

### Hall Road parking prohibited

There will be no parking along Hall Road between Beltway 8 and Southbluff, near the Moore Elementary and Dobie High School campuses, from Wednesday, April 24, through Saturday, April 27, due to the 23rd annual South Belt Spectacular Cook-off. See related story this page.

### Melillo carnival scheduled

Melillo Middle School, 9220 Hughes Road, will hold its 11th annual Spring Carnival Friday, April 26, from 6 to 8 p.m. Highlights include a dunking booth, an obstacle course, a rock wall, a cake walk, a disc jockey and silent auction baskets. Concession items will include turkey legs, sausage on a stick, snow cones, nachos, popcorn and chopped barbecue sandwiches.

### Gulf Freeway closures set

There will be a total closure of the northbound frontage road of the Gulf Freeway from NASA Road 1 to FM 518 through 5 a.m. Sunday, June 30. At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to SH 96/League City Parkway will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Tuesday, Dec. 31. Alternate entrance and exit ramps will be closed.

The northbound exit ramp on the Gulf Freeway between SH 96/League City Parkway and FM 518 will be closed continuously through 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31.

Drivers traveling north on the main lanes will continue to NASA Road 1, exit, then U-turn and come back to FM 518.

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

### Beltway closures planned

The eastbound and westbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Beamer will be closed continuously until further notice.

At least one outside lane on the eastbound Beltway 8 frontage road will be closed at SH 288 daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Friday, May 31.

Both northbound and southbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Genoa Red Bluff will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Saturday, May 11.

Both northbound and southbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Crenshaw will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Saturday, May 11.

At least one alternate lane on both the northbound and southbound Beltway 8 frontage road lanes will be closed from Spencer Highway to Pasadena Boulevard daily from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and nightly from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Tuesday, April 30.

At least one alternate lane on the southbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Red Bluff Road to Pasadena Boulevard daily from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and nightly from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Tuesday, April 30.

### April 27 prayer walk set

School Prayer Walks USA will host a prayer walk Saturday, April 27, from 9 to 10 a.m., at J. Frank Dobie Ninth Grade Campus, 10811 Monroe. The community is invited to join in praying for the protection and peace of students and staff. For information, call 281-484-0901.

### CCISD registering now

The Clear Creek Independent School District has begun registering new pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students for the 2019-2020 school year. Online registration is underway, and is available at [www.ccisd.net/enroll](http://www.ccisd.net/enroll).

Pre-K and kindergarten registration and document drop off at zoned elementary campuses will take place Monday, April 29, through Friday, May 3, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. All campuses will reopen to receive required documentation on Monday, Aug. 5, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Visit [www.ccisd.net/enroll](http://www.ccisd.net/enroll) for the full list of requirements and enrollment steps.

### Faith Baptist yard sale set

Faith Baptist Church, located at 9850 Mango, will hold a churchwide yard sale on Saturday, April 27, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine.

### Kirkwood South to meet

The Kirkwood South Committee will hold its 2019 annual meeting on Tuesday, April 30, at 7:30 p.m. at Freeway Baptist Church, located at 8702 Kingspoint. All homeowners are encouraged to attend.

### Quiroga drive continues

A GoFundMe account has been started to help former South Belt resident Richard Quiroga recover from a gunshot wound to the head. Quiroga, 28, and his father, Ricardo Quiroga, 61, were both shot on Saturday, March 16, as part of a road rage incident near NRG Park. To donate, visit [www.gofundme.com/cuhd8-pray-for-richard](http://www.gofundme.com/cuhd8-pray-for-richard). See related letter on Page 2A.

# Clear Brook City MUD holds bond election

## Proposed measure will not call for tax increase

The Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District will hold a nearly \$50 million bond authorization election Saturday, May 4, coinciding with local school board elections (see related story on this page).

The MUD is seeking \$48.4 million in bonds to make infrastructure improvements to the growing district. MUD officials anticipate that some or all of the voted authority will be used over the next decade, though the district is not required to issue any or all of the bonds approved by voters.

### Planned improvements

- Fire protection Projects (\$2,900,000):

Build new Ashley Point Fire Station  
Purchase new ladder truck and pumper truck

- Water, sanitary sewer and drainage (\$45,500,000):

Purchase water, sewer and drainage infrastructure from developers (In new subdivisions, the district purchases water, sewer and drainage facilities from developers after there is sufficient development to support district bonds.)  
Rehabilitate and improve existing facilities (Many of the District's existing facilities are as old as 40 years and require rehabilitation and

improvement for extension of their useful life.)

### No tax increase expected

The current MUD board of directors has not issued bonds when issuance would result in a projected tax rate increase, and it intends to continue that policy.

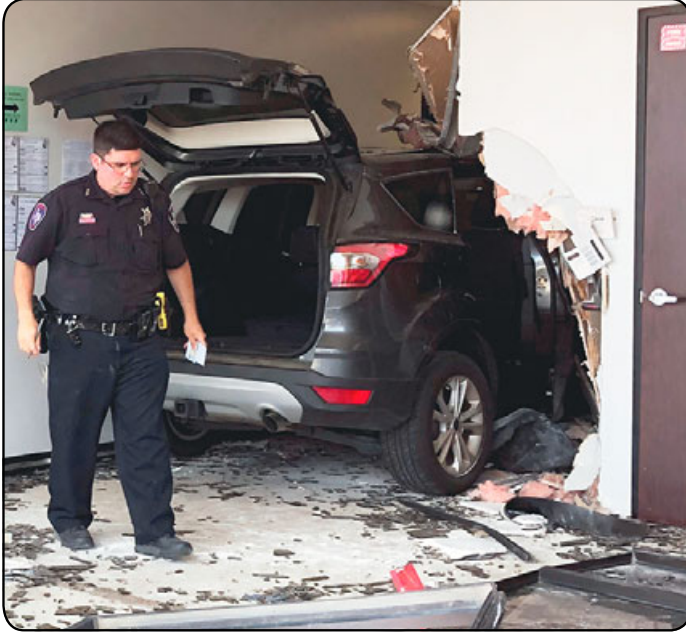
Over its 40-year history, the Clear Brook City MUD has paid off \$180.5 million dollars of bonds. The district currently has \$67.5 million of principal in bonds outstanding. This is equal to approximately 37 percent of all the bonds that have been issued. Of this, \$7 million is for refunding bonds, e.g., those old bond balances re-

issued at a lower interest rate to save taxpayers money. The MUD has not had a tax rate increase since 2008.

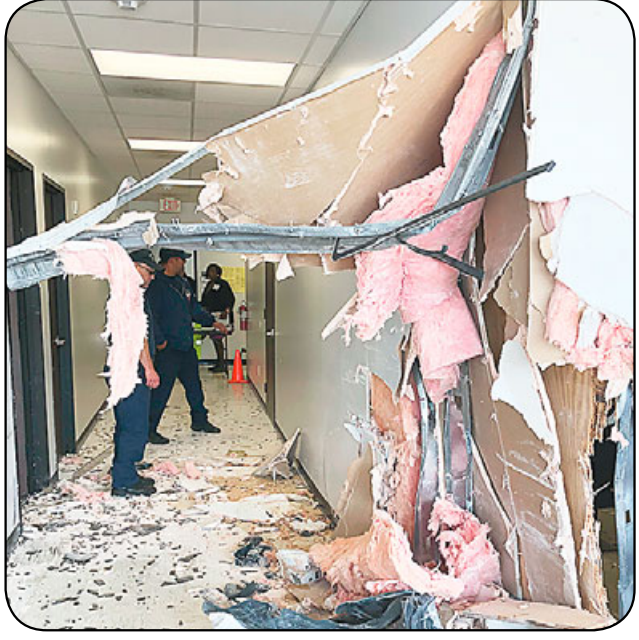
The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce passed a resolution on March 21 endorsing the bond proposal.

Early voting began Monday, April 22, and will continue through Tuesday, April 30. Early voting hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Voting hours on Election Day are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. All voting will take place at the Clear Brook City MUD Administration Building at 11911 Blackhawk near Scarsdale.

## Harris County Scarsdale office now a drive-thru



A driver smashed through the Harris County Court Clerk's Office at Scarsdale and Beamer the afternoon of Monday, April 22. An elderly woman reportedly caused the crash by accidentally pressing her gas pedal instead of her brake. While the crash caused extensive damage to



the building, no one was injured. Early voting at the location had to be relocated to the adjacent county library. Precinct 2 Deputy Steven Castaneda is shown above responding to the incident. Photo by Marie Flickinger

## Voting underway in PISD, CCISD board elections

Early voting for the local May 4 school board elections is currently underway and will continue through Tuesday, April 30.

Voters will decide who will fill three seats on the Pasadena Independent School District board and one seat on the Clear Creek Independent School District board.

There will be no election for the San Jacinto College District board, as incumbents Marie Flickinger and Larry Wilson are both running unopposed.

Open positions in Pasadena ISD include the Position 5 seat, currently held by Kenny Fernandez; the Position 6 seat, currently held by Marshall Kendrick; and the Position 7 seat, currently held by Vickie Morgan.

Fernandez is being challenged by Jose A. Cazares and Chad Sullivan; Kendrick will be challenged by Albert Bledsoe; and Morgan is being challenged by Ted Capistran and Yen Rabe.

Terms are four years. Early voting will take place at the John Phelps Courthouse, 101 S. Richey in Pasadena; the South Houston Municipal Court, 1019 Dallas in South Houston; the San Jacinto College Central Campus Library, 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena; the Harris County Scarsdale Annex, 10851 Scarsdale; and the Freeman Branch Library, 16616 Diana Lane in Clear Lake.

Early voting hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. through April 27; 1 to 6 p.m. April 28; and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. April 29 and April 30.

In the Clear Creek ISD election, At-Large Position B incumbent Ann Hammond is being challenged by Scott Bowen. District 1 incumbent Dr. Laura DuPont's position is also open this election cycle, but no one filed to challenge her.

Terms are two years. Early voting will take place at the Education Support Center, 2425 E. Main St. in League City; the Learner Support Center (previously Clear Lake Ninth-Grade Center), 2903 Falcon Pass in Clear Lake; and Clear Brook High School, 4607 FM 2351 in Friendswood.

Early voting hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

See related letter and editorial on Page 2A. See related candidate questionnaire in the April 18 edition of the *Leader*.

## FBI seeks bank robbery suspect

The FBI Violent Crime Task Force needs the public's help identifying and locating a man, dubbed the "Shoebus Suspect," who robbed a Capitol One Bank, located in the 1800 block of West Bay Area Boulevard near Baybrook Mall, on Thursday, April 18.



Suspect

The robbery occurred at approximately 10:45 a.m., FBI officials said.

The suspect entered the bank, approached a teller and threateningly demanded for money to be put into a black shoe box he was carrying. He fled the bank on foot with an undisclosed amount of cash.

No one was physically hurt during the robbery.

The robber is described as a white or olive-skinned male in his 20s, standing approximately 5 feet 8 inches tall, with an athletic build. During the robbery, he wore a black hooded zip-up jacket, gray sweatshirt, blue jeans, gloves and a dark blue mask that covered most of his face.

Crime Stoppers of Houston is offering up to \$5,000 for information leading to the identification and arrest of this robber.

Anyone with information is urged to call the Crime Stoppers tip line at 713-222-TIPS (8477) or the FBI Houston Field Office at 713-693-5000.

Tips may also be submitted to Crime Stoppers through their website, [www.crime-stoppers.org](http://www.crime-stoppers.org), or the Houston Crime Stoppers mobile phone app which can be downloaded for both iPhone and Android devices. All tipsters remain anonymous.

## Armed robber targets teen at park

A teenage boy was robbed at gunpoint at Sagemeadow Park in the 11200 block of Sagemeadow on Saturday, April 20, at approximately 5 p.m.

According to investigators, the 17-year-old male was exercising at the area park when he was confronted by a suspect with a pistol, demanding his chain and cell phone. The suspect then reportedly made the teen victim provide his password to the phone and checked it to ensure it worked properly.

The suspect allegedly then fled the scene on foot, away from Hughes Road. It was unclear whether or not he had a vehicle waiting on him.

The suspect is described as a light-skinned black male, with a slender build and buzz-cut hair. He was wearing black shorts and shirt, yellow tennis shoes and two gold chains tucked in his shirt.

Anyone with any information about this incident is urged to contact the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office at 713-477-2766.

## Annual cook-off set for April 25-27

After months of preparation, the 23rd annual South Belt Spectacular Cook-off is finally here, set to take place Thursday, April 25, through Saturday, April 27, at El Franco Lee Park, located at 9400 Hall Road. (Thursday will be primarily for cooks only, while Friday and Saturday will be open to the public.)

Organized and operated by the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department, the cook-off is the only fundraiser for the annual South Belt Fourth of July fireworks display, also held at the area park. In recent years, the cook-off has also provided funds for local scholarships and various youth organizations.

During the day Saturday, the event will cater

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## Deputies continue gambling raids

Deputies from the Special Operations Unit of Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Chris Diaz's office have continued their pursuit against illegal gambling in the area by conducting a raid on the Bellfort Food Mart, located in the 7500 block of Bellfort, on Thursday, April 18.

Deputies were able to obtain a search warrant on the location after a two-week investigation determined it was being used for the illegal activity. During the execution of the warrant, deputies seized one complete gaming machine and four hard drives from other machines.

They seized more than \$9,700 in cash, believed to be proceeds from illegal gambling.

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## Twin brothers charged with 2 DWIs

Two deputies working the scene of a fatal crash on Beltway 8 at Highway 3/Old Galveston Road were injured Saturday, April 20, after a second accident took place involving twin brothers who were allegedly driving drunk in separate vehicles.

According to investigators, the Harris County Constable Precinct 8 deputies were responding to the crash around 11 p.m. when their patrol vehicle was struck by the 37-year-old twin brothers, Joseph and James Bramlet, one driving a pickup up truck and the other a passenger vehicle.

One deputy reportedly injured his ankle jumping out of the way of the crash, while the second deputy was inside the patrol car at the time of the accident and suffered head and neck injuries. Both were taken to Memorial Hermann South-

east Hospital, where they were treated and released.

A K-9 officer was also in the vehicle but wasn't injured. The canine, itself, was transported to a local veterinarian hospital, where it was also treated and released.

Joseph Bramlet was charged with felony DWI since he had a child in his vehicle, while James Bramlet was charged with misdemeanor DWI and unlawful carrying of a weapon.

The deputies were initially responding to an accident where a commercial truck struck a stopped passenger vehicle, killing 19-year-old female driver, Jessica Rodgers. A passenger and child were also taken to the hospital in unknown condition.

The incident marked the third fatal traffic accident on Highway 3 in less than three weeks.

## Helicopter visits Family Fun Fest



The U.S. Army 149th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion's Apache helicopter was a big hit at the third annual Family Fun Fest, held by the Clear Brook City MUD and the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce Saturday, April 13, at Clear Brook City Park. Shown above at the event are, left to right, Precinct 2 Deputy Javier Payan, Deputy Edmundo Zubia, Deputy Patrick Brothers, Constable Chris Diaz, Nate Herrera (149th ARB), Sgt. Robert Sanchez, Steven Ramos (149th ARB), Deputy Geoffrey Silva, Deputy Louis Urrabazo, Asst. Chief Deputy Marlo Hernandez, Deputy Ahmed Rizk and Deputy Daniel Vasquez.

# In My Opinion

## Publisher explains "In My Opinion" policy

I want to take this opportunity to explain our "In My Opinion" policy to our readers. Our policy includes being able to confirm who wrote the letter and, if facts are included, ability to confirm. Opinions do not include non-believable material and verbiage appropriate for youngsters to read since many kids read our paper. It is our policy to print ALL letters under these simple conditions. No wonder the news business is so uncertain today, many people do not know the difference between reporting and editorializing. Reporting should be factual; editorializing is opinion—that's why the column is called, "In My Opinion." It is not reporting. This confusion is confirmed by a Facebook posting by a Pasadena Independent School District board candidate, PISD candidate Joe Cazares posted the following, "I encourage everyone to check out the South Belt-Ellington Leader April 18 issue and discover for yourselves their biased and unfair reporting! The editors published 'My Opinion article', but then publicized 5 opinion articles against mine to overwhelm my truthful message. The opinion articles are not even from people running in this board campaign."

For example, In My Opinion letters are just that, people's opinions, not reporting. We have printed all campaign letters we have received in this current race. Unfortunately for Joe, there were many more letters submitted for his opponent than for him. This is not the Leader's fault, but the choice of readers. If any other letters had been sent for him, or his opponents, they would have been printed. In this paper, we have two more letters submitted for the incumbents, and none for the opponents. Of course, we will print them, as we do not pick and choose letters to print. Unlike what Joe apparently believes, you do not have to be a candidate to express an editorial opinion.

The Houston Chronicle and most other papers pick and choose what letters to print. We print them all. Which policy is actually biased and unfair? We also do not edit them. The Chronicle does. We print them all, if they meet the above criteria. Joe is surprised that other than candidates are sending letters. This column is for ALL readers who want to submit letters, not just political candidates. He said his signs are missing from near our business. Sorry, any signs in the city's easement are frequently picked up by city of Houston workers. We have removed no signs. None are on our property. Near — yes, on, no. We would not remove signs that are not on our property. Additionally, in last week's Leader, we printed questionnaires from all the candidates. All candidates were instructed to abide by the word limit notated on the questionnaire. They were told if the word limit was exceeded, their questions would be cut from the bottom of their answer to fit the word limit. Joe exceeded the majority of the word limits. He surpassed the word limit more than all the other candidates from both the PISD and Clear Creek races combined! But instead of making him look bad by cutting his answers, we extended him additional time to correct his answers, which he did. If we were, like he claims, biased and unfair, we would not have given him this chance after carefully including the instructions on what would happen if the rules were ignored. We backed off, so he would not look bad.

