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Trainer's daughter dies

Chanté Moore, the daughter of Sherry Trainer, former executive director for the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, died Tuesday, May 10, after a battle with brain cancer. Trainer recently resigned from her position to spend more time with Moore. A memorial service will be planned at a later date.

Sageglen holds garage sale

The Sageglen Community Association will hold its annual garage sale May 13-14. All homeowners who would like to participate will do so on their own driveways. Kick-off time is around 7 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

HOA events scheduled

Sageglen to meet May 16

Sageglen Community Association will meet on Monday, May 16, at 7 p.m. at the Sageglen Community Building, 11610 Sageyork.

Ashley Pointe HOA meets May 17

Ashley Pointe HOA will meet Tuesday, May 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the Sageglen Community Building, 11610 Sageyork.

Dobie cheer sets car wash

The Dobie 2016-17 cheerleaders will hold a car wash Saturday, May 14, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Snowie's in the Food Town parking lot at Beamer and Scarsdale. A \$5 donation is asked.

PIP meeting May 17

The Positive Interaction Program will meet Tuesday, May 17, at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria in the staff meeting room on the first floor. Guest speaker will be Assistant County Attorney Susan Fillion, who will speak on elderly financial exploitation. For information, call Officer Richard Buitron at 281-218-3900.

Community garage sale set

Clear Brook Meadows will hold its annual Spring Garage Sale on Saturday, May 21. Participants will hold their own sale and must provide their own signs. For more information, email Sylvia Velasquez, activity committee chairperson, at cbmactivity@msn.com.

Dobie/Mantle tryouts

Mickey Mantle summer baseball tryouts for current eighth-grade students who will enter Dobie High School next school year will be held Wednesday, May 18, at 4:30 p.m., at the school. Those planning to try out must be of current passing academic status. Participants should bring their own gear and be ready to compete. Workouts will begin precisely at 4:30 p.m., with no exceptions for anyone.

College parent night at Dobie

Dobie College Now is offering a parent night for anyone who will have a senior in the graduating class of 2017. Come hear about everything a senior parent should know and what can be done this summer to get a head start on the college planning process. The meeting will be Tuesday, May 17, at 6 p.m. in the school cafeteria. For information, call 713-740-0370.

Cowboys, Cowgirls register

The Sagemont Cowboys and Cowgirls will hold an open registration for the 2016 season on Saturday, May 14, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the football field in El Franco Lee Park. A \$100 deposit is due at the time of registration. For more information, contact club President Denny Wranich at 281-785-8353.

Kindergarten roundups set

South Belt Elementary

South Belt Elementary will hold both Pre-K and kindergarten roundups on Tuesday, May 17, at 6 p.m. Parents will be given registration information, as well as have the opportunity to meet some of the staff members. Parents are encouraged to bring in current shot records to be copied so the nurse can look over them to let parents know what shots their children will need to be ready for school. For questions, call the campus at 713-740-5276.

Stuchbery Elementary

An informational meeting about the pre-kindergarten program at Stuchbery Elementary will be held for parents/guardians of children who will turn 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2016. The school will provide information about the Pre-K program including eligibility guidelines and registration information on Thursday, May 19, at 5:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. For more information, call the school at 713-740-0752.

SJC soccer tryouts May 13

The San Jacinto College men's soccer team will hold open tryouts for the 2016 season Friday, May 13, from 6 to 9 p.m., at the South campus soccer field 13735 Beamer. Tryouts are open to current and incoming San Jacinto College students as well as high school graduating seniors. Participants are required to bring his or her own shin guards and water.

For more information about open tryouts, contact soccer Head Coach Ian Spooner at 281-922-3475 or ian.spooner@sjcd.edu, or visit sanjacports.com.

County begins work to widen Beltway 8

Construction crews working on behalf of the Harris County Toll Road Authority recently began work on the massive project to widen Beltway 8.

Approved by Harris County Commissioners Court this past December, the endeavor will widen the beltway from Beamer to Wayside. The project will provide four lanes in each direction for the entire length of the project. While some portions of the corridor are already four lanes, other stretches are currently only two lanes.

The HCTRA awarded the construction contract to Pulice Construction, which submitted the lowest bid of approximately \$96 million. The company was also awarded a second contract to widen the tollway from Wayside to Highway 288. That contract was awarded for the amount

of \$77 million – again, the lowest bid.

As part of the construction, the eastbound Cullen exit will be moved to the east side of Highway 288. Plans also call for constructing an inside safety shoulder, as there is currently only one on the outside lanes.

The widening of the road is necessary to accommodate the ever-increasing volume of traffic traveling the two-lane tollway. The southeast section of the beltway (from Highway 288 to Interstate 45) had more than 29 million transactions for the 12-month period ending February 2013. That number jumped to nearly 32 million for the 12-month period ending in February 2015, and HCTRA officials project that nearly 38 million transactions will take place for the 12-month period ending in February 2020.

County officials said efforts would be made to limit main lane and ramp closures whenever possible.

Construction is expected to take approximately two years to complete.

The work being done on the beltway west of the Gulf Freeway is in addition to similar widening projects **Beamer and Beltway 8** being done on the tollway east of Interstate 45.

That expansion will widen the beltway from two to four lanes in each direction from the Gulf Freeway to Highway 225. The project will also replace the existing Beltway 8 Ship Channel toll bridge. The replacement bridge will also be four lanes in each direction, rather than the existing



two lanes. The improvements are expected to cost roughly \$1.5 billion, with around \$900 million being spent on the bridge portion alone.

The replacement bridge is currently in the design phase, with construction expected to be complete in roughly four years. Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Jack Morman said design plans call for a bridge that will last approximately 100 years.

Current closures

• Beltway 8 South:

At least one eastbound and westbound frontage road lane from the Gulf Freeway to FM-865 (Cullen Boulevard) will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Thursday, May 19.

At least one inside lane on the westbound frontage road from SH-288 to Kirby Drive will be closed continuously until Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2017.

• Beltway 8 East:

At least one eastbound and westbound frontage road lane from the Gulf Freeway to SH-225 will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Thursday, May 19.

Chamber education committee meets



The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce Education Outreach Committee held its annual meeting Friday, April 29, at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. Among other things, the group is responsible for providing school uniforms to underprivileged students each year. Shown above at the function are, left to right, Pasadena Independent School District Homeless and Migrant Counselor Ana Gonzalez, MSHS Director of Physician Resources Rebecca Lilley, interim Chamber Director Sally Mitchell, Precinct 1 community liaison David Matthews, PISD board member Kenny Fernandez, Judge Jo Ann Delgado, Texas Citizens Bank Vice President Noble Alix, San Jacinto College professor Judy Harrison and PrimeWay Federal Credit Union Branch Manager Jonathan Edizie.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

Early runoff voting begins May 16

Early voting for the 2016 primary runoff elections will begin Monday, May 16, and continue through Friday, May 20.

In the race for the Democrat nomination for Harris County Precinct 2 constable, incumbent Chris Diaz is facing challenger George Goffney Jr.

In the crowded March 1 primary (which consisted of four Democrats and two Republicans vying for the position), Diaz received 45 percent of the vote (5,304 total votes) to Goffney's 21 percent (2,462 total votes).

The winner of the runoff will go up against Republican Daniel Vela in the November general election. In the March 1 primary, Vela narrowly avoided a runoff, defeating Joe Alanis 51 percent (4,441 total votes) to 49 percent (4,195 total votes).

Olson visits chamber of commerce

U.S. Rep. Pete Olson visited the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce Thursday, May 5, for an Iced Tea and Lemonade Social to discuss a myriad of current issues.

Olson spoke at length about fracking and energy independence, a subject of significant importance to the Texas representative.

"If we do the right thing, we can outdo OPEC (Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries). We can outdo Putin. We can outdo ISIS – that's how they get their money," Olson said.

Olson also spoke on human smuggling and human trafficking, another issue near and dear

to his heart that he has worked tirelessly on since first being elected in 2008.

The representative also took time out to discuss the ongoing 2016 presidential election. Olson said that while Donald Trump may not be the ideal candidate, it is important to now support and rally behind him.

If for no other reason, Olson argued Trump would be best suited to appoint a replacement for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, who died this past February.

"A radical Supreme Court would allow transgender people to use the women's restroom."

The general election will take place Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Sen. Cornyn introduces COAST bill

U.S. Sen. John Cornyn introduced legislation Wednesday, April 27, to speed up the process by which the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers studies and begins construction of a federally funded coastal protection project along the Texas Gulf Coast.

The Corps' Obligation to Assist in Safeguarding Texas (COAST) Act expedites the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' process for completing the Coastal Texas Protection and Restoration Study, a necessary prerequisite to any federally funded protection project.

The bill also streamlines Congressional authorization for the project once the Corps completes the feasibility study.

"Texans along our coast live under the constant threat of weather-related devastation to their homes, their livelihoods and their communities," said Cornyn. "By reducing inefficiency and eliminating duplication, we can speed up the Army Corps' process to ultimately help bring

families, businesses and communities along the coast the peace of mind they deserve."

Background on the COAST Act

• **Feasibility Study:** The COAST Act would expedite the mandatory pre-construction review process by requiring the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to take into consideration studies already developed by the Gulf Coast Community Protection and Recovery District (GCCPRD) while completing its Coastal Texas Protection and Restoration Study. This provision was also included in the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) that passed out of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.

• **Authorization of Recommendations:** The COAST Act would expedite completion of the reports for the Coastal Texas Protection and Restoration Study and streamline the Congressional approval process by allowing the final recommended project to proceed to the building phase without additional authorization.

Buckman maintains CBCMUD seat

Kelly Buckman will maintain her position on the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District board of directors, handily defeating her two challengers in the May 7 election.

Buckman received 142 total votes, to Chris McDonald's 68 votes and Lionel Butler's 36 votes.

Buckman initially assumed the position last June when her husband, Steve Buckman, died following a long battle with illness.

State law required her to run for the position again if she chose to fill the remainder of her husband's unexpired term.

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Hobby Airport earns 4-star rating

The stars are aligning for William P. Hobby Airport – all four of them, according to the latest ratings in a respected air travel review website.

Skytrax, recognized as a leading global air transport rating organization, gave Hobby Airport a 4-star rating for 2016, making it one of just three airports in the United States to earn a 4-star rating, while adding that "this is an airport with potential to build on the existing facilities to offer an experience that is truly special and closer to a 5-star quality level."

"Hobby Airport truly is a jewel and for decades has played a vital role in the continued growth and success story here in Houston," Mayor Sylvester Turner said. "Its future remains bright, thanks in part to the opening of the beautiful new international concourse facility last year, and now with this recognition of the airport's level of commitment to excellence and service, we are confident that Hobby Airport and the Houston Airport System will continue to soar into the future."

World Airport Rating is the international airport quality ranking program operated by Skytrax. Ratings are determined through direct and professional analysis of industry quality standards. The Airport Star Ratings are recognized as a global benchmark of airport standards.

"One of our main goals is to provide customers at all of the Houston Airport System facilities with a 5-star experience, and these latest ratings show that our efforts and focus are on the right track," said Mario Diaz, director of aviation for the Houston Airport System. "We have made important strides in enhancing customer service, returning our assets to opening day fresh condition, and striving to provide the level of overall excellence that our customers deserve and demand."

Hobby Airport achieved 4-star ratings across many of the core rating categories assessed by

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Barry, Botkin elected to Pearland ISD

Two individuals with close ties to the South Belt community were elected on Saturday, May 7, to serve on the Pearland Independent School District Board of Trustees.

Jeffrey Barry easily defeated Kelvin Williams for the Position 7 seat, receiving 62 percent of the vote (804 total votes) to Williams' 38 percent (486 votes).

Originally from Louisiana, Barry started the Barry Insurance Group in 2005, with an office next to the *Leader* on Beamer near Beltway 8. The office has since moved to Featherwood Drive near Fuqua.

Barry has served on numerous boards, including the Pearland Chamber of Commerce, the Adult Reading Center, the Pearland Economic Development Corporation and the Northern Brazoria Education Alliance, serving as president in 2012. He is also the founding chair of the Pearl-

and ISD Education Foundation.

He and his wife, Charisse Barry, have resided in Pearland since 1999.

Former South Belt resident Lance Botkin was elected to fill the Position 6 trustee seat. Botkin has held the position since 2013 and ran unopposed.

A 1989 Dobie graduate, Botkin is a former Pearland ISD high school teacher and coach. He is also a former YMCA director of youth and adult sports, as well as an at-risk youth director. Botkin serves on the Pearland Parks and Recreation board and is a founding member of Pearl- and Youth Sports Alliance. He currently works in sales for BSN Sports and is an active member of the United Methodist Church.

Botkin and his wife, Lori Botkin, have four children, three of whom attend separate schools in Pearland ISD.

Detention pond moving forward



Construction of the new South Belt Stormwater Detention Basin, to be located along Beamer across from San Jacinto College, is moving forward. The *Leader* has received multiple calls about debris from the site causing possible drainage concerns, prompting the newspaper to contact the Harris County Flood Control District to inspect the property. Shown above at the site are, left to right, HCFCD Project Manager Gene Rushing, Precinct 1 Coordinator Curtis Lamley and Dr. John Freeman, whose dental office is adjacent to the property. While the completion of the 100-acre pond is still a couple years off, it is already detaining rainwater as intended. The drainage concern is currently being studied by county officials.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

In My Opinion

Buckman thanks voters of CBC MUD

Dear neighbors, Please accept this as my heartfelt thanks for all of the support that you showed me with your votes that elected me back on to the Clear Brook City MUD Board of Directors. So many people believed in me and helped me achieve this great honor. There are too many to name, but thank you so much for all that you did. I am completely overwhelmed and grateful.

