and along the bay. That also means we will have to concentrate more than ever on detention and holding ponds in every watershed, rather than simply widening and expanding channels and bayous. These projects will not end the threat of flooding, but they represent a move in the right direction to greatly reduce the risk of flooding for generations."

The commissioner also spoke on planned expansion of Beltway 8 and the replacement of the Ship Channel toll bridge. The expansion will widen the beltway from two to four lanes in each direction from the Gulf Freeway to Highway 225.

The replacement bridge will also be four lanes in each direction, rather than the existing two lanes. The improvements will cost roughly \$1.5 billion, with around \$900 million being spent on the bridge portion. Construction is already underway and is expected to be finished in 2022. Once completed, the new bridge is expected to last at least 100 years, Morman said.

Despite the challenges of the past year, Morman remains optimistic regarding the precinct's future.

"I know the past year has been difficult," Morman said. "But we at the county are working on ways to reduce the risk of flooding, ease traffic congestion and promote economic growth in east Harris County. Hopefully, we will never see another Harvey in our lifetimes, but we are working diligently to make sure that when the next storm hits, we are better prepared and better protected."

Pct. 2 breaks up prostitution ring

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ed on Gnarwood. After corresponding with the possible author of the advertisement, deputies were able to arrange a meeting for sexual services in exchange for money.

On this same date, deputies with the Special Operations Division were able to send an undercover deputy into the residence, where a prostitution case was made on two of the females residing inside the house. Yahei Wang, 36, was arrested and charged with felony aggravated promotion of prostitution, while Bixiang Xu, 42, was arrested and charged with misdemeanor prostitution.

A search warrant was also drawn up on the house and executed by Precinct 2 deputies. This search warrant yielded the seizure of U.S. currency, which was believed to be linked to prostitution. Deputies also found evidence leading them to believe the residents living inside were making more than \$1,000 a day by providing prostitution services.

"I am very proud of the guys for this one," said Precinct 2 Lt. Mike Kritzer. "It started off with a tip from the contract deputies in the area and closed out less than a month later by Special Operations."

"This house was in the middle of the South Belt contract near parks and schools. It was operating solely as a hub for prostitution and brought all the wrong type of people into this area. We will continue to monitor activity at this residence but believe at this time it is closed for business."

ATM theft thwarted

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as were multiple power tools, a wallet and identification cards belonging to an individual not inside the vehicle.

The men attempted to flee the scene in the truck, and a short chase ensued.

The pursuit came to a close when the truck smashed into a fence a short distance away.

One of the suspects was apprehended immediately, while the second suspect fled on foot.

With the help of a K-9 unit, the second suspect was found hiding in a nearby backyard and also apprehended.

While the crooks were unsuccessful in their attempt to get any money from the machine, they managed to cause extensive damage to the bank.

This marked the second time in less than three years that thieves have targeted the ATM at Texan Bank, as there was another attempt in August 2015.

The first attempt was also unsuccessful.

Theft results in arrest

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and identify some of their stolen property.

All three occupants were subsequently arrested. Devin Lyons, 21, was charged with a felony count of fraudulently possessing identifying information; Tyrese Johnson (South Belt resident), 18, was charged with felony theft of a firearm; and an unnamed juvenile male (South Belt resident), 16, was charged with misdemeanor possession of marijuana.

Additional charges in League City were pending at press time, Kritzer said.



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Pack 692 holds Blue, Gold Banquet

Pack 692 celebrated scouting with the annual Blue and Gold Banquet at Melillo Middle School Saturday, March 24. Events included a Native American-inspired Arrow of Light ceremony, the highest cub achievement award, combined with a crossover ceremony in which Arrow of Light recipients were inducted and welcomed by new troop mas-

ters and fellow scouts. There was an awards ceremony for all members for advancements and a bridging ceremony for those who had made rank this year. Friends of Scouting also made a presentation. Pack 692 will hold a recruitment event April 16 at St. Luke's Church Social Hall at 7 p.m. Visit www.troopwebhosts.org/Pack692Houston/.



Shown above are the Arrow of Light recipients with leaders and Eagle Scouts from troops 930 and 692 who performed the Native American-styled ceremony, left to right, (front row) Daniel Parshall; Jake Joslin; Brandon Ruiz; Zachary Owens; Adam Daley; Sabino Hernandez Jr.; Ben Daley, cub master; (second row) Sabino Hernandez Sr., den leader; EJ Stallman; Xavier Keller; Theodore Washington; Carlos Marrero; Jessica Owens, assistant den leader; (back row) Kyle Mamitag, eagle scout; Luke Hinds, eagle scout; Kaleb Little, eagle scout and Jake Wohleb, eagle scout. The back row of eagle scouts are in ceremonial dress. Shown below are the troops by their different dens, left to right, (front row) Kyle Crawford, tiger den; Rey Vega, tiger den; Danny Pena, tiger den; Kolten Kouches, tiger den and mascot; (second row) Zaiden Herrera, wolf den; Jer-

emiah Martinez, wolf den; Josep Marrero, wolf den; Gabriel Trevino Jr., wolf den; Manuel Castillo Jr., wolf den; (third row) Jose Frankie Chapa, bear den; Angel Trevino, bear den; Micah Daley, bear den; Kaleb Kouches, bear den; Ramey Ali, bear den; Cristian Tamayo, bear den; Mauricio Campos, bear den; (fourth row) Joel Chapa, Webelo den; James Gonzalez, Webelo den; Nicoli Rodriguez Webelo den; Brandon Austin, Webelo; (back row) Xavier Keller, arrow of light den; Jake Joslin, arrow of light den; Adam Daley, arrow of light den; Zachary Owens, arrow of light den; Theodore Washington, arrow of light den; EJ Stallman, arrow of light den; Carlos Marrero, arrow of light den; Sabino Hernandez Jr., arrow of light den; Brandon Ruiz arrow of light den; and Daniel Parshall arrow of light den. Not pictured is Kaydon Howard from the tiger den.



Team CCISD makes strong showing at Texas Science, Engineering Fair

On March 23-24 in San Antonio, 26 Clear Creek Independent School District students competed at the Texas Science and Engineering Fair.

Twelve CCISD students and their projects were clear standouts at the state-level competition, placing in their category and earning special awards. Five students will advance to the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair.

More than 1,200 Texas middle and high school students presented their projects at TXSEF and awards were presented to students in 22 project categories for both middle and high school divisions.

"The initiative, innovation and critical thinking with which these students are competing is a great source of pride for Clear Creek ISD," said Dr. Greg Smith, CCISD superintendent of schools. "I know the Board of Trustees and each of these students' principals and teachers join me in congratulating our win-

ners and wishing the best of luck to those advancing to the International competition in May."