May the best candidates win! I urge all to become informed and vote!

—Marie Flickinger  
Publisher, South Belt-Ellington Leader

## Shooting victim needs assistance

My family and I have been residents of the South Belt area for 30 years. We currently live in Pearland.

On March 16, 2019, while driving home from visiting a relative in the hospital, my family and I encountered a road rage driver. He shot at us and my husband, Rick Quiroga, was grazed in the shoulder. My son, Richard Quiroga, was shot in the head. Luckily, my son lived through his brain surgery at Ben Taub Hospital and is a patient at TIRR Memorial Hermann going through rehab. Richard is going through physical, occupational and speech therapy and still has a long road ahead of himself. He also faces future reconstructive surgery.

The police have apprehended the suspect that shot at my family and is now in the Harris County jail awaiting arraignment.

My family started a Go Fund Me account to help pay for Richard's medical bills. It is called "Pray For Richard." If anyone would like to contribute, it would be greatly appreciated. You can also follow Richard's progress on "Pray For Richard" Facebook page. (See related story Page 1A.) I have listed the link following: <https://www.gofundme.com/cuhd8-pray-for-richard>.

Patty Quiroga

## Retired principal supports incumbents

As a long-time educator and former district administrator in Pasadena ISD, I feel compelled to address information currently being distributed to our community by opponents of our current school board members. I recently read the letter signed by Jose Cazares which puts our district in a very negative light. Before any decision is made by our voters, I feel the story which he is telling needs to be reviewed in the light in which it was written — by an adversarial opponent focused on finding only the negative in PISD.

If Pasadena ISD had been rated last year, we would have earned an overall rating of "B" according to the Texas Education Agency rating system. Due to Hurricane Harvey, our district did not receive a rating, nor did any campus receive a rating of Improvement Required overall. In fact, our district performed better than any other district in the region with our percentage of economically disadvantaged students.

The state mandated STAAR test is not the only indicator of student success and our district has much to be PROUD of in terms of academic performance. In addition, TEA recognized PISD with 96 academic distinctions earned by campuses for outstanding academic achievement; 35 campuses earned at least 1 distinction and 5 campuses earned ALL distinctions given by the state. Our district has been honored for Advanced Placement, personalized learning, Early College High School and Fine Arts to name just a few. Does this sound like a tradition of excellence to you? It sure does to me! I, too, encourage you to ask the right questions before going to the polls.

The future is bright in Pasadena ISD with full day Pre-K and even 3-year old Pre-K being offered to our children. More students are earning college scholarships than ever before, and career and technical industry cer-

tifications continue to rise district wide. Graduation rates are above the State and campuses in the South Belt, in particular, continue to win countless recognitions for their performance.

All you have to do is pick up the South Belt-Ellington Leader to see all of the amazing work being done by our children and staff in this district. The Board currently serving our district understands the needs and future direction of PISD to continue this path of success that we are on. Remember when you vote that this Board has provided countless opportunities and resources for our students. VOTE for Kenny Fernandez, Vickie Morgan and Marshall Kendrick to continue the SUCCESS! Their integrity and mission of always putting the best interest of students first in ALL decisions is the reason that they have my vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
Darlene Davis,  
Retired Principal

## Bailey wants to see success continue

I read the "In My Opinion" section in last Thursday's edition of the South Belt-Ellington Leader and as I read I must admit that it took me back a couple of years when Jose Cazares was running against me for a position on the Pasadena ISD Board of Trustees. We were at a meet-the-candidate affair at the Baker Ripley Center in Pasadena. Each of us was given a minute or two to introduce ourselves and say a few words. Jose shared with the audience that if elected he would ensure that all the teachers would receive a much-deserved raise and that he knew the district had the money to give the raise. Who wouldn't want to give our teachers a raise? He and I agreed strongly on that idea but as I was listening to him speak I was amazed he must not have been aware that Pasadena ISD was currently facing what could have been a \$25 to \$30 million shortfall in the upcoming budget!

I am writing this for the teachers and all the other employees of the school district who pour their hearts and souls into their most important tasks of teaching and educating our kids, our future! Mr. Casarez shared some facts regarding some areas that TEA measures educational progress and effectiveness in Texas school districts. He charitably noted a few things PISD was doing right in his opinion and then he cherry picked a few areas in which PISD did not quite measure up in a particular snapshot of time. I will not disagree with the few facts he chose to highlight but I can assure you that our administration and staff were well aware of these situations before their postings by the TEA and were working diligently to rectify any and all of them; not because they had been reported but because their business is educating kids and they were on top of these issues and actively working to rectify them.

Mr. Casarez would have you believe that the effectiveness of education in PISD is on the decline. Nothing could be further from the truth; especially when compared to similar sized districts with the same subset of socioeconomic factors. He also mentioned the earning of distinctions. In regard to PISD and distinctions; campuses in the district earned 96. Thirty-five earned at least one each and five campuses earned all that were available.

High school graduation rate hovers at 89.9. PISD would have received a "B" in the state accountability rating system even in the wake of Harvey and the disruptions it caused in our community and schools. No rating was given to districts who had suf-

fered through these issues but it is interesting to note that even in that situation, Pasadena ISD would have received a "B" rating.

The TEA ratings are extremely important but there are other measures of success in the education field and organizations that have recently noted accomplishments of high honor and recognition by Pasadena ISD. Too many to mention, but here are a few. PISD named to the College Board's 2017 Honor Roll District, H-E-B named Vanessa Reyes one of eight finalist for the 2018 Excellence in Education Awards, Laura Gomez, principal of South Houston Intermediate is a finalist for that same award this year, Red Bluff and Turner Elementary Schools each earned the National Healthy School Bronze Award from the Alliance for a Healthier Generation, Keller Middle School was named a Texas Schools to Watch for the second time by National Forum Schools To Watch, Rick Schneider Middle School was recognized as one of the 70 top schools in the state by CREST, an award that recognizes schools that demonstrate a commitment to the academic, personal/social and career development of their students, Bush and Meador Elementary were named to the 2017-18 Educational Results Partnership Honor Roll for outstanding academic achievements, Pasadena Memorial High School earned a bronze medal after being named one of the best high schools in Texas by the U. S. News and World Report, Learning Forward recognized Dr. DeeAnn Powell, Superintendent of Schools, as "2018 Outstanding Support from a Superintendent for Professional Learning" award for the state of Texas, South Houston HS choir teacher, Brenda Varvoutis was named the 2107 Region 4 Teacher of the Year, Hector Maldonado and Melissa Sosa of Sam Rayburn HS just won Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion honors in this last year's Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Art Competition, eight other students from SRHS also made the auction and in total they netted a gross sales price of \$650,000 for the ten pieces, Misty Ruth, Pasadena ISD math teacher was recognized and awarded the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching in Washington D.C., 1,464 Pasadena ISD students are currently enrolled in Early College High School with 625 students set to graduate with an Associate's degree as well as their HS diploma in 2021, there are 1,520 students enrolled in full day pre-K and 745 in half day, as well as 26 three year olds currently enrolled in a pilot program at this time, last year's graduating seniors earned \$36,407,937 in post graduate scholarships, and I could go on and on.

Good things, no great things are happening in Pasadena ISD in the education and preparation for life after high school for some 54,000 kids enrolled there. Successes like those just shared do not happen by accident and they certainly do not happen in poor performing school districts. Teachers, administrators and support staff come to work every day and operate at a high level of competency with great passion for the task at hand. Planning, examination of results, organization, sound management and direction drive this success. I see it first-hand! Mr. Cazares may think we need to redefine success in Pasadena ISD and if you are one to cherry pick a snapshot in time you might come to that conclusion. But the overwhelming evidence indicates something dramatically different. Thank you PISD staff for the great things you do daily.

I'm voting for Kenny Fernandez, Marshall Kendrick and Vickie Morgan. I know their definition of SUCCESS and I would like to see them CONTINUE THE SUCCESS!

Jack Bailey

## Cornyn urges prioritization

On April 10, U.S. Sen. John Cornyn sent a letter to Acting Secretary of Homeland Security Kevin McAleenan urging him to prioritize efficiency at Texas' ports of entry as he develops a strategy to address the humanitarian crisis along the U.S.-Mexico border.

The diversion of frontline CBP personnel from these ports, and the threat of a possible closure in the future, threatens to have a debilitating impact on the overall health of Texas' economy," Cornyn wrote. "Some Texas ports of entry have reported cross-border wait times in excess of seven hours, resulting in lost revenue and perished goods. In the coming days, many individuals on both the U.S. and Mexican

sides of the border will begin to celebrate the Semana Santa (Holy Week) holiday, a time of historically increased travel which will result in further strains and likely increased wait times at our most active land border crossings.

"As you develop a long-term strategy to deal with the concerning trends on our southern border, I ask that you strongly consider all available options at your disposal to ensure that Texas' ports of entries may operate as efficiently as possible. The legitimate trade and travel coming through those arteries not only impacts the economies of both Texas' border region and state, but also the flow of goods throughout the entire nation."

## Tax reform, relief passes Senate

The Texas Senate, under the leadership of Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, took a strong stand for Texas taxpayers by passing Senate Bill 2, authored by Sen. Paul Bettencourt, the Texas Property Tax Reform and Relief Bill of 2019.

All 19 Republicans voted to bring the bill to the floor, after Patrick inclined he would use existing rules to move blocker bills for SB 2 to be heard. This bill passed to the House with a vote of 18-12-1 with Sen. Eddie Lucio present not voting.

"While I highly value and respect my local officials and the work that they do, I will ultimately vote for the taxpayers, so that they, our true bosses, get to keep a little piece of the Texas sky," said Sen. Pete Flores. "They worked hard for it," he added.

Bettencourt agreed, "SB 2 helps all taxpayers in Texas do this. Several amendments were offered during the floor debate, such as an amendment added by Flores which would give taxing jurisdictions credit for indigent defense costs. In one notable exchange, Sen. Beverly Powell read a letter from the Fort Worth Mayor noting if SB 2 were passed, the City would face a \$4 million shortfall. Bettencourt highlighted that Fort Worth raised their levy by more than \$113 million in just the last four years. "This is where my teddy bear becomes a grizzly bear...not at you, but at the information you have been provided, because it is just false," Bettencourt added. "Four million dollars is 0.2 percent of the budget and a minuscule fraction of the City of Fort Worth property tax increases."

"This doesn't have to be a partisan issue, because this is a everybody pays issue! I don't want people to pay 55 percent more money in 5 years. It's just unsustain-

able," said Bettencourt. "People just want to stay in their homes and they just want to have a business," he continued.

As passed, SB 2 will establish a new rollback rate for cities, counties, and special districts of 3.5 percent and school districts will have a 2.5 percent rollback rate. A taxing jurisdiction would be required to get voter approval in an automatic November election to go over this rollback rate. The current roll back rate stands at 8 percent and has remained unchanged since 1981, despite dramatic changes to the inflation rate. In debate on the floor, Sen. Kelly Hancock noted that the original senator who authored the bill that raised the rollback rate to 8 percent in 1981 noted this "triggering mechanism" should be revisited as inflation rates changed.

Another amendment by Sen. Kirk Watson which sought to remove schools from the bill was defeated. "School property tax relief must be part of any reform," said Bettencourt.

In a weekend statement showing his resolve on the issue, Patrick stated, "I respect our Senate rules, but I do not intend to let a procedural motion stop the Senate from passing this important bill. The public doesn't care about our procedural rules. They want tax relief and they deserve it. Time is running out on our session." After 19 Republicans voted to allow the bill to be heard, one joined 11 Democrats in voting no on SB 2 with one present voting.

"We've had this rollback rate at 8 percent for 38 years and because we have put home and business owners at risk, it's well past time," said Bettencourt on his closing remarks before SB 2 was sent to the House.

# Deaths

## Carol Eileen Matthews Hedge



South Belt resident Carol Eileen Matthews Hedge, 76, was born in Auburn, N.Y. June 11, 1942, and died April 15, 2019.

She moved to Memphis, Tenn., at the age of 7 and grew up attending an all-girls Catholic school. She had her claim to fame when she met Elvis Presley in Audubon Park during her teenage years.

However, meeting Elvis was nothing compared to meeting her future husband John at the age of 11 in the park. On October 15, 1960, John and Carol married and were together for 58 glorious years. Early in their marriage, they had four children. The family then moved to Houston in 1971.

The couple had nine grandchildren who were Carol's pride and joy. Her biggest source of happiness was spending time with her family at any time she could. She frequently attended any public sporting events or performances of her grandchildren as much as she was able. Most of all, she loved going to New Braunfels each summer to spend quality time with the entire family.

Carol enjoyed quilting with her friends at church and going to Coushatta for birthdays with longtime friends from the neighborhood. She also enjoyed gardening, and kept a vibrant garden in her backyard. Those who knew her regarded Carol as one who would never speak an unkind word of another, raise her voice in frustration, or otherwise exude anything but gentle calm to those around her. The influence of her kindness to her children, grandchildren, and those around her will be felt for generations to come.

Carol is preceded in death by her brother Eric Matthews Jr.; and her granddaughter Samantha Marie Hedge.

She is survived by her husband; sons Stephen Hedge and Mark Hedge and wife Leah; daughters Lisa Hedge and Lori Statten and husband Andy; grandchildren Keith, and Kevin LaLonde, Shannon, Jessica, Scott, Valerie, and Alexis Hedge, and Megan and Jacob Hedge.

The memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 23, at Niday Funeral Home. A reception will follow at St. Luke's Catholic Church social hall.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

## Robert Craig Crawford



Robert Craig Crawford Sr., 70, died April 9, 2019, after a valiant battle with a lengthy illness.

He was born in Houston to Carl and Mildred Crawford Nov. 11, 1948. He graduated from Milby High School in 1968 and enlisted in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War in which he served on the USS Eldorado and the USS Wyndham County before being honorably discharged. Afterward, he served the city of Houston as a firefighter for 31 years before retiring in 2006.

Craig was an athlete in his early years, playing baseball, basketball and running track. After he was discharged from the Navy, he played softball with the fire department league. He enjoyed listening to music from the '50s and '60s, especially the Beatles, the Monkees and the Association. He enjoyed singing along with songs on the radio and in the choir at Sagemont Church where he was also a member of the welcome and hospitality teams.

He enjoyed watching movies, particularly comedies and westerns, and loved telling jokes and reminiscing with family and friends. Craig loved to travel by driving great distances with someone he loved in the seat beside him, especially to family reunions in Florida and Georgia each summer. He also meticulously crafted beautiful cross stitch pieces he gave away as gifts which are still cherished by family to this day.

Craig is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Carl and Bonnie Crawford; his daughters and sons-in-law Leah and Anthony Farmer and Amanda and David Louie; his son and daughter-in-law RC and Shannon Crawford; his grandchildren Haley Farmer, Taylor Farmer, Anthony "Trey" Farmer, Nicholas Hill, and Ezra Louie; three nephews and their spouses and partners; seven great-nieces and great-nephews with their spouses and partners; and nine great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews.

Craig was preceded in death by his parents; and sister Faye Carol Crawford.

A Celebration of Life service will be held Saturday, April 27, at noon at Memorial Baptist Church, 15720 Proctor Street in Channelview.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Fire Fighters Foundation of Houston at <https://www.fffhouston.com/> or Wounded Warrior Project at [www.donatedwarriorproject.org/donate](http://www.donatedwarriorproject.org/donate).

## Billy Carl Robinson



Longtime South Belt resident Billy Carl Robinson, 84, died Monday, April 22, 2019. He is preceded in death by his father James Carl Robinson; his mother Dorothy Covington Robinson; step-mother Ruby Dockery Robinson; and brother Jimmy Luther Robinson.

Left to cherish his memory are his loving wife Melba Ruth Robinson; daughter Cheryl Flores and husband Joe; son Edward Robinson and wife Monique; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a host of other family and dear friends.

Billy accepted Christ as his Savior at the age of 12 in an old-fashioned revival. This strong faith carried him throughout his life. Billy was an excellent musician from junior high through college and was very proud to have been selected as a member of the Continental Army Command Band at Fort Monroe, Va.

After his discharge from the military, Billy went to work for NASA as an electronic and graphics technician for more than 33 years. He was an avid golfer, baseball coach and Sunday school teacher for young boys. He served for many years as a deacon at two Baptist churches. Billy's passion was knowing people and he loved everyone. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

A visitation will be held Thursday, April 25, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Clayton Funeral Home, 5530 W. Broadway, Pearland. The funeral service will take place Friday, April 26, at 10 a.m. at Bay Area Church, 4800 W. Main Street, League City. Interment will be held Saturday, April 27, at 11 a.m. at Dresden Cemetery in Dresden, Texas. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.claytonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.claytonfuneralhomes.com).

**Leader obituary policy**

Obituaries submitted to the Leader are published free of charge. There must be a South Belt connection. Obituaries are edited to conform to the Leader style.

## Leader checks out social media

### By Laura Benavides Scallan

On Monday, April 22, a vehicle slammed into the Scarsdale Annex, on the corner of Scarsdale and Beamer Road, which was being used as a polling location. This incident was shared onto several community Facebook groups, and the Leader office received several phone calls regarding helicopters that were hovering over the area. See picture on Page 1A.