I love this community wholeheartedly and I will strive to continue to make it an outstanding place to live and raise a family. I will do my utmost best to represent all resident concerns, to promote safety by supporting our constable program and the SEVFD, working with the Chamber on special events that help the economic development of this area and ensuring that the families that reside here have great park areas for recreation.

We are so lucky to live in this special "small" community amongst this huge city that surrounds us. I am honored and proud to be a part of that and to contribute any way that I can.

Gratefully yours, **Kelly S. Buckman**
CBC MUD Director

Heinmiller speaks on flood control in area

I read in the April 28 edition of the *Leader* the article on Flooding caused by overflow of the Berry Bayou, and the improvements that have been accomplished and more underway. On the front page there was an article on how to get help with flooding, and Mike Sullivan also had an article on what help is available to us. We lucked out on the big flood of week before last, but over the years we have experienced a number of floods that have caused considerable damage to vehicles and homes that has run in the thousands of dollars to repair, and much heartache. We will get hit again. So this work to improve our flood control infrastructure will pay off in the future.

I just want to send a big thank you to those dedicated local individuals who have for years led this effort. This also includes special thanks to our county Precinct 2 Commissioners, and to the HCFCD for arranging the payment, for the time and effort spent to locate the acreage needed, and for designing the system in this flat area to carry the water off. This has been a major effort, but one which will serve us well. Also, remember these are our tax dollars at work, being returned to us as it should be.

Paul J. Heinmiller

Missing in Harris County Day seeks to reunite families, friends

Help bring a loved one home with Missing in Harris County Day, to be held on Saturday, May 14, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2700 Bay Area Blvd. in Houston.

Attendees will be guided through the process of reporting a missing person, and the event offers numerous opportunities for gathering information and learning about services available. Law enforcement and other professionals involved with assisting in missing persons cases will take information and documentation, and forensic professionals will be available to conduct DNA cheek swabs from family members for entry in the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System.

"The event will also include two panel presentations that cover different topics such as missing children, migrants and other groups. The panels include researchers,

members of community organizations and families who are searching for the missing," said UHCL Associate Professor of Anthropology Christine Kovic, who will serve as a panelist during one of the presentations.

For children, the event will also include electronic fingerprinting and a play area.

Attendees who are looking for a missing loved one should bring their own photo ID, photos of the missing person, medical records and police reports and any other identifying information. In order to collect DNA, two closely related family members from the missing person's maternal side of the family must also be in attendance.

Kovic said organizers are also seeking community volunteers to support the event.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for students, and others, to learn about this is-

sure and to provide community service," she said.

UHCL students from the anthropology, social work, criminology and cross-cultural studies programs will volunteer at the event as well as students from Texas State University in San Marcos.

"By volunteering, our students will learn about the issue of missing persons in our state and about the process of trying to locate those who are missing," Kovic said.

Participating agencies and organizations include the Harris County Sheriff's Office, Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, League City Police Department, Houston Police Department, Texas Center for the Missing, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, South Texas Human Rights Center and others.

To learn more about the event or to volunteer, contact Kovic by emailing kovic@uhcl.edu.

SB Dolphins set sign-ups

The Southbelt Dolphins football youth group will accept registration for cheer/drill/mascot members (age 4-13 as of Aug. 1, 2016) on May 26 at Armadillo Lanes from 6:30 to 8 p.m. For information, direct email to Tiffany Scimmons at SBDDrill@yahoo.com.

Library seeks book donations

The Friends of Parker Williams Branch Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., is seeking donations of nice-condition adult fiction pocket paperbacks and children's books. Donated books may be dropped off at the front desk of the library.

Local library events set

Parker Williams Library

The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale. Thursday, May 12, at 4:30 p.m. - Hour of Code-Scratch Lab Time. Hour of Code is a program to help give school-aged children some exposure to various computer programming languages. Start learning and play with the basics of the Scratch programming language.

Friday, May 13, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. - Teen SLP Decoration Day. Help create decorations for the library's Summer Reading program. Volunteers must be 12 years and older with a completed Harris County Public Library Volunteer Application.

Wednesdays - Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.; Thursdays - Toddler Story Time, 10:30 a.m.; Saturdays - Vietnamese Storytime. Classes are at 10 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. For more information on Vietnamese programs, speak with Loc Bui. For more information on these programs, call the library at 281-484-2036.

Bracewell Branch Library

The following events are scheduled for May at the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint.

Saturday, May 14: Spanish Computer Class (Computación Básica) - from 10:30 a.m. to noon; Manga/Anime Club - from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Manga/Anime fangirls and their friends will be able to create Japanese crafts, discuss a favorite manga series, share artwork and information about upcoming anime events, and view a sampling of anime series and movies. For ages 10-14.

Tuesdays - Pre-K Storytime (ages 3-5 years and their parents/caregivers) from 10:30 to 11 a.m.; Storytime Craft from 11 to 11:30 a.m.

Wednesdays - Baby/Toddler Storytime (ages 6-36 months and their parents/caregivers) from 10:30 to 11 a.m.; Baby/Toddler Playgroup (ages 6 months to 3 years and their parents/caregivers) from 11 to 11:30 a.m.; Computer Basics at 2 p.m.; Internet Basics at 3:15 p.m.; and Power Point at 4:30 p.m.

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

LSA TAPPS State Art winners



On April 4 and 5, four students and several art pieces represented Lutheran South Academy in the TAPPS State Art Competition in Waco. Senior Summer Yang led the scoring earning second place in both Communication Design and Computer Rendered Art. Alex Thompson also placed second in Photography Color. Kelsey Roebelen placed fourth in Art History with a score of 99 out of 100. Senior Claudia Soto received an Honorable Mention for her Computer Rendered Art as well as Hannah Davis for her Sculpture Relief. Pictured with their art submissions are, left to right, (front row) Alex Thompson, Hannah Davis, (back row) Summer Yang, Kelsey Roebelen and Claudia Soto. Photo submitted

Hobby Airport improvements recognized

Continued from 1A Skytrax, and most importantly is described as an "efficient" airport. Overall, Hobby received a 4-star or better rating in 24 different categories.

The terminal design means walking distances are short and passenger movement to the gates and around the various terminal facilities is easy. While the airport is subject to the same TSA regulations as other U.S. airports, Skytrax found the timing and quality of processing is in fact a well-managed service area, particularly when assessed against other U.S. airports.

Architecturally, the terminal design means the main departure areas benefit from lots of natural daylight. While this is generally a subconscious element of the customer experience, it has a positive impact on the overall airport rating. Skytrax also called out Hobby's "impressive" public art program, and cited its

Harmony in the Air performing arts program as a "fantastic added value" for customers.

Skytrax made special mention of Hobby's free Wi-Fi service, deeming it among the best the rating organization has experienced at any airport - the terminal coverage includes parking garages and terminal aprons for boarding/arrival, and connection speeds are consistently good.

For an airport the size of Hobby, dining is a particularly strong point - the layout, selection and quality of the dining options is excellent and there is a strong focus on both national and local Texan brands.

In 2015, for the sixth straight year, Hobby Airport saw an increase in passenger traffic, eclipsing the 12 million mark for the first time. Over the course of the past decade, passenger totals at Hobby have increased by more than 50 percent, while the number

of destinations available through nonstop flights has almost doubled, moving from about 30 to more than 60 cities. A large part of that continued growth was the opening of a new \$156 million concourse, including a state-of-the-art Federal Inspection Facility to accommodate the return of international air service at Hobby Airport for the first time in nearly 50 years.

George Bush Intercontinental Airport maintained its 3-star status in 2016, but the audit report noted that "the actual customer experience is in fact meeting a 3.5-star quality level when the rating results are assessed across the broad spectrum of audit criteria," and that several areas "will be performing closer to a 4-star quality on completion of some of the committed projects during 2016."

The complete listing

of 4-star airports can be found at www.airlinequality.com/ratings/4-star-airport-ratings.

The complete listing

of 3-star airports can be found at www.airlinequality.com/ratings/3-star-airline-ratings.

A complete listing of

all airports and the ratings, in alphabetical order, can be found at www.airlinequality.com/ratings/a-z-airport-rating.

Frazier teachers earn top honors



Frazier Elementary recently announced its Teachers/Paraprofessional of the Year. Winners were selected by their peers for this award. Left to right, kindergarten teacher Ashley Jones was selected as Teacher of the Year; music teacher Danielle Ponder was selected as New Teacher of the Year; and Valley Richardson, Title I Aide, was named Paraprofessional of the Year. Photo submitted

Bridge club classes begin in May

New bridge classes begin in May at the Clear Lake Bridge Club, 16614 Sealark in Houston. For more information, call Dave Glandorf, resident Bridge teacher for the club, at 281-488-6318 or by email at drlandorf@sbcglobal.net.

Regular games are every day of the week. Open games are on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and begin at 10 a.m.

The 299'er games are on Tuesday and Thursday and also begin at 10 a.m. A beginner's game is every Wednesday at 2 p.m. Weekend bridge games are on Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m.

The first and third Sunday game is a team game and is open to all levels. For more information on club happenings, call the club at 281-480-1911, or contact the club president, Jim Ochsner, at 281-480-0776 or at jpochsner@aol.com.

Bears of the Month for March



Students of Beverly Hills Intermediate strive to achieve positive characteristics to guide them throughout their lives. The characteristic for March was *contemplation*. Contemplation is the action of looking thoughtfully at something for a long time; deep reflective thought. Synonyms are reflection, pondering, deliberation and meditation. The March Bears of the Month were selected by the seventh-grade Writing/ELAR department as best representing this characteristic. Students receive a special Bear paw-print pin and a Bear of the Month T-shirt to wear. Bears of the Month for March are, left to right, (front row) Rolando Botello, David Roman, Sebastian Herrera, Tanya Rodriguez-Juarez, (back row) Alejandra Perez, Faaziah Maleehah, Briana Ayala, Karen Saucedo, Sakinah Meite and Kaleigh Sommerfelt. Not pictured are Katelynn Flores and Jocelynn Moreno. Photo submitted

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AARP 199 meets May 20

AARP Webster Area Chapter 199 will meet at 10 a.m. Friday, May 20, at Bay Area Community Center, 5002 E. NASA Parkway in Seabrook (the large building with a 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 potluck lunch.

Entertainment for Friday, May 20, will be the Dignity Gospel Quartet. This year, the group celebrates 12 years performing as a gospel group at various locations and come highly recommended. They will bring handouts. The May 20 meeting is also a potluck lunch, so members and visitors are asked to bring a dish to share after the meeting ends.

The group also organizes day trips by bus to local area points of interest at minimal cost. The next day trip will be on Thursday, May 12, to Humble for a pontoon boat ride on Spring Creek and the San Jacinto River, and then to see the Humble Historical Museum. Lunch will be at The Potato Patch. The following day trip will be on Sunday, July 17, to see *The Drowsy Chaperone*, a live musical comedy at College of the Mainland Theatre in Texas City. Dinner will be at Grand Prize Barbeque Restaurant.

For those who are interested in joining the group, annual dues are \$6 per year/person. However, one must be a member of national AARP to join any local chapter. For more information, contact Liz Shepperd at 281-486-7770 or Qeshepperd@yahoo.com.

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Genealogy group to meet

The Parker Williams Genealogy Group will meet May 16 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the library at Scarsdale and Beamer. This group meets the first and third Mondays to discuss genealogy research. Meetings are free and open to anyone interested in tracing family history.

Annual bazaar at St. Frances Cabrini

The St. Frances Cabrini Annual Bazaar will be held on Sunday, May 22, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the church grounds at 10727 Hartsook Street in Houston. The bazaar will feature a barbecue dinner, Mexican food, trash and treasure, kiddie land, beverages, and games for all ages. A raffle will be held with three prizes - \$4,500, \$500 and \$250 Visa Gift Cards. The trash and treasure is said to be Southeast Houston's largest garage sale - now open and remaining open through the bazaar. Proceeds from the bazaar will go toward the mortgage on the new church dedicated in January 2005. Admission is free. For more information, call 713-946-5768.

Republican Club to meet

Pearland Area Republican Club will meet on Tuesday, May 17, at the Pearland Church of Christ annex, 2217 N. Grand Blvd. in Pearland. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the meeting begins at 7 p.m.

During this meeting, the club will pay tribute to American veteran heroes. Bring a veteran friend and join in on this uplifting celebration. Free refreshments will be provided. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Beverly Hills Int. releases fifth six-weeks honor rolls

Beverly Hills Intermediate School recently announced its honor rolls for the fifth six-weeks grading period of the 2015-2016 school year. Students earning status are:

Honor roll
 Jacob Daniel Acevedo, Bryan Albarran, Jayla Maria Arenas, Emily Maria Argueta, Kristen Alise Barba, Briana Guadalupe Benavides, Elizabeth My Hong Bui, Julia Thao Bui, Madeleine Ngoc Tuyet Bui, Tony Mai Bui, Danielle M. Bulman, Esmeralda Calvillo and Alberto Josue Campa.

Seventh grade
 Yarlina Carolina Campos, Rayden Xavier Canales, Gizelle Irene Cardona, Jhan-carlos Carpio, Deanna Edilia Castellano, Matthew Alejandro Castillo, Zenaida Castillo, Alyssa Renae Cinco, Alissa Marshae Coleman, Monique Mariah Covarrubias and Nicholas Antonio Covarrubias.

John Bernard Cruz, Mark Jackson D'Cruze, Yelizavet R. De La Cerda, Javier Deleon, Geriah Amiree Derouen, Celene Le Duong, Guadalupe Escalera, Erick Fernando Escobar, Angel Dejesus Estrada, Francisco Estrada, Ibrahim Yusuf Farage, Katelynn J. Flores and Lizeth Flores.

