

### Memorial Day closings set

**South Belt-Ellington Leader**  
The Leader office will be closed Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day.

**Clear Brook City MUD**  
The office of Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District will be closed on Monday, May 30. The office will reopen Tuesday, May 31, at 8 a.m. For convenience, payments may be left in the drop box at the drive-through window.

**Parker Williams Library**  
The Parker Williams Library will be closed Monday, May 30, for Memorial Day.

**Bracewell Library**  
The Bracewell Library will be closed Monday, May 30, for Memorial Day. Normal business hours will resume Tuesday, May 31.

### Trash holidays set

**City of Houston**  
There will be no City of Houston collection services Monday, May 30 (Memorial Day). All Solid Waste Management Department facilities, including Recycling Centers will also be closed. On Wednesday, June 1, Tuesday's garbage, curbside recycling and yard waste will be collected, and the Neighborhood Recycling Centers will reopen. On Thursday, June 2, the normal schedule will resume.

**Clear Brook City MUD**  
Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District residents will have regular trash service pickup Memorial Day, May 30. All trash should be at curbside no later than 7 a.m. Residents missing this trash pickup date will be serviced Thursday, June 2.

**Kirkmont MUD**  
The Kirkmont Municipal Utility District will have no trash collection service on Memorial Day (Monday, May 30). Regular trash collection service will resume on Thursday, June 2.

### Graduation issue planned

The Leader's annual high school special edition will be published Thursday, June 2. It will feature graduation information for J. Frank Dobie, Clear Brook, South Houston and Clear Horizons Early College high schools and Lutheran South Academy.

To place a personalized ad for a graduating senior, call 281-481-5656 or email [mynews@southbeltleader.com](mailto:mynews@southbeltleader.com). The deadline to be included in this issue is noon Friday, May 27. For additional information, call 281-481-5656.

### Active shooter class set

The Sagemont Civic Club will host a presentation at its meeting on Monday, June 13, from Houston Police Officer Stephen Daniel on how to survive an active shooter.

The business meeting will begin at 6 p.m., with the program beginning at 6:30 p.m. The presentation is open to anyone, not just Sagemont residents.

### Lariaette car wash June 11

The Dobie Lariaettes will hold a car wash Saturday, June 11, in the Snowie's Shaved Ice parking lot at 10902 Scarsdale. Tickets are \$5 each presale and can be purchased from any current Lariaette. Driveups are welcome and donations will be accepted.

### SB Dolphins set sign-ups

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

### Genealogy group meets

The Parker Williams Genealogy Group will meet June 6 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the library at Scarsdale and Beamer. This group meets the first and third Mondays to discuss genealogy research. Meetings are free and open to anyone interested in tracing family history.

### Quilt guild to meet June 7

The Bay Area Quilt Guild meets the first Tuesday of each month at Mount Olive Lutheran Church at 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Fellowship begins at 6:30 p.m. and the general meeting and program begin at 7 p.m.

The next meeting will be on June 7 and the speaker will be Peggy Baldwin-Clayton with her program, *Start with a Story*. Baldwin-Clayton is a quilter, lecturer and teacher, and is known for her whimsical story quilts. All guests are welcome to attend the presentation and to learn how to make a story quilt.

For more information, call Debby Benson at 713-248-8757 or check the website at [bayareaquiltguild.org](http://bayareaquiltguild.org).

### American Legion gathers

The American Legion Post 490 will host a Memorial Day celebration on Monday, May 30, at the Post 490 Hall, located at 11702 Old Galveston Road/Highway 3 (across from Ellington Field), beginning at 11 a.m. The event will be sponsored by the U.S. Submarine Veterans group. For more information, call 281-481-1179.

# Diaz wins constable primary runoff election

The May 24 primary runoff election results have been tallied, with few surprises. In the race for the Democratic nomination for Harris County Precinct 2 constable, incumbent Chris Diaz handily defeated challenger George Goffney Jr.

Diaz received 73 percent of the vote (2,321 total votes) to Goffney's 27 percent (859 votes). Diaz will face Republican Daniel Vela in the November general election.

In the contest for the Democratic nomination for Harris County sheriff, Ed Gonzales easily defeated Jerome Moore.

Gonzales received 57 percent of the vote (16,049 total votes) to Moore's 43 percent (12,311 votes). Gonzales will face Republican incumbent Ron Hickman in the November general election.

In the Democratic race for railroad commissioner, Grady Yarbrough handily defeated Cody Garrett.

Yarbrough received 60 percent of the vote (15,816 total votes) to Garrett's 40 percent (10,411 votes).

In the Republican contest for railroad commissioner, Gary Gates easily defeated Wayne Christian.

Gates received 66 percent of the vote (24,537 total votes) to Christian's 34 percent (12,890 votes).

In the race for the position of Harris County Republican Party chairman, incumbent Paul Simpson handily defeated challenger Rick Ramos.

Simpson received 69 percent of the vote (26,015 total votes) to Ramos' 31 percent (11,753 votes).

The general election will take place Tuesday, Nov. 8, along with the highly publicized U.S. presidential election.

## Diaz celebrates primary win



Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Chris Diaz (right) easily defeated challenger George Goffney Jr. in the Democratic primary on Tuesday, May 24. Diaz will face Republican Daniel Vela in the November general election. Shown above with Diaz at the victory party Tuesday are, left to right, Sgt. Fermin Vasquez, Deputy Javier Zavala and Lt. Mike Kritzer.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

## Richardson named Memorial principal

Former South Belt resident Jeremy Richardson was named principal of Pasadena Memorial High School at the May 24 Pasadena Independent School District board meeting.

"I am honored for the opportunity to continue to serve our community, our students and teachers," Richardson said. "We have a great school with great students and staff. I can't wait to continue to support the amazing things that are happening at Pasadena Memorial."



Richardson

A 1995 Dobie graduate, Richardson served the students of PISD for 14 years. He began his educational career in 2002 at Dobie High where he taught world geography, government and coached football, soccer and golf. He continued at Dobie as a dual credit social studies teacher in 2007.

In 2009, he assumed the role of assistant principal at Memorial, where he will be finishing out

his last semester this school year.

Richardson holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from the University of Houston and a Master's of Education in educational administration from Texas A&M. He has earned two standard certifications in secondary social studies and as a principal.

Richardson will fill the position left open by Memorial Principal Angela Stallings, who has been promoted to associate superintendent of campus development.

PISD board member Fred Roberts, who has known Richardson since he was a child, is confident in his abilities.

"He's a good man with a wonderful family," Roberts said. "I am looking forward to seeing what you accomplish with this new opportunity."

Andrea Wenke was also named principal of South Houston High School at the meeting. Wenke most recently served as principal of Southmore Intermediate.

Wenke will replace South Houston Principal Steven Fullen, who has also been promoted to associate superintendent of campus development.

## Race to replace El Franco Lee heats up

By James Bolen

The race to replace the late El Franco Lee as Harris County Precinct 1 commissioner is starting to heat up, with a candidate forum being held this past Sunday, May 22.

Lee died unexpectedly Jan. 3 after serving more than 30 years in the office. Following Lee's death, Harris County Judge Ed Emmett appointed former Houston city attorney and longtime friend of the commissioner, Gene Locke, to fill the remainder of Lee's term.

While it was initially believed that Locke had no interest in keeping the position permanently, he is now actively seeking it, reportedly even stepping down from his law practice to pursue it.

Other interested parties include state Sen. Rodney Ellis, City Council Member Dwight Boykins, community activist Georgia Provost, KPFT chairman DeWayne Lark and educator Rickey Tezino.

Although they did not participate in Sunday's forum, City Council members Jerry Davis and Larry Green have also expressed interest in the position, but like Boykins, have shied away from formally announcing their candidacies, due to the state's "resign-to-run" provision, which could cost them their current seats, should they lose their bid for the commissioner position.

Lee's name remained on the primary ballot, which he won posthumously, as he ran unopposed. It is now up to 125 Democratic precinct chairs to select a candidate to appear on the November ballot, as a special election will not be held to fill the position in the highly Democratic precinct.

The highly sought-after commissioner's seat comes with a base salary of nearly \$170,000 a year, and the position is not term limited. Once in office, commissioners rarely face serious challengers or step down from the esteemed position, which represents 1.2 million people and oversees a \$200 million annual budget.

Locke and Ellis focused on their political experience, while Provost, Lark and Tezino emphasized their outsider status and vowed to fight the

establishment.

While Boykins has yet to officially throw his hat in the ring, the council member - who represents much of the South Belt community - stressed his record of helping the disenfranchised and area seniors.

Locke, who described himself as a workhorse not a show-horse, began his introduction with a moment of silence in honor of Lee. He went on to tout recent roadwork and sidewalk projects near NRG Stadium in advance of the 2017 Super Bowl (a joint effort with the City of Houston) and stressed the need to make voting easier for county residents.

Ellis suggested using county land for affordable housing and providing adequate mental health care for county jail inmates.

Boykins, who described himself as a public servant rather than a politician, discussed his recent second-chance job forum aimed at helping ex-convicts get jobs and the need to provide sufficient funding for local constable offices.

Lark stressed that he was "unbought and unsold" and said Ellis should remain a senator and Boykins remain a council member, where they get other meaningful work achieved.

Provost, who has unsuccessfully run for City Council multiple times, emphasized how Precinct 1 has disproportionately less services than the other precincts in the county.

Tezino rounded out the forum by discussing the need for flooding improvements and a possible monorail system.

The race for the commissioner's seat is unorthodox, as there is no official filing or deadlines, making it difficult to determine exactly how many people are actually seeking the position. While candidates are actively campaigning for the seat, they are focusing their efforts on trying to win over the precinct chairs, rather than county voters, who will not have a direct say on the issue.

The vote to select the new commissioner

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## Local polling locations cause confusion

The Leader has received multiple complaints from local residents about confusion caused by the relocation of several area polling places for the May 24 primary runoff elections.

Late Wednesday, May 18, the Leader went to press with the latest information available from Harris County Clerk Stan Stanart's office at the time, to be published in the May 19 edition of the newspaper.

At that time, 24 of 30 local precinct polling locations had changed since the March 1 primary election (10 of 15 Democratic polling sites and 14 out of 15 Republican polling sites), and all 15 area Republican polling locations had yet to be confirmed.

While all 15 of the listed Republican sites remained unchanged on Election Day, two of the Democratic polling locations (precincts 476 and 537), which had reportedly already been confirmed on Wednesday, changed locations at the last minute, bringing the number of Democratic sites that had changed since the March 1 primary

to 12 out of 15 - or 26 out of 30 total area polling locations.

Adding to the confusion is that several of the same facilities (Burnett Elementary, Laura Welch Bush Elementary, Parker Williams Library, etc.) were still being used as polling locations, but many of the precincts that used the facilities during the March 1 primaries had been switched to different locations, often several miles away from their previous spots.

For example, the Precinct 536 Republican polling location moved from its March 1 primary site at Laura Welch Bush Elementary, located at 9100 Blackhawk, to the Harris County Palm Center Annex, located at 5300 Griggs Road - roughly 20 minutes (12 miles) away.

At press time Wednesday, May 25, it remained unclear what led to the mass polling relocation effort. See future editions of the Leader for additional information.

The Leader staff apologizes for any confusion. See related editorial on Page 2A.

## Organized crime suspects appear in court

Four out of five suspects charged with engaging in organized crime for their roles in bilking automotive customers out of thousands of dollars appeared in court Monday, May 23.

Richard Gonzalez, owner of USA Auto Collision Center and Stan's Wreckers in the 3500 block of Alameda Genoa Road, and employees, Andres Vasquez, Ruben Barhona Rendon, Brenda Reyes Awawdeh and Paulita Rodriguez, were all charged earlier in the month for allegedly "flipping" vehicles that were towed to the facility. According to authorities, flipping involves conning customers into signing documents that allow the company to switch the vehicles from a regulated area of service to a non-regulated one.

The suspects are accused of preying on drivers who had been involved in accidents by having them sign documents reportedly described by workers as standard forms to allow their insur-

ance adjusters to inspect the damaged vehicles. The documents actually gave the collision center permission to make unnecessary repairs, often totaling \$2,000 to \$3,000.

All suspects appeared in court but Rodriguez, who has reportedly jumped bail.

The companies, which are involved in the city's Safe Clear program, have drawn additional heat because of Gonzalez's close ties to multiple city officials.

According to a Channel 2 investigative report, Gonzalez has donated roughly \$50,000 in city campaign contributions since 2012, including \$3,000 to former Mayor Annise Parker, \$10,000 to mayor Sylvester Turner and \$2,500 to City Council Member Dwight Boykins, whose District D houses the collision center and impound lot.

City Council voted unanimously Wednesday.

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## Swimming pools to open for summer

Summer is around the corner, and with it comes the opening of several area pools to help South Belters beat the heat.

The Sagemont and Beverly Hills swimming pools will be open Memorial Day weekend Saturday, May 28, through Monday, May 30, from 1 to 8 p.m. Beginning Saturday, June 4, both pools will be open Tuesday through Sunday from 1 to 8 p.m. for the duration of the summer. The pools will be closed Mondays for cleaning.

The Clear Brook Meadows pool will be open Memorial Day weekend from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Beginning Friday, June 3, the pool will be open daily 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., except for Mondays when it is closed for cleaning.

The Riverstone Ranch pool will be open Memorial Day weekend from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., except on Sunday, May 29, when hours are noon to 8 p.m. Beginning Friday, June 3, the pool will be open daily 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., except on Sundays, when hours are noon to 8 p.m. The pool will be

closed on Mondays for cleaning.

The Sagelegen pool will be open Memorial Day weekend from noon to 9 p.m., except on Sunday, May 29, when hours are from 1 to 9 p.m. Beginning Friday, June 3, the pool will be open daily noon to 9 p.m., except on Sundays, when hours are 1 to 9 p.m. The pool will be closed on Mondays for cleaning.

The Ashley Pointe pool will be open Memorial Day weekend 1 to 9 p.m., except on Monday, May 30, when hours are noon to 8 p.m. Beginning Friday, June 3, the pool will be open daily, except for Tuesdays when the pool is closed for cleaning. Hours are from noon to 8 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and 1 to 9 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

The Highland Meadows pool will be open Memorial Day weekend from 3 to 8 p.m. Beginning Friday, June 3, the pool will be open daily 3 to 8 p.m., except for Mondays when it is closed for cleaning.

