

Thompson's Ritchey dies
 Former Thompson Intermediate Principal E.J. Ritchey died Sunday, April 28. Ritchey retired in January 1989, after serving 33 years with the Pasadena Independent School District, 15 as Thompson principal. See more information in next week's *Leader*.

Lariaettes hold spring show
 The J. Frank Dobie Lariaettes and dance department will hold the annual spring show, *And Our Beat Goes On* May 9, 10 and 11 at 7 p.m. in the main Dobie auditorium. Admission is \$10. To order presale tickets, contact a Dobie Lariaette. Presale ends May 2. Tickets will be for sale at the door while supplies last.

Gulf Freeway closures set
 There will be a total closure of the northbound frontage road of the Gulf Freeway from NASA Road 1 to FM 518 through 5 a.m. Sunday, June 30. At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to SH 96/League City Parkway will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Tuesday, Dec. 31.

Beltway closures planned
 The eastbound and westbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Beamer will be closed continuously until further notice. At least one outside lane on the eastbound Beltway 8 frontage road will be closed at SH 288 daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Friday, May 31. Both northbound and southbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Genoa Red Bluff will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Saturday, May 11. Both northbound and southbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Crenshaw will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Saturday, May 11.

Bracewell sets cultural event
 Bracewell Library, at 9002 Kings-point Dr., will host a celebration of Vietnamese culture to include a photo exhibit, food, crafts, games and more Thursday, May 2, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. This event is free and open to the public and is an opportunity to learn more about the Vietnamese culture and get acquainted with members in the community.

CCISD registering now
 The Clear Creek Independent School District has begun registering new pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students for the 2019-2020 school year. Online registration is underway, and is available at www.ccisd.net/enroll. Pre-K and kindergarten registration and document drop off at zoned elementary campuses will take place through Friday, May 3, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. All campuses will reopen to receive required documentation on Monday, Aug. 5, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. For more information or to see the full list of requirements and enrollment steps, visit www.ccisd.net/enroll.

Quiroga drive continues
 A GoFundMe account has been started to help former South Belt resident Richard Quiroga recover from a gunshot wound to the head. Quiroga, 28, and his father, Ricardo Quiroga, 61, were both shot March 16, as part of a road rage incident near NRG Park. To donate, visit www.gofundme.com/cuhd8-pray-for-richard.

Heavy trash pickup set
 City residents south of Fuqua will have heavy trash pickup Thursday, May 9 (second Thursday of the month). City residents north of Fuqua and west of the Gulf Freeway will have heavy trash pickup on Friday, May 10 (second Friday of the month). May is for tree waste. For more information, visit www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste.

E-recycling set for May 11
 The city's monthly electronic recycling event will be Saturday, May 11, at the Neighborhood Recycling Center at Ellington from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Recycling electronics keeps potentially harmful materials, such as mercury, cadmium, lead and cathode ray tubes out of the waste stream and the environment. For additional information, visit www.houston.solidwaste.org or call 311.

County cleanup planned
 Harris County Judge Jo Ann Delgado and Constable Chris Diaz, along with the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, Sagemont Civic Club, the City of Houston and Keep Houston Beautiful, will host Operation Clean Sweep Saturday, May 11, from 8 to 10 a.m. to remove trash and debris along Scarsdale. Participants will meet at the Harris County Annex, located at 10851 Scarsdale and Beamer. For more information, contact Precinct 2 Lt. Clint Brown at 409-771-4658 or clintbrown@me.com.

Sageglen holds garage sale
 The Sageglen Community Association will hold its annual garage sale Friday, May 3, and Saturday, May 4. All residents are invited to participate.

School, MUD bond elections set for May 4

Local school board elections are set to take place Saturday, May 4, and South Belt voters should be aware that polling locations have changed since past years. Area voters will also decide the fate of a bond election in the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District worth nearly \$50 million. For the first time in the Pasadena Independent School District's history, elections will now coincide with the City of Pasadena's municipal contests, which could potentially affect turnout from previous events, as all eight of the city's council positions are up for grabs. For South Belt residents, the change will mean voters will now cast their votes at traditional Harris County voting locations, rather than at one of Pasadena ISD's five comprehensive high schools, as in past elections (and early 2019 voting).

Local polling locations include the Parker Williams Library Branch, 10851 Scarsdale, Suite 510; the El Franco Lee Park Community Center, 9600 Hall Road; Laura Welch Bush Elementary School, 9100 Blackhawk; and Fred Roberts Middle School, 13402 Conklin.

Open positions in Pasadena ISD include the Position 5 seat, currently held by Kenny Fernandez; the Position 6 seat, currently held by Mar-

shall Kendrick; and the Position 7 seat, currently held by Vickie Morgan. All three incumbents have filed to seek re-election, and all three have challengers. Fernandez is being challenged by Jose A. Cazares and Chad Sullivan, the grandson of Pasadena ISD board member Nelda Sullivan; Kendrick is facing Albert Bledsoe; and Morgan is being challenged by Ted Capistran and Yen Rabe. The election has evolved into somewhat of a contest between the old guard and the new, with many of the new candidates bonding together to challenge the incumbents, who, themselves, are sticking together, claiming that experience would best help guide the future of the school district. (See related letters in past issues of the *Leader*. The *Leader* has endorsed all incumbents. See related editorial on Page 2A.)

A main campaign issue for Rabe is school start time in the district, as the candidate feels the existing school bell rings too early, negatively impacting both students and faculty alike. Pasadena ISD Superintendent Dr. DeeAnn Powell contends, however, that studies conducted by multiple committees have concluded the opposite, noting that any measure to change start times to a later hour would require a costly new tier of school buses, estimated to run the district

approximately \$30 million. Powell also said that earlier dismissal times are essential for many older students who are already in the workforce. Voting hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. For additional Pasadena ISD election information or to see a complete list of polling locations, visit https://www1.pasadenaisd.org/school_board/election_information.

Clear Creek ISD
 In the Clear Creek Independent School District election, voters will decide who will fill the At-Large Position B seat currently held by Ann Hammond. Challenging Hammond is chemical engineer Scott Bowen. Voting hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. For information on the candidates or to find precincts or polling locations, visit www.ccisd.net/2019election.

San Jacinto College
 There will be no election for the San Jacinto College District, as both candidates, Larry Wilson and *Leader* publisher Marie Flickinger, are running unopposed.

Clear Brook City MUD
 The Clear Brook City MUD will hold a \$48.4 million bond election to make needed infrastructure improvements. If approved, \$45.5 million would go toward water, sewer and drainage projects, and an additional \$2.9 million would go toward fire protection endeavors, including a new Ashley Pointe fire station and a new pumper truck and ladder truck. The measure is not expected to result in a tax increase. Voting hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Clear Brook City MUD Administration Building, located at 11911 Blackhawk near Scarsdale.

Annual cook-off a big success!



The 23rd annual South Belt Spectacular Cook-off, held Thursday, April 25, through Saturday, April 27, at El Franco Lee Park, was a huge success, raising thousands of dollars for the yearly South Belt Fourth of July fireworks display. Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Chris Diaz (wearing cowboy hat) is shown above after launching the start of a coins-in-a-haystack activity, as part of the event's Kids Zone. Also shown above is Dean Baier of the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department (in bright orange), who is a lead organizer and largely responsible for the children's activities. See more photos and winners in next week's *Leader*. Photo by Marie Flickinger

Chamber to honor local military

In honor of May being Military Appreciation Month, the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce will host a general membership luncheon at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 9, at the Lone Star Flight Museum, located at 11551 Aerospace Blvd., to honor military personnel stationed at the Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base. To be recognized are the Texas Air National Guard, U.S. Army National Guard, U.S. Army Reserves, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Marines Re-

serves and U.S. Navy Reserves. Guest speaker will be Lt. Col. Andrew J. Camacho, vice commander, 147th Wing, Texas Air National Guard. Individual tickets are \$35 for members and \$45 for non-members. Group tables are also available. To sponsor a military member is \$35. For additional information, to purchase tickets or to become a sponsor, visit southbeltchamber.com.

Juvenile shot in road rage incident

Houston police are investigating the shooting of a juvenile male that took place in the 1100 block of Edgebrook Drive around 9:30 p.m. on Friday, April 26. The victim, 16, was treated and released at the scene. According to investigators, the victim was driving on Edgebrook when he noticed the suspect's vehicle, a white single-cab pickup truck, attempt to make a U-turn from the median. The victim stated that the suspect's vehicle almost cut him off, and a possible road rage incident then

ensued. A suspect in the passenger seat of the truck then allegedly opened fire on the victim as he drove by. The victim sustained a gunshot wound to his shoulder. Paramedics treated the victim for minor wounds at the scene. The suspects are described only as three Hispanic males. Anyone with information in this case is urged to contact the HPD Major Assaults and Family Violence Division at 713-308-8800 or Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

Campaign set to honor local police

In an effort to foster public appreciation and support of law enforcement personnel and to honor those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice, the FBI Houston field office, the FBI Houston Citizens Academy Alumni Association, the Harris County Sheriff's Office and the Houston Police Department have created the Light Houston Blue campaign. In its inaugural year, the campaign, encourages residents and businesses to replace their outdoor light bulbs with blue bulbs during National Law Enforcement Week, scheduled to take place Sunday, May 12, through Saturday, May 18. Those interested in participating in the campaign can pick up a free blue bulb, while supplies last, at HCSO substations and storefronts from 9 a.m.

to 5 p.m. For additional light bulb distribution locations, visit www.LightHoustonBlue.com. In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation that designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week. The proclamation reads that the purpose of National Police Week is to "express our gratitude for the dedicated service and courageous deeds of law enforcement officers and for the contributions they have made to the security and well-being of all our people." Residents may share photos on social media using the hashtag #LightHoustonBlue and tagging on Twitter @FBHouston @HCSOTexas and @HoustonPolice.

Senior expo planned for May 3

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce's Fun Bunch Committee, in collaboration with Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis, will host a Senior Info/Expo on Friday, May 3, at the Senior Community Center at El Franco Lee Park, located at 9500 Hall Road, from 9 a.m. to noon. More than 30 exhibitors will be on hand to provide medical screenings and information on health care, nutrition, travel, gardening, continuing education programs and more. Past events have attracted more than 300 senior citizens. Exhibitors include Baywood Crossing, Liberty Chiropractic, Memorial Hermann Health System, Oti's Travels, San Jacinto College South, UT Ortho, Wellcare Health Plans and more.

Some South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce Fun Bunch members have many years of experience and a vast amount of knowledge and expertise. Through their volunteer efforts, members of the Fun Bunch serve as chamber ambassadors, representing the chamber at community events, such as ribbon-cuttings, luncheons and other special functions. The group also participates in trips, luncheons and other social activities. For more information on the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, the Senior Info/Expo or the Fun Bunch, visit southbeltchamber.com or call 281-481-5516. For information about programs at El Franco Lee Senior Community Center, visit HCP1.net or call Stephanie Gilder at 832-927-2190.

Firefighters respond to shed fire

Multiple Houston firefighter units responded around 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 19, to a fire in the 11200 block of Sagehill, in which a shed in the rear of the residence reportedly caught fire. Firefighters arrived on scene and found heavy smoke coming from the rear of the home. They found a shed on fire, which had also caused some damage to a covered patio of the home. A rear fence was damaged as well. Crews extinguished the fire and contacted the

power company for downed lines, most likely due to the blaze. Investigators said a cigarette left in the shed may have started the fire. The blaze, however, was determined to be unintentional. Damage was estimated at approximately \$10,000. Roughly \$5,000 worth of property was estimated to be saved by crews, however. Firefighters from stations 70 and 36 responded to the incident.

Scarsdale death ruled a homicide

The death of Angel Marie Peckham, whose body was found the morning of Friday, March 8, near the corner of Sandy Hook and Binghamton in Scarsdale, was determined to be a homicide. According to the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Peckham, 21, was killed asphyxia from ligature strangulation. Peckham's body was discovered by a resident who was taking his dog for a walk, when the animal alerted to the dead body in a nearby field. Earlier that morning at approximately 7:20 a.m., Houston police responded to a call at an apartment complex in the 3900 block of Arlington Square, near Edgebrook and the Gulf Freeway, where a man reported seeing Peckham inside a unit, believed to be deceased. When police arrived, however, Peckham's

body was nowhere to be found. Approximately 40 minutes later, officers responded to the call in the 12200 block of Sandy Hook and determined the two cases were related. Peckham was reportedly found nude with a sheet tied around her neck. Witnesses said she appeared to have been beaten and strangled. Peckham's arrest record shows multiple charges for prostitution, dating back to 2014. Investigators immediately reported that a person of interest had been identified in the case, but no arrests have been made. At press time, the case was still actively under investigation, police said. Anyone with information in this case is urged to contact the Houston Police Department's Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).



Seniors Helping Seniors

Dozens of Dobie students selflessly volunteered their time Friday, April 26, to participate in the annual Seniors Helping Seniors project. Sponsored by Sagemont Church, the endeavor allows high school seniors to help local senior citizens make needed home repairs. Participating students are shown to the left painting the exterior of a home at the intersection of Sageberry and Hall Road. Other residences involved in the project were located on Sandy Hook, Sagewillow and Bradford. See additional photos on Page 6A.

Photo by James Bolen

Publisher's Opinion

Voting in school board election very important

This Saturday is the last day to vote in the Pasadena and Clear Creek School Board of Trustee elections. Unfortunately, most residents will not vote. I urge that those reading this will take the time and be sure to vote. Those in Pasadena ISD have numerous locations where they can vote. (See story Page 1A.) The most controversial races are in the PISD.

The basic difference is incumbents with experience of serving on the board against, in one state, people who have taught. Additionally, there is a candidate not involved in either slate.

We have had many letters printed about the incumbent slate. Even Kirk Lewis, the former PISD superintendent, has sent a letter urging support of the incumbent slate to be re-elected. Other letters just in this week's issue supporting the incumbent slate in-

clude Emory Gadd, who needs no introduction, and Sarah Guthrie Wroblewski, a retiree after 37 years of service.

I want our readers to know that we printed every letter that was received in this race. Factually, many more letters were sent to us supporting the incumbents. I have to agree with these people. I know most of the people who are running. Although most are very good people, we

need the best to serve on the PISD board. Now is not the time to experiment with new people. The most important thing is take the 15 minutes out of your day to vote.

I urge you to vote for Kenny Fernandez, Marshall Kendrick and Vickie Morgan.

These board members have done great for us in the past - let's keep them.

—Marie Flickinger,
Publisher

In My Opinion

Wranich encourages: vote for Fernandez

Election time is upon us again. This time we vote for positions on the Pasadena School Board. Some people will disregard the school board elections, I see the importance of doing everything I can to make sure all those school taxes I pay each year are being spent wisely. This time (like last time) I'll be casting my vote for Kenny Fernandez. I've known Kenny for quite a few years now, and I know that Kenny is a successful area business man who has a genuine concern for our area schools. He is a dedicated family man, and over the years he has continuously shown his support to our area youth. I think that Kenny has done a wonderful job so far and that we need to keep him on board. There's nothing that beat experience. With all that being said I urge you to come out and vote to re-elect Kenny Fernandez for the Pasadena School Board.

