

Cowgirls hold registration

The Sagemont Cowgirls will hold drill team and mascot registration for the upcoming season Saturday, April 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the football field at El Franco Lee Park. The Sagemont Cowgirl Drill Team is open to participants ages 8 through 13, and the Sagemont Cowgirl Mascots is open to participants ages 5 through 7. A \$100 deposit is due at registration. For information, contact club president Denny Wranich at 281-785-8353.

PIP meets April 17

The Houston Police Department's Positive Interaction Program will meet Tuesday, April 17, at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria, in the staff meeting room on the first floor. Guest speaker will be Officer Randy Farmer, who will speak on the issue of animal cruelty. PIP consists of police and citizens working together for safer neighborhoods. For information, call HPD Officer Richard Buitron at 832-395-1776.

Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from FM-518 to FM-517 in League City will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Saturday, April 21. Alternate entrance and exit ramps will be closed.

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from the IH-610 South Loop to Alameda Genoa Road will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Friday, April 27, (excluding weekends).

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to SH 96/League City Parkway daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Monday, Dec. 31. Alternate entrance and exit ramps will be closed.

The northbound frontage road of the Gulf Freeway from FM 518 to NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 will be continuously closed through 5 a.m. Friday, Aug. 31. Traffic traveling north on the frontage road will take the I-45 north main lanes from the FM 518 entrance to the NASA Road 1 exit.

Dolphins hold registration

The Southbelt Dolphins football, cheer and drill teams will hold registration at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 28. Total cost is \$300. Required deposit at registration is \$150. For more information, call Raoul Garza at 281-481-7880.

Dobie band hosts car show

The eighth annual Dobie Longhorn Band car show will take place Saturday, April 14, at Beverly Hills Intermediate, 11111 Beamer, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Rain-out date is April 21. The event will feature live music, vendors, food, door prizes and a silent auction. Trophies and dash plaques will be awarded to all winners. Registration will take place from 8 to 11:30 a.m. Car and motorcycle entry fee is \$25. The first 50 entrants will receive a goodie bag and free T-shirt. Vendor slots are available for \$25. All proceeds will benefit the Dobie Longhorn Band. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information, email JF DobbieBPO@gmail.com.

AARP offers free tax help

Volunteers from AARP Foundation Tax-Aide will be available to answer questions and offer tax preparation at Parker Williams Public Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., on Mondays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through April 16. This service is free and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Those seeking help should bring Social Security cards or other official documentation for oneself and all dependents, last year's income tax return, W-2 forms from each employer, unemployment compensation statements, forms and other necessary forms to help the volunteer complete the return. For additional information, visit aarp.org/taxaide.

Knights host blood drive

The Knights of Columbus Council 9201 will host a blood drive at the St. Luke the Evangelist social hall on Sunday, April 15, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Melillo holds carnival

Melillo Middle School will hold its 10th annual spring carnival on Friday, April 20, from 6 to 8 p.m. Attractions include a dunking booth, an obstacle course, a rock wall, DJ music, a cake walk and silent auction baskets. Concessions include turkey legs, sausage on a stick, snow cones, nachos, popcorn and chopped barbecue sandwiches.

Scouts host garage sale

Boy Scout Venture Crew 692 will host a garage sale on Saturday, April 21, at 11202 Sage-willow from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call Robert Mendoza, associate crew advisor, at 713-569-2970.

Council approves new floodplain regulations

Houston City Council voted 9-7 Wednesday, April 4, to approve tougher development rules for new homes built inside of the 500-year floodplain.

The vote came after an unusually lengthy debate of more than three hours.

Mayor Sylvester Turner said in a press release that Council's approval of his reform proposals was a major step forward for protecting lives and property in any future Houston floods. He also said the vote will send a strong signal to the nation about how the city plans for its future.

"It is a positive day and a defining moment for Houston," Turner said. "We are being transformational, becoming a more resilient city, and that means doing business in a way we have not done before."

The new rules for future construction of

homes and buildings in floodplains will take effect Sept. 1, close to the 1-year anniversary of Hurricane Harvey, which brought record-high rainfall to Houston, flooded hundreds of thousands of dwellings and triggered the deaths of dozens of people in Harris County.

New construction will have to sit two feet above the 500-year floodplain, which is land predicted to flood during a once-every-500-years storm (17-19 inches of rain in 24 hours). The soon-to-expire standard was set at one foot above the 100-year floodplain, land that is predicted to flood during a once-every-100-years storm (13-14 inches of rain in 24 hours).

The current regulations proved inadequate for Harvey, which dumped up to 51 inches of rain on the area. The new rules would have protected 90 percent of the Houston homes that flooded last

August, excluding those affected by water released from U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reservoirs.

The new ordinances will also require development expansion projects to follow updated rules on providing rainwater retention areas.

Turner said the city will now shift to developing ordinance changes this year for areas outside the floodplain and construction of infrastructure and drainage projects. The city will also continue to work with county, state and federal governments to fund and build flood mitigation projects, such as bayou widening and a third reservoir.

Roy Wright, FEMA's deputy associate administrator for insurance and mitigation, wrote to the mayor, "For the nation to be more resilient, many communities will take these forward-lean-

ing steps. We will be looking to Houston to lead the nation in its resilience and capacity to shape policies that keep citizens safe through all hazards."

The mayor acknowledged that some local business interests opposed Wednesday's City Council action with the argument that new construction will cost more. But, he said, saving lives is worth the extra cost, and the reforms will assure new residents and businesses that Houston is more prepared for the next storms.

"Unless we take constructive steps to mitigate the risk of flooding, why would business owners want to make a significant investment inside the city of Houston? They at least want to see us doing things that will protect them and their investment," Turner said. "We are not going to put profit over the lives of people."

Frazier receives donations



Frazier Elementary has now received more than \$385,000 worth of supplies, including books, furniture, iPads, laptops, snacks and other classroom materials from the charitable organization DonorsChoose. The group, with the help of a significant donation from the virtual currency company Ripple, was responsible for funding roughly 50 different projects for Frazier. Students shown above sorting through recent deliveries are, left to right, April Sample, Blake Turnipseed, Ivanee Morales and Levyn Walker. Photo submitted

South Belt cook-off approaches

Dozens of cooking teams are eager to show off their culinary skills at this year's annual South Belt Spectacular Cook-off, set to take place Thursday, April 26, through Saturday, April 28, at El Franco Lee Park, located at 9400 Hall Road. (Thursday will be primarily for cooks, while Friday and Saturday will be open to the public.)

Teams will be competing for prizes in a number of different categories, including best brisket, chicken, ribs, beans, chili, chef's choice and margaritas.

Now in its 22nd year, the event is the lone fundraiser for the annual South Belt Fourth of July fireworks display, also held at the area park. Any remaining funds will go toward local charities and future firework displays.

A crawfish boil was recently added to Friday night's schedule.

Also new to this year's event is the addition of live musical performances by Charlie Robison and Phineus Reb on Saturday night.

On Saturday afternoon, children 12 and under will be admitted for free from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. On that day, children will have access to a wide variety of free activities, including moonwalks, rock climbing, pony rides, a petting zoo, a train ride, a coin-in-a-haystack game, an obstacle course, a giant bungee trampoline, face painting, hair braiding, Disney princesses and superheroes, a police helicopter and cruiser, a fire engine and ambulance display and photos with a live Watusi bull named Oliver.

A live auction will also take place Saturday

night when the cook-off winners are announced.

Organizers are excited about the event and encourage all South Belt residents to attend.

"The Southeast Volunteer Fire Department is presenting the 22nd annual cook-off with nearly 80 teams competing," said Dean Baier, event coordinator. "SVFD encourages South Belt residents to join us for a weekend of fun, starting Friday, April 27, with awesome barbecue and boiled crawfish from 6 to 10 p.m., followed by a day full of free kid's activities, more barbecue and refreshments on Saturday, April 28, and on Saturday evening, we will be featuring live music with Charlie Robison and Phineus Reb."

A few cooking spots were still available at press time. While cooking teams that participated in last year's event had first dibs on available spots, not all groups paid their deposits by the deadline. Organizers said the shortage of early registrations for this year's event can be largely attributed to the effects of Hurricane Harvey.

This year's cook-off will feature a total of 165 cooking spots (some teams pay for more than one spot). A 40-foot-by-40-foot spot costs \$195. The fee includes eight wristbands and allows team members to purchase half-priced tickets.

Sponsorship opportunities are also still available at various levels.

To reserve a spot, contact event organizer Linda Arnone at 281-484-4325.

For more information, visit <http://southbeltcookoff.com> or <https://www.facebook.com/SouthBeltCookoff>.

Ellis addresses new flood report

The report released Thursday, April 5, by the Greater Houston Flood Mitigation Consortium underscores once again the need for equitable funding for flood control projects, robust and transparent public engagement, and a comprehensive buyout program that includes relocation service and strong case management, Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis said.

"The Consortium's report is a blueprint for action on flood control that we need to take seriously. It outlines clear strategies for how our region can minimize the impact of future floods for every community and foster resiliency," Ellis said.

One strategy identified in the report calls for offsetting the current flood mitigation disparities in low-income neighborhoods caused by the federal benefit/cost ratio that in the past has prioritized projects in communities with higher property values by focusing dollars on those areas.

The report specifically raised concerns about the benefit/cost ratio, noting that, "This approach

may skew investment and response to areas with higher property values and may leave under-resourced communities out of recovery plans. However, this cost-benefit approach is required to qualify for federal funding. It is important to ensure that major investments are spread equitably throughout the region so that all residents benefit to the extent possible, by taking into consideration factors such as population density, historic levels of investment and underinvestment, and the location of particularly vulnerable or politically disempowered populations."

Ellis, who voiced similar concerns at Commissioners Court last week, agreed with the report's analysis, stating, "Many low-income neighborhoods that experienced both chronic flooding and chronic under-funding for federal flood mitigation have been unfairly harmed by the federal benefit/cost ratio. Inequitable funding creates an intractable cycle of vulnerability that must be interrupted. We can't ef-

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Police still searching for H-E-B killers

Nearly three months after the murder of that Huu Le in the parking lot of H-E-B at Blackhawk and Beltway 8, Houston police are still searching for his killers.

According to police, the incident took place around 1:05 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 20. Le, 75, had reportedly been followed by two male suspects to the store from a nearby Wells Fargo Bank, where he had made a cash withdrawal.

As Le was exiting his vehicle, one of the suspects approached him, and an altercation ensued. During the dispute, the suspect fired multiple shots at Le.

The suspects then fled the scene in an older model gold Infiniti, four-door sedan. The vehicle was later recovered by investigators.

Le was transported to Clear Lake Regional Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

The cash withdrawal was reportedly still in Le's pocket when he was discovered.

The suspects are described as two black males in their early to mid-20s. Surveillance footage from the H-E-B shows the shooter wearing a gray hoodie and black pants with a white stripe running down the leg. Surveillance footage taken from the bank shows the driver wearing a long-sleeve gray Nike shirt, light-colored pants and white sneakers.

Investigators said the driver was seen waiting in line at the bank but did not make a transaction. He reportedly followed Le out of the building after he made his withdrawal.

Surveillance photos of the suspects can be seen at <http://cityofhouston.news/surveillance-photos-released-in-fatal-shooting-at-9828-blackhawk>.

Anyone with information on the identity of the suspects or this case is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

Monthly Ellington e-recycling continues

The Leader would like to remind South Belt residents of the City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department's monthly electronic recycling event at the Neighborhood Recycling Center at Ellington Airport.

The collection events take place the second Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The next collection event will take place Saturday, April 14.

City officials said the ongoing repairs being made to the recycling facility will not interfere with the collection event.

The program was placed on hold for several months last year due to contract disagreements with CompuCycle, the company responsible for doing the recycling.

Recycling electronics keeps potentially harmful materials, such as mercury, cadmium, lead and cathode ray tubes out of the waste stream and the environment.

Items accepted include PCs, servers, keyboards, mice, laptops, game consoles, monitors, small kitchen appliances, memory chips, hubs and routers, printers, copiers, scanners, fax machines, projectors, rechargeable batteries, cable boxes, car batteries, telephones, cell phones, PDAs, tape drives, hard drives, cords, cables and cameras.

To get to the Ellington site from the Gulf Freeway and Beltway 8, drivers should take I-45 south toward Galveston and turn left onto FM 1959/Dixie Farm Road; go to Highway 3/Old Galveston Road and turn right; drive two blocks and turn left onto Brantly; go past a dock with signs to the right and turn left onto Loop Road/Broussard. The recycling center is on the left-hand side.

For additional information, visit <http://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/treewaste.html> or call 3-1-1.

Police chase suspects in stolen U-Haul

Authorities are searching for two men who bailed out of a U-Haul truck after it got stuck at the end of a police chase early Friday, April 6.

