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CBM holds annual sale

Clear Brook Meadows will hold its annual spring garage sale on Sunday, May 21. Each participant will hold his or her own sale.

Elementary roundups set

South Belt

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

Stuchbery

Stuchbery Elementary will host its annual pre-K roundup Wednesday, May 17, from 5 to 6 p.m. Parents with children who will turn 4 on or before Sept. 1, 2017, are invited to attend this informational meeting. For more information, call 713-740-0752.

CrossRoads holds sale

CrossRoads United Methodist Church, located at 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. will host a garage sale on Saturday, May 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The sale will take place in the front of the church and in the gym. The community is invited to come out and check out ovens, desks, glassware and much more.

LSA holds summer camps

Registration is open for summer camps at Lutheran South Academy. Camps are available for art, baseball, boys basketball, girls basketball, book creator, football, forensic science, Lunch Bunch, physical education, Pioneer Power Camp, photography, Pride Camp, soccer, tennis and volleyball. For students interested in weights, strength and agility, Pride Camps are available for students entering grades 6-8 and 9-12 in the fall. The Pioneer Power camp is for students entering grades 9-12 and is great for students in football, boys soccer, basketball, baseball and volleyball. Camp length varies depending on the camp. Go to www.lutheransouth.org for more details and camp registration.

JFD cheer holds car wash

Dobie cheerleaders will hold a car wash Saturday, May 20, at Snowie's, at Beamer and Scarsdale, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$5.

Cowboys registration set

The Sagmont Cowboys and Cowgirls will hold open registration and jersey sizings Saturday, May 13, at the football field at El Franco Lee Park from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A \$100 deposit is due at the time of registration. The player should be present for proper jersey sizing. For more information, contact Cowboys president Denny Wranich at 281-785-8353.

Sageglen garage sales set

The Sageglen community will hold its annual garage sales Friday, May 12, and Saturday, May 13. All homeowners who would like to participate may do so. Kickoff time is around 7 a.m. both Friday and Saturday.

Beltway 8 closures set

Both the Blackhawk exit and Monroe entrance on Beltway 8 will be closed through Saturday, July 8. The closures are associated with widening Beltway 8 from Beamer to Highway 288 from two to four lanes in each direction.

JFD Comedy Showcase set

Dobie Theatre and senior Honors Theatre students will present *The Comedy Showcase* on Tuesday, May 16, at the Theatre Warehouse (behind the school) at 6 p.m. Admission is \$5.

Brook cheer holds clinic

The Clear Brook High School cheerleaders will hold a spring cheer clinic Saturday, May 20, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Houston Texans Cheerleader Natalie will make a special appearance. The clinic is open to ages 4 through high school. Cost is \$50 and includes lunch and a shirt. To register, visit www.clearbrookcheer.com.

PIP meeting set for May 16

The Houston Police Department's Positive Interaction Program will meet Tuesday, May 16, at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria, in the staff meeting room on the first floor. Guest speaker will be HPD Sgt. Tracy Hicks, who will discuss the topic of auto theft. PIP consists of police and citizens working together for safer neighborhoods. For more information, call HPD Officer Richard Buitron at 832-395-1777.

Ellington e-recycling set

The City of Houston's monthly electronic recycling will be held Saturday, May 13, at Ellington Airport from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Accepted items include PCs, servers, keyboards, mice, laptops, game consoles, monitors, small kitchen appliances, memory chips, hubs and routers, printers, copiers, scanners, fax machines, projectors, rechargeable batteries, cable boxes, car batteries, telephones, cell phones, PDAs, tape drives, hard drives, cords, cables and cameras. For more information, visit www.houstonsolidwaste.org.

Local May 6 school election results tallied

All Pasadena ISD incumbents win re-election bids

The results from the local May 6 school board and bond elections have been tallied, with most of the old guard maintaining their positions.

PISD

In the Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees election, all incumbents were successful in their bid for re-election.

Incumbent Fred Roberts handily defeated chal-

lenger Roel Saldivar for the Position 1 seat. Roberts received 70.3 percent of the vote (2,666 total votes) to Saldivar's 29.7 percent of the vote (1,126 total votes).

In the Position 2 race, incumbent Mariselle Quijano easily defeated challenger Maria Vilma Duran, receiving 57.5 percent of the vote (2,139 total votes) to Duran's 42.5 percent of the vote (1,583

total votes).

Incumbent Nelda R. Sullivan will hold on to her Position 3 seat, significantly defeating challenger Larry Savala. Sullivan received 70.8 percent of the vote (2,697 total votes) to Savala's 29.2 percent of the vote (1,113 total votes).

In the Position 4 contest, Jack Bailey comfortably defeated challenger Jose A. Cazares. Bailey received 69.6 percent of the vote (2,652 total votes) to Cazares' 30.4 percent of the vote (1,158 total votes).

CCISD

Voters in the Clear Creek Independent School District overwhelmingly approved the district's \$487 million bond referendum, with 63.6 percent voting in favor of the measure, and 36.4 percent voting against it.

"We are appreciative of the community's support of our schools, our teachers, and our students," said Dr. Greg Smith, superintendent of schools. "I would like to first and foremost thank the CCISD Facility Advisory Committee, which worked tirelessly over the course of many months to put together a bond package that reflected the community's priorities. We are ready to get to work on these important projects that will undoubtedly improve the learning and working environment for teachers and students across this great school district."

The funding will be used to build the district's 27th elementary school and add to existing schools for enrollment growth, rebuild two schools that are more than 50 years old, while simultaneously updating other campuses to bring them up to today's learning standards, replace dangerous playgrounds, purchase new security systems and school buses, launch a second science magnet program at Brookside Intermediate and conduct priority repairs and projects across CCISD.

"This school district is recognized for its strategic thinking and planning for the future," said Dr. Laura DuPont, school board president. "That is one of our core strengths. This school bond program will give us the ability to stay competitive in education and the ability to support the children of CCISD today and decades into the future. As a school board, we appreciate the community's support of this bond package, and we will ensure these funds will be used solely for the purposes we outlined to the public. We are excited to break ground."

Election results make long night



Reportedly, due to the 1,300 early mail-in ballots, the results from the May 6 Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees election were not officially released until after 2 a.m. Sunday, May 7. PISD Position 1 incumbent Fred Roberts, who was victorious in his re-election bid, is shown above catching a nap in the lobby of the district's administration building on election night.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

Beamer, beltway closure postponed

Contrary to earlier reports, the intersection of Beamer and Beltway 8 was not closed the weekend of May 6-7.

According to a spokeswoman from Pulice Construction, the company responsible for doing the repair work, the closure was postponed due to unspecified delays related to the contractor's crane operator.

Updated plans call for restricted frontage road traffic and a closure of the Beamer exit from 10 p.m. Friday, May 12, to noon on Saturday, May

13. The aforementioned plans will again be in place from 10 p.m. Saturday, May 13, to noon on Sunday, May 14, but the entire intersection of Beamer and Beltway 8 will also be closed during this time, as had been scheduled the previous weekend. Alternate routes include Sabo Road and Blackhawk.

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

Chamber to honor top graduates

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Top-10 Luncheon Tuesday, May 16, at the Golfcrest Country Club, located at 2509 Country Club Drive in Pearland, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The function will honor the top-10 2017 graduates from Dobie High School, Lutheran South Academy and Clear Horizons High School.

The guest speaker will once again be Dr. Victor Van Phan, an orthopedic surgeon from Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital.

A 1988 Dobie graduate, Phan's story is one

of rags to riches. Prior to becoming a physician, Phan worked as a volunteer and a custodian at the area hospital.

He also served as last year's guest speaker and was named the chamber's Citizen of the Year this past March after starting an annual \$10,000 scholarship fund for area students.

Cost is \$20 to attend, \$35 to sponsor a student and \$55 to attend and sponsor a student.

For more information or to register, call Kay Barbour at 281-481-5516 or visit www.southbeltchamber.com.

Brass visits seniors expo



Approximately 200 residents attended the inaugural senior expo, held Friday, May 5, at the community center at El Franco Lee Park. The event featured more than 30 vendors, which provided educational material to local senior citizens. Shown above at the expo are, left to right, Gina Tamburello and Vanessa Garza from Fit 365 and local Fun Bunch member Evelyn Brass.

Photo by Kay Barbour

Clear Creek ISD names top teachers

The Clear Creek Independent School District has announced the 44 teachers who will represent their respective campuses in the search for the 2017 Rotary/CCISD Teacher of the Year.

Chris Collins was named the top teacher at Weber Elementary; Anne Cox was named the top teacher at Brookside Intermediate; Justin Marongue was named the top teacher at Westbrook Intermediate; Gloria Tran was named the top teacher at Clear Brook High School; and George Koroneos was named the top teacher at Clear Horizons Early College High School.

The 2017 Campus Teachers of the Year will

be honored during a special luncheon hosted by the Rotary Clubs of Space Center, League City and Seabrook at 11:30 a.m. on May 22, at South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center. During the luncheon, the 2017 CCISD Elementary Teacher of the Year and Secondary Teacher of the Year will be announced from a field of six finalists. The event is open to the community. Tickets are \$30, and reservations can be made online or by calling 281-284-0000.

To see a complete listing of the district's top teachers, visit <http://ccisd.net/cms/One.aspx?portalId=645487&pageId=24236623>.

Letter carriers collect food May 13

The National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) will hold its 25th annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive Saturday, May 13.

Customers simply need to leave donations of nonperishable goods next to their mailbox, and letter carriers will collect them while on their route.

The Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive is the nation's largest single-day food drive and is held annually on the second Saturday in May in 10,000 cities in all 50 states. Since its inception

in 1993, the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive has collected more than 1.5 billion pounds of food, and last year's drive brought in a record 80 million pounds of food.

As an incentive, the Kwik Kar Lube & Ocean Car Wash at 11210 Scarsdale is offering a \$2 discount on all services (excluding state inspections) for every bag of nonperishable goods donated.

For additional information, visit www.nalc.org/food.

Ellington to celebrate 100 years

In 1917, few could imagine that the new aviation training facility would transition into what is known as Ellington Airport today, a vital part of aviation that will enable Houston to take a lead role in the commercial space sector in the 21st century.

Initially established as a World War I training facility, Ellington Airport has undergone many transformations and operational changes while

remaining consistent and a vital part of Houston's aviation story.

This rich history will be celebrated on Saturday, May 20, 2017 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at a Centennial Celebration for Ellington Airport.

This family-friendly event is free to the public and will feature food, music, games and aircraft displays. For more information, visit www.fly-2houston.com/efd100.

Local senior citizens enjoy fair

The inaugural senior expo, held Friday, May 5, at the El Franco Lee Park Community Center, was a huge success, drawing roughly 200 attendees.

Hosted by the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, in collaboration with County Commissioner Rodney Ellis' office, the event featured more than 30 vendors, providing health screenings and educational information to local seniors.

The lion's share of the expo's organization was conducted by Alexandra Saunders, a junior at Clear Horizons Early College High School as part of her Independent Study Mentorship, or

ISM, class.

The course required Saunders, 17, to select a mentor to study under. As a future business major, Saunders reached out to South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce President Kay Barbour as her adviser – a task Barbour happily accepted.

"She did a great job," Barbour said. "She was very enthusiastic."

Saunders, who plans to attend the University of Texas following graduation, was pleased with the results of her project.

"It went really well," Saunders said. "It was really fun."

In My Opinion

Jackson confused about pending bills

I'm confused about a lot going on nowadays. An old Texas saying is don't waste time and money on dry holes, so I'm confused as to why the Texas Legislature is so intent on policing public toilets when there is little or no history of criminal acts by Transsexuals in them. Assuming it passes and becomes law how will it be enforced?

Trust the user to an honor system? Have a restroom attendant to watch? Station a toilet monitor at the door? This could be considered a case of intruding into someone's personal life. But, it seems, that's okay as long as it keeps transsexuals in the proper birth gender restrooms.

