

SBAST tryouts April 16

SBAST Sharks tryouts will be held April 16 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Beverly Hills Intermediate pool. For more information, visit www.sbast.org.

Community garage sale set

Clear Brook Meadows Activity Committee will hold its annual spring garage sale Saturday, April 18, beginning at 7 a.m. Homeowners will hold their own sales and must provide and pick up the signs. Look for signs to drive around to see who is participating. No registering is required. For additional information, email Sylvia Velasquez at cbmactivity@msn.com.

Knights host blood drive

The St. Luke's Knights of Columbus will host a blood drive on Sunday, April 19, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Luke's Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road, in the social hall. Blood is needed every day for medical needs due to health and injuries. All are welcome.

Walk in the Park April 19

Gulflaven Community Walk in the Park is set for Sunday, April 19, at Crenshaw Park, 5500 Burke Road in Pasadena. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the walk starts at 9 a.m. Admission is free. Free T-shirts and books will be given to all participants and lots of lucky draw prizes. The event is sponsored by the Gulflaven SDA Church, 10716 Sabo Road. For more information, call 713-562-4580 or visit the website at Gulflavensda.org.

Larriette spring show tickets

The J. Frank Dobie Larriettes and dance department will hold their annual spring show, *Oh the Places We'll Go*, April 30, May 1, and May 2 in the Dobie auditorium. Admission is \$10, and tickets can be purchased presale from any Larriette, or at the door while supplies last. Come out and support the Larriettes and dance students as they perform for the last time during the 2014-2015 school year.

Genealogy group meets

The Parker Williams Genealogy Group will meet April 20, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the library at Scarsdale and Beamer. This group meets the first and third Mondays to discuss genealogy research. Meetings are free and open to anyone interested in tracing family history.

PIP meeting April 21

The Positive Interaction Program will meet Tuesday, April 21, at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria in the staff meeting room on the first floor. Guest speaker will be Harris County Assistant District Attorney Amanda Greer, who will speak on asset forfeiture.

PIP consists of police and citizens working for safer neighborhoods. For information, call Officer Richard Buitron at 281-218-3900.

NARFE meets April 21

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Gulf Freeway Chapter 941 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. at the El Franco Lee Senior Community Center, 9500 Hall Road. This month's meeting will be held on April 21. Visitors are welcome. For information, call 713-734-1461.

Romance writers to meet

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St. Luke's garage sale

St. Luke's ECC will have a Garage Sale on Saturday, April 25 from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the St. Luke's parking lot. The public is invited. If anyone wants to donate to the sale, contact the ECC office at 281.481.0314 or email to early-childhoodcenter@stlukesatholic.com.

Dolphin, Rams to register

Two Bay Area Football League programs – the South Belt Dolphins and the Ellington Rams – continue to register players for the 2015 season.

The Dolphins will host a fundraiser along with registration for 9 to 10 and 11 to 12-year-old players Saturday, April 25, at the Shell station located on Blackhawk.

A \$100 deposit and a copy of the players' birth certificate are required at the time of registration. The event will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Rams' team personnel will host registration Saturday, April 18, at Wilson Park, 100 Gilpin, from 10 a.m. to noon and Wednesday, April 22, at the El Franco Lee Senior Community Center, 9400 Hall Road, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The Rams, in particular, are seeking 5 to 6-year-old and 11 to 12-year-old players.

Pasadena ISD candidates discuss issues

By James Bolen

A team of hopefuls running for a position on the Pasadena Independent School District board of trustees gathered at Dobie High School Monday, April 13, to field questions from community members as to what makes them best qualified to serve.

Nearly all of the eight candidates took part in the event, with Position 6 challenger Lydia Velasquez being the lone exception.

Longtime incumbents Vickie Morgan (Position 7) and Marshall Kendrick (Position 6), along with freshman board member Larry Savala (Position 5), emphasized a need to maintain the existing board's cohesiveness.

"Before I became a board member, I attended every board meeting for one year," said Morgan, who has served on the board for three decades. "I know where the district was, where it is, and I

have a strong sense of where it's going."

This was echoed by Kendrick.

"People don't realize how difficult this job is," said Kendrick, who has served 25 years. "I haven't had an opponent since 1999. I think that says something. I must be doing something right."

Challengers, however, contended the need for fresh blood on the board.

"Adding new perspective to the board doesn't make it unstable," said Position 7 challenger Erica Davis Rouse, who compared it to adding new tires to an otherwise working automobile.

This sentiment was shared by fellow Position 7 challenger Chuck Maricle, who accused the current board of being inaccessible.

"We need to change the mindset in order to move forward," Maricle said. "The board needs to keep an ear to the ground."

Savala countered Maricle's remarks by saying

his doors of communication are always open.

"The board's primary concern is communicating with the parents," Savala said. "We listen to their goals and hold the superintendent responsible. My primary purpose is to be a servant to the community."

Savala, who founded the Hispanic Family Initiative, and Rouse, who formerly served as Miss Black Houston and Miss Black Texas, underscored their ability to bring diversity to the board, noting minorities constitute 90 percent of the district.

"I can relate to being a minority in the Pasadena school district," said Rouse, a 1991 Dobie grad.

Similarly, Maricle and Position 5 challenger Alvin Gonzalez played up their former military experience.

"There is a chain of command," Gonzalez said. "But I will be beholden to the voters, not the superintendent."

The owner of Little Longhorns Daycare, Position 5 challenger Kenny Fernandez stressed the importance of early academic development.

"Education starts before school," Fernandez said. "Day care can serve as a pipeline to curriculum."

While it may hurt his business, Fernandez further said he supports making PISD's prekindergarten programs a full day, rather than their current half day.

"It enhances education," Fernandez said. "It's not about my bottom line. It's about what's best for the kids."

Fernandez was not alone in this position, as all

other challengers also spoke out in favor of the proposal.

"In my previous career, I was in new home sales. And the key to building a nice house is having a solid foundation," said Rouse. "And the earlier we start working with children, the better."

While Morgan and Kendrick are not opposed to such programs, they said funding them can be cost prohibitive.

"That's an easy answer to give when you're not talking about money," Kendrick said.

Both Gonzalez and Maricle accused the school district of wasteful spending and building unnecessary facilities.

"Why tear down so many schools?," Maricle asked. "We can only have so many bond elections."

Morgan took particular offense at this comment, insisting all tear-downs are a last resort.

"We don't tear down schools, Mr. Maricle, unless it's completely necessary," Morgan said.

While all of the candidates expressed a desire to prepare students for college or a place in the workforce, Morgan and Kendrick specifically praised the district's existing Career and Technical High School and the Early College High School, which allows students to earn an associate degree by the time they earn their high school diploma.

The election is scheduled to take place Saturday, May 9. Early voting will take place from Monday, April 27, to Tuesday, May 5.

See future editions of the *Leader* for more information and a candidate questionnaire.

Dennis Paul opens area office



State Rep. Dennis Paul (center) held a grand opening celebration for his new local district office, located at 17225 El Camino Real, on Friday, April 10. Shown above with Paul at the event are Rebecca Lilley, director of physician resources at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, and District 129 constituent Art Oswald. Photo by Marie Flickinger

Teacher resigns amid photo allegations

A second-grade teacher at Laura Bush Elementary School has resigned amid allegations he took upskirt photos of an 8-year-old female student.

Another student reportedly witnessed the incident taking place as the victim was sitting at a reading table at the area school. The witness reported the incident to school officials, who in turn, notified police.

Once confronted by police, the teacher resigned the following morning.

The teacher allegedly attempted to destroy his phone by breaking it in half and throwing it into a storm drain. He later led police to the broken

phone, where it was recovered.

Investigators are now working with computer experts to see if any images can be retrieved.

At press time, the teacher had not been named, as no criminal charges had been filed. He had been with the school since 2006.

The investigation is ongoing. School officials sent a letter to parents notifying them of the incident.

"These allegations are extremely serious. Any time a teacher violates the trust of a child, it creates a challenge for the majority of educators who genuinely care about the safety and well-being of students," the letter read, in part.

Annual South Belt cookoff heats up

The annual South Belt Spectacular Cookoff, set to take place April 30 through May 2 at El Franco Lee Park, is quickly approaching.

Contrary to earlier reports that the event had reached its capacity at 77 teams, organizer Dean Baier has added five new teams, bringing the total to 82.

While this year's cookoff will be the largest in the event's history, Baier said he hopes to add even more teams next year. Organizers are in talks with Harris County officials about making drainage improvements at the area park that would not only allow for more cooking teams in

the future but would help the property in general. Due to lack of space, no outside vending will be allowed.

Organizers are currently seeking volunteers and auction items. Current auction items include Schlitterbahn tickets and a two-night stay at the Golden Nugget casino in Lake Charles that includes a cabana.

For more information, email mynews@southbeltleader.com or visit the event's Facebook page listed under "Southbelt Spectacular BBQ Cookoff." See next week's *Leader* for a guide to the cookoff.

Dobie grad, celebrated doctor, dies at 42

A former Dobie student who went on to be a celebrated doctor died unexpectedly Friday, April 10, at the age of 42.

Massoud Javadi, a 1992 graduate, worked extensively with Doctors Without Borders in West Africa and the South Su-



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dan in northeast Africa combating the Ebola virus.

Following his graduation from high school, Javadi received his medical degree from Baylor College of Medicine in 2002. His area of expertise was internal medicine.

Contrary to initial reports, Javadi did not die from Ebola.

Service information was not available at press time. For more information, visit www.dignitymemorial.com.

Gas leak evacuates Clear Brook

Students at Clear Brook High School were temporarily evacuated the morning of Thursday, April 9, due to a gas leak near the campus.

When repairs took longer than anticipated, classes were canceled for the day altogether.

According to Clear Creek Independent School District officials, construction crews were working across the street from the school when they hit a gas line.

Students were evacuated from the building but were allowed to go back into the gym shortly after 11 a.m. About 20 minutes later, the district

said students were dismissed early.

Student drivers and walkers were allowed to leave immediately. Buses ran their regular routes.

Other students were allowed to be picked up early by their parents or approved emergency contacts. Students being picked up were arranged by their last names, with A - K being located in one gym, while L - Z were located in another.

At press time, it was unclear if students would have to make up the lost day.

Gallant body found; Memorial set

The body of Alex Gallant was discovered by fishermen near Pirate's Cove on Tuesday, March 24.

Gallant, 23, went missing the morning of Saturday, Feb. 28, after his kayak overturned during a fishing trip near South Deer Island, roughly three miles offshore from Galveston Bay.

His body was identified through dental records.

Gallant, 23, was kayaking with his childhood friend Brandon Curacas, 21, when, according to Curacas, Gallant tipped over into the choppy, 53-degree water and began to panic. In an attempt



Gallant and son Ethan

to save himself, Gallant reportedly grabbed onto Curacas' kayak, also tipping it over.

Curacas managed to grab on to a nearby buoy, while Gallant drifted away, holding onto his overturned kayak. Curacas was rescued by a good Samaritan and taken to a pier, where he was treated for mild hypothermia and released.

The U.S. Coast Guard launched a search for Gallant by helicopter and boat but suspended its mission Monday, March 30, after exhausting all options. His family and a team of volunteers continued to search for him to no avail.

Both kayaks were located with the life vests still attached to them.

Gallant, who graduated from Dobie in 2011, was the father of a four-month-old baby boy.

A memorial service will be held at noon Saturday, April 25, at First Baptist Church of Friendswood, 111 E. Heritage.

A GoFundMe page has been created to help the family with expenses. Donations may be made at www.gofundme.com/nqn2w.

City to relax sidewalk repair rules

While a new City of Houston program is aimed at making residential sidewalk repairs easier and cheaper, it has many scratching their heads.

Passed by City Council on Wednesday, April 15, the new ordinance waives the previously required \$100 permitting fee and recommends two preselected contractors to make the needed repairs.

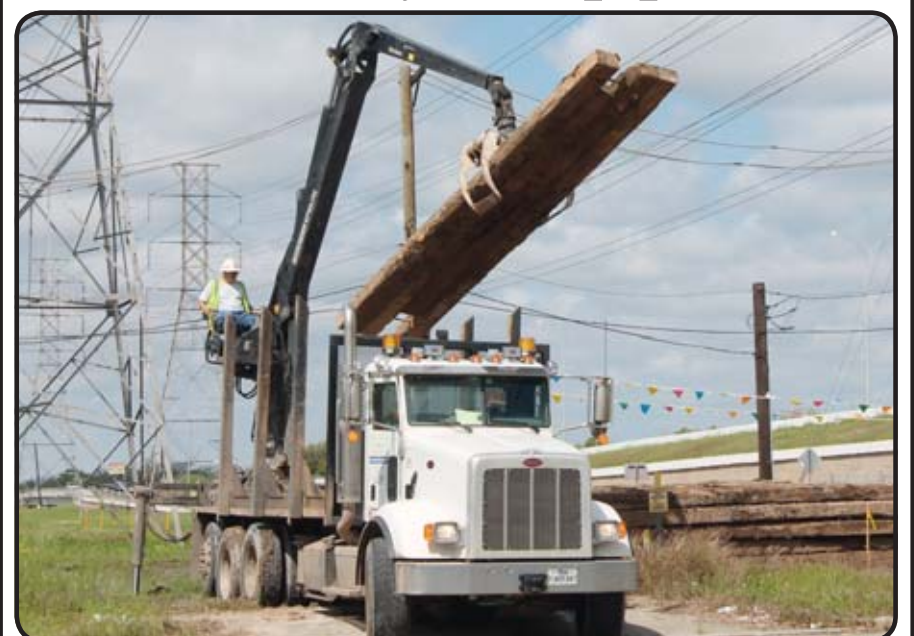
Under the new program, city residents wishing to have repairs made would contact the Department of Public Works and Engineering, which will send an inspector out to investigate the request and give the homeowner an estimate. Should the resident choose to make the repair, the inspector would make a second visit to ensure the work had been done properly.