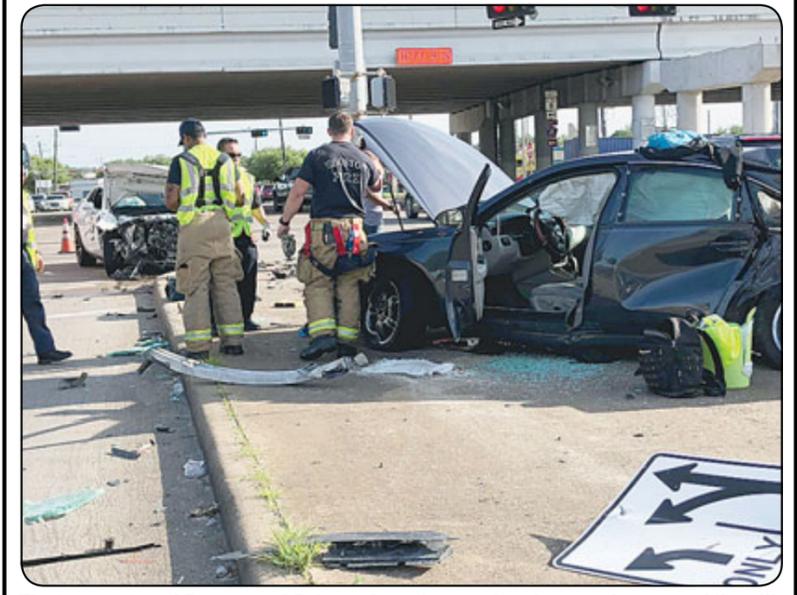
According to police, the incident began around 2 a.m. when they responded to a call about a suspicious vehicle that was driving slowly around shopping center parking lots near Fuqua and the Gulf Freeway. When the officers attempted to stop the vehicle, the driver of the truck fled, and

a chase ensued. The pursuit ended roughly 11 miles away on Red Bluff near Genoa Red Bluff when the suspects attempted to drive down a trail at a park and got stuck, then fled on foot into a nearby wooded area.

K9 units and a police helicopter were used to try to track down the suspects, but their efforts were unsuccessful.

Investigators believe the truck was stolen.

Crashes continue at Beltway at Beamer



The intersection of Beamer and Beltway 8 continues to be a hot spot for automobile collisions, with crashes taking place at an alarming frequency. A 2016 study based on data from the Texas Department of Transportation determined the intersection was the most dangerous one in the South Belt community, ranking 66th in the entire state. According to the study, between 2012 and 2015, there were 77 accidents at the intersection, with a total of 66 injuries. A crew from Houston Fire Department Station 70 is shown above responding to an accident in front of the Leader office this past week. Photo by Marie Flickinger

In My Opinion

Smith thankful to HFD Engine 94

Much praise for Houston Fire Dept. Engine 94 "D" shift!
They responded Thurs. afternoon to my 91-yr-old friend fallen in bath.
I stayed talking to my friend until they walked in and helped her!
They were so outstanding, so professional and kind to her and to me on phone.
Proud to know we are served by such wonderful, dedicated men!

Carolyn J. Smith

Washington loves, misses family

I just want to tell David, Paula, and Brittany that I love and miss them. I'll be home in a couple months. I'll see you soon!

Josh Washington

Tristan explains National Poppy Day

As the spouse of a Marine Corps Veteran, I hold a special place in my heart for the parents, siblings, spouses, and friends of those who served. I can't help but think of all the men and women who have gone to fight for this great nation and didn't return home.

While we are all guilty of celebrating the unofficial start of summer and encouraging each other to "have a good weekend," it is important to remember the reason for the holiday: Memorial Day is the day Americans set aside to honor those brave men and women who met tragic ends while defending our freedom. It is our duty to honor their sacrifices, to pray for their families, and to bow our heads in recognition of their service.

On National Poppy Day®, May 25, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 490 will be distributing poppies as a tribute to our fallen warriors. We invite Houston residents to stop by and see us Memorial Day weekend at 11702 Old Galveston Road to receive a poppy in exchange for a donation to wear in remembrance of those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom. We must never forget. The poppy, which bloomed on the battlefields of France after World War I, has grown to become an internationally known and recognized symbol of the lives sacrificed in war and the hope that none died in vain. One hundred percent of donations received will go directly to help veterans, military, and their families. The American Legion Family has called upon Congress to designate the Friday before Memorial Day as National Poppy Day.

The American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) is the world's largest women's patriotic service organization, with nearly three-quarters of a million members and more 8,000 units in communities across the nation. The ALA serves nearly one million veterans every year. Right here in Houston, we continue to help mitigate the

challenges our veterans face and deliver upon our mission by organizing multiple events and fundraisers throughout the year to support veterans, military, and their families.

To learn more about the Auxiliary's mission or to volunteer, donate or join, visit www.ALAforVeterans.org.

Susie Tristan
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 490
Poppy Chairman

Albrecht on cleaning up parking lot trash

Hoping someone with decision-making and good judgment will read this and hopefully will act upon my request as it does concern my South Belt community, where I live.

Last week, I took my trusty rake and two large trash bags and drove my car to the corner of the parking lot, Scarsdale and Beamer, where the snow cone business is located. I actually filled both trash bags and hauled them to the FoodTown dumpster, after getting permission from, I'm assuming, a well-dressed manager.

The cleanup process included bending over to pull the trash out from under the bushes. Which, to my way of thinking, as I was huffing and puffing for a 69 year old lady, why couldn't their lawn service do the same thing? They trim those bushes and mow while not even paying attention to age-old trash in plain sight. I know of one box that lay in front of the bushes, not hidden, for at least six months! Granted I had to bounce on the box a couple of times to get it in my trash bag. But again, doing a job with pride must not be a part of lawn service description. I even took my trusty rake to poke under the bushes to pull out beer cans, glass bottles, food containers and plastic bottles. Again, I had to be mindful of huge ant mounds that, to my way of thinking as I ever so carefully picked up huge pieces of wood and boards, the lawn service does not spray either! Looks like this is not money well spent and really needs a new lawn service where the guidelines clearly need to be addressed upfront! The bushes are not at all healthy. There are lots of sticks for bushes. So again, I'm thinking no one reports or accesses the landscape.

You may ask, why do I do this? Why not just let it be? I, for one, cannot stand seeing our beautiful community littered with trash. So I'm hoping you will take note of my letter and take some action too! The parking lot and the landscape need to be inviting and pleasing to the public to come and shop. Trash in the baskets and trash in general on the site is unacceptable – and a very simple task to complete. Even the dumpster area.

Well, I've said my piece. I do hope that people, whether private or business, would take pride in themselves, where they live and the work they do. And might I add...without being watched or told what to do!

Michele Albrecht

Zuckerberg questioned on bias

U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz, member of the Senate Judiciary Committee and Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, questioned Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg April 10 in a joint hearing titled: "Facebook, Social Media Privacy, and the Use and Abuse of Data." He questioned Zuckerberg on whether Facebook considers itself a neutral public forum, emphasizing that many Americans believe Facebook is engaged in political bias and censorship.

Cruz's full exchange with Zuckerberg may be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VJeD3zbZZI&feature=youtu.be>. A full transcript is below:

Cruz: "Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Zuckerberg, thank you for being here. Mr. Zuckerberg, does Facebook consider itself a neutral public forum?"

Zuckerberg: "Senator, we consider ourselves to be a platform for all ideas."

Cruz: "Let me ask the question again. Does Facebook consider itself to be a neutral public forum? And representatives of your company have given conflicting answers on this. Are you a First Amendment speaker expressing your views, or are you a neutral public forum allowing everyone to speak?"

Zuckerberg: "Senator, here is how we think about this: I don't believe that – there is certain content that clearly we do not allow. Right? Hate speech, terrorist content, nudity, anything that makes people feel unsafe in the community. From that perspective, that's why we generally try to refer to what we do as a platform for all ideas."

Cruz: "Because the time is constrained, it's just a simple question. The predicate for Section 230 immunity under the CDA is that you are a neutral public forum. Do you consider yourself a neutral public forum, or are you engaged in political speech? Which is your right under the First Amendment?"

Zuckerberg: "Well Senator, our goal is certainly not to engage in political speech. I'm not familiar with the specific legal language of the law that you speak to, so I would need to follow up with you on that. I'm just trying to lay out how broadly I think about this."

Cruz: "Mr. Zuckerberg, I will say there are a great many Americans, who I think are deeply concerned that Facebook and other tech companies are engaged in a pervasive

pattern of bias and political censorship. There have been numerous instances with Facebook. In May of 2016, Gizmodo reported that Facebook had purposefully and routinely suppressed conservative stories from trending news, including stories about CPAC, including stories about Mitt Romney, including stories about the Lois Lerner IRS scandal, including stories about Glenn Beck. In addition to that, Facebook has initially shut down the 'Chick-fil-A Appreciation Day' page, has blocked a post of a Fox News reporter, has blocked over two dozen Catholic pages, and most recently, blocked Trump supporters Diamond and Silk's page with 1.2 million Facebook followers, after determining their content and brand were, 'unsafe to the community.' To a great many Americans, that appears to be a pervasive pattern of political bias. Do you agree with that assessment?"

Zuckerberg: "Senator, let me say a few things about this. First, I understand where that concern is coming from because Facebook and the tech industry are located in Silicon Valley, which is an extremely Left leaning place. And this is actually a concern that I have and that I try to root out in the company is making sure that we don't have any bias in the work that we do, and I think it is a fair concern that people would at least wonder about."

Cruz: "So let me ask. Are you aware of any ad or page that has been taken down from Planned Parenthood?"

Zuckerberg: "Senator, I'm not. But let me just, can I finish?"

Cruz: "How about Move On.org?"

Zuckerberg: "Sorry?"

Cruz: "How about Move On.org?"

Zuckerberg: "I'm not specifically aware of those."

Cruz: "How about any Democratic candidate for office?"

Zuckerberg: "I'm not specifically aware. I mean, I'm not sure."

Cruz: "In your testimony, you say that you have 15,000 to 20,000 people working on security and content review. Do you know the political orientation of those 15,000 to 20,000 people engaged in content review?"

Zuckerberg: "No, Senator. We do not generally ask people about their political orientation when they're joining the company."

Cruz: "So as CEO, have you made hiring or firing de-

isions based on political positions or what candidates they supported?"

Zuckerberg: "No."
Cruz: "Why was Palmer Luckey fired?"

Zuckerberg: "That is a specific personnel matter that seems like it would be inappropriate to speak to here."

Cruz: "You made a specific representation that you didn't make decisions based on political views. Is that accurate?"

Zuckerberg: "I can commit that it was not because of a political view."

Cruz: "Do you know of the 15,000 to 20,000 people engaged in content review, how many, if any, have ever supported financially a Republican candidate for office?"

Zuckerberg: "Senator, I do not know that."

Cruz: "Your testimony says, 'It is not enough that we just connect people. We have to make sure those connections are positive.' It says, 'We have to make sure people aren't using their voice to hurt people or spread misinformation. We have a responsibility not just to build tools, but to make sure those tools are used for good.' Mr. Zuckerberg, do you feel it's your responsibility to assess users whether they are good and positive connections or ones those 15,000 to 20,000 people deem unacceptable or deplorable?"

Zuckerberg: "Senator, you're asking about me personally?"

Cruz: "Facebook."
Zuckerberg: "Senator, I think that there are a number of things that we would all agree are clearly bad. Foreign interference in our elections, terrorism, self-harm. Those are things..."

Cruz: "I'm talking about censorship."

Zuckerberg: "Oh, well, I think you would probably agree we should remove terrorist propaganda from the service. So that I agree, I think is clearly bad activity that we want to get down and we are generally proud of how well we do with that. Now, what I can say, and I do want to get this in before the end here, is that I am very committed to making sure that Facebook is a platform for all ideas. That is a very important, founding principle of what we do. We're proud of the discourse and different ideas that people can share on the service, and that is something that as long as I'm running the company, I'm going to be committed to making sure is the case."

Cruz: "Thank you."

Deaths

John Romney Pyper



John Romney Pyper, 80, beloved son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend died March 10 in Boise, Idaho.

John was born May 22, 1937, in Tucson, Ariz., to Marguerite Romney and William Raleigh Pyper, the eldest son of five children, three boys and two girls. He was raised in Phoenix, attended Phoenix public schools and Phoenix Junior College, where he met and fell in love with Kathleen Derrick.

John graduated from Phoenix Jr. College in 1957. He then served a two-and-a-half-year mission to Uruguay and Paraguay for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Three months after returning from his mission, Kathy and John were married in the Mesa LDS Temple on June 6, 1960.

He continued his education and graduated from Brigham Young University in 1961 majoring in secondary Spanish instruction with minors in psychology and LDS High School religious education. He taught one year in the LDS Seminary for Bear River High School in Tremonton, Utah, then attended the University of Illinois College of Education on a full-time National Defense Education Act fellowship. A Master of Arts and a Ph.D. in educational psychology were awarded in 1964 and 1968.

From 1965 to retirement in 1996, John worked as a professor, teacher, researcher, evaluator and administrator at Oregon College of Education, Purdue University, System Development Corporation, University of Houston and Houston Independent School District. He was also the founding director of Weber County Sheltered Workshop

in Ogden, Utah. In retirement he taught English as a second language to large classes of adults.

John and Kathleen raised seven children, mostly in Houston, but also in Elwood, Utah; Champaign, Ill.; Monmouth, Ore.; West Lafayette, Ind.; and Layton, Utah. In 1971, the Pypers relocated to Houston with their first five children into the developing Sagemont neighborhood. They later welcomed two more children into the world while living at their longtime residence on Sagetrail Drive. They were proud to call Sagemont home for 43 years. John and Kathleen valued education; their children have earned a total of eight bachelor's and master's degrees.

John's LDS Church activity was consistent through the years in a variety of assignments as teacher, Young Men's presidency, stake high council, and counselor to the bishop.

In addition to serving the Spanish-speaking people as a missionary, he served several times as a stake missionary, Boy Scout leader and branch president of the Lehi Branch (Spanish-speaking) of the Friendswood Texas Stake for a total of over 10 years. John was always a faithful home teacher, blessing the lives of many families.

John was energetic and always working on projects. His inquisitive mind led him to learn of other cultures and a wide variety of topics. His avocational interests included music (piano, trumpet) genealogical research, classical and LDS religious research (e.g. Hugh Nibley and FARMS), home repairs, major automotive repairing, automotive painting, gardening and limited study of Arabic and Chinese. John served on the First Educators Credit Union board, now Smart Financial Credit Union. He was active in politics and served as a precinct chairman.