Alaysia Marie Foster, Da-

mian Garcia, Emily Nichole Garcia, Karsten Alexander Glover, Alyssa Renee Gomez, Daisy Gonzalez, David Jesus Gonzalez, Enrique Aram Gonzalez, Darren Javon Groves, Briana K. Haywood and Penelope Hernandez-Mendoza.

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Tony Minh Pham, Thao Tinh Nhu Phan, Destiny Pichardo, Alyssa Nicole Pina, Lizbeth Alejandra Pineda, Francesca Paola Reyes, Isaiah Xavier Reyes, Lauren Ashley Robinson, Adriel Rodriguez, Benito G. Rodriguez, Tanya Vanessa Rodriguez-Juarez and David Alan Roman.

Sandy Ruiz, Vanessa Salazar, Jocelyn Salazar, June Delilah Santillanes, Amari Deon Singleton, Kloye Lanette Smith, Kaleigee Grace Sommerfelt, Dylan Thanh-Trung Ta, Wazha Tapela Tapela, Diego Emiliano Tapia, Samuel Tinoco and Gerardo Torres.

Anh Hoang Tran, Deborah Thy Tran, Kathy Mai-Trang Tran, Sydney Skyland Tran-Ayala, Deeangel Trinh, Julie Ngoc Trinh, Fre'Daiza La'Shon Tucker, Joshua Turrubiates, Jaeden Zachary Tyler and Marisol Isabel Valadez.

Sergio Valdez, Trinity Lynn Vanek, Marina Carrillo Vasquez, Hailey Nicole Villegas, Diep Thi Ngoc Vo, Nathan Huy Vo, Thuc Uyen Vo, Joseph Nguyen Vu, Christopher Michael Walker and Maria Guadalupe Zavala.

Honor roll
 Eighth grade
 Bella Jazmin Acosta, Nathaly Yasmin Acosta, Abigail

Camila Aguilar, Gisselle Lizbeth Alfaro, Yair Almaguer, Destiny Marie Alvarez, Tamecia Nicole Anderson, Melissa Sade Arredondo, Eduardo Benavides, Alyssa Mercedes Bernal, Marshall A. Bradley and Jesse Manuel Bustamante. Janette Guadalupe Calderon, Sadie Rae Capuchino, Janie Manely Carrizalez, Angela Rennee Chapa, Courtney Van Chung, Brenna Elyse Cook, Bianca Gabrielle Cruz, Victoria Thien-Nga Dao, Purbaba Angela Daria, Leah Renee Davis, Ana Karen De Leon and Darian Jay Delgado.

Sebastian Quentino Delgado, Jairo Alexander Dewey, Alejandro Julian Duenia, Kay Duong, Osayi Gloria Edigin, Ameyalli Kinereth Flores Mondragon, Stephanie Judith Flores, Viviana Frias, Alyssa Ann Froelich, Alexa Michelle Garcia, Alex Marie Garcia and Leelianna Grace Garcia.

Nayeli Garibay, Artemio Guadalupe Garza, Yanely Garza, Brianna Lynnette Gomez, Vivian Nicole Gonzalez, Kyus Ivan Gordon, Gabrielle Gutierrez, Amy Guzman, Emily Guzman, Leah Kim Ha, Hailey Danielle Henry, Alina Isabel Herazo and Cristian Jacob Hernandez.

Athena Tuyet Ninh Ho,

Kennedy Bao Ho, Tiffany Thanh Hoang, Ashlee Kyrena Holtzclaw, Katelynxuan Thi Huynh, Enaida Infante, Reginald Jawan Jefferson, Tasmeha Jahan Kazi, Hannah May Lazo, Phuong-Thu Mai Le, Kari Edith Leija and Ivyanna Raquel Lewis.

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Emily Jazmin Reyes, Jose Alberto Reyes, Ambar Argentina Robles, Ariel Christina Robles, Jose Guadalupe Rodriguez Roman, Julissa Ann Rodriguez, Miracle Joyce Rollins, Leonardo Salas, Jessica Lynn Sanchez, Ramiro De Jesus Sanchez, Marquice Trevion Scott and Rafie Shoaib.

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Sarah Micaela Tyler, Amadeo Uchendu, Raymond Yamil Ulloa, Josselyn Charlyze Vale, Oscar Ricky Valladares, Yazmin Guadalupe Vasquez, Samantha Marie Velasquez, Vanessa Yvette Villarreal, Jessica Ngoc-Anh Vu and Brenisha Pauline Williams.

Career Week at Atkinson

Atkinson Elementary recently held its annual Career Week. Constables, firemen and others spoke to the students and demonstrated different duties in their particular career.

Photos submitted



During Career Week at Atkinson, constables showed students the equipment used in performing duties to keep them safe while recruiting them to be future patrolmen. The students were able to go inside the patrol car as well as handle the flashlight and handcuffs. Above, Constable Phil Sandlin informed students that he also attended Atkinson Elementary as a student from kindergarten through fifth grade. Pictured are, left to right, Shelly Bracher's first-grade students Joshua Negron, Hailey Orta and Eslee Carlos, Constable Phil Sandlin from Harris County Precinct 8 and Officer Brian Covey from Precinct 8. In the background is Stephanie Quintana.



Students watched and listened as Houston Fireman David Rocha showed them equipment needed to help rescue them during a fire. He also explained what the students should do in an emergency.



Kindergarten students pictured during Career Week are, left to right, (front row) Lailah Garcia, Ricky Doan, Connor Do, Ashley Ly, Angel Myles, Danny Gonzalez, (second row) Rubi Reyes, Cecilia Velasquez, Chloe Bizzarri, Kyle Contreras, Trinton Davis, Mia Gonzalez, (third row) Jakob Gentry, Ineke Hicks, Rocio Hernandez, Alla Nguyen, Dhelyla Gomez, Maddison Montemayor, Vincent Nguyen, Hector Pombo, (back row) teacher Jana Childs, Houston Fireman David Rocha, son of Martha Mercado, Atkinson bilingual master list clerk.

Lutheran South Academy performs My Fair Lady



The Lutheran South Academy Fine Arts Department staged four performances of *My Fair Lady* at the San Jacinto College South campus Marie Spence Flickinger Fine Arts Center on April 14-17. Cast members consisted of middle and high school students from LSA. *My Fair Lady* was directed by Wyatt Schultz, assistant director was Paula Thomson, vocal music was directed by Vicki Andrews, orchestral music was directed by Keith Andrews, and the choreography by Cassandra Schaffer. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Caleb Barnett,

Kennedy Colvin, Darcie Webb, Amy Zeller, Lauren Swiggard, Skyler Robbins, Madeleine Kimmel, Brooke Livingston, (middle row) Michelle Ngo, Jennifer Havis, Nicole Swiggard, Rachel Bivens, Joseph Davis, Sophie Gonzales, Kennedy Staples, (back row) Tyler Ruthmeyer, Lilly Cocok, Director Wyatt Schultz, Kaylee King, Kim Pouzar, Drayton Smith, Antonio Adame, Ben Verswijver, Jeron Verswijver, Davis Webb, Sean Peterson, Chase Ferguson, Cole Klein, Jon Maxwell and Assistant Director Paula Thomson.

Photo submitted

CTE celebrates business partnerships at breakfast

Nearly 100 Houston-area business representatives gathered April 27 at the Lewis Career and Technical High School for Pasadena Independent School District's third annual Career and Technical Education (CTE) partnership breakfast.

The event recognized local volunteers, donors

and community partners who have dedicated their time, energy and resources to enhance the educational experiences of students in Pasadena Independent School District.

"In Pasadena ISD, we are well aware of the importance CTE places on the lives of our students," Sarah Wroblewski, CTE executive

director said. "The experiences that we are able to offer our students are a result of the support of our partners, and that's really what prepares our students for careers of their choosing."

Attendees were comprised of members of the board of trustees, district and campus administra-

tors, along with representatives from LyondellBasell, Performance Contractors, Shell, the U.S. Coast Guard, IFC, Gulf Coast Educators FCU, and MOD Pizza, among others.

Guests had an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of CTE students from each high school during a special presentation, showcasing how the partnerships have benefited students and are helping to shape tomorrow's workforce.

"Our partners understand that we are educating a workforce for them," said Greg Mitchell, CTE business partner liaison. "These opportunities are beneficial for both sides."

At the end of the breakfast, representatives from Fluor, a local construction company, presented a \$10,000 check for the Lewis CTHS construction program.

The partnerships between Pasadena ISD and the business community come in various forms, from student scholarships, on-site work experience, mentoring, job skills training and workshops.

The district works with nearly 300 business part-

ners to help the Pasadena community continue to grow.

"These opportunities encourage students to stay in the community and contribute their knowledge and talents to enhance the quality of life among residents," Wroblewski said.



Sarah Wroblewski, CTE executive director, presents a slideshow with photos of CTE students who have excelled in the program.



Fluor Construction presents a check for \$10,000 to the Lewis Career and Technical High School at the CTE partnership breakfast. Pictured are, left to right, Nelda Sullivan, board of trustee, assistant secretary; Guadalupe Garza, construction instructor; Marshall Kendrick, board secretary; Dan Hamrick, Fluor director of craft training and development; PISD Superintendent DeeAnn Powell; Lewis CTHS principal Steven Fleming; and Barbara Jones, Fluor senior manager of community relations and public affairs.

Photos submitted



Gulf Coast Educators Federal Credit Union representatives Julia Arceneaux, Jessica Rodriguez and Caylee Smith enjoy breakfast prepared by Lewis CTHS students.



Attendees at the breakfast included, left to right, Jimmy Spence, aerospace marketing manager of Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership; Bernadette Marsh, Dobie counselor; Greg Mitchell, CTE business partner liaison; Paul Chapman, Albenmarle Corp.; and radio personality Chris Duncan of Service Radio.

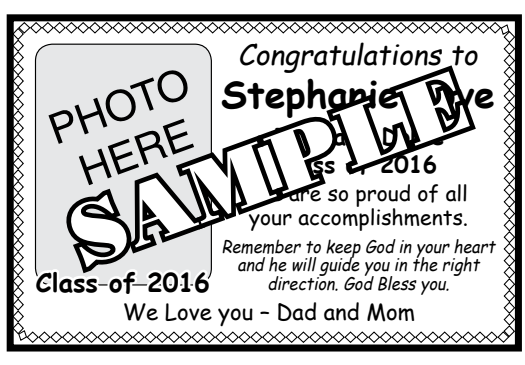
Bay Area Singles Dance May 21

The Bay Area Singles Club monthly dance will be held Saturday, May 21, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the VFW Lodge, Post 6378, at 5204 Highway 3 in Dickinson. This is the club's anniversary dance. Bring party snacks to share. Cost is \$7 for members and \$9 for nonmembers. For more information, call 409-948-1156 or 281-484-4762.

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San Jac events set

San Jacinto College recently released its upcoming Calendar of Events.

The San Jacinto College South campus is located at 13735 Beamer Road in Houston; the Central campus is at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena; and the North campus is at 5800 Uvalde Road in Houston.

Registration for summer classes
Registration for classes beginning May 16 and June 6 is open. Visit sanjac.edu/ap-apply-register/overview/registration for more information on steps for registration.

Soccer open tryouts
The San Jacinto College men's soccer team will hold open tryouts for the 2016 season on Friday, May 13, from 6 to 9 p.m., at the South campus soccer field.

Tryouts are open to current and incoming San Jacinto College students, as well as high school graduating seniors.

Participants are required to bring their own shinguards and water.

For more information about open tryouts, contact Ian Spooner, head men's soccer coach, at 281-922-3475 or ian.spooner@sjcd.edu, or visit sanjacsports.com.

NASA Aglow meets, launches new children's ministry

NASA Aglow welcomes Shaheen Gray to its next meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 9, at Praise Chapel, 18516 Hwy. 3 in Webster.

Now an evangelist for Christ, Gray was formerly a Pakistani model and was raised as a devout Muslim in Peshawar, Pakistan. After more than a decade of her husband and his parent's prayers, at the age of 41, her life was dramatically transformed by a personal visitation from Jesus. Now she carries a fiery passion to tell everyone, especially Muslims, about this wonderful savior, healer and deliverer - Y'shua the Messiah.

Gray has a desire to teach Christians how to share their faith with the Muslim community, as well as with other non-believers. Her testimony is known to encourage and build faith.

A part of the ministry

May Commencement
The San Jacinto College 2016 May Commencement will take place at NRG Stadium on Saturday, May 14, at 7 p.m.

Ric Campo, chairman of the Houston Super Bowl Host Committee, and chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Camden Property Trust, will deliver the evening's commencement address. For more information, visit sanjac.edu/commencement-ceremony.

Pasadena Philharmonic Pops Concert
The Pasadena Philharmonic Orchestra will perform its spring pops concert *And the Oscar goes to...* featuring music from the movies, on Sunday, May 15, at 3 p.m. in Slocumb Auditorium at the San Jacinto College Central campus. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$6 for students.

'Sailing to Success' Gala
The San Jacinto College Foundation will host its 'Sailing to Success' Gala on Friday, May 20, from 6:30 to 11 p.m. at Sylvan Beach Pavilion. For more details, visit sanjac.edu/foundation/gala.

Summer camps
San Jacinto College will host a variety of fun and enriching summer camps for kids of all ages at each of its campuses. There will be something for every interest from athletics and career exploration, to music and STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math), and everything in between. To find out more and to register, visit sanjac.edu/summer-camps.

team at Victory Christian Center in Houston. Gray also ministers with the Stand Firm Ministries team whenever possible. She, along with her husband, George, co-founded Bridge of Love International Ministries with the desire to "bridge the gap" by showing the Muslims the love of Jesus.

