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PISD questionnaire inside

A questionnaire for candidates seeking a position on the Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees begins on Page 2A of this issue. Also see related editorial on Page 2A. A questionnaire for candidates seeking a position on the San Jacinto College board will run in next week's *Leader*.

Deputies seek suspects

The Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office is searching for suspects wanted in two recent crimes. The first suspect is wanted for stealing a palm tree from the front yard of an area home early Saturday, April 8. Using surveillance footage, deputies were able to identify the suspect as Daniel Huston, 43. While Huston has already been charged with misdemeanor or theft, he had yet to be apprehended at press time.

The second suspect is wanted for robbing the Sonic at 11110 Scarsdale on Tuesday, April 18. According to deputies, a black male wearing a green hoodie, a red bandana and white gloves parked on Resource Parkway around 1 p.m., then approached the restaurant. Once at the establishment, the suspect waited for a plumber to enter the building, then followed him inside to gain entry, pulled out a silver revolver and reportedly walked directly to the safe and demanded cash. The suspect then fled in a blue midsize sedan (possibly a Nissan) down Resource Parkway toward Beamer and then toward Beltway 8. Two Sonic employees followed him and gave chase but were unsuccessful. No shots were fired, and no one was injured.

Anyone with any information about either of these cases is urged to contact the constable's office at 713-477-4070.

Wigs for Kids drive set

San Jacinto College cosmetology students will host their annual hair donation event featuring free haircuts benefiting Wigs for Kids Wednesday, April 26, at San Jacinto South Cosmetology Department from noon to 5 p.m. Founded in 1981, Wigs for Kids is a non-profit that helps children suffering from hair loss. Certified cosmetic therapists throughout North America create custom-made hair replacements. Each one is completely hand-tied and made entirely from human hair. Wigs for Kids helps 125-150 children annually.

San Jacinto College and Lewis Career and Technical High School cosmetology students will give free haircuts to participants who wish to donate their hair to Wigs for Kids. Hair must be a minimum of 12 inches long and free of all dyes and chemicals. Gray hair will not be accepted.

For those who still wish to donate but do not meet the hair requirements, \$10 haircut and style and \$5 blow dry and style services will be offered, and monetary donations will also be accepted. All proceeds will benefit Wigs for Kids. For more information, contact the San Jacinto College South Campus Cosmetology Department at 281-922-3406.

Weber carnival scheduled

Weber Elementary will hold its Spring Carnival Saturday, April 22, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wristbands, which include all games and rides, are \$15 in advance (\$12 per sibling) or \$20 on the day of the event. Vendors are currently being sought for the event. The fee is \$25 per exhibit space. Vendors should bring their own setup (table and chairs), which must fit the space provided.

For more information about the carnival or to reserve a vendor spot, contact Kelly Jo Henry at khenry@ccisd.net.

Blood drive planned

St. Frances Cabrini Church, located at 10727 Hartsook, will host a blood drive, Sunday, May 7, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Francesca Hall. For information, call Richard or Janie Perales at 713-946-1223 or Jose Pena at 832-638-8391.

JFD Speech/Debate event

The Dobie Speech and Debate team's annual showcase will take place in the school auditorium on Friday, April 21, and Saturday, April 22, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

SJC job fair scheduled

San Jacinto College will host a part-time faculty job fair Thursday, April 20, at the south campus Interactive Learning Center from 3 to 7 p.m. Job seekers are encouraged to bring resumes, transcript(s) and a completed online application. To see a full list of job openings or to pre-register, visit careers.sanjac.edu.

Potential burglary reported

According to reports on social media, the Check 'n Go in the 11700 block of Beltway 8 at Sabo was burglarized early Monday, April 10. The crook(s) reportedly gained entry by first breaking into the adjacent Subway, then breaking through its wall. Online reports said the store's safe was then emptied. While the Houston Police Department did confirm a break-in took place at the Subway that morning, they said no police report had been filed involving a burglary at the Check 'n Go.

Voting begins April 24 for school elections

Early voting for the local May 6 school board elections will begin Monday, April 24, and continue through Tuesday, May 2.

Voters will decide who will fill four Pasadena Independent School District seats and two San Jacinto College seats.

While South Belt residents will not be able to vote in the Clear Creek Independent School District board elections, they will have a say on whether or not to approve the district's proposed \$487 million bond issue.

PISD

In the PISD election, Positions 1-4 will be up for grabs. The contest has been particularly contentious this year, as a local political action committee, Latino Texas PAC, has been actively campaigning that Hispanics, who make up approximately 48 percent of Pasadena's population, are underrepresented on the school board. To combat this, the PAC has recruited Hispanic candidates to challenge all incumbents running for re-election.

Position 1 incumbent Fred Roberts is being challenged by Roel Saldivar; Position 2 incumbent

Mariselle Quijano is being challenged by Maria Vilma Duran; Position 3 incumbent Nelda R. Sullivan is being challenged by former PISD board member Larry Savala; and Position 4 incumbent Jack Bailey is being challenged by Jose A. Cazares.

The *Leader* sent a questionnaire to all individuals seeking a position on the board, but none of the

Cook-off April 27-29

The annual South Belt Spectacular Cook-off will take place Thursday, April 27, through Saturday, April 29, at El Franco Lee Park, 9400 Hall Road. (Thursday will be for cooks only, while Friday and Saturday will be open to the public.) A Kids Fun Zone will take place Saturday between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. featuring several free children's activities. Children 12 and under will be admitted for free. The last remaining cooking spot was claimed Tuesday, April 18, by Houston City Council Member Dwight Boykins. Admission on Friday will be \$10. Admission on Saturday will be \$5 before 4 p.m. and \$10 after.

PAC-related candidates responded. (See related editorial and questionnaire on Page 2A.)

Early voting will take place at all five of the school district's comprehensive high school campuses. Voting hours will be 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on April 24-28 and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on May 1-2.

For additional information or to see Election Day polling places, visit www1.pasadenaisd.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_80688/File/Board%20Docs/Election%20Info/ElectionInfoEarlyVotingLocations.pdf.

San Jacinto College

In the San Jacinto College election, voters will decide who will fill the Position 1 and Position 2 seats.

Voting for Position 1 are Rick Guerrero, Erica Davis Rouse and Richard Serna. Longtime Position 1 board member Brad Hance was forced to forfeit the position after filing to run for another office.

Position 2 incumbent Dr. Ruede Wheeler is running unopposed.

Early voting for residents living in the Pasadena Independent School District will take place at all five PISD high schools. Voting hours will be 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on April 24-28 and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on May 1-2.

Early voting for residents living in the Clear Creek Independent School District and Pearland

Independent School District will take place at the San Jacinto College South Fine Arts Building (S15) lobby.

For additional information or to see Election Day polling places, visit www.sanjac.edu/board-trustees-election.

CCISD

In the CCISD election, voters will decide the fate of the school district's \$487 million bond proposal.

If approved by voters, the bond referendum would allow the district to build new schools or permanently increase the capacity of existing schools due to overcrowding; rebuild or renovate schools between 40 and 50 years old; repair or replace elementary playgrounds; purchase new school buses; and expand the district's science magnet program for intermediate students to a second location.

For additional information on the bond issue, visit www.ccisd.net/cms/One.aspx?portalId=645487&pageId=20307550.

While early voting will take place across the school district, the closest location for South Belt voters will be Clear Brook High School. Voting hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For a complete list of early voting locations and Election Day locations, visit www.ccisd.net/cms/One.aspx?portalId=645487&pageId=20445039.

Dobie student reported missing



Nikkole Ballard

Dobie student Nikkole Ballard, 15, was reported missing Wednesday, April 19. She was last seen Tuesday, April 18, around 9 a.m., and she failed to return home from school that evening. Anyone with any information on her whereabouts is urged to contact the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office at 713-477-2766.

Hughes complete, Beamer not



While the Hughes Road reconstruction project is finally complete, the intersection of Hughes and Beamer (shown above) is still causing headaches for local commuters, with drivers often being backed up for several blocks. City officials said the problem is related to the traffic signal and should be rectified within the next week.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

City passes ordinance aimed at curbing panhandling

Houston City Council passed an ordinance Wednesday, April 12, aimed at curbing panhandling and combating homelessness.

Residents who block roadways, sidewalks and building entrances could be charged with a misdemeanor under the new regulations. The ordinance also prohibits temporary shelters, tents and unauthorized cooking devices in public areas. Homeless individuals, however, will still be allowed to sleep on city property.

The new measures will give local law enforcement more ammunition in the fight against panhandlers, as previous city rules related to the practice were very limited.

"Our hands are tied," Houston Police Department Capt. Jerome Stevens said at a town hall meeting hosted by City Council Member Dave Martin this past February.

The temporary shelter ban will be enforced in 30 days (May 12), while the other provisions will take effect immediately. The 30-day transition period will give HPD's Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) a chance to redirect people from encampments to housing alternatives.

"This is a best practice across the nation and is based on public health and safety concerns," Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner said in a press release. "We cannot have people setting up tent cities where there are no restrooms or other accommodations to meet basic human needs. Not only is it unsanitary, but it also deters from the goal of getting people into permanent supportive housing."

The Texas Department of Transportation will assist by installing "no camping" signs at freeway underpasses.

Turner has made reducing homelessness in the city a top priority of his since taking office.

At the center of the mayor's plan is the expansion of The Way Home.

Funded through both governmental entities and more than 100 philanthropic partners, The Way Home strives to provide services and long-term housing to the city's homeless. Since its founding in 2012, the organization has housed more than 8,000 individuals.

Turner said his goal is to house 500 chronically homeless individuals in the next six months. The mayor said an additional 215 shelter beds will become available in August when the new Star of Hope campus on Reed Road is completed. Additionally, Turner is calling upon apartment owners and landlords with vacant units to step forward and be part of the solution.

The mayor has consistently warned residents against giving money directly to the homeless but rather donate the funds to one of the aforementioned services.

"I understand the desire for people to give,"

Turner said at a recent press conference. "I am telling you it is making the situation worse and not better, all over the city."

The topic of panhandlers and homelessness has become a hot-button issue in the South Belt com-

munity over the last several months, prompting the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce to host two separate meetings to discuss how to best address the growing problem.

While local law enforcement has had some

success in recent months at reducing the number of homeless and panhandlers in the South Belt community, the new ordinance is expected to increase the effectiveness of their efforts, particularly within the city limits.

Atkinson teachers are seeing double



Teachers at Atkinson Elementary are seeing double this year, as 10 sets of twins are currently enrolled at the area school. Third and fourth grades each have three sets, and kindergarten has four sets of twins. Picture day recently took place at the school, and officials snapped the above group photo of all 10 sets. Pictured are, left to right, (front row, kindergarten) Catherine Covarubias, Rebecca Co-

varubias, Anthony Garcia, David Garcia, Alyssa Alvarez, Alyna Alvarez, Trenton Hines, Taylor Hines, (middle row) Miranda Medel, John Medel, Haylee Gomez, Victoria Gomez, Ann Hounmetin, Anne Hounmetin, (back row) Isabella Perez, Anabelle Perez, Juliana Zollocoffer, Yuriana Zollocoffer, Isabella Martinez and Gisselle Martinez.

Photo by Jessica Carlos

Candidates answer questionnaire

Following are the responses to the *Leader's* Pasadena Independent School District candidate questionnaire. The answers are strictly the candidates', and have not been edited in any way. No responses were received from any of the opponents to the candidates. (See related editorial this page.) The questionnaires are in order as they will appear on the ballot.

Fred Roberts



Age: 62
Occupation: Business Owner - Insurance

Education: Kruse, Jackson, Pasadena / Ellen McCarter Stewart / SWSU / NACE / LRA / MGA
Marital Status/children: Married (Vicki Cleveland, Dobbie '77) / 4 adult children

How long have you lived in the school district? (50 words or less)
All my life, 62 years in Pasadena ISD.

Do you have any children who have attended Pasadena ISD schools? (50 words or less)
All of my children attended PISD schools: Zachary (Dobie '98), Jacob (Pasadena '00), Jordan Dobbie '02, Sara '02.

Why are you running for this position? (150 words or less)
I made the decision to continue my service on the Pasadena Independent School Board because I have invested 24 years gaining the experience and training necessary to be a contributing part of a successful decision making team. I have the best interests of all the children, taxpayers, parents, educators, support staff and business community at heart.

What skill sets and experience do you have to be a productive member of the Pasadena ISD board? (100 words or less)
As an independent business owner and taxpayer for over 40 years, I have acquired the skills of operating on a controlled budget and making business decisions related to profit making and employment of others. I have the experience and knowledge required to determine what is best for my office and the clients (public) I represent. My business experience includes contracts representing millions of dollars and property valued at large sums.