On The Official South Belt & Sagemont Area Crime Alert Facebook page, a member shared a post from April 20.

The shared post states that an individual's 17-year-old son was at Sagemont Park running when he was robbed at gunpoint. See related story on Page 1A.

Another member of the same group also shared an image of a post that reported an attempted home invasion in Durham Park. The suspect was shot at, and the police were called. There is also a still image of security footage that appears to show the suspect running away.

A member of the Southbelt/Sagemont Crime Alert Facebook page shared a link re-

garding deputies being hit and injured at the scene of a fatal crash that killed a teen. The incident off Beltway 8 and Old Galveston Road was reported.

Another member of the same group posted about a flipped vehicle in a ditch off Kirkfair and Kirkgreen on the night of April 22. The member posted photos of the incident.

On the same group, a member reported that a black male suspect tried to enter her home around noon on April 23. The member stated that the suspect was startled by her and even tried to sell her some items.

## Hurricane Harvey recovery centers, survey remain open

Council Member Dave Martin reminds residents who were impacted by Hurricane Harvey to apply for assistance through recovery programs and resources under the City of Houston Homeowner Assistance Program.

The Recovery Survey is the first step and tool to direct residents to the appropriate recovery program and to help the City prioritize those with urgent needs. No documentation is required to take the Recovery Survey, and it takes fewer than 15 minutes to complete. While priority will be given to low and moderate income homeowners, assistance is available to homeowners of all income levels. An intake specialist will contact you after you complete the survey regarding next steps.

The survey can be taken:

- Online at <https://recovery.houstontx.gov>
- By phone at 832-393-0550, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- In person at any of the four new Housing Recovery Centers.

If one needs assistance filling out the survey, call 832-393-0550 or visit one of the stationary HRC's:

- Southeast: 11550 Fuqua St., third floor, (in District E)

The stationary centers are open Monday and Tuesday, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. These centers are closed on Sundays. For a map, visit <https://gallery.mailchimp.com/bbc8dea1a49ed98f626812405/images/2543f2a6-d3f6-4b25-9d7f-d3e4145aa641.png>.

The City received the \$1.17 billion for housing recovery through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the State of Texas General Land Office. The recovery funds include the HoAP, which offers five program options including:

- Reimbursement for completed repairs
- Homeowner-managed rehabilitation
- City-managed rehabilitation and reconstruction
- Buyouts
- Interim mortgage assistance

For more information regarding this program, contact the Houston Recovery Center by calling 832-393-0550.

# CCEF annual fashion show raises record funds

The Clear Creek Education Foundation hosted its 13th annual fashion show on Sunday, March 31, at Mercedes-Benz of Clear Lake.

Themed "I Love CCISD... Where the Community Inspires Education Together," more than 250 guests attended and a record amount of more than \$30,000 was raised to support innovative programs in the Clear Creek

Independent School District. Complete with runway seating, hors d'oeuvre stations provided by nine local restaurants, a variety of student performances and leadership straight from the talented halls of CCISD, it was an event for all to enjoy. The "I Love CCISD" Fashion Show was directed by national fashion event producer, Lenny Matuszewski Jr., with fash-

ions and makeup provided by Dillard's - Baybrook Mall and hair by Visible Changes. The focal points of the evening included: 52 models who are CCISD high school juniors and are very involved in their school and community, 10 guest models who rocked the runway and five mayors representing cities who have committed their support to "The

Leader in Me" program in CCISD. Representatives of cities included Mayor Carl Joiner (Kemah), Mayor Donna Rogers (Webster), Mayor Pro Tem Amanda Fenwick (Clear Lake Shores), Mayor Thom Kolupski (Seabrook) and Mayor Mark Denman (Nassau Bay). Armand Bayou Elementary fifth-grade students, Annika Salinas and Carmen Evans, who have been influenced by

"The Leader in Me" program wowed the audience with their leadership skills as the emcees. Clear Lake City Elementary kindergartner, Mila Lara, along with her teachers, Jessica Finney and Travis Eck, strutted the runway wearing T-shirts showcasing Mila's design as the winning artist of the Annual "I Love CCISD" Kindergarten Art Contest. Student entertainment groups including the Clear Lake High School Soundwaves led by Jade Blakey, and Clear Brook High School Orchestra led by Brady Meyer provided musical entertainment for guests while the Clear Springs High School audio video and production team led by Amber Pecsenye captured the event in a keep-sake high definition video.

"The CCEF board of directors works diligently to enhance education in CCISD by hosting events that impact students and our community," said Deborah Laine, CCEF executive director. "This event is a true testament of the support generously given by all involved." The event was planned by a 15-person volunteer committee that included Kelsey McNeil, CCEF community marketing and events manager; and committee members Joyce Abbey, Summer Brauer, Suzanne Fair, Kimberly Fleming, Ann Hammond, Lisa Holbrook, Laura Mackay, Amanda Mark, Sarah Moutz, Jill Reason, Deena Rigby, Mary Ann Shallberg and Elizabeth Wang.



The Clear Brook High School Orchestra, led by Brady Meyer (left), provided wonderful music as guests enjoyed light bites and conversation at the 13th annual Clear Creek

Education Foundation fashion show. Shown are, left to right, Mateo Curriel, Martin Guerra, Albert Ngo, Daniela Holste, Susan Ismail and Riley Nguyen. Photo submitted

# South Belt Elementary shares third nine-weeks awards

South Belt Elementary has shared its list of awards for the third nine-weeks. The list includes All Star Readers, Honor Roll, Math Wizards, Merit Roll, Outstanding Citizen Award, Perfect Attendance, Principal's Award and Super Steers.

## All Star Readers Kindergarten

Martin Acosta, Arian Banda, Aubrey Barajas, Levie Benavidez, Liam Boyer, Rylee Broussard, Safa Bukhari, Presli Carrol, Nathan Chavez, Isaac Colon, Camila Corpus, Isabella Cruz, Andrew Doung, Dahlia Ellis, Jordan Euceda, Sophia Franklin, Jesslyn Garcia, Kai Gibbs, Ejaz Gill, Jacob Gonzales, Isaac Gonzalez and Amelia Handal.

Victor Hernandez, Madeline Herrera, Julian Herrera, Amelia Hoang, Chelsea Huynh, Rahim Jafri, Zayan Jafri, Alora James, Ashlynn Langely, Edina Lendsey, Colin Lewis, Arielle Maldonado, Matthew Martinez, Marzan Masud, Charlie Matthew, Presly McMurry, Alaina Melchor and Mariah Mendez.

Madison Monford, Emma Morey, Londyn Moses, Jaclyn Nguyen, Quan Nguyen, Abriella Nguyen, Dannie Nguyen, Phuc Nguyen, Ryker Nix, Aarish Nizam, Maximus Ochoa, Gabriella Padilla, Daniel Patterson, Presley Penny, Ethan Perez, Andrew Perez, Zion Petersen, Harmony Peterson and Carson Pham.

Claudette Reyna, Emma Rios, Makenzy Rodriguez, Genesis Rodriguez, Eric Romero, Josiah Salazar, Jorge Sanchez, Luke Sanchez, Aubree Snook, Kelsi Snook-Bolling, Noah Thomas, Ayden Turner, Emma Villa, Anthony Vu, Carter Williams and Aaron Williams.

## First grade

Avery Aguilar, David Al-

varenga, Aubrey Arredondo, Giselle Ayala, Genesis Banda, Arian Banda, Elijah Barron, Kaleah Barsock, Saif Bataineh, Bryce Bond, Hannah Bui, Dora Campos, Elizabeth Carling, Yvette Castillo, Andres Castillo, Mikey Castillo, Sofia Charles and Geoffrey Charles.

Diego Davila, Kinsley Freeman, Adelyn Garza, Daniella Gonzalez, Rylee Hayes, Max Hernandez, Simone Jones, Reagan Landis, Sydney Landis, London Leal, Mateo Mancillas, Matthew Martinez, Tabitha Mathis, Jayden Miko, Jamison Miller, Nathaniel Molina, Warren Nedd, Aryan Nepal, Alan Nguyen, Nathan Nnadi, Skye Orsua, Adan Palomares and Porus Pandey.

Nyzir Peterson, Aaron Posadas, Kyle Ramos, Ethan Ramsey, Isabella Rember, Jayden Richardson, Alexavier Rodriguez, Viviana Salazar, Aubree Sandino, David Sepulveda, Avah Sinks and Evelyn Spears.

Noah St. Ange, Andrew Strong, Zoie Sudario, Liam Thomas, Noelly Torres, Paris Valencia, Abby Villanueva, Jacqueline Vo, Hannah Walker, Anna Wilkerson, Evan Zaman and Hussein Zamzam.

## Second grade

Chris Alavarez, Samuel Alexander, Samantha Barraza, Ashton Carter, TJ Charles, Noah Coronado, Carissa Cortez, Kaci Cury Shepard, Dat Dao, Jesse Deleon and Delilah Deleon.

Gael Diaz, Peyton Dowell, Myla Figueroa, Carter Fletcher, Bryan Flores, Gabby Franklin, Matteo Garciduenas, Mia Gonzalez, Mikayla Gonzalez and Lance Goree.

David Harris, Riley Hensley, Elijah Hernandez, Sebastian Hernandez, Abygail Herrera, Blake Hughes, Bradley Jones, Soha Kahn, Alice Lam,

Phuwadet Maingot, Mason Martinez, Chloe Maycott, Kairi Mendoza, Leile Monroe and Ethan Nguyen.

Carter Pham, Robert Pheister, EJ Reynolds, Grayson Riley, Joshua Salazar, Marion Schroder, Brianna Scott, Nathaniel Simpson, Evan Treadway, Leonardo Trevino, Kelvin Wiley, Ghazal Zamzam and Essence Zsigray.

## Honor Roll Third grade

Juwaryyah Ali, Joseph Bello, Kacilyn Bernard, Kayleigh Broussard, Kenya Delong Thompson, Aly Garza, Jaylen Hill, Miguel Johnson, Jerron Lendsey, Lisa Ngo, Kinora Ploucha, Alayna Rodriguez and Alec Tamegnon.

## Fourth grade

Ibrahim Ali, Macy Figueroa, Vivian Hang, Marina Kostikoglou, Audrey Lopez, Dylan Mohwinkel, Morgan Momie, Hayly Nguyen, Kandrick Ramos, Aubree Rodriguez and Nathan Vu.

## Math Wizards Kindergarten

Aubrey Barajas, Levie Benavidez, Liam Boyer, Rylee Broussard, Safa Bukhari, Presli Carrol, Sophia Chang, Nathan Chavez, Andrew Duong, Dahlia Ellis, Sophia Franklin, Jesslyn Garcia, Ejaz Gill, Jacob Gonzales, Victor Hernandez and Madeline Herrera.

Julian Herrera, Amelai Hoang, Chelsea Huynh, Zayan Jafri, Alora James, Ashlyn Langley, Collin Lewis, Arielle Maldonado, Matthew Martinez, Marzan Masud, Alaina Melchor, Mariah Mendez, Madison Monford, Emma Morey, Londyn Moses, Quan Nguyen, Jaclyn Nguyen, Phuc Nguyen, Abriella Nguyen and Ryker Nix.

Maximus Ochoa, Gabriella Padilla, Daniel Patterson, Carson Pham, Claudette Reyna, Makenzy Rodriguez, Jo-

siah Salazar, Jorge Sanchez, Aubree Snook, Kelsie Snook-Bolling, Sarah Sufyan, Ayden Turner, Anthony Vu and Carter Williams.

## First grade

Christopher Alvarado, Genesis Banda, Arian Banda, Kaleah Barsock, Saif Bataineh, Bryce Bond, Hannah Bui, Dora Campos, Trey Capers, Yvette Castillo, Andres Castillo, Mikey Castillo, Alessandra Cervantes, Sofia Charles, Diego Davila and Kinsley Freeman.

Christian Garza, Adelyn Garza, Anthony Gonzales, Daniella Gonzalez, Rylee Hayes, Max Hernandez, Simone Jones, Reagan Landis, London Leal, Roland Lee, Mateo Mancillas, Aaron Martinez, Matthew Martinez, Breanna McNeil, Jayden Miko, Jamison Miller and Nathaniel Molina.

Aryan Nepal, Drake Nguyen, Alan Nguyen, Nathan Nnadi, Skye Orsua, Isaac Ortiz, Adan Palomares, Nyzir Peterson, Aaron Posadas, Maesyn Poullard, Kyle Ramos, Jayden Richardson, Alexavier Rodriguez and Viviana Salazar.

Aubree Sandino, David Sepulveda, Avah Sinks, Andrew Strong, Zoie Sudario, Alicia Syypien, Jason Tan, Abby Villanueva, Hannah Walker, Anna Wilkerson and Hussein Zamzam.

## Second grade

Samuel Alexander, Samantha Barraza, Sabrina Cavazos, Jocelyn Cerda, TJ Charles, Lila Collazos, Brooklyn Coronado, Carissa Cortez, Kate Dao, Jesse Deleon, Gael Diaz, Peyton Dowell, Iris Durrette, Myla Figueroa, Bryan Flores, Matteo Garciduenas, Mia Gonzalez, Mikayla Gonzalez, Lance Goree, David Harris and Riley Hensley.

Elijah Hernandez, Sebastian Hernandez, Abygail Her-

rera, Durriyah Hill, Blake Hughes, Alice Lam, Long Le, Isaiah Lopez, Phuwadet Maingot, Mason Martinez, Chloe Maycott, Brady McNeil, Kairi Mendoza, Annie Nguyen, Hillary Nguyen, Nicole Nnadi, Abby Palma, Robert Pheister, Marion Schroder, Evan Treadway and Leonardo Trevino.

## Outstanding Citizen Award Kindergarten

Presli Carrol, Felix Gonzalez, Analee Hernandez, Zayan Jafri, Mariah Mendez, Maximus Ochoa, Gabriella Padilla, Luke Sanchez, Kelsie Snook Bolling and Ayden Turner.

## Third grade

Aaden Aguilar, Juwaryyah Ali, Kayleigh Broussard, Sophia Cleary, Karson Edwards, Chloe Garcia, Miguel Johnson, Caylee Martinez, Brandon McNeil, Hailey Naughton, Jacob Rios and Christopher Ton.

## Fourth grade

Alana Espinoza, Matthew Garcia, Adlin Mena, Justin Nguyen, Camila Otero, Juliana Perez, Jonny Pham, Issac Urquieta, Angelina Vu, Nathan Vu and A'zyla Williams.

## Perfect Attendance Kindergarten

Arian Banda, Rylee Broussard, Presli Carrol, Nathan Chavez, Camila Corpus, Ejaz Gill, Jacob Gonzales, Amelia Handal, Janney Hernandez, Madeline Herrera, Julian Herrera and Amelia Hoang.

## Chelsea Huynh, Edina Lendsey, Harlie Matthew, Presly McMurry, Alaina Melchor, Mariah Mendez, Jaclyn Nguyen, Quan Nguyen, Daniel Patterson, Andrew Perez, Carson Pham, Josiah Salazar, Jorge Sanchez, Ayden Turner and Aaron Williams.

## First grade

Cristina Alexander, Mauricio Amaya, Giselle Ayala, Elijah Barron, Hannah Bui, Malachi Caballero, Brianna

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# Meador awards Good Character recipients



Meador Elementary presented Good Character awards to students for the third nine-weeks at the awards program on March 29. Shown above happy to receive recognition are kindergartners, left to right, Alexa Mondragon, Ashley Quijada, Gabriella Renteria, Phillip Picarro and Eleena Breightheith. Below, all smiles with their accomplishment are, left to right, (front row) Diana Alvarez, first-grader; Camden Scott, first-grader; Natalie Estrada, first-grader; Alexia Ruiz, first-grader; Kassidii Holcombe, first-grader; (back row) Milley Williams, second-grader; Andres Maldonado, second-grader; Joseph Nguyen, second-grader; Isabella Carmichael, second-grader; Jaiden Espinoza, second-grader; and Natasha Cordova, second-grader.



Students who have received certificates, the students shown above are, left to right, (front row) Janenish Muniz, third-grader; Janelle Ramos, third-grader; Maurice Ty, third-grader; Allison Villar, third-grader; (back row) Derrick Malone, fourth-grader; Janeiya Piper, fourth-grader; Alina Sosa, fourth-grader; Andrew Garcia, fourth-grader; Estefani Orellana, fourth-grader; and Aracely Alvarado, fourth-grader. Photos by Tara Merida



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# ADA announces risk test campaign in partnership with Precinct One

Precinct One Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis, the American Diabetes Association and members of the medical profession all recently announced a campaign to inform people about a 60-second online "Know Your Risk" test for type 2 diabetes.

The campaign, spearheaded by ADA, also is being promoted in Precinct One on 25 billboards co-sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield and Clear Channel Outdoor Americas.

"Diabetes type 2 is preventable and treatable if people know their risk and have the resources to take action to prevent or treat diabetes," Ellis said. "This public service campaign is needed in Precinct One because we have several communities at high risk. Type 2 diabetes disproportionately affects communities of color, seniors and other underserved communities."

"Today is an example of community partners working together to help our neighbors know their risk for type 2 diabetes," said Melissa Edwards, executive director of Central Texas ADA. "The American Diabetes Association is proud to partner and share our free online type 2 diabetes risk test that takes 60 seconds to complete and, if you are at risk, connect you to online and in-person resources within a 25-mile radius of your ZIP code."

