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CBC hangs door hangers

Residents living in affected parts of the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District should have received a door hanger notifying them of sanitary sewer work to be done by Nerie Construction. The notices should have told residents the date their property is to be visited, to leave their gates unlocked and to secure outdoor pets. Nerie crews began televising pipes on April 2, and manhole evaluations will begin April 8. Construction will begin in Sageglen. Other affected subdivisions include Highland Meadow and Wood Meadow. For more information, call the Clear Brook City MUD at 281-484-1562.

Family Fun Fest planned

The Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District and the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce will host the fourth annual Family Fun Fest Saturday, April 13, at Clear Brook City Park, located at Blackhawk and Scarsdale, from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Highlights will include the Strut Your Mutt dog show, an Easter Egg hunt, inflatables, games, activities, food trucks, Touch-a-Truck, KidSafe fingerprinting and a distracted-driver simulator. No-cost exhibitor space is available for local businesses, as are sponsorship opportunities. For additional information, call the chamber at 281-481-5516 or visit southbeltchamber.com.

Dobie Baseball Bingo set

The Dobie High School Baseball Bingo Night will be held April 13, from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Dobie cafeteria. Tickets may be purchased at the door. The cost is \$30 for 10 games and there will be door prizes and cash prizes for the winners.

Kirkmont meets April 10

The Kirkmont I Homeowners Association meeting will hold its recalled annual meeting on Wednesday, April 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the MUD building located at 10102 Blackhawk. All homeowners are invited and encouraged to attend. Kindly return proxies to meeting. A reminder to all residents, assessment fees were due March 31.

Life Church to celebrate

Life Church, 9901 Windmill Lakes Blvd., will celebrate the eighth anniversary of its Celebrate Recovery program at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 7. CR addresses "hurts, habits and hang-ups" that could happen to anyone. Jim "Mattress Mack" McInglave, owner of Gallery Furniture, will be the guest speaker at the event. Blake "Ziggy" Thompson will lead worship and sing original tunes, along with guitarist John Matlock. The church aims to help the community by meeting in its chapel at 5:30 p.m. every Sunday, even on holidays.

Knights hold fish fry

The Knights of Columbus Council 9201 will host a fish fry Fridays through April 5 in the St. Luke Catholic Church social hall, 11011 Hall Road, from 5 to 7 p.m. Each dinner includes a breaded USA catfish fillet, fries, hush puppies, corn on the cob and iced tea or lemonade for \$10, eat-in or take-out. Baked fish fillets are available (limited). All proceeds benefit local and community projects. All are invited and welcome.

Freeway closures planned

The eastbound and westbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Beamer will be closed continuously through 9 a.m. Sunday, April 21. At least one outside lane of the eastbound Beltway 8 frontage road from Pearland Parkway to FM 865/Cullen Boulevard will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Saturday, April 13. At least one inside lane on the southbound Beltway 8 frontage road will be closed at Conklin daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Thursday, April 11. At least one northbound lane of the Beltway 8 frontage road will be closed at of SH 3/Old Galveston Road daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Thursday, April 11. Both northbound and southbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Genoa Red Bluff will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Thursday, April 11. At least one inside lane on both the northbound and southbound Beltway 8 frontage roads will be closed at Crenshaw daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Thursday, April 11. At least one inside lane on the southbound Beltway 8 frontage road will be closed at Vista daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Saturday, April 6.

Free tax help available

Volunteers will be available to answer questions and offer tax preparation help at Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale, Mondays and Fridays (AARP Tax-Aide) and Saturdays (VN Teamwork) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through April 15. This free service is on a first-come, first-served basis. Bring Social Security cards for oneself and dependents, a copy of last year's income tax return, W-2 forms, unemployment compensation statements, 1099-R forms and other IRS forms to help the volunteer complete the return. For details, visit aarp.org/taxaide.

City grapples with implementing Prop B

As the City of Houston grapples with implementing Prop B to pair firefighter pay to that of police officers, Mayor Sylvester Turner is being met with opposition from the firefighters union and even a council member from his own party. Late last month, Turner sent a letter to the union, seeking to phase in the 29 percent firefighter pay increase over the next five years in an effort to avoid potential layoffs. "I write to make clear the city's proposal on the resolution of Prop B implementation," Turner said in the letter. "I do not want to lay off anyone. To accomplish this, I ask the union to agree to phase in the cost of implementing Prop B. "I propose that Prop B be implemented over five years. The proposal takes into account the language of Prop B and factors in educational requirements for parity between police and fire.

"Spreading the costs will be in the best interest of all Houstonians." Patrick "Marty" Lancton, president of the Houston Professional Fire Fighters Association fired back sharply. "We received your 'proposal,' which apparently is intended to leave the impression that you might finally end your political and legal war on Houston firefighters and respect the will of the 298,000 Prop B voters," Lancton responded in a statement. "At first glance, the proposal seems to only offer a portion of the pay and benefits over a five-year period. With that in mind, we ask: 1. Does this fully implement parity with HPD, including both base pay and incentives? 2. If you believe it does, please explain in writing so that we can advise our members. 3. If it does not, please explain why the pro-

posal fails to provide parity. "Firefighter layoffs are unnecessary. They were unnecessary during the HPD raises. They are unnecessary now. When you gut HFD from within with yet more budget and personnel cuts, you alone will be responsible for the consequences of diminished public safety services and for the loss of Houston-trained, taxpayer-funded firefighters. Please be prepared to explain why you recently hired hundreds of police and municipal employees yet you insist on terminating firefighter jobs. "Finally, please also explain why the hundreds of millions paid to HPD for 37 percent raises since 2011, including at least \$98 million this year, caused no fiscal crises or city employee layoffs. "When you are serious about resolving our

differences, please let us know." The city issued a subsequent response stating that pay increases will be immediately met but at the cost of hundreds of jobs. Once systems are in place, firefighters will be issued lump sum checks for Jan. 1 through the first part of May, totaling about \$31 million. Because no funding source was included in Prop B, the money will come directly from the city's fund balance, which is used to balance the city's budget, maintain the city's credit rating or for exigent circumstances such as natural disasters. Implementing Prop B for the next fiscal year starting July 1 will add another \$80 million to the expected budget gap now projected to be \$197 million. The city is obligated to adopt a balanced budget. **Continued on Page 5A**

Hellyer receives Aspen honor



San Jacinto College was once again honored by the Aspen Institute for Community College Excellence Program as being one of the top-10 community colleges in the nation. This marked the third consecutive time the area college was recognized by the biennial prize. San Jacinto College Chancellor Brenda Hellyer is shown above receiving the honor at a ceremony held Tuesday, April 2, in Washington, D.C. Presenting the award are 2019 Aspen Prize co-chairs Kathy Warden and Angel Cabrera.

SJC named top-10 Aspen finalist

On Tuesday, April 2, the Aspen Institute for Community College Excellence named San Jacinto College as one of the top 10 community colleges in the nation. The announcement was made at a luncheon in Washington, D.C. "I am honored and humbled to accept this award on behalf of the entire San Jacinto College community," said Chancellor Dr. Brenda Hellyer. "This award reflects the achievements and commitment of our faculty, staff, and administration who are focused on helping our diverse student population pursue and accom-

plish their goals. As a college, we hold ourselves to the ultimate measure of student success, and being recognized as one of the top 10 community colleges in the nation is proof that our mission to provide innovative, accessible education is being accomplished." Launched in 2011, the \$1 million Aspen Prize is awarded every two years to a community college achieving high marks in student learning, certificate and degree completion, employment and earnings for graduates, and **Continued on Page 5A**

City amnesty program to end

The City of Houston Municipal Courts Department's 2019 Fresh Start Spring Amnesty Program will end at 11:59 p.m., Saturday, April 6, 2019. Court officials spent the last three weeks encouraging individuals with delinquent court matters to take advantage of this program to resolve their cases at a discounted rate. "We would like to remind all Houstonians that the time is now to take advantage of our Fresh Start Spring Amnesty Program," said J.

Elaine Marshall, director and presiding judge of the program. "We encourage anyone with a delinquent citation to use this opportunity to handle their court matter once and for all. Just call us at 3-1-1, visit us online or come to any of our six court locations." Cases eligible for amnesty include cases that were delinquent prior to Feb. 1, 2019. Only the defendant named in the citation or their attorney can participate in the amnesty. **Continued on Page 4A**

Utility worker killed in crash

Houston police are investigating a fatal crash involving a utility worker that occurred in the 12500 block of Galveston Road about 10:40 p.m. on Monday, April 1. The male victim, 59, was pronounced dead at the scene. His identity is pending notification to family members by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences. According to police, the victim was part of a convoy escorting a wide load. The victim stopped at the above address and got out of his

vehicle to measure the height of the power lines above the road to ensure it was safe to pass. While he was standing in a moving lane of traffic, the victim was struck by a blue Infinity G35 sedan. The male driver of the Infinity remained at the scene. He was examined by a HPD DWI Task Force officer and showed no signs of intoxication. No charges have been filed in this incident, but the investigation was ongoing at press time.

Scarsdale apartment catches fire

Firefighters raise money for victims

Houston firefighters responded to an apartment fire at a complex in the 11800 block of Algonquin on Tuesday, March 26. Firefighters arrived at the scene at approximately 12:50 p.m. to find fire coming from a first-story apartment unit of a two-story apartment building. Emergency workers began an offensive attack and conducted a primary search. The fire was declared under control, and the crews checked for extension. Investigators said the fire caused approximately \$16,000 in damage. "It burned most of what they had," said HFD Capt. Josh Vogel. Firefighters were able to save approximately \$10,000 worth of apartment complex property. Arson investigators reported that the blaze may have possibly stemmed from an unattended candle. Firefighters from stations 70, 71, 52, 93, 94 and 61 responded to this incident. No injuries were reported. **Continued on Page 4A**

Fundraiser Firefighters from Station 70 have organized a fundraising drive to help the Ferguson family get back on its feet. "As firefighters of the Houston Fire Department's District 70 on Houston's southeast side, we felt it was our duty to help the Ferguson family," said HFD Capt. Luis Ybarra on the GoFundMe page he set up to help the family recover. "This wonderful family fell victim to an apartment fire that destroyed the few worldly possessions they had. We as part of the community wish to help them get back on their feet and help them recover from this horrible tragedy." The affected family includes two children: Serena, 10; and Max, 8. They are currently all staying at an area hotel. Organizers are seeking to raise a goal of \$15,000. At press time, \$1,265 had been donated. Funds raised will go toward housing, furniture, clothing, toys and school supplies. **Continued on Page 4A**

HobbyFest to take flight April 20

The annual HobbyFest is set to take flight Saturday, April 20, at the Hobby Airport East Ramp, located at 8402 Nelms, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Now in its 27th year, the family friendly event will allow attendees to enjoy up-close encounters with vintage and modern aircraft. Other highlights include a Kids Zone, face painting, music, princess makeovers, a bouncy house, exhibits, giveaways and prizes. Free food will be available for the first 1,000 guests. Proceeds from the event fund scholarships that are invested back into local students in vari-

ous fields of study. No pets, smoking or alcoholic beverages will be allowed at the festival. Admission is free, but attendees are encouraged to bring a canned food donation. Free parking will be available on site. Past events have also had free shuttled parking. The function will take place rain or shine. Vendor space and sponsorships are available. The deadline is Monday, April 8. For additional information, visit <https://hadis.org/hobbyfest>.

Police seek robbery suspects

Houston police are seeking the public's assistance in identifying multiple suspects wanted for their involvement in robberies and attempted robberies at the Walmart located in the 9500 block of Rowlett, near Almeda Genoa and the Gulf Freeway. The Houston Police Department's Robbery Division and Crime Stoppers of Houston recently released videos of each of the incidents in hopes of identifying the suspects involved. The first incident took place around 8:20 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 5. According to police, two unknown males entered the establishment, then walked around the store concealing items in their pockets. The males then walked out of the store without making any attempts to pay for the items. A loss prevention officer witnessed the thefts and attempted to stop the suspects outside the store. The suspects then assaulted the loss prevention officer and ran to a white Ford Explorer and fled the scene. The first suspect is described as a white male, around 30 years old, standing 5 feet 6 inches tall and weighing around 200 pounds. The second suspect is described merely as a white male being approximately 30 years old. The second incident took place around 6:05

p.m. on Sunday, March 10. According to police, the complainant stated that she had just finished placing her groceries in her vehicle and was about to leave. As she placed her vehicle in reverse, however, she noticed a male run up to her passenger door and attempted to open it. The male then began to bang on her window as she continued to back up. When his attempts to gain entry into the vehicle were unsuccessful, the male then ran back to his vehicle, described as a beige Chevrolet sedan, and fled the scene. The suspect is described as a black male, between 20 and 30 years old, wearing a white shirt and blue jeans. Videos of both of the incidents may be viewed on the HPD Robbery Division's YouTube page at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWB2htveAPsGfmHgHDpC3Yg>. Anyone with any information on the identity of these suspects is urged to contact Houston Police Department's Robbery Division at 713-308-0700 or Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477). Tips may also be submitted online at www.crime-stoppers.org. Crime Stoppers may pay up to \$5,000 for information leading to the charging and/or arrest of these suspects.