What community involvement (including Pasadena ISD) and other named organization have you been involved in? (200 words or less)
My community involvement in the past 62 years has included Chairman of Boy Scouts (Pasadena area), Past Rotarian, Past PISD Site based decision making team, Past PTO member, Sagemont Church (Active member / Pastoral Ministry), Campus Director for McDonald's Invitational Basketball Tournament, and 24 years Pasadena School Board (Pasadena, Vice-President, Secretary).

Why should people vote for you over your opponent? (150 words or less)
EXPERIENCE. It is the same reason that those who progress upwards in their personal career make are given greater authority and are relied on more by their peers than those with none or less experience. School Board members are not teachers or administrative educators. They are everyday people and business people trained in making good solid decisions based on information provided by educators, that affect the final outcome of educating children, thereby producing young adults who are the basis of good community members. I am a proven good steward of the taxpayers' money. I believe in educating all students. As a parent, I understand the good days and tough days of parenting. As an employer, I understand the needs of employees. Most of all, I understand the requirements of the job and commitment of a School Board Trustee in Pasadena, Texas.

How long have you lived in the school district? (50 words or less)
Since June 1984 when my family relocated to Houston to open our first McDonald's restaurant on Harrisburg Blvd. in the East End area of Houston. I have lived in Pasadena from the start. Attended Parkview Intermediate and graduated from Sam Rayburn in 1990. I was awarded Pasadena Chamber Citizen of the Year - 2014, Sam Rayburn HS Distinguished Alumnus - 2015 & City of Pasadena Business of the Year - 2017.

Have you ever attended a Pasadena ISD board meeting? How many before the election, and how many after filing for the election? (50 words or less)
School Board Meetings Attended: approximately 576, with 624 hours estimated of school trustee training.

What direct ties or connections do you have to the South Belt community? (100 words or less)
I have lived, worked,

played and worshipped in the South Belt area for the past 38 years.

The issue of race has become a hot topic during this election. What role, if any, should race play on the Pasadena ISD board or in the district itself? (150 words or less)
It is unfortunate that a school board race is being used as a method to make a difference in a local election that should not be a part of party politics or ethnicity. When I have voted on a school board issue it has not been based on what background or financial standing these students come from. My decision has always been based on what is best for the students.

As a Pasadena ISD trustee, what would be your number 1 priority during the first six months? (150 words)
As a re-elected School Board Trustee my number one priority will be CONTINUE THE SUCCESS.

Also, as a trustee what long term district-wide issues would you address if elected? (150 words or less)
As a School Board Trustee our long term goal is to continue giving our educators and support staff the tools and resources to do the best job possible for our students. To work within our financial resources to encourage and reward the excellent work our educators and support staff give each and every day. As a forward thinking board, we are already addressing the needs of an every changing and diverse population through education and technology.

What specific issues facing the South Belt area would you address if elected? (100 words or less)
Some specific issues facing the South Belt area are overcrowding in our schools, keeping technology current, maintaining quality educators and support staff, traffic control, decreased parental support, and lack of understanding by our Texas Legislature on what it takes to educate a student today.

Dobbie has approximately 1,000 more students than any of the district's other four comprehensive high schools. If elected, what, if anything, would you do to address this enrollment inequality? (150 words or less)
The estimated 1000 more students in Dobbie High School in 2017 is already being addressed by the opening of a new Dobbie 9th grade campus that will enable the support staff, teachers and administrators the ability to educate in a more effective manner.

What do you see as the role of a Texas school district Board of Trustees?
The true role of the Texas School Board Trustee is to hire one employee, the Superintendent, approve the budget and vote on specific topics brought before the School Board by the Superintendent for approval.

What is your opinion of groups outside the Pasadena ISD area being influential in this local election? (150 words)
I believe those who wish to invade our successful school district underestimate the intelligence of our community. I think the residents of Pasadena ISD don't need to be told "what they need" by outside factions. New ideas and new visions are always welcome, but replacing proven, experienced, dedicated members solely for the purpose of promoting self-serving agendas only benefits the outside groups, not the children we are here to educate.

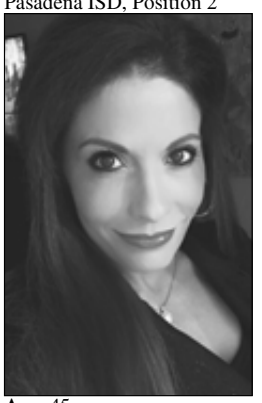
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I have been President/Vice Pres./Treasurer of the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Greater Houston as well as member of the Houston Ronald McDonald House. These are just a few.

Why should people vote for you over your opponent? (150 words or less)
I have been a lifetime resident, successful product of our district, parent of students in our district, business owner and involved community member for 20+ years. I understand and I am used to working with challenging budgets, understand school governance and ALWAYS keep ALL our students front and center in my decision making. I serve because it is a calling to help our future generation earn a quality education that with hard work & dedication will ensure their success.

Have you ever attended a Pasadena ISD board meeting? How many before the election, and how many after filing for the election? (100 words or less)
Yes! Too many to count, even before being elected in 2009.

What direct ties or connections do you have to the South Belt community?
I own and operate 4 restaurants in the South Belt community (Astoria, Fuqua, Alameda Genoa & Alameda Genoa Wal-Mart McDonald's). We have sponsored events in the South Belt community. Most

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Age: 45
Occupation: McDonald's Franchise Owner

Education: Bachelor's in Accounting - University of Houston 1995
Marital Status/Children: Divorced / 2 Children

How long have you lived in the school district?
Since June 1984 when my family relocated to Houston to open our first McDonald's restaurant on Harrisburg Blvd. in the East End area of Houston. I have lived in Pasadena from the start. Attended Parkview Intermediate and graduated from Sam Rayburn in 1990. I was awarded Pasadena Chamber Citizen of the Year - 2014, Sam Rayburn HS Distinguished Alumnus - 2015 & City of Pasadena Business of the Year - 2017.

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Do you have any children who have attended Pasadena ISD schools?
My daughter, Sabrina, attended Turner Elementary, Lomax Middle School, Bondy Intermediate & Pasadena Memorial HS. Sabrina graduated from Pasadena Memorial High School in 2015. My son, Alexander, currently attends the Dr. Kirk Lewis Career & Technical HS.

Why are you running for this position?
I was first elected as a Pasadena ISD School Board Trustee - Pos. 2 in 2009. In 2009 longtime board member, Carmen Orozco, decided not to re-run for her position - Pos. 2. I found a calling to run and serve my community on another level. I had previously served on many other PISD committees. Education is integral for the future success of every student. I am running for re-election to continue being a voice for the success of every student in our culturally rich district, providing support for our amazing staff at all levels that make it happen each and every day and working with our budget in this complex and challenging time in public school finance. I have been President, VP & Secretary on the Board.

What skill sets and experience do you have to be a productive member of the Pasadena ISD board?
I have a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from U of H and I am a successful entrepreneur. I am a McDonald's Franchise Owner/Operator. I operate a business that is comprised of 27 restaurants that operate in 8 cities in the Greater Houston area including Pasadena, employ 1,400 individuals and am used to working with large budgets. I am used to finding solutions to challenging problems, human resource (In regards to hiring and retaining highly qualified individuals) and leadership skills. I believe in always setting the example, communication, honesty, dedication, confidence, being 100% committed, trustworthy and always being true to yourself.

What community involvement (including Pasadena ISD) and other named organization have you been involved in?
I have been involved in some sort of capacity in Pasadena ISD since 2003. Served as Trustee-Pos. 2 since 2009. I have also served on the Strategic Planning Committee, several Future Facilities Planning Committees, two School Bond Election Committees, Pasadena Education Foundation for MANY years and Steering Committee & Title Sponsor of the McDonald's Texas Invitational Basketball Tournament almost since its inception, Member of the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce for 10+ years, sponsoring & supporting MANY City of Pasadena events including the Pasadena Police Dept., Christmas Parade, Easter Egg Hunt, festivals, etc. Working with Neighborhood Center in Pasadena for the last few years to identify 100 needy families for a Christmas bicycle giveaway. I have been a scholarship judge for HACER (Hispanic American Commitment for Educational Resources) for MANY years. Worked with the USHLI (United States Hispanic Leadership Institute) on programs in Pasadena & Houston area in career fairs and continuing education, stressing the importance of education and future success as well as obtaining scholarships and financial aid for college.

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Publisher's Opinion

Disappointed challengers didn't share

For more than 30 years the *Leader* has published a candidate questionnaire for political races of local interest. All those years ago we designed the questionnaire so it would be fair and informative. We set a word limit for each answer and print the answers exactly as submitted. No editing whatsoever so, if the paper staff has a candidate preference, that preference could not show up in the questionnaire, making it totally fair.

I believe the answers to the questions would really give voters an insight to all who answer the questions. Unfortunately for voters, the challengers all chose not to

answer. I emailed them at least three times, called all but one (for whom I did not have a number). By the 9 a.m. Tuesday deadline, I had no answers on if they were submitting their questionnaires, they just didn't.

Consequently, I suggest you read the answers from the incumbents, and unless you disagree with their answers, join me and vote for them. We need good people who care about the students and taxpayers—no matter what the color—black, brown, white, whatever. Just give us board members that care, and that care enough to share their opinions so voters can know how they think and feel. —Marie Flickinger

In My Opinion

Weld writes on IMO from Cardenas

Regarding Mr. Cardenas' letter published 4/06/17 regarding the need for additional senators for Texas:

There are a few things to be considered. First, there are two bodies in the legislature. The House of Representatives is based on population. The founding fathers in their wisdom realized that if all legislation was according to population, larger, more populous states would rule at will. Therefore they established a second body giving each state an equal

representation of two senators each. This gives a small state such as Rhode Island an equal say in the Senate. Laws have to pass both the House and the Senate before going to the president for a signature.

Secondly, you speak of taxation without representation. All tax bills originate in the House of Representatives. This is the body with representation by population. When considering a bill, the Senate may attempt to amend it. The two houses then work together to come up with a final draft of a bill. However, the tax bills do come from the body based on population. **David R Weld**

Adopt-A-Beach Cleanup Earth Day

Volunteers are needed for the nation's biggest all-volunteer coastal cleanup Saturday, April 22. The 2017 Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach Coastwide Spring Cleanup takes place at 28 of Texas' most popular beaches.

Volunteers can sign up online at TexasAdoptABeach.org to take part in a day at the beach that makes a difference.

"The Adopt-A-Beach Spring Cleanup is a great day at the beach for a great cause," said Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush. "There's no better way to get ready for summer season by cleaning up our Texas beaches at one of our 28 sites along the coast!"

Each volunteer will be given data cards, gloves, pencils and trash bags. All volunteers are advised to wear closed-toe shoes and bring sunscreen and drinking water. The Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach Cleanups are held rain or shine.

• Who: Thousands of Texans who care about the coast

• What: 31st G.L.O. Adopt-A-Beach Spring Cleanup

• When: Saturday, April 22. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Cleanup is from 9 a.m. to noon.

• Where: 28 sites along the Texas coast

Everyone who signs up online and checks in at their cleanup location will be entered to win a RTIC 20 Soft Pack cooler or one of five Sony portable wireless speakers (bluetooth and waterproof).

The random drawing will take place after the cleanup. Winners will be contacted directly.

UH Pearland breaks ground

University of Houston-Clear Lake Pearland will break ground on a \$24.6 million health sciences and classroom building Friday, April 28 at 2 p.m., at 1200 Pearland Parkway.

Scheduled to open spring 2019, the three-story facility will allow UHCL Pearland campus to expand enrollment to its health-science programs, notably the RN-to-BSN and licensed professional counselor programs. UHCL has plans to include space in the new building for a satellite office of its Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities.

Construction of the 69,539 square-foot facility was made possible by a bill passed in the 2015 Texas Legislature, championed by State Sen. Larry Thomas and Rep. Ed Thompson of Pearland with support from Pearland Mayor Tom Reid and the Pearland Chamber of Commerce.

"We have become a medically oriented community," Reid said during an interview earlier this spring, and added that the city's health care partners look to UHCL Pearland campus to help train current and future workers in a variety of medical careers. "We have an opportunity to provide for a future trained workforce and additional educational opportunities for personnel already in the workforce," he said.

Nationwide, healthcare jobs are expected to grow 26 percent to 35 percent by 2020, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported, making it the fastest-growing employment segment. "The healthcare industry has continued to evolve dramatically over the past few years," said Karen Alexander, director of the RN-to-BSN program at UHCL Pearland campus, said "Having a new health sciences and classroom building will enable us to meet and exceed the goals of creating a learning environment which fosters, demands, and celebrates high standards

and quality of care for the delivery of safe and effective care to the communities we serve."