## Neil, Eloise West honored at SJC



On Friday, May 20, the San Jacinto College Foundation presented the 2016 Lifetime Legacy Award to longtime South Belt residents Neil (front row) and Eloise West (back row, center) based on their outstanding contributions that support student scholarships. Neil West is one of the original members of the San Jacinto College Foundation board of directors, and the Wests have supported the Foundation's student success initiatives for many years. The award was presented at the biannual gala hosted by San Jacinto College Foundation. The Wests are pictured to the left with their daughters Pam Saxton (left) and Diane Lister.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

# Publisher's Opinion

## Are South Belt voters being cut out?

Those of you who know me well, know I do not vote along party lines, but rather for the person, whom I believe, can do the most good for the South Belt community. My voting record has me voting about 50-50 when it comes to primary voting. In March, during the primary election, I actually stood in line for two hours to vote in the Democratic primary at Beverly Hills Intermediate. The problem was the lack of machines. The Republican line was non-existent at the same poll.

Part of the problem was that Harris County had not, for the last few elections provided a convenient early voting location for the South Belt area residents. This made it difficult for voters of both parties.

As I told friends, you almost needed to go pack a lunch to early vote. The IBEW Hall near Shaver Road, although out of the community, was not that far away, but when the county quit making that location available, early voting became very inconvenient for South Belter.

This week, the problem became even worse. Last week, on Wednesday, which is press day, one of the last things we checked was the polling locations.

We found that since the March primary 14 of 15 South Belt Republican locations

had been changed. On the Democratic side, 12 of 15 changed. Two were changed after Wednesday, making it impossible for us to get correct information in the paper. Officials had the right to change election places up to just hours before the election opened at 7 a.m.

Residents living south of Scarsdale Boulevard went to visit at the previously announced location of the Parker Williams Library and found they needed to vote at Laura Bush Elementary, north of Fuqua!

When my husband went to vote in the morning, he could not find a parking place, as the school had an activity in progress. Stuchbery voters were switched to Burnett Elementary. The county had the right to change the voting location as late as 14 hours before voting began! That is ridiculous!

What is even more ridiculous is Parker Williams library was still a voting location. I will be speaking with the powers that be at the county to try and get this situation for both parties corrected.

If any of you wish to share your election stories, please email us at [news@southbeltleader.com](mailto:news@southbeltleader.com).

**Publisher—Marie Flickinger**

## BHI makes Earth Day EVERY DAY

The AVID students and the Art Department at Beverly Hills Intermediate have joined forces to raise awareness about plastic pollution in the oceans, and to start a campaign that teaches students to celebrate Earth Day not just one day a year, but

EVERY DAY of the year. Students created a memorial mosaic out of repurposed plastic, to commemorate the endangered sea turtles in the Gulf of Mexico, that will be permanently displayed at the school.

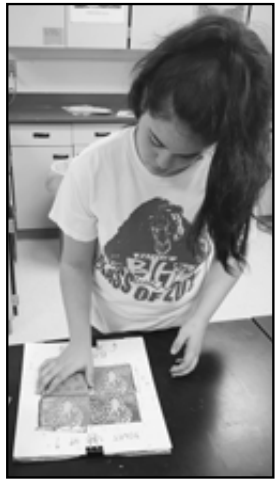
In addition to this piece

of art, students painted 750 paper bags to be given out at H-E-B instead of plastic bags on Earth Day.

BHI hopes that this is just the beginning for their green initiatives and plans to promote plastic recycling and awareness for many years to come.



Above, a "How Long Until It's Gone..." board that students made for Earth Day.



At right, Valentina Perez paints paper bags to be used at H-E-B on Earth Day.

## ExxonMobil Retiree Club meets

ExxonMobil retirees and their guests (no solicitations) are invited to attend the Space Center ExxonMobil Retiree Club's quarterly meeting and luncheon on Wednesday, June 8, at the Bay Area Community Center at 5002 NASA Parkway in Seabrook.

Fellowship is from 10 to 11 a.m., followed by a short business meeting and a presentation by Tom Gillette who will provide a historical perspective on ExxonMobil's operations in Alaska. Lunch will be beef and chicken fajitas with all of the trimmings plus dessert.

R.S.V.P. to Gillian Ford, no later than noon on Monday, June 6, at 281-482-4305. The cost of the luncheon is \$15 for nonmembers and guests, and \$10 for club members. Annual membership dues are \$15. Prospective members are entitled to one luncheon at no cost.

The club holds four meetings per year, including a December holiday party, as well as a number of excursions by bus.

## Colmenares earns GT scholarship

Sophia Colmenares, a student at Thompson Intermediate School, applied for a Texas Association for Gifted and Talented scholarship at the beginning of this semester. With all her effort she wrote an essay, made a poster, and with recommendations from Thompson science teacher Carol Waters and counselor Prudencio Reina, Colmenares won a scholarship. She applied to a science camp at Texas A&M at Galveston where she was admitted and will use the scholarship to attend this camp during the summer.

Colmenares says she is very excited for the opportunity to acquire new knowledge and share it with her classmates when she returns to the school in August. She loves the idea of meeting new friends from all over the country.

Colmenares lives at Riverstone Ranch Subdivision. Her parents are Javier Colmenares and Ana Margarita Valencia. She will be in the ninth grade at J. Frank Dobie High School this fall.



Sophia Colmenares

## Local library events set

**Parker Williams Library**  
The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale, Thursday, May 26, at 2 p.m. – Book discussion on *Family Life* by Akhil Sharma. Friday, May 27, at 3:30 p.m. – Teen SLP Decoration Day. Must be at least 12 years of age. Wednesdays – Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.; Thursdays – Toddler Story Time, 10:30 a.m.; Saturdays – Vietnamese Storytime. Classes are at 10 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. For more information on Vietnamese programs, speak with Loc Bui. For more information on these programs, call the library at 281-484-2036.

**Bracewell Branch Library**  
The following events are scheduled for May at the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint.  
Thursday, May 26: Not Your Mama's Book Club – Join the group for a discussion on *A Novel of Suspense* by William G. Tappl.  
Saturday, May 28: Spanish Computer Class (Computadora Básica) – from 10:30 a.m. to noon; Manga/Anime Club – from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Manga/anime fan girls and their friends will be able to create Japanese crafts, discuss a favorite manga series, share artwork and information about upcoming anime events, and view a sampling of anime series and movies. For ages 10-14.  
Tuesdays – Pre-K Storytime (ages 3-5 years and their parents/caregivers) from 10:30 to 11 a.m.; Storytime Craft from 11 to 11:30 a.m.  
Wednesdays – Baby/Toddler Storytime (ages 6-36 months and their parents/caregivers) from 10:30 to 11 a.m.; Baby/Toddler Playgroup (ages 6 months to 3 years and their parents/caregivers) from 11 to 11:30 a.m.; Computer Basics at 2 p.m.; Internet Basics at 3:15 p.m.; and Power Point at 4:30 p.m.  
Bracewell hours are Sunday and Monday – Closed; Tuesday and Wednesday – 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday – noon to 8 p.m., Friday – 1 to 5 p.m., and Saturday – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information on these programs, call the library at 832-393-2580.

# In My Opinion

## Baier: Property tax protest process

I strongly urge you to protest your property taxes every year. If you don't want to hire a company, you can do it yourself. I've done it myself many times and have always gotten the value of my property significantly reduced. It's not difficult to do, it just takes a little time.

In order to determine the value of your property, your county appraisal district (if you live in Harris County, it's the Harris County Appraisal District (HCAD)) will choose 6-8 homes in your neighborhood with similar square footage that sold for top dollar in the past year, then base the value of your home according to what those homes sold for. They refer to those selected homes as "Comparable Sales". They're saying that your home is comparable to those homes, and therefore should be valued similar. They can only raise the value of your 10% each year, but the more your home is worth, the more property taxes you pay.

If you own an older home (my house was built in 1977), HCAD's "Comparable Sales" homes sold for top dollar because things in those homes were replaced and/or upgraded. For example, granite countertops were installed, new tile flooring, updated appliances, fresh paint inside and outside, new carpet, new A/C, new roof, new energy efficient windows, new back yard fence, etc. Show that your house doesn't have all those upgrades, and therefore isn't worth as much as HCAD says it is. Go through your house inside and out and take pictures (with date stamp) of repairs and/or replacements that are needed. For example, I need to replace my garage doors, gutters, and soffits/facia boards, so I'll take pictures and get written estimates. I don't have granite countertops or updated appliances in my kitchen, so I'll take a picture of my kitchen countertops and original stove and oven. Even if your home isn't as old as mine, compare the features in your home to the features in the homes that yours is being compared to (granite countertops, tile flooring, etc.)

Print out the sales flyers for those homes HCAD is using as "Comparable Sales" to prove your claims about the upgrades these homes have. The sales flyers always boast about upgrades that have been done to the house.

Here's how you find the sales flyers: [www.har.com/homevalues](http://www.har.com/homevalues). Click on "Recently Sold (Houston Area Only)". Enter your zip code. Click "Edit Filters". Type in the address of one of the homes listed on HCAD's "Comparable Sales" sheet. To see the sales flyer, click on the link showing the address of the home. The sales flyer will tell you the price range the home sold for. To get the exact selling price of a home, contact a realtor in your area and ask for a print-out of recently sold homes with the same number of bedrooms/bathrooms as your home. Click on "Print Flyer"

Your presentation can consist of the printed pictures you've taken, sales flyers of the homes HCAD used for "Comparable Sales", and repair estimates. I divide my presentation into sections: HCAD Comparable Sales (with the sales flyers), Repairs Needed, and Estimates of Needed Repairs. Make one copy of your presentation for yourself and a copy for the appraiser. When you sit down with the appraiser, he/she will ask you what you think your home is worth, so have that figure in mind when you go to the hearing. Guide the appraiser through your presentation from start to finish. You'll be doing 95% of the talking. It's all about proving that your home isn't worth as much as HCAD says it's worth. Your hearing will last 15-30 minutes but the time will fly by.

Last year I got the value of my house reduced by \$21K! I don't plan on selling anytime soon, so that was fine with me. Once you file your protest online or by mail (deadline is May 31), HCAD will e-mail you (several weeks later) a link giving you the date of your hearing and what recently sold homes they compared your home to. If you miss the deadline to protest for this year, do it next year.

## Weeke revisits delay on Hughes Road

Here I am again, complaining about the lack of progress in rebuilding Hughes Road from Beamer to the beltway. It has been a month since my last letter and they have not opened one foot of new road. I'd like to contact someone in control, is this a COH project or a county debacle?

## VA hospital, cataracts and grandchildren

I would like to make a comment on my recent eye surgery at the VA (Veterans Administration) Medical Center in Houston, Texas. I had cataract surgery on one eye. I had some reservations, given the recent bad press about the VA.

I can tell you two things:  
1. The surgery was less invasive than the most basic visit to the dentist.  
2. My experience was nothing but exceptional and professional. Starting with the pre-op interviews, the surgery, and the post-op recovery. They even fed me since I had not eaten that day.

I would like to thank all those involved from the receptionists to the fellow that retrieved our car from the Valet Parking. BTW: The Valet parking is FREE and there is no tipping allowed.

Thank you again to all personnel of the Veterans Administration.

I am mostly writing this note because I have come to the conclusion that we, all too often, only hear about it when something goes wrong and we seem not to hear about the very good action of very good people. I am reminded of this from my grandchildren. I am very proud of them and the are good children. Again, all too often, we hear about the kids that have difficulties and not enough about the very good kids in this community. There are good kids and the VA is full of some very good folks that care about the services they render.

## Benefit set for Scott Duke on June 4

We will be having a Benefit for Scott Duke. He is battling with cancer and needs our financial help. Any donation is appreciated, no donation is small.

There will be BBQ plates for \$8 and items up for auction. Also there will be a battle of the bands to raise money.

There will be a \$50 charge per band to enter the Battle of the Bands. And for all musicians that show up to support Scott, please bring only instruments, everything else will be provided for you.

The benefit will be held Saturday, June 4th, at Archie's Better Times. The address is 1806 Old Galveston Rd., South Houston Texas, Ph# 713-910-8445.

Thank you for coming out and supporting a good cause for a wonderful person. Together we can help Scott.

Contact Bino @ 832-894-4084 for details. Thank you Bino Bustamante, Together we can help Scott.

## Organized crime . . .

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May 25, to cancel the city's Safe Clear contract with USA Auto Collision.

If convicted, each suspect could face up to 20 years in prison.

## Lee replacement . . .

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will take place Saturday, June 25. Participating precinct chairs must be present to cast a ballot. Should a single candidate not receive 50 percent or more of the vote, a runoff will take place on the spot.

See future editions of the *Leader* for a candidate questionnaire.

While residents will not be allowed to directly vote, they are encouraged to voice their opinions to their local precinct chairs. An updated list of area precinct chairs will be released Monday, June 13.

## BAHP academy holds summer drama camps

The Fine Arts Academy of the Bay Area Harbour Playhouse is currently accepting students for its summer drama camps.

Camp sessions are June 6 through July 1 and July 11 through Aug. 6 at the theater located at 3803 Highway 3 in Dickinson.

Students will come from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday and should bring a sack lunch and a drink. The first two weeks will include intense class instruction about the fine arts of theater, and during the last two weeks, students will stage performances open to the public.

Amber Fabian, an experienced actress, director and teacher, heads the staff assisted by Nyah Taylor, a young thespian. Artistic Director Bennie Nipper will also be on hand to talk to the students about her many years of experience in theater.

Cost for each four-week camp is \$250 and can be paid on the first day.

For more information, call 281-337-SHOW(7469) or visit [www.habourtheater.com](http://www.habourtheater.com).

## Teen cybersecurity camp features NASA, FBI

An insider tour of NASA's Johnson Space Center and a hands-on lab with an FBI computer scientist will be key parts of University of Houston-Clear Lake's Cyber Security summer camp for teens.

Two sessions of this hands-on day camp for high school juniors and seniors are available from the UHCL's Cyber Security Institute. Session one runs June 6-9, and session two runs June 13-16.

Participants in the Cyber Security summer camp will explore the world of cybersecurity, including the vulnerabilities of cyberspace and ways to defend against them. They will also gain hands-on experience with network configuration, Linux, vulnerabilities scanning and more as they enjoy speakers, activities and games.

Registration is \$300. Some scholarships offered by Lockheed Martin are available.

To learn more about the camp or apply for a scholarship, visit <http://www.uhcl.edu/cyber-camp>.

# Deaths

## James Michael Grimes



James Michael Grimes, 65, died unexpectedly in an accident on Monday, May 23, 2016, in Madison County, Texas. He was born on April 26, 1951, to Jay and Maureen Grimes in Jacksonville and raised in Tyler, Texas.

