

JROTC car wash May 16

Dobie High School's Air Force JROTC unit will host a car wash on Saturday, May 16, at Snowie's (the intersection of Beamer and Scarsdale) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Funds are being raised to help cadets with costs of attending JROTC Leadership School this summer, and for the annual military ball.

Donations will be accepted the day of the car wash for a minimum of \$5 per vehicle. Tickets will also be pre-sold by cadets. No rain checks for pre-sold tickets.

Ministry Fair at St. Luke

The Catholic Community of St. Luke the Evangelist welcomes the community to its annual celebration of the Ministry Fair on May 16 and 17 after all Masses. Take this opportunity to learn more about the more than 90 ministries and start using time and talents to serve the parish and community. Join one of these ministries and discover the joy and blessings that come from making a difference in other people's lives.

Genealogy group meets

The Parker Williams Genealogy Group will meet May 18, 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.

Sageglen meets May 18

The Sageglen Community Association will meet Monday, May 18, at 7 p.m. at the Sageglen Community Building at 11610 Sageyork.

Ashley Pointe to meet

The Ashley Pointe HOA will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, May 19, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Sageglen Community Building located at 11610 Sageyork.

PIP meeting May 19

The Positive Interaction Program will meet Tuesday, May 19, at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria in the staff meeting room on the first floor. Guest speaker will be Todd Ferraro of HPD's Gang Division speaking on local gangs.

PIP consists of police and citizens working for safer neighborhoods. For additional information, call Officer Richard Buitron at 281-218-3900.

Sagemont Maintenance

The Sagemont Maintenance Committee will hold its annual meeting Wednesday, May 21, at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road near Beltway 8, at 7 p.m. Linda Boyd is up for election. Absentee votes may be mailed to P.O. Box 34146, Houston, TX 77234.

Knights host barbecue

The Knights of Columbus of St. Luke's Church will host a BBQ Chopped Brisket Sandwich Weekend, which includes a sandwich, chips and a drink for \$7, on Saturday, May 30, and Sunday, May 31, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the west end of the church parking lot at Hall Road. Proceeds will benefit Knights of Columbus Community Charities.

PISD to hold public meeting

Informational meetings will be held by the Pasadena Independent School District on May 28, 2015, to seek public comment on the needs and uses of Title I, II, III, and IDEA B Federal funds. The meetings are scheduled at 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. in the Special Programs office at the PISD Administration Building, 1515 Cherrybrook in Pasadena.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss how the district uses these funds to provide supplemental support in improving the district's Special Programs. For more information, contact Pasadena's district office at 713-740-0225.

Medicare meeting set

Plus 4 Credit Union and Life Church will host a Confused About Medicare Workshop with local Medicare expert Toni King at the campus chapel, located at 9900 Alameda Genoa Road, on Tuesday, May 19, beginning at 6 p.m.

This workshop is for boomers coming of Medicare age, those already on Medicare or the adult children who need to make decisions for their parents or elderly relatives. The presentation is free and open to the public. Attendees may RSVP by calling 832-519-8664 or online at www.tonisays.com.

FUN Day of SHINE set

SuperLady Live Movement will host FUN Day of SHINE Sunday, May 17, at the Dobie High School track to raise awareness of juvenile diabetes. The event will feature running, walking, jump roping, line dancing, potato sack racing and more. For more information, call 281-947-2012 or email shine@SuperLadyLive.com.

PISD, CCISD election results tallied

The May 9 school board election results have been tallied, with longtime incumbents maintaining their positions.

PISD

While challengers in the Pasadena Independent

School District election campaigned on the need for fresh faces on the board, voters opted to re-elect Marshall Kendrick and Vickie Morgan, who have a combined 55 years of service.

In the Position 6 race, Kendrick handily de-

feated challenger Lydia Velasquez, receiving 1,327 votes to Velasquez's 646.

In the Position 7 contest, Morgan easily defeated challengers Erica Davis Rouse and Chuck Maricle. Morgan received 1,213 votes, while Rouse received 525 and Maricle received 344.

In the Position 5 election, challenger Kenny Fernandez narrowly defeated freshman board member Larry Savala, receiving 873 votes to Savala's 851.

Terms are four years.
The PISD board will canvass votes on Tuesday, May 19, and Fernandez will take his oath of office on Tuesday, May 26.

CCISD

In the Clear Creek Independent School District election, Jay Cunningham will fill the Dis-

trict 5 seat formerly held by Dee Scott.

Cunningham easily defeated Trent Martin, receiving 62 percent of the vote. Cunningham received 131 total votes to Martin's 79 votes.

Scott is stepping down from her position after serving 10 years on the CCISD board. See related story on this page.

Incumbents Page Rander (District 4) and Charles Pond (At-Large Position A) will maintain their positions, as both ran unopposed.

Terms are two years.

San Jacinto College

There was no election for the San Jacinto College board of trustees, as incumbents John Moon Jr. (Position 5), Dan Mims (Position 6) and Keith Sinor (Position 7) all ran unopposed.

Terms are six years.

Still wrapping up cook-off



More than a week later, organizers are still reeling in the success of the 19th annual South Belt Spectacular Cook-off. The final tally of funds raised had yet to be calculated at press time. On behalf of the South Belt community, the *Leader* would like to thank the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department, including paramedic Supervisor Dean Baier, Chief Chuck Tylika and Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal David Cino and all the many volunteers. Not only are these volunteers here in time of medical and emergency need, but without them, the cook-off would not be near the successful event it has become. This marked the fifth year the SVFD organized the event. See more photos on Page 6A. Additional photos will run in next week's *Leader*. Winning teams are asked to email photos/names to mynews@southbeltleader.com.

Photo by Sherri Golightly

Chamber honors top-10 graduates

Community leaders and elected officials recently gathered at a luncheon hosted by the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce to honor the top-10 2015 graduates from Dobie High School, Lutheran South Academy and Clear Horizons High School.

Guest speaker Arturo Machuca, general manager of Ellington Airport, drew parallels between aviation pioneers Wilbur and Orville Wright and the esteemed students.

"There is no limit to what you can do," Machuca said. "Whatever you set out to do, you can do. Nothing will be given to you if you don't work hard. Follow your heart. Whatever you want to do, get it done. I'm sure you have a dream of what you want to do. Stay focused and get it done. Keep those dreams alive."

The top-10 Dobie graduates are Kiyah Brooks, Gilberto Campo, Vincent Gonzales, Carolina Herrera, Catherine Nguyen, Dona Nguyen, Elisa Nguyen, Gianni Nguyen, Theresa Tran and Ruben Vargas.

The top-10 Lutheran South Academy graduates are Justin Bui, Tara Everett, Olivia Hewett, George Ishac, Kathleen Johnson, Annika Klein, Jonathan Lyle, Joan Pace, Autumn Taylor and Alex Walheim.

The top-10 Clear Horizons graduates are Aaron Bennett, Brianna Clark, Quynh Do, Sarah Hancock, Amber Hua, Rama Imad, Shamina Momin, Trong Nguyen, Erfan Rahman and Guooya Wang.

See related photos in the *Leader's* 2015 graduation issue on June 4.

Man shot in Sagemeadow home invasion

A man was shot during a home invasion around 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, in the 11400 block of Sagemorgan.

According to Sgt. Robert Sanchez of the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office, four men forced their way into the residence while the homeowner was on the second floor. The resident was shot under his arm as he was attempting to flee the home through the back door. He was

transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The suspects are described as black males in their late teens to early 20s, between 5 feet 8 inches and 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighing approximately 155 to 160 pounds.

Anyone with information on this case is urged to contact the constable's office at 281-481-9189 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

Nelson death ruled a drug overdose

More than three months after his death, authorities have finally determined that Melvin Lee Nelson's death was accidental in nature.

The Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences ruled Monday, May 11, that Nelson's death was caused by heroin and alprazolam toxicity.

Nelson, 30, was found dead in his bed Feb. 8 - the day following a fight near his home in the 10800 block of Bazin.

According to police, Nelson had gotten into an altercation with two of his neighbors around midnight Saturday, Feb. 7, on Southport Drive between Bazin and Eddyrock after the men accused Nelson of breaking into one of their vehicles.

After the brawl, Nelson returned to his home

and reportedly told his girlfriend not to call for medical help.

The following day, however, Nelson complained of feeling lightheaded, and his girlfriend's family called for assistance. Upon their arrival, paramedics found Nelson unresponsive and pronounced him dead.

The police investigation into the death was hinging on the medical examiner's findings. Had the autopsy determined that Nelson's death was a homicide, the incident would have been referred to a Harris County grand jury for possible charges.

Nelson and his girlfriend had just had a baby three weeks earlier. He also leaves behind a 7-year-old son.

Vivint responds to resident complaints

The April 30 edition of the *Leader* featured an article titled *Residents complain of late solicitors*, in which numerous residents complained of salesmen from an alarm company called Vivint coming to houses late at night and being aggressive, often multiple times after being told no.

The story ran before someone from the company was able to respond to the allegations.

Liz Tanner, Vivint public relations director, has since sent the *Leader* the following message:

"Our policy is to stop knocking on doors after dark. The regional manager in Houston says they quit around 9 p.m. and only visit homes later if a customer has scheduled an appointment, e.g., after a spouse has returned home. Our reps may

knock on a door several times until they get a response, but they do not return after homeowners have said they aren't interested.

"Most of our sales reps are college-aged and this is their summer job to earn money for school. They all wear uniforms and badges. If residents would like to verify that their rep is an authorized Vivint dealer, they can call 866-870-2268 or go online: <http://www.vivint.com/company/verify-rep>

"If residents have any concerns, we'd prefer that they contact us directly, rather than post attacks online or contact the media. You are welcome to give them my cell number, and I'm happy to address any questions: 801-319-7736."

Young mother arrested in twins' deaths

A Pearland mother charged with manslaughter in the drowning deaths of her 15-month-old twin daughters was arrested on Mother's Day while driving on Scarsdale at Sagepark.

A Brazoria County grand jury indicted Barbara Ramirez-Sifuentes, 21, on the two counts a few days earlier on Thursday, May 7.

The young mother, also known as Barbara Russo, was charged after investigators determined she "recklessly caused the deaths" of Sabrina and Savanna Russo this past February by leaving them in the bathtub with the water running while she cleaned and played music in another room.

Ramirez-Sifuentes called 911 after finding the children unresponsive.

Both girls were rushed by LifeFlight to Memorial Hermann Hospital.

One child died that day, while the second died five days later after being taken off life support.

The Harris County Institute of Forensic Sci-

ences ruled the girls' deaths a homicide.

Ramirez-Sifuentes was apprehended Sunday after the Harris County Toll Road Authority's license plate recognition cameras spotted her driving east on the Sam Houston Tollway in a white minivan. Deputies from the Harris County Precinct 8 Constable's office subsequently followed and arrested her in the Sageglen subdivision.

Arresting deputies said Ramirez-Sifuentes was oblivious as to why she was being pulled over and was unaware that charges had been filed in the case.

Her attorney added she would have turned herself in had she been notified of the grand jury's decision to press charges.

Ramirez-Sifuentes is currently out of jail on a \$100,000 bond.

The story made national headlines after initial media reports said Ramirez-Sifuentes was smiling at the time of her arrest.

Precinct 8 deputies, however, deny such claims.

Area receives 5 inches of rain in 12 hours

The South Belt was hit hard by storms late Tuesday, May 12, and early Wednesday, May 13, causing extensive flooding in the area.

According to the Harris County Flood Control District, the A120 Beamer ditch at Hughes

Road received 5 inches of rainfall in less than 12 hours.

The Clear Lake area was hit hardest by the storms, with some areas receiving nearly 12 inches of rain in less than three hours.

CCISD's Scott retires after 10 years

Longtime Clear Creek Independent School District Board of Trustee member Dee Scott is stepping down from her position after serving 10 years on the board.

"It has been an honor to serve this exceptional school district where every child matters and every voice is heard," said Scott. "I leave with wonderful memories and plan to still be heavily involved in our community's education of children."

In her decade on the school board, Scott has been instrumental in spearheading community service projects to benefit the district's most at-risk students whether it was the launch of the highly successful Leaders Make Readers program at League City Elementary, Ross Elementary and Stewart Elementary schools or drumming up dollars to ensure students at Clear

View High School had graduation gowns for the special day.

Since her election in 2005, Scott has supported the need for new school buildings to house a growing population, voted for innovative programs to meet the workforce needs in this community and across the globe, and created and nurtured relationships with local and state elected officials to develop education-friendly policy.

During her last general school board meeting on April 27, fellow school board members and

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Dee Scott

SBHLL coaches suspended

Two coaches were disciplined by the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League board of directors for using foul language following a disputed call at a recent T-ball game.

One coach was suspended for eight games (four for T-ball and four for a minor league team he also coaches), while the second coach was suspended for only two games.

See related letter to the editor and editorial on Page 2A.

Dobie cheerleaders hold car wash



Dobie cheerleaders held a car wash on Saturday, May 9, at Snowie's on Scarsdale. Current members wanted to introduce the new members to the team as they welcomed them with the water. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Jimmy Garcia, Samantha Schwartz, (second row) Tina Nguyen, Sara Otwell, Briana Loreda, Aliza Alfaro, Bianca Espinoza, Tori Ayala, and Katrina Dukes, (third row) Julia Lohse, Hannah Brady, Angelica Cantu, Brittany Puente, Adriana Murillo, Reagan Razo, Megan Cook, Rebecca Paredes, Tahlia Nicholson, Ryan Sosa, (back row) Jazmine Howard, Ashley Hicks and Laura Ochoa. Photo submitted

In My Opinion

Arnesen encourages positive examples

On Sunday May 2, 2015, an incident occurred during a T-Ball game at Sagemont Beverly Hills Little League (SBHLL). A disputed call during a game escalated inappropriately. The Umpire ejected two parties from the field and the SBHLL Board of Directors (Board) present at the ballpark worked quickly to deescalate the situation and remove the offending parties from the ballpark. In the days following the incident, the SBHLL Board has held special board meetings to discuss the incident, review letters submitted to the league, hear from both managers of the teams involved, and determine the appropriate disciplinary actions. While the SBHLL Board worked through the matter, both managers were unable to participate in their teams' games until the appropriate path forward was determined. While the matter is unfortunate, the SBHLL League Ground Rules outline a process to follow for such matters. That process is now complete and the SBHLL Board has carried out the appropriate disciplinary actions including removal and suspensions of parties involved.

