

# South Belt-Ellington Leader

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### Missing girl found safe

Missing Dobie student Nikkole Ballard, 15, was found safe the afternoon of Thursday, April 20. She had been reported missing the previous day after she failed to return home from school on Tuesday, April 18.

### San Jac questionnaire inside

A questionnaire for candidates seeking a position on the San Jacinto College Board of Trustees appears on Page 5A of this issue.

### Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from FM-1959/Dixie Farm Road to FM-528/NASA Road 1 will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Monday, May 1. Alternate exit/entrance ramps will be closed.

The northbound exit ramp to Bay Area Boulevard will be continuously closed through 5 p.m. Thursday, April 27. Drivers should exit at El Dorado Boulevard and U-turn.

The northbound entrance ramp from FM-528/NASA Road 1 will be closed nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Friday, April 28. Drivers should use the next available entrance ramp.

At least one southbound frontage road lane at Scarsdale will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Saturday, April 29.

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.

### Blood drive at Cabrini

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

### CBM holds annual sale

Clear Brook Meadows will hold its Annual Spring Garage Sale on Sunday, May 21. Each participant will hold his or her own sale.

### Blood drive at St. Luke's

The Knights of Columbus Council 9201 will host a blood drive on Sunday, April 30, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. Luke's Catholic Church. Blood is needed every day for medical needs due to health and injuries. The community is urged to donate at St. Luke's Catholic Church, social hall, 11011 Hall Road. All are welcome. For more information, call Val Comeaux 713-582-5358 or John Urdiales 713-991-1425.

### Beltway closures set

At least one eastbound and one westbound frontage road lane on Beltway 8 from Blackhawk to Scott Street/Fellows Road will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Sunday, April 30. The closures are associated with the ongoing project to widen Beltway 8 from Beamer to Highway 288 from two to four lanes in each direction.

### Senior fair planned

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, in collaboration with County Commissioner Rodney Ellis' office, will host a senior fair on Friday, May 5, at the community center at El Franco Lee Park, 9400 Hall Road, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will include more than 30 exhibitors featuring home health care, nutrition, gardening, continuing education programs, rehabilitation and much more. The fair will also offer blood pressure, hearing and other health screenings.

### Lake of Golfcrest to meet

Lake of Golfcrest has rescheduled its annual HOA meeting for Monday, May 8, at 7 p.m. at the El Franco Lee Park Community Center, located at 9400 Hall Road. All member homeowners are encouraged to attend this meeting to discuss important topics, including new HOA board members, the budget and annual dues.

### Pre-K and K roundup

South Belt Elementary, 1801 Riverstone Ranch Drive, will hold an informational meeting on May 15, at 6 p.m. for pre-K and kindergarten roundup. All parents of pre-K and kindergarten students for the upcoming fall semester are urged to attend.

### Beamer closure scheduled

Beamer Road will be completely closed at Beltway 8 on Saturday, May 6, and Sunday, May 7, from 7 a.m. to midnight. This will be a full closure of the northbound and southbound lanes of Beamer under the beltway. Both U-turn lanes will also be closed.

The measure is to ensure driver safety, as work on the beltway overpass is expected to cause debris to fall onto the Beamer thoroughfare below.

The closures are associated with the ongoing project to widen Beltway 8 from Beamer to Highway 288 from two to four lanes in each direction.

## Election numbers shatter previous record

The number of mail-in ballot requests for the May 6 Pasadena Independent School District board election has shattered all previous records, according to district officials.

"As long as I've been working here, I've never seen anything like it," said one PISD official who has worked on district elections for multiple decades.

While no official number of requests was available at press time, the spike was confirmed by several PISD staff members.

"It's substantially higher than ever," said a second district official.

According to one PISD board member, more than 2,000 requests for ballots had been processed at press time – more than ten times the amount of

the previous record of around 150 mail-in votes.

The option of mailing in ballots is available for those 65 and older, as well as for those who are disabled.

District officials attribute the increase in requests to a high-profile mayoral race in the City of Pasadena. While in-person early voting and Election Day voting for the two entities take place at different locations, the two elections may be combined on mail-in ballots upon request.

Additionally, both the PISD and city contests have a full slate this election cycle, with all avail-

able positions being sought. Should all challengers win in the PISD election, it would mark the first time in at least 40 years that newcomers made up the majority of the board.

Also contributing to the increase in requests is the somewhat contentious nature of the elections, as a local Latino political action committee has been actively campaigning that Hispanics are underrepresented in the Pasadena community.

Early voting is currently underway and will continue through Tuesday, May 2. See related story on this page for additional information.

### New pedestrian bridge coming



The City of Houston is constructing a new pedestrian bridge across Turkey Creek near the intersection of Sagecreek and Sagedowne. The original bridge, which connects the Sagemont and Highland Meadow subdivisions, was constructed by the Harris County Flood Control District in the early 1980s to make it easier for children to get to nearby schools.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

## Annual cook-off April 27-29

A record number of teams are expected to take part in this year's South Belt Spectacular Cook-off, set to take place Thursday, April 27, through Saturday, April 29, at El Franco Lee Park, located at 9400 Hall Road. (Thursday will be for cooks only, while Friday and Saturday will be open to the public.)

Approximately 90 cooking teams, occupying 160 spots, will compete for best margaritas (Thursday), chili (Friday), beans (Friday), chicken (Friday), brisket (Saturday), pork ribs (Saturday) and chef's choice (Saturday).

Children 12 and under will be admitted free on Saturday between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to enjoy the Kids Fun Zone, which will include several free children's activities, such as moonwalks, rock climbing, an obstacle course, pony rides, a petting zoo, a train, face painting and hair braiding, a bungee trampoline, a bubble blaster, coins in a haystack and characters such as Snow Queen Elsa, Elena of Avalor, Spiderman and Captain America. Attendees will also have a chance to take photos with a live watusi bull named Oliver.

A live auction will coincide with the award ceremony on Saturday at 6 p.m.

While no outside alcohol is 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, hot dogs, Frito pies, chili, nachos, cotton candy, snow cones and drinks.

Additional parking and a shuttle service will be available at Dobie High School and Moore Elementary. Dobie students and attendees should know there will be no parking allowed on Hall Road for the duration of the event.

Although not officially affiliated with the cook-off, parking will be available for a fee at Freeway Baptist Church, located at 8702 Kingspoint.

Admission will be \$10 on Friday and \$5 on Saturday before 4 p.m. and \$10 after. All proceeds will go to the annual South Belt Fourth of July fireworks display, also held at the area park. Any additional funds raised will be set aside for scholarships and other community youth projects.

## Arrest made in League City death

An arrest has been made in the death of Kelsey Nalepa, who died Saturday, April 8, following a car accident in League City.

Erika Diebel, 41, has been charged with intoxication manslaughter with a vehicle. According to the League City Police Department, investigators determined there was probable cause to believe that Diebel was intoxicated at the time of the accident on Thursday, April 6.

Officers initially responded to a three-car collision in the 2600 block of West Main around 5:50 p.m.

Two vehicles were reportedly stopped in the eastbound lane, when a third car, driven by Diebel, struck them from behind.

Nalepa, 8, was in the back seat of one of the

stopped vehicles and was badly injured in the crash. The third-grader was transported to the hospital by Life Flight, and two days later, was taken off life support.

Nalepa had close ties to the South Belt community, as she was the daughter of Marcus and Nicole Nalepa. Marcus Nalepa is a former Dobie coach, and Nicole (Myers) Nalepa, a 1995 Dobie graduate, was a standout softball player at the school.

A GoFundMe page was established following the child's death, but the family terminated the account after they exceeded their \$60,000 goal in just one day.

At press time, Diebel was being held on a \$100,000 bond.

## Drug take-back day set for April 29

Houston City Council Member Dave Martin will host the annual National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day Saturday, April 29, at the Houston Police Department's Clear Lake Substation, 2855 Bay Area Blvd., from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The national event, sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Administration, aims to provide a safe and convenient means of disposing of prescription drugs while also educating the public on the potential for the abuse of prescription medications. Sites will be available throughout the city for residents to drop off unused or expired drugs for safe disposal by law enforcement personnel.

Unused medications in homes create a public health and safety concern, because they are highly susceptible to accidental ingestion, diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high – more Americans currently abuse prescription drugs than the number of those using cocaine, hallucinogens and heroin combined, according

to the most recent National Survey on Drug Use and Health. The majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet, according to surveys of users.

Four days after the DEA's first Take-Back event, Congress passed the Secure and Responsible Drug Disposal Act of 2010, which amends the Controlled Substances Act to allow an "ultimate user" of controlled substance medications to dispose of them by delivering them to entities authorized by the attorney general to accept them. The act also allows the attorney general to authorize long-term care facilities to dispose of their residents' controlled substances in certain instances.

Only solid medicines may be turned in. No liquids, injectables or needles will be accepted.

To learn more about National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day or to see a full list of drop-off locations, visit [www.dea/diversion.usdoj.gov/drug\\_disposal/takeback](http://www.dea/diversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback).

## Police chase leads to drug seizure

Acting on a narcotics tip, deputies from the Special Operations Division of the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office attempted to pull over a driver in a gold Jaguar sedan on Thursday April 20, at approximately 10:35 a.m. as he was leaving a motel near the Gulf Freeway at Fuqua.

The driver failed to stop, and deputies gave



Seized narcotics

chase down the southbound Gulf Freeway frontage road. The suspect came to a stop when his car collided with another vehicle at the intersection of the Gulf Freeway and Scarsdale. The suspect, described as a black male with short dread locks, then fled the scene of the crash on foot and was able to elude deputies by disappearing into an apartment complex on Algonquin.

When deputies returned to the suspect's vehicle, they discovered more than 3,000 ecstasy pills and a small amount of marijuana. While deputies have identified the suspect, he remained at large at press time. He faces multiple felony charges.

## Early school voting underway

Early voting for the May 6 school board and bond elections is currently underway and will continue through Tuesday, May 2.

The Pasadena Independent School District, Clear Creek Independent School District and San Jacinto College District will all hold board elections. CCISD will additionally be holding a \$487 million bond referendum.

Voters in the PISD election will decide who will fill four of the district's seven board positions. All four incumbents have filed for re-election.

Position 1 incumbent Fred Roberts is being challenged by Roel Saldivar; Position 2 incumbent Mariselle Quijano is being challenged by Maria Vilma Duran; Position 3 incumbent Nelda R. Sullivan is being challenged by former PISD board member Larry Savala; and Position 4 incumbent Jack Bailey is being challenged by Jose A. Cazares.

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

Day polling places, visit [https://www1.pasadenaisd.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server\\_80688/File/Board%20Docs/Precinct%20Polling%20Places%20Web%20Post.pdf](https://www1.pasadenaisd.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_80688/File/Board%20Docs/Precinct%20Polling%20Places%20Web%20Post.pdf).

In the CCISD board election, voters will decide who will fill the Position 2 and Position 3 spots.

Chris Reed is running unopposed for the Position 2 seat, and Position 3 incumbent Ken Baliker is being challenged by Arturo Sanchez.

Most South Belt CCISD voters, however, reside in Position 4 and will be prohibited from voting in the board election, as the open seats are not in at-large positions.

South Belt CCISD voters will, however, be able to cast their ballot on the district's \$487 million bond proposal. If approved, the bond would allow the district to build new campuses, renovate older schools and make necessary infrastructure repairs and improvements.

For more information, visit [www.ccisd.net/cms/One.aspx?portalId=645487&pageId=20307550](http://www.ccisd.net/cms/One.aspx?portalId=645487&pageId=20307550).

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## Former students honor Kramer

Former Dobie tennis coach Bobby Kramer made a lasting impression on both students and faculty alike. (See related photo Page 6A.)

This was no more evident than when he was among the five inductees, and lone faculty member, to be recognized at Dobie's annual Hall of Honor ceremony in late February and nearly two dozen of his former athletes and colleagues were in attendance to show their support. Some former students traveled from as far away as Tennessee, Illinois and North Carolina to show their respect.

Kramer coached at the high school from 1977 to 1995, and his teams dominated District 23-5A play throughout the mid-1980s.

At their peak, Kramer's teams earned Top 10 state rankings with a run of district championships.

Starting in 1983, his girl players captured five straight team tennis titles, and beginning in 1985, his combined boys and girls team won three straight district titles.

The 1985 and 1987 squads reached the region semifinals. In 1986, the Longhorns reached the region final, falling just one step short of state.

That squad won 59 of 63 matches in district play and swept the district field in head-to-head competition, 7-0.

In the spring of 1986, the Dobie doubles duo

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## PISD awarded Houston A+



The Pasadena Independent School District recently received a Houston A+ Challenge Strength award for the district's Connect Personalized Learning Program. Shown above are, left to right, Toni Lopez, Connect organizer; Kenny Fernandez, school board secretary; Dr. DeeAnn Powell, superintendent of schools; John T. Powell, innovation and development coordinator; Dr. Karen Hickman, deputy superintendent of academic achievement; and Vickie Vallet, director of instructional technology. See related story on Page 4A.

Photo by Reesha Brown

# In My Opinion

## Delgado-Islas open, but upset

I was really looking forward to the *Leader* this past Thursday and I must say I, too, was furious that the challenging candidates did not bother to submit their answers to the questionnaires.

As a minority woman to hear that the Texas Latino PAC is using the race card because our school board does not represent me is bull. My children have been in PISD for the past 5 years and I have not had an issue nor do I feel that the current board members ignore us, the community.

No, the complete opposite. They are more than willing to be part of the conversation rather than be a problem. Nonetheless, I was opened to new ideas or suggestions to see how a diverse panel could potentially help elevate PISD in the future. But since the challenging candi-

dates do not seem to have time or prefer to be silent I will do my civic duty and cast my vote. We need to keep our board members!!!!!!

Veronica Delgado-Islas

## Teichelman favors PISD incumbents

I am writing this letter in support of the incumbents in the upcoming PISD school board election. Fred Roberts, Mariselle Quijano, Jack Bailey and Nelda Sullivan have proven themselves in the district. They do not have a hidden agenda, and they truly care about the children of Pasadena. The school district has a great reputation, and that does not come by accident. It starts with the dedication and caring about the success of the students, both socially and academically. All four candidates give endlessly of their time. They listen when people have a concern, and they do not make decisions in haste.

If you have attended a school board meeting, you know that they ask questions and do not automatically answer yes to an agenda item. If you look around at the growth in the district, even in the South Belt alone, you will see progress with the facilities that have happened under their leadership. In addition, they take the time to attend school district events to show their support of the students and families in the community. Most importantly, this has been going on for years starting back when their own children attended schools in Pasadena. If you vote for them, which I hope you will, I believe you will continue to see the district grow and prosper under their leadership.