Of concern is the estimated costs of the pre-selected contractors, who have bid between \$75 and \$90 to repair one linear foot of a typical sidewalk. By comparison, the same repair would typically cost only \$22 in the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District, according to MUD General Manager Chris Clark.

The City of Houston program does not require residents to use one of the preselected contractors, and those who choose to use another company would still have the \$100 permitting fee waived.

Residents are urged to shop around before hiring one of the city's contractors. Hernandez Concrete, the company used by the Clear Brook City MUD for its repairs, can be reached at 713-910-4230.

Workers lay new pipeline



A worker from Rockford Pipelines is shown above preparing to install a 36-inch natural gas pipeline at the intersection of Beltway 8 and Beamer. Once installed, the pipeline will connect to the Enterprise Products Partners storage facility located near Beltway 8 and Highway 3. This marks at least the third such pipeline to be installed along the area street. Photo by Marie Flickinger

In My Opinion

Joslin on PISD candidate forum

I have to admit, I went into the forum with certain preconceived notions. Two of the candidates were school mates of mine and I had this idea of a grass roots, young blood, new age vision for the board. I'm so glad I attended and thank you very much to the Chamber and Mr. Moses for providing the opportunity to hear from the candidates because it turns out I was very wrong in my initial assumptions. I mean no disrespect to any of the candidates. I am sure they are all running for noble reasons but the disconnect between what the opposing candidates think and what the board has done for our district was glaringly obvious during last night's forum.

Some came with singular issues, some came with love and dedication for the community, but only the senior members came with the true understanding of the groundwork laid and the work in progress that the PISD school board is focused on. There was talk at the forum of needing the district to look to the future and push ahead. Well, as a product of PISD schools, a 15-year teacher for the district and an active member of the 2010 Strategic Planning Committee that was spear-headed by Dr. Lewis and set forth a 20 year growth plan for the school district I feel qualified to say the board has and is faithfully pushing forward in that plan and is leading us financially and in policy as one of the most progressive districts in the State.

My concern is that many of the opposing candidates did not seem to know or understand that and therefore should not be stepping into that Boardroom. With my apologies to my fellow Longhorns and the other opposing candidates I must endorse Vicky Morgan, Marshall Kendrick and the other incumbents in the district board elections because if it ain't broke, you don't fix it.

Jeri Joslin

Looking for veterans to interview

The following letter was submitted to the Leader by Chuck Maricle.

Dear Fellow Veterans,
I wanted to put out the word that the Texas Veterans Land Board is actively seeking out veterans to interview for our Voices of Veterans Oral History Program. Our goal is to save our veterans' stories for posterity (we have an archive at the General Land Office which dates back to the 1700s) while also honoring and thanking our veterans for their service. We want to interview any veteran we can regardless of time of service, branch, location of service, or even which state they were from

originally. The veteran only needs to be a Texas resident now. Each interview is about 45 minutes to an hour long and the veteran will receive free copies of the interviews on CDs, along with a nice thank you letter and certificate from Com. Bush in a commemorative binder. If you, or someone you know, is interested, please have them contact me at either 512-463-1970 or 1-800-252-VETS, or email me here or at james.crabtree@glo.texas.gov. Here is the website with past interviews - www.voicesofveterans.org.
Thank you for your help. James Crabtree Semper Fidelis

PS. If you know any WWII vets, we especially want to speak with them. The 70th anniversary of the end of the war is this August 14th. Thank you.

Weeke: A sense of pride . . .

Having just watched the evening news I wonder what's wrong in the world today. The federal government prints a new stamp with Maya Angelou. But the quote on the stamp is not by Maya Angelou. A Houston cop is arrested by the FBI for dealing drugs. A Spring ISD teacher is arrested, for kicking an 8 year old who had fallen on the playground. These people didn't do their job and have no pride in their work...nor themselves.

They are extreme examples of events that happen around us every day, where all too often I see people who don't even try to do the right thing. It can be as easy as letting someone else have that parking space. Or not illegally parking in a handicapped space. Using your turn signal. Letting an older person in front of you at the checkout counter. Try calling your waitress by name. But lately it appears that everyone is only looking out only for themselves and often at the expense of others. I used to think it was 'a generational thing' but it's not. It happens every day, everywhere by all kinds of folks.

Almost thirty years ago Robert Fulghum wrote a book titled 'All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten'. Some of his 'life lessons' are...
1. Share everything.
2. Play fair.
3. Don't hit people.
4. Put things back where you found them.
5. Clean up your own mess.
6. Don't take things that aren't yours.
And the list goes on...

I guess I am writing to remind everyone to pause and think before they act. Be responsible, take pride in your behavior and maybe have a little respect for others. I hope it's not asking too much. Sam Weeke

Elected officials share their words District E News

From the office of Council Member Dave Martin

Clear Lake City Boulevard Intersection Improvement Project update

Work is nearing completion on the Clear Lake City Boulevard Intersection Improvement project, which commenced on Jan. 5 and is being undertaken by contractors overseen by the city's Public Works and Engineering Department. The project involves the replacement of existing traffic signal poles, the revising of intersection signal timing based on current traffic patterns, improvements to intersection sidewalks and wheelchair ramps and the extension of the left turn bay on Clear Lake City Boulevard northbound to accommodate existing traffic.

The installation of all traffic poles and appurtenances for the project was completed in late February. Concrete removal and replacement was subsequently completed in March, with signal turn-on occurring at the end of March. Striping for the project was delayed due to inclement weather and is now expected for completion in early April, with the restoration of the work zone anticipated to be complete by the end of April 2015. Please note that all project timelines are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.

Through project completion, the contractor is set to work Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to avoid rush hour traffic and possibly on Saturdays to expedite construction. During this time, one lane will be closed. Martin's office has notified the Houston Police Department's Clear Lake Substation to coordinate traffic prevention efforts and has asked that officers routinely patrol the area during their respective shifts.

Save the Date: 7th Annual Aeros & Autos Event

On Saturday, May 16, the Houston Airport System will host the seventh Annual Aeros & Autos event from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Ellington Airport. This yearly family-friendly event, which offers exciting displays and activities relating to planes and automobiles, will feature exhibits from the Houston Police Department, the U.S. Coast Guard, NASA, the Commemorative Air Force, the Lone Star Flight Museum and more. Proceeds

from the show will benefit the Texas Lions Camp, an organization dedicated to assisting physically disabled, hearing/vision impaired and diabetic children from the State of Texas, as well as the Lone Star Veterans Association.

This year's show, while still located at Ellington Airport, will be held in a new location to utilize actual runways. The entrance to the event will now be located off Genoa Red Bluff Road on the north side of Ellington Airport.

More information on the seventh Annual Aeros & Autos Event, including registration information, directions, and ticket prices can be found online at www.fly2houston.com/AerosandAutos.

I-45 Widening Projects

In response to questions posed at Council Member Dave Martin's March 3 Joint Capital Improvement Project and Town Hall meeting, the District E office reached out to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for information on two projects underway near the Clear Lake area to widen Interstate 45 (I-45).

The first, an \$108.89 million project stretching 1.67 miles from Nyack Drive to approximately three quarters of a mile south of FM 1959 (Scarsdale Boulevard), began in June of 2011 and is currently rated at 66.6 percent completed by TxDOT with completion expected in summer of 2016.

The second widening project along I-45 miles 1.25 miles from approximately half a mile south of El Dorado Boulevard to south of Medical Center Drive.

This project is currently rated at 39.3 percent completeness and is estimated for completion in summer 2017 with a total cost of \$100.48 million.

Questions and concerns about the two I-45 widening projects underway by TxDOT in the Clear Lake area can be directed to Lucio Ortiz, area engineer for TxDOT's Southeast Harris County office, at 281-464-5500.

More information on these and other TxDOT projects taking place throughout Harris County can also be viewed online at http://apps.dot.state.tx.us.

Deaths

Tara Alane Ball



Tara Alane Ball, 38, of South Belt, died on Monday, April 13, 2015. She was born on Jan. 26, 1977, in Houston to Larry Jay and Sheila Janice Ball.

She is survived by her parents; sister Tiffany and husband Rex Richards; nephew Nathan and niece Evelyn; and numerous other family and friends.

Ball was a graduate of Faith Christian Academy. She was an employee of Luby's for more than 16 years. Many of her loyal customers routinely visited Luby's just to see her smiling face and sweet spirit. She was also an active member of the Special Friends Group at Sagemont Church and Mary Queen Catholic Church of Friendswood, as well as Forgotten Angels of Pearland.

Ball enjoyed many arts and crafts, but she especially enjoyed latch hook and ceramics. Her ceramics were award winning at multiple ceramic shows around the city. One of Ball's favorite things to do was to enjoy a special meal with family and friends. She loved food and was often very daring with the entrees she would choose. She loved people and especially loved baking muffins for those who were sick or hurting. This act became known as "Tara's Muffin Ministry," and it has touched many lives over the years.

Visitation will be held Thursday, April 16, 2015, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Niday Funeral Home - Beamer Chapel.

The service celebrating Ball's life will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, April 17, at Sagemont Church in the HRA. The Rev. John Morgan will officiate. Interment will follow at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Houston.

In lieu of usual remembrances, memorial contributions in Ball's name may be made to Forgotten Angels at forgottenangels.org or to Special Friends at maryqueen catholicchurch.org.

Alex Gallant

Alex Gallant, 23, died on March 24, 2015, in Galveston, Texas. He was born on Sept. 8, 1991, in Houston, Texas. He was a resident of Friendswood and was formerly a South Belt resident.

Gallant was very outgoing, loved to fish, and enjoyed the Dallas Cowboys. He spent every moment he could with his son, Ethan, the center of his world.

Gallant leaves behind his wife, Brandi Gallant; son Ethan Gallant; parents Glen Gallant and Rhonda Stallbaumer and husband Al; sisters Tausha Holland, Amie Gallant, Ashley Gallant and Amber Farley; and his grandmother, Dena Stoltzman.

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Elected officials speak out

Sen. Sylvia Garcia believes Senate Budget falls short of funding Texas state priorities

On April 14, Sen. Sylvia Garcia voted against the Senate's state budget proposal.

The Senate budget failed to address billions of dollars in identified needs such as education, facilities, health-care, pre-K, and transportation.

"Texas should not be conducting corporate tax giveaways at the expense of kids and families - it should be providing the services that taxpayers have paid for, such as schools and highways. We made a promise to invest in Texas schools after the 2011 cuts, but instead we face a

looming school finance lawsuit," Garcia stated.

"We were elected to wisely invest Texans' hard-earned money and grow the Texas dream, but this budget does neither. When the state underfunds schools and roads, it penalizes the hard-working taxpayers that rely on the state to meet these fundamental needs. The budget fails to adequately fund health care, pre-k, and other priorities of working families in Texas."

"In an unprecedented

move, Department of Public Safety's budget is nearly tripled to \$811 million in an alleged response to border security threats in South Texas. Meanwhile, crime rates are increasing across Houston and other areas of the state.

"I cannot honestly tell my constituents that we're representing their best interests by putting \$811 million into policing the border, when they feel unsafe in their own communities hundreds of miles away."

Free Legal Clinic for Veterans April 18

Veterans who need legal advice or legal assistance can visit a free legal clinic from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturday, April 18, at Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7109, 4202 W. Walnut in Pearland.

The clinic is a public service of the Brazoria County Bar Association and the Houston Bar Foundation's Veterans Legal Initiative, a coalition of local bar associations that provide pro bono legal services to U.S. veterans in 18 counties in Texas. No appointment is necessary. Any veteran, or spouse

of a deceased veteran, can receive advice and counsel from a volunteer attorney in any area of law, including family, wills and probate, consumer, real estate and tax law, as well as disability and veterans benefits.

Veterans who need ongoing legal representation and who qualify for legal aid may be assigned a pro bono attorney to handle their case. For more information on clinics and other services for veterans, contact the Veterans Legal Initiative at 713-759-1133 or visit www.hba.org.

Gulfhaven SDA hosts special presentation

The public is invited to bring friends and family to Gulfhaven SDA Church for a special presentation by Dr. Dave Jamieson on Saturday, April 25. The event will take place at 11 a.m. at the church located at 10716 Sabo Road in Houston.

Jamieson, a sought-after speaker in the United States

and abroad, will present *Innovative Community Service that makes an Impact*, challenging and inspiring everyone to impact their community through Acts of Kindness, Extreme Servolution and Kingdom Assignment.

