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### Olson to visit chamber

U.S. Rep. Pete Olson will visit the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce Thursday, May 5, from 2 to 3 p.m. for an *Iced Tea and Lemonade Social* to discuss legislative issues.

### MHSH auxiliary fundraiser

The Memorial Hermann Southeast Volunteer Auxiliary will hold a jewelry sale fundraiser Friday, May 6, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the CES Room, 1st Floor, at the hospital. A selection of fine jewelry, sterling silver, name brand watches, fragrances, name brand electronics and much more will be available. This is a tax-free event. Cash, payroll deductions, and all major credit cards will be accepted.

### Sagemont Civic Club meets

Sagemont Civic Club will hold its monthly meeting at the Sagemont Park Community Center Monday, May 9, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

### Kirkmont Section 1 to meet

The monthly meeting for the Kirkmont Association Inc., Section 1 will be held Wednesday, May 11, at 7:30 p.m. at 10102 Blackhawk. Resident questions, comments or concerns can be emailed to [mykirkmont1hoa@yahoo.com](mailto:mykirkmont1hoa@yahoo.com).

### Sageglen holds garage sale

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

### CDA hosts sock, wipe drive

For the last several years, Court Mother of Unity 2292 has sponsored a sock and wipe drive for the military and are asking for the donations once again.

Socks must be tube socks so they don't slip down into the boot, and they may be either black or white. Wipes must be individually wrapped so they may be tucked in a shirt pocket or backpack.

Donations may be dropped off at the *South Belt Leader* office at 11555 Beamer Road, St. Luke's Church at 11011 Hall Road in the church Narthex, or call 281-484-4170 for pick up.

Also, a check may be made out to CDA Court #2292, with Military Drive in the subject line, and sent to Catholic Daughters, 11010 Hall Road, Houston, TX 77089. The drive will run through Mother's Day, May 8.

### SJC soccer tryouts May 13

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

The South campus is located at 13735 Beamer Road in Houston. For more information about open tryouts, contact soccer Head Coach Ian Spooner at 281-922-3475 or [ian.spooner@sjcd.edu](mailto:ian.spooner@sjcd.edu), or visit [sanjacsports.com](http://sanjacsports.com).

### Dobie cheer sets car wash

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

### Genealogy group meeting

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

### StartSchoolLater.net meets

StartSchoolLater.net (SSL) Houston Chapter will hold an informational meeting about how teen sleep deprivation is linked to depression and low academic performance. The meeting is open to the public on Wednesday, May 18, at 5:30 p.m. at the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., in meeting room F. These meetings are every third Wednesday of the month. For information, call 281-229-1409.

### Community garage sale set

Clear Brook Meadows will hold its Annual Spring Garage Sale on Saturday, May 21. Each participant will hold their own sale and must provide their own signs. For more information, email Sylvia Velasquez, activity committee chairperson, at [cbmactivity@msn.com](mailto:cbmactivity@msn.com).

### Dobie/Mantle tryouts

Mickey Mantle summer baseball tryouts for current eighth-grade students who will enter Dobie High School next school year will be held Wednesday, May 18, at 4:30 p.m., at the school. Those planning to try out must be of current passing academic status.

Participants should bring their own gear and be ready to compete. Workouts will begin precisely at 4:30 p.m., with no exceptions for anyone.

# Hundreds attend 20th annual cook-off

## Rainfall dampens park grounds but not spirits

Hundreds of residents gathered at El Franco Lee Park this past weekend to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the South Belt Spectacular Cook-off.

While the area was spared the brunt of rainfall predicted by local media, the park grounds were still saturated from the previous week's storms, sometimes making things difficult for event organizers.

"It was by far the hardest cook-off to date for those involved," said organizer and *Leader* publisher Marie Flickinger, adding that event chair Dean Baier, of the Southeast Volunteer Fire De-

partment, worked through the function with two injured discs in his back.

Flickinger said the event staff are already searching for additional volunteers for next year's event, especially if foul weather is again expected.

At press time, it was unclear how much, if any, money was raised for the nonprofit event, as organizers incurred many unexpected costs, such as massive amounts of wood chips to dry the rain-soaked grounds. Promoters will also have to make repairs to the park's soccer fields, which suffered extensive damage.

The goal of the cook-off is to raise funds for the annual Fourth of July fireworks display. In recent years, additional funds were also raised to donate to local youth groups and provide scholarships.

Despite the weather problems, Flickinger conceded things still turned out better than they could have.

"It could have been a lot worse," Flickinger said.

Texian Cookers won the prize for best overall cooking team, placing first in beans, fourth in chef's choice and fifth in ribs. See a complete list of winners in next week's *Leader*.

Les and Donna Haulbrook, who founded the annual cook-off in 1996, presented plaques on Saturday to the three teams that had participated the longest at the event: The Pyromaniacs, who have participated all 20 years; Bubba Chubs,

who have participated for 19 years; and the South Houston Smokers, who have participated for 18 years.

"It's exciting for us to see how the community has grown and come together for the benefit of the community," Les Haulbrook said. "When we started the event, there was only 11 teams, and of those, only 10 showed up because it rained, like it did again this year. It's now grown up to 160 spaces (roughly 80 cooking teams)."

This past March, the Haulbrooks were presented a Legacy Award at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet for their involvement in the cook-off, among other community efforts.

A highlight for many young attendees was a concert by local rap artist Paul Wall, who was hired by the New Era cooking team to perform Saturday evening.

## Locke, Diaz present cooking trophy



Despite moist weather conditions, hundreds of area residents flocked to the 20th annual South Belt Spectacular Cook-off at El Franco Lee Park on Friday, April 29, and Saturday, April 30. Interim Precinct 1 County Commissioner Gene Locke (left) and Precinct 2 Constable Chris Diaz (right) are shown above presenting the trophy for best overall cooking team to Michael Gonzalez and his son, Nicholas Gonzalez, on behalf of the Texian Cookers. Photo by Davy Flickinger

## Memorial earns national honor

Memorial High earned a spot on the U.S. News and World Report's list of Best High Schools in America in the Bronze category for the second consecutive year.

"Our Maverick team of teachers, support staff, counselors and administrators are the reason we continue to experience success on this campus," Memorial Principal Angela Stallings said. "We hold all students to incredibly high standards and the rigor in every classroom doesn't happen by chance but by choice. This achievement gives us another reason to celebrate our school's motto for the year, 'Teal is the new gold.'"

The U.S. News rankings included data on nearly 21,000 public high schools in 50 states and the District of Columbia.

High schools were ranked based on the following criteria:

- Overall student performance on state-required assessments
- Measurable academic outcomes that demonstrate excellence in service to students across all performance indicators
- How well schools prepare students for college as measured by student participation and performance on high level tests such as the College Board's Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate exams.

Schools that earn a bronze medal have met all three criteria. Nationally, 500 schools received gold medals, 2,173 earned silver and 3,545 earned bronze.

Stallings credits this achievement to the dedication of faculty members and staff during tutorial sessions, after school activities and educational camps.

"Our doors are seldom closed and students know this is a safe place to learn and grow," Stall-

ings said. "We push our students to reach their highest potential and we provide the resources necessary for them to achieve success when they struggle. We have similar demographics and challenges as other schools. We just make sure students understand that when they become Memorial Mavericks they are held to a high standard and are expected to work hard."

For the first time, U.S. News added a new step that includes graduation rates as part of their evaluation process. Under the new step, high schools that make it through the first two steps of the evaluation must meet or exceed the national high school graduation rate to be ranked at the national level.

In the past two years, the Pasadena Independent School District — where 60 percent of students are considered at-risk — has celebrated two of its campuses, Sam Rayburn and Memorial High, earning inclusion on the list of Best High Schools in America.

Superintendent of Schools DeeAnn Powell said these achievements reflect the successfulness of a wide range of college-readiness courses and programs offered in the district.

"We applaud the efforts of Principal Stallings and her team of administrators, faculty members and staff for continuing to create an environment of excellence that challenges, stimulates and motivates students to reach higher in their learning capacities," Powell said.

"As our district continues to grow, we are making strides to tailor the learning experience to meet the needs of students of all backgrounds. The programs offered in Pasadena ISD not only help students reach the graduation finish line, but also prepares them for college and work in today's job market."

## Boykins hosts 2nd-chance job fair

Houston City Council Member Dwight Boykins will host the Second Chance Job Fair Monday, May 9, at the George R. Brown Convention Center, located at 1001 Avenida De Las Americas, Exhibit Hall B-3, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The fair will provide opportunities for individuals who are unemployed, underemployed, high school dropouts and those who have made past mistakes, including non-violent ex-felons. The initiative will assist those who are in need of a second chance by addressing the City of Houston workforce shortage and will empower members of the community by improving their quality of life and providing financial stability.

The event will correspond with the city's Turnaround Houston program, a project spearheaded by newly elected Mayor Sylvester Turner aimed at helping disenfranchised residents.

Boykins' Second Chance Job Fair is one of

five such programs planned to take place in the city in the coming weeks.

"There is a part of our city that is in dire need of assistance, and it's our responsibility to ensure that they are plugged in to vital resources and become a part of our city's success," Turner said. "We want to eliminate the barriers to employment by offering a road map to a brighter future."

Each of the fairs will cost approximately \$6,000 and accommodate about 500 people, with services including resume writing, tattoo removal and job training. The city anticipates launching the program using \$8,000 left over from a 2014 job fair, and the Port of Houston and Houston First have agreed to cover the remaining expenses.

For additional information, call Boykins' office at 832-393-3001 or visit [www.secondchancejobfair.com](http://www.secondchancejobfair.com).

## CBCMUD election set for May 7

Voting for the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District board election will take place Saturday, May 7, at the MUD office, located at 11911 Blackhawk, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Incumbent Kelly Buckman (who is serving the remainder of her late husband Steve Buckman's term) will face challengers Chris McDon-

ald and Lionel Butler in the race.

For additional information, contact the Clear Brook City MUD at 281-484-1562 or [www.cbcmud.com](http://www.cbcmud.com).

No elections will be held in the Kirkmont and Sage Meadow MUDs, as all incumbents are running unopposed.

## Weather postpones Dobie car show

Due to inclement weather, the sixth annual Dobie Longhorn Band Car Show, sponsored by O'Reilly Auto Parts, had to be rescheduled from Saturday, April 30, to Saturday, May 7.

The event will still take place at Beverly Hills Intermediate School, 11111 Beamer Road, from

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration will be from 8 to 11:30 a.m. Car/motorcycle entry fee is \$25.

The first 50 entrants will receive a goodie bag and T-shirt. Trophies will be awarded.

A vendor and craft show will also be held at the event.

## PISD dedicates Roberts campus



The Pasadena Independent School District officially dedicated the new Fred Roberts Middle School on Thursday, April 28. Named for longtime PISD school board member Fred Roberts (second from right), the new campus is located the 13400 block on Conklin near Beltway 8. Shown above with Roberts at the event are, left to right, the Rev. Emory Gadd, PISD Superintendent DeeAnn Powell and fellow PISD school board member Kenny Fernandez. Photo by Marie Flickinger

## Roberts Middle School dedicated

Known for his dedication and concern for Pasadena Independent School District students, longtime school board member Fred Roberts officially became the namesake to a new school on Thursday, April 28, during a dedication ceremony for Fred Roberts Middle School.

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

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

The aviation-themed ceremony welcomed more than 400 guests including Roberts' wife, Vicki, a Dobie High graduate, and their children: Zachary, Jacob, Sara and Jordan, all whom attended PISD schools.

The dedication included performances by the new school's orchestra and band and the Dobie drumline and choir and featured presentations by PISD Superintendent DeeAnn Powell, Roberts Middle School Principal Jorly Thomas, Alyta Harrell, the district's associate superintendent of campus development, and the Sam Rayburn High JROTC.

Roberts was also presented with a proclamation from Pasadena Mayor Johnny Isbell, declaring April 28, 2016, Fred Roberts Day.

"Fred is a true friend to this district, to these students and to me," said the Rev. Emory Gadd, associate pastor of Sagemont Church and longtime friend of Roberts. "A true friend is loyal, accepting and honest and is always lifting up others. Fred is all of those things and more and

it's my honor to be here with him to celebrate."

The youngest of seven children, Roberts attended Kruse Elementary, Jackson Intermediate and Pasadena High School. He later attended Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. He attributes his love of giving back to the community to his parents.

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

Also present at the event were former PISD Superintendent Kirk Lewis, the construction and design staff from Texas-IBI Group, contractors from Morganti and members of the future facilities committee, which recommended the addition of the campus to the district.

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

Construction on the 128,000-square-foot facility, located on 13402 Conklin Lane near Beltway 8, began in December 2013. Last August, the school opened to 630 students.

Taking note of the school's mascot, the Aviator, Thomas expressed his thoughts about the campus.

"At Roberts, we tell our students on a daily basis, if you believe it, you can achieve it," Thomas said. "Aviators believe in themselves and others, allowing them to fly to reach their full potential. Remember to be the pilot of your own dreams."

# In My Opinion

## Ed group recognizes Mitchell, Puente

Thank you for the front page article "Chamber honors top-10 graduates" appearing in the April 28, 2016 edition of your paper. There was an oversight in the description of scholarships awarded. Yamelli Puente, Dobbie Senior, was the recipient of the "Sally Mitchell You Make a Difference Scholarship". Additionally the Chamber Education Outreach Committee honored Sally Mitchell by naming this scholarship after her for her devotion and dedication to education.

The Chamber Education Outreach Committee chose to honor Sally Mitchell by naming a scholarship for her. Sally was the Chamber Director from January 2008 until May 2015 when she retired and she is the current Interim Chamber Director. She was instrumental in forming the Education Outreach Committee. This annual scholarship is to honor Sally Mitchell for her dedication to making a difference in the lives of those in our community. From her tireless efforts to find ways to provide polo shirts, socks and underwear for those elementary students in need so that clothing is not a barrier to learning to her leadership in providing a meaningful recognition luncheon and gifts for the top ten students in each of our service area high schools and her organizing of an end of year luncheon for our elementary school counselors she is a shining example of what it means to be a servant leader. The committee felt this tribute would have meaning for her, our committee and our community. The first recipient of this scholarship, Yamelli Puente, is a young lady who exemplifies the qualities that Sally has. Yamelli will be attending UT-Austin and plans to become a neurosurgeon.

I encourage you to highlight these two ladies who are examples of all that is good about living in the South Belt!

Sincerely,  
Judy Harrison, Chair  
Education Outreach Committee  
South Belt - Ellington Chamber

**Publisher's note:** We had a photo to run, but no room to run it last week. The photo can be found this week on Page 3A.