Sincerely,  
**Nancy Teichelman**  
Retired principal from Stuchbery Elementary

## Salazar touts war documentary

Last June, we held a ceremony at the Metro Multi-Service Center to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the beginning of US involvement in the Vietnam War. It was well attended and received. Our office had the opportunity to bring many Veterans from that war together and show them our appreciation by pinning a special pin on their lapels. Vets who could not attend were represented by family members. Quite a few people joined us, as well as elected officials, and we were honored to honor them. As most of you know, the road home for Veterans of the Vietnam War was rocky for most. Our nation has had a few points in history where we did not do things so well, and one of them was the disgraceful way we treated these warriors after they returned from service. We grew a lot since, and our communities do so much more now to honor our Veterans and assist them in

their transition. We learned a hard lesson, but we are working hard to do better for those who serve.

In just a week, we will add another chapter to our appreciation of the sacrifices of our Vietnam Veterans. Ken Burns is coming to town to screen excerpts from his upcoming documentary, *The Vietnam War*. While the documentary won't begin airing on PBS until September, the screening will take place here in Houston on 4/26. Please see more information on the event below.

If you know anything about Ken Burns, you know he is a big deal. Mr. Burns is creator or co-creator of some of the best documentaries of our time. He is responsible for the groundbreaking series on the Civil War, as well as other great films on World War II, baseball, the national parks, the presidents Roosevelt, and others. He is one of the best, if not the best. If you are reading this, you have the opportunity to see him at this screening event, months before anyone will see this new series on the air.

Tickets are available for purchase. If you are a Veteran, especially a Vietnam Veteran, we will offer you access to the free tickets our office has in hand - first come, first served. We only have 25 free tickets available. If interested, please call our office as soon as possible at 832-393-0992.

You will have to make arrangements to pick them up at City Hall before the event. Preference first is to Vietnam Veterans and then other Veterans. Even if you miss out on the free tickets and have to pay for one, it will be well worth the price. Ken Burns may never come this way again.

We wish you all well. Thanks,  
**Carl Salazar**  
Director, City of Houston  
Office of Veterans Affairs

# Death

## Gerald P. (Jerry) Kenney



Gerald P. (Jerry) Kenney was born on Jan. 29, 1938, in East St. Louis, to Tim and Virginia Kenney. He was the second oldest of five children born to the couple. Before graduating high school he and his older brother won a state championship football title - something he loved to talk about with his grandsons. In 1956 he started college at Virginia Polytechnical Institute (Virginia Tech).

In 1957 he married Barba-

ra Ann Huffstetler and they began their family.

In 1960 Jerry started working in Langley, Virginia for what soon became known as NASA. In 1961, he and his wife, along with their two oldest children, transferred to the Houston office of NASA. While working for the space agency and completing his education at the University of Houston, he and Barbara added three more children to the fold, bought a house in the Sagemont subdivision, and settled down for a permanent life in Houston.

Jerry had a career of more than 45 years in the space program, working on the Apollo program, space shuttle program and even the European Space Station program. Along the way he added one more child to even up the score at three girls and three boys.

He was an active member in his Sagemont community, serving as the first ever president of the Sagemont Pool, assisting with coaching duties in Little League Baseball

and football, officiating football games and attending as many events as he could in which his children and grandchildren participated.

Jerry loved life and loved to fill it with laughter while spending time with family and many friends. He was a devout Catholic and an original member of the Catholic Community of St. Luke the Evangelist Church. He instilled a strong sense of faith and love for God in his children and his many grandchildren. Only his love for his wife and family came close to his love for Christ, with his love for golf coming in as a close third.

On April 20, 2017, after a short battle with cancer, Jerry died while Barbara held him in her arms. He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years; five children; 13 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two sisters; and two brothers.

The memorial service was held at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church on April 25, 2017.

## Leader checks out social media

By Mary Doan

A member of multiple South Belt Facebook pages, Jeff Turnipseed, has organized a donation drive for school supplies at local schools to bring awareness of the need for school supplies of which teachers run out and are in need of replenishing during the school year. Teachers from Meador Elementary School have composed a list of the most-needed supplies that must be replenished throughout the year, such as dry erase markers, hand sanitizer, permanent markers, glue sticks, pencil boxes, crayons, #2 pencils, markers, tape, liquid glue, Kleenex and much more. The supplies may be taken directly to Meador Elementary, 10701 Seaford Drive, or sent with a student attending the school with a note notifying the staff of the donation.

For additional informa-

tion on donations of school supplies, contact Meador Elementary School counselor, Tara Merida, at TMerida@pasadenaisd.org or visit *The Mont!* Facebook page.

The Vietnamese Martyrs Church will host its 15th annual Crawfish Festival on Friday, April 28, from 4 p.m. to midnight. The festival will resume on Saturday, April 29, at 9 a.m. and will close at 11:30 p.m. There will be various types of Vietnamese foods, games with prizes, Vietnamese performers from Vietnam, raffles and tournaments for sports such as basketball and volleyball. A shuttle service will be provided for visitors who park at Alameda Mall. For more information, visit the *2017 Vietnamese Martyrs Crawfish Festival* Facebook page or [vnmartyrs.net](http://vnmartyrs.net).

According to a member of the *Pets of Southbelt*

## Pearland GOP meet May 16

The community is invited to the Pearland Area Republican Club's meeting on Tuesday, May 16, at which U.S. military members and veterans will be honored. The guest is Hobby Airport USO Center Operations and Programs Manager Speedy Zuniga. Remember to bring travel-size items to donate to the Hobby Airport USO for our military members' use. Everyone is invited to attend the event with a friend at the Pearland Church of Christ annex, 2217 N. Grand Blvd. in Pearland. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Meeting begins at 7 p.m.

## Local library events set

Parker Williams Library

The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.

Basic computer classes are offered on Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m. Phone the library for information and registration details, or check the library's home page at [www.hepl.net](http://www.hepl.net).

Thursday, April 27, 2 p.m. Book discussion on *The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry*, by Gabrielle Zevian.

Friday, April 28, 5 p.m. Anime Club-Bungo Stray Dogs, for ages 13 and older.

Every week at the library:

Wednesdays, Preschool storytime, 10:30 a.m.

Thursdays, Toddler storytime, 10:30 a.m.

Saturdays, Vietnamese Learning Time. Level 2 begins at 10 a.m., Level 1 begins at 11:15 a.m. and Level 3 begins at 2:30 p.m. For more information on these programs, speak with Loc Bui.

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

Bracewell Branch Library

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

Saturday, April 29, 10:30 a.m. Spanish computer class

Saturday, April 29, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. English learning; 12:30 p.m. Lego playtime

Saturday, April 29, 1 p.m. Teen movie: *Dead Poet's Society*

Tuesday, May 2, 10:30 a.m. Baby storytime; 10:30 a.m. Toddler playtime

Wednesday, May 3, 10:30 a.m. Toddler storytime; 11:15 a.m. Toddler playtime

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

For more information on these programs, call the library at 832-393-2580. All events are free and open to the public.

Bracewell hours are: Sunday, closed; Monday, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Thursday, noon - 8 p.m.; Friday, 1 - 5 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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## Melillo places first in Name That Book



The Melillo Middle School Name That Book team placed first in the middle school competition on March 26 against 11 teams. Awarded with medals and trophy are, left to right, (front row) Jasmine Tran, Connor King, Joshua Lopez (team coach), Victoria Couchman, (back row) Debra Yocum (campus librarian), Jacqueline Oba, Marcus Gomez, Noah Garcia, Chelsea Akinloye and Diane Wheeler (campus principal). Photo submitted

## Backporch presents A Little Princess



Kids' Backporch Productions presents *A Little Princess* as its 62nd play. This story, by Frances Hodgson Burnett, has been made into a Shirley Temple movie and a more faithful version released in 1995. Using the facilities of Golden Rule Services, 3801 Liberty Dr., Pearland, near Independence Park, the play will be presented May 5 at 7 p.m. and May 6 at 10 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$14 for adults, \$10 for seniors (age 65 and older) and \$8 for youth (3-18 years). Tickets may be purchased 30 minutes early, online at [kidsbackporchproductions.org](http://kidsbackporchproductions.org) or call 281-412-5350 to place a will-call order. A cast of 21 actors brings the 1910 rich girl's school to life, showing all women and young ladies are princesses - and should be treated as such! Left to right, Vanessa Marsh, Thandie Vereen, Victoria Landers, Addison Rosenthal and Karina Marquez rehearse a scene from the play. Photo by Dana Hayes

## PLT presents Move Over, Mrs. Markham

Pasadena Little Theatre, Houston's oldest community theater in continuous operation, continues its 62nd season, the Something to Talk About season, with *Move Over, Mrs. Markham* by John Chapman and Ray Cooney.

It is set in a very elegant top floor London flat, belonging to Philip and Joanna Markham. The flat has been under renovation, and thus has been largely empty. Philip is a straight-laced publisher of children's books, and he shares an office with his partner, Henry Lodge, on the ground floor. Reluctantly, Philip agrees to let Henry borrow his apartment for the evening to "entertain" his latest girlfriend. At the same

time, Joanna Markham is persuaded by Linda Lodge to let her borrow the apartment, so she can entertain her lover. What nobody knows is that the interior designer who had been decorating the apartment for the past three months has decided that this was the night he and the au pair girl would try out the new round bed! When all three sets of people converge on the apartment, expecting to find it empty, chaos and confusion ensue.

PLT's presentation of *Move Over, Mrs. Markham* features as director well-known actor and director,

Alistair Spenlow, played by Vance (Bo) Richardson (left) and Sylvie, played by Avry Diaz are featured in Pasadena Little Theatre's production of *Move Over, Mrs. Markham* by John Chapman and Ray Cooney.

Photo by Dario Faila

Alan Gardiner-Atkinson along with an outstanding cast. This production opens on May 5 and continues weekends through May 21. Friday and Saturday showtimes are 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 3 p.m. Ticket prices are \$15 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors.

There is one Thursday show on May 18 which is the 2-for-\$20 show. To purchase tickets, make reservations or for more information, call the box office at 713-941-1758, or log onto [www.pasadenalittletheatre.org](http://www.pasadenalittletheatre.org).



## Manzanales' work premieres in NY

Michelle Manzanales, shown left, is a former South Belt resident and director for the School of Dance Ballet Hispanico. Her work *Con Brazos Abiertos* premiered at the Joyce Theatre in New York on April 18. According to a review written by Jerry Hochman in *CriticalDance*, Hochman states, "The piece, which had its world premiere last month, is intelligently conceived and crafted, told in an unusual and captivating way, and compelling enough to make even someone with no known Mexican blood feel the process and the pain." Photo submitted

## Local student qualifies for Duke



Abdul Muiz is an eleven-year resident of the South Belt area and a student at Westbrook Intermediate, attending the final weeks of his seventh-grade year. Based on his exceptional achievement on the STARR test in sixth grade, Muiz was recommended to take a seventh-grade SAT exam. Muiz successfully took the SAT exam in January. Subsequent to the SAT exam, Duke University offered Muiz to register under their elite Talent Search Program. He was accepted and attended an extensive course titled "Human Rights Advocacy" that was offered over an entire weekend in March. Muiz is very bright in all core subjects and it is his passion to excel further into his studies. Apart from studies, Muiz also loves playing soccer, basketball and cricket. Photo submitted

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**REPLACEMENT & STORM WINDOWS**

# South Belt Elementary announces honor, merit attendance awards

The following honor roll, merit roll, perfect attendance, principal's award, all star readers, math wizards and good citizens have been released by South Belt Elementary for the third nine weeks.

**Honor Roll**  
**Third Grade**  
 Shawn Armstrong, Joshua Arendondo, Ivan Ayala, Kylie Campos, Abigail Gutierrez, Jakob Hasbell, Audrina Hernandez, Jayden Lee, Bao Ngo, Daniel Soto, Jalen Tran and Gavynn Trevino.

**Fourth Grade**  
 Jonathan Alexander, Stephanie Bui, Trish Nguyen, Jabez Palmer and Jason Ta.

**Merit Roll**  
**Third Grade**  
 Ava Castillo, John Duarte, Joel Fisher, Aley Garza, Evalyna Gonzalez, Gilbert Loehr, Lenny Mendoza, Lauren Moorer, Haley Nguyen, Michelle Nguyen, Mia Bella Sudario Garza, Emily Taylor and Thu Vo.

**Fourth Grade**  
 Tatyonna Chappell, Emily

Hernandez, Madison Puente, Merab Saim, Nolan Tran and Addison Yount.

**Perfect Attendance Kindergarten**  
 Samuel Alexander, Samantha Barraza, Lila Collazos, Gael Diaz, EJ Edwards, Bennett Fiterman, Charles Fobbs, Helena Gonzales, Eriael Henderson, Riley Hensley, Bradley Jones, Alice Lam and Jayda Lasker.

Juliet Martinez, Melanie Martinez, Ava Ortiz, Adriana Padilla, Nathan Precella, Dan-

iel Ramirez, Emily Rodriguez, Nathan Torres, Evan Treadway, Christina Vu, Jolie Vu and Ghazal Zamzam.

**First Grade**  
 Devin Aguilera, Jacob Aguirre, Noah Aleman, Isaiah Ambriz, Teyonna Beason, Joseph Bello, Delilah Deleon, Isaac De Luna, Alyssa Fobbs, Miguel Galan, Isabella Gonzales, Roberto Granados, Jaylen Hill, La'Riah Houston, Rya Hurd, Shayaan Khan, Kennedy Livingston, Caylee Martinez and Donovan Martinez.

Isaiah Mata, Isaiah Machado, Grace Nguyen, Mia Nguyen, Meredith Onguso, Kinora Ploucha, Gabriela Ramirez, Alayana Rodriguez, Emmanuel Rodriguez, Jordyn Rodriguez, Mia Roppola, Emma Stone, Dexter Sullivan, Nala Tealer, Kayla Thomas and Leslie Torres.

**Second Grade**  
 Olivia Antoine, Jordan Bernard, Kayla Calderon, Khloe Coronado, Shawn Deedman, Carlos Delgado, Kyleigh Dorsey, Alyssa Espinoza, Bianca Flores-Pineda, Ayden Garza, Nathan Gaytan, Kyler Gomez, Marcos Gonzales, Vivian Hang, Alexia Hoang, Carolyn Jaramillo, Jeremiah Johnson and Audrey Lopez.

Felipe Martinez, Max Martinez, Morgan Momie, Evan Mora, Zamira Mosely, Andrew Nguyen, Luciano Padillo, Sujina Pandit, Joel Pena, Juliana Perez, Mathew Perez, Jonny Pham, Aubree Rodriguez, Jaliya Silas, Alex Soria, Faith Vasquez, Alex Vouffo and Angelina Vu.