The following CCISD intermediate students received place awards in the category, along with a Broadcom Masters nomination at the state competition:

Emily Troutman, League City Intermediate School, first place, mathematics, project: How to Win the Hunger Games;

Bailey Foulds, Seabrook Intermediate School, first place, animal science, project: Let it Glow! 2; and

Hope Leskowitz, Seabrook Intermediate School, second place, mathematics, project: The Art of Unshuffling Cards.

At the senior level, the following students placed in their category:

Andrew Liu and Smiti Gandhi, Clear Brook High School, first place, energy-physical, project: Energy of Life: Colored Bioluminescent Concentrator for Enhanced Photovoltaic Performance;

Syamantak Payra, Clear Brook High School, first place, robotics and intelligent machines, project: Design and Development of an Intelligent Sensor-Enhanced Digital Stethoscope for Patient-Friendly Remote Auscultation;

Adarsh Suresh, Clear Brook High School, second place, computational biology and bioinformatics, project: Alzheimer's Disease Prediction;

Carl Ho, Clear Lake High School, second place, chemistry, project: A Radical Method for Determining Saponification Number;

Kathryn DeCourcy, Clear Lake High School, third place, engineering mechanics, project: Evaluating Methods of Drying Residential Structures; and

Kumaran Selva, Clear Lake High School, first place, physics and astronomy, project: Flexible, Low-cost Solar Cells Using High Efficiency Gallium Arsenide Thin Films on Metal Substrates.

The following students from the above list earned the Governor's Award:

Andrew Liu and Smiti Gandhi, Symantak Payra, Adarsh Suresh, Carl Ho and Kumaran Selva.

Senior level special award recipients are:

Ashely Hoffman of Clear Springs High School won the San Antonio Space Society Award as well as the award from the National Space Society for Continuing to Forward People Living and Working in Thriving Communities Beyond Earth. Her project was: Laminar Airflow for Enabling Surgery In Microgravity Environments;

Clear Lake High School's Steven Wu won the Future Engineer Award from the

Texas Board of Professional Engineers for the project: Use of Novel Engineered Materials to Remove Phosphorus in Eutrophic Water.

The following students are advancing to the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair: Smiti Gandhi, Andrew Liu, Syamantak Payra, Kumaran Selva and Adarsh Suresh.

The Intel International Science and Engineering Fair, the world's largest international pre-college science competition, will be held May 13 - 18 in Pittsburgh, Pa.

South Belt Elementary names March VIPs



South Belt Elementary has named its VIPs for the month of March. The students shown were chosen by their teachers based on their ability to display the character trait of he month which was generosity. Shown are, left to right, (front row) Charlie Mathew, Aubree Sandino, Lizzy Carling, Angel Hernandez, Mauricio Amaya, Xavier Jimenez, (second row) Christopher Alvarez, Annie Nguyen, Aubrey Hernandez, Sabill-

ah James, Mikayla Gonzales, Ruby Dent, (third row) Sophia Cleary, Emma Olvera, Juwayriyah Ali, Krystal Thomas, Logan Stewart, Nathaniel Simpson, David Nguyen, Alex Baumgartner, (fourth row) Carlos Delgado, Sara Teng, Alexandria Byrd, Vivian Hang, Heather Yount, Tyler Gomez, (back row) Oscar Salinas, Ozzi Fuentes, Mary Nguyen, Emily Golenko and Kaila Baltzell.

Photo by Lakitha Green

Six robotics teams qualify for world championship

The Clear Creek Independent School District Robotics Department hosted the State VEX Robotics Tournament at Clear Brook High School recently where six CCISD teams qualified for the World Championship in Louisville, Ky., on April 24-28.

The event had more than 150 robotics teams in attendance from across Texas, ranging from fourth grade students to university students. The following CCISD teams won first in State in their respective competitions

and will compete for a world title: Wedgewood Elementary, Westbrook Intermediate, Victory Lakes Intermediate, Clear Brook High School and Clear Lake High School. Ed White Elementary also qualified, but will not be attending the championship.

"The time, effort and dedication these students and coaches have put toward reaching this point extends well beyond the 4-6 club hours a week they attend," said CCISD Robotics and Engineering Program Man-

ager Andy Schaafs. "It seems that every night, the student programmers are writing fresh code, the drivers are taking home the robots to get more training and the teams are dreaming up new prototypes to try out at the next practice."

Schaafs, who took over as the program manager at the beginning of this school year, stated that from the onset, his goal has been to increase the opportunities students have to participate in robotics and to provide the coaches resourc-

es to run their teams. CCISD has currently seen a 25 percent increase in the number of teams from last year and is on target to grow even more next school year.

"My theory on robotics is that it is an undercover way to get kids excited about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) education," said Schaafs. "These students don't realize that by brainstorming, creating and troubleshooting a robot, they are actually developing life-long skills in problem solving

and STEM. I am proud of the fact that CCISD acknowledges these advances by placing importance on robotics in the district through opportunities and funding."

The 2018 VEX Robotics World Championship, presented by the Northrop Grumman Foundation, brings together top robotics teams in the VEX IQ Challenge, VEX Robotics Competition, and VEX U under one roof to celebrate their accomplishments and participate with the best from around the world.

CCISD students advance at TXSEF



Shown, with their awards are, left to right, Smiti Gandhi, Vaidya Parthasarathy, Andrew Liu, Steven Wu, Syamantak Payra, Carl Ho, Adarsh Suresh and Kathryn DeCourcy. Not pictured are Ashley Hoffman, Kumaran Selva, and Maggie Davidson.

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CBCMUD, chamber present annual Family Fun Fest



Joanne Kippley's dog, Merlin Emrys, was the big winner at the Strut Your Mutt contest Saturday, March 24, at the third annual Family Fun Fest, hosted by the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District and the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce. A purebred Shetland sheepdog, Merlin Emrys won first place in Prettiest Dog; second place in Diva Dog; and third place in Macho Dog. This marked the second consecutive year Merlin Emrys won the title for Prettiest Dog. Merlin Emrys is a service dog and has been trained in medical alert, PTSD/anxiety/panic. Kippley said the dog has saved her life on multiple occasions.



Ellen McIntyre (left) is shown above watching Dobie students Christian Vela, Aaron Nguyen and Luis Neira compete in a sack race.



Christina Hartman, a senior naturalist from the Harris County Precinct 1 Environmental Education Program, is shown above handling a boa constrictor.



Brett Eckley (right) and Turner Eckley, 2, are shown above participating in the fun run.



Pictured to the left is Chris Clark's dog, Zelda, which came in third place in the Diva Dog contest. Shown above are, left to right, Aurora Ybarra, Evan Konner and Sanela Jamakovic, as they prepare to enter the fun run. Families are pictured below playing on inflatable slides. The bottom left photo shows State Farm Agent Steve Sipes (left) and his son, William Sipes (right), watching another child play a video game.