The new facility will include simulated hospital rooms, a nurses' station and a pharmacy station for hands-on training, a 100-seat tiered lecture hall, large classrooms, a conference room, chemistry and biology laboratories, 19 faculty offices and private study rooms and common study areas. Plans also include a vending area for purchase of ready-to-eat and ready-to-heat meals, salads, snacks and drinks as well as basic school supplies.

The health sciences and classroom building is one of three new academic buildings planned for UHCL. In March, the university broke ground on a STEM and classroom building and Recreation and Wellness Center on its Bay Area location. Later this year, it will begin construction on a student housing facility.



Artistic rendering of proposed health sciences and classroom building.

Local library events set

Parker Williams Library
The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. Basic computer classes are offered on Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m. Phone the library for information and registration details, or check the library's home page at www.hcpl.net.

Thursday, April 20, 3 p.m. Interviewing, Résumé and Applications presented by United Way Thrive Center at Bay Area. Learn the most effective formatting and content options for a résumé based on current experience and work goals, make improvements with the guidance of an expert, and learn how to make a great first impression at an interview.

Thursday, April 20, 4 p.m. Movie madness has the presentation of *Middle School Years* (PG). Saturday, April 22, 10:30 a.m. *How to Talk to Your Doctor* is presented by the Memorial Hermann COPE program.

Tuesday, April 25, 10 a.m. Adult Basic Education Tutor Training Workshop. For new volunteer tutors in HCPL's adult basic literacy program.

Tuesday, April 25, 10:30 a.m. *Music, Literature, and the Human Experience* is presented by Houston Grand Opera. Explore the story of Faust and his famous deal with the devil in this special workshop and discussion.

Wednesday, April 26, 10:30 a.m. Dia de los Ninos storytime. In celebration of Dia de los Ninos, Dia de los Libros, the library will be hosting a bilingual storytime in English and Spanish, songs sung in both languages and the making of a craft.

Wednesday, April 26, 5 p.m. Basic Life Skills-Credit Card Basics, for ages 11 and older. Wednesdays, Preschool storytime, 10:30 a.m. Thursdays, Toddler storytime, 10:30 a.m. Saturdays, Vietnamese Learning Time. Level 2 begins at 10 a.m., Level 1 begins at 11:15 a.m. and Level 3 begins at 2:30 p.m. For more information on these programs, speak with Loc Bui.

For more information on these programs, phone the library at 281-484-2036. Regular library hours are: Monday, 1 - 9 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 - 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; and Sunday, closed.

Bracewell Branch Library
The following events are scheduled for the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint:
Thursday, April 20, 6 p.m. Book Club: *When Nobody Was Watching*
Thursday, April 20, 6:30 a.m. Knitting and Crochet
Saturday, April 22, 10:30 a.m. Spanish computer class
Saturday, April 22, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. English learning; 12:30 p.m. Lego playtime
Saturday, April 22, 3 p.m. Music, Literature, and the Human Experience

Tuesday, April 25, 10:30 a.m. Baby storytime; 10:30 a.m. Toddler playtime
Wednesday, April 26, 10:30 a.m. Toddler storytime; 11:15 a.m. Toddler playtime
Wednesday, April 26, Computer courses: 2 p.m. Computer Basics; 3:15 p.m. Internet Basics; 4:30 p.m. Basic Powerpoint

For more information on these programs, call the library at 832-393-2580. All events are free and open to the public.
Bracewell hours are: Sunday, closed; Monday, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Thursday, noon - 8 p.m.; Friday, 1 - 5 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Deaths

Emily "Kay" Carson Anthony



Emily "Kay" Carson Anthony died on April 22, 2017, at the age of 77. Born on Feb. 14, 1940, she was known to all as a genuine sweetheart and a faithful, loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend.

She was born and raised in Texas and graduated from Fort Stockton High School. She continued her education at Baylor University where she met and married the love of her life for 56 years, David Wesley "Wes" Anthony.

After graduating from Baylor University in 1962, Kay and Wes moved to Houston where she taught typing at Pasadena High School until the birth of their first child on Christmas Day, 1966. She and Wes were also blessed with two sons born in 1968 and 1970.

Kay accepted the full time job of raising their children. She excelled as a mom, loving each one of her children for their uniqueness and was always ready with words of encouragement, hugs and love whether needed or not. In the eyes of her children she was the perfect mom.

She wisely taught and exemplified beauty on the inside, but her greatest gift to her children was teaching them to love God and seek Him for answers in all things.

Kay also dedicated her life to supporting her husband. Her many talents were a complete to his music ministry at Magnolia Baptist Church, FBC Friendswood and Sagemont Church where she played the piano and the organ as well as sang in the choir. Her alto voice blended with his baritone voice and they often sang duets at churches, weddings and funerals.

She touched the lives of many young adults. She and Wes led in church choirs and mentored in the "Before You Say I Do" program at Sagemont Church.

Kay was content to stay in the background, but she was truly the steadfast anchor in the lives of her family. Her consistent faith in God, love, kindness and support at all times will not be forgotten by all who had the opportunity to know and love her.

Kay is survived by her children Lorine (Vic) David, David (Shelly) Anthony and John Anthony; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and sister, Lynda (Bob) Falkner.

She is preceded in death by her husband; her parents Ermon B. and Lorine Barker Carson; and niece, Debra Falkner Meador.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Sagemont Church or the ministry of your choice.

Visitation was Monday, April 17, and the funeral service was Tuesday, April 18, both at Niday Funeral Home - Beamer Chapel. A private burial followed.

Elby Wade Hudson III

Elby Wade Hudson III, 72, of Pearland, died Saturday, April 8, 2017, while receiving medical care at Methodist Hospital in Houston. The family resides in BellaVita and have been South Belt residents for more than 40 years. He was born in San Antonio on Octo-



ber 8, 1944, to Elby Hudson Jr. and Louise (Moyer) Hudson.

After attending Brackenridge High School in San Antonio, he joined the Marine Corps at the age of 17. While in the Marine Corps, he graduated from high school in Hawaii. He served his country from 1961-1965. During his tenure, Wade was a member of a top secret 47-man 3rd reconnaissance operation, Shufly, in Vietnam in 1963. His unit carried out security and rescue operations in DaNang to aid other troops. Wade returned to San Antonio upon his discharge from the Marine Corps and attended San Antonio College. It was there that he reconnected with his high school sweetheart Nancy Nagel.

Wade and Nancy were married in 1966. Upon Nancy's graduation from St. Mary's University, they moved to Houston in 1967. Wade graduated from the University of Houston and received his master's degree in education from Texas Southern University. Wade was a licensed professional counselor. During his career in education, Wade coached in Houston ISD and Spring Branch ISD and then became a high school counselor, alternative school counselor and truant officer during his 28 years with Alief ISD. Wade was part owner of Courtesy Driving School for many years.

He enjoyed weightlifting and tennis and had a love of running which led him to complete several marathons. For many years, Wade's day would begin by meeting his running friends at Memorial Park before going to work. Wade and Nancy were members of Cokesbury United Methodist Church, now Crossroads United Methodist Church. Wade was given the privilege of receiving a heart transplant from Houston Methodist Hospital on Dec. 22, 2009. This gift allowed him seven more years to be with his family and friends. Wade was blessed to be able to develop relationships with his five grandchildren.

Wade was preceded in death by his grandmother Lilian Gillett and grandfather Elba Hudson, his grandmother Elba Moyer and grandfather Klare Moyer; his father Elby Wade Hudson Jr. and mother Louise Moyer Hudson Mitchell Curry; stepfather William Mitchell; father-in-law Richard Robinson; mother-in-law Marion Robinson; sister-in-law Janice Jarzombek; and sister-in-law Elva Robinson.

Wade is survived by his wife; two daughters Becky Blaylock and husband Garrett and Crystal Hacker and husband Dustin; grandchildren Breanne Blaylock, Blaire Blaylock, Hudson Hacker, Brody Hacker and Brooks Hacker; sister Brenda Hale and husband Robert Jr.; sister-in-law Gail Tribble and husband Robert; brother-in-law Richard Robinson; brother-in-law Robert Jarzombek; sister-in-law Joy Raines and husband Tony; nephews Robert Hale III, Richard Jarzombek and Randy Jarzombek; niece Jennifer Randle; numerous step-nieces and nephews; aunt Dorothy Roberts; and cousins.

A service celebrating Wade's life was held Thursday, April 13, at Niday Funeral Home-Beamer Chapel. In lieu of flowers, send donations to the Houston Methodist Hospital Foundation-Heart Transplant Research, P.O. Box

4384, Houston, TX 77210-4384, or Veterans of Foreign Wars (https://heroes.vfw.org)

Katy Jo Cornatzer



Katy Jo Cornatzer, 85, died Saturday, April 15, 2017, at Houston Methodist Hospital. She was born in Clovis, New Mexico, on Nov. 7, 1931. At a young age her family moved to the downtown Houston area. She attended and graduated from Milby High School with the class of 1948.

In the early '70s she and her husband Charles "Buddy" Cornatzer moved to the Sagemont area where she drove the school bus for the Easthaven Baptist School. Katy was a very hard worker. After obtaining her broker's license she became a real estate agent in the South Belt-Ellington area and was employed by companies such as Jim Tucker Real Estate and Roy Shifflet Realtors.

Throughout her life Katy was the ultimate caregiver to her family, always putting her family's needs above her own. Katy was preceded in death by her husband; parents; brother James Dale Farrell; and her son Cary Cornatzer.

She is survived by her son James Jay Farrell; daughter Kellie Cornatzer; granddaughter Candice Gunn; granddaughter Jaylynn Tippey; and grandson James Dean Farrell.

The visitation is from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, April 21, at the Forest Park Lawndale Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 22, at the Forest Park Lawndale Funeral Home followed by interment.

Helen Elizabeth Sewell



Helen Elizabeth Sewell died April 12, 2017, in Houston. She was a longtime resident of the Sagemont subdivision.

She was born to Walker and Freda Hay on May 21, 1921, in Mena, Arkansas. Helen was preceded in death by her husband John Russell Sewell. She is survived by her children Helen Lucille Doane, William Fletcher Sewell and wife Carol, Janet Ann Lawton and husband James, Philip Anthony Sewell and wife Stella, Mary Patricia James and husband Robert and Susan Frances Sewell; 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. The family received friends Friday, April 14, at SouthPark Funeral Home. The funeral service was held at the Chapel of SouthPark Funeral Home April 15, 2017.

Nancy Bode Heeth
Nancy Bode Heeth's obituary was published in last week's edition and may be found at southbeltleader.com. Click on Current & Past Issues, click April 13, 2017, and go to Page 2A.

Leader checks out social media

By Mary Doan

On Saturday, April 8, around 5:15 a.m., a pickup truck ripped a palm tree from the yard of a member of the *Everything Sagemont* Facebook page. The suspect reportedly dragged the palm tree with the truck about 10 houses down the street before loading the palm tree into the bed of the pickup truck. See story on Page 1A.

The Kirkwood Civic Club will hold a community meeting on Thursday, April 27, at 6:30 p.m. at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 115



Fred Roberts

Position 1



Mariselle Quijano

Position 2

Re-Elect

Your vote for this slate will ensure the continuation of Pasadena ISD's outstanding schools!

Nelda Sullivan

Position 3



Jack Bailey

Position 4



Early voting - April 24 - May 2 • Election day - May 6

The undersigned support the hardworking slate of incumbent candidates that have served the district students successfully. They believe we need to keep this hardworking slate of officers, for the continued success of our students and school district!

This slate will continue Pasadena ISD's success with innovative solutions like *Tech/Career High School, Early College High Schools, Connect Learning Programs, Leader in Blended Learning, Expansion of Pre-K* and many more to ensure that students are prepared for the technology and jobs of the future.

The challengers are determined to change the district, just for the sake of change.

To be re-elected, this incumbent slate needs your help and your vote. Get your friends and neighbors to join you in voting for this slate.

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| Leslie Armet | Reesha Brown | Mark Cunningham | Ruben Flores | Nathaly Hernandez | Maria Leija | Carla Moody | Kristi Peterson | Jose Salas | Jon Thompson |
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and "too many others to print!"

CCISD competes in Robot Championship

The Clear Creek Independent School District robotics Team 118, the Robonauts, will compete in the FIRST Robotics Championship in Houston. The competition will be held from April 19 to 22 at the George R. Brown Convention Center, located at 1001 Avenida de las Americas in Houston. The finals and the closing ceremony will be held at Minute Maid Park, located at 501 Crawford St. in Houston.

Team 118 will compete in the Newton Division. In addition to Team 118, other teams from the Houston area will compete. The competition will be full of students of all ages, from Jr. Lego league on up.

There will be workshops for parents, mentors and students. One should wear closed toe shoes and bring safety glasses, if possible, to be able to walk around the pits and look at robots up close. Earplugs are also recommended if one is sensitive to noise.