**Third Grade**  
 Anthony Aguirre, Kayla Akinfenwa, Xavier Ambriz, Caleb Brown, Leslie Costa, Khayden Davis, Lilliana Delara, Vanessa De La Fuente, Joseph Faz, Emily Golenko, Abigail Gutierrez, Jakob Hasbell and Tavaris Hauley.

London Herrera, Aiden Ho, Richmond Huynh, Vi Hugh, Davion Johnson, Sheyanne Keller, Michael Komi, Danton Le, Gilbert Loehr, Santiago Lopez, Auriana Mata, Lenny Mendoza, Jessica Moises, Bao Ngo, Daniel Nguyen, Haley Nguyen and Leon Nguyen.

Michelle Nguyen, Minh Nguyen, Chloe Nunez, Brendan Parrish, Alexis Perez, Max Perez, Kinotsu Ploucha, Leila Reyes, Gia Rodriguez, Clarissa Ruiz, Cymoria Silas, Aaliyah Soto, Mia Bella Sudario

Garza, Brionna Tottenham, Jalen Tran, Mina Tran, Gavynn Trevino and Joseph Vivier.

**Fourth Grade**  
 Lorena Adams, Jonathan Alexander, Rolando Ambriz, Owen Barr, Kaysie Davis-Lewis, Vyvy Do, Julius Edmondson, Aniya Flemming, Diego Gonzalez, Emily Hernandez, Lillian Huerte, Jerry Ibarra and Isaiah Johnson.

Xavier Keller, Linda Komi, Jacob Lam, Jaylon Lasker, Andy Le, Nathan Le, Jorge Martinez, Priscilla Martinez, Julian Melchor, Aliah Moore, Zakyria Myers, Abriana Neco, Trish Nguyen, Hope Ortiz, Jabez Palmer, Julianne Pham and Madison Puente.

Jayden Ramirez, Lilli Ramirez, Abriana Reynolds, Julian Salazar, Jordan Scimmons, Taylor Sindry, McKenzie Smith, Jason Ta, Jared Toro, Diego Torres, Jennifer Torres, Nolan Tran, Isaiah Vivier, Megan Vu, Ryan White and Moaz Zaman.

**Principal's Award**  
 Aaden Aguilar, Devin Aguilera, Jacob Aguirre, Juwayriyah Ali, Isaiah Ambriz, Bethenny Avelar, Alijah Banda, Joseph Bello, Aja Breau, Mia Cantu, Sophie Centeno, Elizabeth Cervantes, Alexander Chavez, Adam Cid, Sophia Cleary, Jamari Clemons and Isaac De Luna.

Samantha De Luna, Kayla De Robles, Delilah Deleon, Kenya Delong-Thompson, Langston Edwards, Adrian Garza, Alessandra Garza, Alriona Gonzales, Isabella Gonzales, Roberto Granados, Jamin Hernandez and Rya Hurd.

Natalie Huynh, Luke Kelan, Gabriel Laurila, Kennedy Livingston, Isaiah Lopez, Isaiah Machado, Caylee Martinez, Donovan Martinez, Jayme Martinez, Brandon McNeal, Paula Medrano, David

## Meador holds chess competition



Meador Elementary held a friendly chess competition between family members of faculty and students to support the Chess Club. Two students from the chess competition team were selected to play on teams. Above, Hussai Arias, third-grader, makes a move while Alejandro Martinez, third-grader, watches. Steve Cowan, volunteer, and Beverly Bolton, principal, strategize their next move.



The chess club competition consisted of eight students that competed at the District Chess Exhibitions. The Meador Chess Club meets regularly to learn new techniques and practice strategies. Shown are, left to right, (front row) Connie Daumas, chess coordinator; Alejandro Martinez, third-grader; Hussai Arias, third-grader; (back row) Steve Cowan, volunteer; Beverly Bolton, principal; Alex Daumas, volunteer; and Al Merida, volunteer. The three volunteers shown are husbands of faculty members.

## Hancock names rolls for third nine weeks

The following achievements have been released by Thomas Hancock Elementary for the third nine weeks.

**Academic Recognition**  
**First Grade**  
 Dianelys Banda, Keylan Billings, David Brown, Camia Casas, Brianna Castillo, Natalie Cazares, Ma'Kayla Davis, Maverick Deleon, Danaye Fant, Ariyanna Fisher, Jonathan Haro, Jewell Johnson and Javier Martinez.

Troy McBride, Giselle Najera, Jose Quiroz, Catherine Reyes, Isaiah Romero, Niomi Sanchez, Alex Tran, Hayson Vo, Arianna Williams, Aiyana Webster, Derek Young and Jesus Zambrano.

**Second Grade**  
 Alessandra Alcantar, Ariana Almanza, Nathalie Almanza, Katherine Alvarez, Gabriella Anowey, Ray Azinge Jr., Sebastian Bedolla, Leslie Beltran, Anthony Capetillo, Chancelor Cooper,

Lenneth Cruz, Mya Durant, Courtney Edwards, Gerardo Garza, Khaiden Gholar, Daisha Jackson, Da'shy Johnson, Adelyn Juarez, Lilliana Mercado, Oziel Rangel and Elyssa Vargas.

**Honor Roll**  
**Third Grade**  
 Angel Cuello, Jamiah Johnson, Naimah Martinez, Gia An Nguyen, Mary Nguyen and Joaquin Ramirez.

**Fourth Grade**  
 Aryanna Benitez, Dan-

ielle Chenier, Brenden Foxx, Kamy Martin, Kristi Nguyen, Patience Thomas and Bre'Yanna Williams.

**Perfect Attendance Pre-K**  
 Robin Azinge, Isaiah Betancourt, Jerediah Cantu, Jaselym Enriquez, Viviana Gamez, Joan Gonzalez, Oscar Lara, Andrew Lopez, Isaac Lopez, Andrea Luna, Bryan Martin, Daniel Marti-Conez, Faith Morgan, Sofia

## Dobie Latin Club competes in TSJCL San Antonio



The Dobie High School Latin Club traveled to San Antonio to compete at Sandra Day O'Connor High School on Saturday, April 1, in the Texas State Junior Classical League Latin competition. The club broke its four-place streak and placed third in the competition. Shown with their ribbons and trophies, left to right, (front row) Lisa Barrett, Mary Doan, Idania Guzman, Stephanie Martinez, Alexis Tran, Kareem Salomon, Ashley Nguyen, Rebecca Shaffer, Jenny Lu, Erika Ragasa, Noelle Phan, Cassandra Guevara, Amber Nguyen, Sami Yu, Jade Nanez, Shawn Krivik, Victoria Dao, (second row) Annie Tran, Jennifer Nguyen, Andy Nguyen, Sandy Huynh, Dalila Nguyen, Tiffany Duong, Kathrina Villanueva, Jose Trujillo, Andrea Chapa, Samantha Merrill,

## Frazier names honor, merit rolls, attendance

The following perfect attendance, honor roll and merit roll have been released by Frazier Elementary for the third nine weeks.

**Perfect Attendance Kindergarten**  
 Carmelo Gutierrez, Kallie Mericle, Roger Pereira and Jocelyn Urrutia.

**Second Grade**  
 Jermaine Bartley, Lali Bowman, Javier Chavez, Alicia Cordero, Dylan Corpeno, Aidan, Delarosa, Emma Espino, Alina Farooq, Hunter Ford, Melissa Gallo, Christian Garay, Isaiah Garcia, Ezequiel Gonzalez, Mia Hernandez, Jeremy Jaso, Julian Jimenez, Amaira Johnson, Talan Le, Genesis Leal, Andrea Lopez, Alyna Mariscal, Monserrat Marquez, Rodrigo Martinez, Mia Payne, Geovanny Perez, Zoe Perez, Carson Piatti, Penelope Rodriguez, Alfredo Tamez and Daisha Williams.

**Third Grade**  
 Anderson Aguilera, Lorenzo Aguirre, Aaron Almaguer, Alana Baulch, Christopher Berrum, Diego Betancourt, Mikayla Cas-

tillo, Marvin Gonzalez, Jesse Kelley, Nicholas Kemp, Nayelly Marquez, Samantha Mejorado, Kiara Merklon, James Moe, Krystal Molina, Steven Morillo, Eduardo Salazar, Francisco Serrano, Raymundo Solis and Brianna Yanez.

**Fourth Grade**  
 Julian Ayala, Nathan Bennett, Lorenzo Betancourt, Lorian Betancourt, Alinah Bustamante, Johann Castellanos, Miguel Corpeno, Valeria De Ochoa, Andre Espinosa, Burke Feil, Madison Ford, Max Garza, Kai Gilhouse, Myranda Kelley, Karyme Leal, Linus

Maciukiewicz, Rubi Martinez, Yaretzi Martinez, Ariel Merkerson, Joseph Meza, Luis Ojeda, Andrew Pavalonis, Juliana Perez, Andre Reyes, Anais, Romero, Yazmine Salas, Heidi Sanchez, Mauricio Serna, Nicholas Soza, Nina Walker and David Williams.

**Honor Roll**  
**Third Grade**  
 Anderson Aguilera, Kaylie Bui.

**Merit Roll**  
**Third Grade**  
 Julietta Garcia.

**Fourth Grade**  
 Grace Arriola.

Julian Salazar, Justin Salazar, Kettia Sanchez, Vasthi Sanchez, Sebastian Sanders, McKenzie Smith, Pitou So, Tristan Sudario, Jason Ta, Olivia Tamez, Jennifer Torres,

Connor Sidney, Kolton Smith, Bella Starks, Logan Stewart, Emma Stone, Lori Suarez, Dexter Sullivan, Alec Tamegnon, Kayla Thomas, Krystal Thomas, Christopher Torres, Leslie Torres, Hayden Walker, Cielo Wright and Hassan Zamzam.

**Second Grade**  
 Gabrielle Aleman, Ibrahim Ali, Ayan Aljafri, Olivia Antoine, Nathan Arriaga, Ibrahim Asif, Makaya Augustine, Hayden Austin, Kaci-Lynn Bernard, Paige Bernard, Evan Bowden, Naiven Buendia, Alexandria Byrd, Kayla Calderon, Jady Cantu and Savanna Castillo.

Khloe Coronado, Shawn Deedman, Carlos Delgado, Kyleigh Dorsey, Alyssa Espinoza, Jade Fernandez, Macy Figueroa, Xander Fiterman, Courtney Fletcher, Bianca Flores-Pineda, Patrick Fobbs, Jaylen Ford, Kareli Garza, Noah Gaytan and Romeo Gill.

Lynley Gillis, Kyler Gomez, Marcos Gonzales, Vivian Hang, Alexia Hoang, Nolan Hua, Anthony Jennings, Marina Kostikoglou, Zyha Lam, Taylor Lastik, Allyssa Laurila, Sheyla Le, Hayden Limas, Audrey Lopez, Kelvin Lopez, Felipe Martinez, Mackenzie Martinez, Max Martinez and Kellan McCalla.

Morgan Momie, Katelin Moore, Evan Mora, Derrick Myers, Zainab Naveed, An-

## Sullivan school to hold concerts

Sullivan Middle School has announced two upcoming events that are on the school's fine arts calendar. The first event is the 6th-grade band concert which is scheduled for Thursday, April 27, from 6 to 7 p.m. at Sullivan Middle School.

The second event is the 5th-grade band concert which is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2, from 6 to 7 p.m. This event is also at the school. Sullivan Middle School is located at located at 1112 Queens Road in Pasadena.

Jonathan Alexander, Andrea Amescua, Daniel Arce-neaux, Owen Barr, Aniya Beasley, Nathan Bui, Stephanie Bui, Victoria Byrd, Michael Collins, Avageline Cosse, Gyzelle Delgado, Vyvy Do, Natalie Espinosa and Aniya Flemming.

Brianna Garza, Yazmin Gonzalez, Emily Hernandez, Kiera Huynh, Jerry Ibarra, Jake Joslin, Heidy Kamh, Xavier Keller, Jacob Lam, Jaylon Lasker, Andy Le, Nathan Le, Sebastian Lopez, Lianna Lumpkin, Tatiana Luna, Kackie Martinez and Priscilla Martinez.

Kayden Montez, Aliah Moore, Vanessa Moreno Trevino, Abriana Neco, Jennie Nguyen, Trish Nguyen, Hope Ortiz, Jabez Palma, Trinity Parker, Emily Parrish, Niko Pelaez, Julianne Pham, Madison Puente, Dasia Ram, Lillie Ramirez, Derek Rodriguez and Merab Saim.

Julian Salazar, Justin Salazar, Kettia Sanchez, Vasthi Sanchez, Sebastian Sanders, McKenzie Smith, Pitou So, Tristan Sudario, Jason Ta, Olivia Tamez, Jennifer Torres,

Issac Urquieta, Faith Vasquez, Jasmin Vasquez, Jetziel Velasquez, Jabari Venison, Alex Vouffo, Angelina Vu, Zyria Watson, Rachel Wilson and Heather Yount.

**Third Grade**  
 Anthony Aguirre, Kayla Akinfenwa, Emily Alvarado, Leovanni Alvarez, Xavier Ambriz, Joshua Arredondo, Shawn Armstrong, Ivan Ayala, Kaila Baltzell, Cadence Brade, Caleb Brown, Kacie Campos, Anthony Canciel, Ava Castillo and Jakeida Cervantes.

Alonzo Chapman, Macy Cooper, Mia D'Anda, Vanessa De La Fuente, Lilliana Delara, Joseph Faz, Joel Fisher, Aley Garza, Cedric Gillespie, Emily Golenko, Belen Gomez, Adam Gonzales and Evalyna Gonzales.

Ryleigh Gonzalez, Abigail Gutierrez, Reyna Harvey, Audrina Hernandez, Ava Hernandez, Kenzie Hernandez, London Herrera Richmond Huynh, Vi Huynh, Layla Jack, Keli'jah Jackson, Michael Komi, Jason Leahman, Alex Le and Danton Le.

Jayden Lee, Santiago Lopez, Lilliana Mata, Mia Mata, Mario Martinez, Lauren Moorer, Ayden Munoz, Bao Ngo, Haley Nguyen, Jennifer Nguyen, Michelle Nguyen, Thein Nguyen, Chloe Nunez, Max Perez, Kinotsu Ploucha, Leila Reyes, Carolina Rodriguez, Gia Rodriguez, Clarissa Ruiz and Oscar Salinas.

Cymoria Silas, Daniel Soto, Makayla St. Romain, Mia Bella Sudario Garza, Alcorta Surreal, Emily Taylor, Brionna Tottenham, Jalen Tran, Mina Tran, Gavynn Trevino, Katia Vazquez, Noah Villereal, Noah Villereal, Joseph Vivier and Thu Vo.