For more information, call 713-944-6912 or 832-433-2732.

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Potters guild holds spring sale

The Salt Grass Potters Guild will hold its annual spring sale of original handmade pottery on Saturday, April 18, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, April 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The sale will be held at the Clear Lake Park meeting room at 5001 NASA Parkway in Clear Lake. The park is one spotlight east of the Hilton on the Lake.

About 20 artists will be on hand to answer questions about their work, and there will be a variety of items from functional dishware to purely decorative clay pieces and also sculpture. Many items are suitable for decoration or as presents. For more information, call 713-851-4012 or visit the website at www.saltgrasspotters.com.

Dobie 40-year reunion set

The J. Frank Dobie Class of 1975 will hold its 40-year reunion Sept. 25-26 at South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center, 2500 S. Shore Blvd. in League City. Tickets are \$85 per person if paid by Aug. 1.

Tickets purchased at the door or after Aug. 1 will be \$100 per person.

This includes dinner and entertainment for Saturday night. A block of rooms at a special rate will be available. For more information, call Susie Holmes Holt at 281-222-4140, Pam West Saxton at 832-330-8368, or Debbie Green Harrell at 832-818-5028.



Presents

19th Annual South Belt Cookoff

El Franco Lee Park

Friday, May 1 & Sat., May 2, 2015

Admission \$10
Free admission for ages 12 & under
Saturday Admission \$5 before 4 p.m. \$10 After 4 p.m.

Proceeds fund South Belt July 4th Fireworks, area scholarships & community programs

Kids Fun Zone Saturday 10 to 4

Free Games & Rides for Kids include...

Petting Zoo, Pony Rides, Rock Climbing, Obstacle Course, Moonwalks, Face painting, Hair-braiding, Gabby the Clown, Bagpipe performances, Giant Trampoline, Inflatable Adrenaline Rush Jr., Train Rides, HPD Helicopter, Police, Fire & Ambulance Displays, Photo Opportunity with Oliver the Watusi Bull & Much More

Food & Refreshments

Barbecue Sandwiches, Turkey Legs, Hot Dogs, Sausage On A Stick, Cotton Candy, Snow Cones & Drinks Will Be Available For Purchase.

Sponsorship opportunities include Banners, Golf Carts & Kids Activities. For information call 281-481-5656 or email mynews@southbeltleader.com



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AFI Awards come to Moore

Fourth-graders at Moore Elementary School were presented the American Film Institute curriculum, and they worked in teams to complete a short film based on techniques and strategies they learned. The lesson concluded with an American Film Institute Awards Program. Students, teachers and staff were on hand to watch the films and presentation of awards.

Photos submitted



Jade To Nguyen, David Kelley, Alex Rivera and Leilani Moorman.



The staff at Moore Elementary dressed for the occasion. Pictured are, left to right, Eduardo Ledezma, BethAnne Mullen, Kathy Young, Marie Alanis, Jennifer Christen, Leah Laredo, Dixie Thompson, Sally Buentillo and Melissa Hickman.



Dylan Nguyen, Sieryn Rocha and Sophia Martinez.

Frazier Elementary releases third nine-weeks rolls

Frazier Elementary School recently announced its honor, merit and perfect attendance rolls for the third nine-weeks grading period of the 2014-2015 school year.

Students earning status are:

Kindergarten
Perfect attendance
Javier Chavez, Hunter Ford, Alexander Griffin, Donavin Lamas, Genesis Leal, Aubrey Lugo, Monserrat Marquez, Rodrigo Martinez, Geovanny Perez, Penelope Rodriguez, Syann Rodriguez and Sandra Trevino.

First grade
Perfect attendance
Anderson Aguilar, Caden Exum, Oliver Fabian-Guzman, Savannah Flores, Reynol Galvan, Bryan Govea, Ava Herrera, Alexis Lazzano, Diego Martinez, Addison McAfee, Daniel Moe, Aliana Moreno, Anna Orrego, Torri Price and Cheyenne Quezada.

Second grade
Perfect attendance
Ariana Alaniz, Lorenzo Bentancourt, Lorian Bentancourt, Johann Castellanos, Josiah Castillo, Andre Espinosa, Madison Ford, Max Garza, Angelica Gonzales and Stacie Harris.

Karyme Leal, Sebastian Lopez, Rubi Martinez, Lucius Monarez, Ava Morales, Avery Owens, Bridgett Portillo, Anais Romero, Alina Sanchez and Daniel Silva.

Honor roll
Grace Arriola, Caleb Bonner, Kaylie Bui, Andre Espinosa, Lindzey Flores, Xavier Garcia, Angelica Gonzales, Codi Hernandez, Karyme Leal, Dre'ton Martinez and Rubi Martinez.

Third grade
Perfect attendance
Sebastian Aguilar, Rey Aguirre, Ezekiel Arriaga, Noah Bahena, Mya Bell, Diego Camacho, Celeste Dammel, Karley Goeman, MacKenna Houston, Paris Hudson, Nicholas Jolivet and Nathan Lind.

Merit roll
Juliana Aguirre, Chance Bess, Didiane Boisseauneau, Jonathan Carter, Johann Castellanos, Julianne Garcia, Ethan Garvey, Max Garza and Kai Gilhousen.

Fourth grade
Perfect attendance
Dylan Campos, Isiah Correa, Fernando Hernandez, Alyssa Lloyd, Madison Lugo, Adolfo Martinez, Emily Martinez, Martin Martinez, Titus Giang, Shalini Johnson, Jazzlyn Moya, Victoria Ngo, Ariana Perez, Jeovany Rodriguez, Damian Rosales and Madison Vallades.

Merit roll
Ezekiel Arriaga, Jet Barker, Sofia Burr, Ashley Cruz, Madison Fedder, Kira Goeman, Christian Harvey, Laly Mercedes, Belle Perridon, Daniel Rodriguez and Jorge Salinas.

Fourth grade
Perfect attendance
Dylan Campos, Isiah Correa, Fernando Hernandez, Alyssa Lloyd, Madison Lugo, Adolfo Martinez, Emily Martinez, Martin Martinez, and Samantha Whittle.

Honor roll
Reyna Galvan, David Gonzales, Emma Gonzalez, Elizabeth Pineda, Jacob Reyna, Emily Salazar and Kaitlyn Webb.

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Jesus Avita, Andrea Espinosa, Fernando Hernandez, Mauricio Leal, Santiago Lopez, Nataly Pena, Valeria Silva and Travis Webb.

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Maria Matinez, Genevieve Monerez, Isaac Morales and Daniel Nguyen.

Lily Nguyen, Adrian Panerio, Nataly Pena, Jaden Pham, Deanna Rodriguez, Jayden Rodriguez, Evelyn Sanchez, Christopher Soza, Abrielle Velazquez, Kaitlyn Webb and Travis Webb.

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Bay Area Medication Take Back Day April 25

On Saturday, April 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the League City and Nassau Bay police departments will be set up to take back expired or unneeded prescription and nonprescription medications.

In contrast to the last few years, the Drug Enforcement Administration is no longer coordinating these national events. Therefore, it has become necessary for local law enforcement agencies to organize and pay for disposal.

Previous local collection efforts coordinated by the Bay Area Alliance have resulted in the collection of nearly 8,500 pounds of medications. The locations on April 25 include:

- League City Police Department - 500 W. Walker, League City, TX
- Nassau Bay Police Department - 1800 Space Park Drive, Nassau Bay, TX

"This initiative is so important because it keeps these potentially dangerous medications out of the reach of children," said Clint deGroot, president of the Bay Area Alliance Executive Board. "It prevents abuse, misuse, or accidental poisonings by youth as well as adults. We are thankful that these local law enforcement agencies have made it a priority to continue this project."

According to a 2011 study by the National In-

stitute on Drug Abuse, 52 million people over the age of 12 have used prescription drugs non-medically in their lifetime.

According to Amanda McLaughlin, Bay Area Alliance Coalition manager, "This effort encourages everyone to do their part in

emptying these potentially hazardous drugs from their medicine cabinets."

Participants will just "drive through" the drop-off site at each facility where law enforcement will take medications for proper and secure off-site disposal. Note that this entire process

is completely anonymous and no identifying information other than ZIP code will be requested or noted.

Please note: No sharps will be collected!

For more information, contact the Bay Area Alliance for Youth and Families at 281-284-0370.

United States, supports education, health and youth programs in the U.S. and Israel and the Hadassah Medical Centers in Jerusalem.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom is the Conservative synagogue in Clear Lake Bay Area Houston.

The ancient game of mah-jongg, the origin of which historians place at 2,000

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PISD Board of Trustees recognizes the 2014-15 Vanguard Community Service Award honorees

The Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees recently recognized the 2014-15 Vanguard Community Service Award honorees.

The Vanguard Community Service Awards are given annually to at least five seniors at each high school in the district. Students are selected by campus administration, based on guidelines that require at least 300 hours of community service completed outside of school activities.

This year, students donated more than 7,800 hours of service in support of the community. Service projects included green-thumb initiatives, organizing food and clothing drives, helping at community events, volunteering at nursing homes, spending time teaching young children, and extending a helping hand at local

organizations. The recognition ceremony included a video presentation which featured all of this year's winners. Each high school counselor introduced his or her students in front of a crowd of parents, administrative staff and board members.

Honorees were presented medals and certificates of appreciation, on behalf of the board and school Superintendent Dr. Kirk Lewis. In addition, each honoree received take-home items including programs with student bios, a copy of the Vanguard video and individual posters with photos of the recipients.

The theme of this year's Vanguard program was Champions in the Community because these students strive for academic excellence and use their knowledge and skills to make positive contributions

in the areas where they live. "It is inspiring to see our students dedicate countless hours to support our community," Lewis said. "They are definitely in the vanguard of community service."

To view the Vanguard video and more photos, visit www.pasadenaisd.org.

The 2014-15 Vanguard honorees are:

Dobie High
Thao Bui volunteers at the Vietnamese Martyrs Catholic Church every Saturday and plans to study education at San Jacinto College and the University of Houston.

Madisen Minter is a tutor and assistant counselor at the City of Houston's Parks and Recreation Department. She also volunteers with Habitat for Humanity and the public library. She plans to attend Middle Tennessee State University to study

audio engineering. Betram Nguyen volunteers at the Houston Food Bank and tutors students in Pasadena ISD's ACE after-school program. Nguyen plans to attend the University of Houston where she will major in biology.

Juan Reyes inspires countless students at Garfield Elementary. He aspires to be a petroleum engineer after he graduates from Texas A&M University.

Andres Rodriguez has learned to put others before himself. He plans to attend Mississippi College and major in business administration.

Pasadena High
Perla Belman volunteered at the Pasadena Livestock Show and Rodeo where she helped organize the event. She plans to pursue a career in the medical field. She will begin her journey at Blinn College, and she will continue her studies at either Texas State University or Texas Women's University.

Crystal Garcia founded a group for migrant students that helps them overcome challenges associated with moving from school to school. She plans to pursue a biomedical degree from Texas A&M pending a reply from her dream school, MIT.

Hortencia Rodriguez mentors children at her church. She plans to become a teacher one day after receiving a bachelor's degree from the University of Houston.

Saraswati Saharan has donated her time to several organizations including the Goodwill Donation Center, the local animal shelter and Pasadena ISD's ACE after-school program. She plans to attend the University of Houston and major in biology.

Bianca Tolentino coaches cheerleading and martial arts. She plans to pursue a career in business administration and will attend the University of Houston in the fall.

Pasadena Memorial High
Ansiya Arakkal volunteers with the Pasadena Malayalee Association, Vista Continuing Care Nursing Home and the school's Environmental Club. She plans to attend the University of Houston to study computer science.

Sabra Burkett volunteers with the Pasadena Livestock Show and Rodeo, the Pasadena Strawberry Festival and Rebuild Together Houston. She plans to attend the University of North Texas to study theater.

Lydia Castillo is a leader in the Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council and teaches children how to sail small boats in Galveston Bay. She is also a counselor for children with immobilizing muscular diseases at the Muscular Dystrophy Association. She has been accepted to Texas A&M University at Galveston where she plans to major in marine transportation.

Kelsey Edwards has

donated her time and effort to help those in need through clothing and food drives. She plans to get a degree in special education from San Jacinto College.

Stephanie Green has volunteered at the Pasadena Strawberry Festival and the Houston Zoo Crew. She plans to study biochemistry at a prestigious medical school.

Charlotte Vasquez has assisted in a leukemia program in which individuals donate their hair to benefit patients.

Sam Rayburn High
Angelica Cervantes has dedicated years of service to NCI Neighborhood Centers where she assists with food drives. After graduation, she plans to work at a Houston-based chemical plant and study engineering and welding, possibly at the University of Houston.

Monica Chapa has been actively involved in Autism Speaks for about 10 years. Chapa aspires to be a nurse one day and plans to attend the University of Texas in Arlington.

Devin Graham has volunteered with the Texas Amateur Athletics Federation and the Methodist Health Care Center. He also helped make repairs to South Main Baptist Church. He plans to study music and history at Texas State University.

Stephanie Lopez is dedicated to ending hunger in the community. She spends her time volunteering at the local food bank. She also helps patients and employees at the NCI Neighborhood Center.