I'm also confused that they also have on agenda a bill to prevent texting while driving. Now here's something that actually is a problem. Lives are lost, injuries result, futures changed, and property damaged due to drivers texting. Yet there is hesitation within our lawmakers to pass a law to help cut down on texting while driving as one of the reasons cited was that it could be an infringement into

ones personal life. But, it seems, that's okay as long as it's someone else having the accident.
Ed Jackson

Muecke: parking tickets to be issued

At our recent PIP meeting in April our speaker was with Houston Neighborhood Protection. We discussed how many cars are parking illegally in this neighborhood. This is an inconvenience to drivers but also bad for first responders especially ambulances and fire trucks trying to arrive at your emergency as fast as possible. The city 311 has informed me that they will start enforcing this parking violation and should you be parked illegal, you will receive a ticket. So be careful. Be a good neighbor and friend and pass this to everyone you know, neighbors and friends. Any questions call 713-928-9585

Notification from the city: Thanks for contacting the City of Houston 311 service center. We have created a request for "Request Enforcement of Parking Regulations." The assigned case number is 101002593672.

Thanks again for contacting our city's 311 Service Helpline.
Jim Muecke

SJC supports Maritime Centers of Excellence Act

San Jacinto College is expressing its support for the Domestic Maritime Centers of Excellence Act, introduced in Congress yesterday by Rep. Gene Green (D-TX) with the support of Rep. Pete Olson (R-TX), Rep. Ted Poe (R-TX) and other members of Congress.

The Domestic Maritime Centers of Excellence Act is intended to advance the capabilities of two-year community and technical colleges to assist the federal government and industry in securing the talent pipeline for domestic maritime industry jobs. This legislation will help fill a void in maritime training and education programs.

"We thank Rep. Green, Rep. Olson, Rep. Poe and others for championing this legislation on behalf of San Jacinto College and our maritime partners," said Dr. Brenda Hellyer, San Jacinto College Chancellor. "Our region is home to one of the world's largest ports and is ranked second in the nation for maritime jobs. This designation will allow us to continue to provide U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)-approved training to help meet the workforce needs of the Gulf Coast Region."

The Domestic Maritime Centers of Excellence Act is being introduced in Congress with the support of a bipartisan group of legislators. Rep. Green is the bill's author, along with Virginia State Representative Rob Wittman, and Rep. Olson is an original co-sponsor.

"In our district, we have a surplus of maritime jobs and not enough people with the skills and training to fill them," said Rep. Green. "The industry is continuing to invest and grow along the Port of Houston, and we want to make sure that our constituents have the opportunity to take these high-skilled jobs. This bipartisan legislation will help bridge the gap. It's good for our local community, it's good for our businesses, and it's good for the American economy."

A shortage of qualified maritime workers has been identified by U.S. industry leaders as the primary challenge to growth in the domestic maritime sector. The maritime industry requires technical skills training and licensing - even for entry-level positions. To earn appropriate credentials for each level of maritime industry employment, workers must complete regular training from course providers approved by the USCG. Community and technical colleges offer this training on an affordable basis.

"This bill will help meet critical demands of the ports in our Gulf Coast region," Rep. Olson said. "Houston is home to one of the world's largest ports and relies on trained maritime workers to keep it at full operations. We need maritime training and education programs to be readily available to fill the need for maritime workers. San Jacinto College plays a vital role in training the next generation of workers."

"I'm pleased to co-sponsor this needed bill and look forward to working with Rep. Gene Green to help get it passed."

San Jacinto College remains committed to training the maritime workforce. Since 2010, the College's maritime program has awarded more than 5,500 USCG-approved course completion certificates.

The College also introduced the state's first associate degree program in maritime transportation to train those new to the maritime industry.

Last year marked the opening of the San Jacinto College Maritime Technology and Training Center on the Maritime Campus in La Porte, Texas, to offer more training opportunities for mariners in the Gulf Coast region.

"There are more than 56,000 direct maritime-related jobs at the Port of Houston alone," said Rep. Poe. "As the workforce grows, students must be ready to enter the maritime industry with job ready skills. This legislation simply gives local community and techni-

cal colleges the resources to effectively prepare their students. As co-chairman of the PORTS Caucus, I recognize that this legislation takes an important step forward in ensuring future workforce growth for the Port of Houston and ports across the nation."

Unless action is taken to expand the availability of domestic maritime workforce technical training, the continued lack of federal government focus on domestic maritime industry technical training, a large percentage of the workforce nearing retirement, technological advancements and the expansion of the Panama Canal are all factors that will compound the domestic maritime workforce shortage in the years ahead.

The San Jacinto College Maritime Technology and Training Center on the Maritime Campus offers U.S. Coast Guard-approved maritime courses.

For more information and to register, visit sanjac.edu/maritime.

Elected officials share their words

District E News

By: City Councilman Dave Martin

The City of Houston is currently awaiting the final word from the 85th Texas Legislature on key pension legislation. The passage of Senate Bill 2190 and House Bill 43 are critical to the City of Houston's Fiscal Year 2018 Budget. The passage of these two pieces of legislation allows the City of Houston to avoid a \$240 million budget shortfall that would lead to layoffs for city employees. I am dedicated to making sure the City of Houston's budget is balanced, services are not cut, and I will fight for District E residents.

On Monday, May 1, Senate Bill 2190 was passed in the Texas Senate with a vote of 25 to 5, which is a historic step forward in solving the City's pension problem. On Saturday, May 6, the Texas House will discuss House Bill 43 and plan to take a vote. Since the HB 43 is headed to the house floor for debate the bill can only be approved, denied, postponed, or withdrawn. While we wait on the decision from the House the City of Houston departments are busy preparing for annual budget meetings with council members.

On Tuesday, May 9, my colleagues and I will start the comprehensive budget workshop process which includes meetings with each City of Houston Department over a period of three weeks. In total my

staff and I will attend 25 budget workshops. All workshops are open to the public and public comments are welcome. The purpose of these workshops is to present an overview of each City department and their proposed FY18 budget, which will help city council identify areas for improved efficiency.

Please check my Facebook and Twitter pages for links to tune into these important budget workshops if you are unable to visit City Hall for the meetings. The budget workshops are scheduled to conclude on May 23, and a full schedule may be found on the City of Houston Budget and Fiscal Affairs website. Following the budget workshops, all council members will have the opportunity to construct individual amendments to the FY18 Proposed Budget, which can be district-specific or citywide.

Once all budgetary amendments are submitted to the mayor's administration for review, city council will have the opportunity to discuss these amendments during the Wednesday, May 24 city council meeting. A vote on the final budget will take place at the Wednesday, May 31 council meeting. It's my continued promise to all District E residents that I will do my best to fight for each dollar that our district deserves during this budget season.

John E. Hoover



"I got a call that night that we had a problem and I ought to come in." John Hoover, the lead NASA Recovery Officer for Apollo 13, was on the receiving end.

While this mission may be the most recognized of NASA's history, it is only one of several missions with which he was involved during his 40-year career.

John E. Hoover was born Jan. 9, 1938, in Denison, Texas. His mother Carrie Hubert,

was a school teacher; his father Harold, worked for the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad (MKT). He attended high school.

In 1960, he graduated from Texas A&M, College Station with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering.

After graduation, John spent four years in the Southwest working for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). His job was to install the electronic equipment in air traffic control towers being erected nationwide as a result of the growth of commercial air travel.

While working for the FAA, he met his future wife, Julie. They would be married for 53 years. They had two children and two grandchildren. John and Julie traveled the world and loved to experience many of their journeys from the deck of a cruise ship.

Recruited by the NASA organization in 1964 as an aerospace technologist at the Manned Spacecraft Center in Houston, John worked in Landing and Recovery from Gemini IV to Apollo XVII. During his tenure for Johnson Space Center, John won numerous awards including the JSC Certificate of Commendation (JSC's highest honor award) and the Space Flight Awareness Award. It was with the Apollo 13 team that he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Richard Nixon. In the history of the award, this is only time that it has been bestowed to a group rather than an individual.

John was involved in the Space Shuttle program as a payloads manager. This included the launching of a very significant payload, the Hubble telescope, flown aboard the Discovery on the STS-31 mission. During this time, John trained for the 1990 Houston Marathon and continued to participate until 1993.

His final years at NASA saw him involved with the building of the international space station. He retired in 2000 as Flight Manager for the Missions Operations Directorate after 40 years of service with the federal government.

In retirement, he was involved as a member with many historical societies, including the Sons of the Republic of Texas, the Military Order of the Stars and Bars, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Descendants of Mexican War Veterans, the General Society of the War of 1812 and the Huguenot Society. He was involved with the Southern Heritage Ball and served as chairman for the 2009 event.

He was very active in his community; serving on numerous boards and was a charter member of the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department. He was a longtime and very active member of Cokesbury United Methodist Church.

On April 25, 2017, John died peacefully surrounded by his wife and children. He is survived by his wife of 53 years; two children; two granddaughters and one sister.

Joy Udell Anderson



Joy Udell Anderson (Joy-Joy/Maw-maw) died on May 3, 2017. She was born April 23, 1939. She was a 77-year resident of the South Belt area.

She will be deeply missed by her three children Sharon Mayer and husband Kenny, Doug Anderson and wife Marlene, and Matt Anderson and his significant other Lisa Hinds; six grandchildren Kristen Mayer, Erin Mayer, Maddison McDonald and husband Michael, Nina Chavez, Forrest Anderson and wife Jasmine, and Audra Anderson; six great-grandchildren, June McDonald, Shelby McDonald, Devin Bridgewater, Ashton Chavez, Cali Chavez, and Maverick Anderson.

Frazier volunteers honored with breakfast



Frazier Elementary honored its volunteers on Monday, May 1 with a special breakfast. The staff prepared a delicious breakfast to show appreciation to the volunteers for all that they have done this year to make Frazier great. Shown, left to right, (front row) Adele Roby, Cecilia Ramirez, Cindy Corral, (back row) Rossana Bobbitt and Kristina Irtzarray. Photo by Susan Blue

Laura Bush announces teacher of the year

Laura Bush Elementary has announced its 2016-2017 Teacher of the Year. Audra Smith started her career in 2004 as an elementary music teacher.

She came to Laura Bush Elementary in 2009 and has made an impact on its musical program. She has inspired students to have a love for music. Currently she has more than 100 students enrolled in an after school choir program. In fact, her dedication and commitment to music has been instilled in the students, so much so, that students are often arriving early to school in order to audition for musical parts and practice different instruments.

Not only has she impacted the school, but she impacts the community. Last Arbor Day, she, along with several members of the community, planted trees around the neighborhood. Smith is a true asset to Laura Bush Elementary and is appreciated for her accomplishments.



Audra Smith (left), music teacher, is awarded by Stephanie Miller (right), principal, as the Laura Bush 2016-2017 teacher of the year. Photo by Stephanie Teller

Election results from May 6

Continued from Page 1A community and education as the daughter of a retired Galena Park Independent School District teacher and counselor. In her current role as a manager for John Wiley & Sons, Rouse is familiar with the challenges faced by students and faculty in the community college environment. She has volunteered with several nonprofits and is an advisory board member for the Smahrt Girl Foundation.

She has also volunteered with Pasadena ISD, including service as team mom for several of her son's activities, mentoring and coaching in the Leaders of Tomorrow program, tutoring at New Covenant church and serving in various leadership capacities throughout the community.

Rouse is an ambassador for the Houston Texans as a member of the National Football League alumni association.

Dr. Ruede Wheeler ran unopposed and will occu-

py the Position 2 seat.

Wheeler has served on the San Jacinto College Board of Trustees since 1986, following nine years of service as a member of the La Porte Independent School District Board of Trustees.

He is chairman of the San Jacinto College Board of Trustees Finance Committee.

Wheeler practiced dentistry in La Porte for more than 40 years before retiring.

He currently owns and operates Wheelstone Auto Sales in La Porte and is a member and past president of the La Porte Rotary Club.