The group will also go have lunch together at a nearby restaurant to visit and get to know each other better.

During the meeting, NASA Aglow will hold a new Children's Ministry so that mothers with children - but no other caretaker - may be able to attend. Cynthia Heimlich, the new children's minister, will use the Becky Fischer training she recently received. The Children's Ministry time will end with the meeting.

For more information, call Sheila at 281-910-1971.

Over The Back Fence by Alexis

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays May 12 through May 18.

Atkinson Elementary
Birthday greetings are sent to **Elizabeth Lizama** May 12. **Jessica Slater** enjoys a birthday May 13.

Burnett Elementary
Blow out the candles for **Yagaira Gonzalez** 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
May 16 is the day for a double-layer birthday cake for **Connie Groves** and **Marissa Gutierrez**. **Susan Blue** celebrates a birthday May 18.

Moore Elementary
On May 13, **Gail Bailey** enjoys a special birthday.

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.

Roberts Middle School
Send a happy birthday greeting May 18 to **Jessica Arroyo**.

Thompson Intermediate
Marking a birthday May 13 is **Stephanie McGough**.

Dobie High
Celebrate the birthdays May 12 with a double-layer cake for **Sokratis Kostikoglou** and **Evelia Rocha**. The day for a birthday gift for **Jessi Macias** is May 14. 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**. On May 18, happy birthday greetings are sent to **Tyler Ruberg**.

FACEBOOK FRIENDS ENJOY BIRTHDAYS
The *Leader* sends happy birthday wishes to its Facebook friends who celebrate a birthday this week:

Thursday, May 12: **Jennifer Main, Jazalyne Ily, Raymond Massey, Kirk Belch, Sonia Ramos, Jennifer Ashe** and **Sophie Harrison**; Friday, May 13: **Lexi Salinas, Norma Torres, Karen Kerr, Lori Reynolds, Bryan Birmingham, Douglas Mikel** and **Faith Roberts**; Saturday, May 14: **Chris Escalera, Michelle Covington Hurby** and **Bianca Perez**; Sunday, May 15: **Melissa Rios-Gutierrez, Meagan Abbott, Wayne Lominac Sr.** and **Roland Lejeune**; Monday, May 16: **Anthony Swilley, Alan Adams, Keith Walker, Kenny Napper** and **Allyson McMillen**; Tuesday, May 17: **Becky Henry, Roland Kennedy, Gina Houghton** and **Jessica Nixon**; and Wednesday, May 18: **Melody Tanner, Bryan Conn, Sheila Neal, Jessica Ramirez-De La Cruz, Susan Blue, Alondra Cristina** and **Rachel Mooney**.

HOME RUN CORNER
The *Leader* staff reminds parents to submit congratulations for their slugger's achievements for publication in *Over The Back Fence*. E-mail mynews@southbeltleader.com with OTBF in the subject line. Items must be submitted by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

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

Dobie JROTC Co-Ed Color Guard has excellent year

When the school year began in August 2015, the Co-Ed Color Guard team had many dreams and hopes of winning competitions and bringing home "hardware." The veterans of the team also realized they would have to do the job with two brand new members on the team. Not to be fazed by this task, the vets immediately went to work training the new members along with backup members of the team.

Their hard work had immediate benefits. In their first competition hosted by Sam Rayburn High School, they completely dominated the other Army JROTC teams and won a first-place trophy at the Battle on the Bayou Military Skills Competition.

Team Commander Lorissa Saiz won a medal as outstanding color guard commander. This was the second time she was recognized as outstanding commander in her career. Right guard rifle veteran Jacob De La Garza was now holding his third first-place trophy out of four attempts in this competition. The new team members were highly encouraged and excited at winning their first competition of the season.

As with any team competing in events where the other teams are highly rated nationally ranked teams, victories are few and far between. The

team was not to be denied and they continued to work hard and maintained their focus on chasing perfection and catching excellence.

They would catch excellence at the Bluebonnet Drill Competition. Hosted by Houston Independent School

District Army JROTC, the Co-Ed team competed against 32 other units. The judges were extremely impressed by their military bearing, marching, snap and precision movements, and knowledge of flag customs and courtesies. The team won first place in the In-

spection phase, performance phase, and overall champions of the secondary color guard competition. Adding to the impressiveness of this accomplishment is the fact that a new team member was added only two weeks prior to the meet.

With the competition season complete, both veterans can look back on some very impressive accomplishments. Lorissa Saiz (three-year veteran) and Jacob De La Garza (four-year veteran), combined, won a trophy in eight drill competitions. Four of these trophies were for first place.



Pictured with their trophies are, left to right, Jacob "Soda Pop" De La Garza, Lorissa "Buttercup" Saiz, Adam Gil and Kevin "Lil Bit" Valladares. Photo submitted

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40 years ago (1976)
A vehicle ran a stop sign and crashed into John Van Alstine's home on Torrington near Alameda Mall. The car hit a station wagon, which hit a third car, which came into the den of Van Alstine's home.

The South Belt area held two memorial drives in memory of Jeff Tate. The first was a blood donation drive and a memorial fund called the United Sports Association Jeff Tate Memorial Reserve Fund. The second was a memorial drive to raise money for library

books at Stuchbery Elementary.

35 years ago (1981)
Keith Kveton, a Rice University graduate, became the first player from Dobie High School to sign a professional football contract. The 1977 Dobie graduate signed with the Oakland Raiders.

A \$3.6 million contract was awarded by the San Jacinto College Board of Regents for the construction of an occupational-technical education building and a maintenance building for the college's South campus.

Pasadena Independent School District trustees awarded a \$2,619,542 contract for construction of a new gym and band hall at Thompson Intermediate. The contract also allowed for renovations to Thompson as well as Beverly Hills and Miller intermediates.

The Harris County Flood Control District constructed a footbridge between Sagement and Wood Meadow. The new bridge, made of surplus materials, allowed students from Thompson Intermediate to walk home.

30 years ago (1986)
The Southeast Volunteer Fire Department began construction of its first permanent home since the operation began. The property to hold the \$130,000 structure was donated by Ayrshire Corporation.

A representative of the Environmental Protection Agency denied the agency was considering incineration of toxic wastes at the Brio site.

15 years ago (2001)
Retired U.S. Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. Gilbert Aguilar, a Vietnam veteran, was awarded the Texas Education Agency's coveted Heroes for Children award.

Texas State Comptroller Carol Keeton Rylander was the guest speaker at the San Jacinto South graduation. She was presented an honorary associate of arts degree by Dr. Adena Loston, president of SJCS.

10 years ago (2006)
After 35 years as an educator, Dobie Latin teacher Richard Golenko would leave quite a legacy of accomplishment when he retired at the end of the school year.

Dobie High School's production of *The Sound of Music* received two Tommy Tune Awards for best orchestra and best musical

direction.

Deputies from Precinct 2 Constable Gary Freeman's office were busy with several arrests after receiving calls from alert South Belt residents. Two arrests were for crack cocaine, three were for marijuana, and three were on burglary and truancy charges.

5 years ago (2011)
A fatal traffic accident took place on the feeder road of Beltway 8 just west of the Gulf Freeway about 6:20 a.m. According to police, Adrian Galindo, 37, was operating a black Kawasaki Ninja motorcycle when he lost control of the motorcycle and struck a curb. The impact ejected Galindo from the motorcycle. He was pronounced dead at Ben Taub General Hospital.

A Clear Brook High School teacher accused of making an insensitive comment about the death of Osama bin Laden to a Muslim student resigned. The teacher, whose name was not released, was initially placed on administrative leave after he reportedly told the ninth-grade student, "I bet that you're grieving."

1 year ago (2015)
The May 9 school board election results were tallied, with longtime Pasadena Independent School District incumbents maintaining their positions. While challengers in the election campaigned on the need for fresh faces on the board, voters opted to re-elect Marshall Kendrick and Vickie Morgan, who had a combined 55 years of service. In the Position 6 race, Kendrick handily defeated challenger Lydia Velasquez. In the Position 7 contest, Morgan easily defeated challengers Erica Davis Rouse and Chuck Maricle. In the Position 5 election, challenger Kenny Fernandez narrowly defeated freshman board member Larry Savala, who had been

Murder mystery opens at Playhouse May 20

The hilarious play, *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940*, opens at the Bay Area Harbour Playhouse May 20 and runs through June 12.

Director Mike Fabian has cast some of the area's best veteran actors to put this comedy, written by John Bishop, on stage. It is not a musical but a nakedly silly and relentlessly convoluted murder mystery.

Christopher Lowe, Ajay Vakil, Demarcus Gray and Fred Pearl, all from the theater's recent successful but intense production of Agatha Christie's *Witness for the Prosecution*, reunite, exploiting their talent for humor. Daniel Partida returns to BAHF after being off the stage for a while.

The women in the cast

help the men treat the audience to a sidesplitting good time and a generous serving of the author's biting, satiric and refreshingly irreverent wit. Amber Fabian leads the way for Heather Green, Rebecca Bauerline, Bonnie Reichel and Dianne Foussac.

Crew includes Nyah Taylor, stage manager, and Norma Rohrbach, prop master. Productions will be on Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at the theater located at 3803 Highway 3 in Dickinson.

Tickets begin at \$12 with discounts for seniors, military and students, and the parking is free.

For more information, call 281-337-SHOW (7469) or visit www.harbourtheater.com.

Youth Symphony applications available

The Bay Area Youth Symphony is currently accepting student applications for all instruments and levels for its 2016-2017 season. Auditions will be held Saturday, Sept. 10, 2016.

Submit an application through the website at www.BayAreaYouthSymphony.org to be scheduled for an audition for one of three or-

chestra levels.

The youth orchestra's season runs from September through May.

The mission of the Bay Area Youth Symphony is to educate and develop young artists by providing them the opportunity to perform in a unique musical ensemble environment while enriching their musical education.

Israeli Folk Dancing in May

Israeli folk dances will be held at Congregation Shaar Hashalom on Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., May 16 and 23. There will be no session on Memorial Day, May 30. The cost, \$4 per session or \$35 for 10 sessions for CSH members; \$5 per session or \$45 for 10 sessions for nonmembers, will cover expenses. Everyone is welcome to join the group - even with no previous attendance.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom is located at 16020 El Camino Real in Houston. The entire community is invited to attend. For more information, contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or at cs@shaarhashalom.org.

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Pasadena ISD transportation department on 'Road-e-o' to success at safety event

The Pasadena Independent School District Transportation department is continuing on the "Road-e-o" to success as showcased recently in a bus driver safety competition. Several PISD bus drivers showcased their skills with Clear Creek ISD. Three bus drivers placed in the top winning slots: Maria Rodriguez, who took home the championship trophy; Edward Fitzgerald, who placed second; and Joe Barrow, who placed third in the competition.

To earn points, contestants had to perform successfully in various obstacles courses and on the written exam, testing their general knowledge of bus safety laws and regulations and driver safety skills on the road. "In this competition, you must clear the lug nuts, maneuver through different driving routes, and even dodge tennis balls," said Judy Wood, transportation routing coordinator. "They cannot scrape a thing throughout

the course in order to receive points from judges. It takes a great deal of skills to receive a high score from judges." The bus drivers and monitors volunteered on their own time to prepare and compete in the event, said Wood. Wood, who has been involved in transportation for about 30 years, said the Road-e-o helps bus drivers gain skills that are essential for transporting students to and from school. "I used to compete in this

event so I know firsthand that it helped you gain confidence and sharpens your driving skills," Wood said. "Throughout the event, they gain knowledge of maneuvering techniques and master skills in their profession. In addition to this competition, PISD's 231 bus drivers regularly undergo hours of trainings, motor vehicle inspections and driver awareness classes to safely transport the 22,000 students who ride the bus daily.

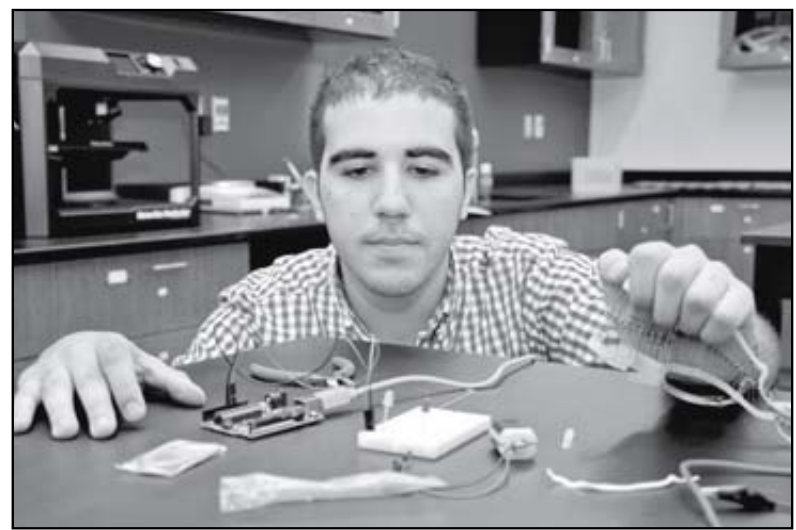
Wood encourages bus drivers to continue participating in activities that allow them to hone their craft. "Anytime our bus drivers and monitors take the time to practice, it shows dedication to ensuring our student's safety," Wood said. "These individuals are willing to go the extra mile to better themselves. If you can meet challenges head on the route during the competition, you can make it through any tight situation."



The Pasadena ISD Transportation Department dominated in the Road-e-o bus safety competition this year. Pictured are, left to right, Diane Martinez, Joe Barrow (third-place winner), Maria Rodriguez (first-place winner), Francisco Mesa, and Edward Fitzgerald (second-place winner). Photo submitted by Judy Wood

Timani selected for Community College Aerospace Scholars program

San Jacinto College engineering student Amir Timani recently completed participation in the NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars (NCAS) workshop at the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena, Calif.



