

# South Belt-Ellington Leader

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### Blood drive at Cabrini

St. Frances Cabrini Church, located at 10727 Hartsook, will host a blood drive, Sunday, May 7, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Francesca Hall. For information, call Richard or Janie Perales at 713-946-1223 or Jose Pena at 832-638-8391.

### CBM holds annual sale

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

### Lake of Golfcrest to meet

Lake of Golfcrest has rescheduled its annual HOA meeting for Monday, May 8, at 7 p.m. at the El Franco Lee Park Community Center, located at 9400 Hall Road. All member homeowners are encouraged to attend this meeting to discuss important topics, including new HOA board members, the budget and annual dues.

### Pre-K and K roundup

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

### LSA holds summer camps

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

### Cowboys registration set

The Sagemont Cowboys and Cowgirls will hold open registration and jersey sizings Saturday, May 6, and Saturday, May 13, at the football field at El Franco Lee Park from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A \$100 deposit is due at the time of registration. The player should be present for proper jersey sizing. For more information, contact Cowboys president Denny Wranich at 281-785-8353.

### Kirkmont I to meet May 10

The Kirkmont I HOA will hold a board meeting Wednesday, May 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the MUD building at 10102 Blackhawk. All homeowners are encouraged to attend.

### Sageglen garage sales set

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

### Highland Meadow to meet

The Highland Meadow HOA's monthly meeting will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 10, at the Parker Williams Library located at 10851 Scarsdale. All homeowners are encouraged to attend. Questions prior to the meeting may be directed to Sherrida Williams with C.I.A. Services at 713-981-9000 or [CustomerCare@ciaservices.com](mailto:CustomerCare@ciaservices.com).

### Dobie choir holds car wash

The Dobie choir will hold a car wash Saturday, May 6, at Snowie's Shaved Ice, located at 10902 Scarsdale at Beamer, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets are \$5 each. Donations will be accepted. For additional information or to volunteer, contact [dobiechoir@gmail.com](mailto:dobiechoir@gmail.com).

### Beltway 8 closures set

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

### JFD Comedy Showcase set

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

### Leader correction

The article titled *Former students honor Kramer* that appeared in the April 27 edition of the *Leader* contained a mistake. The story erroneously stated that former Kramer student Jason Botkin now sits on the Pearland Independent School District's Board of Trustees. In fact, it is actually Jason Botkin's brother Lance Botkin who serves on the Pearland ISD board. The *Leader* staff apologizes for any confusion.

## School board, bond elections set for May 6

Multiple local school board elections are set to take place Saturday, May 6.

### PISD

Voters in the Pasadena Independent School District will decide who will fill four of the district's seven board positions.

Position 1 incumbent Fred Roberts is being challenged by Roel Saldivar; Position 2 incumbent Mariselle Quijano is being challenged by Maria Vilma Duran; Position 3 incumbent Nelda R. Sullivan is being challenged by former PISD board member Larry Savala; and Position 4 incumbent

Jack Bailey is being challenged by Jose A. Cazares.

The elections have been hotly contested, as a local organization called Latino Texas PAC hand selected all opposing candidates and has been aggressively campaigning on their behalf. The group contends that Hispanics, who make up approximately 48 percent of Pasadena, are underrepresented in political office. The PAC also recruited multiple candidates to run in the City of Pasadena mayoral and City Council elections, also scheduled for May 6.

The *Leader* has officially endorsed all incumbents in the election. See related editorial on Page 2A.

Most South Belt residents will cast their ballots at either Thompson Intermediate or Beverly Hills Intermediate. (Polling locations coincide with San Jacinto College.)

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Precincts voting at Thompson Intermediate include 417, 475, 476, 537, 545, 842 and 996.

Precincts voting at Beverly Hills Intermediate include 76, 418, 536, 654, 762 and 774.

Voters in Precincts 289 and 755 will cast their ballots at Miller Intermediate, located at 1002 Fairmont in Pasadena.

Voters in Precincts 715 will cast their ballots at Bondy Intermediate, located at 5101 Keith in Pasadena.

Voters unsure of their polling precinct can visit [www.harrisvotes.org](http://www.harrisvotes.org).

Voting hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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## PISD honors alumnus Bezdek



Chris Bezdek (center) was honored Tuesday, May 2, as the Pasadena Independent School District's 2017 Distinguished Alumnus. Pictured above at the ceremony with Bezdek are, left to right, Vickie Morgan, board assistant secretary; Nelda Sullivan, board president; Kenny Fernandez, board secretary; Fred Roberts, board vice president; Jack Bailey, board member and Dr. DeeAnn Powell, superintendent of schools. See related story on Page 6A. Photo submitted

## Major local road closures planned

There will be three separate major road closures affecting South Belt residents from Friday, May 5, to Monday, May 8.

### Gulf Freeway

South Belt residents traveling south this weekend should be aware of closures on the Gulf Freeway that are expected to cause extensive traffic delays.

Two major closures will significantly affect travel from Scarsdale to Dickinson.

### Northbound

There will be a complete closure of all northbound lanes on the Gulf Freeway from FM 528/NASA Parkway to Scarsdale from 9 p.m. Friday, May 5, to 5 a.m. Monday, May 8.

All traffic will be diverted to the northbound frontage roads, where drivers will encounter traffic lights at NASA Road 1, Bay Area Boulevard, El Dorado Boulevard, FM 1959/Dixie Farm Road and Scarsdale before re-entering the freeway.

### Southbound

All southbound lanes on the Gulf Freeway from FM 518 in League City to FM 517 in Dickinson will be completely closed from 9 p.m. Friday, May 5, to 5 a.m. Monday, May 8.

All traffic will be diverted to the southbound

frontage roads, and drivers will encounter traffic lights at League City Parkway, FM 646 and FM 517 before re-entering the freeway.

For those wishing to avoid travel on the congested frontage roads, alternate routes include Highway 3, FM 518 and Highway 146.

The closures are associated with an ongoing construction project to widen the freeway from three to five lanes in each direction and the frontage roads from two to three lanes in each direction.

### Beamer Road

Beamer Road will be completely closed at Beltway 8 on Saturday, May 6, and Sunday, May 7, from 7 a.m. to midnight. This will be a full closure of the northbound and southbound lanes of Beamer under the beltway. Both U-turn lanes will also be closed.

The measure is to ensure driver safety, as work on the beltway overpass is expected to cause debris to fall onto the Beamer thoroughfare below.

Alternate routes include Sabo Road and Blackhawk.

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

## Texans star Watt meets Lominacs



A happen-stance pizza delivery order at Christmas time turned into an afternoon spent with Houston Texans star player J.J. Watt for the Lominac family, longtime South Belt area residents. Wayne Lominac Sr., a 1993 Dobie High School graduate, was home alone during the 2016 holiday season while decorating the family home with Christmas lights. He ordered a pizza from the popular chain Papa John's and wound up getting far more than a pizza. First one of 18 weekly drawing winners included in the "J.J. Delivers" contest held during the 2016 Houston Texans season, Lominac had his name chosen as the grand prize winner several weeks ago. Fast forward to April 29, as Watt showed up at the Lominac home with more pizza and autographs to go around. Watt stayed for roughly 35 minutes, spending time with the Lominacs and some of their close friends. Above, from left, is Lominac Sr., his son, Wayne Lominac Jr., daughter Shea Lominac, Watt and Lominac's wife, Stephanie Lominac. Photo submitted

## Pct. 2 deputies catch chase suspect

A felon was arrested on multiple charges Tuesday, May 2, following a lengthy police chase through the South Belt area.

The chase began around 6:40 p.m. in the 11400 block of Scarsdale when a deputy from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a tan Toyota Camry, and the suspect fled at a high rate of speed as the officer exited his patrol vehicle.

The pursuit lasted approximately 25 minutes, traveling from a residential area to the freeway and then back to a residential area, ending in the 10800 block of Rambling Trail.

During the pursuit, a passenger bailed out of the suspect's vehicle but was not located, as the initiating deputy opted to stay with the driver. Several additional Precinct 2 deputies and officers from the Houston Police Department also

joined in the chase.

The driver was witnessed throwing multiple unknown items out of the vehicle, but later attempts to retrieve them were unsuccessful.

The suspect eventually came to a stop on Rambling Trail and attempted to flee from deputies on foot. After a brief foot chase, the suspect was apprehended by deputies. During the apprehension, the suspect resisted arrest, at which time a Taser was deployed to subdue him.

The suspect was found to be in possession of a gun and several types of narcotics. The gun was later determined to be stolen.

William Akin, 34, was charged with felony evading in a motor vehicle and felony felon in possession of a firearm. More charges may follow. No injuries or crashes were reported during this incident.

## Ellis visits cook-off



The 21st annual South Belt Spectacular Cook-off, held April 27-29 at El Franco Lee Park, was a huge success drawing thousands of attendees. Chuck Tylka (right), chief of the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department (the group responsible for organizing the event), is shown above welcoming County Commissioner Rodney Ellis. See additional information and photos on Page 6A. Photo by Marie Flickinger

## Bill would require school bus seat belts

On Wednesday, April 26, Senate Bill 693, which would require all new school buses purchased by a district to be equipped with three-point seat belts, was voted out of the Senate. It is now headed to the House where Rep. Dade Phelan is carrying the companion bill.

The bill, introduced by Sen. Sylvia Garcia, defines new buses as ones model year 2017 or newer, and applies to a school activity bus, multi-function school activity bus or school-chartered bus. Multiple school bus accidents in Texas have led to fatalities and caused injuries that could have been prevented if these buses were equipped with three-point seat belts.

The current technology is 30 years old, but school buses remain the same. Three-point seat belt technology is now mandatory on all motor coaches nationwide, and costs for the technology have also declined. It is now the stated policy of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) that "every child on every school bus should have a three-point seat belt...School buses should have seat belts. Period."

Garcia is pleased with the recent vote.

"It's encouraging to have the overwhelming support of my colleagues in this effort to protect

Texas schoolchildren," Garcia said. "With the support of Transportation Chairman Nichols and many Republicans and Democrats, we've truly come together to make our kids' safety a top priority. New buses equipped with seat belts will save lives. We can't wait any longer."

## Chamber, county hold senior event

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, in collaboration with County Commissioner Rodney Ellis' office, will host a senior fair on Friday, May 5, at the community center at El Franco Lee Park, 9400 Hall Road, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will include more than 30 exhibitors featuring home health care, nutrition, gardening, continuing education programs, rehabilitation and much more. Exhibitors include Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, H-E-B, AARP, the Harris County Area Agency on Aging and San Jacinto College South. The fair will also offer blood pressure, hearing and other health screenings.

## Cause of Alexander death still pending

Roughly six weeks after the death of Christopher Alexander, Harris County medical examiners have yet to determine what killed the man.

Alexander was found unresponsive at an apartment complex located at 1400 Redford near Edgebrook and the Gulf Freeway on Tuesday, March 21.

Patrol officers and paramedics responded to the call around 10:45 p.m. after receiving reports of the man collapsing after having an altercation with a female.

Alexander was transported to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, where he was later pronounced dead.

According to witnesses, Alexander appeared to be impaired on an unknown substance prior to and during the altercation.

The female was detained at the scene but was questioned and released.

At press time, a spokesman for the Houston Police Department said the case was still an open homicide investigation.

# In My Opinion

## Post 490 celebrates poppy month

"Poppy's flourished after WW I due to the enriched soil in France and Belgium, which led to many red poppies growing on the gravesites of fallen soldiers.

In 1918, Moira Michael popularized the idea of wearing a poppy flower in memory of the war dead. Michael later started a campaign to adopt the poppy as the national symbol of sacrifice.

The American Legion Auxiliary, the world's largest women's patriotic service organization, passes out paper poppies on Memorial Day weekend and throughout the year to raise funds for veterans. The red poppies serve as a reminder of the sacrifices made by fallen service members. In 2016, nearly 3.5 million American Legion Auxiliary poppies were distributed raising \$2.1 million in donations to help our veterans and their families.

Throughout the month of May and especially Memorial Day weekend, the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 490 will be setting up in various locations to distribute poppies. Please go to their Facebook page for updates as to when and where they will be so you too can get your poppy and demonstrate your support for our veterans."

Colleen Martin

## Fernandez backs incumbent slate

For the last two years I have had the privilege and honor to serve Pasadena ISD as one of 7 school board members. In that time I have worked with and have been mentored by 6 of the greatest people I have ever met, four of whom are up for RE-election May 6 (Fred Roberts, Mariselle Quijano, Nelda Sullivan and Jack Bailey).

I have personally seen the love for students, the respect of the staff and the passion for this district (Pasadena ISD). I have also seen the interest and attention to every decision that we make as a team and how it affects ALL of the students, staff, community and the future of our district as a whole. Mr. Roberts, Ms. Quijano, Ms. Sullivan and Mr. Bailey have a vast knowledge of PISD and the history of the district, allowing the vision for our district. With the staff on our minds and the students in our hearts, the future of our district depends on your vote.

I strongly ask that you help Pasadena ISD CONTINUE THE SUCCESS and please support the four incumbents:

- Fred Roberts - Pos. 1
- Mariselle Quijano - Pos. 2
- Nelda Sullivan - Pos. 3
- Jack Bailey - Pos. 4

**Kenny Fernandez** - Pos. 5  
Pasadena ISD Board of Trustee

## Sageglen Park suffers from vandalism

The little park we have in Sageglen has suffered the ravages of time and weather, but now a much bigger problem is vandalism.

The park has your standard playground equipment and swings but also a gazebo and covered picnic table. Young kids are climbing on top of both structures. They also pry boards to use in chasing other kids. According to reports we received from various neighbors there appears to be a small group of boys ranging from 8 to 12 years old and these kids are repeatedly causing problems. If your son is going to the park unescorted he is a part of the problem, or he at least knows who is.