Unfortunately, this type of issue is becoming all too common not just at SBHLL but at other Little Leagues in our area as well, as evidenced by the Pearland Little League's Facebook post and news story this week. The SBHLL Board have the same observations as expressed by Pearland Little League.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that Little League baseball is a learning experience for the youth of our community. Our baseball players are not only learning how to play a sport, they are learning many life lessons including the very real lesson that there are consequences for your actions. We encourage all visitors to our ballpark to remember that you as adults are setting an example for all of the children at the ballpark. Your actions do not go unnoticed; please be a positive example for our children and remember that baseball is just a game.

The SBHLL Board of Directors thanks the *South Belt Leader* for reaching out and providing the opportunity to present the facts. (See related story Page 1A and editorial this page.)

Cheryl Arnesen

Semler writes IMO on White House race

The candidates for the presidency have begun their campaigning. They are out there getting their message to the voters of what they will do if elected. However, part of their strategy is to also point out what they consider to be weak points in their opponents.

Over the years when I have asked someone why they voted for a particular candidate over 95% of the time they tell me it was because of something they did not like about their opponent. They do not give me as part of their decision making what they liked about the candidate they did vote for. Others have not really looked at the candidates or understand the issues that well. But they want to be part of the voting process and they vote a straight ticket to vote for all candidates in their political party.

To get a clear understanding of where a candidate stands on the issues first decide what issues are important to you. Then listen to the candidates tell you where they stand on these issues. Don't listen to one candidate try to explain where their opponent stands on the issue. They will be playing politics and may not present a clear understanding of their opponent's stance. Get it directly from the candidates themselves.

We have all heard sayings such as "playing politics" or "not politically correct". The candidates may be allowing their decisions to be affected by special interest groups or large contributors to their campaign; to mention just a few.

When you are looking at the candidates leave politics out of it. Forget which political party they represent. Base your decisions on what is best for the majority of the citizens of this great nation. Candidates who put down their opponents and their political party may be trying to hide a short-coming of their own. This is child's play. Listen to what they say they will do, not what they say their opponent will do or not do.

Get a clear vision of where the candidates stand on the issues most important to you and base your decisions on these views. Don't let your decision be swayed by the political party a candidate may belong to. Vote based on your values and for the candidate you believe is best for America.

Robert Semler

Lydia Velasquez wants opinion known

Editor's note: This IMO was submitted past the deadline last week, and although the election is over, the writer wanted it posted.

—Marie Flickinger

I read with interest the April 30 letter

and endorsements of the Pasadena Independent School District (PISD) board of trustees written by Phillip Webb, President of the South Belt Area Republicans for two reasons — 1. I am a longtime Republican who regularly votes in elections 2. I am a candidate for the Pasadena ISD School Board Position 6. There were at least two assertions made in his letter that were incorrect — 1. He wrongly called me "non-existent," but I do exist and have been working as a school teacher for many years until I recently retired. I am also a mother of three sons who attended and graduated from Pasadena ISD schools. 2. He wrongly shared false hearsay that I supposedly had "moved on to another endeavor," which is also untrue. I am dedicated to running as a school board candidate, I attended non-partisan get to know the candidate functions, and not to engage in petty political squabbles and appear in forums, but to serve the families and children of Pasadena ISD so they can receive an excellent education than those shown in *The Houston Chronicle* of April 26, 1950 where neither a PISD middle or high school received a single A rating. Thank you, **Lydia Velasquez**, Retired Teacher, Position 6 School Board of Trustees Candidate, Pasadena ISD

Pablo Castellano: Why no debate?

I have a question for the people of the nation as well as the circulating press and media new outlets. We have debates for the political process seen on the networks or covered in circulating press releases for all parties seeking office. We can see that now in the Presidential candidate race in both parties seen on multiple news outlets. We saw the debates and questions in the Governors' races and senatorial seats. We even saw the debate or media questioning all forms of political candidates seeking reelection in offices nationwide. The debate will be show nationwide for the President elects and primary debates to determine who will be the parties' candidate.

I have yet to see the debate for U.S. Speaker of the House in the House of Representatives. I would love to see a public debate for anyone wanting the position. They are the third in line for U.S. President so if the media will vet those candidates why not the U.S. Speaker of the HOUSE. I want the speaker to represent the people of the nation more than any party. He is of central importance to the government system as the U.S. President if third in line yet we know little on how he would see the nation. He speaks for the house majority but is essential to arbitrating between the parties on behalf of the nation's representatives. I believe it is time for debate not for those in power but anyone who want to be considered for the position. We nominated all the local and federal public officials and we get a public debate, yet still none for our U.S. Speaker. I ask the key question of the people and media are we afraid to have a conversation and allow the people to voice a choice based on debate for who should be U.S. Speaker. We allow as a people and median many challenges to public official even open forums the public can see. It still seems we fear a debate in the national arena for even any one to challenge who our representative may not have even believed to be in the best interest of the Nation. Our history if full of public servants both good and bad and the media in many ways held the accountable due to the debates. I believe the people want to hold our nations Speaker of the House accountable and want an answer from the media and press. The fearfulness of a debate for House Speaker is so great you will never publicly allow or endorse one in our nation history. You will allow all other debates and discussion but not once has any state or media source thought a debate for the position of House Speaker great idea. I think it is a great time to have such a debate as to who the people's choice for speaker may be in our nation. It is been too long of a plea from the public to ignore we need a debate nationally for the right person to be Speaker of the House.

Concerned citizen
Pablo Castellano III

Oddo compliments Leader's publisher

I just wanted to share some things about Marie Flickinger who is one of the most awesome ladies I have ever met in my entire life. I knew her when I worked at Weber Elementary as the School Secretary during the Brio mess. She kept everyone informed.

She and her staff always kept us informed on issues going on in our neighborhood. Sometimes good news and sometimes not too good but we always could count on her. She does obituaries for free and if I had to put my obituary for my mom it would have cost me \$185. She also researched my dear friend Greg Marshall's obituary and published it. He was an amazing teacher at Weber Elementary.

I just want to thank this wonderful lady for the awesome job she does for our Community. What would we do without this special lady. Thanks Marie!!!

Maridean Oddo

Graduation issue planned

The *South Belt-Ellington Leader's* annual high school special edition will be published Thursday, June 4.

It will feature graduation information for Dobie, Clear Brook, South Houston and Clear Horizons Early College high schools and Lutheran South Academy. To place a personalized ad for a graduating senior, call 281-481-5656 or email mynews@southbelt-leader.com. The deadline is 3 p.m. Thursday, May 28.

Dobie sets class reunions

Class of 1970 45-year Reunion

The J. Frank Dobie Class of 1970 will hold its 45th reunion on July 25, from 6 to 11 p.m. at Las Brisas Mexican Bar and Grill. More details can be found on Facebook, search for "Dobie Class 1970 Reunion."

Class of 1975 40-year Reunion

The J. Frank Dobie Class of 1975 will hold its 40-year reunion Sept. 25-26 at South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center, 2500 S. Shore Blvd. in League City. Tickets are \$85 per person if paid by Aug. 1.

Tickets purchased at the door or after Aug. 1 will be \$100 per person. This includes dinner and entertainment for Saturday night. A block of rooms at a special rate will be available.

For more information, call Susie Holmes Holt at 281-222-4140, Pam West Saxton at 832-330-8368, or Debbie Green Harrell at 832-818-5028.

Care Partners meet May 15

Interfaith Care Partners Ministry group at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, 10727 Hartsok St. (near Alameda Mall), a gathering for persons with Alzheimer's, dementia or memory loss, meets the third Friday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Gatherings consist of a continental breakfast, arts and crafts, exercises, entertainment, a singalong, a devotional break, lunch, and ends with a game. Those who have a family member or know of someone with these challenges, are welcome to attend. All services are provided free of charge. An initial interview must be conducted by Interfaith Care Partners staff to welcome new participants into this program.

The next gathering will be held in the Mother Cabrini Center at the church on Friday, May 15. For more information or to register a loved one, call Interfaith Care Partners at 713-682-5995 or visit the website at www.interfaithcarepartners.org.

Publisher's Opinion

Purpose of Little League involvement

The *Leader* staff has received numerous calls and correspondence regarding foul language used on the field with young T-ballers. We will not go into whether the coaches should have been permanently banned from coaching. These decisions are up to the elected board. But I do want to address those coaching our young boys and girls. (See *IMO* this page and story Page 1A.)

There absolutely is no place in youth sports, and certainly not on the T-ball field for adults to be dropping the F-bomb! What in the world are these "adults" thinking of when they do such things.

My husband and I were involved in the

Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League for years. In fact, that is how I got into the newspaper business. I know how upset parents/coaches can get.

But if they cannot hold their temper and remember they are partly there to help the children of the community grow into responsible adults, while having fun playing ball, then they should stay away from youth sports.

I hope the involved coaches, as well as others have learned a lesson. Reminds me of the following poem I would like to share. Remember why you are out there with the children of the community.

—Marie Flickinger

He is Just a Little Boy

By Chaplain Bob Fox

He stands at the plate with his heart pounding fast. The bases are loaded, the die has been cast. Mom and Dad cannot help him, he stands all alone. A hit at this moment would send his team home. The ball meets the plate, he swings and he misses. There's a groan from the crowd, with some boos and some hisses.

A thoughtless voice cries, "Strike out the bum." Tears fill his eyes, the game's no longer fun. So open up your heart and give him a break, for it's moments like this, a man you can make. Please keep this in mind when you hear someone forget, He is just a little boy, and not a man yet.

Frazier Owls excel at chess

On Saturday, May 2, the Pasadena Independent School District held its fifth annual chess championship at Beverly Hills Intermediate, where 257 students participated, once again representing the highest number in the history of Pasadena ISD.

Thirty-two campuses were represented, including four

high schools, nine intermediate schools, seven middle schools, and 12 elementary schools (a record).

Thirty-one of the schools participating were from Pasadena ISD, and one was from Deer Park ISD. The Frazier team swept the competition coming away with five trophies.

Marcus Kemp, Dylan Campos and Silas Tobias tied for first place. Christian Harvey took the second-place trophy, and Bella Cisneros tied for third place.

The Frazier team is coached by Patricia Singleton, Frazier's science teacher and robotics and chess coach.



Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Christian Harvey, Bella Cisneros, (back row) Marcus Kemp, Dylan Campos and Silas Tobias. (See related photos, story Page 3A.)

Local library events set

Parker Williams Branch

The following events are scheduled this week at the Parker Williams Branch Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. Craft Time For All is scheduled for Thursday, May 14, from 3 to 5 p.m. Craft time is going Hawaiian. Create a lei, tissue flowers, or the design you would like on a surf board. This is a time to relax with some fun crafts for children, teens and adults, to listen to Hawaiian music and enjoy refreshments.

Wednesdays – Preschool storytime is at 10:30 a.m.

Thursdays – Toddler storytime is at 10:30 a.m.

Saturdays – Vietnamese Storytime: Level 2 begins at 10 a.m., Level 1 begins at 11:15 a.m., and Level 3 begins at 2:30 p.m. For more information, speak with Loc Bui.

For information, call the Parker Williams Library at 281-484-2036.

Book donations

Friends of Parker Williams Library is currently requesting donations for the library. Recent fiction, nonfiction, children's books and DVDs and CDs can be donated at 10851 Scarsdale.

Bracewell Branch Library

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

Tuesdays: 10:30 a.m. – Family storytime, followed by a storytime-themed craft; 11 a.m. – Playtime; 4:30 p.m. – Kid's Craft.

Wednesdays: 10:30 a.m. – Toddler storytime; 11 a.m. – Toddler playtime; 2 p.m. – Computer Basics; 3 to 4:30 p.m. – Kids' Wii Gaming; 3:15 p.m. – Internet Basics; 4:30 p.m. – Intro to MS PowerPoint.

Thursdays: 2 to 3 p.m. – Computer Help Session; 4 to 5 p.m. – Citizenship Class; 6 p.m. – ESL Beginners; 6:30 p.m. – ESL Advanced.

Saturdays: 10:30 a.m. – Computacion Basica I; 12 p.m. – ESL Beginners; 1 p.m. – ESL Advanced.

Sundays, May 9 and May 23: 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. – Citizenship Class

Thursday, May 21: 6 p.m. – Not Your Mama's Book Club will discuss *The Constant Princess* by Philippa Gregory.

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 Bracewell Branch at 832-393-2580.

NASA Aglow presents Janice Sturkie May 14

Janice Sturkie is a long-time friend of Aglow. She is a teacher, who served many years as a U.S. representative for the Christian Embassy in Jerusalem and still travels extensively to Israel, both leading groups and on prayer assignments. A past president of the board of KSBJ radio station, Sturkie currently serves on the board of the Institute for Hebraic Christian Studies.

Sturkie has recently returned from Boston where she participated in an *Ignite* I/y retreat with students and alum from Harvard, Yale, Princeton, MIT, Columbia and Dartmouth. She has a message of encouragement

after seeing this group of future leaders from the nation's most liberal universities. "...It is like life from the dead!" She brings a "fresh word" of prophecy and encouragement for the days ahead.