Trisha Elliott (right) and Destini Stroman are shown above crossing the finish line with their dog, Beau.

UHCL sets events

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Miralles is the CACI International Principal Engineer/Innovator at NASA Johnson Space Center's Virtual Reality Laboratory. She has worked for more than 20 years to enhance human spaceflight using emerging technology.

The event is free and open to everyone. Free parking is available in the visitor lot D. For information, contact the UHCL Alumni Association at 281-283-2021.

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Visit the Bachelor of Fine Arts Exhibition in the Art Gallery from April 5 through May 3, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday, 9 a.m. to noon.

More than 30 students will be showing a combined 53 works. Admission is free. Parking is available in the visitor lot or student lot D.

For more information, contact Art Gallery Director Jeff Bowen at 281-283-3376 or visit www.uhcl.edu/art-gallery.

Friday morning continuing education
The Friday morning continuing education spring series is set for April 6 at 9 and 11 a.m. in the Bayou Building, Patio Café, at the University of Houston-Clear Lake.

The day will kick off with lectures on Turkey's history and development at 9 a.m. and little-known fairy tales by Oscar Wilde at 11 a.m.

At 1 p.m., take yoga lessons. Cost for six yoga sessions is \$120. For all other courses, participants pay a one-time membership fee of \$26 and \$18 for each class. The fee includes class materials, borrowing privileges at the library and discounts at the bookstore and Patio Café. Parking permits are available for \$5 in Bayou Building, room 1618. To register, visit <https://www.uhcl.edu/academics/extend-ed/friday-morning-ce>.

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Holy Saturday	March 31	Sábado Santo
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SECTION B

SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

Kristoff, SJC softball deliver recent uptick

With 14 games remaining in Region XIV play, the San Jacinto College softball team is about to uncover its destiny as the calendar turns to April. The team has seen a recent uptick in play, what with a .500 record now within reach at 16-


18. And, the Coyotes are a solid 7-3 in conference action, with a road double-header in Brenham against Blinn coming March 30. SJC has won four of its last six games, sweeping Alvin before taking a double dip loss to Galveston.

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By John Bechtle
Sports Editor

On certainly not the prettiest of days, Dobie and Memorial combined to play not so pretty a softball game.

Yet in this heated rivalry, Dobie's 4-1 victory over the Lady Mavericks March 27, at Dobie, was as beautiful as they come for the locals.

With the win, Dobie ended the first half of District 22-6A play at 5-2, a game ahead of Memorial, which is now 4-3. Deer Park is a perfect 7-0, with La Porte at 6-1.

It's again a playoff chase that is destined to go down to the wire in terms of playoff seeding.

Thanks to pitchers Alana Ortega and Miquela Guajardo, star center fielder Yvonne Whaley and others on Dobie's side, the Lady Longhorns currently hold an edge over their rivals. The first round is now complete.

Ortega pitched around bases-loaded trouble both in the first and third innings, but would not surrender the big blow.

Memorial touched Ortega for a pair of hits in the first inning, yet had to settle for just one run after an error.

From there, though, Ortega stranded the bases loaded, trailing just 1-0.

The Lady Longhorns quickly got the run back in their half of the first.

Whaley led off the frame with a bunt single and stole second base.

Moving to third base on a passed ball, Wha-

ley eventually scored on Camryn Wincher's sacrifice fly.

The Lady Longhorns put up another single run in the second inning.

Maritza Elizalde singled and Dobie eventually loaded the bases before

Whaley plated Elizalde with a sacrifice fly. **Continued on Page 6B**



Dobie starting pitcher Alana Ortega allowed two first-inning singles, but then settled down to limit Memorial to just those two hits and no earned runs over 4 1/3 innings, helping the Lady Longhorns to a huge 4-1 win over Memorial in 22-6A action March 27, at Dobie.

Photo by John Bechtle

Bidistrict Soccer

Dobie girls vs.

Atascocita

Thurs., March 29, 5 p.m.

Galena Park ISD Stadium

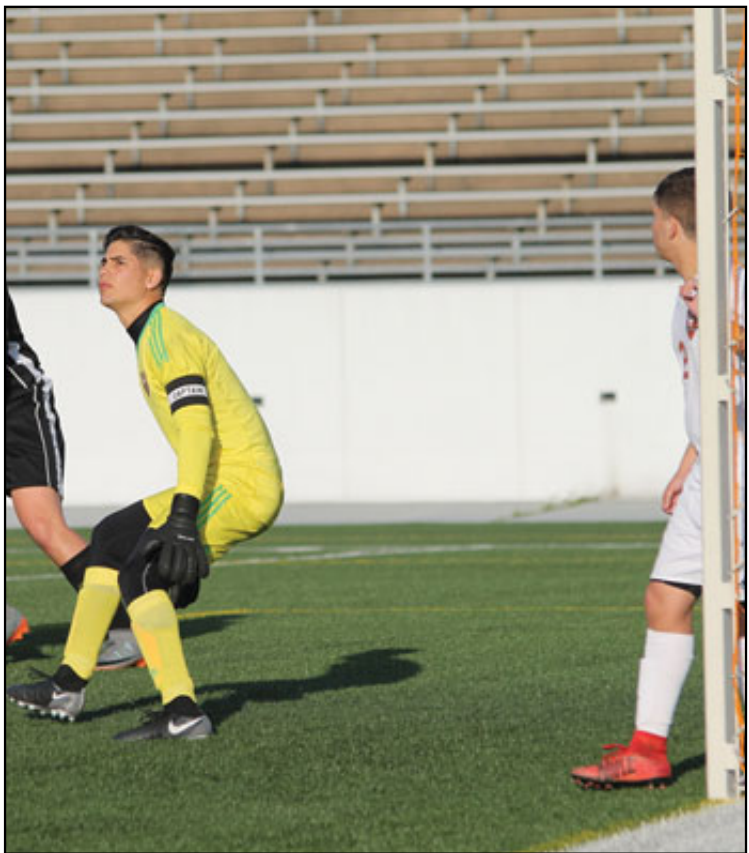
Dobie boys at

Goose Creek Memorial

Fri., March 30, GCM High School, 7 p.m.

At right, Dobie goalkeeper Ramon Cahue (in yellow) was outstanding a season ago as he helped the Longhorns reach the state tournament. Now the journey begins anew as Cahue and his teammates, including Alberto Chavez (2) take on Goose Creek Memorial in the bidistrict round. Meanwhile, the Dobie girls will face Atascocita. The Dobie boys defeated GCM 4-0 during the Pasadena ISD Cup, the first day of the regular season back on Jan. 4. But Dobie head coach Justo Manrique is discounting any results that may have occurred back then. In boys' play, the Dobie/Goose Creek Memorial winner will advance to face either Brazoswood or Friendswood in the area playoffs. The Atascocita/Dobie girls' winner will take on either District 24-6A champion Clear Springs or Dawson in the area round. The boys' and girls' area playoffs will be contested April 2-3. See more on Page 6B.