Sageglen can't stop this by responding to vague descriptions coming from neighbors a day after the fact. And we are not babysitters for your kids. So we are planning to use association funds to step up police security and monitor the park. At that age we can't have them arrested but we will have their names and their parents will be liable for park damages. We have also had kids climb the fence to vandalize the tennis courts and swimming pool furniture. Trespassing is a bigger story and we are willing to have your kid ticketed to appear in Juvenile Court.

These problems are already troubling and summer hasn't even started. Many of us grew up playing around the neighborhood but never enjoyed such destructive behavior. Sadly, the next step will be to tear down both the gazebo and picnic table. And maybe ban children from the park unless accompanied by a parent.

We don't want to go through this but your kids are forcing our hand.

Sam Weeke

President of the Sageglen Community Association

## Morgan cites reasons for incumbent support

To each of my friends living and working in Pasadena ISD, the time to take a stand is NOW! The School Board Election, to be held on Saturday, May 6, 2017, is absolutely the most controversial and important election this district has ever been a part of. In past years, you have elected those who you believe have the best interest of the district at heart. I know that you have voted for those who have a long-vested interest in our children. I am pleading with you to VOTE and to support the incumbents - Fred Roberts, Mariselle Quijano, Nelda Sullivan and Jack Bailey.

No matter what the opposition might tell you, Pasadena Independent School District is among the best districts around.

Our employees strive on a daily basis, often facing unbelievable odds, to provide a quality education for each and every student they serve. Each of our employees are well-trained and are provided with the support and strategies needed to educate and provide for every child.

Mr. Jose A. Cazares and some of the other candidates believe this is an important election because, to quote Mr. Cazares exactly, "Never in the history had been released four candidates Latinos together for these positions so important." This election should not be about the color of their skin - it is about children of every color. This group is being supported by Latino PAC, Area 5 Democrats, Harris County Tejano Democrats and LULAC. Where, with any of those groups does it say anything about support for children?? I will tell you, having served on this Board for the past 31 years, I have NEVER served with a Board member who looked at the color of the skin, to make a decision about what is needed for our students. We see no color!

At least two of the oppositions' candidates have no children and have never done any work with children in Pasadena ISD. Does it seem odd to you that they have chosen to get involved in a district they know nothing or little about? They have thrown out statistics, without ever legitimizing the data or talking with those in the district who can help them do so.

These opposing candidates chose NOT to answer any questions that one of our local newspapers posed to ALL candidates. What does that tell you? They want you to know what they choose to tell you, NOT what voters want to know.

This election is in YOUR hands! I BELIEVE in the political process and I BELIEVE that the majority of you do, as well. Please join me in voting for our incumbents - Fred Roberts, Mariselle Quijano, Nelda Sullivan and Jack Bailey!

Vickie Morgan

## Graduation a time to consider choices

With graduation season around the corner, it's time to talk with our teenagers about making smart choices, including how to deal with peer pressure to drink underage. We can have a big impact on our children's decisions about drinking - in fact studies show parents are still the number one influence on their teenagers' decisions about alcohol. It all starts with conversations and building relationships of trust. To help start - or continue - these important conversations, Silver Eagle Distributors would like to remind parents about the Family Talk About Drinking program, a free parent guide designed to encourage open and honest communication between parents and their children. Programs like this one, paired with education and effective law enforcement, are essential to preventing underage drinking.

Below is a list of all the Family Talk About Drinking online resources you can find: [www.FamilyTalkAboutDrinking.com](http://www.FamilyTalkAboutDrinking.com); <https://www.facebook.com/ABFamilyTalk/>; <https://twitter.com/ABFamilyTalk/>; <https://www.pinterest.com/abfamilytalk/>.

Remember, it's our collective responsibility to help prevent underage drinking and parents have one of the most important roles of all.

Sincerely,  
Tom Montague  
Director of Sales

Silver Eagle Distributors, L.P.

## Trustee Roberts, "It takes a village"

On May 6, 2017 you will be given the opportunity to exercise your rights as a registered voter living within the boundaries of Pasadena ISD to Vote.

I can give you about 55,000 important reasons to vote -- the students who are depending on you and me to insure that they continue receiving the Successful Education they do now.

Yes, there are still needs to be met and there are problems to face head on, but this Experienced School Board has always supported its students, educators and the community in which it operates by the decisions they have made at the voting table.

We don't have the massive school structures with fancy facades depicting success as do some of our neighbors. Our success, on the other hand, is measured by our students' achievements now and in their future.

Graduation Day is our community's reward for insuring that every child was afforded the opportunity to be educated by one of the best school districts in Texas. These successes are not accidental -- it takes the hard work of teachers, support staff, coaches, fine art instructors, booster clubs, parent organizations, community involvement and, last but not least, the voters who show up at the polls.

YOU as a voter are a vital part of our schools' future. YOU are as important as the English, Math, History, Science, Fine Arts and Athletics departments.

YOU are who determines the direction in which your community schools will go. We have all heard "It takes a village to raise a child".

I add to that, "It takes a village of voters to insure a child is well educated." Please go and vote this Saturday, May 6, 2017, and be the most valuable part of Pasadena ISD's Continued Success Story.

Sincerely,

**Fred Roberts**  
PS. I voted for Fred Roberts (myself), Position 1; Mariselle Quijano, Position 2; Nelda Sullivan, Position 3; and Jack Bailey, Position 4. I recommend you do the same.

## Speer supports PISD incumbents

As a former school board member (14 years) and the former principal of Dobie H.S. I fully support the re-election of:

Nelda Sullivan  
Jack Bailey  
Fred Roberts  
Mariselle Quijano  
to the Pasadena ISD school board.  
Jerry Ross Speer

# Publisher's Opinion

## Last chance Saturday!

It has been a long election season for the Pasadena Independent School District board of trustees and the bond promoters for the Clear Creek Independent bond.

Saturday is your last chance to have a say in the current educational issues.

There has been a lot written, a lot said and what it boils down to in my opinion is very simple.

Know both sides. In Pasadena ISD, understand the perspective of the incumbents vs. their opponents'.

In the CCISD race, no positions are available for South Belters to vote, but CCISD South Belters should study the bond issue.

When voting, please consider what is best for the education of our youth. Vote for the candidates who have the children's interest as their main objective.

In my opinion, that is the incumbent slate. Last chance is Saturday. See you at the polls.

- Marie Flickinger

## New GOP group holds welcome reception, meeting

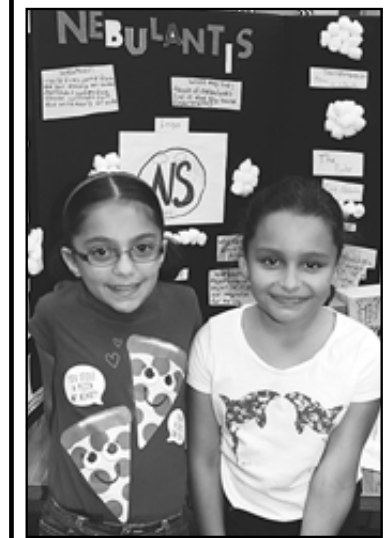
Southeast Republicans will hold a meeting-reception open to the public on May 8 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at The Gardens Houston, 12001 Beamer Road.

Southeast Republicans is an emerging political action committee, that aims toward the promulgation and strengthening of conservative values.

## Bush GT students display talents

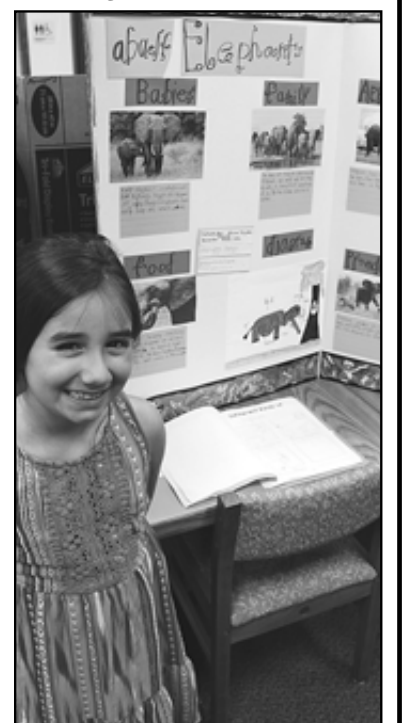


Blayne Howard, first-grader, displays his project *Life of Frogs*. First grade students conducted research on an animal of their choice for their project.



Third-grade student, left to right, Alyria Galvan and Ximena Rios with their project titled *Nebulantis*. Third-grade students conducted research on a Utopian project by creating a city of their choice.

Laura Bush Elementary students display their talents at the school's Gifted and Talented Showcase. Each year, the GT students explore various topics of interest based on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) career pathways along with the humanities. The children develop projects that demonstrate their critical thinking, creativity and analytical skills. The event attracted more than 70 attendees including parents and siblings who explored the displays while students presented their projects. The projects were a culmination of the students' independent research conducted at school. The event showcases how GT students can go above and beyond even the highest expectations to solve problems, organize and conduct research while being creative.



Savannah Tellez, first-grader, stands with the project she calls *About Elephants*. Photos by Jonathan Chapa

## Letter carriers want food collection partners

The National Association of Letter Carriers is celebrating its 25th Anniversary of Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive on May 13. It is the largest one day national food drive. It is held the second Saturday in May of every year. Childhood hunger is a growing problem in the community, particularly during the summer when children are out of school and do not have access to school breakfast or lunch programs. The NALC is partnering with the Houston Food Bank and USPS, and invite the community to be a part in making a difference in the lives of Americans in need.

Simply place non-perishable items next to the mailbox or place of business and the letter carrier will pick up the donation. Monetary donations can also be made by visiting [houstontfoodbank.org](http://houstontfoodbank.org), then clicking under the NALC tab. The association appreciates all donations.

## Pearland holds free concerts

Residents are invited to come and relax to the tunes of a live band at Southdown Park every Friday during May and June. The free concerts are part of the Pearland's annual "Concerts in the Park" series that starts Friday, May 5, from 7 to 9 p.m. with a performance by Big Joe Walker.

The series features bands from across the musical spectrum, with offerings for every musical taste including rock, zydeco, blues and more. Food vendors will be on hand selling a variety of foods while the splash pad and playground will be available for the kids. Attendees should bring blankets, lawn chairs and picnic baskets to enjoy an evening of fun and family entertainment.

This year, for the first time, Pearland will be offering a special Friday Night Family Pack. Easy and convenient, the pack allows the buyer to get the most out of the concert experience with the least amount of hassle. The package includes seating, a pre-ordered meal and drinks, reserved parking, yard games,

kids toys and goodie bags.

"We continuously work to offer unique programming that encourages a sense of community and the exploration of our public space. This concert series offers residents an opportunity to enjoy the park while socializing with members of their community," said mayor Tom Reid.

Free parking is onsite in parking spaces, in the nearby fields north of the splash pad area and in neighborhoods surrounding the park. Handicap spaces are available onsite, near Westside Event center. For information on this event and others, visit [pearlandparks.com](http://pearlandparks.com) or call 281-412-8900.

## Local library events set

**Parker Williams Library**  
The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.

Basic computer classes are offered on Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m. Phone the library for information and registration details, or check the library's home page at [www.hcpl.net](http://www.hcpl.net).

Thursday, May 4, 3:45 p.m. Star Wars Celebration: Come, enjoy popcorn, drinks, and a few Jedi activities with the showing of *The Force Awakens* (PG-13, 136 min).

Wednesdays, Preschool storytime, 10:30 a.m.

Thursdays, Toddler storytime, 10:30 a.m.

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

For more information on library events, phone the library at 281-484-2036. Library hours are: Monday, 1 - 9 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 - 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; and Sunday, closed.

**Bracewell Branch Library**  
The following events are scheduled for the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint:

Thursday, May 4, 6:30 p.m. Knitting and Crochet

Saturday, May 6, 10:30 a.m. Spanish computer class

Saturday, May 6, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. English learning

Saturday, May 6, 3 p.m. Citizenship class

Tuesday, May 9, 10:30 a.m. Para los niños

Wednesday, May 10, 10:30 a.m. Toddler storytime;

11:15 a.m. Toddler playtime

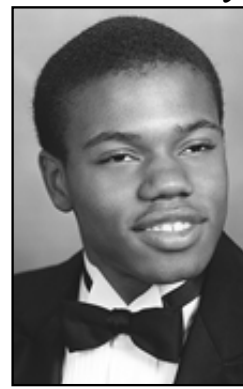
Wednesday, May 10, Computer courses: 2 p.m. Computer Basics; 3:15 p.m. Internet Basics; 4:30 p.m. Basic Powerpoint

For more information, call the library at 832-393-2580. All events are free and open to the public.

Bracewell hours are Sunday, closed; Monday, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Thursday, noon - 8 p.m., Friday, 1 - 5 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

# Deaths

## Christopher "Chris" Perry



Sagemont resident, Christopher "Chris" Perry, 42, died April 27, 2017.

He enjoyed riding his bicycle and the independence he felt from it.

He was a quiet man with a kind spirit and a generous heart. Underestimated for his depth, he enjoyed classical music often attended the symphony and supported the arts whenever he could.

He is survived by his father Wilson Perry; his sister Ursula Perry; and several other relatives and friends.

A memorial service celebrating Chris' life was held Wednesday, May 3, at Niday Funeral Home, Beamer Chapel.

## Jerrie Lea Hogan Atkinson



South Belt resident Jerrie Lea Hogan Atkinson died Saturday, April 29, 2017. Jerrie was born in Mercedes, Texas on Feb. 28, 1934.

She graduated from the University of Houston and the Jefferson Davis Hospital School of Nursing. She worked as a surgical nurse and later as the choir librarian at Sagemont Church.

She loved old movies, playing board games, working at the church and spending time with her family and friends.

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Jerrie's family will celebrate her life on Thursday, May 4, at 10 a.m. at Niday Funeral Home, Beamer Chapel. Visitation was Wednesday evening, May 3, at Niday Funeral Home.

South Belt resident Jerrie Lea Hogan Atkinson died Saturday, April 29, 2017. Jerrie was born in Mercedes, Texas on Feb. 28, 1934.