Lilliana Trevino reads to children in foster homes and shelters. She plans to attend either Texas Christian, Sam Houston State or Stephen F. Austin University in the fall where she will major in the performing arts.

South Houston High
Maybelt Lopez teaches catechism to children. She plans to study biology at Texas A&M University to become a physician and continue her charitable efforts.

Josselyn Garza has volunteered at Garfield Elementary School helping out wherever she is needed. She plans on attending San Jacinto College, then the University of Houston to pursue a pharmaceutical career.

Karen Perez volunteers with the school's Ecology Club, at nursing homes, the Cleveland-Ripley Community Center and the local orphanage. She plans to major in astrophysics at the University of Texas.

Genesis Rodriguez volunteers at the Houston Humane Society walking dogs. She plans to attend the University of Houston to study nutrition.

Arlen Suarez spends her summers at a clinic making a difference in the lives of patients. She plans to study biochemistry as a pre-med student and eventually attend medical school to become a doctor.



Recipients of the Vanguard Award from Dobie High School are, left to right, Juan Reyes, Betram Nguyen, Madisen Minter, Thao Bui and Andres Rodriguez.



Recipients of the Vanguard Award from South Houston High School are, left to right, Genesis Rodriguez, Maybelt Lopez, Josselyn Garza, Karen Perez and Arlen Suarez.



Recipients of the Vanguard Award from Pasadena Memorial High School are, left to right, Ansiya Arakkal, Sabra Burkett, Lydia Castillo, Kelsey Edwards, Stephanie Green and Charlotte Vasquez.

Honor Your 2015 Graduate in the June 4 issue!

This size ad is \$66 plus \$8 to include a picture



Class of 2015
Congratulations to our son
Jim Washington
We are very proud of you! You have grown up to be one amazing young man through thick & thin. We have never been prouder of you than now. We love you and loved you from the start. We can't wait to see you compete & succeed at the next level of your life!
Dad, Mom, Jacob and Baylee

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SAMPLE

This size ad is \$99 plus \$8 to include a picture



Congratulations to
Stephanie Love
J. Frank Dobie Class of 2015
So proud of all your accomplishments.
We trust you will be successful in your future endeavors. You have always worked hard and excelled in all your projects. Having achieved an academic rank as a 1st student is a great honor that you should cherish with great pride. Remember to keep God in your heart and he will guide you in the right direction. God Bless you.
We Love you - Dad and Mom

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CONGRATULATIONS
Sam I. Williams

Rep. Pete Olson to select Youth Advisory Council

U.S. Rep. Pete Olson invites all high school students in the 22nd District of Texas to apply for the 2015-2016 Congressional Youth Advisory Council.

Olson hopes to gain the insight from students around his district and inspire them to accomplish all future goals.

The council will meet four times within the school year for a roundtable discussion on current issues and to learn the pivotal role of lawmakers, experts, and

citizens in a democracy. These high-achieving students will be considered the congressman's young ambassadors and will be asked to give their opinions on the major bills in Congress.

To be considered, the completed application must be submitted to Olson's Pearland office no later than Wednesday, April 22. The office is located at 6302 W. Broadway St., Suite 220, Pearland, TX 77581.

Nanomaterials discussed at UHCL physics lecture

Community members and physics lovers are invited to listen and learn at a lecture hosted by the University of Houston-Clear Lake School of Science and Computer Engineering on Thursday, April 23, at 7 p.m. in the university's Bayou Building, Room 2236, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

Birgit Mellis, assistant professor of physics at the University of St. Thomas, will present an overview of the different kinds of nanostructures and their properties, then take a closer look

at metal nanoparticles. The research will focus on the synthesis and analysis of gold nanoparticles with various sizes and ligand shells.

This presentation is just one of many offered as part of the Physics Lectures Series.

Admission is \$15 for those seeing continuing professional education and free for all others.

For more information, contact the Center for Educational Programs at 281-283-3530 or visit <http://www.uhcl.edu/physics>.

Over The Back Fence by Alexis

SOUTH BELT ELEMENTARY STUDENTS HONORED
Several South Belt Elementary School third-grade students were left off the third-annual rolls for the 2014-2015 school year.

Third grade Principal's Award
Aaron Aguilar, Jacob Aguirre, Ricky Gomez, Angelina Gonzales, Aiden Johnson, Quynh Ky, Michael Montano, Taylor Nguyen, Victoria Ortiz-Ramirez, Gustavo Salinas, Aliyah Sanchez, Malcolm Sherwood, Favian Tamez and Juliana Tavera.

Good Citizen Award
Juliana Tavera and Taylor Nguyen.

SANDRA CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY
Best wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Sandra Williams**, who celebrates a birthday Saturday, April 18, from her co-workers at Central Ace Hardware, family, friends and the staff at the *Leader*.

HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY, SALLY
Best wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce Executive Director **Sally Mitchell**, who celebrates a birthday Thursday, April 16, from her family, friends and the staff at the *Leader*.

29 YEARS FOR ANGELA AND DAVID
Congratulations are sent April 19 to **Angela and David Griffin**, son of *Leader* staffer **Bobby Griffin** and husband **Kenneth**, from friends and family, as they celebrate their 29th wedding anniversary. Angela and David, both Dobie graduates, are currently living in Plain City, Utah, with their sons, **Robert and Kenneth**.

AARON TURNS 21
Happy birthday greetings are sent to **Aaron Giles** who turns 21 Monday, April 20, from

grandparents **Ken and Bobby Griffin**, parents **Jim and Tracy Giles**, sister **Kristen** and brother **Cody**. Aaron is a 2012 Dobie graduate and a student at San Jacinto College.

ANN CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY
Sagelegen resident **Ann Brannen** celebrates her birthday Monday, April 20. Best wishes are sent from the staff at the *Leader*.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays April 16 through April 22.

Burnett Elementary
Enjoy a double-layer birthday cake April 22 with **April Dabila and Jhanet Diehl**.

Bush Elementary
Trang Nguyen celebrates a birthday April 16.

Frazier Elementary
A special birthday greeting is sent to **Kevin McDonald** April 17.

Meador Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles April 19 for **Anna Ayala**.

Moore Elementary
The day for a birthday party for **Thomas Sewell** is April 21.

South Belt Elementary
Light the birthday candles April 17 for **Allison Sutton**. Blow out the birthday candles for **Robin Sanders** who celebrates a birthday April 22.

Stuchbery Elementary
Silvia Ramirez enjoys a birthday April 17. Birthday greetings are sent to **Elizabeth Bui** April 21.

Meillilo Middle School
On April 19, **Patty Gordon** has a birthday. **Beverly Hills Intermediate**

Double birthday greetings are sent to **Darcy Heard and LaRhonda Lewis** April 17. Blow out the birthday candles April 21 for **Bill Anders**.

Thompson Intermediate
On April 21, **Grace Garcia and Elizabeth Bui** share a birthday.

Dobie High
Light the birthday candles April 17 for **Joseph Janis**. The day for a birthday gift for **Christine Kerr** is April 18. Celebrating a birthday April 19 is **Carey Sink**. April 21 is the day for a party for **Sam Flippin**.

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

Thursday, April 16: **Janice Elliott, Alex Torres, Marissa Jones and April Carter-Akin**; Friday, April 17: **Heike Jurado-Gabino, Tatiana Gonzalez, Allison Sutton, Danielle Goodrum and Jason Sherrill**; Saturday, April 18: **Deadra Lozano, Carla Rackley, Lydia Sonier, Allison Rogers and Tchad Taormina**; Sunday, April 19: **Greg Bartlett, Imeanda Martinez, Tiffany LeCompte, Tre McCrummen, Marisa Ramirez and Kristen Brockman**; Monday, April 20: **Ann Brannen, Sandra Teng, Andy Crawford and Shelly Nails**; Tuesday, April 21: **Michael Barlow and Carol Talbot**; and Wednesday, April 22: **Barbara Eikenburg, Sandy Young, Jhanet Wood, Jenny Nguyen and Dawne Goforth**.

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.

Rep. Green to host job fair April 27

U.S. Rep. Gene Green will host the 13th annual job fair on Monday, April 27, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at San Jacinto College North campus at 5800 Uvalde Road in Houston.

"We have employers coming from all over the Houston area, and job opportunities ranging from lifeguards to sales representatives to police cadets," Green said. "Changing careers or landing that first job can be challenging. Our hope is that this job fair creates a space where people can meet potential employers from a variety of industries and make that first connection or take that first step."

The event is being organized in conjunction with Workforce Solutions and the North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce, and will host more than 50 employers that are looking to fill full, part-time, and seasonal positions immediately.

In addition to job opportunities, Workforce Solutions will offer assistance on interviewing skills and resume critiquing. Attendees should dress professionally and bring resumes.

For a full list of participating employers, visit Green's website at <http://green.house.gov/event/13th-annual-job-fair>.

Open Garden Day April 20

Harris County Master Gardeners at Princt 2 will host Open Garden Day on Monday, April 20, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at Genoa Friendship Garden, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Road. Master gardeners will be available to answer gardening questions. The event is free and children are welcome. For more information, visit <https://hcmga.tamu.edu>.

Israeli Folk Dancing, April-May

What was meant to last only four to five months is now in its fifth year. Israeli Folk Dancing sessions are not built on one another, so if a few are missed, it is easy to catch up quickly.

Dances are held at Congregation Shaar Hashalom on Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. April-May 2015 dance dates are April 20 and 27, and May 4, 11 and 18 (no dancing on Memorial Day, May 25). Dances are \$4 per session or \$35 for 10 sessions for CSH members, and \$5 per session or \$45 for 10 sessions for nonmembers, to cover expenses. Everyone is welcome to join the group — even if never attended before. Dancing is an excellent cardiovascular exercise while having fun.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom, 16020 El Camino Real in Houston, is the Conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. For more information, contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or at csh.houston@gmail.com.

San Jacinto Day Festival, Battle Re-enactment April 18

The largest battle re-enactment in the Southwest highlights the annual San Jacinto Day Festival to be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, April 18, at San Jacinto Battlegrounds State Historic Site in La Porte.

The Battle of San Jacinto re-enactment features hundreds of history re-enactors — complete with cannons, horses, dogs, women, children and pyrotechnics — that recreates the events leading up to Texas winning its independence 179 years ago in a decisive defeat of Mexican troops under Gen. Santa Anna's command on April 21, 1836.

The admission-free festival, held on the grounds surrounding the San Jacinto Monument, is coordinated by the San Jacinto Museum of History, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the San Jacinto Volunteers.

The battle re-enactment, which begins at 3 p.m., serves as the marquee event of the festival that also includes a variety of entertainment, vendors, food, family activities, cultural exhibitors, games and fun set amidst living history. The re-enactment dramatizes the cannon duel and decisive battle in which Gen. Sam Houston led his Texian army to victory over the Mexican army. Festival guests can enjoy music and dancing on two stages featuring flamenco dancers, square dancers and much more; 15-plus food ven-

dors; make-and-take activities and crafts for children; children's train; petting zoo; medicine wagon show; birds of prey; weavers, spinners, blacksmiths and other demonstrators; and dozens of unique hand-crafted items for sale. New entertainment includes electric mechanical bull rides for kids, "All Stars" Youth Banjo Band, pony rides, and Amber & The Rascals playing country, rock, new country, Motown and music "from many decades."

"We are so proud to continue to present this festival with free admission, free shuttles and free parking, which would not be possible without our presenting sponsor H-E-B, as well as The Dow Chemical Company, Vopak, Pasadena Strawberry Festival and Lyondell Basell," says Larry Spasic, San Jacinto Museum of History president.

All festival activities are updated continually on the San Jacinto Museum of History website at www.sanjacinto-museum.org.

Entertaining and educational activities scheduled include:

- Dan Barth will use his Medicine Show Wagon to tell the tales of special 19th century cure-all elixirs, and entertain with a little magic.
- Last Chance Forever, The Birds of Prey Conservancy will present interactive demonstrations of magnificent birds including hawks,

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- K.R. Wood (Camp Cookie) will bring history to life through songs and tales with the Chuck Wagon of Texas History, complete with Dutch oven demonstrations, samples, roping steer head demonstrations, stick horse relay races, and historical stories about the Texas Revolution and cattle drives
- Texas Snakes — a fun and hands-on educational show for all ages of many different species of non-venomous indigenous snakes of Texas for the children to view and touch.
- Representatives from the Buffalo Soldiers National Museum (BSNM) will provide presentations dedicated to preserving the legacy and honor of the African-American soldier.
- Lord Stirling's Fifes and

Drums will provide musical entertainment throughout the day.

- Blacksmiths, sutlers, weavers, spinners and other demonstrators will give visitors a full sense of how life was in the early 1800s.
- Texas Parks & Wildlife Department will offer archery classes for young people.
- Visitors can also view the restored marshlands, which in 1836 barred the escape of Mexican troops, and look for otters, great blue herons, osprey, mottled ducks and American avocets.
- The children's area includes:
 - A 55-foot train complete with train whistle and Texan and American flags.
 - Make-and-take history activities and crafts created by Gifted/Talented specialists from Deer Park ISD; overseen by volunteer teach-

ers from DPISD and student volunteers from San Jacinto College.