Photo by John Bechtle



JFD teams enter soccer playoff grind

Wait, what season is this? Wasn't it just last year that Dobie's varsity boys' soccer team began its run to the Region III championship with a 2-0 win over Goose Creek Memorial?

And wasn't it last season that saw Atascocita's varsity girls' team down Dobie 2-0 in the bidistrict playoff round en route to an appearance in the Region III final?

Indeed it was, but sometimes as much as things change, they also stay the same.

For the Dobie varsity boys, the 2018 playoff trip starts with a stop at Goose Creek Memorial. The Longhorns could also have repeat dates in the area round with Brazoswood and with North Shore in the regional quarterfinals.

For now, it's about the Longhorns, a vastly different yet very successful squad getting things going against GCM.

Dobie opened the 2018 regular season at the Pasadena ISD Cup with a 4-0 win over Goose Creek

Memorial. But that was back on Jan. 4 and was the first of 19 wins on the season for the Longhorns. This is the start of an all-new season as far as the locals are concerned.

In the case of the Lady Longhorns, they again face a tall task in trying to take down Atascocita on the turf at Galena Park ISD Stadium.

In 2017, Kingwood edged past Atascocita for first place in District 21-6A before both teams advanced to the Region III Final Four.

Then, Atascocita began its playoff run with a 2-0 win over Dobie, so perhaps revenge is on the minds of the locals.

Kingwood and Atascocita will both join Dobie and the rest of the Pasadena ISD lineup in the District 22-6A field beginning next year, so this matchup will give soccer fans a preview of things perhaps coming in 2019 and beyond.

For now, it's about winning soccer games or going home for the remainder of the playoffs.

The Dobie boys are ready after completing a 13-1 run through 22-6A play to secure a fourth straight league crown.

The Lady Longhorns,

meanwhile, needed a win in their season finale against Memorial to even have a chance at the postseason.

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CB, Dobie tracksters gear up, eye key run

There is no time like the present for the Clear Brook and Dobie track programs to kick things into high gear.

The District 22-6A Track and Field Championships will take over Pasadena ISD's Auxiliary Stadium April 4-5, and the Dobie squads are making their final tune-up efforts.

Similarly, Clear Brook will be one of the host squads of the District 24-6A Championships, which are due to hit Clear Creek ISD's Challenger Stadium April 9 and April 11.

The Dobie boys' and girls' varsity teams are

fresh off an appearance at Angleton ISD's Purnell Relays March 23 at Angleton High School.

The Clear Brook varsity boys were in the mix at the Victor Lopez Classic March 22-24 at Rice University, and the Lady Wolverines traveled to the Seguin Matador Relays March 24.

JFD at Purnells

It's too soon to tell if the Dobie teams possess enough overall depth to win a team title at the 22-6A championships, but there are certainly several individuals who could turn some heads as the meet nears.

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22-6A Championships

April 4-5, Auxiliary Stadium

April 4 – Field finals, running prelims

April 5 – Running finals

24-6A Championships

April 9 and 11

Challenger Stadium, Webster

April 9 – Field finals, running prelims


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Dobie baseball plays for first

Fun times are brewing within the Dobie varsity baseball program.

Since a disappointing 2-1 home loss to West Brook got the Longhorns off to a bitter start in District 22-6A action, the Longhorns have now reeled off four consecutive wins.

The latest? How about a 3-2 win over the defending Class 6A champion Deer Park Deer? Granted, Deer Park's roster is quite a bit different than that of last season, but the Deer are still the team to beat in the 22-6A until proven otherwise.

Perhaps Dobie is now ready to do that. With a March 29 home game against 6-0 La Porte next up, the Longhorns now have a chance to take over first place with a win.

La Porte, what with it's perfect 6-0 record in hand and a March 23 9-8 win over Deer Park, might qualify as one of the pleasant surprises of the entire 2018 season to this point. Then again, so is Dobie.

At 15-5 overall this season, the Longhorns are putting together a solid run. There's a lot of baseball to be played, but head coach Miguel Torres has to love what he is seeing.

In the win over Deer Park, sophomore pitching standout Daniel Garza went the distance, scattering six hits and allowing

just one earned run. The right-hander walked just one and fanned seven. Each of his starts this season have been solid.

Offensively, the Longhorns continue to get contributions from many sources.

Justin Blogg had three hits, including an RBI double. Jeffrey Mercado and Damian Lopez had two hits apiece.

Yet as well as Garza pitched, the Longhorns needed to make something happen in the bottom of the seventh inning and did so.

Mercado led off the frame with a drag bunt to reach first base safely. Daniel Ortega then laid down a perfectly-executed sacrifice bunt to push Mercado to second base.

Deer Park erred at that point, throwing away an attempted pickoff throw to second base as Mercado raced to third.

With Mercado at third base and just one out, Dobie's top power threat, Isaiah Vasquez, came to the dish.

Employing situational hitting to its finest, Torres said Vasquez pushed a single through the infield to score Mercado for the win.

It's the type of little thing that has suddenly led to big things for the Dobie baseball team.

Torres does indeed know the Longhorns have achieved little in the big

picture. Case in point – the Longhorns will face three of the current top four playoff contenders on the road.

For now, though, the Longhorns will stick to the approach that has been working.

"This week before facing Deer Park, I asked the kids if they jumped up and down and celebrated hard after making an A on a test that they had studied for? They all said they didn't. Well, then why celebrate a big win over Deer Park? La Porte? Whoever?"

"When we play Dobie baseball and worry about only our preparation and our outcome, we are pretty good. We have done a good job to this point of not beating ourselves. That has been a big plus."

The Longhorns indeed have a chance to tie for first place March 29, but then games at Memorial and West Brook loom. It's all about La Porte now.

Whether it's Alan Lopez or any one of several others pitching, it's all about one game at a time. It's about executing and doing the little things correctly, similarly to how it went against Deer Park.

"Our seniors have done a great job of showing some of the younger guys the proper way to do things on the field," Torres said.

"So far, we have clearly been pleased with the results we have seen on the field."



Dobie varsity baseball head coach Miguel Torres has guided the Longhorns to a 4-1 start in District 22-6A play, including four straight wins. A 3-2 win over defending Class 6A state champion Deer Park came March 27, but the locals plan to stay the course that has led to a 15-5 overall record.

22-6A Varsity Baseball		
(As of March 28)		
Teams	W	L
La Porte	5	0
Dobie	4	1
West Brook	4	1
Memorial	3	2
Deer Park	3	2
Pasadena	1	4
Rayburn	0	5
S. Houston	0	5

Coyote softball now 7-3 in conference play

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The locals then swept Angelina in a nonconference set March 26, at the South campus.