**Fourth Grade**  
 Brianna Garza, Yazmin Gonzalez, Emily Hernandez, Kiera Huynh, Jerry Ibarra, Jake Joslin, Heidy Kamh, Xavier Keller, Jacob Lam, Jaylon Lasker, Andy Le, Nathan Le, Sebastian Lopez, Lianna Lumpkin, Tatiana Luna, Kackie Martinez and Priscilla Martinez.

Kayden Montez, Aliah Moore, Vanessa Moreno Trevino, Abriana Neco, Jennie Nguyen, Trish Nguyen, Hope Ortiz, Jabez Palma, Trinity Parker, Emily Parrish, Niko Pelaez, Julianne Pham, Madison Puente, Dasia Ram, Lillie Ramirez, Derek Rodriguez and Merab Saim.

Julian Salazar, Justin Salazar, Kettia Sanchez, Vasthi Sanchez, Sebastian Sanders, McKenzie Smith, Pitou So, Tristan Sudario, Jason Ta, Olivia Tamez, Jennifer Torres,

## Patrick Tran, Vnam Tran, Nico Macedo, Stephanie Gonzales, Holly Vu, Jasmine Pham, Benjamin Tran, Alexander Tran, (third row) Roberto Rayos, Vincent Ta, Thuyen Vu, Johari Weaver, Felicity Soto, Catherine Le, Emily Reyes, Stephanie Bonilla, Preston Chung, Minh To, Cayla Pena, Uyen Phan, Thuy Dinh, Courtney Chung, Tony Tran, Trey Meyers, Cecilia Torres, Irene Kim, (back row) Steven Nguyen, Justin Vu, Victor Nguyen, Everett Moreno, Sean Le, Jason Sabal, Tina Ha, Jacob Nguyen, Austin Luu, Jason Le, Alejandro Montejano, Christian Laurila, Michelle Nguyen, Hy Tran and Kay Duong.

Patrick Tran, Vnam Tran, Nico Macedo, Stephanie Gonzales, Holly Vu, Jasmine Pham, Benjamin Tran, Alexander Tran, (third row) Roberto Rayos, Vincent Ta, Thuyen Vu, Johari Weaver, Felicity Soto, Catherine Le, Emily Reyes, Stephanie Bonilla, Preston Chung, Minh To, Cayla Pena, Uyen Phan, Thuy Dinh, Courtney Chung, Tony Tran, Trey Meyers, Cecilia Torres, Irene Kim, (back row) Steven Nguyen, Justin Vu, Victor Nguyen, Everett Moreno, Sean Le, Jason Sabal, Tina Ha, Jacob Nguyen, Austin Luu, Jason Le, Alejandro Montejano, Christian Laurila, Michelle Nguyen, Hy Tran and Kay Duong.

## SJC alumnus delivers keynote address

Dr. Lonnie Howard, President at Lamar Institute of Technology, will offer the keynote address at the San Jacinto College commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 13, at 7 p.m.

The 2017 Spring commencement ceremony will bring together San Jacinto College graduates from each of its four campuses for one combined ceremony. The ceremony will take place at NRG Stadium.

"Dr. Howard has a remarkable story that many students can relate to," said San Jacinto College Chancellor Dr. Brenda Hellyer. "He is passionate about community colleges and higher education, and is an amazing success story. As a first-generation college graduate and a San Jacinto College alumnus, I am excited for him to return to where his journey began to share his story with our graduates. I look forward to hearing him speak."

Following high school, Howard joined the U.S. Army where he served with distinction. He received an honorable discharge, but did not have any employment skills. His first job was as a janitor in an industrial shop. Despite facing many hardships, Howard never forgot his mother's optimistic saying, "It doesn't matter where you start. The important thing is where you finish."

Howard graduated with his first associate degree at the age of 36. Twelve years later he had a total of five col-

lege degrees - an associate of applied science in welding, an associate of general studies, a bachelor's degree, a master's degree and a Ph.D. in educational administration from the University of Texas. He has also completed post-doctoral training in strategic business management at Harvard University and emerging leadership at Penn State University.

"Being a former developmental student, then graduating from San Jacinto College with an associate degree in welding, moving on to become a college president, and now invited back to be the commencement speaker, this demonstrates the best of the American Dream," said Howard. "My hope for the 2017 May graduating class is that some of them will also come back and tell success stories of their own American Dream."

Prior to being named president at Lamar Institute of Technology in April of 2016, Howard spent three years as president and CEO at Clover Park Technical College, the largest technical college in Washington state. He previously served as executive director of the School of Continuing and Professional Studies at the University of Houston System and has held teaching and research positions at several institutions.

More information about the San Jacinto College commencement ceremony may be found at sanjac.edu/commencement-ceremony.

## Hancock rolls . . .

**Continued from Page 3A**  
Ochoa, Rudis Peraza, Issis Rodriguez, Kennndry Rodriguez and Chelsey Vergara.

**Kindergarten**  
Rick Azinge, Ryan Azinge, Precious Edomwande, Isabella Espinoza, Keyniyah Fletcher, Allison Garcia, Caleb Garcia, Nathan Garcia Valeria Hernandez, Kameron Johnson, Jason Kitts, Eva Kuczynski, Roberto Najera, Aaron Nguyen, Oliver Ochoa, Kristy Peraza, Yarelle Rangel, Silvino Sanchez, Taslyn Thomas, Dailey Thrower, Bryson Tyrrell, Giselle Vallesteros and Joseph Vazquez.

**First Grade**  
Sofia Alvarez, Diane-lis Banda, David Brown, William Canales, Mykaela Cantu, Maxwell Charles, Brayden Dean, Anna Ju, Noel Lozano, Crystal Martinez, Troy McBride, Anaiyah Miles, Sisamay Olivios, Dayra Rojas, Olivia Sims, Alex Tran and Amorian Wright-McBride.

**Second Grade**  
Mayte Almanza, Nathalie Almanza, Katherine Alvarez, Ray Azinge, Roy Azinge, Khalil Boyd, Anthony Capetillo, Corbin Contreras, Lenneth Cruz, Alaina Dang, Mya Durant, Yahir Gamboa, Arely Gutierrez, Vincent Jackson, Adalyn Juarez, Camila Juarez, Niko Maxwell, Joshua Mejia, Liliana Mer-

cado, Gloria Ochoa, Yessiel Perez, Oziel Rangel, Brandon Ray, Roberto Robles Marin, Marissa Sanchez, Juan Torres and Natalie Vasquez.

**Third Grade**  
Andrick Acevedo, Andrea Aguirre, Jordan Alamu, Ashly Banda, James Bellman, Alexis Carranza, Devin Cobb, Hazel Durant, Edward Fondeur, Marilyn Gonzalez, Tyanna Gonzalez-Flores, Abbie Hernandez, Ethan Kuczynski, San Le, Cristian Lopez Guerrero and Tessa Mares.

Nickia Maxwell, Edward Mendez, Jacoby Muniz, Ashton Ngo, Onanna Obi, Benjamin Ortiz, Ryan Pacheco, Leonardo Quintanilla, Joaquin Ramirez, Benjamin Richards, Cameron Robertson, Brianna Schulgen and Rihanna Torres.

**Fourth Grade**  
Genevieve Alcalá, Anastasia Anowey, Johnny Argueta, Kaylee Cano, Nicholas Casas, Valeria Espinoza, Damian Garcia, Cassandra Garcia, Brizeida Garza, Freddie Gonzales, Valerie Gonzales, Hector Guevara Avila, Truc Huynh, Mateo Mercado, Kristi Nguyen, Kamfechukwu Obi, Nahum Olivios Tenorio, Daniel Pham, Sebastian Ramirez, Rhema Sanni-Thomas, James Thomas, Kameron Whiting and Elli Yu.

## Spanish donations for Houston library

The Houston Public Library received a significant donation of textbooks in Spanish from the Mexican Consulate General to benefit the Mexican and Hispanic community in Houston, as well as those interested in learning more about Mexican culture.

The event took place on Tuesday, April 25, at the Julia Ideson Building, 550 McKinney St. in Houston.

The Spanish textbook donation program was established by the Mexican government through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Public

Education. The program was designed to support bilingual education and school activities focused on students of Mexican descent and of Hispanic heritage in the United States.

The donation includes 28 collections and each collection includes 45 textbooks (from first to sixth grades: math, Spanish, sciences, civics, etc.) and literature books.

For more information contact the Community Affairs Office of the Mexican Consulate at 713-778-6116 or prensahpoustan@sre.gob.mx.

## Genealogical Society to meet

The Bay Area Genealogical Society will meet on Friday, April 28. The speaker will be Gale French who will discuss genealogical research of Gold Star Mothers, mothers who lost sons or daughters in the military service.

The meet and greet will start at 6:30 p.m. and the program will start at 7 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the Chapel at University of Baptist Church, located at 16106 Middlebrook Drive, in Houston.

For more information, go to www.TxBayAreaGen.org or call Kim Zrubek at 281-992-2636.

## Free self-defense offered

The American Society of Karate is offering free one-hour self-defense and martial arts courses for teens and adults (ages 13-80) at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes, on Fridays through May 26, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, email Michael.Alonzo@ASKKarate.com or call 281-788-5930.



## Over The Back Fence by Alexis

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JAY!**  
Best wishes are sent April 27 for a wonderful birthday to Dobie student Jay Do from friends and the Leader staff.

**SCHOOL DAZE**  
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays April 27 through May 3.

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

**Burnett Elementary**  
Blow out the candles for **Jesus Ortiz Guerrero** who celebrates a birthday April 28. **Erika Gonzalez** marks a birthday May 3.

**Bush Elementary**  
Sing a happy birthday song to **Ana Reyes** on May 1. Send a birthday greeting to **Nicole Holguin** on May 3.

**Frazier Elementary**  
**Melba Donato** and **Meredith Rives** enjoy a double birthday April 29.

**Meador Elementary**  
Best wishes for a happy birthday are sent to **Cathy Taylor** April 30.

**Moore Elementary**  
**Aracely Buentillo** enjoys a birthday May 1. May 3 is the day for a celebration for **Wendy Murphy**.

**Stuchbery Elementary**  
Send a birthday greeting April 27 to **Emily Walker**.

**Melillo Middle School**  
The day for a birthday cake for **Jacqueline Carmona** is April 27. April 28 is a special day of celebration for **Bianca Slater**. Send a birthday greeting April 30 to **Adriana Saavedra**.

**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
Blow out the birthday candles April 29 for **Matrice Henry**. Special wishes are in order May 2 for **Ninfa Lopez**.

**Thompson Intermediate**  
Light the candles April 29 for a double celebration for **Nicole Horne-Sherman** and **Melissa Taylor**. Send a birthday greeting May 3 to **Maria Lopez**.

**Dobie High**  
Celebrating a birthday April 27 is **Amber Allan**. The day for a present for **Laura Sharpless** is April 29. The day for a double-layer birthday cake is April 30 for **Erica Moreno** and **Mathew Ortiz**. Send a birthday card May 2 for **Marcia Griffin**. The day for a birthday present for **Tanya Morales** is May 3.

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

birthday this week:  
Thursday, April 27: **Emily Walker, Erika Gonzalez, Christopher Malek, Pam Navarre, Mary Pinkerton, Freda Mathews, Paula Morley, Amber Allan and Penelope Villeda**; Friday, April 28: **Ralph Jackson, Kelly Schwell, Jason Stonestreet, Monica Rasmussen and Carrie Ramirez**; Saturday, April 29: **Kevin James, Jonathan Ellis, Ben Bryant and Melissa Rahman**; Sunday, April 30: **Norma Partida, Cindy Munoz, Diana Guzman, Scott Koplun and Mathew Ortiz**; Monday, May 1: **Kenneth Zermeno, Ladonna Alvarez, John Anderson, Elizabeth Lastovica, Vareck Herrera, David Payne, Shanna Mounce, Clint Simmons and Stephanie Sirt**; Tuesday, May 2: **Chris Weatherford, Douglas Redhun, Troy Goffney, David Thomas, Jeanette Nickell and Leslee Outland**; and Wednesday, May 3: **Craig Pittman, Lora Burns-Palmero, Keith Richardson, Tanya Morales and Brandie Ash**.

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

## Chamber Fun Bunch visits zoo



Fun Bunch members of the South Belt Chamber of Commerce visited the Houston Zoo on March 24. Along with seeing many animals, the Fun Bunch also enjoyed lunch at the zoo. Gathered around the giraffe statue, left to right, are Diane Leared, Gail Watts, Ronn Canon, Sharon Turner and Dan Matous. Photo submitted

## Pasadena ISD nets Houston A+ Challenge award

Pasadena Independent School District recently received the Strengthen award for the success of the Connect Personalized Learning program at a reception hosted by Houston A+ Challenge.

Dr. DeeAnn Powell, PISD superintendent of schools, addressed a crowd of distinguished public school leaders and organizational groups as she accepted the award. (See related photo, Page 1A.)

"We began this journey to find a way to help more students become post-secondary ready," Powell said.

"In looking at our students, we realized they had the content knowledge for college, but lacked critical cognitive skills or habits of success.

"The Connect program strives to meet all three components."

The program's measurement examines proven success based on standardized test data, which revealed that students in sixth and seventh grades scored 18 points above the state aver-

age in English and language arts.

"This shift in our educational approach has required the support of many," Powell said.

"We are thankful for our relationship with Houston A+ Challenge and for the support of our school board members. We would also like to thank Summit Public Schools in California for providing a model for which our program is based. We could not have made this possible without their mentorship."

Launched in 2015, Connect provides students with an innovative opportunity to become self-directed learners and receive personalized support that involves weekly one-on-one time with mentors and instructors.

Connect started with a small pilot of three campuses and has continued to grow. The Connect program is offered at 10 campuses for students in grades 5 through 10 and expects to expand to 23 campuses during the 2017 school year.

## National drug take back day scheduled in Clear Lake

Houston City Council Member Dave Martin is pleased to announce that National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day will take

place on Saturday, April 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Houston Police Department's Clear Lake Substation, 2855 Bay Area Blvd. in Houston.

The national event, sponsored by the United States Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration, aims to provide safe and convenient disposal of prescription drugs while also educating the public on the potential for the abuse of prescription medications.

Sites will be available throughout the City of Houston for residents to drop off unused or expired drugs for safe disposal by law enforcement personnel.

For more information on National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day and other drop off locations, visit [https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug\\_disposal/takeback/](https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/).

year's event.

**5 years ago (2012)**  
Genoa United Methodist Church, 12501 Palm Springs, celebrated its 118th anniversary and the dedication of its Texas Historical Marker. Founded in the spring of 1894, the historic church has gone through many incarnations over the years. While the township of Genoa was annexed by the city of Houston during the mid-1960s, the area church helped retain a sense of community by hosting various local events.