In 1978, he married the love of his life, Pam Muras, of Houston. Together, they raised two sons, Justin and Adam, in the Sageglen community.

Grimes was passionate in all he did and lived his life to the fullest. He was active in the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League as a coach and volunteer for both of his sons.

In the 1980s and 1990s, Grimes owned and operated a landscaping and janitorial business serving the South Belt area. Later in his career, he worked as a land man in East Texas, and most recently as a facility director at Strake

Jesuit Retreat and Learning Center in Leona, Texas. He was a dedicated family man.

Grimes is survived by his wife, Pam, of Huntsville; his sons and their wives, Justin and Brittany Grimes of League City and Adam and Sarah Grimes of Houston; his sister, Jan Matise, of Dallas; and brother Larry and wife Debbie Grimes of Colleyville, Texas.

Visitation and rosary services will be held Thursday, May 26, 2016, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Niday Funeral Home in Pasadena. A funeral Mass will be celebrated Friday, May 27, at 11 a.m. at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church in Houston.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to a charity of choice in Grimes' name and memory.

## Russell Alton Jones



Russell Alton Jones, 80, died on May 9, 2016, in

Gulfport, Miss. He was born Nov. 24, 1935, in Rusk, Texas and was a South Belt resident since 1972.

Jones graduated from Rusk High School in 1954. He served in the National Guard and entered the U.S. Navy in December 1955. He was discharged in December 1959 as a 2nd class Petty Officer. He served as an electrician on a destroyer tender.

He worked in the oil industry as a salesman for production equipment for Redman Pipe and Supply and Wilson Supply. He was also a member of CrossRoads United Methodist Church in Houston.

Jones is preceded in death by his parents, Alton and Opal Jones; two sisters, Madeline Simpson and Virginia Young; and lifelong friend Joe T. Huggins.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra Gaidosek Jones; children David Garner and Patti, Darren Garner and Joan, Jana Benedick, and Daniel and Russell Jones; sister and nephew, Francis Tullis and Gary Tullis; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Monday, May 16, 2016, at 12:30 p.m. in the chapel at Southpark Funeral Home in Pearland. Burial followed at Southpark Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to CrossRoads UMC, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd., Houston, TX 77089.

## Bush Teacher of the Year



Laura Bush Elementary announced Kindergarten teacher Lindsey Pelton as the 2015-2016 Teacher of the Year. Pictured are, left to right, Principal Debbie Barrett, Teacher of the Year Lindsey Pelton, Assistant Principal Maracha Hernandez and Assistant Principal Stephanie Miller. Photo submitted

## Local Students receive scholarships



Nine South Belt area students were awarded scholarships by the Knights of Columbus Council 9201 at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church on Saturday, May 21. Pictured are, left to right, Val Cozmeaux (committee chair), Nicholas Vivanco (Cristo Rey), Lori Guerin (home school), Mateo Andrew Rivera (J. Frank Dobie High School), Creta Ishmael (St. Agnes), Vincent Gutierrez (Dobie HS), Esmeralda Ibarra (Dobie HS), Tyler Ruthmeyer (Lutheran South Academy), Ashley Alvarez (Clear Brook High School) and Angelica DeJesus (Dobie HS). Photo submitted



# The Southeast VFD needs you!

We are seeking local volunteers to join our active Volunteer Fire and EMS Department. If you are over 18 and can pass a background check and driving record check, we encourage you to come join us any Thursday evening at 7PM at our #1 Fire Station at 10510 Scarsdale Blvd. If you have no, or very limited training, we will provide all the training and protective gear upon acceptance. If you have any previous fire or EMS training, (Fire Department, Forest Service, Military, etc) we can accept those training hours also. You can visit our website: [www.southeastvfd.com](http://www.southeastvfd.com) to learn more, download an application package and see some of the activities that we participate in yearly. Please come to one of our meetings to meet your fellow volunteers and join us in this very important and worthwhile activity. Become a valued and needed part of our growing community where Neighbors Help Neighbors! Your community needs you!

## St. Luke's 2016 Pre-K students graduate



The 2015-2016 St. Luke the Evangelist Pre-Kindergarten's four classrooms will celebrate on Thursday, May 19, 2016, with a cap and gown ceremony at 6 p.m. at the Cenacle Learning Center located in the Riverstone Ranch subdivision. The PK4 students are, left to right, (front row) Isabella Lara, David Cruz, Julio Serrano, Gemma Carter, Isabella Cisneros, Mayte Almaguer, Sophia Nguyen, (middle row) Bella Guerra, Sophia Talamantez, Ilithya Santacruz, Brooke Walker, Kayla Nguyen, Daniella Cisneros, Mia Paz, Mia Gonzalez, (top row) Maria Ortiz (teacher), Grace Nguyen, Samuel Alexander, Rene Ramos, Alex Rivera, Blake Turnipseed, Benjamin Nguyen, David Guerrero, Carissa Cortez and Anna Chuter (teacher). Photo submitted

## Graduates walk across NRG Stadium stage for college degrees and certificates

No amount of rain could stop those determined to walk across the stage to receive their San Jacinto College associate degrees and certificates during the Spring 2016 Commencement on May 14, 2016, at NRG Stadium.

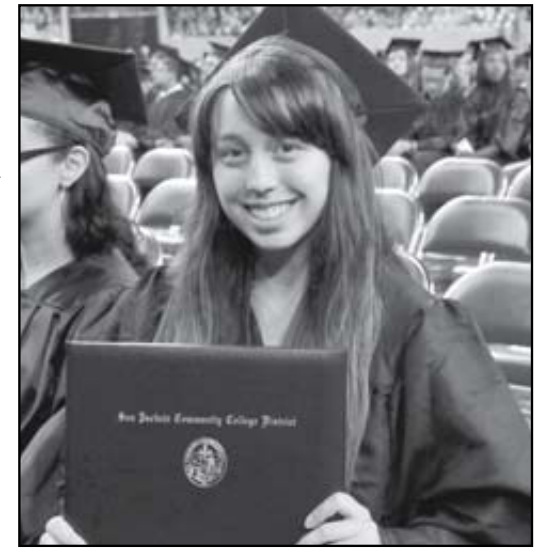
"I had butterflies in my stomach, but when I got to commencement I really felt I had accomplished something in my life," said Naomi Rosales, who will transfer to the University of Houston Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management to study hospitality management. Rosales also served as one of the college's Student Government Association (SGA) presidents. "I will follow our speaker's tips on finding opportunities and planning my next step. I will carry his advice with me." Ric Campo served as the college's commencement speaker. Campo is chairman of the Houston Super Bowl Host Committee and chairman of the board and chief executive Officer of Camden Property Trust. He shared his thoughts and advice with the San Jacinto College graduates. This included creating relationships, never stop learning, take risks and show up early to interviews

and to work. Taking risks and opportunities is what college is all about, especially for those who start it earlier than usual, as with the case of the 252 dual credit, early college high school and Modified Early College Academy graduates.

Clear Horizons Early College High School student Kayla Sturdevant walked across the commencement stage to receive her associate degree weeks shy of her high school diploma. "I just feel very proud of myself," said Sturdevant. I feel more confident that I'll succeed (in university) because I've had the last four years to prepare for it." Sturdevant will move to Japan in August to study communications at Temple University. Clear Horizons Early College High School is one of four early college high schools at San Jacinto College. For Jesus De Leon, serving as an SGA member and taking advantage of the student services at San Jacinto College helped him gain admission to his university of choice. The college offers services free to students in a variety of areas like educational planning, career services, veterans ser-

vice, writing centers and math labs, all meant to better prepare them for transfers and to enter the workforce.

"All of the student services helped me to succeed," said De Leon. "If I ever had trouble, I knew where to go to get the support system I needed. My geology professor, Professor (Malcolm) Sadler, even got me interested in science again." De Leon will soon begin classes at Texas Tech University this year to study geosciences with a concentration in geology.



Kayla Sturdevant was among those who attended the Spring 2016 San Jacinto College Commencement. Sturdevant, a Clear Horizons Early College High School student, received her associate degree and will soon receive her high school diploma. Photo by Andrea Vasquez

## Fred Roberts MS campus dedication honors longtime board member

Known for his dedication, his concern for Pasadena ISD students – and his ability to deliver speeches off script – longtime school board member Fred Roberts officially became the namesake to a new school on Thursday during a dedication ceremony for Fred Roberts Middle School.

"When I found out there would be a school named after me, I thought of how great an honor it is and what it really means," Roberts said.

"Fred Roberts is just a name, but behind it are all of the people who have poured into my life as positive influences to make me who I am today. That's what I want you to know, behind you there are so many people rooting for your success, I'm lucky to be one of them."

The aviation-themed ceremony welcomed over 400 guests including Roberts' wife, Vicki, a Dobbie High graduate; and their children: Zachary, Jacob, Sara and Jor-

dan, all whom attended Pasadena ISD schools.

The dedication included performances by the new school's orchestra and band, and the Dobbie drumline and choir; and featured presentations by DeeAnn Powell, the Pasadena ISD superintendent of schools; Roberts Middle School principal Jorly Thomas; Alyta Harrell, the district's associate superintendent of campus development; and the Sam Rayburn High JROTC.

Roberts was also presented with a proclamation on behalf of the City of Pasade-

na with Mayor Johnny Isbell declaring April 28, 2016 Fred Roberts Day.

"Fred is a true friend to this district, to these students and to me," said Rev. Emory Gadd, associate pastor of Sagemont church and longtime friend of Roberts. "A true friend is loyal, accepting, and honest and is always lifting up others. Fred is all of those things and more and it's my honor to be here with him to celebrate."

The youngest of seven children, Roberts attended Kruse Elementary, Jackson

Intermediate and Pasadena High School, where he graduated in 1971.

He later attended Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. He attributes his love of giving back to the community to his parents.

"That's how I was raised," Roberts said. "My parents were involved in Pasadena schools, church and the community. I have simply followed their example."

Also present at the event were former Pasadena ISD school superintendent Kirk Lewis; the construction and

design staff from Texas-IBI Group; general contractors from Morganti and members of the future facilities committee, who recommended the addition of the campus to the district.

"I speak for all of us when I say we truly appreciate the community and taxpayers for supporting the construction of this campus by the passage of the 2011 bond," Powell said. "An integral part of any successful bond campaign is the Facilities Committee. We thank you for recognizing the contributions of Fred

Roberts, a man worthy of this honor."

Construction on the 128,000 square-foot facility, located on 13402 Conklin Lane, began in December 2013.

Last August, the school opened to 630 students. Taking note of the school's mascot, the "Aviator," Thomas expressed his thoughts about the campus.

"At Roberts we tell our students on a daily basis, if you believe it, you can achieve it," Thomas said. "Aviators believe in themselves and

others, allowing them to fly Remember to be the pilot of to reach their full potential. your own dreams."



Associate Superintendent of Campus Development Alyta Harrell and Roberts Principal Jorly Thomas



Board member Fred Roberts with his wife Vicki at the Fred Roberts Middle School dedication.



Guests in attendance of the Fred Roberts Middle School dedication posed for a group photo in the shape of a plane for the Aviators.



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## Jewish youth convention in Clear Lake June 5-8

"Good habits formed at youth make all the difference." -Aristotle.

That's what the Jewish youth organization USY (United Synagogue Youth) is out to instill in its young members, teaching them the Jewish way of being a Mensch (a person of integrity and honor - Yiddish; human - German.)

SWUSY, the Southwest branch of USY, is about to have its annual Regional Convention in Clear Lake for the first time. The convention encompasses grades eight through 12th, and includes all the major cities in Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana. It will convene on Sunday, June 5, through Wednesday, June 8, at the Hilton Houston NASA, 3000 NASA Parkway in Houston.

The convention will feature fun-filled days with toy

story-themed programs such as Pizza Planet Arcade trip, a day of exploration in the Houston/Clear Lake/Galveston area and more.

SWUSY uses an online registration system through Regpacks. Attendees will need to create an account, unless they already have one due to membership or signing up for past events (all participants must be registered members of USY/Kadima before attending the convention). Chapter advisors will help with signing up.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom, whose youth will take part in the convention, is located at 16020 El Camino Real in Houston, and is the Conservative synagogue in the Bay Area.

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

## Summer camp at UHCL introduces kids to nature

University of Houston-Clear Lake's Environmental Institute of Houston offers day and half-day camps in June featuring nature walks, bird-watching, fishing, dip-netting, games and more for first- through eighth-grade students.

Themes include Discover Nature camp, Citizen Science camp and Hunger Games

camp. Prices range from \$140-\$225 depending on the session, and registration is ongoing until full.

The camps are located at the institute, North Office Annex, 2700 Bay Area Blvd. in Houston, on the university's 524-acre nature preserve.

For more information, call EIH at 281-283-3045 or visit <http://www.eih.uhcl.edu>.

## Israeli Folk Dancing in June and July

By popular demand, Israeli folk dancing is continuing through the summer. The dances are held at Congregation Shaar Hashalom on Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. June dates are 6, 20 and 27 (there will be no session on June 13, the Jewish holiday Shavu'ot). July dates are 11, 18 and 25. The cost, \$4 per session or \$35 for 10 sessions for CSH members, \$5 per session or \$45 for 10 sessions for nonmembers, will cover expenses.

Everyone is welcome to join the group - even with no previous attendance. Congregation Shaar Hashalom is located at 16020 El Camino Real in Houston. The entire community is invited to attend. For more information, contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or at csh@shaarhashalom.org.

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# Over The Back Fence by Alexis

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LUIS!**  
Wishes for a happy birthday are sent to **Luis Escobar** on Saturday, May 28, from his family and co-workers at the **Leader**.

**HAPPY 70TH BIRTHDAY, LINDA**  
Wishes for a wonderful 70th birthday, Saturday, May 28, are sent to "**Queen**" **Linda Heinrich** from her husband **Ted**, son **Carl** and wife **Martha Heinrich**, daughter **Piper** and husband **Anthony Sais**; and all the grandkids **Carl IV**, **Drayton**, **Meadaux**, **Easton Heinrich** and **Parker Sais**, who say, "We love you, Nana, and we hope you have a fabulous birthday!"

**SCHOOL DAZE**  
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays May 26 through June 1.

**Burnett Elementary**  
Blow out the birthday candles for **Eric Snell** who enjoys a birthday June 1.

**Bush Elementary**  
Light the birthday candles for **Audra Smith** on May 26. **Debra Barrett** and **Taralee Bowlin** share a birthday May 28. Light the birthday candles for **Stephanie Miller** on May 30.