Fire destroys Ferguson home



Firefighters responded to a six-alarm apartment fire at a complex in the 11800 block of Algonquin on Tuesday, March 26. The blaze completely destroyed one unit (shown above). Workers from Houston Fire Department Station 70 have organized a drive to help the victims recover. No injuries were reported. Emergency crews from stations 71, 52, 93, 94 and 61 also responded to this incident. *Photo submitted*

In My Opinion

Rabe runs for PISD; supports time change

When our high students are encouraged to take on so much — Early College, AP classes, extra-curricular activities like sports and band, and have jobs and family obligations, they need time to recuperate every night. That is not happening when school starts so early at 7:15 a.m. Even many teachers are struggling to get the rest they need to be rejuvenated and prepared for the next day. It's taking a toll on our students and staff. Talk about ineffective use of taxpayers' resources! How can students learn when they are tired and hungry?

I spoke to a parent yesterday whose daughter graduated from Dobbie HS, who was burnt-out from high school that she is still working on her bachelor's degree at the age of 27 because she is only able to handle a couple of classes per semester at the University of Houston. How can our school board be proud when a high percentage of our college-bound students who graduate have a hard time earning their college degrees?

As a 14-year Educator in the district, I see this case too often. Our numerous ambitious students have jobs or work on homework until late at night from 11 p.m. up to 2 a.m. and have to wake up at 5-6 a.m. to catch the bus. How can they be healthy, fulfill their potential or be safe?

Is the school board attuned to what is happening to our students? No, they are just interested in numbers and they are not available to really listen to the challenges of our students and staff. They are more concerned with individual recognition like finding a loophole to name schools after themselves which gives them an unfair advantage during elections and doing photo ops.

There should be term limits to allow new faces and new ideas. Furthermore, representation should be by area rather than by at-large positions so that all areas of the district are represented. This won't be happening with the current school board.

It is especially important to vote in this election for Pasadena ISD School Board because there are 3 educators with a total of more than 54 years experience in education ready to serve our community by putting students' needs first. Vote for Jose Cazares, Al Bledsoe and myself, Yen Rabe—Vote for JAY. For more information visit VoteYenRabe.com. You can make a difference by showing up to vote this election day, May 4, 7 a.m.—7 p.m. at the Parker Williams Library as well as many other voting locations in Harris County.

Early voting is April 22-30, 7 a.m.—7 p.m. except April 28, 1 PM — 6 PM at the Harris County Scarsdale Annex as well

as any other 24 early voting locations in Harris County. For more information visit harrisvotes.com. **Yen Rabe** PISD School Board Candidate Position #7

Note: It is the policy of the Leader not to edit In My Opinion letters.

Morgan notes current board works as team

I want you to know about a very important School Board election coming up on May 4th, with Early Voting set for April 22 — 30th. Serving the students and employees of this district has been the primary concern of your current Board for many years! We all know and understand the future of our community lies with the success of our children.

I hope you take pride in knowing that your current Board, Superintendent, other administrators, teachers and support personnel work diligently to provide wonderful opportunities for students to grow and develop. We are fiscally conservative, innovative and always focused on student success and school safety.

Pasadena ISD is currently ranked 9th in the nation for academic performance among low socio-economic students. We provide both full and half-day Pre-Kindergarten for 2,265 three and four-year olds.

Many students leave high school, ready for the workforce, with various certifications due to the wonderful Career and Technology Education provided at all our Comprehensive High Schools and CTHS. Our graduation rate is, once again, above the state average, with many of our students pursuing college educations and many receiving scholarships to universities, both state and nationwide. We have Early College High Schools at all of our high school campuses, with 625 of our students receiving their Associates degree and high school diploma concurrently. Pasadena ISD is a National Model for Blended Learning. We have award-winning Fine Arts and Athletic programs!

These are just a few of our success stories. Pasadena is always looking for programs which will enhance opportunities for ALL students.

Your current Board of Trustees work well together as a team. Our experience, over the years, has served this district well! We listen carefully to recommendations made by our administration and are provided timely evaluations of programs. We are open-minded and aware of our roles as Trustees.

PLEASE cast your votes early or on Election Day for incumbents - Kenny Fernandez, Position 5; Marshall Kendrick, Position 6 and Vickie Morgan, Position 7

CONTINUE THE SUCCESS!
Vickie Morgan
Pasadena ISD, Board of Trustee Pos.#7

Elected officials share their words

Sen. Cornyn calls on OMB to stop stalling

On March 28, on the Senate floor, U.S. Sen. John Cornyn discussed an amendment he filed to the disaster supplemental appropriations bill that will force the Office of Management and Budget to release funds for Hurricane Harvey recovery efforts that have been held up for more than a year. Excerpts of Cornyn's floor remarks are below, and video can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HVIaQh36WNE&feature=youtu.be>.

"Although we voted to send billions of dollars to help Texans still reeling from Hurricane Harvey, some of those funds are still needlessly caught up in bureaucratic red tape. But this is not just a phenomenon that affects my state. It affects all of our states. "It shouldn't be acceptable to members of the Senate.

"The dollars that we appropriated that were signed into law by the president have helped Texas get back some sense of normalcy, and I'm grateful to my colleagues for working together with us to make that happen.

What has not been helpful, however, are the unnecessary delays on the part of the Office of Management and Budget in getting the roughly \$4 billion in mitigation funds into the hands of state and local communities that desperately need them.

"I'm filing an amendment to the disaster relief that's on the floor of the Senate this week to ensure that these funds and other like funds are promptly disbursed.

"Last month Gov. (Greg) Abbott, Sen. (Ted) Cruz, and I sent a letter to the OMB to stop stalling, but so far all we've heard is crickets.

"It would give the government bureaucracy up to 90 days to get the money untangled from all the red tape.

"The disregard of those who are struggling to rebuild and prepare for future storms by the bureaucrats is appalling.

"It's now been more than a year since President (Donald) Trump signed a bill that would have sent roughly \$4 billion to Texas.

"They could have repaired wastewater treatment facilities that haven't been fully restored. It could have led to important economic revitalization projects in decimated areas. They could have even relocated or elevated damaged facilities to prepare for the next storm.

"But, no, those projects are still on hold because the OMB has refused to release the funding.

"With the inclusion of my amendment, the clock will start ticking on the Office of Management and Budget to do its job and ultimately release these hurricane recovery funds."

District 129 News

By Rep. Dennis Paul

Texas House Passes Preliminary Budget

After nearly 12 hours of productive debate Wednesday, the Texas House passed our version of the state's biennial budget in the wee hours of Thursday morning. I'm proud to have voted for House Bill 1, which takes a principled, fiscally responsible approach to funding priorities including school finance, school safety, mental health, and more.

At the end of the day, we made unprecedented investments to reform school finance, provide property tax relief, and fund Hurricane Harvey efforts, all while staying below the constitutional spending limit and the growth of population-plus-inflation. The budget funds our state's highest priorities while remaining responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars.

Texas House Passes Supplemental Appropriations Bill

I'm proud to have voted for Senate Bill 500, the state's supplemental budget bill. We funded a 13th check for retired teachers, devoted \$2.7B for Hurricane Harvey recovery, and made significant investments in women's health care and school safety.

• Our state's retired teachers deserve a solvent, sustainable pension system that will also benefit the next generation of educators.

• The bill also devotes \$2.7 billion to assist Texans with Hurricane Harvey recovery. The funding will address reduced property values, hazard mitigation, trauma capacity, and other public assistance projects.

• The bill makes tremendous investments in women's health care through the Healthy Texas Women program.

Municipal Management Reform Bill Passes Committee

My House Bill 304, which will reform the way municipal management districts operate, passed out of the House Committee on Urban Affairs last week. The next step in the process is for the House Committee on Calendars to schedule the bill for floor debate.

Deer Park and La Porte Chambers at the Capitol

I had the pleasure to help welcome the Deer Park and La Porte Chambers of Commerce to the Capitol last week!

Realtor Day at the Capitol

Tuesday, March 26, was Texas Realtors

Day at the Capitol. I was glad to visit with Realtors from our area about the important work they are doing in our communities.

Gavel Presentation

I was honored to be presented with this gavel by Speaker Dennis Bonnen. The plaque on the gavel recognizes my service this session as the vice chairman of the House Committee on Homeland Security & Public Safety.

A Look Ahead

A preview of next week's legislative events at the Capitol. A calendar is a list of bills that will be considered by the House of Representatives.

Monday

The House of Representatives convened at 10 a.m. to consider a calendar. My bill to help develop Houston's spaceport at Ellington Airport, HB 303, was debated and voted on the House floor.

Tuesday

The House Committee on Insurance, of which I am a member, met at 8 a.m. I presented two bills to the committee for consideration.

I presented my HB 3477 to the House Committee on Land & Resource Management.

The House of Representatives convened to consider a calendar.

Wednesday

The House Committee on Homeland Security & Public Safety, on which I serve as vice chairman, met in the morning.

The House of Representatives convened at 10 a.m. to consider a calendar and House Bill 3, The Texas Plan to reform the school finance system.

Thursday

The House of Representatives convenes at 10 a.m. to consider a calendar.

Friday

The House of Representatives convenes at 10 a.m. for Speaker's Reunion Day. This longstanding tradition of the Texas House is a chance for former members to visit the Capitol and catch up with former colleagues and fresh faces alike.

The House committees on Environmental Regulation and Homeland Security & Public Safety will meet for a joint hearing regarding the ITC fire in Deer Park.

How to Keep Track of Legislation

To keep track of my legislation, and the legislation of other members, you can visit the Texas Legislature Online by clicking this link: www.capitol.texas.gov

Deaths

Barbara Ann Colonna



Barbara Ann Danna Colonna, age 79, died peacefully on March 26, 2019. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin and friend.

Barbara was a native Houstonian, born on Feb. 28, 1940, to Elaine and Sam Danna. She grew up on the north side, attending Christ the King School and Reagan High School, where she was a member of the Red Coats Drum and Bugle Corps.

Barbara worked at Bank of Southwest and the Sagemont Gift Store, and was a volunteer at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. Barbara was a member of the Ladies of Sacred Heart.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother Johnny Danna Sr.; and sister-in-law Marie Anna Danna.

She is survived by her loving husband of 58 years, Joseph V. Colonna Sr.; sons Joseph V. Colonna Jr. and wife Kimberly and John D. Colonna and wife Melissa; and grandchildren Michael and wife Maggie, Lucy, Damon, Anthony, John and Katherine.

Barbara is also survived by her brother Michael Danna Sr. and wife Franice; sisters-in-law Rosalie Melia and Mary Ann Raia; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family held a service to receive friends on April 2 with the recitation of the rosary at Forest Park East Funeral Home.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Wednesday, April 3, at St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church.

Burial followed in Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery.

Wallace (Wally) D. Curry



Wallace (Wally) D. Curry, 85, beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, died Monday, March 25, 2019, at his daughter's home in Houston, surrounded by family. He was preceded in death by his parents Ouida Francis Hebert Curry and Jack Houstes Curry.

He is survived by Joy, his loving wife of 66 years; son Derrell Curry and his wife Kathie; daughters Gay Curry Holt and her husband Will, Kelly Bailey and her husband Randy, Anne Sitka and her husband Tim; grandsons Zack Curry and his wife Marisa, Christopher Curry and his wife Laura, Mitch Curry and his wife Ramsay, Will Bailey and his wife Lissa; granddaughters Krista Roventini and her husband Mike, Amber Osborne and her husband Zach, Alexis Bailey, Alaina Sitka; and 10 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister Jackie Rhodes and her husband James; half-brothers Joe Abercrombie and Ronnie Curry and his wife Liz; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Wally was born in Beaumont in 1933. He grew up there, reared by his loving, dear mother and her large extended Catholic family. He attended South Park High School in Beaumont where he met Joy, the love of his life.

He made many life-long friends who were in contact

with him throughout his illness. After high school, Wally and Joy married on April 4, 1953.

He was called to join the Army, serving proudly until his honorable discharge from Ft. Bliss, on October 27, 1955. Wally worked at the *Houston Post* as a production supervisor. While there, Wally went back to school and obtained his associate degree at San Jacinto College. After the *Post* shut down in 1995, he obtained his real estate license and joined Joy in residential sales.

Wally was active until he couldn't be anymore. He loved being on the golf course and tennis court and he loved wading in the surf in Galveston. Having family with him only made those activities sweeter. He loved being on the Comal River with his grandchildren or cheering them on at their sporting events. His love of sports has been passed down to his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Wally never met a stranger. He was fun-loving, kind-hearted and compassionate. He was adored by all who came to know him. Wally loved Joy, caring for her as her illness progressed. He fought his own illness with strength and courage. Wally instilled the importance of family in his children and grandchildren. Every opportunity to be together was and will continue to be, a celebration of love.