**1 year ago (2016)**  
Multiple assaults were reported taking place along the Blackhawk hike-and-bike trail, sending two female victims to the hospital on the same day. Despite increased police patrols at the trail, no arrests were made.

Chris Clark retired from his position as general manager of the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District, after serving in the position for 16 years. Before joining the MUD in a paid capacity, Clark was an elected official on the district's board from 1982 to 2000, serving 16 of those years as the organization's president. Clark also stepped down from his role as chair of the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce. A founding member of the organization, Clark had served four terms as chamber president.

Joseph Briggs Jr. was presented the prestigious Minuteman Award by the National Guard Association of Texas. The award is the highest honor that can be bestowed on a member of the association, with only 69 given in the last 40 years.

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce won the top overall team honors at the 11th annual South Belt Spectacular Cook-off. A record number of 75 teams competed in the

## Remember When

**40 years ago (1977)**  
Angela Shiflett won first place in the older teen division of the Strawberry Festival beauty contest.

The Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees met to discuss the boundary adjustments and overcrowding in local schools.

**35 years ago (1982)**  
The Houston arson division investigated the fire at the portable buildings behind Thompson Intermediate School. All five of the buildings had been broken into and set on fire, but only two burned.

Joseph Alan Hilliard, 17, died of massive injuries including a broken neck and subdural hemorrhage as a result of a car-dirt bike collision at Hall Road at Sageyork. Hilliard, who was not wearing a helmet, and a friend were reportedly riding a dirt bike without lights at 11 p.m.

Sageglen resident and state Rep. Randy Pennington as well as state Sen. Buster Brown won their Republican primaries and did not face opposition in the November election.

**30 years ago (1987)**  
Sage Meadow Utility District President Jack Meyers resigned at a special meeting of the board of directors due to his no longer owning property in the district.

Seven members of Dobie's varsity boys' soccer team were named to the 20-

5A all-district team. They were Bill Romere, Nicolas Rojo, Kris Benson, Robbie Ogden, Chris Chambless, Ryan Birsinger and Chris Curtis.

**25 years ago (1992)**  
Faye Schimek, a South Belt resident, was announced as one of three recipients of the first annual Gaia Award from the *Houston Post* and Dillard's. Gaia, according to the *Post*, embodied the finest attributes of woman, the nourisher of all things.

Piper Heinrich, a graduate of Dobie High School, was selected as first runner-up at the Strawberry Festival beauty contest.

Dobie senior offensive lineman Kevin Fell signed a letter of intent to play football for McMurry University in Abilene.

**20 years ago (1997)**  
Crews from Cherry Demolition tore down the community eyesore known as the Beamer Towers. Located adjacent to the Brio Superfund Site, the building stood vacant and unfinished for several years. Its demolition was the final one related to the Southbend subdivision.

For the first time since 1983, all four Dobie choirs won Sweepstakes at the UIL concert and sight reading contests.

The Thompson Intermediate National Academic League won its second national title by defeating Od-

yssey Junior High of Redwood, Wash., 50-46.

**15 years ago (2002)**  
Otis Anderson's family outbid all others at the annual cook-off's silent auction for the second year in a row. They paid \$1,250 to have the entrance to El Franco Lee Park named in memory of Otis.

A historic school bell that was stolen from the old Genoa Elementary School was discovered. The bell, which dates back to the early 1900s, was apparently taken while school personnel and other workers were moving into the new building next door.

**10 years ago (2007)**  
Lifetime Sagemeadow resident Rikki Danielle Rudd Sanchez was killed when her vehicle was struck by an alleged car thief, who was fleeing from police.

The driver of the other vehicle, Dennis Lamont Evans, was charged with felony murder.

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## School voting . . .

**Continued from Page 1A**  
The nearest location for South Belt residents to vote early in the CCISD election is Clear Brook High School. Voting hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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

Two seats are up for grabs in the San Jacinto College District board election.

Running for the Position 1 spot are 1991 Dobie graduate Erica Davis Rouse, Rick Guerrero and Richard Serna.

Position 2 incumbent Dr.

Ruede Wheeler is running unopposed. Early voting for residents living in the Pasadena Independent School District will take place at all five PISD high schools.

Voting hours will be 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on April 24-28 and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on May 1-2.

Early voting for residents living in the Clear Creek Independent School District and Pearland Independent School District will take place at the San Jacinto College South Fine Arts Building (S15) lobby.

For additional information or to see Election Day polling places, visit [www.sanjac.edu/board-trustees-election](http://www.sanjac.edu/board-trustees-election).

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## Kindergartners perform at Atkinson



Atkinson Elementary's kindergartners perform at the school's Kindergarten Music Program. The program had a western theme and the children sang Texas-related songs such as *She'll Be Coming 'Round the Mountain*, *Old Brass Wagon* and more. Shown in the photo are, left to right, (first row) Christian Jimenez, Trenton Hines, Olivia Ortega, Ryan Aguiar, Lyric Turner, Hailey Estrada, Madison Swartz, Andres Rios, Josais Hartfield, Kayla Cisneros, Joseph Moore, Vanessa Udoh, Emily Rossett, Jon Reyes, David Arrendondo, Daniel Aguiar, Santiago Sanchez, (second row) Tyler Dao, Ian Tovar, Beija Orellana, Andy Zamora, Julianna Alvarez, Matthew Rowe, Vincent Nguyen, Alexis Esquivel, Zorion Collins, Cody Guzman, Ruby Delgado, David Arias, Laila Rodriguez, Cody Teague, Taylor Hines, Zoe

Ramirez, Juan Guerrero, Arturo Serrano, Jonathan Leon, Allison Banda, Nicole Fonseca, (third row) Kristen Tran, Hunter Pham, Vanessa Pesquera, Anna Trinh, Rebecca Covarubias, Josue Rico, Bryson Gray, Jazmyn Ortega, Adriana Guerrero, Jayden Pereira (not shown), Sebastian Martinez, Eli Ybarra, Edmundo Bravo, Anthony Garcia, Max Villela, Melissa Melendez, Kimberly Hernandez, Davion Montalvo, Johan Oviedo, (fourth row) Daniel Santana, Alyna Alvarez, Owyn Altimore (not shown), Catherine Covarubias, Ryker Schrijn, Alyssa Alvarez, Arlanna Estrada, Sophia Trevino, Jaime Palomino, Jannette Campos, Dahlia Reyes, Bria Dominguez, Kendra Prida, Emilio Mendoza, (fifth row) Lili Marroquin, Jonathan Fonseca, Miyah McSween, Item Osaghae and Noah Adams. Photo submitted

## San Jac board candidates answer questionnaires

Following are the responses to the *Leader's* San Jacinto College board of trustees candidate questionnaire. Answers are strictly the candidates', and have not been edited. The questionnaires are in order as the candidates appear on the ballot.

### Richard (Rick) J. Guerrero



**Name:** Richard (Rick) J. Guerrero

**Age:** 55

**Occupation:** Real Estate Broker/Owner

**Education:** Texas Southmost College (2) years.

**Marital Status/Children:** Married, Maria Nilda Guerrero and four children; Richard, Jessica, Nilda & Daniel

**How long have you lived in the school district?**

I moved into the San Jacinto College District in 1983, have lived in the district for 34 years.

**Have you ever attended San Jacinto College?**

Yes, I did attend San Jacinto College for a short period; because of my constant travels with my job I was unable to complete my course study. I traveled for fifteen years and did not return back to San Jacinto College.

**Why are you running for this position?**

Education is extremely important in today's ever changing world. In order to make a good living for you and your family; it is highly beneficial to have at the very least an Associate's degree or a Certificate of trade. I want to work with San Jacinto College and students to bridge the financial gap so that anyone interested in bettering themselves and their families have the opportunity to do so.

**What skill sets and experience do you have to be a productive member of the San Jacinto board?**

I attended a junior college straight out of high school; my parents did not have the means or the knowledge of the various programs available to students interested in attending college. Over the years I have learned the importance of a quality education, and experienced firsthand the challenges and struggle's to have a quality living for my family. I am very fortunate to be a small business owner in Pasadena; I struggled and learned the hard way to make a good living. We encouraged our children to get a college education; they are graduates of UHCL, UH & UT Austin. I thank God every day they are able to make a great living for themselves and their families. I know firsthand the challenges for families and students that want to get a quality college education; when elected as a member of the Board of Trustees for San Jacinto College I will be their voice.

**What community involvement (including San Jacinto College) and other named organization have you been involved in?** Ex-

plain participation.

I currently serve as a member of San Jacinto College Education Foundation, Past President of PISD Education Foundation, Past-Chairman of the Board for Pasadena Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Advisory Board for The Salvation Army of East Harris County, Bayshore Medical Center Board of Trustees Member, Pasadena Philharmonic Board Member, Past President of Pasadena Kiwanis Club, Ex-Officio of the Pasadena Livestock Show and Rodeo, Assistant Captain Rodeo Express Committee for Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. I also serve with the City of Pasadena as Board Member for the Crime Control District and Commissioner Planning and Zoning.

**Why should people vote for you over your opponent?**

I have been involved in the community and San Jacinto College Education Foundation for many years. I am also involved with the Pasadena School District and look forward in working with the Board of Trustees to grow our relationships and help more students benefit from available programs. I have talked to a couple of San Jacinto College students over the past couple of months and they both enjoy attending the college. I will work on communications between students and the administration to ensure the students are in the most effective career path for their course of study. I will also work with students in finding financial assistance if necessary. I want to make our students experience a San Jacinto College the best of any Junior College.

**Have you ever attended a San Jacinto board meeting? How many before the election and how many after filing for the election.**

I attended one board meeting before and one board meeting after filing for the election via San Jacinto College Website; viewed the meeting online. I know several of the members of the board of trustees and have met the others, I feel very confident I can work with all current members. Several of the current members are involved in the same community organizations I am involved in.

**Do you have any direct ties or connections to the South Belt community?**

Yes, my brother and his family have lived in the community for about ten years. My niece and nephew have both attended San Jacinto College on their road to Baylor and UT Austin. Both of his children and our four children have enjoyed attending San Jacinto College.

**Have you done any community service in the district?**

Yes, I am very involved in my community and the district. Most of my service in the district revolves around children and students. Education is the ticket to a better life for a lot of students and families; I am involved at my daughters school (1st Grade Teacher at Jensen Elementary) because the younger we can encourage a college education the greater the chances become. My niece is an Algebra teacher at Sam Rayburn High School and I work with Sam Rayburn High School through various organizations in the community. My family and me understand the importance of a college education and will do

what we can to help students in our community.

**As a San Jacinto trustee, what would be your number 1 priority during the first six months?**

My goal will be to educate myself on the college board of trustee's policies, procedures and bylaws. I feel it is important to know our duties as a board of trustee member to be able to communicate with our staff and students. The board of trustees is the governing body for the college, the better I understand my duties and responsibilities the better I can serve.

**Also, as a trustee what long term district-wide issues would you address if elected?**

I want San Jacinto College to continue to grow and provide a world class education in our community. I want for all high school students to think of San Jacinto College first when continuing their higher education. Whether the student is pursuing a trade certificate or an Associate's Degree and beyond; San Jacinto College should be the first college in their mind. San Jacinto College provides a great financial pathway to continuing your education, take the opportunity and save money on your career path. San Jacinto College provides State-of-the-Art facilities for many trade certificates; Air Conditioning, Cosmetology, Culinary/Restaurant Management, Maritime Transportation, Truck Driving and many more.

**What do you see as the role of a Texas Board of Trustees member?**

I see myself as a connector between San Jacinto College Staff, students and the business community. I believe that together we can help each other in building a well-educated workforce that when companies with great pay and benefits will look at our area first.

Whether they are looking for a place to open their new business, relocate or expand, they will know that the San Jacinto District Area has a well-trained and educated workforce.

### Erica Davis Rouse



**Name:** Erica Davis Rouse

**Age:** 43

**Occupation:** Higher Ed

**Education:** Bachelor's from Texas A&M University

**Marital Status/Children:** Married with 3 kids

**How long have you lived in the school district?**

I was born in Galena Park and moved to the South Belt area at the age of 3. So I've literally lived in the San Jacinto College District area my entire life!

I initially went to school at Easthaven Baptist and transferred to Stuchbery Elementary in the 2nd grade. After finishing Dobie High, I attended Texas A&M University then returned to Houston and made South

## BHI takes top awards at PISD science, STEM fair

Several science students from Beverly Hills Intermediate competed at the Pasadena Independent School District Science and STEM Fair. They took several of the top awards.

All of the PISD's intermediate schools were represented at the fair and there were 70 science fair projects that were showcased.

The students that won awards are:

Thien Nguyen, seventh-grader, Best in Show and first place in the environmental science category.

Faaizah Maleehah, eighth-grader, Best Real World Application and first place in the behavioral and social science category.

Julie Trinh, eighth-

grader, Best Creative Design and first place in the team competition.

Thuc Vo, eighth-grader, Best Creative Design and first place in team competition.

Kathy Tran, eighth-grader, Best Creative Design and first place in team competition.

Elizabeth Mullins, seventh-grader, first place in the plant and life sci-

ences category. Zoe Guy, seventh-grader, third place in the medicine and health category.

Ashley Pham, seventh-grader, third place in the physics and engineering sciences category.

Kailey Tsikis, seventh-grader, third place in the team competition.

Kathleen Nguyen, seventh grader, third place in

the team competition.

In addition to these students, Tjasa Murray, Malia Curry, Remi Jackson, Analaura Elizararas, Hailey Vu, Juan Mendez, Joshua Turrubiates, Zachary Glover, Victoria Gonzalez and Dang Nguyen also invested countless hours learning outside the classroom in order to participate in the event.

## BHI students compete in PISD science, STEM fair

Beverly Hills Intermediate students participated in the Public Science Expo hosted by the San Jacinto College science department, as well as competed in the Pasadena Independent School District's Science and STEM fair. The Public Science Expo is held annually in conjunction

with the district science fair. It gives students a chance to participate in the science fair and their families to engage in science activities prior to the awards ceremony. Shown at left, Ashley Pham (right) and Thuc Vo work together in their lab session.



Above, left to right, eighth-graders Zachary Glover, Joshua Turrubiates and Victoria Gonzalez are exploring and learning together in an activity. Photos by Dr. Grant Pector



The Beverly Hills seventh-grade district winners are, left to right, Kathleen Nguyen, Kailey Tsikis, Elizabeth Mullins and Thien Nguyen.



The Beverly Hills Special Award district winners are, left to right, Kathy Tran, Thuc Vo, Thien Nguyen, Faaizah Maleehah and Julie Trinh.