For more information on the event, visit www.firstchampionship.org/houston-home.

SJC events planned

San Jacinto College has announced its upcoming events.

Summer Registration
Registration is open for summer 2017.

The mini term begins Monday, May 15, with the payment deadline falling on Thursday, May 4 by 7 p.m. The first summer term begins Monday, July 10, with a payment deadline of Thursday, May 25 by 7 p.m.

For more information on guidelines to register, visit sanjac.edu/apply-register/overview/registration.

Softball games

San Jacinto College softball will play doubleheaders against Blinn College on Friday, April 21, at 3 p.m. and LSU - Eunice on Tuesday, April 25, at 3 p.m. All home games are free and open to the public and played on the softball field at the South Campus. For a full schedule, visit sanjac-sports.com.

Celebration of Week of the Young Child

The San Jacinto College lab school will host a celebration on Saturday, April 22, to kick off the Week of the Young Child (WOYC) with a panel discussion on raising young children in

America. This event will take place from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Monte Blue Music Building, C-5, followed by a tour of the lab school, C-6, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

San Jacinto Day Festival and Battle Reenactment
The San Jacinto College Student Engagement and Activities office will host the San Jacinto Day Festival on Saturday, April 22, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the San Jacinto Monument, located at 1 Monument Circle in La Porte.

Music concerts and recital

The San Jacinto College music department will host several upcoming music events:

Guitar studio concert, Tuesday, April 25, at 7 p.m., sponsored by music professor Jeremy Garcia.

Student recital, Wednesday, April 26, at 7 p.m., featuring cello student Allen Campos; sponsored by music professor Fran Koerner.

Jazz ensemble concert, Thursday, April 27, at 7 p.m., directed by Dr. Harry Darragh.

All performances will be held in the Monte Blue Music Building (building C5) on the Central campus.

Graduate's artwork displayed at UHCL

Experience a variety of original art, including painting, printmaking, ceramics, sculpture and digital media at University of Houston-Clear Lake's 2017 Bachelor of Fine Arts Exhibition from April 14 to May 11.

Twenty graduating and recently graduated artists will display the best of their work in the Bayou Building Art Gallery, 2700 Bay Area Blvd. in Houston. The opening is free, and the public is invited.

Regular gallery hours are Monday to Thursday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, call 281-283-3376 or visit www.uhcl.edu/artgallery.

Over The Back Fence by Alexis

CELEBRATE YOUR BIRTHDAY, AARON!
Happy birthday greetings are sent to **Aaron Giles** who turns 23 on 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 now attends University of Houston-Clear Lake.

ANN MARKS A BIRTHDAY
Sageglen business owner **Ann Brannen** celebrates her birthday April 20. Best wishes are sent from the staff at the **Leader**.

ENJOY THE DAY, KENNETH
Happy birthday wishes are sent to **Kenneth Griffin** on his special day Monday, April 24 from his wife **Bobby**; son **David Griffin** and wife **Angela**, and grandchildren **Robert and Kenneth**; daughter **Tracy Giles** and husband **Jim**, and grandchildren **Aaron, Kristen, and Cody**; and friends and co-workers at the **Leader**.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays April 20 through April 26.

Burnett Elementary
Sing a happy birthday song to **Keri Grayson** April 20. Enjoy a double-layer birthday cake April 22 with **April Dabila** and **Nataly Gonzalez-Hernandez** celebrates a birthday on April 23. Blow out the birthday candles April 24 for **Lynn Capell** and **Audrey Rogers**. The day for a present for **Sharon Klass-Glumac** is April 25.

FACEBOOK FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
The **Leader** sends birthday wishes to its Facebook friends this week:
Thursday, April 20: **Ann Brannen, Sandra Teng, Andy Crawford and Shelly Nails**; Friday, April 21: **Michael Barlow and Carol Talbot**; Saturday, April 22: **Barbara Eikenburg, Sandy Young, Jenny Nguyen and Dawne Goforth**; Sunday, April 23: **Lewis Reyna, Mandy Lewis and Ashley Coppens**; Monday, April 24: **Dakota Golightly, Charles Chassay, Theresa Flower, Jessica Poltorak, Lisa Castellano, April Broussard-Hobartsch and Claudia Espinoza**; Tuesday, April 25: **Rebecca Castonguay, Anne Seaton, Steve Jones, Misty Kuehn and Liana Pena**; and Wednesday, April 26: **Traci Thompson, Steve Patterson, Stephen Brady and Dan Fortson**.

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

PISD candidate questionnaire answered

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Recently in 2016, created Mc-Teacher's nights. These are monthly fundraising nights where our PISD schools earn a percentage of our sales that go back to the campus & PISD Education Foundation.

The issue of race has become a hot topic during this election. What role, if any, should race play on the Pasadena ISD board or in the district itself?
Race should NOT play a role in this election or district. Pasadena ISD is a "culturally rich" community. As a current board member, we make decisions on what resources will benefit each and every student. Race IS NOT, HAS NEVER BEEN and should NEVER be an issue when we are making decisions that will impact the future of our most important assets "Our Students & Staff".

As a Pasadena ISD trustee, what would be your number 1 priority during the first six months?
Simple! Get to work as I am doing today. Work with our Board of Trustees and Superintendent to continue the success of our district. Support the districts strategic plan that is currently in place and being executed.

Also, as a trustee what long term district-wide issues would you address if elected?
This is a very difficult question because if I felt there was an issue in the district, I would have already addressed it. The only issue I believe will take some time is the advancements of technology, simply due to the budget.

What specific issues facing the South Belt area would you address if elected?
I personally have not been made aware of any. Feedback is appreciated.

Dobie has approximately 1,000 more students than any of the district's other four comprehensive high schools. If elected, what, if anything, would you do to address this enrollment inequality?
As a current Trustee, we have been and currently are working on the Dobie enrollment challenge. We built the Dr. Kirk Lewis Career & Technical HS, this would allow some students the opportunity of transferring from Dobie alleviating enrollment slightly. We are currently building the Dobie 9th grade campus that will be open in 2018. Also, the Early College High School Campus that is also being built and will be launched next school year in conjunction with San Jacinto College. This was one of the missions of these new campuses and programs. The South Belt area is booming with new development and we will continue to find solutions to high enrollment pressures that may arise in any area of our district.

What do you see as the role of a Texas school district Board of Trustees?
The Board has only one employee and that is the Superintendent, Dr. DeeAnn Powell. I believe Dr. Powell and her team are doing a great job! As a Board Member, I am here to adopt and evaluate goals and policies, approve the district budget, set the tax

rate, advocate for the district and communicate with the community.

What is your opinion of groups outside the Pasadena ISD area being influential in this local election?
I do not believe any group that is not from our community should have any influence in our local elections. Community members and residents should be involved in many facets of our community. That is where voices are heard, progress is made, great ideas flourish and a difference is made.

Nelda R. Sullivan
Pasadena ISD, Position 1
Age: 82
Occupation: Education
Marital Status/Children: WIDOW, Three Children, Seven Grandchildren, Eleven Great-Grandchildren



How long have you lived in the school district? (50 words or less)
59 years.

Do you have any children who have attended Pasadena ISD schools? (50 words or less)
My three children attended PISD grades 1 thru 12, some of my grandchildren attend PISD, I presently have

Great grandchildren attending PISD

Why are you running for this position? (150 words or less)
I am running for this position because of my interest and concern for the children of PISD being provided the very best education possible. Having served on the Board for the past 24 years gives me experience and knowledge to continue to make the best decisions possible for our district.

What skill sets and experience do you have to be a productive member of the Pasadena ISD board? (100 words or less)
Having worked in Banking for 40 years, in a management position, gives me a strong financial background. In banking I worked with loans of all types, including real estate

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Nguyen excels in art

J. Dobie High School student Thi Nguyen recently advanced to the youth art auction at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Nguyen was the reserve grand champion in the monochromatic category. Her drawing titled "All Aboard" auctioned for \$46,000 from which she will receive a \$6,000 scholarship.
Photo submitted

Remember When

40 years ago (1977)
Tami Richardson, 12, qualified for the United States Gymnastics Federation Junior Nationals.

35 years ago (1982)
The *South Belt Leader* changed issue dates from Wednesdays to Thursdays.

Harris County voters began casting their ballots on punch cards on the Votomatic code recorder instead of the previously used voting machines.

PISD sent warnings to parents regarding cartoon-type stickers which were tattoos that could contain LSD. The notices indicated the district was not definitively aware of the stickers in the local area.

30 years ago (1987)
A federal court judge issued an injunction against the Pasadena Independent School District, restraining the district from discriminating against and ordering it to increase efforts in the recruitment of black teaching applicants.

Reggie Godbolt and Dwight Baker were given awards at a banquet honoring players on the Dobie basketball team. Godbolt won the Hustlin' Horn award, while Baker was cited as the team's most valuable senior.

Police found parts to 10 cars, all reported stolen when it searched the home of Earl M. Fuller. When local officers served warrants for unrelated minor outstanding violations, they found Fuller's garage and yard full of car parts ranging from sun-roofs to dashboards.

25 years ago (1992)
Johnny MacMitchell, a Dobie graduate, was shot and killed while working at the Stop N Go on Scarsdale Boulevard. An unknown assailant shot him in the chest and then stole the store's cash drawer.

Leslie Barr, a former colonel in the Dobie Lariettes, was selected to the Olympic dance team which performed at the closing ceremonies of the Summer Olympics in Barcelona.

Dobie senior Candy Merrill signed a scholarship agreement to play golf for Texas Tech University.

20 years ago (1997)
Dobie secured its fourth consecutive District 23-5A baseball championship with a 3-2 win over Pasadena High School.

The first-ever Silver Spectacular Barbecue Cook-off and Family Fun Day raised \$4,000 toward the July 4 fireworks display. Winning the People's Choice cook-off award was Mintz Meat Cookers, which included Henry Mintz, Ryan Mintz, David Mintz, Jeff Sconyers and Ray Bishop.

15 years ago (2002)
Pasadena Independent School District officials re-evaluated the growth that was occurring in the South Belt area and consequently decided not to change the boundary lines between Moore and Frazier elementary schools.

Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League joined thousands of Little Leagues worldwide to honor all of the heroes of South Belt.

10 years ago (2007)
The South Belt-Ellington *Leader* announced that its archives would be saved onto microfilm. The project would be a joint venture between the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, the State and Local Records Management Commission and San Jacinto College South.

Longtime Sagemeadow resident David Wasson became a naturalized citizen after residing here for 32 years. Originally from Canada, Wasson is a member of the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce.

Stuchbery Elementary special needs teacher Johanna Hinton was named the Pasadena Independent School District's First-Year Teacher of the Year.

Second-grade Frazier teacher Kelly Lohse was named the Pasadena Independent School District's Teacher of the Year.

5 years ago (2012)
Dobie High School was ranked in the Top 10 of a list of Greater Houston's Best Urban Comprehensive Schools, as compiled by the Children At Risk, a nonprofit research and advocacy organization based in Houston. To be classified as "urban," a school had to have a low-income population exceeding 50 percent of total enrollment.

1 year ago (2016)
Longtime Sageglen resident Mary Maddox hosted the inaugural Strut Your Mutt Doggy Parade Saturday, April 16, at Clear Brook City Park. The event included multiple contests, including prettiest dog, ugliest dog, largest dog, smallest dog, best trick, best dog and owner costume, female diva dog and male macho dog.

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce hosted a luncheon April 20 to honor the top-graduates from Dobie High School, Lutheran South Academy and Clear Horizons High School.

Dr. Victor Van Phan, an orthopedic surgeon from Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, was the featured speaker at the event.

UHCL hosts Emily Sutter symposium

Behavioral and mental health professionals from all over the Greater Houston area will convene at University of Houston-Clear Lake on April 21 for the 2017 Emily G. Sutter Symposium: Current Issues in Clinical, Health, and Applied Sciences.

Keynote speaker is UHCL's Sharon K. Hall, professor of Psychology and department chair of Psychology and Women's Studies.

The all-day symposium will provide 7.5 continuing-education units, including three full hours of ethics and three full hours of diversity, for licensed specialists in school psychology, licensed marriage and family therapists, licensed masters of social work, licensed clinical social workers, licensed psychologists and licensed professional counselors. UHCL is a state-approved provider of continuing-education credits.