The family is forever grateful for the devoted care received from Latasha Washington, Toni Castillo, Odella Ernst, Misha Green and Deborah Spencer.

Memorial services for Wally will be at 11 a.m., Friday, April 5, at St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church, located at 3131 El Dorado Blvd. with a brief visitation beginning at 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to the Parkinson's Foundation, Parkinson.org, or Galveston Bay Foundation, galvbay.org or 281-332-3382.

Genoa rolls shared

Genoa Elementary has announced its honor and merit rolls for the third nine-weeks.

Honor Roll

Third grade

Mirella Sanchez,

Merit Roll

Third grade

Riley Blakely, Brandon Ingersoll and Giselle Martinez.

Fourth grade

Brittany Llanas, Edith Lopez, Grace Ojeda and April Vazquez.

Elected officials share their words

Garcia releases statement on possible closure to border

Rep. Sylvia Garcia (TX-29) issued this statement in response to President Donald Trump's threat to close the U.S. southern border if Mexico doesn't stop migrants from crossing into the U.S. without authorization:

"There is no emergency at the border. The president's threat to close the border is just another fake emergency used to distract the American people from his agenda aimed at stripping away health care from millions of our citizens and give tax breaks to the rich and wealthy," Garcia said. "Trade through the southern border creates nearly \$1.4 billion dollars per day. The Trump

administration's anti-immigrant agenda is also an anti-working working class and anti-small business agenda that hurts the economy of our communities, creates senseless heartbreak by separating families from their loved ones, and keeps us from working toward real solutions that will make our streets safer and our paychecks bigger.

"The House Democratic majority and I know this threat is both a wrong policy and wrong morally. We're ready to focus on real solutions that will actually keep our borders secure, help our small businesses, and uphold our American values."

Dixie Melillo Middle School shares third nine-weeks honor roll

Dr. Dixie Melillo Middle School has shared its honor roll for the third nine-weeks.

Honor Roll

Fifth grade

Julian Aceveno, Frank Adame-Gonzalez, Anderson Aguilar, Kayla Akinfenwa, Blessing Akinloye, Sureal Alcorta, Jalynn Alix, Joel Alvarenga, Jaiden Alvarez, Henry Alonso Armenta, Shawn Armstrong, Joshua Arredondo, Kendall Ashworth, Ivan Ayala, Piper Battarbee, Nathaniel Belleville, Christopher Berrum and Keily Bonilla.

Caleb Brown, Anddy Bustos, Anthony Cancel, Alonzo Chapman, Ryan Chau, Jaslynn Chavez, Macy Cooper, Cecilia Cruz, Ricardo Delgado, Hadi Elghawi, Jalynn Enriquez, Awele Favour Ozieh, Jonathan Flores, Savannah Flores-Lewis and Calvin Flowers.

Roxann Franco, Lexi Galindo, Reynol Galvan, Julietta Garcia, Samantha Garza, Emily Golenko, Evalyna Gonzales, Miranda Gonzalez, Abigail Gutierrez, Jakob Hasbell, Maddox Hernandez, Morgan Hill and Anson Huynh.

Vi Thuy Huynh, Nathan Jimenez, Danton Le, Nathan-Cuong Le, Jayden Lee, Elijah Lewis, Samuel Lopez, Daveon Love, Donovan Luu, Sarah Massey, Liliana Mata, Mia Mata, Edgardo Mateo, Morgan McGee, Miranda Medel, John Medel, Kiara Merkerson, Jessica Meisel and Nathan Montez.

Angie Munoz, Ayden Lucano, Evelina Munoz, Quoc-Bao Ngo, Mary Nguyen, Tiffany Nguyen, Haley Nguyen

and Michelle Nguyen. Minh Nguyen, Chloe Nuez, Thalia Oddo, Valerie Ortiz, Amairani Pena, Alex Perez, Jevonne Perez, Max Perez, Jazmin Pineda, Angelina Pizano, Amanda Ramirez, Yvette Ramos, Amy Rangel, Natalie Rangel, Ava Richardson, Sebastia Rincon, Jorgen Rodriguez, Nathan Rodriguez and Edward Salazar.

Sixth grade

Fernando Aguilar, Rigoberto Alanis, Ariana Alaniz, Manal Aleem, Jonathan Alexander, Ayaan Ali, Keiley Anthony, Daniel Arceneaux, Grace Arriola, Lorenzo Betancourt, Loriane Betancourt, Kachi Blackmon, Diane Bojseaneau, David Bonilla, Nathan Borjas, Stephanie Bui, Kaylie Bui, Nathan Bui, Emily Cano, Viviana Cantu, Angelina Cao, Jonathan Carter and Paris Cervantes.

Michael Collins, Alicia Cruz, Adriel Cruz, Tailin Curtis, Adam Daley, Alejandro Del Villar, Kaden Dillard, Kristin Do, Abril Dissal, Andre Espinosa, Emmanuel Estrada, Evan Fer-

andez, Viviana Fernandez, Anya Flemming, Lindsey Flores, Gabriel Fulgado, Natalia Garcia, Andrea Garcia, Lauren Garza, Brianna Garza, Max Garza, Kai Gilhousen, Victoria Gomez, Alfonso Gonzales-Adame, Gabriella Gonzalez, Yazmine Gonzalez and Emily Grimaldo.

Mason Harris, Emily Hernandez, Sophia Ho, Marvin Jerezano, Grant Johnson, Joseph Jones, Phuc Khanh Vu Do, Iakovos-Panagiotis Kostikoglou, Jacob Lam,

Kayla Lam, Jaylon Lasker, Natalia Le Goenaga, Nathan Le, Aidan Le, Karyme Leal, Jayden Lewis, Omar Limon, Gabriel Lopez, Kaden Mai, Mayte Marfil, Priscilla Martinez, Rubi Martinez, Yaretz Martinez, Natalie Martinez and Mark Massoud.

Laura Mata, Kaylynn McClain, Kiana McCombs, Julian Melchor, Lucius Monarez, Miranda Montes, Trish Nguyen, Alan Nguyen, Ryan Nguyen, Jennie Nguyen, Avery Owens, Henry Pacheco-Moreno and Angel Pa-

dilla. Javez Palma, Andrew Pavalonis, Nikola Pelaez, Isaac Penado, Jacqueline Peralta, Carlos Perez, Julianne Pham, Madison Puente, Natalie Quiroz, Dasia Ram and Jayd Ramirez.

Robert Ramirez, Lilli Ramirez, Matthew Rangel, Jayden Reimer, Jack Roberts, Nathan Rock, Derek Rodriguez, Emily Rodriguez, Anais Romero, Katherine Sabillon-Velasquez, Justin Salazar, Eva Salinas, Isabella Sanchez, Wash-

ti Sanchez, Daniel Silva McKenzie Smith, Khloie Snook, Ethan Snow and Pitou So.

Emily Stephen, Jocelyn Stringer, Tristan Sudario, Jason Ta, Leonard Thumann, Jared Toro, Nolan Tran, Tristan Tran, Philip Tran, Vyvy Tuyet Do and Andrew Ullman.

Suzeth Velasquez, Isaiah Vivier, Megan Vu, Sophia Vu, Nina Walker, Mariel Watson, Jonathan Willis, Addison Yount and Abigail Zamarripa.

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Mental health takes center stage in Dobie's one-act play

By Jade Wise
For J. Frank Dobie High School, the bidistrict University Interscholastic League one-act play production of "Wilderness"

portrays so much more than just punching a ticket to the next round of competition. The play, written by Seth

Bockley and Anne Hamburger, is the story of six adolescents in a group therapy program who deal with a variety of mental health issues stemming

from drug addiction, mental and physical abuse, bullying, broken homes, self-harm, sexual assault, sexuality and other challenges.

"A lot of the issues brought up in 'Wilderness,' like mental health, transgender issues and divorce, are often viewed as being taboo and so they really don't get talked about much in the community," said Dobie junior Stephanie Horton, who plays the role of Elizabeth — a child of divorce and daughter of a bipolar, violent mother.

"I think instead of ignoring these things and just hiding behind a smile to keep up appearances, it's good to bring these topics to light so that we don't push people who really struggle with these issues away," said Horton.

Dobie senior Elyssa Armenta who plays Chloe — a girl who has been sexually manipulated, self-harms and faces bullying, said that she hopes the play will advance conversations about teenage mental health.

"I feel that even though teenage mental health is being talked about more, it is still put on the back burner," said Armenta.

"A lot of adults don't truly understand or they forget the struggles that teenagers deal with. On top of that, the things we face now are completely different from what it was even 20 years ago."

For Dobie Theatre teacher Juliet Weigand, the story of "Wilderness" is a powerful one that has dramatically touched the lives of all her students.

"When the students first read the script, it hit them hard because every single one of them connected with something, somehow, somehow to the story," said Weigand. "Even parents and audience members can connect to the story as well, because it's so pertinent to our society today and it talks about how adolescents and their parents deal with these topics."

Due to the heavy nature of some of the subjects, cast members participated in special exercises where they learned how to detach themselves from the lives of the character they play.

"Dealing with some of the difficult topics has been hard, not only for me but for many of the actors because a lot of us have first-hand experience with many of the issues that 'Wilderness' deals with, even if it is not to the same extent," said Horton.

For one class period, Weigand even halted practice to bring in Dobie counselors Erin Richardson and Kelcey Davis to speak with the cast about the topics and share positive coping mechanisms.

"We didn't really know what to expect," said Richardson. "We went in with handouts and began sharing strategies for handling stress and anxiety. However, the conversation quickly evolved into students sharing things that they or someone they know is dealing with and we were able to offer healthy strategies to help them."

Armenta said that being a part of "Wilderness" has given the cast members a place where they can openly talk about their own struggles.

"We are all very close to the characters we play and I think this has helped every single person here deal with their own mental issues or struggles," said Armenta. "It's a form of healing for us in that we have a safe space where we can just live it and express the emotion of our character in a passionate way."

The play, set in a wilderness camp in the mountains of Utah and based on real-life stories, has also opened up cast members' eyes to the struggles of others.

"Realizing that these are real things that happen to real people every day was something that was really important to go through," said Kayla Newsome, who plays the role of Sophia — an adolescent that struggles with anxiety, panic attacks and violent tendencies.

Riley Gilbert, a senior who plays Elizabeth's strict military father, added that the play has given him a deeper understanding of others.

"It gives you the sense that everyone has their own reality," said Gilbert. "It has helped me understand that everybody has something that they are going through and just because you don't understand or don't know what it feels like, that doesn't change the fact that they are still having a hard time."

At the district competition, Armenta said that she had several female audience members that came up to her to thank her for portraying the struggles of her character in a way they strongly related to.

"I don't feel like I personally did anything, but it's the character and the universal emotions that they and the audience related to," said Armenta.

"It is a very unique opportunity that we have in being able to bring these issues to light and open people's eyes to what is actually happening. I think that is what theater is all about."



Students from Dobie High School Theatre had the opportunity to see life through another person's struggles while participating in the one-act play "Wilderness." Shown above in the middle of a scene are, left to right, Caitlyn

Woitena, Elyssa Armenta, Kayla Newsome, Nick Keel and Stephanie Horton. Shown below acting in another scene are, left to right, Armenta, Keishon Groves, Newsome and Orion Wilson.

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Meador 4th-graders in Olympiad



Meador Elementary fourth-grade Olympiad participants worked diligently and learned routines they performed on March 7. The students did an outstanding job and performed Zumba and yoga and demonstrated rhythm and coordination with ribbon balls. Shown are, left to right, (front row) Jillian Mikulski, Naryiah

Roy-Gee, (middle row) Hermallony Campos, Jannie Cardenas, Jessica Cardenas, Payton Turner, Jaedon Sinclair, (back row) coach Derek Woodard, Jose Gonzalez, coach Kevin Goffney. Not pictured are Allyssa Hinojosa and Jennifer Tran.

Photo by Tara Merida

Moore students compete at science fair



Moore Elementary students received several medals and a trophy from the Pasadena Independent School District science fair. Shown above is Hadassah Burgett (left) being presented an Honorable Mention trophy by Dr. Marsha Jones, executive director of curriculum and instruction. Shown below celebrating the awards

are, left to right, (front row) Alfredo Gonzalez; Paola Ibarra; Dalila Chapa; (back row) Emmery Lynn; Burgett; and Dr. Karen Hickman, deputy superintendent of academic achievement. Gonzalez, Lynn and Burgett received gold medals. Chapa and Ibarra both received silver medals.

Photos submitted



San Jacinto Day Festival canceled

The March 17 tank farm fire at the Intercontinental Terminals Company facility remains an ongoing situation that has closed the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site and the San Jacinto Museum of History since the emergency situation began. At the present time, access to the area surrounding the site is restricted to emergency personnel involved in the cleanup. All preparations needed for a successful Festival and Battle Reenactment by necessity, have been halted.