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# Former students, colleagues show support for Kramer



Nearly two dozen former students and colleagues recently attended Dobie's annual Hall of Honor induction ceremony to support former Dobie tennis coach Bobby Kramer (seventh from left). Some of the former students traveled from several states away to attend the function. While Kramer's teams were consistently successful on the court, many former students say it was his actions off the court that made such a lasting impression. Shown

above at the event with Kramer are, left to right, Mark Quintero, Samantha Harris, Neva Quintero, Greg Williams, Jimmy Massiccott, Linda Kramer, Coach Bobby Kramer, Sandy Muse, Matt Erickson, Jennifer Jordan, Jason Botkin, Kathy McGee, Robert Chavez, Samantha Jordan, Jason Podsednik, Irene White, Bryan Taylor, Ann Brannen, Arturo Ayala, Bobby Burton and Sonny Hoang. Photo by Marie Flickinger

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# Former students, friends show up for Coach Kramer

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of Bobby Burton and Steve Scarbrough qualified for the state tournament. Burton and Scarbrough reached the quarterfinals before bowing to a tandem from Amarillo Tascosa. The roll of standout players developed by Kramer also includes Jennifer Jordan, who earned the distinction of playing on district championship teams in each of her four years at Dobie. While he was successful on the tennis court, it was his actions off the court that affected many so profoundly.

"He really embraced the role of a mentor for a lot of kids," said Bobby Burton, who played for Kramer from 1983 to 1987 and was also inducted into Dobie's Hall of Honor in 2013. "He was genuine, a really nice person." This sentiment was echoed by former student Jason Botkin, who played for Kramer from 1984 to 1986 and now sits on

the Pearland Independent School District's Board of Trustees. "He genuinely cared," Botkin said. "His best interest was working with kids on and off the court." Burton, who traveled from Nashville to attend the Hall of Honor function, remembers Kramer as being selfless but strict. "He gave a lot of himself," Burton said. "If you were on his team, he

always wanted what was best for you. He was fair but stern." One former student noted that Kramer, along with former Dobie teacher Richard Golenko (also a Hall

of Honor inductee), was among the first to embrace the high school's growing Vietnamese community. "He was the first to welcome them," the student said. Many former students

have stayed in contact with Kramer following graduation. Botkin said he has maintained communication with his former coach via Facebook and has competed with other alumni in mini tennis tournaments.

With his plaque now permanently displayed on the school's Hall of Honor, Kramer's legacy will now live on for future Dobie students. "He's truly one of a kind," Burton said.

# SJC candidates respond

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the Smahrt Girl Foundation, I've volunteered with several churches in our area. While my son was in school I served as team mom for football and track. I've also volunteered with Pasadena ISD working directly with parents and students on campus. Organizations I've held leadership or volunteered: Making it Better Texas mentoring, Yellowstone Birthday Buddies, New Hope Church, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and many others. **Why should people vote for you over your opponent?** We have the opportunity to add a new Board member and by voting for me our community gets someone that understands the perspective of so many, I'm multi-dimensional with a strong gift for pulling people together. I've

led and been in leadership my entire life with diverse groups of people. **Have you ever attended a San Jacinto board meeting? How many before the election and how many after filing for the election?** The beauty of modern technology is that in spite of my travel schedule due to my job, I've been able to "e-attend" several of the board meetings! **Do you have any direct ties or connections to the South Belt community?** Yes! South Belt is my home, where I was raised and where I raised my son, where I was a Dobie Cheerleader, Dobie Trailblazer and Dobie top 10% graduate. I was baptized at Sagemont Church and was a member of Sagemont for years. I was team mom of my son's Dolphin Foot-

ball team and his track team. South Belt is the home of my friends and neighbors. I purposefully chose this area to make my home. **Have you done any community service in the district?** Yes, throughout the South Belt area, Pasadena as well as Galena Park. **As a San Jacinto trustee, what would be your number 1 priority during the first six months?** My #1 priority is to learn how to be an effective board member. **Also, as a trustee what long term district-wide issues would you address if elected?** 1. Creating a partnership with the student body and the Board 2. Understanding and/or reviewing the situation with our athletic program at San Jac.

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# SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

## Singleton, Davis pace Region III track qualifiers

There are still a few talented hopefuls left standing as the Class 6A Region III track and field championships arrive at Challenger Stadium in Webster, set for Friday and Saturday, April 28-29.

Among those still in the mix for a state championship invitation are Camille Singleton and Jeremy Davis of Dobie, both multi-event qualifiers at the upcoming regional.

Davis, who is eligible to compete in the discus and shot put as well as

the 110-meter hurdles, and Singleton, the 22-6A champion in the 200- and 400-meter dashes, just may present the Longhorns' best chances of reaching the state meet in Austin in May.

In the 200-meter dash final at the District 21/22-6A Area Championships, Singleton was the champion in a time of 25.01 seconds.

Singleton then claimed her second win of the session, this time clocking in at 55.43 seconds to win

the 400-meter dash. As for Davis, he won the top spot in the shot put at the 21/22-6A Area Championships, throwing the weight 52 feet, 10 inches for the win.

Davis, second in the discus with a throw of 152'7," also advanced in that event.

And joining the fray in the 110-meter hurdles relatively late in the season

apparently had no adverse effect on Davis as he was second for another Region III berth in a time of 14.89.

Neither Singleton nor Davis are strangers to regional competition.

Singleton, a Stephen F. Austin University signee, is making her first regional appearance as an individual since her freshman season in 2014.

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## Lady Longhorns lose No. 2 seed

By John Bechtle  
Sports Editor

In a desperate bid to avoid taking on defending Region II champion Atascocita in the first round of the varsity softball playoffs, Memorial emerged victorious over Dobie.

Ortega was doubled off second base to end the game. What a four-day

stretch it was for Memorial, which will now face North Shore in the first


round of the playoffs. Needing a win over

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**Playoffs here!**  
Dobie vs. Atascocita  
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It took 11 innings over the course of more than four hours at San Jacinto College South as fans on both sides begrudged the idea of going to work in the a.m. after such a long night out.

With the help of a Dobie error and a two-out single, Memorial plated two runs in the top of the 11th inning to take an 8-6 lead.

The Lady Longhorns brought the potential tying run to the plate in the bottom of the inning, but Jacqueline Garcia lined out to second base, and Alyssa

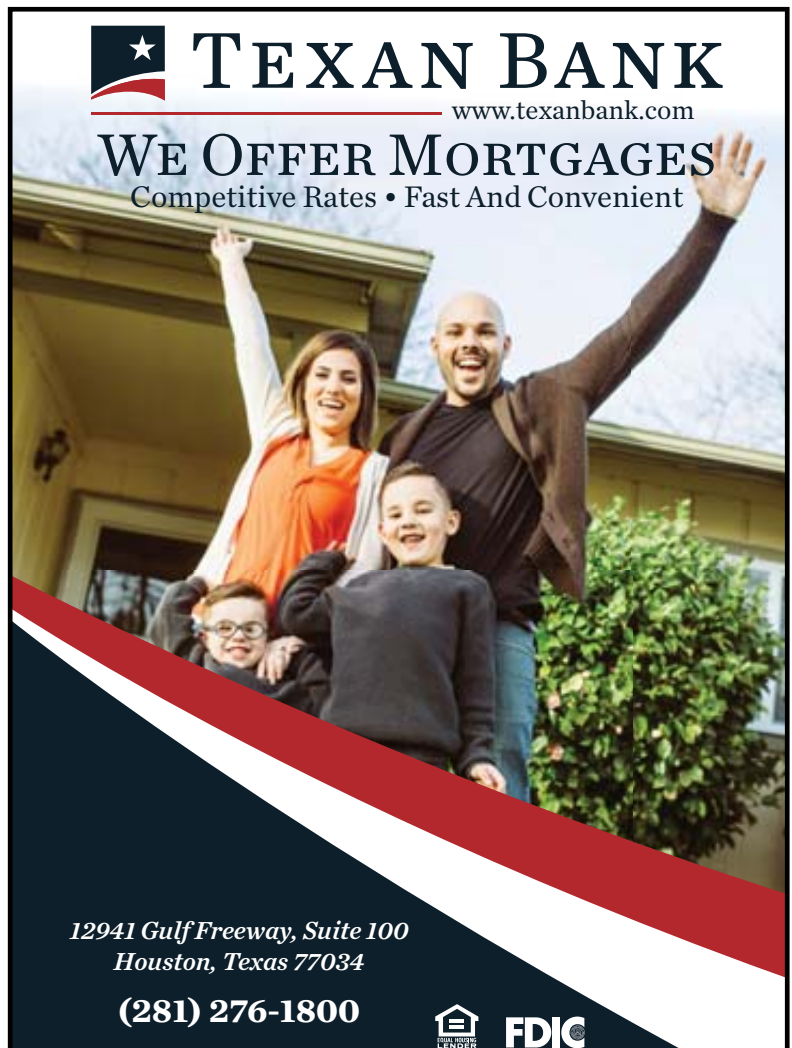


With ball in glove, Dobie catcher Allison Bravo awaits the arrival of Memorial courtesy runner Gabby Rodriguez, who was subsequently tagged out. In a battle for the No. 2 playoff seed in 22-6A, Memorial outlasted Dobie 8-6 in 11 innings April 24, at San Jacinto College South.  
Photo by John Bechtle

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## Horns host 7-on-7 April 29

The Dobie High School football program is set to host a 7-on-7 football tournament Saturday, April 29, with games beginning at 9 a.m.

The tournament will be held at Pasadena Memorial High School as recent wet weather has precipitated a relocation.

Teams from Dobie will be joined by those from Clear Brook, Alvin, Santa

Fe, Memorial, Dawson, Manvel, Clear Springs, South Houston, Houston Austin, Pearland, Friendswood, Dickinson and Clear Lake.

The event is a fundraiser for HISPRINT Ministries, which provides summer camp and instructional football sessions to youths in Croatia and Serbia each summer. Dobie varsity football head coach

Mike Norman has traveled to Europe as part of the HISPRINT Ministries program for many summers.

The public is invited to attend the event, and concessions will be available throughout the day.

Dobie will face Alvin at 9 a.m. and then go against Clear Brook at 10:15 a.m. Dobie will also play Santa Fe (11:30 a.m.) and Pearland (12:45 p.m.).

## San Jac softball leads South

San Jacinto College, bidding to reach the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I Softball Championships in back-to-back seasons, is all set for the Region XIV Championships.

At 19-5 in conference play, the Coyotes have but two nonconference games remaining before heading to Angelina College in Lufkin for the start of the postseason.

San Jacinto closed out

the regular season April 21, poised with a chance to seize the outright lead spot in the South division. It simply did not happen.

The locals defeated Blinn 3-2 in the first game but then suffered a 13-0 run-rule loss in the nightcap.

Yet thanks to a Blinn loss to Lone Star-Port Arthur April 22, San Jacinto is now guaranteed no worse than a share of the top seed in the South, which allows for favorable seeding in the Region XIV tournament.

The bracket has yet to be finalized, but San Jacinto will head into the regional tournament at 36-

18 overall. Blinn, ranked 20th in the latest NJCAA national poll, is currently 35-15 with all that is remaining for the Bucs being the conference tournament.

The Region XIV Championships, which include a double-elimination format, will be held May 4-7 at Angelina.

**San Jac 3 Blinn 2**

Taylor McHenry triggered a three-run fourth inning as San Jacinto defeated Blinn in the first of two games April 21 on the South campus.

Riley Bullen also drove in a run, and Niki Gonzalez earned the pitching win.

## Pioneer tracksters move on to regional

Lutheran South Academy has cleared its way to the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools District 4-5A Championships, and quite a few Pioneers are headed to the regional round.

Of note, the Pioneers had their way in the majority of the relays, helping additional athletes reach the regional level.

LSA will compete in the Class 5A division at the 6A/5A South Regional, set for Thursday, April 27, at the North East ISD's Heroes Stadium in San Antonio. The athletes will be looking to reach the TAPPS State Championships next month in Waco.

There are standouts aplenty headed to the regional meet, including 2016 state meet qualifiers Marleen Guerrero and Terrel Davis.

She will also compete in the relays for the Pioneers. In 2016, she won a silver medal in the triple jump at the state championships.

There's also LSA's Terrel Davis, who has signed a letter of intent to compete in track and field at the Air Force Academy.

Davis, third in the 400-meter dash at state a season ago, will compete in the 400-meter dash, the long jump, the triple jump and a relay at regionals this time around.

As is usually the case, the Pioneers are sending a large group of qualifiers to

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## JFD's Garcia named 22-6A soccer MVP



Dobie senior midfielder and four-year varsity letterman Andy Garcia (7) was named the District 22-6A Most Valuable Player in varsity boys' soccer after leading the Longhorns to the Region III championship for the first time in school history. Teammates also grabbed headlines as the league respective head coaches made their all-district selections following the season.  
Photo by John Bechtle

## Brook's Herrera, Padilla make state!

At right, Clear Brook mixed doubles player Andres Padilla (right) serves as his partner, Maria Herrera, monitors the net during the Wolverines' Region III championship match against Cypress Ranch April 20 at Deer Park High School. Padilla and Herrera, unranked in the mixed doubles bracket, lost the title to top-seeded Melissa LaMette and Varun Thachial of Cy-Ranch, (6-4, 6-4) but qualified for the Class 6A Championships beginning May 18 at Texas A&M University in College Station. At the Region III tournament, Padilla and Herrera defeated the No. 3 and No. 2 seeded teams en route to the final, becoming the first Clear Brook duo to reach the state tournament since the 1998 season. See more on Padilla and Herrera next month in the *Leader* as the state tournament nears.

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## Coach of the Year



It was not exactly a four-year plan, but that's seemingly how it worked out for Dobie's Justo Manrique, who guided the varsity boys' soccer program to its first-ever Region III title.

# Region III boys' soccer champions garner 22-6A accolades

What a season it was for the Dobie varsity boys' soccer team. First came a third consecutive district championship and a near third straight loss-less record. Once the playoffs began, the Longhorns were at their best, allowing just two goals through the first four playoff games. Reaching the Region III championship game for the second time in school history, Dobie got over the hump this time, claiming the RIII championship and a state tournament berth. Although the season ended with a state semifinal loss to Arlington Sam Houston, there were plenty of cheers to go around.

Following the season, the 22-6A head coaches gave the team their just due, with head coach Justo Manrique included. Andy Garcia was named the league's overall Most Valuable Player, and Sabino Lozano the Most Valuable Offensive Player with Alejandro Flores the Most Valuable Defensive Player. In addition, five other players nabbed 22-6A first team accolades. 2017 will present a new challenge to the program, but there are enough key returnees on the roster to believe that another District 22-6A crown and deep run through the postseason is certainly within reach.