Of local note is the rise of freshman Michelle Kristoff, a four-year starter and 2017 Dobie High School graduate. While Kristoff is just 7-8 overall, she has a low earned run average of 2.64 and has struck out 91 batters in 92 2/3 innings of work.

Freshman catcher Allison Bravo, also a 2017 Dobie graduate, has delivered to the tune of .376 at the plate with nine doubles and 11 runs batted in.

Yet if San Jacinto is to make a serious run at a repeat national tournament berth later this spring, sophomores Taylor McHenry, Kenzie Kotrla and Riley Bullen will have to continue their dominant seasons.

McHenry, a sophomore, leads the Coyotes in five major offensive categories, including batting average (.461), hits (59), runs scored (38), stolen bases (17) and triples.

Kotrla, second on the team among regulars at .394, has driven in a team-high 28 runs. Bullen is hitting .368 with 26 runs batted in.

In the March 23 sweep of Alvin, Samantha Martinez had two hits and drove in three runs as the Coyotes scored a 6-0 win.

Kristoff went seven innings, allowing only one hit and striking out seven. McHenry, Katlyn Rivera and Madison Neal all had two hits.

San Jacinto then built an 8-1 lead in the nightcap before holding on for an 8-5 victory. Ashley Tran led the way with three hits, and McHenry, Bullen and Bravo (two doubles) all had a pair of hits.

A day later, Galveston delivered 1-0 and 10-5 defeats to San Jacinto. Kristoff allowed just four hits and an earned run, but Galveston's Ashley Kriesel tossed a five-hit shutout, striking out nine.

Bravo had two hits, and Rivera and Lacey Gabaldon both doubled.

The Whitecaps then cruised to an easy win in the second game, with

SJC's Bullen and Kotrla both doubling and driving in a pair.

Kristoff took center stage March 26 as she fanned a career-high 13 in a 3-0 shutout win over Angelina.

McHenry doubled and tripled among her three hits, and Bullen drove in two.

It took just five innings for San Jacinto to run-rule Angelina, 12-2, in the second of two games. Kotrla, Gabaldon, Bravo and Rivera all drove in two runs in the win.

SJC hoops, Weaver capture honors



Above, San Jacinto College guard Eryka Sidney (3) goes one-on-one with Gulf Coast State's (Fla.) Janesha Green (10) during second-round action at the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I Women's Basketball Championships March 23 in Lubbock. GCSC scored a 54-45 victory to end San Jacinto's campaign at 25-11. Sidney, a first-team All-American last season, led SJC in scoring this season at 17 points per game and was a Region XIV first team selections. This year's NJCAA All-Americans will be announced later this spring. Sydney scored more than 1,000 career points while at San Jacinto College.



At right, San Jacinto College women's basketball head coach Kayla Weaver was named the recipient of the NJCAA's Albert Lee Cox Sportsmanship Award after her team finished play in the national tournament. Weaver, an assistant with SJC prior to this season, led the Gators to their first-ever national tournament victory. Weaver was also named the NJCAA's District L Coach of the Year.

Photos by Elizabeth Hertel

Mohammed leads SJC basketball picks

**By Amanda Fenwick
San Jac Marketing**

San Jacinto College men's basketball players Kabir Mohammed, Lamar Hamrick and Jethro Tshisumpa were named by the league's coaches to the all-Region XIV team following the 2017-2018 campaign.

Mohammed, a 6-5 guard from Lagos, Nigeria (National Christian Academy), was named to the all-Region XIV first team.

He was San Jacinto's leading scorer and rebounder at 13.5 points and 8.9 rebounds per game this season.

In Region XIV play, Mohammed averaged 9 rebounds per game, good for fifth in the league, while his 171 total rebounds in conference play was fourth overall. Mohammed played in 31 games, starting 29.

"Kabir was one of our most consistent players the last two seasons," said Ravens' head coach Scott Gernander.

"His strength and versatility allowed us to utilize him in many roles, and helped us in keeping opposing defenses guessing."

"Kabir has really got a knack for rebounding the ball outside of his area, which will make him a valuable player for any team. I'm proud of his accomplishment on the floor but even more proud of what he's done in the classroom."

Mohammed was also a first-team National Junior College Athletic Association All-Academic selection last season.

Hamrick was a second-team all-Region XIV selection this year.

The 6-3 guard from New Castle, Del. (St. Georges Technical High School), was second on the team in scoring at 11.4 points per game.



He also had 31 total steals in Region XIV play, which ranked him fifth in the league.

Tshisumpa was an honorable mention all-Region XIV selection after averaging 8.4 points and 6.5 rebounds per game this season.

He also posted 3.7 blocks per game and ranks third in the nation in total blocks with 116. In conference play Tshisumpa posted 75 total blocks which was second in the conference.

Tshisumpa shot 53.5 percent from the field against region opponents, ranking him ninth in the league.

In the final season for the San Jacinto College men's basketball program, San Jac posted a 19-13 overall record, 10-9 in conference play, advancing to the Region XIV semifinals.

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At left, San Jacinto College sophomore Kabir Mohammed (22), who led the Ravens in scoring and rebounding this season, was named to the All-Region XIV first team by the league's coaches after helping his bunch to the RXIV tournament semifinals. Two other SJC players also gained all-region status in helping the team finish 19-13 overall.

Photo by Jeannie Peng Mansyur

SBGSA's 6U Thunder win Pasadena Co-Op softball



The South Belt Girls Softball Association's 6-under Thunder squad won first place at the Pasadena Girls' Softball Association's Co-Op Invitational, continuing a strong start to its season. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Myla Garcia, Maddison Campos, Brooklyn Coronado, Gisela Gaytan, (middle row) Daniella Cisneros, Tori

DeHoyos, Melody Ramirez, Mazzy Romero, Evan Juarez, Khayla Juarez, Mariah Mendez, Chloe Vasquez, (back row) head coach Chris Ramirez, and assistant coaches Rob Juarez, Mike Mendez and Aaron Vasquez. Not pictured are player Vida Montemayor and assistant coach Martin Cisneros.