NASA Aglow meets at 9:30 a.m. on the second Thursday of every month at Praise Chapel, 18516 Highway 3 in Webster. This month's meeting will be held on May 14.

The public is invited to join in worship and to hear this speaker on Thursday, May 14. For more information about the meeting, call 281-910-1971.

Death

Stephen Becho



Stephen Daniel Becho, 39, died on Tuesday, May 12, 2015, surrounded by his family. He was born on Nov. 10, 1975, in Pasadena, Texas, to Irma and Eloy Becho, longtime residents of South Belt.

Becho attended Burnett Elementary, Thompson Intermediate, and graduated from J. Frank Dobie High School in 1994. He received his associate degree at Texas State Technical College and worked as a lab technician

for Dupont KBR. Becho worked in Iraq for two years with Dupont then continued his career at Ingle Side near Corpus Christi, Texas.

Becho loved spending time with his family which included lots of singing and dancing. He always had a smile on his face.

Becho's strength and faith grew during his battle with colon cancer. Despite his situation, his spirit was never compromised.

He is survived by the love of his life, Jeanette Cantu, and their son, Moses; mother Irma Becho and father Eloy Becho; sisters Melissa Be-

cho and Christine Gwosdz; brothers-in-law Gilbert Perez and Rusty Gwosdz; nephew Aiden Gwosdz; grandparents Maria and Jesus Becho; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

The viewing and a rosary will be held Friday, May 15, 2015, from 3 to 9 p.m. at Compean Funeral Home, 2102 Broadway Blvd. in Houston.

A Mass in Becho's honor will be held at St. Luke's Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road, on Saturday, May 16, at 10 a.m. followed by the funeral at South Park Cemetery, 1310 N. Main St. in Pearland.

Green hosts Forum

U.S. Rep. Gene Green invites veterans and families to his Veterans Forum on Thursday, May 21, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion, Post 499, 1601 16th Street in Galena Park.

The forum will feature an update on current issues and legislation, as well as the opportunity for veterans to ask Green questions and voice concerns in person.

"We're working hard to ensure that veterans have

access to the medical care and benefits they need," Green said.

"Last year, Congress passed major legislation to improve deficiencies and corruption in the VA system. We will keep working to make sure that new policies effect real, positive change for our veterans."

Representatives from various government agencies will also be present to answer individual questions.

Community theater holds auditions

Clear Creek Community Theatre will hold auditions for *Shakespeare-in-the-Summer 2015 - Hamlet* on Sunday, May 17, and Monday, May 18, at 7 p.m. Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script. For those

who are interested in auditioning for the role of Hamlet, a one-minute Shakespearean monologue is preferred.

Performance dates are July 23 through Aug. 2 at Clear Creek Community Theatre, 18091 Upper Bay

Road in Nassau Bay.

For information, visit www.clearcreekcommunitytheatre.com, call 281-355-5228, or contact the director, Robert Meek, at rmeek@clearcreekcommunitytheatre.com.



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THANK YOU!!

The Rainbow Valley Civic Club and Neighbors, on March 14, 2015, hosted a special event, a "Law Enforcement and Firefighters Appreciation Day". With the support and donations from area businesses this event was a wonderful success. Donations included plenty of food, water, soda, chips, and condiments. We wish to express our heart felt many THANKS to:

Kroger Store Manager, Mr. Curt Gore, (Sabo and Beltway 8). Donated chips, soda and water.

Fiesta Store, (Edgebrook at I-45) Manger, Mr. Robert Reid donated a \$75 gift card and cases of water and condiments.

American Furniture (Kingspoint at I-45), Manger David, donated a lovely chair and matching ottoman for our door prize drawing.

Sam's Club (Fuqua at I-45) donated \$25 gift card.

Church's Chicken, (Huges Rd at Beltway 8) donated chicken.

The *Leader* Newspaper, (Blackhawk at Beltway 8) donated 6 passes to Schlit terbaum in Galveston for door prize drawing.

Our own Doris Perez, Barber, donated 6 free haircuts for our door prize.

Pappa Johns, (Fuqua) donated over 5 pizzas

9er's Grill on Blackhawk at Beltway 8, Mr Nick donated paper plates and condiments.


It is great to know that we can rely on our area businesses to give back and support community events for what was a great day. We are glad to know we can count on you. Thank you for being in the community!!

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Frazier enjoys Teddy Bear Track & Field



Frazier Elementary School held its annual Teddy Bear Track and Field on Friday, April 24. For the second year, the Dobie High School PALS assisted Frazier coaches and teachers to help make the event a success. The Dobie students bring extra excitement and support to the kids. Pictured are, Melba Donatto's kindergarten class and helpers, left to right,

(front row) Melissa Gallo, Genesis Leal, Dayana Aguilar, Leisy Flores, (second row) Gabriella Garza, Emmanuel Vasquez, Steven Aguilar, Monserrat Marquize, Brianna Torres, Rylvrie Rentschler, (third row) Taylor Bainter, Rodrigo Martinez, Ezequiel Gonzalez, David Salazar, Jessica Jones, (back row) Dezz Sandles and Julian Ricks. Photo submitted

Atkinson Elementary School names third nine-weeks rolls

Atkinson Elementary recently released its honor, merit and principal's rolls for the third nine-weeks grading period of the 2014-2015 school year.

Students earning status are:

Honor roll
Second grade
Nataly Baez, Anthony Garza, Jacqueline Gonzalez, Mia Miller, Justice Pearson, Joseph Perrone, Jamare Philbert, Julyen Rivera, Eryal Rossett, Lizbeth Serrano, Sarah Trinh and Samantha Truong.

Third grade
Dylan Dao, Ryan Le, Linda Pham, Emily Reyes and Thomas Vu.

Fourth grade
Janet Armenta, Jade Gallegos, Iliana Meeley, Jesse Nguyen and Justin Thach.

Merit roll
Second grade
Isabel Juarez, Patrick Medel, Shazia Mustapha, Linda Nguyen, Bianca Rubio, Aryanna Sanchez, Andres Tolentino, Jazlynn Urban and Viviana Velasquez.

Third grade
Lizeth Aguirre, Joshua Best, Alexis Cline, Trisha Hoang, Hayden Marshall, Katelin Nguyen, Kelly Nguyen, Khoi Nguyen and Leyla Salazar.

Principal's List Kindergarten
Mohamed Abdelaal, Manuel Cedillo, Brooke Kelso, Wendi Li, Theresa Nguyen, Andrew Quinteros, Briana Salinas, Jayleen Sanchez, Lilian Tercero, Jaylin Thompson, Minh Vu and Zaiyden Zaragoza.

First grade
Nathalia Andrade, Benjamin Briones, Jaylen Garza, Madelyn Hinojosa, Gael Martinez, Hillary Montalvo, Chloe Nguyen, Yaciry Portales, Ricardo Ramos, Aryes Rennett, Jaudiel Salazar, Dylan Salinas, Isaac Torres and Makayla Vera.

Second grade
Loralí Bolton, Isabella Cesar, Alexa Fernandez, Anthony Garza, Quang Huynh, Anadeli Marban, Elisa Myles, Loi Nguyen, Diego Nuñez, Gisel Partida, Justice Pearson and Stephanie Vieyra.

Third grade
Betsaida De Arcos, Maximiliano Delgado, Da'Shawn Foster, Jessica Garza, Miguel Mendez, Ruth Monge, Kaly Montemayor, Adrian Pantoja, Leena Pham, Jaretsy Rodriguez, Nicholas Skidmore and Andrew Velasquez.

Fourth grade
Ghid Al-TaHER, Nhi Dinh, Jessica Gonzalez, Erik Hernandez, Manny Hernandez, Trisha Hoang, Brandon Lewis, Hanna Mathew, Martin Nguyen, Ruby Rojas, Edward Tercero and Karen Torres.

Hunter awarded

The San Jacinto College South campus recently held its annual student awards ceremony, at which Johanna Hunter was widely recognized.

Hunter, an Air Force veteran, received the award for Outstanding Student Organization Leader as president of the Student Veteran Association; Outstanding Student Employee of the Year as a veteran's center work/study employee; and the Outstanding Student Veteran Award.

"The South Campus Center of Excellence for Veteran Student Success Center is very proud of Johanna's stellar recognition at the 2015 Student Awards Ceremony," said Eugene Bernard, South campus veteran success coordinator.

Hunter has also coordinated energy industry guest speakers to come talk about workforce opportunities available to veterans, campus donation drives for toiletries and other basic necessities for VA inpatients, and is also an Honors Ambassador for the San Jacinto College Honors program.

For more information about San Jacinto College student veteran services or the Centers of Excellence for Veteran Student Success, visit sanjac.edu/veterans.



San Jacinto College student veteran Johanna Hunter was recently recognized at the 2015 San Jacinto College South Campus Student Award Ceremony. Photo by Andrea Vasquez

Students enjoy battle of the minds at chess championship

One could barely hear a peep inside the cafeteria at Beverly Hills Intermediate where students, parents and volunteers gathered for the fifth annual Pasadena Independent School District Chess Championship.

The event attracted an all-time high of 257 students from 32 campuses in the district and one campus from Deer Park ISD.

The championship was divided into four separate divisions including elementary (grades 3 and 4), middle (grades 5 and 6), intermediate (grades 7 and 8) and high school (grades 9-12). Each contestant played five games per round and received one point for each win and a half-point for a draw.

The following students won first place in their divisions: Frazier Elementary fourth-graders Dylan Campos, Marcus Kemp and Silas

Tobias; Shaw Middle fifth-graders Eduardo Vargas and Nestor Zacarias; San Jacinto Intermediate seventh-grader David Hoang and Bonnette Junior High eighth-grader Darrien Kramer; Lewis Career and Technical High School 10th-grader John Cruz.

The silence was broken when event organizers announced all first-, second- and third-place winners in front of proud parents and staff who filled the room with applause and cheers.

The district's chess program has evolved since its inception back in 2010. The first competition began with only 20 students. Chess coordinator James Early said that number increased drastically over time due to the leadership of district administrators and the introduction of the First Move program, in which second-

and third-grade students learn the fundamentals of chess at school.

"Leslie Axel, our district Gifted and Talented coordinator, brought many years of organizational experience to the program," Early said. "Her excellent leadership skills have allowed me to focus on helping our campus chess coaches teach students. I also want to thank Deputy Superintendent Karen Hickman for the success of this program. She has supported our chess program in a variety of ways, including providing funding for the competitions."

The First Move chess program began at 20 campuses in the district, and has extended to nearly all elementary campuses in the district.

In 2011-12, there were chess clubs at five middle, three intermediate and three

high schools. Now, the program has spread to 15 elementary, seven middle, all 10 intermediate, and five high schools.

"It has proved invaluable in stirring up interest and knowledge of chess among students of all age groups," Early said.

Students who begin playing chess at an early age develop skills that can be used in school and throughout adulthood, Early said. Studies have shown that students who play chess regularly excel in school and perform better on standardized tests than students who do not play chess.

"Students gain a host of skills including problem-solving skills, enhanced reading, memory, language, and mathematical abilities; improved critical, creative, and original thinking skills; and better spatial and visual

memory. In addition, students gain an increased ability to focus, visualize possibilities, think ahead, plan, weigh options, analyze concretely, think abstractly, and juggle multiple considerations simultaneously. They also learn that poor choices often bring about serious consequences."

"In addition, chess teaches sportsmanship – how to win and lose graciously and to not give up when behind," he continued. "Chess also serves as a bridge, bringing together children of different demographics in an activity they can all enjoy. Finally, chess teaches the value of hard work, concentration, objectivity, and commitment. This gives students – who may not be able to participate in athletics, fine arts, or other traditional competitive endeavors – a chance to shine."



Elementary First Place – Dylan Campos, Frazier; and Marcus Kemp, Frazier.



Elementary First Place – Silas Tobias, Frazier.



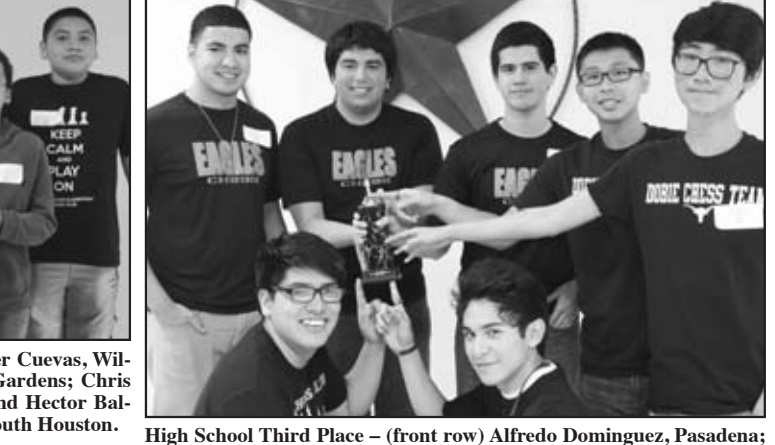
Elementary Second Place – Christian Harvey, Frazier.



High School First Place – John Cruz, Lewis Career & Technical High School.



Elementary Third Place – Bella Cisneros, Frazier; Eber Cuevas, Williams; Dillon McBee, Golden Acres; Devin Vazquez, Gardens; Chris Flores, South Shaver; Gustavo Escamilla, Williams; and Hector Baldran, South Shaver. Not pictured is Juan Fuentes, South Houston.



High School Third Place – (front row) Alfredo Dominguez, Pasadena; Samuel Salinas, Pasadena; (back row) Alexis Trevino, Pasadena; Hector Carrillo, Pasadena; Luis Garcia, Pasadena; Joseph Tran, Dobie; and Derek Nguyen, Dobie. Not pictured is Chandler Bui, Lewis Career and Technical High School.