She graduated from the University of Houston and the Jefferson Davis Hospital School of Nursing. She worked as a surgical nurse and later as the choir librarian at Sagemont Church.

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He was a member of the Boozefighter Motorcycle Club. Dustin was a loving son, wonderful brother and a fantastic uncle. His love of his parents was unconditional which he proudly displayed as a tattoo of a peacock for his mom and the State of Texas for his dad.

Dustin lived life to the fullest. His impact was felt by many from all walks of life.

Dustin acquired a love for cooking from his father and this love was shared as recipes on Facebook and delicious concoctions, from desserts to tasty entrees, for anyone.

Dustin is survived by his mother; his sister and brother-in-law Sunshine and Casey Turner; nephews Seth and Thomas Robinson; and several aunts, uncles, cousins and close friends. Dustin was preceded in death by his father; his paternal grandparents and his maternal grandparents.

Serving as honorary pallbearers are Simon Doyle, Tim Jackson, Brandon Robinson, Seth Robinson, Thomas Robinson, Papa Squat, Tim Stahl, and Jamie Stockton.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Dustin's memory may be made to Deer Park Masonic Lodge 1362 AF & AM, 2809 Center Street, Deer Park, Texas 77536. To post a tribute to the family, visit [www.forestparklawndalefuneralhome.com](http://www.forestparklawndalefuneralhome.com).

Funeral arrangements were made by Forest Park Lawndale Funeral Home.

## Dustin Wade St. John

Dustin Wade St. John, 38, of Deer Park, died Friday, April 28, 2017, as a result of injuries from a hit-and-run accident in Texas City. He was born June 3, 1978, in Houston, the son of Stella St. John and the late Thomas "Tommy" St. John. He graduated from J.

He graduated from J. CBHS cheerleaders host clinic

The Clear Brook High School cheerleaders will hold a spring cheer clinic Saturday, May 20, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the school gymnasium. A Houston Texans cheerleader will make a special appearance. The clinic is open to ages 4 through high school. Cost is \$50 and includes lunch and a shirt. To register, visit [www.clearbrookcheer.com](http://www.clearbrookcheer.com). For additional information, email [lajones@ccisd.net](mailto:lajones@ccisd.net).

## Dobie cheerleaders hold car wash

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

## Leader checks out social media

By Mary Doan

The Sagemont Civic Club will hold its next community meeting on Monday, May 8, at 7 p.m. at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road. For more information on the local meetings, visit the *Sagemont Civic Club* Facebook page or [sagemontcc.org](http://sagemontcc.org).

Mount Olive Lutheran Church LCMS will host an April Showers Bring May Flowers Craft Vendor Bazaar on Saturday, May 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be more than 30 vendors, as well as a fundraiser, for local patients who are battling

cancer. Oran Johnson from Johnson's BBQ will cater the event. The event will take place at Mount Olive Lutheran Church LCMS, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. For additional information, visit the *People of Sagemont* Facebook page.

The Dobie Theatre will sponsor a comedy showcase as well as their senior recognition to honor theater students on Tuesday, May 16 at 6 p.m. The show will be in held in the theater warehouse behind the school by the auditorium. Admission to the show will be \$5. (See related story on Page 1A.)

Dobie High School has announced information on its annual Decision Day Celebration for students who are seniors and have been accepted into a college, trade school or the military. For more information visit the *J. Frank Dobie High School* Facebook page.

Dobie High School will provide bus transportation on Thursday, June 1, to NRG stadium for the graduation ceremony for parents and family of a graduating senior. For additional information to reserve a spot for the district-provided transportation to the graduation ceremony, visit the *J. Frank Dobie High School* Facebook page.

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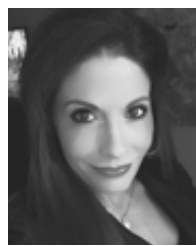
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# Election Day - May 6

# Nelda Sullivan

Position 3



# Jack Bailey

Position 4



## Vote at your local intermediate school – Pcts. 93 & 908 vote at South Houston High School

The undersigned support the hardworking slate of incumbent candidates who have served the district students successfully. They believe we need to keep this hardworking slate of officers for the continued success of our students and school district!

This slate will continue Pasadena ISD's success with innovative solutions like *Tech/Career High School, Early College High Schools, Connect Learning Programs, Leader in Blended Learning, Expansion of Pre-K* and many more to ensure that students are prepared for the technology and jobs of the future.

The challengers are determined to change the district, just for the sake of change.

To be re-elected, this incumbent slate needs your help and your vote. Get your friends and neighbors to join you in voting for this slate.

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| Susan Appleby                 | Stephanie Brooks         | Steve Fleming             | Jose Hernandez           | Jose Hernandez           | Nicole Leago-Devall | Santos Montemayor   | Joe Permen               | Cindy Russell          | Judy Tennapel       |
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| Katherine Bailey              | Kristin Carlisle Still   | Pat Debord                | Nell Huffman             | Nell Huffman             | Suleidy Lopez       | Suleidy Lopez       | Lorie Morris             | Ken Seifert            | Kimberly Vasquez    |
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|                               | Harry Corder             | David Gutierrez           | Denie Kendrick           | Denie Kendrick           | Bill McMillin       | Bill McMillin       | Billie Jo Parden         | Fred Roberts           | Danielle Sullivan   |

and "too many others to print!"

### SEEN-ABWA hosts luncheon

South East Express Network of the American Business Women's Association welcomes Julie Burch as she presents "Are You Accessing All the Benefits of ABWA?"

The monthly luncheon will be on Thursday, May 11 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Spring Creek Barbeque's private meeting room, located at 9005 Broadway in Pearland.

The cost is \$20 and covers the meal and the meeting fee. RSVP by Tuesday, May 9, at www.SEEN-ABWA.org.

### CrossRoads holds sale

CrossRoads United Methodist Church, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. is hosting a garage sale on Saturday, May 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The sale will take place in the front of the church and in the gym.

The community is invited to come and check out ovens, desks, glassware and much more.

### NASA Aglow to meet

NASA Aglow welcomes women of all ages to join in lively worship of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and Father God at Praise Chapel. The meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 11, and Raiphena Dobson will be the speaker.

If one has a special issue with which God needs to help, the group will pray for that need.

Continuing the fellowship, the group goes to a nearby restaurant for lunch. NASA is part of Aglow International with groups in more than 170 countries around the world.

Dobson is the founder and president of Gift To The World Ministries International. She has ministered to people around the world through music, anointed teachings and power-filled preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Her heart is compassionate toward the need for healing

and encouragement in kingdom leadership.

"As believers, God's wisdom must be applied to our lives. The strength and power of our walk are the only evidence that we serve the true and living God and that He really is coming back for His church without spot or wrinkle," said Dobson.

An author of many teachings and writings, including *Prayers and Confessions* and *The Soul-Raking f-word*, Dobson has developed a ministry teaching series called "Soul Repair," which helps the believing church become what God has intended it to be.

Praise Chapel is located at 15817 Highway 3 in Webster. From I-45 south, take NASA Road 1 east to Highway 3 and turn left.

The church is on the left about one block. For more information, call Sheila at 281-910-1971.

## Over The Back Fence by Alexis

**TED CELEBRATES HIS 75TH**  
Wishes for a wonderful 75th birthday, Sunday, May 7, are sent to **Ted Heinrich** from his wife **Linda**; son **Carl** and wife **Martha Heinrich**; daughter **Piper** and husband **Anthony Sais**, and grandkids **Carl IV, Drayton, Meadaux, Easton Heinrich** and **Parker Sais** who say, "We love you, Pawpaw, and we hope you have a fabulous birthday!"  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, OLIVE!**  
Best wishes are sent May 10 for a wonderful birthday to **Olive Falkowski** from her daughter **Leslie Flickinger** and husband **Fred**; granddaughters **Kimberly Flickinger** and **Courtney Durham** and husband **Chris**; great-grandchildren **Abigail** and **Jackson Durham**; **Marie** and husband **David Flickinger**; and **David** (*Leader* president) and his wife **Ellie Flickinger**; and **Alexis Lochner**.

**SCHOOL DAZE**  
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays May 4 through May 10.

**Atkinson Elementary**  
Special birthday wishes are sent May 7 to **Misty Connell**.

**Burnett Elementary**  
**Daren Dibble** marks a birthday May 4.

**Bush Elementary**  
Sing a happy birthday song to **Mindy Cook** May 4. Send a birthday greeting to **Nicolette Martinez** on May 9.

**Frazier Elementary**  
**India Kemp** celebrates a birthday May 8.

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

**Moore Elementary**  
The day for a birthday party for **Traci Marr** and **Beth Anne Mullen** is May 6. Light the candles on a double-layer cake May 10 for **Dora Flowers** and **Kelcey Davis**.

**Stuchbery Elementary**  
Send a birthday greeting May 4 to **Maria Orozco**. **Deborah Doss** marks a birthday May 8.

**Melillo Middle School**  
The day for a birthday cake for **Sandra Vann** is May 6.

**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
Sing a chorus of a birthday song May 5 to **Lindy Pace**.

**Thompson Intermediate**  
Marking a birthday May 9 is **Krystal LaReau**.

**Dobie High**  
Give three cheers for a birthday May 7 for **Sonya Gilford Fontenot**, **Barbara Jimenez** and **Jesse Lopez**. May 8 is the day for a party for **Jacqueline Hardwick**. Light the birthday candles May 9 for **Jordan Evans**. Enjoying a birthday May 10 is **Kelsey Davis**.

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

Thursday, May 4: **Stacy Waugh, Scott Siscoe** and **Tamara Fisher**; Friday, May 5: **Jennifer Bustamante, Tori French, Alice Wright, Pat Becker** and **Amanda Zamora**; Saturday, May 6: **Patrick Ermis, Roni Gonzales, Jennifer Jones**, and **Erin Hill**; Sunday, May 7: **Yvonne Villegas, Josh Garza, Ted Heinrich, Stephanie Salazar** and **Jenn Verchiens**; Monday, May 8: **Amelia Brown, Christopher Barber, Bobby Reyes, Jeffrey Gibson, Tiffany Robbins, April Potts, Donna Hovis, Julie Kutra** and **Sara Muller**; Tuesday, May 9: **Tiana Jaime-Perez, Freedom Groebner, Ronny Carke** and **Bubba Bannett**; and Wednesday, May 10: **Melissa West, Becky Lopez, Ruben Herrera, Kathy Vingoe** and **Angela Ojeda**.

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## Precinct 1 serves up poetry, singing at Spring Tea

Women dressed in colorful dresses and Sunday hats and men donned their fine suits to enjoy Harris County Precinct 1's Spring Tea at the Hardy Seniors Center.

An estimated 350 Precinct 1 residents attended the annual tea and luncheon, which was held April 26 and featured singing, a drama sketch, a poetry reading and a raffle.

"Now, I don't know if I'm at the wrong event," Commissioner Rodney Ellis said in greeting those attending the luncheon. "They told me there were 300 'seniors' in here. You all look gorgeous. The women are beautiful and the men are so handsome."

Seniors who attend Precinct 1's community centers also were treated to a warm welcome from Commissioner Ellis' wife, Licia Green-Ellis, who also posed for photographs with some of the lunch attendees and handed out flowers during the raffle.

Green-Ellis told the audience that her husband will continue to build on Precinct 1's Seniors Program and she urged them to take full advantage of the precinct's vibrant programming designed especially for them.

"This Spring Tea is what all of the programs are about - improving the lives of our residents here in Harris County Precinct 1," she said.

As part of the entertainment, the seniors drama program, directed by playwright Thomas Meloncon, performed a two-woman excerpt from the play, *Life Comes with Directions*. Wayne King, the drama program's music coordinator, sang two songs and Bruce Austin read two of his poems.

The main attractions were the contests for the best hats and teacups brought by the attendees. Seven women were recognized for the best hats, while 11 were honored for having the best teacups, including one purchased at the famed Harrods in London.

Jamie Castaneda, who attends Hardy Seniors Center, said her daughter bought the Harrods cup while traveling to London.

"I wasn't even expecting it," she said. "I was very surprised (at being selected)."

Dianne Stephens, who participates in programs at the Julia C. Hester House, said the hat she wore belonged to her late mother.

"She would be so pleased because she loved her hats," Ms. Stephens said.

Dorenda Longoria of Hardy wore a beautiful hat with decorative flowers that she made from printer paper.

"I was surprised (when my name was called) because I wasn't called until the very last," she said. "And I said, 'All right, all right!'"

## Local South Belt artist wins awards



South Belt artist, Tricia Ehman, placed first in professional level acrylic with her painting, "Cumulus Clouds" and first in professional photography with "Open Tulip." The spring art exhibit, judged by Liz Hill, was held by the National Society of Artists on April 22 at the Rosenberg Library on Galveston Island. Ehman also placed second in oil, second in mixed media and third in acrylic - all professional level. The winning entries will jury into the Lone Star Art Guild's art exhibit on June 3 in Houston where they will be judged against artists from nearly 15 art guilds from across the Houston area. Ehman came to the South Belt area in 1988 from Michigan with her husband and young family, and has been sharing her art since 1993. Practicing on T-shirts, murals and dance recital backdrops, while raising three children and giving violin lessons, Ehman started accepting commissions and entered her first show. In 2001, she was hired as one of 32 Master Highlighters for renowned artist Thom-

as Kinkade (now deceased) and traveled throughout the nation to promote Kinkade's art with highlighting events. Ehman also had the honor of showing two of her paintings in an exhibit for the Master Highlighters at the Kinkade Museum in Monterey, California. An award-winning artist, Ehman has held two solo shows at the Butler Longhorn Museum in League City and one at Tommy's Restaurant and Seafood Bar in Houston, where she displayed 40 works of art. She has shown her art in numerous joint exhibits, such as the Museum of Western Art in Kerrville, Texas, and the Seabrook library. Ehman is a member of the National Society of Artists and served as vice president for two years. As a Christian, Ehman hopes her art reflects the creative spirit of God while capturing a bright and positive feeling in her work. Preferring to paint in oil and acrylic, Ehman also enjoys the freedom of watercolor, mixed media and drawing.