**Frazier Elementary**  
May 26 is the day for a birthday cake for **Angie Oquin**. The day for a cake for **Emma Cruz** is May 30.

**Meador Elementary**  
Sing a birthday song to **Jenny Drager** on May 27. Light the birthday candles June 1 for **Maria Ramirez**.

**Moore Elementary**  
Enjoying a birthday May 28 is **Brenda Durr**.

**South Belt Elementary**  
A birthday celebration is in order May 29 for **Viridiana Escalante-Barron**. **Laura Stanford** marks a birthday May 30. Blow out the birthday candles for **Vanity Villacorta** June 1.

**Stuchbery Elementary**  
**Nola Garcia** marks a birthday May 31.

**Meillo Middle School**  
May 26 is the day for a cake for **Kailey Lentsch**. Enjoying a double birthday May 30 are **Claire Murdoch** and **Judith Tamez**.

**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
The day for a party for **Ashley Collier** is May 28.

**Thompson Intermediate**  
A birthday greeting is sent to **Teresa Garcia** May 26. Sing a birthday song to **Jessica Fitzmorris** on May 28.

**Dobie High**  
Sing a birthday song May 26 to **Mary Walker**. Light the candles May 29 on a double-layer birthday cake for **Johanna Abedinzadeh** and **Flor Portillo De Mata**. May 30 is the day for a party for **Kathy Eads**.

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

Thursday, May 26: **Christine Maricle, Jeremy Carmona, Alberto Quiroga, Thomas Tillman Jr., Brian Brezina, Chris Ellis, and Randy Asbury**; Friday, May 27: **Shelli Perseval, Jeffrey Short, Dan Lisbony and Jamie Nguyen**; Saturday, May 28: **Julie Rojas, Carl Potts and Jon Kidwell**; Sunday, May 29: **Rauk Sanchez, Cheryl Wyatt, Diana Balinas, Jessica Casas and Amanda Nguyen**; Monday, May 30: **Misty Benefield, Albert Conger, Laura Stanford, Tanya Cole, Sandy Zeigler and Stacey Brewer**; Tuesday, May 31: **Gabi Hernandez, Sharon Rushing and Eddie Carlton**; and Wednesday, June 1, **Shawn Mims, Carroll McCullough, Richard Philpott, Lauren Lozano, Telly Arnold, Joseph Niscavite and Karen Osborn**.

**HOMERUN CORNER**  
The **Leader** staff reminds parents to submit congratulations for their sluggers' achievements for publication in **Over The Back Fence**. E-mail [mynews@southbelt-leader.com](mailto:mynews@southbelt-leader.com) with OTBF in the subject line. Items must be submitted by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

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## F-A-S-T thinking leads to a quick recovery after stroke

July 2, 2015, started out like any other day for Gerald Stokan. The 69-year-old awoke and walked into his home office to check his email from overnight.

"Everything was fine and then I got into the shower," says Stokan. "My right hand started to feel funny and I couldn't hold the soap. I didn't think too much of it

and just finished showering with my left hand."

Stokan stepped out of the shower and began to get dressed. As he struggled with his shirt his wife asked if something was wrong. "I started mumbling. I couldn't get the words out of my mouth," says Stokan. It wasn't until Stokan's wife asked him, "Are you having a stroke?" that he realized exactly what was happening.

May is National Stroke Awareness Month. Each year nearly 800,000 people suffer a stroke in the United States. Stroke is the nation's fifth leading cause of death and is a leading cause of serious, long-term disability, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Quickly identifying the symptoms of stroke and receiving immediate treatment can minimize the long-term effects of a stroke and even prevent death. Fortunately for Gerald, that's exactly what happened.

"My wife wanted to call 911 but we live about two miles from Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital and I thought it would be faster to just get in the car and drive ourselves," says Stokan. "I couldn't speak so I started pointing to my wife and towards the car as if to say, 'you take me.' It was like we were playing charades."

Stokan's wife drove straight to the emergency department at Memorial Her-

mann Southeast. "Recognizing the signs of a stroke and getting to a hospital equipped to handle stroke symptoms quickly and appropriately is critical to the patient's survival and recovery," said Dr. Nishith Majmundar, neurologist, affiliated with Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. "Our team knew within five minutes that Mr. Stokan was having a stroke. We were able to confirm a blood clot in his brain and then could begin to administer tPA (tissue plasminogen activator)."

Tissue plasminogen activator, is the only drug approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to treat ischemic stroke. Ischemic strokes occur as a result of an obstruction within a blood vessel supplying blood to the brain. If given intravenously within the first three hours after the start of stroke symptoms, tPA has been shown to significantly reduce the effects of stroke and lessen the chance of permanent disability.

"That's what makes our team so successful," says Dr. Majmundar. "The nursing staff and the entire stroke team know exactly what to do. They are very well trained and it's that solid teamwork that sets us apart and allows us to provide our patients with the best care possible."

Prior to his stroke, Stokan was an avid distance runner having completed seven marathons including the Chicago and New York City marathons.

Since his stroke, Stokan has been getting back to running and has already completed five half-marathons this year.

Dr. Majmundar says recognizing the warning signs of a stroke and getting to the hospital quickly were the keys to Stokan making such a quick and strong recovery. Dr. Majmundar says to use F-A-S-T to remember the warning signs of a stroke.

- Face: Ask the person to smile, does one side of the face droop?

- Arms: Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

- Speech: Ask the person to repeat a simple phrase. Is their speech slurred or strange?
- Time: If you notice any of these signs, note the time and call 9-1-1 immediately

Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital recently received the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines-Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award with Target: StrokeSM Honor Roll. The award recognizes the hospital's commitment to providing the most appropriate stroke treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines based on the latest scientific evidence.

Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital hosts a stroke support group that is open to the public. Please call 713-222-CARE (2273) for more information.



Dr. Nishith Majmundar (left), neurologist, and former stroke patient Gerald Stokan meet again during a recent stroke support group meeting at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital.

## Remember When

**40 years ago (1976)**

The New Commitment, a religious oriented folk group composed of South Belt and South Houston area youths released its first professional recording.

Sage Meadow Sidewalk committee in conjunction with the Robert Bevis Frazier Parent Association Safety committee was striving to have sidewalks in front of all homes in Sage Meadow Section I, II and III as a safety factor for students walking to and from school.

**35 years ago (1981)**  
Barbara Crowston was named principal of Sam Rayburn High School, the first female principal in the Pasadena Independent

School District. Crowston replaced Carter Lomax who resigned after 35 years in public education.

Harris County Flood Control officials toured the South Belt area with residents to get a first-hand look at local ditches. The residents recommended that all ditches be cleaned and surveys be conducted along Beamer Road and Turkey Creek.

Approximately 3,000 students in PISD lacked measles vaccinations and were not to be allowed to enter the school the next fall until the schools received a record of immunization or a doctor's verification the student had the disease.

**30 years ago (1986)**  
Members of the South Belt Coalition informed a city official of their opposition to annexation of member subdivisions until the city could provide services comparable to what the subdivisions were receiving.

Newly elected Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace George Risner said he would fight any attempt by his counterpart to obtain his headquarters in Pasadena.

A limousine ride was cut short when one of the riders tried to cash a stolen check to pay for the ride. An alert bank teller called the owner of the check to get authorization to cash it. The owner called police, and the suspects were arrested at Holiday Foods on Scarsdale.

**25 years ago (1991)**  
Larry Cramer, 17-year-old Dobie High School student, was allegedly shot by a 16-year-old juvenile friend who was a student at Clear Brook High School.

If the redrawn state representative districts for Harris County stood up in court, the South Belt area would be represented by three people in Austin. Experts predicted this could result in pitting party members against each other in the 1992 elections.

**20 years ago (1996)**  
An ambitious 30-year pay-as-you-go construction plan for Sagemont Church was unveiled at the church's 30th anniversary banquet attended by 2,336 people. Attendees pledged just under \$7 million on unsigned cards.

An approximate \$10 million expansion to Clear Brook High School went to bid and was expected to be completed in July of 1998.

**15 years ago (2001)**  
Sagemont Church celebrated its 35th anniversary.

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission proposed the ArChem Company/Thames Chelsea Chemical Company site on Conklin Lane be listed on the state registry of hazardous facilities.

**10 years ago (2006)**  
Richard Golenko, Dobie High School's Latin teacher and academic decathlon coach, and Stephanie Wright, Beverly Hills Intermediate principal, were honored at their retirement luncheons.

Deputies from Precinct 2 Constable Gary Freeman's office answered two family violence calls. Both suspects were arrested.

Frazier Elementary scholarships were awarded to five Dobie High School students during the senior awards assembly.

Linda Watkins, presi-

dent of San Jacinto College South, had announced her retirement earlier in the year, but she agreed to stay while the college performed a nationwide search for her replacement.

**5 years ago (2011)**  
The Texas House and Senate approved new district maps that essentially divided the South Belt community's existing legislative boundaries. Under the new Senate map, much of the area that was in Sen. Mike Jackson's District 11 was transferred to District 6, which was served by Sen. Mario V. Gallegos, Jr. District 11 retained the areas south of Beltway 8 that were west of Beamer and east of the Gulf Freeway. District 6 absorbed the areas south of the beltway that were located between Beamer and the Gulf Freeway, as well as almost all of the South Belt area that was located north of Beltway 8.

Similar changes took place with the new House districts. All areas of the South Belt west of the Gulf Freeway that were located in District 144, represented by Ken Legler, were divided between Rep. Garnet F. Coleman's District 147 and Rep. John Davis' District 129, with Coleman's district taking the lion's share.

Houston City Council voted to approve new city district maps that also divided the South Belt community. The new maps transferred the area west of the Gulf Freeway that was located in District E, represented by Councilmember Mike Sullivan, to District D, which was served by Councilmember Wanda

Adams. The city charter mandated the addition of two new districts, Districts J and K, once Houston's population hit 2.1 million.

**1 year ago (2015)**  
For the second time in less than two weeks, the South Belt community was hit hard by storms, causing extensive flooding in the area. According to the Harris County Flood Control District, the A120 Beamer ditch at Hughes Road received nearly 6 inches (5.92) of rainfall in less than 12 hours late May 25, and early May 26.

## Line by line with the prophets

Get familiar with the prophets' insights by reading the ancient text together. Starting with Isaiah, participants will learn and discuss each verse.

Although the study is line by line through the text, one doesn't have to have attended previous classes.

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The entire community is invited to attend. For more information, visit [www.shaarhashalom.org](http://www.shaarhashalom.org) or contact the Synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or at csh@shaarhashalom.org.

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Congregation Shaar Hashalom's Rabbi Stuart Federow hosts free, open to the public, monthly discussions. Sessions are held the second Thursday of every month at Victor's, 1425 NASA Pkwy. in Houston (next to McDonald's), at 7 p.m.

Anyone can join the discussion and bring questions, thoughts and opinions to

share with everyone present.

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

The entire community is invited to attend.

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

## HCMGA offers training classes

Harris County Master Gardener Association training classes will be held on Wednesdays, June 1 to Aug. 17, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Clear Lake Park meeting room on the water side at 5001 NASA Parkway in Seabrook. Registration fee is \$225. After classroom time is completed, 60 hours of volunteer time are required to complete the training. Space is limited, so interested persons should call Kimberly Figgs at 713-274-0956 to preregister.

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# Adams Distinguished Alumnus of the Year

More than 100 family members, friends and Pasadena Independent School District administrators took a stroll down memory lane Tuesday night as the Pasadena ISD Board of Trustees honored longtime educator and project coordinator Wayne Adams as the district's Distinguished Alumnus for 2016.

"When I found out about this honor, I wondered, 'Why me?'" Adams said during a reception at the district's Carmen Orozco Professional Development Center. "I'm not famous – and it certainly couldn't have been based on money or good looks."

"I must've done something right along the way,



Left to right are DeeAnn Powell, superintendent of schools; board member Kenny Fernandez; board president Mariselle Quijano; board secretary Nelda Sullivan; Wayne Adams; board member Jack Bailey; board vice president Vickie Morgan; board member Fred Roberts; and board assistant secretary Marshall Kendrick.

and that's because I've had help from others. I found out a long time ago, no one does anything alone. There is always someone helping to guide you in the right direction, giving you a pat on the back and when needed a kick in the rear end."

Adams, a 1967 South Houston High graduate, was accompanied by his wife, Pat; his son, Mike Adams, an assistant principal at Memorial High; his daughter Amy Clowers an assistant principal at Meador Elementary; his son-in-law, J.R. Clowers; his grandson, Mason Clowers; and his sisters, Diane Wilson and Barbara Peacock.

Also in attendance were fellow alumni from South

Houston and fellow current and former Pasadena High staff and administrators. Adams served as principal at PHS from 1995 to 2002.

In his 42-year career in education, Adams served as a teacher, coach, assistant principal, principal and as a Pasadena ISD consultant.

In addition to his many job roles with the district, Wayne's involvement in both the Texas Invitational and the Pasadena ISD Education Foundation has been a key to the success of both groups. He was a founding member of the Education Foundation board, the group's second president and a consultant during the final portion of his 13-year association with the group.

"Whether I was at Pasadena High, the Education Foundation or with the basketball tournament, my success was always about a lot of good people working together to make good things happen for kids in this district," Adams said. "I appreciate this honor so much."

At the close of the program, a bronze commemorative plaque was presented to Adams by Pasadena ISD Superintendent of Schools DeeAnn Powell and members of the school board.

"In recognition of your contributions to this community and your positive reflection on this district,

this bronze plaque will be mounted at the administration building on the wall along with your fellow distinguished alumni," Powell said.

After a standing ovation from the audience, Adams shared some words of wisdom.

"One of the things I'll always remember – and words I live by even today – were spoken by my college football coach," Adams said. "Always give 100 percent to whatever job you're doing, always do the right thing and never do anything that wouldn't make your mama proud."

As principal of Pasadena High, Adams was named the Region 4 High School Principal of the Year in 1998. He served on the board of the Texas Association of Secondary Schools Principals and was regional coordinator for the group for six years.

As a student at South Houston High, Adams established himself as an accomplished athlete. In football he earned all-district, All-Greater Houston and all-state honors. In track, he twice won district titles in the shot put and discus. His senior year, he won the silver medal in shot put at the state meet and won another silver medal at the Summer Olympics.