—Marie Flickinger

## Castellano writes on Christ, churches

The purpose of the letter is to communicate with the body of Christ and the churches in our area. The Lord Jesus spoke through John to the growing church. He spoke to them as a father would to each child who went into the world. The church had many names now from followers of the Nazarene or Christ to today's modern name, Christians. We have grown like a child leaving the home to grow his family and producing riches for generation to come. We have grown as a great part of the world's body of Christ. The teaching of Jesus Christ has inspired love and forgiveness with individuals allowing for reconciliation with times of peace. Jesus planted the seeds for preachers like John Wesley, George Whitefield, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Billy Graham, Paula White and T.D. Jakes. These preachers may meet the needs of the body of Christ is spiritual guidance but without action in the area of moral guidance, Christ's body is now in crisis. The church, the entire people of faith who are called Christian is a journey to be like Jesus. We may disagree on how to accomplish that journey but the principles of Christ remain the same. The church can fail or grow only if the body of Christ is active in action when we show our principals of love as Christ. Mahatma Gandhi said "I like your Christ, I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ." This is why we need to show him to be wrong and be like Christ; a people of action.

I challenge all churches of Christian faith to do a sermon about how Jesus spoke to the churches in the book of Revelation's so that

## Tri-County Republican Women meet May 10

The Tri-County Republican Women will meet on Tuesday, May 10, at Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Drive in Pearland. Social/networking starts at 10:30 a.m., the business meeting at 11 a.m., and lunch at noon. Lunch is \$15 and is optional. This month's speaker is Josh Blackman, associate professor of law at the South Texas College of Law. Blackman specializes in constitutional law, the U.S. Supreme Court, and the intersection of law and technology.

## Local library events set

### Parker Williams Library

The following events are scheduled for Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale. Friday, May 6: Movie Time for Adults - at 2 p.m. Feature presentation of *Wait Until Dark*, starring Audrey Hepburn; Teen SLP Decoration Day - from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Help create decorations for the library's Summer Reading program. Volunteers must be 12 years and older with a completed Harris County Public Library Volunteer Application.

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

### Bracewell Branch Library

The following events are scheduled for Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint. Tuesdays - Pre-K Storytime (ages 3-5 years and their parents/caregivers) from 10:30 to 11 a.m.; Storytime Craft from 11 to 11:30 a.m.

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

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

they can do a self-examination to know His expectations. Jesus new the challenges his followers would face then as well as throughout history. He spoke to seven churches which Paul and the other apostles sacrificed helped to plant: The church of Ephesus (Revelation 2:1-7), the church that had forsaken its first love; Smyrna (Revelation 2:8-11), the church that would suffer persecution; Pergamum (Revelation 2:12-17), the church that needed to repent; Thyatira (Revelation 2:18-29), the church that had a false prophetess; Sardis (Revelation 3:1-6) the church that had fallen asleep; Philadelphia (Revelation 3:7-13), the church that had endured patiently; Laodicea (Revelation 3:14-22), the church with the lukewarm faith. Jesus left this message to John in the book or revelation for it was our past and would be the future.

I ask the body of Christian believers to reflect on these words given to John by Jesus. Isaiah proclaimed Jesus coming to the Jews and they failed to listen to him. If we fail to be the body Christ wished to establish as a shining light for the world we may fail as proclaimed in the book of revelations. We seem to have fallen asleep to the cry of helping the body of Christ as 1 John 3:16 mentioned. Christ's principles are in crisis. We know more about our Hollywood stars, sports players, and political candidate scandals instead of the death of our Christian body in Syria as well as Iraq. Our Christians' brothers and sisters have been killed or put into slavery simply for believing in Christ Jesus. Our nations Christian principles have come under attack diminishing the U.S. first amendment right. The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s ability to change a nation came from the body of Christian believers. It was love and peace not action in anger, and with desire for reconciliation of our founders' promise. He brought a nation together in peace for forgiveness and reconciliation without anger. We need to reflect on the principles of love and peace, not anger gripping the nations' principals. We are the body of Christ in crisis in the United States so my plea is simply to reflect. We can cut off the parts of the body that offend or unite and keep Christ's light growing in a world being engulfed in darkness. Many blessing to all now and forever in love, hoping for reflection of actions to save the light of the world that Christ envisioned for all humanity. Sincerely,  
Pablo Castellano

## Tellez: plan safe ride on Cinco de Mayo

In the United States, Cinco de Mayo has grown into a major celebration of Mexican culture. Millions of adults will celebrate with festive beverages, authentic Mexican food, street celebrations and parades. Before the fun begins, it is important that adults 21 and older make a plan to get home safely. That's why Silver Eagle Distributors, the local Anheuser-Busch distributor, is working with area bars and restaurants to remind adults to plan ahead for a safe ride home before they head out to celebrate. Silver Eagle Distributors, in conjunction with the Houston Restaurant Association, will also be implementing programs such as Alert Cab, which helps provide free and discounted rides home for bar and restaurant patrons who may have had too much to drink. Driver's License guides and We I.D. age calendars will also be used to assist in identifying and preventing those who are underage from purchasing and consuming alcohol.

Thanks to efforts like these and continued collaboration with local community partners and law enforcement, drunk-driving fatalities have declined 53 percent since 1982, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation. Together, we can make our roads even safer. We hope residents will join us in celebrating responsibly on Cinco de Mayo - and every day. Sincerely,  
Anthony Tellez  
Market Manager

## LSA Choir wins Sweepstakes



Lutheran South Academy Choir won Sweepstakes again at the TAPPS Vocal Meet in Hewitt, Texas, on Saturday, April 23, for the third consecutive year. The choir earned a Division 1 rating in Performance and a Division 1 rating in Sight Reading. The choir sang two pieces that were Grade 4 in level of difficulty, *Where Dwells the Soul of My Love* by David Childs and *Festival Sanctus* by John Leavitt, and one Grade 3 piece, *Keep Your Lamps!* by Andre Thomas. The choir is directed by Vicki Andrews. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Alexandra De Vita, Michelle Ngo, Ashley Witsom, Nicole Swiggard, Kim Pouzar, Vicki Andrews, director of choral music, (back row) Lauren Swiggard, Joseph Davis, Antonio Adame, Davis Webb and Rachel Bivens. Photo submitted

# Publisher's Opinion

## Community events great for South Belt

Whether you realize it or not, if you live in the South Belt community, you are much luckier than most people. We have a community that really cares about the community and the kids that live here.

Just look at the unusual activities that went on here in the last three weekends.

Family Fun at the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District park at Blackhawk and Scarsdale which included inflatables for the kids to enjoy; a pets parade at the same location the following week which kids, adults and pets enjoyed and this past weekend the annual South Belt Spectacular Cook-off.

The cook-off features a lot of fun for the adults, but most important is what was done for the kids. On Saturday, it was free admission for all those 12 and under. There was a free petting zoo, pony rides, inflatables to climb on, a climbing wall, free face painting, hair braiding and much more.

There are not many events to which people are invited to take as many 12 and under kids free of charge to and have fun for six hours, if they can last that long.

This year's cook-off was a lot more work

than most others have been. Although our community was not hit by flooding, the mud did its damage.

Pictures and results of the cook-off will be in upcoming issues. But today, I want to thank everyone who was involved.

It was a lot of work. We need more volunteers. Have to thank a few people here, more will be named next week. Can't name them all as there are too many. Thanks to the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department and Dean Baier, who not only worked for days in the mud, but did it with an injured back.

We had some unusual problems. We are trying to rectify those that we can and ask forgiveness and understanding for the others. The county commissioner, Gene Locke and City councilman, Dwight Boykins gets our tremendous gratitude for helping keep us from being shut down by the city.

See next week's paper for more details of the cook-off.

Thanks to all who make our community such a neat place to live.

—Marie Flickinger

## Giblin celebrates 80th



Janelle Giblin, a longtime Kirkwood resident, will celebrate her 80th birthday on Sunday, May 8. Her hobbies include gardening and fishing, and she works part time at The Nook. Giblin is a grandmother of three and a great-grandmother of three. She loves helping others. Her daughter, Kim Torina, graduated from Dobbie High School in 1975.

## HBA answers legal questions on flooding

Attorneys from the Houston Bar Association will answer questions and provide legal advice over the phone for those in the Houston area affected by the recent floods and severe weather.

Through May 6, the public can call 713-759-1133 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. to speak to an attorney knowledgeable in insurance matters, property, landlord/tenant law, contracts, disaster assistance and other consumer issues.

"We recognize that many people in Houston will have a need for legal advice on how to deal with the damage

## CCART meets May 10

The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, May 10. Meetings are held at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway in Seabrook. The program will feature Dr. Greg Smith, superintendent of Clear Creek Independent School District. The annual book sale benefiting the Children's Book Fund will also be held.

The meeting starts at 9:30 a.m. with a social gathering. The business meeting begins at 10 a.m. The end-of-year barbecue luncheon will follow. Attendees are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. All Texas retired school employees from the area are invited. Annual dues are \$45.

## Dolphins set sign-ups

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

For information, direct email to Tiffany Scimmons at SBDDrill@yahoo.com.

## Free K through college tutoring at St. Luke's

St. Luke's Catholic church, 11011 Hall Road, offers free tutoring Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Education Building, Room 2.

The tutoring is available for grades K through 12 and college.

For information, call Joe Pavlicek at 281-484-1397.

## Library seeks book donations

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

## Summer camps offered at Lutheran South Academy

Registration is now open for summer camps at Lutheran South Academy.

Camps are available for art, baseball, basketball, cheer, football, Camp Invention, martial arts, sewing, shooting, soccer, softball and volleyball.

For students interested in weights, strength and agility, Pride Camps are available for students entering grades 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.

For more information about the camps and camp registration, visit www.lutheransouth.org.

# Deaths

## Alexander Yañez Garcia



Alexander Yañez "Calano" Garcia, 83, died on Friday, April 29, 2016. He was born to Jose and Emilia Garcia on Jan. 28, 1933, in Houston.

One of 13 children, Garcia grew up in El Alacran, a neighborhood in Houston's Second Ward, where he and his siblings had numerous adventures, including swimming in Buffalo Bayou. From there, Garcia and family moved to Rice University where his father was head groundskeeper. He sold newspapers with his brother, Sergio, and worked as a delivery boy for Western Union.

Enlisting at the age of 17, Garcia served in the U.S. Army from 1950-1953, achieving the rank of corporal.

He met his future wife, Mary Anna, while employed as an orderly at Medical Arts Hospital. Even in his last days, he told the story that, when he first saw Mary Anna, he told a co-worker, "I'm going to marry her someday."

The couple married on Nov. 27, 1960. They had three sons, Alexander Garcia Jr., Alexander III and Michael Joseph.

Garcia loved working with his hands. He was employed as a machinist for 33 years, retiring from Cooper Industries in 1998. He was a faithful parishioner at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church and a South Belt resident since 1977. He is remembered as a man who loved God and his family above all things. He especially loved spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He had a contagious sense of humor and was a prolific storyteller, bringing laughter and joy to all who knew and loved him.

Garcia is survived by his wife of 55 years, Mary Anna Garcia; children Alexander Garcia III (Malinda) and Michael Joseph Garcia (Elizabeth); grandchildren Michael Escagne (Cne'),

Chase Johnson, Brianna Vega (Juan), Chad Johnson, Ryan Garcia, and Taylor Davis; great-grandchildren Mitchel, Mason and Molly Escagne; and siblings Jessie Hernandez, Richard Garcia, Sergio Garcia, Elia Medrano, Adela Riojas, Henry Garcia and Socorro Garcia.

He is preceded in death by son, Alexander Garcia Jr.; parents Jose and Emilia Garcia; and siblings Frances DeLeon, Arthur Garcia, Mary Gonzalez, Socorro Garcia and Robert Garcia.

Visitation will begin at 5 p.m., followed by a rosary to be recited at 7 p.m., on Friday, May 6, 2016, at Forest Park Lawndale, 6900 Lawndale Street in Houston.

There will be a Mass at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road in Houston, at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 7, followed by the funeral procession to, and interment at, Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery.

Immediately following the burial, there will be a Celebration of Life at the St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church social hall.

## Tony L. Flores



Tony L. Flores, 94, died on Thursday, April 28, 2016, in Houston. He was born on April 28, 1922, in San Angelo, Texas. He was a South Belt area resident.

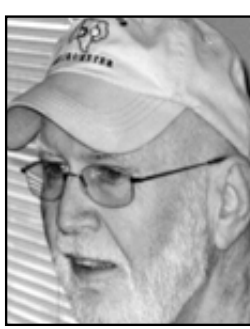
A rosary was recited on Tuesday, May 3, 2016, at Forest Park Lawndale Funeral Home.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, May 4, at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church in Houston.

Interment followed at Forest Park Westheimer Cemetery.

Donations may be made to the Disabled American Veteran Association in memory of Tony L. Flores, in lieu of flowers, if one would so desire: www.dav.org or Donate by Mail: Payable to DAV - Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301, or call 877-647-VETS.

## Jim Parks



Jim Parks, 72, died on Friday, April 22, 2016, after a long battle with pancreatic cancer. He was an only child born to Dorothy and Clyde Parks on March 26, 1944, in Fort Worth.

After graduation, Parks joined the U.S. Navy and was stationed at Pearl Harbor on the USS Bronstein. He moved to Houston in 1970 to work at Drilco, an oilfield equipment company. This job led to a promotion at Smith International as a quality control manager.

Parks met Glenda Ferrell, and the couple married in 1975. Parks' mother, Margie Dowdy of Beverly Hills, moved to Kirkwood in the South Belt area and, along with the new couple, joined Sagemont Baptist Church.

Parks is preceded in death by his mother and father and many aunts and uncles.

He is survived by his wife; stepson Kenneth and wife Christy Ferrell; mother-in-law Margie Dowdy; brother-in-law Gerald and wife Sandra Dowdy; sisters-in-law Martha Holland and Jacalyn and husband Jerry Epperson; great-grandchildren Kathleen, Kris, Kyle, Kayla, Isaac and Zachery Ferrell; cousins Lloyd and wife Linda Du Bose, Dana and husband Jerry Smith, and Phillip and wife Angie Williams.

Parks was licensed as a minister by Dr. John Morgan of Sagemont Church and chose Less Than The Least Prison Ministries (LTLT).

A memorial service for Parks will be on Thursday, May 19, 2016, from 11 a.m. to noon at Sagemont Church, Room 1113, at 11300 S. Sam Houston Pkwy. E. in Houston. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to LTLT Ministries, c/o David Duter, 1414 S. Friendswood Gr., Bldg. A, Ste. 124, Friendswood, TX 77546.

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## Center celebrates National Nursing Home Week with several fun events

In observance of National Nursing Home Week, May 8 to 14, Baywood Crossing Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center will host several events to encourage residents, families and others to engage with their family members, or neighbors. In fact, everyone can get set to enjoy the week as the American Health Care Association (AHCA) has designated this year's theme as It's a Small World, with a Big Heart.

"Our staff wants to make this a special time and will organize indoor and outdoor fun fair activities with food, games, and various performers to entertain everyone. We want everyone to enjoy the festivities and the feelings spirited by the theme," said

Nikki Torres, activity director.

The facility will hold several events to highlight the fun fair week, including

- Mad Hatter Madness - Monday, May 9, at 1:30 p.m. Crazy Hat Contest. Staff and residents medals will be awarded.

- Wild West Show Down - Tuesday, May 10, at 10 a.m. with the Silver Star Line Dancers Club of Pasadena. Also, a country musical performance by Dave Barnett will be at 2 p.m.