Photo by Rene Armstrong

## PISD prepares for 2017 Connect

Local Pasadena Independent School District schools are preparing for their third year in the Pasadena Connect program, a personalized learning platform designed to prepare students for college by encouraging self-directed learning through a rigorous, project-based curriculum.

Pasadena Connect is open for any student at participating campuses, and those campuses are actively recruiting as they expand on their successes.

These local campuses are particularly excited because the first two years have yielded some amazing results. Stephanie McKinney, assistant principal at Dobie High School, reports that students have made noticeable improvements: behavior issues are down, students are more engaged and tests scores are outpacing traditional classes.

"Talking with students in the program has been very informative," McKinney said. "They are making their own choices with their study time, and planning every week with their mentor teachers on how to reach their goals. But they aren't only planning out their next week... they are planning out their next ten years."

These successes have been noticed by organizations across east Texas. The Dobie campus has been visited as a model of success by dozens of other districts. Recently, the district received the A+ Challenge Strengthen Award for their work on the Connect program.

This award is reserved for programs that serve as leaders of innovation in the greater Houston area.

Students are also excited about the program's success. Sophomore Justin Sanders has been with the program for two years at Dobie High School.

"It's great, because you can work at your own pace, and you see yourself grow," said Sanders. "But you still

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## Remember When

**40 years ago (1977)**  
Angela Shiflett won first place in the older teen division of the Strawberry Festival beauty contest.

The Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees met to discuss boundary adjustments and overcrowding in local schools.

**35 years ago (1982)**  
The Houston arson division investigated the fire at the portable buildings behind Thompson Intermediate School. All five of the buildings had been broken into and set on fire, but only two burned.

Joseph Alan Hilliard, 17, died of massive injuries including a broken neck and subdural hemorrhage as a result of a car-dirt bike collision at Hall Road at Sageyork. Hilliard, who was not wearing a helmet, and a friend were reportedly riding a dirt bike without lights late at night.

Sageglen resident and state Rep. Randy Pennington as well as state Sen. Buster Brown won their Republican primaries and would not face opposition in the November election.

**30 years ago (1987)**  
Sage Meadow Utility District President Jack Meyers resigned at a special meeting of the board of directors due to his no longer owning property in the district.

5A all-district team. They were Bill Romere, Nicolas Rojo, Kris Benson, Robbie Ogden, Chris Chambliss, Ryan Birsinger and Chris Curtis.

**25 years ago (1992)**  
Faye Schimek, a South Belt resident, was announced as one of three recipients of the first annual Gaia Award from the Houston Post and Dillard's. Gaia, according to the Post, embodied the finest attributes of woman, the nourisher of all things.

Piper Heinrich, a graduate of Dobie High School, was selected as first runner-up at the Strawberry Festival beauty contest.

Dobie senior offensive lineman Kevin Fell signed a letter of intent to play football for McMurray University in Abilene.

**20 years ago (1997)**  
Crews from Cherry Demolition tore down the community eyesore known as the Beamer Towers. Located adjacent to the Rio Superfund Site, the building stood vacant and unfinished for several years. Its demolition was the final one related to the Southbend subdivision.

For the first time since 1983, all four Dobie choirs won sweepstakes at the UIL concert and sight reading contests.

Joseph Briggs Jr. was presented the prestigious Minuteman Award by the National Guard Association of Texas. The award is the highest honor that can be bestowed on a member of the association, with only 69 given in the last 40 years.

**15 years ago (2002)**  
Otis Anderson's family outbid all others at the annual cook-off's silent auction for the second year in a row. They paid \$1,250 to have the entrance to El Franco Lee Park named in memory of Otis.

A historic school bell that was stolen from the old Genoa Elementary School was discovered. The bell, which dates back to the early 1900s, was apparently taken while school personnel and other workers were moving into the new building next door.

**10 years ago (2007)**  
Lifetime Sagemeadow resident Rikki Danielle Rudd Sanchez was killed when her vehicle was struck by an alleged car thief, who was fleeing from police.

**1 year ago (2016)**  
Multiple assaults were reported as taking place along the Blackhawk hike-and-bike trail, sending two female victims to the hospital on the same day. Despite increased police patrols at the trail, no arrests were made.

Chris Clark retired from his position as general manager of the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District, after serving in the position for 16 years. Before joining the MUD in a paid capacity, Clark was an elected official on the district's board from 1982 to 2000, serving 16 of those years as the organization's president. Clark also stepped down from his role as chair of the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce. A founding member of the organization, Clark had served four terms as chamber president.

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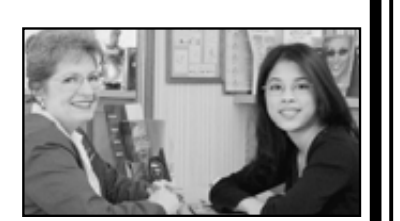
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# Honor roll named for Beverly Hills

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**Seventh Grade**  
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Patrick Alexis Ortega, Nicole Padilla, Hannah Tuyet-nhi Pang, Jonathan Daniel Penate, Amy Pham, Ashley Dang Pham, Emily Quynh Huong Pham, Kieu Kaylana Diem Pham and Kristyn Thanh Pham.

Thuy Cassidy Diem Pham, Tina Mai Pham, Tommy Minh Pham, Kaitlyn Triny Shandory Posada, Aiden O'Neal Provost and Marilee Quiroga.

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Jazmine Elizabeth Segovia, Roselin Serrano, Jamie Marissa Smith, Chelsey Xitlaly Sosa, Kevin Duy Su, Brayah Amanie Thornton Vann, Rosmary Torres Lara, Briana Jamilet Torres, Brissa Escobar, Heron Espinoza, Jordan Christian Ewing and Jocelyn Abril Flores Sanchez.

Sarahi Flores, Aaron Frias, Evan Nicolas Fuentes, Celeste Eloisa Gallardo, Aracely Nataly Garcia, Ramiro Simitrio Garcia, Anabelle Garza, Michael Andrew Garza, Briana Michelle Gomez Portillo, Zinaya Lynn Gonzales Muniz, Gloria Minerva Gonzales and Isaac Abel Gonzalez.

Ivan Gonzalez, Christopher Earl Goudeau, Serena Nijean Graham, Daniel Eduardo Grajales, Damarus Lavon Groves, Mariah Marie Guerrero, Briana Gutierrez, Carolina Marie Gutierrez, Zoe Mychell Guy, Taylor Quoc Viet Ha, Scotlyn Moira Hamilton, Kyla Marie Hart and Andres Sebastian Hernandez.

Susan Yvette Hernandez, Genevieve Francis Herrera, Sarrionna Karina Hobbs, Erielle Cimone Hollis, Madelyn Huerta, Jaquan Xavier Hughes, Andrew Khoa Huynh, Thuat Nhu Huynh, Tina Huynh, Emily Alexa Iglesias, Remi Elon Jackson, Nicole Jasso and Trevon Morquel Johnson.

Aidan Allen Kainer, Keely Nicole King, Henry Jovany Lavergne, Christofer Laygo, Thong Minh Le, Zamira Hunter Lewis, Marcus Joseph Lind, Carlos Jesus Lopez, Alexandra Luna, Aysha Usman Mariwa, Brianna Naomi Marroquin, Ariana Elizabeth Martin, Juanangel Martinez and Lael David Martinez.

Lilliana Marie Martinez, Astrid Dayana Matamoros Montoya, Mariella Mykayla Michael Matthews, Jose Reginald Matthew Maxwell, Boston Simone Mcafee, Brynn Margaret Riley Mchugh, Emma Reese Mckenzie, Tiffany Alexa Melendez, Kaitlyn Ashlee Meza and Lydia Montalvo.

Andrew Adonai Montano, Angel De Jesus Morales, Yair Moreno Rodriguez, Shayla Janae Morrison, Elizabeth Ann-Marie Mullins, Tjasa Ariyana Murray, Hoang-Ky John Ngo, Brandon Nhat Nguyen, Chi Thi Linh Nguyen, Jaelyn Uyen Nguyen, Jeenny Nguyen and Kathleen Nguyen.

Lilly Thanh Nguyen, Natalie Thao-Han Nguyen, Thien Phuc Thi Tran Nguyen, Thu Ngoc Anh Nguyen, Tung Quang Nguyen, Victoria Diep Nguyen, Andrea Sofia Nunez, Nicholas Oscar Ochoa, Damaris Anjanee Oder, Angel Gabriel Oliva Lopez, Miriam Isela Orellana and Caroline Itzel Orta.

# Leimbach named Moore Teacher of the Year

Moore Elementary's 2017 Teacher of the Year is Beth Leimbach. Her passion and commitment to students, staff and parents is evident in everything she does.

Leimbach is a phenomenal kindergarten teacher. She creates engaging, interactive learning opportunities to meet all students on their level and take them further. She pushes students to excel regardless of the difficulties they may have.

This year Leimbach collaborated with the kindergarten team to develop a schedule for the team to departmentalize for reading and math. She has created innovative lessons and activities, such as "Slime Week" and "Foodie Fridays" that motivate students to want to learn and come to school.

In addition, she has created specific checklists for the district math bundles and assessments for the team to use, making it easier for teachers to track and address each student's individual progress and unique needs. Leimbach has also been acknowledged at the district level for her teaching abilities and was chosen by the district to be a model classroom for Dr. Nikki Newton, the expert on guided math, to video and teach her class.

Although her skills and abilities as a teacher seem to come so naturally, she is hardworking and relentless and will do whatever it takes to ensure student growth and to promote the positive things happening in her class, grade level, and the school. Leimbach establishes good communication with all her students' parents. She keeps them involved and informed in their children's education with daily Bee Binders and with technology through Bloomz, Classroom Dojo, and Remind.

She also serves as one of Moore's social media coordinators and helps promote the wonderful things going on at the campus using Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook. Although Leimbach is a kindergarten teacher, her involvement and influence in the school is far-reaching.

She worked with another teacher and organized and taught "Appy Hour" for the staff several times

throughout the year. In these classes she shares new apps teachers can use in their classrooms that help increase student productivity and achievement.

She has presented for the campus Math Curriculum Committee and helped plan, organize, and work at the Math Community Night. In

addition to these presentations, she helped out at the Hawk Fest fall festival and participated in the Moore Running Club and Rugged Race.

These undertakings have been done on her own time, which demonstrates how passionate she is about helping others grow. She is greatly re-

spected and has a great rapport with the staff, parents, and community members. She commits herself fully to every endeavor she takes on to ensure success for the school - always with an unyielding positive attitude.

Moore is very fortunate to have Leimbach as a member of its faculty.



Shown above are, left to right, Jill Lacamu, principal; Beth Leimbach, kindergarten teacher; and Deedee Pitts, assistant principal.



Standing with their award-winning teacher Beth Leimbach (back) are, left to right, (front row) Quy Tran, Brody Clouse, (back row) Emmitt Larry, Jaelyn Jimenez and Aasia Johnson.

# Thompson lists honor roll for fifth six weeks

The following honor roll has been released by Thompson Intermediate for the fifth six weeks:

**Seventh Grade**  
 Monserrat Xitlaly Alba, Eric Ivan Alvarez, Taelyn Lanea Ansley, Dayyani Belisa Arboleda, Rafael Antonio Argueta, Jasmine Lizbette Arredondo and Ublester Arroyo Espinoza.

Keegan Neal Ashworth, Alexa Sakeena Avila, Andre A. Barrientos and Kendall Gisele Brown.

Ashley Summer Brown-Klawuhn, Thomas Lucas Bustamante, Alayna Nicole Calvillo, Gabriella Campo, Amy Thuy Cao, Ricky Cao, Ashley Castellanos, William Alexander Castillo, Anthony Rey Castro, Alani Eloisa Chapa and Alyssa Brianna Chapman.

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Kaden Hooks Fernandez, Ana Camila Flores, Jessica Vanessa Flores, Sierra Yvonne Frost, Selena Abigail Galicia, Alexis Julia Garcia, Steven Edenilson Garcia, Sherlyn Alexandra Gavidia, Timothy Quoc Giang, Adrianna Michelle Golden, Alyssa Darlet Gonzalez and Jaqueline Abigail Gonzalez.

Lazarus Gonzalez, Mario Alberto Gonzalez, Yaslin Alize Gonzalez, Kaylee Gabrielle Goodrum, Melody Jade Guerrero, Eliza Emily Gutierrez, Hassan Alejandro Gutierrez, Hailey Beth Henderson, Alexis Henriquez and Clarissa Yvette Hernandez.

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Jaidyn Grayce Kelley, Anh Nhat Ky, Diego Javier Leanos, Emily Legaspi, Laci Michelle Leija, Brandon Armand Liceaga, Kimberly Lizardopuebla, Elissa Jocely Lopez, Gabriela Nicole Lozano, Keena Magana, Jasmine Marie Maldonado, Adrian Matthew Marrufo, Yaire Gerysand Martinez and Celina Mata.

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Kim Nguyen, Linh Ha My Nguyen, Tommy Tang Nguyen, Natalie Onozie, Sebastian Ortega, Abigail Alicia Ortiz and Diego Osuna.

Audrey Elizabeth Owens, Isabella Elida Padilla, Jeremiah La'don Paige, Jeremiah Neil Rabang Palma, Levani Tsotne Pelaez and Gilberto Joel Perez.

Vanessa Jannet Rocha, Alyssa Sanez Rodriguez, Megan Alani Rodriguez, Nicolas Alexander Rodriguez, Christopher Steve Salinas, Haley Danae Salinas, Nicholas Ignacio Santibanez, Ryan Keith Saxton, Rickey James Schreier, Kennedy Janae Simmons and Noah Arthur Scott.