Submitted photo

Sports Calendar

SOCCER	
Thursday, March 29	
Dobie varsity girls vs. Atascocita, GPISD, 5:00	
Friday, March 30	
Dobie varsity boys at Goose Creek Mem., GCM, 7:00	
TENNIS	
Thursday, March 29	
Dobie varsity at Sunseri Invit., Galveston, TBA	
Thursday, April 5	
Dobie varsity at 22-6A tourn., Harry Taylor, TBA	
Friday, April 6	
Dobie varsity at 22-6A tourn., Harry Taylor, TBA	
TRACK AND FIELD	
Thursday, March 29	
Dobie JV girls at Rockhold Relays, Baytown, TBA	
Tuesday, April 3	
Dobie varsity boys/girls at 22-6A's, Auxiliary, TBA	
Wednesday, April 4	
Dobie varsity boys/girls at 22-6A's, Auxiliary, TBA	
Thursday, April 5	
Dobie varsity boys/girls at 22-6A's, Auxiliary, TBA	
Monday, April 9	
Brook boys/girls at 24-6A champs, Challenger, TBA	

Wednesday, April 11	
Brook boys/girls at 24-6A champs, Challenger, TBA	
BASEBALL	
Thursday, March 29	
Brook varsity hosts Friendswood, 7:00	
Dobie varsity hosts La Porte, Dobie, 4:00	
Brook JV at Friendswood, 6:30	
Brook sophomores at Friendswood, 4:30	
Tuesday, April 3	
Dobie varsity at Memorial, 4:00	
Brook varsity hosts Clear Lake, 7:00	

Friday, April 6	
Dobie varsity at Beaumont West Brook, 7:00	
Brook varsity at Clear Lake, 7:00	
SOFTBALL	
Thursday, March 29	
Brook varsity at Clear Falls, 6:30	
Dobie varsity hosts West Brook, PISD, 7:00	
Dobie JV hosts West Brook, PISD, 5:30	
Brook JV at Clear Falls, 5:00	
Dobie JV (B) hosts West Brook, 4:00	

Friday, March 30	
San Jacinto College at Blinn, Brenham (2), 3:00	
Tuesday, April 3	
Dobie varsity vs. South Houston, PISD complex, 6:30	
Brook varsity hosts Clear Creek, 6:30	
Dobie JV vs. South Houston, PISD complex, 5:00	
Brook JV hosts Clear Creek, 5:00	

Friday, April 6	
San Jacinto College hosts Coastal Bend (2), 4:00	
Dobie varsity vs. Rayburn, PISD, 7:00	
Brook varsity hosts Friendswood, 6:30	
Dobie JV vs. Rayburn, PISD, 5:30	
Brook JV hosts Friendswood, 5:00	
Dobie JV (B) vs. Rayburn, 4:00	

Friendswood late rally keeps Wolverine baseball winless

Clear Brook senior Gavin Machado has been one of the Houston area's top offensive players this season, yet the Wolverines can't seem to get things pointed in the correct direction in District 24-6A play.

At 0-5 through the first two series against Clear Creek and Clear Falls, as well as a tough 5-4 loss to Friendswood March 27, the Wolverines have three times lost by a lone run.

Even though nine games now remain for Clear Brook, the locals need a win, and soon. Simply put, league leaders like Clear Creek, Clear Springs, Dickinson and Clear Falls are pulling away.

Friendswood scored two runs in the seventh inning March 27 to continue

the Wolverines' woes.

Nate Blain homered and singled while driving in a pair, but the locals could not lock down the final three outs for a victory over the Mustangs.

In a 6-5 and 5-1 series loss to Clear Creek, the Wolverines were twice victimized by the Wildcats' Garrett Poston.

In the 6-5 opener, Poston homered and doubled, driving in four runs to lead the Wildcats to the win.

As for the March 23 rematch, Poston threw a complete game, striking out six as the Wildcats won 5-1.

One of Poston's few problems in the game was surrendering an RBI double to Machado, a University of Texas at San Antonio commit.

Friendswood will play

at Clear Brook Thursday, March 29, at 7 p.m. as the Wolverines seek a win.

Following the results of play March 27, there is a three-way tie atop District 24-6A with nine games remaining for each team.

Clear Creek, Clear Falls and Clear Springs are all at 4-1, while Dickinson and Friendswood stand at 3-2.

Clear Lake and Alvin are also falling behind the frontrunners at 1-4, with Clear Brook last at 0-5.

The Wolverines were able to get into the playoffs last season by defeating Friendswood in a play-in game for a spot.

Perhaps there is no time like the present for the Wolverines to start a winning streak in District 24-6A at the expense of Friendswood.

SJC baseball wins two of three; Cantleberry now 7-1 on mound

The San Jacinto College baseball team appears to be back on track after winning two of three against Alvin in a week-ly series against the Dolphins.

The Gators, currently sitting at No. 6 in the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I poll, downed the Dolphins 10-2 and 10-6 before losing the series finale by a 7-3 count.

In the opener, SJC used the extra-base hit to pun-

ish Alvin pitching. Trent Franson, a Lutheran South Academy graduate, homered.

Alerick Soularie and Sergio Macias tripled and Andres Sosa (two doubles) and Jacob Matheny doubled.

The middle game went to San Jacinto at 10-6 as Hebert Iser, Matt Goodheart and Tyrice Silas added doubles to those of Franson and Soularie.

San Jacinto College starting pitcher Jacob

Cantleberry went 4 2/3 innings to get his seventh win in eight decisions this season.

The sophomore right-hander allowed just two earned runs and fanned six along the way.

Soularie doubled in the 7-3 loss to Alvin in the series finale as the Dolphins avoided a series sweep.

Heading into play March 28, after press time, San Jacinto was 23-8 overall, including 11-4 in Region XIV action.

Brook, Dobie track teams nearing district battles

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The Lady Longhorns' Erin Fleming put together a great performance in Angleton. At 35 feet, 10 1/2 inches, Fleming delivered the school's lone gold medal at the event. With a leap of 16-3, Fleming also took fifth place in the long jump.

JFD freshman Ambreon Jones was second for a silver medal in the high jump after clearing 4-10, and Kiome Dixon continued her successful transition from the basketball court, placing second in the long jump at 17-3 1/2. Dobie freshman Amari Singleton was another medalist for the Lady Longhorns as she was third in the 400-meter dash at 1 minute, .68 seconds.

In the shot put, Jamesetta Seals of Dobie came up with a throw of 32-11 3/4 for third place, and teammate Georgina Labarrera was next up, fourth with a toss of 32-2.

Aajaylah Reed placed fourth in a time of 13.22 in the 100-meter dash, and teammate Deaira Jackson gained a fourth-place finish in the triple jump as

she registered at 33-7.

Seals scored in the discus as well, with her throw of 98-11 placing her sixth overall. Dobie was fourth in the 4x100-meter relay, fifth in the 4x200-meter event and sixth in the 4x400-meter relay.

Elsewhere, Jones came up big in two other events. She was fifth in the 100-meter hurdles (17.82) and narrowly missed scoring in the 300-meter hurdles, clocking in at 51.84 for seventh place.

Points were at a premium in the boys' division as Dobie competed against several of the area's top programs.

Justin Lavinier was third in the pole vault with a successful effort of 11 feet, and fellow junior Devin Brown placed third in the discus with his throw of 128-0.

Erville Mackey's best high jump of 5-10 placed him sixth, and a time of 40.86 gave hurdler Mason Douglas fifth place at the 100-meter distance.