"While the situation is improving, we do not know when conditions will allow for the public to return to this hallowed ground," said Larry Spasic, San Jacinto Museum president. "Our overriding concern is, of course, the safety of our guests and the participants involved as well as the animals used in the re-enactment and our educational venues. Because of the ongoing efforts of the cleanup and remediation of the pollution in the waterways

Over The Back Fence by Alexis

ELLIANA TURNS TWO
Happy birthday wishes for a great second birthday are sent April 4 to **Elliana Abarca** from parents **Natalie** and **Jose Abarca**; brothers **Kelvin** and **Noah** and sister **Isabella Abarca**; grandparents **David** and **Ellie Flickinger**; and great-grandparents **Marie** and **David Flickinger**.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays April 4 through April 10.

Burnett Elementary
Erica Cantu marks a birthday for celebration on April 8.

Bush Elementary
Celebrate with a double-layer cake for **Jennifer Martinez** and **Consuelo Patino** on April 9.

Frazier Elementary
Greetings for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Felicia Olivares** April 5. The day for a party for **Javier Guerra** is April 6. A special birthday greeting is sent to **Yolanda Barrios** April 9.

Genoa Elementary
Join in the birthday celebration April 9 for **Lisa Hance**.

Meador Elementary
Blow out the candles for **Maria (Lupita) Jimenez** on April 8.

South Belt Elementary
Warm wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Morgan Champbellan** April 4. **Christine Palmer** enjoys a birthday April 10.

Stuchbery Elementary
Best wishes for a great birthday April 8 are sent to **Robin Salinas**.

Melillo Middle School
The day for a double-layer cake for **Charlotte Anthony** and **Charlene Gronewold** is April 6. The day for birthday fun for **Therese Gage** is April 9.

Roberts Middle School
Share in the birthday fun for **Alysia Mauricio** April 10.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Enjoy a double-layer cake April 8 with **Laura Dossman** and **Kathleen Pyle**. Send birthday greetings April 10 to **Irene Malloy**.

Thompson Intermediate
April 6 is the day for a double celebration for **Kevin Cowart** and **Nicholas Dell'Anno**. Light the birthday candles April 10 for **Jennifer Spray** and **Ashley Vercher**.

Dobie High
Birthday greetings are sent to **Tracie Richeson** April 6. Cheers for a happy birthday are sent to **Andrew Barrett** and **Amrian Millard** on April 8. On April 9, **Bryan Landry** and **Cody Blanchard** enjoy a birthday.

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

Thursday, April 4: **Debbie Pitre, Jenn Copeland, Wendy Banh Ngyuen, Travis Doe** and **Katie Burns**; Friday, April 5: **Davis Borsché, Jennifer Smith, Teri Polluck, Debbie Trelue, Cindy Russell** and **Don Adam**; Saturday, April 6: **Carol Barber, Jason Weston, Lena West** and **Jerry Devila**; Sunday, April 7: **Denise Goodwin, Selena Conley, Larry Higgs, Jeff White** and **Melanie Clinckscapes**; Monday, April 8: **Tricia Black, Alexander Restrepo** and **Ruth Scott**; Tuesday, April 9: **Greg Black, Jennifer Pareya, Victoria Grissom, Yvonne Longoria** and **Keith Harrison**; and Wednesday, April 10: **Mackie Caves, Jennifer Spray, Coby Bellamy, April Simmons, Kristina Koncaba, Traci Rothermund** and **Skip Fell**.

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

Firefighters raise funds for victims

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To donate money, visit <https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-ferguson-family-recover-from-bad-house-fire>.

In addition to donating cash, those wishing to help may also donate physical goods, such as clothes and toys to HFD Station 70, 11410 Beamer; HFD Station 93, 911 Dixie Farm; and HFD Station 61, 9726 Monroe.

Donors are asked to wait until the Ferguson family has relocated before donating any physical furniture. Organizers, however, are planning to collect furniture as well in the near future.

See future editions of the *Leader* for additional information.

Amnesty program will end Saturday, April 6

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program. Bonding companies, friends, relatives, and spouses cannot make the amnesty request on behalf of someone else.

The amnesty program does not apply to a defendant that is in custody, previously adjudicated cases, parking citations, administrative violations, bond forfeitures, or civil cases. Individuals may call the Houston Helpline by dialing 311 or 713-837-0311 for questions about whether their specific case(s) is eligible for amnesty.

Defendants may take advantage of the amnesty program by phone, U.S. Mail or in person at any municipal court location.

For more information concerning City of Houston warrants or citations, visit www.houstontx.gov/courts.

CCISD robotics teams shine at competition

Hundreds of parents, students, staff and community members cheered from the stands inside the gymnasiums of Clear Falls High School as Clear Creek Independent School District elementary, intermediate and high school robotics teams competed in their respective state competitions.

Out of the 48 total elementary competitors in the South Texas VEX IQ State Tournament, one CCISD team from Ed White E-STEM Magnet School and one from Brookwood Elementary School qualified for the World Championship. Team 7421A from Westbrook Intermediate also qualified for the World Championship out of 24 total teams at the South Texas VEX EDR State Tournament.

"The robotics growth in CCISD has been double-digit percentage increases for the last few years and that's still not fast enough to keep up with the local demand," said Andy Schaafs, CCISD robotics and engineering program manager. "Our community recognizes the importance and fun there is in STEM and robotics. It's an exciting time to be involved with CCISD Robotics and I can't wait to see the future that these young engineers create!"

The 2019 VEX Robotics World Championship is the culmination to a long year of practice and determination for these students. The Westbrook team will travel to Louisville, Ky., April 24-27,

Local Little League teams enjoy parade



South Belt's Little League teams enjoyed the annual parade for the season opener on March 23. Shown above, displaying their version of "Fatheads," are the South Belt Girls Softball 8U Power team members, left to right, Elida Garcia, Carissa Cortez, Jayda Lasker, Grace Jiménez, Gigi Gaytan, Sofia Charles, Jazelle Saucedo, Kyeli Lara, Rebekah Hale and Addisyn Castorena. Shown below are the Jr. T-ball Dodgers, left to right, Noah Abarca, coach Kenneth Scott, Ruby Salinas, Jonathan Cerenio, Gael Cordova, Alexander Aliva, Ethan Hernandez, Breelyn Wyble and Mason Johnson.



Shown above are the Brewers minor division, left to right, (front row) Elijah Garcia; Damian Garza; Julius Cantu; (middle row) Sebastian Garza; Cristian Tamayo; Kelvin Lopez; Luke Stacey; Mario Alamaguer; Julio Rodriguez; Nicholas Forero; AJ Silva; (back row) Flor Cantu, team mom; Julio Cantu, manager; Jonathan Kipp, coach; and Helio Forero, assistant coach.

Hancock lists rolls

Thomas Hancock Elementary has shared its perfect attendance and honor roll for the third nine-weeks.

Honor Roll
First grade
Julian Amador, Adrian Bell, Isaiiah Betancourt, Braylon Cooper, Nylah Cooper, Ximena Espinoza, Viviana Gamez, Nicholas Gomez, Joan Gonzalez, Bryan Martin, Sofia Ochoa, Gabriel Pineda, Isbella Reynaga, Stephen Sanchez, Angel Sanchez-Martinez, Sofia Torres and Bailey Walton.

Second grade
Efrain Acosta, Rick Azinge, Naidelyn Barron, Christopher Delao, Allison Garcia, Savannah Gomez, Kameron Johnson, Joseph Magana, Brandon Peters, Emily Quezada, Yarely Rangel, Yahir Tejada, Joseph Vazquez and Paris Woodard.

Third grade
Andrew Arevalo, Dianelys Banda, Andrew Caballero, Byron Cruz, Maverick Deleon and Alex Tran.

Fourth grade
Elijah Jasmine and Aaden Martinez.

Perfect attendance
Pre-K
Matthew Castro, McKinsley Nichole Cooper, Annalisse Skye Elias, Chelsea Gabriella Fuentes, De'narius King Henry, Jazmin Payan, Galilea Puente, Nicholas Ezekiel Robles and Naomi Renee Wheaton.

Kindergarten
Anna Gabriela De Los Santos, Fatima Diaz, Aliyah Marie Garcia, Ayden Anthony Jackson, Alex Juarez, Natalya Luna-Villatoro, Legrand Mbusa Mbusa, Aiden Giovanni Olivares, Journey Brooklyn Olivier and Rooney Vu.

First grade
Braylon Steel Cooper, Robert Mendoza resigned as

Remember When

40 years ago (1979)
Angela Shifflett, daughter of Roy and Eunice Shifflett, won the title of Miss Deer Park and consequently qualified for the Miss Texas competition.

An extremely low turnout cast ballots at the four local utility district elections.

35 years ago (1984)
Representatives from seven of the 14 subdivisions in the South Belt area established the South Belt Civic Coalition to unify efforts on clean up, animal control, signs or lack of signs and ordinance violations.

Robert Mendoza resigned as president of the Sagement-Beverly Hills Little League after involvement in a confrontation over a United Sports Association regulation.

30 years ago (1989)
Following a two-week investigation by Pasadena Independent School District officials, a female eighth-grader at Beverly Hills Intermediate School was suspended for the remainder of the school year for allegedly carrying a handgun on campus.

Charles Thacker, superintendent of Clear Creek Independent School District developed a long range plan called "Plan 2000" which drew the ire of citizens and befuddled the board of trustees even before he had the chance to present the proposal.

Concerned over the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed plans for cleanup at the Dixie Oil Processing site and conflicting views on the problem, a group of South Belt area people joined property owner Ralph Lowe on a tour through the site.

25 years ago (1994)
Adding a science wing to Thompson Intermediate School was among the recommendations of the Pasadena Independent School District's Facilities Steering Committee.

Dobie High School fared well at the District 23-5A track and field meet, winning the boys' team title and finishing second in the girls' division.

20 years ago (1999)
City of Houston Fire Station 93, off the Gulf Freeway at Dixie Farm Road, opened.

Mike Tucker, owner and head instructor at USA Karate, was inducted into the World Martial Arts Hall of Fame in Cleveland.

15 years ago (2004)
A meeting was held concerning the proposal of U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison to move 2,300 Army, Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Troops from the Old Spanish Trail base to Ellington Field.

A ribbon cutting was held at the new Marie Spence Flickinger Fine Arts Building at the South campus of San Jacinto College.

Rhonda Parmer was preparing to assume the duties of principal at Frazier Elementary.

HPD Officer P. Galvan was assaulted while working an extra job at the apartments at 101 E. Edgebrook.

Darrell Scott, father of the first student to die at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., spoke to students at Clear Brook High and Brookside Intermediate about school violence.

10 years ago (2009)
A ribbon-cutting celebration was held Saturday, April 4, for the new community center at El Franco Lee Park. The new facility would cater to area seniors and local nonprofit organizations. The event coincided with Harris County's annual Easter egg hunt at the park.

Roughly 550 volunteers from Sagement Church devoted their time and energy to beautify and make improvements to local elementary schools, Stuchbery, Frazier, Meador and Moore chose to participate in the endeavor.

In an effort led by the 1st Battle Command Training Brigade, 75th Battle Command Training Division, more than 250 Army soldiers, their families and community members set a Guinness record for the largest human numerical formation by forming a "75" at Ellington Field.

5 years ago (2014)
Two 11-year-old boys were seriously injured when they were struck by a juvenile driver while they were playing basketball in the 8500 block of Kirkville. The accident, which injured Gabriel Rojas and Jay Solomon, prompted Harris County to conduct a traffic study at the intersection.

The 16-year-old mother accused of placing her newborn baby in a Windmill Lakes dumpster in February relinquished her rights to the child at a court hearing.

1 year ago (2018)
South Belt resident Chuck Maricle as presented the U.S. Coast Guard's Meritorious Service Medal for his support during Hurricane Harvey. Maricle serves as the district chief of staff for the USCG's 8th Coastal Region.

Stuchbery names honor, merit rolls

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

Honor Roll
Third grade
Nicholas Aguilera, Jason Chen, Jazbel Garcia, Olivia Joiner, Ashley Ly, Brianna Soto and Ca Tran.

Fourth grade
Thong Luong, Chelsea Hua, Stephanie Marquez and Nathaniel Padilla.

Merit Roll
Third grade
Marahi Aguilar, Samantha And, Lilianna Escudra, Gael Gutierrez, Jacob Hernandez, Evelyn Hernandez, Julian Moreno, Sophie Nguyen, Johnny Nguyen, Aurelia Ochwila, Heidi Paddon, Aliah Rivera and Natalie Vazquez.

Fourth grade
Tyler Albert, Ashley Martinez, Kailyn Quiroz, Jeremy Rangel and Ana Reyes.

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SHANEL D. THOMPSON - couch, blankets, misc. bags
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CESAR G. HERNANDEZ - exercise machine, tv, misc. boxes and clothing

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Atkinson names third nine-weeks rolls, principal's list

Atkinson Elementary has named its honor roll, merit roll and principal's list for the third nine-weeks.