Kal El Self, Valeria Nohemi Serpas, Jaelan Donae Sherman, Wyatt James Sherwood, Metzli Jamile Silva, Kenzie Ida Snook, Kielee Ashell Snook, Gerardo Solis, Jasmin Janet Sosa, Natalie Anahi Suarez, Brooklyn Renee Thompson, Brandon Anthony Torres and Diego Alexis Torres.

Laisha Torres-Padilla, Annette Phuonganh Tran, Thu Minh Tran, Ricardo Antonio Valadez, Melanie Ariana Velazquez, Manuel Alejandro Viera Vargas, Enrique Villanueva, Emilio Villarreal, Michael Wotonwo Vouffo, Cyrae Kristen Washington, Sophia Cassandra Wence and London Gabrielle Curtis Wiggins.

Luke Peter Wittenberg, Aspen Sierra Woods, Nicole Zamudio, Gail Kathleen Afalao, John Anthony Agirre, Zariah Jacelle Aguilar, Malih Akhter, Carolina Lizbeth Alaniz Quintanilla and Ingrid Tatiana Alaniz Quintanilla.

**Eighth Grade**  
 Anna Gabriela Allen, Anabella Sophia Amaro, Breleana Marie Anderson, Layla Soraiya Arredondo, Maritza Marlene Arreola, Maryam Maytham Badr, Jeremiah Cedric Ballard and Aliyah Barreiro.

Annaya Brielle Belton, Jasmin Adamaris Benitez, Kaitlyn Marie Bess, Melissa Nohemy Bonilla, Maxine Coyle Brown, Rion Connor Buie and Jose Alberto Cabrera.

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Gillyanne Helena Spencer, Madelyn Gabriele Spray, Ellena Leelyn Stevenson, Elyssa Reane Sulak, Eric P To, Alyssa Giselle Toro, Noe Torres, Natalia Camille Townes and Lili Ann Tran.

Elvin Osmaro Turcios Romero, Litzzy Paola Valadez Reyes, Stefani Love Valdez, Jeiny Shaky Valenzuela, Justus Rene Vela and Madylin Alexis Vela.

Hilda Anahi Venegas, Serena Rayne Villarreal, Tiffany Angel Villarreal and Michael Tuan Vo.

Anh Que Nguyen Vu, Zachary Kyle Wallace, Mark Sameh William, Alise Yvette Williams, Razmon Jamariy Williams, Damayanti Asha Wilson, Enlai Derrick Yii, Jannatun Nahar Zaman and Axel Jared Zapata.

# Dyson receives award



Carol Dyson (left), resident of the Bella Vita subdivision and leader of two Girl Scout troops, was given the Appreciation Award and a 30-year membership pin by Jean Janseen, council president (right), on April 22 at the annual meeting of the Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council. Along with leading two Girl Scout troops, Dyson is a graduate senior Girl Scout, has earned the Curved Bar Award and has established Girl Scout troops in Algeria. Dyson also is a 13-year leader of an Ambassador Troop in Cypress and is a six-year leader of a Cadette Troop in Pearland. She also volunteers with the Sunshine Stars Girl Scout Community team as well as with the council as a training facilitator and a certified Red Cross first aid trainer.

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Houston District D City Council Member Dwight Boykins (blue apron with orange shirt and baseball cap in the center of the photo) is shown above leading the coins-in-a-

haystack game at the 21st annual South Belt Spectacular Cook-off, held at El Franco Lee Park April 27-29. See additional photo on Page 1A. Photo by Marie Flickinger

# South Belt cook-off results announced

The South Belt Spectacular Cook-off was held April 27-29 at El Franco Lee Park. The winning results are:

**Margaritas**  
First place was Here 4 da Beer Cookers. Second place was Midnight Smokers. Third place was Teyquerisy Cook-

ers. Fourth place was House Divided Cookers. Fifth place was Ford Cookers. Sixth place was Second 2 None Cooker's II. Seventh place was Bad Rumor Cookers. Eighth place was Teyquerisy Cookers. Ninth place was Smoke Sum Cookers. 10th place was Federali's Cooking Team.

**Chili**  
First place was Pit Vipers. Second place was Smoke Sum Cookers. Third place was Second 2 None. Fourth place was Let It Ride Cookers. Fifth place was Young Blood Smokers. Sixth place was Triple M Cookers. Seventh place was Pryme-Thyme Kookers. Eighth place was Dynamite Cookers. Ninth place was Smokin Irish. Tenth place was Smokin Somewhere.

**Beans**  
First place was Second 2 None. Second place was Outa Place. Third place was Bubba Chubs. Fourth place was

Los Borrachos Cookers. Fifth place was Last Call Cookers. Sixth place was Los Pistoleros. Seventh place was Let It Ride. Eighth place was King Smokers. Ninth place was Backyard Boyz. Tenth place was Los Borrachos Cookers.

**Chicken**  
First place was Texas Charm BBQ. Second place was Texas Meat Slangers. Third place was Smoke It Up. Fourth place was Texian Cookers. Fifth place was Magnolia Tejano Cookers. Sixth place was LBK. Seventh place was Los Pistoleros. Eighth place was King Smokers. Ninth place was Family Thing. Tenth place was Nutin But Smoke.

**Brisket**  
First place was Luv Ya Q. Second place was Federalis. Third place was Law Dawgs. Fourth place was Bubba Chub. Fifth place was Shuted Down. Sixth place was Kick Back. Seventh place was Second 2 None. Eighth place was House Divided. Ninth place was Silverado. Tenth place was Whats Their Name.

## Chris Bezdek named Distinguished Alumnus

Hundreds of family, friends and Pasadena Independent School District staff members gathered, Tuesday, May 2, at the Orozco Professional Development complex to honor Chris Bezdek, who was honored as PISD's 2017 Distinguished Alumnus.

A 1998 Sam Rayburn graduate, Bezdek is a longtime volunteer and supporter of the district and executive vice president of CommunityBank of Texas.

To mark the special occasion, the Park View steel drum group performed for guests, while Bondy ambassadors greeted attendees at the door. The food was provided by Rayburn's culinary arts students. The student groups represented Bezdek's alma maters.

Bezdek attended Teague Elementary, Park View Intermediate and Bondy Intermediate before graduating from Sam Rayburn High School.



Dean Baier of the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department is shown above presenting awards at the annual South Belt Spectacular Cook-off. Baier was the chief worker and organizer of the event aided by Chuck Tylka and David Cino. See related photo on Page 1A. Photo by Marie Flickinger

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See additional photos of the Family Fun Fest/ Strut Your Mutt dog parade and South Belt Spectacular Cook-off in next week's Leader.

## School board, bond elections set for May 6

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For additional information or to see a complete listing of polling places, visit [https://www1.pasadenaisd.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server\\_806888/File/Board%20Docs/Precinct%20Polling%20Places%20Web%20Post.pdf](https://www1.pasadenaisd.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_806888/File/Board%20Docs/Precinct%20Polling%20Places%20Web%20Post.pdf).

The bond would provide \$72.9 million for new schools to accommodate for enrollment growth; \$333.4 million to repair aging campuses; \$20.8 million for safety improvements; \$23.1 million for student programs; and \$31.8 million for new technology.

**CCISD**  
While the Clear Creek Independent School District is holding elections to determine who will fill the district's Position 2 and Position 3 seats, most South Belt voters will not be allowed to participate, as they are likely registered in District 4.

Locally, the bond would provide \$7.9 million for improvements at Clear Brook High School and \$3.4 million at Weber Elementary.

Local voters will, however, have a say in whether or not the district passes its \$487 million bond proposal. If approved by voters, the bond would allow the district to build new campuses, renovate older schools and make necessary infrastructure repairs and improvements.

At Clear Brook, funds would be spent on athletic area improvements, new baseball and softball dugouts, replacing carpet and floor tiles, fire and life safety system repairs, electrical system upgrades/repairs and outside air system upgrades.

Contents of the bond package were prioritized by a 30-member facility committee consisting of parents, local citizens, business leaders and educators. The group spent several months assessing district facilities, enrollment projections and financial information before making its recommendations to CCISD officials this past February.

At Weber, funds would be spent on a new roof, installing a generator with emergency lighting improvements, replacing the building's intercom system and replacing stage sound system.

For additional information on the bond proposal, visit [www.ccisd.net/bond2017](http://www.ccisd.net/bond2017).

CCISD voters living in District 4 (Precincts 417,

474, 475, 537, 996, 545, 782, 393 and 715) will cast their ballots at Clear Brook High School, located at 4607 FM 2351 in Friendswood.

Voters unsure of their polling precinct can visit [www.harrisvotes.org](http://www.harrisvotes.org).

Voting hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For a complete list of polling locations, visit [www.ccisd.net/cms/One.aspx?portalId=645487&pageId=20445039](http://www.ccisd.net/cms/One.aspx?portalId=645487&pageId=20445039).

**San Jacinto College**  
In the San Jacinto College election, voters will decide who will fill the Position 1 and Position 2 seats.

Voting for Position 1 are Rick Guerrero, Erica Davis Rouse and Richard Serna. Longtime Position 1 board member Brad Hance was forced to forfeit the position after filing to run for another office.

Position 2 incumbent Dr. Ruede Wheeler is running unopposed.

Most San Jac voters living in the Pasadena Independent School District will vote at either Thompson Intermediate or Beverly Hills Intermediate.

(Polling locations coincide with PISD.)

Precincts voting at Thompson Intermediate include 417, 475, 476, 537, 545, 842 and 996.

Precincts voting at Beverly Hills Intermediate include 76, 418, 536, 654, 762 and 774.

Voters in Precincts 289 and 755 will cast their ballots at Miller Intermediate, located at 1002 Fairmont in Pasadena.

Voters in Precincts 715 will cast their ballots at Bondy Intermediate, located at 5101 Keith in Pasadena.

San Jacinto College District voters living in the Clear Creek Independent School District (Precincts 290, 475, 537, 545 and 718) will cast their ballots at the San Jacinto College South Fine Arts Building.

Voters unsure of their polling precinct can visit [www.harrisvotes.org](http://www.harrisvotes.org).

Voting hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For more information or to see a complete listing of polling places, visit [www.sanjac.edu/board-trustees-election](http://www.sanjac.edu/board-trustees-election).

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## Pasadena ISD Connect program

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get a lot of one-on-one help from the teacher if you need it."

Sanders goes on to say that he has big plans to go to school at University of Houston, either architecture or business. He currently runs his own lawn care business, and says the program has already helped him stay organized and manage his time for his clients.

The curriculum has three main components. Students spend a large portion of their time working on projects that allow them to apply their learning to the real world, and connect it to their own ideas and creativity.

In addition, students can access their content through a mix of independent study and personalized one-on-one instruction, allowing students to choose how best they learn, and develop their own study skills in the process.

Finally, there is a mentoring program, in which students will work with a teacher every week to set goals, stay on track, and hold themselves accountable.

"Our teachers take on an expanded role in Connect, becoming teacher-mentors, as they collaborate as teams to ensure all students are prepared to be successful in high school, college and career," stated Dr. Melissa Allen, principal of Thompson Intermediate.

"We've seen an increase in students sense of responsibility and ownership in their own learning and that translates to increased performance academically."

Two years ago, the program started as a pilot for three local campuses. Now in its third year, the program is expanding to a total of 23 campuses for the 2017-2018 school year. In the South Belt area, Dobie HS, Thompson Intermediate, Bev-

erly Hills Intermediate, Melillo Middle School, Roberts Middle School, and Bush Elementary are in the process of recruiting students for the following school year. To speak with a participating campus about student enrollment, contact information can be found below:

For Dobie High School (including the new 9th grade center), contact Stefanie McKinney at 713-740-0370.

For Thompson Intermediate, contact Dr. Melissa Allen at 713-740-0510.

For Beverly Hills Intermediate, contact Christina Serna-Grice at 713-740-0420.

For Melillo Middle School, contact Chris Bui at 713-740-5260.

For Roberts Middle School, contact Rebecca Dietz at 713-740-5390.

For Laura Bush Elementary, contact Stephanie Miller at 713-740-0928.

## Beverly Hills honor roll named

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Kelly Hoang, Quang Hong, Cindy Trinh Huynh, Briana Zulem Jamaica, Luis Mario Jamaica, Briyenne Nicole Jenkins, Briana Isabelle Keim, Christi Kieu Le, Ha My Thi Le, Andrea Leon, Jesus Jael Leon, Tarzis Jonathan Lobos, Allen Javier Lopez Robles, Joseph Paul Lukner, Jesse Manuel Maldonado, Faaizah Maleehah, Emilio Gaetano Marin Novoa and Nashmi Usman Mariwa.

Nohemy Marquez, Lailah Martinez, Cadie Colleen Masterson, Cynthia Consuelo Mata, Jasmine Alexa Matute, Taizhon Allen McKinney, Patricia Medina, Sakinah Nogueira Yasmine Meite, Kevin Ismael Mendez, Keily Nicole Mendoza Gavidia, Angela Isabel Menindez and Marcelo Jaime Merced.

Ashley Sofia Miranda, Carolina Sarai Miranda, Elias Alexander Montez, Christopher Rey Morales, Francisco Abel Morales, Lissette Moreno and Sashiana Milagro Munoz.

Mia Faith Alyssa Myers, Thien Ngoc Ngo, Andrew Ngoc Nguyen, Dang Tran Hai Nguyen, Diana Nguyen, Huy Mai Nguyen and Jason Hoang

Nguyen.  
Tom Minh Tam Nguyen, Tri Thuan Tran Nguyen, Trung Quang Nguyen, Precious Ifeamaoka Oko, Xavier Christopher Olivarez, Tristan Juan Pedraza, Yessenia Lizbeth Pena, Alejandra Perez, Valentina Perez, Tony Minh Pham, Ky Ky Duong Phan and Thao Tinh Nhu Phan.

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Benito Gabriel Rodriguez, Juan Carlos Rodriguez, Tatiana Mia Rodriguez, David Alan Roman, Sandy Ruiz, Jocelyn Salazar, Adamari Celeste Sanchez, June Delilah Santillanes and Elias Uriel Saracho.