### Co-Offensive MVP



A starter on the varsity boys' soccer team since the first day he set foot on campus, Sabino Lozano was a multi-year award winner in District 22-6A, including his co-Most Valuable Offensive Player honor this season. Lozano shared the award with Abner Lopez, a midfielder at South Houston High School.

### Photos by John Bechtle

#### District 22-6A first team



Deeming Thomas Carte (5) one of the top players at his position in the Region III ranks, Dobie head coach Justo Manrique had little trouble nominating his player for a 22-6A first team nod. The other head coaches agreed.

### Goalkeeper of the Year



Dobie keeper Ramon Cahue (right) is congratulated by teammate and co-captain Sabino Lozano after making a big stop in the Region III championship match's shootout portion. Cahue, a junior, made two stops on shots against Channelview, helping to send the Longhorns to the state tournament. Cahue was also in the nets for much of JFD's 22-6A championship run.

## Varsity Boys' Soccer All-District 22-6A Selections Most Valuable Player

Andy Garcia, Dobie, Sr.

## Co-Offensive Players/Year

Sabino Lozano, Dobie, Sr.

Abner Lopez, South Houston, Jr.

## Defensive Player/Year

Alejandro Flores, Dobie, Sr.

## Newcomer/Year

Herson Sandoval, Deer Park, Soph.

## Coach/Year

Justo Manrique, Dobie

## Goalkeeper/Year

Ramon Cahue, Dobie, Jr.

## Co-Utility Players/Year

Chris Loza, Deer Park, Sr.

Abe Lopez, South Houston, Sr.

## Co-Seniors/Year

Sergio Calvillo, La Porte

Tyler Hanson, West Brook

## First Team Selections

### Dobie Longhorns

Edwin Saldivar, midfielder, Sr.

Thomas Carte, defender, Sr.

Sebastian Leal, midfielder, Jr.

Oscar Trevino, defender, Soph.

Bryan Nava, forward, Soph.

### Memorial Mavericks

Jason Cruz, midfielder, Sr.

Jose Vasquez, defender, Sr.

Reggie Saavedra, midfielder, Sr.

Jesus Aleman, forward, Jr.

### Deer Park Deer

David Mendez, midfielder, Jr.

Luis Gutierrez, forward, Sr.

Jefferson Martinez, defender, Soph.

Mahikeel, Figueroa, defender, Sr.

### Rayburn Texans

Omar Pacheco, midfielder, Sr.

Kevin Santoyo, midfielder, Jr.

Cesar Villanueva, defender, Sr.

### South Houston Trojans

Richard Lopez, midfielder, Sr.

Marcos Soto, defender, Jr.

### Pasadena Eagles

Richard Lopez, midfielder, Sr.

Marcos Soto, defender, Jr.

### West Brook Bruins

Rogelio Yanez, midfielder, Sr.

Jackson LeBlanc, defender, Sr.

Enrique Barajas, goalkeeper, Jr.

### La Porte Bulldogs

Sergio Calvillo, defender, Sr.

Erick Macias, goalkeeper, Fr.

### District 22-6A first team



Capping a senior season that almost didn't happen, Dobie's Edwin Saldivar was named to the District 22-6A first team from his midfield position. A three-year letterwinner and co-captain of the team, Saldivar overcame a serious abdominal injury in August and started from the first game on for the Longhorns during their Region III title run.

### District 22-6A first team



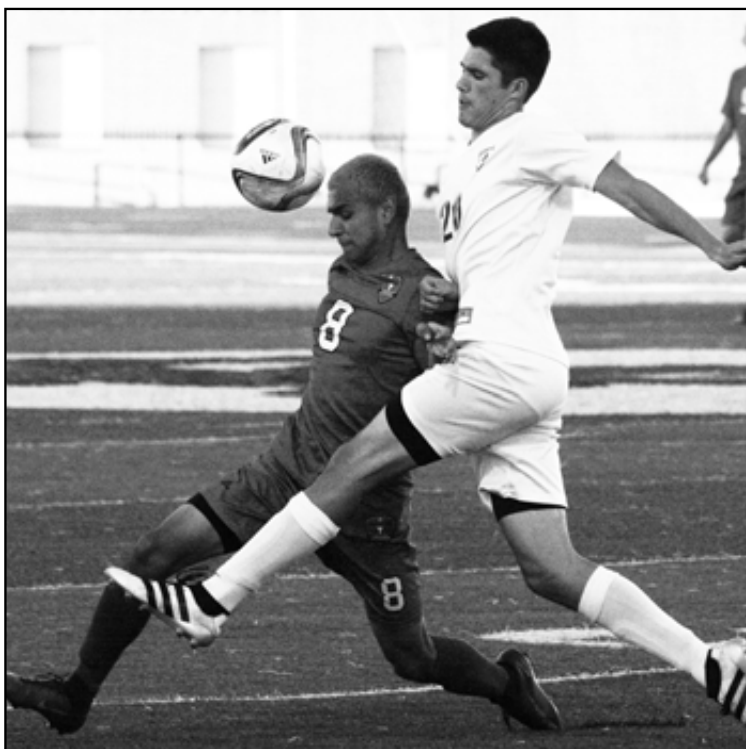
Dobie sophomore Bryan Nava (16) stepped up as a primary scoring option for the Longhorns this season as he helped guide the team to first a third straight District 22-6A championship and then a Region III title.

### District 22-6A first team



Sebastian Leal (6) gave the Dobie midfield a huge lift with his physical presence throughout the season, his first as a fulltime starter. Leal was another one of the team's District 22-6A first team selections.

### District 22-6A first team pick



Seeing his first action as a starter for the Longhorns in 2017, Dobie sophomore Oscar Trevino (8) was a force from his defender position as the Longhorns controlled the pace against most opponents. In the playoffs, Trevino was tremendous as the Longhorns allowed just two goals in their first four playoff games. Trevino was a District 22-6A first team honoree.

### Defensive MVP



Dobie's Alejandro Flores (4) celebrates the team's Region III quarterfinal victory with the Dobie faithful at Abshier Stadium in Deer Park. Flores, a varsity player since midway through his freshman season, was named the District 22-6A Most Valuable Defensive Player following the season.

Photo by Gary Williams

### District 22-6A Second Team Selections

#### Dobie Longhorns

Kevin Hernandez, forward, Soph.

Adrian Garcia, defender, Fr.

Ilsen Urrutia, defender, Soph.

Luis Arellano, forward, Jr.

Alberto Chavez, forward, Soph.

#### Honorable Mention Selections

#### Dobie Longhorns

Sebastian Martinez, defender, Sr.

Ivan Diaz, defender, Sr.

Raul Hernandez, forward, Fr.

# Lutheran South Academy track team headed to regional level competition

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the regional championships.

**LSA girls move on**  
The list of regional qualifiers for Lutheran South Academy is seemingly endless, both for the boys' and girls' teams.

As is the case in public school track and field, the top four finishers in both individual and relay competitions move on to regionals.

In the 100-meter hurdles, LSA's Annie Chuoke came in at 17.42 for second place, and she was fourth at 53.96 in the 300-meter hurdles.

Anna Hirth's time of 6:16.38 placed her third in the 1,600-meter run, and teammate Nicole Koza was fourth at 16:8.80 as both advanced to regionals.

Hirth made her way to regionals in the 800-meter run as her clocking of 2:39.41 was third-best.

Bethany Andress came in at 27.30 for fourth place in the 200-meter dash.

Lutheran South was also well-represented in the 3,200-meter run as Koza's time of 13:57.03 was second, with teammate Vanessa Campos third in a time of 14:00.69.

Taylor Johnson won a district championship in the shot put, as her top throw of 34'2" easily won the event. LSA's Raffaella Scotto (29'7") was third.

At 79'10", Johnson was second in the discus, with teammate Mikayla Leaverton fourth with a throw of 76'6."

Gabi Scotto went 14'10 1/2" for fourth place in the long jump, and Victoria Venable (6'0") and Lily Fehst (6'0") on more attempts went 3-4, respectively, in the high jump.

**Davis leads LSA boys**  
Davis will compete in the maximum allowable four events at regionals.

Davis was also a member of LSA's 4x100-meter relay team that won the district title at 44.41.

In the 400-meter dash, Davis won the 4-5A district title in a time of 50.62.

Davis went for gold in the long jump but settled for second place with a best effort of 20'5." Shelmire went 20'2" for third place.

At 41'0 1/2," Davis was third for yet another regional berth in the triple jump.

The Pioneers dominated the pole vault, with district champion Carson Noack clearing 10'6" for the win.

Joseph Spencer went 10'0," for second place, and Edwards cleared 9'6" for third place.

ton Soderstrom and Daniel Hutchens both cleared 5'10," to advance. Soderstrom was third, with Hutchens fourth.

In the 100-meter dash, Christian Shelmire was third for the Pioneers at 11.62, with Ryan Jackson fourth in a time of 11.74.

Chandler Smith and Bryan Edwards, competing in the 110-meter hurdles, went 3-4, with Smith at 18.08 and Edwards at 18.15.

Edwards also qualified for regionals in the 300-meter hurdles, placing fourth at 45.60.

The Pioneers' Will Pfeiffer also advanced in the 3,200-meter run after placing fourth at district in a time of 11:36.28.

In the shot put, Aaron Casas was in at 42'4" for third place and a regional invitation.

## Perla to return as EFS player

At right, South Belt area softball stand-out Marisa Perla has for the second straight season been selected to participate in the USA Elite Futures Select All-American Games coming in August in Kissimmee, Fla. She received top 5 ratings from the NPF Pride coaching staff during the selection process as a 12-under player. A glory Adkins-Saenz in the Bay Area, Perla is a sixth-grade student at Middle School. She and her family reside in the Southbridge subdivision. Submitted photo



## Area sports, news

### SB Dolphins offer registration

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

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

### Athletic physicals at Thompson

Incoming seventh- and eighth-grade Thompson Intermediate student-athletes will have the opportunity to take advantage of discounted physicals at the school. Physicians will be on hand Thursday, May 18, from 3 to 5 p.m. to administer the physicals. The cost is \$20 per student.

Current athletic physicals are mandatory for those wishing to take part in any summer, pre-season or in-season activity pertaining to Thompson athletics. There are no exceptions. The Lions will soon begin optional summer camp activities, and anyone wishing to participate must have a current athletic physical on file at the school prior to taking part.

### Dobie's Torres golfs at regional

Dobie varsity girls' golfer Cecilia Torres shot a 100-101 at the Region III Golf Championships April 24-25, at Eagle Pointe Golf Club in Mont Belvieu. Two golfers shot a two-round total of 138 to win the event.

## Dobie duo headed to regionals; Wolverine athletes also qualify

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Back then, Singleton finished ninth in the 400-meter dash preliminaries with a time of 58.47 seconds, missing the final by one slot.

Davis is a state hopeful after reaching a pair of regional events in 2016. As a junior competing at Challenger Stadium, Davis threw the discus 144 feet, 2 inches for ninth place.

In the 110-meter hurdles, a time of 14.81 placed Davis fifth.

At the four respective regional competitions, only the top two finishers in each relay and individual event automatically qualify for the state championships.

Others still in the mix at regionals this season include Lady Longhorns' high jumper LaDayjah Cook, who placed second at 5'4."

Mason Douglas, in the 300-meter hurdles, also placed fourth at the area championships for a regional berth at 41.51.

From Clear Brook, sophomore Jake Allison will compete in the discus at regionals after placing fourth in the 23/24-6A Area Championships at 134'8."

Also, the Wolverines' John Te Horace reached regionals in the triple jump after going 44'0" for third place in the previous round.

The season has concluded for the rest of the athletes from Clear Brook and Dobie following the area round.

From Dobie, Jade Giron was sixth in the 200-meter dash in a time of 26.24 and

### Region III Track and Field Challenger Stadium Webster Friday and Saturday, April 28-29

**Friday, April 28 – Field event finals start at 10 a.m.; running event prelims begin at 4:10 p.m.**

**Saturday, April 29 – Field event finals start at 9 a.m.; running event finals begin at 3 p.m.**

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seventh in the high jump at 5'10."

Cook was seventh in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1 minute, 01.72, and Camryn Ridge placed eighth in the 100-meter dash at 13.17.

The Dobie girls' 4x200-meter relay team also placed seventh at 1:47.77.

Victoria Onozie threw the discus 111'6" for fifth place, and Erin Flemings best leap of 16'3 1/2" placed her eighth in the long jump.

In the shot put, the Lady Longhorns' Jamesetta Seals was sixth (34'2"), with teammate Kierra Wells eighth (31'11 1/2").

At 124'9," Dobie's Brandon Flores placed eighth in the discus as he also closed out his career with the Longhorns.

Jacoby Davis was sixth in the high jump (6'0") and seventh in the 400-meter dash (52.11). In that same 400-meter dash, Dobie's Mike Nwokolo placed eighth (52.68).

Dobie's 4x100-meter boys' relay squad was

sixth in a time of 43.73, with the 4x400-meter relay team coming in at 3:33.95 for seventh place.

In the 110-meter hurdles, the Longhorns' Daniel Williams' time of 15.64 was seventh, with Douglas eighth at 15.79.

Williams also took part in the 300-meter hurdles, where he was sixth in a time of 41.74. Teammate Earl Newton was a place back, eighth in a time of 41.91.

Segdrick Romar, competing in the 200-meter dash, ended his season seventh in a time of 23.27.

Clear Brook's Tyler Garcia placed seventh in the boys' 300-meter hurdles in a time of 40.32, and the Wolverines' 4x200-meter relay team was sixth at 1:30.14.

A leap of 20'7" placed Horace sixth in the long jump.

As for the Lady Wolverines' Riley Halter placed seventh at 48.58 in the 300-meter hurdles, At 17.34, Kayla King was eighth in the 100-meter hurdles.

Dobie High School's spring football workouts are set to get underway Monday, May 1, as the Longhorns will be on the field each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, from 2 to 4 p.m.

It will all lead up to Dobie's annual spring game Friday, May 26, at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Game time is 4:30 p.m.

The Longhorn coaching staff has also set plans for both summer conditioning workouts as well as the annual incoming freshman camp at the school.

**Conditioning camp**  
Dobie's coaching staff will host a conditioning camp for incoming freshmen through incoming seniors as of the 2017-2018 school year.

The sessions will run Monday, June 12, through Thursday, July 20. There will be no Friday workouts. Cost for those who preregister is \$50 per student, and there is a sibling discount available. Those who register on June 12 will pay \$60. The preregistration deadline is June 10.

Payments may be made with cash, money order or credit cards. No checks will be accepted.

The first session, designed for incoming sophomores through seniors, will run from 8 to 10 a.m., while the 10 a.m. to noon session is designed for incoming freshmen.

All participants must have a current athletic physical on file at the school prior to taking part in any of the workouts. There are no exceptions.