In retirement days, he was involved in researching and recording family history and in collecting and commenting on societal events directly related to scriptural prophecies. He and Kathleen enjoyed spending time with and caring for their grandchildren. John and Kathleen moved to Eagle, Idaho, in 2014 and resided at Paramount Parks Assisted Living and Valley View Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation.

John is preceded in death by his parents (of Phoenix) and his wife (of Boise). He is survived by children Marguerite aka Peggy and husband Scott Simpson of Eagle; David Kimball and wife Rhonda Smith Pyper of Nampa, Idaho; Daniel Romney and wife Nancee Lindquist Pyper of Houston; Deborah Elizabeth and husband Corey Hansen of Kenmore, Wash.; Rebecca Vilate and husband Paul Busselberg of Houston and Rexburg, Idaho; John Derrick and wife Michelle Spedden Pyper of Friendswood; Emma Kathleen and husband Michael Enzser of Sioux City, Iowa; 25 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brother Walter Pyper of Oceanside, Calif.; Carl Pyper of Monet, Mo.; and sisters Francis Pyper of Springville, Utah; and Pamela Pyper and husband Rob Nixon of South Jordan, Utah.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 24, at the LDS Church, 6655 N. Meridian Road in Meridian, Idaho, at 11 a.m., with viewings prior to the funeral service at the church and March 23 at Bowman Funeral Home in Garden City, Idaho.

Interment was at Dry Creek Cemetery in Boise on Saturday, March 24.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, April 14, at 3 p.m. at the Clear Lake LDS Church, 1802 Gunwale Road in Houston.

Dr. Jon Erickson

Dr. Jon Erickson, 80, of Houston, died surrounded by family on March 18.

Jon was a loving husband to his wife and a loving father to his three children. He was also the dotting grandfather to four grandchildren. He is survived by many loving family members and friends.

Throughout the course of his engineering career, Jon became internationally recognized for his expertise in artificial intelligence, robotics and remote sensing of the environment. Though Jon enjoyed a life-long passion for tennis and served as a member of a NCAA National Championship team, most of all, he loved serving as member of the Church of God a Worldwide Association, helping his fellow man and spending time with his family. He was known as one who kept his faith until the end of his life.

Memorial donations may be made in Jon's name to the Church of God, Houston South, c/o Monica Koerner, P.O. Box 6087, Katy, TX, 77491-0687.

Dorothy Reznicek



Dorothy Reznicek, 94, of La Marque died Wednesday, April 4, in Texas City.

She was born in Galveston to Emanuel and Kathleen Endresen. She lived in Galveston until she moved to La Marque in 1951. She was a longtime member of the Queen of Peace Catholic Church and an active member of the ladies guild at the church.

Dorothy is preceded in death by her husband Frank Reznicek and her daughter Robin Reznicek. She is survived by her son Michael Reznicek and wife Melba; daughters Janis Wright and husband Jimmy of South Belt and Sheri Reznicek; grandchildren Michael and Jackie Reznicek, Allen and Mandy Reznicek, Aaron Reznicek, Debra and David Barton and Scott and Meke-sha Wright; and great-grandchildren: Gretchen Sacks, Rebekah Sacks, Jackson Barton and Blake Barton.

A visitation for Dorothy was held Sunday, April 8, with a rosary and vigil at James Crowder Funeral, Home 401 Texas Ave in La Marque.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday, April 9, at Queen of Peace Catholic Church, in La Marque, with Father Paul Chovanec officiating. Interment followed at Hayes Grace Memorial Park in Hitchcock.

Memorials in Dorothy's honor may be made to Queen of Peace Catholic Church.

Leader checks out social media

By Laura Benavides Scallan

Two members of the Southbelt This & That Facebook group reported their vehicles were broken into. One of the members did have security cameras and was able to catch the theft on surveillance.

Another member of the

same Facebook group shared a flier for the 22nd Annual South Belt Cook-off at El Franco Lee Park.

See page 6A for a copy of the flier.

A member of the Ashley Point Subdivision Facebook group reported what looked like a suspicious vehicle off

of Nathan's Cove.

A large white cockatoo was found in a tree by a member of the Pets of Southbelt Facebook group.

The member posted pictures and was trying to coax the bird from the tree.

The bird was found in Kirkwood South.

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CCART announces meeting for April

The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers will hold its April meeting Tuesday, April 17. The meetings are held at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway. The featured speaker is Johanna Wycoff, author of *Dancing in the Bomb Shelters-My Diary of Holland in World War II*. Her book chronicles the German occupation of Holland in 1940 and her wartime experiences hiding Jewish friends and encountering SS brutality. The meeting is at 9:30 a.m. with a social gathering for coffee and cookies. The business meeting begins at 10 a.m. All Texas retired school employees from the area are invited. The annual dues are \$50.

Local library events set

Bracewell Branch Library

The following events are scheduled for the Bracewell Library, 9002 Kingspoint this week:
Thursday, April 12, 4:30 p.m. Tween/teen craft
Saturday, April 14, 10:30 a.m. Spanish computer basic class
Tuesday, April 17, 10:30 a.m. Family storytime and playtime
Wednesday, April 18, 10:30 a.m. Polliwog Nature Club, sponsored by Harris County Precinct One, provides an event for children to hop into nature by developing nature knowledge and skills through a variety of books, songs, crafts, and hands-on experiences with live animals. Each program is offered as a 5-week series.
Wednesday, April 18. Computer courses: 2 p.m. Computer Basics; 3:15 p.m. Internet Basics; 4:30 p.m. Basic Powerpoint

For information on events at Bracewell Library, call 832-393-2580.
Bracewell hours this week are: Thursday, noon – 8 p.m.; Friday, 10 – 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Sunday, closed; Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Parker Williams

The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.:
Tax help is available Friday, April 13, and Monday, April 16, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., from AARP Foundation volunteers. Bring appropriate documents. See related article on Page 1A sidebar.

Saturday, April 14, from 2 – 4 p.m. Magic: The Gathering Gameplay, for ages 8 and older. A special thank you is given to Strike Zone for the generous donation of Magic: The Gathering cards. For more information, visit <http://www.hcpl.net/sites/default/files/feb-MTG-1.jpg>.

Monday, April 16, 2 – 4 p.m. The Parker Williams Genealogy group is an informal group that meets the first and third Monday of each month (unless the library is closed) to discuss family history research (beginner to advanced). Meetings are free and open to anyone interested in tracing family history.

Monday, April 16, 6 – 7:30 p.m. Magic: The Gathering Gameplay, for ages 8 and older.
Tuesday, April 17, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Building Fiscally Fit Families. Learn simple strategies that help individuals and families extend their resources, including preparing a budget, obtaining and maintaining credit, safeguarding against identity theft and maximizing food dollars. This program is presented by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Harris County Family and Community Health. Registration is requested.

Wednesday and Thursday, April 18 and 19, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Thrive by Five: *Teaching Your child about Spending and Saving*. Children learn many beliefs about money – from television, advertising, and from family members – long before entering school. Parents are their young children's first and most influential educators in all areas of life. Meet at the library and plan to bring young children to learn basic money concepts as well as fun hands-on learning activities. These sessions are designed for parents of preschoolers.

Wednesday, April 18, from 1 to 2 p.m. Basic computer classes (Vietnamese). Learn mouse, keyboarding, basic internet skills and more at this class in Vietnamese. Registration is requested.

Wednesday, April 18, 5 p.m. Science Explorers: Bubbles for ages 5 and older. The best way for beginning readers to learn about science is to explore science concepts by experience. Meet in the library community room, for the second meeting of Science Explorers during which the kids will learn about solutions and a variety of bubble shapes.

Below are the programs that occur every week:

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

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

Saturdays, Vietnamese learning time. Classes begin at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. For more information on these programs, speak with Loc Bui.

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

South Belt announces awards for third nine-weeks

South Belt Elementary has announced its awards for the third nine-weeks.

All Star Readers Kindergarten

Avery Aguilar, Chris Alvarado, David Alvarenga, Aubrey Arrendondo, Giselle Ayala, Rylee Bacon, Arian Banda, Elijah Barron, Kaleah Barsock, Orlo Boardman, Hannah Bui, Malachi Caballero, Dora Campos, Robert Capers, Brianna Cardenas, and Lizzy Carling.

Chacidy Carter, Andy Castillo, Yvette Castillo, Michael Castillo, Alessandra Cervantes, Sofia Charles, Diego Davila, Kinsley Freeman, Christian Garza, Daniella Gonzales, Anthony Gonzales, Ariana Guillen, Rhylan Harmon, Rylee Hayes and Max Hernandez.

Harley Hurt, Salimah James, Xavier Jimenez, Simone Jones, Reagan Landis, Sydney Landis, London Leal, Daniel Mabry, Mateo Mancillas, Delilah Mason, Breanna McNeal, Jayden Miko, Jamison Miller, Aryan Nepal, Drake Nguyen, Nathaniel Nnadi and Deji Oregbesan.

ASkye Orsua, Mia Palacios, Adan Palomares, Porus Pandey, Damien Pena, Sophia Peters, Arely Piron, Aaron Posadas, Kyle Ramos, Isabella Rembert, Estafania Rodriguez, Lia Romney, Viviana Salazar, Zoie Sanabria and Aubree Sandino.

Addison Santiago, Tristin Santos, Noah St. Ange, Zoie Sudario, Alicia Syptien, Liam Thomas, Noelly Torres, Paris Valencia, Abby Villanueva, Hannah Walker, Anna Wilkerson, Suliaman Zafar, Evan Zaman and Hussein Zamzam.

First Grade

Jennifer Aguirre, Samuel Alexander, Christopher Alvarez, Samantha Barraza, Maham Bukhari, Lola Carrizal, Ashton Carter, Lila Collazos, Brooklyn Coronado, Carissa Cortez, Kaci Curry Shepard, Gael Daiz, Kate Dao, Samantha De Luna and Tori DeHoyos.

Peyton Dowell, Ava Dyer, Myla Figueroa, Carter Fletcher, Bryan Flores, Gabriella Franklin, Mia Gonzalez, Mikayla Gonzalez, Lance Goree, Riley Hensley, Sophia Hernandez, Elijah Hernandez, Sebastian Hernandez, Durriyah Hill, Davion Jones, Bradley Jones, Alice Lam, Jayda Lasker and Long Le.

Phuwadet Maingot, Melanie Martinez, Mason Martinez, Chloe Maycott, Gabriel Melchor, Leile Monroe, Annie Nguyen, Hillary Nguyen, Ethan Nguyen, Nicole Nnadi, Abby Palma, Carter Pham, Nathan Precella, Daniel Ramirez and Melody Ramirez.

EJ Reynolds, Grayson Riley, Emily Rodriguez, Joshua Salazar, Jude Schmitt, Marion Schoder, Brianna Scott, Nathaniel Simpson, Nathan Torres, Giselle Tran, Evan Treadway, Leonardo Trevino, Kaisen Troxler, Kallie Troxler, Christina Vu, Kelvin Wiley and Ghazal Zamzam.

Second Grade

Devin Aguilar, Jacob Aguirre, Juwayriyah Ali, Isaiah Ambriz, Iduna Barawa-Etti, Joseph Bellow, Aja Breaux, Sophie Centano, Sophia Cleary, Kenya DeLong-Thompson, Bryce Edwards, Miguel Galan, Aly Garza, Josue Herrera, Miguel Johnson, Crystal Keim, Gabriel Laurila and Isaiah Machado.

Jayne Martinez, Angela Mena, Zamira Mosley, Hailey Naughton, Lisa Ngo, Grace Nguyen, Mia Nguyen, MJ Olayimika, Emma Olvera, Emma Parker, Kinora Ploucha, Gabi Ramirez, Alayna Rodriguez, Jordyn Rodriguez, Lilianna Salazar, Gabriella Sanchez, Emma Stone, Dexter Sullivan, Alec Tamegnon, Audrey Teters and Hassan Zamzam.

Good Citizen Kindergarten

Elijah Barron, Dora Campos, Lizzy Carling, Rhylan Harmon, Angel Hernandez, Jeremiah Johnson, Sydney Landis, Kaleah Mancillas, Meteo Mancillas and Marley Manriquez.

First Grade

Christopher Alvarez, Gabriella Franklin, Aaron Guillen, Aubrey Hernandez, Sabillah James, Soha Khan, Melanie Martinez, Chloe Maycott, Gabriel Melchor, Grayson Riley, Giselle Tran and Oscar Yanez.

Second Grade

Shelby Armstrong, Sophia Cleary, Miguel Galan, Adrian Garza, Gabriel Laurila, Isaiah Lopez, Santiago Morales, Ava Morin, Hailey Naughton, Lilianna Salazar, Logan Stewart and Leslie Torres.

Third Grade

Ayan Alifajri, Paige Bernard, Evan Bowden, Lynley Gillis, Ayzel Gonzalez, Evan Mora, Cody Nguyen, Damien Ram, Persephone Soria, Elijah Ugaldé, Katia Vazquez and Angelina Vu.

Hashim Ali, Juwayriyah Ali, Joseph Bellow, Kenya DeLong-Thompson, Aly Garza, Miguel Johnson, Gabriel Laurila, Isaiah Machado, Angela Mena, Lisa Ngo, Grace Nguyen, Mia Nguyen, MJ Olayimika, Kinora Ploucha, Alayana Rodriguez, Emma Stone, Alec Tamegnon, Michael Timmons and Danica Titus-Williams.

Merit Roll

Third Grade
Jaslyn Arrendondo, Alyssa Espinoza, Allyssa Espinoza, Kelvin Lopez, Dylan Mowinkle, Cody Nguyen, Nicholas Nguyen, Aubree Rodriguez, Donovan Serna, Evan Taylor, Samantha Trevino, Elijah Ugaldé, Jetzi Velasquez, Alex Vouffo and Angelina Vu.