Charles Rene Sigala, Amari Deon Singleton, Ke'aira Marie Smith, Kloe Lanette Smith, Taleisha Michelle Smith, Kaleigh Grace Sommerfelt and Dylan Thanh-Trung Ta.

Wazha Tapela Tapela, Diego Emiliano Tapia, Deja Nychol Thomas, Kourtlyn Denise Thornton, Jose Rafael Tolentino, Gerardo Torres, Deborah Thy Tran, Kathy Mai-Trang

Tran, Sydny Skylan Tran-Ayala, Deeangel Trinh, Julie Ngoc Trinh, Joshua Turribates, Jaeden Zachary Tyler, Marisol Isabel Valadez, Sergio Valdez, Diep Thi Ngoc Vo, Quan Tuan Vo, Thuc Uyen Vo and Son Hoang Vuong.

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# Dobie baseball opens playoffs against Kingwood

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Just get into the playoffs, where anything is possible. That's the mantra the Dobie and Clear Brook varsity baseball teams are taking as the bidistrict

playoffs arrive. Both face tough challenges in their respective bids to advance to the second round, yet for now the opportunity is there.

Dobie went down to the final game of the regular season before punching its playoff ticket, but what a way to do so.

Having been run-ruled by Memorial in the first round of district play, the Longhorns turned the tables when it mattered most.

Freshman right-hander Daniel Garza threw a three-hit shutout against the Mavs April 28 at Memorial, with the 5-0 Dobie victory ensuring a playoff berth.

At 7-7, the Longhorns

grabbed the No. 4 playoff seed out of District 22-6A and will face Kingwood in the first round.

Deer Park defeated La Porte 17-3 in a lopsided play-in game to grab the 22-6A championship. La Porte, therefore, finished second while Memorial grabbed third place.

Dobie finished the regular season at 12-13-1. Kingwood, meanwhile,

went 23-4 and won 12 games in district play. But both teams are now 0-0 as the playoffs begin.

Of interest, the series just might feature two of the youngest and least varsity experienced rosters in the Region III ranks.

In all fairness, Dobie entered the season with a starting outfielder, two infielders and a catcher back.

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## Bidistrict baseball playoffs

### Dobie Longhorns vs. Kingwood Mustangs

Game 1: Friday, May 5, 7 p.m., Kingwood

Game 2: Saturday, May 6, 2 p.m., Maguire

\*Game 3 follows 30 mins. after Game 2, if needed.



At left, Dobie right-hander Daniel Garza is all set for the post-season after his three-hit shutout of Memorial April 28 helped the Longhorns qualify as the No. 4 seed in District 22-6A after a 5-0 win over the third-place Mavericks. With the Longhorns needing a win to secure a playoff berth, Garza, a freshman, came up with perhaps his best outing of the season. Garza is ready to pitch one of the Longhorns' first two playoff games against District 21-6A champion Kingwood, which is 23-4 overall. Photo by John Bechtel

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## Never-say-die Brook advances

Talk about doing it the hard way.

The Clear Brook varsity baseball team is headed to the playoffs, having closed the regular season with two of the most exciting games of the season to get the job done.

The Wolverines first needed what seemed to be an improbable victory over District 24-6A Dickinson just to have a chance at the postseason.

Well, a 7-5 win over the

Gators took care of that April 28 at Dickinson, setting up a one-game playoff against Friendswood for the No. 4 playoff seed in 24-6A the next day.

Trailing that game 7-2 through five innings, the Wolverines refused to give

in, instead coming up with a big nine-run sixth inning to take the lead.

Friendswood did its best to claw its way back from the new deficit, but the Wolverines held on for an 11-9 win. The reward? **Continued on Page 6B**

## Bidistrict baseball playoffs

### Brook vs. George Ranch

Friday, May 5, at Pearland, 7 p.m.

## Atascocita downs JFD softball

Missed opportunities. It may be a topic of consideration for many of those involved with the Dobie varsity softball program as the offseason begins.

Atascocita, the defending Region II champion, ended Dobie's season in

the bidistrict playoff round with an 8-4 win April 28 at Baytown Sterling High School.

Atascocita's four-run rally in the sixth inning provided a cushion and the final margin of victory, but Dobie had multiple chances

in the game to close the gap. The timely hits just didn't come often enough.

Neither team came away feeling as though it had played its best with the season on the line. Dobie made seven errors in **Continued on Page 6B**

## San Jac softball to regionals

Can the San Jacinto College softball team reach the national tournament for a second straight year?

It's all about the play out at San Jacinto, the No. 1 seed in the South Zone, heads to Angelina College

in Lufkin, home of the Region XIX conference championships.

The tournament runs May 6-9 at Angelina, with the eventual tournament finalists qualifying for nationals. San Jacinto, 37-19 overall this season, includ-

ing 19-5 in conference, is trying to make back-to-back national tournament appearances for the first time in program history.

San Jac will open regionals against host Angelina **Continued on Page 2B**

## LSA tracksters reach state

Back-to-back state qualifiers Terrel Davis and Marleen Guerrero will lead a large group of Lutheran South Academy tracksters to the state meet.

The Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools State Track and Field Championships will be held May 5-6 at Baylor University's Clyde Hart Track and Field Stadium in Waco.

Davis and Guerrero medaled at state as juniors in 2016 and will again have multiple chances this time around.

An Air Force Academy signee for track and field, Davis will enter the state meet as the Class 5A South Regional champion in the 400-meter dash after winning the event at 49.75 seconds.

Davis was also involved in the Pioneers' 4x100-meter relay victory as he teamed with Christian Shelmore, Trey Palmer and Ryan Jackson for

a time of 44.09 and a state berth.

Guerrero, meanwhile, is headed back to state as the South Regional champion in the high jump as she cleared 5 feet, 6 inches for the win.

The University of Texas at Austin signee is also headed back to state in the triple jump after she won a silver medal in 2016. This time at regionals, Guerrero went 34'11 1/2" for second place in the same event.

With many other athletes also headed to the state meet, Lutheran South Academy could fare very well in the team standings.

Shelmore is off to state in the 100-meter dash after placing third at regionals with a time of 11.70.

At 23.24, Davis has also qualified for state in the 200-meter dash, where his time placed him fourth.

In the 5A girls' 200-meter dash, LSA's Bethany

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## JFD track duo at RIIs

The outstanding track and field careers of Dobbie's Jeremy Davis and Camille Singleton came to a close April 28-29 at the Region III Championships in Webster.

Singleton was eighth in the 400-meter run at 56.47, the best finish among lo-

cal. She also ran the 200-meter dash at 25.87. Davis ran the 110-meter hurdles at 17.10 and threw the discus 136 feet.

Clear Brook's John'te Horace triple jumped 44'4," and Jake Allison threw the discus a distance of 141'7."

## Youth soccer to South Belt

With five World Cups to their name, Brazil stands alone as the most decorated soccer nation.

This summer, aspiring American players will have the opportunity to learn the secrets of their amazing success directly from more than a dozen Brazilian coaches who will spend 10 weeks traveling around the country

and sharing their knowledge.

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

This camp will run Monday through Friday.

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## Seahawk FB to register

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

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

organization.

Registration will be held Saturday, May 20, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The session will be held at The Royal Palace, 9944 Kleckley Dr., across from Alameda Mall.

Registration is \$275 per football player and spirit/cheer member. For information, call president Lisa Sanchez at 832-969-8542.

## Dobie/Kingwood in bidistrict baseball

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Dobie head coach Miguel Torres knew he had some roles to fill. And still, it has been those few returnees along with a freshman who have carried the bulk of the load this season.

Euro Diaz Jr., a three-year letterman, has also thrown the ball very well as a starting pitcher while leading the primary starters in batting average.

Returning catcher Jeremy Green Jr., has also been solid behind the plate and in the batter's box, as has first baseman/designated hitter Isaiah Vasquez.

But even for as inexperienced Dobie entered the season, then there is Kingwood.

The Mustangs entered the season with no varsity returnees at all.

Yet, Kingwood went on to win the district title. And there's a chance that Dobie freshman starting pitcher Daniel Garza could oppose Kingwood freshman ace Masyn Winn on the mound.



Dobie's top hitter from a batting average standpoint, Euro Diaz Jr., a three-year starter, will look to have a big series against District 21-6A champion Kingwood. Diaz will almost assuredly start on the mound against the Mustangs in one of the first two games.

Photo by John Bechtle

## San Jacinto softball to regionals

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ina College in the final game of the opening round, Saturday, May 6, at 5:30 p.m.

For the second straight season, San Jacinto out of the South division and Tyler out of the North division are the co-No. 1 seeds in the tournament. Both will be looking to make it back to nationals for a second straight season.

For San Jacinto College the focus seems rather simple – score plenty of runs and let Niki Gonzalez take care of the rest in the pitching circle.

Now a sophomore from

Baytown Sterling High School, Gonzalez is SJC's career leader in pitching victories with 55. This season, her 28 wins tied her for third-most nationally, and her 222 strikeouts are also third-best in the country. She also owns a low earned run average of 1.45.

San Jacinto has won 37 games this season, with Gonzalez winning 28 of those. If San Jacinto has to go into the loser's bracket and Gonzalez does not pitch, things could get interesting.

Offensively, the Coyotes will lead on several

standouts. San Jacinto hit the way at .381, with several players exceeding that level.

Taylor McHenry leads the way at .381, with Missy Hernandez at .376 and Dani Damian at .367.

Riley Bullen has hit .354 this season, and Mackenzie Kotrla is at .366.

Again, San Jacinto College's end goal is to reach the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I National Championships May 17-20 in St. George, Utah. A season ago, SJC went 2-2 at nationals.

## Region 14 Softball Tournament

Saturday, May 6 through Tuesday, May 9

Angelina College, Lufkin

### May 6 Opening Round

10 a.m. – (N3) Kilgore vs. Blinn (S2)

12:30 p.m. – (NS) Bossier Parish vs. LSPA (S3)

3 p.m. – (N1) Tyler vs. Galveston (S3)

5:30 p.m. – (N4) Angelina vs. San Jacinto (S1)

## Record holder Roy to join Notre Dame swimming



Lutheran South Academy varsity swimmer Justin Roy (seated center) is set to continue his education and aquatics career at the University of Notre Dame in Notre Dame, Ind., after inking a letter of intent with the Fighting Irish. Those with Roy at the signing included, left to right, Lucy Roy (grandmother) and Andrea Carrabia (LSA head swimming coach). Roy was the Swimmer of the Meet in both his junior and senior seasons at the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools Division II State Championships while winning the 200-yard individual medley and the 100-yard fly as a senior. He currently holds the TAPPS state records in both events.

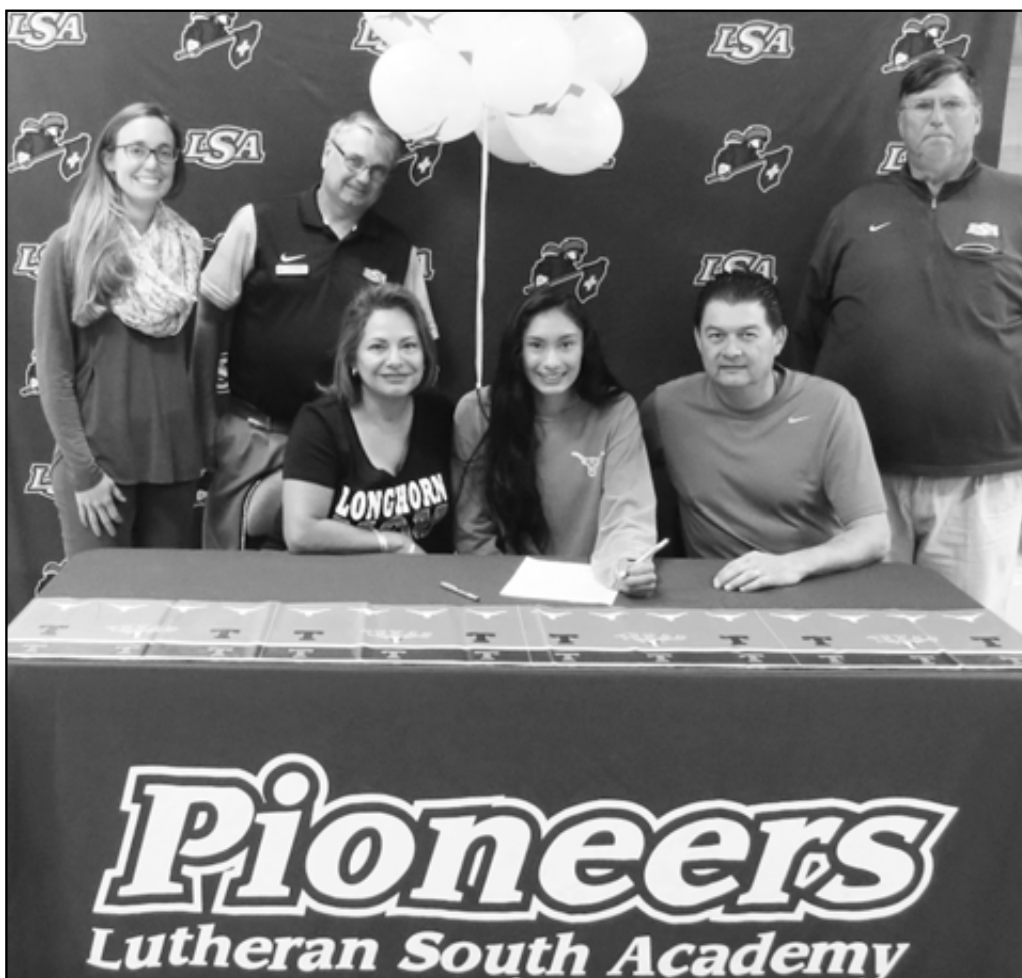
## Air Force Academy signs Lutheran South trackster Davis

At right, Lutheran South Academy multi-sport standout Terrell Davis (seated center) will join the Air Force Academy in Colorado after signing a letter of intent to compete in the Falcon men's track and field program beginning this fall. Those with him at the signing included, left to right, (seated) Courtney Davis (sister), Lolita Davis (mother), (standing) LSA track and field coach Gene Benson, Denvip Davis (father) and LSA track and field coach Gary Himmler. Davis played football with the Pioneers and is also a state-level track and field runner at the high school level, having won a bronze medal with a time of 49.95 seconds in the 400-meter dash at state last season as a junior. He also placed fourth in the 200-meter dash.