Wheeler is married to Charleya who is a trustee on the La Porte ISD board. The technical building on the San Jacinto College North Campus is named in Wheeler's honor.

Rouse and Wheeler will take their respective oaths of office at the San Jacinto College Board of Trustees meeting on Monday, June 5.

Dobie announces concerts

The J. Frank Dobie Orchestra has announced two upcoming concerts.

The Dobie Orchestra Spring Concert and Senior Recognition Night will be held on Tuesday, May 23 at 7 p.m. at the Dobie High School Auditorium. This event is free and open to the public.

For more information visit dobieorchestras.org/calendar. The Houston Symphony "Sounds Like Fun" Family Concert Series returns to Dobie on Saturday, June 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Dobie High School Auditorium.

This event includes Houston Symphony Concert and will be free and open to the public.

The pre-concert performance and instrument petting zoo starts at 6:45 p.m. For more information, visit dobieorchestras.org/calendar.

Local library events set

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

Thursday, May 11, 2 p.m. Movie time is the showing of *An Affair to Remember* with Cary Grant and Deborah Kerr.

Thursday, May 11, 4 p.m. Watch the movie *Moana* (PG, 107 minutes) and celebrate the Asian Pacific heritage while making paper leis.

Friday, May 12, 4 p.m. Teen DIY and a movie. Come for a refresher or to see the first movie before the next *Guardians of the Galaxy* comes out, and watch *Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 1* while making Baby Groots.

Saturday, May 13, 1:30 p.m. South Side Roller Derby Meet and Greet. Come, meet roller girls from the South Side Roller Derby. Learn the sport from local heroes at the Parker Williams Library and check out Victoria Jamieson's graphic novel *Roller Girl*, the 2017 Texas Bluebonnet Award winner and Newbery Honor award winner.

Tuesday, May 16, 2 p.m. Travel Hawaii. Planning a trip? The Harris County Public Library has resources available including recently published guides, articles and language resources. View these resources on Hawaii; they are also a help in planning other trips.

Wednesday, May 17, 5 p.m. STEM Time: Ocean Waves and Ancient Travelers. Come to the library community room and learn about ocean waves, ancient navigation, and the different craft used by ancient seafarers to travel the Pacific islands.

Every week at the library:
Wednesdays, Preschool storytime, 10:30 a.m.
Thursdays, Toddler storytime, 10:30 a.m.

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

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

Bracewell Branch Library

The following events are scheduled for the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint:
Saturday, May 13, 10:30 a.m. Spanish computer class
Saturday, May 13, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. English learning
Saturday, May 13, 2:30 p.m. Manga/Anime Club
Tuesday, May 16 10:30 a.m. Baby storytime; 10:30 a.m. Toddler playtime
Wednesday, May 17, 10:30 a.m. Toddler storytime; 11:15 a.m. Toddler playtime
Wednesday, May 17, Computer courses: 2 p.m. Computer Basics; 3:15 p.m. Internet Basics; 4:30 p.m. Basic Powerpoint
For more information on these programs, call the library at 832-393-2580. All events are free and open to the public.

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

Israeli Folk Dancing for May, June

Few people really enjoy cardiovascular exercises per se. But it doesn't have to be a chore. Dancing is an excellent way to exercise while having fun! Israeli Folk Dancing sessions are conducted at Congregation Shaar Hashalom, and are not built on one another; so anyone can start any time.

The dances are held at Congregation Shaar Hashalom on Mondays, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. May dates are 1, 8, 15 and 22 (no dancing on the 29th - Memorial Day). June dates are 5, 12, 19 and 26.

Cost is \$4 per session or \$35 for 10 sessions for CSH members. The cost of \$5 per session or \$45 for 10 sessions for nonmember will cover expenses. Everyone is welcome to join the group, even if one has not attended other sessions.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom is located at 16020 El Camino Real in Houston and is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area.

For more information contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or at csh@shaarhashalom.org.

Harris County Master Gardeners host events

Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 will host the following activities in May which are open to the public:

Thursday, May 11 - "Residential Rainwater Harvesting" by Teresa See from 10 to 11:30 a.m., at the Genoa Friendship Garden Education Building, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Road. This event is free and open to the public.

Monday, May 15 - Open Garden Day with Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at the Genoa Friendship Garden, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Road.

Master Gardeners will also be available to answer any gardening questions. Plants will be for sale in the greenhouse.

D'Feet Breast Cancer hosts Mah Jongg, luncheon

"Whoever saves one life, it is considered as if he saved an entire world." - The Jewish Talmud and the Quran. Indeed, that's what D'Feet Breast Cancer is doing, by providing screening mammograms to underserved and uninsured women in Galveston County and vicinity.

D'Feet is a not-for-profit organization, that depends on contributions and donation. The organization's next fundraiser, Second Annual Celebration of Spring, Mah Jongg and Chinese New Year - The Year of the Rooster will take place on Thursday, May 25.

It will be conducted between 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. at the Hotel Galvez Restaurant, 2024 Seawall Blvd. in Galveston.

It will be a day of friendly Mah Jongg games and a lunch buffet. For more information or questions, email Fran at pelicanway88@att.net.

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SJC hosts Wigs for Kids event



Five-year-old Lili poses with her ponytails after donating her hair for the annual Wigs for Kids event at San Jacinto College. Also pictured is Lili's mother and San Jacinto College cosmetology instructor, Duvelza Marroquin. Photo by Andrea Vasquez

San Jacinto College South Campus' annual Wigs for Kids event brought in additional hair donations for a total of 1,442 inches of hair collected by the cosmetology department throughout the year.

Five-year-old Lili was one of the Wigs for Kids participants, who was excited for her new look as well as getting the chance to help a child suffering from hair loss. Her mother, San Jacinto College South Campus cosmetology instructor Duvelza Marroquin, did the honors of cutting Lili's hair as they both quietly shrieked with excitement. Lili donated five ponytails mea-

suring more than 12 inches each. Marroquin says her eldest daughter is continuing to grow her hair since she plans to donate next summer.

The annual spring event allows cosmetology students to complete service-learning hours by providing free haircuts to clients who are eligible to donate at least 12 inches of chemical-free hair. Monetary donations are also accepted with all proceeds benefiting Wigs for Kids.

For more information on the San Jacinto College cosmetology program, visit sanjac.edu/career/cosmetology. For information on Wigs for Kids, visit wigsforkids.org.

Senate passes SB 1882

The Texas Senate unanimously passed SB 1882, authored by senators Jose Mendez (D-San Antonio) and Paul Bettencourt (R-Houston) by a vote of 31-0. SB 1882 encourages cooperation and innovation between school districts and charter schools to focus on collaboration and enhance educational opportunities for all Texas students.

In response to a question from Bettencourt before passage, Menéndez said, "These innovative partnerships have started showing up around the state and this bill would encourage more districts to partner with charters to encourage cooperation rather than competition."

Menéndez also remarked that San Antonio Independent School District has interest in forming these partnerships as well as to serve the unique needs of their students.

"This common sense legislation is a win-win for school districts and taxpayers," continued Bettencourt. "I first got this bill idea of promoting ISD-Charter partnerships by observing firsthand the Spring Branch ISD/KIPP/YES Academy cooperation at Landrum Middle School and Northbrook High School. My only regret is that Shawn Hurwitz, founder of KIPP Charter Schools,

who introduced me to this concept, wasn't here to see the bill pass the Texas Senate unanimously due to his untimely death."

Among other things, SB 1882 does the following:

- Creates conditions that encourage cooperation and innovation between districts and open enrollment charter schools, and possibly share facilities and other educational resources.

- Incentivizes partnership in two ways. In a partnership, the school district receives the higher of the maintenance and operations (M&O) funding amount that the district or charter school would be entitled to for each student in the partnership.

- The district or charter in the partnership will also receive a one year pause in the accountability system, receiving individual domain scores but an overall rating of "undesignated" for that first year without restarting the intervention clock.

- These incentives will help ISDs and charter schools to better work together for our school kids all around the state," Bettencourt concluded.

The bill will now go to the Texas House, where Representative Linda Koop (R-Dallas) has filed House Bill 3439, which is an identical bill.

Hurricane season countdown begins

The Harris County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HCOHSEM) in partnership with Clear Channel Outdoor will launch its countdown to the 2017 hurricane season via virtual countdown clock on area digital billboards. These public service announcements are part of HCOHSEM's annual preparedness campaign urging residents to get ready for the upcoming hurricane season which starts on June 1.

A total of eight digital billboards will display the actual countdown to the start of hurricane season. In addition, five traditional billboards will also display preparedness messages throughout hurricane season in Harris County. Clear

Channel Outdoor is providing the billboards at no charge to the county. Planning ahead may help protect residents, families and property before disaster strikes.

Harris County Judge Ed Emmett and Lee Vela, vice president of public affairs for Clear Channel Outdoor, were on site at billboard panel No. 1024 that faces south on Eastex Freeway in Humble on Monday, May 8 for statements. For photos, the digital billboard with the countdown clock was frozen for 30 minutes.

To get hurricane preparedness tips and sign up for emergency alerts for Harris County, visit www.readyharris.org.

SJC sets events

San Jacinto College has announced its upcoming events.

Summer Registration

Registration is open for summer 2017. For classes during the mini-term that begins on Tuesday, May 16, payment is due upon registration, through Sunday, May 14, by 7 p.m. The first summer term begins Monday, July 10, with a payment deadline of Thursday, May

25, by 7 p.m. Visit sanjac.edu/apply-register/overview/ for more information on steps to register.

San Jacinto College Commencement

San Jacinto College will host its Spring 2017 commencement at NRG Stadium at 7 p.m., on Saturday, May 13. Dr. Lonnie Howard, president of Lamar Institute of

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Over The Back Fence by Alexis

BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR JOHN

Wishes for a home run birthday are sent to *South Belt Leader* sports editor John Bechtle on Thursday, May 11, from his family, friends and co-workers at the *Leader*.

SCHOOL DAZE

The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays May 11 through May 17.

Atkinson Elementary

Special birthday wishes are sent May 15 to Kelly Reader.

Burnett Elementary

Blow out the candles for Yagaira Alaniz who enjoys a birthday May 13. The day for a birthday gift for Sheri Rodgers is May 16.

Bush Elementary

Andrew Duron enjoys a birthday May 12. Sing a happy birthday song to Sandra Garza on May 17.

Frazier Elementary

Amanda Hooper celebrates a birthday May 13. May 16 is the day for a double-layer birthday cake for Connie Groves and Marissa Monjabez.

Moore Elementary

The day for a birthday party for Gail Bailey is May 13.

Stuchbery Elementary

The day for a birthday present is May 14 for Krystal Lam. Marking a birthday May 15 is Rosanna Ibarra. Special birthday wishes go to Shirley Young May 17.

Thompson Intermediate

Marking a birthday May 13 is Stephanie McGough.

Dobie High

Enjoying a birthday May 11 is Steven Mayo. Celebrate the day May 12 with a triple-layer birthday cake for Patrick Davis, Jose Esparza and Sokratis Kostikoglou. The day for a birthday gift for William Malpass is May 13. May 15 is the day for a double party for Cathy Barnett and Melissa Rios-Gutierrez. On May 16, blow out the birthday candles for Leisha Lewis and Maria Romero.

FACEBOOK FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS

The *Leader* sends happy birthday wishes to its Facebook friends who celebrate a

birthday this week:

Thursday, May 11: Alex Carpenter, Heather Reed, Tyson Dillard, Leslie Fair and George King; Friday, May 12: Jennifer Main, Jazalynelly, Raymond Massey, Kirk Belch, Sonia Ramos, Jennifer Ashe and Sophie Harrison; Saturday, May 13: Lexi Salinas, Norma Torres, Karen Kerr, Lori Reynolds, Bryan Birmingham, Douglas Mikel and Faith Roberts; Sunday, May 14: Chris Escalera, Michelle Covington Hurby, and Bianca Perez; Monday, May 15: Melissa Rios-Gutierrez, Meagan Abbott, Wayne Lominac Sr. and Roland Lejeune; Tuesday, May 16: Anthony Swilley, Alan Adams, Keith Walker, Kenny Napper and Allyson McMillen; and Wednesday, May 17: Becky Henry, Roland Kennedy, Gina Houghton and Jessica Nixon.

LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS

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

Flood control, FEMA share Sims Bayou maps

The Flood Control District and FEMA are sharing revised preliminary flood plain maps for Sims Bayou Watershed. This will help officials and residents identify flood risks to make decisions about buying flood insurance and any future development. These maps include revisions that became effective in May 2016.

More information about the proposed changes is available at an open house Tuesday, May 16, from 3 to 7 p.m. at Houston Community College,

South campus, 1990 Airport Blvd.

More information is available, including links to the interactive mapping website on www.riskmap6.com. Residents can contact the flood plain administrator in each community in the Sims Bayou Watershed for more details.

For questions regarding the open house, residents should contact the Flood Control District's flood plain information line at 713-684-4150 or online at www.hcfd.org/contact-us/.

AARP 199 meets May 19

AARP Webster Area Chapter 199 will meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 19, at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 E. NASA Parkway in Seabrook (the large building with the blue roof inside Clear Lake Park on the north side of NASA Parkway).

Everyone is invited to come to the meeting and to enjoy coffee, cookies and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before the meeting starts at 10 a.m.

Each month, the group has entertainment or a speaker on various topics of interest to seniors.

Every two months the group has a Pot Luck Lunch.

The speakers for Friday, May 19 will be Erika Arguelles and Chanda Phanphongsane, from the Area Agency on Aging, who will explain The Healthy Homes Fall Prevention Program at 10:30 a.m.

The group also organizes day trips by bus to local area points of interest at minimal cost. The next day trip will be on Wednesday, June 7, to the Neches River in Beaumont for a pontoon boat ride.

Lunch will be at the Golden Corral and then a tour of the Babe Didrikson Zaharias Museum.

For those who are interested in joining the group, annual dues are \$6 per year/per person. However, one must be a member of national AARP to join any local chapter.

For more information, contact Quin Shepperd at 281-486-7770 or Qshepperd@yahoo.com.

PISD Child Nutrition Department recognized

The Texas Department of Agriculture recently honored Pasadena Independent School District's Child Nutrition Department as the 2016 Best of the Brunch award recipient for the third consecutive year. The department earned the recognition from Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller for

successfully incorporating Texas-grown ingredients into school meals in the 2016 Local Products Challenge. Only 77 participating school districts earned the distinction.

"We are excited to be recognized again for bringing locally grown and nutritious options to our students," said Jodie De-

Francesco, nutrition coordinator. "This is a great opportunity to highlight the fresh fruits and vegetables we serve thanks to our local farms."

Throughout the school year, Child Nutrition incorporated activities and decorations into elementary and middle school cafeterias to teach

students about the importance of homegrown produce, each month focusing on a different fruit or vegetable.

In November, for example, the department offered locally grown sweet potatoes for students. For the month of April, citrus tomatoes were incorporated into school lunches

across the district.

Students also received take-home items including stickers, trading cards and bookmarks with information about fruits and vegetables grown in Texas.

"We use these opportunities to teach students and their families that locally purchased produce helps support the economy, businesses and provides them with fresher products that are in season," DeFrancesco said.

The Local Products Challenge encourages school districts to incorporate home-grown products into school meals and teach children about the healthy foods produced in the Lone Star State.

As an on-going effort to facilitate the availability of locally grown food products in all Texas schools, the TDA created the Local Products Challenge which provides participating schools with access to various resources that strengthen connections with local agriculture producers.

According to the TDA, for every \$1 spent on local food, this generates \$2.16 of economic activity.

The event has grown yearly, from 37 participants in the inaugural challenge in 2013 to more than 140 in 2016.

These numbers reveal that Texas students are enjoying more local products in school meals year-round.

Pasadena ISD Child Nutrition honored

The PISD Child Nutrition Department has been recognized by the Texas Department of Agriculture as the 2016 Best of Brunch award recipient. Accepting the award on behalf of Child Nutrition is Jodie DeFrancesco (left), nutrition coordinator, and Mary Harryman, director of child nutrition (right). Photo by Reesha Brown

Remember When

40 years ago (1977)

Local resident Gordon Lovel was named Barber of the Year at the Greater Houston Barber's and Beautician's Spectacular.

The Municipal Utility District #13 Board investigated water outages in the district.

35 years ago (1982)

Former Sagemont man Julius Jewel Guldge was convicted of stealing a dozen steaks from a north-side grocery and was sentenced to life in prison as a habitual criminal.

South Belt residents complained about the Almedia 9 East theater's showing of eight rated R movies and one rated X.

Former South Belt area resident John Morgan, an attorney, was approved as the city of Pasadena's full-time municipal judge.

30 years ago (1987)

Adrienne Martinez from Moore Elementary was awarded the Presidential certificate and medal for achieving the highest scores on the Presidential Fitness Test. Her score was the highest of all the fifth-grade girls in Pasadena Independent School District.

Southwest Baptist University, an NCAA Division II school in Bolivar, Missouri, signed four Dobie football players to scholarships. They were Mike

Stacey, B.J. Drager, Benny Outland and Rod Sterling.

25 years ago (1992)

Frazier Elementary School principal Sharon Oakes cut the ribbon to the \$20,000 playground donated by the school's PTO. The students sold wrapping paper to raise the money.

Dobie High School had six students named National Merit Finalists. They were Laura Kertz, Pam Thacker, Melanie Boatman, Wayne Vuong, Massoud Javadi and Scott Seago.

20 years ago (1997)

Dobie senior Devin Mitchell was selected the Southeast Texas Optimist Scholarship Foundation winner.

The Clear Brook girls' track team won two state gold medals, one in the 400 relay and one in the open 400. Bailey Washington, Stephanie Barksdale, Valencia Patterson and Alicia Emanuel comprised the 400 relay team, and Emanuel won the open 400 by two seconds.

15 years ago (2002)

In a Strategic Partnership Agreement between the city of Houston and the Clear Brook City MUD, 188 acres in the South Belt area were deannexed by the Houston City Council.

Dobie sophomore Melissa Myers won second place in the state UIL news-
writing competition.

Eight-year-old Abraham "Bubba" Garza Jr. was killed in a auto/pedestrian accident in the 11400 block of Blackhawk. The 19-year-old driver was not found to be at fault, and no charges were filed in the incident.

Notes from the local elections were tallied, with all incumbents retaining their seats. In the Clear Creek Independent School District board election, a total of 2,498 residents cast their ballots.

President Barack Obama nominated South Belt business owner Gary Blankinship to serve as United States Marshal for the Southern District of Texas. Blankinship was employed by the Houston Police Department from 1982 to 2012, where he worked his way through the ranks to the position of senior police officer.

Prior to his service with the Houston Police Department, Blankinship served as the longtime leader of the Houston Police Officers' Union and also as vice president for the National Association of Police Organizations.

1 year ago (2016)
The Harris County Toll

authorities began work on a massive project to widen Beltway 8 from two to four lanes in each direction from Beamer to Highway 288. The project is an addition to a second endeavor that will widen Beltway 8 from two to four lanes in each direction from the Gulf Freeway to Highway 225. That project will also replace the existing Beltway 8 Ship Channel toll bridge.

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Martin, Robinson host flood, storm surge symposium

On Wednesday, April 5 Council Member Dave Martin along with Council Member David W. Robinson hosted a successful Flooding and Storm Surge Symposium at the George R. Brown Convention Center, with more than 300 attendees.

There were two panels on Flooding and Storm Surge featuring six panelists including Severe Storm Prediction, Education and Evacuation from the Disasters Center Director Phil Biedent, City of Houston Chief Resiliency Officer Steve Costel-

lo, Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership President Bob Mitchell, Katy Prairie Conservancy Executive Director Mary Anne Piacentini, Harris County Flood Control District Executive Director Russell A. Poppe and Coastal Programs Coordinator for Dannenbaum Engineering Corporation Chris Sallase.

Martin extends his gratitude to Mayor Sylvester Turner for his opening remarks and KPRC's Khambrel Marshall for moderating the important conversations.

HC Flood Control, FEMA host Sims insurance meeting

The Harris County Flood Control District and FEMA are sharing revised preliminary floodplain maps in the Sims Bayou Watershed.

The purpose is to help officials and residents identify their flood risks and use that information to make decisions about buying flood insurance and any future development.

These Flood Insurance Rate Maps include the map revisions that became effective in May 2016.

To share this information, a public Open House is scheduled for interested citizens to obtain more information about the proposed changes.

The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 16, from 3 to 7 p.m.

It will be held at the Houston Community College - Central South Campus at 1990 Airport Blvd., Houston, TX 77051.

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Hierses celebrate 50th wedding anniversary



Hal and Mitzi Hiers were married on April 28, 1967, at Park Place Methodist Church in Houston. Hal and Mitzi have been residents of Sageglen for 40 years. They have three sons, Richard and his wife Anne; David and his wife Lara; and Stephen and his wife Christy. All three of their sons graduated from Dobie High School.

Hal and Mitzi have also been blessed with eight grandchildren: Megan, Will, Caleb, Joseph, Hannah, Samuel, Luke and Quinn. Hal spent his career working at NASA and is now retired. Mitzi was a dental hygienist, but spent most of her time as a stay at home mom.

Photos submitted

San Jac seeks to aid crisis in workforce

Companies and representatives from colleges, high schools and local agencies gathered recently to discuss ways to recruit and train more people for the workforce during the first Spring Apprenticeship Forum at the Houston-Galveston Area Council.

"We have a crisis in our workforce, and apprenticeships are one part of the solution," said Nick Morgan with Adaptive Construction Solutions, which developed an apprenticeship program one year ago.

Morgan served on a panel of speakers alongside David Barron with Texas Carpenters and Millwright Training Trust, Tammy Newman with JPMorgan Chase, Michael Proctor with INEOS and Stephen Dodd with IBM. They addressed the issue of recruiting talent for the workforce shortage and how to recruit more veterans for apprenticeships.

Apprenticeships help prepare and train workers for a career in a skilled trade or craft, according to the Texas Workforce Commission. They combine supervised on-the-job training with job-related, classroom instruction.

INEOS developed its apprenticeship program approximately nine years ago. Proctor said the apprenticeship group is diverse in age and taught multiple skill sets including computer skills and tested for competency on

specific job skills. Barron stated that Texas Carpenters and Millwright Training Trust, which started its apprenticeship program four years ago, has testified before the Texas Legislature for increased support of the industry's workforce needs.

According to Newman, Chase's apprenticeship began last month in partnership between the U.S. Department of Labor and Houston Community College.

San Jacinto College partnered with Dow Chemical for its apprenticeship program that provides salary and tuition for training and books in petrochemical-related programs.

Students study full time for the first year and fulfill their apprenticeship hours while studying part time in the second and third years.

"We want high schools and colleges to work with industry to develop these pre-apprenticeships and apprenticeship programs and allow more people to enter into the workforce pipeline and have careers that will provide them with good pay, benefits and job growth," said Dr. Sarah Janes, associate vice chancellor of Continuing and Professional Development at San Jacinto College.

The Spring Apprenticeship Forum concluded with a panel of apprentices from INEOS and Texas Carpenters and Millwright Training Trust. The forum also served

as a kickoff for National Apprenticeship Week from Nov. 14 to 18.

The Houston Area Apprenticeship Advisory Committee will host a road show for companies to share their

apprenticeship opportunities with local high school students.

"We attended this forum to learn and share these opportunities with our students," said Inga Gibbons, technical

education counselor from Brazosport High School.

"It's about knowing what's out there for them after high school. Apprenticeships are a great way to get on board with companies."