Middle School Second Place – Andrew Diaz, De Zavala; Nathan Sandoval, Milstead; Stephen Garza, Williams; Nathan Lopez, Melillo. Not pictured are Michael Cortez, Shaw; Blake Danner, Lomax; Adam Espinoza, Shaw; Patrick Ortega, Morris; Gilberto Rojas, Shaw; and Jose Ruiz, Queens.



Intermediate Second Place – Timmy Phan, Beverly Hills; Allan Diaz, Beverly Hills; Julio Espinoza, Southmore; Tanner Vega, Beverly Hills; Victor Vargas, Southmore; and Raymond Ulloa, Beverly Hills.



Middle School Third Place – Emmanuel Cuevas, De Zavala; Andrew Vasquez, Milstead; Zachary Glover, Morris; and Morgan Grays, Milstead. Not pictured are Enrique Escamilla, Queens; and Matthew Mendiola, Melillo.



Intermediate Third Place – (front row) Lee Chavez, Southmore; Eloy Sanchez, Thompson; Kobe Thompson, Thompson; (back row) Victor Falcon, Southmore; Son Truong, Thompson; Sophia Colmenares, Thompson; Enoc Curiel, Thompson; Darin Pulido, Beverly Hills; Tin Ly, Beverly Hills; and Minh To, Beverly Hills.

CCCT 2015 Youth Apprenticeship Program registration now open

Clear Creek Community Theatre is currently accepting students for its Youth Apprenticeship Program.

• Session 1, which runs June 8 through July 12, is geared toward the younger theater students ages 6-14.

Students will learn theater basics, including scenic crafts, movement and acting skills – all culminating in a week of public performances of the Grimm fairy tale, *The Seven Ravens*.

Classes meet Monday through Friday at 10 a.m. Tuition is \$250.

• Session 2, running July 6 through Aug. 15, is geared toward students ages 12-18.

This session focuses on comedy with students learning about comedic timing and physical comedy. Their work will culminate in public performances of *The Servant of Two Masters* by Carlo Goldoni.

The "comedia del'arte" style in which the play is written is the grandfather of today's TV sitcoms.

Classes meet Monday through Friday at 2 p.m. Tuition is \$275.

Registration is available online at www.clearcreekcommunitytheatre.com or in person at the theater on Saturday, May 16, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Hernandez promoted



Friday night, April 24, 2015, South Houston High School Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps announced its new command staff for the 2015-2016 school year. Telly Hernandez, son of South Houston residents Marlow Lee Hernandez of Constable Chris Diaz's office and Christy Hernandez, was named the year's battalion commander for the program. Hernandez hopes to attend the Military Academy at West Point upon graduation in 2016. Photo submitted

Hobby Lions Club to meet

Hobby Airport Lions Club will meet Wednesday, May 20, at noon at the Golden Corral at Fuqua and I-45. For more information, email HobbyAirportLions@gmail.com.

Israeli Folk Dancing, May-June

What was meant to last only for four-to-five months is now in its sixth year. Israeli Folk Dancing sessions are not built on one another, so if a few are missed, it is easy to catch up quickly.

The dances are held at Congregation Shaar Hashalom, 16020 El Camino Real, Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Remaining May-June dance dates are May 18 (no dancing on Memorial Day, May 25). June dates are 1, 8, 15, 22 and 28. Dances are \$4 per session or \$35 for 10 sessions for CSH members, and \$5 per session or \$45 for 10 sessions for nonmembers, to cover expenses. Everyone is welcome to join the group - even if never attended before. Dancing is an excellent cardiovascular exercise while having fun. The entire community is invited to attend.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, COURTNEY
Courtney Durham celebrates a birthday Wednesday, May 20. Best wishes are sent from husband Chris, and daughter Abigail, residing in Boston; grandparents Marie and David Flickinger; parents Fred and Leslie Flickinger and sister Kimberly of Houston; uncle David Flickinger, South Belt-Ellington Leader president, and his wife, Ellie Flickinger; and friends and staff at the Leader.

BEST WISHES TO JACLYN
Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to former Leader staff member Jaclyn (Ramirez) Tremont on Wednesday, May 20, from her friends, family and the Leader staff.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays May 14 through May 20.

Burnett Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles for Sheri Rodgers on May 16.

Bush Elementary
Sing a happy birthday song to Sandra Garza on May 17. Kristine McCoy enjoys

a birthday May 18.

Frazier Elementary
May 16 is the day for a birthday cake for Connie Groves. Susan Blue and Hildegard Venegas enjoy a double birthday May 18.

Stuchbery Elementary
The day for a birthday present is May 14 for Krystal Lam. Shirley Young enjoys a birthday May 17.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Blow out the birthday candles for Daniel Jacobs May 19. Norma Smith is wished a happy birthday May 20.

Dobie High
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 Tara McGrew. On May 18, happy birthday greetings are sent to Mirtha Garcia and Tyler Ruberg. May 20 is the day for a party for Amanda Langston.

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

Thursday, May 14: Chris Escalera Michelle Covington Hurby, and Bianca Perez; Friday, May 15: Melissa Rios-Gutierrez, Meagan Abbott, Wayne Lominac Sr. and Roland Lejeune; Saturday, May 16: Anthony Swilley, Alan Adams, Keith Walker, Kenny Napper and Allyson McMillen; Sunday, May 17: Becky Henry, Roland Kennedy, Gina Houghton and Jessica Nixon; Monday, May 18: Melody Tanner, Bryan Conn, Sheila Neal, Jessica Ramirez-De La Cruz, Susan Blue, Alondra Cristina and Rachel Mooney; Tuesday, May 19: Melanie Martin, Tanya Williams, Jonathan Pearson, Robby Asbury, Leah Poirrer and Laura Scott; and Wednesday, May 20: Norma Pruneda, Joey Martinez, Mike Freeman, Juan Cruz, Tami Richardson, Kathy Swift, Al Carter, Joan D'Ambrosio, Valerie Chapa and Jaclyn Tremont.

LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS
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.

Harris County Master Gardeners set May events

The Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 has scheduled its events for the month of May. Events include:

Open Garden Day May 18
Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 will host Open Garden Day on Monday, May 18, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at Genoa Friendship Garden, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Road. Master gardeners will be available to answer gardening questions. The event is free and children are welcome. For more information, visit https://hcmga.tamu.edu.

Program on monarch butterflies May 20
On Wednesday, May 20, Victor Madamba, Galveston County Master Naturalist, will present a program on monarch butterflies at 10 a.m. in the meeting room at Clear Lake Park, 5001 NASA Parkway in Seabrook. This is a Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 event. For information, visit https://hcmga.tamu.edu.

Bay Area Singles Dance May 16

The Bay Area Singles Club monthly dance will be held Saturday, May 16, from 7 to 10:30 p.m. at the VFW Lodge, Post 6378, at 5204 Highway 3 in Dickinson. 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.

Romance writers meet May 19

The Houston Bay Area Chapter of Romance Writers of America meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month for an evening of education, encouragement and community for writers. Meetings are held at the Kirkmont MUD Building, 10102 Blackhawk. On May 19, speaker Donna Maloy with hold a a workshop on Author's Voice: Recognizing It and Enhancing It. More information is available at hbarwa.com.

AARP 199 meets May 15

AARP Webster Area Chapter 199 will meet Friday, May 15, at 10 a.m. 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.

Every month, the group has different speakers to discuss various topics of interest to seniors. Every two months the group has a potluck lunch.

The May 15 speaker will be Reference Librarian Laura Smith from the Harris County Freeman Library. She will tell how to do genealogy research, including use of the library's extensive capabilities. There will be time for questions and answers.

May is a potluck lunch month, so members and guests are asked to bring a dish to share after the speaker finishes.

The group also organizes day trips by bus to local area points of interest at minimal cost. The next day trip is on June 23 to the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum at College Station. The following trip will be on Aug. 26 to Chappell Hill Lavender & Berry Farm and Gift Shop. Lunch will be at the Chappell Hill Deli and Bakery.

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 Quin Shepperd at 281-486-7770 or Qeshepperd@yahoo.com.

NARFE meets May 19

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Gulf Freeway Chapter 941 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. at the El Franco Lee Senior Community Center, 9500 Hall Road.

This month's meeting will be held on May 19.

Visitors are welcome. For more information, call 713-734-1461.

Thompson teams up for egg challenge



Cayla Pena (left) and Madison Mendiola team up to prepare for the Egg Drop Challenge as they hot-glue straws and place them on the outside of the egg container, adding extra protection for the egg.

Thompson Intermediate School has a special Den Time built into students' daily schedule to provide additional tutoring and enrichment for all students. Many Den Time classes focus on STAAR preparation and review, but one special enrichment Den Time focused on females in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). The eighth-grade girls were chosen from Carol Waters' eighth-grade Pre-AP science class and participated in the STEM enrichment program every day for about 25 minutes. During this time, students focused on how to incorporate relevant STAAR concepts, like

Newton's Laws of Motion, Laws of Gravity, and literal and linear equations, into the engineering part of STEM. "I love our balloon cookie car project; it made me feel like an engineer," Amy Phan shared. At the beginning of the year, students researched a female STEM role model who inspired them, and created a poster to increase STEM awareness throughout the school. Students researched STEM activities and projects they wanted to design, build and test. Cayla Pena said, "I liked that we were able to come up with our own designs and the projects we did." Some of their favorite

projects included Bungee Barbie, Egg Drop, and Balloon Car challenges. In each challenge, students had to research the topic and sketch their design. Once they were satisfied, they created/built, tested, and retested as needed. "This is such a great experience for my students," Waters explained, "because it allows them to design and build projects of their own choosing without a grade attached or the worry of failure. If students are successful then they just keep redesigning and retesting. Science is all about knowing that failure is all right and being able to learn from it in order to succeed."



In preparation for the egg drop challenge are, left to right, (front row) Melody Le, Kayla Romero, Kayla Wilson, Natalie Nguyen, Amy Phan, (middle row) Keishon Groves, Ariana Tovan, Katherine Martinez, Lauren Schwausch, Cayla Pena, Joanna Salazar, (back row) Celestina Deluna, Rocio Jimenez Rebollar, Zoe Vela, Xochilt Martinez, Jenice Gonzalez and Madison Mendiola.



Shown dropping their protective containers with the eggs in them from the bleachers are, left to right, Jenice Gonzalez, Melody Le, Pricilla Andrade, Madison Mendiola, Cayla Pena, Joanna Salazar, Zoe Vela, Keishon Groves, Rocio Jimenez, Kayla Romero, Xochilt Martinez, Katherine Martinez, Amy Phan, Kayla Wilson, Lauren Schwausch, Natalie Nguyen and Ariana Tovan. Photos submitted

Remember When

35 years ago (1980)
Two Dobie students won first place at the University Interscholastic League track meet held at Austin. John Robinson ran the 1,600-meter in 4:08.4, and Gawayn Guy ran the 800-meter in 1:50.8. An open house and air show, Star Spangled Weekend, was held at Ellington field. This was the largest military forces exhibition in the nation. Dobie's varsity baseball team won the 23-4A championship by defeating Deer

Park in two games out of three in a series. Lynn Carlson of Scarsdale ran his motorcycle into the side of a bull that was crossing Choate Road. Carlson was treated for severe abrasions and a possible fractured leg. The bull had to be destroyed. Metro designed a questionnaire to survey the transportation needs of those in the area. City Councilman Frank Mancuso instructed the director of public works to consider funding construction of a bridge on Sagehen Boulevard to connect Sagemont to Woodmeadow and Scarsdale. Four interviewers talked with school officials at Pasadena ISD about their administrative personnel structure. Structure changes could be proposed after compiling and reviewing the data. A public hearing on Green Tee's petition for de-annexation from Clear Creek ISD was in progress in the Galveston County Commissioners Court despite Clear Creek's efforts to disallow the petition. 25 years ago (1990) Clear Creek Independent School District's Sixth-Grade Task Force Options Committee stated that if the Weber Elementary School was closed (due to the Brio site), then a replacement school for those students could have to be given first priority. A number of South Belt area residents were looking into the increasing number of severe accidents along Dixie

Farm Road between Beamer and Interstate 45. After several months of study, 151st District Judge Alice Trevathan denied granting a new trial in the Slaughter v. Monsanto case. Angry Weber students' parents, backed by other Houston area citizens impacted by toxic waste, vented their frustration at Brio Task Force representatives during a limited seated public meeting. Clear Creek ISD administrators kept adding portable buildings at Landolt Elementary to avoid a confrontation over moving students to Weber in Southbend located three blocks from a toxic waste dump. Despite aggressive academic efforts by Pasadena ISD to improve standardized test scores, the overall average for Texas Education Assessment of Minimum Skills (TEAMS), including several South Belt area schools, dropped significantly. 20 years ago (1995) Fifth-graders at Frazier Elementary prepared a banner in support of the J. Frank Dobie Lady Longhorns who were headed to the state softball tournament in Austin. Pasadena Independent School District's board approved a restructuring of the district's administrative organization. The Thompson Academic Games team lost its bid for a third national championship. U. S. Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, was committed to Brio remediation and maintaining the Johnson Space

Center and the approximately 40,000 jobs dependent on it. 15 years ago (2000) Former Dobie principals Jerry Speer and Frank Braden won Pasadena ISD board elections. Speer won Position 5, and Braden won Position 4. A Pearland election resulted in increased momentum for the Scarsdale-Yost Road project with Larry Marcott defeating Bill Berger, the strongest City Council opponent to the connection. 10 years ago (2005) The fate of Ellington Field was in question due to the Base Realignment and Closure hearings that would soon commence. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld was expected to announce bases slated for closure or downsizing. Rep. Tom DeLay was fighting to keep Ellington as it was. After nearly a month of extensive searching, the family of Austin Childs decided it was time to hold a memorial service. The teen was missing, along with two other South Belt area men, after they went fishing off Freepoint. The opening of Blackhawk to Dixie Farm Road was delayed because of last-minute details. During a board meeting, Clear Creek Independent School District trustees changed Clear View Alternative School into a district charter school. After approval by the Texas Education Agency, the school would be eligible to receive \$450,000 in education grants for more faculty and student programs.