# Frazier students earn Bluebonnet Award



The Bluebonnet Award breakfast honoring 22 third- and fourth-grade students was held Friday, May 13, at the Frazier library. To earn the award, student honorees read 12 of the 20 books of the 2015-2016 Bluebonnet book nominees and submitted a written reading response log for each book. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Karyme Leal, Titus Giang, Ryley Malveaux, Ezekiel Arriaga, Emma Tamez, Juliana Perez, Jalyn Coats, Johnny Carter, Alina Sanchez, Nathan Lind, (back row) Madison Valladares, Jazzlyn Moya, Christine Roberts (librarian), Julissa Duarte, Ariana Perez, Hallie Vu, Shalini Johnson, Tiana Le, Joice Sims-Campbell, NK Uzomah, Belle Perridon, Victoria Ngo and Daniel Rodriguez. Photo submitted

# Maritime facility receives Landmark Award

The *Houston Business Journal* awarded the 2016 Landmark Award in Educational Facility category to the San Jacinto College Maritime Technology and Training Center on the Maritime campus.

The *Houston Business Journal* recognizes real estate projects that make a significant impression on the Houston landscape and improve the look, feel and image of the city.

Forty-six projects were named as entries and judged on their impact on Houston, such as job creation, innovation, best use of land, site plan, development of surrounding neighborhoods, visual plan, amenities and being environmentally friendly.

"I was elated to find out that we had won the Landmark Award," said Retired USN Rear Admiral William Pickavance, who serves as the College's maritime consultant. "The contractors and architects did a fantastic job with keeping us on track and making sure everything was

perfect for opening day. They built a maritime center that is gaining a worldwide reputation, one that stands for San Jacinto College's support to the community and getting people the jobs they need to make a living and provide for their families."

The Maritime Technology and Training Center is located along the Port of Houston at 3700 Old Highway 146 in La Porte, Texas. It opened in January 2016 for all San Jacinto College maritime courses for the associate degree program, as well as noncredit professional mariner training. The facility includes 45,000 square-feet of space on each of the upper and lower levels; a 3,748 square-foot suite for three full-mission ship bridge simulators, donated by the Houston Pilots; 15 classrooms; an administrative

suite; multipurpose room, dining area, and engineering simulators; aquatic training facility; and stations for Global Maritime Distress and Safety System training, automatic radar plotting aid training, radar training, and liquid cargo handling training. A separate industry dock for crew changes will be built in the near future in partnership with G&H Towing.

"The Landmark Award serves as a testament of the dedication from community and industry partners who worked tirelessly to see the maritime center from start to finish," said Sarah Jones, associate vice chancellor of Continuing and Professional Development. "Our partners saw our vision and made this facility possible for our students and the maritime community."

Contractors and con-

sultants for the Maritime Technology and Training Center included Pickavance; Tellepsen Builders, general contractor; Rizzo & Associates, program manager; and IBI-Texas, architects. The land was purchased from the Port of Houston Authority. The Center was built with funds from the 2008 bond referendum.

"The Maritime Technology and Training Center is quite unique, one of the first of its type in the nation," said Bryan Jones, associate vice chancellor of facilities and construction. "It will provide valuable career opportunities for many people in our region and beyond."

San Jacinto College has offered U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) and Standards for Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW)-ap-

proved maritime training courses since 2010, with approximately 3,500 certifications awarded. In addition to the maritime associate degree program and professional mariner training, San Jacinto College offers an associate degree for cargo handling/logistics, transferable to the Texas Southern University maritime logistics program and the University of Houston College of Technology logistics program.

The college also offers an Introduction to Ships and Shipping course in the business administration associate degree program, transferable to Texas A&M University in Galveston through an articulation agreement.

For information about maritime training at San Jacinto College, visit [sanjac.edu/maritime](http://sanjac.edu/maritime).

# Process technology program receives Texas association's first Award of Excellence

The process technology program at San Jacinto College has been declared as Texas' best, capturing the very first Award of Excellence by the Texas Association of College Technical Educators (TACTE).

TACTE is a professional organization serving workforce education in Texas community and technical colleges. The San Jacinto College process technology program received the Award of Excellence based on its reputation for preparing process operators for jobs in the largest petrochemical manufacturing area in the United States.

The program is ranked second in the nation for process technology graduates and has received visits from U.S. Secretary of Labor Tom Perez; U.S. Sen. John Cornyn; U.S. Congressman Gene Green, 29th Congressional District; and Congressman Rubén Hinojosa, 15th Congressional District; as well as many additional state and local elected officials.

"This award belongs to everyone whose efforts helped us achieve this level of recognition," said Joseph Zwiercan, department chair of petrochemical/energy training programs at San Jacinto College. "The TACTE

Award of Excellence means our process technology program is recognized as an exemplary and innovative program in the state of Texas."

San Jacinto College offers both a process technology associate degree and certificate of technology. The program holds strong partnerships throughout the local petrochemical industry, benefiting both students and graduates. The program enjoys a high job placement rate with many students obtaining internships that ultimately result in full-time employment upon graduation.

Industry partners serve on the San Jacinto College process technology advisory board and the Chancellor's Petrochemical Adviso-

ry Council. These industry leaders provide input in the development and updating of curriculum to ensure job placement upon graduation. They are also contributing to the design of the new Center for Petrochemical, Energy and Technology, the first project to be built as a result of the 2015 bond referendum.

"Our process technology program is an industry-driven program," said Kevin Adams, San Jacinto College process technology program director. "It really is second to none with the goal to deliver exactly what industry needs. We prepare our students to enter lucrative careers in the manufacturing of products, and this is not slowing down as everyone

depends on petroleum-derived products."

The Center for Petrochemical, Energy and Technology will house the latest instructional labs for the process technology, instrumentation, non-destructive testing, electrical technology and fire protection programs. This facility will provide training that begins with high school dual credit classes, continues through industry certifications and associate degrees, and advances to provide cutting-edge training in partnership with companies that want to upskill their workers.

For more information about San Jacinto College process technology training, visit [sanjac.edu/career/proc-ess-technology](http://sanjac.edu/career/proc-ess-technology).

# Keep Kids Safe Expo at Morris Middle School

Morris Middle School hosted Keeping Our Kids Safe Expo on April 21.

"Morris Middle School's efforts to bridge our students, parents and school community with

important information, meaningful educational experiences and a safe environment that foment learning and motivates our students to be successful is imperative"

said Andrea Ross Branch, Morris sixth-grade counselor and parent coordinator.

"Multiple evaluations have shown that a caring school community creates

significant positive effects on students' motivation to achieve. A caring school community helps students' positive social tendencies, attendance and academic focus.

The event was well attended and the support from the business community was overflowing.

Numerous businesses participated and made the event a success.



Left to right are Andrea Branch, counselor and parent coordinator at Morris Middle School; Nelle Urbe, Houston Family Dental; Kimberly Rodriguez, Houston Family Dental; and Katie Barnes, choir teacher at Morris.

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Left to right are James Smith, businessman from Juice Plus, and Morris Middle School Principal Dan Hoppie.

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## District Clerk Daniel opens passport offices in suburbs

The Harris County District Clerk's Office has expanded its quick, efficient passport service to four suburbs: the Katy area, Clear Lake, Humble and Spring, District Clerk Chris Daniel announced recently.

The satellite offices are pilot projects, and service at the suburban sites will be expanded as the clientele using the offices increases.

"Suburbanites are tired of facing long lines to get passports," Daniel said. "I believe that government needs to be responsive to people's needs. So I have overseen the expansion of the District Clerk's downtown passport operation into the suburbs."

Here is the schedule for the satellite offices:

- Clear Lake: Open the second Wednesday of the month from 1 to 7 p.m. at the

Clear Lake City-County Freeman Branch Library, 16616 Diana Lane in Houston.

- Humble: Open the second Thursday of the month from 1 to 7 p.m. at the Octavia Fields Branch Library, 1503 South Houston in Humble.
- Katy area: Open the third Wednesday of the month from 1 to 7 p.m. at the Katherine Tyra Branch Library, 16719 Clay Road in Houston.
- Spring: Open the third Thursday of the month from 1 to 7 p.m., at the Barbara Bush Branch Library, 6817 Cypresswood Drive in Spring.

Daniel thanked the Harris County Public Library system and its director, Edward Melton, for providing space for the district clerk's office to run its passport service. "The Harris County Public Library has been a great partner in this endeavor," Daniel said.

Word has gotten out in the suburbs that the district clerk's office quick passport service has arrived. Suburbanites are already booking appointments. In test sessions last week, 78 people filed passport applications or filed for renewals at the district clerk's new passport service in Humble and 65 applications or renewals were processed in Clear Lake.

Daniel said he launched the district clerk's downtown passport service in 2013 after he saw long lines of people seeking passports at post offices. Under state law, the district clerk's office is among the few government agencies that can provide passport service.

The district clerk's office provides some property tax relief for homeowners by putting money into the county coffers. County revenues from processing passports rose almost 40 percent in 2015, with the district clerk's office bringing in \$128,000.

Since its launching, the district clerk's passport service has brought in nearly \$300,000 for the county.

After praising the district clerk's new passport service in the Katy area, State Rep. Mike Schofield availed himself of the new service - it's convenient, he said.

## Hernandez graduates



Karen Hernandez graduated with a Master of Business Administration from the Texas A&M University System on Friday, May 13, 2016. She currently works at Memorial Hermann Hospital. Proud parents are Francisco and Sonia Hernandez of South Belt. Photo submitted

## UH-Clear Lake to screen Oscar-nominated film

Screen the Oscar- and Golden Globe-nominated Estonian-Georgian film, *Tangerines*, with University of Houston-Clear Lake's Film and Speaker Series, at 7 p.m. on June 4, in the university's Student Services and Classroom Building, Lecture Hall, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

The story follows a tangerine farmer who becomes involved in the 1992-1993 War in Abkhazia when two injured soldiers from opposing sides arrive at his home. The film is rated R.


Guest speaker Arved Plaks, a native of Estonia where part of the movie was filmed, will speak following the film. Admission is free, and free parking is available in Student Lot D.

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# SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

## SJC softball falls at nationals

Almost from the moment it took the field at the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I Softball National Championship, San Jacinto College found itself climbing a mountain. Surrendering three runs in the first inning of a 6-1 tournament-opening loss to Florida SouthWestern State, SJC slipped into the loser's bracket of the double-elimination event at the Canyons Complex in St. George, Utah. Game on!

San Jacinto took the first step back by downing Howard (Texas) 2-1 in nine innings.

Freshman starting pitcher Niki Gonzalez, who had given up five earned runs in the loss to FSS, came back against

Howard with a gem of a performance. Over the nine innings, Gonzalez allowed just four hits and an earned run. San Jac took the lead in the top of the ninth inning as Shelbi Doherty reached second base on a throwing error, went to third base on a sacrifice by Jamie Henk and raced home on J.J. Cerda's RBI single.

Later May 19, San Jacinto throttled Wallace State (Ala.) 11-3, scoring four runs in the second inning and three runs in both the third and fifth innings. Dani Damian drove in three to lead the way offensively for the winners. Kaitlin Kerl came up with two runs batted in, including a solo homer in the sixth inning.

Alexis Deleon and Mis-

sy Hernandez also drove in two apiece in support of Gonzalez, who struck out eight over six innings for the victory, her 26th of the season.

San Jacinto had a tournament-high 15 hits in the win, all but Kerl's home run coming via singles. With the win, San Jacinto advanced as one of the final six teams remaining in the tournament.

Unfortunately, the runs were hard to come by in a fourth and final game for the locals. Northeastern Oklahoma A&M ended San Jac's season following a 3-1 win in the quarterfinals. A&M scored a pair of runs in the top of the sixth inning to build a 3-0 lead.

San Jac's Taylor Office drove in a run in the bottom of the sixth, but the

locals registered just two hits, one each from Kerl and Office, in the loss.

Top-seeded Tyler Junior College was eliminated from title contention on the same day.

In the end, No. 4 seed Butler (Kan.) won its first Division I national title, topping defending national champion Chipola (Fla.) 4-2 after a three-run fifth inning.

Still, what a run it was late in the season for San Jacinto College en route to its third championship appearance.

Seeded fourth in its zone at the regional tournament, SJC swept four opponents - beating top-ranked Tyler twice - while qualifying for the national tournament. It was a remarkable effort.

## For 25th time, SJC baseball back to WS



Defending regional champion San Jacinto College is headed back to the National Junior College Athletic Association World Series in Grand Junction, Colorado after a gutsy 4-1 win over conference foe Wharton County Junior College in the Region XIV championship game, played Wednesday, May 18 at Concordia University in Austin.

It will be the second consecutive trip to the national tournament for San Jac, which won the 2015 regional tournament as well. San Jac (48-10) is the nation's top-ranked junior college team by Perfect Game and is ranked No. 2 in the nation by the NJCAA.

The Gators lived up to the national rankings, going undefeated in the regional tournament and

outsourcing opponents 24-4. San Jac dominated in the first two wins of the regional tournament (9-0 over Bossier Parish, and 9-1 over Panola), which were both called in the seventh inning due to the tournament run-rule.

The third game against Wharton was a tense pitchers' duel from start to finish, but San Jac showed resiliency by eking out a 2-1 win.

The fourth game - the championship match - was also a tense pitchers' duel until the ninth inning, when San Jac mounted a 3-run rally to put the game away.

The key to San Jac's victory over Wharton to claim the regional title was a winning formula that served the team well through most of the regular season - dominant pitching, solid defense and timely hitting.

Starting pitcher sophomore Colten Schmidt

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(La Porte High School) tossed seven quality innings, firing seven strikeouts while allowing a run on four hits and a walk.

Reliever Hudson Treu came into the game in the bottom of the eighth inning in a high-pressure situation with runners on first and third with no outs and San Jac clinging to a 1-0 lead.

The runner on third scored on a double steal to tie the game at 1-1, but the run was charged to Schmidt. Treu struck out the side to limit the damage.

Though Treu only pitched one inning, he qualified for the win because San Jac scored three runs in the top of the ninth inning.

San Jac's closer Jorge Fernandez gave up a lead-off double in the bottom of the ninth, but then settled down and retired the next

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No matter a student's love, there is a camp for seemingly everyone of all ages and abilities.  
Youth sports camps are available at all of the local schools, including Beverly Hills and Thompson intermediates as well as Clear Brook, Dobie and Lutheran South Academy high schools.  
For more information on the available camps and other news, see Page 2B.

## JFD champions PISD Cup, again

Dobie is once again the proud owner of the Pasadena ISD Cup, recognizing excellence in both individual and team athletic performance during the 2015-2016 school year. Dobie scored 212 points this season, easily out-dancing second-place Memorial to retain the cup.