The billboards, in English and Spanish, were unveiled at a news conference Wednesday at Baylor College of Medicine-Cullen Building. "Clear Channel Outdoor Americas is pleased to be a part of this program to reach the public with this lifesaving message," said Lee Vela, vice president for public affairs at

Clear Channel Outdoor. "This message will be displayed on 25 traditional billboards in Harris County Precinct One and up to 12 digital billboards in other parts of the county - all of which will create millions of market impressions. It is our sincere hope that this message reaches those who are in danger of developing diabetes."

Diabetes is the seventh leading cause of death in the U.S. Also, one in 11 Americans has diabetes and 86 million are at risk. In Texas, 14.6 percent of the adult population have diabetes, according to the ADA. Harris County has an average prevalence rate of 12 percent while neighborhoods like Kashmere Gardens and Acres Homes in Precinct One have prevalence rates between 20 percent and 24 percent, underscoring the need for this public service campaign.

Dr. Ashok Balasubramanyam, professor of medicine in diabetes, endocrinology and metabolism at Baylor Col-

lege of Medicine, said the risk score is extremely accurate and it can help guide a person to the next step. He said everyone is somewhere at the risk stage and at some point "we all start going down that slope that ends up with complications of diabetes."

"That's the bad news," Balasubramanyam said. "But the good news is that no matter where you are on that slope, there are great studies, many of which we participated in, that show you can actually keep on decreasing that risk. If you are sliding downhill, you can actually push your way back up to the top of the hill back to health. That can happen at any level of risk."

Joy Ashby Cornthwaite, registered dietitian and diabetes educator at McGovern Medical School at UT Health Science Center, said people can decrease their risk of developing diabetes or manage the disease if they change their lifestyle by being physically active and eating healthier, including fruits and vegetables.

"Once you know, you can't un-know," Ashby said. "But also once you know, you can change. You'll be able to make choices that arm yourself with the knowledge, with the skills, with the resources and then with the extended support to help you live a long and healthy life."

Dr. Jerald L. Zarin, medical director of Medicaid and government programs at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas, said, "This initiative has the potential to have a tremendous impact on the health of many people in the Houston-Harris County region. Early detection of prediabetes and diabetes is critical to preventing and managing the disease."

People can take the test online, at diabetes.org/risk test. "Once you know if you are at risk, you can take simple steps, such as daily exercise and losing weight, to reduce your risk for developing type 2 diabetes," Ellis said. "Your health is too important to not know your risk."

construction activities, be aware of flagmen and orange traffic cones that will be put in place on site to help with traffic flow through the construction zone as temporary lane closures are expected. One lane will be open in each direction during peak traffic hours. Residents and businesses may experience temporary delays accessing Gemini Avenue, as well as individual driveways.

For additional information, contact Council Member Dave Martin's office at 832-393-3008 or district@houstontx.gov.

# Update given on Gemini project

Houston City Council Member Dave Martin is informing Clear Lake residents the previously delayed Gemini Avenue overlay project has been rescheduled.

The Gemini Avenue project was delayed due to scheduling conflicts with the contractor, and is now scheduled to begin the week of May 13. The boundaries for the asphalt overlay along Gemini Avenue begin 650 feet east of El Camino Real and end at Reseda Drive. Construction is expected to be complete by the end of August 2019,

# Morris snags second place at Name That Book



Morris Middle School secured second-place medals at the ninth annual Pasadena Independent School District Name That Book Competition that was held Saturday, April 6, at Parkview Intermediate School. This is a district-wide reading competition in which students read 20 books chosen for the event and must identify quotes selected from the books. This year's team members are shown, left to right, Cheryl Patrick, librarian; Waleska Palacios; Emir Espinoza; Anthony Garza; Kristi Nguyen; Jamare Philbert; Keyla Zeledon; and Anthony Dinh. Photo submitted

# Atkinson lists awards

Atkinson Elementary has named its awards for the third nine-weeks.

**Principal's List Kindergarten**  
Shufeng Cao, Elisabeth Cordova, Chloe Cortez, Jack Maddox, Paige McMullen, Tommy Nguyen, Jose Rodriguez and Sofia Sanchez.

**First grade**  
Alvaro Herrera, Zuri Dias, Tatiana Gamboa, Damian Hicks, Lam Luu, Melanie Mandujano, Emily Martinez, Michael Tran, Haley Trevino and Gabriel Wotkins.

**Second grade**  
Rebecca DeLeon, Alexis Esquivel, Layla Garcia, Natalie Hodgson-Garcia, Sebastian Martinez, Melissa Melendez, Jacob Moreno, Jaime Palomino, Jayden Piereda, Kendra Prida, Cody Teague and Andy Zamora.

**Third grade**  
Jesus Carrillo, Manuel Cedillo, Sasha Cepeda, Kyle Contreras, Angel Escobar, Ineke Hicks, Wendi Li, Rubi Reyes, Isaac Torres and Carlos Vega.

**Fourth grade**  
Vianka Alanis, Lizeth Banda, Matthew Erazo, Valeria Frias, Sophia Gonzalez, Alan Hamlett, Trinity Lyons, Seven Nguyen, Precious Osaghae, Noah Serna, Emily Trevino and Jose Luis Vieyra.

**Honor Roll**  
**Third grade**  
Ricky Doan, Jakob Gentry, Khai Nguyen, Jonathan Nora, Rubi Reyes and Daniela Tamayo.

**Fourth grade**  
Vanessa Blanco, Henry Hong, Brooke Kelso, Huy Le, Duy Nguyen, Jocelyn Nguyen and Minh Vu.

**Merit Roll**  
**Third grade**  
Jessica Escobar, Miguel Garcia, Robert Gonzalez, Leo Danny Gonzalez, Luna Hernandez, Joshua Montes, Ayden Rodriguez and Jolie Tran.

**Fourth grade**  
Noah Serna.

# Over The Back Fence by Alexis

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JAY!**  
Best wishes are sent April 27 for a wonderful birthday to Dobie graduate and former Leader staff member Jay Do from friends and the Leader staff. He is currently a student at the University of Texas.

**SCHOOL DAZE**  
The following personnel of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays April 25 through May 1.

**Atkinson Elementary**  
Special birthday wishes are sent April 28 to **Mary Baker-Porter**.

**Burnett Elementary**  
Sing two choruses of a happy birthday song April 28 to **Jessica Kidd** and **Erica Lopez**.

**Genoa Elementary**  
Join in the birthday celebration April 26 for **Portia Alvaro**.

**Moore Elementary**  
Send a happy birthday card April 25 to **Dee Dee Pitts**. **Aracely Buentillo** enjoys a birthday May 1.

**Stuchbery Elementary**  
Best wishes for a great birthday April 26 are sent to **Carolyn Eastburn**. Happy birthday wishes are sent April 27 to **Iris Montemayor**.

**Melillo Middle School**  
On April 26, light the birthday candles for **Bridget Warren**. The day for a birthday cake for **Jacqueline Carmona** is April 27. Send a birthday greeting April 30 to **Adriana Saavedra**.

**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
April 25 marks a special birthday for **Keith Whitley**.

**Thompson Intermediate**  
Light the candles April 29 for a double celebration for **Nicole Horne-Sherman** and **Melissa Taylor**.

**Dobie High**  
The day for a gift for **Laura Sharpless** is April 29. Enjoy a slice of birthday cake April 30 with **Erica Moreno**. Send a special card to **Mathew Ortiz** who celebrates his birthday April 30.

**FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS**  
The Leader sends happy birthday wishes to friends who enjoy a birthday:

Thursday, April 25: **Rebecca Castonguay, Anne Seaton, Steve Jones, Misty Kuehn and Liana Pena**; Friday, April 26: **Traci Thompson, Steve Patterson, Stephen Brady and Dan Fortson**; Saturday, April 27: **Emily Walker, Erika Gonzalez, Pam Navarre, Mary Pinkerton, Freda Mathews, Paula Morley, Amber Allan and Penelope Villeda**; Sunday, April 28: **Ralph Jackson, Kelly Schwell, Jason Stonestreet, Monica Rasmussen and Carrie Ramirez**; Monday, April 29: **Kevin James, Jonathan Ellis, Ben Bryant and Melissa Rahman**; Tuesday, April 30: **Cindy Munoz, Diana Guzman, Scott Koplun and Mathew Ortiz**; and Wednesday, May 1: **Kenneth Zermeno, Ladonna Alvarez, John Anderson, David Payne, Shanna Mounce, Clint Simmons and Stephanie Sirt**.

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

## Dominguez Chan receives award



**Laura Dominguez Chan**  
Associate Dean of Career Education & Director of Career Communities

Laura "Lucky" Dominguez Chan, associate dean of career education and director of career communities at Stanford University in California, will be awarded the Amy J. Blue Award at the university April 30. The award honors one who is exceptionally dedicated, supportive of colleagues and passionate and energetic at work. Dominguez Chan is a 1985 J. Frank Dobie High School graduate, and is the daughter of longtime South Belt residents Joe and Yolanda Dominguez.

*Photo by Joe Dominguez*

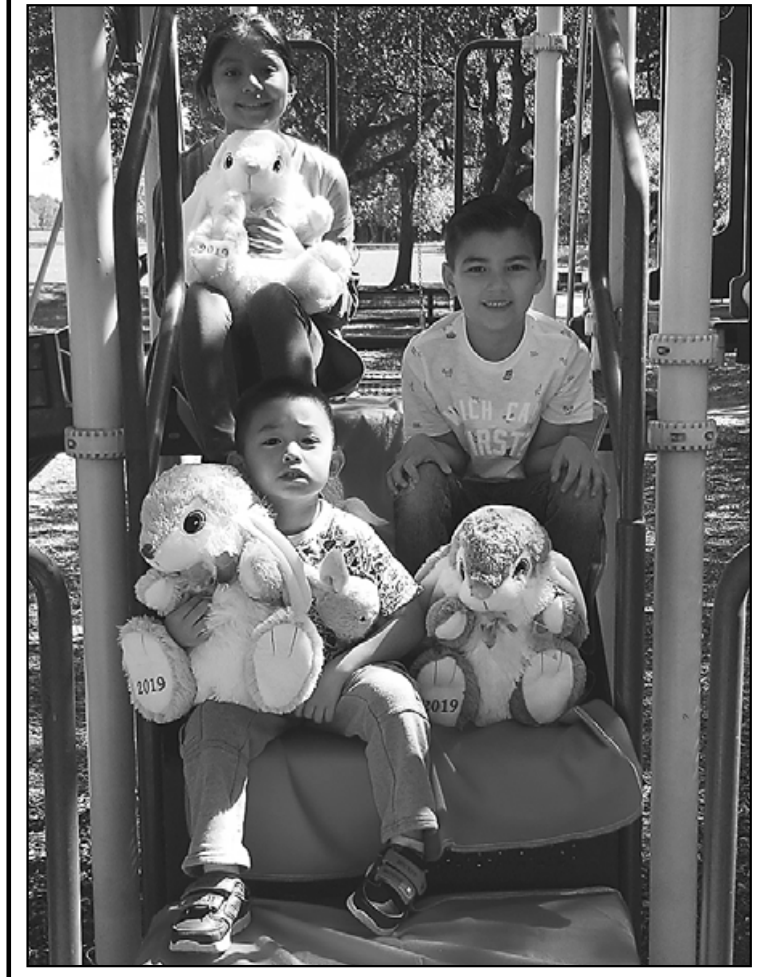
# CCISD seeks mentors

Although the 2019-2020 school year is months away, plans are already finalized to expand Clear Creek Independent School District's Big Brothers Big Sisters program to an additional four intermediate campuses next year. Throughout National Volunteer Month, Clear Creek ISD, in partnership with the Big Brothers Big Sisters organization, is asking community members to help inspire a young person and "Defend Potential," as is the BBBS rally cry this year, by becoming a Big.

Several dozen students in CCISD have been newly-identified to participate in the program and have expressed interest in being matched with a mentor for guidance and support in the coming school year. "Our students have a lot of weight on their shoulders in these complicated times," said Dr. Jeanne deVein, CCISD coordinator of Prevention and At Risk Services. "Our data shows that with the attention and intervention of just one more caring adult, attendance and even grades improve, forging a path for the future success of that child."

Through CCISD's Big Brothers Big Sisters School-Based Program, the Bigs and Littles meet for one-on-one mentoring at the intermediate school once a week, or at least three times a month. The matched pair read together, play games, work on homework or simply talk

# HM names Easter winners



Highland Meadow Homeowners Association held its Easter egg hunt at Highland Meadow Park. Shown above are the golden egg winners, front to back, Bryan Hua, 1-3 years age group; Ricky Barrera, 4-7 years age group; and Abril Dosal, age 8 and older group. All the golden egg winners were given a 2019 Easter bunny and six special color eggs were hidden for smaller Easter bunnies. In addition, five small Easter bunnies were donated by Bella Guzman for door prize drawings. More than 1,700 eggs filled with candy were hidden throughout the park. Chili dogs, chips, soft drinks, water and desserts were served.

*Photo submitted*

# Six students sign on for internships

Clear Creek Independent School District Career and Technical Education programs have long provided students with a path toward post-secondary success. On April 16, six students moved further down that path as they signed official Automotive Service Excellence Education Foundation Internship agreements with several automotive dealerships in the local area.

The six students who will be placed in internships beginning this summer are Garrett Wilson, Clear Falls High School; Darian Korpus, Clear Springs High School; Justin Guidos, Clear Creek High School; Logan Brown, Clear Springs High School; William Haire, Clear Springs High School; and Jaron Lindh from Clear Springs High School. Participating dealership partners are Ron Carter Ford, Ron Carter GM, McRee Ford and Norman Frede Chevrolet.

The agreement specifies the responsibilities of the student, instructor, mentor and parent of the intern and all parties sign the documents.

The internship experience is the culmination of the automotive technology program curriculum in CCISD. Students in the Automotive Technology I course will begin by exploring automotive technician careers, technical skills, safety, and experience hands-on training in computer diagnostic programs, automotive tools and equipment. Moving into the Automotive Technology II course, students receive in-depth instruction in electrical/electronic systems, suspension/steering, brakes and engine performance. Students take the ASE certification exams in up to 10 areas. In the Practicum in Transportation Systems, students participate in either a paid or unpaid internship in an automotive repair facility where they shadow a lead mentor and learn alongside industry professionals.

Automotive Technology is a CTE Specialty Program, led by instructor, Mike Hedger, housed at Clear Springs High School. However, students from other CCISD high schools may apply for the program and take the Automotive Technology classes at Clear Springs while attending their home campus for their other coursework.

"In my 11 years here with the help and support of CCISD and industry partners here tonight, we are truly changing lives of students, especially those trying to find their fit and what they want to do in life," said Hedger. "With all this support, we have helped more than 40 students intern and countless more move into the industry after graduation."

At the signing ceremony, students and mentors who just completed their year-long internships were also recognized. They are Zach Little, Clear Springs High School, with Ron Carter Dodge Alvin; Jacob Smith, Clear Springs High School with McRee Ford; Nicolas Mejia, Clear Creek High School with Ron Carter GM; and Darren Tull, Clear Falls High School with Norman Frede Chevrolet. Mejia was also named the Automotive Technology Outstanding Student of the Year.

Laura "Lucky" Dominguez Chan, associate dean of career education and director of career communities at Stanford University in California, will be awarded the Amy J. Blue Award at the university April 30. The award honors one who is exceptionally dedicated, supportive of colleagues and passionate and energetic at work. Dominguez Chan is a 1985 J. Frank Dobie High School graduate, and is the daughter of longtime South Belt residents Joe and Yolanda Dominguez.

*Photo by Joe Dominguez*

# "A Chorus Line" visits SJC fine arts

Juxtapose Arts Collective presents "A Chorus Line," directed by Travis Kirk Coombs, May 2-4, at San Jacinto College South, Fine Arts Building, located at 13735 Beamer Road.

Join in on this classic musical as hundreds of Broadway hopefuls attend a dance cattle call for the next big show. Zach, the director, and his assistant eventually whittle down the audition to just 16 dancers. All tell stories of their life - some tragic, some comic. Tension builds as Cassie - once a big star and Zach's lover but now desperate for a part - auditions, but Zach must choose only the best for his show. Viewer discretion is advised.

"A Chorus Line" is our first fully professional musical theater production," said Stacey Focke, president of the board of directors. "The amount of talented local Houston actors and dancers are bringing this show to the next level!"

# Senate passes SB 1772

The Texas Senate has unanimously passed Senate Bill 1772, authored by Sen. Paul Bettencourt to trigger an automatic disaster reappraisal of impacted properties following a major disaster, such as Hurricane Harvey.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey many taxpayers were confronted with the reality that they would be taxed at full value on their property that in many cases were completely destroyed. In one example homeowners on one side of the Buffalo Bayou in Houston were reappraised by Spring Branch Independent School District while homeowners a stone's throw away were not. This legislation is based upon a work group led by Rep. Hugh Shine as well as testimony given to the Senate Property Tax Committee in the interim.

"Nothing makes home and business owners madder than paying full property taxes on a damaged or destroyed property," said Bettencourt.

"I expect that the public will approve the change in the Texas Constitution as everyone wants simple disaster reappraisal post Hurricane Harvey," said Sen. Borris Miles.

SJR 57, the Resolution accompanying SB 1772, would allow for a property tax exemption for property located in a governor-declared disaster area and that is at least 15 percent damaged by the disaster as determined by the chief appraiser, or up to 100 percent of the structure for a total loss.