Three San Jacinto College regents returned to their positions: J.D. Bruce and Dr. Reude Wheeler defeated opponents. Ben Meador was unopposed. 5 years ago (2010) The staff at Moore Elementary was honored with teachers being named both the Pasadena Independent School District's Elementary Teacher of the Year and First-Year Teacher of the Year. Elizabeth Neubauer, the school's special education SUCCESS teacher, took home the honor of Elementary Teacher of the Year, while Leah Laredo, a fourth-grade teacher at the school, was awarded the First Year Teacher of the Year prize. Stuchbery Elementary second-grade teacher Sharon Brantly celebrated her 40th year at the area school. She came to Stuchbery when the school was three years old and taught in the same classroom for her entire tenure. The teacher's co-workers surprised her by having a party in the school's library. The Pasadena Independent School District officially recognized Brantly at a banquet. 1 year ago (2014) Clear Brook High School and Clear Horizons Early College High School were two of four Clear Creek Independent School District campuses to be named among the best in the country in a list released by US News & World Report. Clear Lake High School and Clear Springs High School also performed well in the report.

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Catholic Daughters attend Texas State Convention



Attending the recent Catholic Daughters convention are, left to right, (front row) Betty Dixon, Herlinad Estrada, Adele Roby, Eleanor Burleigh, Yvette Gonzalez, Delia Coy, Eloisa Gomez, Irma Guerra, Nancy Pompa, (back row) Irene Flynn, Gere Korenek, Carolyn Friend, Mary Alice Garrett, Kathleen Taylor. Not pictured are Pat Arp and Janis Wright. Photo submitted

Seventeen members of Catholic Daughter Court Mother of Unity #2292 recently traveled to Austin, Texas, for the 49th Biennial Texas State Convention. Attendees included officers and court members appointed as delegates and alternates, vendors, or visiting members who joined 964 women and guests from all parts of the state. They gathered to conduct the business of electing state officers for the next two years, presenting awards to individuals and courts, awarding more than \$39,000 dollars in scholarships to deserving high school seniors of members, as well as monetary awards to State Court charities and projects.

State officers and chairmen gave their reports of the State Court activities from the previous two years. A video report was shown regarding the building of a Habitat for Humanity in Columbus, Texas, that was dedicated in January of this year.

The convention opened with Mass on Thursday evening with a procession of more than 400 officers attired in the robes of the office they held. The Mass was officiated by the bishop of Austin, the Most Rev. Joe S. Vasquez, assisted by the state chaplain, the Rev. Donald R. Ruppert of East Barnard, and deacons who were in attendance at the convention.

The opening gavel fell at 8:30 a.m. on Friday morning with the keynote address given by the Rev. James Sichko, well known speaker, author and pastor of St. Mark Catholic Church in Lexington, Ky.

Friday afternoon it was back to business; however, the convention was not all about business as a Fun Night was held with members walking the "purple carpet" dressed as their favorite TV or movie characters or ensemble. Members of Court Mother of Unity walked the carpet as characters from the *Wizard of Oz* led in procession by Delia Coy carrying a rainbow balloon followed by the Yellow Brick Road (Mary Alice

Vargas celebrates 103 years

Valeria Vargas, a resident at Clear Brook Crossing Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center, celebrated her 103rd birthday on Tuesday, April 28, 2015.

She was born in Monroe, La., to

Jesus and Marina Lopez, and was the 13th out of 17 children.

At age 6, the family moved to Dewalt, Texas, where they picked cotton and corn.

At the age of 19, she married Pedro Deleon and moved to Missouri City. In 1934, she had a son, Fernando, and in 1940 she had a daughter, Margarita.

In 1946, her husband, Pedro, died. A few years later she opened a boarding house in El Segundo to support her family. While there, she met the love of her life, Natividad. They were married for 40 years and lived in the neighborhood of Magnolia. She was a South Belt resident for more than 15 years.

Valeria is the oldest living Lopez. She has one surviving daughter, six grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren. Her favorite color is red and her favorite flower is the hibiscus. She loves baseball, especially the Houston Astros. She has been a resident of Clear Brook Crossing Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center since October 2013 where she enjoys watching the Astros and visits from her family and friends.

Vargas' family, friends and staff celebrated this special occasion at a recent party at the center.



Valeria Vargas (center, front) celebrates her 103rd birthday with her family at Clear Brook Crossing Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center. Pictured with Vargas are, left to right, (kneeling) Kathy Kelley, (standing) Denise Balzumati, Diana Cruz, Kara Queen, Kristen Danner, Sarah Allen, Kim Lovell, Jessica Hefner (administrator), Mariner Lara, Margaret Saldivar and Stephanie Simmons. Photo submitted

Morris students attend Jr. VASE

Recently, several Morris Middle School Trailblazers participated in Jr. VASE (Visual Art Scholastic Event) at Kleb Intermediate School in Spring, an event in which a student must create an original artwork based on art techniques and influences which they have researched.

In addition, the students must articulate their ideas in a formal interview and critique by an artist judge. This part alone can be very intimidating for the students. The student interview consisted of an explanation of their research and application to the work, execution of technique, elements and principles of art, aesthetics and critical judgment and personal expression.

Scores can range from (15-24 - I) (25-36 - II) (37-50 - III) (51-60 - IV). Out of five students, four scored a IV rating and one scored a III. Sashiana Munoz scored 48 (acrylic paint). Although she scored a III, she was told not to be discouraged because she was using a medium, which can be challenging to adults, let alone a

sixth-grader, generally not taught until high school. John Cruz scored 52 (pencil and markers) bronze medal; Elizabeth Bui scored 51 (art markers) bronze medal; Faaizah Maleehah scored 53 (papier-mâché sculpture) bronze medal; Gizelle Cardona scored 58 (paint and airbrush) silver medal (Top 10 percent).



Left to right, Morris Middle School students John Cruz, Gizelle Cardona, Faaizah Maleehah, Sashiana Muñoz and Elizabeth Bui display the artwork they submitted in the Jr. Visual Art Scholastic Event held at Kleb Intermediate School in Spring. Photo submitted

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Meador's Yu wins art contest

Law Day, a 57-year-old designation, has been celebrated across the country every year on May 1. It is a day for Americans to celebrate and appreciate their liberties and rededicate the ideas of equality and justice under law.

The Houston Bar Association sponsored a poster contest with the theme, *Magna Carta: Symbol of Freedom Under Law*. A selection of entries is on display during Law Week in downtown office buildings and courthouses. This contest was open to kindergarten through eighth grades.

Meador second-grader Elli Yu placed first in the Houston competition and received \$200 and an awards luncheon at The Four Seasons with a guest and her teacher for her artwork.

Her piece was then submitted to the state competition where she also placed first. Yu received \$150 toward art supplies, \$50 prize money, a gold medal and a certificate as her state winnings.

Left to right are Cecelia Stewart, Meador art coordinator; second-grader Elli Yu; and Meador Principal Beverly Bolton. Photo submitted

Wallis sings Happy Birthday to students

Assistant Principal Kris Wallis (left) takes time out every morning to sing *Happy Birthday* to all the birthday students that day. Wallis is pictured with Angel Vo, a kindergarten student in C. Wilson's class. Vo turned 6-years-old on May 7.

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Remembering the 2015 Cook-off



Moore celebrates Cinco de Mayo

Moore Elementary School recently held a Cinco de Mayo celebration at the school where staff and students dressed for the occasion.

At left: Fourth-graders Olivia Lugo and Kate Wang.

Photos submitted



Kindergartners Natalie De Paz and Samantha Salazar. Fourth-graders (front row) Salet Lovo, Kate Wang, Jasmin Garcia, (back row) Olivia Lugo, Khalil Helm and Ainsley Willis.



Dressed up for Cinco de Mayo are, left to right, (front row) David Del Toro, Mariana Mejia, Payton Hernandez, Juan Alonso, Ruby Lovo, Marisa Lugo, (second row) Jevonne Perez, Jalynn Alix, Juliet Silva, Karen Mier, Yamileth Ramales, Maria Abarca (kindergarten teacher), (third row) Katherine Benitez, Jordi Zamudio, Valerica Cuevas-Garcia, Mia Hernandez, Kate Magana, (back row) Angelica Perez (counselor), Isabella Albarra, Mackensy Carker, Hannah Zamora, Ainsley Willis, Kaylynn Lugo and Eduardo Ledesma (paraprofessional).



The 19th annual South Belt Spectacular Cook-off, held April 30 through May 2 at El Franco Lee Park, was a huge success, raising tens of thousands of dollars for the annual Fourth of July fireworks show and local youth organizations. Judges shown above at the event are, left to right, David Ellsworth, Joe Augustino, Bobby Haynes, Emory Gadd, Fred Roberts, Gary Blankinship, Mike Nixon and Paul Rogers. Shown above right is Southeast Volunteer Fire Department Chief Chuck Tylka, who worked tirelessly at the event. The Smoking Irish Cooking Team is shown to the right. Its first time competing in the event, the team won first place in margaritas and second place in showmanship. Team members pictured are, left to right, Dakota Thomas, Mark McCormack, Denny Wranich, (Bud Light girl Datsue Esparza), Mike McCormack, (Bud Light girl Theresa Paz), Rhonda Thomas, Rodger Thomas, Katy McCormack and Danny McCormack. Presenting the awards are Dean Baier (orange shirt) and T.J. Golightly (pink shirt).

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Meador celebrates Cinco de Mayo



Pre-K students at Meador Elementary celebrated Cinco De Mayo with a parade down the halls in festive costumes. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Emily Peralta, Alyana Jaramillo, Alondra Cruz, Emily Espinoza, Kevin Gonzalez, Omar Monroy, Idalis Villegas, (second row) Janelle Ramos, Marissa Almaguer, Brianna Soto, Sebastian Ortiz, Karla Fernandez, Melody Rodriguez, Gissele Cardiel, Edeline Palomo, Miguel Martinez, Armando Santos Jr., Omega Peña, (third row) Shirley Hawley, Camila Bruno, Julianna Mikulski, Jesus Leon Jr., Mario Saldivar, Alexander Vargas, Natasha Cordova, Jason Jasso, Dayana Santamaria Vazquez, Isaac Benavides, (fourth row) Jennifer Marquez, Christopher Nunez, Travis McGee, Alana Fonseca, Criss Gutierrez, Amalai Torres, Sebastian Gonzalez, Samuel Tapia, (back row) Thomas Wilkerson, Emilio Zavala, Adam Castillo, Xavier Hernandez, Ella Rodriguez, Dylan Jimenez, Nayeli Barrientos and Maris Rutherford.

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Scott retires from board

Continued from Page 1A the superintendent recognized and thanked Scott for leading the way in CCISD. She told the crowd that while she will no longer be technically on the school board, she will still be heavily involved in the schools. "The Clear Creek Independent School District board of trustees is a cohesive group of men and women committed to serving the needs of children and dreaming big for the future," said CCISD Superintendent Greg Smith. "While each school board member has their strengths, I think we would all agree Dee was our team mom." Scott will be replaced by Jay Cunningham, who easily defeated Trent Martin in the May 9 school board election. See related story on Page 1A.

SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

San Jacinto College baseball to nationals

Stellar pitching has once again led San Jacinto College's baseball team to the National Junior College Athletic Association's National Championships. San Jac defeated Angelina 4-1 May 12 at Constellation Field in Sugar Land, sending the locals to the national tournament for the 23rd time in program history. The team's last national title came in 1990. This time, San Jacinto came out of the loser's bracket to advance. See more on pages 3B and 6B.

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DP gets offensive, drops Dobie

Deer Park began swinging the bats from the opening pitch of the series and seemingly continued banging out the hits throughout, quickly sending Dobie packing in a bidistrict baseball playoff series May 8-9 at Dickinson High School's Leland Williams Field. The Deer, undefeated



champions of District 21-6A and losers of just one game all season, cranked out 11-1 and 8-4 victories over the Longhorns to advance to the area round.

Dobie, meanwhile, saw its season end in the first round for the second straight season.

The Longhorns entered the series hoping to throw strikes and keep Deer Park's pop-laden lineup in check by changing speeds, keeping pitches out of the middle of the plate and limiting free baserunners.

Solid plan, for sure, but the Longhorn hurlers had a difficult time of executing it.

In the game one win by run-rule in five innings for Deer Park, the Deer scored

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At left, Dobie's Arthur Pedraza was one of three pitchers to face Deer Park in the bidistrict baseball playoff opener May 8 at Dickinson, won by the Deer 11-1. Deer Park then closed out the series with an 8-4 win May 9. Photo by John Bechtle

Smith, Taylor hit state T&F

Texas Tech University signee Maygen Smith and Brandon Taylor have joined the list of athletes who have contributed to the rich track and field tradition at Clear Brook High School.

Smith, the Region III champion in the 400-meter run at 54.70 seconds, will join Taylor, who has qualified in the 100-meter dash, as both make a run for the gold at the 2015 University Interscholastic League's

Class 6A State Track and Field Meet May 15-16 at the Mike A. Myers Track Complex on the campus of the University of Texas in Austin.

Taylor, a junior, reached state in the 100-meter dash after taking second with a time of 10.60 at the Region III meet May 9.

Both athletes were also competitors on a variety of relay events for the Wolverines, but now it's time to focus on individual performance.

Regional finishes won't mean anything at state, but Smith delivered the state's second-best qualifying time in the 400-meter run, while Taylor's clocking leaves him sixth in line.