- Marsha's Petting Zoo with sheep, goats and other friendly small animals.
- Sandbox Dig created by the San Jacinto College.
- The San Jacinto Battlegrounds State Historic Site is located just 22 miles east of downtown Houston. Take Highway 225 east to Independence Parkway north and continue for three miles.
- For more information about the San Jacinto Museum of History or the San Jacinto Day Festival and Battle Re-enactment, call 281-479-2421 or visit www.sanjacinto-museum.org.
- For more information on the Battleship Texas, moored nearby, contact the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department at 281-479-2431.

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Green speaks on EPA announcement for deadlines on volume standards

On April 10, The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced a proposed settlement with the American Petroleum Institute and the American Fuel and Petrochemical Manufacturers over deadlines for issuing annual requirements under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) program. Under the agreement, EPA would issue

final annual volume standards for 2014 and 2015 by the end of this year. Rep. Gene Green released the following statement:

"While I am in favor of reforming the RFS, I am pleased that the EPA has committed to getting the Renewable Volume Obligations out on time. Industry — biofuels, refiners, or cellulose-

— deserves certainty in the marketplace.

"The EPA has an obligation to meet the timelines set forth under law, but unfortunately that hasn't happened in the last few years. I hope what's been agreed to today gives all sides breathing room to operate until Congress can permanently solve the problem."

Remember When

35 years ago (1980)
A Saturday night fire at Garfield Elementary made it the fourth school damaged by fire in the previous year. Total damages were estimated to be \$1 million. All incumbents were returned to office after local water district elections.

State Sen. Gene Jones expressed his dissatisfaction with the lack of progress on the Clear Lake watershed project in a letter to the Army Corps of Engineers and various U.S. senators and representatives.

30 years ago (1985)
Crape myrtles were planted in esplanades along Fuqua in connection with the Releaf Houston project. An attorney and the Pasadena Independent School District's superintendent's office corresponded with the Texas Employment Commission about former superintendent C. Lee Meyer's recent request for unemployment compensation.

25 years ago (1990)
According to a formula provided by the Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry, Southbelt mothers experienced a 26 percent miscarriage rate, an alarmingly high percentage. The long-awaited road extension between Freerhill and Old Galveston Road was nearly complete. A suspect wanted in connection with area burglaries and home robberies eluded capture by fleeing on foot after being spotted inside a Southbelt home.

20 years ago (1995)
Only 110 Pasadena Independent School District employees applied for early retirement, short of the 500 anticipated. Burglars cleaned out a house on Sagewind in Sagemont despite having the Brinks alarm activate. Thompson Intermedi-

ate seventh-grader Rahat Ahmed was the only student in the Pasadena school district to compete in the state geography bee in Fort Worth.

15 years ago (2000)
Jonathan Barrica, 17, died one month and one day after the shooting in his South Belt home. A \$31,000 reward was offered in the stabbing death of Gail Totman, 51. Harold Lundy, 21, and Scott Davidson, 22, survived a car crash into a concrete pillar, thought to be a fatality, with only broken bones. San Jacinto students, Juan Rodriguez, Ricardo Rico, Natalia Bandasik and David Mitchell, were set to fly a NASA aircraft.

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Former Dobie grads sworn in at Precinct 8 awards ceremony



Sgt. Anthony Ferraro and Constable Phil Sandlin

Harris County Precinct 8 Constable Phil Sandlin hosted a swearing-in and service awards ceremony on Tuesday, April 7, 2015. The event was held at the Bay Area annex and the following former Dobie High School graduates were recognized:

- Deputy Anthony Ferraro was promoted to the rank of sergeant. Sgt. Ferraro is a 2001 graduate of Dobie High School. Before starting his career in law enforcement, he worked mostly in sales until 2007. During that time, he also briefly worked for the Harris County Sheriff's Office in 2005 as a detention officer.

In 2007, Ferraro began working for the Harris County Auditor's office as an asset control manager. He earned his peace officer certification from Alvin Community

College in December 2007 before joining Precinct 8 in July 2008. Since then, he has been assigned to toll road patrol, district patrol, justice of the peace court bailiff, and most recently in support services.

Ferraro is married to his wife, Jennifer, and is the father of 4-year-old daughter Kynlee and 6-year-old son Jacob.

"Deputy Ferraro's background, work ethic and willingness to take on new challenges has made him an asset to Precinct 8. We know he will continue to excel in his new role as sergeant," stated Sandlin.

• Deputy Troy Brinkley was sworn in as the newest deputy. Brinkley is a 2005 graduate of Dobie High School. He earned his peace officer certification from Alvin Community College in 2010 before becoming a reserve deputy with the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's Office. Brinkley joined Precinct 2 full time in January 2014 where he was assigned to a contract patrol position.

"On March 28, Brinkley became part of the Precinct 8 family and is currently undergoing training in the FTO program. He is a welcome addition to this agency," stated Sandlin.



Deputy Troy Brinkley and Constable Phil Sandlin

Area artist featured in Galveston art opening

Rachel Stokes, born in Sagemont, will be a featured artist at a preview and art reception on Friday evening, April 17. Coinciding with the opening is the revealing of a mystery artist that has left more than 300 gift wrapped paintings at various locations around the island. The big reveal will take place at Affaire d'Art, a fine art gallery at 2227 Postoffice, Suite B in Galveston, from 5 to 8 p.m.

Stokes, artist and positive thinker, became interested in glass as a young girl sitting in her father's church basking in the colored light of the stained glass.

For years Stokes toyed with the idea of taking a stained glass class and finally did so in 2003. From there she began to work in mosaics and fused glass, often mixing the two and sometimes incorporating painting into her mosaic artistry.

The award-winning artist has created commissioned artwork in fused, mosaic and mixed media for clients across the U.S. and England. Her work has been featured on national television. She also teaches mosaics, mixed media and motivational workshops from her home studio in Pasadena and from her Galveston cottage. In addition, Stokes has been a visiting artist teaching in many studios and in clients' homes.

The highlight of the evening will be the revealing of Galveston Island's mystery artist. Could the mystery artist be one of the artists in the gallery? Perhaps.

The mystery artist began her quest in October, creating small paintings adorned with a heart made of glass, buttons and jewels, gift wrapped in white tissue that includes a card that reads: If you found this gift, it was meant for you! RLS - Receive Love Share. Followed by a request on how to share where the gift was found and what number it was.

The art activity gained national attention recently when ABC 13 News ran a story and CNN picked it up shortly after.

The mystery artist says that she loves Galveston and the people, and was looking for a way to give back. The idea behind the gift was two-fold, to surprise an unsuspecting passerby with a gift and also promote a local business by posting on the RLS ReceiveLoveShare Facebook page where the gift was found.

Mystery artist is quick to point out that she didn't do this for attention, but others. A quick scan of the Facebook



Local artist Rachel Stokes stands in front of her art display that will be featured in a Galveston art preview and reception on April 17.

Photo submitted

perform music from her new album.

Affaire d'Art and many of the gallery artists will join the mystery artist in donating sale proceeds from Friday night and during Galveston ArtWalk the following day to ACCT (Access Care of Coastal Texas) and the Galveston Humane Society.

The generosity does not stop with the artists, friend and real estate agent Tom Schwenk, stepped up and sponsored the Friday evening event. Brews Brothers located nearby at 2404 Strand St. not only will host the after party Friday night, but also have brewed two special beers for the occasion that were named by the gallery; Rainbow Dog and Frisky Fruity Feline. A hundred percent of the named beer sales during the after party and ArtWalk Saturday will go to ACCT and Galveston Humane Society.

How was the mystery artist not caught? The mystery artist had mystery helpers who deliver the gifts to all parts of the island, many times while she was in a very public place to derail those who might be on to her. Only

one restaurant server caught her leaving a gift behind, and acknowledged her with a mutual wink.

Because it was her hope that the gifts would bring joy to the receiver and inspire them to share their love with others, a workshop is planned for Sunday, April 26, from 1 to 6 p.m. or until supplies run out. The RLS Project will have an assembly line style art "factory" to allow the public to add their creative touch to each new creation and deliver their own mystery RLS gift. This could be an international sensation soon.

The reception Friday evening, April 17, is from 5 to 8 p.m. at Affaire d'Art Fine Art Gallery at 2227 Postoffice, Suite B in Galveston. There will be door prizes and a raffle. The event is free and open to the public, and all are invited to the after party at Brews Brothers, 2404 Strand St.

The RLS Project and workshop is Sunday, April 26, from 1 to 6 p.m. The cost is \$7 also at Affaire d'Art. Call 409-789-0079 or email the gallery at affaireart@yahoo.com. On the Internet, visit <https://www.facebook.com/ReceiveLoveShare> and <http://affaireart.com>.

Rovers, robots, moon rocks coming to SJC

Community invited to NASA Space Science Day

If taking selfies with a space rover or designing one's own exploration mission is of interest, then come to the NASA Space Science Day Community Night event on Friday, April 24, at the San Jacinto College South campus, 13735 Beamer Road in Houston.

This free family-friendly event boasts numerous activities and exhibits from NASA Johnson Space Center and San Jacinto College science faculty. As part of the college's STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) educational outreach initiatives, and its educational partnership with Johnson

Space Center, NASA Space Science Day brings the science of space exploration right into one's backyard.

Hands-on activities and exhibits include a mission design competition, lunar rock and meteorite samples, photo opportunities with a space rover, create a volcano, build a comet and robot arm, and take a journey through space inside a portable planetarium.

Attendees can also enjoy a lecture on the Genesis Mission from guest speaker and Judith Alton, Genesis Solar Wind Sample Curator.

NASA Space Science Day Community Night takes place on Friday, April

24, from 3 to 7:30 p.m. in the San Jacinto College South Campus Science and Allied Health Building (Building 1) atrium. Alton's lecture takes place at 4 p.m.

Free popcorn, cotton candy, and snow cones will also be available at the event.

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Melillo's 2015 Name That Book team



Melillo Middle School recently announced the members of the 2015 Name That Book team pictured, left to right, (front row) Lexi Martinez, Robert Montano, Matthew Mendiola, (back row) Lisette Rodriguez, Gabriela Lozano, Haley Salinas and Kelly Nguyen, The team will compete against

13 other elementary, middle and intermediate schools in the Pasadena Independent School District on Saturday, May 16, at Park View Intermediate. The team will work to identify specific books based on quotes chosen from a list of 20 books.

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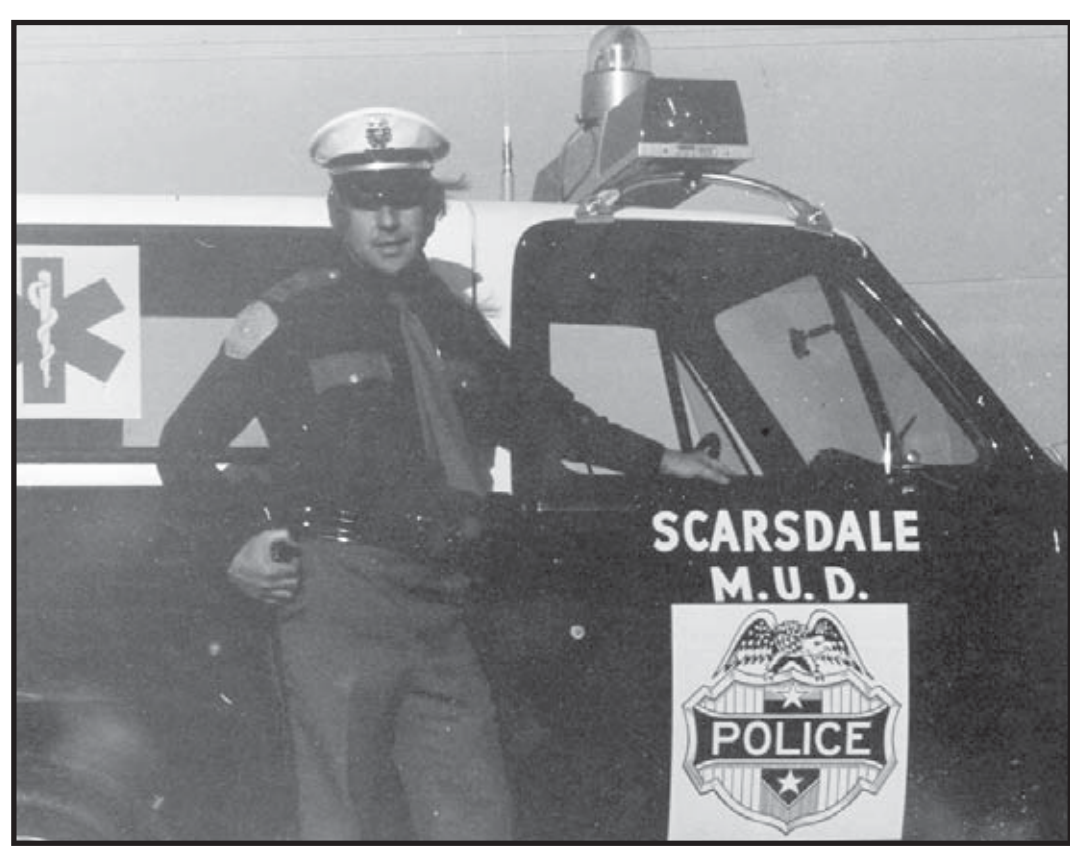
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Leader reflects on past 39 years

In honor of the *Leader's* upcoming 40th anniversary, Feb. 5, 2016, the paper will run nostalgic photos and news from the past.