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

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

Merit Roll
Third grade
 Jessica Escobar, Miguel Garcia, Robert Gonzalez, Leo Danny Gonzalez, Luna Hernandez, Joshua Montes,

Ayden Rodriguez and Jolie Tran.

Fourth grade
 Noah Serna.

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

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

Second grade
 Rebecca DeLeon, Alexis Esquivel, Layla Garcia, Na-

talie Hodgson-Garcia, Sebastian Martinez, Melissa Melendez, Jacob Moreno, Jaime Palomino, Jayden Piereda, Kendra Prida, Cody Teague and Andy Zamora.

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

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

PISD releases fine arts calendar

The Pasadena Independent School District has released its fine arts performances calendar for the months of April and May.

The events are listed by name, date, time and location.

High School Choir UIL Concert and Sight Reading, April 4 and 5, all day, Deer Park PAC.

South Belt Elementary Music first-grade program, April 4, 7 p.m., South Belt cafeteria.

Middle School Orchestra Concert and Sight Reading Benchmark, April 6, all day, Beverly Hills Intermediate.

Intermediate Choir Solo and Ensemble Contest, April 13, all day, Jackson Intermediate.

Intermediate Orchestra Solo and Ensemble Contest, April 13, all day, Thompson Intermediate.

Fred Roberts Middle School Band Spring Concert, April 16, 6 p.m., Fred Roberts cafeteria.

High School Band UIL

Concert and Sight Reading, April 24, 25 and 26; all day; Dobie High School.

Fred Roberts Middle School Orchestra Concert, April 25, 6:30 p.m., Fred Roberts cafeteria.

High School Orchestra Solo and Ensemble not going to state, April 27, all day, Pasadena Memorial High School.

Intermediate Band Solo and Ensemble Contest, April 27, all day, Park View Intermediate.

Beverly Hills Intermediate Spring Orchestra Concerts, May 2, 6 p.m., Ledford Hall.

Dobie High School Orchestra Spring Concert/Senior Recognition, May 3, 6:30 p.m., Dobie auditorium.

Beverly Hills Intermediate Band Spring Concert, May 7, 7 p.m., Beverly Hills auditorium.

Laura Bush Elementary fourth-grade Recorder Concert, May 9, 6 p.m., Laura Bush gym.

Morris Middle School

Choir fifth-grade Concert, May 9, 6 p.m., Morris cafeteria.

Morris Middle School sixth-grade Choir Spring Concert, May 9, 7 p.m., Morris cafeteria.

Thompson Intermediate Dance Dobie Spring Show, May 9, 7 p.m., Dobie High School.

Strawberry Festival Parade, May 11, 10 a.m.

Big Art Day, May 17, 5 p.m., Veterans Memorial Stadium.

Thompson Intermediate Dance Thompson's Spring Showcase, May 21, 6 p.m., Thompson outside gym.

Moore Elementary fourth-grade Choir Spring Program/All School Talent Show, May 21, 6 p.m., Moore cafeteria.

South Houston High School Orchestra Spring Concert, May 21, 6:30 p.m., South Houston auditorium.

Beverly Hills Intermediate Orchestra all-School Music Concert, May 28, 9 a.m., Beverly Hills blue gym.

Family Fun Fest preparations underway



Preparations are underway for the annual Family Fun Fest, to be held at Clear Brook City Park on Saturday, April 13. Shown above getting ready for all the fun are, left to right, Debi Hummel, Sageglan Community Association; Lisa Sanchez, Keller Williams Realty Clear Lake; Sharon Turner, The Fun Bunch committee member; Ellen McIntyre, The Fun Bunch committee member; Kay Barbour, South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce president; and Mary Maddox, Chamber volunteer.

Morris students compete in science fair



Students from Morris Elementary competed in the Pasadena Independent School District science fair on March 28. Shown are, left to right, (front row) Yuliana Zambrano; Andres Valdez; Peyton Lynn; Guillermo Fernandez; (middle row) Hannah Nguyen; (back row) Allison Lewallen, Morris principal; Shazia Mustapha, third place in environmental science; Hussai Arias; Xavier Martinez, second-place winner in Earth science; and Jamie Otto, assistant principal.

UHCL announces calendar briefs

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

Lisa Dyson coming to UHCL lecture series
 Technology Entertainment and Design presenter Lisa Dyson will bring her vision of a sustainable future to University of Houston-Clear Lake's Physics Lecture Series on April 22 as she explains how her company created the process that utilizes natural microbes to convert carbon dioxide into proteins, oils and other bio-based products.

Dyson is founder and CEO of Kiverdi, a California company whose mission is to develop innovations beyond traditional agriculture to help feed and power the world. Her lecture is titled "From String Theory to Protein Made from CO2: One Person's Journey from Science to Entrepreneurship."

Dyson holds a doctorate in physics from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and has conducted technical research at MIT, Stanford, University of California Berkeley, Princeton, University of London, UC San Francisco and the Lawrence Berkeley Labs. In 2016, she delivered a TED talk on how an idea developed by NASA in the 1960s could be the key to reinventing how we grow food.

The UH-Clear Lake lecture series is 7 p.m. each Monday through April 29

in room 1203 of the STEM and Classroom Building, 2700 Bay Area Blvd. The lectures are free. If pursuing continuing-education credits, each lecture is \$15; any three lectures is \$40; the entire series is \$99. To register or for more information, go to <http://bit.ly/uhcl-physics-lectures>.

How to get an autistic learner to tolerate "Not now"
 Parents, teachers and professionals can get advice on how to get autistic learners to tolerate being told "Not now" and "Wait" at this month's lecture presented by University of Houston-Clear Lake's Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities.

Graduate student Caitlyn Metoyer, who is seeking her master's degree in behavioral analysis, will discuss how to teach learners to appropriately request and tolerate when their requests are denied, as well as what strategies to use when tantrums occur.

The free lecture is Saturday, April 13, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Garden Room of UH-Clear Lake's Bayou Building, 2700 Bay Area Blvd. Lunch is provided by the Bill and Helen Crowder Foundation. Space is limited. Register at www.uhcl.edu/autism-center/speaker-series.

After the lecture participants are invited to an

nual Autism Resource Fair sponsored by the Applied Behavior Analysis Student Organization.

The fair is open from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in UHCL's Recreation and Wellness Center, a short walk from the lecture hall.

25th annual student conference at UHCL
 The public is invited to attend the 25th annual Student Conference for Research and Creative Arts at University of Houston-Clear Lake April 15-18 in the Bayou Building, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

Undergraduate and graduate students will showcase original work in various disciplines, from arts to science. The public is welcome to all sessions at no costs. Volunteers are also sought.

For more information, visit www.uhcl.edu/student-conference. Parking passes can be purchased at the Parking Lot R kiosk.

Mercury to perform at Bayou Theater
 Bay Area's Mercury orchestra will present serenades by Edward Elgar and Pyotr Tchaikovsky at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 19 in University of Houston-Clear Lake's Bayou Theater, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

The performance will feature Tchaikovsky's "Serenade for Strings in C major, Op. 48" and Elgar's "Little Tunes" as he called them: "Serenade for Strings in E minor, Op. 20," "Chanson de Nuit, Op. 15, No. 1," "Chanson de Matin, Op. 15, No. 2" and "Salut d'Amour, Op. 12."

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$13 for students. To purchase, visit www.uhcl.edu/bayou-theater/events-tickets.

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City grapples with implementing Prop B

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 get for the next fiscal year by the end of this June. According to Turner, the city will draw from the fund balance, make further cuts in department budgets and draw from any available sources of funds that have not been dedicated to other expenses. If a budget gap remains, and in the absence of new funding sources, the city will have no choice but to lay off personnel.

Based on initial projections, the city anticipates having to lay off 400 to 500 firefighters and municipal employees. Because the city must give employees 60 days' notice, notification letters would go out the first

part of April, while the city continues to find ways to balance the budget and minimize layoffs.

"Nobody wants to see public employee layoffs, but just like hard-working Houston families, the city must live within its means and reduce expenses to pay its bills when income is limited," Turner said. "There's no magic wand we can use to make financial challenges disappear."

City Council Member Dwight Boykins, whose District D represents much of the South Belt community, proposed a garbage fee to fund the firefighter proposal, a \$20-\$25 month-

ly fee would generate the money needed to finance the raises without sacrificing any manpower.

A March 27 Council vote on the measure, however, failed 16-1, with Boykins being the only member voting in favor.

"Yesterday, I was the only member of City Council to vote for my proposed policy solution that would have created a permanent funding source to immediately and fully fund pay parity for firefighters as approved by the voters on Nov. 6, 2018," said Boykins.

"My proposal would have also prevented the need for laying off hundreds of city employees, threaten-

ing public safety, draining the city's fund balance and possibly lowering the city bond rating and increasing the cost of property insurance for homeowners and businesses.

"In the coming days, I will reach out to city employees, my council colleagues and Houstonians broadly to see if we can identify any other fiscally responsible ideas to create a funding source for pay parity that secures our public safety and prevents the harmful impact of massive job losses.

"Real leadership requires the willingness to do what's right even when it's not popular. This is what I did on Wednesday, and I will never shrink from standing up for what I believe in."

Adjusted pay checks reflecting the new pay increase will be issued next month, city officials said, but at a cost.

"(Firefighters) will be paid in accordance to Prop B, starting the second week in May, but it will not come without consequences to the city as a whole," Turner's office stated in a press release.

SJC named to Top 10 in the nation

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 access and success for minority and low-income students. From the more than 1,100 community colleges nationwide, San Jacinto College was first selected among the top 150 last spring.

A selection committee then narrowed down those institutions to the top 10, and today named two Aspen Prize winners and three Rising Star recipients.

San Jacinto College was a Rising Star Award recipient in 2017, placing the college among the nation's top five community colleges.

"San Jacinto College offers strong workforce programs that are directly aligned to employer needs and job opportunities in the region — especially in health care, maritime, and petrochemical industries," said Joshua Wyner, executive director of the Aspen Institute's College Excellence Program.

"The college has also made significant investments in guided pathways reforms, ensuring that students receive strong, consistent advising to help them stay on track to completion."

Over the last 10 years, San Jacinto College has increased the number of certificates and associate degrees awarded by 169 percent. Last academic year, 7,019 students earned a certificate or degree from San Jacinto College.

This increase is due to a laser focus on student success and the support students receive along their paths from when they first arrive at San Jacinto College through graduation. The college concentrates its efforts on initiatives that show results in student achievement and progress.

"It is our mission to create an educational culture that nurtures student success in every way," said Dr. Laurel Williamson, deputy chancellor and San Jacinto College president.

"This approach begins with our Board of Trustees, who cast the vision for our college, and it filters through every aspect of our students' educational journey. Our dedicated faculty and staff work tirelessly to implement new techniques, innovative methods, and accessible resources in the classroom to ensure that our students have the tools and support needed to finish what they start here at San Jacinto College."

Community colleges today enroll about 40 percent of all U.S. undergraduates — 6 million students — who are working toward earning degrees and certificates. Improving student success

across the more than 1,100 community colleges in the U.S. is critical to national efforts to develop talent and enable individual social mobility because:

Community colleges disproportionately enroll low-income and minority students enrolled in college today.

Community college graduation rates remain flat, with fewer than 40 percent of all entering students earning a degree and / or transferring to a four-year college or university.

A college degree today is more important than ever before.

Recent research shows that out of the 11.6 million jobs created in the post-recession economy, 11.5 million require a college education.

For more information about the 2019 Aspen Prize Winners and Rising Star recipients, as well as information and lessons learned from all of the Prize Finalists listed below, please visit the Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence website.

2019 Aspen Prize winners
 Indian River State College (Fort Pierce, Fla.)
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Rising Star Award
 Odessa College (Odessa, Texas); Pierce College at Fort Steilacoom (Lakewood, Wash.); Alamo Colleges District — Palo Alto College (San Antonio, Texas)

Finalists
 Broward College (Fort Lauderdale, Fla.); CUNY Kingsborough Community College (Brooklyn, N.Y.); Mitchell Technical Institute (Mitchell, S.D.); Pasadena City College (Pasadena, Calif.); San Jacinto College (Pasadena, Texas.)

The Aspen Prize is generously funded by ECMC Foundation, Joyce Foundation, The Kresge Foundation and Siemens Foundation.

The Aspen Institute College Excellence Program aims to advance higher education practices, policies, and leadership that significantly improve student outcomes, especially for the growing population of low-income and minority students on American campuses.

The program is part of The Aspen Institute, which has a mission of fostering leadership based on enduring values and providing a nonpartisan venue for dealing with critical issues. For more information, visit <http://higher.ed.aspeninstitute.org/> and www.linkedin.com/showcase/aspenhighered and follow @AspenHigherEd on Twitter.

Washburn Tunnel to close

The Washburn Tunnel will be closed continuously through 4 a.m. on Monday, April 8.

During this time, crews will be conducting in-depth maintenance to the tunnel lining as part of the Washburn Tunnel concrete repairs project, which was planned to pro-actively preserve the life of the tunnel.