The day includes a keynote address on intersectionality and diversity, an Ethics plenary and three breakout sessions throughout the day that address the following topics:

- "Grey Areas: The Ethics of Working with Sex and Tech as an LMFT"
- "Treating Pediatric Medical Populations: The Intersection of Psychology and Health"
- "Executive Function Skills: Assessment and Intervention"
- "Motivational Interviewing: A Brief Counseling Intervention for Schools"
- "Increasing Cultural Responsiveness: Working with Muslims in Therapy"
- "Treating Emotional and Behavioral Comorbidities in School-Age Children and Adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorders"
- "Advanced Applications of Cross-Battery Assessment"
- "Meeting the Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) Needs of a Diverse Student Population"
- "Ethics for LSSPs: 2017 Annual Update"
- "Working with Fathers of Children with Special Needs"

Registration is 7:30 to 8:10 a.m. and sessions begin at 8:15 a.m. in UHCL's Bayou Building, 2700 Bay Area Blvd. Lunch is on each attendee's own. The afternoon session ends at 6 p.m.

Admission is \$140, with discounts available for public school employees, retirees and university students. To register or for more information, visit www.uhcl.edu/human-sciences-humanities/sutter-symposium-2017 or call UHCL's Psychological Services Clinic at 281-283-3330.

Proceeds support UHCL's Psychological Services Clinic, where advanced graduate students see clients for evaluation and therapy under supervision from licensed faculty. The event is the clinic's primary source of revenue, as clients are seen on a significantly reduced sliding scale.

The symposium was named for Professor Emerita Emily Sutter who joined the UHCL faculty in 1981 and twice served as interim dean of what is now the College of Human Sciences and Humanities.

During her first tenure as interim dean, she initially proposed the symposium's creation.

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PISD incumbents respond to questionnaire; challengers don't

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and construction. Brokerage and stock transactions broadened my financial knowledge expertise. Prior to my banking career I worked for an attorney, preparing all types of legal documents. This well rounded business experience is a beneficial tool in my decision making, regarding financial and real estate transactions for the district.

What community involvement (including Pasadena ISD) and other named organization have you been involved in? Explain participation. (200 words or less)
I have been involved with the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce for many years serving on various committees, and serving on the Executive Board. I was honored by the Chamber as Citizen of the Year. I served on the board of American Heart Association, two years as President, and was named Volunteer of the year.

I am a former Rotarian, serving in leadership roles including President. I am a Paul Harris Fellow. As a member of Soroptimist International I worked on many projects of service to our community and PISD. I was named as a "Woman of Excellence by the Federation of Houston Professional and Business Women. For quite some time I served as a merit badge counselor for the Boy Scouts of America. All three of my grandsons are Eagle Scouts.

Why should people vote for you over your opponent? (150 words or less)
I have the experience and knowledge to make decisions in the best interest of our Students and Staff. I continue to attend board training events and special programs related to school districts.

Have you ever attended a Pasadena ISD board meeting? How many before the election, and how many after filing for the election. (50 words or less)
In my 24 years on the Board I have attended Regular Board Meetings and Special Called Board Meetings. My attendance record is impeccable. I have missed less than 12 meetings the last 24 years and that was due to illness of me or my family.

What direct ties or connections do you have to the South Belt community? (100 words or less)
I have Family living in the South Belt and they too are active in the Community. I attend South Belt Chamber Events, including Fund Raisers. While visiting my South Belt family we shop locally and attend various events.

The issue of race has become a hot topic during this election. What role, if any, should race play on the Pasadena ISD board or in the district itself? (150 words or less)
Race should not be a part of the PISD Election or any Election of any kind for that matter. Race is never discussed or used in any form in PISD discussions or decisions. We are in the business of doing what is best for kids, never knowing anything about their race.

As a Pasadena ISD trustee, what would be your number 1 priority during the first six months? (150 words or less)
Funding. We must have the necessary funding to support the operation of our schools. The legislature is currently in session, they need to make responsible decisions for funding of public schools.

Also, as a trustee what long term district-wide issues would you address if elected? (150 words or less)
Funding will be an issue for some time. The next pressing issue is facilities. We have some very old facilities that need to be evaluated.

What specific issues facing the South Belt area would you address if elected? (100 words or less)
Growth and development in the area. This is where a facility audit could be of tremendous help.

Dobie has approximately 1,000 more students than any of the district's other four comprehensive high schools. If elected, what, if anything, would you do to address this enrollment inequality? (150 words or less)
This issue was noted by the board some time ago. At this time a 9th Grade Campus is being built to handle the immediate overcrowding at Dobie. The staff is already hard at work to make the transition as smooth as possible. The situation will be reevaluated when the new 9th grade campus is up and running.

What do you see as the role of a Texas school district Board of Trustees?
The role of a Board of Trustee is three fold; Hire/Fire the Superintendent/ Adopt the Budget and Approve Policy

What is your opinion of groups outside the Pasadena ISD area being influential in this local election? (150 words or less)
I am appalled that outsiders think they need to come into our district and dictate how elections need to be handled by proposing their slate of candidates.

Per their statement "This Board (Latino Texas Pac) will work diligently to push forward the organizations mission of supporting candidates that will represent and empower the local Latino community."
Further "We are excited about the opportunity that Pasadena represents and the coordinated effort we are leading to seize this opportunity. We hope you will join us in this ground breaking work." This is what outsiders (Texas Latino PAC) plan for this election. Disgruntled individuals like this PAC twice filed suit against PISD In Federal Court, the district prevailed in both. Outsiders coming to Pasadena stirring up discontent need to move on. We are perfectly capable of taking care of PISD with wonderful, dedicated Latinos in PISD helping.

Jack Bailey
Age: 67
Occupation: Retired
Education: BBA Management; University of Houston
Marital Status/Children: Married; Kathy Bailey, two grown sons, John and Stephen Bailey, 4 grand children
How long have you lived

in the school district? (50 words or less)
I have lived in this district and community for over 60 years. I started school at Queens Elementary, then South Houston Junior High and graduated Sam Rayburn HS, in 1967. Kathy and I are people of faith and have been active members at South Main Baptist Church here in Pasadena.

Do you have any children who have attended Pasadena ISD schools? (50 words or less)
Kathy and I both attended PISD schools. We both graduated from Sam Rayburn High School and both of our sons, John and Stephen, attended Pasadena ISD schools and graduated from Rayburn as well. Kathy and both our daughters-in-law also taught in PISD.

Why are you running for this position? (150 words or less)
I desire to return for my current position on the PISD board for one basic reason and that reason is the education of kids in Pasadena ISD. I have no other agenda or motive. I am convinced that PISD is operating at a phenomenal level in delivering instruction to the kids of our district. We have a new but terrific Superintendent that is surrounded by a staff, at all levels and functions, that is passionate and devoted to the education of our kids. All 7,000 plus employees work together as a team/family in their effective delivery of instruction. Honest evaluation of all processes in this delivery are under constant scrutiny and adjustments are made as needed. I believe we are at a critical juncture here at PISD and I have a keen desire to continue to contribute to the success of our district and community for one reason, our kids.

What skill sets and experience do you have to be a productive member of the Pasadena ISD board? (100 words or less)
I believe education is THE key element in overcoming poverty. With that overarching belief and personal experience I am well suited to positively contribute to the Pasadena ISD board of Trustees. I am blessed to have worked with many successful people in business and volunteer settings through the years in which team work, organization, accountability and production were key to our success. I am thoughtful, articulate, and have the ability to assess data, analyze situations and make tough decisions. I have led large complex organizations successfully. I am a team player but excellence and accuracy in all situations are non-negotiables.

What community involvement (including Pasadena ISD) and other named organization have you been involved in? Explain participation. (200 words or less)
My seven year PISD Board of Trustee position consumes a great deal of time. Kathy and I are active members of South Main Baptist where I serve as deacon and adult Sunday School teacher. I serve on the Pasadena ISD Education Foundation Board and steering committee of the McDonald's Texas Invitational Basketball Tournament. This tournament has raised and contributed more than \$2,000,000 over its 15 year history; directly benefitting the PISD Education Foundation. These monies have been distributed to educational endeavors in PISD classrooms through Mini-Grants submitted by PISD teachers and staff. I also serve as the Golf Tournament Chair of the steering committee. In the 5 year history of this golf

tournament just over \$125,000 has been raised and benefits the PISD Education Foundation. I serve on the Operacion San Andres board and usually make two humanitarian trips per year to Collique, a shanty town near Lima, Peru. I serve as manager of construction activities in Collique in addition to my position on this board. (<http://operacionsanandres.org/>) I serve on the Board of Directors of the Pasadena Community Ministry an organization devoted to helping those in need in the Pasadena area with food, clothes and household items. (www.pasadenacommunityministry.org)

Why should people vote for you over your opponent? (150 words or less)
Serving on the Pasadena ISD board of trustees is a demanding task and position. It requires time, dedication and commitment. It requires a flexible schedule making allowances for regular monthly board meetings, special meetings, workshops, the occasional hearing and a myriad of miscellaneous events across the district that are of vital importance to seeing our educational process in action. For the last seven years, I have dedicated myself to this task and I enjoy it immensely. My opponent picked up a packet and must have been considering running for this position on Jan 13, 2017 and filed to run for this position on Feb 13, 2017. We have met as a board in January, February and March. I have yet to see him at a single meeting. Showing up is the first reason I would suggest you vote for me over him. Interest and preparation are second and third.

Have you ever attended a Pasadena ISD board meeting? How many before the election, and how many after filing for the election. (50 words or less)
Yes, having served for seven years now I have prepared for and attended many regular board meetings and special board meetings. As a matter of fact, when I decided to run for the school board seven years ago I attended board meetings for nine months prior to being sworn in.

What direct ties or connections do you have to the South Belt community? (100 words or less)
Truthfully, my only direct ties to the South Belt community are through my service on the PISD school board. I am involved in many activities of any and all of the South Belt area schools as we are invited as board members to attend. I also am honored to have been invited and attended several South Belt Chamber events over the last several years.

The issue of race has become a hot topic during this election. What role, if any, should race play on the Pasadena ISD board or in the district itself? (150 words or less)
Race of a student is a consideration in their educational methods and resources required, but race has no place in the education of children or in the affairs and workings of the board of trustees. We should see the kids and each other as Children of God, created equally and loved equally by our Creator. I know there has been much talk in regard to lack of Latino representation on the Board of Trustees. That concept is so foreign to me. The best, the most well qualified, the most well prepared and the most devoted representation for the kids' education and the governance and oversight of the district's business is the superior measure or gauge of the fitness of a board member with no regard of what skin color God created

that my personality and skill set dictated as most advantageous to the board. Pasadena ISD has a strategic plan that is more than a past exercise in a nice binder on a shelf. It is a living document and guide. This document defines goals and priorities and I subscribe to and support them.

Also, as a trustee what long term district-wide issues would you address if elected? (150 words or less)
Financial stability is a long-term issue facing Pasadena ISD as well as most other districts. The financial stability of the district requires a constant/vigilant attention. Obviously, the financial health of the district is key to having the resources to fund the programs the board and the administration have decided will do the most effective job of

educating our student population. Salaries and benefits are key to attracting and retaining highly qualified staff. PISD has been working diligently to keep these salaries in line and competitive and also has been taking hard looks at the district health insurance programs to ensure great value for the insurance purchased. I am confident in the financial team leading and sharing in this vital area. They have been recognized at the highest rating available for the last 14 years by the TEA for Financial Integrity and the last 7 years by the Comptroller for Transparency.

What specific issues facing the South Belt area would you address if elected? (100 words or less)
Meritage Builders has recently shared that in the near

future they have development plans which will include 100's of new homes in the South Belt area in the near future. Obviously, this will impact our schools in the area and all the internal/external infrastructure and support that accompanies growth. I am proud to report the district has had plans in place for several years as we anticipated this growth. Let me say this though, I am interested in the needs here in the South Belt and I am equally interested in meeting the needs as they arise across our district.

Dobie has approximately 1,000 more students than any of the district's other four comprehensive high schools. If elected, what, if anything, would you do to address this enrollment inequality? (150 words or less)
Dobie is a very big school with an attendance of around 3,800 students. The district has been watching this enrollment issue for quite some time. PISD is already taking big steps to alleviate this issue as soon as possible and at one time we had considered the idea of an additional high school but decided against that. Instead, we are in the process of building a ninth grade campus that is designed to alleviate about 1,000 students from the main campus. Our Dobie Early College High School program will reduce the enrollment at Dobie by an additional 150 -200 students. We also know that about 200 kids from the Dobie area attend the Career Technology High School there on the Belt. So that will net Dobie out at

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Parker Williams Library says goodbye to branch manager

After 23 years, Parker Williams Library said goodbye to Mary Murray, branch manager of the library (shown below). Murray's last day was Thursday, April 14.



Left to right are, Carol Lee, first manager of Parker Williams Library; Mary Murray, manager until April 13; and Karen Ackerman, second manager of the library.



Shown, left to right, are (front row) Betty Sutton, Bill Sutton, Lydia Dozler, Ann Abernathy, Rose Mary Carroway, Ross Koile, Truong Nguyen, Sandy Russell, Ed Jackson, Kam Leong, Sylvia Tyler and Rhee Huan.