Denny Wranich

Lewis: re-elect board, experience is key

It is gratifying to see that great things continue to happen in the Pasadena Independent School District. The dedicated superintendent, administrators, teachers, and support staff make all the difference. However, success begins with an experienced and committed school board that knows its role, one that provides the staff all the support and resources needed to put critical programs in place to ensure student success.

This year's school board election is a choice for experience. Incumbents Marshall Kendrick, Vickie Morgan and Kenny Fernandez are again running for the school board. I had the privilege of working with these outstanding individuals during my tenure in Pasadena ISD. I know their hearts are in the right place. I know they will keep doing what is best for our children and grandchildren. I urge you to vote for Kendrick, Morgan and Fernandez. Their experience will help the district continue its success for years to come.

Dr. Kirk Lewis
Superintendent
Pasadena ISD
2006-2016

Gadd urges: go, vote for PISD incumbents

I am urging all South Belt registered voters to go and vote for Kenny Fernandez, Marshall Kendrick, and Vickie Morgan for Pasadena School District Board of Trustees. All three of these incumbents have demonstrated positive decisions and oversight of our district for many years. Facilities have been improved and replaced district wide along with technology advancements. Our Career and Technology campus has not only prepared students for their future, but also has created trained people for our industry and job market.

Our academics, athletics, and fine arts have had many accomplishments, both male and female. Many, many of you are giving your support to our district, but I am begging you to physically get into your vehicles and GO VOTE!

Please turn your support into action. The South Belt area residents can go to El Franco Lee Park and vote on Saturday, May 5th.

I am asking all retired South Belters and the parents of our South Belt schools to be active in this important process. Please do not let apathy rule. The South Belt CAN and SHOULD make a difference!

Emory Gadd

Wroblewski on election, late school times

I recently retired from education after 37 years of service. It is VERY rare that I post anything, but feel this is definitely worthy. I was fortunate enough to retire from Pasadena ISD after eleven years in the district. While working in the district, I often served on committees and made requests from the Board of Trustees. I was constantly amazed at the dedication of each person I came in contact with. Pasadena is truly a district that consistently puts students first.

For this reason, I support the incumbents (Kenny Fernandez, Marshall Kendrick and Vickie Morgan). I was in a position that often required I made requests of the board on behalf of students. These requests were never turned down. Another area that I am proud of is the frugal manner in which the Board chooses to spend money. They are well aware of the fact that in order to hire and keep quality teachers' salaries do matter. They do everything in their power to stay competitive or beat the competition which allows students to work with quality instructors!

One of the committees I serve on was the School Start Time committee. While research shows us that high school students should have a later start time, Pasadena's Board always looks at the big picture when reaching a decision. Some of the things that were brought out to the School Start Committee and shared with the Board are mentioned below.

First of all, many of the students are involved in extracurricular activities (band, athletics...) which would require them to leave the school day early to travel and compete in an event. In addition to this, some students work after school—the later time would decrease their hours or eliminate the opportunity. Some students go home immediately after school to care for their younger siblings while their parents work. In addition to these reasons, I understand how tightly the transportation schedule is run. In a district this large a four-tier bus schedule is required. This is why each level (elementary, middle, intermediate and high school) starts at a different time.

Pasadena could not run with fewer buses unless they purchased MANY more buses and hired MANY more drivers. In fact, if memory serves me correctly, a bus costs about \$100,000 and a three-tier schedule would mean a purchase of 30 additional buses and 30 drivers (who are currently in demand). If elementary schools started earlier, the youngest students would be waiting in the dark for the buses.

The board would love to accommodate the needs of students concerning the time school starts. However, when looking at the overall picture, I know the board has determined that the district's money is more wisely spent on teacher raises and supporting students. When looking at the Board of Trustees, I can hear my very wise Dad tell me "if it's not broken, don't fix it!" The current board is so cohesive and totally aligned with student success. I would urge each of you to vote for the students with a vote for the incumbents!

Sarah Guthrie Wroblewski

Local library events set

Bracewell Branch Library

The following events are scheduled for the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint: Thursday, May 2, 6–7:30 p.m. The Living Room @ HPL, for all ages. This event is a celebration of Asian-Pacific Heritage month with a specific focus on Vietnam. Meet at the library and bring family members, friends and neighbors and share in a fun evening featuring food, entertainment, activities and more.

Thursday, May 2, 6:30–7:30 p.m. Spanish computer class for adults and seniors
Monday, May 6, 10:15 a.m. – 5:15 p.m. Citizenship class. The classes cover the 100 civics questions and how to prepare for the citizenship interview. Other topics include the citizenship application and qualifications. Class participation is by appointment only.

Tuesday, May 7, 10:15 a.m. – 5:15 p.m. Citizenship class. Class participation is by appointment only.

Wednesday, May 8, 10:15 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Citizenship class. Class participation is by appointment only.

Wednesday, May 8, 10:30 a.m. Para los niños
Wednesday, May 8, Computer courses: 2 p.m. Computer Basics; 3:15 p.m. Internet Basics; 4:30 p.m. Basic PowerPoint

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

Parker Williams Library

The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.: Thursday, May 2, 5–6 p.m., Harry Potter Day coloring for teens and tweens. To commemorate the end of the Second Wizarding War and the Battle of Hogwarts, there will be an event with coloring some very detailed adult coloring book pages while listening to some of the first Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone soundtrack.

Friday, May 3, 4–6 p.m., for teens and tweens. Gaming: Fortnite Tournament, for ages 8 and older. Meet at the library computer lab for a 2V2 playground match versus players. There will be times rotations based on the number of players. Players with a USB Xbox One or PS4 controller can bring it and hook into the library computer if it has the USB cord attached or USB wireless charging cord.

Saturday, May 4, noon to 2 p.m. May the Fourth is the officially un-official Star Wars holiday. Meet in the community room for two hours of Star Wars Battlefront II where participants squad up three PS4's together to either defeat the empire or crush the rebellion. There will be a few other activities for those who are waiting.

Saturday, May 4, 1–2:30 p.m. Intermediate Spanish with Mercedes. Brush up on Spanish by practicing listening and speaking with fellow learners and instructor Mercedes. Class meets three consecutive Saturdays (May 4, 11 and 18). Registration is requested.

Monday, May 6, 2–4 p.m. Genealogy group: The Parker Williams Genealogy Group is an informal group that meets the first and third Monday to discuss family history research (beginner to advanced). Meetings are free and open to anyone interested in tracing family history.

Monday, May 6, 4–6 p.m. AP Test open study for ages 14 and older. Students may use the library community room to study for upcoming AP Tests. Rooms will be available May 6 through May 9.

Monday, May 6, 6–7:30 p.m. Magic: The Gathering Gameplay, a dueling card game from Wizards of the Coast, for ages 8 and older. For those wanting to learn, a staff member will be present for instruction. A special thank you is given to Strike Zone for the generous donation of Magic: The Gathering cards. For more information, visit <http://www.hcpl.net/sites/default/files/Feb-MTG-1.jpg>.

Tuesday, May 7, 2:30 p.m. UpWORDS, for infants from birth to 24 months. The upWORDS program, using the LENA Start™ curriculum, consists of 14 one-hour sessions during four months in which parents learn how to improve their child's early language. Progress is measured between sessions with LENA System™ technology which records speech at home for a day after each class. Reports will be generated with information on how much a parent is talking, when one could talk more, and how much the parent is growing with the baby. The program is scheduled through June 4. Preregistration is required. Contact the children's librarian at 832-927-7870 or in person.

Tuesday, May 7, and Wednesday, May 8, 4–6 p.m. AP Test open study for ages 14 and older. Students may use the library community room to study for upcoming AP Tests. Rooms will be available through May 9.

Wednesday, May 8, 7–8 p.m., for all ages. Apollo Chamber Players: "Roots." Apollo Chamber Players has performed twice to sold-out audiences in Carnegie Hall and was the first to play in Cuba in many decades. They will perform several of the songs in their final performance of the season, Roots (the full performance is on Saturday, May 11, at MATCH in Midtown). It features a world premiere of composer Pierre Jalbert paying homage to his French-Canadian heritage as well as compositions by Antonin Dvorak, Rhee Haun (who lives here in the South Belt community) and Julia Smith.

Below are the programs that occur every week, unless the library is closed:

Tuesday, Babytime lapsit, 10:30 a.m. For babies from birth to 18 months, featuring a mother-baby lapsit time with fingerplays, songs and playtime.

Wednesday, Preschool storytime, 10:30 a.m.. For children, ages 3 to 5 years, storytime features stories, songs, fingerplays and a craft.

Wednesday, 2–3 p.m.: Basic computer classes (Vietnamese). Learn mouse, keyboarding, basic internet skills and more at this weekly class in Vietnamese. Registration is requested.

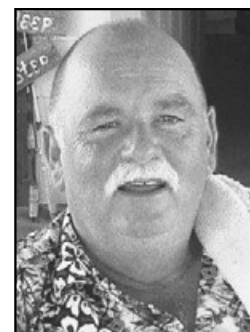
Thursday, Toddler storytime, 10:30 a.m. For toddlers from birth to 3 years, storytime features stories, songs, fingerplays and bubbles.

Saturday, Vietnamese learning time, for adults and children ages 8 and older. Classes begin at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. It's a great time to take a class to help with a skill for work, gain understanding of a topic or learn a language. There are many free classes available online at the library website or on the internet, through universities or other sources. Practice navigating the internet to learn about these, or sign up for one. For more information on these programs, speak with Loc Bui.

For more information on all other programs, call the library at 832-927-7870.
Library hours are: Thursday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 – 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Sunday, closed; Monday, 1 – 9 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; and Wednesday, 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Deaths

Larry Davis



Longtime South Belt resident Larry Davis, 71, died Tuesday, April 16, 2019. A native Texan, he was born Sept 12, 1947, and was the only son of Brice and Edna (Davis) Bronikowsky.

Larry served the country with honor while in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam war, on board the USS Kearsage. He received an honorable discharge and returned home to marry the love of his life, Diana Beyer. Their 49 1/2 years together, four beautiful children and nine grandchildren write the story of a life well lived.

Missing his laughter and advice are Marcelle and Ren Maddox of Austin with Britney and McKenzie Maddox; Larry Dean of San Antonio with Hannah and Jacob Davis; Pam and Bryan McElvogue of Mabank with Bryce and Ella McElvogue; and

Melynda and Ron Homann of Cypress with Aleena Velasco of College Station and Rachel and Luke Homann.

His family was his legacy and he loved them all. For 36 years, he kept everyone's lights on, until he retired from CenterPoint Energy. He loved fishing, traveling, especially in the mountains, and playing golf. He was also a great bowler for many years, traveling to tournaments and games. Above all, his friends and family appreciated his lively spirit, humor and endless storytelling.

The family will have a celebration of his life on Saturday, May 4, at 11 a.m. at Calvary Community Church in Cypress.

Andrew Michael Woods



Andrew Michael Woods, age 55, was born Jan. 14, 1964. He died on April 26, 2019.

Andrew grew up in the Sagemont area and graduated from J. Frank Dobie High School in 1982.

He lived in Virginia for several years, but moved back to Houston. Andrew worked as an electrician for Kinder Morgan. He was also a member of the Zombie Eradication Response Team.

Andrew was very fun-loving and loved to make everyone laugh at his goofy jokes. He loved getting into political discussions on Facebook and playing Fallout on Xbox.

Andrew married Anita Woods on April 20, 2013.

He leaves behind his wife, Anita; his son Aaron Woods and girlfriend Karissa Harbour; daughter Ashly Melton and son-in-law Timothy Melton; stepdaughter Kayla King and son-in-law Kirby King; stepdaughter Renda Summers and son-in-law Christopher Summers; stepson Matthew Williams; grandchildren Gregory Melton, Aidan King, Creed King, Rylan Williams, So-fea Summers; parents Paul Woods and Lynne Woods; and brothers James Woods and Matthew Woods.

There will be a small celebration of life at Barcena's Mexican Restaurant, located at 2200 Bay Area Blvd. in Friendswood on Thursday, May 2, from 5 to 10 p.m. in the upstairs party room.

For those who would like to dine with the family, dinners are self-pay.

Chief Peña releases statement on firefighter layoff notices

The following statement was released by Chief Sam Peña regarding the firefighter layoffs.

"The City of Houston has experienced a sizable budget shortfall due to the implementation of Proposition B. Without an agreement to phase-in the cost of \$80 to \$100 million per year, the city has stated there is no option to balance the budget

without a reduction in fire department personnel.

"Due to the notification requirement, beginning today firefighters who would be affected by the reduction in force will receive a 60-day layoff notice to be effective June 30, 2019.

"This is the most difficult thing I have had to do in my career. No Fire Chief ever wants

to be faced with the possibility of firefighter layoffs. I am very concerned with the impact on our employees and my heart aches for the firefighters receiving notices and their families during these uncertain times. I hope that we can reach an agreement with the Fire Union to phase-in the full implementation of Proposition B and avoid the layoffs."

Bettencourt passes SB 2219, ensures uniformity in elections

Sen. Paul Bettencourt passed bipartisan legislation, Senate Bill 2219 through the Texas Senate with a vote of 22-9. This bill, a refile to SB 642, authored by Bettencourt in the 85th Legislative session, will make sure all issuance of bonds, other debt or change in tax are held on a uniform November election date so all voters are informed and provided with accurate ballot language in order to make an informed decision.

A co-author of this legislation includes Sen. Brian Birdwell, who amended the bill to provide greater transparency for voters. Sen. Pat Fallon is also a co-author of this bill.

"Move these tax rate increase elections to where they belong, the November General Election where voter turnouts are much higher and the elections costs a fraction of what

they are in the "Dog Days of Summer" elections," said Bettencourt. "It is paramount that we provide transparency so all voters have a chance to confidently make their voice heard," he added.

In June, voters in Klein ISD defeated a nine-penny property tax rate increase that saw just 9,263 voters out of 151,142 (6.13%) cast their ballots. "This demonstrates clearly why uniform election dates in November are a true representation of letting the people vote," said Bettencourt.

SB 2219 would make the following changes:

- Requires a proposition for approval of the issuance of bonds or other debt to be submitted to the voters in an election held on the November uniform election date.

- Allows for an emergency election as declared by the

Governor, submitted to the voters on any uniform election date.

- Prohibits a proposition of the issuance of bonds from exceeding 5,000 characters or a different limit prescribed by the secretary of state that ensures that the length of the proposition does not exceed one page of the ballot or one screen on an electronic voting machine.