- Under the Red Tent Event - Wednesday, May 11, at noon. A cook-out will be hosted by Acadian Ambulance Service, Ring Master piano performance by Mark Sheppard, and snow cones sponsored by X-Ray Express.

- Outdoor Fun - Thursday, May 12, at noon, will include games and a dunking booth sponsored by Space Center Systems. There will also be a Luau and Fish Fry hosted by Harbor Hospice and a petting zoo for families and friends to enjoy.

National Nursing Home Week is an annual observance sponsored nationally by the American Health Care Association, based in Washington, D.C., and Texas Health Care Association.

Baywood Crossing Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center is a 124-bed skilled nursing facility located at 5020 Space Center Blvd. in Pasadena. For more information on National Nursing Home Week, visit www.nnhw.org.

## Pearland Area Republican Club to meet

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

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

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## Morris Trailblazers on fire!



The Morris Trailblazer Name That Book Team was victorious at the Pasadena Independent School District Name That Book Challenge on Saturday, April 16. This is the third year in a row that Morris has laid claim to first place in the competition. The team is comprised of fifth- and sixth-grade students. The students read 20 books from the Name That Book list. At the competition, quotes from the books were shown and

the team needed to correctly identify which book the quote was from. Morris tied with Lomax and Keller Middle Schools, but in the bonus round were able to pull out ahead. Pictured are, clockwise from left, Dylan Leonard, Kailey Tsikis, Jacob Montez, Morris Librarian Cheryl Patrick, Haleigh Jones, Jennifer Ben-Smith, Gloria Gonzales and Andrew Huynh. (See related story on Page 4A.) Photo submitted

# J. Frank Dobie High School announces fifth six-weeks honor rolls

J. Frank Dobie High School recently released its honor rolls for the fifth six-weeks grading period of the 2015-2016 school year. Students earning status are:

**Honor roll**  
**Ninth grade**  
 Alondra Acevedo, Darie-lys Nicole Alexander, David Patrick Amaya, Hector Ulises Anaya, Alexandra Yoselin Andrade Ortiz, Olivia Gracianne Aranda, Josiah Elias Constatante Arenas, Aslyn Gesselle Argueta Torres, Arismendi Aristy, Victoria Noemi Ayala and Ulvi Baktashi.

Corina Gisselle Banda, Vivian Alizeyah Banda, Christian Antoine Blackmon, Johnathan Allen Brown-Klawuhn, Meloni Camacho, Roberto Elias Campa, Christel Chantal Carpio Moni, Alyssa Lauren Carrico, Iasis Lachelle Carrington, Jadda Marie Carter and Rebecca Gina Castillo. Connor Anthony Caughlin, Elsa Ceballos, Preston Van Chung, Erik Cruz Cisneros, Tania Lashaun Collier, Sara Elaine Cortez, Angela Leticia Cruz, Luis Alberto De Jesus, Celestina Olivia Deluna, Youssef Arsan Diab, Aaron Quoc-Hung Dinh, Kevin Dinh and Dang Hai Doan.

Jacklynn Le Duong, Katelynn Nguyen Duong, Tiffany Tram Duong, Elizabeth Bettye Early, Osasere Edo-Ewanshia, Mariela Elizondo, Christopher M. Escalera, Adriana Escamilla, Angela Escamilla, Eric Escobedo, Jonathan Caleb Escobedo, Celine Nicole Espinosa and Emily Giovanna Estrada. Carlos Enrique Figueroa, Joseph Venancio Flores, Katherine Flores, Ruben Flores, Igra Fnu, Richard Adrian Fructus Castro, Quinn Caleb Gabino, Atziri Galarza, Ana Isabel Gallardo, Stephanie Gallegos, Natasha Rae Gangstad and Jeremy Estephania Garcia-Salinas.

Miranda Teresa Garcia Valdes, Benito Ivan Garcia, Jennifer Marcela Garcia, Yaletzy Leslie Garcia, Yareli Garcia, Lucio Ricardo Garza, Olivia Renee Garza, Paulina Garza, Genesis Isela Gaytan, Nichololas Roland Gaytan, Megan Erin Glass, Darianna R. Glenn and Angel Isaiiah Gomez.

Eduardo Gomez, Angel Isaiiah Gonzalez, Gabriella Veronica Gonzalez, Jonathan Gonzalez, Karina Nicole Gonzalez, Stephanie Nicole Gonzalez, Victoria Lauren Gonzalez, Daija Danielle Green, Derneisa Dacia Green, Karen Anh Green and Keandre Dewayne Green.

Keishon Denae Groves, Emilio Norberto Guerra Perez, Carlos Guerra, Gisselle Guerra, Max River Guerra, Bianca Gabriela Guerrero, Megan Tien Harris, Abu Hasnat, Carmen Paola Hernandez Irabu, Daniel A. Hernandez, Katelyn Nicole Hernandez and Natalie Yamilet Hernandez.

Roxanne Nicole Hernandez, Sofia Raquel Hernandez, Julysa Marie Herrera, Brian Khang Hoang, John Hoang, Trevor Anthony Hondros, Ivy Lynngoc Hua, Kimberly Dinh Huynh, Phat Tan Huynh, Trina Huynh, Van Thanhthiandy Huynh, Areeba Imran and Muhammad H. Iqbal.

Jade Elizabeth Jacobo, Zaria Monique James, Rocio Jimenez Rebolan, Alec McKinney Johnson, Joshua Elmer

Kay, Han Bao Khuat, Hoang Vu Le, Melody Ngoc Thy Le, Nathan Nhut Srrah Le, Nhi Catherine Tu Doan Le, Thompson Le, Vincent Thien-lac Le and Genie Alexis Leija. Samantha Lyn Leyva, Ricardo Ivan Lima, Lauryn Michelle Locksey, Daveante Rashod Lopez, Samantha Nicole Lopez, Johnny Khang Lu, Nicolas Miguel Luna, Austin Luu, Tam Thanh Luu, Hieu Minh Ly, Kathy Mai, Jorge L. Marquez, Ezekial Martinez and Katherine Aleli Martinez.

Lauren Lee Martinez, Stephanie Martinez, Stephany G. Martinez, Alejandra Monserrat Mendez, Erik Taylor Millis, Kaleb Richard Monroe, Lisette Montalvo, Alondra Montelongo, Adrian Cristobal Montez, Jose Francisco Montiel Morales and Azul Itzel Mora Campos.

Eduardo Morales-Celedon, Alejandro Moreno, Kristopher Eugene Morris, Miah Lee Muniz, Briana Alyssa Munoz, Eliana Marissa Munoz, Renita Nicole Navy, Luis Andres Neira, Kayla Janae Newsome, Anh Thu Ngoc Ngo, Jean-y Phan Ngo, Judy Ngo and Quoc-Truong George Ngo.

Tuyen Mong Nguyen, Aaron Tyler Viet Nguyen, Alan Tuiet Nguyen, Andy Nguyen, Anh Ngoc Tu Nguyen, Bao Tran Nguyen, Dalila Thao Nguyen, Danny Huy Nguyen, Dat Huu Nguyen, Elena Tran Nguyen, Jennifer Ngoc Nguyen, Justin Khang Nguyen and Kennedy Hoa Nguyen.

Khanh Mai Nguyen, Michelle Kim Nguyen, Natalie Mai Nguyen, Nikki Mai Nguyen, Randy Quang Nguyen, Ronald Tai Nguyen, Tai Tri Nguyen, Thy Doan Anh Nguyen, Tiffany Ngoc Nguyen, Victor Phong Nguyen, Precious Udodirim Ogumamam and Gabriela Olvera.

Kassandra Mabelin Olvera, Katherine Valeria Orta, Melissa Osuna, Sara Christine Otwell, Wendy Marie Pantoja, Cayla Sofia Pantoja, Dominique Desiree Peralta, Pablo Esteban Perdomo Castillo, Alfredo Perez, Bianca Elizabeth Perez, Minh-Triet Ngoc Pham, Rachel Pham and Amy Nhi Phan.

Khoi Kevin Phan, Joshua Allen Phan-Coy, Taylor Tress Pleasants, Rijja Rasool, Roberto Emmanuel Rayos, Alex Reyes, Hugo Cesar Rios, Ashley Crystal Rivera, Sara Kay Robison, Patricia Galindo Rocha, Christian Xavier Rodriguez and Gustavo Alejandro Rodriguez.

Iliana Renay Engracia Rodriguez, Isaiiah Jeremiah Rodriguez, Natalie Rodriguez, Priscilla Marie Rodriguez, Kayla Marie Romero, Madeleine Romero, Joanna Michelle Salazar, Valeria Berenice Salazar, Christian Jared Saldivar, Yarenie Salinascano and Kareem Andres Salomon.

Gabriel Alfonso Sanchez, Kaitlyn Nicole Sanchez, Adrian Jose Santos Gomez, Karina Nicole Santos-Lanuza, Adrian Saracho, Jefferson Hdez Sargent, Heidi Sabrina Saucedo, Lauren Elizabeth Schwausch, Neema Mohamed Shafaei, Camille Hope Smith, Emily Solis and Giovanni Solis.

Jocelyn Solis, Victoria Adelina Solis, Ashley Lynette Sorto, Daniella Zaneta Springs, Paige Carmae Stephens, Gloria De Jesus Suazo Osorio, Michaela Cora Taylor,

Christian Andres Tijerina, Ariana Kaylee Toran, Adriana Alexis Toro, Fernanda Torres and Alexis Hang Thu Tran. Con Tran, Dinh Phu Tran, Lily Ann Tran, Mary Tran, Patrick Tinh Tran, Taylor Tran, Dominic Nguyen Trinh, Vianey Magdalena Urbina Paez, Chelsey Elizabeth Urdiales, Clare Aine Vanpelt, Leslie Vargas and Cristian Everardo Vela.

Zoe Nicole Vela, Marco Antonio Velazquez, Ryan Noel Velazquez, Melissa Vidal, Franklin Villalobos, Serena Michelle Villanueva, Monica Maria Villarreal, Cuong Tien Vu, Ayanna Nate Williams, Kayla Danielle Wilson and Jack Henry Yu.

**Honor roll**  
**Tenth grade**  
 Larry Herrera Aguirre, Adela-Marie Alanis, Pedro Alba, Raymundo Alba, Ja'Myriah Alexandria Anderson, Bailie McKenna Ankenbruck, Francesca M. Arellano, Luis Omar Arellano, Emerson H. Arias-Canas, Rogelio Armenta, Clarissa Marie Arredondo and Denise Rose Avalos.

Jacqueline Claribel Ayala, Nicholas Aaron Barrientes, Garrett Raul Barrientos, Pedro Barrientos, Hillary Veronica Bazaldua, Ce'Briyaya Janae Rynicia Bell, Trinity Myshell Blockmon, Daniel Giovanni Botello, Vermontra Delwayne Bristo, Ethan Nokuso Brown and Kimberly Nhu Bui.

Lily Uyen Bui, Madison Marie Caballero, Ramon Cahue, Miranda Fabiola Calderon, Victor Xavier Campuzano, Christian Mike Cano, Kathy Cantu, Alyssa Maria Cardenas, Fabian Omar Cardenas, Adamaris Celeste Ceja, Tatiana Jesse Chacon and Alyssa Isabel Chapa.

Kimberly Ruby Chew, Demaujay Rondell Cook, Enrique Cordova, Cuahtemoc Cornejo, Itzamarie Corral, Jovan Sebastian Correa, David F. Cortes, Ashli Amelia Cruz, Jasiel Eliab Cruz, Jose Andres Cruz, Julissa Vanesa Davila, Kyra Bernae Davis and Andrea Del Villar Martinez.

Daniel Michael Delarosa, Diamante A. Deleon, Graciela Del Rosario Delgado, Veronica Michelle Delgado, Allyson Adriana Diaz, Thuy Thi Dinh, Natalie Michelle Diosdado, Miguel Anjel Elizarraras, Henry Lee Ellis, Joel Alfredo Erazo, Alex Jacob Estala and April Jesstine Estrada.

Zachary Taylor Fernandez, Maria Jose Figueroa, Sandra Concepcion Figueroa, Eduardo Francisco Flores, Robert Garcia Flores, Karina Frias, Alex Giovanni Fuentes, Michelle Fuentes, Angelica Garcia Cantu, Gisselle Garcia, Jacquelyne Andrea Garcia and Liberty Bobby Garcia.

Mark Anthony Garcia, Ovidio Jesus Garcia, Klarissa Heidy Garza, Mayela Garza, Jasslyn Gomez Portillo, Jasmin Sarai Gomez Velasquez, Maxine Angelina Gomez, Cyrus Rene Gonzalez, Jessica Arlette Gonzalez, Aleida Darian Gonzalez, Edgar Gonzalez and Eleazar Ezequiel Gonzalez.

Monica Irene Gonzalez, Mahogany Shanté Green, Mara Jade Guerra, Jazmin Alanna Guerrero, Cassandra America Guevara, Tina Kim Thanh Ha, Victoria J. Harris, Alena Hay, Aiana Renee Hernandez, Jeremiah N. Hernan-

dez, Maritza Yaneth Hernandez and Tommy Hernandez. Alice Gia Ho, Lynn Tuyet Ho, David Vie Hoang, Chelsey Jeanai Holman, An Thien Huynh, Alejandro Raymundo Ibarra, M.F. Iqbal, Kimberli Izaguirre, Sameria Makell Jackson, Elizabeth Britney Jasso, Devin David Dakota Jewell, Javier Jimenez and Douglas Joseph Jones.

K Jakob Brandon Jones, Cynthia Joselin Juarez, Genesis Alexandria Juarez, Issac James Kamasz-Santos, Hannah Danielle Klugh, Giselle Lara, Kevin Waysats Lara, Donisha L. Lawson, Jason Dang Le, Loc Hoang Phuc Le, Vina Le and Sebastian Rodriguez.

Leslie Alejandra Legoff-Villarreal, Jerianne Kenniya Limtom, Elizabeth Ann Lizcano, Andrew Nigel Logan, Alexis Liselda Lopez, Eliana Yasmeen Loreda, Marcus Loya, Jordan Nathaniel Marcum, Jorge Cristian Martin, Hugo Luis Martinez Garcia and Lesley Ada Martinez.

Kathleen Mackenzie Masterson, Britney M. Mejia, Daniel Mejia, Tanya Yolanda Mendez, Jacqueline Mendoza, Samantha Nicole Merrill, Leonard Louis Meyers, Hana Osama Mohamad, Rachel Elidem Mondragon, Mallerrim Morales, Krystal Moreno and Carla E. Munoz-Hernandez.

Reyna Nering, Amber Tien Nguyen, Dominic Minh Nguyen, Emily Quynh Nguyen, Jenny Kim Nguyen, Justin Hoang Nguyen, Nam The Nguyen, Thao Vy Thuan Nguyen, Thi Ngoc Nguyen, Tina Nguyen, Tommy Nguyen, Tommy Thai Nguyen, Trinh Nguyen and Tuan Anh Nguyen.

Vincent Thanh Trung Nguyen, Vy Phuong Nguyen, Thanhlong Nguyenvo, James Andrew Odum, Victoria Chukwunonso Onozie, Natalie Elizabeth Orta, Ramon Ruiz Ortega, Alexis Rae Oses, Desmond Elijah Owens, Relencia Neccole Owens and Kimberly Marie Padilla.