Signing photos submitted



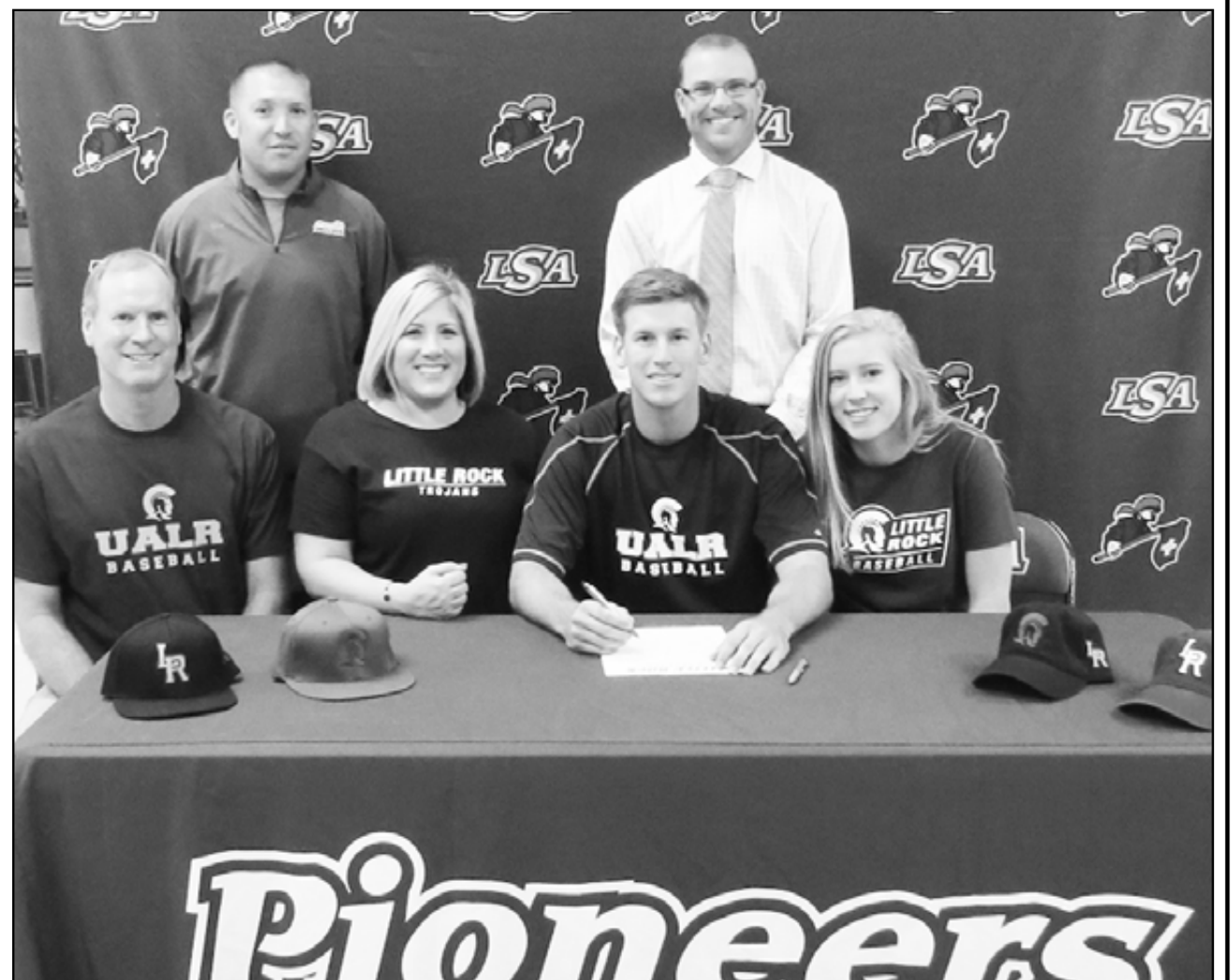
## Lutheran South's Guerrero to UT track and field



Lutheran South Academy girls' track and field star Marleen Guerrero (seated center) will continue her education and competitive career at the University of Texas in Austin after signing a letter of intent with the Longhorns. Those with her at the signing included, left to right, (seated) Cori Guerrero (mother), David Guerrero (father), (standing)

Lutheran South track and field coaches Lydia Meaden, Gary Himmler and Gene Benson. As a junior, Guerrero won a silver medal at the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools state meet in the triple jump with a leap of 35 feet, 5 1/2 inches and also competed in the 200-meter dash.

## LSA baseball's Flanagan to join Arkansas at Little Rock



Lutheran South Academy varsity baseball player Corey Flanagan (seated third from left) will continue his education and playing career at the University of Arkansas Little Rock after signing a letter of intent with the Trojans. Those with Flanagan at the signing included, left to right, (seated) David Flanagan (father), Kim Flanagan (mother), Avery Flanagan (sister), (standing) Lutheran South Academy varsity baseball assistant coach A.J. Bettcher and Lutheran South Academy varsity baseball head coach Aaron Schneider. Flanagan, a left-hander pitcher and first baseman, is currently finishing his senior season with the Pioneers, who have put together a strong season to this point and hope to make a deep push in the playoffs.

**Varsity Boys' Soccer  
All-District 24-6A Selections  
Most Valuable Player**

**Cory Thornton Friendswood, Sr.  
Offensive Player/Year**

**A.J. Buchman, Friendswood, Sr.  
Defensive Player/Year**

**Brayon Aguirre, Dickinson, Sr.  
Newcomer/Year**

**Gareth Cupples, Clear Brook, Jr.  
Coach/Year**

**Daniel Edinburgh, Dickinson  
Co-Goalkeeper/Year**

**Isai Olvera, Dickinson, Sr.  
Omar Lopez, Alvin, Sr.**

**First Team Selections  
Dickinson Gators**

**Alex Medina Aranda, Jr.  
Regan Ballew, Sr.**

**Eduardo Escobedo, Jr.  
Christian Marquez, Sr.**

**Kevin Marquez, Soph.  
Friendswood Mustangs**

**Evan Birsinger, Jr.  
Kyle Harner, Jr.**

**Mason Hunnicutt, Jr.  
Zach Montz, Jr.**

**Clear Falls Knights  
Marshall Hart, Sr.**

**Mark Reyna, Jr.  
Clear Brook Wolverines**

**Jordan Greenshield, Jr.  
Kevin Vargas, Sr.**

**Clear Creek Wildcats  
Kaden Lovett, Jr.**

**Will Norsworthy, Jr.  
Daniel Sanchez, Sr.**

**Clear Springs Chargers  
Enrique Saavedra, Sr.**

**Stephen Serghiou, Jr.  
Colton Siemens, Sr.**

**Clear Lake Falcons  
Patrick Owusu, Jr.**

**Christian Sandoval, Sr.  
Alvin Yellowjackets**

**Carlos Rodriguez, Jr.  
Erick Rodriguez, Jr.**

**Second Team – Brook  
Amin Mizyed, Sr. – Cobi Morano, Sr.**

**Honorable Mention – Brook  
Dylan Daniels, Sr. – Eli Thomas, Jr.**

**Texas Association of Soccer Coaches awards Dobie varsity boys' standouts**

The greatest season in the history of the Dobie varsity boys' soccer program continues to be recognized by the biggest names in the sport.

Earlier this month, the All-District 22-6A picks were very kind to the Region III champion Longhorns, with several players scoring top awards.

Now, the Texas Association of Soccer Coaches has gotten in on the mix, linking Dobie players and the team's head coach, Justo Manrique, with some of its most prestigious honors.

Manrique, having now completed four seasons with the Longhorns, has guided the team to three straight District 22-6A crowns and now a regional title. For 2017, he was named the Region III Coach of the Year.

Seniors, co-captains and four-year varsity lettermen Sabino Lozano, Alejandro Flores and Andy Garcia were also TASCO All-State first team selections.

Lozano, a midfielder for much of his career prior to 2017, was the District 22-6A Most Valuable Offensive Player this season and was a TASCO all-stater at forward.

Dobie's Flores, who

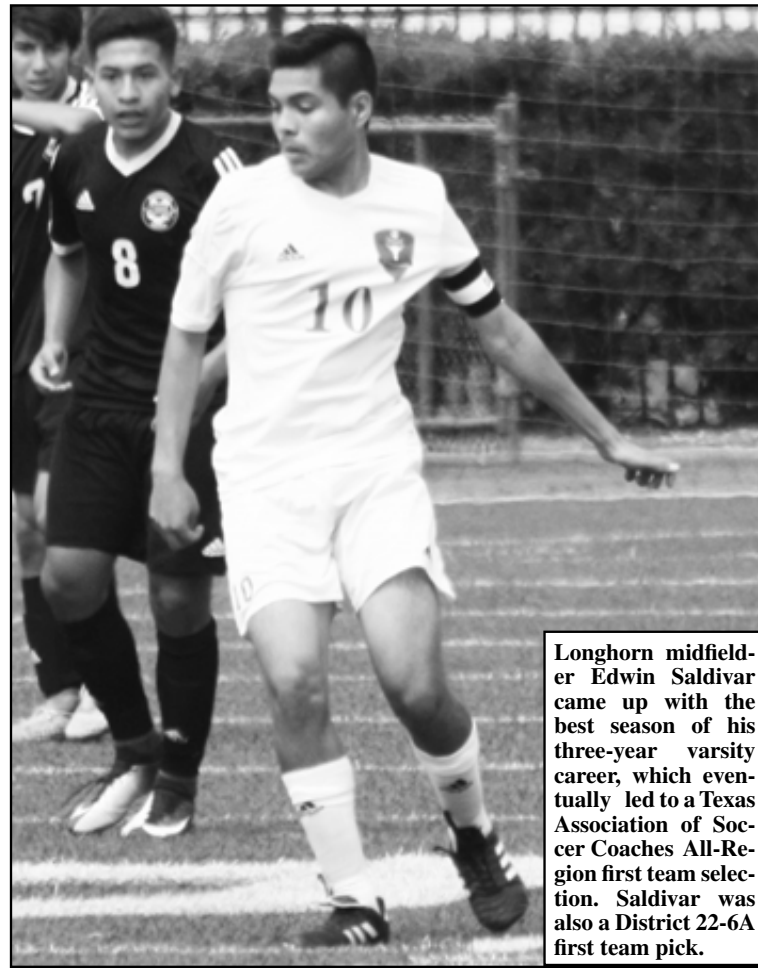
spear-headed a Dobie defensive group that allowed just two goals in its first four playoff games spanning 320 minutes, was named the 22-6A Most Valuable Defensive Player before TASCO then handed him an All-State first-team bid.

Ditto for Garcia who was the District 22-6A Most Valuable Player this season and then played terrifically in the postseason for the Longhorns. He, too, was a TASCO first team All-State pick.

The Longhorns' Edwin Saldivar, a three-year starter for the team, came up with TASCO first team all region honors this season. Saldivar was also a District 22-6A first team all district pick.

**At right, Dobie varsity boys' soccer head coach Justo Manrique guided the Longhorns to the state tournament for the first time in school history. Following the season, the Texas Association of Soccer Coaches took notice, naming Manrique the Region III Coach of the Year.**

*Photos by John Bechtle*



**Longhorn midfielder Edwin Saldivar came up with the best season of his three-year varsity career, which eventually led to a Texas Association of Soccer Coaches All-Region first team selection. Saldivar was also a District 22-6A first team pick.**

**At right, the Longhorns' Sabino Lozano, the District 22-6A Most Valuable Offensive Player, was then named a Texas Association of Soccer Coaches All-State first team selection.**



**Center, Dobie defender Alejandro Flores was chosen as a Texas Association of Soccer Coaches All-State first team member. He was also the District 22-6A Most Valuable Defensive Player.**



**At far right, Andy Garcia, the District 22-6A Most Valuable Player, added to his collection of honors as the Texas Association of Soccer Coaches named him an All-State first teamer.**



**TetraBrazil/South Belt Youth Soccer Club offer youth clinics**

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Each member of the TetraBrazil coaching staff will bring an authentic taste of the flair, passion and creativity of Brazilian soccer to the camps.

In addition to learning advanced footwork, new skills and the most effective moves used by top Brazilian players, campers will warm up to samba music, learn Portuguese

phrases and discover what it is like to grow up and play soccer in a country where the game is treated like a religion.

Each camper will receive a free TetraBrazil soccer camp T-shirt and soccer ball, a Brazilian soccer poster and camp certificate.

In addition, any child who registers online at [www.challengersports.com](http://www.challengersports.com) at least 45 days prior to camp will receive a genuine TetraBrazil soccer replica jersey.

The South Belt Youth Soccer Club is offering TetraBrazil soccer camp sessions for the following groups:

Ages 8 to 11 – Half Day Camp (9 a.m. to noon) \$162.

Ages 12 to 16 – Half Day Camp (9 a.m. to

noon) \$162.  
Teams are also welcome to attend and receive a week of focused Brazilian instruction to prepare them for the fall season.

Space is limited, and parents are encouraged to register their children online in advance to avoid missing out.

For additional information and to register, visit [www.challengersports.com](http://www.challengersports.com).

For more information about TetraBrazil or the Challenger Sports program, call Mike Rees at 512-416-7706, or direct email to Rees at [mrees@challengersports.com](mailto:mrees@challengersports.com).