Drivers are reminded to use alternate routes during the closure. Alternate routes include I-610 East Loop Freeway, the Sam Houston Parkway and Highway 146.

Be sure to visit www.hcp2.com or follow Harris County Precinct 2 on social media, including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or Nextdoor for the latest updates on the precinct.

Troop 468 hosts spaghetti dinner

Boy Scout Troop 468 will be hosting its 16th annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser on April 27, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 East Broadway, from 4 to 8 p.m.

Each dinner includes a generous serving of spaghetti with or without meatballs, salad, bread and a drink for \$6, eat-in or take-out. Individual desserts are available for separate purchase. There will also be a silent auction and baked goods sale.

All proceeds benefit Troop 468's activities and equipment. Tickets will be available at the door. Interested persons may email Stephanie Mayo at Stephanie.Mayo@troopmaster.com to pre-purchase tickets or place an order for large quantity delivery for 10+ meals.

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Students represent Meador at district science fair



Students from Meador Elementary represented their school at the Pasadena Independent School District science fair on March 26. All five students that participated received a medal and a certificate. Shown above, Annette Stubbs (far left), peer facilitator, stands with students, left to right, Julianna Mikulski, third-grade gold medalist; Emily Diaz, third-grade gold medalist; Maurice Ty,

third-grade silver medalist; Alexander Vargas, third-grade gold medalist; and Jaedon Sinclair, fourth-grade silver medalist. Shown below, three of the five students standing in front of their science projects are, left to right, Mikulski, Vargas and Diaz.

Photo by Tara Merida



Julianna Mikulski



Alexander Vargas



Emily Diaz

Hancock lists student awards

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Second grade
Rick Chidubem Azinge, Alison Elisabeth Garcia, Savannah Lynn Gomez, Jaime Omar Gonzalez, Axel Juarez, Omar Luna, Giselle Vallesteros and A'laysia Milan Williams.

Third grade
Khloe Nicole Hughes, Chaz Tyler Jones Jr, Monica Luna, Liandis Mercado, Hailey Brianna Ramsey, Alex Tien Tran and Lilynhu Vu.

Fourth grade
Mayte Almanza, Nathalie Almanza, Isiah Ignacio Arbaiza, Roy Chijindu Azinge, Ailey Isabella Espinoza, Dai-sha Gabrielle Jackson, Adalyn Juarez, Camila Alexa Juarez, Jayden Kindell Barrington Starks and Brayden Louis Watkins.

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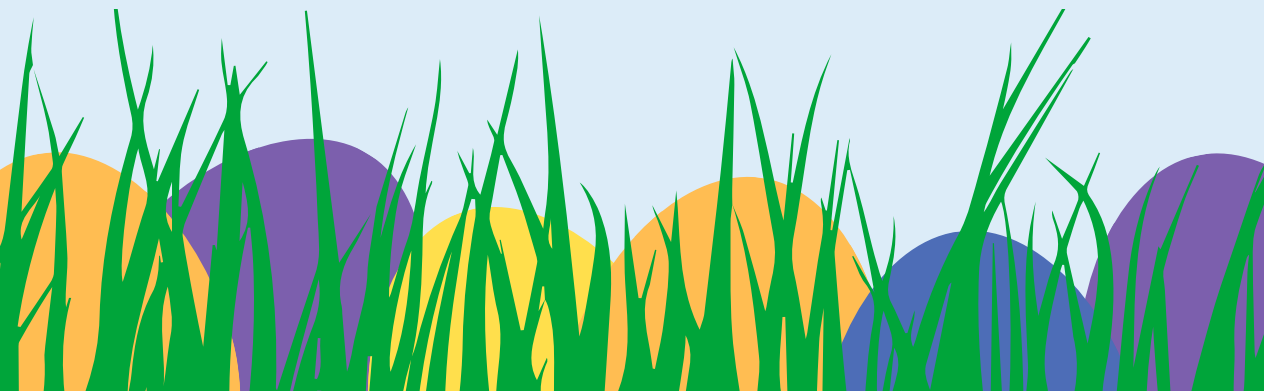
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**Bidistrict girls' soccer
Late scores help lift NS
over Lady Longhorns**

A scoreless first half in the books, the Dobie varsity girls' soccer team was going toe-to-toe with host North Shore in a bidistrict playoff showdown March 29, at Galena Park ISD Stadium.

Then came two second-half goals from the Lady Mustangs, and just like that, Dobie saw its season end with a 2-0 defeat resulting.

Dobie wound up 14-7-3 overall this season and won 10 matches in league play.

But there was a bit of a sting left behind as the locals came up shy of advancing.

Dobie was looking to advance to the area round after yet another solid run through the regular season. While much of the roster will remain intact heading into next season, senior Tania Collier, a four-year letterwinner, **Continued on Page 2B**

Shootout loss ends JFD's run

The last time Dobie met Strake Jesuit and Dobie met in the varsity boys' soccer playoffs, the Crusaders used a shootout win in the regional final to advance to the state tournament.

Dobie has since topped its game to include a state tournament berth in 2017 and a string of five straight district titles. But that pesky Strake Jesuit team has struck again.

The Crusaders sent the home crowd into a frenzy April 2 at Clay Stadium, winning in a shootout to move on to the regional quarterfinals.

The game was tied 1-1 in regulation before the two teams also went scoreless in separate 10-minute overtime sessions.

In the shootout, Jesu-it scored the go-ahead goal and then stopped Dobie on the ensuing try to win the match.

For Dobie, it was a tough end to what has been a tremendous season.

Bryan Nava, the school's all-time leading goal scorer, had delivered the excitement in the bidistrict round, scoring the eventual game-winning goal with just 38 ticks re- **Continued on Page 6B**



Dobie varsity boys' soccer head coach Justo Manrique (left) congratulates Bryan Nava (11) after Nava's goal with 38 seconds left in regulation lifted the Longhorns to a 2-1 win over Channelview in the bidistrict playoffs. Nava, the school's all-time leading goal scorer, punched home the winner just as overtime appeared inevitable. Instead, the Longhorns moved on to the area round to face Strake Jesuit, which subsequently ended the locals' season via sudden death shootout. Photo by Jade Wise

**Locals now 5-3
Despite two losses,
JFD baseball in mix**

With unbeaten Kingwood and Summer Creek out in front of the field, it's time for the Dobie varsity baseball team to take control of its destiny the rest of the way.

A 10-0, 7-2 series loss to unbeaten Kingwood now has the Longhorns sitting at 5-3 in District 22-6A action with eight games to play.

Of the eight games, Dobie will now take on just one opponent with a winning record in league play, and that two-game set is **Continued on Page 6B**

The Longhorns will host Atascocita Friday, April 5, at Dobie. Game time is 4 p.m. Dobie then travels to Atascocita April 9 to close out the back-to-back clashes.

As for Kingwood, the 17-4 Mustangs are ranked No. 2 in the Texas Prep Baseball Houston area poll for 6A teams.

Against Dobie, the Mustangs showed their mettle. On March 30 at Kingwood Park High School, the Mustangs needed little time to dis-

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Dobie softball crushes Humble 15-4

A playoff berth all but secured, the Dobie varsity softball team can now focus much of its attention on winning a district championship.

It won't be easy - Dobie still has remaining games against fellow post-season contenders Atascocita and Memorial down the stretch, plus an upcoming home game against a capable Kingwood squad April 5 at the Pasadena ISD complex.

But the way the Lady Longhorns are swinging the bats right now, getting contributions from nearly every spot in the lineup, this final stretch of games should be must-see for all.

Dobie kept the ride going April 2, pounding Humble 15-4 on the road behind a 15-hit attack and a terrific pitching performance from Jessica De La Cerda.

The junior pitcher had plenty of run support, but didn't need much.

Going the distance and scattering seven hits, De La Cerda allowed just one earned run and stuck out nine in perhaps her finest all-around effort of the season.

With the win, Dobie stayed in a tie with Memorial at 9-2, tops in District 22-6A and just ahead of the other two top playoff chasers, Summer Creek and Atascocita.

With fifth-place Humble falling to 6-6 and having lost to Dobie twice, the Lady Longhorns need just one more win to lock down a playoff berth. Yet it's clear this team wants more.

In the win over Humble, the hits kept coming. Pick an offensive star of the game.

Leslie Longoria, Taylor Pleasants, Mikayla Gutierrez and Yessenia Pena all came up big.

And one could certainly consider De La Cerda's work in the circle wor- **Continued on Page 2B**

Dobie softball hosts Kingwood
Friday, April 5, 7 p.m.

Brook, Dobie tracksters prepared as district here

The Clear Brook and Dobie track programs are lining up for a run at the district championships after closing out the regular season with a go of it at the Rockhold Relays in Baytown March 29.

Meanwhile, the Dobie varsity teams are looking ahead to the District 22-6A Championships, which will be held at Turner Stadium in Humble April 10-11.

Brook girls riding high

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competition mode as the District 24-6A Championships began April 3 at Challenger Stadium in Webster, with the conclusion of the meet coming April 4.

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24-6A Track Finals
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Clear Brook baseball aiming to keep pace

A two-game series loss to Clear Springs has the Clear Brook varsity baseball program sitting at 2-4 in 24-6A action with the team's bye upcoming.

Springs' Mason Schulz tossed five no-hit frames and wound up with a one-hitter in the first game 9-1 win March 26.

Returning to the field March 29, the Chargers (4-0) scored three runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to turn back the Wolverines 6-3.

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Second half lifts NS girls over Dobie 2-0

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 is among those who will move on. The North Shore loss will resonate.

"It was a tough one," Dobie head coach Bryan McDonald said. "We knew it was going to be a tight one."

"We had some chances in the first half on set pieces that just didn't materialize. We executed our game plan fairly well, and much of the half was in the middle of the field."

With the game down to the final seven minutes of regulation, North Shore scored. In the final two minutes, Dobie pushed forward in an attempt to tie the game.

Instead, the Lady Mustangs scored a second goal to seal the 2-0 win with 90 seconds remaining.

McDonald also praised sophomore goalkeeper McKenzie Rankins, who

only began playing the position this year but delivered her top performance of the season on the play-off stage against steady pressure from North Shore.

"Overall, I was pleased with the season. We had a group of kids that were willing to grind. We knew we were going to have to play that kind of soccer this season. Next season, I know we will have the player and staff to give us the best chance (to win)."

At right, playing in what would be her final varsity girls' soccer game at Dobie, senior Tania Collier (7) pressured North Shore's Kathyana Jasso (2) during first-half action of the Lady Mustangs' eventual 2-0 bidistrict win.

Photos by Jade Wise



Despite the 2-0 bidistrict girls' soccer loss to North Shore March 29 at Galena Park ISD Stadium, the future of Dobie soccer is in good hands, with junior-to-be McKenzie Rankins in the nets and several other key players set to return.

JFD softball gets key wins

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 thy of Player of the Game honors.

Gutierrez had five hits in the game for the Lady Longhorns, smacking a two-run single in the top of the fourth inning and also adding a double in the game.

Longoria, who has been one of the top lead-off hitters in the region all season, had four hits and scored four runs. She also drove in a pair of runs for the winners.

Pleasants also hurt Humble numerous times in the game, highlighting her night with an inside-the-park solo homer in the top of the fifth.

The four-year star also had an RBI triple, scored two runs and collected three runs batted in during the game.

Pena's night included a two-run double in the third inning, and she added a two-run, inside-the-park home run in the top of the seventh inning.

Humble helped Dobie's cause by making five errors in the game, but the 15-hit attack by the Lady Longhorns was more than enough anyway.

Now it's on to the next one, that being Kingwood. While the Lady Mustangs

have currently fallen out of the postseason framework, there are no gimme games on the schedule. It's all about taking them one at a time and winning big games.

Locals drop PHS
 Michelle Amezcua was the key force as the Lady Longhorns knocked out Pasadena 17-7 March 29, at Dobie.

Amezcua had four hits, including a double, scored twice and knocked in four runs as the Lady Longhorns used an 11-run second inning to cruise to the win.

Pleasants was 2 for 2 with a pair of runs driven in, and Maritza Elizalde came up with a hit, scored a run and batted in three runs.

The game ended after five innings as the locals won by mercy rule.

Haynie results
 Dobie hosted two days of action as part of the Pearland ISD Haynie Memorial Invitational, that had been rescheduled after being rained out totally earlier this season.

Dobie went against Tompkins March 28 as the two teams played to a 5-5 tie.

Dobie's Aliyah Barajas had a great game, going

2 for 3 with a double and driving in three runs.

Jasmin Benitez had two hits, and Pleasants tripled. Karlie Barba also doubled as the Lady Longhorns overcame four errors in the game to force the tie.

Later in the day, Dobie used a 15-hit attack to hammer Calhoun 12-1.

Benitez again came up big, going 2 for 3 with two runs scored and two more driven in.

De La Cerda had three runs batted in, and Pleasants went 3 for 4 with two runs scored.