Bush celebrates Cinco de Mayo



Laura Bush Elementary celebrated Cince de Mayo on Friday, May 5. Students were allowed to dress in traditional cultural attire and each grade level celebrated by making a Cinco de Mayo craft. Dressed for the occasion, left to right, are kindergarten teacher Kristi Emler, kindergarten students Ximena Serrano, Mayra Lira, Valeria Tinajero, and kindergarten teacher Carmen Palacios.

Photo by Claudia DeOchoa

Stuchbery celebrates Cinco de Mayo



Stuchbery celebrated Cinco de Mayo with some authentic Mexican bread. Linda Reyes, pre-K bilingual teacher, is dressed for the celebration.

Photo by Victor Clorio

Stuchbery students also took part in the celebration. Shown are Abril Dosal and pre-K teacher Linda Reyes.

Photo by Angelica Silva

LSA Visual Arts students take fourth place



Lutheran South Academy's visual arts students took fourth place overall at TAPPS State. Students won awards in painting; 2D mixed media; seek, sketch and color and black and white; drawing color; photography

black and white and color; art history; and sculpture. Shown with their work and awards, left to right, George Rockett, Grace Anderson, Kelsey Roebelen, Rachel Bivens and Antonio Adame.

Photo submitted

Dobie cheerleaders cheer for MD Anderson Relay



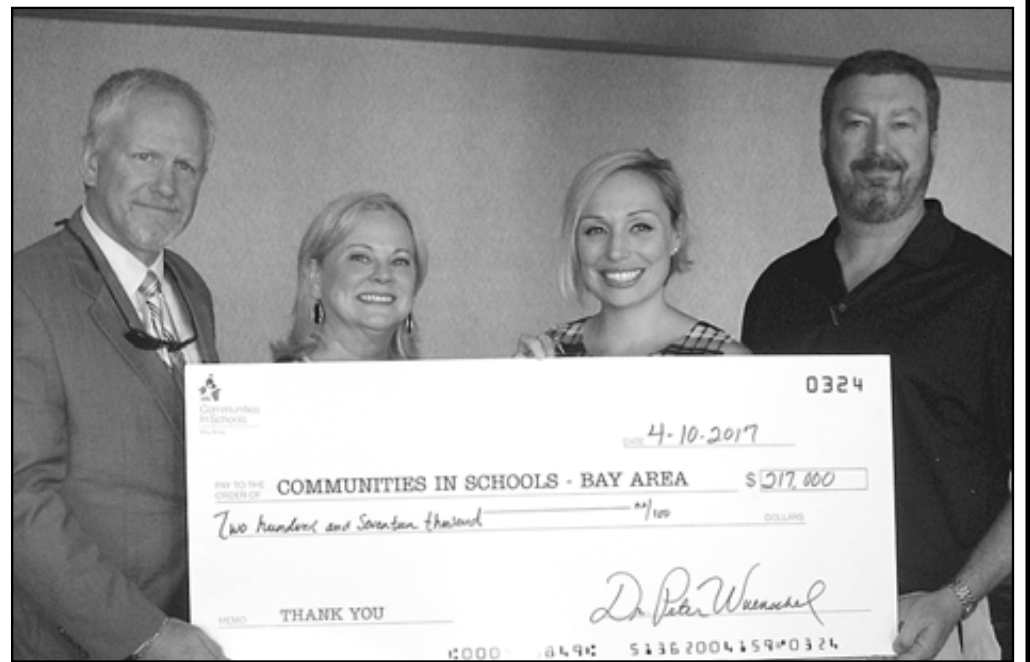
On Saturday, May 6, cheerleaders from Dobie High School donated their time and cheer skills to help out MD Anderson's annual Ovarian Relay For Life Walk. Left to right, (front row) Sara Otwell, Brittney Puente, Victoria Ayala, Katrina Dukes, Jazmine Howard, Reagan Razo, Briana Loredo, Jimmy Garcia, Aliza Alfaro, (second row) Chloe Ray, Bailee Dang, Bianca Espinoza, Olga Cisneros, Michelle Kelley, Andres Melchor, Juliana Moreno, Shelby Couchman, Samantha Carter, (back row) Maya Ann Scott, Genesis Juarez and Laila Hernandez.

Photo by Sarah Young

CIS-Bay Area receives \$217,000

Presenting a check to Communities In Schools-Bay Area for \$217,000 earned at the Keep Kids in School Golf Tournament are, left to right, Mark Conrad, tournament co-chairman; Cindy Porterfield, wine tasting co-chairman; Hillary Gramm, CIS-Bay Area's resource development director; and Kevin Lardie, tournament co-chairman. (See story this page.)

Photo submitted



Golf tournament raises \$217,000

Golfers and wine lovers may be strange bedfellows, but when their goal was to raise more than \$217,000 was met to keep kids on the path of success through graduation and beyond, they showed their support for Communities In Schools-Bay (CIS-Bay Area). (See photo this page.)

The recent Keep Kids in School Golf Tournament and Raise Your Glass to CIS wine tasting combined for a full day of fun and fundraising at Bay Oaks Country Club. CIS-Bay Area's dropout prevention program serves 15 campuses in the Clear Creek and Dickinson ISDs.

Golf tournament co-chairmen Mark Conrad and Kevin Lardie kicked off the day with a full flight of golfers who were treated to golf, food and libations. A putting contest and the ever-popular NFL hole were just some of

the fun events. Winners of the Keep Kids in School Golf Tournament were: First Place Chris Goldstraw/Cinco Vodka team of Goldstraw, Jay Vaught, Bill Gilliam and Ken Plunkett.

Second Place went to the Merrill Lynch team of Joe Tamburello, Doug Sobotik, Sam Buyajian and Stephan Buyajian.

Third Place went to the MaximGroup team of Ron Masters, Jackie Kilgore, Mike Biles and Mark Solook.

Mid-afternoon, wine lovers filled the club dining room for the Raise Your Glass to CIS wine tasting.

The wine tasting was led by Amy Corron Power, a certified sommelier and managing editor of Another Wine Blog. She led a team of 10 sommeliers and wine educators including Joe Power, Charles Chang, Sandra Crit-

tenden, Iris Neal Allen, Jerry Shoemaker, Larry Brett, Alex Power, Adam Folden and Steve Patterson.

Co-chairs of the wine tasting Tama Brantley and Cindy Porterfield led their hard-working committee. Grand Cru Sponsor of the event was MaximGroup.

After the close of the tournament, golfers joined the wine tasters for a grilled steak dinner and the awards ceremony.

The Keep Kids in School Golf Tournament was started in 2010 by Rick Gornto, a former board of directors president and major underwriter.

Along with his wife Janice, Rick's guidance through the years, the golf tournament has raised more than \$1.3 million for Communities In Schools-Bay Area.

Major underwriters join-

ing the Grontos are Laura and Chris Goldstraw, who also sponsored a Cinco Vodka tasting at the end of the tournament.

For more information on the CIS-Bay Area program, visit www.cisba.org.

San Jac College events . . .

Continued from Page 4A Technology, will offer the keynote address. The ceremony will be live streamed and audience members may watch what's happening on social media by following #SJCgrad2017. For more information, visit sanjac.edu/student-services/graduation-beyond/commencement-ceremony.

Walk Like MADD 5K Dash
The San Jac College South

Campus will host the Walk Like MADD 5K Dash from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 13. To register, visit walklikemadd.org/Houston. For information, call 281-590-2222.

Community Education Center events
The San Jacinto College Community Education Center, located on the Central campus in room C-1.108, will host the following May

workshops that are free and open to the public. To register, email communityeducation@sjcd.edu.

May 11, Peripheral Artery Disease Workshop, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

May 12, Stretching and Relaxation Session, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

May 18, Healthy Lifestyle Film and Discussion Series: Heal for Free, Part Two, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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South Belt residents enjoy fun in the sun

Sexton, Stitch take 1st place



Craig Sexton and his dog, Stitch, recently won first place in the costume contest at the annual Family Fun Fest and Strut your Mutt dog parade at Clear Brook City Park. An employee at the Brookdale Animal Hospital, Sexton routinely brings Stitch, a 13-year-old dachshund mix, to work with him. *Photo submitted*

Fun fest organizers gather



The second annual Family Fun Fest and Strut Your Mutt dog parade was a huge success, drawing roughly 400 attendees. Organizers shown above are, left to right, Harris County Precinct 1 aide David Matthews, JSC Federal Credit Union Northern Region Vice President Cynthia Hawk and former South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Sally Mitchell. *Photo submitted*

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Turnipseed clowns around

Blake Turnipseed (right) is shown to the left hanging out with a clown at the annual South Belt Spectacular Cook-off, held at El Franco Lee Park from April 27-29. A kindergarten student at Frazier Elementary, Blake Turnipseed is the son of Jeff and Spring Turnipseed. *Photo by Jeff Turnipseed*

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Krenk detained at cook-off

Gage Krenk was briefly detained by the Houston Police Department for having too much fun at the annual cook-off. The police cruiser shown to the left was one of many emergency vehicles on display at the event. A sixth-grader at Melillo Middle School, Krenk is the son of Jeff and Spring Turnipseed. *Photo by Jeff Turnipseed*

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Superheroes bring joy

Blake Turnipseed (center) is shown above at the annual South Belt Spectacular Cook-off with Spider-Man and Captain America. Other characters at the event included Snow Queen Elsa and Elena of Avalor. *Photo by Jeff Turnipseed*

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The 21st annual South Belt Spectacular Cook-off, held at El Franco Lee Park from April 27-29, was a huge success, drawing thousands of attendees. With roughly 85 cooking teams taking part in the event, this year's cook-off was one of the largest in the event's history. More than 2,300 children took part in Saturday's Kids Zone activities. While heavy winds were present throughout the event, the area was spared predicted rains for the most part. Winds, however, were responsible for the collapse of one tent, sending a woman and a child to the hospital with minor injuries.

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Kingwood pitching, defense tops Dobie

Kingwood's pitching and defense helped account for quite a few wins this season, and those skills were again on display as the Mustangs swept past Dobie in a bidistrict playoff series May 5-6. The Mustangs advanced to the area round courtesy of a pair of shutouts. In the May 5 opener at Kingwood, a six-run frame helped the Mustangs on their way to a 10-0 win over five innings. A day later at Maguire Field in Pasadena, the visitors closed things out with a 3-0 victory. Dobie, held to three hits in the first game, came back with eight in the second game. But delivering the key hit proved elusive. Kingwood entered the

season with no varsity returnees, starters or otherwise. But the Mustangs won the 21-6A championship at 10-2 and are now ready to advance. Dobie, which will return starters at as many as seven positions in 2018, had a hard time with consistency, as shown in its 7-7 fourth-place finish in district play. Dobie's key losses include three-year starters Euro Diaz Jr. and Jeremy Green Jr. Diaz started in

center field and was one of the top hitters for batting average in District 22-6A. He also took his share of starts on the mound. Green, meanwhile, was the team's starting catcher for the majority of three seasons. He, like Diaz, was one of the Longhorns' top offensive performers this season. Among the returnees will be freshman Daniel Garza, who pitched into the sixth inning to cap a terrific year.

Despite no golds, Lutheran South's Marleen Guerrero came away with multiple medals. The University of Texas signee completed a successful leap of 5 feet, 2 inches for second place and a silver medal in the high jump.

LSA tracksters medal at state

There were no state championships won but several members of the Lutheran South Academy varsity track and field team scored big at the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools state championships.

LSA also grabbed its share of bronze at the state championships. Terrel Davis, who will now continue his competitive career at the Air Force Academy, was one of those bronze medalists. Bethany Andress, Mary Adams and Brooke DeHoyos were joined by Guerrero for a bronze medal in the 4x200-meter relay with a time of 1:48.24.

reaching this point was nonetheless exciting.

Pioneers.

The all-classes meet was held May 5-6 at Baylor University in Waco. The Pioneers had hoped to score gold along the way, and while that didn't happen, there was plenty of hardware to go around.