**Pasadena ISD Cup Final High School Standings**

Schools	Points
Dobie	212
Memorial	153
South Houston	99
Pasadena	92
Sam Rayburn	59

Designed to build rivalries and competition between the five Pasadena ISD high schools as well as to recognize the importance of both individual and team performances, the annual cup race has been intense.

Lady Longhorn trackster Justice Henderson provided Dobie with a big lift, scoring a total of 26 points for her run to the state track and field meet in the long jump.

Dobie was also helped by the huge success of the varsity boys' basketball team (Region III semifinals) as well as the varsity boys' soccer team (regional quarterfinals).

Points are awarded for performance in all of the team sports, including football, volleyball, boys' and girls' basketball, softball, baseball, cross-country, track and field, team tennis (boys and girls), swimming/diving, golf and boys' and girls' soccer.

Individual sports that also garner points for the respective schools include

spring tennis (boys and girls), golf (boys and girls) and track and field. Beverly Hills and Thompson were also making a strong bid for supremacy in the interme-

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The Longhorns' run to the Region III varsity boys' basketball Final Four, with help from star player Royce Hunter (55), aided Dobie's victory in the Pasadena Cup race.

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## South Belt sports news, notes

### Brook H.S. soccer camp

Clear Brook varsity boys' soccer coach Chris Stromeyer and Lady Wolverines' head coach Jamie Scott will host the 2016 Clear Brook Youth Soccer Camp June 7-9, from 8 to 10 a.m., at the school. Students entering kindergarten through the ninth grade as of the 2016-2017 school year are invited to attend. Cost is \$60 cash or money order.

Participants should bring their own water, cleats or tennis shoes, practice clothes and sunscreen. The Clear Creek ISD does not provide insurance coverage for these types of camps, so parents are required to provide their own medical coverage.

For more information, direct email to Stromeyer at cstromeyer@ccisd.net or Scott at JaScott@ccisd.net.

### San Jac men's hoops tryouts

The San Jacinto College men's basketball team will hold tryouts for the 2016-2017 season on Saturday, June 11.

Tryouts will take place at Anderson Gymnasium on the San Jacinto College Central campus from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There is a \$25 processing fee for the tryouts, and participants will be required to sign a waiver of liability.

Participants should plan to arrive no later than 10 a.m. Questions about the tryouts should be directed to Ravens' head coach Scott R. Gernander at 281-476-1849 in the men's basketball office. The San Jacinto College Central campus is located at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena.

For more information about San Jacinto College men's basketball or any of the other athletic programs, visit sanjacsports.com.

### Beverly Hills Intermediate Speed Camp

South Belt area youths age 8 to 15 are invited to take part in the four-week Beverly Hills Intermediate Bears' Speed Camp on campus. The dates include June 6-9, June 13-16, June 20-23 and June 27-30, all days from 10 a.m. to noon. Participants will receive instruction and training in agility, directionality, differentially, muscle strength, muscle endurance and more.

Cost of the camp is \$70 cash only. The Pasadena Independent School District does not provide medical insurance coverage for these types of summer or extracurricular activities, so parents are responsible for such coverage.

Participants should wear proper athletic attire, including shorts and tennis shoes and T-shirt, to the sessions. Payment should be made at the front office at Beverly Hills Intermediate. For more information, call Ben Portis at 713-299-0251.

### Beverly Hills Intermediate Hoops Camp

Local youths are invited to take part in the Beverly Hills Intermediate basketball camp, to be held June 6-9 in the school's gymnasiums. Participants will receive instruction in all phases of the game, including shooting, passing, rebounding, team offense and defense, dribbling and more.

Cost of the camp, which includes a T-shirt, is \$30 cash only. The Pasadena Independent School District does not provide medical insurance coverage for these types of summer or extracurricular activities, so parents are responsible for such coverage.

Participants should wear proper athletic attire, including shorts and tennis shoes and T-shirt, to the camp. Payment should be made at the front office at Beverly Hills Intermediate. For more information, call Ben Portis at 713-299-0251.

### Dobie voluntary strength/conditioning

The Dobie High School Summer Conditioning Camp will be held June 13 through July 14, each Monday through Thursday, at the school. All incoming ninth-grade through 12th-grade student-athletes are invited to attend.

The first session will run from 7 to 9 a.m., and the second will run from 9 to 11 a.m. A typical day will include weight work followed by a conditioning session. Cost of the camp, which includes a T-shirt, is \$40 cash, money order or credit card only, if paid by June 10. A \$10 late fee will apply for walk-ups.

The Pasadena Independent School District does not provide medical insurance coverage for these types of summer or extracurricular activities, so parents are responsible for such coverage.

Participants should wear proper athletic attire, including shorts, tennis shoes and T-shirt, to the camp. Members of the Dobie High School coaching staff will oversee the camp. For more information about the camp, direct email to Dobie varsity football head coach and summer conditioning camp director Mike Norman at MNorman@pasadenaisd.org.

### JFD youth basketball camp June 13-16

The Dobie High School boys' basketball coaching staff is set to host the 2016 Longhorns' youth camp June 13-16, at the school. The camp, which will run from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., is \$50 per student. Participants will receive instruction in all phases of the game, and take part in various basketball competitions and games. The camp is open to those students who will enter the sixth through ninth grades as of the 2016-2017 school year.

The Pasadena Independent School District does not provide medical insurance coverage for these types of summer or extracurricular activities, so parents are responsible for such coverage.

The preferred payment method is <http://pasadenaisd.revtrak.net>. Parents may also register their children by money order. Send entry form and payment to Attn: J. Frank Dobie High School, Leslie Rustin - basketball camp, 10220 Blackhawk, Houston, Texas, 77089. Deadline for registration is Monday, June 11.

### Thompson Intermediate boot camp

The coaching staff at Thompson Intermediate will host the 2016 Lions' Boot Camp for three weeks, including June 13-16, June 20-23 and June 27-30, at the school. Participants will work on various phases of fitness, including strength training, agility tires, ladders, weights and conditioning.

The camp will run from 9 to 11 a.m. each day. The boot camp fee is \$25 cash only per week, or \$75 for all three sessions. In particular, students entering the seventh- and eighth-grades as of the 2016-2017 school year are invited to attend.

The Pasadena Independent School District does not provide medical insurance coverage for these types of summer or extracurricular activities, so parents are responsible for such coverage. To register, visit the front office at Thompson Intermediate prior to the end of classes June 2.

### Thompson Intermediate basketball camp

The Thompson Intermediate basketball coaching staff will host the 2016 youth hoops camp July 5-8, from 9 to 11 a.m., each day, at the school. Participants will receive instruction in all phases of the game, including shooting, passing, rebounding, offensive and defensive sets and more.

The cost of the camp is \$25 cash only. Students entering the seventh- and eighth-grades as of the 2016-2017 school year are invited to attend. Other younger age group children are also invited to participate.

The Pasadena Independent School District does not provide medical insurance coverage for these types of summer or extracurricular activities, so parents are responsible for such coverage. To register, visit the front office at Thompson Intermediate prior to the end of classes June 2.

### Lutheran South Academy summer camps

Registration is now open for summer camps at Lutheran South Academy. Camps are available for art, baseball, basketball, cheer, football, camp invention, martial arts, sewing, shooting, soccer, softball and volleyball.

For students interested in weights, strength and agility, Pride Camps are available for students entering grades sixth through 12th grades as of the 2016-2017 school year.

The Pioneer Power Camp is for students entering grades nine through 12 beginning with the 2016-2017 school year and is great for students taking part in football, boys' soccer, basketball, baseball and volleyball. Camp lengths vary depending on the camp. Go to [www.lutheransouth.org](http://www.lutheransouth.org) for more details and camp registration.

### Dobie High School youth volleyball camp

Dobie High School varsity volleyball head coach Dawn Gutierrez Sexton and her staff will host the first of several age-group aimed youth camps July 12-14, at Donna Branch Court at the school.

Students entering the third through the sixth grades as of the 2016-2017 school year are eligible to take part in the camp. Each daily session runs from noon to 2 p.m., and the cost is \$40 per participant. Instruction in all phases of the game, and game action will all be included.

The Pasadena Independent School District does not provide medical insurance coverage for these types of summer or extracurricular activities, so parents are responsible for such coverage. For more information, direct email to Gutierrez Sexton at DGutierrez2@pasadenaisd.org.

## Houston Defender hoops 8s take tournament championship

At right, the Houston Defenders, an eighth-grade select boys' basketball team that includes several South Belt area players, captured first place in gold bracket play at the Summer Prep Showcase in Channelview. In the championship game, the Defenders rolled to the title with an easy 74-61 victory over the TBT Sports Disciples. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Trevon Washington (San Jacinto Intermediate), Shannon Hayes (Thompson Intermediate), Isaiah Bibb (Creekside Intermediate), Tomas Garcia (Beverly Hills) (back row) coach Mike Rogers, Darion Ramos (Bondy Intermediate), Jeff First (Clear Lake Intermediate), K.J. Ellis (Bonneter Intermediate), Marquice Scott (Beverly Hills), DeMarcus Carathers (Beverly Hills) and Keyveon Thompson (Beverly Hills).



## PISD Cup Bondy edges Lions

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diate cup chase, but the Bondy Patriots' overall consistency throughout the school year, won out. In the intermediate division, points were awarded for first place (10 points) through 10th place finish (1 point), as well as tournament performance.

The boys' sports that were scored this season included football, basketball, cross-country, track and field and soccer.

The PISD girls' sports that were scored included volleyball, basketball, cross-country, track and field and soccer.

Since the inception of the Pasadena ISD Cup pri-

or to the 2008-2009 school year, the award has largely been controlled by Dobie at the high school level and by Thompson, Beverly Hills and Bondy at the intermediate level.

This year's race at the intermediate level was one of the most competitive in cup history.

With seven of the district's 10 schools scoring more than 140 points, the race for the cup truly went the distance.

Bondy, in particular, had success in football, volleyball and girls' cross-country and track and field.

Thompson stayed close all the way.

## Dobie JV baseball finishes season at 14-8

Looking ahead to the 2017 varsity baseball season at Dobie, there should be plenty of help on the way as the Longhorns look to replace essentially the entire pitching staff, including three-year starters Tyler Myers and Jesse Paredes.

Dobie's junior varsity team got off to an exceptional start in tourna-

ment play and wound up going 14-8 overall despite three losses in its final four games, according to head coach Stephen Sutton.

Part of the team's sag down the stretch, inferred Sutton, came as five regular junior varsity players had made the jump to the varsity squad, including the team's hottest hitter, Isaiah Vasquez.

Fielding a group that included quite a few sophomore players, Sutton said the team's overall batting average was .307, and the Longhorns fanned just 32 times in 687 overall at-bats.

Wayne Lominac Jr., Mario Rodriguez and Julian Flores led the pitching staff, which delivered 74 strikeouts over the season.

The offense was led by

Vasquez (.438), Zack Frias (.414), Dejuan Dixon (.353) and Owen Castillo (.340).

The infield was led by a group that included Castillo, Jonathan Acosta, Roy Guerrero, Frias and Camryn Davis. Evan Hausler, Isaac Santos and Jacob Sulak made most plays look routine in the outfield.

## Clear Brook sets summer strength training

Clear Creek ISD students entering the seventh-through the 12th grades as of the 2016-2017 school year are invited to take part in Clear Brook High School's strength training program this summer.

Wolverine varsity football head coach Mike Allison and other members of the Brook staff, including varsity girls' soccer head coach Jamie Scott, will oversee the camp.

The sessions will run from June 13 through July 14, each Monday through Thursday.

In order to maximize the training opportunities for everyone, the program has been sectioned off into various classes.

Those boys entering the 10th through the 12th grades as of next school year will attend from 7 to 9 a.m., with weight training first followed by outside agility and conditioning work.

All girl participants will attend from 7 to 9 a.m., with outside conditioning to be followed by weight

room work. Ninth-grade students as of next school year will attend from 8 to 10 a.m., with outside conditioning work followed by weight room activities.

Those entering the seventh and eighth-grades as of next school year will attend from 9 to 11 a.m., with outside conditioning followed by weight room training.

Cost of the strength training program is \$65 cash or money order only, or \$75 with T-shirt included.

Participants should wear usual workout gear, including T-shirt, shorts and tennis shoes. Cleats are optional as conditioning work will be done on grass surfaces.

The Clear Creek Independent School District does not provide medical insurance coverage for these types of summer or extracurricular activities, so parents are responsible for such coverage.

For additional information, direct email to Alli-

son at MAllison@ccisd. Printable registration net or to Scott at JaScott@ccisd.net. forms are at [www.clearbook.football.com](http://www.clearbook.football.com).

## CB football camp to run June 22-23

Clear Creek ISD students entering the first through sixth grades as of the 2016-2017 school year have the opportunity to learn a bit about the future within the Clear Brook football program.

Mike Allison, varsity football head coach at Brook, along with his staff, will conduct the 2016 Wolverine Youth Football Camp June 22-23, at the high school.

Students entering the first through sixth grades as of next school year are eligible to attend the two

sessions, which will run from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Cost of the camp is \$60 cash or money order only if paid prior to June 15, or \$70 to those who walk up.

The Clear Creek Independent School District does not provide medical insurance coverage for these types of summer or extracurricular activities, so parents are responsible for such coverage.

For more information on the camp or to download a registration form, visit [www.clearbrookfootball.com](http://www.clearbrookfootball.com).

### Brook Youth Football Camp

June 22-23, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

[www.clearbrookfootball.com](http://www.clearbrookfootball.com)

## Pasadena ISD Cup Final Intermediate Standings

Schools	Points
Bondy	229.00
Thompson	198.25
San Jacinto	181.75
Beverly Hills	172.25
Miller	162.00
South Houston	150.75
Southmore	144.75
Queens	126.75
Park View	108.00
Jackson	87.00

## Dobie soccer's Blanco chooses Neosho County Community College



Dobie High School varsity boys' soccer player Santos Blanco (seated center) will continue his education and playing career at Neosho County Community College in Chanute, Kan., after signing a letter of intent with the Panthers. Those with him at the signing included, left to right, (seated) Maria Blanco (mother), Santos Blanco Sr. (father), (standing) Raene Oliveira (friend), Kevin Cortez (Dobie team-

mate), Ivan Diaz (friend), Mateo Gutierrez (Dobie teammate), Denis Lopez (Dobie teammate), Katrina Herazo (friend), Daniel Blanco (brother), Cary Sink (Dobie assistant principal) and Antony Blanco (brother). The Panthers compete in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I ranks.