"This proposed new disaster reappraisal system in SB 1772 is based upon a simple taxpayer rendition of damages," continued Bettencourt. "That simplifies everything and then a temporary exemption grants the tax relief, which could be \$5,000, for example, on a totaled \$200,000 structure."

"We have a moral obligation to help Texans in the rebuilding process following a major disaster," added Sen. Lois Kolkhorst.

Multiple taxing entities did trigger disaster reappraisal for home and business owners following Hurricane Harvey. Fort Bend County, Montgomery County, Spring Branch ISD, Katy ISD, Willis ISD, the City of Shoreacres, and many other smaller taxing entities did act to provide impacted taxpayers with needed relief, along with over two dozen other taxing units. SB 1772 will make future reappraisals automatic across the disaster area.

# Annual Teacher of the Year luncheon to be held

The Clear Creek Independent School District has announced the 44 teachers who have been selected to represent their respective campus in the community's search for the District's Elementary and Secondary Teachers of the Year will be announced from a field of six finalists.

Beyond educating students, the following teachers have also been identified as a leader on their campus, working collaboratively with co-workers to improve the school culture. CCISD congratulates the 2019 Teachers of the Year:

**Elementary**  
Armand Bayou Elementary: Jenifer Gilmore.  
Bauerschlag Elementary: Ashley Hosek.  
Bay Elementary: Micaela Cowan.  
Brookwood Elementary: Kathryn Grindstaff.  
Clear Lake City Elementary: Natalie Szczypien.  
Falcon Pass Elementary: Caitlin Turner.  
Ferguson Elementary: Rebecca Nations.  
Gilmore Elementary: Jason Gardner.  
Goforth Elementary: Julia Simon.  
Greene Elementary: Angela Sanders.  
Hall Elementary: Heather Weger.  
Hyde Elementary: Allison Eitel.

**Landolt Elementary:** Rachel Willard.  
**League City Elementary:** Janice Green.  
**McWhirter Elementary:** Lucero Munoz Raba.  
**Mossman Elementary:** Josephine Burke.  
**North Pointe Elementary:** Melody Tanigawa.  
**Parr Elementary:** Christie Morgan.

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## Durham Park Community Garage Sale

**Saturday, April 27, 2019**  
8:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Rain or Shine

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# Remember When

**40 years ago (1979)**  
Tina Jones, daughter of Geraldine and Theodore Jones, was named Beauty Queen of the Junior Miss Division at the Strawberry Festival.

**Groundbreaking ceremonies** were held for the new Texas Commerce Bank, South Belt.

**35 years ago (1984)**  
Members of the Scarsdale Civic Association agreed to establish a Scarsdale crime hotline.

Padadena Jaycees named Ron Shafer, a fourth-grade teacher at Frazier Elementary School, Teacher of the Year.

**30 years ago (1989)**  
Four former employees of companies that operated at the Brio Superfund toxic waste site acknowledged the dumping of waste materials from the site onto nearby fields which became an area sandpit.

South Belt resident Robert Alcalá, 23, was severely injured in a motorcycle accident near Windmill Lakes Apartments that left him paralyzed from the shoulders down.

**25 years ago (1994)**  
Drive-by shootings occurred in Sageglen and Kirkwood subdivisions the same night.

After a year and a half of operation, the Parker Williams Library on Scarsdale at Beamer received its sign.

**20 years ago (1999)**  
At the state Junior Classical League Convention, Dobie High School's Latin Club finished in second place, behind Clear Brook High School's Latin Club.

A warrant sweep conducted by the office of Constable Gary Freeman resulted in 31 arrests and cleared a total of 89 warrants.

The third annual South Belt Cookoff netted approximately \$4,000 for the July Fourth fireworks and provided festivities for many area residents.

**15 years ago (2004)**  
Pasadena Independent School District's future facilities committee was considering the construction of a sixth high school west of Highway 3 to accommodate increasing enrollment.

Blues Brothers Barbecue won top overall honors at the eighth annual South Belt Barbecue Cook-off held at El Franco Lee Park.

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce announced a benefit program for its members that would pool their electricity usage to obtain the best pricing and contract terms.

The Clear Creek Independent School District canceled its board of trustees election because the two open positions were unopposed.

Dan Martin, CEO of Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital changed positions and would assume the vice president of community initiatives job.

**10 years ago (2009)**  
The University Interscholastic League postponed all high school competitions due to the outbreak of swine flu in the state. The move suspended all baseball and softball games, as well as regional track championships and musical and academic competitions and out-of-state trips.

Pablo Aguirre and Steve Delbello retired from the Houston Fire Department's Station 70 on Beamer Road. The pair had a combined 67 years on the force. The men had worked together for 28 years and had been at the Station 70 location on Beamer since it opened its doors in 1985.

A former Dobie student was killed in a traffic accident at Beltway 8 and the Gulf Freeway. Nayeli Gonzalez, 17, was a passenger in a Chevrolet Equinox northbound on the Gulf Freeway service road when the vehicle was struck by a Ford F-150 pickup truck traveling east on the Beltway 8 service road. After colliding with the Ford, the Equinox struck a traffic pole at the northeast corner of the intersection, and Gonzalez was ejected from the back seat. She was transported to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital where she was pronounced dead.

**5 years ago (2014)**  
A judge ruled in favor of the Pasadena Independent School District's at-large election process. A group of Hispanic leaders had filed a suit against PISD in September 2012, claiming its lack of single-member voting districts violated federal laws that protect minority voters. The court said, however, that Hispanics, who make up roughly 66 percent of the district's population, still had a voting advantage even in at-large races.

In the trial of Justice of the Peace George Risner against the Harris County Republican Party, a judge ruled that GOP challenger Leonila Olivares-Salazar had one more week to collect the 250 signatures necessary to appear on the November ballot. The candidate was required to collect the signatures because the original ones submitted, as required by state election law, were determined by Judge Robert Burgess to likely be fraudulent. Burgess, however, ruled that Olivares-Salazar was not responsible for the mishap, as she had hired a third party to circulate the petitions.

**1 year ago (2018)**  
Steve Stockman, a former Republican congressman who represented much of the South Belt community, was found guilty of 23 felony charges, after defrauding wealthy donors out of \$1.25 million.

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## Community Garage Sale

**Date: Saturday, April 27, 2019**  
**Time: 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.**  
**Place: YOUR Garage or Driveway!**

\*\*\*If needed... RAINOUT DAY would be May 4, 2019\*\*\*

It's that time of year again! Clean out your drawers, closets and your garage! A great way to get organized and make money is to participate in the community garage sale! Your unused items could be someone else's treasure.

Garage sales are only allowed in the community twice a year on dates specified by the HOA generally in the Spring and Fall!

# Thompson Intermediate names fifth six-weeks honor roll

Thompson Intermediate has named its honor roll for the fifth six-weeks.

## Honor Roll Seventh grade

Ace Joshua Adams, Maricela Aguilar, Chelsea Adeola Akinloye, Hayden Xavier Al-ulis, Imaad Hassan Ali, Cas-sius Aiden Arredondo Zuniga, Armando Salvador Arredondo, Samantha Michelle Arredondo, Ezekiel Nicolas Arriaga, Michelle Avalos, Aracely Griselda Aviles, Leobardo Jorge Aviles, Shaira Andrea Balanta Pachon, Houston Jakob Banda, Rosalyn Wahasis Barber and Jet Jack Barker.

Joel Barrera, Mohannad Mohamed Bataineh, Nancy Maribel Bazaldua, Mya Olivia Bell, Joshua Olufemi Bello, Joseph Anjel Benavides, Katharina Bleith Ramirez, Aidan Bruce Brown, Alan Huy Bui, Diego Camacho, Kayden Daniel Campos, Anthony Joseph Canales, Jill Yvette Canales, River Ethan Carroll, Jaylynn Rose Carter, Angel Cavazos and Efrain Ca-zares.

Dominick Sebastian Chavez, Zane Russell Coleman, Camryn Ann Collins, Braulio David Colon Ortiz, Zeni Ochin Comabella-Vives, Sojourner Lee Concepcion, Heli Marlene Contreras, Kaitlyn Jade Corona, Roberto Di-go Corona, Amiyah Re'shae Cotton, Ashley Marie Cruz, Celeste Renee Dammel, Tyler Duy An Dang, Yalat Kenai De

Luna, Haley Danelle Dehoyos and Azalea Rain Deleon.

Diavio Angel Dominguez, Vivian Ngan Duong, Gracie Makenna Dykstra, Tiffany Escudera, Zoe Elyse Espinoza, Xitlali Abigail Figueroa, Katya Isabela Flores, Kelly Milagro Flores, Horacio Omar Galvan, Natalia Mari Gamez, Ziara Clara Gaona, Vanessa Alexandra Garay, Aranzazu Garcia, Eliud Garcia, Hailey Elizabeth Garcia, Mariana Garcia and Yulissa Yvonne Garcia.

Devin Andrew Garza, Titus Quoc Giang, Kira Nicole Goeman, Lydia Goldenko, Flor Maria Gomez Chicas, Izabella Grace Gomez, Ricardo Alonso Gomez, Miranda Guadalupe Gonzalez Garza, Alana Marie Gore, Eva Lynn Grile, Ayesha Hasan, Jah Jon Jonthal Hawkins and Antonio Joseph Hernandez.

Ethan Cross Hernandez, Jazmin Marie Hernandez, Julia Lucila Hernandez, Zara Melania Hobson, Adonis James Hubbard, Oscar Huerta, Eric Dinh Huynh, Bella Isales, Ramon Jasso-Moreno, Isabel Kathleen Jimenez, Makayla Sudario Johnson, Shalini Rhea Johnson, Avery Zane Jones, Jay Alejandro Jones, Sarahlynn Onya Kam-Trevino and Noah Robert Keigley.

Colten Gabriel Kees, Shana Lee Kieselhorst, Quynh Nhat Ky, Dennis Paul Le, Rachael Yvan Le, Tommy Le,

Jordan Christiana Leahman, Mario Noel Leal, Nathan Riley Lind, Kyla Aileen Lobo, Christopher Zachery Lopez, Jonathan Nathaniel Lopez, Joshua Jeremiah Lopez, Adriana Elena Luna, Jennifer Ly and Julie Ann Machado.

Aidan Jacob Maldonado, Jules Nathaniel Borromeo Manlangit, Angelina Desiray Martinez, Daniel Alexis Martinez, Trinity Dawn Maxwell, Hailey Ava Mendiola, Giovanni Mendoza, Darianny Mercedes, Seth Michael Miller, Roselynn Molina, Michael Anthony Montano, Adam Andre Montes and Isabel Jolie Nava.

Quoc-An Ky Ngo, Tran Bao Ngo, Anh Dong Nguyen, John Tang Nguyen, My-An Nguyen, Tam Le Duc Nguyen, Taylor Truong Nguyen, Terry Thanh Nguyen, Ti Na Nguyen, Troy Anh Nguyen, Tyler Toan Minh Nguyen, Cindy Ni, Zachary Chibueze Nwosu, Joseph Michael Ortiz-Ramirez, Victoria Angelique Ortiz-Ramirez, Abigail Rose Bayang Panza and Audrey Anna Paredes.

Alton James Parker, Mary Grace Venant Pelekamoyo, Belle Alexandria Perridon, Serenity Nevaeh Porter, Robert Manuel Portillo, Sophia Danielle Posey, Cymone' Rachelle Potier, Javari Alexander Powell, Iris Victoria-Jolie Premanand, Gabriel Alexander Presiado, Jayden Jeremiyah Rangel, Juan Carlos Reyes,

Joel Isaac Rivera, Jeovany Javry Rodriguez, Itzel Romero and Jacob Daniel Romero.

Kaylee Jasil Ruiz, Valerie Amber Salazar, Emily Salinas, Gustavo Ricardo Salinas, Aliyah Nicole Sanchez, Jacklyn Cristina Santos, Alyson Renee Schwausch, Madelyn Grace Sepulveda, Malcolm Joseph Sherwood and Katelyn Renee' Shirley.

Minza Siddiqui, Oscar Silva, Sahalley Silva, Xavier Silva, Allisyn Hope Sockwell, Maddisyn Lynn Sockwell, Oscar Sosa, Nicolas Ruben Soto, Dempsey Derrell Spears, Jasmine Rayne Stewart, Hermynie Taylor, Kenton Dat Thai, Y Thien Tran and Blaine Anthony Turner.

## Eighth grade

Alexis Acosta, Derrick Nathaniel Addison, Valerie Damilola Akinloye, Mia Denise Alexander, Jose Roberto Alonso, Alize Denai Alvarez, Emelin Lisseth Andrade, Leonel Angel Araiza, Sidney Elise Armstrong, Jorge Luis Arredondo, Allison Nicolt Areola, Luke Jason Auzenne, Janelle Barreiro, Dynasti Rakhilla Benson and Ethan James Bishop.

Yvette Alouette Boj-seauneau, Jeremiah Henry Bradley, Honesty One Brooks, Andrew Michael Cabrales, Jade Guadalupe Cabrera, Daylan Tyrese Cadoree, Kaitlyn Makenna Campos, Kyra Janee' Cervantes, Bella Rein Cisneros, Jessica Kaye Coleman, Kayla Jo'nae Coleman, Zoe Kate Cooper and Isaiah Nathaniel Correa.

Victoria Ann Couchman, Sarah Abigail Cruz, Sofia Victoria Cruz, Tiana Hanh Curtis, Colin Dung Dang, Hieu Vu Minh Dang, Daniel Anthony Delgado, Emily Danielle Delgado, Raul Sebastian Diaz, Jenny Nhi Do, Nam Minh Duong, Robert Sean Durham and Nicolas Michael Edmondson.

Leslie Gabrielle Espinoza, Hayden Thomas Feil, Cristian Daniel Fernandez, Adriana Figueroa, Elyza Susana Flores, Ethan Antonio Flores, Iveth Flores, Lyzbeth Flores, Lizette Fonseca, Evan Alexander Fraustro, Sophia Abigail Garay and Ashlee Monique Garcia.

Jasmin Nicole Garcia, Nathan Adrian Garcia, Noah Heinz Garcia, Serenity Grace Garcia, Xander Garcia, Laci Janae Garrett, Alec Nicholas Garza, Gabriela Garza, Noah Seth Gaytan, Jacque Rose Giron, Briana Elaine Gomez, Marcus Alexander Gomez, Ariana Celeste Gonzales, Julianna Rebecca Gonzales, Mia Angel Gonzales, Adrianna Marie Gonzalez and Alexa Gonzalez.

Jiselle Alexia Gonzalez, Victoria Alexa Gonzalez, Natalie Ariel Graciano, David Adrian Guzman, Kevin Alexander Guzman, Ravin Leann Harvey, Emma Rai Hernandez, Fernando Alexis Hernandez, Jacob Mathew Hernandez, Marianna Hernandez, Natalie Nicole Hernandez, Natalie Paige Hernandez,

Victor Adolfo Hernandez, El-eanne Herrera, Kaiden Lee Hills, Nevan Elaijah Hulse, Ryan Janell Humphrey, Chance Alan Hurd, Gloria Immaculate and Daisy Lynn Irwin.

Savannah Nicole Jalomo, Adam Gabriel Jimenez, Edgar Javier Jimenez, Ian Sudario Johnson, Justice Marie Johnson, Natalia Jenae Jones, Bianca Nicole Kinder, Evan Joshua Krustchinsky, Thalia Ngoc Diem Le, Mauricio Leal, Alyssa Saige Lloyd, Ivan Lopez, Lilian Lopez and Santiago Lopez.

Sean Edwin Lopez, Salet Esmeralda Lovo, Christian Santino Lucerohunter, Ivan Ray Mariscal, Adolfo Martinez, Emily Annette Martinez, Emily Lyana Martinez, Evan Alejandro Martinez, Eyanna Kayleen Martinez, Melissa Brianna Martinez, Yessenia Mata, Tashjae Breasia McCann and Cindy Stephanie Medina.

Jose Refugio Medina, Aryana Estrella Mejorado, Isaac Mendoza, Paula Mendoza, Jesse Zachariah Mohamed Chavez, Connor Austin Mohwinkel, Genevieve Mia Monarez, Maria Jose Monge Hernandez, Madelyne Viktoria Montes, Jer'keithric Antione Moore, Mario Alejandro Moreno, Alena Amelia Morin, Isela Viviana Munoz and A'myah Danielle Murray.

Mia Renee Naranjo, Demah Naser, Anthony Dwayne Newsome, Ann Ky Anh Nguyen, Daniel Nguyen, Dylan Thai Nguyen, Huyhoang Huy Nguyen, Lilyan Nhi Nguyen, Ryan Duc Nguyen, Steven Trieu-Phi Nguyen, Vivian Mai Thanh Nguyen, Ginessa Maridel Olvera, Dominic Martin Ortiz and Janice Stephanie Padilla.

Adrian Aris Cortez Panerio, Ingrid Berenice Pasasin, Nathan Alexander Pavalonis, Andrick Elian Perez, Angelina Sky Perez, Bella Grace Perez, Erin Jean Raizza Perez, Jocelyn Perez, Sofia Leonor Perez, Raul Perez-Rodriguez, Thu Minh Pham, Phung Kim Phan, Samuel Pineda, Alexander James Plegler, Nicholas Michael Ponce, Clarissa Grace Ramirez and Felicity Jean Resendez.