NCAS is a five-week on-line scholars program that culminates with a four-day on-site workshop at the JPL. As part of the workshop, students form teams as fictional companies interested in Mars exploration. Each team is responsible for developing and testing a prototype rover, forming a company infrastructure, managing a budget, and developing communications and outreach. Students also have opportunities to interact with NASA engineers as they learn more about careers in science and engineering. Timani was selected as one of 216 community college students nationwide to participate in this year's NCAS program.

San Jacinto College engineering student Amir Timani recently completed participation in the NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars (NCAS) workshop at the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena, Calif. Photo by Andrea Vasquez

"NCAS not only inspires community college students to advance in STEM fields, but it also opens doors for future careers at NASA," said Tania B. Davis, Minority University Research and Education Project (MUREP) Manager. "NCAS has a legacy of alumni moving from NASA internships to and ul-

imately entering the NASA workforce. It is rewarding to see the progression of a student from NCAS participant to NASA colleague." For Timani, an opportunity to participate in one of NASA's prestigious educational programs has only been a dream until now. "Having been raised in Lebanon my whole life, I always dreamed of coming to the USA," said Timani. "Getting the chance

to get my education here has been wonderful in itself, but finding out that I was chosen to participate in NCAS was unbelievable. Any kind of opportunity involving NASA would be a dream to all of us back home in Lebanon, so I cannot be grateful enough." Engineering program coordinator and professor, Dr. Karen Duston, says that Timani's hard work always speaks for itself. "Oftentimes students from community colleges feel that they either do not have the opportunities or cannot perform as students from universities do," said Dr. Duston. "Amir has demonstrated that San Jacinto College students can earn the opportunities if they want and can perform at very high levels. He is definitely a role model for our engineering students."

Engineering roots run deep for Timani. Aside from his own natural interest in math and physics, his father and brother are both successful engineers, which has motivated him to pursue an engineering career even more. "Whenever I see how happy they are, and how interesting their jobs are, it makes me more interested in the field as well," he said. Timani is already making progress toward his career goals. In addition to being accepted into the NCAS program, he was also recently accepted to the University of Houston Cullen College of Engineering mechanical engineering program and plans to graduate with his bachelor's degree in 2018. "San Jacinto College has not only prepared me for my career, but also life outside of my career. College life has made me more responsible and passionate about my future. The academic standards I have been held to and the awesome professors have made all of these opportunities possible for me." For more information on the San Jacinto College engineering sciences associate degree program, visit sanjac.edu/career/engineering.

San Jac PBL students head to national competition

Twelve San Jacinto College students will represent the state of Texas at the 2016 National Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda Leadership (PBL) Conference in June.

Courtney Saenz, Alondra Romano, Richard Vega, Whitney Diggs, Tyra Carr, Vontonio Jones, Jose Tur, Jackie Rodriguez, Johann Moreno, Justin Gutierrez, Alex Miranda, and Jared Upham all placed in the PBL state competition held at the University of Texas at Dallas earlier in April.

"We are extremely proud of this year's PBL member accomplishments," said Kristy McAuliffe, San Jacinto College business professor and PBL advisor. "It's very exciting to have them compete at the national level. Every year San Jacinto College PBL students are competing against four-year colleges and universities, and it is definitely an accomplishment for our students to be able to advance to the na-

tional level in PBL events." First-place winners include: Saenz, business communications; Romano, macroeconomics; Diggs, business sustainability; Jones, business sustainability and client services; Rodriguez and Moreno, hospitality management; Upham, marketing analysis and decision making; and sports and entertainment marketing; Carr, business sustainability; and Gutierrez, prepared speech.

Second-place winners include: Saenz, business decision making; Vega, business decision making and marketing analysis and decision-making; Carr, client services; and Tur, future business executive.

Third-place winners include: Romano, microeconomics; Miranda, accounting principles; and Gutierrez, impromptu speaking. The PBL national competition will take place June 24 through June 27 in Atlanta.



Twelve San Jacinto College students will represent the state of Texas at the 2016 National Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda Leadership (PBL) Conference in June. Pictured: (Front row) Helen LaCour, Central campus PBL faculty advisor; Brenda Jones, South campus provost; Alondra Romano; Vontonio Jones; Justin Gutierrez; Kristy McAuliffe, South campus PBL faculty advisor; Courtney Saenz; Rico Vega; and Van Wigginton, Central campus provost. (Back row) Micaela Johnson; Rafael Balderas; Johnee "Whitney" Diggs; Janet Blackburn, South campus PBL faculty advisor; Sheryl Reynolds, Central campus PBL faculty advisor; and Brenda Hellyer, San Jacinto College chancellor. Photo by Amanda Fenwick, SJC

San Jac students to represent Texas at national SkillsUSA

Nine San Jacinto College students have earned their spots to the 52nd annual SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills conference this summer.

The students beat out competitors from across Texas in such divisions as game devel-

opment, engineering design graphics, automotive, leadership, and health sciences. They were a part of a group of 29 San Jacinto College students who competed in the recent SkillsUSA Texas Competition, where they took home 33 medals, winning 13 gold, six silver, and 14 bronze medals. Three of the winners were also dual credit students. The students who are advancing to nationals are Kallie

Ruffino-Montoya, Franasca D'Agostavo, Kyle Walker, Cesar Perez, Bruce Crum, Efrain Fermin, Beth Cleary, Cesar Hernandez, and Ann Goad.

San Jacinto College students make it to the SkillsUSA national level almost every year. They start preparing for the qualifying competition months in advance. "This was a great opportunity that helped a lot with my college experience," said

Fermin, who won first place in medical math. "It was great spending time with other students preparing for this competition and working with our professor mentors. It definitely helped me to increase the level of problem solving in my field of study." SkillsUSA programs include local, state, and national competitions where students demonstrate occupational and leadership skills. The

programs help to establish industry standards for job skill training in the lab and classroom, and promote community service. More than 300,000 students and advisors join SkillsUSA annually, organized into more than 17,000 sections and 52 state and territorial associations. "We could not be any more thrilled with how well this group of students represented our divisions, the office of

Student Life, and San Jacinto College overall," said Pandora Freestone, SkillsUSA advisor and cosmetology professor at San Jacinto College.

The SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills conference will take place in Louisville, Kentucky, from June 20 to 25, 2016. For more information, visit <http://www.skillsusa.org/events-training/national-leadership-and-skills-conference/>.



Pictured are, left to right, William Buell, SkillsUSA advisor and engineering design graphics professor; David Castillo, SkillsUSA advisor and automotive professor; Pam Betts, SkillsUSA advisor and computer science professor; San Jacinto College students and Texas SkillsUSA winners Cesar Hernandez, Efrain Fermin, Cesar Perez, Bruce Crum, Kyle Walker, Trisha McCurdy and Franasca D'Agostavo; Pandora Freestone, SkillsUSA advisor and cosmetology professor; and Dana Belt, SkillsUSA advisor and cosmetology professor. Photo by Jeannie Peng-Armao

Flood preparedness – There's an app for that

During the recent Texas flooding, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) unveiled a new tool that gives users real-time water, weather and National Weather Service (NWS) flood forecast information all in one place. When water levels are rising, it can be hard to quickly get all the information needed about the area, especially when not at a computer.

The new USGS Texas Water Dashboard is a cutting-edge map that provides critical current water information and NWS forecast data at your fingertips on a desktop, smartphone or other mobile device. This is a first-generation product that brings real-time USGS data together in a web mash-up with information from the NWS and other sources. The USGS will explore the potential value of this product to the public, and could possibly expand its reach to include the rest of the nation in the future.

Now, it is not necessary to search multiple sources when the latest information on floods and droughts is wanted, or when deciding a next recreation destination. The Texas Water Dashboard presents USGS real-time stream, lake and reservoir, precipitation and groundwater data for more

than 750 USGS real-time observation stations in Texas. This USGS information is shown along with weather data such as radar, past precipitation totals, precipitation forecasts and drought conditions from other sources. "The Texas Water Dashboard provides a user-friendly 'one-stop' picture that is of extreme use to water resource managers, with the simplicity to be used by the general public," said Mark Null, National Weather Service hydrologist-in-charge, West Gulf Coast River Forecast Center.

When the power is out, social media can be a lifeline. During the 2015 flooding in Texas, many people throughout the state were without power and relied on social media to get the latest information about current water conditions. It became clear to the USGS Texas Water Science Center that it should explore additional opportunities for distributing water data using social media and mobile platforms.

With the help of Twitter, two new fully-autonomous feeds were developed to distribute water level and precipitation data: USGS TX FloodWatch (@USGS_TexasFlood) and USGS TX Rain-

Watch (@USGS_TexasRain). The FloodWatch feed automatically sends out tweets anytime one of about 300 selected USGS streamgages throughout the state rises above the NWS-defined flood level, and delivers information within minutes. The RainWatch feed tweets when rainfall exceeds a rate of 0.4 inches per hour. Useful for cities, outdoor recreationalists, landowners and more! The Twitter feeds and Texas Water Dashboard can do more than assist residents during flooding. Understanding weather

and streamflow can help determine the best places to go boating, fishing or hiking. It can also help recreationalists and landowners understand if stream levels are rising or falling at any given time. Real-time groundwater levels can also be found on the map. This information could be useful for water managers in making informed decisions about local resources. Personalizing TX Twitter feed to work for you! The USGS Texas FloodWatch Twitter page was developed so that users can view

streamgage sites that are relevant to them and create their own personalized Twitter feed. Users can also create a specific group of streamgages as a feed into their own web page. These capabilities could be useful for boaters who want to know the best time to run a specific stretch of river, or a homeowner's association that wants to keep the neighborhood informed about water levels. Many other groups could find this feature useful, including cities, counties, farmers, landowners, hikers and emergency responders.

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Judging at the 2016 South Belt cook-off

Posse Judging Team



Posse team members are, left to right, (front row) Eli Tanksley, Joe Augustino, (middle row) Gary Blankinship, Emory Gadd, Paul Rogers, (back row) Jeff Kubosh, John Ives and Tom Denham.

Sagemont Church Judging Team



Sagemont Church Judging Team members are, left to right, David Alsworth, Bill Watson, Charles Anders, Ron Kraaier, Bobby Haynes and Paul Chapman.

South Belt Topsy Tasters



South Belt Topsy Tasters handled the margarita judging and Saturday food judging. Team members are, left to right, (front row) Gracie Gonzales, Wendy Lefever, Connie Daumas, Rita Suchma, (middle row) Gina Browne, Kristina Delgado, Kim Fernandez, (back row) Sylvia Velasquez and Cathy Smith.

Cook-off winners named

The results of the South Belt Spectacular Cook-off are listed below in first- through 10th-place order, with individual scores.

Margaritas
Federali's - 160; Team Henek - 160; Nuttin' But Smoke - 160; Lost Boyz - 160; Here 4 da Beer - 160; Triple M - 159; Where's Alex - 154; Common Sense - 153; Down South - 152; and Diablos Cookers - 151.

Note: When a tie occurred with margarita judging, the judges' comments decided the winner and subsequent place winners.

Chili
The Smoking Irish - 172; Lazy B Cookers - 162; Second 2 None Cookers - 160; Lost Boyz Cookers - 159; Los Pistoleros Cookers - 158; Let It Ride Cookers - 157; Cooler Killer Cookers - 156;

Kix BBQ Team - 155; Lai Pit Crew - 154; and Texas Meat Slangers - 151.

Beans
Texian Cookers - 195; Texas Charm BBQ - 180; Youngblood/Militia - 169; Texian Cookers - 166; (No show) - 165; Mornin Wood - 164; Lost Boyz Kookers - 163; Mornin Wood - 162; Outta Control Cookers - 161; and Pit Viper Cookers - 158.

Chicken
Colt 45 Cookers - 229; Keep 'Em Kumin' Cookers - 224; Fork 'Em Up Cookers - 219; Los Pistoleros Cookers - 209; Youngblood/Militia - 201; H-Town Texas Cookers - 199; Ranch Hand Cookers - 198; Colt 45 Cookers - 197; Nutn' But Smoke Cookers - 196; and Los Pistoleros Cookers - 195.

Chef's Choice
Lost Boyz Cookers - 206;

Bar-B-Q "4" tha Soul - 204; Colt 45's Cookers - 201; Texian Cookers - 198; Loz Kompaz Kookers - 195; Law Dawg Cookers - 192; OMG BBQ - 186; Texas Meat Slangers - 183; Fireball Cookers - 180; and South Houston Smokers - 177.

Brisket
Nutm' But Smoke Kookers - 209; Ford Cookers - 208; Dixie Meat Burners - 207; Outta Control Cookers - 205; Nutn' But Smoke Kookers - 204; DCFH Smokin Cowboys - 203; Cooler Killer Cookers - 199; Let It Ride Cookers - 198; The Smoking Irish - 196; and Down South Cookers - 194.

Ribs
Dixie Meat Burners - 209; Youngblood/Militia - 200; Team Henek Cookers - 197; OMG BBQ - 195; Texian Cookers - 194; First Class Cookers - 193; Common Sense Cookers - 192; Triple M Kookers - 191; Cooking for Charities - 190; and Nutn' But Smoke Kookers - 189.

Frazier Elementary holds first Mother/Son Luau

Frazier Elementary held its first annual Mother/Son Luau on Friday, April 22. The school was transformed into a Hawaiian paradise for more than 120 mothers

and sons to enjoy a night of dancing, games and hot dog dinners. Gary Williams of Gary Williams Photography donated his services to provide each family with a profes-

sional photo, and Luciano Hernandez of DJ RANDOM-HERO volunteered his time and talent to DJ the event.