"It's important that Texas works towards greater uniformity in the November election process," said Bettencourt. "This bill is a step in the right direction to establish safeguards to ensuring all aspects of elections are fair for the voters and taxpayers," he added.

This legislation is a part of a larger package of election transparency bills that are moving through the Senate.

Elected officials share their words

District 129 News

By State Rep. Dennis Paul

Texas House passes legislation for retired teachers

I joined my colleagues in the Texas House of Representatives to pass legislation that invests in retired teachers by increasing the state's contributions to the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS).

The House's version of Senate Bill 12 funds a 13th check for retired teachers, makes the pension fund more stable and solvent, and incrementally increases the state's contributions to the fund over a five-year period.

I was proud to co-sponsor and join my colleagues in voting for Senate Bill 12 because I believe it is vital that Texas keeps its promise to our retired teachers.

"Because of Representative Paul's leadership, the Texas House has taken action to bolster the retirement future for Texas teachers," said Texas Speaker of the House Dennis Bonnen. "Texas educators dedicate their careers to improving the lives of our children and strengthening the economic future of our state. As we work to make unprecedented investments to meet the needs of our classrooms, we must also work to meet the needs of our retired teachers. I thank Representative Paul for taking action on behalf of our hardworking educators."

The TRS currently provides retirement benefits

to more than 420,000 individuals and requires an increased investment from the state to assure the fund remains financially healthy. The state is prohibited from issuing a cost-of-living increase or supplemental payment to retired teachers until the fund is deemed actuarially sound. This legislation would address that requirement.

Earlier in the legislative session, the Texas House of Representatives unanimously voted to pass House Bill 1, the state budget, which appropriates \$684 million from general revenue for the purposes of increasing the state's contribution to TRS and \$658 million from the economic stabilization fund for the 13th check.

Bill to improve driver's license offices passes

This week the House of Representatives unanimously passed legislation by Rep. Ed Thompson to reduce wait times at driver's license offices. Under the bill, driver's licenses would be issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles rather than the Department of Public Safety. Houston-area drivers know too well about the long wait times at our current driver's license offices. Thankfully, we are moving towards a solution.

This week the House of Representatives passed two of my bills to reduce red

tape for licensed insurance adjusters. As a member of the House Committee on Insurance, I take seriously my efforts to make government less obtrusive for hardworking Texans in this industry.

The first bill provides an alternative path for licensed insurance adjusters to satisfy their continuing education requirements. This bill will be particularly helpful to professionals licensed in multiple states.

The second bill cleans up an omission in state law that made it difficult for some public insurance adjusters to obtain a license for their business.

Update on Gemini Avenue Project

From Council Member Dave Martin's office: Houston City Council Member Dave Martin would like to make Clear Lake residents aware the previously delayed Gemini Avenue overlay project has been rescheduled. The Gemini Avenue project was delayed due to scheduling conflicts with the contractor, and is now scheduled to begin the week of May 13. The boundaries for the asphalt overlay along Gemini Avenue begin 650 feet east of El Camino Real and end at Reseda Drive. Construction is expected to be complete by the end of August 2019, weather permitting.

The project will start in the 1000 block of Gemini

Avenue and progress towards Reseda Drive. The project entails resurfacing the asphalt street. This process includes milling off an approximate 2 inch layer of old asphalt, repairing the base, spraying tack coat and overlaying 2 inches of new asphalt surface pavement. Crew staging activities are anticipated to occur between 7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., with work occurring between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

As a result of the construction, be aware of flagmen and orange traffic cones that will be on site to help with traffic flow through the construction zone as temporary lane closures are expected. One lane will be open in each direction during peak traffic hours. Residents and businesses may experience temporary delays accessing Gemini Avenue, as well as individual driveways.

For more information, contact Council Member Dave Martin's office at 832-393-3008 or districtc@houstontx.gov.

A look ahead

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

As we approach the end of session, a series of deadlines under the Rules of the House of Represent-

tatives begin to come into play. In order for a bill to pass, it must first clear a series of procedural hurdles by certain dates.

Monday

The House of Representatives will convene to consider a calendar.

The following Monday (May 6) is the deadline for House committees to recommend House Bills to the full House for consideration. Senate Bills will have additional time.

Tuesday

The House Committee on Insurance, of which I am a member, will hold a public hearing. The House of Representatives will convene to consider a calendar.

Wednesday

The House Committee on Homeland Security & Public Safety, on which I serve as Vice Chairman, will hold a public hearing. The House of Representatives will convene to consider a calendar.

Thursday

The House of Representatives will convene to consider a calendar.

The following Thursday (May 9) is the deadline for the full House of Representatives to consider House Bills. Any House Bill that is not passed by midnight will fail to advance.

Similar to the committee deadline, Senate Bills will have additional time.

Friday

The House of Represent-

atives will convene to consider a calendar.

Saturday

The House of Representatives will meet to consider a calendar.

How to keep track of legislation

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

On the People of Sagemont 2 Facebook group, a member

Leader checks out social media

By Laura Benavides Scallan

A member of the Southbelt This & That Facebook group posted an image and states the Sagemont Cowboys still have a few spots available for peewee 5- and 6-year-olds and sophomore 8- and 9-year-olds, as of Aug. 1. For more information, contact Denny Wranich Jr. at 713-876-1491. This image has been posted to other community Facebook groups.

On the People of Sagemont 2 Facebook group, a member

submitted a post of being at the Chick-fil-A on Alameda Genoa on April 26, around 1:30 p.m. eating. Suddenly, a teenage suspect ran to the table and tried to take the member's phone and sunglasses. The member states they were able to react fast enough and the suspect escaped without taking any of her property. This post is also shared on the Southbelt/Sagemont Crime Alert Facebook page.

A post regarding the Sagemont Cowboys Cheer

One Day Cheer Clinic has been shared to several community Facebook groups. The cheer clinic is scheduled to take place on May 25, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Clear Lake Sports and Recreation Complex, located at 16511 Diana Lane. The cost for registration is \$38 and includes a T-shirt, pom poms, a bow and lunch. The clinic is open to youths ages 5-14. For more information, email sagemontcowgirls@gmail.com or text 832-309-7133.

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Morris Middle School shares awards

Morris Middle School has shared its perfect attendance and honor roll for the third nine-weeks.

Perfect Attendance

Fifth grade

Jocelyne Kyra Adan, Leonela Aguila, Eva Anabel Aguilar, Juan Onasis Aguilar, Ulises Aguilar, Victoria Ann Almanza, Xavier Anthony Almazan, Kevin Orlando Argueta, Dulce Camila Arias, Hussai Arias, Alyciana Katelyn Armelin, Diana Armenta, Yarety Gaspar Arredondo, Destiny Kay Avalos and Isabella Grace Avila.

Kaitlyn Alexandria Baines, Aleisa Banda, Salah Ben Achour, Sara Nijung Berinyu Nfor, Tanner Van Bo, Diana Abigail Bonilla, Nathaly Melissa Bonilla, Demyan Israel Borjas, Jeremiah Don'ye Briscoe, Ja'darrell Deon Brooks, Ja'ell Cayla Brown, Raymond Lamar Cain Jr. and Allen Elias Campos.

Nicole Alexis Campos, Christian Gabriel Carbajal, Alecia Genevive Cardenas, Daniel Carrera, Rodriana Denise Cole, Tiffany Marianna Contreras, John Caleb Cooley, Christina Dang, Jaydon Email Daniels, John Edward David, Jeremiah Deshaun'e Davis, Joselynn Maria Delgado, Andre Isaiiah Diaz, Darian Diaz, Henry Alberto Diaz, Hayden Thu Do and Anthony Xavier Dominguez.

Desmond Duane Etienne, Norman Esteban Fabian Alba, Glenn Leonard Fleming, Emily Flores, Geovany Samir Fuentes Gomez, Yazmyne Bre'anna Gaines, Joselyn Unique Galvan, Karyme Gisselle Galvan, Andrew Garcia, Edward Matthew Garcia, Thomas Jacob Garcia, Louis Gonzales Jr., Antonio Gonzalez and Aranza Gonzalez.

Gianna Jade Gonzalez, Isaiiah Gonzalez, Matthew Alexander Gonzalez, Kaelyn Dene'e' Grace, Timothy Isaiiah Guerra, Daniela Guerrero, Mia Angel Gutierrez, Michael Hernandez Jr., Landen Omar Hernandez, Mike Hernandez, Kenny Nguyen Ho, Trinity Thy Hoang, Alexander Xavier Hofstetter, Malik Rashad Hudson and Ailyn Infante.

Eli Zaine Jackson, Anthony Alexander Jimenez, Kiera Cheralynn Jnoluis, Jordan Patricia Johnson, Siah Mackenzie Johnson, Sheyanna Makaela Kellen, Ethan Kainoa Kuczynski, San Le Jr., Richard Le, Janiel Omar Lebron Delgado, Jandel Jael Leon Ortiz, Lauren Gianna Lewis, Aniyah Saneec Lofton, Nathan Johnny Luna and Peyton Evan Lynn.

David Alejandro Martinez Jr., Krysten Valeria Martinez, Nicholas Martinez, Xavier Martinez, Zachary Alex Martinez, Mark Phillip Mat Jr., Josiah John McZeal McCoy, Jaylene Estela Melo, Nelson Fernando Mendez, Damiyah Alice Mills, Krystal Anahis Molina, Tristen Imara Mouton, Savannah Rebekah Nanez, Tommy Minh Ngo and Andrew Huynh Nguyen.

Anthony Tan Nguyen, Dan The Nguyen, Hannah Anh Nguyen, Hoang Phu Nguyen, Leon Nguyen, Matthew Hien Nguyen, Minh Tuan Nguyen, Jesse Nunez, Kai Sampson Okonkwoonah, Kamillah L. Oliva, Reid Emerson Oliver, Nair Olvera Guerrero, Michelle Oviedo, Waleska Michelle Palacios and Angela Maritza Pena.

Matthew Ahblaze Kills-In-Water Perez Jr., Angelica Jazlyn Perez, Lindsey Angelli Perrett, Laylah Rene' Perry, Cynthia Pineda, Ezekiel Alexander Portales, Leonardo Maximiliano Potrero Guerra, Austin Alan Provost, Berenice Ramales, Jazrael Aaron Ramales, Giselle Renee Ramirez, James Alexander Rendon, Alexander Resendiz, Tyson Marquis Riley, Camron Latrell Robertson, Adrian Omar Rodriguez, Andrew Joel Rodriguez, Christina Temarie Rodriguez, Zada Love Romero, Michael Alexander Ruiz and Oliver Texas Saavedra.

Anthony Salguero, Dylan Eva Salinas, Christopher Sanchez, Julius James Sanchez, Jennifer Sanmiguel, Jesus Alexander Santos, Alejandro Saucedo, Aden Anthony Saucedo, Brianna Nicole Schulgen, Mario Jose Segovia III, Cameron Dewayne Smith Sotelo, Jonathan Solache, Josue Sotelo, Lillyn Rae Spell and Gabriel Lee Swann-Walker.

Savannah Vivianne Talavera, Carlos Torres Mendoza, Kaylanie Yen Nhi Tran, Mike Huy-Manh Tran, Milan Justin Traylor, Khang Nguyen Duy Truong, Andres Valdez, Anthony Vinhket Van Jr., Jose Francisco Vargas Jr., Julian Vasquez, Brandon Ventura and Theodore Conrad Villarreal Jr.

Audrey Deziree Volper, Bao Hoang-Gia Vu, Leslie Makel Walker, A'nijah Darnique Washington, Clayton Elijah Yopez, Adrian Charles York Jr., Yuliana Michelle Zambrano and Keyla Norelys Zeledon Moreno.

Sixth grade

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Alexis Alfaro, Rene Anthony Almanza, Keyven Alexander Alvarenga, Abigail Miranda Alvarez, Jadelynn Elizabeth Alvarez, Bryan Wayne Anderson, Malynia Michelle Armelin, Tristan Avalos, Isaiiah Avila, Daniel Banda, Sofia Lauren Banda, Karyme Barba and Erandi Barrera.

Neveah Jamie Ben-Smith, Bongalai Linda Bongfen, Diego Javier Bonilla, Eliazar Campos Quintana, Mia Azelea Campos, Mia Leonor Campos, Arwen Alida Cardona, Abril Carmona Saucedo, Spencer Lawrence Cash, Dario Armando Castaneda Hernandez, Thomas Armando Castelan, Kahlina Rianne Chahayed, Covan Li Chavez, Irving Alkeyonda Choto Martinez and Alexandra Altorio Cooper.

Jitsel Cortez Wences, Eduardo Cuevas Jr., John Vanh Danh, Alexis Marie Davis, Galilea Briseyda De La Garza, Valeria De La Garza, Mariah Paris Elkins, Eric Lee Escamilla, Sarah Bethany Espinal, Bethany Alessandra Espinoza, Alexa Iris Fernandez, Steven Adam Fernandez, Diego Flores Tejada, Amberly Ivette Flores, Cesar Flores, Jose Luis Flores, Kevin Eduardo Flores and Joshua Alexander Fonseca-Garrett.

Faith Monique Garcia, Alexandra Garibay, Pedro Alejandro Garza Jr., Jenna Marie Garza, Alexandra Michelle Gomez, Joel Louis Gomez, Matthew Gomez, Freddie Gonzales Jr., Valerie Gloria Gonzales, Eduardo Gonzalez Jr., Christian Gonzalez, Jacqueline Gonzalez, Javier Angel Gonzalez, Ke'myra Evone Green and Jonathan Guerra Chacon.

Emmaly Gutierrez, Svenja Manuela Hardee, Andrea Daniela Harris, Isabella Dolores Hernandez, Jaylen Matthew Hernandez, Leonel De Jesus Hernandez, Cesar Antonio Herrera, Micheal Paul Hicks IV, Valerie Nicole Hinojosa, Khoa Dang Hoang, Halaina Renee' Hobbs, Quang Huynh, Luis Abraham Ibarra, Addison Leigh Idele, Melanie Carolina Jaramillo Zamora and Isaiiah Oscar Jasmine.

Jorge Luis Jasso Jr., Jadon Charisse Johnson, Erion Tremaine Jones, Alexander Adelaide Lara, Mario Ignacio Lara, Hailey Marie Lazo, Dominick Christopher Leija, Christopher Eduardo Lopez, Fernando Lopez, Khang Minh Ly, Bobby Maldonado Jr., Daniela Judith Maldonado Marquez, Andres De Jesus Marquez, Moses Marron, Wilbert Josue Martinez Gamez, Leyla Mirayah Martinez and Samuel Eliseo Martinez.

Nehemiah Xavier McNight, Alexander Marcelo Medina, Dulce Maria Mejia, Joy Emanuella Menahem, Daniela Paola Mendoza, Danilo Alexander Moran, David Munoz, Isaac Munoz, Brandon Jay Nanez Jr., Kevin Nash Jr., Aniyah Nicole Neely, Jack Van Ngo, Riley Ngoc Nguyen To, Allen Nguyen, Bruce Nguyen, Dylan Thanh An Nguyen, Elaine Minh-Khanh Nguyen, Jacky Huynh Nguyen and Kristi Ngoc Nguyen.