Fourth Grade

Ivan Ayala, Mia Bella Garza-Sudario and Jakob Hasbell.

Perfect Attendance Kindergarten

David Alvarenga, Rylee Bacon, Hannah Bui, Andy Castillo, Mikey Castillo, Diego Davila, Kinsley Freeman, Christian Garza, Ariana Guillen, Rhylan Harmon, Max Hernandez, Harley Hurt and Xavier Jimenez.

Reagan Landis, Sydney Landis, Mateo Mancillas, Drake Nguyen, Deji Oregbesan, Alexavier Rodriguez, Estefania Rodriguez, Carlos Soto, Zoie Sudario, Liam Thomas, Abby Villanueva, Emanuel Williams and Hussein Zamzam.

First Grade

Adiana Padilla, Christopher Alvarez, Brooklyn Coronado, Emilio DeLaGarza, Samantha DeLuna, Myla Figueroa, Alyna Gonzales, Howard Green, Elijah Hernandez, Jaden Jimenez, Long Le, Timothy Lloyd and Pablo Lopez.

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Josue Herrera, Jaylen Hill, Rya Hurd, Nathalie Huynh, Luke Kellen, Jerron Lendsey, Isaiah Lopez, Elizabeth Lopez, Andres Lopez, Donovan Martinez, Marissa Martinez, Caylee Martinez, Damian Martinez, David Melchor and Santiago Morales.

Third Grade

Damian Aguilera, Olivia Antoine, Ibrahim Asif, Evan Bowden, Lynley Gillis, Ayzel Gonzalez, Evan Mora, Cody Nguyen, Damien Ram, Persephone Soria, Elijah Ugaldé, Katia Vazquez and Angelina Vu.

Fourth Grade

Julian Acededo, Kayla Akinfenwa, Shawn Armstrong, Alex Baumgarten, Nathaniel Belleville, JaDarrell Brooks, Alonzo Chapman, Vanessa DelaFuenta, Caeleb Echavarría, Madelyn Esposito, Kenzie Fernandez and Ozzi Fuentes.

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Mackenzie Martinez, Kailen McLaren, Dylan Mohwinkle, Morgan Momie, Liberty Moody, Katelin Moore, Evan Mora, Zainab Naveed, Justin Nguyen, Andrew Nguyen, Nicholas Nguyen, Luciano Padilla and Jeremiah Perez.

Matthew Perez, Jonny Pham, Justin Pham, Bianca Pineda, Kendrick Ramos, Jeremiah Rivero, Bella Russell, Carlos Sanchez, Jaliyah Silas, Christiane Simpson, Jayda Stewart, Marissa Tavera, Evan Taylor, Elijah Ugaldé, Issac Urquieta, Jasmin Vasquez, Alex Vouffo, Angelina Vu and Nathan Vu.

Fourth Grade

Julian Acededo, Kayla Akinfenwa, Shawn Armstrong, Alex Baumgarten, Nathaniel Belleville, JaDarrell Brooks, Alonzo Chapman, Vanessa DelaFuenta, Caeleb Echavarría, Madelyn Esposito, Kenzie Fernandez and Ozzi Fuentes.

Jonathan Garcia, Mia Bella Garza-Sudario, Adam Gonzales, Evalyina Gonzalez, Abigail Gutierrez, Tavaris Hauly, Ava Hernandez, London Herrera, Aiden Ho, Richmond Huynh, Davion Johnson, Sheyanne Kellan, Jayden Lee, Jacob Little and Morgan McGee.

Ayla Mitchell, Ayden Munoz, Jawad Naser, Bao Ngo, Jennifer Nguyen, Minh Nguyen, Daniel Nguyen, Haley Nguyen, Mary Nguyen, Michelle Nguyen, Chloe Nunez, Kinotsu Ploucha, Leila Reyes, Gia Rodrigues, Justin Rubio and Justin Salinas.

Oscar Salinas, Matthew Salinas, Cy'Moria Silas, Daniel Soto, Addison Taylor, Emily Taylor, Mina Tran, Blake Treadway, Fernando Vargas, Noah Villareal, Joseph Vivier and Christopher Vu.

Principal's Award

First Grade
Jennifer Aguirre, Samantha Alexander, Christopher Alvarez, Kayren Avery, Genesis Banda, Brock Bernard, Maham Bukhari, Maddison Campos, Lola Carrizal, Ashton Carter, Gabriel Castillo, Sabrina Cavazos, Sophia Cavazos, Alex Chavez, Lila Collazos, Brooklyn Coronado and Carissa Cortez.

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Bryce Edwards, Langston Edwards, Miguel Galan and Chloe Garcia.

Aly Garza, Adrian Garza, Isabella Gonzales, Roberto Granados, Jasmin Hernandez, Josue Herrera, Jaylen Hill, La'Riah Houston, Rya Hurd, Nathalie Huynh, Miguel Johnson, Crysta Keim, Luke Kellan, Gabriela Laurila, Jerron Lendsey, Andres Lopez, Isaiah Lopez, Elizabeth Lopez, Isaiah Machado and Ava Marin.

Donovan Martinez, Marissa Martinez, Caylee Martinez, Brandon McNeal, Paula Medrano, David Melchor, Angela Mena, Santiago Morales, Zamira Mosley, Hailey Naughton, Lisa Ngo, Grace Nguyen, Mia Nguyen, MJ Olayimika, Meredyth Onguso, Emma Parker and Damian Pereda.

Kinora Ploucha, Gabi Ramirez, Julie Rich, Jacob Rios, Alayna Rodriguez, Abby Rodriguez, Jayme Rodriguez, Mia Roppolo, Lilianna Salazar, Makayla Salazar, Paul Salinas, Abriella Sanchez, Ty Sandles, Kailynn Scott, Kolton Smith, Bella Starks, Logan Stewart, Emma Stone and Lori Suarez.

Dexter Sullivan, Alec Tamegnon, Nala Tealer, Audrey Teters, Kayla Thomas, Krystal Thomas, Michael Timmons, Danica Titus-Williams, Chris Torres, Leslie Torres, Benson Tran, Justin Tran, Hayden Walker, Simra Zafar and Hassan Zamzam.

Third Grade

Commissioner Ellis on flooding report

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During the first public discussion of a proposed flood bond election at Commissioners Court last week, county officials stated that some bond money would be necessary to take advantage of federal grant funds for flood control projects that require Harris County to provide matching funds.

The court also discussed a bond amount that would mostly be focused on better addressing the flood control disparities outlined in the Consortium's report. He also supports spending local dollars on flood control improvements to smaller tributaries that rarely receive federal funding.

"We can't only focus on the federal match because it will tilt more money away from vulnerable communities and potentially neglect the smaller tributaries that need flood control improvements too," Ellis said.

A higher bond amount would also allow for Harris

County Flood Control District to enhance its voluntary buyout program with strong case management and relocation services that help residents find affordable housing solutions, which was another clear need identified in the consortium report and a priority for Ellis.

"The consortium's report makes it clear that we face big challenges related to flood control but there are solutions within reach if we call for a bond that appropriately and equitably addresses these issues," Ellis said.

Ellis also noted, "This is our opportunity to go big and do right by every community by making sure that we have the available funds to comprehensively and proactively address flood control throughout the county. It's also our obligation."

The Greater Houston Flood Mitigation Consortium is made up of leading researchers from various academic institutions throughout the Greater Houston area.

For more information on the group or to read the full report, visit <http://www.houstonconsortium.com>.

Over The Back Fence by Alexis

ENJOY YOUR BIRTHDAY, SALLY
Best wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to former South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce Executive Director **Sally Mitchell**, who enjoys a birthday April 16, from her family, friends and the staff at the *Leader*.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, KELVIN
Best wishes for a great birthday are sent April 16 to **Kelvin Lopez** from parents **Natalie and Jose Abarca** and **Kevin Lopez**; brother **Noah** and sisters **Isabella** and **Elliana Abarca**; grandparents **David** and **Ellie Flickinger**; and great-grandparents **Marie** and **David Flickinger**.

SANDRA CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY
Greetings for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Sandra Williams**, who celebrates a birthday Wednesday, April 18, from her former co-workers at Central Ace Hardware, family, friends and the staff at the *Leader*.

DEAN'S LIST NAMES LOCAL STUDENT
Congratulations are in order for **Chris Gohlke**, a South Belt student listed on the dean's list for the fall 2017 semester at Washington University in St. Louis. Gohlke is enrolled in the university's School of Engineering and Applied Science. To qualify for this honor, a student must earn a semester grade point average of 3.6 or above and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 graded units.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays April 12 through April 18.

Burnett Elementary
Victoria Moore marks a birthday April 13.

Bush Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles April 16 for **Sandra Plaza**.

Frazier Elementary
A special birthday greeting is sent to **Aimee Shelton** April 15. **Kevin McDonald** celebrates a birthday April 17.

Moore Elementary
The day for a birthday celebration for **Denise Narvaez** is April 16.

South Belt Elementary
Join in the fun with a birthday celebration for **Kasey Negron** on April 13. Light the birthday candles April 17 for **Allison Sutton**.

Meillilo Middle School
The day for a cake for **Carol Tekell** is April 15. **Patty Gordon** marks a birthday April 19.

Roberts Middle School
Light the birthday candles April 17 for **Danielle Goodrum (Hebert)**.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Enjoy a slice of a double-layer cake April 13 with **Jenny Hinojosa** and **Rachel Trader**. Blow out the birthday candles April 14 for **Michelle Lester**. A party is in order April 18

for **Rosalind Hubbard** and **Tyler Prestridge**.

Dobie High
April 12 is the day for a triple birthday celebration for **Connie Hobbs**, **Stacey LeBlanc** and **Bryan McDonald**. Blow out the birthday candles for **Janice Meyer** who enjoys a birthday April 14. **Joseph Janis** celebrates a birthday April 17. The day for a birthday gift for **Joshuah** and **Christine Kerr** is April 18.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
The *Leader* sends happy birthday wishes to friends who celebrate a birthday this week: Thursday, April 12: **Elysia Thomas** and **Shelly Little**; Friday, April 13: **Derek Rudewig**, **Stephen Webb** and **Laura Townsend**; Saturday, April 14: **Derrick Leadoon**, **Kesha Benford**, **Sean Allenberg**, **Deanna Morales** and **Michael Morris**; Sunday, April 15: **Annette Black**, **Marsha Fischer**, **Lorita Lynn Destin** and **Veronica Lopez**; Monday, April 16: **Janice Elliott**, **Alex Torres**, **Marissa Jones** and **April Carter-Akin**; Tuesday, April 17: **Heike Jurado-Gabino**, **Tatiana Gonzalez**, **Allison Sutton**, **Danielle Goodrum** and **Jason Sherrill**; and Wednesday, April 18: **Deadra Lozano**, **Carla Rackley**, **Lydia Sonier**, **Allison Rogers** and **Tchad Taormina**.

LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS
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UHCL events calendar set

The University of Houston-Clear Lake has announced its upcoming calendar of events.

"Splendors of the Italian Baroque"
Mercury: The Orchestra Redefined returns to UHCL Bayou Theater to treat audiences to sounds of Italian composers from the Baroque period in a trio of two violins and a cello on April 13 at 8 p.m. at the Bayou Theater, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

Featured composers include Antonio Vivaldi, Pietro Antonio Locatelli, Arcangelo Corelli and Giuseppe Sammartini. Presale tickets are \$20 for adults and \$13 for students and can be purchased online.

Tickets at the door are \$25 for adults and \$15 for students. Free parking available in lot D or the visitor lot. To purchase tickets or for more information, visit www.uhcl.edu/bayou-theater.

"Once Upon a Potty: Toilet Training Strategies"
Hear useful tips and techniques on how to successfully potty train individuals with autism or developmental disabilities from third-year graduate student Morgan Breaux Campbell on April 14 at 10:30 a.m. in the Bayou Building, room 1510, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

The talk is part of the Autism Speaker Series, coordinated by the Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities. Lectures are free and open to the public although registration is required in advance. To learn more or to register, visit www.uhcl.edu/autism-center.

Film - "The Mask You Live In"
Dive into the multifaceted topic of masculinity as this documentary follows young men as they navigate today's society where gender, race, class and circumstance intersect on April 14 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Bayou Building, room 1510.

The film will be followed by a panel discussion from Bay Area Turning Point, a nonprofit organization that provides resources and services for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. The film screening is part of the Film and Speaker Series. Admission and parking for the event is free. For information, visit www.uhcl.edu/campus-life/arts/film-speaker-series.

UHCL physics lecture series:
"Spacecraft Charging"
University of Houston-Clear Lake's physics lecture series will present "Spacecraft Charging: Hazard Causes, Hazard Effects, Hazard Controls" by NASA's Steven L. Koonz, International Space Station manager for Space Environments. The lecture is at 7 p.m. Monday, April 16, in the lecture hall of the Student Services and Classroom building.

Koonz, a 30-year NASA veteran, specializes in spacecraft charging hazards, which are caused by the buildup of electrical charge on spacecraft and spacecraft components produced by interactions with space plasmas, energetic charged particles, and solar UV photons as well as spacecraft electrical power and propulsion systems operations. These electrical charges can affect avionics and electrical power systems and have sometimes led to the complete loss of spacecraft.

For his work to understand and mitigate these hazards, Koonz has been awarded several of the space agency's highest honors, including the NASA Exceptional Service Medal, NASA JSC Center Director's Commendation Award, NASA Silver Achievement Medal and the Astronaut's Personal Achievement Award.

The physics lecture series is scheduled every week in UHCL's spring semesters in conjunction with two advanced physics classes. The talks are free and open to the public. Continuing education credits are available for a fee. For registration information, visit www.uhcl.edu/science-engineering/centers-initiatives/physics-lecture-series.