Both former and current library staff came together to bid farewell to Mary Murray. Left to right, are (front row) Carol Lee, Murray, Karen Ackerman, Marie Tran, Gloria Hubbard, A-Trang Ho, Celeste Plew, (second row) Loc Bui, Jasmine Washington, Hong Nguyen, Mai Malimban, Gringo Mamitag, Vien Can, Tina Russell, Karen Blankenship, Holly Koile, Julie Gustke, Lucy Laurano, Kim Tiller, John Harbaugh, Jason Cruz, Linne Girouard and Steve Zach.

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Residents enjoy fun fest, dog parade



Kelly Buckman, Megan Douglas and Judy Harrison (chair of the event) present medals to participants of the fun run.



Runners shown above crossing the finish line of the fun run are, left to right, Logan Sorsby, Pastor Kevin Rizer, Dominic Shackelford, Raul Valencia and Lili Valencia (all from South Belt Church).



Shown above at the Family Fun Fest are Coach Diane Zhang from Maximum Impact CrossFit and Kayleigh Barbour. Barbour is the daughter of David and Emily Barbour and the granddaughter of South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce President Kay Barbour.



Shown above at the Strut Your Mutt Dog Parade are Mary Maddox (left), event founder, and Kat Kiel, who heads the Pets of Southbelt Facebook page.

The second annual South Belt Family Fun Fest and Strut Your Mutt dog parade at Clear Brook City Park on Saturday, April 8, was a huge success, drawing roughly 400 attendees. The event featured a 1.5- and 3-mile fun run/walk, several children's activities and multiple dog competitions, where animals competed in various categories. All proceeds benefited the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce Education Outreach Committee, which provides school supplies and uniforms to low-income children. See additional photos in next week's *Leader*.
Photos submitted

PISD incumbent response to questionnaire

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about 2,500 to 2,600 students, very similar to the size of the other comprehensive high schools in the district.

What do you see as the role of a Texas school district Board of Trustees?
A Texas school board is charged with the responsibility of governing all activities of the school district through the adoption and implementation of policy. The board is also charged with the responsibility of oversight, overseeing and evaluating the activities of the district to ensure that they are legal and effective in attaining the goals they were designed to accomplish. The hiring and evaluation of the Superintendent (district CEO) and approving the annual budget is critical in ensuring that the district is being managed well and attaining the goals and vision of the board. The Superintendent is the only employee of the district that the board or members of the board manage. In the case of Pasadena ISD there are seven board members and their individual responsibility is to be informed, respectful, open minded, unbiased, prepared, asking questions of clarification and explanation and communicating with the community regarding the district. Their ultimate responsibility: education of children.

What is your opinion of groups outside the Pasadena ISD area being influential in this local election? (150 words)
In short, my opinion of outside influence in our local

elections is a minus 10 on the negative scale. Voters in Pasadena ISD are engaged, aware and adequately informed regarding PISD. We do not need or desire outside agencies influencing our local elections. It is disturbing to me that a person that resides in Humble, TX picked up four candidate packages for the upcoming Pasadena ISD Board of Trustees election. Four packages, then four candidates with the endorsement of the Latino Texas PAC. What is their interest? As a board, we have never heard from LTP with any concerns about PISD not educating kids or any other issues. As I think of it, I have never heard of them stepping up and showing an interest in PISD by contributing and helping us with sponsorships of any Education Foundation fund raisers that fund mini-grants to benefit teachers and kids either!

Arrests made . . .

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address, date of birth, etc.). The photo appeared to be the suspect caught on surveillance cameras during the aforementioned burglaries.

Deputies then contacted the Harris County Sheriff's Office Fraud Division, which was able to identify the actual suspect after running the fake IDs through a special database.

The burglary suspect, Richard Milne, was found to already be in jail, arrested the day prior by the Houston Police Department for felony tampering with a government document.

Milne, 56, is currently in jail, facing three felony charges. At press time, Precinct 2 deputies were in the process of attempting to file a fourth felony charge on him for burglary of a business.

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In 2012, Dr. Rainwater received the Mastership Award from the Academy of General Dentistry, one of the profession's most distinguished honors awarded to less than 2 percent of dentists in the U.S. and Canada.

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Children in Easter egg hunt



Highland Meadow Homeowners Association held its Easter egg hunt at Highland Meadow Park. Shown in the photo above are the winners of the egg hunt. Three small Easter bunnies and four Easter buckets were given as prizes to the three golden egg winners who are shown in the photo above. From the bottom (left) are Gilberto Reyes, 1-3 age group; Angel Diaz (right), 4-7 age group; and Eva Siros, 8 and older age group. More than 1,500 eggs filled with candy were hidden throughout the park. Chili cheese dogs, chips, punch and desserts were served to the children and homeowners.
Photo by Rudy Alafia

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Dobie's 22-6A award winners highlight all-district girls' soccer

Varsity Girls' Soccer All-District 22-6A Selections Co-Most Valuable Player

**Nyah Sheperd, Deer Park, Jr.
 Coartlynn Boxie, La Porte, Sr.
 Offensive Player/Year**

**Arely Alaniz, Deer Park, Fr.
 Defensive Player/Year**

**Taiya Mitchell, Dobie, Soph.
 Co-Newcomer/Year**

**Kimberli Izaguirre, Dobie, Jr.
 Kara Rao, Memorial, Soph.
 Co-Coach/Year**

**Aaron Leth, La Porte
 Jesse Saavedra, Deer Park
 Co-Goalkeeper/Year**

**Laura Armas, Deer Park, Jr.
 Laura Flores, La Porte, Sr.
 Utility Player/Year**

**Alexandra Magana, Dobie, Jr.
 Senior/Year**

Genesis Garza, Memorial First Team Selections

Madelyn Hill, midfielder, Deer Park

Sydney Harris, midfielder, Deer Park

Gabriella McDonald, defender, Deer Park

Marissa Wheeler, defender, Deer Park

Kayla Ortiz, midfielder, Deer Park

Emily Sample, midfielder, Deer Park

Trinity Rouse, forward, La Porte

Lauren Sampson, midfielder, La Porte

Alyssa Ruffin, defender, La Porte

Mckenna Guidry, defender, La Porte

Savannah Hart, defender, La Porte

Lauren Escobar, midfielder, Dobie

Emily Hernandez, midfielder, Dobie

Lesly Garcia, forward, Dobie

Analise Garza, goalkeeper, Dobie

Angelica Villareal, forward, West Brook

Kayley Olson, defender, West Brook

Kate Simmons, defender, West Brook

Mariana Jasso, midfielder, Memorial

Tania Maldonado, goalkeeper, Memorial

Vanessa Cabello, defender, Pasadena

Yeorgina Cardenas, defender, Pasadena

Arian Rodriguez, midfielder, S. Houston

Karina Aguirre, defender, Rayburn

Dobie's varsity girls' soccer team delivered a resurgent season, playing two competitive games against eventual undefeated District 22-6A champion Deer Park and pushing second-place La Porte in a pair of games before eventually settling for third place in the District 22-6A ranks.

The Lady Longhorns lost a first-round playoff game to eventual Region III semifinalist Atascocita, but certainly set the bar high for the future. First team all-district selections Lauren Escobar, Emily Hernandez and Lesly Garcia will graduate in early June, but Defensive Player of the Year Taiya Mitchell (see Page

1B), co-Newcomer of the Year Kimberli Izaguirre and Utility Player of the Year Alexandra Magana will also return next season, as will District 22-6A first team pick Analise Garza, a starter in goal since her freshman season. In addition, the Lady Longhorns had two juniors – Hilary Bazaldua and Zithlaly Medrano – as well as sophomores Tanya Collier and Bryanna Rodriguez selected to the District 22-6A second team. Deer Park's Nyah Sheperd and Coartlynn Boxie of La Porte were the District 22-6A Co-Most Valuable Players, as chosen by the league's respective head coaches.



Above, the Lady Longhorns' Lesly Garcia was a key scorer on this year's team from her forward position as Dobie kept the pressure on opposing defenses throughout the season. Garcia, who has signed to play collegiately at Howard Payne University, was a first team all-district selection. At right, Dobie's Emily Hernandez (dark jersey) battles a pair of Deer Park players for control of a ball in the air. Hernandez was also a 22-6A first team pick.



Photos by Nick Tamayo

At left, there were many players responsible for Dobie's successful varsity girls' soccer season, and one of those key performers was senior and co-captain, Lauren Escobar (1). Whether she was up top providing extra scoring punch or anchoring things in the midfield, Escobar came up with perhaps the best of her four seasons at the varsity level as a senior in 2017. Escobar was named a first team all-district performer after helping guide the Lady Longhorns to a third-place finish in the District 22-6A standings. Escobar was also a two-year varsity letterman on the varsity volleyball team at Dobie.



Dobie junior Kimberli Izaguirre made an impressive debut at the varsity level for the Lady Longhorns, so impressive that she scored co-Newcomer of the Year honors in the district. Izaguirre is one of a large group of returnees set to help the Lady Longhorns push for an even better finish in 2018.

Submitted photo

Dobie High School's Garcia to play soccer at Howard Payne University

At right, Dobie High School varsity soccer player Lesly Garcia (seated third from left), a first-team all-district selection this season, will continue her education and playing career at Howard Payne University in Brownwood, Texas, after signing a letter of intent. Those with her at the signing included, left to right, (front row) Emily Hernandez (Dobie teammate), Lauren Escobar (Dobie teammate), Ayleen Gonzalez (niece), Thomas Carte (friend), (middle row) Taiya Mitchell (Dobie teammate), Cassandra Garcia (Dobie teammate), Rafael Garcia (father), Marleen Gonzalez (sister), Victoria Chu (Dobie teammate), (back row) Bryan McDonald (Dobie varsity girls' soccer head coach), Olga Marin (mother), Dulce Garcia (sister), Alexandra Magana (Dobie teammate and Hector Saldivar (Dobie varsity girls' soccer assistant coach).



Second Team Selections

- Lexi Kneeder, defender, Deer Park*
- Natalie McDonald, midfielder, Deer Park*
- Adalyn Cable, defender, Deer Park*
- Jaylynn Garcia, midfielder, La Porte*
- Michaela Torres, midfielder, La Porte*
- Peyton Mendenhall, goalkeeper, La Porte*
- Kiki Hinojosa, midfielder, La Porte*
- Sammie Grappe, midfielder, La Porte*
- Tania Collier, defender, Dobie*
- Bryanna Rodriguez, defender, Dobie*
- Hilary Bazaldua, defender, Dobie*
- Zithlaly Medrano, defender, Dobie*
- Sarah Moore, midfielder, West Brook*
- Callie Jordan, midfielder, West Brook*
- Rayleigh Stiles, midfielder, West Brook*
- Perla Morales, midfielder, Memorial*
- Elexia Carmona, defender, Memorial*
- Gabby Baltazar, defender, Memorial*
- Mia Davis, forward, Memorial*
- Zaima Ortiz, defender, Pasadena*
- Marlene Moran, defender, Pasadena*

Lady Longhorn softball out to grab runner-up

Dobie's varsity softball battle against Deer Park will have to resume either later in the postseason or perhaps in 2018.

For now, the Lady Longhorns have unfinished business within District 22-6A. Unfortunately, it doesn't concern Deer Park.

Dobie, 10-1 through 12 games in league play with two to go, faced La Porte at home after press time. The locals have one remaining regular season game left against nemesis Memorial, with that one coming Friday, April 21, at the Pasadena ISD Complex.

With a win in either of its two remaining games, Dobie will secure the No. 2 playoff seed heading into the postseason later this month. Memorial is currently third, with La

Porte fourth.

Dobie had bigger plans, but state-ranked Deer Park spoiled them.

With a 2-1 win over Dobie April 13, Deer Park all but secured the league title. Deer Park did so using a two-out rally in the bottom of the seventh inning.

That rally came after Dobie had used a two-out rally of its own to tie the game at 1-1 in the top half of the seventh.

Down 1-0, Dobie loaded the bases with two outs.

Junior Yvonne Whaley tied the game at 1-1, but Deer Park made a relay throw to retire the potential go-ahead run.

In the bottom of the seventh, Erin Edmondson walked with two outs and eventually scored as Sarah Vanderford singled to center field.

Whaley, Alyssa Corpus and Allison Bravo had hits for the Lady Longhorns. Deer Park got six hits in the game, with the biggest of those hits coming on the game's final play.

Dobie softball vs. Memorial
Friday, April 21, 6:30 p.m.
Pasadena ISD Complex

Dobie baseball now at 5-5; playoff berth within grasp

Reaching higher for anything other than the fourth and final playoff berth in District 22-6A may prove difficult at this point, but the Dobie varsity baseball team has plenty of hope.