Scarsdale police patrol MUD

Former officer George Schilter of the long-defunct Scarsdale Police Force is shown in March 1977 with the department's first and only official vehicle – a 1977 Chevy Blazer purchased for \$4,300. Schilter, a Scarsdale resident and civic club board member, was one of three officers in the department who manned the vehicle, along with David Thuerwachter and Charles Spencer, who also served as president of the Scarsdale Water Board. The Scarsdale Police Force was responsible for patrolling the area serviced by the also long-defunct Scarsdale Municipal Utility District. The department was a supplemental police force and worked jointly with the Harris County Sheriff's Office. One of its first responsibilities was enforcing the school zone speed limit at the newly opened Burnett Elementary School. The vehicle served as the official MUD vehicle as well as police vehicle. *Photo by Marie Flickinger*

Sen. Cruz speaks on honoring victims of Fort Hood attack

U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz recently released the following on the U.S. Army's ceremony at Fort Hood to award the Purple Heart and the Medal for the Defense of Freedom to those who were injured or killed in the Fort Hood terrorist attack Nov. 5, 2009.

Cruz successfully amended the 2015 National Defense Authorization Act that was signed by President Barack Obama to enable victims of the attack to receive the medals and associated benefits.

"On Nov. 5, 2009, a brutal terror attack was carried out at Fort Hood.

The lives of 14 people were taken, one of them an unborn

child, and 31 were injured. We are grateful that the U.S. Army has chosen to bestow the Purple Heart and its civilian counterpart, the Medal for the Defense of Freedom, on these heroes," said Cruz.

"This attack was a clear act of radical Islamic terrorism, conducted on American soil – the original decision to designate it 'workplace violence' and deny these honors was a betrayal of the sacrifice of each of the victims.

"It is well past time for them to receive these awards and I thank the Secretary of the Army for reaching this determination. We can never undo the events

of that day, but we can properly honor the courageous patriots who protect our nation and remain forever grateful for them."

Cruz has been resolute in the effort to extend Purple Heart eligibility to the victims of the attack, introducing or supporting legislation in each of the NDAA bills that have been debated during his tenure in the U.S. Senate.

In December 2014, Cruz released a video in support of the victims on YouTube, *Why the Purple Heart Matters for Fort Hood Terror Victims*, calling for the truth about the terror attack to be told.

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Public invited to golf tournament at SJ

Members of the public are invited to participate in the Collegiate Golf Alliance (CGA) Rec Sports Scramble to the Desert tournament on Thursday, April 23, at the San Jacinto College Central campus.

The tournament will begin at 10 a.m., as a two-person scramble, best ball format.

It will be held on the San Jacinto College nine-hole golf course using a different tee box for holes 1-9 and 10-18. The top three finishing teams among students, community members, and faculty will win a bid to participate in the national CGA golf tournament.

Winners will also receive such prizes as golf equipment items.

Entry fees are \$50 for San Jacinto College student teams and \$70 for community teams. The entry fee covers 18 holes for golf, food, and a goodie bag with items at an estimated value of the entry cost.

San Jacinto College has hosted the CGA Rec Sports Scramble to the Desert tournament since 2010 with an average of 30 participants each year. The San Jacinto College Central campus is located at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena.

To register for the tournament, visit http://cgagolf.links.com/find_tournament.asp. For more information about San Jacinto College Rec Sports, visit sanjac.edu/rec-sports.



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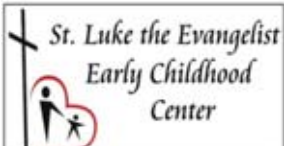
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Dobie legends enter PISD hall

A pair of Dobie High School sports legends are now enshrined forever. Scott Talton won more varsity games – 500 – than any other head coach in Pasadena ISD history over a 27-year run as the Longhorns' varsity boys' basketball head coach. Randy McEachern led Dobie to its first-ever varsity football district championship in 1973 and later started in the same back-

field with Earl Campbell at the University of Texas. These accomplishments, along with those of other PISD sports legends Kyla Hollas, Steve Oxley, David Webb and Jeff Wylie were meted at the fourth annual Pasadena ISD athletics hall of fame induction ceremony April 11 at Phillips Field House. Talton, who died suddenly less than a year after retiring following the con-

clusion of the 2007-2008 varsity basketball season, was represented by his widow, Vicki, the pair's children and countless other relatives and friends.

Talton won his 500th career game on the final day of the regular season at the end of the 2007-2008 season. The Longhorns then fell to North Shore in the first round of the playoffs.

Yet by any measure, Talton's career at Dobie was a rousing success. He delivered playoff berths with 15 different teams over those 27 seasons and was recognized by both the Houston Post and the Houston Chronicle as the Greater Houston Coach of the Year.

There were many great memories along the way. Twenty years ago, during the 1994-1995 season, Talton led the Longhorns to within one victory of the Class 5A state tournament.

During that run, the Longhorns ousted the No. 1 ranked team in the city and went on to edge Washington for a berth in the Region III title game.

McEachern, also a member of the University of Texas' Longhorns' Hall of Honor, spoke to those in attendance on his behalf. See related Talton and McEachern photos on Page 3B.

JFD's Vargas a 3-time boys' singles champion



Dobie High School's Ruben Vargas is headed back to the Region III Spring Tennis Championships after winning his third District 22-6A boys' singles title April 10 at the Harry Taylor Tennis Center at Strawberry Park in Pasadena. Vargas entered the tournament as the No. 1 seed in his draw and held it up, defeating Dawson's Patrick Larroza 6-0, 6-0 in the championship match. Three other JFD players also advanced to regionals, which will be held April 21-22 at Deer Park High School. For more, see Page 3B.

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Lady Horns primed for Alvin rematch

In the minds of the Dobie varsity softball players and coaching staff, it's time to deliver a little payback.

Rewinding to March 16, Dobie knows it had things in hand for much of its first round matchup with Alvin, only to see the Lady Jackets celebrate a 5-4 win with a two-run, walk-off homer in the bottom of the seventh with two outs.

Now Dobie has a chance to pay Alvin back in a big way, courtesy of likely grabbing sole possession of second place.

Alvin, once tied with Pearland for first place in District 22-6A, has suddenly lost two straight. The Jackets fell 5-4 to Memorial April 7 and then were handed a 6-0 loss against Pearland April 10.

Now at 8-3 with five games remaining, Alvin needs to beat Dobie (10-2) to keep pace.

However, a second Alvin win over Dobie would give the Jackets the tie-breaker advantage should the two teams end up in a tie at season's end.

Due to rain, Dobie's scheduled April 14 road game at Dawson (6-7) was pushed to April 15, after press time.

After facing Alvin

April 17, Dobie closes out regular season play with home games at the Pasadena ISD Sports Complex against Sam Rayburn and Memorial.

Pearland has now won 12 straight games since being defeated by Dobie on the opening night of the season.

With the exception of the last-inning hic-

cup against Alvin and a second-round loss to Pearland, Dobie has also handled its business on its way to second place. The biggest challenge now for Dobie, at least in the regular season, is to down Alvin.

District 22-6A Softball

Dobie hosts Alvin

Friday, April 17, 6:30 p.m.

Pasadena ISD Sports Complex



At right, Dobie players, from left, Sady Olguin, Michelle Kristoff, Suzy Soza, Yasmine Saenz-Myers and Emily Wolfe are set to lead the Lady Longhorns against Alvin April 17 at the PISD Sports Complex.

CB's Ciancone nabs 24-6A soccer honor

Clear Brook varsity boys' soccer player Andrew Ciancone was one of the big winners as the Dis-

trict 24-6A head coaches announced its postseason honoree list.

Ciancone, a three-year letterman and a team captain, was one of the leaders as the Wolverines made a late-season push to the postseason.

The Wolverines then dropped a 2-0 decision in the bidistrict playoffs to Alief Elsik.

For his efforts, Ciancone was named the 24-6A co-Defensive Player of the Year along with Friendswood's Brian Cassidy, a junior defender.

Jordan Velasco, a senior at Clear Falls, was named the district's overall Most Valuable Player.

Meanwhile, the Offensive Player of the Year was

Trey Brittenum, a junior at Friendswood.

Isai Olvera, a sophomore from Dickinson High School, was tabbed as the Goalkeeper of the Year.

Patrick Owuso, a freshman and first-year varsity player at Clear Lake, earned Newcomer of the Year accolades.

Mike Balla of district champion Clear Falls and Chris Cobb from third-place Clear Creek were named the co-Coaches of the Year.

Six other Clear Brook players were named to the first-team and second-team groups, respectively. For more on Ciancone and the picks, see Page 2B.

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Rising Stars Track Club excels

The youth track and field season is underway, and the Rising Stars Track Club competitors are already showing their considerable talents.

The Rising Stars began the season April 4 at the Max Velocity Invitational, and several locals stood out.

Camryn Dickson, an 11-year-old taking part in the submidjet division, won a pair of events.

Dickson's time of 13.53 seconds was best in the 100-meter dash, and Dickson also won the 200-meter dash at 27.18. In the 400-meter dash, Dickson's time was 1 minute, 4 seconds.

Nadi'ya Shelby, running the 800-meter event, placed second with a time of 3:00.25 out of the primary division as an 8-year-old competitor.

The team also scored a pair of fifth-place finishes from individuals.

Matt Kovacevich, a 13-year-old in the sub-youth division, was fifth in the 800-meter run at 2:32.06.

Likewise, youth division competitor Michael Burgess, 14, was fifth in the 100-meter dash at 12.88.

Moving ahead to the Visions Invitational April 11, the Rising Stars again delivered the goods.

In the primary division, Trevor Doswell placed sixth in the 400-meter run with a time of 1:45.27.

Third place in the 400-meter run went to the Rising Stars Gianni Garami at 1:30.5, and Noah Caballero was fourth in the 800-meter run at 3:01. Caballero was also seventh in the 400-meter run at 1:20.

Shelby, coming back from a great effort in the opening meet, was solid once more.

Shelby's time of 2:58.16 in the 800-meter run was second, and she was also second in the 400-meter run at 1:20.84. At 16.3, Shelby placed seventh in the 100-meter dash.

Bantam division competitor Braylan Shelby's time of 2:44 was fifth-best in the 800-meter run.

In the subbantam category, Ramiro Garivay placed third in the 1,500-meter run at 6:48.81. Meanwhile, Cameron Matthews' time of 1:20.41 was second in the 400-meter dash.

Kailee Pineda's clocking of 1:20.31 was fourth-best in the 200-meter dash.

Among the submidjet division, Camryn Dickson won the 100-meter dash at 13.5 and was fifth in the 400-meter dash at 1:08.97.

Josh Ross took the victory in the 1,500-meter racewalk at 12:07, and Cory'on Matthews placed fifth in the 400-meter dash (1:07) and sixth in the 100-meter dash (13.94).

Christianne Ross, 12, won the 1,500-meter racewalk at 10:27, and Christian Ross, also 12, was first in the male division 1,500-meter racewalk at 9:25.

The Rising Stars Track Club will attend meets well into the summer before the arrival of area and regional competitions. Then comes possible national meet invitations. Thus far, the local athletes are performing well.



22-6A baseball enters closing stretch

Weather permitting have become quite the buzz words so far this month where it related to sports activities of all kinds.

Like their high school track and field and softball as well as youth baseball, soccer and softball counterparts, varsity baseball teams across the area are feeling the squeeze, and it could not come at a more difficult time.

Already facing a challenge from many in the standings, the Dobie Longhorns have seen their schedule tighten as they chase a playoff spot in District 22-6A.

At 6-4, Dobie is still chasing Pearland and Alvin while looking to hold off the likes of Dawson, Memorial and Manvel as the season winds down.

Dobie had its scheduled game against Pasadena pushed back to April 15, after press time.

The Longhorns, weather permitting, are slated to host South Houston Friday, April 17, at 4 p.m.

Sitting third now and looking to keep its distance from Dawson and others, the Longhorns sure could use some wins.

Given Dawson's recent run of success, including a 4-3 defeat of state-ranked Pearland, it's safe to say that Dobie faces the toughest stretch of games.

Of the Longhorns' final six opponents (Dobie played Pasadena April 15, after press time), three of those are currently in the mix for one of the four available playoff seeds.

Despite its loss to Dawson, Pearland is still ranked No. 1 in the state and is likely to secure at least one of the top two playoff seeds, if not the top one.

Alvin has also played very steady baseball throughout the season.

Realistically, the Longhorns control their own destiny. The Longhorns would do themselves well to win those two, because things get no easier after that.

Beginning Tuesday, April 21, at Manvel, the Longhorns will face three playoff contenders in four games.

Suffice to say, making the playoffs this season in the 22-6A mix is more challenging than it's been in recent seasons, particularly with Dawson making some waves down the stretch.