CB boys at Rice

The Clear Brook varsity boys took their talents to the prestigious Victor Lopez Classic, held March

22-24 at Rice University.

After everything was said and done, Sebastian Koran and Kenneth Pree were the Wolverines' top finishers.

Koran and two of his teammates took part in the 2,000-meter steeplechase, with Koran finishing at 6:58.38 for third place overall.

Kyle Vicencio of Clear Brook was ninth in a time of 7:49.98, and Nathan Wagner placed 10th at 7:57.52.

Pree, in the midst of a terrific senior season at Clear Brook, took third in the long jump at 22-9, with the Wolverines' John'te Horace fifth at 22-7 1/2. Horace also placed eighth overall in the triple jump at 43-9.

The Wolverines' Loranzo Thompson was also a standout at the Lopez Classic. He was sixth in the 200-meter dash (22.31) and competed in the relay events.

In the relays, Brook was ninth in the 4x100-meter event in a time of 42.60, and the school's 4x200-meter relay team went out at 1:29.29 for 10th place.

After Sunseri, Dobie tennis looks to 22-6A's



Dobie senior Leilani Vargas (right) is coming to the close of her standout varsity tennis career after a four-year run. Before she is done, Vargas hopes to advance to the Region III tennis tournament next month. The journey begins as the Longhorns compete in the District 22-6A Spring Championships April 5-6, at the Harry Taylor Tennis Center in Pasadena. At left is Dobie head coach Manuel Moreno Jr. Dobie will first play at the Peter Sunseri Invitational in Galveston March 29.

Lajaunie tennis to benefit local youths

The 2018 Darren Lajaunie Memorial Tennis Tournament will return to the Harry Taylor Tennis Center in Pasadena April 27-29.

The DLTSF will continue to award college scholarships to the seniors on the Dobie High School tennis team, in addition to qualifying members of the Harry Taylor Tennis Center.

The Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund volunteers are in the planning and sponsorship gathering stages for its seventh annual memorial tennis tournament.

Darren Lajaunie began his tennis career playing tennis at Dobie High School and graduated co-valedictorian in 1984.

Members of the Dobie tennis team will be awarded entry fees to play in the tournament in his honor.

Lajaunie lost his battle with melanoma May 3, 2011. This scholarship fund and tournament is a way to honor his memory by helping junior tennis players enjoy tennis and assist with their education in college.

He was an electrical engineer graduate from the University of Texas in Austin, and a pillar of the community while working at the Johnson Space Center.

Lajaunie was also dedicated and passionate for his favorite pastime of playing tennis.

All players will receive a tournament T-shirt, a luggage tag and enjoy a complimentary opening morning breakfast snack.

A free lunch will also be available for players

and spectators, donated by the Lajaunie family. The Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund volunteers are busy seeking donors and silent auction items.

Opening ceremonies, including a scholarship awards dinner and silent auction, will be held Friday, April 27.

There will be several camp scholarships as well as two college scholarships awarded to HTTC junior tennis players. Dinner tickets will soon be available for purchase.

Opening night special activities this year include HTTC hosting a complimentary cardio tennis clinic for adults, and a children's clinic full of fun tennis games for ages 12 and under.

There will also be plenty of give-away prizes over the course of the three-day event.

Tickets may be purchased at the HTTC or on the DLTSF website at the end of March. In May, the 2018 Dobie recipients will be awarded their scholarships at the school. Entry fee for the tournament is \$35 for singles and \$22.50 per player for doubles.

Players may also register at www.setteo.com. Registration deadline is April 13.

The tournament will begin Saturday, April 28, at 8 a.m. and finish the next afternoon, with trophy presentations at the conclusion of each division of play.

The Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund website at www.DLtennis.com includes pictures from the 2017 tournament and informa-

tion on this year's tournament, sponsorship opportunities, scholarships details and more.

Those who would like to donate may also do so on the website.

The Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund is a nonprofit corporation, and all donations are tax-deductible.

Donations may now be made via the website with a credit card or one may mail a check or money order to: Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund, 3106 Mossy Elm Court, Houston, TX, 77059, or contact Camille Lajaunie at cjlajau nie@gmail.com with any questions.

Local sports news

Rising Stars registering

The Rising Stars Track Club, the South Belt area's longstanding youth program, is currently accepting registration and is conducting preseason workouts at the Dobie High School track. Team coaches are hosting workouts each Wednesday and Friday, from 4:45 p.m. to dark, Saturdays from noon to 2 p.m. and Sundays from 3 to 5 p.m. Both returning and first-year team members may register at any of the workout sessions.

Pearland Rotary charity golf

Pearland Rotary Club officials have announced plans for the group's 47th annual Golf for Charity tournament, coming to Golfcrest Country Club Friday, May 4.

Participants will enjoy golf, a lunch, a celebratory dinner, silent auction and more during the course of the fun-filled day. There will also be a closest-to-the-pin contest in addition to the ever-popular Fireball Challenge.

Lunch will be served at 11 a.m., and golf begins at noon. To register for the event, visit www.PearlandRotaryGolf.com.

Blackhawk Seahawks FB signing up

The Blackhawk Seahawks' youth football program, complete with drill team and cheerleading squads, is currently registering boys and girls ages 5 to 12 years old, for the 2018 fall season. The cost is \$200 each for football players and \$350 each for drill team and cheerleader members. The Blackhawk Seahawks are members of the Texas Intercity Football Inc. (TIFI) and play their home games at Dobie High School. To register youths, visit the team web site at www.leaguelineup.com/blackhawkseahawks. For additional information, call team president Lisa Sanchez at 832-969-8542.

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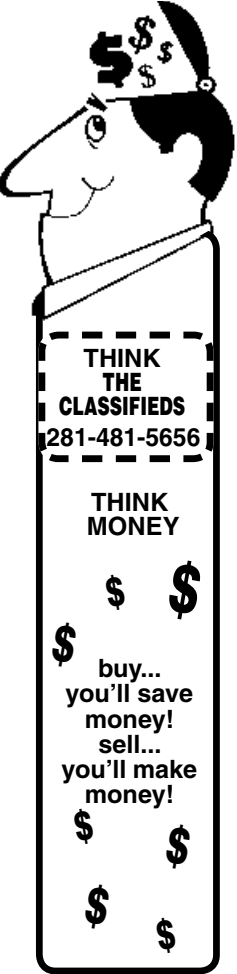
THURSDAY, MARCH 29	
7 a.m.	
AA Meeting — "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for more information, or drop in.	
10 a.m.	
Clear Lake Bridge Club — 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email jpochsner@aol.com , the director's email, for more information.	
Noon	
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) — Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.	
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.	
Hometown Heroes Park — has dance lessons Thursdays, following the senior luncheon. Lewis and Betty Whistler teach lessons in two-step, triple two-step, west coast swing and night club two-step at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. A \$25 activity card is required for nonresidents (free for senior League City residents).	
6:30 p.m.	
Kirkwood Civic Association meets the last Thursday of the month at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road. For more information, call Ericka McCrutchon at 281-989-9990.	
7 p.m.	
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) — Women's Group, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-856-1611.	
Alcoholics Anonymous — Alcohol problems? Meets Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 - 8 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-306-4366 or 713-480-4166.	