Jacob Anthony Reyna, Fynnlan Isaiah Ridge, Ezequiel Rivera, Destiny Alyssa Rodriguez, Emeterio Rodriguez, Jordy Misael Rodriguez, Julie Amanda Rodriguez, Lauren Somer Rodriguez, Manuel Rodriguez, Marissa Rojas, Emily Salazar, Leyla Rebecca Salazar, Evelyn Sanchez, Christian Jordan Schmidt, Rainy Day Sci-ba, Serena Maria Segura and Mable Lee Sofia.

Emilee Rayne Sulak, Kennedy Dat Thai, Maria Avenelle Tipton, Madeline Elizabeth Torres, Francisco Johnathan Urquieta, Vianca Victoria Valencia, Heaven Leigh Vargas, Christian Andrew Vega, Alexia Carolina Velasquez and Robert Enrique Villatoro.

## Cardin Nguyen Vo, Phu Ngoc Thien Vu, Tatyana Tanae Walker, Elias Kyle Wallace, Jameria Antionette Warren, Kaitlyn Elisabeth Webb, Travis Alexander Webb, Maria Angelina Wence, Evelyn Paige Wheeler, Jacob Marcelus White, Anyia Nykole Williams, Darreon Jaquan Williams, Tyler Lee Wygant and Catalina Zendejas.

# Moore names 2018-2019 Teacher of the Year



Moore Elementary's 2018 - 2019 Teacher of the Year is Patricia Norman, who was selected for the recognition because she is a beloved and dedicated teacher, setting high expectations for her students and ensuring they meet them. Shown are, left to right, (front row) Isaiah Barrientos, Paul Arango, Jeremiah Martinez, (middle row) Ivan Torres, Madisyn Saenz, Norman, Crystal Carreno, Orlando Luna, (back row) Ruby Lovo, Isaac Zamora and Debbie Pampell.

Photo by Angelica Moreno-Perez

# South Belt shares list of awards

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Cardenas, Elizabeth Carling, Chacidy Carter, Yvette Castillo, Andy Castillo, Geoffrey Charles, Kinsley Freeman, Daniella Gonzalez and Angel Hernandez.

Max Hernandez, Aubrey Hernandez, Xavier Jimenez, Karter Kraus, Reagan Landis, Sydney Landis, Daniel Mabry, Aaron Martinez, Tabitha Mathis, Breanna McNeal, Nathaniel Molina, Aryan Nepal, Sharon Nguyen, Drake Nguyen and Alan Nguyen.

Skye Orsua, Porus Pandey, Jeremiah Ramirez, Alexavier Rodriguez, Estefania Rodriguez, Zoie Sanabria, David Sepulveda, Evelyn Spears, Noah St. Ange, Andrew Strong, Zoie Sudario, Liam Thomas, Korvin Ton, Abby Villanueva, Jacqueline Vo, Emanuel Williams and Hussein Zamzam.

Second grade  
Samuel Alexander, Samantha Barazza, Brock Bernard, Ashton Carter, Jockeylin Cerda, TJ Charles, Lila Collazos, Carrissa Cortez, Kaci Curry Shepard, Kate Dao, Emilio De la Garza, Jesse Deleon, Delilah Deleon, Ruby Dent, Gael Diaz and Iris Durette.

Mya Figueroa, Matteo Garciduenas, Mia Gonzalez, Lance Gore, Ily Gray, Howard Green, Aaron Guillen, Eriel Henderson, Elijah Hernandez, Sophia Hernandez, Abygail Herrera, Durriyah Hill, Ramon Jaramillo, Jaden Jimenez, Alice Lam and Long Le.

Isaiah Lopez, Pablo Lopez, Phuwadet Maingot, Juliet Martinez, Jaliyah May, Chloe Maycott, Brady McNeal, Gabriel Melchor, Kaynat Mian, Mario Monsivais, Adriana Padilla, Robert Phiestner, Nathan Precella and Daniel Ramirez.

Dahlia Reyes, Grayson Riley, Emily Rodriguez, Joshua Salazar, Oscar Sanchez, Nathaniel Simpson, Giselle Tran, Kallie Troxlar, Kaisen Troxlar, Max Villela, Christina Vu, Devin White and Oscar Yanez.

Third grade  
Isaiah Ambriz, Idunu Baruwaa-Etti, Joseph Bello, Kaci-cylin Bernard, Aja Breaux, Kayleigh Broussard, Anabella Cancel, Elizabeth Cervantez, Jon Tayshele Cole, Karaline Coronan, Isaac De Luna, Kay-la De Robles, Kenya Delong Thompson, Langston Edwards, Miguel Galan and Aly Garza.

Julian Gonzalez, Josue Herrera, Jaylen Hill, Deliyah Horton, Rya Hurd, Nathalie Huynh, Jerron Lendsey, Andres Lopez, Elizabeth Lopez, Isaiah Machado, Jayme Martinez, Caylee Martinez, Aren McCalla, David Melchor and Damian Melchor.

Angela Mena, Lisa Ngo, Mia Nguyen, Christopher Ojeda, Emma Parker, Kinora Ploucha, Jon' Quandra Cole, Jordyn Rodriguez, Alyana Rodriguez, Mia Roppolo, Bella Starks, Logan Stewart, Emma Stone, Dexter Sullivan, Alec Tamegnon, Benson Ton, Christopher Torres, Leslie Torres, Justin Tran and Hassan Zamzam.

Fourth grade  
Ibrahim Ali, Paige Bernand, Jordan Bernard, Evan Bowden, Jady N Cantu, Roland Cardoza, Mariya Colbert, Leslie Costa, Carlos Delgado, Kyleigh Dorsy, Anahi Echeverria, Alana Espinoza, Alyssa Espinoza, Macy Figueroa, Matthew Garcia, Kyler Gomez and Zyzel Gonzalez.

Limas, Mariana Mejia, Ad-lin Mena, Morgan Momie, Katalinh Moore, Evan Mora, Zainab Naveed, Nicholas Nguyen, Justin Nguyen, Cody Nguyen and Andrew Nguyen.

Ethan Pereda, Jeremiah Perez, Matthew Perez, Juliana Perez, Jonny Pham, Aubree Rodriguez, Nelson Rodriguez, Matthew Salazar, Emily Salinas, Skylar Silas, Christiane Simpson, Jayda Stewart, Evan Taylor, Sang Tran, Elijah Ugalde, Issac Urquita, Aiden Vega, Angelina Vu, Jyllian White and Kyla Lind Willridge.

## Principal's Award

### First grade

Avery Aguilar, Cristina Alexander, Christopher Alvarado, David Alvarenga, Mauricio Amaya, Aubrey Arredondo, Giselle Ayala, Rylee Bacon, Genesis Banda, Arian Banda, Elijah Barron, Kaleah Barsock, Ja'Kendalyn Beckom, Orlo Boardman, Bryce Bond, Hannah Bui and Dora Campos.

Elizabeth Carling, Chacidy Carter, Yvette Castillo, Alessandra Cervantes, Sofia Charles, Diego Davila, Arian Faulkner, Kinsley Freeman, Christian Garza, Adelyn Garza, Cincere Givens, Anthony Gonzales, Daniella Gonzalez, Erica Gonzalez Rios, Natalie Graff and Rylee Hayes.

Angel Hernandez, Max Hernandez, Aubrey Hernandez, Jourdan Jenkins, Xavier Jimenez, Jeremiah Johnson, Simone Jones, Reagan Landis, Sydney Landis, London Leal, Daniel Mabry, Mateo Mancillas and Marley Manriquez.

Aaron Martinez, Matthew Martinez, Tabitha Mathis, Breanna McNeal, Jayden Miko, Jamison Miller, Nathaniel Molina, Aiden Mosby, Warren Nedd, Aryan Nepal, Drake Nguyen, Alan Nguyen, Nathan Nnadi, Skye Orsua, Isaac Ortiz, Nikolas Padilla and Mia Palacios.

Adan Palomares, Porus Pandey, Nyzir Peterson, Maesyn Poullard, Jeremiah Ramirez, Kyle Ramos, Ethan Ramsey, Isabella Rembert, Jayden Richardson, Alexavier Rodriguez, Estefania Rodriguez, Viviana Salazar, Zoie Sanabria, Aubree Sandino, Addison Santiago and David Sepulveda.

Avah Sinks, Keona Smith, Carlos Soto, Evelyn Spears, Noah St. Ange, Andrew Strong, Zoie Sudario, Alicia Sypien, Liam Thomas, Korvin Ton, Paris Valencia, Abby Villanueva, Jacqueline Vo, Hannah Walker, Anna Wilkerson, Emanuel Williams, Evan Zaman and Hussein Zamzam.

## Second grade

Chris Alavarez, Samuel Alexander, Saleen Alvarado, Jaime Alvarez, Samantha Barazza, Brock Bernard, Maham Bukhari, Maddi Campos, Lola Carrizal, Ashton Carter, Gabriel Castillo, Sabrina Cavazos, Jocelyn Cerda, Alexander Chavez, Lila Collazos, Noah Coronado, Brooklyn Coronado, Carrissa Cortez, Kaci Curry Shepard, Kate Dao, Emilio De la Garza and Tori Dehoyos.

Jesse Deleon, Delilah Deleon, Ruby Dent, Gael Diaz, Peyton Dowell, Iris Durette, Andrea Figueroa, Myla Figueroa, Carter Fletcher, Christopher Foreoro, Gabby Franklin, Jeremias Fred, Nardia Garcia, Matteo Garciduenas, Alynna Gonzales, Mia Gonzalez, Mikayla Gonzalez and Lance Gore.

Chloe Graff, Ily Gray, Howard Green, Aaron Guillen, David Harris, Erieh Henderson, Riley Hensley, Elijah Hernandez, Sebastian Hernandez,

Sophia Hernandez, Jeanette Hernandez, Abygail Herrera, Durriyah Hill, Blake Hughes, Ramon Jaramillo, Jaden Jimenez and Davion Jones.

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Kenya Delong Thompson, Isaac DeLuna, Kayla DeRobles, Karson Edwards, Chloe Garcia, Aly Garza, Adrian Garza, Isabella Gonzales, Jasmin Hernandez, Josue Herrera, Jaylen Hill, Deliyah Horton, Rya Hurd, Nathalie Huynh, Miguel Johnson, Crysta Keim and Shayaan Khan.

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### First grade

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## Second grade

Maddi Campos, Lola Carrizal, Ashton Carter, Gabriel Castillo, Jocelyn Cerda, Ruby Dent, Andrea Figueroa, Aaron Guillen, Brady McNeal, Kairi Mendoza, Melody Ramirez, Joshua Salazar, John Sanchez and Leo Trevino.

# Jessup students compete in Name That Book



Jessup Elementary third- and fourth-graders competed at the district's Name that Book Challenge. Despite not placing at the event, the team worked hard together and had fun during the competition. Shown are, left to right, (front row) Ashlyn Paz; Coen McMahan;

Photo submitted

# Pearland Opry on the Square returns

Pearland Opry on the Square returns on Saturday, April 27, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Pearland Town Center pavilion, 11200 Broadway Street. The free, family-friendly outdoor concert is held in partnership with the Pearland Convention & Visitors Bureau and the Pearland Town Center.

Entertainers scheduled to perform April 27, include Brian Black, Glenda Lynn, Tori Vourganus plus Randy

Meadows and the Opry on the Square band featuring Missy Brown and Todd Gross.

The Pearland Opry on the Square launched in 2017 and gained popularity with its format featuring national, regional and local acts. Visitors are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, coolers and the refreshments of their choice. Enjoy an evening of western swing, traditional and contemporary country music covers and originals

under the Town Center pavilion in an outdoor setting. "We're proud to offer Pearland Opry on the Square as another live music opportunity in Pearland," said Kim Sinistore executive director of the Pearland Convention & Visitors Bureau. "This popular show format provides visitors with a new way to experience an evening of music and dancing under the pavilion." Free of charge, the concert includes sounds by a country music band and country music vocalists. Visitors are encouraged to bring a friend, wear their cowboy boots and be ready to two-step, boot scoot and line dance the evening away. To learn more, go to visit https://visitpearland.com/2018-pearland-opry-on-the-square/ or join the Pearland Opry on the Square Facebook event online.

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# Annual South Belt Spectacular Cook-off set to take place April 25 through April 27

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toward families, with children 12 and under being admitted for free from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Free children's activities include moonwalks, rock climbing, pony rides, a petting zoo, a train, a coin-in-a-haystack game, an obstacle course, face painting, hair braiding, a police helicopter and cruiser, a fire engine and ambulance display and photos with a live Watusi bull named Oliver.

While no outside alcohol will be allowed to be brought in by patrons, beer will be for sale on the cook-off grounds, along with barbecue sandwiches, sausage on a stick, turkey legs, nachos, cotton candy and snow cones.

Additional parking and shuttle service will be available at Dobie High School. Dobie students, as well as others, should be aware that no parking will be allowed along Hall Road for the duration of the event. See related sidebar entry on this page.

# Precinct 2 vice deputies continue area raids on illegal game rooms



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The location was investigated after deputies received numerous public complaints of illegal gambling, suspicious persons and possible narcotics activity in the area.

The raid was the latest in a string of busts over the past year that has targeted multiple illegal game rooms in the surrounding area, most of which have been located in inside convenience stores.

# CCISD honors teachers at luncheon

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Robinson Elementary: Rhonda Koenig.  
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Clear Horizons High School: Carmen Hampton.  
Clear Lake High School: Laura Dunham.  
Clear Path High School: Rafael Sepulveda.  
Clear Springs High School: Melody Hermes.  
Clear View High School: Ann Sebastian.  
Tickets for the Teacher of the Year luncheon are \$32 and may be purchased in the Clear Creek Independent School District Office of Communications through Monday, May 6.

For more information, call 281-284-0021.

# Local electrician makes it big in the movie business

Local South Belt business man and master electrician Johnny Ray Gibbs has made it to the silver screen.

Born in Atlanta in 1966, Gibbs lived there until he moved to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., in 1983 at the age of 17 after the death of his father. Once in Florida, Gibbs

got into acting. He was even asked to be an extra in the movies "Spring Break" and "Where the Boys Are." He also had the opportunity to

work on several MTV videos. Gibbs was involved in a near fatal car accident in 1988. He states that someone spiked his drink which caused him to black out behind the wheel of his vehicle. The accident left him homeless, which led him to take a Greyhound bus to Houston in September 1989.

Once Gibbs arrived in Houston, he continued to be homeless for six months as he picked up odd jobs to survive. He spent many nights in cheap hotels until he finally managed to save up enough money to rent a garage apartment in the Montrose area. He was able to purchase a lawnmower for \$15 at a neighbor's garage sale, and persuaded his landlord to cut her yard for a reduction on rent. From that point on, Gibbs started a lawn business, and worked his way up to 50 regular customers.



Gibbs went back to school and received his GED and eventually attended San Jacinto College. He earned enough credit hours to learn the trade of electricity and became an electrician. After working at various companies as an apprentice, Gibbs became a journeyman electrician and passed the state exam in 1994. In 1998, he became a master electrician.

After the economy crashed in 2008, Gibbs found himself writing poetry. He had his first poetry book, "Restless Hearts," published in 2013, in which his epic poem "The Cowboy and the Brown Eyed Saloon Girl" caught the attention of independent movie director John Pocino.

Pocino, of Reno, Nev., loved the western theme of the poem and wanted to use it for his independent movie, "Destiny."

Pocino ended up inviting Gibbs to Reno to play Jake, an outlaw in the film "Destiny." That's where Gibbs' acting career took off again.

Gibbs later met producer Jessica Soss, who invited him to play a role of a demon slayer in a movie called "Demon Dead." Gibbs agreed, but what he didn't know is whom he would be co-starring with, Eric Roberts. Eric is the brother of none other than Julia Roberts. Eric is also a former neighbor of Gibbs and they grew up together in the 1970s in Atlanta.

Suddenly, all kinds of opportunities came into Gibbs' life, and he began to love his new "hobby" as an actor. He began to study acting at Film Acting Academy in Houston.

Now, Gibbs has had the opportunity to work with some of Hollywood's best. He has done some stand-in work for the movie "The Highwaymen" with Woody Harrelson and Kevin Costner. The movie is available on Netflix. Gibbs also has 37 credits on Internet Movie Database.

In addition to working on movies, Gibbs has appeared on TV shows that include "The Son," "Queen of the South," and "Murder Made Me Famous."

Gibbs also had the chance to play a bad biker guy in an independent film called "Jurica Road." Currently, Gibbs has written his first screen play, "Old Man Jackson," and will begin filming soon in and around the South Belt and Pearland area. Gibbs states he is excited to finish the film and several familiar faces will be recognized in the production.

Shown are Woody Harrelson (left) and Johnny Ray Gibbs on the set of "The Highwaymen."

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## Down go Mavs, JFD softball grabs No. 2 seed

Coming up with a pair of come-from-behind, last-at-bat victories to grab the No. 2 playoff seed out of District 22-6A is exciting enough for sure. But to have both wins come over arguably the Dobie varsity softball team's biggest rival is icing on the cake.

That's exactly what the Lady Longhorns did in setting up their eventual bidistrict playoff series against La Porte.

Needing a win over Memorial to avoid finishing fourth in the standings and facing the possibility of taking on 21-6A champion Deer Park, Dobie scored two in the bottom of the eighth on a two-out, two-run single from fresh-

man Karlie Barba, giving the locals an 8-7 win in eight innings.

Fast forward to April 22 as Atascocita, Memorial and Dobie met at Humble High School to decide seeding behind District 22-6A champion Summer Creek.