Linda Doan Nguyen, Loly Mai Nguyen, Thien Pham Ngoc Nguyen, Diego Omar Nunez, Giovanni Nunez, Sophi Laren Ontiveros, Joana Elizabeth Ordonez, Lex Rashan Palm, Sophia Elena Paz, Diana Linda Pena, Bridget Briana Peralta, Santino Augustine Perez Bautista, Randy Perez, Michelle Pham, Khanh Kaitlyn Kieu Phan, Tran Tuong Bao Phan and Isabelle Pichardo.

Tahlion Aubree Provost, Samantha Pulido, Bambi Quintero, Mariela Quirino De La Fuente, Jaden Matthew Quiroz, Juan Carlos Ramirez Vasquez, Alondra Ramirez, Gustavo Reyes Jr., Diana Belinda Reyes, Tariq De Anthony Riley, Marcelo Ivan Rios, Tania Abigail Rios, Carlos Eduardo Rivera, Jael Alexander Rivera, Juleny Rivera, Yainely Alejandra Robles and Ameliah Jasmine Rodriguez.

Christopher Rodriguez, Ryleigh Madison Rodriguez, Alex Cipriano Rostro, Bianka Samantha Rubio, Jessica Rubio, Ayden Christopher Rupley, Xavier Alexander Sanchez, Yahir Eugenio Sanchez, Erica Luna Segovia, Alexander Dillan Sepulveda, Gabriel Rene Sifuentes, Emily Nicole Stephens, Madison Savannah Stewart, Cindy Su, Isabel Alexa Suarez and Jazmine Marie Teissonniere.

Patience Marie Thomas, Anabel Torres, Angelina Khanh Tran, Loi Nguyen Tran, Michael Jonathan Traylor, Sarah Thanh Trinh, Samantha Tam Nguyen Truong, Uriel Luz Urquiza, Vivian Vega, Kennedy Villafana, De'ashia Trealle Williams, Luis David Ysaguirre, Elli Lui Waa Sawyer Yu, Anthony Jose Zeledon Moreno, Juliana Zolcoffer and Yuriana Zolcoffer.

Honor Roll

Fifth grade

Jocelyne Kyra Adan, Dregon Alvinio Maximus Alexander, Angel Manuel Amador, Evan Ameczuca, Jaire Je-

sean Andrews, Isabella Grace Avila, Brylon Cire' Badger, Kaitlyn Alexandria Baines, Arihanna Larissa Berrones, Natalia Alexa Betancourt, Ethan Jordan Blandon, Tanner Van Bo, Brian Keith Bulluck, Nicole Alexis Campos, Alanah Paige Carter and Daniel Enrique Chavez.

Aubri Leshay Cole, Malakei Isaiiah Contreras, Christina Dang, Jeremiah Deshaun'e Davis, Braylon Erik De La Rosa, Hayden Thu Do, Chloe Delilah Estes, Desmond Duane Etienne, Norman Esteban Fabian Alba, Glenn Leonard Fleming, Fernanda Flores, Tatiana Celest Franks, Joselyn Unique Galvan, David Garcia, Thomas Jacob Garcia, Ethan Xavier Gomez and Gianna Jade Gonzalez.

Mia Angel Gutierrez, Ashley Hernandez, Jose Bartolo Hernandez, Michael Hernandez, Sydney Leeann Hile, Starlyte Moon Jodway, Cadyn Trevon Lagrone, Janiel Omar Lebron Delgado, Jayden Yun Lee, Jandel Jael Leon Ortiz, Lauren Gianna Lewis, Edward Eliseo Mendez, Simon Montemayor, Jacoby Austin Muniz, Chloe Bao-Nhu Nguyen and Matthew Hien Nguyen.

Daiyvien Nichols, Jesse Nunez, Kamillah L Oliva, Reid Emerson Oliver, Lindsey Angelli Perrett, Evan Lee Quinn, Joaquin Eleazar Ramirez, Alexander Resendiz, Kayla Louvenia Reynaud, Luke Lee Riley, Camron Latrell Robertson and Andrew Joel Rodriguez.

Christina Temarie Rodriguez, Brianna Nicole Schulgen, Mario Jose Segovia, Allon Michael Seymore, Josue Sotelo, Gabriel Lee Swann-Walker, Leonardo Torres Arteaga, Kaylanie Yen Nhi Tran, Clayton Elijah Washington and Jose Eleazar Zambrano.

Sixth grade

Melina Marie Aguilera, Angel Gabriel Alanis, Rene Anthony Almanza, Rachel Alonso, Jadelynn Elizabeth Alvarez, Bryan Wayne Anderson, Malynia Michelle Armelin, Giselle Cielo Ayala, Sofia Lauren Banda, Arianna Veranice Battles, Neveah Jamie Ben-Smith, Bongalai Linda Bongfen and Elisha Zechariah Bonilla.

Jalayah Mon'ie Brooks-Ross, Milaycia Ja'lisha Brown, Jimmy Mai Bui, Hector Giovanni Callejas, Mia Leonor Campos, Aiden Nathan Carrillo, Thomas Armando Castelan, Kahlina Rianne Chahayed, Victor Manuel Chapa, Covan Li Chavez, Fennix D'jae Chavez, Avangelina Ilana Cosse and Galilea Briseyda De La Garza.

Valeria De La Garza, Anthony Thien Dinh, Tyree Lee Drumgo, Emily Hoa Edwards, Angelo Richard Elizondo, Samuel Itzhak Errasti, Janiya Nicole Escareno, Sarah Bethany Espinal, Bethany Alessandra Espinoza, Emir Jonathan Espinoza, Cesar Flores, Jose Luis Flores, Joshua Alexander Fonseca-Garrett, Brenden Allen Sebastian Foxx and Jenny Samantha Gallardo.

Angel Gabriel Garcia, Kaylee Alena Garcia-Lowe, Anthony Garza, Brizeida Yaris

PLT presents "How I Became a Pirate"

Pasadena Little Theatre, Houston's most established community theater, closes its 64th season with "How I Became a Pirate," a children's musical by Janet Yates Vogt and Mark Friedman.

Sail on a fantastic musical excursion when a band of comical pirates lands at North Beach looking for an expert digger to join their crew.

Braid Beard and his mates enlist young Jeremy Jacob, as they try to find the perfect spot to bury their treasure. Jeremy finds that adventuring can be lots of fun, but also learns that love and home are treasures you can't find on any map!

The whole family will love this delightful and swash-buckling musical adventure. "How I Became a Pirate" features director Alan Gardine-Atkinson, music direc-

tor Crystal E. Mata and choreographer Lacey Myers. This production opens on the Russell Stage May 3 and continues weekends through May 19. Friday and Saturday showtimes are 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, May 16, is the 2-for-\$20 performance. To buy tickets, call the box office at 713-941-1758 or visit www.pasadenalittletheatre.org.

Garza, Debani Garza, Jenna Marie Garza, Alexandra Michelle Gomez, Freddie Gonzales, Valerie Gloria Gonzales, Jacqueline Gonzalez, Luis Angel Gonzalez, Lavon Omari Graham, Andrea Danielle Harris, Kianna Nicole Harris and Johnathan Jermaine Hatton.

De'leah Sanaa Henry, Isabella Dolores Hernandez, Tlaloc Omar Hernandez, Micheal Paul Hicks, Kynadi La'nae Hines, Jaxon Damien Hughes, Truc Thanh Huynh, Jalissa Lejoyce Irvin, Isaiiah Oscar Jasmine, Alicia Renee Jasso, Erron Gherard Jones, Isabel Juarez, Alani Arysta Lanza, Hailey Marie Lazo, Dylan Charles Lock and Travis Traquan Luster.

Karol Martinez Gonzalez, Malia Kekulalmau Martinez, Samuel Eliseo Martinez, Zaniya Rene McClain, Dolores Margarita Medina, Joy Emanuella Menahem, Micheal Sean Az Menchu, Daniela Paola Mendoza, Mateo Alejo Lebron Delgado, Elias Omar Merced, Ruth Neome Monge, Diego Montelongo, Danilo Alexander Mendez, Eliud Moreno, Jeshua Louis Moreno and Gisele Yliana Morgan.

Shazia Sofia Mastupha, Charles Edward Nash, Aniyah Nicole Neely, Riley Ngoc Nguyen To, Allen Nguyen, Bruce Nguyen, Elaine Minh-Khanh Nguyen, Kristi Ngoc Nguyen, Linda Doan Nguyen, Loly Mai Nguyen, Thuy Ngoc Bich Nguyen, Diego Omar Nunez, Mollie Ciara O'Rourke, Lex Rashan Palm, Anya Danae Parker and Anna Marie Parra.

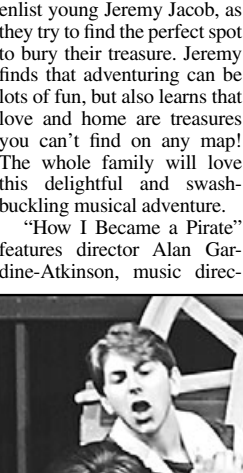
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Z'niyah Sanaye Riggs, David Adrian Rios, Carlos Eduardo Rivera, Juleny Rivera, Sofia Victoria Rodriguez, Bianka Samantha Rubio, Jessica Rubio, Ayden Christopher Rupley, Marco Antonio Saavedra, Adrien Renee Salinas, Yahir Eugenio Sanchez, Omar Enrique Santos Fuentes, Leslie Ann Sarduy, Lizbeth Serrano, Austin Silva, Ruquayya Anastasia Soudine and Dillon Thomas Steve.

Madison Savannah Stewart, Cindy Su, Ashley Nicole Teruel, Andres Daniel Tolentino, Anabel Torres, Angelina Khanh Tran, Cardin Yao Ming Tran, Michael Jonathan Traylor, Sarah Thanh Trinh, Samantha Tam Nguyen Truong, Jazlyn Yvette Tran, Izaya Andrew Vasquez and Maria De La Luz Vasquez.

Vivian Vega, Viviana Gabriela Velasquez, Jorge Eduardo Villarreal Escamilla, Isreal Isaiiah Whittaker, Michael Anthony Williams, Ava Lin Woo, Elli Lui Waa Sawyer Yu, Emma Nicole Zamora, Michelle Zarate, Anthony Jose Zeledon Moreno, Juliana Zolcoffer and Yuriana Zolcoffer.

South Belt Elementary names VIPs for April



South Belt Elementary has named its VIPs for the month of April. The following students were chosen by their teachers based on their ability to display the character trait of the month: honesty. Shown are, left to right, (first row) Danny Nguyen, Alaina Melchor, Anthony Yu, Kristen Lott, Nathan Nunez, Andrew Perez, (second row) Kaynat Mian, Andrew Strong, Sydney Landis, Simon Jones, Alessandra Cervantes, Emmanuel Williams, Cincere Givens, Jesse Deleon, (third

Beverly Hills Intermediate names honor roll

Honor Roll

Seventh grade

Viviana Crista Acosta, Elizabeth Noemi Aguirre, Alexander Alonso, Sury Zahena Alvarado, Laryla Nicole Araujo, Jahir Arredondo, Kevin Alexander Ayala, Hussain Babar, Nico Lynn Barr, Viviana Lizette Barrientos, Jaydon Dominic Bonilla, Arianna Sarai Borrego, Anya Leal Botello, K'maiyah Jhordan Brass, Maya Gisselle Castellano, David Castillo and Johnathan Andrew Castillo.

Julian Cavazos, Adrian Cazares, Aaron Nicholas Cepeda, Ivan Levi Chavez, Manuel Contreras, Dylan Dang-Khoa Dao, Maximilian Rey Delgado, Richard David Diaz, Anna Thy Dinh, Francisco Dunn, Alexander Julian Duran, Emmanuel Isai Elizondo, Brian Nahum Erazo and Jorge Alexander Escobar.

Oscar Eloy Espinoza, Jennifer Guadalupe Estrada, Leslie Cecilia Figueroa, Ashley Flores, Jose Antonio Flores, Madeline Josephine Flowers, Jasmine Anna-Maria Fonseca, Guadalupe Isabella Galvan, Justice Mikenna Garcia, Daniela Garza, Trinity Danielle Garza, Alexia Grizzell Gomez, Jewel Josephine Gould, Manuel Este-

ban Grajales, Jonathan Edward Colin Grider, Jocelyn Guerra and Briseyda Jocelyn Guzman.

Izmael Guzman, Viridiana Guzman, Emily Jewel Hamlett, Camren Olivia Heard, Arthur Hernandez Chapa, Alyssa Evangelina Hernandez, Anna Jacquelyn Hernandez, Kalen Johnathan Hicks, Trenton Thang Ho, Duc Minh Hoang, Kasie Hoang, Malachi Anthony Hobbs and Vincent Matthew Holcomb.

Cianna Lourdes Huerta, Steven Hieu Huynh, Jonathan Paul Ibarra, Deysi Tatiana Izaguirre Ramirez, Makyah Janii James, Alyssa Leanne Jones, Liberty Jones, Scott Alexander Kay, Samuel Le'dette Kemper, Jacob Anthony Kipp, Sang Minh Lam, Kalib Phi Vu Le, Ryan Tan Le, Naima Nickiah Leblanc, Xavier Lee and Angel Josue Limachi.

Alejandro Lopez, Erica Giselle Lopez, Katarina Iriana Lopez, Trinity Belen Lopez, David Lozoya, Stephen Mark Lukner, Tram Nguyen-Ngoc Luong, Han My Ly, Nhut Chanh Ly, Hailey Blue Maldonado, Jazlyn Iris Maldonado, Ryley James Malveaux, Gissette Jassai' Martinez, Jazmyne Marie Martinez, Madalynn Grace Mata and Charles Camble McKinney.

Jesse Meda, Andrea Me-

Girl Scouts to hold recruitment skate party

Girl Scouts may register at the Summer Recruitment Skate Party on June 25 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Pearwood Skate Center, located at 1230 Broadway FM 518 in Pearland. All girls are welcome to attend. The cost for members is \$3 and \$5 for nonmembers.

Girls that register for Girl Scouts at the event are admitted to the event for free. Registration can also be done online at www.gssjc.org. Troops can be searched by zip code.

"Down by the Bay" dance set

Everyone is welcome to attend the "Down By The Bay" ballroom dance Saturday, May 4, from 7 to 9:45 p.m. at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 East League City Parkway.

John Rubberg will play excellent music for this island-themed dance including a wide variety of ballroom rhythms. In March, 108 ballroom dancers enjoyed Rubberg's music.

The suggested attire is always "dress as you like" or "island evening attire" may add enjoyment to this theme. The door fee is \$8 to cover rent and other expenses. Fresh fruit and ice water will be provided to keep dancers hydrated and energized.