Photos submitted



Derek Hernandez poses with his mother, Julieta Romero.



Principal Wendy Wiseburn dances with her son, Alexander Williams.



Fourth-grader Rey Aguirre dances with his mother, Stacey Aguirre.



Second-grader Aidan De La Rosa plays Stack the Sugar Cube with his mother, Kristin Konzelman.



Second-grader David Castillo enjoys dinner with his mother, Lisa Castillo.

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Bush Dual Language hosts 2nd-grade gala



Shown are, left to right, (front row) Angel Martinez, Jonah Jefferson, Aileen Rivera, Alyria Galvan, (back row) Camden Butcher, Katelynn Galvan, Jacob Davis, Brittany Sanchez, Nancy Sanchez and Ximena Rios.

On Tuesday, April 26, Laura Bush Elementary second-grade Dual Language students participated in a Multicultural Gala. The night showcased the student's language, singing voices, and the performing of several traditional dances from China, Mexico, Cuba and West Africa.

Photos submitted



Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Sebastian Rodarte, Sofia Amaya, Ximena Rios, Alyria Galvan, Ivan Valdez (seated), (back row) Yudany Estrada, Camden Butcher, Anthony Tinajero, Braden Smith, Aileen Rivera and Nancy Sanchez.



Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Cobi Watts, Jolie Trejo, Sophia Sagastizado, Angie Tinajero, Alexis Munoz, (second row) Miguel Valencia, Osvaldo Rodriguez, Darian Diaz, Paul Hernandez, Ethan Cavazos, Yahir Bonilla, (third row) Abigail Gutierrez, Alana Oliver, Isabella Pena, Ivette Del Toro, Jaidyn Belgrave, Nayeli Leal, (back row) Zaid Edgar, Alexander Arias, Alejandro Serrano, Alberto De Alba, Sebastian Calderon, Hunter Hamon and teacher Maria Garza.

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Prior to being elected Constable in 2012, Chris Diaz served as Mayor of Jacinto City, taught at San Jacinto College and owned a small business.

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SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

Going for gold! Henderson, Taylor to state track

Later this summer Justice Henderson and Brandon Taylor will prepare to make the jump to the college level - Henderson to the University of Houston and Taylor to the University of Miami.

Yet right now, college is the last thing on the mind of either. There's unfinished business at the high school level.

Both will be in competition Saturday, May

14, as the majority of the Class 6A University Interscholastic League's State Track and Field Championships play out at Mike A. Myers Stadium on the campus of the University of Texas at Austin.

For Henderson, the Pasadena ISD intermediate school recordholder in the 100-meter dash while at Beverly Hills and a subsequent four-year varsity standout at Dobie, it's a

first-time appearance at state as she looks to win the long jump event.

Taylor, meanwhile, is

back in Austin after having won a bronze medal in the 100-meter dash in 2015. This time around,

he has qualified for both the 100- and 200-meter dashes.

How'd they reach state?

At 19 feet, 11 inches, Henderson placed second at the Region III championships. Samiyah Samuels, Henderson's future teammate at the University of Houston, won the Region III crown with an effort of 20'0 1/2" while representing Cypress Springs High School.

Taylor claimed the Region III gold medal at 10.54 seconds, nudging past Marvel's Caleb Jolivette (10.58) at the tape.

In the Region III 200-meter dash, Port Arthur Memorial's Kary Vincent (21.15) was the winner, while Taylor qualified second at 21.31.

As for the state qualifiers in the 6A girls' long jump, Samuels and Henderson are seeded No. 1 and No. 2, respectively.

The event is slated to begin at 4 p.m., and Henderson will jump seventh, one slot ahead of Samuels.

Taylor is seeded third in the 100-meter dash, which is set to be contested at 7:05 p.m., with Taylor in

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San Jac softball program hopes to hit big at NJCAAs

Going against the best of the best at the 2016 National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I Softball National Championship, San Jacinto College will simply stick to its plan.

Pitch well, especially with freshman Niki Gonzalez in the circle, field the ball cleanly and deliver timely hits.

It's a simplistic plan that worked wonders as No. 4 division seed San Jacinto College swept four opponents to win the Region XIV title.

Beating No. 1 nationally-ranked Tyler twice in the tournament, San Jacinto earned its third-ever trip to nationals, the last one coming in 2008.

At press time, the NJCAA tournament bracket was not revealed. But San Jacinto likely knows it won't draw many favors.

With seeding relying on such things as overall record or previous national ranking, San Jacinto, 36-23 overall this season, doesn't figure to get a lot of love.

But that's fine with San Jacinto College head coach Kelly Sanz and her players. It's all about sticking to the plan.

The 16-team national tournament includes Yavapai, Ariz. (47-15), Northeastern Oklahoma A&M (51-6), Howard,

Tex. (43-15), McLennan, Tex. (42-12), Chipola, Fla. (44-13), Florida Southwestern State (52-14), Spartanburg Methodist, S.C. (55-9), Indian Hills, Iowa (41-17), Georgia Military (35-22), Tyler (57-4), Wallace State, Ala. (48-20), Lake Land (51-13) and San Jacinto (36-23).

Three remaining seeds were not determined as of press time.

A pre-tournament clinic and welcoming banquet will precede play May 17, and the action begins May 18 in St. George, Utah, with eight games played on two fields at the Canyons Complex.



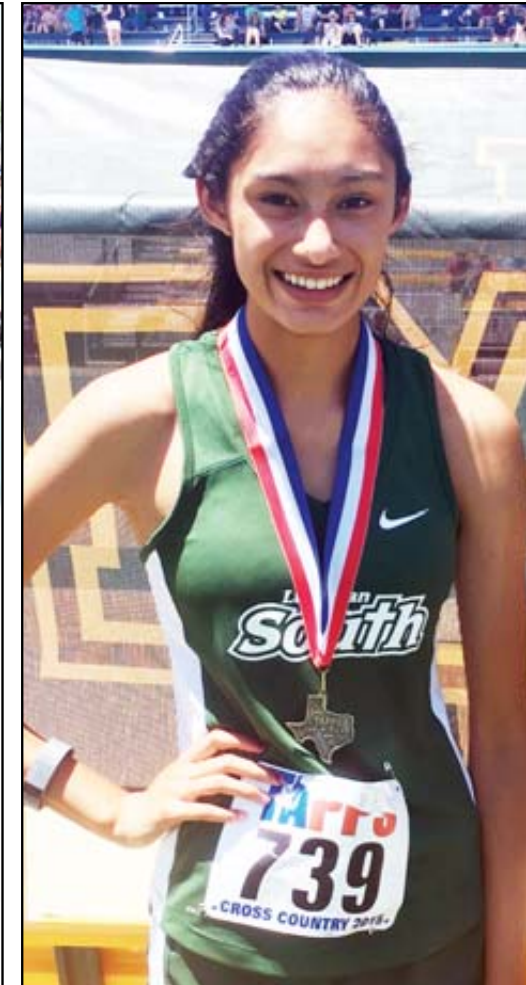
J.J. Cerda and her San Jacinto College softball teammates are ready to go against the best of the best at the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I National Championship.



Second at district and regionals, Dobie's Justice Henderson is aiming at gold in the 6A girls' long jump May 14, in Austin.



Jeremiah Rose was a gold medalist for Lutheran South Academy after soaring to the 44 foot, 5 1/2 inch mark in the 4A triple jump at the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools state championships at Baylor University in Waco.



A state silver medal went to Lutheran South Academy's Marleen Guerrero in the 4A triple jump as she made her way to 35 feet, 5 1/2 inches for second place at the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools finale.

Rose snags a gold LSA track trio earns state medals

Jeremiah Rose grabbed a state championship, Marleen Guerrero earned

a silver medal and Terrel Davis found his way to a bronze medal to highlight Lutheran South Academy's trip to the 2016 Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools Track and Field Championships.

The TAPPS championship meet featured athletes from many of TAPPS' 230 member schools covering five classifications May 6-7 at Baylor University's Hart-Patterson Sports Complex in Waco.

Rose's gold medal came in the 4A boys' triple jump as he went 44 feet, 5 1/2 inches for the top spot in the event.

As for Guerrero, her medal also came in the triple jump as she scored a top effort of 35'5 1/2" for a silver medal.

Guerrero led the way as the LSA varsity girls' track and field team won the district championship and then excelled at regionals.

Davis placed third in the 400-meter dash at 49.95 seconds for his bronze medal, and just missed out on a second medal as his time of 22.48 was fourth in the 200-meter dash.

Annie Chuoke and members of the Lady Pioneers' 4x100-, 4x200- and 4x400-meter relay teams also advanced to state.

As for Rose, he helped the Pioneers to a third-place finish in the district and joined teammates Davis, Habtamu Geta and other members of the academy's 4x200-meter relay team in Waco.

Also at state, Guerrero placed seventh in the 200-meter dash, clocking in at 27.12. Chuoke, meanwhile, placed eighth with a time of 17.17 in the 100-meter hurdles.

LSA's best finish in the girls' relays was fifth in the 4x200-meter event at a time of 1 minute, 49.66 seconds.

The group of runners included Elizabeth Andrews, Bethany Andrews, Elizabeth Hart and Guerrero.

The girls' 4x400-meter relay team placed seventh (4:20.02), with the 4x100-meter relay team taking ninth (52.05).

Rose sought medals in the long jump and 100-meter dash events, but missed out.

He made his way to the 20'1 3/4" mark for sixth place in the long jump. A time of 11.50 placed Rose ninth in the 100-meter dash.

Geta took part in the 800-meter run at state, taking seventh overall at 2:05.77.

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Lutheran South tracksters reach regional, state competition

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The Lutheran South Academy girls' team had plenty of success at the 4A South Regional meet April 30 at Awty International.

dash, the Lady Pioneers scored a gold medal in a time of 1:48.12 as Elizabeth Address, Bethany Address, Hart and Guerrero combined in the event.

the way of Lutheran South in the 4x400-meter relay at 4:18.12 as Elizabeth Address, Bethany Address, DeHoyos and Guerrero joined forces.

win a pair of regional championships in field events, including the high jump and triple jump.

In the high jump, Guerrero's title came after she cleared 5'4". She also made her way to the 35'0" mark in the triple jump for the win, with teammate Maddie Zimmerman eighth in the same event at 30'5 1/2".

Annie Chuoke won a regional bronze medal in the 100-meter hurdles after posting a time of 16.93, and Guerrero's time of 26.44 was fourth in the 200-meter dash.

Two Lady Pioneers reached regionals in the pole vault, with Lily Fehst placing seventh at a height of 6'0", with Address eighth at 5'6".

Hart also competed in the long jump, eventually placing eighth at 14'7 1/2".

Rose paved the way for the Lutheran South boys' team at regionals, winning two gold medals and helping the team to second place in the 4x200-meter relay.

Davis won the South Regional 400-meter dash gold medal at 49.68, and he was second at 22.44 in the 200-meter dash.

In the 4x200-meter

A bronze medal came

Guerrero went on to

Hart, Elizabeth Address, Emily Dedmon and DeHoyos teamed in the 4x400-meter relay for fourth place in a time of 51.27.

Rose's time of 11.35 was fourth, and Davis was also on a roll at regionals.

At 44' 3 1/2", Rose won the triple jump gold medal, and he was also the champion of the long jump at 20.8".

In the 100-meter dash, Rose's time of 11.35 was fourth, and Davis was also on a roll at regionals.

At 18'9 1/2", Davis was seventh in the long jump, and he also placed seventh in the triple jump after scoring a distance of 40'9 1/2".

Geta qualified for the state meet in both the 800- and 3,200-meter runs. He was in at 2:02.62 for second place at regionals, and his time of 10:15.93 was also second at the 3,200-meter distance.



Dobie High School varsity tennis player Luis Cabreja (back row, left) won the Burnt Orange and White Advanced Division championship for the third year in a row with his playing partner, coach Yvette Giron (back row, at right). Former Dobie High School tennis player Steven Mullins and his playing partner, Mylan Phan (kneeling), finished second. Giron, the mother of Dobie High School student/athletes Jade and Tyler Giron, has won the Burnt Orange/White title five straight years.

JFD Faculty/Staff/Student Tennis a smash; Giron, Cabreja take third straight crown

Editor's Note: The following story was written by Dobie High School tennis coach Manuel Moreno Jr., a longtime sports writer in his own right. The *Leader* appreciates his contribution.

Faculty and staff: Some of the finest tennis in Dobie High School history was not played yesterday, but the tournament was held anyway, and everyone looked like they were having fun, which was our main goal in the first place.

Several individual accomplishments were achieved, like Stefanie McKinney winning her first-ever tennis medal,

which she's probably wearing this very moment.

The marathon match of the day goes to the semifinal between the teams of Linda Puckett/Steven Phan and Camille Lajaunie/Tommy Nguyen. One point decided it all in favor of Puckett/Phan 4-3 (5-4)!

The final was just as close, with Puckett/Phan beating Larry Davis/Jenny Lu in a 6-5 (5-3) slugfest!

And for the fifth year in a row - three straight with Luis Cabreja - Coach Yvette Giron won the Burnt Orange & White Advanced Division. Way to go, Coach Giron!

There were 27 1/2 teams entered, so give yourselves a big pat on the back. And thanks to those who came out to support their fellow colleagues and friends!

FYI... Best dressed was a tie between McKinney and Bobby Blackwell. They both wore the same outfits!

Note: The top three finishers were awarded the prestigious bobblehead trophies, so I'm sure they're placed somewhere very visible in their room/office!