Ryan Edward Pair, Rosa Alicia Palencia, Victoria Palos, Priyal Patel, Kristen Dung Patton, Jacquelyn Pena, Andrea Carolina Perez, Giselle Perez, Jordan Renee Ashley Perez, Kenneth Angel Perez, Andrew Dang Pham, Huong Quynh Le Pham and Jasmine V. Pham.

John Tran Phan, Lan My Phan, Noelle Ngoc Phan, Rosa Thao Phan, Tam Thanh Phan, Uyen Tran Khanh Phan, Letizia Jazmarie Philbert, Lisette Adamaris Pity, Christian Alex Ponce, Michelle Monique Pozo, Kyrah Allise Prince, Brittany Janell Puente and Desiree Angelica Quijas.

Gabriela Isabel Ramirez, Raquel Renee Ramirez, Reagan Elizabeth Razo, Jackelyn Jade Rendon, Bryan Alexander Reyes, German Abraham Reyes, Mia Alexandra Reyna, Beatriz Anne Rivera, Erik Rodriguez, Jenna Cassandra Rodriguez, Jose A. Rodriguez and Leslie Magaly Rodriguez.

Marcos Rodriguez, Mario Alberto Rodriguez, Leslie Ashley Rodriguez-Rangel, Xochitl Kimberly Romero, Erika Rubio, Anita Marie Rudon, Melissa Ruiz, Ruby Renee Ruiz, Jason Matthew Napoles Sabal, Valerie Alexandra Sahagun, Cesar Eduardo Salazar and Noe Rolando Sanchez.

Alexandria Nicole Saucedo, Amantenes Jashee Simien, Breanna Lynette Smith, Tyrique Da Shawn Smith, Carmen Gregoria Sosa, Katia Esther Soto, Andy P/Hung Ta, Victoria Ta, Jeremy Rey Tajonera, Adrian Tamez, Laquavious Demar Thomas and Madison Gabrielle Tobias.

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Steven Truong, Marcely Jean Tsikis, Luis Eduardo Tufino Berber, Jeremiah Donte Tyler, Maiiah Renae Valdez, Joshua Valtierra, Leilani Isabel Vargas, Annette Vela, Aylene Vela, Cesar Rafael Villarreal, Michael Noah Villarreal, Marvin Roberto Villatoro and Nguyen Thanh Vo.

Andrew Ryan Vu, Dmitri Minh Vu, Holly Thao Vu, Nhi Xuan Vu, Peter Tien Vu, Natasha Miranda Walters, Johari Amina Weaver, Bryan Anthony Wheatley, Haley Machell Williams, Karyn GERALYNN Williams, Jacob Alan Young, Sami Lin Yu and Stephanie Zarate.

**Honor roll**  
**Eleventh grade**  
 Robin Emmanuel Acac, Michelle Lucero Acosta, Evi Lenir Alvarez Argueta, Janeth Silvia Amador, Ciriach Lashell Amerson, Elijah Noel Argueta, Antonio Armenta, Lizbet Armenta, Oscar Armenta, Jacob Tyler Arnesen, Samantha Rae Balderaz, Natalie C. Balle and Kierra Roshun Banks.

Kevin M. Bariya, Summer Rayne Basham, Sean Michael Bayne, Lauren Taylor Bell,

Chance Dennis Bittle, Allison Marie Bravo, Joseph Daylison Broussard, Ashley Monet Butler, Marissa Chanel Butler, Shanycie Marie Cabrales, Kynedii A'Shari Calais and Victoria Anne Campbell.

Jennifer Noemi Cantarero, Nick Simon Carcamo, Elena Isabel Cardenas, Braden Elissa Carker, Nanci Carrera, Delana Nicole Carrillo, Nyomi Marie Carrington, Ashali Rena Carter, Kristy Giselle Castellon, Fabian Eduardo Castillo, Michael Lee Castillo and Andrea Guerra Cavazos.

Kate Lizette Cedillos, Andrea Chapa, Diana Sarahi Chapa, Vanessa V. Chapa, Lizbeth Daniela Chavez-Garcia, Isabel M. Chavez, Toneschla M.L. Clarke, Jarely Florelli Claros, Breanna J. Coleman, Lacedrian Dominique Kaitli Coleman and La-Dayjah Rykell Elise Cook.

Nathan Andrew Covarrubias, Renee Elyse Coy, Westley Keshawn Crooms, Lesly Michelle Cruz, Trinity Alexus Curry, Teresa Sindy Chobi D'costa, Jimmy Tuan Dang, Lananh Thi Dang, Courtney Hang-Nga Dao, Julia Anne Dasilva, Ajah Desiree Davis and Terrilyn Miranda Davis.

Adrian Alexander Delosantos, Myriam Michelle Deloya, Brynn Erin Dempsey, Gabriel Anthony Diaz, Ivan Mauricio Diaz, Vu Huy Dinh, Jay Do, Mary Mytam Doan, Jazmyn Arisa Drumgo, Katrina Danielle Dukes, An Gia Duong, Jasmine Danyle Edwards and Jordan M. Efirid.

America Celeste Eguia, Ramiro Javier Esparza, Brandon Anthony Flores, Javier Raul Flores, Karen Flores, Leticia Liliana Flores, Monserrat Flores, Randy Alexander Fuentes, Emily Gamino, Katherine Anne Gangestad, Gerardo Andres Garcia, Lesly Garcia and Miguel R. Garcia.

Nadia Lynn Garcia, Jesus Antonio Garibay, Kevin Michael Gartner, Ana Ruby Garza, Ashley Marie Garza, Cesar Samuel Garza, Jazalyne Sudario Garza, Jacob Paden Gilbreath, Amanda Gjerde, Efrain Gloria, Crystal Renee Glover, Rafael Luis Gomes-Siqueira and Brittany Amber Gonzales.

Leandra Gabriela Gonzalez, Arianna Teresa Gonzalez, David Alexander Gonzalez, Jeremy Wayne Green, Tiffany Grigar, Jose Anthony Guerrero, Karina Lyzette Gutierrez, Idania Guzman, Beatriz Hernandez, David Luis Hernandez, Emily Ann Hernandez and Lesley Jasmin Hernandez.

Samantha Rae Hill, Eric Vie Hoang, Jazmine Marie Howard, Joe Angel Huerta, Nevé Zacorria Hunter-Taylor, Syed Hassaan Husain, Nicole Thuy Duong Ngoc Huynh, Thanh Cong Huynh, Jasmine Monae James, Dejean Amore Jolivet, Jeantrel Desean Jolivet and Amyn Tresa Joseph.

Esther Yoomi Kim, Marissa Nichole Krustchinsky, Danny Lam, Robert A. Lazo, Sean Dang Le, Steven Le, Tai Thai Le, Cristian A. Limas, Emily Jean Lloyd, Valeria Lomas, Samantha R. Lopez, Steven Khang Ly, Jesus A. Macedo, Nikolas Vincent Maffei and Jeremy Austin Marcum.

Patrick Jonathan Marsh, Sara Noemi Martinez, Sebastian Martinez, Noah Anthony Mejia, Shelby Nicole Melendez, Alexandra Brook Meyers, Mark Anthony Millis, Deandre Maurice Moore, Jesus Alberto Morales Esquivel, Everett Moreno, Francisco Moreno and Hefziba Eloise Moreno.

Oren Frank Moreno, Gabriela Nichole Munoz, Denise Narvaez, Xochitl Celeste Navarro, Aimy Nguyen, Antony Anhhkhoa Nguyen, Catherine Ngoc Nguyen, Dat Tien Nguyen, Derek Nguyen, Dorothy Tu-Uyen Nguyen, Huy Thanh Nguyen and Jaclynn Tuyet Nhi Nguyen.

Johnathan Long Viet Nguyen, Nathan Truong Nguyen, Phuong Quynh Diep Nguyen, Quyen Tranhuynh Nguyen, Steven Nguyen, Taylor Quang Nguyen, Thanh Thao Thuan Nguyen, Thao Thi-Phuong Nguyen, Christiana Chikadonaka Nnabuife, Jocelyn Nunez and Donatus C. Oguamanam.

Ariana Uriah Okhuozagbon, Kimberly Yaneth Orellana, Kevin Noe Ornelas, Adam Antonio Padilla, Briana Christina Palacios, Saugat Pandit, Rebecca Ann Paredes, Star Oryan Patterson, Alexis Ophelia Perea, Natali Elisse Perez, Natalie Elissa Perez, Ruben R. Perez and Elena Tien Pham.

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Edwing Yohalmo Reyes, Michael Angel Reyes, Michael Albert Rico, Noah Sebastian Ridge, Kaylee Reyann Rios, Christian Rodriguez, Lilibeth Rodriguez, Xena Aylene Rodriguez, Hector Daniel Rojas, Christian Rosas, Ashley Margarita Ruiz, Ari-

ana Salazar and Jesus Salazar. Edwin Alan Saldivar, Kenia Elizabeth Salomon, Devin Nicholas Sanchez, Vianey Hope Sanchez, Luis Felipe Santa, Alfredo Santoscoy, Sean Michael Saperstein, Bianca Devon Serrano, Steven Serrano, Rebecca Lynn Shaffer, Kailah Kaia Shaw and Jordan Gregory Shea.

Mireya Renae Sifuentes, Michael Lawrence Slaten, Breasia Elaine Smith, Ta'Metrius R. Smith, Estephania Karina Soto, Julian Rene Soto, Leanna Loan Ta, Debra Tabarez, Adrianna Starshae Thomas, Taja Imani Tillman, Brandon Raul Torres, Erick Torres and Katherine D. Torres.

Vy Ngoc Yen Tran, Barbara Vy Tran, Danny Diep Tran, Johnny Tran, Tracy Truc-Mai Tran, Tram Thi Bich Tran, Tyler D. Tran, Vinesa-Vy Nhu Tran, Linh Huynh Phuong Trinh, Luxury Kayuna Triplett, Jennifer Truong, Ni Thai Truong and Gabriel Tristan Arcalas Unica.

Destinee Irene Vargas, Briana Vasquez, Julisa Naomi Vasquez, Jorge Alberto Vazquez, Adrian Samuel Velasquez, Diamonndlee Alexandra Velez, Diana Laura Vidal, Brianna Denise Villanueva, Kathrina Perez Villanueva, Nicholas Anthony Villareal and Abigail Villasenor.

Janet Diem Vo, Lam D. Vo, Justin W Vu, Khoa Manh Vu, Tam Vu, Mykhanh Taylor Vuong, John Patrick Walker, Monica Idella Watson, Kiara Julia Wells, Grant Alexander Wilhelm, Macy K. Williams,

Jamisson Edwin Wilson, Samaria Sasha Wilson and Natalie Michelle Zaragoza.

**Honor roll**  
**Twelfth grade**  
 Ahmad Hussein Abusaif, Maite Albarran, Eliazar Alejandro Albitier, Aliana Cristina Aleman, Alexis Fabian Alvarez, Daniel Alvarez, Delia Guadalupe Amador, Sara Ester Amaya, Genevieve Uzomaka Anagbogbo, Edgar Arzate, Cristian Ernesto Ascencio and Lidia Avitia.

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## Dr. Ana Monterrey visits pre-k at Stuchbery

Dr. Ana Monterrey recently visited Stuchbery Elementary to discuss her duties as a doctor, and also to talk about how she is a community helper. Pre-K students at Stuchbery were very excited to meet Monterrey.



**Linda Reyes' bilingual pre-kindergarten afternoon class**  
 Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Franco Mena, Evelyn Padilla, Bianca Elel, Dulce Tenorio, Shaddy Garcia, (second row) Dr. Ana Monterrey, Francisco Chavez, Aaron Cruz, David Salguero, Christopher Reyes, Santiago Sanchez, Daniel Aguilar, Axel Rivas, Linda Reyes and (back row) Silvia Ramirez (teacher aide).



**Charyl Lyons' pre-kindergarten afternoon class**  
 Pictured are, left to right (front row) Ronaldo Le, Alejandro Cavazos, Rebekah Cortez, Michael Mejia, Jackson Cox, Jayden Barrera, (second row) Osias Dominguez, Kayden Carmona, Kortez Clay, Izaiah Vargas, Allison Hua, Izaiah Cantu, Khang Nguyen, Yaretzie Perez, (back row) Sophia Perez, Jessica Tran, Ella Donaldson, Zahriah Barrera, Dr. Ana Monterrey, Prince Hubbard, Blessing Nwaodu and Madisen Valdez.

## Master Gardeners announce May events

Harris County Master Gardeners Association at Precinct 2 will host the following activities free to the public during the month of May:

**Lecture Series begins May 12**  
 The HCMGA Lecture Series will present Nelson Darden, Harris County Master Gardener, who will speak on *New Plants From Proven Winners and Euroamerican*, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., in the Clear Lake Meeting Room, 5001 NASA Parkway. **Note:** The day has changed from third Wednesdays to second Thursdays in 2016.

For more information, visit <https://hcmga.tamu.edu>.  
**Open Garden Day May 16**  
 HCMGA will host Open Garden Day on Monday, May 16, from 8:30 to 11 a.m.

at Genoa Friendship Garden, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Road. Master gardeners will be available to answer gardening questions. Plants will be for sale in the greenhouse. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit <https://hcmga.tamu.edu>.

**Upcoming training June 1 to Aug. 17**  
 Harris County Master Gardener training classes will be held on Wednesdays, June 1 to Aug. 17, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Clear Lake Park meeting room at 5001 NASA Parkway, Seabrook. Registration fee is \$225. After classroom time is completed, 60 hours of volunteer time are required to complete the training. Only persons who completed the April orientation are eligible. Call Kimberly Figgs at 713-274-0956 to preregister.

## Education committee honors Mitchell



At South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce's annual Top 10 luncheon, the Pasadena Independent School District's education committee donated a \$500 scholarship in the name of Sally Mitchell, chamber president. Shown are, committee chair Judy Harrison, members Rebecca Lilley and Kenny Fernandez, Mitchell, and members David Matthews and Nobel Alix.

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# Dobie honor rolls . . .

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# Over The Back Fence by Alexis

**HAPPY 74TH BIRTHDAY, TED**  
Wishes for a wonderful 74th birthday, Saturday, May 7, are sent to **Ted Heinrich** from his wife **Linda**; son **Carl** and wife **Martha Heinrich**; daughter **Piper** and husband **Anthony Sais**; and all the grandkids **Carl IV, Drayton, Meadaux, Easton Heinrich** and **Parker Sais**, who say, "We love you, Pawpaw, and we hope you have a fabulous birthday!"

**BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR JOHN**  
Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Leader Sports Editor John Bechtie** on Wednesday, May 11, from his family, friends and co-workers at the **Leader**.

**SCHOOL DAZE**  
The following staff and personnel of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays May 5 through May 11.