Bayou Theater - Brave Combo
Hear a unique blend of polka, cumbia, blues and zydeco when Texas-based group Brave Combo heads to Bayou Theater April 27 at 7:30 p.m.

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Writing Basics: What All the T's and C's Mean
In the second course as part of the Purchasing-Supply Chain Management Certification program, attendees will learn how to write contracts that protect the interests of their organization. The course will be held April 18 - 19 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Student Services and Classroom building, room 2237, 2700 Bay Area Blvd. The course will cover key elements of a contract, common clauses and terms and the impacts of electronic purchasing. Examples of contract language will be provided and students are encouraged to bring their own contracts for a hands-on review. Those who register must have already taken "Legal Aspects of Supply Chain Management" as a prerequisite.

Costs for the course are \$995 with group discounts available. Participants must attend both sessions to receive credit. For more information, call 281-283-3120 or visit www.uhcl.edu/center-executive-education.

Implementing network security
Students will learn about network security, firewall configuration, enabling virtual private networks and more to protect information on network devices through hands-on examples with live equipment.

Course dates are April 20 - 21, 27 - 28, May 4 - 5 and 11 - 12. Fridays session are from 3 to 8 p.m. and Saturday sessions are from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The course will be held at the Delta building, room 201, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

Students who register should be familiar with IP addressing, Windows operating system and Cisco IOS networking. The fee is \$1,300. For more information, call 281-283-3808 or visit www.uhcl.edu/cyber-security-institute/workforce-development.

Omani cave art arrives at UHCL

This week, a large crate filled with 35 photographs of prehistoric Omani cave art never displayed before on any American college campus was delivered to University of Houston-Clear Lake to be exhibited the week of April 16. Her Excellency Hunaina Sultan Ahmed Al Mughairy, ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman to the United States, will visit the University of Houston-Clear Lake campus to view the exhibition of the collection.

This summer, young art students from the Houston area participating in the celebration of UH-Clear Lake's Art School for Children's 40th Anniversary will experience Oman from a carefully crafted curriculum steeped in the history and archeology of the Dhofar province and its ancient cave art. Children will learn about culture and artistic traditions through printmaking, sculpting, drawing, storytelling and building their own mock cave wall, which they will paint together in the style found in the cave art.

The artworks were found inside numerous caves in the Dhofar region of Oman, a region on the Arabian Peninsula important for frankincense production, seafaring and trade. Reproductions, including photos and prints, have made an 8,400-mile journey to UHCL. The collection's cross-global odyssey begins with Maria Curtis, associate professor and director of anthropology and cross-cultural and global studies.

"I've always had a thing for cave art," Curtis said. "When I was a kid, my dad and I read books about archaeology at home. I am just fascinated with cave art because it is at once artistic, historical, and often spiritual expressions from people who lived so long ago."

Last year, as one of the advisers for Model Arab League representing Iraq, Curtis went to the Iraqi embassy, having just returned from a study trip to Oman. "I was invited to the Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center in Washington, D.C., which is a cultural center and extension of the Omani Embassy," Curtis said. "The center's executive director, Kathleen Ridolfo, asked me if I'd like to see some Omani cave art they had on exhibit. She showed it to me and our students, we were all awestruck by the clarity and the variety of images."

Ridolfo told her that arrangements could be made to send the art to Houston. "I've been working on getting this collection of cave art here to our campus for about a year," Curtis said. As a frequent traveler to Oman, Curtis said she had seen the general area and where the caves were located, but that they were inaccessible to the general public. "The rock is soft enough to have large openings in this particular region of Oman," she explained. "This part of the Arabian Peninsula is the only one where there are monsoons, so there are times of year when it's green and cool and misty. Prehistoric people moved in and out of that area. It's been said that the Queen of Sheba had her palace there."

The caves were temporary seasonal dwellings for people to survive the lengthy monsoon seasons. "People lived in the caves with their families and they brought their camels to the region to graze in the mild green valleys, where they probably also en-

gaged in long distance trade," Curtis said. "The area was an ancient center of frankincense production and distribution. We can tell from the art that people came to trade and then moved on because there are pictographic images of what appear to be caravan journeys and seafaring with beautiful vessels. Materials for crafting the dhows is also abundant in this region, probably explain why there are so many images of ships and sea journeys depicted on the walls."

The art, Curtis said, can be divided in two categories: pictographs and petroglyphs. "The petroglyphs are a kind of prehistoric carving. The pictographs tell more of a complete story about people moving around and amazingly, we see they had boats, they are done with finer precision and thinner lines," she explained. "That tells us that these prehistoric people were really sophisticated in their ability to craft ships, move across great distance, and their ability to express themselves in epic stories captured in images they obviously took great care and time to create."

"They built boats by hand, with no machinery at all. I've never seen any other examples of cave art in which actual vehicles were depicted," Curtis continued. "My colleague, (assistant professor of anthropology) Dawit Woldu, worked on archaeological projects in Ethiopia and Eritrea and he is struck by their stylistic similarities. This tells us clearly that these regions have shared long cultural and economic ties and exchange."

There are so many possible interpretations of why there were so many ships, Curtis said. But no matter how they're analyzed, it demonstrates that these ancient people were communicating with each other, they possessed wealth, they endured conflict, and that they certainly moved around a great deal.

Looking closely at the pictographs also demonstrates how serious these prehistoric people were about business and trade. "This art predates an actual written language, so it's an important historical record. It's beyond art because it wasn't created for purely for aesthetic purposes," she said. "It's a written record left behind by the people who lived in the caves, and often one cave might have been inhabited by multiple families across the years, and they added on to what was there. The images represent continuations of stories, perhaps, or can be seen as being in dialogue with each other across generations," she said.

Ambassador Al Mughairy will visit the UHCL campus to view the cave art, which will be displayed in the Arbor Building as the focal point of the Art School for Children's 40th Anniversary celebration. This summer, young art students will be studying archaeology and prehistoric cave art using this collection as their guide.

Mughairy will also tour the UHCL campus and lead a discussion titled, "Women in International Diplomacy and Global Leadership" at the Student Research and Arts Conference taking place at UHCL April 16-19. The art will be on display in the Garden Room in the Bayou Building. For more information about the Art School for Children, visit the website www.uhcl.edu/childrens-art-school/.

CCEF presents annual fashion show

Event honors mayor Wagner
Pasadena Mayor Jeff Wagner (center) was recently honored at an event held at the Golfcrest Country Club in Pearland. Wagner, who was sworn into office in July 2017, is shown above at the event with area businessmen Thomas Staudt (left) and Randy Sparks.

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Remember When

40 years ago (1978)
Boys from Scout Troop 3 completed a merit badge project called "Citizenship in the Community" by painting all 53 fireplugs in the Sage-meadow subdivision.

20 years ago (1998)
Thompson's Academic team won the right to compete in the national finals of the Academic League tournament by defeating Crosby Middle School from Jefferson County, Ky. 46-45.

15 years ago (2003)
The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce broke ground for the building which became the organization's permanent home.

30 years ago (1988)
Galena Park Police Sgt. Gary Freeman upset incumbent Paul McClure in the Democratic runoff for the constable seat in Precinct 2.

25 years ago (1993)
The Thompson Intermediate School Academic Games team won both district and state championships and won the right to advance to nationals against Baltimore via a satellite hookup in May. The team was coached by Carolyn Carmichael, Nancy Gruber, Rick Flores and Sarah Young.

New tenants pushed Almeda Mall toward 100 percent occupancy.

The interim superintendent of Pasadena schools Rick Schneider outlined a retirement incentive program to the board. Under the proposal, eligible employees would need to meet qualifications for the Teacher Retirement System standard benefit. The

program was designed to provide cost savings to the district through a reduction in total payroll costs, according to Schneider. Two different options were offered.

South Belt resident Adrienne Ingalls was awarded a Texas Society of CPA Accounting Education Foundation scholarship. Ingalls was a student at the University of Houston-Clear Lake.

Melanie Calverley of Riverstone Ranch competed in the U.S. Adult National Figure Skating Championships held in Lake Placid, N.Y. She received a silver medal for second place in the final round of the Silver Ladies Class II level free skate, earning her the title of the 2008 U.S. Silver Ladies II silver medalist.

Local homebuilder and Republican campaign donor Bob Perry died in his sleep Saturday, April 13, at 80 years of age. Perry played a major role in the development of the South Belt community, as his company, Perry Homes, was responsible for building houses in several area subdivisions, including Sagemont, Sagemont Park, Sagemeadow and Sageglen, as well as several local apartment complexes and townhouses.

Former Dobie track coach John Bryan and former Dobie track standout Gawain Guy (Class of 1981) were honored Saturday, April 13, by the Pasadena Independent School District as two of eight inductees to the district's Athletics Hall

of Fame. Bryan led the area high school to multiple state championships during the 1980s.

Following months of complaints from residents and an extensive police investigation, the controversial convenience store located at the intersection of Beamer and Hughes Road was demolished the afternoon of Monday, April 10, after being closed for several weeks.

According to investigators from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office, the store, along with several others in the Houston area under the same ownership, were allegedly selling large quantities of Kush, a synthetic marijuana product. An investigation conducted by Precinct 2's Special Operations Division and a special unit from the Houston Police Department determined three area stores were part of the citywide ring, including a store in the 500 block of FM 1959 (Dixie Farm Road) and a previously closed store on the Gulf Freeway, in addition to the store located at the corner of Beamer and Hughes. A search warrant was executed on all three stores on Wednesday, March 29. The raid on the Dixie Farm store resulted in a large seizure of Kush and multiple arrests. Investigators believe the store at Beamer and Hughes had been previously vacated as the result of heavy police presence.

A ribbon-cutting took place Saturday, April 8, at El Franco Lee Park commemorating the opening of the park's new splash pad. The event was hosted by Harris County Precinct One Commissioner Rodney Ellis, along with other county officials. The splash pad was the last project the late El Franco Lee promised the South Belt

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San Jacinto Day Festival, battle re-enactment set

The largest battle re-enactment in the state is the centerpiece of the admission-free San Jacinto Day Festival, to be held on Saturday, April 21 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the grounds surrounding the San Jacinto Monument. The re-enactment recreates the events leading up to Texas winning its independence from Mexico 182 years ago at the decisive Battle of San Jacinto on April 21, 1836.

On Saturday, re-enactors from across the state become figures in Texas history, for the day. Visitors can wander freely among the Mexican and Texan camps to learn what the soldiers and their families were doing prior to the battle in 1836. At 3 p.m., the official and historically accurate re-enactment of the Battle of San Jacinto will begin. With hundreds of history re-enactors, this portrayal—complete with cannons, horses and pyrotechnics—is the largest in the southwest United States.

Sponsored by the San Jacinto Museum of History Association, the festival is a full day of entertainment, vendors, food, family activities, cultural exhibits, games and fun set amid living history: music and dancing on three stages featuring country-western bands, flamenco dancers, Native American presentations, square dancers and much more; 15+ food vendors; make-and-take activities and crafts for children; children's train; petting zoo; medicine wagon show; birds of prey; weavers, spinners, blacksmiths and other demonstrators; and dozens of unique handcrafted items for sale. All festival activities are updated regularly on the San Jacinto Museum of History website at www.sanjacinto-museum.org and Facebook. [com/sjbatlre-enactment](https://www.facebook.com/sjbatlre-enactment).

The official State of Texas ceremony commemorating the 182nd Anniversary of the Battle of San Jacinto will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 21. This annual event will take place inside the monument at the Jesse H. Jones Theatre.

Parking will be significantly closer this year. There will be several lots along Independence Parkway open for the general public. Disabled parking is available at the Battleship Texas parking lot, disabled placard or license plate required, at 3523 Independence Parkway, La Porte. Only VIPs and media with passes will be allowed to park at the monument. A map of parking lots will be posted as event nears. Free shuttles will be running between the lots and the festival from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

For the convenience of out-of-town guests, hotels in the neighboring city of Deer Park are offering discounted lodging during the event. Visit www.deerparktx.org/tourism for links to each of the hotel properties such as the Hampton Inn. Mention the Stay in Deer Park program for associated discount offers.

"We are so proud to continue to present this festival with free admission, free shuttles and free parking, which would not be possible without our presenting sponsor H-E-B, as well as The Dow Chemical Company, Pasadena Strawberry Festival, City of Deer Park, City of La Porte and LyondellBasell," said Larry Spasic, San Jacinto Museum of History president. "Just as important are our partners who help us coordinate this event, including the City of La Porte, TPWD, the volunteers from San Jacinto College and Deer Park ISD, Clean Harbors, La Porte EMS and Hampton Inn Deer Park."

The San Jacinto Monument is open all day year-round except Thanksgiving Day, and Dec. 24 and 25. Visitors can ride the elevator to the top for a panoramic view of the festivities, and to explore the special exhibit, watch a Texas history movie and tour the hundreds of museum pieces on display.

There are modest admission fees for the elevator ride, movie and the special exhibit titled "A Destined Conflict: The U.S. - Mexican War," located inside the monument. For more information, the public may visit www.sanjacinto-museum.org and Facebook, or call 281-479-2421. The event is coordinated by the San Jacinto Museum of History Association with the assistance of Texas Parks & Wildlife and the San Jacinto Volunteers re-enactors.

Entertainment and educational activities
Jake Worthington will headline the main stage. The

La Porte native was named "Runner-Up" on Season 6 of the hit NBC TV Show "The Voice" in 2014.

Fred Rusk & The Zydeco Hi-Steppers will perform on the main stage. This band has been serving the Houston/Louisiana and surrounding areas for 12 years and consists of five faithful zydeco musicians that collaborate to bring the unique sound of a soulful Cajun-French gumbo.