Clear Brook boys' track and field coach Aaron Troyer said Taylor's performance this season essentially boils down to the athlete's willingness to put in the extra work required.

Continued on Page 2B

JFD faculty to play tennis

The Dobie High School tennis program is set to host its annual faculty/student tournament on Tuesday, May 19, at the Longhorn courts.

Dobie tennis players will pair with members of the faculty and administration, where they will be divided into beginner, intermediate and experienced divisions.

In 2014, player Luis Cabreja and faculty member Yvette Giron won the championship in the Burnt Orange/White division for experienced players.

The 2015 tournament is expected to begin around 3 p.m., and the public is invited.

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Bondy edges Lions, taking PISD Cup

Bondy emerged as the champion of the 2014-2015 Pasadena ISD Cup competition, edging Thompson Intermediate for the crown. Beverly Hills was third.

The annual competition pits each of the district's 10 intermediate schools against one another.

Points are awarded to schools based on first-through 10th-place finish in each of the team sports, including football, volleyball, boys' and girls' basketball and boys' and girls' cross-country and track and field. Individual efforts are also rewarded.

The Patriots tallied 202.50 points to win the school yearlong event, using a consistent performance in all of the team sports as well as a dominating effort in girls' cross-country.

Thompson stayed close, pooling 183 points largely based on a strong season in football as well as boys' and girls' track and field.

Beverly Hills, a multi-winner of the contest in the past, was third

with 159.25 points. Bondy will be handed the trophy this month during a brief ceremony at the school.

The outcome of the 2014-2015 contest would seem to bode well for both Memorial High School and Dobie High School.

Many of Bondy's student-athletes ultimately attend Memorial, while many of both Thompson and Beverly Hills' student-athletes are zoned to attend Dobie High School.

Pasadena ISD also conducts a competition for each of the district's five high schools, with Dobie and Memorial previously being the top competitors for the championship.

While the high school athletic season has officially ended within Pasadena ISD, results of the cup challenge have yet to be released.

The PISD Cup competition was intended to promote friendly competition between the district's respective schools, and has seemingly fit the bill.

PISD Cup
Intermediate Standings
2014-2015 Final Totals

Bondy	202.50
Thompson	183.00
Beverly Hills	159.25
San Jacinto	149.50
Southmore	144.75
S. Houston	141.25
Miller	104.50
Jackson	104
Queens	97.25
Park View	89.75

Sports included: football, volleyball, boys' and girls' basketball, cross-country and track and field.

Dobie football to compete in 7-on-7

While the running game will certainly be featured, the Dobie varsity football team program is also focused on developing a more proficient aerial attack beginning this fall.

With that in mind, first-year head coach Mike Norman has entered his Dobie program into a 7-on-7 summer league

program that will be held at The Rig in Pearland.

Dobie will be in the mix along with host Pearland, Dawson, Clear Brook, Clear Creek, Santa Fe, Clear Falls and Clear Springs.

Teams will go head-to-head in games lasting 30 minutes each, and there will be a 10-minute break

between games over the course of a four-week schedule.

Opening-week action (June 9) will include Brook going against Pearland at 5 p.m. and Dobie taking on Santa Fe at 5:40 p.m. Brook will then play Dawson at 6:20 p.m., and Dobie/Springs is at 7 p.m.

On June 16, it's Brook/Santa Fe at 5 p.m. and Dobie versus Pearland at 5:40 p.m. Brook and Clear Springs meet at 6:20 p.m. with Dobie/Dawson at 7 p.m.

For June 23, some of the action will include Dobie versus Brook at 5:40 p.m. and Creek/Brook at 7 p.m. Dobie takes on Clear Falls at 7:40 p.m.

In final-week action June 30, Brook will go against Clear Falls at 5:40 p.m., and Dobie draws Clear Creek at 5:40 p.m.

A Brook/Dawson matchup comes at 6:20 p.m. followed by Dobie and Clear Springs starting at 7 p.m.

Pleasants, Morris win big at GAT



Taylor Pleasants (left) and Kris Morris emerged as the big winners when Thompson Intermediate hosted its annual athletics banquet May 9. Pleasants, the school's Most Outstanding Female Athlete Award winner, led the way in a variety of sports this school year and was also the district champion in the Punt, Pass and Kick contest. She is also a gifted softball player. Morris led the Lions to the eighth-grade A football championship with dominating performances all season and also played basketball and ran track.

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Seven San Jacinto College hoopsters headed to Division I colleges

San Jacinto College vonlean Hedgeman, Justin sophomore basketball Hollins, Willie Mangum, players Michael Carey, Je- Dana Raysor, Naiel Smith

Sports news, notes

Dobie boys' hoops

Dobie varsity boys' basketball head coach Kevin Cross and his staff will host the 2015 Longhorns' basketball camp June 15-18 at the school. Students entering the sixth through ninth grades as of the 2015-2016 school year are eligible to attend. Instructors will lead participants in skills drills, fun games, strength and conditioning and other basketball-related activities. The fee is \$50 per player, which will include a camp T-shirt. Parents of participants are required to cover medical insurance/costs as the Pasadena ISD does not cover students' insurance for summer fitness/recreation programs. For more information, direct email to Cross at KCross@pasadenaisd.org.

Texas Line Drive seeks vendors

The Texas Line Drive is seeking vendors for its Memorial Day weekend tournament, set to be played May 22-24 at the South Belt Girls Softball Association fields at El Franco Lee Park. Potential vendors may either pay a flat \$100 fee for the booth space or contribute 20 percent of sales to the event host team(s). For more information, direct email to Brittney Hernandez at brittneybphotography@yahoo.com.

BHI speed camp

The Beverly Hills Intermediate coaching staff will host its annual four-week Speed Camp for students age 8 to 15 throughout June and into early July. The camp will include drills and weight work designed to improve agility, muscle strength and endurance and much more. The camp will run each Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon, including June 8-11, June 15-18, June 22-25 and June 29 to July 2. Cost of the camp is \$60 cash only, and the fee will include a camp T-shirt. Parents of participants are required to cover medical insurance/costs as the Pasadena ISD does not cover students' insurance for summer fitness/recreation programs. Parents/students may obtain a registration form in the Beverly Hills front office each school day from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information, call Beverly Hills coach Ben Portis at 281-299-0251.

Brook boys'/girls' hoops

Clear Brook varsity boys' basketball coach Christian Thompson will host the annual Wolverines' youth hoops camp for boys and girls June 15-19 at Westbrook Intermediate. Instruction will cover all phases of the game, including shooting, passing, rebounding, offensive and defensive drills and more. Session I, from 9 a.m. to noon each day, is open to those entering kindergarten through the fifth grade as of the 2015-2016 school year. Session II, from 1 to 4 p.m. each day, is open to those entering the sixth through ninth grades as of the 2015-2016 school year. Cost is \$100, which includes a youth basketball and T-shirt. As is always the case in the Clear Creek ISD, the parents must provide medical coverage as the district does not cover students with insurance during summer fitness/recreation programs. For more information, direct email to Thompson at jthompson@ccisd.net.

SJC men's hoops tryout

The San Jacinto College men's basketball team will hold tryouts for the 2015-2016 season on Saturday, June 13. Tryouts will take place at Anders Gymnasium on the San Jacinto College Central campus, from 1 to 3 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 noon. Questions about the tryout should be directed to the men's basketball office at 281-476-1849.

Brook boys'/girls' soccer

Clear Brook varsity boys' soccer coach Chris Stromeyer and Lady Wolverine varsity girls' soccer coach Jamie Scott will co-host the school's annual youth soccer camp for boys and girls June 8-10 at Westbrook Intermediate. Students entering kindergarten through the ninth grade as of the 2015-2016 school year are eligible to attend. Cost is \$60 per student. Those in attendance should bring their own water, cleats, shin guards, practice clothes, etc. Parents of participants are required to cover medical insurance/costs as the Clear Creek ISD does not cover students' insurance for summer fitness/recreation programs. For more information, call Stromeyer at 832-857-5181.

Lady Wolverine volleyball

Clear Brook varsity volleyball coach Meredith Thompson, her staff and current and former collegiate players will combine to host the 2015 Lady Wolverines' youth camp July 27-30 at Westbrook Intermediate. Students entering the third through ninth grades as of the 2015-2016 school year are eligible to attend. The first session (8 to 9:30 a.m./\$80 per student) is for students entering third through fifth grade. The second session (8 to 10:30 a.m./\$100 per student) is for those entering the sixth through eighth grade who are competing in the beginning stages of the game. Eighth-grade students playing club volleyball and who were on their respective seventh-grade A team this season as well as ninth-grade students are eligible to attend the 10:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. session for \$100 per student. Those participating should bring their own shoes, knee pads, water, a great attitude and willingness to compete. The entry form can be obtained at www.clearbrookathletics.com. For more information, direct email to Thompson at mthomp1@ccisd.net.

Dobie H.S. volleyball

Dobie High School varsity volleyball coach Dawn Gutierrez and her staff will host the Lady Longhorns' annual youth camp June 20 through July 2 at the school. Students entering the third through sixth grade as of the 2015-2016 school year are eligible to attend. The cost is \$40 per student, and those participating should bring their own shoes, knee pads, water, etc. Parents of participants are required to cover medical insurance/costs as the Pasadena ISD does not cover students' insurance for summer fitness/recreation programs.

and Donte Thomas signed national letters of intent to continue their basketball and educational careers at National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I institutions.

"I'm really proud of these guys, and our entire team, for how hard they worked on the court and in the classroom this year," said head coach Scott R. Germander, who completed his third season at the helm of the San Jacinto College men's basketball program and was the Region XIV Coach of the Year.

"I know they are going to be successful at the next level, and I wish them all the luck as they pursue their bachelor's degrees and continue their basketball careers."

Carey, a 6-foot-5-inch guard from Lamar Consolidated High School, will play next school year at Wagner College in Staten Island, N.Y.

Carey played in 31 games, starting in 30. He was third on the team in scoring, averaging 10.9 points per game, and second in rebounding at 5.8 per game.

Hedgeman will make his way east to the University of Louisiana at Lafayette of the Sun Belt Conference.

The 6-foot-7-inch forward from Pearland High School played and started in 31 games this season, and was an all-region South Zone honorable mention selection.

He was fourth on the squad in scoring at 10.1 points per game, and led the team in rebounding with a 7.4 per game average, assists (2.7 per game), and free throw percentage (76.6 percent). He was also second on the team in steals at 2.1 per game.

Hollins, a 6-foot-9-inch

forward from Trent InternationalE in Sugar Land, will take his talents to the Western Athletic Conference and California State University-Bakersfield.

He averaged 4.4 points per game, 5.3 rebounds, and led the team in blocks before suffering an injury.

Out of Marshall High School in Richmond, Va., Mangum, a 6-foot-1-inch guard, was a National Junior College Athletic Association third-team

All-American.

He will play next school year at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, Mich.

As the team's leading scorer last season, Mangum averaged 20.6 points per game, a mark that ranked 23rd in the nation, including 100 made three-pointers, which ranked 10th in the nation.

He played and started in all 34 games for San

Jac, and averaged 3.6 rebounds, 3.7 assists, and 1.3 steals per game.

Mangum was also a first-team all region selection and first-team all-region South Zone honoree.

Raysor, a 6-foot-4-inch guard from Elizabeth, N.J.'s St. Patrick High School, is headed to Delaware State University (Dover, Del.) of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.

Raysor played in 30 games, starting six. He

was sixth on the team in scoring at 7.4 points per game, grabbed 2.8 rebounds, and averaged 1.5 assists per game.

Smith is headed to Ball State University in Muncie, Ind., next school year.

The 6-foot-4-inch guard from Brooklyn, N.Y.'s West Oaks Academy and Texas State University, played and started in 33 games, averaging 6.8 points and 4.4 rebounds per game.

He was also second on the team in assists per game at 4.8. Smith was an all-region South Zone honorable mention selection this season.

Thomas, a second-team all-region and all-region South Zone selection, will play next school year at Arkansas State University (Jonesboro, Ark.) of the Sun Belt Conference.

The 6-foot-3-inch guard from Washington, D.C., (Ballou High School

/ Hagerstown Community College) was second on the team in scoring at 12.3 points per game, and was second on the squad with 5 assists per outing.

San Jacinto College finished the season ranked 12th in the nation with a 28-6 overall record.

The team earned a return trip to the NJCAA national tournament in 2014-2015, which was the first since the 2005-2006 season.



Seven San Jacinto College men's basketball players will continue their education and basketball careers at National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I schools. Those athletes and coaches at the signing included, left to right, (seated) Jevonlean Hedgeman, Justin Hollins, Michael Carey, (standing) SJC assistant coach Albert Talley Jr., Donte Thomas, Willie Mangum, Dana Raysor, Naiel Smith and SJC head coach Scott R. Germander.

Brook track pair off to state meet

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"I believe that Brandon has really worked at being a great sprinter," Troyer said.

"He really bought in and committed himself this year. Brandon works extremely hard and spends the extra time working on the technical aspects of running, especially his block work."

Off the track, Taylor has spent time in the weight room, improving his overall strength. This, too, has

helped Taylor develop into one of the state's top speedsters.

"He has also put in a lot more time in the weight room. This has allowed him to become more powerful and explosive as well as strengthened his core, which has helped," Troyer said.

"Brandon is just a great student-athlete who is a pleasure to be around. It will be great to work with him again his senior year."

As for Smith, she is

headed to state for the first time in her career after being in Austin during the 2013 and 2014 seasons to watch twin sister, Raygen, compete as a hurdler. Raygen will also attend Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Smith will compete in the 400-meter run at state but is also a terrific sprinter. It's a trait that Lady Wolverine track coach TiAndre Sanders said is both unique and great to have.