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

**Bush Elementary**  
Sing a happy birthday song to **Nicolette Martinez** on May 9.

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

**Meador Elementary**  
Best wishes for a happy birthday are sent to **Rithy Voeun** on May 6.

**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 **Kelcey Davis** and **Dora Flowers**.

**Stuchbery Elementary**  
**Deborah Doss** marks a birthday May 8.

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

**Roberts Middle School**  
Send a birthday greeting May 8 to **Haleigh Cave**.

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

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

**Debie High**  
Double birthday wishes are sent to **Barbara Jimenez** and **Jesse Lopez** on May 7. May 8 is the day for a party for **Jacqueline Hardwick**. Light the birthday candles May 9 for **Jordan Evans**. Enjoying a birthday May 11 is **Steven Mayo**.

**FACEBOOK FRIENDS ENJOY BIRTHDAYS**  
The **Leader** sends happy birthday wishes to its Facebook friends who celebrate a birthday this week:  
Thursday, May 5: **Jennifer Bustamante, Tori French, Alice Wright, Pat Becker** and **Amanda Zamora**; Friday, May 6: **Patrick Ermis, Roni Gonzales, Jennifer Jones**, and **Erin Hill**; Saturday, May 7: **Yvonne Villegas, Josh Garza, Ted Heinrich, Stephanie Salazar** and **Jenn Verchliens**; Sunday, May 8: **Amelia Brown, Christopher Barber, Bobby Reyes, Jeffrey Gibson, Tiffany Robbins, April Potts, Donna Hovis, Julie Kutra** and **Sara Muller**; Monday, May 9: **Tiana Jaime-Perez, Freedom Groebner, Ronny Carker** and **Bubba Bannett**; Tuesday, May 10: **Melissa West, Becky Lopez, Ruben Herrera, Kathy Vingoe** and **Angela Ojeda**; and Wednesday, May 11: **Alex Carpenter, Heather Reed, Tyson Dillard, Leslie Fair** and **George King**.

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

## Judaism and Religion in General: Free monthly open discussions

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

Anyone can join the discussion and bring questions, thoughts and opinions to share with everyone present.

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

The entire community is invited to attend.

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

## Israeli Folk Dancing in May

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

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## HOME RUN CORNER

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

# Students Name That Book at PISD districtwide competition

Nearly 500 Pasadena Independent School District students from each campus gathered at Park View Intermediate and Phillips Gym to test their knowledge of classic literature and award-winning contemporary books during the sixth annual Name that Book competition on Saturday, April 16.

The competition is divided into elementary, middle, intermediate and high school divisions. Teams of students - each with a minimum of five players - from each campus compete against each other in the division.

To earn points, each team must identify the names of books based on clues in the question. The preliminary competition consists of two rounds of 15 questions. Teams with the most points advance to the bonus round for a chance to win first, second or third place.

The following schools won bragging rights after winning first place in the competition: Young Elementary, Morris Middle, Beverly Hills Intermediate and Lewis Career & Technical High.

Second-place winners are Williams Elementary, Lomax Middle, Southmore Intermediate and South Houston High.

Third-place winners are Parks Elementary, Keller Middle, Queens Intermediate and Pasadena Memorial High.

Name that Book is hosted annually by the Libraries and Instructional Materials Department. Students in grade three and up begin preparing for the competition with the campus librarian after they receive the summer reading list. The teams meet frequently with the librarian to practice for the event.

The goal of the Name that Book contest is to get students excited about reading and to strengthen students' reading skills.

"Win or lose, students gain something from the competition," said Christine Van Hamersveld, director of Libraries and Instructional Materials.

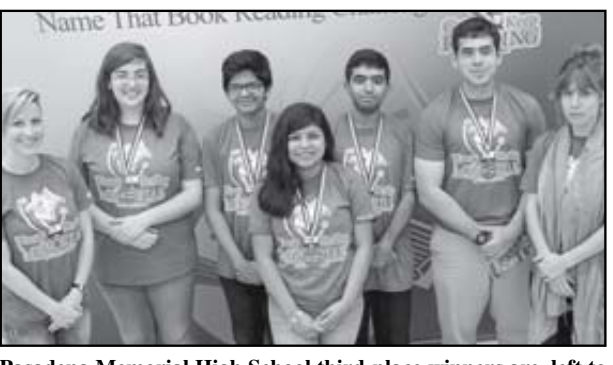
"Name that Book is not only exciting and challenging for students, but it helps them become avid readers," said Van Hamersveld. "Most importantly, students gain valuable skills that can last a lifetime, such as teamwork, literacy and comprehension skills."



Beverly Hills Intermediate first-place winners are, left to right, Jenny Hinojosa (librarian/coach), Tin Ly, Elias Montez, Jessica Sanchez, Alex Tran, Julie Trinh, Benjamin Tran, Ashley Tsikis and Georgina Baeza (teacher/coach).



Carter Lomax Middle School second-place winners are, left to right, (front) Alex Bengochea, (standing) Linda Phan, Phoebe Franklin, Amy Nguyen, Landry Bowlin, Ella Sockwell, Alexa Cavazos and team coach Terrie Hinojosa.



Pasadena Memorial High School third-place winners are, left to right, Kelly Wadyko (learning resource specialist), Cassidy Urdiales, Anas Arakkal, Alondra Cruz, Tom Jacob, Cam Cepeda and Melissa Cunningham (learning resource specialist).



Morris Middle School first-place winners are, left to right, (front row) Jacob Montez, Dylan Leonard, (back row) Kailey Tsikis, Gloria Gonzalez, Cheryl Patrick (library resource specialist), Andrew Huynh, Haleigh Jones and Jennifer Ben-Smith.



Lewis Career and Technical High School first-place winners are, left to right, Brandi Reat, Jasmine Jimenez, Amy Whalen, Salva Cordova, Elyssa Salinas, Jo DeLeon, Laura Berrones, Aracely Berrones and Jennifer Brabston (learning resource specialist).



South Houston High School second-place winners are, left to right, (front row) Katya Medrano, Brenda Ayala, Yarelsy Hernandez, Sarah Meyer, Jenny Nguyen, (back row) Annelise Gonzalez, Parissa Amaya, Lindsey Amaya, Jose Hernandez, Yailin Garibay, Jasmin Garcia and Jennifer Lara.

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# Remember When

**40 years ago (1976)**  
The year 1976 marked the first year for a girls' track team at Dobie High School. Lana Shannon, daughter of Bobby and Joyce Shannon, was named Miss Black Gold Jamboree at a festival held at Southern State Bank. Jeffery Tate was fatally injured when he was struck by a truck on South Belt and

**35 years ago (1981)**  
During heavy rains, 75 area homes were flooded. State Rep. Randy Pennington called for the resignation of Harris County Flood Control Director Jim Green. Pennington said Green "is not competent to carry out the duties of the Harris County Flood Control director as evidenced by the flooding in Harris County over the weekend."

**30 years ago (1986)**  
Approximately 300 people visited with Harris County political candidates at an open house at San Jacinto College in anticipation of the upcoming election. Precinct 654 was formed in the South Belt area. The boundaries were Beamer, Kingspoint, Blackhawk and Hall Roads. A fight, which began at Dobie High School, resumed after school and resulted in the arrest of one juvenile. The fight wound up on Fuqua near Randalls, and involved 10 to 15 high school students from Dobie and Ross Sterling High Schools. A "contract of termination" in the murder-for-hire killing of Gilbert Boyce Swain was entered into evidence at the trial of the accused. The four on trial were Swain's widow, the victim's stepson and two others, who claimed money was left in a prearranged location and a door was left unlocked to gain access to murder Swain.

**25 years ago (1991)**  
Dobie varsity football coach Buzzy Kieth accepted the second annual Tom Landry Award from Baylor University Coach Grant Teaff. The award was presented at the Texas High School Football Hall of Fame banquet in Waco. More than 900 cases of truancy were filed in court by the Pasadena Independent School District. Approximately a quarter of those involved South Belt area schools and students.

**20 years ago (1996)**  
Dobie senior Alisha Broussard won her third straight gold medal at the state triple-jump competition. Memorial Hospital Southeast Vice President/CEO Dan Martin cut the ribbon to open the hospital's new quarter-mile walking track.

**15 years ago (2001)**  
The Gardens was named the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce SEED business of the year. Mayor Lee Brown nominated acting Fire Chief Chris Connealy, a 1977 Dobie graduate, to serve as fire chief for the Houston Fire Department. He will assume the position pending City Council approval. For the third consecutive year, South Belt area homeowners faced a major increase in their Harris County tax appraisals. Incumbent Paula Thomas garnered more than 70 percent of the 2,649 votes cast in her run for at-large Position B in Clear Creek Independent School District's board election. Kirk Lewis, who for years served as a spokesman for PISD, was officially named superintendent. Houston firefighters responded to a townhome fire on Sabo near Sagedowne. The fire was caused by a short in the aluminum wiring of an electrical outlet on the first floor. The congregation of Cokesbury United Methodist Church honored its pastor, the Rev. Sara Owen-Gemoets, with a retirement reception and appreciation. For its military service during World War II, Ellington Field, the joint-use civil/military airport, was declared a historical landmark by the Houston Airport System.

**5 years ago (2011)**  
Dobie High School's Academic Decathlon team took home second place at the national championships held in Charlotte, N.C. Granada Hills Charter School won the event, giving California its ninth consecutive national title. Dobie piled up 50,436.2 points, the most ever for the school at the national level. The point difference - 1,677.3 - is considered razor-thin in the scoring system used.

**1 year ago (2015)**  
With a little help from Mother Nature, the 19th annual South Belt Spectacular Cook-off, held April 30 to May 2 at El Franco Lee Park, was a huge success, raising significantly more funds than any other to date. Funds raised went toward the annual Fourth of July fireworks show and local youth organizations.

The Dobie High School Academic Decathlon Team was recognized by the Pasadena Independent School District board of trustees for its exemplary performance at the Texas Academic Decathlon state tournament in San Antonio. The team placed sixth overall, fourth in the

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# Minister 'shops' for the Word, the Warmth and the Welcome

**By Crystal Saucedo**  
In 2014, Buddy Griffin started visiting different churches in Texas as a secret shopper and recorded his experiences which he has now shared in a book titled *What In Heaven Is Going On At Church?*

Griffin was a minister for 50 years, and he spent 12 years as Sagemont's Prayer and Men's Minister until he retired in 2013. During his final months at Sagemont, Griffin came up with the idea to visit other churches as a quick study. He initially wanted to visit 20 churches but he realized after 10 visits he needed to study more, and he decided 50 was a better number. After 30 churches, Griffin decided that he wanted to attend at least 100 Sunday services of 28 different denominations. When Griffin first began his study he started to share the information with some of his pastor friends. Much like Griffin, they were interested in finding out what is going on at other churches and they encour-

aged him to continue and to record his findings. That is when Griffin determined his goal for the study. "My goal was to gather first-hand information that I could share with pastors and churches to help advance the Kingdom of God. I was true to this goal throughout my experience."

In order to keep his findings accurate, Griffin made sure to develop a detailed method of keeping track of facts, correspondence, church bulletins, and other related information he gathered. He kept the information stored in chronological order in five binders.

To help remain fair to each church, Griffin made sure to follow the same procedure before each service. He would arrive at least 30 minutes early before each service and park a good distance away from the church. He did this to see if anyone would talk to him while he walked from his car into the building and to also allow time to

hang around in the lobby to give others a chance to greet their new visitor.

During the service, Griffin would make sure to sit in one of the first eight rows. He made a rule for himself to not speak to anyone until spoken to and would hang around in the lobby after the service to give people a final opportunity to greet him.

Also, after each service Griffin would attempt to fill out a visitor card. Out of the 100 churches he visited 89 of them had visitor cards. Out of the 89 churches that had visitor cards, 52 of them contacted Griffin afterwards.

Griffin would sit down each Sunday afternoon and write down his findings from the service in a form he created called the Pastor's Report Form. The form is made up of more than 150 grading areas, but Griffin made sure to focus on three main points.

The main points were called the Three W's which were the Word, the Warmth and the Welcome. Griffin

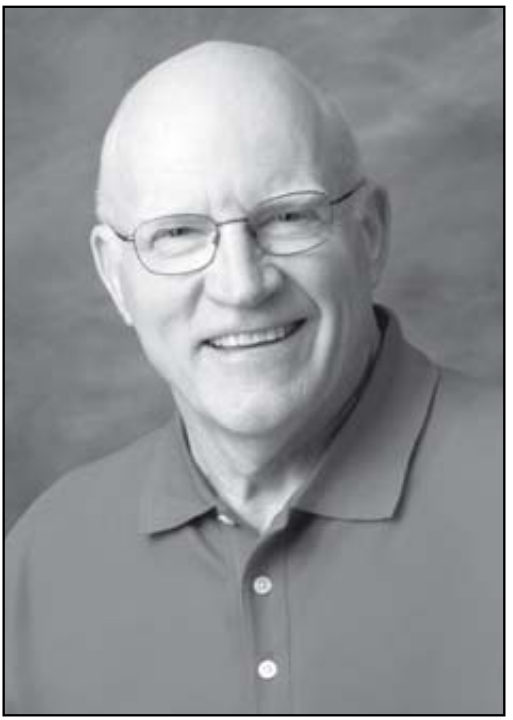
would ask himself questions during each service. For the *Word* he asked if the Word of God was elevated and if Jesus was the star of the service. When it came to the *Warmth*, he asked himself if he felt he could fit in at the church. For the *Welcome*, he thought about when he first walked in and if people were friendly and if he was greeted.

Every church Griffin visited received his Pastor's Report Form, a letter explaining they were visited by a secret church shopper, a photo of himself, and an invitation to contact him for further discussion. The reports received mostly positive results and helped Griffin to realize he had accomplished his goal.

Visiting other churches allowed Griffin to throw away his preconceived views of denominations. He also realized some churches are more in love with tradition rather than being focused on Jesus. However, the experience also helped him to conclude that God is bigger

than he imagined. If interested in finding out more information about how churches are doing

church, Griffin's book can be found at Sagemont's Bookstore and online at [tatepublishing.com](http://tatepublishing.com).



Buddy Griffin

# Bay Area Chorus presents final concert of the season

On Monday, May 9, at 7 p.m., the Bay Area Chorus of Greater Houston will present the closing concert of its 51st season, *Spring into Song*. The concert will be held at the Friendswood United Methodist Church located at 110 North Friendswood Drive in Friendswood.

The performance will feature two works by Mozart, *Ave Verum Corpus* and *The Requiem*, and will feature a full orchestra.

Vocal soloists are Mary Gard, soprano; Elisa Thompson, alto; Garrett Maddox, tenor; and Michael Kessler, bass.

The *Ave Verum Corpus* may be called "the crowning jewel" of Mozart's works. It was written less than a year before his death and conveys a sense of pathos focusing on the death of Jesus Christ. *The Requiem* was commissioned by an anonymous music lover who admired Mozart's compositions. However, Mozart came to believe he was composing this work for his own funeral, but it was unfinished at the time of his death.

Bay Area Chorus members come from the Bay Area, Pearland, Friendswood and other parts of Houston. Next summer, they

are looking forward to an Ireland concert tour. The chorus has been fortunate to have Milton Pullen return to the area and take over the reins as artistic director for the last two-and-a-half seasons. He has led them through challenging programs which have been moving, entertaining, inspiring and pleasing to their audiences. Tickets will be available at the door for \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors, and \$10 for students. Advance tickets may be purchased for \$15 from chorus members and at <http://www.seatyourself.biz/bayareachorus>.