At 49.79, Davis was third in the 400-meter dash as he scored a medal for his efforts. Sophomore Carson Noack went 12'0" in the pole vault for third place and a bronze medal, and Noah Miller was third for a bronze in a time of 2 minutes 2:64 seconds in the 800-meter run.

Guerrero had hoped to earn a medal in the triple jump, but her best effort of 34'9" was seventh best.

On the boys' side of things, Christian Shelmire was sixth in the 100-meter dash for the Pioneers, and Davis was sixth in the

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Physicals at Dobie May 24

Dobie students in extracurricular activities will have a chance to take advantage of inexpensive physicals Wednesday, May 24, at 1 p.m., in the school's gymnasium. The cost is \$20 to pre-register and \$25 on the

day of the physicals. All Dobie athletes as well as those involved in JROTC, dance, band and cheerleading may use this opportunity. Students must have an athletics physical on file at Dobie before taking

part in any extracurricular activity during the 2017-2018 school year. There are no exceptions. To register, call Dobie athletic trainers Jesse Lopez or Ruth Gonzales-Grasty at 713-740-0370, ext. 04270 or 04137.



CB tennis to enjoy state chance; opening round May 18 at TAMU

By John Bechtle
Sports Editor

playing on the USTA youth circuit since the age of 11.

Unseeded at regionals - the duo was deemed fifth overall in a four-seed format, the pair had to face the toughest of the tough.

Still, they persevered, beating the No. 2 and No. 3 seeds en route to the final.

He is a former baseball standout who bypassed future possible opportunities on the diamond in order to focus on tennis full-time.

Together, senior Andres Padilla and freshman Maria Herrera have joined forces to make up one of Clear Brook High School's most successful mixed doubles teams in program history.

In a regional semifinal win that ultimately brought them to the state semifinals, the pair had to face the toughest of the tough.

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She is the daughter of a former collegiate tennis star and now full-time tennis instructor and has been

There's no doubting the on-court chemistry between the veteran Padilla and the left-handed Herrera, a newcomer to high school tennis.

Padilla joined teammate Max Pearson as the top boys' singles players during the fall team tennis season, while Herrera was the top-seeded girls' singles and doubles players.

While Padilla prefers to play singles, he elected to join Herrera during his last remaining competitive semester at Clear Brook. What a great choice.

At left, the Clear Brook mixed doubles team of Andres Padilla (left) and Maria Herrera are set to compete at the University Interscholastic League's state championships beginning Thursday, May 18 at Texas A&M University in College Station. The Region III finalists will face Houston Memorial's Sarah Mabee and Andrew Shuvalov in a quarter-final matchup at 12:30 p.m.

Padilla and Herrera finished second at the District 24-6A Championships to

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San Jacinto softball returns to NJCAAs

The San Jacinto College softball team punched its ticket back to the National Junior College Athletic Association national tournament May 8 with a 1-0 win over Blinn College at the Region XIV tournament at the Roadrunner Complex on the Angelina College campus.

San Jac (41-19) entered the Region XIV tournament as the No. 1 seed from the South and co-conference champions for the first time since 1999.

The win over Blinn, coupled with a 1-0 thriller over Bossier Parish Community College the previous day, sent San Jac to the Region XIV tournament championship game and back to the NJCAA national tournament for a second consecutive year

and the fourth national tournament appearance under head coach Kelly Saenz.

The Coyotes took it a step further this season at regionals, beating Tyler 8-2 in the championship game after both had qualified for regionals.

San Jacinto built an 8-0 lead over the Apaches and never looked back to complete a dominating run at the tournament.

In 2016, Tyler defeated



San Jacinto College's Riley Bullen had a big tournament, helping the locals get back to nationals. In a 4-0 opening round win over Angelina, she drove in a run and scored another. SJC is headed to the national tournament in back-to-back seasons for the first time in program history.

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George Ranch blanks Brook

Limited to one hit in the game, the Clear Brook varsity baseball team almost had to play a perfect game to win. Finally, the Wolverines blinked.

Joseph Menefee of George Ranch went 6 1/3 innings, allowing just a single to Brook's Madison Delgado.

Aided by three late errors, District 23-6A co-champion George Ranch eliminated Clear Brook 3-0 in a bidistrict baseball matchup May 5 at Pearland.

Cole McMillan recorded the final two outs for the save as the Rangers moved on to face La Porte in the area round. George Ranch plated one in the fifth and two in the sixth to advance.

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The South Belt Youth Soccer Club has teamed up with TetraBrazil to host the TetraBrazil Soccer Camp July 31 through August 4 at the South Belt Youth Soccer Club's facility at El Franco Lee Park.

This camp will run Monday through Friday. Each member of the TetraBrazil coaching staff will bring an authentic taste of the flair, passion and creativity of Brazilian soccer to the camps.

In addition to learning advanced footwork, new skills and the most effective moves used by top Brazilian players, campers will warm up to samba music, learn Portuguese phrases and discover what it is like to grow up and play soccer in a country where the game is treated like a religion.

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Top-seeded San Jac baseball to regionals

The San Jacinto College baseball team is the No. 1 seed from the South in the 2017 Region XIV tournament in Grand Prairie at Airhog Stadium.

San Jac (39-16, 28-7), ranked 15th in the country in the most recent National Junior College Athletic Association Division I baseball poll, will face the No. 4 seed from the East, Paris Junior College (24-27, 13-17), on Saturday, May 13, at 8 p.m.

Sophomore infielder Luke Watson (Concordia Lutheran High School/ Hill College) leads San Jac with a .408 average in 130 plate appearances over 44 games.

Sophomore outfielder/first baseman Aaron Bond (South Bend, Indiana/ Clay High School) is hitting .341, and Michael Smith is third on the team at .331.

Smith, a sophomore outfielder from Magnolia High School/ Kansas State University) also leads the team in hits at 57 (tied with Nick Perez), doubles (11), triples (5) and stolen bases (21).

On the mound, MacGregor Hines, Jacob Cantleberry and Kaleb Roper lead the San Jac pitchers.

Hines, a right-handed freshman from College Station High School/ University of Florida, has pitched in 77.2 innings and owns a 3.59

earned run average. He is 9-3 this season with a team-best 103 strikeouts.

Cantleberry is 10-1 in the year with a 1.57 ERA

in 69 innings pitched, and the right-handed Roper (Kenner, Louisiana/ Archbishop Rummel High School/University of Arizona) is 7-3 with a

1.75 ERA in 67 innings pitched.

As a team, San Jac owns a 2.32 ERA, third best in the country.

San Jacinto College is

the reigning Region XIV South Zone champion, and looking for its 25th appearance at the JUCO World Series.

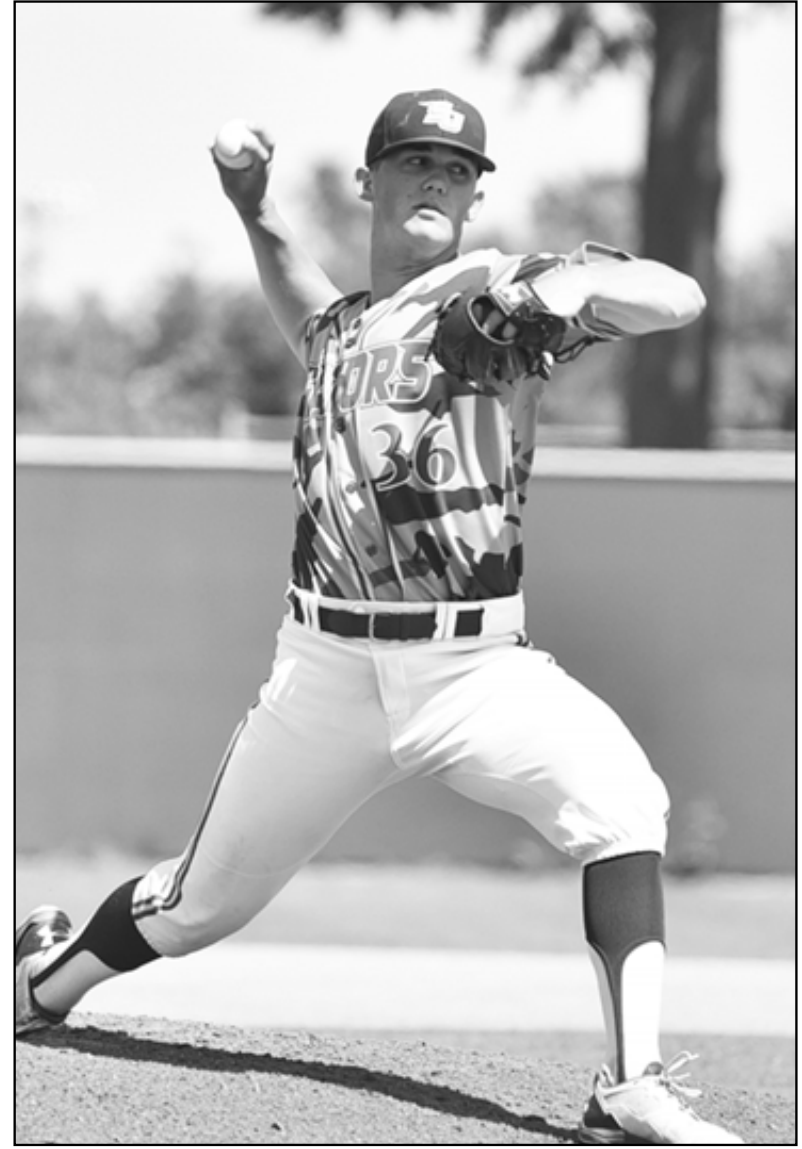
San Jac baseball has appeared in 14 national title games with six national titles. The 2017 Region XIV Baseball Tournament takes place Saturday, May 13 through Tuesday, May 17.

The tournament winner earns an automatic bid to the National Junior College Athletic Association JUCO World Series May 27 through June 3, at Sam Suplezio Field in Grand Junction, Colorado.

For more information about San Jacinto College athletics, visit the San Jacinto College athletics website.

Once again, the San Jacinto College baseball team features one of the nation's best-performing pitching staffs, and Kaleb Roper (36) has been one of the reasons why. The sophomore transfer is 7-3 this season with a 1.75 earned run average. As a team, San Jacinto owns the third-lowest ERA nationally at 2.32.

Photo by Rob Vanya



BHI, GAT boys' soccer wins titles

The Pasadena ISD intermediate athletics season officially came to a close with the soccer season finishing. The Beverly Hills and Thompson boys' programs celebrated the most, winning tournament titles to end the season.

Playing tournament championship matches at Veterans Stadium, the Bears' eighth-grade boys' team came away victorious, while the Lions' seventh-grade team won that title match.

The Pasadena ISD held a four-week regular season and then wrapped up the season with tournaments.

The Southmore girls won the eighth-grade tournament championship.

This was the second season for intermediate level soccer competition within the Pasadena ISD ranks.

Dobie's Mantle tryouts May 17

At right, Dobie varsity baseball head coach Miguel Torres and his staff will host Mickey Mantle summer baseball tryouts Wednesday, May 17, at 4:30 p.m. at the Dobie High School baseball field. Those student-athletes entering the ninth grade of the 2017-2018 school year are eligible to try out. In case of rain, the tryout make-up date is May 24. Those planning to try out should show up in baseball attire with bat/glove and ready to compete.