The league race is headed down the final stretch. After going against Pasadena in a make-up game due to rain sometime after press time, the Longhorns will close the regular season against the three teams above them in the standings.

Deer Park, La Porte and Memorial, all handed Dobie defeats in the first round of league play, but the Longhorns could certainly turn things around.

The way the current standings shake out, the Longhorns will likely settle into that No. 4 seed as losses to South Houston and Sam Rayburn will prove stinging.

It could mean a first-round playoff series against current District 21-6A leader Kingwood, but that can all play out later.

For now, Dobie is focused on closing the season strong. The locals had been reeling after a 7-5 loss to Sam Rayburn, but came back with a quick 13-2 win over South Houston April 14.

In that one, the Longhorns avenged a first-round loss to the Trojans as Euro Diaz Jr. led the way.

Diaz was 4 for 4 at the plate with two doubles, two runs batted in and three runs scored.

Jeffrey Mercado was 3 for 3 with a double and three runs scored, and Justin Blogg came up with

two hits and four runs batted in.

Jeremy Green Jr. also had a double among his two hits, drove in two runs and scored twice.

Freshman starting pitcher Daniel Garza went five innings for the complete-game win for the win over the Trojans, striking out three.

Dobie baseball hosts Deer Park
Friday, April 21, 4 p.m.

Dobie baseball hosts La Porte
Tuesday, April 25, 4 p.m.

Dobie baseball at Memorial
Tuesday, April 28, 4 p.m.

District 22-6A Standings Varsity Baseball (As of April 18)

Teams	W	L
Deer Park	9	1
La Porte	9	1
Memorial	7	3
Dobie	5	5
West Brook	3	7
Rayburn	3	7
South Houston	3	7
Pasadena	1	9



Dobie mixed doubles competitors Hellen Le (left) and Luis Neira high-five one another after a rally in the opening round of the Region III Championships April 18 at Deer Park High School. The Dobie duo dropped the match, ending Le's playing career with the Lady Longhorns. Neira, a sophomore, will return as a key player in 2017-2018 and beyond.

Top-ranked Cy-Ranch advances Despite regional tennis loss; Dobie duo relishes chance

By John Bechtle Sports Editor

The last chapter did not provide a fairy tale ending, but there was no despair in the way the spring tennis season ended for the Dobie mixed doubles duo of Hellen Le and Luis Neira.

Following a 5 1/2 hour delay caused by rain, Le and Neira found themselves on Court No. 1 at the Region III Championships at Deer Park High School. Across the net stood the tournament's No. 1 overall seeded team, Cypress Ranch's Melissa LaMette and her partner, Varum Thachial.

In 2016, LaMette won the Region III title with another mixed doubles partner, so the Dobie duo knew what the task was. In the end, LaMette and Thachial opened the tournament with an easy 6-0, 6-0 win, ending Le's career at Dobie. Neira, meanwhile, has two seasons remaining.

"It's the luck of the draw," Dobie head coach Manuel Moreno Jr. said. "We were the No. 2 seeded mixed doubles team, so we knew we would have to face a district champion team in the first round. We just happened to draw the top seeds. LaMette won the regional title last year,

and she and her partner may do it again this year. There are going to be other doubles teams that suffer a similar fate against them."

Dobie and Cypress Ranch had originally been scheduled to play at 8:30 a.m., but that didn't happen because of rain. Three delays later, the action began, even as Cypress Ranch arrived a bit behind schedule.

Adding to the hectic scene, Dawson boys' singles sensation Kevin Zhu was playing on the court right across from where Dobie and Cypress Ranch were playing, and a rather large crowd had gathered to watch Zhu. The No. 1 seed in the boys' singles draw, Zhu cruised past Clements' Joseph He, 6-1, 6-0.

As for his players, Moreno could not have been more proud of their effort. Overmatched perhaps, but the Dobie duo went out and represented Dobie as the program's lone Region III tournament entry.

"The bad thing about tennis is the final score doesn't always tell the entire story," Moreno said.

"We started slow and still gave up way too many

easy points, but we played better as the match went on. Even though they lost, it was a great experience for Hellen to be able to end her senior season at regionals. She's really been a big part of our program the past few years."

Neira, the younger brother of former Lady Longhorn varsity tennis standout and class of 2016 graduate Karen Neira, should be able to draw plenty from his experience at regionals, according to Moreno.

"Luis is a big part of our future, and he will work on some things in his game and hopefully make it back to regionals," Moreno said. "When and if he does, he will know what to expect. It's a big event, and the way it shook out with the weather and all, the scene was a little crazy. It was the same for everybody, but it can be daunting."

"But that's the reason why we play a tough schedule every year, and that's why I take our entire team to regionals for support. I want everyone to get a chance to see what it's like at that level. All of our players desire to be at that level and reach a regional with a chance to advance. All in all, it's a great experience for everybody."

Longhorns' spring football to take to the field on May 1

According to the Summer Creek 2017 varsity football schedule, the Dobie Longhorns aren't scheduled to visit the Bulldogs at Turner Stadium in Humble until Sept. 2.

Suffice to say, however, the Longhorns have long since begun their preparations for that opener and beyond.

There hasn't been much talk of Dobie's 3-7 run in 2016, which included the program's first playoff miss since 2009.

Rather the focus has been on the future as that's what really matters. Off-season workouts in the weight room have gone very well, said head coach Mike Norman.

Now, the Longhorns are set to take to the field for official spring workouts, which begin May 1 and will run through May 26, when Dobie will don the pads and take part in a spring game at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.

Just how well the Longhorns bounce back in 2017 is anyone's guess. Regardless, there will be no lack

of effort or desire to get better every day. That's the goal.

For the third straight season, the Longhorns will likely have a senior debuting as the full-time starter at quarterback. Right now, the leader in the clubhouse is Jacob Sulak, who is playing varsity baseball at the moment.

Dobie will return Kris Morris for a third varsity season at tailback, and he is expected to have a breakout season.

There are vacancies to fill along the offensive line, at tight end and in the receiving corps, where Jeremiah Hernandez and Ryan Pair will return from an injury-marred 2016 season.

Perhaps the biggest questions will be on defense. The unit simply must play better than it did in 2016. In addition, several key roles need to be filled. In short, there is quite a bit to get done in the spring.

"We'll have 16 practices in all, with the spring game," Norman said. "The

goal is always to see improvement and to get better on a daily basis. We have Jacob returning at quarterback, and he got some reps last season. There are a couple of others who have made strides at the quarterback spot.

"With Kris (Morris), it's about getting more reps and having the game slow down for him. He will be fine. Jeremiah Hernandez and Pair will be back from injuries.

"Defensively, there are some question marks, and the faster we find the answers, the better. After the spring, we won't be back as a full group until August. I know it's the same for everybody, but it is what it is."

The Longhorns will also audition kickers after losing standout Sabino Lozano to graduation. The spring will be a busy one.

"We're all ready to get outside and make some things happen," Norman said.

"Last season is behind us, and we have to address some things for 2017."

Darren Lajaunie tennis event set to be served up April 28

The 2017 Darren Lajaunie Memorial Tennis Tournament will now be held at the Harry Taylor Tennis Center in Pasadena formerly known as Strawberry Park, April 28-30.

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

The Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund volunteers are finalizing plans for its 6th annual memorial tennis tournament, set to make its first appearance at the Harry Taylor Tennis Center.

Darren Lajaunie began his tennis career playing tennis at Dobie High School and graduated co-valedictorian in 1984. Members of the Dobie tennis team will be awarded entry fees to play in the tournament in his honor.

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

He was an electrical engineer graduate from the University of Texas in Austin, and a pillar of the community while working at the Johnson Space Center. Lajaunie was also dedicated and passionate for his favorite pastime of playing tennis.

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

A free lunch will also be available for players and spectators, donated by the Lajaunie family. The Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund volunteers are busy seeking donors and silent auction items.

Opening ceremonies, including a scholarship awards dinner and silent auction, will be held Friday, April 28. There will be several camp scholarships as well as two college scholarships awarded to HTTC junior tennis players. Dinner tickets are now on sale and are \$15.

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

Tickets may be purchased at the HTTC or on the DLTSF website at present. In May, the Dobie recipients will be awarded their scholarships at the school.

Entry fee for the tournament is: \$35 for singles; \$22.50 per player for doubles. Players may also register at www.setteo.com. Registration deadline is April 14.

The tournament will begin Saturday, April 29,

at 8 a.m. and finish the next afternoon, with trophy presentations at the conclusion of each division of play.

Silent auction items this year include an autographed tournament T-shirt from the band Los Lobos, an autographed polo shirt from retired race car driver Mario Andretti and current Indy race car driver Marco Andretti (grandson), an autographed picture from the Houston Rockets, dance lessons from the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Clear Lake and much more.

The Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund website at www.DLTennisScholarships.com includes pictures from last year's tournament and information on this year's tournament, sponsorship opportunities, scholarship details and more.

Those who would like to donate may also do so on the website. The Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund is a non-profit corporation, and all donations are tax deductible.

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

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

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

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

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

CrossRoads UMC - Invites everyone to the Thursday night service beginning with a light meal and fellowship at 6 p.m. followed by a praise, worship and prayer service at 7 p.m. at 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Afterward both pastors lead a Bible study in English and Spanish. Everyone is welcome.

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? Meets Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 - 8 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-306-4366 or 713-480-4166.

AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through

Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.

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

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

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

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

Serenity Now Al-Anon Group - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 8 to 9 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share, learn Al-Anon principles, that they are not alone, and discover choices available. For details, call 281-484-9243.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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MONDAY, APRIL 24

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

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

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 details, or drop in.

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6:30 p.m.
ESL at CrossRoads UMC - Academic ESL classes meet Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. No fee to attend. Call Cris at 832-724-4296 to register. 10030 Scarsdale Blvd.
Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting - Mondays at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland. Enter door next to recycling bins. For details, call 713-865-3668 or visit www.oahouston.org. 7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For information, call 713-856-1611. 7:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Education Bldg., 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For details, call Russell at 832-483-6715. 7:30 p.m.
Congregation Shaar Hashalom - Israeli Folk Dancing on Monday, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., 16020 El Camino Real, 77062. \$4/session or \$35/10 sessions for CSH members and \$5/session or \$45/10 sessions for nonmembers. Everyone is welcome. For information, contact 281-488-5861 or cs@shaarhashalom.org.

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.
 9:30 a.m.
Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For details, call 713-472-0565. 10 a.m.
American Begonia Society - Houston Satellite meets on the fourth Tuesday, Clear Lake Park, 5001 NASA Pkwy. (on the lake side), Seabrook. For information, call Joe at 281-481-2458.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call 281-480-1911 for details.
 Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch is \$15. Variety of interesting speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or visit nalix@texascitizensbank.com. 1:30 p.m.
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - #1530 meets at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd., 1:30 p.m. For information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713. 2 p.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class - Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details or classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or call 281-488-6318. 7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For information, call 713-856-1611.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? Meets Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday, 7 - 8 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-306-4366 or 713-480-4166.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

7 a.m.
AAA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.
 9:30 a.m.
Young at Heart Club - Meets the second and fourth week monthly (Nov./Dec. meet second week only) at Covenant United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Lots of activities, trips, etc. Call Doris Byerly at 713-944-4474 for details. 10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.
 Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611. 1 p.m.
Hometown Heroes Park - has free Hump Day Dance to prac-

tice ballroom dance, 1 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. League City nonresidents must purchase activity card. Help is available to assist learning dance moves. For details, call Neva Schroder at 417-838-2204. 5:30 p.m.

StartSchoolLater.net (SSL) Houston Chapter - informational meeting about the link of teen sleep deprivation to depression and low academic performance. Public is welcome, 5:30 p.m., on the last Wednesday, Parker Williams Library, Room F, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., 77089. For details, call 281-229-1409. 6:30 p.m.

ESL at CrossRoads UMC - Academic ESL classes meet Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. No fee to attend. Call Cris at 832-724-4296 to register. 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. 7 p.m.

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

Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention - Call 281-286-2525 (24-hour crisis hotline) for confidential domestic violence/sexual abuse support group for women. Visit www.bayarea.turningpoint.org for information. 8 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243. **THURSDAY, APRIL 27**

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

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

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Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611. 6 - 8 p.m.

CrossRoads UMC - Invites everyone to the Thursday night service beginning with a light meal and fellowship at 6 p.m. followed by a praise, worship and prayer service at 7 p.m. at 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Afterward both pastors lead a Bible study in English and Spanish. Everyone is welcome. 6:30 p.m.

Kirkwood Civic Association meets at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd. For details, call Ericka McCutcheon at 281-989-9990.