# Thompson Intermediate announces fifth 6-weeks honor rolls

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

**Honor roll**  
Gail Kathleen Aftalo, Malia Akhter, Ingrid Tatiana Alaniz Quintanilla, Anna Gabriela Allen, Anabella Sophia Amaro, Anthonie Michael Amboree, Breleana Marie Anderson, Maritza Marlene Arreola, Alexandra Abigail Ayala, Maryam Maytham Badr and Aliyah Barreiro, Annaya Brielle Belton,

Kaitlyn Marie Bess, Melissa Nohemy Bonilla, Maxine Coyle Brown, Laura Michelle Bustamante, Jose Alberto Cabrera, Renata Bo-Beth Cadena, Matthew Alexander Campos, Kiana Lissbeth Casco, Grace Brianna Castaneda and Alexia Lashay Castex. Ariel Evelyn Castro, Abigail Leigh Chiovaro, David Adrian Corte, Danny Ngoc Dang, Marshall Khang Dang, Alyssa Faith Day, Jacob Alexander De La Rosa, Zachary Dylan Dehoyos, Desirey Elizabeth Delara, Isabella Rosario Delgado, Laura Marcela Diaz and Daniel Dinh.

Abby Duron, Drake Elias Escobedo, Jacob Alexander Flores, Krystal Rose Flores, Joshua Mark Gamez, Alexander Joshua Garcia, Savannah Rae Garza, Madison Taylor Gates, Wesley Paul Godwin, Roy Alexander Gomez, Enrique Joseph Gonzales and Alayna Noel Gonzalez. Andrea Gonzalez, Elizabeth Celest Gonzalez, Emily Daniella Gonzalez, Gabriel Alejandro Granados, Aixa Guerra Gomez, Erica Kim Hay, Christopher Hernandez, Francisco Hernandez, Karissa Irene Hernandez, Shelsea Melany Hernandez and Thom-

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# Random acts of kindness teach San Jac students about healthcare compassion

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"It was a great experience working with the various age groups and watching how the acts of kindness helped them to feel better," said Venus Pen-

ny, San Jacinto College nursing student. "These activities made me even more passionate about becoming a nurse."



Left to right, Emily Parker, Ashley Okhuozagbon, Venus Penny and Angela Nguyen were a part of a group of San Jacinto College nursing students who performed random acts of kindness as their service learning projects throughout the spring semester. Photo submitted

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## Lutheran South Academy Band 2016 State Champions!



For the first time in Lutheran South Academy history, the LSA Band members are State Champions. The band competed recently in the TAPPS Large Ensemble contest and performed three pieces, *His Honor March*, *Air for Band*, and *Procession of the Sardar*, receiving a "1-Superior" rating from all three judges. The band also received a "1-Superior" rating for sight-reading and finished with the state Sweepstakes Award. The LSA Jazz Ensemble also received a "1-Superior" rating from all three judges for their jazz classics *Comin' Home Baby* and *Tiger of San Pedro*. Combined with the first round of solo and small ensemble events back in March, the band finished the state music competition with 572 points, most of any classification in the state (TAPPS 5A Champion Concordia Tomball finished with 562). A "job well done" to all the band students for their outstand-

ing work this year. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Ashley Witson, Kaylee King, Amy Zeller, Andrew Furtado, Claude Johnson, Hannah Sleeper, Kayla Brown, Kennedy Colvin, Addison King, Tyler Ruthemeyer, Marty Sherman, (middle row) Brian Edwards, Jacob Patrenella, Davis Webb, Mark Giugliano, Annabelle Clark, Martina Kahlouni, Morgan Bates, Andrew Song, Helen Plante, Brooke Livingston, Adam Zimmerman, Sean Kerr, Erik Jimenez, Dorian Hennigan, Jeroen Verswijver, LSA Band Director Jeremy Loudon, (back row) Antonio Adame, Kyla Wendt, Allison May, Will Pfeiffer, Adam Moore, Matt Piecznski, Jose Macias, Joseph Spencer, J.D. Leaverton, Andrew Leimkuehler, Ian Schaidler, Kyle Kerr, LSA Associate Band Director Keith Andrews and Ben Verswijver. Photo submitted

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Raisers pictured are, left to right, (front row) Jackie Mendoza with Bluebell, Sydney Bonner with Grazie, (back row) Lisa Luna with Larkin, Schuyler Morris, agricultural teacher and Guide Dog for the Blind leader, and Kennedy Hold with Linden. The puppies are 8 months old and will be raised by the students until 15 months of age. Photo submitted

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## Dynamic Women luncheon May 19

May is the month of motherhood, and the Dynamic Women Luncheon and Networking Event has lined up an inspirational speaker with a great story to tell about becoming a mother.

The luncheon will be held Thursday, May 19, at Golfcrest Country Club in Pearland from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and will feature guest speaker Adrian Miller from Colorado, who will speak about her journey into motherhood after seven years of infertility.

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

Guests can register for free door prizes at sign-in. The cost of the luncheon is \$16 which includes the networking/shopping event and lunch.

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the guest speaker, the shopping and the luncheon. Invite moth-

ers and daughters to enjoy this special event.

The Dynamic Women group is affiliated with the Southeast Christian Women's Club, and welcomes women from the communities of South Belt, Pearland, Friendswood, Alvin, Manvel, Rosharon, Clear Lake and League City.

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

For reservations, email Sandee Ellis at sandeeellis@comcast.net.

## Ballroom Dance set in League City May 7

The public is invited to a Ballroom Dance on Saturday, May 7, at Hometown Heroes Park Ballroom, 1001 E. League City Parkway in League City.

Recorded danceable music will play from 7 to 10 p.m. Denis Kojinov and Jeanette Chevalier of http://www.dancesportclub.com will be showcased.

Admission is an \$8 donation and is sponsored by Let's Dance, a nonprofit or-

ganization, and coordinated by Neva and Bill Schroder.

Tables for singles will be reserved, as well as for teenagers, making everyone welcome whether or not they have a partner.

The dance will take place on a 3,630 square-foot of floating hardwood floor. The event will be smoke free and alcohol free per city policy.

For more information, call Neva at 417-838-2204.

## Art Gallery at Moore



Left to right are first-grade teacher Gail Bailey and first-grader Charleston Ean Nash.

Gail Bailey's Enrichment students at Moore Elementary displayed work in a simulated "Art Gallery" on the evening of April 19 as a culmination activity for a study of four artists and their styles of artwork. The four artists studied were Claude Monet (Impressionistic), George Seurat (Pointillism), Piet Mondrian (Abstract) and Jackson Pollock (Abstract). This four-month study included research on each artist, a study of art vocabulary, and genres and reflections of each style. After instruction, students practiced each style. Finally, each student created a "masterpiece" using their own style.

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Left to right are (front row) Julian Ruiz, Jeremy Valencia, (back row) Jeremy and Denice Valencia.

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# SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

## World Series, here we come! San Jac softball sweeps

So much for things going according to form.

San Jacinto College is headed back to the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I National Championship for the third time after

sweeping past the competition at the Region XIV tournament April 28-May 1 at the college's South campus.

Hosting the regional tournament for the first time in a long while, San

Jacinto put together very possibly the best four days of its season, beating No.

1 nationally ranked Tyler twice and outscoring four opponents by a combined

23-7 en route to the championship.

San Jacinto College, now at 36-23 and sporting a 10-game winning streak, will be in the field of competitors when the Division I national champion is crowned May 18-21 at the Canyons Complex in St. George, Utah.

Tyler, which entered regional play with a 53-2

record, climbed back through the loser's bracket after dropping the tournament's opening game, 6-2, to San Jacinto. While the Apaches also lost the Region XIV title game to San Jac, 7-2, Tyler, now 57-4, will also advance to nationals.

San Jacinto made its way to nationals in 2014, finishing fifth in the tournament that season. The program's first-ever trip to nationals came in 2008 and ended with a fourth-place finish.

Despite winning its final six games of the regular season, San Jacinto entered the Region XIV tournament as the No. 4 seed out of the South and had to take on No. 1 Tyler in the opener. No worries.

Kaitlin Kerl smacked a three-run homer, and J.J. Cerda had three hits to go with two apiece from Missy Hernandez, Taylor Office and Shelbi Doherty.

Niki Gonzalez pitched San Jacinto to the win April 28, the first of four

straight W's in the tournament for her. Tyler's Abby Walker, one of the nation's top pitchers this season, allowed five earned runs over five innings and fell to 23-3 this season.

The next day, Jamie

Henk sparked a 10-hit attack with a two-run homer, and Dani Damian had three hits in a 6-2 victory over Blinn. Doherty delivered a triple, and San Jacinto put across a pair

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## Wolverine baseball to face F.B. Travis

Clear Brook's varsity baseball team will engage in a one game, "winner take all" bidistrict playoff battle against District 23-6A champion Fort Bend Travis.

The Wolverines finished at 7-7 in District

24-6A action this season, grabbing the fourth and final playoff seed. Travis, meanwhile, went unbeaten in league play.

The Brook/Travis bidistrict playoff game is Friday, May 6, at Mayde Creek High School, 7 p.m.

## Dobie/Mantle baseball tryouts! See details on Page 1A sidebar

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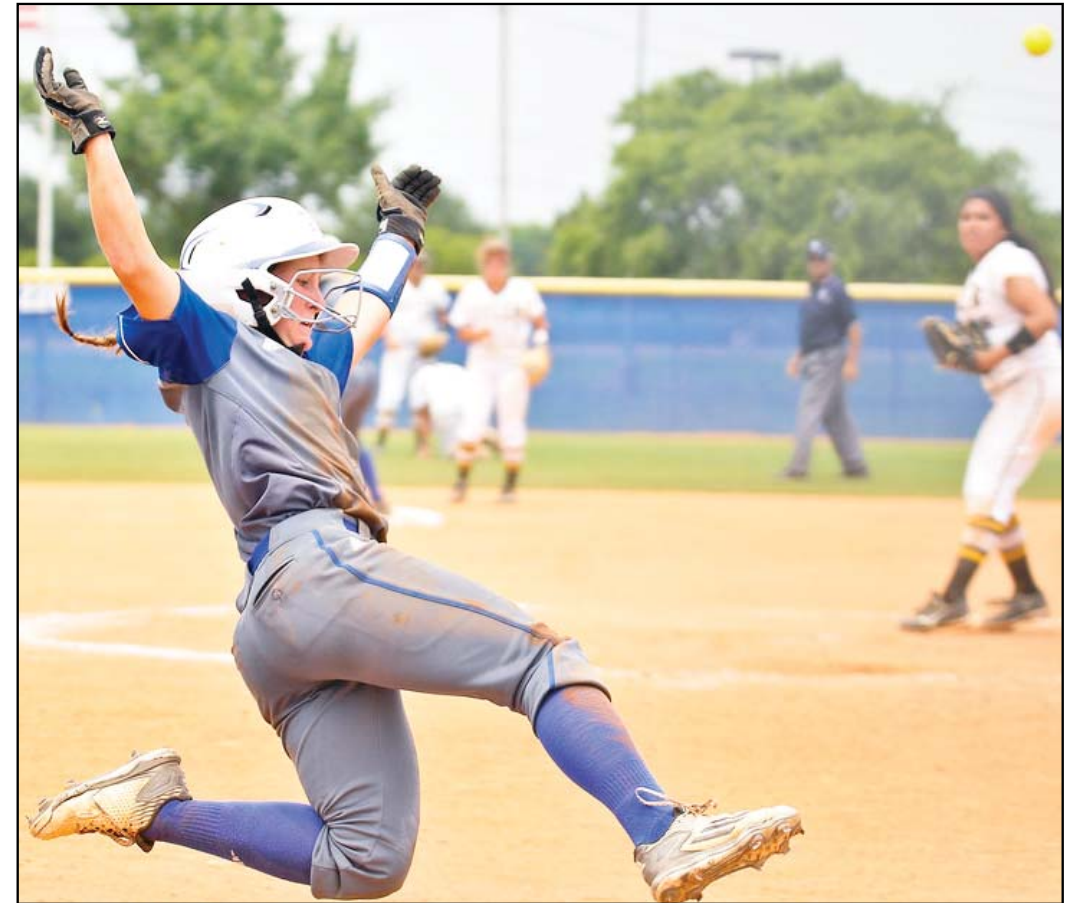
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At left, San Jacinto College freshman Kaitlin Kerl slides into home plate during Region XIV tournament action against Tyler, and Kerl's outstanding play was key as the locals won the tournament with four straight wins, including a 7-2 decision over No. 1 ranked Tyler in the championship game. Kerl's three-run homer in the tournament opener helped San Jacinto get out of the gate strong, and three more wins followed.  
Photo by Andrea Vasquez, SJC

## Henderson, Taylor get to state

The cream has risen to the top as the field of Class 6A State Track and Field Championships April 30, at Columbia Challenger Stadium in Webster.

Clear Brook senior Brandon Taylor will make a bid to sweep the 100- and 200-meter dash crowns in Austin come May 14 at the Mike A. Myers Track Complex.

Taylor is looking for the gold this season after claiming a state bronze medal in the 100-meter dash in 2015 at 10.40 seconds.

The senior made his way to state this season after winning the 100-meter dash at the Region III

Championships April 30, at Columbia Challenger Stadium in Webster. Taylor's time of 10.54 gave him the win as he held off second-place finisher Caleb Jolivette of Manvel, who also reached Austin with a time of 10.58.

In the 200-meter dash, Taylor's time of 21.31 placed him second to champion Kary Vincent of Port Arthur Memorial (21.15).

Dobie's Justice Henderson is also on her way to the state meet for the first time in her career.

Defending Class 6A long jump state champion Samiyah Samuels of Cy-

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Justice Henderson, Dobie - Long jump

press Springs punched her ticket for a return, getting to 20 feet, 1/2 inches for the win. Henderson's best effort of 19'11" was second.

Interestingly enough, Samuels and Henderson will go against one another at state before joining forces at the University of Houston, where both have

signed letters of intent to begin competition this fall. Taylor and Henderson were the lone athletes from either Clear Brook or Dobie to advance. Clear Brook has now sent at least one male or female athlete to state seven of the last eight years.

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## Dobie softball scares Deer Park

Dobie softball fans have every reason to look forward to 2017 when the Dobie/Deer Park rivalry resumes as part of District 22-6A play.

The Deer currently have bragging rights after knocking the Lady Longhorns out of the bidistrict playoffs with a 7-2 win April 28 at Doll Forrest Field in Deer Park.

But this thing will continue next season and beyond, be assured of that.

Deer Park, now 31-2, entered the postseason as the state's No. 2 ranked team and certainly a major contender to win the Region III crown.

Dobie, meanwhile, came into the playoffs with the No. 4 seeding out of District 22-6A. Having not won a playoff series since 2012, Dobie wasn't expected to do much against the

Deer. Think again. Deja Gaines slammed a line-drive, two-run homer to left-center field in the top of the fourth inning, tying the game at 2-2.