A season ago, Dobie capitalized on almost all of its chances in winning the 22-5A crown. It hasn't gone that way this season, but Dobie still has plenty of time to make things right.

Dobie second baseman Luis Salazar (8) and his teammates know they face a tough series of games down the stretch with a playoff berth still very much in reach. At 6-4, Dobie has six games remaining in league play while trying to hold off challenges from Dawson and others.

Sports news, notes

Texas Line Drive seeks vendors

The Texas Line Drive is seeking vendors for its Memorial Day weekend tournament, set to be played May 22-24 at the South Belt Girls Softball Association fields at El Franco Lee Park. Potential vendors may either pay a flat \$100 fee for the booth space or contribute 20 percent of sales to the event host team(s). For more information, direct email to Brittney Hernandez at brittneybphotography@yahoo.com.

SB Dolphins cheer/mascot

The Southbelt Dolphins of the Bay Area Football League will accept registration for drill team members, cheerleaders and mascots Saturday, April 18, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Armadilla Lanes, 10050 Fuqua. Fee payment plans are available for the programs. For more information, direct email to Tiffany Simmons at sbd_drill@yahoo.com.

Lajaunie tennis takes shape

The Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund, in conjunction with the Bay Area Racquet Club in Houston, will host the fourth annual Darren Lajaunie Memorial Tennis Tournament Friday through Sunday, April 24-26.

The Bay Area Racquet Club is located on Kings Park Lane, off NASA Parkway.

Lajaunie began his tennis playing career at Dobie High School and graduated co-valedictorian in 1984. The Lajaunie family have been members of BARC since 2009. Lajaunie lost his battle with melanoma May 3, 2011.

This scholarship fund and tournament is a way to honor Lajaunie's memory by helping junior tennis players enjoy tennis and assist with their education in college.

Preparations continue for the tournament, which will award members of the Bay Area Racquet Club junior tennis players camp and college scholarships.

Once again this year, college scholarships will be awarded to two tennis playing seniors (one boy and one girl) from Dobie High School.

Members of the Dobie tennis program will also be awarded entry fees to play in the tournament.

All players will receive a tournament T-shirt and goody bag, and enjoy a complimentary Saturday morning breakfast snack. A complimentary lunch, donated by the Lajaunie family, will also be available for players and spectators.

Lajaunie fund volunteers are still seeking donors as well as silent auction items. April 24th will serve up the tournament and silent auction with the BARC scholarship awards dinner at the racquet club.

There will be four camp scholarships and two college scholarships awarded to BARC junior tennis players. The Dobie recipients will be awarded their scholarships in May at the school.

Dinner tickets went on sale April 1. The menu for the evening includes a grilled chicken breast, either Cajun spiced or marinated herb rub with a salad, grilled corn with a fixin's bar, lemonade or ice tea and bread. Dessert and tournament water have also been donated.

Dinner tickets are \$15 a person for adults and \$12 for children 10 and under.

Tickets may be purchased at the Bay Area Racquet Club or on the DLTSF website - www.DLTSFscholarships.com.

The silent auction will begin at 4 p.m. and conclude April 25, at 4 p.m. Auction items included this year; an autographed bag from former New York Yankees and Houston Astros pitcher Andy Pettitte, an autographed football from former Dallas Cowboy linebacker Dat Nguyen and much more.

In addition, Texas Land and Cattle restaurant, (11900 Dickinson St., Houston) is hosting a "Dine and Donate" night for the Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund, Monday May 4, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Restaurant patrons must print out the form from the website at www.DLTSFscholarships.com and give it to their server before ordering lunch or dinner. The Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund will then receive 15 percent of the cost of full-priced menu items. The offer is not valid in combination with any coupons, discounts or in-store promotions or specials.

As for the tournament itself, both donations and sponsors are still being sought. 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 by check or money order to: Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund, 3106 Mossy Elm Court, Houston, Texas 77059.

Direct email to Camille Lajaunie, committee chairperson, at cjlajaunie@gmail.com with any questions.

SJC men's hoops tryout

The San Jacinto College men's basketball team will hold tryouts for the 2015-2016 season on Saturday, June 13.

Tryouts will take place at Anders Gymnasium on the San Jacinto College Central campus, from 1 to 3 p.m. There is a \$25 processing fee for the tryouts, and participants will be required to sign a waiver of liability. Participants should plan to arrive no later than noon. Questions about the tryout should be directed to the men's basketball office at 281-476-1849.

CB's Ciancone lands prestigious 24-6A soccer honor

Most Valuable Player

Jordan Velasco, Clear Falls, Sr.

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Trey Brittenum, Friendswood, Jr.

Co-Defensive Players of the Year

Andrew Ciancone, Clear Brook, Sr.

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Goalkeeper of the Year

Isai Olvera, Dickinson, Soph.

Newcomer of the Year

Patrick Owusu, Clear Lake, Fr.

Co-Coaches of the Year

Mike Balla, Clear Falls

Chris Cobb, Clear Creek



At right, Clear Brook High School varsity boys' soccer player Andrew Ciancone was named the District 24-6A co-Defensive Player of the Year after helping the Wolverines to the playoffs this season. Ciancone, a team captain, put together a terrific all-around season as he shared the DPOY award with Friendswood High School's Brian Cassady. Ciancone has verbally committed to play at the University of Dallas and will sign his letter of intent April 16.

San Jacinto College men's hoopsters, coach honored

The accolades keep coming for the San Jacinto College men's basketball team, which returned to the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I Men's Basketball Championship this season, after a nearly 10 year hiatus.

"It felt good to get back to Hutch," said third-year head coach Scott R. Gernander.

"It hurt losing in the first round, and took a little while to get over it, just like any season-ending loss, but when I look back, it was still a very successful season. I was proud of our team and the way it handled adversity throughout the season."

Last month, the region announced its postseason award winners.

Gernander was named the Region XIV Coach of the Year, while five players grabbed all-Region honors, led by first-teamer Willie Mangum and second-team selection Donte Thomas.

The student-athletes also earned all-Region South Zone first- and second-team honors, respectively, and Mangum was named to the NJCAA all-American third team.

Joining them on the South Zone team were honorable mention picks Jevonlean Hedgeman, Naiel Smith and Michael Hunter.

"These five guys definitely deserved the recognition from the region," added Gernander.

"They were the backbone of our team. We had different individuals step up each night, and they all had each other's back the entire season. We know our season ended early, but we also know we did some things on the court that we are excited about."

Mangum averaged 20.6 points per game this season, a mark that ranked 23rd in the nation. The sophomore guard played and started in all 34 games for San Jacinto College, while shooting 38 percent from the field. He also averaged 3.6 rebounds and 3.7 assists per game.

Thomas, a sophomore guard, was second on the team in scoring at 12.3 points per game. He played in 33 games, shot 49 percent from the field, and grabbed 3.5 rebounds per game.

The sophomore forward Hedgeman averaged 10.1 points per game, a mark that was third on the squad. He played and started in 31 games, grabbing a team-best 7.4 rebounds, and shooting 49 percent from the field. He was also the team's top free throw shooter at 77 percent.

Smith, a sophomore guard, shot 53 percent from the field last season, averaging 6.8 points per game.

He was also second on the team in assists, with

a 4.8 per game mark, and grabbed 4.4 rebounds per game.

Hunter averaged 9.3 points, 3.5 rebounds, and 1.6 assist per game, seeing action in 33 games.

When asked about what's next now that it's the offseason, Gernander replied, "There isn't much time to reflect on the season, because we have a lot of work to do this spring and summer."

"We are doing offseason workouts and trying to build a team for next year.

In addition, our guys are busy finishing the spring semester, and our sophomores are getting ready to graduate."

That focus by the head coach is reflected in the success of his team off the court and in the classroom.

As a team, San Jacinto owns a 3.04 cumulative grade point average.

On the court, San Jacinto finished the season ranked 12th in the nation with a 28-6 overall record.

The return trip to the NJCAA national tournament was the first since the 2006 season, and the college's 20th overall appearance.

For more information about the San Jacinto College men's basketball team, visit sanjacsports.com.



Five San Jacinto College men's basketball players earned all-Region XIV honors, while Scott R. Gernander (third from left) nabbed the region's Coach of the Year award. The player

honorees, left to right, include Jevonlean Hedgeman, Michael Hunter, Willie Mangum, Donte Thomas and Naiel Smith.

Photo by Jeannie Peng-Armao

RIII championships April 21-22

Vargas leads Dobie's regional contingent

Ruben Vargas, a three time boys' singles district champion, will lead a group of Dobie varsity tennis players back to the Region III tournament April 21-22 at Deer Park High School.

Vargas, who Manuel Moreno Jr. says has easily been one of the school's finest players in his 16-year stay as head coach, won this spring's District 22-6A boys' singles championship in easy fashion.

Losing just five games over three matches, Vargas made it look easy on his way to regionals, eventually bouncing Dawson's Patrick Larroza 6-0, 6-0 in the finals April 10 at the Harry Taylor Tennis Center at Strawberry Park.

While Dobie didn't come close to matching its 12 regional qualifiers from 2014, Vargas and Moreno won't be alone on their trip to Deer Park.

Lada Heng is headed to the next level after she excelled in girls' singles, eventually reaching the championship match before taking second place.

Heng, the No. 2 seed prior to play, lost just five games en route to the final against Pearland's Jolina Paradela, the top seed.

After Paradela scored a 6-1, 6-0 victory over Heng to reach regionals, Heng then dispatched Manvel's Raina Peters, 6-0, 6-0, to take the other Region III tournament berth.

Dobie will also have a team in the mixed doubles bracket at regionals.

Teaming up just in one other tournament this season, Theresa Tran and Luis Cabreja nonetheless meshed their talents quickly.

At district, the Dobie pairing scored a three-set win in the semifinals before losing the title match 6-1, 6-0 to Kelly and Kevin Zhu of Dawson.

In the play-back match for second place, Tran and Cabreja defeated a Manvel squad in straight sets, thus reaching regionals.

"That's just an outstanding accomplishment for Luis and Theresa," Moreno said, noting the pair's only other play together resulted in a third-place finish at the Lake Travis Invitational.

"It's a shame Theresa didn't get to play mixed doubles with Ruben," said Moreno. "They were 31-0 together as a team, and I really think they could have been one of the top four seeds at regionals."

"As it is, Luis stepped in with Theresa, and they did a good job getting to regionals. It will be fun to see how they perform."

With two of Dawson's top boys' singles players competing in doubles and mixed doubles, respectively, Vargas found the road clear of many hurdles en route to his third district championship in a row.

Still, Vargas' accomplishments at Dobie are long unparalleled.

"Ruben has had a great career," Moreno said. "He's not likely to get one of the top four seeds

at regionals, so he may have to rely on the luck of the draw. With that said, I know he'll go out there and represent himself and our program well like he always has."

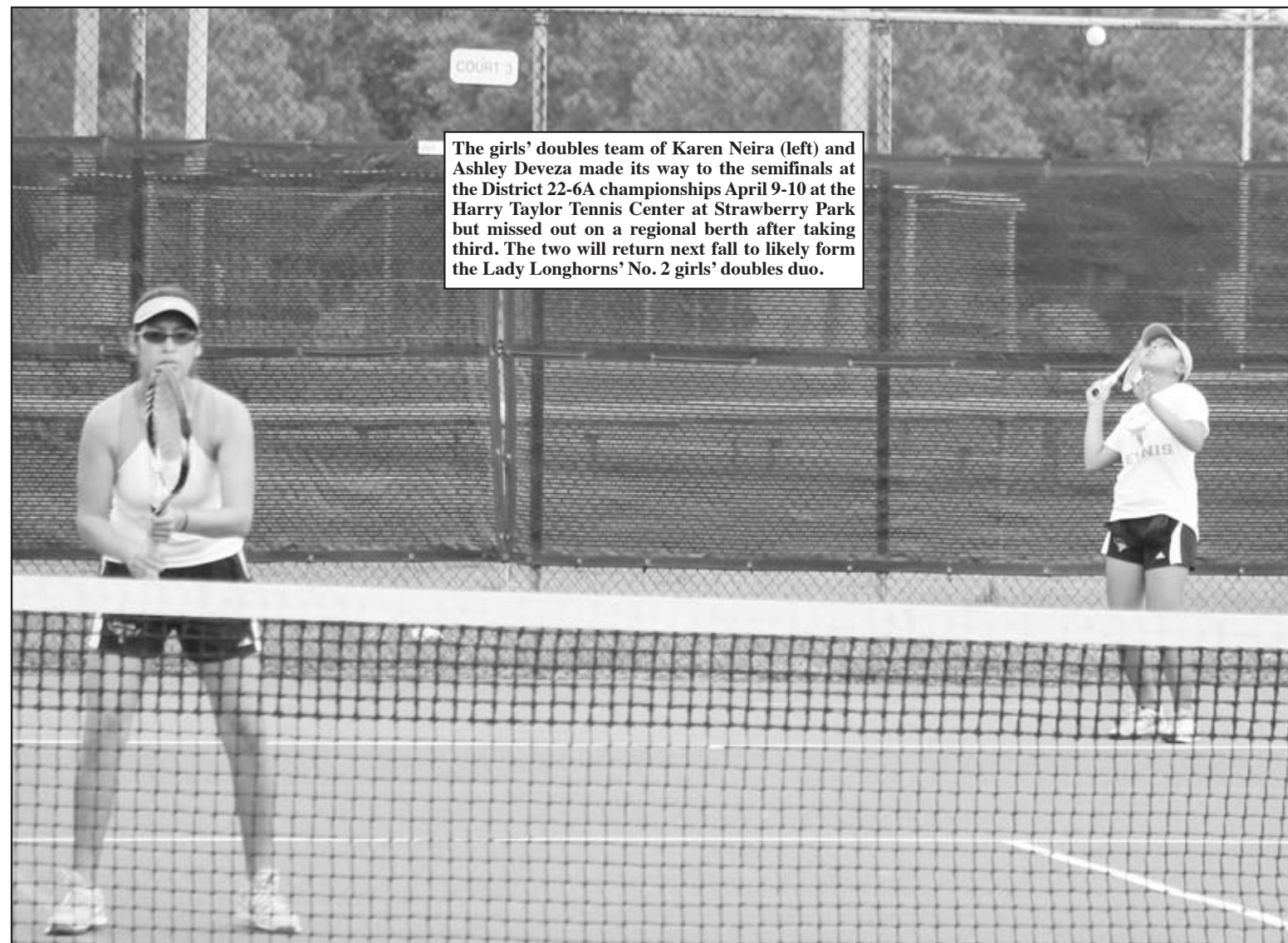
Heng, who will likely be the Lady Longhorns' top-ranked girls' singles player this fall, will also take her swings at regionals.