Danza Azteca Taxcayotl will perform a version of a Danza Azteca ceremony with a dozen dancers from around Texas dressed in colorful regalia, wearing headdress with beautiful long feathers, and utilizing natural instruments to compose traditional rhythms for ceremonial dancing. Through dance steps and drumbeats, the dancers will honor generations of indigenous traditions.

Last Chance Forever, The Birds of Prey Conservancy will present interactive demonstrations of magnificent birds including hawks, owls, eagles, falcons and vultures.

The High School for the Performing and Visual Arts Mariachi consists of the following instruments: violin, trumpet, harp and guitar. The program was established in 1998 and has performed throughout the state.

Texas Snakes is a fun and hands-on educational show of many different species of non-venomous indigenous snakes of Texas for the children to view and touch. Emphasis is on teaching about the environment and how reptiles provide their part for the balance of nature.

Rathkamp German Folk Dancers strive to preserve and perpetuate the folk dances, customs and culture of Germany, Austria and Switzerland, and to cultivate a public appreciation of these by performing in authentic costume accompanied by traditional music.

Bruce Manners presents an interactive show that combines family friendly stand-up comedy with world class juggling and is best described as stand-up juggling. As a strolling or "atmosphere" entertainer, Manners presents world class three-ball juggling and amazing balance tricks while engaging the crowd in a relaxed and unobtrusive manner.

Weavers, spinners and other demonstrators will give visitors a full sense of how life was in the early 1800s. Sutlers, civilians who sold provisions to military posts, will be on hand to sell or show their wares.

Texas Parks & Wildlife Department will offer archery classes for young people. Visitors can also view the restored marshlands and look for others, great blue herons, osprey, mottled ducks and American avocets. The marsh is historically important because it barred the escape of many of General Santa Anna's troops during the 1836 battle.

Representatives of the Sons of the Republic of Texas, the Texas General Land Office and the Texas Independence Trail Region will be on hand to share their history.

Local cities will share their information as part of the Tourism Trail.

Texas Independence Square Dancers—square dancers from various groups throughout Texas—will demonstrate square dancing and give lessons.

Visitors can browse through the vendor area to admire unique handcrafted items, Texas products and history-related items.

The Children's Area—sponsored by The Dow Chemical Company and Deer Park ISD—includes:

A 55-foot train complete with train whistle and Texan and American flags.

Make-and-take history activities and crafts created and overseen by Gifted/Talented specialists from Deer Park ISD.

Marsha's Petting Zoo with sheep, goats and other friendly small animals.

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Camel Rides will be available for a small fee from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Camels played an important role in Texas history when the state hosted the U.S. Army's camel experiment, a short-lived project that used camels to ferry supplies across west Texas and the Great American Desert from 1856 to 1866.

The Park View Intermediate Steel Drum Band from Pasadena will perform a variety of steel drum music.

Gilbert Hernandez is a re-enactor portraying his great grandfather, Santiago Tafolla. Tafolla was a Hispanic pioneer in Texas and part of the Texas Camel Experiment as well as the only known Hispanic in Texas to leave memoirs during the Civil War. Hernandez's presentations consist of the story of the Texas Camel Connection, working with the camels as a Calvary soldier and a government employee all during the 1850s and 1860s.

Mixteco Ballet Folklorico provides Houston area youth with cultural activities that preserve Mexican customs, traditions and culture through the art of music and dance.

J.R. "Jack" Edmondson is a celebrated historian, author, and re-enactor. An alumnus of the University of Texas at Austin and Texas Christian University, he is best known for his educational portrayal of the illustrious General Sam Houston.

Charles Lara aka Black Beaver will re-enact a Delaware blanket trader to teach festivalgoers about the Texas of the 1800s.

Dan Barth will use his Medicine Show Wagon to tell the tales of special 19th century cure-all elixirs, and entertain with a little magic.

North Harris County Dulcimer Society will provide musical entertainment on the main stage and throughout the day.

Camp prices vary and some offer scholarships to those who qualify to assist with camp tuition. For more information and to register for camps, visit sanjac.edu/summer-camps.

Arts
KidSpot Summer Musical Theatre Camp for Youth

Summer at Theatre San Jacinto presents an ideal opportunity for a child to experience the range of activities possible at a theater.

Dates: June 4 - 8 and June 11 - 15. Time: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Location: Central campus, Powell Arena Theatre. Cost: \$150, \$275 for both weeks. Ages: 4 - 18.

For Everyone
Ink Slingers Writing Camp

Embark on a nautical adventure in individual expression with short stories, character development and multimedia activities. Dates: June 4 - 8. Time: 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Location: Central campus, East Classroom Building. Cost: \$75. Ages: 8 - 13.

Education AND STEM Engineering with Duct Tape

Using some of the everyday recycled material and lots of duct tape, campers will learn the science and build the parts needed for boats, rockets, solar panels and more. Dates: June 25 - 28. Time: 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Location: Central campus, Frels Building. Cost: \$125. Ages: 8 - 10.

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Dobie Theatre students advance to regionals



Dobie Theatre students participated in the UIL One-Act Play Area Competition last week and advanced to the regional level. This marks the fourth time in six years that Dobie has made it to the regionals. Dobie will compete at San Jacinto College-Central on Saturday, April 14. The competition begins at 12:30 p.m., and Dobie will perform their play, scenes from *They Promised her the Moon* around 2 p.m. Shown are, left to right, (front row) Stephanie Horton, Elyssa Armenta, Brisa Antuez, Anthony Zavala, (middle row) Scotty Fuitts, Xitlali Martinez, Fernando Ortega, Kayla Newsome, Emily Duren, Carlos Cantu, Julissa Davila, Kelly Hancock, Juliet Weigand, (back row) Nathan Wernig, Orion Wilson, Nick Keel, Sam Gilbreath, Riley Gilbert, Anthony Ho, Felicia Barton, Christopher Scott and Caitlyn Woitena.

Summer camp registration now open at SJC

San Jacinto College has scheduled a variety of fun and enriching summer camps and activities for children of all ages at each of its four campuses. There is something for every interest from athletics and career exploration, to arts and STEM and everything in between.

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information. Dates: June 4 - 8 and June 11 - 15 at Central campus; June 18 - 22 and June 25 - 29 at South campus; July 16 - 20 at North campus. Times: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. - noon on Friday. Cost: Free to those who qualify. Ages: 12 - 14.

Maritime Venture Camp

This is a fun, exciting way for students to learn about the maritime industry. Campers will have the opportunity to explore exciting careers available in the area's thriving maritime industry. Students will take field trips on vessels and will get to explore the Houston Ship Channel.

Dates: June 23 - 27 and July 9 - 13. Times: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 - 11:30 a.m. on Friday. Location: Maritime campus, Maritime Technology and Training Center. Cost: \$25. Ages: 14 - 17.

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Water-Bots (Beginner)

Explore underwater robotics, rockets, drones and programming; while learning what aerospace partners are planning in the coming decades. The camp will provide a glimpse into the future job market. Dates: July 16 - 20; and July 30 - Aug. 3. Time: 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Location: Central campus, Science Building. Cost: \$200. Ages: 11 - 16.

Water-Bots (Intermediate)

Explore underwater robotics, rockets, drones and programming; while learning what aerospace partners are planning in the coming decades. The camp will provide a glimpse into the future job market. Dates: July 23 - 27. Time: 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Location: Central campus, Science Building. Cost: \$200. Ages: 11 - 16.

Music
All-State Choir Camp

The All-State Choir Camp offers training for high school students on the TMEA All-State choral repertoire to help them successfully compete during the annual audition process. Dates: July 16 - 19. Time: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Location: Central campus, Monte Blue Music Building. Cost: \$30. Ages: 11 - 15.

Piano Camp

Under the direction of Dr. Kingchi Au, the summer piano camp is designed for beginning level students ages 6 to 13. Camp activities vary and include fundamental skills and drills, master classes, piano ensemble, basic music theory and musical enrichment. Students will learn piano ensemble pieces to perform a concert on the last day of camp, Friday at noon. Snacks are provided; students are to bring a sack lunch each day except for Friday, when there will be a pizza party. Dates: July 17 - 21. Time: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Location: North campus, Fine Arts Center. Cost: \$30. Ages: 14 - 19.

San Jacinto College campus locations

Central campus - 8060 Spencer Highway, Pasadena. North campus - 5600 Uvalde Road, Houston.

South campus - 13735 Beamer Road, Houston.

Maritime campus - 3700 Old Hwy. 146, La Porte.

Camp dates, times and costs are subject to change.

Local high school Democrats meeting

The local chapter of the High School Democrats of America gathers at the Nassau Bay offices of Democratic Texas Congressional candidate Dayna Steele where it says it is gaining momentum and new members. The group which is directly affiliated with Young Democrats and the Democratic Party says all Bay Area high school students are welcome to join meetings which are held every other Wednesday. President Anna Alves says the group is concerned with gun reform and other issues affecting high school students. For more information or to join the local chapter, students can send a direct message on Instagram to @highschooldemslctx.

Clear Lake Bridge Club shares dates

One can play bridge every day of the week at the Clear Lake Bridge Club located at 16614 Sea Lark. This location is in the heart of Clear Lake City, just off El Camino Real and Bay Area Blvd. Each weekday there is a game at 10 a.m. On Monday and Wednesday afternoons there is a beginner's game at 2 p.m. On Saturday there is a game at 1 p.m., and on Sunday a team game starts at 1 p.m. There is one night game at 7 p.m. on Tuesday.

The club also has a bridge lab game each Sunday and Tuesday afternoon at 2 p.m. These games have a teacher there who will help with bidding and plays of the hand. Registration for the next series of classes, covering both beginning and advanced bridge techniques, is scheduled for late April. For more information, contact Dave Glandorf at 281-488-6318 or email drglandorf@sbglobal.net. For more information on club projects, call the club manager Jim Ochsner at 281-480-0776 or email jjochsner@aol.com.

UHCL's Art School for Children spotlights Omani cave art

For the 40th anniversary of the Art School for Children at University of Houston-Clear Lake, Director David Moya was looking for a special way to celebrate when he happened to have a conversation with Maria Curtis, associate professor of anthropology. As they say, there is no such thing as a coincidence.

"Dr. Curtis said she was taking a group of students on a study trip to Oman last January, where some prehistoric cave art had been discovered. Arrangements could be made to have reproductions, including photos and prints of the cave art, brought to UH-Clear Lake and exhibited," Moya said. "I am always trying to work collaboratively with our faculty on Art School programs, and this was such a great exhibition. So, after Dr. Curtis collected a lot of books about prehistoric cave art from that region and brought them to me, I was able to develop a curriculum for our young students to use this summer."

The curriculum that students will be studying reflects the storytelling aspects of the pictograms that are part of the 35-piece collection. "The images in the exhibition represent a larger narrative," Moya said. "Those ancient people's lives are catalogued on these rocks. One perspective we're covering in the curriculum is storytelling about our own lives and the way we live."

There's a second, more ambitious undertaking in Moya's curriculum. "We're planning to do a community-based art project," Moya said. "I'm making a faux cave wall and we'll have students create their own personal imagery to draw on it. First, we'll visit the exhibition in the Arbor Building, and then based on what they learned and observed, they'll recreate a small version of what they're doing on the wall. It'll be our own UHCL cave art, and I'd like to display it permanently as a cultural exemplar for kids and college students."

The eight-lesson curriculum covers everything from the animals depicted in the cave art, to the sea vessels in which people sailed the world. "All the lessons tie in with the exhibition, and we're focusing on all the Gulf States, not just Oman," Moya said. "The message is that culture is fluid and instead of highlighting the differences, we're learning about our similarities."

On April 16, a group of children will demonstrate a lesson in printmaking to Her

Excellency, Hunaina Sultan Al Mughairy, the Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman to the U.S., as she visits UHCL to view the exhibition and visit the Art School for Children.

"Since the ambassador can't be here in the summer, we've invited a group of home-schooled kids to be here and we will show her the printmaking lesson," Moya said. "The kids will demonstrate their printmaking techniques with imagery inspired by the cave art and make postage stamps."

Stamps are symbolic for traveling, said Moya, and the kids plan to make a print to share with Ambassador Al Mughairy to take as a remembrance of her time with the Art School for Children.

"We want the kids to think about traveling the world in their minds," said Moya. Moya's cave art curriculum will be sent to the Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center in Washington D.C. One of the primary objectives of the SQCC, which is closely affiliated with the Embassy of Oman, is to provide cultural outreach and education programs.

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Turner joins Boykins, Martin at crawfish boil



Dozens of community members and civic leaders gathered Tuesday, April 10, as Houston City Council Members Dwight Boykins (left) and Dave Martin (right) hosted a crawfish boil. Despite being polar opposites in many ways, the Democrat/Republican pair routinely hold joint functions. Shown above with the two are Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner and Martin's wife, Julie. Photo by Marie Flickinger

Beltway 8 traffic issues persist



South Belt drivers should be aware that traffic congestion along Beltway 8 shows no signs of letting up in the foreseeable future, as two separate construction projects have caused multiple closures both east and west of the Gulf Freeway, often with little or no advanced notice. Such a closure on the westbound frontage road is pictured above near the Beamer intersection. It, along with its eastbound counterpart, will be closed continuously through 9 p.m. Friday, May 4. Photo by Marie Flickinger

IL Texas presents matinée

International Leadership of Texas Windmill Lakes Theatre Department presents its first annual spring production called "Creative Thinkers Matinée" on Saturday, April 28. The production will take place at ILTexas Windmill Lakes gymnasium, 9898 Windmill Lakes Blvd. It will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Admission and parking are free. For more information, call 832-667-0453.