# Brook's Hill, Mackey Jr. make 24-6A elite

District 24-6A varsity baseball champion Clear Creek rightfully landed the majority of first-team honors, having nine players named to 24-6A squad as voted on by the league's respective head coaches.

An exception came at the top, with Friendswood High School dual-threat Lael Lockhart being named the 24-6A Most Valuable Player after a terrific junior season both at the plate and on the

mound.

Brent Kunefke, who led the Clear Creek Wildcats to the District 24-6A title for the second straight year, was the Coach of the Year within the ranks.

Evaristo Nunez of Dickinson was awarded Newcomer of the Year accolades after getting the Gators within a win of a playoff berth this season.

In addition to Lockhart of Friendswood, first-team pitchers included Carter

Hubeli and Brandon Bolt of Clear Creek; Blake Schultz and Noah Sorrels of the Clear Springs Chargers and Bryce Hill of Clear Brook, who has signed to pitch at Texas Lutheran University beginning this fall.

Other first-team picks in 24-6A included Clear Creek catcher Parker Osburn, Clear Falls first baseman Ty Chambers, Clear Creek second baseman Austin Adams, Clear

Creek shortstop Garrett Poston, Brazoswood third baseman Deryk Serbantez and a pair of designated hitters, Ryan Bertelsman of Friendswood and Clear Creek's Reed Hamilton.

Landon Etzel of Clear Creek, a multi-sport star headed to the University of Houston as a football player, was a first-team pick as a utility player.

Brook's Tywon Mackey, Jr., headed the list of first-team outfielders.

In addition to Mackey, Jonathan McKay of Clear Creek, Friendswood's Kevin Dupuis, Clear Creek's Nick Reny and Brazoswood's Jared Damian were named to the first team.

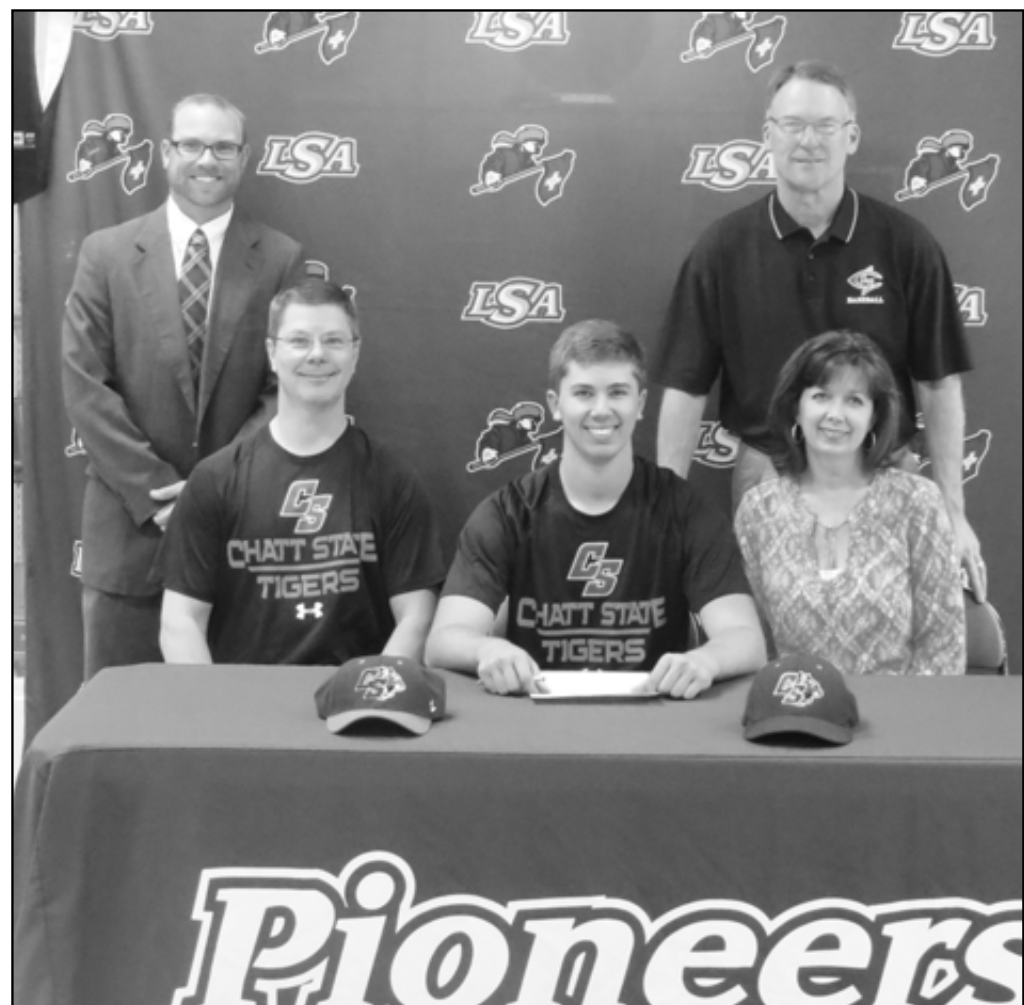
Second-team selections were pitchers Brandon Valdez of Clear Brook, Danny Hecker of Clear Falls, Walter DeMasi of Clear Creek and David Richards of Dickinson.

At catcher Ryder Moore of Clear Lake was named to the second team, with first baseman Madison Delgado of Clear Brook also named.

Second baseman Justin Waller of Friendswood; shortstop Itchy Burts of Clear Springs; third baseman Tyrone Thomas of Clear Springs; outfielders Drew Minter of Clear Springs; Sterling Stephens of Clear Brook; Jack Kelly of Clear Creek and Graham Whittington of Clear Falls were also all second-team picks.

Reggie McCallister of Clear Brook was among the honorable mention list of players.

# Pioneers' Englebert selects Chattanooga St.



Lutheran South Academy varsity baseball player John Engelbert (seated center) will continue his education and playing career at Chattanooga State Community College in Tenn., after signing a letter of intent. Those with Engelbert included, left to right, (seated) Kenin Engelbert (father), Becky Engelbert (mother), (standing) Aaron Schneider (LSA varsity baseball head coach) and Mark Dennis (Chattanooga State Community College recruiting coordinator). Chattanooga State, competing in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I, Region VII ranks, finished the 2016 regular season at 34-15, losing in the regional tournament. Engelbert will pitch for the Tigers beginning this fall after finishing his LSA career with a 2.97 earned run average, holding opposing batters to a .206 average.

# Atkinson Eagles soar at Get Fit Jog



Enthusiastic Atkinson Elementary students took part in the annual Pasadena ISD Get Fit Jog at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena, with select students winning awards. Third- and fourth-grade students within the district first were required to complete 40 or more miles in schoolwide Get Fit Jog clubs in order to be eligible for the district event. Third-grade students ran a course just more than a mile in length, while the fourth-grade students covered a 2.3-mile course. Those taking part in the Get Fit Jog from Atkinson included, left to right, (front row) Diana Pena, Nataly Baez, Alexa Fernandez, (middle row) Clarissa Hernandez, Jessica Rubio, Rachel Covarrubias, (back row) Diego Orta, James Gordon, Anthony Garza and Jaelyn Vandiver.

At right, three Atkinson Elementary Get Fit Jog competitors won ribbons for placing within the top 35 during the Pasadena ISD's districtwide competition earlier this month at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. From left, Diana Pena was 16th, with classmate Clarissa Hernandez 17th. Jaelyn Vandiver, meanwhile, placed 22nd overall for the Eagles. The three were part of a group of Atkinson third- and fourth-grade students who first completed the schoolwide competition during the school year before advancing to the PISD event.



# CB's Julks paces UH baseball

Former Clear Brook High School standout and current University of Houston sophomore baseball player Corey Julks has picked up the pace at the plate for the Cougars at the right time.

The University of Houston, likely needing an American Conference postseason tournament championship to continue its season, opened play in the AC event May 24 with a 9-1 win against Cincinnati.

Julks made his contribution to the game, driving in a run. Houston advanced in the winner's bracket and will face Tulane Thursday, May 26, at 2 p.m.

If the Cougars are to eventually win the event, perhaps Julks will turn out to be a big reason why.

The sophomore outfielder entered tournament play as the Cougars' leading hitter among those with regular playing time.

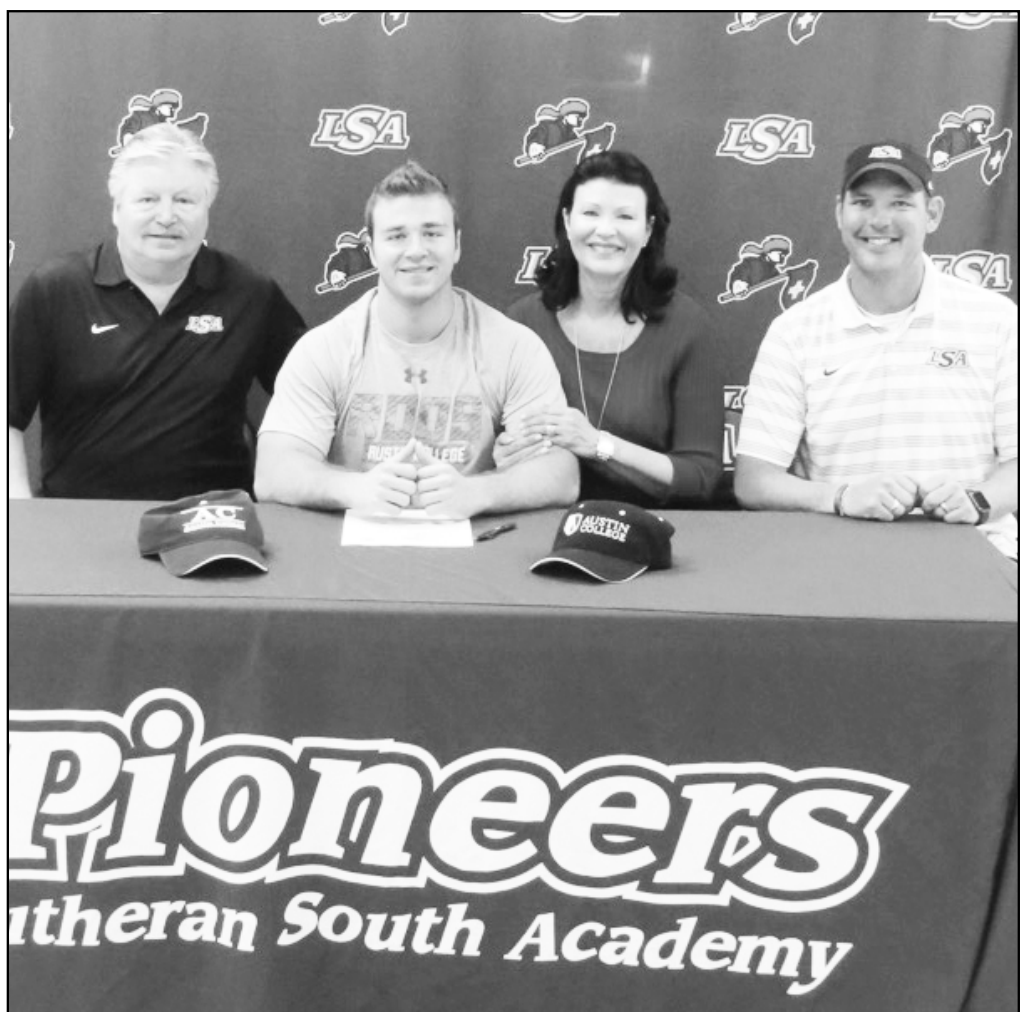
Starting 50 of 51 games this season, Julks hit a team-high .341 to go with 33 runs scored, 63 hits, 10 doubles, three homers and 26 runs driven in.

A three-year starter with the Wolverines, Julks stepped in at UH as a freshman last season and turned things up a notch midway through the season, becoming a regular player.

After a solid summer, Julks carried his success to the field this season, riding a 19-game, on-base streak entering the postseason tournament.

AC tournament play runs through Sunday, May 29.

# LSA's Hughes to Austin College football



Lutheran South Academy senior Matthew Hughes (seated center) will continue his education and football career at Austin College in Sherman, Tex., after inking a letter of intent with the Roos. Those with Hughes at the signing included, left to right, Kevin Hughes (father), Lauren Hughes (mother) and Stephen Robbins (LSA varsity football head coach). The Roos, competing in the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference of the NCAA Division III ranks, finished 5-5 in 2015.

# CALENDAR

## THURSDAY, MAY 26

**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in. 10 a.m.

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

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

**Kirkwood Civic Association** meets at the Sagemont Park and Recreation Center on Hughes Road. For more information call Ericka McCrutchon at 281-989-9990.

**CrossRoads UMC** - ESL classes Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 p.m. at the church, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Course, books and child care are free. For information, call 281-484-9243 or visit [www.crossroadsumc.org](http://www.crossroadsumc.org).

**Well Spouse Support Group** - meets at CrossRoads UMC, 10030 Scarsdale, the last Thursday of each month with those who are the husband, wife or partner of a chronically ill/disabled person, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Free childcare provided. No meetings in Nov. or Dec. For information, contact Jennifer Miller at [houstonwellspouse@gmail.com](mailto:houstonwellspouse@gmail.com) or 713-724-2360, or visit <http://www.wellspouse.org>.

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

**Al-Anon (English)** - Support for family and friends of alcoholics/addicts, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, room 215. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

**Alateen** - Support for teenagers, friends and family members of alcoholics/addicts, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, room 208. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in. 8:30 p.m.

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

**FRIDAY, MAY 27**

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

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

**Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish)** - Support for family/friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 6 p.m., First United Methodist Church, room 215, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in. 6:30 p.m.

**Bay Area Genealogical Society** - Meets monthly, the last Friday, at University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook Dr., Clear Lake. Coffee and socializing at

6:30; meeting at 7 p.m. No general meeting in Nov. or Dec. For information, visit [www.TxBayAreaGen.org](http://www.TxBayAreaGen.org).

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

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

**Al-Anon** - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Friday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.

**Serenity Now Al-Anon Group** - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Friday, 8 to 9 p.m. Family members and friends of problem drinkers or addicts learn they are not alone, share, learn principles of Al-Anon and learn about choices available to them. 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.

**SATURDAY, MAY 28**

**Alcoholics Anonymous** - "Breakfast with Bill", Saturdays, 7:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in. 10 a.m.

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

**Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English)** - For women whose lives are affected by an addict. Saturdays, 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in. 1 p.m.

**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Open games Saturday and

Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.

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

**SUNDAY, MAY 29**

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**Alcoholics Anonymous** - Candlelight Meeting, Sunday, 6:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in. 7 p.m.