Camryn Wincher, Barba and Amezcua had two hits apiece in the game.

In a single game March 29, the Lady Longhorns led Deer Park 4-2 before the Lady Deer used a three-run fifth to down the locals 6-4.

Benitez stayed hot, smacking two doubles in the game. Pleasants went 2 for 3, lining a solo homer to center field in the first inning.

Kristen Barba also had two hits in the game. But Dobie made four errors in the game, including three in the pivotal fifth inning before Deer Park's K.K. Morado gave her team the lead for good with a three-run double.

SBGSA's 6U Swing Queens take second at Deepwater tourney



The 6U Swing Queens of the South Belt Girls Softball Association placed second after a terrific performance at the Deepwater Girls Softball Association Invitational. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Ava Castro, Audryna St. Romain, Isabella Granados, Arianna Quiroga, Brianna Quiroga,

Madeline Herrera, Miranda Coronado, Taylor Gutierrez, Isabelle Gutierrez, Sophia Paz, Madelyn Ayala, (back row) assistant coach Manuel Coronado, head coach Pedro Gutierrez and assistant coach Armando Quiroga.

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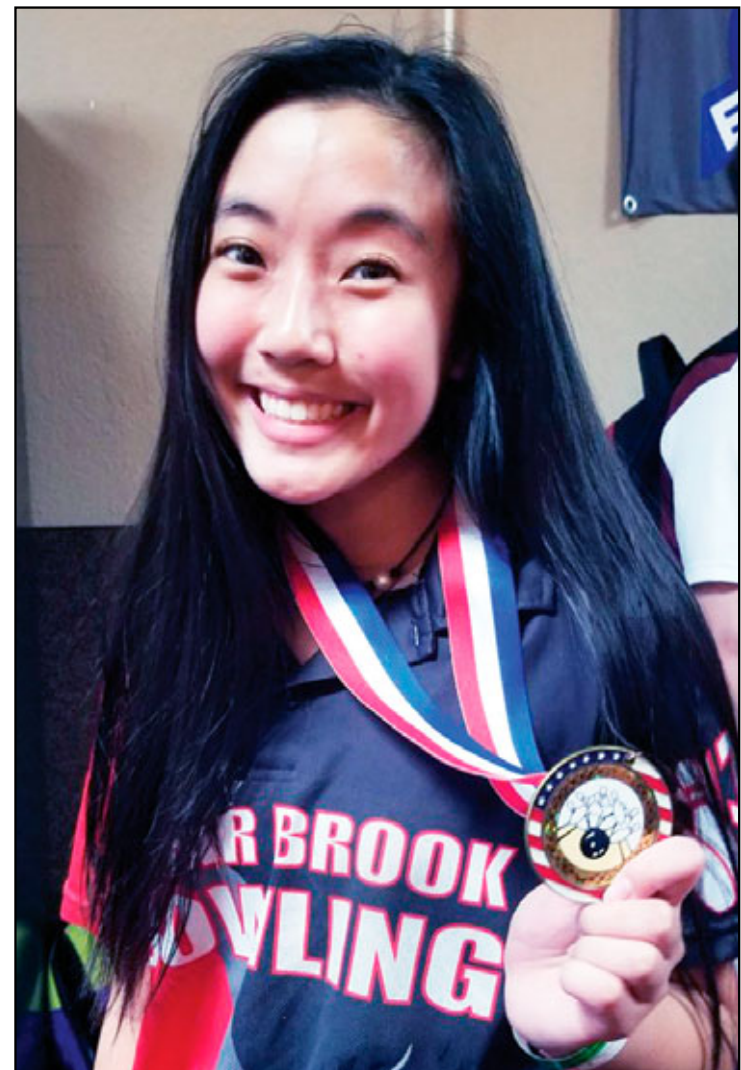
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Brook's Cao finals at state



Clear Brook senior bowler Lynn Cao put more finishing touches on her storied career with the Wolverines, reaching the Final 16 finals in the individual competition at the Texas High School Bowling Club State Championships, and also helping the Lady Wolverines reach the Final 16 in the team division. Cao, who led her team to a fourth-place finish at state as a junior, was the regional champion this season.

Sports Calendar

LSA track solid at Awty

Area sports news, notes

TENNIS

Thursday, April 4

Dobie varsity at 22-6A champs., Kingwood, TBA

SOFTBALL

Friday, April 5

Dobie varsity hosts Kingwood, PISD, 7:00

Dobie JV Orange hosts Kingwood, PISD, 5:30

Dobie JV White hosts Kingwood, PISD, 4:00

San Jacinto College at Blinn (2), 2:00

Tuesday, April 9

Dobie varsity at Atascocita, 6:00

Dobie JV Orange at Atascocita, 4:30

TRACK AND FIELD

Wednesday and Thursday, April 10-11

Dobie varsity girls at 22-6A champs, Turner Stad., TBA

Dobie varsity boys at 22-6A champs, Turner Stad., TBA

BASEBALL

Friday, April 5

Dobie varsity hosts Atascocita, 4:00

Saturday, April 6

Dobie varsity at Atascocita, 4:00

Tuesday, April 9

Brook varsity hosts Dickinson, 6:00

Brook JV at Dickinson, 6:30

Brook sophomores at Dickinson, 4:30

High school tracksters headed to district level

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Kennedy Crutchfield, one of the team's seniors, was the winner of the 100 dash at the Rockholds as she came to the finish line first in a time of 12.20 seconds.

The Lady Wolverines also fared well in the 200 dash as freshman Camryn Dickson scored the win in a time of 24.25, with junior Keira Connor second for a silver medal at 24.98. Jailey Shelton, another of Clear Brook's standout freshmen, picked up a bronze medal for third place in the 400 run with a time of 1:01.08.

Clear Brook also did a great job in the relays, winning the 4x1 event and earning second place in the 4x4.

The school's 4x1 group includes Dickson, Connor, Crutchfield and Jai'Lah Johnson as the win came in a time of 47.94.

The same four ladies combined in the 4x4 relay for the silver medal and second place in a time of 4:06.06.

Reagan Dunlap of Clear Brook placed sixth in the 3,200 run in a time of 12:51.62.

In the boys' division, the Wolverines' Loranzo Thompson wound up second in the 200 dash with a solid sprint of 22.24, and

Stone Marion placed second in the long jump at 22-6.

Thompson was sixth in the long jump with a top effort of 21-8 1/2, and Marion's high jump of 6-0 placed him sixth.

The Wolverines' Jeffery Nolan made the final in the 400 run, eventually taking eighth at 54.94.

The Dobie girls were led by Amari Singleton, who was second in both the 400 and 800 runs.

At 1:00.74, Singleton was impressive in the 400, and her time of 2:27.30 in the 800 was also solid.

Dobie's top relay finish came in the 4x4 as Amya Ray, Jayla Hunt and Singleton teamed with Bria-sia Garza for fifth in a time of 4:18.79.

The Lady Longhorns were also sixth in the 4x1 relay.

Ambreon Jones cleared 4-10 for seventh in the high jump, and Jordyn Ridge (16-6) was seventh in the long jump.

The Dobie boys were sixth in the 4x2 relay in a time of 1:32.06 as the group included Deon Singleton, Keion Thompson, Bryce Shea and Rushad Ball.

The 4x1 group including Singleton, Michael Onozie, Thompson and Ball was seventh (43.58).

Hannah Cottingham and Ayana Smith were double gold-medal winners, and three Lutheran South Academy boys also claimed gold medals at the Awty Track and Field Invitational.

Cottingham and Smith combined to pace an overall solid effort from the Lady Pioneers.

At 47.79 seconds, Cottingham, a sophomore, won the 300 hurdles and was also second in the 100 hurdles at 16.59 for a silver medal.

Her other victory came

in the triple jump, where an effort of 33 feet, 5 1/2 inches was good for Cottingham's win.

The freshman Smith was the champion of the 100 dash and long jump events.

In the 100 dash, Smith clocked in at 13.24 for the victory. As for the long jump, she won that event with a leap of 16-7.

Smith also medaled in the 200 dash, grabbing third at 27.40.

Allison Klein and Isla Dietert went 3-4 in the pole vault for Lutheran

South. Klein earned third place at 7-6, with Dietert in at 7-0 for fourth place.

Dietert was fifth in the 100 dash with a time of 14.05, and Laura Demchak (30-0) and Tori Burkett (29-3 1/2) went 4-5 in the triple jump.

The Lady Pioneers' 4x2 relay squad was second, and the 4x1 group was third. The school also placed fifth in the 4x4.

In the boys' division, the Pioneers' Noa Miller was the winner of the 800 run after completing

the distance in a time of 2:03.06.

In a time of 43.80, LSA's Adam Zimmerman won the 300 hurdles.

Nick Chordhury won the triple jump as he went 41-3 for the gold medal.

At 5-10, the Pioneers' Peyton Soderstrom grabbed third in the high jump, and Mark Zamarripa finished at 18.49 for third place in the 110 hurdles.

The Pioneers won the 4x2 relay, placed second in the 4x1, and were third in the 4x4.

Raptors 12U grabs second at Best of the Best



The 12U Raptors select baseball team kept their game going strong, taking second place at the Nations Best of the Best at Ford Park in Beaumont. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Rigo Alaniz, Zab Cummings, AJ Abidlatif, Angel Molina, Hector Arrieta, Liam Vasquez, (back row) coach Adam Abidlatif, Cesar Amador, Angel Garcia, Derek Rodriguez and coaches Mikey Cummings and Hector Arrieta.

SJC softball improves to 7-3; Kristoff earns two victories

Dobie graduate Michelle Kristoff picked up two wins as the San Jacinto College softball team improved to 7-3 in conference play with three road wins.

In the series opener against Galveston, San Jac fell 7-2 as the Whitecaps scored all of their runs in the bottom of the second inning.

Morgan Childs was the

offensive leader for San Jacinto, drilling a home run and a double among her four hits.

Kristoff tossed a shut-out in the second game as the locals walked away with a 7-0 victory.

Ashley Ramber led the 14-hit attack with a 3 for 3 effort that included a run and two more driven in.

Lacey Gabaldon went 3 for 4 in the game.

In the first game against Alvin, Kristoff delivered another gem, going the distance in a 7-2 victory.

Childs had two hits and doubled, and Sam Martinez added two hits and an RBI. Ariana Saenz drove in a pair of runs.

San Jacinto enjoyed three-run innings in the second, third and seventh innings to defeat Alvin 9-2 in the finale of the series.

Childs drove in three runs, and Ramber, Martinez and Dominique Garcia all had two hits in the win.

Lillie Grotenhuis doubled and tripled while knocking in three runs, and Ashley Tran had two hits and scored twice. Meghan Smith went 5 1/3 innings, allowing no runs and fanning five to earn the win in the circle.

San Jacinto baseball takes over first

There's a new leader in the Region 14 South division baseball ranks after the San Jacinto College Gators defeated the Alvin Dolphins three times in four games March 29-30.

Jackson Rutledge threw a complete-game shutout in the first game, guiding the Gators to a 2-0 win.

Over seven frames, Rutledge allowed just four hits and struck out 10 in the win, moving him to 5-2 overall.

Hunter Townsend and

Chase Wilkerson had two hits apiece for San Jac, and Camryn Williams drove in a run.

Mitchell Parker was solid for SJC in the second game March 29, but the Dolphins scored late for a 6-5 win.

Ryan Hernandez went 3 for 5, including two-run and RBI singles. Chase Ferem also went 3 for 5. Parker struck out eight over five innings.

Dane Acker won his eighth game of the season

against no losses in a 7-0 shutout over Alvin March 30.

In six innings of work, Acker went six innings and struck out nine, allowing just two hits.

Adam Houghtaling led the way offensively, smacking a grand slam in the sixth inning.

Townsend had three hits, and Ferem went 2 for 3.

Five pitchers combined to help the Gators down Alvin 10-3 in the series fi-

nale after the locals trailed 3-0 early on.

Ferem had three hits and scored three runs. He and Williams both doubled twice.

Dylan Lester went 3 2/3 innings in relief, earning the win. He allowed no hits and no runs, fanning four.

In winning the series, San Jacinto improved to 25-9 overall, including 14-5 in conference play. Alvin, now second in the South standings, is 12-7.

Rising Stars Track Club practicing, etc.

The Rising Stars Track Club, the area's longstanding youth track and field organization, is set to begin practices and registration at Dobie High School. Returning team members are encouraged to join workouts now through April, from 5 to 7 p.m., at the JFD track.

The team will also practice each Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. as well as each Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon until the season begins. Team officials will also accept registration each Saturday in conjunction with the practices. For more information, call head coach Ivory Kimble at 832-561-1248.

Pear Run to aid Pearland PD on May 11

The 2019 Pear Run will this year celebrate 15 years of police support, healthy living and exercise; and members of the jogging public are invited to get involved. Organized by the Pearland Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association, the run through funds raised has previously assisted the Pearland Police Department, helping to purchase equipment, K-9 officer needs, officer memorials and more.