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Ellis calls for auditing charges against Lueb

Theft allegations against first assistant treasurer Gregory Lueb are deeply troubling and warrant an independent audit of the Harris County Treasurer's Office, Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis said on April 6. District Attorney Kim Ogg, who also called for an independent audit, raised concerns that Lueb, charged with felony theft for allegedly stealing more than \$35,000 from the Harris County Federal Credit Union, also had access to multiple accounts containing taxpayer dollars. "Mr. Lueb's alleged actions are a clear violation of the public trust. "We need an independent audit to ensure that no other theft or fraudulent activity took place at the Harris County Treasurer's Office, especially where taxpayer dollars may be involved," Ellis said. "We need complete transparency on this matter. I am calling for Commissioners Court to conduct a special investigation of the Harris County Treasurer's Office. "The public needs to be reassured that no other wrongdoing has taken place and County leaders need to understand why this happened in the first place so steps can be taken to make sure this doesn't happen again," Ellis said.

Frazier sets date for Pre-K Round Up

Frazier Elementary will host the Pre-K Round Up on Wednesday, May 2, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. This meeting will provide information on Frazier's pre-K program and criteria for qualifying and each family will be scheduled for an individual preregistration appointment sometime in May. To qualify for pre-K, a child must turn four years old by Sept. 1.

BAGS sets April meeting

Bay Area Genealogical Society invites the community to come Friday, April 27, to hear Daughters of the American Revolution member Alice Braud-Jones as she discusses using the Daughters of the American Revolution Library online database, www.dar.org, for research. The meet-and-greet is at 6:30 p.m. and the program begins at 7 p.m. in the Chapel at University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook Drive. For more information, visit www.TxBayAreaGen.org or call Kim Zrubek at 281-992-2636.

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SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

The Shore scores late; pushes champions out

District 21-6A champion North Shore is headed to the Region III boys' soccer tournament at the expense of Dobie. The Mustangs got it done by scoring a goal with roughly 15 minutes remaining, defeating the defending Region III champion Longhorns 2-1 April 6 at Galena Park ISD Stadium.

It was the third straight time that North Shore and Dobie had met in the regional quarterfinals. The Mustangs prevailed in 2016 and this year, with the Longhorns using a win last season as a springboard to the state tournament.

North Shore, now 22-1-3 this season, advances to the Region III Final Four to meet 2011 state champion Strake Jesuit. Alief Elsie and Tompkins will meet in the first semifinal April 13, at Abshier Stadium in Deer Park.

For Dobie, the 2018 season has come to a close at 21-4-2. The three-time running District 22-6A winners had won 13 straight matches before the loss to North Shore.

Sebastian Leal scored the Longhorns' goal on an assist by Antonio Arias, who finished 2018 with a team-high 12.

Heading into 2019, the Longhorns will lose outstanding goalkeeper Ramon Cahue, while a good bit of the team's scoring

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Longhorn tennis takes shots at 22-6As

**By John Bechtle
Sports Editor**

Dobie tennis coach Manuel Moreno Jr. correctly predicted that those who played their best two days of tennis would advance to the regional tournament.

He was right, and fortunately for his Longhorns, four of those players were wearing burnt orange and white colors.

Four seniors, including

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Dobie varsity tennis player "Little" Tommy Nguyen serves during second-set action in the District 22-6A boys' doubles championship match against Deer Park April 7, at the Harry Taylor Tennis Center in Pasadena. He and partner Adrian Tamez, seeded No. 2 in the draw, won the draw.

R-III Championships

Thursday and Friday,
April 19-20
Deer Park High School

JFD, Brook track moves on to areas

District competition has been completed, and the cream is rising to the top as the track and field season reaches the Area Championship round.

District qualifiers from 22-6A will go against those from District 21-6A, with that meet coming Thursday, April 19, at Galena Park ISD.

Meanwhile, 24-6A qualifiers, including those from Clear Brook, will go up against those from 23-6A, with the meet set to play out April 19, at The Rig in Pearland.

Pre leads Brook group

Count Kenneth Pree as a real regional contender as he leads the Clear Brook contingent into the 23/24-6A Championships at The Rig.

At district, Pree was second in both the 200-meter dash (22.41 seconds) and long jump (22 feet, 3 inches).

Senior Caleb Chapman will also compete in the 400-meter dash at areas after placing third in a time of 50.60 at the district meet.

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District 22-6A softball too close to determine

Memo: The Dobie varsity softball team will advance to the postseason. That much is for sure.

The rest of the story? That's very much to be determined as the Lady Longhorns, currently 9-2

in league play, close out the regular season taking on the other three likely playoff qualifiers.

Dobie, which crushed Pasadena 19-0 April 10 to get to 9-2, will now take

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JFD softball's stretch run

Fri., April 13 - Deer Park, at PISD, 6:30 p.m.
Tues., April 17 - La Porte, at Dobie, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 20 - Memorial, at PISD, 6:30 p.m.

Dobie baseball squad faces tough close-out

Five games remain in the District 22-6A varsity baseball race, and it looks more and more like the Dobie nine has a very good chance to reach the playoffs.

Trouble is, the Longhorns are not of a mind to settle for merely reaching the postseason. After claiming the fourth seed a season ago, the Longhorns were handled by District 21-6A champion

Kingwood. Once again, it appears Kingwood and Atascocita will occupy the top seeds in 21-6A. In 22-6A, unbeaten La Porte is the clear front-runner, with Deer Park and Beaumont West Brook two games behind.

Dobie, coming off a 10-0 win over South Houston April 10, is now 6-3 with five to play.

For the Longhorns, the

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In the midst of arguably the most special season in program history, the Dobie varsity girls' golf team is headed to the Region III Championships later this month. The two-day girls' tournament is set for April 24-25 at Eagle Pointe Golf Club in Mont Belvieu. The first tee shot will be hit at 8 a.m. Dobie will be playing in the

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Lady Longhorns score program-first

**By John Bechtle
Sports Editor**

Perhaps it took the better part of six decades, but then again that just may be what makes it even sweeter.

The Dobie varsity girls' golf team has qualified for the Region III Championships for the first time in program history, and what a feeling it is.

second at 825 for a team of five golfers over two days. La Porte and Deer Park's B team made a run on the second day, but Dobie held on for the other qualifying spot.

"We knew we were in good shape heading into the second day, and we challenged the ladies to go out there and shoot their best rounds. Four of the

son worked with two players.

That number grew to four in year two, and the Lady Longhorns have been building on their collective

successes since that time.

Dobie's Candace Merrill qualified for the state tournament from Dobie, and Ben Arnett should

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Region III Golf
Tues. and Wed., April 24-25
Eagle Point Golf Club
Mont Belvieu

With senior and team captain Cecilia Perez leading the way with a two-day total of 182, and up-and-coming sophomore Alexis Perez just three back at 185, the Lady Longhorns were able to hold off La Porte for third place at the District 22-6A event.

Deer Park's A team, a bonafide Region III title contender, was the clear runaway winner of the top spot at district, with Dobie

five did, and the other was just one shot over her best. It was a great team performance," Dobie head coach Chris Ferguson said.

It's also something Ferguson has been aiming for all along.

Taking over the program six years ago, Ferguson said he made a vow to Dobie principal Franklin Moses that he wanted to build a true program.

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Longhorn tennis gets boys' doubles, mixed doubles to regional tournament

Continued from Page 1B the top-seeded mixed doubles team of Leilani Vargas and "Big" Tommy Nguyen, as well as the boys' doubles team of "Little" Tommy Nguyen and Adrian Tamez, are all headed for the Region III Tennis Championships, set for April 19-20, at Deer Park High School's South campus.

Vargas, a four-year varsity player at Dobie, and "Big" Kevin Nguyen both played No. 1 singles for the team during the fall team tennis season. However, they did not get the chance to play doubles together much this spring due to a variety of scenarios.

Still, seeded No. 1 in the draw, they came up with first place and a regional berth, losing just seven total games in three matches.

In the championship final, Vargas and Nguyen met the overall No. 3 seeded squad from Memorial, prevailing 6-3, 6-2.

Vargas' brother, Luis, was a multi-time 22-6A boys' singles regional qualifier during his career. Nguyen's brother, Kevin, reached regionals in 2012. Obviously, the tradition continues.

"We really felt like Leilani and ("Big") Kevin could win the district title, but you still have to go out there and do it," Moreno

said. "To their credit, they did that. You always want to see your seniors have a chance to play for something special at this time of year, and Leilani and Kevin will get the chance to do that. I can't be any prouder of them for what they have done and what they were able to do at district."

Ditto for "Little" Tommy Nguyen and Tamez, the second-seeded team in the draw. Just like their mixed doubles teammates, Nguyen and Tamez simply got the job done in a big way.

In the quarterfinals, the Dobie pair scored a 6-0, 6-0 win. Despite being pushed to a third set in the

semifinals, Nguyen and Tamez prevailed. In the final, they defeated a talented Deer Park team, losing just five games.

Along the way, Nguyen demonstrated his trademark intensity, and Tamez followed with great tennis of his own.

"(Little) Tommy is our emotional and vocal leader out there," Moreno said. "He is as competitive as they come. Sometimes you have to remind him that the other players want it just as bad and are playing just as hard for the good of the team, but overall it's a good thing."

Just like with Leilani and "Big" Kevin, we are proud of them for winning

the district championship. It's always big when you can go through a draw undefeated and advance. In both cases, they did what they had to do."

The Dobie girls' doubles pairing of Kristy Morales and Bao Nguyen missed out on the chance to reach regionals, but nonetheless set the table for what could be a bright future.

Considered Dobie's No. 2 girls' doubles team at the district meet, the unseeded Morales and Nguyen won a tough three-setter (5-7, 6-4 6-4) in the quarterfinals and then lost to the top-seeded team from Deer Park, 6-1, 6-3.

Going against Dobie's

Mylan Phan and Ann Truong, the tournament's No. 3 overall seeded pair, Nguyen and Morales came up with a 6-1, 6-2 victory to claim third place in the tournament.

Morales and Nguyen, Moreno said, very well could open the 2018 fall team tennis season as the No. 1 girls' doubles pairing.

Elsewhere, Dobie's Alex Cuaping played well, but lost his quarterfinal match to La Porte's Zach Manuel, with Manuel winning via a third-set tiebreaker, 6-4, 4-6, 7-6 (7-4).

Sebastian Delgado also represented the Longhorns well in boys' singles, but fell to Memorial's Dillan Tangavellou 7-5, 6-2.

In girls' singles, Tina Ha, the tournament's No. 3 seed, won a first-round match before slipping in the quarterfinals. Courtney Chung, meanwhile, lost her first-round match.

The Longhorns' other mixed doubles team of Luis Neira and Emily Nguyen won their first-round match but then bowed out in the quarters.

So the four seniors will head to regionals April 19-20, and many of the team's other nine seniors will be there to cheer them on. Moreno just wants to the entire program to enjoy and live in the moment.

"This senior group is just so special to me, probably more so than any in recent years," he said.

"They will all have a special place in my heart. As for the ones competing, I hope they realize anything is possible. There are 15 other competitors out there in each of the draws, and anything can happen."



Senior Adrian Tamez eyes his Deer Park opponents as teammate "Little" Tommy Nguyen serves in the background during the boys' doubles championship match April 7 at the Harry Taylor Tennis Center in Pasadena. Tamez and Nguyen, the No. 2 seeded pair in District 22-6A, qualified for regionals after defeating the top-seeded Deer Park duo 6-3, 6-3 in the final.



At left, Dobie High School's "Big" Tommy Nguyen smacks a forehand winner down the line during second-set action of the District 22-6A mixed doubles championship final April 7 at the Harry Taylor Tennis Center in Pasadena. He and partner Leilani Vargas went on to win the district title and earned a first-ever regional tournament appearance after beating the tournament's No. 3 seeded pairing from Memorial, 6-3, 6-2 in the final.

Photos by John Bechtle

JFD seniors to regionals after big wins

JFD's Tran meets Isner at Clay Courts

At right, as part of what has become a tradition in recent years, various members of the Dobie varsity tennis team were able to mingle with professional tennis players at the Men's Clay Court Championships, hosted by the River Oaks Country Club. Here, Lady Longhorn Jordan Tran (right) greets John Isner, who entered the tournament as the No. 1 seed in the singles draw. The men's doubles pairing of Bob and Mike Bryan, shown in photo below, were the No. 1 seeded team in doubles.

Photo by Manuel Moreno Jr.



At right, Dobie senior Leilani Vargas (left) congratulates playing partner "Big" Tommy Nguyen after winning a point during the mixed doubles championship final April 7 in Pasadena. Vargas and Nguyen, the top-seeded team in the mixed doubles draw, took care of business and won the bracket, advancing to regionals for the first time as seniors. Both Vargas and Nguyen have been a big part of the Dobie program for several seasons. Both were the No. 1 girls' singles and No. 1 boys' singles players, respectively, during the fall team tennis season and also played on top-seeded doubles teams.



Dobie tennis team members meet legendary Bryan brothers; take in U.S. Clay Court Championships



Above, Dobie varsity tennis players and sisters Kristy Morales (left) and Gisell Morales (right) got the chance to meet legendary U.S. Men's doubles champions Mike (second from left) and Bob Bryan (second from right) at the U.S. Clay Court Championships at the River Oaks Tennis Center.

At right, members of the Dobie High School tennis team had a chance to meet the greatest men's doubles team in United States history when they bumped into Mike (yellow top) and Bob Bryan (blue top) at the U.S. Men's Clay Court Cham-

pionships in Houston April 9. The Bryan brothers are the owners of 11 Grand Slam victories over the course of their career, including five championships at the Australian Open. Those involved included, left to right, (front row) "Big" Tommy Nguyen, Samantha Velasquez, Stephanie Gonzalez, Daniel Bottello Sebastian Leal, (middle row) A'miya Walls, Duy Ho, Courtney Chung, Kasey Huerta, (back row) Austin Luu, Luis Neira, Kristy Morales, Mike Bryan, Jordan Tran, Bob Bryan and Gisell Morales.