All dancers are welcome regardless of skill level, age or status. To ensure that everyone is welcome, tables are reserved for "Dancers without Partners" for those who choose to sit together for convenience in sharing partners.

This event is smoke free, alcohol free and a very user-friendly dance sponsored by Let's Dance, coordinated by Bill and Neva Schroder. For questions, call 417-838-2204.

drano, Melissa Rubi Mendez, Matthew Nicholas Merlos, Shaina Monee Miles, Mattison Amiyah Mitchell, Frida Miranda Monreal, Jesus Elias Montano Barba, Carlos Ignacio Morales, Jordan Ray Enrique Muniz, Jessica Yen Ngo, Linh Solena Ngo, Tri Kelvin Ngo, Anh Huynh Nguyen, Cathy Kim Nguyen, Cindy Huynh Nguyen and Duyen Nguyen.

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Adrian Pantoja, Sabrina Elise Pector, Brianna Nicole Pedraza, Jonathan Francisco Perez Perez, Alan Perez, Eddie Perez, Ramon Perez, Kim Pham, Linda Pham, Loan Leena Nui Pham, Vina Pham, Annie Bui Phan, Sariyah Le'asia Pickens, Ja Meria Ja Vell Porche, Arianna Mariab Ramos, Gael Antonio Ramos, Amalia Christina Reyes, Ailyn Aymed Reyes and Emily Reyes.

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Eighth grade
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Girl Scouts to hold recruitment skate party

Girl Scouts may register at the Summer Recruitment Skate Party on June 25 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Pearwood Skate Center, located at 1230 Broadway FM 518 in Pearland. All girls are welcome to attend. The cost for members is \$3 and \$5 for nonmembers.

Girls that register for Girl Scouts at the event are admitted to the event for free. Registration can also be done online at www.gssjc.org. Troops can be searched by zip code.

"Down by the Bay" dance set

Everyone is welcome to attend the "Down By The Bay" ballroom dance Saturday, May 4, from 7 to 9:45 p.m. at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 East League City Parkway.

John Rubberg will play excellent music for this island-themed dance including a wide variety of ballroom rhythms. In March, 108 ballroom dancers enjoyed Rubberg's music.

The suggested attire is always "dress as you like" or "island evening attire" may add enjoyment to this theme. The door fee is \$8 to cover rent and other expenses. Fresh fruit and ice water will be provided to keep dancers hydrated and energized.

All dancers are welcome regardless of skill level, age or status. To ensure that everyone is welcome, tables are reserved for "Dancers without Partners" for those who choose to sit together for convenience in sharing partners.

This event is smoke free, alcohol free and a very user-friendly dance sponsored by Let's Dance, coordinated by Bill and Neva Schroder. For questions, call 417-838-2204.

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Photo by Lakitha Green

San Jacinto College breaks ground on new Generation Park campus

San Jacinto College leaders, elected officials, and community partners gathered Tuesday, April 23, to break ground on the new Generation Park campus, which will expand the college's educational accessibility to students and residents of North Houston.

The 57-acre project will become the college's fifth campus, complementing San Jacinto's North, Central, South and Maritime campuses, currently serving approximately 45,000 credit and noncredit students annually.

"We're very excited to see this project begin to materialize," said Dr. Brenda Hellyer.

San Jacinto College chancellor.

"We've been in the evaluation and planning stages for several years and this new campus will be a wonderful asset for the local community and the many students who will attend here. San Jacinto College is proud to be part of this rapidly growing area and we are positioned to serve the needs of the northern part of our taxing district. We look forward to serving the surrounding area by being an academic transfer partner and a resource for workforce training," Hellyer said.

The first phase of construction will feature a \$26 million facility spanning 55,000 square feet, which will house general education and academic classes. Initially focusing on the educational needs of transfer students, the new campus will ultimately expand course offerings as further construction is completed.

"We are thrilled construction has begun on San Jacinto College's Generation Park campus and look forward to welcoming their faculty, staff and students in the fall of 2020," said Ryan McCord, president of McCord Development.

"San Jacinto College gives

a competitive advantage to companies at Generation Park by providing access to the next generation of talent at a top college and the opportunity to invest in current and future employees," said McCord.

Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia was also in attendance for the campus groundbreaking and presented San Jacinto's flag from the state capitol for the new campus and congratulated the college for serving as champions for the educational community.

The new Generation Park campus is set to open for classes in fall 2020.

Bettencourt passes another major bill to protect private school students

Another major step in education reform, Sen. Paul Bettencourt unanimously passed SB 1256 out of the Texas Senate that will create a Do-Not-Hire registry and continue to elaborate on legislation to protect private school students in Texas.

Expanding on Senate Bill 7 from the 85th Legislative session, which protected public schools from inappropriate student/teacher relationships, Bettencourt filed a pack of legislation to expand those protections to private schools as well. The bipartisan legislation, SB 1256 passed by a vote of 31-0 and moves onto the Texas House.

"We have to protect our students from this type of aggressive behavior," said

Bettencourt. "SB 1256 will stop 'passing the trash' from public schools to private schools and instead 'take out the trash' permanently, so our students will all be protected from sexual predators," he added.

Senate Bill 1256 would create a similar process for noncertified persons from superintendent to custodians who engage in misconduct with students. This bill would require a Do Not Hire Registry for persons who may not be employed by public or private schools. SB 1256 ensures students are protected from this type of acts by the following provisions:

- Ensuring that noncertified persons who have engaged in unlawful acts or

solicited or engaged in romantic relationships with students or minors are terminated from public or private schools.

- Creating a registry for noncertified persons who may not be employed by public or private schools.

- Prohibiting public or private schools from employing people who, after due process, have been placed on a registry prohibiting employment.

- Creating the same superintendent reporting requirements for noncertified employees that currently exist for certified employees and adds principals to the reporting requirements.

"Inappropriate relationships between students and

educators must be fleshed out. We're talking about the safety of our kids. We cannot afford to turn a blind eye or sweep these issues under the rug anymore," said Bettencourt. "This next legislative step will result in a safer learning environment for ALL students in the Texas education system," he added.

SB 1256 affords all students in Texas schools protection from all school employees who have been found to have engaged in an unlawful act or other misconduct with a student. This bill is included in a larger package of education reform bills including SB 933, SB 1230, SB 1231 and SB 1476 by Bettencourt that is moving through the Texas Senate.

HCAD mails property value notices

The Harris County Appraisal District has mailed property value notices to many residential property owners and is following with commercial and industrial value notices.

"We are seeing a large number of residential and commercial properties in Harris County that are increasing in value this year," said Roland Altinger, chief appraiser.

"Despite the flooding from Hurricane Harvey, many properties throughout the county have been rebuilt or restored and continue to go up in value," Altinger said.

Altinger explained that the appraisal district is required by law to appraise all property at 100 percent of market value as of Jan. 1.

Specific information for residential and commercial property is below, and market area maps are available on the HCAD website at www.hcad.org under "Appraisal" and then "Reappraisal." Individual property values also are available at www.hcad.org.

Residential
The Harris County housing market remains strong even though the inventory of available homes has increased slightly to a 3.7 month supply. For the past five years, the county has hovered between a 2.9 and 3.3 month supply of homes, which means the supply of homes for sale is low. A six-month inventory of homes is considered a balanced market.

The sales volume of homes has increased and home values continue to rise. The sales volume for single family residential properties was 82,177 homes in 2018, which is a 3.8 percent increase from the 79,143 homes sold in 2017, according to the Houston Association of Realtors. The average sales price has increased to \$298,982, which is a 2.6 percent increase from \$291,340 in 2017.

Year-over-year, the median sales price of single-family homes – the figure at which half the homes sold for more and half for less – rose 3.3 percent to \$237,500 in 2018, compared with \$229,900 in 2017, according to the Houston Association of Realtors.

Homes in all price ranges saw value increases, but homes priced under \$250,000 saw the biggest increases. Homes in that price range saw an approximately 10 to 15 percent increase, while homes above \$250,000 had an increase of approximately 8 to 9 percent.

The highest volume of sales is continuing to occur on the east side of the county because prices are the most affordable. Exemptions can provide significant relief for qualifying taxpayers by reducing taxable value and tax levies. Residence homestead exemptions are the most common type of exemption and apply to most owner-occupied homes in Texas. Property owners should check their account online to make sure that all exemptions they are entitled to are in place.

Commercial
Overall, approximately 89 percent of the commercial property accounts that have received value notices have had value increases; approximately 5 percent have not changed and 6 percent have decreased. Commercial property includes apartments, office buildings, retail, medical offices, hospitals, hotels, warehouses and vacant land.

The Houston office market is on the brink of recovery. By the end of 2018, vacancies had inched down to 18.7 percent. While overall vacancy rates are still elevated compared to the five-year average of 16.4 percent, the amount of sublease space is shrinking.

Newer and renovated Class A properties are continuing to outperform the rest of the market as tenants are paying premium rents for the higher quality, more efficient buildings that are well located. There is about 183 million square feet of existing office inventory. Market rents remain flat, but concessions are still common as landlords move to retain tenants whose leases are expiring.

Houston's demand for apartments is slowing after the boost that came after Hurricane Harvey, but the market is still performing well. There are approximately 12,800 units under construction. The overall Houston vacancy rate is estimated at approximately 10 percent. Demand for apartments is expected to remain strong because of population growth, the rising cost of single-family housing, real wage growth and rising mortgage rates.

While the retail market remains extremely healthy, Houston retail development is finally starting to show signs that it has peaked after several years of expansion. Core retail property types

are expected to continue to perform well, with vacancy rates below 6 percent going on five years in a row and rental rates continuing to inch upward. The move toward the suburbs is being fueled by infrastructure projects such as the Grand Parkway and demand for newer grocery store neighborhood centers continues to rise.

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Over The Back Fence by Alexis

PHOTO CREDIT FOR RUDY
Many thanks to Rudy Alafa, longtime South Belt resident and active community member, who submitted the photo of the Highland Meadows Homeowners Association Easter egg hunt winners seen on Page 4A of last week's *Leader* issue. The *Leader* staff apologizes for omitting his name in the photo credit line.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MARY!
Happy birthday wishes are sent May 7 to former *Leader* employee Mary Doan from friends and the *Leader* staff.

FRED AND LESLIE MARK 25 YEARS
Congratulations to Fred and Leslie Flickinger who celebrate 25 years of marriage on May 7. Best wishes are sent from daughters Kimberly Flickinger and Courtney and husband Chris Durham and children Abigail and Jackson; Leslie's mother Olive Falkowski; Fred's mom and dad Marie and David Flickinger; and brother Davy (*Leader* president) and wife Ellie Flickinger.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays May 2 through May 8.

Burnett Elementary
Erika Gonzalez enjoys a birthday May 3. May 4 is the day to send Daren Dibble a birthday greeting.

Bush Elementary
Happy birthday wishes are in order May 3 for Nicole Holguin. Sing a birthday song to Mindy Cook May 4.

Frazier Elementary
Light the candles on a birthday cake May 8 for India Kemp.

Genoa Elementary
Join in the birthday celebration May 3 for Alejandra Guerra.

Meador Elementary
Best wishes for a happy birthday are sent May 4 to Paulina Rivas-Lopez.

Moore Elementary
The day for a double celebration for Traci Marr and Beth Anne Mullen is May 6.

Stuchbery Elementary
Best wishes for a great birthday May 3 are sent to Cheryl Fox.

Melillo Middle School
May 6 is the day for a birthday cake for Sandra Vann. Send a birthday greeting May 7 to Jorge Palomares.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Birthday wishes are sent May 5 to Lindy Pace.

Thompson Intermediate
Maria Lopez enjoys a birthday May 3. Light

the candles May 7 for a double celebration for Lynette Montes and Christopher Mire.

Dobie High
Send a birthday greeting May 2 to Marcia Griffin and Robert McDonald. Tanya Morales enjoys a birthday May 3. Join in the double-fun birthday celebration May 7 with Barbara Jimenez and Jesse Lopez.

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

Thursday, May 2: Chris Weatherford, David Thomas, Jeanette Nickell and Leslee Outland; Friday, May 3: Keith Richardson, Tanya Morales and Brandie Ash; Saturday, May 4: Stacy Waugh, Scott Siscoe and Tamara Fisher; Sunday, May 5: Tori French, Alice Wright, Pat Becker and Amanda Zamora; Monday, May 6: Patrick Ermis, Roni Gonzales and Erin Hill; Tuesday, May 7: Josh Garza, Stephanie Salazar and Jenn Verchiens; and Wednesday, May 8: Amelia Brown, Christopher Barber, Tiffany Robbins, Julie Kutra and Sara Mullen.

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

Meador Name That Book team works hard



The Meador Elementary Name That Book team was made up of fourth-graders who spent many hours reading books in preparation for the district competition that was held April 6. Shown are, left to right, (front row) Harrison Abney; Jillian Mikulski; Jessica Cardenas; Cayden Hedge; (back row) Hieu Nguyen; Karen Barton, librarian; Jannie Cardenas; and Tasneem Rasheed. Photo submitted

Dynamic Women luncheon set

The quarterly luncheon for Dynamic Women will be held Thursday, May 9, at Golfcrest Country Club in Pearland from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

All area women are invited to enjoy a fabulous lunch, make new friends, shop with local vendors and enjoy an inspirational story from the guest speaker.

This month's speaker will be Mikie Bellis of Houston who will share her experiences in finding the good life.

Doors will open at 10 a.m. when guests can do some shopping and networking with exciting area vendors who feature home décor, fashion accessories, jewelry, health and beauty and business and professional services. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. and the event ends at 1 p.m.

Guests can register for free door prizes when they sign in.

The cost of the luncheon is \$16 which includes the

networking/shopping event and lunch.

The Dynamic Women group seeks to connect women through networking and friendship, help women grow their businesses and provide a service to the community.

For reservations, email Sandee Ellis at sandeeellis@comcast.net, or call 713-477-6496.

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Remember When

40 years ago (1979)
A 22-year-old Scarsdale resident was found shot to death in his apartment on Algonquin.

Parents residing in the Gulf Palms area appeared before the Pasadena Independent School District board of trustees to protest the board's decision on a boundary line change.

35 years ago (1984)
The seventh-grade orchestra at Beverly Hills Intermediate School won the sweepstakes award at the UIL orchestra contest.

Jill Miller, a 1980 Dobie High School graduate, won the Miss Galveston title and became eligible to compete in the Miss Texas-USA Pageant.

30 years ago (1989)
E.J. Ritchey, Thompson Intermediate's principal, was honored with a retirement reception given by the teachers and staff of the school. Ritchey had been principal at Thompson for 15 years.

Friendswood homeowners and city officials reacted with caution concerning alleged illegal off-site dumping of hazardous materials from the Brio refining site in an area across from Sun Meadow Country Club.