So below are the final results from the 2016 extravaganza held at Longhorn Courts (faculty/staff names first):

Dobie Faculty/Staff/Student Tennis Tournament Championship Results

- Steve Jamail Dobie Pride Beginner Division**
- First place - Erin Richardson/Austin Luu
 - Second place - Loan Peabody/Thompson Le
 - Third place - Shannon Howard/Joseph Castillo
 - Fourth place - Angela Badon/Alex Cuaping
 - Consolation champions - Stefanie McKinney/Sergio Escobedo

- Burnt Orange Intermediate Beginner Division**
- First place - Andrew Barrett/Tina Ha
 - Second place - Sandra Rodriguez/Justin Gee
 - Third place - George Cervantes/Jacqueline Pena
 - Fourth place - Erin Thompson/Longy Nguyenvo
 - Consolation champions - Emily Coughenour/Brandon Huynh

- White Intermediate Advanced Division**
- First place - Linda Puckett/Steven Phan
 - Second place - Larry Davis/Jenny Lu
 - Third place - Camille Lajaunie/Tommy Nguyen
 - Fourth place - Jennifer Haynes/Lil' Tommy Nguyen
 - Consolation champions - Stephen Cross/Bao Nguyen

- Burnt Orange & White Advanced Division**
- First place - Yvette Giron/Luis Cabreja
 - Second place - Steven Mullins/Mylan Phan
 - Third place - Michael Van Essen/Emily Nguyen
 - Fourth place - Sam Flippin/Leilani Vargas
 - Consolation champions - Ronnie Thomas/Lily Tran



The Lutheran South Academy varsity girls' track and field team won the district championship this season as several athletes advanced to both regional and state competition. Members of the Lady Pioneer team are, left to right, (front row) Maddie Morales, Bethany Address, Elizabeth Hart, Emily Dedmon, Maddie Zimmermann, Kayla Brown, (back row) Raffaella Scotto, Gabby Scotto, Mary Catherine Adams, Jacquelyn Morales, Brooke DeHoyos, Nicole Koza, Lily Fehst, Alex DeVita, Annie Chuoke, Bethany Address, Marleen Guerrero and coach

Rachelle Robbins. Guerrero wound up winning a silver medal in the triple jump at the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools Track and Field Championships May 6-7 at Baylor University in Waco. The LSA boys' track and field squad was third in the district, and Jeremiah Rose went on to win the 4A boys' triple jump state championship with a leap of 44 feet, 5 1/2 inches. Teammate Terrel Davis earned a bronze medal in the 400-meter dash with a time of 49.95.

LSA girls' golf makes state tournament

At right, the Lutheran South Academy varsity girls' golf team placed second at the 4A Southern Regional and headed to the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools state tournament for the 12th straight season. The team was led at regionals by Gigi Hawley (second from left), who was an all-region selection after carding a third-place finish. The other members of the team are, left to right, Lauren James, Alexis Stahl and Victoria Veltri. Amanda Vaughn, not pictured, also earned all-region honors following a fifth-place finish at the regional. The 4A Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools state golf tournament was held May 2-3, at Wildflower Golf Club in Temple.



South Belt sports news, notes

- Brook H.S. soccer camp**
- Clear Brook varsity boys' soccer coach Chris Stromeyer and Lady Wolverines' head coach Jamie Scott will host the 2016 Clear Brook Youth Soccer Camp June 7-9, from 8 to 10 a.m., at the school. Students entering kindergarten through the ninth grade as of the 2016-2017 school year are invited to attend. Cost is \$60 cash or money order.
- Participants should bring their own water, cleats or tennis shoes, practice clothes and sunscreen. The Clear Creek ISD does not provide insurance coverage for these types of camps, so parents are required to provide their own medical coverage.
- For more information, direct email to Stromeyer at cstrome@ccisd.net or to Scott at JaScott@ccisd.net.
- San Jac men's hoops tryouts**
- The San Jacinto College men's basketball team will hold tryouts for the 2016-2017 season on Saturday, June 11.
- Tryouts will take place at Anders Gymnasium on the San Jacinto College Central campus from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There is a \$25 processing fee for the tryouts, and participants will be required to sign a waiver of liability.
- Participants should plan to arrive no later than 10 a.m. Questions about the tryouts should be directed to Ravens' head coach Scott R. Germader at 281-476-1849 in the men's basketball office. The San Jacinto College Central campus is located at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena.
- For more information about San Jacinto College men's basketball or any of the other athletic programs, visit sanjacsports.com.
- Beverly Hills Intermediate Speed Camp**
- South Belt area youths age 8 to 15 are invited to take part in the four-week Beverly Hills Intermediate Bears' Speed Camp on campus. The dates include June 6-9, June 13-16, June 20-23 and June 27-30, all days from 10 a.m. to noon. Participants will receive instruction and training in agility, directionality, differentially, muscle strength, muscle endurance and more.
- Cost of the camp, which includes a T-shirt if payment is completed by May 20, is \$60 cash only. A \$10 late fee will be applied after May 20. The Pasadena In-

- dependent School District does not provide medical insurance coverage for these types of summer or extracurricular activities, so parents are responsible for such coverage.
- Participants should wear proper athletic attire, including shorts and tennis shoes and T-shirt, to the sessions. Payment should be made in the front office at Beverly Hills Intermediate. For more information, call Ben Portis at 713-299-0251.
- Beverly Hills Intermediate Hoops Camp**
- Local youths are invited to take part in the Beverly Hills Intermediate basketball camp, to be held June 6-9 in the school's gymnasiums. Participants will receive instruction in all phases of the game, including shooting, passing, rebounding, team offense and defense, dribbling and more.
- Cost of the camp, which includes a T-shirt, is \$30 cash only. The Pasadena Independent School District does not provide medical insurance coverage for these types of summer or extracurricular activities, so parents are responsible for such coverage.
- Participants should wear proper athletic attire, including shorts and tennis shoes and T-shirt, to the camp. Payment should be made in the front office at Beverly Hills Intermediate. For more information, call Ben Portis at 713-299-0251.
- Dobie voluntary strength/conditioning**
- The Dobie High School Summer Conditioning Camp will be held June 13 through July 14, each Monday through Thursday, at the school. All incoming ninth-grade through 12th-grade student-athletes are invited to attend.
- The first session will run from 7 to 9 a.m., and the second will run from 9 to 11 a.m. A typical day will include weight work followed by a conditioning session.
- Cost of the camp, which includes a T-shirt, is \$40 cash, money order or credit card only, if paid by June 10. A \$10 late fee will apply for walk-ups.
- The Pasadena Independent School District does not provide medical insurance coverage for these types of summer or extracurricular activities, so parents are responsible for such coverage.
- Participants should wear proper athletic attire, including shorts and tennis shoes and T-shirt, to the camp. Members of the Dobie High School coaching staff will oversee the camp.
- For more information about the camp, direct email to Dobie varsity football head coach and summer conditioning camp director Mike Norman at mnorman@pasadenaisd.org.

Darren Lajaunie Memorial Tennis Tournament again a smashing success at BARC

Editor's note: The Darren Lajaunie Memorial Tennis Tournament, named in honor of Dobie High School graduate Darren Lajaunie, is in its sixth year and has raised funds to support scholarships for young players in the Bay Area, including students from Dobie High School. Lajaunie died after a lengthy cancer battle in 2011.

The weather was beautiful for the 5th annual Darren Lajaunie Memorial Tennis Tournament, held at the Bay Area Racquet Club in Houston late last month.

The opening night kickoff party was a huge success, with dinner catered by the Rowdy Crowd Cookers from Spring.

They served up a melt-in-your-mouth brisket dinner with sausage, barbecue beans and potato salad. Kroger, as has been the case in the past, donated a cake for dessert along with bottled water for the tournament.

In all, the Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund raised \$12,000 through sponsorships, donations, a silent auction and a raffle.

Friday night entertainment was provided by Monica Jacoby and Paul Cotter, other wise known as "MP2".

They played many of Lajaunie's favorite tunes during the course of their turns on stage.

The League City Girl Scout troop 26176 was on hand to help serve up dinner, and served popcorn and snow cones during the first day of play.

This year, the DLTSF introduced a new category for camp scholarships – the Baseline Camp Scholarship.

This scholarship was designed to award younger junior players, ages 7 to 10. Erica Jessel was the Baseline Camp Scholarship girls' winner. In her words, Jessel said she is "a courageous player who tries to support other players."

She works hard on her game and likes tennis because she feels it helps her to think logically. Jessel attends Galloway School and has been playing tennis for six years.

The tennis player that inspires her the most is Serena Williams because Jessel feels Williams is courageous and has confidence on the court.

In the boys' category for the Baseline Camp Scholarship, there were two winners. The first went to Alberto Castellanos Chavez.

Castellanos Chavez plays tennis at BARC but also plays recreationally together with his family. He has been playing tennis for six years and claims that tennis helps him stay healthy.

Castellanos Chavez attends Ward Elementary School in Clear Lake. The tennis player that inspires him the most is Roger Federer because, as Castellanos Chavez said, "Roger can control his emotions on the court and is a respected professional player."

The second winner of the boys' Baseline Camp Scholarship was Gabriel Massie, who during the awards ceremony said he likes to be challenged while playing tennis and likes to analyze his opponent.

The player that inspires Massie the most is his father, because it was his father who introduced him to the sport.

Massie and his dad practice together often, and the younger Massie said he feels he can learn a lot from going up against his father on the other side of the net.

Massie attends Our Lady of Guadalupe Academy in Friendswood and has been playing tennis for a year-and-a-half.

The Center Court Scholarship is a camp scholarship set up for junior tennis players from ages 11 to 18.

This category is similar to the Baseline, however, these candidates must have volunteered community service hours in addition to having outstanding grades.

This year, Tabitha Tran was the recipient of the Center Court Camp Scholarship for girls.

Tran does a wonderful job of balancing academics, volunteering and playing tennis.

She attends Glenda Dawson High School and feels that tennis has brought her closer to her family. She said that tennis is also her way of having fun.

Tran is a member of the National Junior Honor Society and feels that all the volunteering she has done has enriched her life.

Her favorite professional tennis player is Roger Federer, because, as she said, "he has earned the respect of his peers."

There were four young men who applied for the Center Court Camp Scholarship.

The board had a difficult time deciding just who the winner should be, so the board decided to award each a camp scholarship.

Cole Masington was the first recipient of the Center Court Camp Scholarship. Masington works hard on and off the court, as he has had more than 140 hours of community service, which surely made an impression on the board.

The Clear Brook High School student who has been playing the game for roughly three years said he loves all aspects of tennis and is even learning to string his own rackets in his spare time.

Tyler Tran is the second recipient of the Center Court Camp Scholarship. Tran said he feels "alive" when he plays tennis, and also enjoys playing the game with his two siblings.

He attends Berry Miller Junior High School and feels he has helped his family come closer together by playing tennis as a group.

Tran has been playing tennis for six years and said he has learned to balance his studies in conjunction with tennis practice.

His favorite professional tennis player is Roger Federer, because, Tran said, "Roger has a deep passion for playing tennis and a determination to win."

Victor Castellanos Chavez was another recipient of the Center Court Camp Scholarship. Castellanos Chavez said he enjoys both the mental and physical toughness necessary in playing tennis.

The Clear Lake Intermediate student said he is very dedicated to the game and prefers playing tennis over playing video games.

He has been playing tennis for 11 years and would some day like to be a professional on tour. Right now, he said, "Tennis is my life."

Castellanos Chavez said his favorite professional tennis player is Rafael Nadal because of the intensity and the commitment Nadal has for the game.

The final of the four Center Court Camp Scholarship recipients was Christian Dadd, a young player who said he feels he has the same passion for tennis as Lajaunie had.

Dadd has a dedication and deep love for tennis, and feels the scholarship award will help him continue to grow as a player while at summer camp.

Dadd added that tennis has motivated him to study harder and balance his Boy Scout activities with his academics, also.

Through tennis and volunteering, he has learned dedication and goal-setting. Dadd attends League City Intermediate and has been playing tennis for six years.

His favorite professional tennis player, as is the case with many youths, is Roger Federer. Dadd said he admires Federer because of his determination and dedication to tennis.

The Grand Slam Scholarship is the college scholarship for high school seniors, which for 2016 went to Haley Voumard.

As part of her award, Voumard will receive a \$1,000 college scholarship after having impressed the Lajaunie board tremendously through her application presentation.

Voumard has been playing tennis for 13 years and attends Clear Springs High School.

She will be attending Texas State University beginning this fall, where she plans to study dental hygiene.

In her application, Voumard said she feels she shares many of the qualities that Lajaunie had, beginning with his passion for the game.

Voumard said she has learned to never give up while out on the court and will fight until the last point is played, much like Lajaunie did when fighting cancer.

Just like Lajaunie did at the University of Austin, Voumard said she plans to play tennis on the club level in college.

Martina Hingis and Maria Sharapova are Voumard's two favorite tennis players because, as she said, "They both put forth the effort to never back down and easily brush off their mistakes."

Thirteen members of the Dobie High School tennis program were out in force, and many took home trophies.

Rueben Vargas, a class of 2015 Dobie graduate and also a 2015 DLTSF recipient, also returned to compete in the tournament.

At right, Darren Lajaunie's wife, Camille Lajaunie (left), the tournament founder, shares a few stories with 2016 DLTSF scholarship winner Haley Voumard (center) and Eric Striesfeld, owner of Bay Area Racquet Club. The 2016 Darren Lajaunie Memorial Tennis Tournament again played out over two days at BARC, with young players from both the Clear Lake/Webster area and those from Dobie High School taking part. Darren Lajaunie was a Dobie High School graduate who later played club tennis at the University of Texas before he and his family joined BARC, where they played for many years prior to his death in 2011.