Atkinson Eagles excel at Pasadena ISD's Get Fit Jog



Atkinson Elementary third- and fourth-grade students proudly took part in the Pasadena ISD's annual Get Fit Jog program. Throughout the school year, students had the opportunity to log miles on campus, and those who completed 40 miles or more were invited to the districtwide competition April 29 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. In all, 14 Eagles'

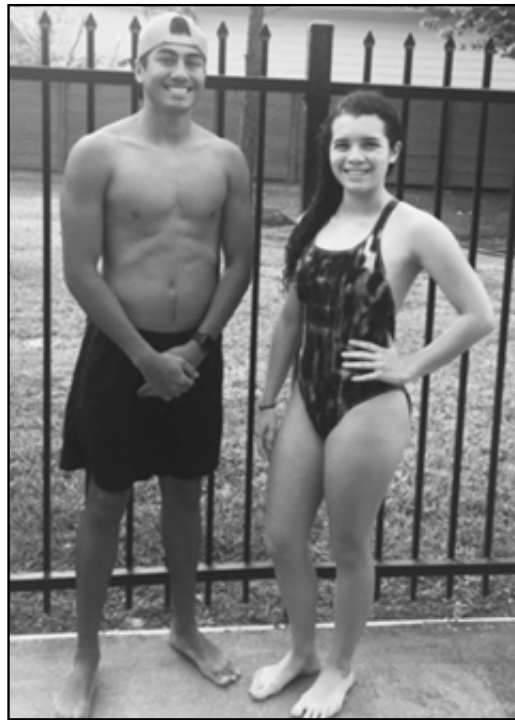
students were invited to the big PISD event. Those students included, left to right, (front row) Leyla Martinez, Clarissa Hernandez, Diana Pena, Alexa Fernandez, Victoria Torres, Jacob Sanchez, Andres Valdez, (back row) Joel Reyes, Thomas Castelan, Kierah Hightower, Nataly Baez, Daisy Baez, Austin Prouse and Johnny Garcia.

SBAST Sharks Honor Swimmers of the Week

The South Belt Area Swim Team Sharks, celebrating 46 years of success this spring/summer season, have named their Swimmers of the Week for the opening week of the season. The coaching staff selects the honorees based on solid attendance, effort and attitude.



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9-10-Year-Old Winners



Atkinson Elementary third- and fourth-grade students who won ribbons and medals at the Pasadena ISD's annual Get Fit Jog districtwide finale April 29 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena included, left to right, fourth-grade girls' honorees Clarissa Hernandez (35th place), Leyla Martinez (third

place), Diana Pena (fourth place), Kierah Hightower (12th place); third-grade boys' honorees Andres Valdez (11th place) and Jacob Sanchez (14th place). The third-grade students completed a course of a little more than a mile, while fourth-grade students competed on a 2.3-mile course.

Giron's sixth straight win leads student/faculty

Editor's Note: The following is an e-mail sent to Dobie High School staffers by tennis coach Manuel Moreno Jr. following the completion of the fun and successful 2017 student/faculty tennis tournament.

Faculty & Staff: We couldn't have asked for a better day for tennis... cloudy, a little breeze to keep it cool and the rain held off.

Plus the tennis wasn't too shabby, either.

If there was a tournament Most Valuable Player, that honor would have to go to our head counselor Jennifer Haynes. In the finals of the White Division, Ms. Haynes displayed hidden talents none of us, including herself, knew even existed.

She hit some big winners on key points to help her and partner Lil' Tommy Nguyen beat coach Carey Sink and Jenny Lu, 4-3, 5-2 in the decisive tie-breaker.

We also had a husband versus wife final in the Steve Jamail Dobie Pride Division (Bryan Due versus Lincy Due) – imagine what dinner afterward was like – and twin sister versus twin sister in the Burnt Orange Division

final (Kristy Morales vs. Gisell Morales) – non-stop friendly catfight.

Of course, there was the diva of Dobie tennis dominating once more in the Burnt Orange & White Division, to be renamed in her honor next year. You guessed it... Yvette Giron won again – I think the streak is at six now – teaming up with Ricky Perez to beat Steven Mullins, a former Longhorn tennis player of mine, and Mylan Phan in the championship match (score too harsh to publish).

The tournament featured 27 doubles teams, a tad smaller than usual, but everyone looked like they were having a good time – and that's what tennis, a lifetime sport, is supposed to be – fun.

So thanks to all who participated or came out to support their favorite faculty/staff member and/or student.

It means a lot to the tennis kids, having you share a sport they love so much. It was nice to see so many of you unwind before the crazy weeks ahead of us.

A special thanks goes out to our fearless leader, Mr. Franklin Moses, for coming out and supporting everyone, even though he was on the injured reserved list.

Thanks again for a fun afternoon! Listed below are the various bobblehead and medal winners, faculty/staff's name first.

– Coach Manuel Moreno Jr.

Steve Jamail Dobie Pride Division

1st – Bryan Due/Courtney Chung
2nd – Lincy Due/Joseph Tran
3rd – Erin Thompson/Steven Phan

Consolation champions – Christine Prindle/Sean Le

Burnt Orange Division

1st – Hector Saldivar/Kristy Morales
2nd – Gerson Garcia/Gisell Morales
3rd – Sandra Rodriguez/Adrian Tamez

Consolation champions – Jose Esparza/Kacy Huerta

White Division

1st – Jennifer Haynes/Lil' Tommy Nguyen
2nd – Carey Sink/Jenny Lu
3rd – Leisha Lewis/Big Tommy Nguyen

Consolation champions – Stephen Cross/Bao Nguyen

Burnt Orange/White Division

1st – Yvette Giron/Ricky Perez
2nd – Steven Mullins/Mylan Phan
3rd – Ronnie Thomas/Hellen Le

Consolation champions – Scott Davis/Ann Truong

San Jacinto College VB trio picks St. Thomas



San Jacinto College volleyball players Nakia Taylor, Kayden Thomas and Hannah Westerlage will continue their education and playing careers at the University of St. Thomas for the 2017-2018 season. The trio, each having received all-conference accolades last season, elected to stay together on the court after fielding several offers to attend universities. Taylor, an outside hitter and right side from Atascocita High School, averaged 1.16 kills and 1.61 digs per set. Thomas, an outside hitter and middle blocker from Huffman Hargrave High School, averaged 1.56 kills and 0.67 blocks per set. Westerlage, a setter and defense specialist from Dickinson High School, averaged 5.44 assists and 2.15 digs per set. All three are members of Phi Theta Kappa, having made the dean's list every semester at San Jacinto College and received NJCAA academic achievement awards. "Nakia, Kayden and Hannah came to us to gain experience and a good foundation for their academics," said Sharon Nelson, San Jacinto College volleyball head coach and athletic director. "It's exciting to see these three players transfer to St. Thomas because they have great team chemistry, and they're all leaders. I think they'll go right into St. Thomas and do what they've done for us here." San Jac went undefeated in conference play in 2016, and was ranked as high as 10th in the nation during the season. The team finished with a 26-9 overall record while remaining undefeated at home. Those at the signing included, left to right, (seated) Westerlage, Thomas, Taylor, (standing) San Jacinto College volleyball assistant coach Jeff Pearce, University of St. Thomas volleyball head coach Keanne Burt and San Jacinto College volleyball head coach Sharon Nelson.

South Belt area sports, registration, news, notes

SB Dolphins offer registration

The Southbelt Dolphins of the Bay Area Football League have set upcoming registration dates for the 2017 season, with practices starting in July. The registration dates include May 20, and June 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sagemont Community Center. Games begin in August, and the regular season runs into November.

Athletic physicals at Thompson

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

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

Dobie voluntary conditioning sessions

Dobie's coaching staff will host a conditioning camp for incoming freshmen through incoming seniors as of the 2017-2018 school year. The sessions will run Monday, June 12, through Thursday, July 20. There will be no Friday workouts. Cost for those who preregister is \$50 per student, and there is a sibling discount available. Those who register on June 12 will pay \$60. The preregistration deadline is June 10.

Payments may be made with cash, money order or credit cards. No checks will be accepted. The first session, designed for incoming sophomores through seniors, will run from 8 to 10 a.m., while the 10 a.m. to noon session is designed for incoming freshmen. All participants must have a current athletic physical on file at the school prior to taking part in any of the workouts. There are no exceptions.

In addition, Pasadena ISD does not provide medical insurance coverage for events of this type. Thus, parents will be required to provide this coverage for their children. For more information, direct email to Dobie varsity football head coach Mike Norman at MNorman@pasadenaisd.org or call 713-740-0370. Dobie will also host a headstart camp for incoming freshmen early in August, prior to the start of preseason football workouts. Details on those events will appear in future editions.

Blackhawk Seahawks' FB to register

The Blackhawk Seahawks are set to debut in the South Texas Youth Football Association this season, and the organization is seeking football players as well as spirit team and cheerleading squad members.

Youths ages 5 to 12 prior to August 1, 2017, are eligible to compete as members of the Seahawks' organization.

Registration will be held Saturday, May 20, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The session will be held at The Royal Palace, 9944 Kleckley Dr., across from Alameda Mall. Registration is \$275 per football player and spirit/cheer member. For information, call president Lisa Sanchez at 832-969-8542.

Brook voluntary conditioning sessions

Clear Brook's coaching staff will host a conditioning camp for incoming seventh-grade students through incoming seniors as of the 2017-2018 school year.

The sessions will run Monday, June 12, through Thursday, Aug. 3. There will be no Friday workouts. Cost for those who preregister is \$70 per student, and there is a sibling discount available. Those who register on June 12 will pay \$80. The preregistration deadline is May 31.

Payments may be made with cash or money order. No checks will be accepted. The daily schedule for incoming sophomore through senior boys includes weight room work at 7 a.m. and outdoor conditioning at 8 a.m. For all girls, there will be outdoor conditioning at 7 a.m. followed by weight room work at 8 a.m.

Incoming freshman boys will have outdoor conditioning at 8 a.m. followed by weight room work at 9 a.m. Seventh- and eighth-grade boys will have outdoor conditioning at 9 a.m., followed by weight room work at 10 a.m.

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

In addition, Clear Creek ISD does not provide medical insurance coverage for events of this type. Thus, parents will be required to provide this coverage for their children. For more information, direct email to Clear Brook varsity football head coach Mike Allison at mallison@ccisd.net or Jamie Scott at JaScott@ccisd.net.

Brook's Milton to Baylor

Clear Brook multi-skilled football player Mark Milton has verbally agreed to sign a letter of intent with the Baylor University football program, according to family sources.

Brook youth soccer camp

Clear Brook varsity boys' soccer coach Chris Stromeyer will host the annual Wolverines' youth skills camp June 6-8, from 8 to 10 a.m., at Clear Brook High School. Students entering the first through the ninth grades as of the 2017-2018 school year are eligible to attend.

Registration fee is \$60 per student. Participants are required to bring their own water, cleats, shin guards and practice clothes. Families are also required to provide participants' medical insurance. For more information, direct email to cstrome@cisd.net.

Jiu-jitsu competitor Mata stays unbeaten; record now at 4-0

At right, South Belt resident Ty Mata won his second Brazilian Jiu-jitsu competition and ran his record to a perfect 4-0 May 5 with a pair of arm bar submission victories. Mata, who will complete the third grade at Frazier Elementary later this month, has been studying and competing in the sport for a little more than a year. Training four times per week, Mata owns a two red stripe on gray and white belt as he progresses in the sport. His father is 1997 Dobie graduate Ivan Mata, and his siblings include his sister, Dobie sophomore Annelie Mata, his brother, Dobie freshman Julian Mata and his sister, 3-year-old Layla Mata. His grandparents, Teresa and Ray Mata, have been South Belt residents since 1971.

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MAY 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. Public welcome and encouraged to bring others. For details, call 281-910-1971.
 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 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, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. Call 713-856-1611.
 6 - 8 p.m.
CrossRoads UMC – Invites everyone to the Thursday night service beginning with a light meal and fellowship at 6 p.m. followed by a praise, worship and prayer service at 7 p.m. at 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Afterward both pastors lead a Bible study in English and Spanish. Everyone is welcome.
 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 Victor's, 1425 NASA Pkwy., (next to "space" McDonald's). This is the con-

servative synagogue in the Bay Area. For details, contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or at csh@shaarhashalom.org.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Women's Group, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-856-1611.
Alcoholics Anonymous – Alcohol problems? Meets Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 to 8 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-306-4366 or 713-480-4166.
FRIDAY, MAY 12
 7 a.m.
AA Meeting – "Breakfast With Bill" each 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 just drop in.
 10 a.m.
El Franco Lee Center Zumba Class – at the center, 9400 Hall Road.
Clear Lake Bridge Club – Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.
 Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – West End Group, noon, Shepherd of the Heart United Methodist Church, 12005 County Rd. 39, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
 7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. Call 713-856-1611.
 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, MAY 13
 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.