25 years ago (1994)
At a state track meet, Dobie High School athletes Nathan Frazier, Alisha Broussard and Cecily Carrier received medals. Frazier placed second in the high

jump. Broussard placed first in the triple jump and Carrier placed second in the triple jump.

San Jacinto College South held its first International Festival.

20 years ago (1999)
The annual Southeast Economic Development South Belt business of the year award was presented to Sam's Club.

Roger Davis, the only representative from South Belt to have been elected to the Clear Creek Independent School District Board of Trustees, resigned to accept employment in the Dallas area.

Plans were underway for the annual July Fourth parade set for July 3 since the holiday was on a Sunday.

10 years ago (2009)
Kirkwood South Christian Church pastor, the Rev. David Fraser, became a naturalized U.S. citizen. Born outside London, England, Fraser first visited the United States in 1967 and moved to Houston in 1994.

San Jacinto College South celebrated its 30th anniversary. A ceremony commemorating the event honored math professor Dr. Jerry Tate, psychology professor Dr. Marylou Robins, government professor Dr. John Bolen and chemistry professor Dr. Ray Crawford, as all had been at the campus since its opening.

Two male suspects were captured on the video of Weber Elementary's surveillance systems throwing Molotov cocktails containing

gasoline at the back of the building, scorching its brick walls. The men also set a bicycle on fire on the school grounds. The suspects were unsuccessful at gaining entry.

5 years ago (2014)
The 18th annual South Belt Spectacular Cook-off, held at El Franco Lee Park, was a huge success, raising significantly more funds than any other up to that time. Organizers said they intended to donate \$10,000 back to the community in the form of youth programs and academic scholarships.

1 year ago (2018)
Former South Belt resident Jonathan Carter went out with a bang during his last deployment as commander of the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Legare, leading a massive drug bust that yielded 12 tons of cocaine and one ton of marijuana. According to Coast Guard officials, the contraband was worth an estimated \$390 million in wholesale value. The drugs were seized in international waters off the coasts of Mexico and Central and South America during 17 separate interdictions. Aiding the Legare were USCG cutters Reliance, Harriet Lane, Decisive, Steadfast and Dependable. U.S. agencies involved in the operation included the Department of Defense, the Department of Justice and the Department of Homeland Security. The Coast Guard

was assisted by vessels from the Canadian Navy, along with intelligence from the Mexican government.

The Clear Brook High School indoor percussion group earned the title of 2018 Scholastic Open Class Gold Medalists at the Winter Guard International World Championships in Dayton, Ohio. This was the highest honor achievable for the drumline of 34 students and Director Dusty Norris. Their performance, titled Set in Stone and set to an original composition by Bryan Harmen, earned a final score of 96.538, which secured their No. 1 spot against 14 other drumlines from around the world. Team members included Josh Williams, Sarah Bertram, David Pugh, Thomas Ku, Cormac Cupples, Andrew Medina, Alan Nguyen, Redding Vasquetelles, Justin Perez, Elijah Salarzon, Dinithi Jayasinghe, Andrew Ku, Davis Wadle, Carson Breaux, Jared Shamburger, Sean Hill, Phattarapol Lertchaisirikul, Allen Mathew, Ryan Johnson, Abbey Fosatti, Gabe Landestoy, Megan Nguyen, Chase Collum, Sarah Pugh, Kaden Gaunt, Josh Stafford, Alex Arrieta, Joseph Otter, Maya Townsend, Claire Romero, Alyssa Cisneros, Megan Ellis, Kameron Sharp, Ethan Treadway, Keoni Cunningham, Brad Hughes, Dusty Norris, Bryan Harmen, Don Click, Erik Yates and Mark Fennell.

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PISD shares calendar

Pasadena Independent School District has released its fine arts calendar. The events are listed by name, date, time and location.

Morris Middle School Beginning Band Spring Concert, May 2, 5 p.m., Morris cafeteria.

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

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

Melillo Middle School Advance Band Gatorfest Contest, May 4, 10 a.m., McAdams Junior High in Dickinson.

Morris Middle School Band Symphonic/Concert Bands at Gator Music Festival, May 4, 11 a.m., McAdams Junior High in Dickinson.

Dobie High School Orchestra Lobby Concert at Houston Symphony, May 4, 6 p.m., Jones Hall.

Morris Middle School Concert/Symphonic Band Spring Concert, May 6, 7 p.m., Morris cafeteria.

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

Morris Middle School Choir Fifth Grade Concert, May 9, 6 p.m., Morris cafeteria.

Laura Bush Elementary Fourth Grade Recorder Concert, May 9, 6 p.m., Laura Bush gym.

Morris Middle School Sixth Grade Choir Spring Concert, May 9, 7 p.m., Morris cafeteria.

Thompson Intermediate Band Spring Concert, May 9, 7 p.m., Dobie High School.

Thompson Intermediate Band Spring Concert, May 9, 7 p.m., outside Thompson gym.

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

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

Moore Elementary Fourth Grade Choir Spring Program/All School Talent Show, May 21, 6 p.m., Moore cafeteria.

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

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

Morris Middle School Choir Night with Astros, May 25, 6 p.m., Minute Maid Park.

Beverly Hills Intermediate Orchestra School Music Concert, May 28, 9 a.m., Beverly Hills Blue gym.

PISD student athletic trainers receive scholarships



On April 13, eight Pasadena Independent School District students were awarded scholarships for their hard work in Pasadena ISD Athletics. Houston Methodist Clear Lake Hospital, the official sports medicine partner of Pasadena ISD, announced the recipients of four \$1,625 scholarships as PISD student athletic trainers from South Houston, Pasadena Memorial and J. Frank Dobie high schools. Shown above are the recipients of the scholarships with representatives from the district and the hospital, left to right, Chad Phillips, PISD athletic trainer; Carlos Aguilar, South Houston; Lizeth Gomez, South Houston; Daija Green, J. Frank Dobie; Cathy Supak, Houston Methodist athletic trainer; and Raquel Banda, Pasadena Memorial. The Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame committee also awarded four PISD high school seniors each with a \$2,500 scholarship. To be eligible for the scholarship, high school students must participate in a UIL sport during their senior year, exhibit exceptionally high character and make a profound impact upon the athletic program at their campus. Shown below are the 2019 Hall of Fame scholarship recipients, left to right, Zachary Chant, Pasadena Memorial; Carly Schneider, Pasadena Memorial; Donna Branch, PISD assistant athletic director; Juan Colmenero, South Houston; and Cayley Montes, Pasadena.

Photos by Marie Flickinger

CCISD students compete, win at fair

Several intermediate and high school students from Clear Creek Independent School District left their mark on the Texas Science and Engineering Fair held March 29-30 at Texas A&M University. With 1,000 students participating throughout the state, 31 students competed from CCISD, seven of whom placed at the top or high in their respective categories and four now advancing to the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in May.

The 2019 Texas Science and Engineering Fair winners are listed below:

Junior Division

Emily Troutman, League City Intermediate School. First place, Mathematics; Nominated for Best in Show. Optimizing Crowd Emergency Evacuation Response Time Using Pedestrian Evacuation Dynamics, Monte Carlo Simulation and Nash Equilibrium Theory.

Gillian Fricker, Seabrook Intermediate School. Third place, Physics and Astronomy. Mister Extinguisher.

The following students are advancing to the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair, the world's largest international precollege science competition, which will be held this year on May 16 in Phoenix:

Marcus Schlauch, Clear Brook High School.

Kumaran Selva, Clear Lake High School.

Richard Zhang and Steven Wu, Clear Lake High School.

AARP announces meeting

The AARP Webster Area Chapter 199 welcomes the community to the next meeting at 10 a.m. Friday, May 17, at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 E. NASA Parkway, Seabrook. The group meets in the large building with the blue roof inside Clear Lake Park on the north side of NASA Parkway.

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy coffee, cookies and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before the meeting starts at 10 a.m. Each month, there is entertainment or a speaker on various topics of interest to seniors.

On Friday, May 17, a meteorologist from the National Weather Service will talk about hurricanes and how to best prepare for the 2019 hurricane season. The speaker will discuss the different hazards hurricanes and tropical storms can bring and give examples from historical storms that have impacted Southeast Texas. The presentation will begin at 10:30 a.m. after the chapter business meeting ends.

There will be no potluck lunch at the May 17 meeting. The AARP Chapter also organizes day trips for AARP Chapter 199 members by bus to local area points of interest at minimal cost.

The next day trip will be Wednesday, May 22, for the Swamp and River Tour and Heritage House Museum of Orange County. The group will eat at Old Orange Cafe. There is a 20-person maximum for this trip.

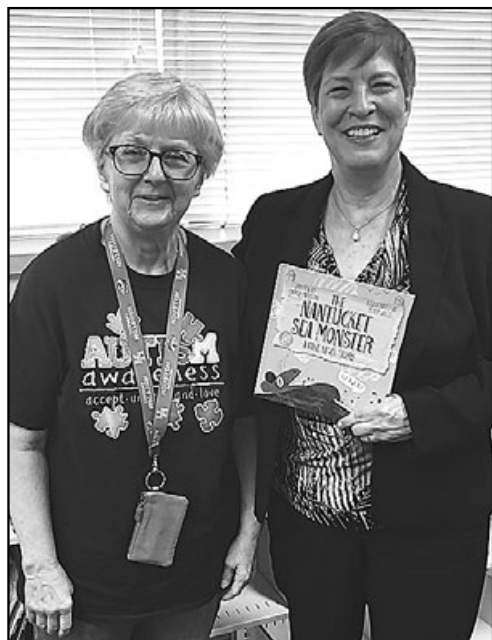
The following scheduled day trip will be on Tuesday, June 11, for a tour of the Lone Star Flight Museum and the 1940 Air Terminal Museum. The group will dine at the House of Pies.

For those interested in joining the group, annual dues are \$8 per year per person. However, one must be a member of national AARP to join any local chapter. AARP Chapters are separately incorporated affiliates of AARP.

For more information, contact Beth Scully at 281-217-2409 or bethscully57@gmail.com.



Meador Elementary celebrates Law Day with special guest reader



Meador Elementary second-graders enjoyed a special guest reader in honor of Law Day which is celebrated on May 1. Houston Bar Association lawyer volunteer Karen Lukin (right) read the book "The Nantucket Sea Monster: A Fake News Story" and discussed free speech and free press with the students on April 30. The Houston Bar Association also donated the book to the school library. Shown above is Karen Barton, Meador librarian, as she receives the book from Lukin.

Photos by Melisa Hinojosa



Shown above are, left to right, Tara Merida, Meador counselor; Flor Vázquez, second-grader; Antonio Garza, second-grader; Elian Moreno, second-grader; Lukin; Regina Saucedo, second-grader; Alexa Guervara, second-grader; and Karime Muñoz second-grader.

SJC releases calendar

San Jacinto College has released its calendar briefs.

Summer registration payment deadline

Registration for classes beginning Monday, May 13, and Monday, June 3, is now open to all current and incoming students. The registration deadline for classes beginning May 13 is Thursday, May 2, and the deadline for classes beginning June 3 is Thursday, May 23, with the payment deadline for all registrations due by May 23 at 7 p.m.

For additional information, visit sanjac.edu/apply-register/overview/registration.

Scholarship application open

The last day to submit an application for the San Jacinto College Foundation general scholarship for the 2019 fall semester is June 30. For additional information, visit sjcd.academicworks.com.

Music concerts

The San Jacinto College Central campus fine arts department will host the following concert during the month of May. All concerts are held in building C5 and are free and open to the public.

• Trevino voice recital, Friday, May 3, at 3 p.m.

Softball games

The San Jacinto College softball team will host the following teams and game days:

• LSUE, Saturday, May 4, at 1 p.m.

All home games are free and open to the public and played at the San Jacinto College South campus softball field. For a complete schedule visit sanjacsports.com.

Baseball games

The San Jacinto College baseball team will host the following teams and game days, dates and times:

• Blinn College, Saturday, May 4, at 3 p.m.

All home games are played at John Ray Harrison Field in Andy Pettitte Park at the San

• Trevino voice recital, Friday, May 3, at 3 p.m.

Memorial Day holiday college closed

San Jacinto College will be closed in observance of the Memorial Day holiday Monday, May 27. Classes and normal business hours will resume on Tuesday, May 28.

Community Education Center events

The San Jacinto College Central Campus Community Education Center is located at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena in Building 1, room C-1.108. The San Jacinto College North Campus Community Education Center is located at 5800 Uvalde Road in Houston in Building 2, room N-2.112. The Community Education centers will host the following May workshops that are free and open to the public. To register, call 281-478-2786 or email communityeducation@sjcd.edu.

SJC Central campus Financial Basics Workshop, Wednesday, May 15, at noon.

Advanced Dental Technology, Monday, May 13, at noon.

Black belts teach self-defense

The American Society of Karate is offering one-hour self-defense and martial arts courses for teens and adults (ages 13-80) at the Sagemont Park Community Center, located at 11507 Hughes, on Fridays from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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Garza selflessly volunteers



Dobie High School senior Paulina Garza is shown above participating in the annual Seniors Helping Seniors project, aimed at making needed repairs to the homes of local senior citizens. Photo by James Bolen

Seniors Helping Seniors



Jeremy Guerero, a senior at Dobie, is shown going above and beyond the call of duty as he volunteers as part of the annual Seniors Helping Seniors program, contorting himself to paint a residence on Sageberry at Hall Road on Friday, April 26.

Vela volunteers services



Dobie student Christian Vela is shown above selflessly volunteering Friday, April 26, as he paints an area home as part of the annual Senior Helping Seniors project, sponsored by Sagemont Church. Photo by James Bolen

CCEF plans TopGolf Tournament

The Clear Creek Education Foundation is hard at work planning the 4th annual CCISD Alumni and Friends

TopGolf Tournament, presented by Wade and Company LLC and Virgil E. Smith Insurance Services, Inc. The event will be held on Thursday, June 27, from 3 to 6 p.m. at TopGolf in Webster. Space is limited but registration is still open. Sign up by June 17 to secure a spot at the tournament.

The tournament is open to the community and one does not have to be a CCISD Alumni to participate. In fact, TopGolf is a no experience required activity, so this is a great opportunity to gather with old classmates, coworkers, friends and family and register a team for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

Proceeds from the tournament support CCEF's programs and innovative grants that provide hands-on learning opportunities to enhance the classroom learning experience for CCISD students.

Visit the foundation's website at <http://www.clearcreekeducationfoundation.org/alumni-topgolf/> for more information regarding sponsor and team registration.

Speech, debate sets showcase

Members of the South Belt community are invited to the J. Frank Dobie Speech and Debate Team Showcase on May 4 and 5 at Dobie High School. The show will begin at 6 p.m. on May 4. There will be two shows on May 5, at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and all proceeds will go to a fundraiser for the J. Frank Dobie Speech and Debate team.