Maleah Olvera's lead-off double in the bottom of the fourth coupled with Erin Edmondson's RBI single gave Deer Park a 3-2 lead after four innings, but

it was anybody's game to win entering the sixth inning.

Deer Park put the game away with four runs in the bottom of the sixth inning, highlighted by Taylor McHenry's triple to center field and Avery Borsche's double.

From there, Deer Park starting pitcher Payton Mc-

Bride closed things out. In fact, after Gaines' clutch home run in the fourth, McBride allowed just one more baserunner the rest of the way.

Deer Park, which at 12-0 won the District 21-6A championship, should get credit for winning the game and advancing to face Clear Falls.

But perhaps if Dobie had played a cleaner game on its side, things would've gotten interesting.

In the top of the first, the Lady Longhorns surrendered a sure scoring chance.

Lead-off hitter Yvonne  
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Dobie's Deja Gaines makes her way back to the dugout amid a celebration after tying the bidistrict softball playoff game against Deer Park with a two-run homer in the top of the fourth inning. Deer Park wound up with a 7-2 win April 28, at Deer Park.

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# Brook's Taylor heads to state; same for Dobie's Henderson

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The track and field season ended for several other athletes, primarily from Clear Brook.

Jeremy Davis, a junior, will have another chance or two at reaching state in 2017 after a solid end this time around.

At regionals, Davis finished at 14.81 for fifth place in the 110-meter hurdles, and his throw of 144 feet, 2 inches was ninth in the discus competition.

The same goes for junior LaDayjah Cook, who represented the Lady Longhorns in the high school, clearing 5'2" for

fifth place.

In the 4x200-meter relay, Dobie placed 11th with a final clocking of 1:42.89 in the preliminaries.

From Clear Brook, senior speedster Kalia Hendrix closed out her career with the Lady Wolverines. She was seventh in the 400-meter dash after clocking in at 58.05, and her time of 25.56 in the 200-meter dash was 15th-best.

The Clear Brook boys got a seventh-place finish from sophomore Mark Milton in the 200-meter dash as he found his way to a time of 21.62.

Cuatarus Quarles competed in the 400-meter dash prelims and was 13th with a time of 52.92.

Brook finished sixth in the preliminaries in the 4x200-meter relay, but did not compete in the final. The Wolverines' 4x100-meter relay unit was 16th (43.42) in the preliminaries.

Luke Barksdale also closed out a fantastic career with the Wolverines. His best finish came in the triple jump, where an effort of 43'11" was seventh. The senior went 22'0" for eighth in the long jump. He also cleared 6'0" in the high jump for 14th place.

# Dobie baseball closes out 2016

Sometimes these types of seasons play out for little known reasons at all. Just ask members of the 2016 Dobie High varsity baseball program.

The Longhorns entered the campaign with plenty of anticipation, what with the triple-headed senior pitching staff of Tyler Myers, Jesse Paredes and Kaelon Woods, in any order.

Paredes returned at first base as a starter, as did Myers at shortstop. Luis Salazar returned as a starting middle infielder, and Jeremy Green did the same behind the plate. There was also returning center fielder Euro Diaz.

The Longhorns seemed to have the players in place and a deep enough roster to, at the very least, make their way back to the postseason. It just didn't

happen.

Following a 2-1 loss in the regular season finale April 29 at Memorial, the Longhorns essentially finished in sixth place at 7-9.

The slide began with an 8-7 loss to Dawson in the first round of league play, a game in which Dobie led 5-0 after three innings.

Dobie rallied with four straight wins to get back to 6-6 in league play, but a late loss to Dawson, complete with several mental mistakes, proved to be too much to overcome.

"We are vastly disappointed that we didn't perform as well as we had hoped," Dobie head coach Miguel Torres said.

"There were too many times where mental mistakes were very costly, and we just couldn't overcome that. It was never for lack of effort. The guys gave up

everything they had and pushed hard for every win. It just didn't come together for us.

"We put up a valiant effort to get back into the playoff race, but we just dug ourselves too much of a hole. Really, I think we had a hard time recovering from that first loss to Dawson. They were shut out by Rayburn and lost to Memorial to end the first half. That was hard to come back from."

So three-year starters Myers and Paredes will lead the graduating class of baseball players. There will be other senior losses, too.

"Tyler and Jesse are both great young men who contributed greatly to our program," Torres said. "They both did a wonderful job of guiding this program during their time."

At left, the Dobie Longhorns ended the regular season at 7-9 in District 22-6A action after a 2-1 loss at Pasadena Memorial April 29. Dobie went 2-6 in the first half of district play but then rallied for four straight wins before losses to Dawson and Alvin down the stretch prevented the locals from reaching the playoffs. Alvin claimed the 22-6A championship, with Pearland second, followed by Dawson and Manvel. Dobie finished sixth, courtesy of a season sweep by fifth-place Memorial, which also went 7-9. At left, three-year starter Tyler Myers played his final game for the Longhorns against Memorial. As for next season, Alvin, Pearland, Manvel and Dawson will all exit courtesy of realignment, leaving Dobie to compete against Deer Park, La Porte and Beaumont West Brook, in addition to the other Pasadena ISD schools.



Shown at right, Clear Brook High School senior powerlifter Ashley Alvarez squatted 365 pounds at the Region IV meet and 380 pounds at the Texas High School Women's Powerlifting Association's state meet in Corpus Christi, stringing together one of the best overall seasons of results in Lady Wolverine history. A former gymnast, Alvarez realistically spent just over a year competing in the sport of powerlifting, achieving great results. Alvarez was the Region IV champion this season and wound up fifth at state in the 148-pound body weight category. She will also graduate as the class of 2016 salutatorian, ranking second in the Brook senior class of 520 students with a grade point average of 5.77. Later this summer, Alvarez will head for the University of Georgia to begin her freshmen year there. Courtesy photo



# Brook salutatorian Alvarez also quite a powerlifter

By John Bechtle Sports Editor

If Ashley Alvarez walks across the stage to collect her diploma next month and exits as one of the most successful yet perhaps under-recognized Clear Brook High School student-athletes of the 2015-2016 school year, it's certainly not her fault. While track and field sprinter Brandon Taylor has certainly earned his due recognition as one of the state's top performers in his own right, Alvarez's accomplishments during this, her senior year at Clear Brook, should rightfully put her in the conversation for "Story of the Year."

Taylor will get his chance to bring home a medal from the Class 6A State Track and Field Championships when he competes in the 100- and 200-meter dashes May 14 in Austin.

Alvarez, meanwhile, already has her hardware, having finished fifth in her 148-pound weight class at the Texas High School Women's Powerlifting Association's Class 6A state championship meet March 8 in Corpus Christi.

At state, Alvarez squatted 380 pounds, bench pressed 210 pounds and deadlifted another 330 pounds for a three-lift total of 920 pounds.

Julissa Torres of Los Fresnos totaled 1,005 pounds in the meet to win the overall state championship.

What a season it was

for Alvarez. She set Region IV records en route to winning that overall title in February.

At the regional meet, Alvarez squatted 365 pounds, benched 210 pounds and deadlifted 320 pounds for a regional record 895 pounds in the 148-pound weight class. Her nearest competitor totaled 795 pounds over the three lifts.

Darrell Kellam, Clear Brook's powerlifting coach, said what Alvarez has been able to accomplish in the sport over the course of barely two years is nothing short of amazing.

Alvarez said she was a gymnast for 11 years before she retired during her sophomore season after injuries became too much to overcome in that demanding sport.

She essentially began powerlifting on her own time during her junior season, and now is possibly the best of all time at Clear Brook on the girls' side of things.

"I knew that gymnastics had given me a good foundation of strength, and I picked up the various techniques of powerlifting pretty quickly, but there's no way I would have guessed that I'd have been able to do this well."

Perhaps it was her dedication to simply wanting to achieve more?

Although she did not have a first period class this semester, Alvarez was always one of the first to show up for workouts,

which start at 5:45 each morning. After attending classes the rest of the day, Alvarez would spend extra time in the journalism department as the editor in chief of the yearbook staff at Clear Brook. Alvarez also has a part-time job.

Need more? When the 2016 graduation class at Clear Brook High School does walk across the stage, Alvarez will be the salutatorian, having graduated No. 2 overall out of a class total of 520. Her grade point average stands at 5.77.

"There's really not much Ashley can't do once she puts her mind to it," Kellam said.

"She's by far an inspiration to us all, and someone that everyone should look to follow after. She's just been a tremendous overall student-athlete at Clear Brook."

Alvarez of course earned Elite Team Academic All-State status from the THSWPA, and was awarded a \$1,000 academic scholarship by the same association for her accomplishments this season.

Alvarez's sister, Kaitlyn, is currently a junior at Ohio State University in Columbus. Soon, Alvarez will also be on the move. She leaves Aug. 11 for the University of Georgia, where she will begin her collegiate studies.

Alvarez is looking to do something in the sport sciences field, perhaps kinesiology, physical therapy or something else in

the fitness field. And there could be more powerlifting in Alvarez's future.

She has already seen online that the University

of Georgia indeed has a powerlifting program. It's called Club Powerlifting UGA, and Alvarez just may be a future member.

"I'm definitely going to miss Clear Brook and my time here, but I'm excited to go to Georgia and get out of Texas for a while."



Ashley Alvarez, a senior powerlifter at Clear Brook High School, had plenty of reasons to smile after setting a Region IV three-lift record total of 895 pounds in the 148-pound weight class. Alvarez advanced to the Texas High School Women's Powerlifting Association, where she was fifth overall to close out her brief career with the Lady Wolverines.

# CB's Cupples is 24-6A's Goalkeeper of the Year



Clear Brook's Aidan Cupples closed out his stand-out varsity soccer career in style, landing Goalkeeper of the Year honors in District 24-6A boys' play. He was also a member of the district's all-academic team.

## Co-Most Valuable Player

Brian Cassidy, Friendswood

Alex Martinez, Brazoswood

## Offensive Player/Year

Trey Brittenum, Friendswood

## Defensive Player/Year

Ivan Adams, Clear Springs

## Goalkeeper/Year

Aidan Cupples, Clear Brook

## Newcomer/Year

Reece Winters, Clear Creek

## Coach/Year

Stephen Peter, Friendswood

## First Team Selections

Moodi Adawin, Sr., Friendswood

Cristian Aguilar, Sr., Dickinson

Alvaro Anez, Sr., Clear Creek

Jared Bouslog, Sr., Friendswood

AJ Buchman, Jr., Friendswood

Matt Case, Sr., Brazoswood

Zayn Dhalla, Sr., Friendswood

Ellis Elam, Jr., Brazoswood

Josh Essary, Sr., Clear Springs

Nic Gonzales, Soph., Brazoswood

Brice Cole, Sr., Friendswood

Jordan Greenshield, Soph., Clear Brook

Cooper Godfrey, Jr., Clear Falls

Thomas Groom, Sr., Clear Falls

Cole Luster, Sr., Brazoswood

Hunter Mata, Sr., Clear Brook

Seth Porter, Soph., Clear Springs

Jesus Solano, Sr., Clear Creek

Hayden Smith, Sr., Clear Lake

Elias Vaquiz, Sr., Dickinson

Cooper Wamack, Sr., Clear Creek

Dominic Wood, Sr., Clear Springs

## Second Team - Brook

Devan Desilva, Sr.

Saul Miranda, Sr.

## Academic Team - Brook

Devan Desilva, Sr.

Aidan Cupples, Sr.

Riley Eichenour, Sr.

Hunter Mata, Sr.

David Pincus, Sr.

Kyle Sharpe, Sr.

Matt Walton, Sr.

## Honorable Mention - Brook

Cobi Morano, Jr.

Kevin Vargas, Jr.



With Clear Brook powerlifting coach Darrell Kellam (far left, black shirt, white shorts) providing his support, Clear Brook powerlifter Ashley Alvarez successfully completed a deadlift of 330 pounds at the Texas High School Women's Powerlifting Association's state meet in Corpus Christi in March. Alvarez wound up fifth at the state competition in just her first full season as a competitor. A former gymnast, Alvarez is now headed to the University of Georgia to continue her studies.

# Despite playoff loss, Dobie softball sends Deer Park a notice

**Continued from Page 1B** Whaley smacked a double off the third-base bag for a lead-off hit and went to third base on a sacrifice bunt by Allison Bravo.

Freshman Taylor Pleasants, certainly one of the state's top up-and-coming stars, made a bid for a big inning by lining a drive to center field.

But after Deer Park's Taylor McHenry drifted back for the grab for the second out, Whaley tagged up at third base and raced for home.

Dobie appeared to be up 1-0, but Whaley was called out after the third-base ump ruled she left the third base bag prior to McHenry completing the catch in center field.

In the bottom of the first inning, McHenry was credited with an inside-the-park home run after lining a ball to left field just in front of Dobie's Alexa Munoz.

As the ball trickled away, Munoz stumbled in the outfield and couldn't retrieve the ball and get it back in before McHenry circled the bases. Munoz had to be treated briefly for an injury, but returned to the game.

Deer Park took a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the second inning, courtesy of three straight singles.

Gaines got Dobie back even with her blast in the fourth, but Deer Park answered in its half of the fifth inning for a 3-2 lead.

In the sixth, Deer Park

had four hits, but, also benefitted from a passed ball and a throwing error from the outfield. There was also a controversial call made at home plate.

Deer Park's fourth run came home to score, but Dobie head coach Robin Rackley argued the call at the plate after the home

plate umpire ruled Deer Park's Amaya Montano made her way under the tag.

**Rivalry coming**  
After multiple seasons of seeing the likes of Pearland, Alvin, Manvel and Dawson, Dobie will now battle Deer Park, La Porte, Beaumont West Brook and

the rest of the Pasadena ISD for the 22-6A crown over the next two seasons.

While La Porte and West Brook also made the playoffs out of District 21-6A, this Dobie/Deer Park rivalry could get hotly-contested moving forward.

Looking at Dobie's lineup on the field in the

2016 season finale, only catcher Marissa Longoria and Munoz are seniors. Starting pitcher Michelle Kristoff will return for her third season, as will left-handed pitcher Alyssa Corpus.

In the infield, all four starters could return, with Pleasants, a major Division I collegiate prospect who will be just a sophomore, leading the way. In the outfield, Whaley and Allison Bravo will return, and Gaines is certainly a candidate there as well.

But Deer Park also has to feel good about

its future. McBride and McHenry, both major offensive contributors, will graduate. But head coach Carrie Austgen's starting lineup also featured six players who are due to

return. Two freshmen and two sophomores started for Deer Park in the game.

So Deer Park has taken the upper hand for now, but this renewed rivalry is far from over.

The Deer will face Dobie twice during the regular season in both 2017 and 2018, and the Lady

Longhorns will no doubt be looking to deliver some payback to one of the state's best.