This year, the goal is to raise \$50,000 for a new mobile command center to be used in SWAT situations and at other large public events.

This planned command center will be state-of-the-art in technologies to keep citizens safe and assist with police activities. Participants are encouraged to register for the 10k or 5k Run, 5k Walk or the Kids Fun Run.

In addition, those who choose to be business sponsors for the event will have the opportunity to be seen by more than 1,000 potential customers. There are several sponsor levels to meet all budgets.

The Pear Run will be May 11, 2019, held at the Pearland Town Center Pavilion, 11200 W. Broadway in Pearland. The first race begins at 7 a.m. Visit the official website at www.pearrun.com for details.

Ole Miss reliever Myers earns first save

Dobie graduate Tyler Myers, now a junior relief pitcher with the Ole Miss Rebels, earned his first career save at the Division I level with a stellar outing against No. 8 Arkansas March 31. Myers went four shutout frames, two hits and striking out four. Over his last nine innings of work out of the bullpen, Myers has allowed just three hits and no runs while issuing no walks. The Rebels (20-9, 5-4) will continue Southeastern Conference play April 5 at home against No. 5 Florida.

Brook grad Taylor aids UH track and field

Clear Brook graduate Brandon Taylor is fitting right in with the University of Houston track and field team. He joined Nicholas Alexander, Alex Burke and Travis Collins to grab second in the 4x100 relay at the Texas Relays in Austin, earning the nation's second-fastest time in the event this season at 38.45. Taylor was also third in the 100 dash in a wind-aided time of 10.18.

Lajaunie tennis is April 26-28; player registration continues

The 2019 Darren Lajaunie Memorial Tennis Tournament will return to the Harry Taylor Tennis Center in Pasadena April 26-28.

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

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

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

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

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

dedicated and passionate for his favorite pastime of playing tennis.

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

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

Opening ceremonies, including a scholarship awards dinner and silent auction, will be held Friday, April 26.

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

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

Tickets may be purchased at the HTTC or on the DLTSF website as of April 1. In May, the 2019 Dobie recipients will be awarded their scholarships at the school. Entry

is \$35 for singles and \$22.50 per player for doubles.

Players may also register at www.seteo.com. Registration deadline is April 14.

The tournament will begin Saturday, April 27, at 8 a.m. and finish the next afternoon, with trophy presentations at the conclusion of each division of play.

The Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund website at www.DLTennis.com includes pictures from the 2018 tournament and information on this year's tournament, sponsorship opportunities, scholarships details and more.

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

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

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

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

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

Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300.

7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Women's Group, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

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

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

7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. Call 713-661-4200.

8 p.m.
Serenity Now Al-Anon Group - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 8 to 9 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/

addicts share, learn Al-Anon principles, that they are not alone, and discover choices available. For details, call 281-484-9243.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

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

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

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

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

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

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

5:30 p.m.
Celebrate Recovery - A faith-based 12-Step Program, Sundays, 5:30 p.m., in the Chapel at Life Church, 9900

Almeda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for details or to RSVP for child care.

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

MONDAY, APRIL 8

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

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

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

Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300.

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

Mended Hearts Cardiac Support Group - A national organization dedicated to inspiring hope in heart patients and families meets the second Monday at the Clear Lake Heart Towers auditorium, 495 Medical Center Blvd., Webster. A free meal begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by a speaker. For information, call 281-538-4648.

6:30 p.m.
Toastmasters - The Young Professionals Southeast Toastmasters Club #05324194 meets Mondays, 6:30 -

7:30 p.m., at the South Belt Chamber of Commerce, 10500 Scarsdale Blvd., next to the fire station. For details, call Karen Nunn at 832-722-9061 or Carolyn Carmichael at 832-372-3565 or visit <https://youngprofessionalstoastmasters.com/>.

7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200.

Sagamont Civic Club - Meetings are held the second Monday, Sagamont Park Recreation Center, 11507 Hughes Rd.

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

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Saint Luke's 12 Step Recovery open meeting Mondays, 7:30 p.m. in the education bldg., 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For additional information, call Jesse at 832-725-8479 or Rita at 281-309-2801.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

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.
CCART - The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers meets the second Tuesday, monthly, Sept.-May, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway in Seabrook near Landolt Pavilion. Texas-retired school employees from surrounding school districts welcome. Annual dues are \$50.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT RENEWAL PERMIT NUMBER 9733C

APPLICATION Southern Crushed Concrete, LLC, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Air Quality Permit Number 9733C, which would authorize continued operation of a Rock Crushing Plant located at 2070 Genoa Red Bluff Road, Houston, Harris County, Texas 77034-4115. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=29.625217&lng=-95.167833&zoom=13&type=r>. The existing facility is authorized to emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on February 20, 2019. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, TCEQ Houston regional office, and the Pasadena Fairmont Library, 4330 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Harris County, Texas beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Houston regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. Information in the application indicates that this permit renewal would not result in an increase in allowable emissions and would not result in the emission of an air contaminant not previously emitted. **The TCEQ may act on this application without seeking further public comment or providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

PUBLIC COMMENT You may submit public comments, or a request for a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published.** After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to address in the permit process.

After the technical review is complete the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If only comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on the mailing list for this application, unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. The applicant or the executive director may also request that the application be directly referred to a contested case hearing after technical review of the application. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may act on the application. **If no hearing request is received within this 15 day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided.** According to the Texas Clean Air Act § 382.056(o) a contested case hearing may only be granted if the applicant's compliance history is in the lowest classification under applicable compliance history requirements and if the hearing request is based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission may only grant a hearing on those issues submitted during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility; and (7) a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period. If the request is made by a group or association, one or more members who have standing to request a hearing must be identified by name and physical address. The interests the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

If any requests for a contested case hearing are timely filed, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for a contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. Unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing, the executive director will mail the response to comments along with notification of Commission meeting to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application. The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material air quality concerns submitted during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

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CALENDAR

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TUESDAY, APRIL 9
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, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.
10:30 a.m.
Tri-County Republican Women - General meetings are held the second Tuesday, except June and July, Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch available for \$15. Exact cash or a check requested. For reservations, call Susan Hooper at 832-723-7671.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300.
Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch is \$15. Variety of interesting speakers. For more information, call 281-900-7257 or email nalix@texascitizensbank.com. 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Free dance lessons - taught by Lewis and Betty Whistler (35 years of experience) at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E League City Parkway, on Tuesdays. Bringing a partner is not required. There is a different dance focus monthly. For details, call Betty at 832-517-5833. For questions and information about League City's activity card, call the park office at 281-554-1180.

1:30 p.m.
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - #1530 meets at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd., 1:30 p.m. For information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713. 2 p.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class - Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details on classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or call 281-488-6318. 7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For details, call 713-661-4200.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10
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.
Young at Heart Senior Club - Meets the second and fourth week monthly (Nov./Dec. meet second week only) at Covenant United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Lots of activities, trips, etc. Call Jan Okumura at 832-298-9480 for details.
10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochnsr@aol.com for details.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300.
1 - 3:30 p.m.
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ballroom dances (not lessons) in a casual environment. A variety of rhythms are played from entry to advanced dancing levels at 1001 E. League City Pkwy. League City non-residents must purchase activity card (see Tuesday 12:30 p.m. dance for details). Help is available to assist learning dance moves. For additional information on the activity card, call the city at 281-554-1180.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For information, call 713-661-4200.
Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention - Call 281-286-2525 (24-hour crisis hotline) for confidential domestic violence/sexual abuse support group for women. Visit www.bayareaturningpoint.org for information.
8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For additional information, call 281-484-9243.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11
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.
NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse - Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 a.m., Praise Chapel, 18516 Hwy. 3 in Webster. The public is welcome and encouraged to bring others. For details, call 281-910-1971 or visit aglownet.org.
10 a.m.
Fun Bunch - for senior citizens, ages 55 and older, meets the second Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, 10500 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call Ronn Canon at 281-610-8999 or the chamber at 281-481-5516.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email at jpochnsr@aol.com for details.
11:30 a.m.
ABWA - Southeast Express Network - American Business Women's Association-South meets the second Thursday, Spring Creek Barbeque, 9005 Broadway (FM-518), Pearland. Lunch is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (\$20). Includes networking with professional business women and guest speaker. Women of all ages/occupations invited. Bring business cards. Reservations appreciated. Visit www.seen-abwa.org.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300.
6:30 p.m.
Pearland Area Republican's Club - meets monthly on the second Thursday (except December, June and July) at the Pearland Church of Christ Annex, 2217 N. Grand Blvd., Pearland. For details, call Gary at 281-993-8335.
7 p.m.
Congregation Shaar Hashalom's - Rabbi Stuart Federow hosts free discussions on Judaism and religion in general, open to the public, second Thursdays, at Sawa Restaurant and Grill, 16608 El Camino Real. This is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. For additional information, contact the office at 281-488-5861 or at csh@shaarhashalom.org.
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Dobie boys' soccer ends season with shootout loss to SJ

Continued from Page 1B maining in the game at Channelview to send Falcon fans home in disbelief. In fact, Dobie's Alberto Chavez had tied the game with nine minutes remaining in the game, and Nava's goal cemented the great comeback effort and

sent the Longhorns to take on the Crusaders. Strake Jesuit, the No. 2 seed from District 21-6A, caught a bit of a break in the opening round when Alvin was reinserted into the postseason after a Clear Creek ISD qualifying team was ruled out for

using an ineligible player during the 24-6A campaign. Strake subsequently defeated Alvin 4-0, scoring two in the first half and two more in the second. Against Dobie, a tough, physical battle ensued, with both teams struggling

to find the back of the net. Strake finally broke through in the shootout, ending the Longhorns' quest to reach at least the regional quarterfinals for a fourth straight season. Moving forward, the Longhorns will make no excuses, but perhaps play-

ing on the road continually in the postseason played a role. This year, the coin flip went the way of Dobie's opponent, first forcing the Longhorns to play at Channelview before heading to Strake Jesuit three days later. In fact, over the course

of Dobie's five straight district championships, the team has not played just one home playoff game. The team will now lose Nava, the team's great scorer, but much of the roster will return intact. Dobie had planned to

go with a senior-laden lineup this season, but that didn't happen for this reason or that. Yet now, the table just may be set for another

great run in 2020. This team went 20-3-3 overall after a 14-1-1 in district play. Head coach Justo Manrique now has more than 100 career wins

over his six seasons, and the task of preparing for next season has already begun. It's time to think six district titles in a row.



During a tough defensive struggle against Strake Jesuit in the area playoff round at Strake Jesuit, the Longhorns' Imanol Pena (10) possesses the ball against a Crusader defender. Strake won the game by sudden death shootout following 100 minutes of play.



Dobie's Issac Cortez (18) fires a shot toward the goal during the Longhorns' bidistrict victory over Channelview March 29, at Channelview as the Longhorns scored a pair of goals over the final nine minutes of play to earn a 2-1 victory. Photos by Jade Wise



Senior Jeffry Mercado has had a big impact on the Longhorns' season as the shortstop and leadoff hitter, and now he'll look to help guide the Longhorns closer to a playoff berth as the 22-6A season has reached its midway point. Photo by John Bechtle

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Longhorn baseball at 5-3

Continued from Page 1B the easy win. Daniel Garza added two doubles to the mix and overall was 3 for 3 with two runs scored and a run batted in. Yes, Kingwood and Summer Creek still have to go head-to-head in a pair of games later this season, but the Longhorns are next facing a big two-game set of their own

against Atascocita, which has now won six straight games after falling to Kingwood in the opening series in both games. Atascocita will still face Summer Creek down the stretch, while Dobie will close with Rayburn, South Houston and Memorial over the final six games of the District 22-6A campaign.

Christian Cleckley had two hits and a walk and scored two runs for the Longhorns in the game.

Dobie 12 Humble 1
After having a bit of an issue putting last-place Humble away at home March 26, the Longhorns went on the road and quickly defeated the Wildcats 12-1. After Damien Lopez had defeated Humble in the previous game, the Longhorns turned to Alan Lopez in this one. The latter was solid in moving to 3-1 on the mound with the win, and David Amaya had a huge offensive game with three hits in four at bats, including a triple. Amaya drove in three runs, stole two bases and played well in the field as the Longhorns registered

District 22-6A Standings Varsity Baseball (As of April 3)		
Teams	W	L
Kingwood	10	0
Summer Creek	7	1
Atascocita	6	2
Dobie	5	3
Memorial	5	5
Rayburn	3	7
South Houston	3	7
Humble	1	9
Pasadena	0	8

CB trio find collegiate homes



Two Clear Brook High School football players and a Lady Wolverines' volleyball player made their decision as to where to continue their education and playing careers beginning this fall. From left, Brook football stand-out and two-time all-district offensive lineman Richard Lewis is headed to Sul Ross University in Alpine, Texas, while Mayce Barker is set to join the UT-Permian Basin women's volleyball program in Odessa. Brook defensive player Sedrick Cole is headed to the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, where he will join the Division III defending national champion Cru.