Memorial first defeated Atascocita 5-1 to send the Lady Eagles to the No. 4 seed, leaving the rivals to decide 3 and 4.

Memorial again was in front in this one late, in fact holding a 4-2 lead heading into Dobie's final at bat. Four straight hits later, however, and Barba again led the celebration.

Down to one out but up 3-1 in the count, Barba this time sent a fly ball

down the left field line that fell fair, scoring courtesy runner Aliyah Barajas as the Lady Longhorns got past the Mavs 5-4.

The season now begins anew as the Lady Longhorns take on North Shore, which lost a No. 2 seed play-in game to La Porte April 23.

The Dobie/North Shore winner will then face either Pearland or Clear Springs in the area playoff round.

Dobie will have its full attention on North Shore as the battle for Region III supremacy begins, but it's going to be a long time before the Lady Longhorns forget about their success against Memorial.

Hampered by Memo-

rial in previous seasons, this time around it was the Lady Longhorns who delivered the looks of dismay at the end of games.

In the battle for the No. 2 seed, Dobie cruised out to a 6-2 lead through five before Memorial scored four to tie things up at 6-6. Memorial then re-took

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### Bidistrict Softball

#### Dobie vs. North Shore

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**April 26 – at San Jac South, 6 p.m.**

**April 27 – at North Shore, 6 p.m. (if necessary)**

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At left, the District 23/24-6A Area Championships were highly competitive, with Clear Brook excelling in the 100 dash. From left, George Ranch's Nyla Barlow took fourth in a time of 12.03 seconds, with Clear Brook senior and University of Maryland verbal commit Kennedy Crutchfield third at 11.86. The area champion was Clear Brook freshman Camryn Dickson, who grabbed the gold in a time of 11.74. Gabriella Ayitefio of George Ranch placed second at 11.77. All four athletes advanced to the Region III Championships, set for Challenger Stadium in Webster April 26-27. Dickson and Crutchfield both set personal best times along the way. Dickson also won the 200 dash and Crutchfield qualified in the long jump. Both were also on Brook's 4x1 relay area championship team along with Jailey Shelton and Keaira Conner.

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## CB, Dobie tracksters to Region IIIs

The journey continues for the best of the best as Clear Creek ISD prepares to host the Class 6A/5A Region III Championships Friday and Saturday, April 26-27 at Challenger Columbia Stadium in Webster.

After what promises to be two thrill-filled days in Webster, the top two finishers in each event at regionals will automatically qualify for the University

Interscholastic League's State Track and Field Championships (all classes), to be held in Austin May 10-11.

With regionals at hand, the list of potential state qualifiers is getting shorter and shorter.

The Dobie girls will have sophomore Amari Singleton competing in the 400 run after she was fourth in the event with a time of 58.85 seconds at

the 21/22-6A Area Championships.

Clear Brook freshman Jailey Shelton will also take part in the 400 run at

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### Region III Track

#### 5A/6A Meet

**Fri./Sat, April 26-27**  
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Webster/CCISD

## JFD baseball in, but Mavs' loss hurts

In the good news department, the Dobie varsity baseball team has qualified for the playoffs yet again.

### District 22-6A Baseball Finale

#### Dobie hosts Memorial

Friday, April 26, 4 p.m.  
Dobie High School

A 16-4 win over South Houston April 19 at South Houston locked up a post-season berth for the Longhorns.

But now there's one hitch. Following a 2-1 extra-inning loss at Pasadena Memorial April 23, the

Longhorns appear to be headed for the No. 4 playoff seed.

In that loss, Memorial's Mason Mahoney went eight innings on the mound for the win, and teammate Tyler Juarez scored the walk-off win-

ner as the Mavericks, now 8-7 in league play for fifth place, dealt the Horns a bit of a blow.

Mahoney, who allowed only four hits while fanning seven, engaged in a pitcher's duel with Dobie's Dom Martinez, who allowed just three hits and struck out six.

Both teams scored a run in the sixth, and the Mavericks capitalized on a

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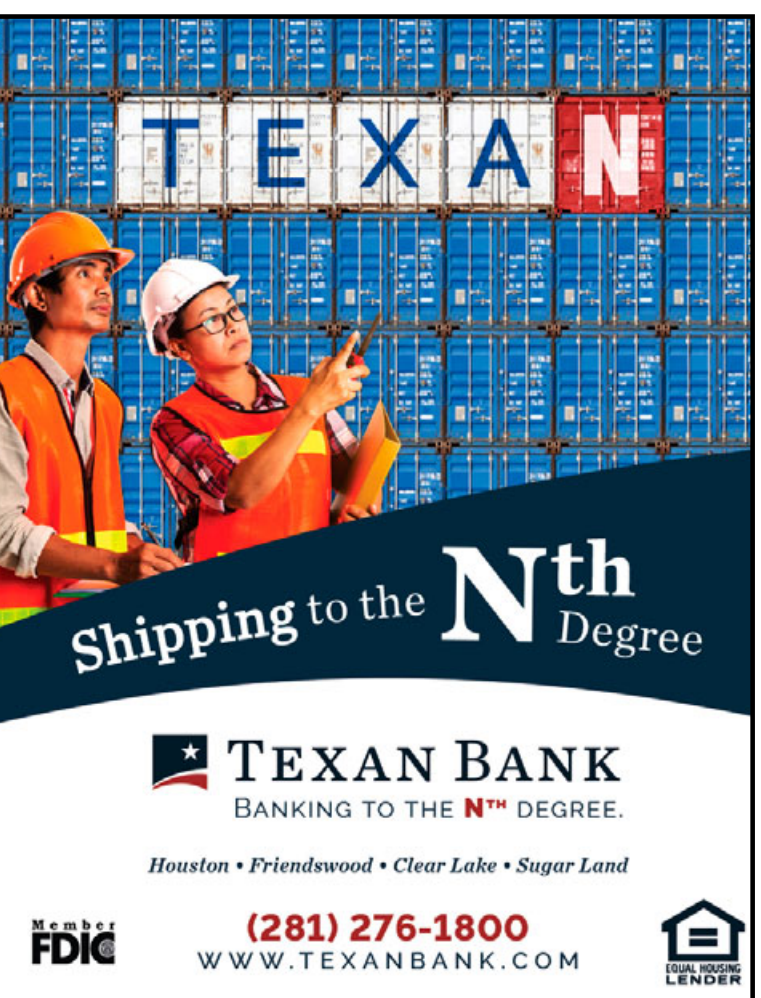
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## LSA track and field looks to regionals

Regional track and field qualifiers from Lutheran South Academy will hit the road April 25-26, as the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools Class 5A Championships will be held at Bastrop Memorial Stadium, in Bastrop, Texas.

The Pioneers, who won both the boys' and girls' varsity team titles at the District 7-5A Championships, certainly have many reasons for optimism heading into the regional meet.

In fact, it would be shocking if the locals didn't send a significant group to the TAPPS State Championships May 3-4,

to be held at Midway ISD's Panther Stadium in Waco.

Whether it's the veteran experience of seniors like multi-state level competitor Noa Miller or the youthful exuberance of freshmen like Ayana Smith, the Pioneers figure to have plenty of their teammates in the mix at regionals.

Miller, who is the defending state champion in the 800 run this season after winning gold at 1 minute, 59.55 seconds a season ago, will look to repeat. Miller will also make another push in the 1,600 run at state after taking

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Dobie junior defender Manuel Trejos was one of five Longhorns who picked up first team accolades in the league as the junior turned in a great season on the defensive end.

**Urrutia is 22-6A MVP**



Senior team captain Illsen Urrutia, a three-year varsity letterwinner at Dobie, led the team to a third consecutive district title, which included surrendering the fewest goals allowed in league play. For his efforts, Urrutia was named the 22-6A Most Valuable Player.

**Scoring leader Nava scores Offensive Player of the Year**



At left, Dobie senior forward Bryan Nava (11) scored a goal in his team's bidistrict playoff win over Port Arthur Memorial to extend his school goal-scoring record, which he set this season with 22 for the season. For his career, Nava had 39 goals, a career most at Dobie. Nava had 11 goals and seven assists as a sophomore as he helped the Longhorns win a Region III championship in 2017 but missed the state semifinal game with an injury. As a junior, Nava came up with a big season as he guided the Longhorns to the regional semifinal round. Nava's high school career concluded with him being named the 22-6A Offensive Player of the Year.

Photo by Jade Wise

**District 22-6A Boys' Soccer Honors**

**Most Valuable Player**

*Illsen Urrutia, Dobie, Sr.*

**Offensive MVP**

*Bryan Nava, Dobie, Sr.*

**Defensive MVP**

*Manuel Malvaez, Kingwood, Sr.*

**Newcomers of the Year**

*Chase Cherrington, Kingwood, Soph.*

*Imanol Pena, Dobie, Jr.*

**Util. Players of the Year**

*Robbie Guerrero, Summer Creek, Sr.*

*Josue Martinez, Pasadena, Sr.*

**Coaches of the Year**

*Saul Keene, Humble*

*Bryan Jennings, Kingwood*

**Senior of the Year**

*William Ayala, Humble*

**First Team Selections**

Alberto Chavez, Dobie, Sr.

Eli Donaho, Dobie, Jr.

Adrian Garcia, Dobie, Jr.

Christian Saldivar, Dobie, Sr.

Manuel Trejos, Dobie, Jr.

Andrew Kovacik, Kingwood, Sr.

Aaron Pontiff, Kingwood, Sr.

William Savles, Kingwood, Jr.

William Tucker, Kingwood, Jr.

Jessie Canales, Memorial, Jr.

George Farias, Memorial, Sr.

Shukri Farias, Memorial, Sr.

Edwin Ojeda, Memorial, Sr.

Marcus Deleon, Humble, Jr.

Edgardo Platero, Humble, Sr.

Christian Solorzano, Humble, Sr.

Pedro Salinas, Atascocita, Sr.

R.J. Wilson, Atascocita, Jr.

Allen Hernandez, Rayburn, Sr.

Leo Santoyo, Rayburn, Sr.

Kevin Gonzalez, S. Houston, Sr.

Richard Lopez, S. Houston, Sr.

Alan Betancourt, Pasadena, Sr.

Edsson Zapata, Pasadena, Sr.

Christian Rivera, S. Creek, Sr.

Christian Siders, S. Creek, Sr.

**Dominant JFD boys' soccer scores all district**

As expected, the 2019 District 22-6A varsity soccer squad from Dobie came away highly decorated following the league's coaches' all-district selection meeting. Senior defender and team captain Illsen Urrutia of Dobie took home overall Most Valuable Player honors as he engineered an effort that saw the Longhorns surrender just nine goals in league action.

Senior Bryan Nava, who netted 22 goals this season to become the program's all-time leading goal-scorer, was the 22-6A Offensive Player of the Year.

The Longhorns dropped a second-round playoff match to Strake Jesuit after winning a fifth straight district title.

At right, Alberto Chavez (2) was a key returnee coming into the season, and the senior midfielder landed on the 22-6A all-league team as a first teamer.

Photo by Jade Wise



Junior Eli Donaho (7) was another Longhorn who had a big run this season en route to first-team all district honors as he came up with six big goals and three assists.

Photo by John Bechtel



As usual, the Dobie's varsity boys' soccer defense was tough this season, helping the team to a fifth consecutive league title in 22-6A and a 20-win season. The Longhorns' Christian Saldivar (above) earned first team status in the district.

Photo by Jade Wise



**Pena co- Newcomer of the Year**



Above, Adrian Garcia (5) was just one of the many players who came through during the 2019 season on the defensive end of the field. In District 22-6A, the Longhorns allowed the fewest goals of any team en route to a 14-1-1 finish. Garcia was a first team all-district selection, and he will return in 2020 to lead the defense once more.

At left, 22-6A Imanol Pena (10) came up big for the Longhorns as the junior was named the 22-6A co-Newcomer of the Year, recognizing his tremendous play.

Photos by Jade Wise



**District 22-6A Boys' Soccer Honors**

**Second Team Selections**

Eric Acosta, Dobie, Fr.

Eduardo Benavides, Dobie, Jr.

Isaac Cortez, Dobie, Fr.

Diego Calderon, Dobie, Sr.

Fernando Portillo, Dobie, Sr.

Ethan Farias, Kingwood, Jr.

Ryan Feagins, Kingwood, Sr.

Donovan Josey, Kingwood, Sr.

Noah Siega, Kingwood, Sr.

Oscar Aguirre, Memorial, Sr.

Jose Alonzo, Memorial, Sr.

Luis Lemus, Memorial, Soph.

Javan Lopez, Memorial, Sr.

Danny Abad, Humble, Jr.

Raul Abad, Humble, Sr.

Kevin Contreras, Humble, Sr.

Ethan Fierro, Atascocita, Sr.

Adrian Martinez, Atascocita, Jr.

Trey Hernandez, Rayburn, Jr.

Eduardo Mendoza, Rayburn, Sr.

Chris Alejandro, S. Houston, Sr.

Luis Hertado, S. Houston, Jr.

Jose Castillo, Pasadena, Jr.

Emmanuel Chavez, Pasadena, Jr.

Angel Castro, S. Creek, Sr.

Trent Staes, S. Creek, Sr.

**Honorable Mention – Dobie**

Oscar Medrano, Sr.

Jonathan Mendez, Jr.

Israel Perez, Sr.

# Lady Longhorns to take on The Shore

## Area sports news, notes

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the lead at 7-6 in the eighth before Dobie came through for the win.  
Leslie Longoria singled with one out and Memorial elected to issue intentional walks with two outs to Pleasants and Camryn, both of whom had already done extensive damage in the game.  
Barba then sent a ground ball to the right side, which bounced off

the second baseman's glove and trickled away. Two runs came home.  
Pleasants reached base five times, with a 3 for 3 effort at the plate to go with three runs scored.  
Jasmin Benitez was 3 for 5 at the plate, and Longoria had a pair of hits.  
Dobie's win gave the District 22-6A championship to Summer Creek and forced a three-way tie at 10-4 for second place.

The three-team play-in at Humble ensued, with Memorial pitcher Annie Valadez hurling her team past defending state champion Atasocita in the first game.  
In the battle for second, Memorial held that 4-2 lead until the bottom of the seventh.  
Valadez had her team within an out of the win but Benitez doubled with two outs. Pleasants singled

to shortstop, and Wincher blasted a game-tying double to left field, tying the game at 4-4.  
With Barajas running, Barba sent her third walk-off hit of the season down the left field line for the win.  
Benitez, Pleasants and Wincher all had two hits in the game. Jessica De La Cerda, also the winner of the first Dobie/Memorial clash, went 4 2/3 innings

in this one to get the victory.  
It's hard to imagine the atmosphere being more exciting or the action being more riveting, but that's exactly what the Lady Longhorns are hoping for as the postseason begins.  
Dobie crushed North Shore in the same round last season by an 11-0 count as Pleasants drove in six runs, all through

three innings.  
Pleasants had a two-run double in the first inning and came up with the slam in the third inning.  
That was a great time, but this is a new season, and Dobie knows that.  
The ride through the playoffs begins at the San Jacinto College South campus, which will host the first two games April 25 and April 26, both at 6 p.m.

### CW39's Trippett to play Dobie student/faculty tennis April 30

CW39 traffic reporter Hannah Trippett will be a special guest and team with Dobie principal Franklin Moses at the annual JFD Student/Faculty/Staff tennis tournament Tuesday, April 30, beginning at 3 p.m. Trippett played high school tennis at Fort Bend Baptist.  
The event is designed as a special thanks from the JFD players to the Dobie faculty, administration and staff for their efforts during the school year. The event is a doubles format, with a Dobie tennis player joining a faculty or staff member in beginner, medium and advanced divisions. The public is invited to attend.

### Dobie hosts discount physicals May 1

The Dobie athletic training staff is encouraging any students planning on participating in athletics, band, JROTC, or dance and cheer next school year to take advantage of a great opportunity.  
Local physicians will be on site Wednesday, May 1, offering physicals for a prepaid price of \$20 each or \$25 each the day of the event.  
The physicals will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. on Dobie's main campus on Blackhawk, and freshmen coming from Dobie9 will have bus transportation available.  
In order to sign up, obtain all of the needed paperwork and pay for the physicals, call Jesse Lopez at the main campus at 713-740-0370, ext. 04270 or Maria Rueda at 713-740-0370, ext. 04137.  
In order to be eligible to take part in any preseason workout or practice as of the 2019-2020 school year, students must have an up-to-date physical on file at their campus.

### Rising Stars Track Club practicing, etc.

The Rising Stars Track Club, the area's longstanding youth track and field organization, is set to begin practices and registration at Dobie High School. Returning team members are encouraged to join workouts now through April, from 5 to 7 p.m., at the JFD track. The team will also practice each Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. as well as each Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon until the season begins. Team officials will also accept registration each Saturday in conjunction with the practices. For more information, call head coach Ivory Kimble at 832-561-1248.

### Pear Run to aid Pearland PD on May 11

The 2019 Pear Run will this year celebrate 15 years of police support, healthy living and exercise; and members of the jogging public are invited to get involved.  
Organized by the Pearland Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association, the run through funds raised has previously assisted the Pearland Police Department, helping to purchase equipment, K-9 officer needs, officer memorials and more.  
This year, the goal is to raise \$50,000 for a new mobile command center to be used in SWAT situations and at other large public events.  
This planned command center will be state-of-the-art in technologies to keep citizens safe and assist with police activities. Participants are encouraged to register for the 10k or 5k Run, 5k Walk or the Kids Fun Run.  
In addition, those who choose to be business sponsors for the event will have the opportunity to be seen by more than 1,000 potential customers. There are several sponsor levels to meet all budgets.  
The Pear Run will be May 11, 2019, held at the Pearland Town Center Pavilion, 11200 W. Broadway in Pearland. The first race begins at 7 a.m. Visit the official website at [www.pearrun.com](http://www.pearrun.com) for details.