FRIDAY, MARCH 30	
7 a.m.	
AA Meeting — "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.	
10 a.m.	
Clear Lake Bridge Club — Open games are on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for more information.	
Noon	
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) — West End Group, noon, Shepherd of the Heart United Methodist Church, 12005 County Rd. 39, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.	
6:30 p.m.	
Bay Area Genealogical Society — Meets monthly, the last Friday, at University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook Dr., Clear Lake. Coffee and socializing prior to 7 p.m. meeting. For details, visit www.TxBayAreaGen.org .	
7 p.m.	
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) — Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For more information, call 713-856-1611.	
8 p.m.	
Serenity Now Al-Anon Group — meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 8 to 9 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share, learn Al-Anon principles, that they are not alone, and discover choices available. For details, call 281-484-9243.	
SATURDAY, MARCH 31	
7:30 a.m.	
Alcoholics Anonymous — "Breakfast with Bill", Saturdays, 7:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference	

room. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.	
10 a.m.	
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) — Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.	
11 a.m.	
Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English) — For women affected by an addict. Saturdays, 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.	
1 p.m.	
Clear Lake Bridge Club — Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.	
8 p.m.	
Alcoholics Anonymous — meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.	
SUNDAY, APRIL 1	
1 p.m.	
Clear Lake Bridge Club — Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.	
2 p.m.	
Grief Support Group — For adults who have lost a loved one. Meets Sundays, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas, 2 to 3:15 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. For details, call 281-487-8787.	
5:30 p.m.	
Celebrate Recovery — A faith-based 12-Step Program, Sundays, 5:30 p.m., in the Chapel at Life Church, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for more information. To RSVP for child care, call 713-	

419-2635.	
7 p.m.	
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) — Vigilance Group of NA meets Sundays, 7 p.m., 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.	
7 p.m.	
Alcoholics Anonymous — Alcohol problems? Meets Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 to 8 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, located at 2217 Theta St. For more information, call 713-306-4366 or 713-480-4166.	
8 p.m.	
Alcoholics Anonymous — meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.	
MONDAY, APRIL 2	
10 a.m.	
Al-Anon Deer Park — Mondays, 10 to 11 a.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for more information, or drop in.	
10 a.m.	
Clear Lake Bridge Club — Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.	
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 the back of the church. Call 409-454-5720 for details, or drop in.	
Noon	
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) — Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.	

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Genealogy Group – Parker Williams Genealogy Group meets from 2 to 4 p.m. on first and third Monday at the Parker Williams Library, Beamer at Scarsdale. Public is invited. For details, email Liz Hicks at erootrot@usa.net.

Houston Area Parkinson Society – Free exercise and speech therapy for adults with Parkinson's 3:15 to 4:45 p.m., Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for details.

New Directions Singles – Age 50 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner with activities and/or guest speakers at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Pkwy. For details, call Margarita at 832-715-9658.

Scrabble Club #511 – Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Come, improve crossword playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for details.

Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting – Monday at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway, Pearland. Use door near recycling bins. Call 713-865-3668 or visit www.oahouston.org.

Survivors of Suicide Support Group – gives coping skills in a non-threatening environment to adults who have lost a loved one to suicide. For details email LynneAnnH@yahoo.com or visit www.crisishotline.org.

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Education Bldg., 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For details, call Russell at 832-483-6715.

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

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

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

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

Local NARFE Meeting – National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 1321, meets the first Tuesday at Clear Lake Community Center, 5001 NASA Pkwy. Lunch is \$6. For information, call Norman Chaffee at 713-944-2461.

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

Rotary Club of Pearland – Meets Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch is \$15. Variety of speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or email nalix@texascitizensbank.com.

Hometown Heroes Park – has beginner ballroom lessons taught by Eileen Bauerlein on Tuesdays from 12:30 to 1:30 following the senior luncheon at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. A \$25 activity card is required for nonresidents which is free to senior League City residents.

Trailmixers – Meets the first Tuesday at Luby's, 11595 Fuqua. Former and current employees of J. Frank Dobie High School are welcome.

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

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

Bay Area Quilt Guild – Meets the first Tuesday at 10904 Scarsdale Blvd. Fellowship is at 6:30 p.m.; meeting/program begins at 7 p.m. The guest speaker is Cynthia Williford with a program "Embellishment, or Why I Quilt!" For details, call Debby Benson at 713-248-8757 or visit www.Facebook.com/BayAreaQuiltGuild.

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Carmelites – a nondenominational senior citizen social group that meets at 15500 El Camino Real in Clear Lake on the first and third Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. for a time filled with fun, fellowship, lending library, coffee and bingo. The meetings are open to anyone age 50 or older and there are no dues. Day trips and extended trips are available. Deposits are being taken on a Canadian Rockies VIA Rail trip (July 20 – 27), Scandinavian Treasures Baltic cruise (Sept. 5 – 15) and a Nashville Show trip (Dec. 2 – 8). Plan ahead to join the trips. For details, call Marilyn at 713-947-2388.

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

Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club – meets monthly, first and third Wednesday, Golden Corral, 4021 Spencer Hwy., Pasadena. December may be an exception. For details, call Monica Montoya at 281-794-5531.
American Business Women's Association Bay Area Vision Chapter – Meets at Bon Appetit Cafe, 18027 Point Lookout Dr., 77058, monthly, first Wednesday, noon to 1:30 p.m. Professional speaker often present. For details, contact Christie O'Rear at chris.tiorean@gmail.com.

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

Hometown Heroes Park – has free Hump Day Dance to practice ballroom dance, 1 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. League City nonresidents must purchase activity card. Help is available to assist learning dance moves. For details, call Neva Schroder at 417-838-2204.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For information, call 713-856-1611.
Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention – Call 281-286-2525 (24-hour crisis hotline) for confidential domestic violence/sexual abuse support group for women. Visit www.bayareaturningpoint.org for information.

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

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The Bay Area Writers League – Meets the first Thursday monthly, Barnes and Noble, 1029 W. Bay Area Blvd., 7 p.m. Newcomers welcome.

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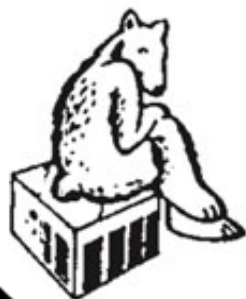
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