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JFD baseball grabs No. 4 seed, to face 21-6A champ La Porte

An 8-6 victory over Pasadena Memorial closed out the regular season as Dobie secured the fourth seed in the District 22-6A race with an 11-5 record. Dobie is 19-9 and seeking to advance to the area round.

The Longhorns are now set to face a La Porte team that has not lost a game since March 7, reeling off 16 straight wins over that span while claiming the District 21-6A crown with a perfect 14-0 record. La Porte is 22-3 overall.

Dobie junior Daniel Garza will almost assuredly get the start for Dobie May 2 at La Porte in the series opener. The Longhorns will also rely on hurlers Alan Lopez, Damien Lopez and Dom Martinez at some point during the series.

The Bulldogs have allowed just one run in their last six games, but this is the playoffs, and the Longhorns will be ready.

La Porte also has a stable of arms heading into the series, led by Dylan Conde, Josiah Castro and Mark Gomez.

The best-of-three playoff series figures to display plenty of standout pitching along the way.

When Garza is at his best, he has proven to be one of the top right-handers in the city, but Conde and his teammates have obviously performed very well in their own right.

The competition level won't bother Dobie as the Longhorns won 11 games in a very competitive District 22-6A alignment.

Meanwhile, La Porte had very little trouble navigating District 21-6A, winning first place by four games.

But this is the playoffs, and anything can happen. Dobie is ready for the second season to begin.

Area playoff softball Dobie vs. Clear Springs

Best-of-three series
All Game at Clear Lake High
Game 1: May 1, after press time
Game 2: May 2, 6 p.m.
Game 3: May 3, 6 p.m. (if needed)

Area playoff baseball Dobie vs. La Porte

Best-of-three series
Game 1: May 2, at La Porte, 7:30 p.m.
Game 3: at Maguire Field, 7:30 p.m.
***Game 3: May 4, at La Porte, noon (if needed)**

Clear Springs up next Lady Longhorns advance with sweep

Sixteen teams remain in the hunt for the Region III softball championship. Past state champions such as Pearland and Atascocita have been knocked out, but Dobie is one of those 16 still standing.

The Lady Longhorns got the job done with a 1-0, 6-2 best-of-three series sweep over North Shore April 25 and April 26 at San Jacinto College's South campus.

The series win over North Shore gives Dobie 24 wins this season against 11 defeats.

After winning a couple of dramatic games over Memorial to eventually gain the No. 2 playoff seed in District 22-6A, the Lady Longhorns had a bit of an easier time of things against North Shore. The Lady Mustangs had dropped to the No. 3 playoff seed out of District 21-6A following a play-in game loss to La Porte.

Junior Jessica De La Cerda was certainly one of the stars of the series for the Lady Longhorns, allowing just six hits — one extra-base hit — over the two games to earn both pitching victories.

Now 24-11 this season, Dobie has advanced to the area round for the second straight season, set to face Clear Springs in the round. The series began May 1, after press time, and will continue with the second game of the series May 2, at Clear Lake High School.

A third and deciding game, if necessary, would be played May 3, also at Clear Lake.

Clear Springs is in the area round after taking down District 23-6A champion Pearland in the first round.

Dobie knocked out North Shore in the bidistrict round for the second straight season.

While De La Cerda was taking care of things in the circle, freshman Karlie Barba was helping out on the offensive end.

Having driven in the game's lone run in the 1-0 opener, Barba had two hits, scored two runs and drove in three more

in the second game. She had a two-run single in the third inning to score Leslie Longoria and Camryn Wincher.

In the fifth, Barba came up with some insurance for her team, hitting a sacrifice fly. Mikayla Gutierrez had an RBI double in the game for the locals and Taylor Pleasants had two hits, including a double.

Longoria, the team's leadoff hitter, had two hits as the Lady Longhorns closed it out.

Michelle Amezcua also knocked in a run with a sacrifice fly.

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Brook freshman Dickson reaches state

She may be traveling solo this time around, but Clear Brook High School freshman Camryn Dickson will no doubt have plenty of support in the stands at the University Interscholastic League's State Track and Field Championships in Austin.

Dickson will make her way to the state level after taking second place in the 200-meter dash April 26 at Challenger Columbia Stadium in Webster.

Summer Creek's Tiana Randle won the Region III title in the event with a time of 11.31 seconds, which is the quickest qualifying time heading into the state meet.

Dickson, chasing Randle, grabbed the No. 2 spot out of Region III at 11.60, and will now run for a medal May 11 at Mike A. Myers Stadium on the campus of the University of Texas. The 6A girls' 100 dash is scheduled to go off at roughly 7:05 p.m.

What a regional meet it was for Dickson, who narrowly missed qualifying for the 200 dash. At regionals, her time of 24.15 was good for third place and a bronze medal.

The standout freshman was also front and center as the Lady Wolverines' 4x100 relay squad reestablished a school record that had stood since 1998.

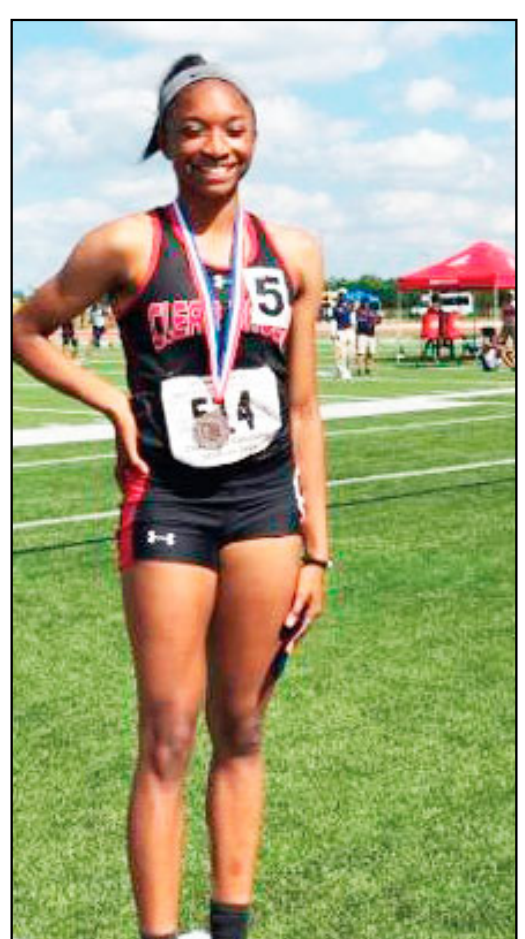
In that one, senior Kennedy Crutchfield, junior Keaira Conner and freshman Jailey Shelton joined Dickson in snagging fourth at regionals with a time of 46.49.

With Randle leading the way, Summer Creek's 4x1 relay squad won the Region III crown at 45.41.

The Dobie girls also competed in the 4x1 preliminaries as Rachel Smith, Ambreon Jones, Aajaylah Reed and Briana Haywood saw their fine season come to a close.

Dobie sophomore Amari Singleton also took part in the girls' 400 preliminaries. Now it's on to state for Dickson.

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Clear Brook freshman Camryn Dickson is headed to the state track and field championships after placing second for a silver medal in the 100-meter dash at regionals, posting a time of 11.60. Dickson just missed advancing in the 200, placing third for a bronze medal in a time of 24.15

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LSA tracksters make state

Several South Regional champions will headline the field as the Lutheran South Academy track and field program makes its way to the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools State Championships May 3-4 in Waco.

Smith combined for the gold-medal winning time of 50.80 seconds.

As expected, the Pioneers excelled at the South Regional, with Hannah Cottingham and Ayana Smith winning individual regional titles, and those two ladies joining Isla Dietert and Mary Catherine Adams for the 4x100-meter relay title.

Smith made a run at the win in the 100 dash but instead wound up second with a fast time of 12.28. In the 200 dash, Smith came in at 26.15 for third place.

In the team standings, the LSA boys were third with 83 points. The Lady Pioneers had 99.5 points for fourth place.

The Lady Pioneers' Allison Klein reached state in the pole vault as she was third, clearing 8-0 at regionals.

Among the LSA boys, Noa Miller was third in the 800 run with a time of 2:02.96, and Adam Zimmerman was third in the 300 hurdles with a time of 41.57.

Going the distance for the win, Kristoff allowed Baton Rouge just one hit while fanning nine.

At 31-24 overall and 12-8 in conference play, San Jacinto had put together a solid season but could make it still better with a strong showing at the postseason tournament.

Smith pitched two innings in relief for the win, and Kristoff recorded the final put to pick up the save.

Fast forward to April 27

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Dobie's Victoria Chu (at right) led the Lady Longhorns in goals scored this season as she helped the locals to a third-place finish and 10 wins in District 22-6A action. The junior subsequently went on to

land first team all-district honors. Back to lead the offense in 2020, Chu again figures to be prominently featured on the attack for her team.

Photo by John Bechtle



Senior midfielder Mystique Ortega (5) had her best season in her last run at things at Dobie, scoring first team all-district honors as she brought a versatile game to the field for the Lady Longhorns.

Photo by Jade Wise

District 22-6A

**Girls' Soccer Honors
Second Team Selections**

- Lauren Abler, Kingwood, Soph.
- Aylin Bonilla, Dobie, Soph.
- Esmeralda Bravo, S. Houston, Soph.
- Jackie Cardiel, Memorial, Jr.
- Mikayla Carlos, Kingwood, Jr.
- Mia Davis, Memorial, Jr.
- Jenelle Dumias, Kingwood, Soph.
- Julissa Gonzalez, Rayburn, Jr.
- Karla Rodriguez, Humble, Jr.
- Cadyn Hulse, Kingwood, Soph.
- Emma Keiser, Atascocita, Sr.
- Maria LaCense, Atascocita, Jr.
- Kiana Marshall, Summer Creek, Fr.
- Ashley Martinez, Pasadena, Jr.
- Emma Martinez, Summer Creek, Jr.
- Madison Melvin, Atascocita, Jr.
- Erin Peters, Atascocita, Sr.
- Nia Rampersand, Atascocita, Sr.
- MaKenzie Rankins, Dobie, Soph.
- Hallie Roe, Atascocita, Jr.
- Astrid Romo, Pasadena, Sr.
- Sharis Ruiz, Memorial, Sr.
- Isabel Shanahan, Kingwood, Sr.
- Emily Solis, Dobie, Jr.
- Marina Vasquez, Dobie, Soph.

**District 22-6A
Girls' Soccer Honors**

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Catherine Childs, Kingwood

Offensive MVP

Emma Ebert, Kingwood

Defensive MVP

Vanessa Cabello, Pasadena

Newcomer of the Year

Victoria Arenivas, Atascocita

Goalkeeper of the Year

Ainsley Cunningham, Atascocita

Coach of the Year

Pres Holcomb, Kingwood

First Team Selections

Ruby Abeja, Humble, Fr.

Alondra Acevedo, Dobie, Soph.

Sam Arrollado, Kingwood, Sr.

Lillian Burkhard, Atascocita, Fr.

Vanessa Cabello, Pasadena, Sr.

Victoria Chu, Dobie, Jr.

Paola Colon, Summer Creek, Soph.

Trista Cook, Atascocita, Soph.

Cristina Cordova, S. Houston, Soph.

Alex Dumas, Kingwood, Jr.

Jasmine Facundo, Memorial, Jr.

Julissa Farias, Memorial, Jr.

Noely Garcia, Summer Creek, Jr.

Abby Gutierrez, Memorial, Jr.

Brianna Hoffman, Atascocita, Fr.

Maria Marroquin, Pasadena, Sr.

Samantha Mata, Rayburn, Soph.

Taiya Mitchell, Dobie, Jr.

Savanna Moore, Kingwood, Soph.

Nia Musquiz, Atascocita, Fr.

Mystique Ortega, Dobie, Sr.

Hayli Roe, Atascocita, Jr.

Sarah Schumacher, Kingwood, Sr.

Elle Smith, Kingwood, Fr.

Lilly Van Meter, Kingwood, Soph.



Alondra Acevedo (17) stepped up into a big offensive role for the Lady Longhorns as her scoring punch helped the locals win 10 district games. She was honored as a first team all district performer.

Photo by John Bechtle



At left, Dobie junior Taiya Mitchell (11) was again one of the top defenders in the Houston area as she landed on the 22-6A first team for her efforts. She, like Victoria Chu, another first teamer, will return in 2020 to pace Dobie.

Photo by Jade Wise

Dobie softball rolls into area playoff round, draws Clear Springs

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In a speedy game to open the series at San Jacinto College's South campus, De La Cerda allowed just two singles and struck out three in handing North Shore a 1-0 loss.

The game was tied through five innings before Dobie struck in the sixth inning.

Pleasants walked with one out and eventually stole second base with two outs before coming home on an RBI single from Barba.

Over the two games, De La Cerda allowed just six total hits and no earned runs, going the distance in both wins.

Moving on to the second round for the second straight season, Dobie went up against District 24-6A No. 4 seed Clear Springs in the area round, with the first game coming May 1 after press time at Clear Lake High School.

The second game is set for Thursday, May 2, at Clear Lake High School. A third and deciding game, if necessary, will be played Friday, May 3, also at Clear Lake. All games begin at 6 p.m.

Clear Springs, with just one senior on its roster, won the first game over Pearland 5-4 but then suffered a 9-2 loss in the middle game.

With the series on the line, Clear Springs smacked three home runs en route to an 8-2 se-

ries-deciding win.

Lady Charger freshman Emma Strood pitched all

three games for her team, tossing a complete game in the series winner while

striking out eight. She also homered in the win.

The eventual Dobie/

Clear Springs winner will take on either Pasadena Memorial or Alvin in

the regional quarterfinal of Dobie as the fun could round May 9-11. Both very well continue deep teams are longtime rivals into May.



Dobie junior Jessica De La Cerda (18) was impressive in the opening round playoff wins over North Shore, tossing a two-hit shutout in the 1-0 first game win and then coming back to allow just four hits in the series clincher.

Photos by Jade Wise



Karlie Barba (22) had three walk off hits for the Lady Longhorns in the regular season and continued to be clutch in the bidistrict series win over North Shore, driving in four runs, including a two-run double in the series clincher April 26 at San Jacinto College's South campus.

Area sports news, notes

Dobie football to offer youth camp July 29-31

The Dobie High School football staff will host the 2019 Longhorns' Youth Camp at the school July 29-31. Students entering the third- through ninth grades as of the 2019-2020 school year are eligible to attend. The camp will run from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. each day and focus on all of the fundamentals of the game as well as team building, etc. Cost of the camp is \$25 per student. To register or to get more information, visit jfrankdobie.com, click on the sports link and then click on the football link. The coaching staff is also preparing to host strength and conditioning workouts for high school students. Those details are coming soon.