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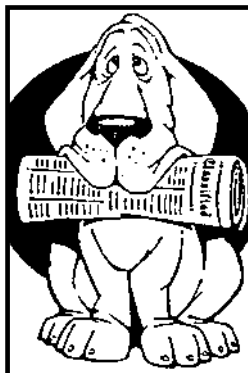
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**MEMORIAL DAY**  
**MONDAY, MAY 30**  
10 a.m.

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

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

**Overeaters Anonymous Deer Park** - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for information, or just drop in.

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

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

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

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

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

**TUESDAY, MAY 31**  
7 a.m.

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

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

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

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

**CrossRoads UMC** - ESL classes Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 p.m. at the church, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Course, books and child care are free. For information, call 281-484-9243 or visit www.crossroads-umc.org. 7 p.m.

**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance

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**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1**  
7 a.m.

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

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

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

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three batters to earn the save.

Key contributors on offense were sophomore catcher/outfielder Ryan January, sophomore infielder Caden Williams and sophomore catcher Baine Schoenvogel.

January led off the ninth inning with a double, and Williams drilled an RBI single that brought home January for the go-ahead run that turned the momentum of the game.

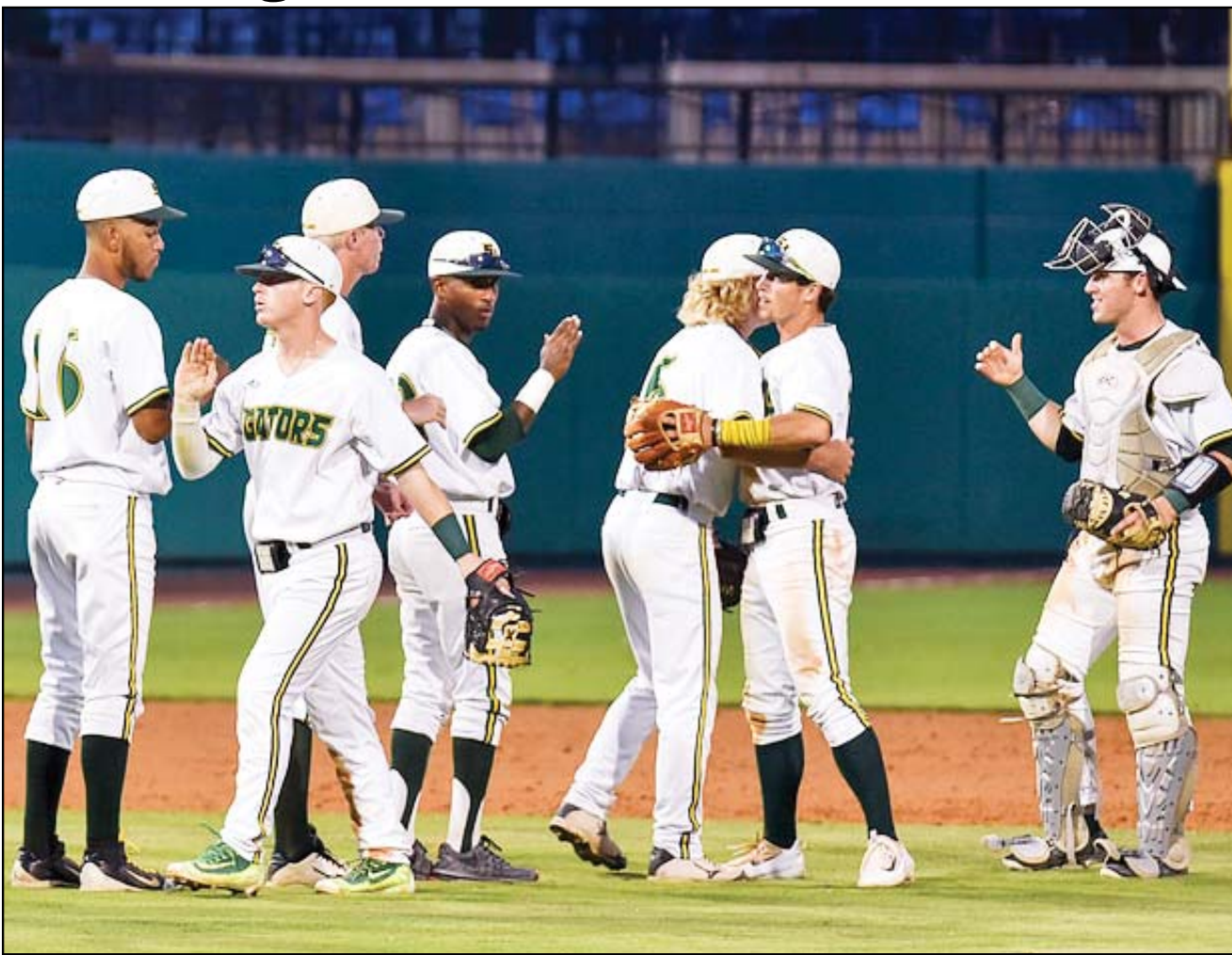
Schoenvogel followed Williams, and smashed an RBI triple to the center-field wall.

Shortly thereafter, he raced home on a passed ball for the fourth and final run.

After the game, Schmidt was named Player of the Tournament by virtue of his win in Game 1 and his dominant pitching performance in Game 4.

San Jac Head Coach Tom Arrington was also named Region XIV Coach of the Year for the 11th time.

Arrington had nothing but praise for the team. "After the game, I told the players how proud everyone is of how well they performed and to just enjoy the moment because they deserve it," he commented. "It's a great accomplishment to win the regional tournament. Winning the South Zone title was step one. Winning the regional tournament was the second step, and a very



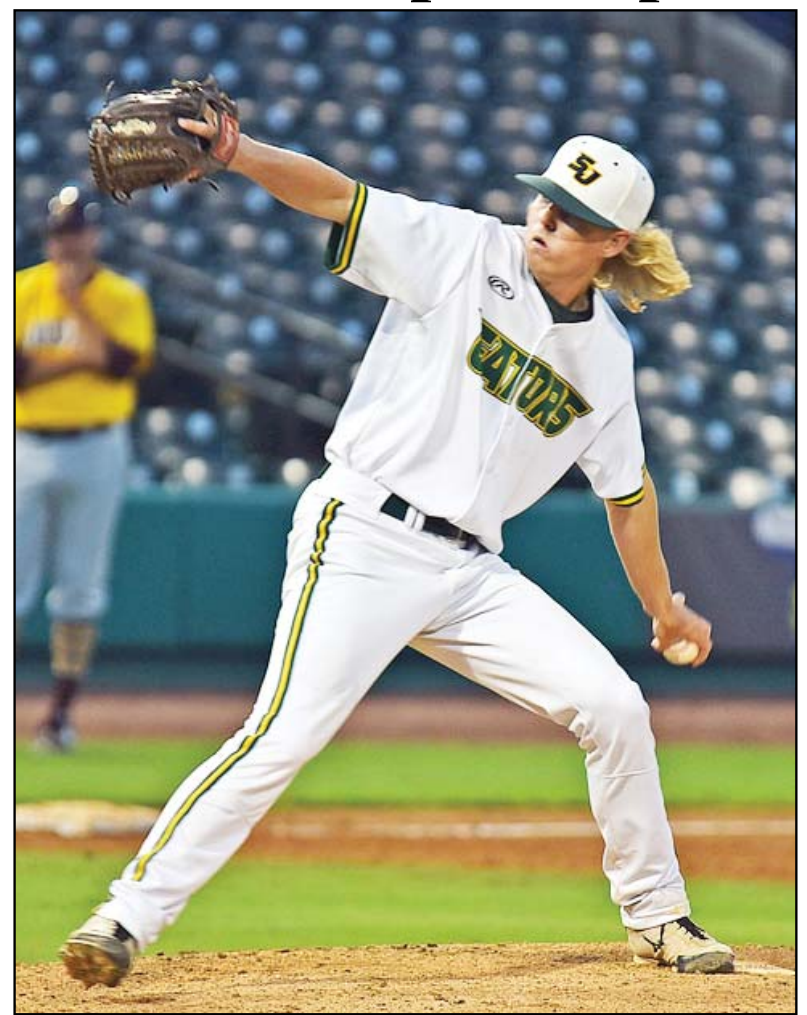
San Jacinto College headed back to the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I JUCO World Series after emerging as the undefeated champions of the Region XIV tournament. Seeded first in its zone, SJC scored a pair of easy wins

big step.

"Now the final step is to win the World Series. These young men represent San Jacinto College so well."

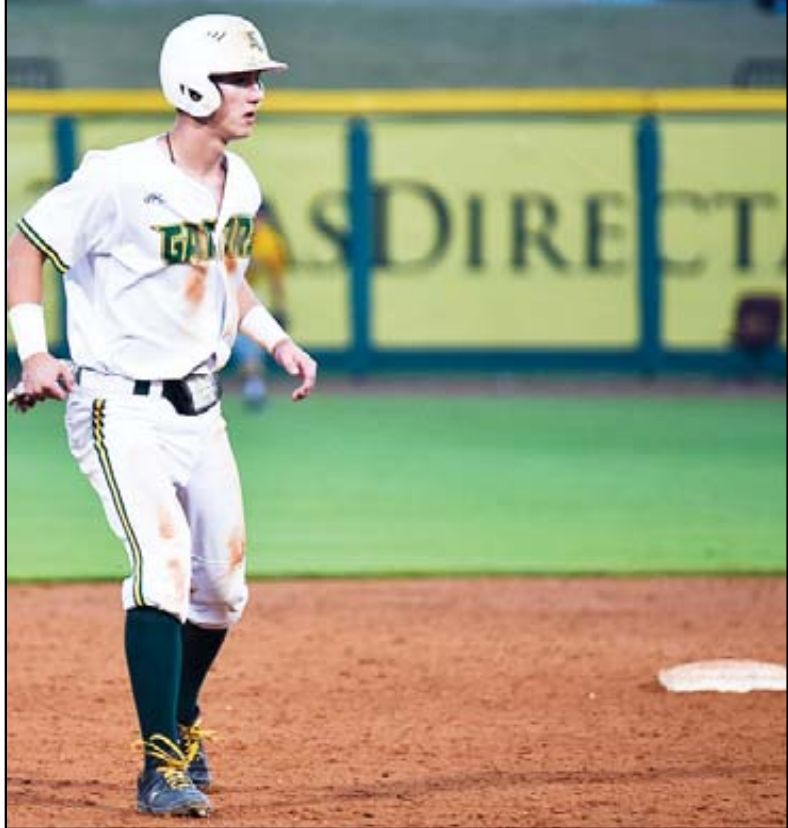
At the national tournament San Jac will face Cowley College (Arkansas City, Kansas) in a tournament opener Sunday, May 29 at 7:30 p.m.

and then defeated Wharton Country Junior College in a pair of tight games to win the title. Now, San Jac is going to the series for a record 25th time, in search of its first national title since the 1990 season.



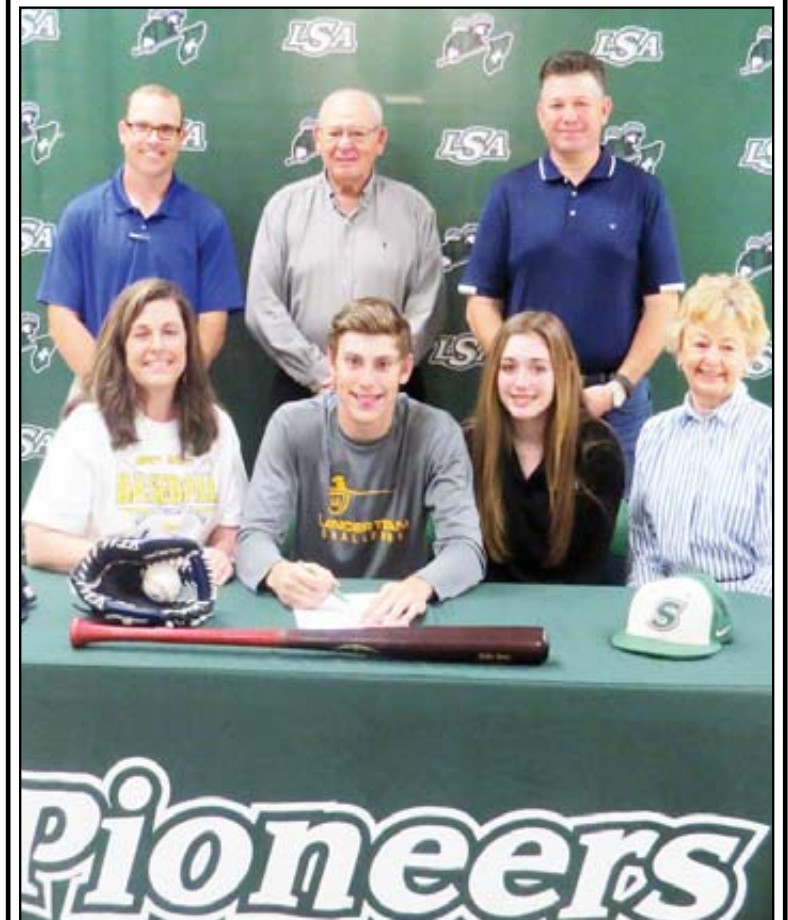
San Jacinto College pitcher Colten Schmidt of La Porte High School tossed seven quality innings, picking up seven strikeouts while allowing a run on four hits with a walk in the 4-1 regional tournament championship win over Wharton.

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San Jacinto College catcher/outfielder Ryan January smashed a leadoff double in the ninth inning of the regional championship game that ignited a winning 3-run rally.

## MMC inks LSA baseball's Toomes



Lutheran South Academy Senior Walker Toomes first baseman/third baseman will continue his education and baseball playing career at Mount Marty College (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics) in Yankton, South Dakota, after signing a letter of intent with the Lancers. Toomes was a Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools second team, all-district selection this season and led the Pioneers at the plate with a .348 batting average. Those with him at the signing included, left to right, (seated) Alyssa Toomes (mother), Avery Toomes (sister), Jean Toomes (grandmother), (standing) Lutheran South Academy varsity baseball head coach Aaron Schneider, Merle Toomes (grandfather) and Chris Toomes (father).



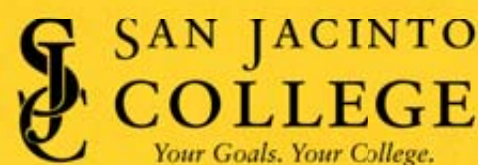
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