In addition, Pasadena ISD does not provide medical insurance coverage for events of this type. Thus, parents will be required to provide this cov-

erage for their children.

For more information, direct email to Dobie varsity football head coach Mike Norman at MNorman@pasadenaisd.org or call 713-740-0370.

**Head start for freshmen**  
The Longhorns' annual Camp Head Start for incoming freshmen will be

held July 31 through Aug. 3, at Dobie High School. The sessions will run from 8 to 11 a.m. each day.

Coaching staffs from Dobie High School, Thompson Intermediate and Beverly Hills Intermediate will be on hand to take part in the program.

As is the case with the conditioning workouts, presents an excellent opportunity for incoming freshmen to learn how the Dobie football program functions in advance of preseason workouts, which are scheduled to begin Monday, Aug. 14, at 6 p.m.

As is the case with the conditioning workouts,

participants must have a current athletic physical on file at the school before being eligible to take part.

Also, families must provide their own medical insurance as Pasadena ISD does not offer coverage for such events.

**Looking ahead**  
The Dobie varsity foot-

ball program will have two weeks of workouts, including a scrimmage prior to heading to Turner Stadium in Humble to open the regular season against Summer Creek on Saturday, Sept. 2. That first week of the regular season, Dobie's subvarsity teams will also play.

## Fast Attack 12-U third at TC's Spring Into Action



The Fast Attack 12-under softball team representing the South Belt Girls Softball Association continued its solid spring season, placing third among nine teams at the Swing Into Action Invitational, hosted by the Texas City Girls Softball Association. The team played four games on the first day of the event, then returned for three more the final day. Members of the

team are, left to right, (front row) Ashley Garcia, Kaitlyn Olivares, Claire Ramirez, Miriam Castillo, Aubrey Zambrano, Kyanna Hernandez, (back row) coach Robert Ramirez, Juliana Padilla, coach Jaime Olivares, Christina Mejia, coach Cruz Castillo, Melody Guerrero, Maricela Aguilar, Brianna Garcia and coach Jorge Garcia. Submitted photo

# CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, APRIL 27

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

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

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

**Sullivan Middle School** – April 27 – Sullivan 6th Grade Band Concert 6-7 p.m. at Sullivan MS

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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 Nov. or Dec. For details, visit www.TxBayAreaGen.org.

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

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

**SATURDAY, APRIL 29**

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

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

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

drop in.

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

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

**SUNDAY, APRIL 30**

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

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

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

**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** – Vigilance Group of NA meets Sundays, 7 p.m., 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.

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**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, MAY 1**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**Saturday, April 29th**  
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*Listed above are the anticipated attractions.*

**Food & refreshments, including Barbecue Sandwiches, Turkey Legs, Hot Dogs, Frito Pies, Chili, Sausage On A Stick, Cotton Candy, Nachos, Snow Cones & Drinks will be available for purchase.**

**Children 12 & under admitted FREE!**  
**Anyone 13 or older admission \$5 before 4 p.m.; \$10 after 4 p.m.**

**21st annual South Belt Spectacular Cookoff will be hosted by the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department at El Franco Lee Park, 9400 Hall Road.**

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**GARAGE SALE**  
 5050 E. SAM HOUSTON PKWY. S., Pasadena, 77505. Zion Lutheran Church. Sat, May 6, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Large Sale, many vendors with lots of treasures. Vendor spots still available call Sandra 346-212-7034, if interested. 5-4

**MISCELLANEOUS**  
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## MONDAY, MAY 1

7 p.m.  
**Survivors of Suicide Support Group** - gives coping skills in a non-threatening environment to adults who have lost a loved one to suicide. For details email LynneAnnH@yahoo.com or visit [www.crisishotline.org](http://www.crisishotline.org).

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

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 session for nonmembers. Everyone is welcome. For information, contact 281-488-5861 or [csh@shaarhashalom.org](mailto:csh@shaarhashalom.org).

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

## TUESDAY, MAY 2

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

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

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

11:30 a.m.  
**Local NARFE Meeting** - National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 1321, meets the first Tuesday at Clear Lake Community Center, 5001 NASA Pkwy. Lunch is \$6. For information, call Bob Mitchell at 281-333-2881.

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

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

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

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

2 p.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class** - Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details or classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at [drjglandorf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:drjglandorf@sbcglobal.net) or call 281-488-6318.

6:30 p.m.  
**Bay Area Quilt Guild** - Meets the first Tuesday, Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Fellowship is at 6:30 p.m.; meeting/program begins at 7 p.m. Visit [www.Facebook.com/BayAreaQuiltGuild](http://www.Facebook.com/BayAreaQuiltGuild).

7 p.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 for details.

Noon  
**Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club** - meets monthly, first and third Wednesday, noon, Golden Corral, 4021 Spencer

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Hwy., Pasadena. December may be an exception. For information, call Monica Montoya at 281-794-5531.

**American Business Women's Association Bay Area Vision Chapter** - Meets at Bon Appetit Cafe, 18027 Point Lookout Dr., 77058, monthly, first Wednesday, noon to 1:30 p.m. Professional speaker often present. For details, contact Christie O'Rear at [christieorear@gmail.com](mailto:christieorear@gmail.com).

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

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

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

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7 p.m.  
**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.

## THURSDAY, MAY 4

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

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

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# Dobie goes against Atascocita as bidistrict playoffs begin

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Dobie on the last day of the regular season to forge a tie, the Lady Mavericks got the job done with a tight 2-1 win (see details below). Then came the battle for the second seed. Dobie took a 3-1 lead through four innings after Alyssa Corpus lined a two-run homer over the fence in right-center field. But Memorial took a

big advantage with five runs in the sixth, with most of the damage coming after two were out. Victoria Garivay doubled in a run to make it 3-2, and Maricruz Martinez added a single, knotting the game at 3-3. Patty Ortiz slapped a two-out, two-run single to center field for a 5-3 lead. Reagan McCreghor then sent a squibber out in front

of the plate that went for a hit and 6-3 Memorial lead. Dobie was down but not out. Yvonne Whaley's two-run single with two outs in the bottom of the sixth got the Lady Longhorns within 6-5. With Memorial's Hannah Garcia trying to finish off the win in the circle for the Lady Mavericks, Dobie again rallied. Taylor Pleasants led

off the bottom of the seventh inning by dropping a single into center field. Allison Bravo sacrificed Pleasants to second base. Garcia recovered to retire Kristoff for the second out, but Deja Gaines came up big for Dobie. Working the count full with Pleasants at second, Gaines bounced a single through the middle, tying the game at 6-6.

The score stayed that way for more than an hour. Finally, Memorial used an error and an RBI single from Garivay to outlast the Lady Longhorns. **Luck of the draw** So now Dobie has to go up against Atascocita, which lost in the state semifinals in eight innings in 2016 to eventual state champion Keller. Granted, no two sea-

sons are the same. Atascocita's roster has shown considerable turnover from last season to this. And Dobie appears to have had its way by getting into a one-game, winner-take-all playoffs game against the Lady Eagles. The game is Friday, April 28, at 7 p.m., with Baytown Sterling High School providing the playing surface. Dobie is likely to change very little. Senior Michelle Kristoff is likely to start in the circle, and the lineup figures to be

as straight forward as it's been for much of the season. Atascocita very well could go with senior Tieran Williams in the circle. After all, she started the state semifinal game in 2016. Little else about Atascocita can be determined in such a short turnaround time. **Memorial 2 Dobie 1** The extra game for playoff seeding was necessitated after the Lady Mavericks defeated Dobie 2-1 in the District 22-6A

regular season finale. With the win, Memorial forged a tie for second place with Dobie at 11-3. Deer Park won the district title at 14-0, with La Porte finishing fourth. Dobie had held a slim lead over Memorial by virtue of a first-round win over the Lady Mavs, but Memorial evened the score April 21, at the Pasadena ISD complex. With help from a Dobie error, Memorial scored two runs in the top of the first inning, then held on for the victory.

Dobie closed the gap in the bottom of the sixth as Pleasants led off with a triple and scored on Kristoff's one-out ground ball, but Memorial held on from there. Garcia, the victim of Pleasants' eventual game-winning three-run triple in Dobie's 6-5 win March 28, went 6 2/3 innings for the victory. Savana Mata, daughter of Memorial head coach Christina Mata, came on in relief for the Lady Mavs and retired Whaley for the final out of the contest.



Dobie's Alyssa Corpus smashed a line drive, two-run homer to right-center field in the bottom of the fourth inning as the Lady Longhorns took a 3-1 lead. In a back-and-forth game, the locals tied the game at 6-6 with two outs in the bottom of the seventh,

only to see Memorial score two runs in the top of the 11th inning for an 8-6 victory April 24, at San Jacinto College South. With the outcome, Dobie was sent to the No. 3 seed out of 22-6A entering the bidistrict playoffs.



At left, having rocked a two-run homer in the fourth inning against Memorial, Dobie first baseman Alyssa Corpus (22) is congratulated by Dobie head coach Robin Rackley. The Lady Longhorns are now set to face defending Region II champion Atascocita in the first round of the playoffs. Atascocita won the Region II title in 2016 before losing in the state semifinals. But this is a new season, and the Lady Longhorns have every intention of continuing their season.

## Baseball's final regular season day to bring plenty of drama in 22-6A, 24-6A

The final day of the varsity baseball regular season in districts 22-6A and 24-6A is April 28, yet very little has been decided as to just which teams are

headed to the postseason and which slots they will occupy. In District 22-6A, the facts are that Deer Park, La Porte and Memorial

have qualified for the playoffs, while Dobie and West Brook remain in play for the fourth and final playoff seed. Thanks to a 2-1 Memorial

win over Deer Park April 25, things have gotten tricky at the top of the standings. The Deer are now tied with La Porte for the top spot, just one game ahead of Memorial. Obviously, all three teams will be motivated to win their season

finals. That fact could help Dobie, which despite a 9-1 loss to La Porte April 25, remains in great shape to capture the last playoff spot. Courtesy of a season sweep of West Brook, the Longhorns hold the tie-breaker advantage should the two teams finish in a tie. Dobie closes the season at Memorial, while West Brook hosts Deer Park. If Dobie wins, it is ensured that final playoff spot. A West Brook loss, in any case, would also send Dobie to the playoffs. **La Porte 9 Dobie 1** The Longhorns could have finalized their playoff plans with a win over La Porte April 25, but a big six-run sixth inning carried the Bulldogs to a 9-1 win at Dobie. Mark Gomez had four hits and four runs batted in for the Bulldogs and has now driven in nine runs against the Longhorns in two games in league play. Brett Williams went the distance for La Porte, striking out eight. Dobie's Euro Diaz was

terrific for five innings plus on the mound before things got away from the Longhorns. Dobie's up-and-down run in 22-6A play was on display April 21-22. The Longhorns lost a 12-2 game to Deer Park in a game moved to Deer Park due to field conditions at Dobie. A day later, the Longhorns bounced back with an 11-2 win over Pasadena as Isaiah Vasquez had three hits and drove in three runs. Justin Blogg also had three hits as the Longhorns cruised. In District 24-6A, Dickinson has claimed the league championship and Clear Springs will also

make the playoffs. The rest, as they say, is anyone's guess. Clear Brook, a 7-4 loser at home against Dickinson April 25, needs a win at Dickinson April 28 to have any chance of making the postseason.

The Wolverines are one of four teams battling for the final two playoff seeds. Once at 5-3 in league play, the Wolverines have gone 2-3 down the stretch and now must finish the season against the 24-6A champions.



Dobie third baseman Zach Frias and his Dobie teammates will play their final regular season game April 28, at Memorial. First pitch is at 4 p.m. The Longhorns need a win to ensure themselves of capturing the fourth and final playoff seed in District 22-6A. However, if West Brook loses to 22-6A co-leader Deer Park the same day, Dobie advances anyway.

Photo by John Bechtle

### District 22-6A Standings Varsity Baseball (As of April 26)

Teams	W	L
Deer Park	11	2
La Porte	11	2
Memorial	10	3
Dobie	6	7
West Brook	6	7
Rayburn	4	9
South Houston	3	10
Pasadena	1	12

### Friday, April 28 Games

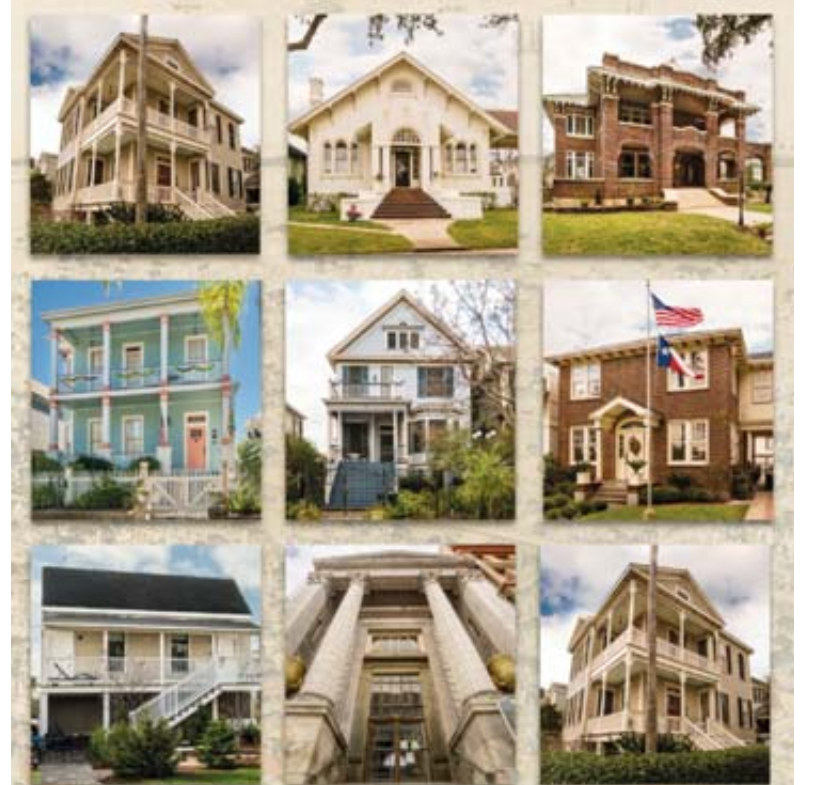
- Dobie at Memorial
- South Houston vs. Pasadena
- Sam Rayburn at La Porte
- Deer Park at West Brook

### District 24-6A Standings Varsity Baseball (As of April 26)

Teams	W	L
Dickinson	10	3
Clear Springs	9	4
Clear Falls	8	5
Clear Brook	7	6
Clear Creek	7	6
Friendswood	7	6
Alvin	4	9
Clear Lake	0	13

### Friday, April 28 Games

- Clear Brook at Dickinson
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