Brook baseball's Flores sets youth camp details

Clear Brook varsity baseball head coach Gene Flores and his staff have set the dates for the Wolverines' 2019 youth camp. The event will be held June 10-12 at Wolverine Field, from 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Instructors will focus on hitting and defense from 9 a.m. to noon, with pitching and catching thereafter. Those entering the second through ninth grades as of the 2019-2020 school year are eligible to attend. The cost is \$100 for the hitting and defense sessions and \$60 for the pitching/catching only, or \$140 for both. Participants will receive a camp T-shirt, and concessions as well as pizza slices will be available for purchase throughout the event. For more information or to register, direct email to Flores at eflores1@ccisd.net.

Wolverine hoops coach Janak will host camp

Clear Brook varsity boys' basketball head coach Nathan Janak and his staff have set plans for the Wolverines' 2019 summer youth camp. Students entering kindergarten through the ninth grades as of the 2019-2020 school year are eligible to attend the June 17-20 event. Those students entering the fourth through sixth grades will participate from 9 a.m. to noon for \$100 per student, with seventh through ninth-grade students attending from 1 to 4 p.m., also for \$100 per student. The kindergarten through third-grade students will participate for \$50 per student from 5 to 6:30 p.m. All participants will receive a camp T-shirt. Camp activities will include offensive and defensive fundamentals, individual and team instruction, 3-on-3 games, a 5-on-5 tournament, daily competitions and both individual and team awards at the conclusion of the camp. For additional information, direct email to Janak at njanak@ccisd.net.

Youth basketball camp guided by JFD's Hartman

Dobie varsity girls basketball head coach Jasmine Hartman, who guided her team to the area playoff round in her debut season, has established plans for the Dobie youth basketball camp for both boys and girls.

The camp will be held June 25-27, with those students entering the first through fifth grades as of the 2019-2020 school year attending from 8 to 10 a.m. for \$40 per participant. Sixth through ninth-grade students will pay \$45 per student and attend from noon to 3 p.m. Individual skills such as shooting, rebounding, passing and dribbling will be taught as well as both team offensive and defensive strategies. For additional information, direct email to Hartman at jhartman@pasadenaisd.org.

Pearland Pear Run fundraiser to play out May 11

The 2019 Pear Run will this year celebrate 15 years of police support, healthy living and exercise; and members of the jogging public are invited to get involved.

Organized by the Pearland Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association, the run through funds raised has previously assisted the Pearland Police Department, helping to purchase equipment, K-9 officer needs, officer memorials and more.

In addition, those who choose to be business sponsors for the event will

have the opportunity to be seen by more than 1,000 potential customers. There

are several sponsor levels to meet all budgets. The Pear Run will be

May 11, 2019, held at the Pearland Town Center Pavilion, 11200 W. Broad-

way in Pearland. The first race begins at 7 a.m. Visit the official web-

site at www.pearrun.com for details, including sponsorships.

San Jacinto College softball gets wins

Continued from Page 1B as San Jacinto split a pair of conference games against Lone Star-Port Arthur College.

Kristoff went 11 2/3 innings in a marathon of a series opener, but LS-PA scored six runs in the top of the 12th inning to sneak

away with an 8-2 victory. Despite taking the loss, Kristoff wound up with 10 more strikeouts to add to her total for the season.

Martinez hit a grand slam in the second game and Tannery went four innings for the win as San Jacinto claimed the second

game 8-0. Kristoff, a UH-Victoria signee, has led SJC in wins over her two seasons.

Rising Stars registering

The Rising Stars Track Club, the area's long-standing youth track and field organization, is set to begin practices and registration at Dobie High School.

Returning team members are encouraged to join workouts now through May, from 5 to 7 p.m., at the JFD track. The team will also practice each Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. as well as each Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon until the season begins.

Team officials will also accept registration each Saturday in conjunction with the practices.

For more information, call Stars head coach Ivory Kimble at 832-561-1248.

Pink Sox 6U softball wins at DP End of Year

At right, the South Belt Girls Softball Association's Pink Sox of the 6-under division pocketed championship rings after winning the title at the Deer Park Softball Association's End of the Year Invitational. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Callie Linares, Brianna Lopez, Paityn Gonzalez, (middle row) Sophia Garza, Mila Sandoval, Aubree Brown, Zoie Escobar, Delilah Cansino, Sophia Gonzales, Aimee Lopez, (back row) coaches Danny Garza, Chris Sandoval, Dee Escobar, Bene Cansino, Kiko Gonzales and Lucio Gonzalez.

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Atkinson students excel at Get Fit Jog



Atkinson Elementary third- and fourth-grade students stood out during the Pasadena ISD's annual Get Fit Jog program, which called for the district's students to jog 40 miles or more during the school year to be eligible for the districtwide Get Fit Jog finale at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. The third-grade course was just more than a mile in length while the fourth-grade course was

2.3 miles in length. Those competing for the Eagles included, left to right, third-grade students Destiny Sidiropoulos, Ineke Hicks, Sophia Gonzalez and Daniella Tamayo. Not pictured is fourth-grade student Brooke Kelso. Sidiropoulos won the district championship in the third-grade division, while Tamayo was 13th.

Swing Queens 6U capture second at Deer Park softball invite

At right, the 6-under Swing Queens of the South Belt Girls Softball Association placed second at the Deer Park End of the Year Invitational, grabbing commemorative rings for their efforts. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Madeline Herrera, Sophia Paz, Taylor Gutierrez, Isabelle Gutierrez, Isabella Granados, (middle row) Miranda Coronado, Audryna St. Romain, Ava Castro, Brianna Quiroga, (back row) assistant coach Manuel Coronado, head coach Pedro Gutierrez and assistant coach Armando Quiroga.

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MAY 2

AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.
Noon Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For more information, call 713-686-6300.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Women's Group, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For more information, call 713-661-4200.

FRIDAY, MAY 3

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Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. Call 713-661-4200.
Serenity Now AI-Anon Group - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 8 to 9 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd.

Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share, learn AI-Anon principles, that they are not alone, and discover choices available. For more information, call 281-484-9243.

SATURDAY, MAY 4

Alcoholics Anonymous - "Breakfast with Bill", Saturdays, 7:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.
Salt Grass Potters Guild will hold its annual spring sale of original handmade pottery on Saturday, May 4, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Sunday, May 5, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., at the Clear Lake Park Meeting room, located at 5001 E. NASA Parkway in Seabrook. The park is one traffic light east of the Hilton on the Lake. About 20 artists will be on hand to answer questions about the artwork. There will be a variety of items from functional dishware to purely decorative clay pieces as well as sculpture. Many items are suitable for decoration or as presents. For more information, call Don at 713-410-8599 or Eleanor 713-851-4012 or visit www.saltgrasspotters.com.
Clear Lake Bridge Club will hold its annual spring sale of original handmade pottery on Saturday, May 4, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Sunday, May 5, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., at the Clear Lake Park Meeting room, located at 5001 E. NASA Parkway in Seabrook. The park is one traffic light east of the Hilton on the Lake. About 20 artists will be on hand to answer questions about the artwork. There will be a variety of items from functional dishware to purely decorative clay pieces as well as sculpture. Many items are suitable for decoration or as presents. For more information, call Don at 713-410-8599 or Eleanor 713-851-4012 or visit www.saltgrasspotters.com.
AI-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English) - For women affected by an addict. Saturdays, 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.
Alcoholics Anonymous - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For additional information, call 281-484-9243.

SUNDAY, MAY 5

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Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.
Grief Support Group - For adults who have lost a loved one. Meets Sundays, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas, 2 to 3:15 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. For details, call 281-487-8787.
Celebrate Recovery - A faith-based 12-Step Program, Sundays, 5:30 p.m., in the Chapel at Life Church, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for details or to RSVP for child care.
Alcoholics Anonymous - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.
MONDAY, MAY 6
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 back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for details, or drop in.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.
Overeaters Anonymous Deer Park - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for details, or drop in.
Noon Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300.
Genealogy Group - Parker Williams Genealogy group meets from 2 to 4 p.m. on first and third Monday at the Parker Williams Library, Beamer at Scarsdale. Public is invited. For details, email Liz Hicks at eroottrot@usa.net.
New Directions Singles - Age 50 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner with activities and/or guest speakers at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Pkwy. For details, call Margarita at 832-715-9658.
Scrabble Club #511 - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Come, improve crossword playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for details.
Toastmasters - The Young Professionals Southeast Toastmasters Club #05324194 meets Mondays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., at the South Belt Chamber of Commerce, 10500 Scarsdale Blvd., next to the fire station. For details, call Karen Nunn at 832-722-9061 or Carolyn Carmichael at 832-372-3565 or visit <https://youngprofessionals.toastmasters.com/>.

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Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200. 7:30 p.m.

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

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Education Bldg., 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For more information, call Jesse at 832-725-8479 or Rita at 281-309-2801.

TUESDAY, MAY 7
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in. 9:30 a.m.

Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For more information, call 713-472-0565. 10 a.m.

Clear Lake Bridge Club - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for more information. 11:30 a.m.

Local NARFE Meeting - National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 1321, meets the first Tuesday at Clear Lake Community Center, 5001 NASA Pkwy. Lunch is \$6. For details, call Norman Chaffee at 713-944-2461. Noon

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

Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch is \$15. Variety of speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or email nalix@texascityzensbank.com. 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Free dance lessons - taught by Lewis and Betty Whistler (35 years of experience) at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E League City Parkway, on Tuesdays. Bringing a partner is not required. There is a different dance focus monthly. For details, call Betty at 832-517-5833. For questions about League City's activity card, call the park office at 281-554-1180. 1 p.m.

Trailmixers - Meets the first Tuesday at Luby's, 11595 Fuqua. Former and current employees of J. Frank Dobie High School are welcome. 1:30 p.m.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - #1530 meets at the Sagement Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd., 1:30 p.m. For information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713. 2 p.m.

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in. 9:30 a.m.

Young at Heart Senior Club - Meets the second and fourth week monthly (Nov./Dec. meet second week only) at Covenant United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Lots of activities, trips, etc. Call Jan Okumura at 832-298-9480 for details.

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

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300. 1 - 3:30 p.m.

Hometown Heroes Park - has Hump Day Dance to practice ballroom dances (not lessons) in a casual environment. A variety of rhythms are played from entry to advanced dancing levels at 1001 E. League City Pkwy. League City nonresidents must purchase activity card (see Tuesday 12:30 p.m. dance for details). Help is available to assist learning dance moves. For details information on the activity card, call the city at 281-554-1180. 7 p.m.

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

Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention - Call 281-286-2525 (24-hour crisis hotline) for confidential domestic violence/sexual abuse support group for women. Visit www.bayareaturningpoint.org for information. 8 p.m.

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

THURSDAY, MAY 9
7 a.m.

AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in. 9:30 a.m.

NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse - Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 a.m., Praise Chapel, 18516 Hwy. 3 in Webster. The public is welcome and encouraged to bring others. For details, call 281-910-1971 or visit aglownet.org. 10 a.m.

Fun Bunch - for senior citizens, ages 55 and older, meets the second Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, 10500 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call Ronn Canon at 281-610-8999 or the chamber at 281-481-5516.

Clear Lake Bridge Club - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email at jpochsner@aol.com for details. 11:30 a.m.

ABWA - Southeast Express Network - American Business Women's Association-South meets the second Thursday, Spring Creek Barbeque, 9005 Broadway (FM-518), Pearland. Lunch is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (\$20). Includes networking with professional business women and guest speaker. Women of all ages/occupations invited. Bring business cards. Reservations appreciated. Visit www.seen-abwa.org. Noon

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300. 6:30 p.m.

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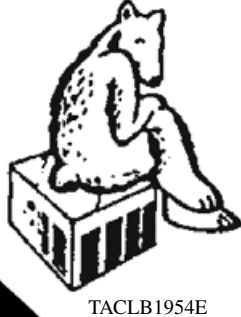
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LSA's Guzman, Emeish win TAPPS state girls' doubles; Ngo, Cheung reach finals, again



Lutheran South Academy girls' doubles players Karissa Guzman (left) and Paris Emeish won the Texas Association Private and Parochial Schools Class 5A state championship in girls doubles. Guzman, a USTA girls 18s championship level competitor, battled through a bout with the flu at state as she and Emeish, a freshman, won the state

title over Ashley Anderson and Zoe Gorringer of Fort Bend Christian, winding up the season with three wins over that duo. At state April 8-9 at the Waco Regional Tennis Center, Guzman and Emeish scored a 6-3, 4-6, 6-4 victory to claim the state championship.



Alan Ngo and Tiger Cheung of Lutheran South Academy reached the state championship match in boys' doubles for the second straight season before a loss. Ngo finished his stellar career at LSA with four ap-

pearances at state, including boys' singles as a freshman and sophomore and then the past two seasons with Cheung in boys' doubles.

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San Jac baseball moves to 37-13

Albeit ineligible for the postseason, the San Jacinto College baseball team has been putting on a show while closing out the regular season. The locals are now 37-13 overall this season, including a 23-8 record in conference play following a four-game sweep of Galveston. Bryan Seamster hammered a three-run bomb and scored a pair of runs as the Gators won the series opener 10-6 in eight innings. Left-hander Dane Ack-

er improved to 10-0 this season, allowing two earned runs and fanning 10. The Gators then took just five innings to beat the Whitecaps 13-3 in the second game. Jose Aquino banged a two-run home run, and Ryan Hernandez was 2 for 3 with three runs batted in. Starting pitcher Michell Parker went the distance, allowing two earned runs and striking out 11 with no walks. Braden Winget of SJC socked a three-run ho-

mer and scored twice in support of starting pitcher Jackson Rutledge, who improved to 8-2 overall with seven strikeouts over seven innings. He allowed no earned runs. SJC swept the series with a 7-3 win as Camryn Williams homered and doubled. Luke Little had 10 strikeouts, and reliever Bryant Salgado improved to 3-2 with 3 2/3 innings of work. In recording 11 outs over his appearance, Salgado struck out nine.

Brook's Dickson headed to state

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 The Lady Wolverines' 4x100 relay squad made a push to reach Austin but came up just short. The foursome of senior Kennedy Crutchfield, junior Keaira Conner, freshman Jailey Shelton and Dickson came up with a time of 46.49, breaking a school record that had stood since 1998. Crutchfield, a multi-

sport standout who plans to continue her education and track and field career at the University of Maryland, finished off a terrific career with the Lady Wolverines, while the other three are looking forward to returning to the event in 2020. Dickson, who has made multiple trips to the national level with the South Belt-based Rising Stars

Track Club, will now make her first trip to Austin. She is looking to grab a medal at state, which would be the Lady Wolverines' first since sprinter Erica Alexander won gold in the 100 in both 2006 and 2008. Alexander scored a total of six gold medals at state during her stellar four-year career at Clear Brook.



Clear Brook's 4x100-meter relay squad of, from left, Kennedy Crutchfield, Jailey Shelton, Keaira Conner and Camryn Dickson completed a terrific season on the track, winding up fourth in the event at the Region III Championships April 27 at Challenger Columbia Stadium in Webster. The group delivered a time of 46.49 seconds, breaking a school record that had stood since 1998.