"Maygen brings to the table the ability to be a sprinter and a middle distance runner," Sanders said.

"This is not a very common thing with track athletes, but when you get an athlete like Maygen, they are special."

The Class 6A running portion of the state meet will take place Saturday, May 16. Smith's 800-meter run final is set for 6:20 p.m., and the 100-meter dash is set for 7:05 p.m.

SJC softball's Nunez makes Canadian Open

San Jacinto College sophomore player Carah Nunez was one of the most productive players at the plate for the locals during her two seasons, and now she's being rewarded.

Nunez is one of 16 junior college women's softball players to be selected to compete in the Canadian Cup in July.

The NJCAA Softball Coaches Association released the roster and coaching staff May 12 for

the NJCAA Softball All-Star team that will travel to British Columbia to compete in the 21st annual Canadian Open Fastpitch International Competition.

Nunez made the cut after delivering a big season for San Jacinto College.

She led the team in a variety of offensive categories, including batting average (.424), runs batted in (56) and hits (73).

Nunez tied for the team lead with 13 doubles and

also smacked five home runs, all leading to her being named to the Region XIV South Zone first team this season.

As a freshman in 2014, Nunez hit .385 with 77 hits, including 19 doubles. Nunez was a second team all conference pick in 2014.

Nunez, from Tomball, played at St. Pius X High School in Houston before signing a letter of intent with San Jacinto College

following the 2013 season.

The Canadian Open - formerly known as the Canada Cup - has been played annually since 1993 and features some of the top national teams from around the globe.

This year's tournament will be held July 3-13 in Surrey, British Columbia. For more information, visit www.canadianopenfastpitch.com.

Canadian Open, July 3-13

NJCAA Roster

- P - Raven Cole, LSU Eunice
- P - Rachel Henks, Iowa Western
- P - Rachel Ragland, Wallace State
- P - Destin Vicknair, LSU Eunice
- C - Vivi Marquez, Rock Valley
- IF - Raven Campos, NE Oklahoma A&M
- IF - Tori Dew, Jones County
- IF - Dana Hieda, Iowa Western
- IF - Mackenzie Hill, Wallace State
- IF - Lauren Holifield, Jones County
- IF - Carah Nunez, San Jacinto
- IF - Tara Wells, Kirkwood
- OF - Danielle Bottley, Midland
- OF - Lindsey Karlin, Dodge City
- OF - Chasney Jenkins, Kirkwood
- OF - Alex Turner, Southwest Tennessee



San Jacinto College sophomore Carah Nunez will represent her team and the National Junior College Athletic Association at the Canadian Open in July. Photo by John Bechtle

May 17 FUN Day of SHINE to support Juvenile Diabetes

The South Belt community is invited to take part in the FUN Day of SHINE, a fundraising event designed to raise awareness of juvenile diabetes.

On Sunday, May 17, officials with SuperLady Live Movement will host a day of running, walking, jump roping, line dancing, potato sack racing and more at the Dobie High School track facility.

Teams of 12, families of four and individuals

are invited to take part in the fun as SuperLady Live Movement helps promote efforts to both find a cure and support awareness for juvenile diabetes.

SuperLady Live Movement is an organization that develops women/girls and strengthens families while transforming communities.

These efforts are met by shining through six areas, including health, outlook, faith, finances, presentation and relationships in order to help foster a deeper and

healthier way of living.

To register teams for the Dobie event or to learn more about SuperLady Live Movement services, products and volunteer opportunities, call 281-947-2012 or direct email to shine@SuperLadyLive.com.

The public is also invited to visit the organization's web site, which is filled with helpful information and tips at www.SuperLadyLIVE.com.

Class 6A Boys' 100-Meter Dash

State Qualifiers and Regional Times

Athlete	School	Time
Devin Duvernay	Garland Sachse	10.48
Jacob Gray	Keller Central	10.54
Tyreik Gray	Houston Lamar	10.57
Chris Ntreh	Plano East	10.58
Nick Albus	Arlington Martin	10.59
Brandon Taylor	Clear Brook	10.60
Deontray Haynes	Shoemaker	10.64
Andrew Hudson	Cibillo Steele	10.77
Uchenna Nnaji	Northside Marshall	10.95

Class 6A Girls' 400-Meter Run

State Qualifiers and Regional Times

Athlete	School	Time
Aaliyah Miller	McKinney Boyd	54.55
Maygen Smith	Clear Brook	54.70
Amber Ivy	Cypress Creek	54.71
Jhane King	Keller Timber Creek	54.95
Natshia Jackson	Dekaney	55.32
Darionne Gibson	Converse Judson	55.50
Amberlyn Waller	Jersey Village	55.78
Bryanah Rideaux	Summer Creek	55.62
Zantori Dickerson	Converse Judson	55.98

San Jac baseball to nationals

Combining lights-out pitching, timely hitting, and heads-up defense, San Jacinto College won the Region XIV baseball championship with a 4-1 win over Angelina College, and punching its ticket to a nation's-best 23rd appearance at the National Junior College Athletic Association's World Series.

In the regional title game played at Constellation Field in Sugar Land May 12, San Jac sophomore pitcher Riley Smith, got the win, going 6.7 innings, allowing only an earned run and six hits.

Smith further helped himself with eight strikeouts against just one walk. In addition to winning the critical championship game, Smith also won the first game over Panola College, and consequently earned the tournament Most Valuable Player Award.

Key contributors on offense in the regional title game were sophomore outfielder Josh Palacios, who went 2 for 4 with a triple and a double, as well as a run scored. Sophomore infielder Jon Meyer went 2 for 4 with an RBI and scored a run.

Sophomore outfielder Walker Pennington, was 2 for 4 with a pair of runs driven in. San Jacinto College baseball head coach Tom Arrington had nothing but praise for his ball club.

"It's great to win the regional tournament and make another trip to the World Series," he commented. "This team really deserves it. I am so proud of them. They are smart. They are talented. And they are a tough team. We were up against the wall and just about eliminated twice during this tournament, but the guys hung together and believed in each other and found a way to win. They have so much heart and so much character."

The NJCAA World Series will be played May 23-30 in Grand Junction, Colo. San Jac has won five national titles (1985, 1986, 1987, 1989, 1990) and has appeared in 13 national championship games, most recently in 2012 when it finished as the national runner-up.

SJC through to final
Riding an offensive outburst, San Jacinto College completely overwhelmed Blinn College and Angelina College in the semifinal round of the tournament-May 11 to claim a berth in the championship game.

In game 1, San Jac defeated Blinn 12-4, outhitting the Buccaneers 17-8 in the 11-inning game. In game 2, San Jac thumped Angelina 10-1, outhitting the Roadrunners 13-5.

Freshman left-handed pitcher Colton Schmidt was effective for San Jac in game 1, pitching 7 1/3 innings, allowing three runs on six hits.

came out swinging and found a way to win it," Arrington said.

"We carried that momentum into the second game, and our hitters had quality at-bats against very good pitchers."

Locals prevail
Facing elimination twice, San Jacinto instead advanced to the Region XIV semifinal round thanks to last-inning heroics that led to dramatic back-to-back wins in tournament action May 10.

In the day game, San Jac and Alvin Community College entered the ninth inning tied at 2-2 following masterful pitching performances from San Jac's starter, sophomore right-hander Alex Phillips, and Alvin lefty Jordan Rodriguez.

In the top of the ninth inning, San Jacinto College freshman catcher Brett Wright launched a go-ahead home run over the left-field wall to put San Jac ahead 3-2.

It was up to San Jac's bullpen to hold the lead, but shaky defense in the bottom of the ninth allowed Alvin to load the bases with no outs.

Arrington called on freshman closer Donny Diaz to put out the fire, and he got the job done, setting down three of the four batters he faced and not allowing a runner to score.

San Jac's 3-2 win eliminated Alvin and set up a game night against Northeast Texas Community College, a team loaded

with good hitters.

In the late game, Wright played the hero again.

Trailing 7-5 entering the bottom of the ninth, San Jac mounted a rally to tie the game at 7-7.

With the bases loaded and one out, Wright smacked a hard grounder that was snagged by Northeast's first baseman, who fell on the bag to put the runner out.

But the fielder's throw to the plate was late, and sophomore outfielder Walker Pennington scored to give San Jac another dramatic ninth-inning win, this time with a final tally of 8-7.

Arrington was proud of the tenacity and resiliency of the team.

"Our players showed what they are made of," he commented.

"Our backs were against the wall, yet they just would not quit. They have a lot of desire, and pull together. I am very proud of them."

Angelina emerges
San Jacinto College came up short in a well-played, tight pitchers' duel that ended in a 2-0 loss to Angelina College in the second round of the tournament.

San Jac's starting pitcher, sophomore southpaw Aaron Ford, tossed a gem, hurling 7 1/3 innings, allowing an earned run on three hits, with 10 strikeouts and a pair of walks.

Unfortunately, Angelina's starter, sophomore lefty John King, was even

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Bob Fay (second from the right), South Houston High School class of 1959 and the Trojans' original "Hector" mascot, presented a check for \$7,000 to South Houston principal Dr. Steve Fullen to cover the cost of the school's new football entrance tunnel. Fay, a member of the South Houston High School Alumni Association's board of directors, was joined by Saranya Taylor, the director of the school's drill and cheerleader squads, and varsity football head coach Dwayne Lane.

SoHo alumni donate to Trojans' FB

When the South Houston High varsity football team races onto the field beginning this August, it'll be through a brand new point of entry.

Like a Trojan football helmet. The design includes a bright red plume and facemask adorning a gray helmet. The Alumni Association recently presented a check for \$7,000 to cover the full cost of the entrance tunnel. The tunnel represents the second major contribution to the school by

SHHS alumni. The group last year provided the bulk of the funding for a new cargo trailer for the Trojan band. The association's current goal is to cover set-up expenses for the new South Houston High Hall of History, a museum preserving the academic and cultural history of the school since its opening in 1957.

The Hall of History is set to open at homecoming, Oct. 16, 2015. Alumni, faculty and former faculty who contribute at least \$50 to the Hall of History drive will receive recognition on a "founding donors" plaque to be placed at the entrance to the museum. The deadline for contributions is Sept. 1, 2015. The bulk of the funding

for the Hall of History has been provided by Bob Allen, a former all-state football player for the Trojans and a member of the South Houston High School class of 1965. Those interested in contributing are asked to contact Al Carter, the Pasadena ISD's coordinator of alumni development, at ahcarter@pasadenaisd.org.

Deer Park eliminates JFD baseball in sweep

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In the first inning of the series, getting an RBI triple from Cameron Thompson and a 2-run double to left-center field by Ruben Almaguer for the 3-0 edge. In the frame, the Deer also benefited as Dobie

starter Michael Mora hit a batter and issued a pair of walks. Mora got the lead-off man on a groundout to start the second, but Thompson singled and came around to score on a

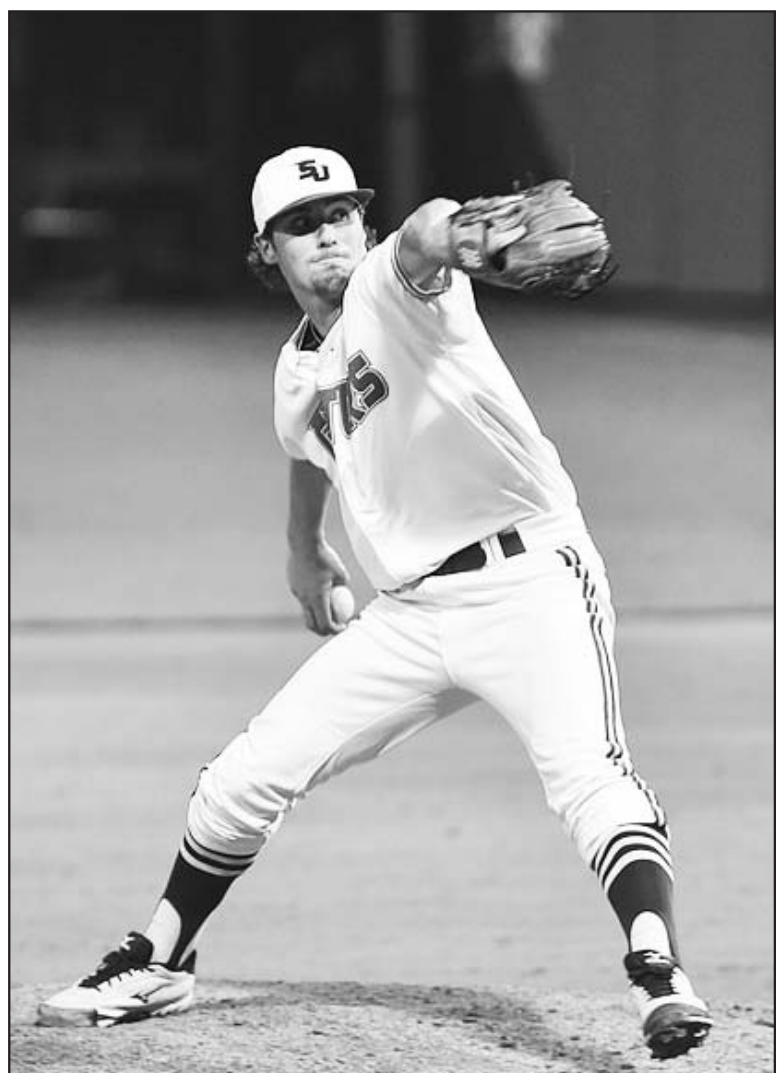
double by Rey Fuentes. Dobie reliever Kaelon Woods entered the game and recorded an out before hitting back-to-back batters for a 5-0 Deer Park lead. He then got out of further trouble by fanning

the next two hitters. Already up 5-0, Deer Park plated four runs in the bottom of the third as Dobie aided things with a hit batsman, a walk and an error.