### Brook baseball's Florez sets youth camp details

Clear Brook varsity baseball head coach Gene Florez and his staff have set the dates for the Wolverines' 2019 youth camp. The event will be held June 10-12 at Wolverine Field, from 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Instructors will focus on hitting and defense from 9 a.m. to noon, with pitching and catching thereafter. Those entering the second through ninth grades as of the 2019-2020 school year are eligible to attend. The cost is \$100 for the hitting and defense sessions and \$60 for the pitching/catching only, or \$140 for both. Participants will receive a camp T-shirt, and concessions as well as pizza slices will be available for purchase throughout the event. For more information or to register, direct email to Flores at [eflores1@ccisd.net](mailto:eflores1@ccisd.net).

### Wolverine hoops coach Janak will host camp

Clear Brook varsity boys' basketball head coach Nathan Janak and his staff have set plans for the Wolverines' 2019 summer youth camp.  
Students entering kindergarten through the ninth grades as of the 2019-2020 school year are eligible to attend the June 17-20 event.  
Those students entering the fourth through sixth grades will participate from 9 a.m. to noon for \$100 per student, with seventh through ninth-grade students attending from 1 to 4 p.m., also for \$100 per student. The kindergarten through third-grade students will participate for \$50 per student from 5 to 6:30 p.m. All participants will receive a camp T-shirt.  
Camp activities will include offensive and defensive fundamentals, individual and team instruction, 3-on-3 games, a 5-on-5 tournament, daily competitions and both individual and team awards at the conclusion of the camp. For additional information, direct email to Janak at [njanak@ccisd.net](mailto:njanak@ccisd.net).

### Youth basketball camp guided by JFD's Hartman

Dobie varsity girls basketball head coach Jasmine Hartman, who guided her team to the area playoff round in her debut season, has established plans for the Dobie youth basketball camp for both boys and girls.  
The camp will be held June 25-27, with those students entering the first through fifth grades as of the 2019-2020 school year attending from 8 to 10 a.m. for \$40 per participant. Sixth through ninth-grade students will pay \$45 per student and attend from noon to 3 p.m.  
Individual skills such as shooting, rebounding, passing and dribbling will be taught as well as both team offensive and defensive strategies. For additional information, direct email to Hartman at [jhartman@pasadenaisd.org](mailto:jhartman@pasadenaisd.org).

## Stuchbery students excel at PISD's Get Fit Jog at Veterans Stadium



Third- and fourth-grade students from Stuchbery Elementary took part in the Pasadena ISD's districtwide Get Fit Jog event at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena, completing an effort that first required each student to jog 40 miles or more during the school year to qualify for the PISD competition. Those stand-out students included, left to right, (front row) Sheridan Brooks, Samantha Andalla, Adrian Taylor (19th place among third-grade boys), Jazalynn Randall (ninth place among fourth-grade girls), Ariel Ortiz (10th place fourth-grade girls), Grace Hernandez, Arlette Aguirre, (middle row) Jeremiah Turner, Olivia Joiner, Shai Silva, Emily Barrera, Vivian Cai, Ramayah Toledo, Lilly Benavides, (back row) Johnny Tsikis (third-grade teacher), Mia Hernandez, Serenity Johnson, Lilianna Escudra, Melayssia Sykes, Alizae Munoz and Rachel Possert (third-grade intern).

## Dobie tennis program donates water cases to clinic

At right, the Dobie tennis program was in the spirit of giving back, donating 39 cases of bottled water to the school's medical clinic, which cares for ill students in need throughout the school year. Those players involved in the donation included, front left to right, Sebastian Delgado, Quan Dinh, Tristan Pedraza, Kyle "Bunkie" Redmon, Son Nguyen, Dylan Ta, Gisell Morales, Hayden Lazo, Kiet Nguyen, Kristy Morales, Jennifer Ho, Kevin Dinh, Megan Rodriguez, Kacy Huerta, Julia Bui, Erica Hay, Brian Nguyen and Hao Vuong. At far right is Carol DeClercq, head nurse at Dobie.  
*Photo by Manuel Moreno Jr.*



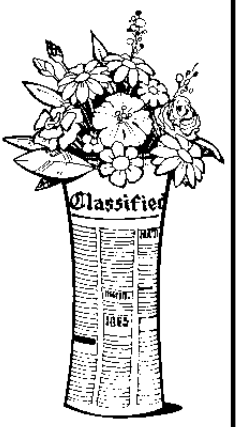
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**THURSDAY, APRIL 25**  
7 a.m.  
**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.  
10 a.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at [jpochsner@aol.com](mailto:jpochsner@aol.com) for details.  
Noon  
**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300.  
6:30 p.m.  
**Kirkwood Civic Association** meets at the South Belt Chamber of Commerce (new location), 10500 Scarsdale. For more information, call Ericka McCutcheon at 281-989-9990.  
7 p.m.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Women's Group, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200.  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 26**  
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. - 5 p.m.  
**Bay Area Quilt Guild** - presents the biennial quilt show "Nature's Bounty" at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 2320 Hatfield Rd. in Pearland. One-time admission is \$10; wristband is valid for both days. Children ages 5 and under are free. There will be 150+ quilts on display, raffles, vendors, gift boutique and silent auctions. For more information, call Debby Benson at 713-248-8757 or visit our website at [bayareaquiltguild.org](http://bayareaquiltguild.org).  
11 a.m.

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10 a.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at [jpochsner@aol.com](mailto:jpochsner@aol.com) for details.  
6:30 p.m.  
**Bay Area Genealogical Society** - Meets monthly, the last Friday, at University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook Dr., Clear Lake. Coffee and socializing prior to 7 p.m. meeting. No meeting in December. For details, visit [www.TxBayAreaGen.org](http://www.TxBayAreaGen.org).  
7 p.m.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. Call 713-661-4200.  
8 p.m.  
**Serenity Now Al-Anon Group** - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 8 to 9 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share, learn Al-Anon principles, that they are not alone, and discover choices available. For details, call 281-484-9243.  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 27**  
7:30 a.m.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** - "Breakfast with Bill", Saturdays, 7:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.  
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11 a.m.

**StartSchoolLater.net (SSL) Houston Chapter** - informational meeting about the link of teen sleep deprivation to depression and low academic performance. The public is welcome, 11 a.m., on the fourth Saturday at the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-229-1409. RSVP is requested for meeting attendance.  
11 a.m.  
**Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English)** - For women affected by an addict. Saturdays, 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.  
1 p.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at [jpochsner@aol.com](mailto:jpochsner@aol.com) for details.  
8 p.m.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 28**  
1 p.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at [jpochsner@aol.com](mailto:jpochsner@aol.com) for details.  
2 p.m.  
**Grief Support Group** - For adults who have lost a loved one. Meets Sundays, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas, 2 to 3:15 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. For details, call 281-487-8787.  
5:30 p.m.  
**Celebrate Recovery** - A faith-based 12-Step Program, Sundays, 5:30 p.m., in the Chapel at Life Church, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for details or to RSVP for child care.

8 p.m.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.  
**MONDAY, APRIL 29**  
10 a.m.  
**Al-Anon Deer Park** - Mondays, 10 to 11 a.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for details, or drop in.  
10 a.m.  
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11:30 a.m.  
**Overeaters Anonymous Deer Park** - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for details, or drop in.  
Noon  
**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300.  
6 p.m.  
**Scrabble Club #511** - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Come, improve crossword playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for details.  
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**Toastmasters** - The Young Professionals Southeast Toastmasters Club #05324194 meets Mondays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., at the South Belt Chamber of Commerce, 10500 Scarsdale Blvd., next to the fire station. For details, call Karen Nunn at 832-722-9061 or Carolyn Carmichael at 832-372-3565 or visit <https://youngprofessionalstoastmasters.com/>.  
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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 details, contact 281-488-5861 or [csh@shaarhashalom.org](mailto:csh@shaarhashalom.org).

**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Education Bldg., 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For details, call Jesse at 832-725-8479 or Rita at 281-309-2801.

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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.

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**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](mailto:nalix@texascitizensbank.com).

12:30 - 1:30 p.m.  
**Free dance lessons** - taught by Lewis and Betty Whistler (35 years of experience) at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E League City Parkway, on Tuesdays. Bringing a partner is not required. There is a different dance focus monthly. For details, call Betty at 832-517-5833. For questions about League City's activity card, call the park office at 281-554-1180.

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 additional information or classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at [drglandorf@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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 additional information, call 713-661-4200.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 1**  
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.  
**Carmelites** - a nondenominational senior citizen social group that meets at 15500 El Camino Real in Clear Lake on the first and third Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. for fun, fellowship, coffee and bingo. A lending library is available. The meetings are open to all age 50 or older and there are no dues. Day trips and extended trips are available. Deposits are being taken for Classical Italy by Rail, Oct. 15-24; Cuba Cruise, Nov. 9-16; New York City Holiday, Dec. 6-10; Eastern Caribbean Carnival Cruise from Galveston featuring Key West, Fla., Half Moon Cay and Nassau, Bahamas, Feb. 15-23, 2020 (great prices); and Classic Danube River Cruise with Oberammergau Passion Play, June 7-16, 2020. Plan ahead to join the trips. For details, call Marilyn at 713-947-2388.

10 a.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at [jpochsner@aol.com](mailto:jpochsner@aol.com) for details.

11:30 a.m.  
**Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club** - meets monthly, first and third Wednesday, Golden Corral, 4021 Spencer Hwy., Pasadena. December may be an exception. For information, email Teresa Dover at [doverbookkeeper@aol.com](mailto:doverbookkeeper@aol.com).

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1 - 3:30 p.m.  
**Hometown Heroes Park** - has Hump Day Dance for free practice ballroom dances (not lessons) in a casual environment. A variety of rhythms are played from entry to advanced dancing levels at 1001 E. League City Pkwy. League City nonresidents must purchase activity card (see Tuesday 12:30 p.m. dance for details). Help is available to assist learning dance moves. For information on the activity card, call the city at 281-554-1180.

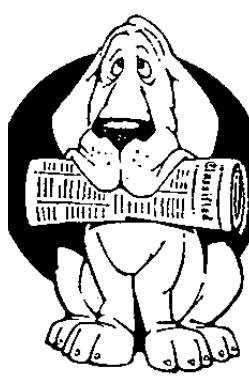
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**Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention** - Call 281-286-2525 (24-hour crisis hotline) for confidential domestic violence/sexual abuse support group for women. Visit [www.bayareaturningpoint.org](http://www.bayareaturningpoint.org) for information.

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.

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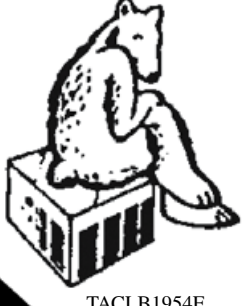
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# Brook, Dobie tracksters to battle the best at Region II Championships

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The Dobie and Clear Brook girls will also run in the 4x100 relay for a chance to reach the next level.

With Aajaylah Reed, Rachel Smith, Ambron Jones and Briana Haywood teaming, the Lady Longhorns grabbed fourth

at areas, clocking in at 49.27. The Lady Wolverines, meanwhile, made a strong push for the top spot at the

area meet before settling for second. In that one, freshmen Camryn Dickson and Shelton were joined by junior Keaira Connor and senior Kennedy Crutchfield for a time of 47.195.

Dickson is also hoping to advance in a pair of events individually. With a personal record time in the event, Dickson won the 100 dash in a time of 11.737 and then came up with the win in the 200 dash with a time of 23.996.

Crutchfield, who is slated to sign a letter of intent to continue her track and field career at the University of Maryland May 1, was third at areas in the

100 at 11.864 and will also push for a state berth. At 16 feet, 10 inches, Crutchfield was fourth in the long jump and has also qualified for regionals.

The Region III regional meet has historically been the state's toughest for which to advance onto state, but Clear Brook head coach TiAndre Sanders is proud of where his athletes have gotten and would love to head to Austin with a qualifier or two on the team bus.



At 49.27 seconds, the Lady Longhorns' 4x100 relay squad took fourth place at the 21/22-6A Area Championships, qualifying for a trip to the Region III Championships April 26-27 at Clear Creek ISD's Challenger Columbia Stadium. Dobie's foursome includes, from left, Aajaylah Reed, Rachel Smith, Ambron Jones and Briana Haywood.

"The season started with no track on campus, so we had to make practice creative by working out on the grass soccer fields around campus, all the while soccer teams were

practicing," Sanders said. "In January we took a bus over to Challenger Stadium to practice until our track was completed in early March. We knew

this group had the opportunity to do some special things, but it was our job to get them to believe and trust the system."

The belief and the trust is obviously there, and now it's time for the Brook athletes to test their abilities against Dobie and the rest of the best from Region III.

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## Lutheran South track expecting state invites

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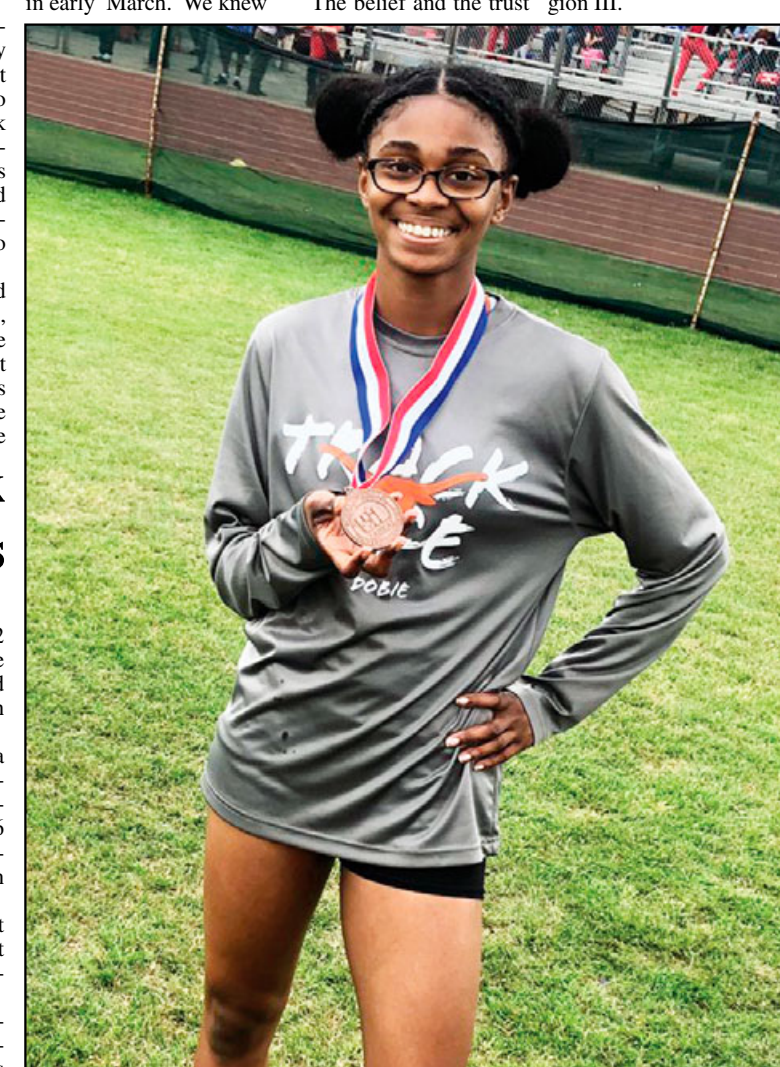
Other medal hopefuls for the Lutheran South group?

The team expects a big performance from Smith, the freshman sprinter.

A one-woman talent show at the District 7-5A meet, Smith won three different individual gold medals, taking first place in the 100 dash, the 200 dash and the long jump.

On top of that, Smith was part of the school's 4x1 relay squad that also won a gold medal at district and certainly has

state-level aspirations. The Lady Pioneers' 4x2 and 4x4 relays also have qualified for regionals and will make one last push for state.



Dobie sophomore Amari Singleton earned her opportunity to compete at the Region III Track and Field Championships after finishing fourth at the 21/22-6A area round meet at Galena Park. Singleton's time was 58.85 seconds in the event.

## Dobie baseball makes playoffs; seeding still to be determined

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### District 22-6A Standings Varsity Baseball

(As of April 25)

Teams	W	L
*Kingwood	15	1
*Atascocita	13	3
*Summer Creek	11	4
*Dobie	10	5
Memorial	8	7
Rayburn	6	9
South Houston	3	12
Humble	2	13
Pasadena	1	14

\* Clinched playoff berth

With one game remaining in the regular season, Dobie now sits in fourth place, a game behind third-place Summer Creek.

While Memorial plays at Dobie April 26, Summer Creek will host South Houston as it looks to secure third place.

In Dobie's win over South Houston, Justin Blogg drove in a season-high five runs, and David Amaya continued his monster season with four hits, three runs scored and a pair of runs driven in.

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## Brook mixed doubles medals at RIIs



The Clear Brook mixed doubles squad of Maria Herrera (left) and Jackson Norfolk grabbed bronze medals for their third place finish in their brackets at the Region III spring tennis championships at Deer Park High School. It was the second regional appearance for Herrera, who earned a state silver medal in mixed doubles as a freshman in 2017.