At right, two young players who were recipients of Darren Lajaunie Memorial Tennis Foundation scholarships were Gabriel Massie (left) and Alberto Castellanos Chavez. The players were also part of the action at the fifth annual Lajaunie tennis tournament at Bay Area Racquet Club in Houston. The event honors Lajaunie, a Dobie graduate, who died after a lengthy cancer battle in 2011. This year, DLTSF members raised more than \$12,000 to assist some of today's young players.



Photo by J.W. Pace Photography



The Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund senior student recipients from Dobie for the 2015-2016 school year included Longhorn varsity tennis players, left to right, Karen Neira, Ashley Deveza, Hai Ho, Albert Luu, Justin Gee, David Ho and Dobie team captain Luis Cabreja.



Five of the players who received scholarship awards during the 2016 Darren Lajaunie Memorial Tennis Tournament included, left to right, Cole Masington, Christian Dadd, Victor Castellanos Chavez, Tyler Tran and Tabitha Tran. The winners were chosen, in large part, due to their success on and off the court and their work in the community. Photo courtesy of J.W. Pace Photography

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MAY 12

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

NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse – Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 a.m., Praise Chapel, 18516 Highway 3 in Webster. Public welcome and encouraged to bring others. For information, call 281-910-1971.

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.

ABWA - Southeast Express Network – American Business Women's Association-South meets monthly on 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.

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

CrossRoads UMC – ESL classes Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 p.m. at the church, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Course, books and child care are free. For information, call 281-484-9243 or visit www.crossroads-umc.org.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom's – Rabbi Stuart Federow hosts free discussions on Judaism and religion in general, open to the public, second Thursdays of the month, at Victor's, 1425 NASA Pkwy. (next to "space" McDonald's). Congregation Shaar Hashalom is the Conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. For information, contact the Synagogue

office at 281-488-5861 or at csh@shaarhashalom.org. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** – Women's Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, at the First Presbyterian Church (youth building) on the Westminster side. For information, call 713-856-1611.

Al-Anon (English Speaking) – Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Room 215. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in. **Alateen** – Provides support for teenage children, friends and family members of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday at 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, room 208. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

Alcoholics Anonymous – Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.

FRIDAY, MAY 13

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

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

Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish) – Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 6 p.m., room 215, First United

Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

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

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SATURDAY, MAY 14

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

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

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous – meeting at CrossRoads UMC

on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.

SUNDAY, MAY 15

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.

Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class – Sunday and Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details or additional classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at dr.glandorf@sbcglobal.net or call 281-488-6318.

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 Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. For information, call 281-487-8787.

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

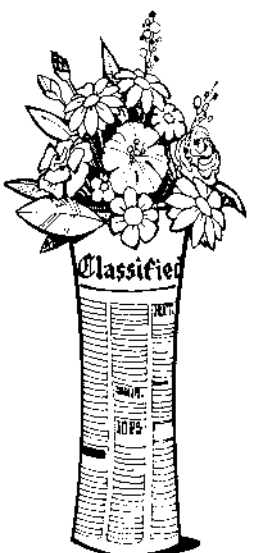
Alcoholics Anonymous – Candlelight Meeting, Sunday, 6:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

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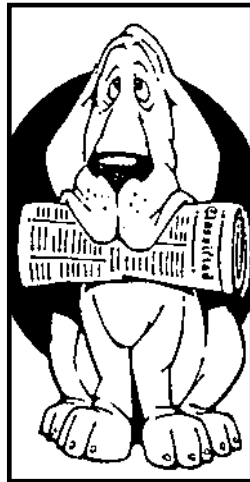
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Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.

Seniors and Law Enforcement Together - SALT holds monthly meetings, 10:30 a.m., Madison Jobe Senior Citizens Center, 1700 East Thomas St. in Pasadena, third Monday of each month. No meeting in December. January meeting is on the second Monday. Meetings teach seniors how to avoid identity theft, scams, fraud, etc. Police officers and sheriffs may be in attendance. Free. Refreshments served. Meetings start timely and are one hour or less. For information, call 713-477-0175.

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

Genealogy Group - The Parker Williams Genealogy Group meets from 2 to 4 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month at the Parker Williams Library, Beamer at Scarsdale. The public is invited to attend. For information, email Liz Hicks at eroottrot@usa.net.

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

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

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

Friends Helping Friends Grief Support Group - meets Mondays, Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster, 7 to 8:15 p.m., in the Team Conference Room. Anyone who's lost a loved one is welcome. Free. For information, call Mrs. Barry Craven at 281-486-4241 or R. Sanchez at 281-337-4365.

The Clear Lake Gem and Mineral Society - Meets the third week of the month at Clear Lake Park Bldg., 5001 NASA Parkway, Seabrook. Guests welcome. Presenters explore a variety of subjects such as fossils, planetary geology, mineralogy, lapidary, jewelry making, rock, fossil and mineral collecting. Field trips to various collecting sites throughout Texas and surrounding states. All interested persons welcome to attend. Door prizes. Free parking. For information, visit www.clgms.org.

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Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - New AA meeting, Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery Program, open meeting meets every Monday, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Education Building, 11011 Hall Road, 77089. For more information, call Russell Garcia at 832-483-6715.

TUESDAY, MAY 17
7 a.m.

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

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

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Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets weekly, Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Drive, Pearland. Lunch is served for \$15. Variety of interesting speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or visit nalex@texasrotaryclub.com.

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

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

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees - NARFE Chapter 941 meets the third Tuesday of each month, 2 p.m., El Franco Lee Park Community Center, 9500 Hall Road. Visitors welcome. For additional information, call Roy at 713-734-1461.

Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish) - Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 6 p.m., First United Methodist Church, room 215, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.

CrossRoads UMC - ESL classes Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 p.m. at the church, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Course, books and child care are free. For information, call 281-484-9243 or visit www.crossroads-umc.org.

Breast Cancer Support Group - Meets the third Tuesday of every month 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 more information call 281-526-6840.

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

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

Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center - Weekly sexual assault support group offers a confidential self-help support group for victim/survivors of rape and sexual abuse. To attend or for information, call 281-286-2525.

Positive Interaction Program - meets the third Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m., at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria, in the staff meeting room, first floor. Bring a friend and work together to make PIP the best in the city. PIP consists of police and citizens working together to make neighborhoods safer. For information, call Officer Richard Buitron at 281-218-3900.

8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18
7 a.m.

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

Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club - meets on the first and third Wednesday of the month, 11:30 a.m., Bravos Mexican Restaurant, 10906 Fuqua. December may be an exception. For information, call Monica Montoya at 281-794-5531.

10 a.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon at 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.

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

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

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
CrossRoads UMC - Invites everyone to the Wednesday night service beginning with a light meal and fellowship at 5:30 p.m., followed by a praise, worship and prayer service at 6:30 p.m., then a Bible study led by both pastors (English and Spanish). Everyone is welcome!

6 p.m.
Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish) - Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 6 p.m., First United Methodist Church, room 215, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.

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

Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center - Confidential domestic violence support group for women, 7 p.m., 210 S. Walnut off NASA Pkwy. between I-45 South and Highway 3. Call 281-338-7600 or visit www.bayareaturningpoint.com for information. 24-hour crisis hotline is 281-286-2525.

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

THURSDAY, MAY 19
7 a.m.

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

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

10 a.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.

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

6:30 p.m.
CrossRoads UMC - ESL classes Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 p.m. at the church, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Course, books and child care are free. For information, call 281-484-9243 or visit www.crossroads-umc.org.

Survivors of Suicide Support Group - offers support and coping skills in a non-threatening environment to adults who have lost a loved one to suicide. For information and location, call 713-533-4500 or visit www.crisishotline.org.

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

Al-Anon (English Speaking) - Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, room 215. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

Alateen - Provides support for teenage children, friends and family members of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, room 208. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

8:30 p.m.
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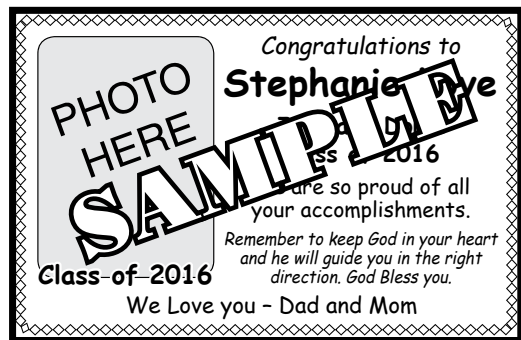
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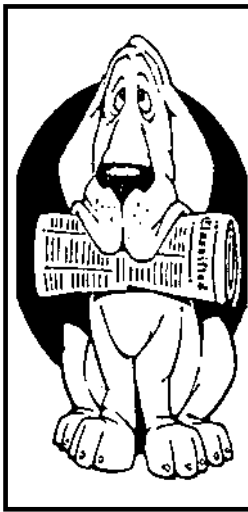
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"My mindset is that I am a champion, so I'm just going to trust in God that He will allow me to be at my best that day. It's excit-

ing to have this chance."

Henderson is also glad to have the opportunity to jump against Samuels before both become Lady Cougars at the University of Houston.

The two have developed a friendship off the track since signing at UH, but for Henderson, May 14 is about competition.

"When it's time to jump, I'm here to beat you," Henderson said. "That's what competition is about. I'm just looking

to jump to the best of my abilities, and let everything else take care of itself."

So Henderson will represent Dobie one final time, this time at the grandest of all meets. Her older brother, Kerry Henderson Jr., a 2012 Dobie graduate, will be rooting for her.

And Henderson's father, Kerry Henderson Sr., a star athlete at Baytown Sterling High School and later at Texas Southern

University, will also be there.

Justice Henderson's mother, Alyssa, has also been a tremendous rock of support over the years and can almost always be found near the long jump pit.

Henderson Sr. was the Tigers' Offensive Most Valuable Player at TSU, while star NFL defensive lineman Michael Stra-

han was TSU's Defensive Most Valuable Player. Henderson later spent time in training camp with the New York Jets.

At UH, Henderson plans to study sports medicine, with an eye on possibly becoming a physical therapist.

She has been a student athletic trainer at Dobie for several years, and obviously has grown to love

helping other athletes be at their healthiest.

And there's also the 2020 Olympic Games, which has been a lifelong dream of Henderson's. Perhaps a medal at state will be just the start of things for her.

Taylor surely has his eye on the 2020 Olympic Games as well, but he has plenty more to do before then.

As for the state meet, Taylor doesn't plan to change much as far as his routine.

Taylor likes that he's in Lane 5 in the 100-meter dash, and he expects to come away with the gold medal after being unbeaten to this point during the high school season.

"I feel right at home in the center of the track, so Lane 5 is a good one for

me," Taylor said.

"It's all about staying mentally prepared, and running my race. If I do that, I feel very good about my chances. You just have to stay calm, and don't over-think things," he said.

"I'll eat my food and prepare for my race just like I always do. I have to treat it just like any other track meet, or as close to it as possible."

Taylor hopes to medal in the 200-meter event.

"The 200 is not my forte, but I'm going to go out there and give it my best," Taylor said.

"If I can stay near the front, I really feel like I can close at the wire and come away with a medal. We'll see." A win will leave Taylor unbeaten all season, and he wants it badly.

At right, the University of Houston women's track and field team drew plenty of support at the Region III track and field meet as class of 2016 commits Justice Henderson (third from left) and Samiyah Samuels of Cypress Springs (fourth from left) advanced to the University Interscholastic League's State Track and Field Championships. Samuels advanced as the Region III gold medalist in the long jump with an effort of 20 feet, 1/2 inch, and Henderson was second at 19'11". Both athletes will join the UH program beginning this fall. With the athletes are, left to right, Henderson's parents Alyssa and Kerry Henderson Sr., and Samuels' parents, Isaac and Debbie Samuels. Samiyah Samuels will compete in three other events at state.



Boys' 200-Meter State Qualifiers

Jace Commick	Atascocita	21.06
Ian Braxton	Marcus	21.12
Kary Vincent Jr.	P.A. Memorial	21.14
Jackson Gleeson	Mansfield	21.23
Brandon Taylor	Clear Brook	21.30
Derrick Samuels	North Crowley	21.34
Joseph Sheffield	Rowlett	21.39
Michael Boltie	McAllen Memorial	21.46
Derrion Hill	S.A. Brennan	21.58

Boys' 100-Meter State Qualifiers

Jace Commick	Atascocita	10.42
Joseph Sheffield	Rowlett	10.49
Brandon Taylor	Clear Brook	10.53
Caleb Jolivette	Manvel	10.57
Marcus Brumfield	Copperas Cove	10.57
Jackson Webb	Plano West	10.72
Keion Sutton	Midlothian	10.75
Jon Maas S.A.	Clark	10.91
Christian Perales	Los Fresnos	10.92

Girls' High Jump Qualifiers

Samiyah Samuels	Cypress Springs	20'0 1/2"
Justice Henderson	Dobie	19'11"
Zuliat Alli	Mesquite Horn	19'9 3/4"
Teesa Mpagi	Woodlands	19'4"
Kaylor Harris	Mesquite Horn	19'3 1/2"
Semetria Smith	Midland	19'1 1/4"
Taryn Milton	Cedar Hill	19'1"
Kiara Pickins	Judson	18'10 1/2"
Lawren Tanner	Judson	17'11"

Zaire keeps winning Get Fit Jog



Zaire Walker (left), a sixth-grade student at Melillo Middle School, was again one of the stars of the Pasadena ISD's districtwide Get Fit Jog May 7, at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Walker was the champion of his sixth-grade boys' class, covering the 2.3 mile course before anyone else. It's the third win in four years for Walker, who was second in 2014. Walker's brother, Zion (right), owns a cross-country time record at Thompson Intermediate, and Zaire plans to try to break it beginning next school year. The pair are the children of Yolanda and Donald Walker.

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