**At left, Dobie second baseman Yasmine Myers has a single in two at-bats against Deer Park in the bidistrict playoff softball game between the two teams April 28 and is slated to return for her third season as a starter. At right, while Dobie certainly has had a storied history in the sport of softball with three state championships to its credit, shortstop Taylor Pleasants has the skill set to possibly become one of the program's best. Just a freshman, Pleasants has a cannon arm at shortstop and a gap-to-gap left-handed swing with plenty of pop at the plate. Dobie could return as many as five other starters next season.**  
*Photos by John Bechtle*



## Sports news, notes

### Brook H.S. soccer camp

Clear Brook varsity boys' soccer coach Chris Stromeier and Lady Wolverines' head coach Jamie Scott will host the 2016 Clear Brook Youth Soccer Camp June 7-9, from 8 to 10 a.m., at the school.

Students entering kindergarten through the ninth grade as of the 2016-2017 school year are invited to attend. Cost is \$60 cash or money order.

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

For more information, direct email to Stromeier at cstromey@ccisd.net or to Scott at JaScott@ccisd.net.

### San Jac men's hoops tryouts

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

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

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

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

### SJC women's hoops tryouts

The San Jacinto College women's basketball team will hold tryouts for the 2016-2017 season on Saturday, May 21, 2016.

Tryouts will take place at Nichols Gymnasium on the San Jacinto College North campus, from 10 a.m. to noon. Participants will be required to sign a waiver of liability, and should plan to arrive no later than 9 a.m.

Questions about the tryouts should be directed to the San Jacinto College women's basketball office at 281-459-7675.

San Jac made history last season when it finished as the regional runner-up with a 22-11 overall record. The locals defeated Trinity Valley Community College, 57-52 in semifinal action of the Region XIV tournament to advance to the championship game against Blinn College under first-year head Coach Michael Madrid.

The college's North campus is located at 5800 Uvalde Road, in Houston. For more information about San Jacinto College women's basketball, visit sanjacsports.com.

### Soccer tryouts at San Jac

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

San Jacinto College finished the 2015 season 12-6-1 as the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Region XIV runner-up. Recently, the team wrapped up a successful spring season with wins against Houston Baptist University (1-0) and St. Mary's University (2-0), a tie with University of the Incarnate Word (2-2), and a single loss to United Soccer League (USL) professional team Rio Grande Valley FC (4-0).

Tryouts are open to current and incoming San Jacinto College students as well as high school graduating seniors. Participants are required to bring their own shin guards and water.

The South campus is located at 13735 Beamer Road. For more information about open tryouts, contact soccer head coach Ian Spooner at 281-922-3475 or direct email to ian.spooner@sajcd.edu.

### Summer camps, clinics on tap

There will be plenty of summer camps and clinics available at Beverly Hills Intermediate, Thompson Intermediate, Clear Brook High School and Dobie High School beginning in June.

The *Leader* will begin printing details of these various camps, etc., in the May 12 issue.

## Lady Longhorns' Longoria picks Houston-Victoria softball



**Dobie varsity softball player Marissa Longoria (seated fifth from left) will continue her education and playing career at the University of Houston-Victoria after signing a letter of intent with the Jaguars. Those with her at the signing included, left to right, (front row) Naseem Shafae (friend), Andrew Ghansyam (friend), Stephanie DeLaGarza (friend), Aaron Longoria (father), Yvonne Longoria (mother), Alias Arizmendi (friend), Alexa Munoz (Dobie teammate), (second row) Dobie varsity softball head coach Robin Rackley, Lauren Calderao (friend), Cera Alvarado**

**(friend), Sarah Guzman (friend), Ryan Sosa (friend), (third row) Alaina Sitka (friend), Josue Villalta (friend), Crystal Garza (friend), Michelle Kristoff (Dobie teammate), Anthony Martinez (friend), Deja Gaines (Dobie teammate), Dobie varsity softball assistant coach Chris Swinnen, (back row) Lady Stros select softball coach Carlos Morgan, Jacob Garcia (friend), assistant principal Mike Van Essen and Dobie varsity softball assistant coach Mat Ortiz.**

# CALENDAR

**THURSDAY, MAY 5**  
7 a.m.  
**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.  
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.  
Noon  
**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.  
6:30 p.m.  
**CrossRoads UMC** - ESL classes Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 p.m. at the church, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Course, books and child care are free. For information, call 281-484-9243 or visit [www.crossroads-umc.org](http://www.crossroads-umc.org).  
**Diabetes Support Group** - A support group for young adults with Type 1 diabetes. All subjects open for discussion: new technologies, research advances, dating, etc. Meets the first Thursday (or second if that day is a holiday) at various restaurants. Contact Dan Steiner, CDE, at 713-922-9677 for information.  
7 p.m.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Women's Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, at the First Presbyterian Church (youth building) on the Westminster side. For information, call 713-856-1611.  
**Al-Anon (English Speaking)** - Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Room 215. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.  
**Alateen** - Provides support for teenage children, friends and family members of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, room 208. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.  
**The Bay Area Writers League** - Meets the first Thursday of

each month, Barnes and Noble, Bay Area Blvd. and the Gulf Freeway. 7 p.m. Newcomers welcome.  
8:30 p.m.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.  
**FRIDAY, MAY 6**  
7 a.m.  
**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.  
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)** - West End Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, Shepherd of the Heart United Methodist Church, 12005 County Road 39, Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.  
6 p.m.  
**Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish)** - Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 6 p.m., room 215, First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.  
7 p.m.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.  
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.  
**Al-Anon** - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Friday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.  
**Serenity Now Al-Anon Group** - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Friday, 8 to 9 p.m. Family members and friends of

problem drinkers or addicts learn they are not alone, share, learn principles of Al-Anon and learn about choices available to them. 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.  
**SATURDAY, MAY 7**  
7:30 a.m.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** - "Breakfast with Bill", Saturdays, 7:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.  
10 a.m.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.  
11 a.m.  
**Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English)** - For women whose lives are affected by an addict. Saturdays, 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.  
1 p.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.  
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.  
**SUNDAY, MAY 8**  
1 p.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.  
2 p.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class** - Sunday and Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details or additional classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at [dr.glandorf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dr.glandorf@sbcglobal.net) or call 281-488-6318.  
**Grief Support Group** - For adults who have lost a loved one. Meets Sundays, except Mother's Day, Easter and

Christmas, 2 to 3:15 p.m., First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. For information, call 281-487-8787.  
3 p.m.  
**Scleroderma Support Group** - Do you, or someone you know have scleroderma - a rare illness caused by collagen overproduction? Join a support group monthly on the second Sunday, 3 to 5 p.m., at Pasadena Bayshore Hospital, 4000 Spencer Hwy., Pasadena. Bring a friend. Contact group leader Jacob Davila at 281-706-6232, or email [jda.vila@scleroderma.org](mailto:jda.vila@scleroderma.org).  
5:30 p.m.  
**Celebrate Recovery** - A faith-based 12-Step Program, Sundays, 5:30 p.m., Chapel of the Educational Building at Life Church, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for information or to RSVP for child care.  
6:30 p.m.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** - Candlelight Meeting, Sunday, 6:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.  
7 p.m.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets Sundays, 7 p.m., 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.  
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.  
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**MONDAY, MAY 9**  
10 a.m.  
**Al-Anon Deer Park** - Mondays 10 to 11 a.m. Literature Study, In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for information, or just drop in.  
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**Overeaters Anonymous Deer Park** - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for information, or just drop in.

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

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

**Scrabble Club #511** - Meets Mondays at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua, 6 p.m. Come and improve crossword game playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for information.

**Mended Hearts Cardiac Support Group** - A national organization dedicated to inspiring hope in heart disease patients and their families, meets the second Monday of each month at the Clear Lake Heart Towers auditorium, 495 Medical Center Blvd. in 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** - meets Mondays at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland. Enter door next to recycling bins. For information, call 713-865-3668 or visit www.oahouston.org.

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

**Sagemont Civic Club** - Meetings are held the second Monday of every month, 7 p.m., Sagemont Park Recreation Center, 11507 Hughes Road.  
**Friends Helping Friends Grief Support Group** - meets Mondays, Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster, 7 to 8:15 p.m., in the Team Conference Room. Anyone who's lost a loved one is welcome. Free. For information, call Mrs. Barry Craven at 281-486-4241 or R. Sanchez at 281-337-4365.

**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 non-members. Everyone is welcome. For information, contact 281-488-5861 or csh@shaarhashalom.org.

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

**TUESDAY, MAY 10**  
7 a.m.

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

**CCART** - The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers meets the second Tuesday of each month, Sept. through 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 to attend and join. Annual dues are \$35.  
**Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - Exhibits include dioramas, an old-time kitchen and a turn-of-the-century doctor's office. Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For information, call 713-472-0565.

**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.

**Tri-County Republican Women** - meeting is Tuesday, May 10, at Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Social/networking starts at 10:30 a.m., business meeting is at 11 a.m. and lunch (optional), available for \$15, is at noon. May's speaker from South Texas College of Law is Associate Professor of Law Josh Blackman, who specializes in constitutional law, the U.S. Supreme Court, and the intersection of law and technology. For reservations, call Laura Morgan at 281-484-8083.

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

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

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

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

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

**Houston Space City Lions Club** - Meets the second and fourth Tuesday monthly, 7 p.m., at Golden Corral (12500 Gulf Frwy.) or various restaurants. For information, call George Malone at 281-438-7243.

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

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**WEDNESDAY, MAY 11**  
7 a.m.

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

**Young at Heart Club** - Meets the second and fourth week of each month (except November and December) at Covenant United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Lots of activities, trips, etc. Call Nellie Ganley at 713-991-3517 for information.

**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.

**American Business Women's Association Bay Area Vision Chapter** - Now meets at Perry's Steakhouse & Grille, 487 Bay Area Blvd., on the second Wednesday of every month. For information or to RSVP, call Lorylyn Wynn at 281-388-5202.

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

**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.

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

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**Bay Area New Democrats** - Meet at the Clear Lake Court House at 1020 W. NASA Pkwy., Suite 204. For information, visit www.bayareanewdemocrats.org.

**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 12**  
7 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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**Congregation Shaar Hashalom's** - Rabbi Stuart Federow hosts free discussions on Judaism and religion in general, open to the public, second Thursdays of the month, at Victor's, 1425 NASA Pkwy. (next to "space" McDonald's). Congregation Shaar Hashalom is the Conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. For information, contact the Synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or at csh@shaarhashalom.org.

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

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

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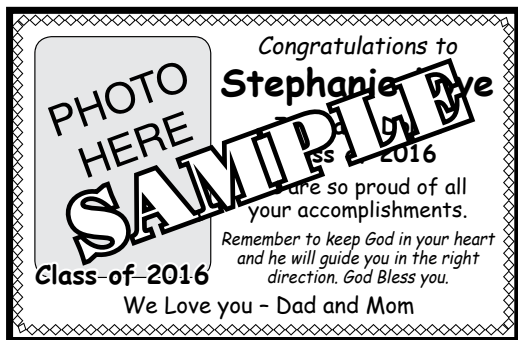
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**Continued from Page 1B** of insurance runs in the top of the seventh inning as the locals got another win.

Going against Paris April 30, San Jacinto earned a berth at nationals with a 4-1 victory. San Jacinto scored single runs in the second through fifth innings, and Damian was 2 for 3 with a homer.

Overall, Kerl, Doherty, Damian and Alexis DeLeon had two hits apiece. Tyler tried to push San Jacinto to the limit in the championship round.

Instead, San Jac closed out a string of four wins with a 7-2 victory, rallying from a 2-0 deficit with four runs in the fifth inning and three more in the seventh inning.

The home run ball played a big role in the

game for San Jacinto as DeLeon, Hernandez, Office, Gabby Gonzalez and Doherty all went deep to support Niki Gonzalez, who pitched all 28 innings of the event for the winners.

In sweeping past Tyler, SJC also handed the Apaches' Cassidy Ferrill her first loss of the season after a 20-0 start for the freshman.

Obviously, getting the first win against Tyler, the No. 1 ranked team in the nation, got San Jacinto on a roll.

"The girls stuck to our game plan and played very well," said San Jacinto College Softball head coach, Kelly Saenz.

"The girls made the necessary adjustments at the plate to put the ball in play."

"Niki pitched a good

game and kept the other batters off balance, while the defense was solid and made good plays.

"Today, we are focusing on good productive at-bats and a solid defense that makes the routine plays."

In taking down Blinn, perhaps the hottest team in terms of wins coming into the tournament, San Jac again came through with enough run support for Niki Gonzalez, who had eight strikeouts.

"Niki pitched another good game," said Saenz. "We had a solid defense once again with timely hitting."

After winning the regional title, San Jacinto was able to relish in the big win, remembering what Saenz had told them when the tournament began.

"I told them from the

very beginning that it didn't matter that we were coming in as the No. 4 seed," said Saenz, who is in her 12th year at the helm of the San Jacinto College softball program.

"All they had to do was work hard and stay

focused, and they would accomplish what they set out to do. Today definitely proved that to be true."

Along with the Region XIV championship title, several players received all-region and all-conference honors.

Gabby Gonzalez, the team's starting catcher from Baytown Sterling High School, earned first-team All-Region honors in this, her sophomore season.

Second-team All-Region honors went to fresh-

man Niki Gonzalez, who is Gabby Gonzalez's sister.

Kerl, a freshman infielder from Silsbee High School and Office, a freshman from Clear Falls High School, were also second team all-region honorees.

First-team All-Conference accolades went to the Gonzalez sisters, Kerl, and Office.

Second-team All-Conference honors went to Doherty, a freshman outfielder from Santa Fe High School and DeLeon,

a freshman utility player from Cinco Ranch High School.

At press time, other national qualifiers included Chipola (Fla.), Florida Southwestern State, Georgia Military and Wallace State.



San Jacinto College third baseman Dani Damian had five hits over the middle two games, including a homer, as the locals won the Region XIV softball championship with four straight wins. Damian, a freshman from Angleton High School, had three hits in a 6-2 win over Blinn April 29, and then had a homer and another hit as SJC beat Paris 4-1.

*Photo by Andrea Vasquez*

## Lady Lion 7s reach title soccer game

Thompson's seventh-grade girls' soccer team will play for the inaugural Pasadena ISD tournament championship.

The Lady Lions won a pair of games to reach the championship game of the

tournament after going 2-1-1 in four games during the regular season.

The Lady Lions are coached by Bryan McDonald, who is also the varsity girls' soccer head coach at Dobie High

School. At press time, the PISD boys' tournament was to begin. The championship round of games is set for Friday, May 6, at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. The Thompson girls play at 5 p.m.



The San Jacinto College softball team hoisted the Region XIV tournament championship trophy after dropping Tyler 7-2 in the final May 1, at the South campus. A winner of 10 straight games, San Jacinto is headed to the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I National Championship May 18-21, at St. George, Utah. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Missy Hernandez, Katlin Kerl, J.J. Cerda, Carol Raabe, Jamie Henk, Shelbi

Doherty, Alexis DeLeon, Gabby Gonzalez, (back row) San Jacinto College head coach Kelly Saenz, Sarah Holden, Nakilah Robinson, Isis Rangel, Jaimee Kelly, Dani Damian, Taylor Office, Niki Gonzalez, Ashley Zapata, Kaylee Ousman, Shelby Dublin and assistant coach Kelsey Walters. San Jacinto is making its third trip to nationals overall and its first since 2014. The program was fourth at nationals in 2008.

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