Dobie scored a run in the top of the fifth as Marcus Perez singled to lead off the frame and eventually scored on a single by Joe Castaneda. But the Deer closed out the run-rule win with two more runs in the fifth. Deer Park starter Tyler Smith went the distance for the win, allowing three hits and a run over five innings.



Dobie's Luis Salazar went 0 for 3 in the series opener against Deer Park but hit the ball hard in each plate appearance. Grabbing the starting job at second base this season, Salazar is one of as many as five starters projected to return to the field in 2016 for the Longhorns. Photo by John Bechtle



San Jacinto College starting pitcher Riley Smith qualified for the win against Panola in the Region XIV baseball tournament opener, pitching 7 2/3 innings, allowing an earned run on six hits. Photo by Rob Vanya

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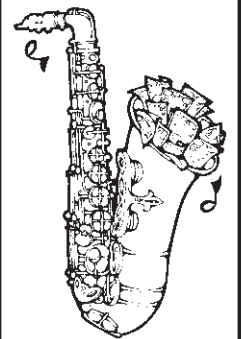
THURSDAY, MAY 14

7 a.m.
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.
9:30 a.m.
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.
10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Bridge games weekdays, 10 a.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark Rd. For lessons or for the 2 p.m. Thursday conventions class, contact Dr. Dave Glandorf, bridge instructor, at drglanford@sbcglobal.net or 281-488-6318. Cost is \$6 per game or \$15 per lesson. For more information, call the club at 281-486-1911.
11:30 a.m.
ABWA - Southeast Express Network - American Business Women's Association-South meets the second Thursday of each month, Golden Corral, 9115 Broadway, Pearland. Lunch is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$20 and includes networking with professional business women, lunch and guest speaker. Women of all ages and occupations are invited. Bring plenty of business cards. Reservations appreciated. Visit www.seen-abwa.org.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, 2245 N. Main (building next to pawn shop). For information, call 713-856-1611.
2 p.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Dr. Dave Glandorf, bridge instructor, teaches a conventions class Thursday at 2 p.m., Clear Lake Bridge Club, 16614 Sea Lark Rd. Each class covers a different set of bridge conventions. Cost is \$15 per lesson. For more information, call the club at 281-486-1911.
4 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free water exercise for individuals with Parkinson's disease, 4 to 5 p.m., Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital Clear Lake, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Call 713-313-1652 or visit www.hapsonline.org for a

list of all services.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Women's Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518) at the First Presbyterian Church in the 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.
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8:30 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.
FRIDAY, MAY 15
7 a.m.
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.
10 a.m.
Interfaith Care Partners - Interfaith Care Partners ministry at Saint Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, 10727 Hartsook St., near Alameda Mall. This gathering, for those with Alzheimer's, dementia, Parkinson's, strokes, etc. and their caretakers, meets the third Friday of each month, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. It consists of a continental-type breakfast, arts, crafts, exercises, entertainment, a sing-along, devotional break, lunch, and bingo game. Those who have a family member or know of someone with these challenges are invited. For information, call the church at 713-946-5768; Claudia Rojas, Interfaith Care Partners, at 713-682-5995; or visit the website at www.interfaithcarepartners.org.
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Bay Area Singles Club Monthly Dance - May 16, 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., at VFW Lodge, Post # 6378, 5204 Highway 3, Dickinson. 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.
Bay Area Bluegrass Association - Produces a bluegrass music show and jam session the third Saturday of each month, August and December are exceptions. Stage show begins at 7 p.m., but pickers may bring instruments and come earlier. Free. Johnny Arollo Civic Center, 300 Walker, League City. For more information, visit <http://www.bayareabluegrass.org>.
SUNDAY, MAY 17
1 p.m.
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2 p.m.
Grief Support Group - For any adult who has 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.
5:30 p.m.
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.
6:30 p.m.
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.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous NA meets Sundays, 7 p.m., 2245 N. Main St., Pearland (building next to pawn shop). For more information, call 713-856-1611.
SATURDAY, MAY 16
7:30 a.m.
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.
10 a.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., (Hwy 35), in building next to pawn shop. For more information, call 713-856-1611.
11 a.m.
Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English) - For persons whose lives are affected by an addict. Saturdays, 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
1 p.m.
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CALENDAR

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SUNDAY, MAY 17
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.

MONDAY, MAY 18
8:30 a.m.
Harris County Master Gardeners - Open Garden Day - Harris County Master Gardeners at Princt 2 will host Open Garden Day on Monday, May 18, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at Genoa Friendship Garden, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Road. Master gardeners will be available to answer gardening questions. The event is free and children are welcome. For more information, visit <https://hcmga.tamu.edu>.
10 a.m.
AI-Anon Deer Park - Mondays 10 to 11 a.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for information, or just drop in.
10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Bridge games weekdays, 10 a.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark Rd. For lessons or for the 2 p.m. Thursday conventions class, contact Dr. Dave Glandorf, bridge instructor, at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or 281-488-6318. Cost is \$6 per game or \$15 per lesson. For more information, call the club at 281-486-1911.
10:30 a.m.
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.
11:30 a.m.
Overeaters Anonymous Deer Park - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for information, or just drop in.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon at 2245 N. Main (building next to pawn shop). For more information, call 713-856-1611.
2 p.m.
Genealogy Group - The Parker Williams Genealogy Group meets from 2 to 4 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month at the Parker Williams Library, Beamer at Scarsdale. The public is invited to attend. For information, email Liz Hicks at erootrot@usa.net.
3:30 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered. For adults with Parkinson's disease only.
6 p.m.
Scrabble Club #511 - Meets Mondays at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua, 6 p.m. Come and improve crossword game playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for more information.
6:30 p.m.
New Directions Singles - Group for ages 55 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner, 6:30 p.m., at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Parkway, Webster. The dinner may include guest speakers and/or group activities. For more information, call Bambi at 281-482-7143 or 281-795-4514.
6:30 p.m.
Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting - meets Mondays at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway (FM 518). Enter door closest to recycling bins. For more information, call 713-865-3668 or visit www.oahouston.org.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), First Presbyterian Church in the youth building on the Westminster side. For more information, call 713-856-1611.
7 p.m.
Friends Helping Friends Grief Support Group - Group meets Mondays, Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster, 7 to 8:15 p.m., in the staff meeting room. Anyone who has lost a loved one is welcome. Free. For information, call Betty Bielat at 281-474-3430 or Diana Kawalec at 281-334-1033.
7:30 p.m.
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 more information, visit www.clgms.org.
TUESDAY, MAY 19
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each 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.
9:30 a.m.
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.
10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Bridge games weekdays, 10 a.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark Rd. For lessons or for the 2 p.m. Thursday conventions class, contact Dr. Dave Glandorf, bridge instructor, at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or 281-488-6318. Cost is \$6 per game or \$15 per lesson. For more information, call the club at 281-486-1911.
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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 nailx@texascitizenbank.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.
2 p.m.
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.
6 p.m.
Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish) - Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Friday, 6 p.m., First United Methodist Church, room 215, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.
6:30 p.m.
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 more information, call 281-485-4140 or 281-485-1431.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518) at the 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 victims/survivors of rape and sexual abuse. To attend or for more information, call 281-286-2525.
7 p.m.
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 20
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each 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.
10 a.m.
Harris County Master Gardeners - Monarch Butterflies - On Wednesday, May 20, Victor Madamba, Galveston County Master Naturalist, will present a program on Monarch butterflies at 10 a.m. in the meeting room at Clear Lake Park, 5001 NASA Parkway in Seabrook. This is a Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 event. For information, visit <https://hcmga.tamu.edu>.
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11:30 a.m.
Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club - meets on the first and third Wednesday of the month, 11:30 a.m., Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway (Fuqua and I-45). December may be an exception. For information, call Monica Montoya at 281-794-5531.
Noon
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6 p.m.
Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish) - Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesdays, Wednesdays 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, meets at 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518) at the First Presbyterian Church in the youth building on the Westminster side. For more information, call 713-856-1611.
Survivors of Suicide Support Group - The Southeast Houston group meets twice each month. The group offers support and coping skills in a non-threatening environment to adult individuals who have lost a loved one to suicide. For information on registration or to obtain a physical address for a location, call 713-533-4500 or visit www.crisishotline.org.
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 281-339-7600 or visit www.bayareaturningpoint.com for information. 24-hour crisis hotline is 281-286-2525.
THURSDAY, MAY 21
7 a.m.
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.
10 a.m.
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Noon
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2 p.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Dr. Dave Glandorf, bridge instructor, teaches a conventions class Thursdays at 2 p.m., Clear Lake Bridge Club, 16614 Sea Lark Rd. Each class covers a different set of bridge conventions. Cost is \$15 per lesson. For more information, call the club at 281-486-1911.
4 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free water exercise for individuals with Parkinson's disease, 4 to 5 p.m., Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital Clear Lake, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Call 713-313-1652 or visit www.hapsonline.org for a list of all services.
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. Meetings are on the third Thursday of each month, 6 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visitors are welcome. Call 281-481-1238 for information.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Women's Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), First Presbyterian Church in the youth building on the Westminster side. For information, call 713-856-1611.
AI-Anon (English Speaking) - Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics and addicts. Thursdays, 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. Thursdays 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.
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.

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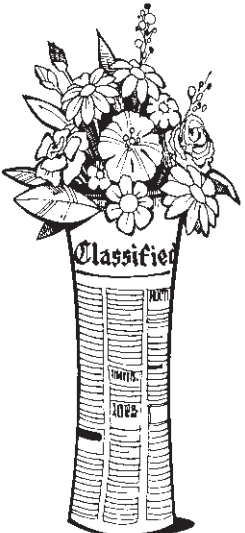
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Win streak puts San Jacinto College baseball back to national tournament

Continued from Page 3B more dominating, pitching a complete-game shutout, striking out three, giving up three walks and allowing three hits. King's tricky changeup and curveball had San Jac hitters hitting into mostly weak infield grounders for easy outs. King had the most wins

and the most complete games for Angelina during the regular season, with a 6-5 record (six complete games). San Jac Head Coach Tom Arrington had mixed emotions about the outcome. "It was a tough loss, because we wanted to maintain our goal of staying in the winners' bracket,

which is the desired path to win the tournament and advance to the JUCO World Series," he commented. "We got a great pitching performance from Aaron Ford, but we just could not put together timely hits. We got runners over to third base more than once, but just could not advance

a runner home." There were a few bright spots on offense for San Jac. Sophomore left fielder Walker Pennington went 2 for 4 with a stolen base. Freshman right fielder Kyle Barfield went 1 for 3 with a triple.

Panola goes down With solid pitching, heads-up defense, timely hitting and speed on the base paths, the San Jacinto College baseball team cruised to a 7-2 win over Panola College in the first round of the tournament. Sophomore right fielder

Josh Palacios had a solid game at the plate, going 2 for 4, with a double, two stolen bases, and two runs scored. Freshman center fielder Max Wood was also productive on offense, going 3 for 4, with a double, a stolen base and a run

scored. San Jacinto's starting pitcher, Riley Smith, a sophomore right-hander, got the win, pitching 7 2/3 innings, allowing an earned run on six hits while fanning 11. Smith issued just one walk. Freshman right-hand-

ed pitcher Cody Nesbit slammed the door on Panola late in the game, getting the final four outs to ensure the win. SJC head coach Tom Arrington was pleased with the consistent performance. "Guys stole bases in key

spots, which led to runs," he said. "The hitters put up six runs early for Riley, who pitched a great game, and there were heads-up plays on defense. "So, we were in control for most of the game, and it was a good all-around team win."



San Jacinto College freshman catcher Brett Wright was a key contributor during the Region XIV Tournament, coming through in a big way both offensively and defensively as the team advanced to nationals.

Lutheran South Academy softball reaches state tourney



The Lutheran South Academy varsity softball team is headed to the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools 4A state tournament in Waco after winning the regional championship in College Station with a 1-0 win over Corpus Christi St. John Paul II. LSA, now 25-7 this season, will face Corpus Christi Incarnate Word in a state semifinal contest May 14. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) assistant coach Nicole Andrade, Tara Everett, Kami Tidwell, Lindsey Vinson, Aja Hernandez, Serena Everett, head coach Katy Cave, (back row) Allison May, Haley Lee, Shelby Achille, Lorin Dick and Samantha Trapani. Andrade, a Dobie High School graduate, was a three-year varsity starter for the Lady Longhorns.

Blinn College for LSA's Ford



Lutheran South Academy senior guard Ashley Ford (seated, center) signed with Blinn College in Brenham to play basketball following a stellar career for the Lady Pioneers. Ford played four years of varsity basketball at LSA and finished her career with 1,648 points. She was named an all-district performer three times, was the 2014 district Most Valuable Player and was named first team all-state twice. In the 2014-2015 season, Ford led the Lady Pioneers to a 22-9 record, leading the team in scoring (18.4), rebounds and assists (per game averages). Those with Ford at the signing included, left to right, (seated) Karyn Ford (sister), Dennis Ford (father), Arlene Ford (mother), Ebony Ford (sister), (back row) LSA coaches Gary Himmler and Garrett Riveness.

LSA's Duke to play hoops at ETBU



Lutheran South Academy senior Colton Duke (seated center) will continue his education and playing career at East Texas Baptist University in Marshall, Texas, after he signed to play basketball. Duke, a 6-foot-2-inch guard, helped the LSA Pioneers finish at 20-14 this season, including a 6-2 district record. Those with Duke at the signing included, left to right, (seated) Carla Duke (mother), Christopher Duke (father), (standing) assistant coach Dusty Holbrook and head coach Jeremy Loudon. Duke is joining an ETBU program that went 26-6 overall during the 2014-2015 campaign.

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