TetraBrazil is a division of Challenger Sports. Challenger Sports is a corporation registered in Kansas, which provides camps, clinics, tours, tour-

naments, team trainers, uniforms and equipment to soccer clubs in each state and throughout Canada.

In addition to coaching youth players, Challenger will also run hundreds of free parent/coach soccer clinics throughout the country in partnership with the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

Challenger Sports is the only soccer camp that has been accredited by the American Camping Association, which is the national camp accreditation body in the United States and verifies that a camp has complied with at least 300 standards for health, safety, and program quality, recognized by courts of law and government regulators.

**CALENDAR**

**THURSDAY, MAY 4**

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

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

**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** – Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. Call 713-856-1611.

**CrossRoads UMC** – Invites everyone to the Thursday night service beginning with a light meal and fellowship at 6 p.m. followed by a praise, worship and prayer service at 7 p.m. at 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Afterward both pastors lead a Bible study in English and Spanish. Everyone is welcome.

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

**The Bay Area Writers League** – Meets the first Thursday monthly, Barnes and Noble, 1029 W. Bay Area Blvd., 7 p.m. Newcomers welcome.

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

**FRIDAY, MAY 5**

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

**Clear Lake Bridge Club** – 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, noon, Shepherd of the Heart United Methodist Church, 12005 County Rd. 39, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.

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

**Serenity Now Al-Anon Group** – meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 8 to 9 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share, learn Al-Anon principles, that they are not alone, and discover choices available. For details, call 281-484-9243.

**SATURDAY, MAY 6**

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

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

**Style Show/Mother's Day Celebration** – by Life Skills House will be held Saturday, May 6, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Reflection Bay Event Center, 12234 Shadow Creek Parkway in Pearland. This event gives a hand up to underserved young single moms and kids as well as assisting Life Skills House in reaching financial goals to sustain the first transitional living facility in Brazoria County.

**Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English)** – For women affected by an addict. Saturdays, 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy.,

Pasadena, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.

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

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

**SUNDAY, MAY 7**  
**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.

**Grief Support Group** – For adults who have lost a loved one. Meets Sundays, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas, 2 to 3:15 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. For details, call 281-487-8787.

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

**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** – Vigilance Group of NA meets Sundays, 7 p.m., 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.

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

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

**MONDAY, MAY 8**

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

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

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

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

**Houston Area Parkinson Society** – Free exercise and speech therapy for adults with Parkinson's, 3:15 to 4:45 p.m., Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit [www.hapsonline.org](http://www.hapsonline.org) for details.

**Scrabble Club #511** – Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Come, improve crossword playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for details.

**Mended Hearts Cardiac Support Group** – A national organization dedicated to inspiring hope in heart patients and families meets the second Monday at the Clear Lake Heart Towers auditorium, 495 Medical Center Blvd., Webster. A free meal begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by a speaker. For information, call 281-538-4648.

**Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting** – Monday at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway, Pearland. Use door near recycling bins. Call 713-865-3668 or visit [www.oahouston.org](http://www.oahouston.org).

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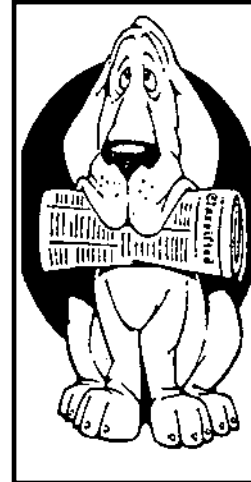


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## MONDAY, MAY 8

6:30 p.m.  
**ESL at CrossRoads UMC** - Academic ESL classes meet Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. No fee to attend. Call Cris at 832-724-4296 to register. 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. 7 p.m.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For information, call 713-856-1611.  
**Sagamont Civic Club** - Meetings are held the second Monday, 7 p.m., Sagamont Park Recreation Center, 11507 Hughes Rd. 7:30 p.m.  
**Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - Israeli Folk Dancing on Monday, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., 16020 El Camino Real, 77062. \$4/session or \$35/10 sessions for CSH members and \$5/session or \$45/10 sessions for nonmembers. Everyone is welcome. For information, contact 281-488-5861 or [csh@shaarhashalom.org](mailto:csh@shaarhashalom.org).  
**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Education Bldg., 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For details, call Russell at 832-483-6715.

## TUESDAY, MAY 9

7 a.m.  
**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.  
 9:30 a.m.  
**CCART** - The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers meets the second Tuesday, monthly, Sept.-May, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway in Seabrook near Landolt Pavilion. Texas retired school employees from surrounding school districts welcome. Annual dues are \$35.  
**Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For details, call 713-472-0565.  
 10 a.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.  
 10:30 a.m.  
**Tri-County Republican Women** - General meetings are held the second Tuesday, except June and July, Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch available for \$15. Must have exact cash or a check. For reservations, call Laura Morgan at 281-484-8083.  
 Noon  
**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.  
**Rotary Club of Pearland** - Meets Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch is \$15. Variety of interesting speakers. For details, call 281-900-7257 or email [nalix@texascitizensbank.com](mailto:nalix@texascitizensbank.com).

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

7 a.m.  
**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details  
 9:30 a.m.  
**Young at Heart Club** - Meets the second and fourth week monthly (Nov./Dec. meet second week only) at Covenant United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Lots of activities, trips, etc. Call Doris Byerly at 713-944-4474 for details.  
 10 a.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.  
 Noon  
**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.  
 1 p.m.  
**Hometown Heroes Park** - has free Hump Day Dance to practice ballroom dance, 1 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. League City nonresidents must purchase activity card. Help is available to assist learning dance moves. For details, call Neva Schroder at 417-838-2204.  
 6:30 p.m.

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

**Bay Area New Democrats** - Meet at the Clear Lake Court House at 1020 W. NASA Pkwy., Suite 204. For information, visit [www.bayareanewdemocrats.org](http://www.bayareanewdemocrats.org). 8 p.m.

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

## THURSDAY, MAY 11

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

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

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

**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call 281-480-1911 for details.  
 11:30 a.m.

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

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

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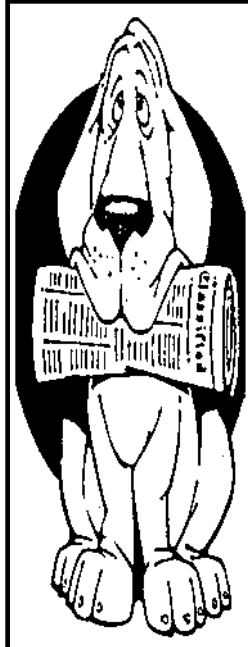
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# Bidistrict playoff clash: Atascocita holds off Dobie softball

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the game, each critical in its own way. Atascocita ping-ponged its way to four errors.

Runners stranded? Dobie left 13 on base in the game, including two bases-loaded situations. Atascocita, meanwhile, left 12 runners on base.

Dobie seemingly played from behind the entire way. An error and a hit batsman allowed the Lady Bulldogs to take a 1-0 lead in the top of the first.

But just as Atascocita seemed poised to break the

game open early, Dobie starting pitcher Michelle Kristoff pitched her way out of further damage. Atascocita's Macie Pampell led off the top of the second inning for a 2-0 lead. Later in the frame, Lauren Bazan and Sarah Cedillo singled to put a pair of runners on base with one out. An error led to a 3-0 lead, but Dobie again escaped with minimal damage.

Jacqueline Garcia got things going for Dobie in the bottom of the third with a one-out single. Taylor Pleasants' double to

center field moved Garcia to third, and Allison Bravo singled to drive in Garcia, cutting the Atascocita lead to 3-1.

Another hit batsman and a pair of singles helped the Lady Bulldogs go ahead 4-1 in the top of the fifth inning, but back came Dobie.

A pair of Atascocita errors aided Dobie as the Lady Longhorns scored

twice in the bottom of the fifth inning to get the locals within 4-3, but the sixth inning provided Atascocita's escape route.

The Lady Bulldogs scored four runs in the inning with the help of two errors. Each of the runs scored with two outs as Atascocita turned a 4-3 lead into 8-3 with the game getting shorter.

In the end, Atascocita

starting pitcher Tierah Williams was able to pitch out of trouble often enough to win the game. Dobie loaded the bases with one in the bottom of the seventh, but Williams used a strikeout to help limit the stress before Yvonne Whaley lined out to end the game.

So now Dobie looks ahead with a solid group of returnees headed to

the offseason. Garcia at third base and Pleasants at shortstop will return, and freshman Camryn Wincher played quite a bit at second base.

In the outfield, Whaley will return in center field for the fourth and final season of what has already been a banner career at the varsity level. Alana Ortega, the primary starter in left field, has two seasons remaining.

But the graduation losses will sting. Kristoff was a four-year letterwinner who handled the bulk of the pitching for three seasons.

The team's other option in the circle, Alyssa

Corpus, spent the majority of the season at first base. She will exit, too, as will starting catcher and four-year letterwinner Allison Bravo.

In the outfield, Deja Gaines will graduate after starting in right field for two seasons. Yasmine Saenz-Myers, a starter for parts of two seasons at second base, will also graduate.

It will be a transition season of sorts for the Lady Longhorns in 2018, but the expectations will remain high.

Dobie finished in a second-place tie with Memorial this season and hopes for more in 2018.

## Wolverine baseballers find way to postseason

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The Wolverines find themselves in a one-game, winner-take-all scenario in the bidistrict round against District 23-6A co-champion George Ranch.

New to the Class 6A ranks, George Ranch had little trouble finding its groove this season. At 26-4, George Ranch is ranked third in the current Texas Prep Baseball poll.

But the Wolverines are sure to enter the playoff game with plenty of confidence after merely reaching this point through a couple of terrific efforts.

In a 7-5 win over District 24-6A champion Dickinson, Brook's Kyle Knoblock pitched the first four innings for the win, and A.J. Winger got the last nine outs for the save.

Clear Brook built a 5-1 lead en route to the win as Sebastian Pichardo had two hits and drove in two runs.

The win left Brook in

a fourth-place tie with Friendswood, and the two teams met April 29 at Clear Lake High School with a playoff berth in the balance.

Friendswood led 7-2 through five innings before the wheels came off the Mustangs' bus.

In the sixth inning, Brook's Stephen Moreno walked and scored on Gavin Machado's double to left field.

Nate Blain singled to put runners at first and third with no outs before Damian Falcon doubled in a pair of runs.

Now down 7-5, Clear Brook got a one-out walk from Reggie McCallister, and an error and a walk loaded the bases.

Madison Delgado's ground ball to second base was misplayed to the tune of two runs and an 8-7 Brook lead. Moreno had an RBI single, and Blain's two-run double extended the Wolverines' lead to 11-7.



The 2017 season now complete, the Dobie varsity softball team will head into the offseason with Yvonne Whaley (far left) and Taylor Pleasants (17) the most experienced players set to return. Allison Bravo (center) will play at San Jacinto College beginning this fall. Photo by John Bechtle

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## Lutheran South track team qualifies many to state meet

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27.01. Lutheran South 800-meter competitor Noa Miller is also on his way to state after taking second at regionals in a time of 2:04.19.

Chandler Smith, in the 110-meter hurdles, gained a state invitation after placing fourth at 17.39. Teammate Bryan Edwards, in the 300-meter hurdles, was also fourth at 45.22 for a state berth.

Lutheran South's boys' and girls' 4x200-meter re-

lay teams are both off to state. Address was part of the Pioneers' second-place finish at regionals.

Address, along with Mary Adams, Brooke DeHoyos and Guerrero, posted a time of 1:49.68.

The Pioneer boys' team of Palmer, Daniel Hutchins, Tristan Barron and Curtis Teichman came to the finish line at 1:35.61 for fourth place in the 4x200-meter relay.

The Lutheran South Academy athletes also did

very well for themselves in the field events. Junior Taylar Johnson was third in the shot put at regionals as her throw of 32'6 1/2" for a state ticket.

Johnson will also compete in the discus at state after she was fourth at regionals with a throw of 88'9."

Sophomore Carson Noack placed second at regionals in the pole vault as he cleared 11'0" to advance to the state championships.

## South Belt area sports, news

### SB Dolphins offer registration

The Southbelt Dolphins of the Bay Area Football League have set upcoming registration dates for the 2017 season, with practices starting in July.

The registration dates include May 20, and June 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sagemont Community Center. Games begin in August, and the regular season runs into November.

### Athletic physicals at Thompson

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

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

### Dobie's Torres golfs at regional

Dobie varsity girls' golfer Cecilia Torres shot a 100-101 at the Region III Golf Championships April 24-25, at Eagle Pointe Golf Club in Mont Belvieu. Two golfers shot a two-round total of 138 to win the event.

### Arnett helps St. Mary's to golf title

The St. Mary's University men's golf team has captured its first Heartland Conference title in eight years, and former Dobie High School standout Ben Arnett played a big role. Arnett was eighth overall in the three-round conference tournament as he helped the Rattlers secure the top seed at the South Central West Regional Championships coming later this month. Arnett has also been named an All-Heartland Conference first team selection.

### JFD voluntary conditioning sessions

Dobie's coaching staff will host a conditioning camp for incoming freshmen through incoming seniors as of the 2017-2018 school year.

The sessions will run Monday, June 12, through Thursday, July 20. There will be no Friday workouts. Cost for those who preregister is \$50 per student, and there is a sibling discount available. Those who register on June 12 will pay \$60. The preregistration deadline is June 10.

Payments may be made with cash, money order or credit cards. No checks will be accepted. The first session, designed for incoming sophomores through seniors, will run from 8 to 10 a.m., while the 10 a.m. to noon session is designed for incoming freshmen.

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

In addition, Pasadena ISD does not provide medical insurance coverage for events of this type. Thus, parents will be required to provide this coverage for their children. For more information, direct email to Dobie varsity football head coach Mike Norman at [MNorman@pasadenaisd.org](mailto:MNorman@pasadenaisd.org) or call 713-740-0370.

Dobie will also host a headstart camp for incoming freshmen early in August, prior to the start of preseason football workouts. Details on those events will appear in future editions.

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