"I'm proud of Lada for getting to regionals," Moreno said. "I guess the disappointing thing for us was not getting Ashley Deveza and Karen Neira there in girls' doubles."

"But they'll come back in the fall as one of our top teams, and we'll be strong in the doubles with Lada also teaming with Hai Ho."



The girls' doubles team of Karen Neira (left) and Ashley Deveza made its way to the semifinals at the District 22-6A championships April 9-10 at the Harry Taylor Tennis Center at Strawberry Park but missed out on a regional berth after taking third. The two will return next fall to likely form the Lady Longhorns' No. 2 girls' doubles duo.



Joining forces roughly midway through the spring season, Dobie's Theresa Tran (left) and Luis Cabreja excelled. At the District 22-6A Spring Tennis Championships, they advanced to the

mixed doubles finals and lost to the sibling duo of Kelly Zhu and Kevin Zhu but still qualified for the Region III championships April 21-22 at Deer Park High School.

At left, Lady Longhorn Lada Heng lived up to her seeding at the District 22-6A championships, eventually taking second in the girls' singles draw. Heng was beaten by eventual champion, Pearland's Jolina Paradela, in the final. However, Heng bounced back to defeat Manvel's Raina Peters, thus earning a spot at regionals.

At right, Dobie High School tennis coach Manuel Moreno Jr. has an in-match chat with the boys' doubles team of David Ho (center) and Michael Duron. After a first-round bye, Ho and Duron reached the semifinals with a win but eventually placed fourth in the draw.

Photos by John Bechtle



District 22-6A Tennis Championships

Boys' singles: Ruben Vargas (Dobie) defeated Patrick Larroza (Dawson) 6-0, 6-0. Vargas and Larroza advance to regionals.

Mixed doubles: Kelly Zhu/Kevin Zhu (Dawson) finish first. Theresa Tran/Luis Cabreja (Dobie) defeated Floyd/Jeffress (Manvel) for second place. The Dawson and Dobie teams advance to regionals.

Girls' singles: Jolina Paradela (Pearland) finished first. Lada Heng (Dobie) defeated Raina Peters (Manvel) for second place. Paradela and Heng advance to regionals.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

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

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

2 p.m.

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6 p.m.

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

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FRIDAY, APRIL 17

7 a.m.

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

10 a.m.

Interfaith Care Partners – Interfaith Care Partners ministry at Saint Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, 10727 Hartsook St., near Alameda Mall. This gathering, for those with Alzheimer's, dementia, Parkinson's, strokes, etc. and their caretakers, meets the third Friday of each month, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. It consists of a continental-type breakfast, arts, crafts, exercises, entertainment, a sing-a-long, devotional break, lunch, and bingo game. Those who have a family member or know of someone with these challenges are invited. For information, call the church at 713-946-5768; Claudia Rojas, Interfaith Care Partners, at 713-682-5995; or visit the website at www.interfaithcarepartners.org.

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Noon

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

5 p.m.

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

7 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., (Hwy 35), in building next to pawn shop. For more information, call 713-856-1611.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

7:30 a.m.

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

10 a.m.

Salt Grass Potters Guild – Will hold its annual spring sale of original handmade pottery on Saturday, April 18, and Sunday, April 19. Sale hours are Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Clear Lake Park meeting room at 5001 NASA Parkway in Clear Lake. The park is one spotlight east of the Hilton on the lake. About 20 artists will be on hand to answer questions about their work and there will be a variety of items from functional dishware to purely decorative clay pieces and also sculpture. Many items are suitable for decoration or as presents. For more information, contact Eleanor at 713-851-4012 or visit www.saltgrasspotters.com.

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11 a.m.

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

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7 p.m.

Bay Area Bluegrass Association – Produces a bluegrass music show and jam session the third Saturday of each month, August and December are exceptions. Stage show begins at 7 p.m., but pickers may bring instruments and come earlier. Free. Johnny Aroffo Civic Center, 300 Walker, League City. For more information, visit http://www.bayareabluegrass.org.

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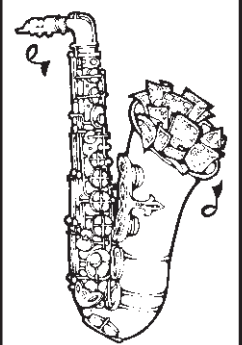
2 p.m.

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

5:30 p.m.

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

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SUNDAY, APRIL 19
6:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Candlelight Meeting, Sunday, 6:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
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8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.

MONDAY, APRIL 20
8:30 a.m.
Harris County Master Gardeners - Open Garden Day presented by Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2, 8:30 to 11 a.m., at the Genoa Friendship Garden, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Road. Master Gardeners will be available to answer gardening questions. Children welcome. For details, visit https://hcmga.tamu.edu.

10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Bridge games weekdays, 10 a.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark Rd. For lessons or for the 2 p.m. Thursday conventions class, contact Dr. Dave Glandorf, bridge instructor, at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or 281-488-6318. Cost is \$6 per game or \$15 per lesson. For more information, call the club at 281-486-1911.

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

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

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

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

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

3:30 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered. For adults with Parkinson's disease only.

6 p.m.
Scrabble Club #511 - Meets Mondays at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua, 6 p.m. Come and improve crossword game playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for more information.

6:30 p.m.
New Directions Singles - Group for ages 55 and up meets on the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W NASA Parkway in Webster. There are many other activities throughout the month. For further information, call Bambi at 281-795-4514 or Mary at 281-337-2589.

6:30 p.m.
Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting - meets Mondays at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway (FM 518). Enter door closest to recycling bins. For information, call 713-865-3668 or visit www.oahouston.org.

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

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

7:30 p.m.
The Clear Lake Gem and Mineral Society - Meets the third week of the month at Clear Lake Park Bldg., 5001 NASA Parkway, Seabrook. Guests welcome. Presenters explore a variety of subjects such as fossils, planetary geology, mineralogy, lapidary, jewelry making, rock, fossil and mineral collecting. Field trips to various collecting sites throughout Texas and surrounding states. All interested persons welcome to attend. Door prizes. Free parking. For more information, visit www.clgms.org.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, in the Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or drop in.

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

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

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Ballroom Dance Practice - Tuesdays, Hometown Heroes Park, League City. Come and enjoy free ballroom dancing, 1 to 3 p.m., on a beautiful 3,630 sq. ft. floating hardwood floor. Dancers practice to a large variety of ballroom music. Instructor available to assist people with new moves. Everyone is welcome! For questions, call 281-554-1180. 1001 East League City Pkwy.

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees - NARFE Chapter 941 meets the third Tuesday of each month, 2 p.m., El Franco Lee Park Community Center, 9500 Hall Road. Visitors welcome. For additional information, call Roy at 713-734-1461.

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

7 p.m.
Pearland Area Republican's Club - meets the third Tuesday of the month (except December, June and July) at the Pearland Church of Christ Annex, 2217 N. Grand Blvd. in Pearland. For more information, call 281-485-4140 or 281-485-1431.

7 p.m.
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7 p.m.
Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center - Weekly sexual assault support group offers a confidential self-help support group for victim/survivors of rape and sexual abuse. To attend or for more information, call 281-286-2525.

7:30 p.m.
Positive Interaction Program - meets the third Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m., at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria, in the staff meeting room, first floor. Bring a friend and work together to make PIP the best in the city. PIP consists of police and citizens working together to make neighborhoods safer. For information, call Officer Richard Bultro at 281-218-3900.

7:30 p.m.
The Houston Bay Area Chapter of Romance Writers of America - meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month for an evening of education, encouragement and community for writers at the Kirkmont MUD Building, 10102 Blackhawk Road in Houston. On April 21, speaker Donna Maloy will hold a workshop on *Author's Voice: Recognizing It and Enhancing It*. More information is available at www.hbarwa.com.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22
7 a.m.
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9:30 a.m.
Young at Heart Club - Meets the second and fourth week of each month (except November and December) at Covenant United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Lots of activities, trips, etc. Call Nellie Galney at 713-991-3517 for information.

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1 p.m.
Free Screenings for Head and Neck Cancers - Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital is offering free screenings for head and neck cancers, performed by Michael Byrd, M.D., an otolaryngologist affiliated with Memorial Hermann Southeast. Screenings are held at the Cancer Center at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, Medical Plaza II, Suite 100, 11920 Astoria Blvd. on Thursday, April 23, 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, visit memorialhermann.org.


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Dobie High School greats inducted into Pasadena ISD athletics hall of fame



Vicki Talton (left), widow of Pasadena ISD athletics hall of fame class of 2015 inductee Scott Talton, is joined by their son, Scott Talton Jr., moments before the pair accepted their loved one's induction plaque on his behalf April 11 at Phillips Field House. Scott Talton, the former longtime varsity boys' basketball coach at Dobie High School, won 500 career games and was twice voted as Coach of the Year in the Greater Houston area. His 500

wins are the most ever collected by any coach in Pasadena ISD history at the varsity level. After retiring following the 2007-2008 season, Talton died unexpectedly in February, 2009. Vicki Talton worked in the Pasadena ISD for many years and is now residing in Corpus Christi. Scott Jr., meanwhile, played varsity basketball for his father at Dobie and was also a varsity baseball player. He graduated from Texas A&M University.



Class of 2015 Pasadena ISD athletics hall of fame inductee and 1974 Dobie High School graduate Randy McEachern (left) is joined by another Longhorn great, former boys' cross-country and track and field head coach John Bryan during the April 11 festivities. McEachern, the team's quarterback, led Dobie to its first-ever district championship in 1973, just the school's fifth year in existence. He later went on to the University of Texas, where he starred

in 1977 while playing together with future Houston Oiler and National Football League Hall of Famer Earl Campbell. McEachern is also a member of the University of Texas' Longhorns' Hall of Honor. Bryan, while at Dobie, led the Longhorns to state championships in cross-country and track and field. He joined the Pasadena ISD athletics hall of fame in 2013.

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San Jacinto College softball aiming at late-season push against regional leaders

Which direction will the season go for the San Jacinto College softball team? The time for that answer to be delivered is nearing.

At 29-20 overall and 10-6 in Region XIV action, the current group hasn't had as much success as some of the past

few teams. Yet, that doesn't mean time has run out.

As of press time April 15, San Jacinto was scheduled to play each of its final eight conference games on the road, beginning with two at Alvin April 15. Then come road trips to Brenham to play

Blinn, another to Beeville to take on Coastal Bend and another to Laredo to close out the regular season.

At this point, Blinn, ranked 10th nationally, is out in front. Galveston has also played well. San Jacinto simply has to step it up.

"Our pitching has been consistent all season with Bridget Stein and Katy Potter," San Jacinto College head coach Kelly Saenz said.

"I think we've just had

some ups and downs in other areas, especially offensively.

"Our hitting has been up and down. I think some of our players have been pressing a little too much

out there, and that happens when you are having trouble scoring runs."

And so the rest of the schedule will play out one way or the other. San Jacinto will likely advance

to the regional tournament, but can this team get back to nationals as it did in 2014?

San Jacinto defeated Alvin in a pair of games earlier this season in confer-

ence play and also split a two-game set with Blinn.

The locals have also had plenty of success against Alvin, with a pair of wins coming earlier this season.

"We just have to get back to the basics, relax and play the game," Saenz said. "We know what it takes to win softball games, and we just have to do it."



Tiffany Jakubec is one of the key offensive players in the San Jacinto College lineup aiming to step things up at the plate as the locals head down the final stretch of games in the regular season before the playoffs begin. San Jacinto College advanced to nationals in 2014 and is looking to get back for just the third time in conference play.

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