10 a.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.
 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.
 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 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, MAY 14
 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 for details.
 2 p.m.
Grief Support Group – For adults who have lost a loved one. Meets Sundays, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas, 2 to 3:15 p.m., First United Methodist Church 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. For details, call 281-487-8787.
Scleroderma Support Group – Do you know someone with scleroderma? Join a support group on the second Sunday, 2 to 4 p.m., at Memorial Hermann Northeast Hospital in Humble. Bring a friend. Call Jacob Davila at 281-706-6232, or email jdavila@scleroderma.org.
 5:30 p.m.
Celebrate Recovery – A faith-based 12-Step Program, Sundays, 5:30 p.m., in the Chapel at Life Church, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for details or to RSVP for child care.
 7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Vigilance Group of NA meets Sundays, 7 p.m., 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
Alcoholics Anonymous – Alcohol problems? Meets

Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 to 8 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-306-4366 or 713-480-4166.
 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, MAY 15
 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 Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for details, or drop in.
Clear Lake Bridge Club – Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.
 10:30 a.m.
Seniors and Law Enforcement Together – SALT meetings are 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Madison Jobe Senior Center, 1700 East Thomas St., Pasadena on the third Monday. No December meeting. January meeting is on the second Monday. Meetings start timely and teach seniors how to avoid identity theft, scams, fraud, etc. Police officers and sheriffs may be in attendance. Free. Refreshments served. For details, call 713-477-0175.
 11:30 a.m.
Overeaters Anonymous Deer Park – 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for details.
 Noon
Beginning Line Dancing – at El Franco Lee Senior Community Center, noon on Mondays, 9500 Hall Road.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
 2 p.m.
Genealogy Group – The Parker Williams Genealogy Group meets from 2 to 4 p.m. on the first and third Mondays at the Parker Williams Library, Beamer at Scarsdale. The public is invited to attend. For details, email Liz Hicks at erootrot@usa.net.

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MONDAY, MAY 15

Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy for adults with Parkinson's, 3:15 to 4:45 p.m., Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for details. 6 p.m.

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

Scrabble Club #511 - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Come, improve crossword playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for details. 6:30 p.m.

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

Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting - Mondays at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland. Enter door next to recycling bins. For details, call 713-865-3668 or visit www.oahouston.org. 7 p.m.

Survivors of Suicide Support Group - gives coping skills in a non-threatening environment to adults who have lost a loved one to suicide. For details email LynneAnnH@yahoo.com or visit www.crisishotline.org.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For information, call 713-856-1611. 7:30 p.m.

The Clear Lake Gem and Mineral Society - Meets the third Monday at Clear Lake Park Bldg., 5001 NASA Pkwy., Seabrook. Presenters explore topics such as fossils, planetary geology, mineralogy, lapidary, jewelry making, fossil and mineral collecting. Field trips to Texas collecting sites and surrounding states. Interested persons welcome. Door prizes. Free parking. For details, visit www.clgms.org.

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

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

TUESDAY, MAY 16

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.

Hobby Area Travel and Social - HATS meets on Tuesday, May 16 at 9:30 a.m. at Glenbrook United Methodist Church in the Fellowship Hall (8635 Glen Valley Drive). Carl Henderson, trip Leader, indicates he needs advance sign up for the bus trip on Wednesday, May 17, leaving the church parking lot at 8 a.m. to the USCG Air Station at Ellington (government access). After the Air Station, lunch will be at the Southern Komfort Restaurant in LaPorte (on your own). Visit the Maritime Technology & Training Center at San Jac College in La Porte at 1 p.m. No cost listed for the trip.

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. 11 a.m.

Ballroom Dance Lessons - at the El Franco Lee Senior Community Center, 11 a.m. on Tuesdays, 9500 Hall Road. Noon

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

Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch is \$15. Variety of interesting speakers. For details, call 281-900-7257. Email nalix@texascitizensbank.com. 1:30 p.m.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - #1530 meets at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd., For information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713. 2 p.m.

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees - NARFE Chapter 941 meets the third Tuesday, 2 p.m., El Franco Lee Park Community Center, 9500 Hall Rd. Visitors welcome. For details, call Roy at 713-734-1461. No meeting in Aug.

Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class - Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details/classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or 281-488-6318. 6:30 p.m.

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

Pearland Area Republican's Club - meets monthly on the third Tuesday (except December, June and July) at the Pearland Church of Christ Annex, 2217 N. Grand Blvd. in Pearland. For details, call Gary at 281-993-8335. 7 p.m.

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

Positive Interaction Program - meets the third Tuesday, 7 p.m., at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria, first floor staff meeting room. PIP is police and citizens working together making neighborhoods safer. Bring a friend. For information, call Officer Richard Buitron at 281-218-3900.

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

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. 8 a.m.

Hobby Area Travel and Social - HATS bus trip on Wednesday, May 17, leaving the church parking lot at 8 a.m. for the USCG Air Station at Ellington (government access) and lunch at the Southern Komfort Restaurant in LaPorte (on your own). Visit the Maritime Technology & Training Center at San Jacinto College in La Porte at 1 p.m. No cost listed for the trip. 9:30 a.m.

The Community Club - meets the third Wednesday, monthly, at Golden Corral, 4021 Spencer Hwy., in Pasadena. Social time is 9:30 a.m.; meeting is at 10 a.m. The club is a charitable organization of women that helps the Salvation Army feed and care for homebound elderly/disabled people, children and the homeless, providing scholarships for Bridge Over Troubled Water clients. Day trips may be scheduled, after which will be a guest speaker/program with fellowship and lunch. New members and guests are invited. For information, email Jmopry@yahoo.com. 10 a.m.

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

Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club - meets monthly, first and third Wednesday, noon, Golden Corral, 4021 Spencer Hwy., Pasadena. December may be an exception. For information, call Monica Montoya at 281-794-5531.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611. 1 p.m.

Hometown Heroes Park - has free Hump Day Dance to practice ballroom dance, 1 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. League City nonresidents must purchase activity card. Help is available to assist learning dance moves. For details, call Neva Schroder at 417-838-2204. 6:30 p.m.

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

THURSDAY, MAY 18

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 for details. Noon

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

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Texas German Society, South Belt (SE) Chapter - A social group focused on the culture, music, heritage and language of Texas German immigrants. Meets the third Thursday, monthly, 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visitors welcome. Call 281-481-1238 for details. 7 p.m.

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

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Clear Brook senior Andres Padilla was a talented baseball player at the school before settling on tennis full time as a sophomore. He twice finished third in 24-6A spring season singles before joining freshman Maria Herrera in mixed doubles. Beginning this fall, he will continue his education and playing career at Austin College in Sherman, Texas.

Brook mixed doubles pair reaches state competition

Continued from Page 1B a state invitation, Padilla and Herrera defeated No. 2-seeded Sabrina Barboza and Allen Chen of Seven Lakes 3-6, 6-1, 6-2. Earlier in the season at Coppell, the Seven Lakes team had beaten the Brook duo in the final.

At regionals, Padilla and Herrera lost to top-seeded Melissa LaMette and Varun Thachial of Cypress-Ranch 6-4, 6-4. No matter, it's on to state.

Padilla says he was a solid pitcher/shortstop with Brook baseball but found juggling two sports and academics a bit challenging. When pressed to commit to one, he chose tennis.

District 24-6A regularly features some of the toughest competition the Region III ranks has to offer.

Finding himself just short of regionals in the

past, Padilla took a different route.

"I just felt good about teaming with Maria and getting as far as we could," he said.

"She has a lot of USTA tournament experience. I've only played full-time a little over two years, but it's been great."

Indeed, Herrera has quite the experience in the sport.

Her dad Fernando Herrera, originally from Mexico, has spent his lifetime in the game. Her mother, Adriana, is, along with dad, her biggest fan.

Long since a USTA Superchampionship level player, Herrera still has many goals remaining in the sport.

For now, it's about enjoying state. "If we can get that first one and get some momentum, anything is possible," Herrera said. "We have played well, and

now we are ready for the next step."

Both players will have the full support of their families. The Herrerases will be in College Station, as will Padilla's parents, Laura and Arcadio Padilla.

Looking ahead, Padilla has chosen to continue his education and playing career at Austin College in Sherman, Texas.

He would prefer to study pre-med but will wait to see how it all fits with tennis.

Herrera loves the teamwork involved in doubles but also has a great future in singles. She may also pick a new mixed doubles partner next school year.

But there is still work to do this season, and Padilla and Herrera are excited for the chance.

No Clear Brook players have ever won state. Perhaps the time is now for that to change.



Her father, once a successful tennis player in Mexico and now a full-time instructor, Clear Brook freshman Maria Herrera began playing at an early age and was competing in USTA events by 11. Now she and mixed doubles partner Andres Padilla are the first Wolverines to reach the state level since 1998.

Photos by John Bechtle

San Jacinto College softball again reaches nationals

Continued from Page 1B San Jacinto in the championship game and was seeded No. 1 at nationals.

As for this time around, sophomore pitching ace Niki Gonzalez (Baytown Sterling High School) did not allow a single run in 21 innings pitched in the tournament through three games.

That was enough for San Jacinto to advance.

The San Jacinto College softball team won its opening game of the Region XIV tournament 4-0 against host Angelina Saturday evening in Lufkin at the Roadrunner Complex on the Angelina College campus.

San Jac entered the tournament as the No. 1 seed from the South and co-conference champions for the first time since 1999.

With the win, San Jac moved to 38-19 on the year. Next up is Bossier Parish Community College Sunday at 5:30 p.m.

Gonzalez tossed the shutout against the No. 4 seed from the East. The right-handed sophomore entered the game with a 1.45 ERA and a 28-4 record.

Angelina College pitcher Jordan Kisselburg gave up six hits to San Jac — all singles, but San Jacinto College found ways to maximize their opportunities.

San Jac's Missy Hernandez (Pasadena Memorial High School) drew a walk in the first inning and came around to score on a single from freshman Riley Bullen (Clear Creek High School).

In the fourth inning, Bullen and sophomore Taylor Office (Clear Falls High School) drew back-

to-back walks, and freshman Taylor McHenry (Deer Park High School) drove home a run with a single.

Another infield single from sophomore Shelby Doherty (Santa Fe High School) loaded the bases, and sophomore Katlin Kerl (Silsbee High School) earned an RBI with a walk. McHenry drove in San Jac's final run with a fielder's choice in the fifth inning.

Gonzalez then struck out the side in Angelina College's halves of the sixth and seventh innings

to cap the win.

San Jac then defeated Bossier Parish 1-0 and Blinn 1-0 to automatically qualify for the national tournament. The 8-2 victory over Tyler was icing on the cake.

The NJCAA softball national tournament is set for May 17-20, 2017, in St. George, Utah.

For information about the NJCAA national softball tournament, visit www.njcaa.org.

For more information about San Jacinto College athletics visit sanjacsports.com.

Region 14 Tournament

San Jacinto 4, Angelina 0

San Jacinto 1, Bossier Parish 0

San Jacinto 1, Blinn 0

Championship Game

San Jacinto 8, Tyler 2

At right, members of the San Jacinto College softball team converge at the pitcher's circle following a 1-0 win over Blinn May 8, a decision that qualified the team for the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I National Championships, a first in program history. The players, including (4) Mackenzie Kotrla, (14) Kaylee Ousman, (27) Isis Rangel, (5) Madison Neal, (21) Nakilah Robinson and (18) Katlin Rivera were congratulating winning pitcher Niki Gonzalez, who did not allow a run through three games covering 21 innings in the tournament. Gonzalez, a sophomore from Baytown Sterling High School, is also the winningest pitcher in program history.



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