Well Spouse Support Group - meets the last Thursday at CrossRoads UMC, 10030 Scarsdale, with the spouse of a chronically ill/disabled person, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Childcare is free. No meetings in Nov. or Dec. For details, contact Jennifer Miller at houstonwellspouse@gmail.com or 713-724-2360, or visit <http://www.wellspouse.org>. 7 p.m.

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

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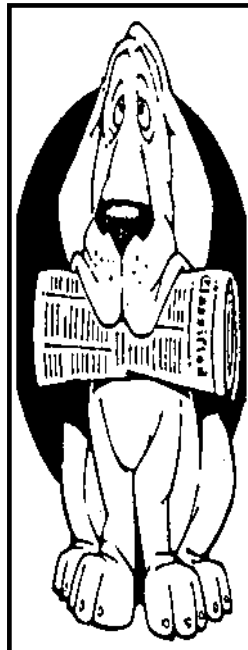
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Region III champions build lifetime memories en route to state

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Dobie varsity boys' soccer head coach Justo Manrique, the leader of the school's first-ever state-bound team, was obviously disappointed, as was the team, in not coming away with the championship.

But the disappointment did not linger that evening and will not last long moving forward, Manrique said.

"The kids were crying, and they were hurt after coming so close, but we celebrated what we had accomplished that evening, and the rest of the trip home was as happy and exciting as the trip there," Manrique said.

The head coach has offered the sentiment that several of Dobie's play-off opponents have come

to play with deeper talent pools, only to see the Longhorns walk away with wins a total of five times during the postseason.

Manrique said Arlington Sam Houston was at least as talented and skilled as any his group had faced this season, right up with there with the North Shores, the Seven Lakes, etc.

"Sam Houston was a very, very talented team, and they came at us with a formation that we had seen before but had maybe not played so well against," Manrique said.

"They came at us hard, and yet we were three minutes from maybe overtime, and then who knows? There are those who might say that maybe

we should have attacked more and not packed it in so tightly on defense, but Sam Houston had horses on the outside. They hit the crossbar twice and our keeper (Ramon Cahue) had to make a great play on another.

"We gave it everything we had and more. Maybe it was too much to beat a fourth or fifth team that was more talented than we were. Whatever the case I love my guys and the effort they gave."

Looking forward, the Longhorns will lose a group of players who were on the varsity team for all or part of each of Manrique's first four years at the helm.

Sabino Lozano, Andy Garcia and Alejandro Flores were the big three for the team. Lozano sacrificed to give the Longhorns the player they needed up top after playing primarily in the mid-

field for three seasons.

Garcia, in turn, became Dobie's best midfielder this season, said Manrique, and Flores was a player who gave the team something at a variety of spots on the field.

Senior Edwin Saldivar overcame a horrific injury just prior to the start of the school year that threatened not only his playing career but his life.

Saldivar bounced back quickly after major surgery, returned to the football field last fall as a place kicker and then starred on the soccer team this season.

Thomas Carte, a relative unknown coming into his senior season, developed into one of the Houton area's top players at his position, said Manrique.

The graduation losses will be severe. Dobie may not enter the 2018 season as the heavy favorite

to win the District 22-6A crown a fourth straight time, but do not count out the Longhorns.

Freshman Adrian Garcia, the younger brother of Andy Garcia, will return to anchor the defense along with players such as Illsen Urrutia. Cahue, a tremendous goalkeeper, will also be back for his final season.

Forwards Bryan Nava and Kevin Hernandez, the team's leading scorers in the postseason, will also come back to the fold.

As always, Manrique said the 2018 season has already begun. He has completed player exit interviews and will develop a strategy that best fits the current group of returnees.

"We may have to change some things, but that's typically something that happens each year," Manrique said.

"We'll come up with something good, and the

kids will respond. They always do."

Manrique also spoke of the tremendous outpouring of support he and his players received not only throughout the postseason, but in the days leading up to the trip to Georgetown as well.

"The school, the school district and the community really showed their care and support for the boys, and I know they all appreciated it," Manrique said.

"It was just a terrific experience for these kids, something that they can build a lifetime of memories from. Sure it would have been great to win the state championship.

"But now we know where the bar is set at the state level. Dallas Jesuit was probably the best team there, and they won. Now we know what it takes. The goal is also going to be getting back to state. It all starts now."



Dobie varsity soccer players Raul Hernandez (22) and Kevin Hernandez (14), shown celebrating the latter's goal against Seven Lakes in the Region III semifinals, represent part of the Longhorns' bright future. Photo by John Bechtle



The Garcia and Vargas families have an extended history as well as a future in the Dobie boys' soccer program. During the team's 2017 playoff run, the brothers and cousins gathered to share memories. Those in attendance included, left to right, (front) Alan Vargas (Morris Middle School sixth-grade student), (back row) Dobie varsity player Adrian Garcia, Giovanni Vargas (Dobie class of 2006), Gibrán Vargas (Dobie class of 2009) and Dobie varsity soccer player Andy Garcia. Adrian Garcia is a freshman, while Andy is a senior who plans to attend the University of St. Thomas. The Garcias are cousins of the Vargas trio. Submitted photo



The crowning moment of the 2017 varsity boys' soccer season came as the Dobie Longhorns celebrated winning the program's first-ever Region III championship. The team did so by outlasting Channelview in a shootout. Photo by John Bechtle

South Belt area sports, news

SJC's Davis an All-American

Corey Davis, a sophomore shooting guard who has signed to continue his education and playing career at the University of Houston, has been named a National Junior College Athletic Association Division I men's basketball first team All-American. Davis' teammate at San Jacinto College, Jordan Duffy, was named a third team All-American, and SJC women's basketball player Erika Sydney made her way onto the honorable mention All-American list.

Dobie VB sets youth training

Dobie varsity volleyball head coach and staff members will host a series of youth training sessions for current fifth- and sixth-grade students. The sessions will be held on Wednesdays from 5 to 7 p.m., including April 26, May 3, May 10, May 17 and May 24.

Staff members will provide training in all phases of the game, including serving, setting, passing, hitting, blocking, etc. Team offensive and defensive concepts will be covered.

Pasadena ISD does not provide medical insurance to students for these types of events, so parents will be responsible for providing their own insurance. For additional information, call Sexton at 832-509-7269 or direct email to her at dgutiérrez2@pasadenaisd.org.

SB Dolphins offer registration

The Southbelt Dolphins of the Bay Area Football League have set upcoming registration dates for the 2017 season, with practices starting in July.

The registration dates include April 22, May 20, and June 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sagemont Community Center. Games begin in August, and the regular season runs into November.

San Jacinto College softball in Region XIV title contention

And down the stretch they come. Okay, this isn't horse racing, but the Blinn Bucs and the San Jacinto College Coyotes are in a neck-and-neck battle for the Region XIV softball title.

The two teams played to a draw April 13, with Blinn winning the opener in Brenham, 2-1 in a 13-inning marathon.

San Jacinto, however, evened the score, downing Blinn 3-2 in the nightcap with a run in the top of the seventh to secure the se-

ries split. At this point, winning the conference title will mean little else than a small advantage in eventual conference tournament seeding.

Both Blinn (31-13, 15-3) and San Jacinto (35-17, 18-4) are headed to the regional tournament, likely as the two top seeds. In the balance is the Region XIV South Division championship.

While San Jacinto does trail Blinn by one game in the loss column, the locals

still can control their own destiny.

San Jacinto hosts Blinn Friday, April 21, at 4 p.m. for the first game of a doubleheader on the South campus. A San Jacinto sweep will bring the conference championship.

San Jacinto has just those two remaining conference games against Blinn remaining before a non-conference series against LSU-Eunice of Division II.

Blinn, meanwhile, still has six remaining confer-

ence games, including those against San Jacinto and two each versus Lone Star-Port Arthur and Coastal Bend.

Blinn 2 San Jacinto 1

Blinn pitcher Colleen Bentke was the workhorse in the opener against San Jacinto, going all 13 innings in the circle and coming away with the win as the Bucs plated a late run.

Mackenzie Kotrla, Kaitlin Kerl and Taylor McHenry had two hits

apiece for San Jacinto, which committed six errors on defense.

Niki Gonzalez, now San Jacinto College's career leader in pitching victories, took the loss despite allowing just one earned run over 12 2/3 innings.

San Jacinto 3 Blinn 2

San Jacinto kept pace in the chase for the championship with a 3-2 win in the second of two games.

McHenry and Kerl slapped triples in the

game, and Dani Damian and Alexis Deleon doubled.

Tori Stoddard pitched 4 1/3 innings in relief to earn the victory, and Gonzalez pitched the seventh inning for the save.

Deleon, McHenry and Kerl drove in runs for San Jacinto.

The San Jacinto College/Blinn doubleheader is April 21, at the South campus. Play begins at 4 p.m. The second game follows roughly 30 minutes after the opener.

Brook, Dobie track qualifiers headed to area championships

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first-place 4x400-meter relay squad.

The four-year varsity standout and Stephen F. Austin University signee won the 400-meter dash in a time of 57.89 seconds. Earlier in the meet, Singleton captured first place in the 200-meter dash at 24.61.

In the 4x400-meter relay, the Lady Longhorns employed

LaDayjah Cook, Ashley Garza, Jade Giron and Singleton to win in a time of 4 minutes, 2.84 seconds.

Camryn Ridge also reached the area champi-

onships by placing third in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.89.

Giron, who qualified for the area championships in the high jump with a third-place effort of 5 feet, will also compete in the 200-meter dash after taking fourth at district in a time of 25.94.

Cook, the 22-6A champion in the high jump after clearing 5' 5," is also on her way to the next round in the 400-meter dash after her time of 1:02.50 was fourth-best at district.

Erin Flemings moved on to areas with a third-place long jump of 17'0."

Victoria Onozie (110'7") and Jamesetta Seals (106'11") went 2-3 in the discus to advance, and Seals (33'5 1/2") and Kiera Wells (32'9 1/4") placed third and fourth, respectively, in the shot put.

Davis twins pace boys

Jeremy Davis won a pair of district titles on the first day of the meet in the discus and shot put events and could very well be on his way to regionals.

His twin brother, Jacoby Davis, is also headed to the 21/22-6A championships in three separate events.

Their efforts, and those

of many others, helped guide the Longhorns to second place at the District 22-6A Championships. West Brook won the team title with 167 points, and Dobie was next with 110.

As previously reported in the April 13 issue, Jeremy Davis won the shot put at 50' 10 1/4," and his throw of 140'4" was the best in the discus.

In the field events, Jacoby Davis made his way to the area meet in the high jump, placing fourth at 6'0." Brandon Flores also advanced in the discus, placing third with a top

throw of 134'6."

Moving to the track, the Longhorns again controlled in the pace in both hurdling events.

In the 300-meter hurdles, three different Longhorns punched their ticket to the area meet, with Daniel Williams the champion at 41.51 and Mason Douglas second with a time of 15.65. Earl Newton's time of 42.20 placed him fourth.

Jeremy Davis placed second in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 15.05, and Williams' time of 15.22 was third. Douglas followed up in fourth place with his time of 15.65.

In the 400-meter dash, Jacoby Davis finished at 51.67 for third place and an area-round berth, and he also joined Douglas, Williams and Mike Nwokolo for third place in the 4x400-meter relay in a time of 3:30.59.

Nwokolo also reached the area level in the 400-meter dash at 51.74, and Segdrick Romar advanced after placing fourth at 22.80 in the 200-meter dash.

The Longhorns' 4x100-meter relay team of Ke'Montre Lowe-Ali, Bryan Thomas, Romar and Mark Brent moved on to the area championships courtesy of a fourth-place district finish at 44.37.

Brook advances to 23/24s

District 24-6A championships, the Clear Brook varsity boys' and girls' teams had to give it everything they had for every last area round berth.

Kenneth Pree, the most consistent Wolverine boys' competitor throughout the season, won the program's lone district title.

The school record holder in the long jump, Pree went 22'8" for first place at district, and his leap of 44'2 1/2" was third in the triple jump.

The Wolverines' John Te Horace was second in the triple jump with an effort of 44'5 3/4," and Jacob Allison's best throw of 135'2" placed him second in the discus.

Clear Brook's Tyler Garcia clocked in at 39.550 for second place in the 300-meter hurdles, and Caleb Nettles' time of 15.222 placed him third in the 110-meter hurdles.

In the 4x200-meter relay, the Wolverines were third at 1:29.917 as Braelon Hill, Garcia, Chapman and Lozonzo Thompson combined in the event.

For the Lady Wolverines, Riley Halter was fourth in the 300-meter hurdles at 47.439. Brook also advanced to areas in the 4x200-meter relay with a time of 1:46.106. That foursome included Maya Farooq, Ayanna Mason, Keaira Connor and Kennedy Crutchfield.



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