Photos by Manuel Moreno Jr.



Sports Calendar

SOCCER

Monday, April 16

Thompson 7th girls at Bondy, 5:00
 Beverly Hills 7th girls host Southmore, 5:00
 Thompson 8th girls at Bondy, 6:00
 Beverly Hills 8th girls host Southmore, 6:00

Tuesday, April 17

Thompson 7th boys host Bondy, 5:00
 Beverly Hills 7th boys at Southmore, 5:00
 Thompson 8th boys host Bondy, 6:00
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TENNIS

Thursday, April 19

Dobie varsity at Region III tourn., Deer Park, TBA
 Brook varsity at Region III tourn., Deer Park, TBA

Friday, April 20

Dobie varsity at 22-6A tourn., Harry Taylor, TBA
 Brook varsity at Region III tourn., Deer Park, TBA

BASEBALL

Friday, April 13

Brook varsity hosts Clear Springs, 7:00
 Dobie varsity vs. Rayburn, Maguire, 4:00
 Brook JV at Clear Springs, 6:30
 Dobie JV hosts Rayburn, Dobie, 5:00
 Brook sophomores at Clear Springs, 4:30
 Dobie sophomores host Rayburn, Dobie, 3:00

Monday, April 16

Brook JV at Alvin, 6:30
 Dobie JV vs. Pasadena, Maguire, 7:00
 Brook sophomores at Alvin, 4:30
 Dobie sophomores vs. Pasadena, Maguire, 4:00

Tuesday, April 17

Brook varsity hosts Alvin, 7:00
 Dobie varsity hosts Pasadena, Maguire, 4:00

Friday, April 20

Brook varsity at Alvin, 7:00
 Dobie varsity at Deer Park, 7:00
 Brook JV hosts Alvin, 6:30
 Dobie JV hosts Deer Park, Dobie, 4:00
 Brook sophomores host Alvin, 4:30

Saturday, April 21

Dobie sophomores host Deer Park, Dobie, noon

SOFTBALL

Friday, April 13

Brook varsity at Clear Springs, 6:30
 Dobie varsity hosts Deer Park, PISD, 6:30
 Brook JV at Clear Springs, 5:00
 Dobie JV hosts Deer Park, PISD, 5:00

Saturday, April 14

San Jacinto College hosts Lamar State (2), 3:00

Tuesday, April 17

Dobie varsity hosts La Porte, Dobie, 4:30
 Brook varsity at Alvin, 5:00
 Brook JV at Alvin, 6:30

Friday, April 20

San Jacinto College at Alvin (2), 2:00
 Brook varsity hosts Dickinson, 6:30
 Dobie varsity vs. Memorial, PISD, 6:30
 Brook JV hosts Dickinson, 5:00
 Dobie JV vs. Memorial, PISD, 5:00

Saturday, April 21

San Jacinto College at Galveston (2), 1:00



At right, San Jacinto College Women's basketball head coach Kayla Weaver was named the District L Coach of the Year after guiding San Jac to a 25-11 overall record and the team's second consecutive National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) national tournament appearance.

Photo by Elizabeth Hertel

San Jacinto women's basketball turns in memorable 2017-2018

By Amanda Fenwick
 SJC Marketing

The San Jacinto College women's basketball program may have come to an end last month with a loss to Gulf Coast State at the National Junior College Athletic Association national tournament, but the accolades keep coming for a team that posted the most wins in a single season.

Eryka Sidney of Houston's Wheatley High School was named to the all-Region XIV team as well as the all-conference team, and was the Region XIV Tournament Most Valuable Player.

Sidney led the team in scoring this season at 17 points per game, a mark that ranked her 45th in the country. She shot nearly 38 percent from long range and averaged 4.3 assists per game.

Alexis Bryant of Pflugerville High School was named to the all-conference and all-Region XIV tournament teams after averaging 13 points and a team-best 8.8 rebounds per game.

Her 307 total rebounds were good for 16th best in the nation. Bryant was also one of the team's top free throw shooters at 72.2 percent on the year.

Alexus Jones of Alamo High School in Dallas averaged 13.1 points per game this season and earned honorable mention all-conference status. She was the team's leading free throw shooter at 76.2 percent.

Princess Clemons, a graduate of Bonner Prendergast Catholic High School in Pennsylvania earned all-tournament team honors at the Region XIV tournament.

She posted a 9.1 points-per-game average this season and was one of the team's leading scorers from long range, shooting 38.4 percent from long range.

San Jacinto College head coach Kayla Weaver was recognized as the District L Coach of the Year.

The first-year head coach led her team to a school-best 25 wins, the team's second consecutive appearance at the NJCAA national tournament, and the school's first-ever NJCAA national tournament victory.

This season's sophomore class is the winningest in school history with 50 wins, and this year's team is the first-ever to win the Region XIV tournament.

In addition, the squad

was honored with the NJCAA Alberta Lee Cox Sportsmanship Award.

The award is voted on by the NJCAA national tournament staff and referees, and is presented in honor of Lee Cox, who was the first woman to coach a United States Olympic team sport and the first woman to coach a United States women's basketball team on foreign soil.

It is presented every year to the team that has shown exemplary and outstanding sportsmanship skills throughout the championship tournament.

For more information about San Jacinto College athletics, visit sanjac.sports.com.

Gator baseball sweeps Laredo; Silas leads offensive onslaught

Midway through the Region XIV race, the San Jacinto College baseball team appears to be picking up steam.

The Gators are no longer ranked tops in the nation, as they were earlier this season. But the locals are beginning to kick things into gear as the final push to the postseason begins.

At 28-9 overall, including 15-4 in conference action, the Gators are coming off a four-game sweep over Laredo March 29-30.

Laredo was victimized by many SJC players during the series, but Tyreece Silas was a particular problem for the Palominos.

Overall, Silas' 10 hits in the four games, kick-starting the offense at every turn.

The Gators won the March 29 opener 12-4 as four players went deep, including Alerick Soularie,

Jacob Matheny, Nick Neville and Jordan Myrow.

Silas tripled and doubled, and Matheny led the way with three runs batted in.

Jacob Cantleberry, SJC's top starting pitcher, went 5 2/3 innings, fanning seven along the way to get the win.

He did surrender three home runs, including a pair to Laredo's Arturo Guajardo.

Cantleberry, now 8-1 this season, has won 19 games over this two seasons at San Jacinto College.

In the second game of the doubleheader, the Gators built a 10-4 edge through four innings and went on to win 13-5.

Silas was again the catalyst on offense, going 3 for 4 with three runs scored and three RBIs.

Matheny homered, and Trey Franson had a triple among his four hits.

Luke Matheny started on the mound and went five frames to improve his record to 3-0.

The Palominos had few answers for San Jacinto College the following day, either. The Gators posted a 12-run first inning and coasted to the 17-0 win in five innings.

Silas was 3 for 3, and Matheny was 2 for 2 with three runs scored. Sergio Macias homered.

The Gators finished off their second straight doubleheader sweep in the nightcap as Silas had two hits and scored twice.

Soularie socked a pinch-hit, three-run homer, and Jacob Matheny drove in three runs and scored twice.

SJC catcher Herbert Iser got in on the fun with a hit and three RBIs, and Devon Roedahl improved to 5-2 overall with five strikeouts over five innings of work.

Coyote softball drops pair at Blinn

It's not over yet, for sure, but San Jacinto College's hopes of returning to the Division I World Series next month may be waning.

At 17-21 overall this season, San Jacinto simply has not been able to get much momentum going. The team is a respectable 8-6 in conference play, but freshman pitcher Michelle Kristoff has been the only steady force in the circle.

During a 7-3, 11-0 doubleheader loss March 30

against Blinn in Brenham, the Coyotes committed five errors in the first-game loss, with Kristoff taking the loss despite giving up no earned runs. SJC then made five more errors in the second game as Blinn cruised to the run-rule win.

Finding a second or third pitcher to throw effectively behind Kristoff has been troublesome, but so has the defense. Through 36 games, the team had made 81 errors in the field, which makes

wins hard to come by.

Taylor McHenry continues to lead the team in hitting at .448, while Kenzie Kotrla is at .391 with a team-high 28 runs batted in.

Riley Bullen is hitting .366 with 27 runs batted in, and Allison Bravo has hit .393 as the team's top-hitting freshman.

Kristoff has a low earned run average of 2.52 but is just 7-9 over 16 starts. She has fanned 96 over 97 1/3 innings this season.

Lajaunie tennis to benefit local youths

Final preparations are being made as the annual Darren Lajaunie Memorial Tennis Tournament will return to the Harry Taylor Tennis Center in Pasadena April 27-29.

Organizers are selling tickets for the kickoff dinner, scholarship awards program and raffle set for April 27.

Attendees will enjoy a catered dinner of beef and chicken fajitas, with all of the fixings included.

That evening, children and adults will also have the opportunity to take part in free on-court tennis drills, with awards going to some lucky winners.

Dinner tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children under the age of 10. Tickets may be purchased at the Harry Taylor Tennis Center, or those who wish may call the event hotline at 281-480-6933.

The DLTSF will continue to award college scholarships to the seniors on the Dobie High School tennis team, in addition to qualifying members of the Harry Taylor Tennis Center.

The Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund volunteers are in the planning and sponsorship gathering stages for its seventh annual memorial tennis tournament.

Darren Lajaunie began his tennis career playing tennis at Dobie High School and graduated co-valedictorian in 1984.

Members of the Dobie tennis team will be awarded entry fees to play in the tournament in his honor.

Lajaunie lost his battle with melanoma May 3, 2011. This scholarship fund and tournament is a way to honor his memory by helping junior tennis players enjoy tennis and assist with their education

in college.

He was an electrical engineer graduate from the University of Texas in Austin, and a pillar of the community while working at the Johnson Space Center.

Lajaunie was also dedicated and passionate for his favorite pastime of playing tennis.

All players will receive a tournament T-shirt, a luggage tag and enjoy a complimentary opening morning breakfast snack.

A free lunch will also be available for players and spectators, donated by the Lajaunie family. The Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund volunteers are busy seeking donors and silent auction items.

Opening ceremonies, including a scholarship awards dinner and silent auction, will be held Friday, April 27.

There will be several camp scholarships as well as two college scholarships awarded to HTTC junior tennis players.

Opening night special activities this year include HTTC hosting a complimentary cardio tennis clinic for adults, and a children's clinic full of fun tennis games for ages 12 and under.

There will also be plenty of give-away prizes over the course of the three-day event.

Tickets may now be purchased at the HTTC or on the DLTSF website. In May, the 2018 Dobie recipients will be awarded their scholarships at the school. Entry fee for the tournament is \$35 for singles and \$22.50 per player for doubles.

Players may also register at www.settee.com. Registration deadline is April 13.

The tournament will

begin Saturday, April 28, at 8 a.m. and finish the next afternoon, with trophy presentations at the conclusion of each division of play.

The Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund website at www.DLTennis.com includes pictures from the 2017 tournament and information on this year's tournament, sponsorship opportunities, scholarship details and more.

Those who would like to donate may also do so on the website.

The Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund is a nonprofit corporation, and all donations are tax-deductible.

Donations may now be made via the website with a credit card or one may mail a check or money order to: Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund, 3106 Mossy Elm Court, Houston, TX, 77059, or contact Camille Lajaunie at cjlajau@gmail.com with any questions.

Local sports news

Rising Stars registering

The Rising Stars Track Club, the South Belt area's longstanding youth program, is currently accepting registration and is conducting preseason workouts at the Dobie High School track. Team coaches are hosting workouts each Wednesday and Friday, from 4:45 p.m. to dark, Saturdays from noon to 2 p.m. and Sundays from 3 to 5 p.m. Both returning and first-year team members may register at any of the workout sessions.

Pearland Rotary charity golf

Pearland Rotary Club officials have announced plans for the group's 47th annual Golf for Charity tournament, coming to Golfcrest Country Club Friday, May 4.

Participants will enjoy golf, a lunch, a celebratory dinner, silent auction and more during the course of the fun-filled day. There will also be a closest-to-the-pin contest in addition to the ever-popular Fireball Challenge.

Lunch will be served at 11 a.m., and golf begins at noon. To register for the event, visit www.PearlandRotaryGolf.com.

Blackhawk Seahawks FB signing up

The Blackhawk Seahawks youth football program, complete with drill team and cheerleading squads, is currently registering boys and girls ages 5 to 12 years old, for the 2018 fall season. The cost is \$200 each for football players and \$350 each for drill team and cheerleader members. The Blackhawk Seahawks are members of the Texas Intercity Football Inc. (TIFI) and play their home games at Dobie High School. To register youths, visit the team web site at www.leaguelineup.com/blackhawkseahawks. For additional information, call team president Lisa Sanchez at 832-969-8542.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

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

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

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

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

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

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

12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Hometown Heroes Park - has dance lessons Thursdays, following the senior luncheon. Lewis and Betty Whistler teach lessons in two-step, triple two-

step, west coast swing and night club two-step at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. A \$25 activity card is required for nonresidents which is free to senior League City residents.

6:30 p.m.
Pearland Area Republican Club - meets monthly on the second Thursday at the Pearland Church of Christ Annex, 2217 N. Grand Blvd. in Pearland. For details, call Gary at 281-993-8335.

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

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

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

7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or 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 or email the director at jpochnsner@aol.com for details.

Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - West End Group, noon, Shepherd of the Heart United Methodist Church,

12005 County Rd. 39, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.

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

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 14
 7:30 a.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - "Breakfast with Bill", Saturdays, 7:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.

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

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

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 or email the director at jpochnsner@aol.com for details.

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

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 or email the director at jpochnsner@aol.com for details.

2 p.m.
Grief Support Group - For adults who have lost a loved one and need support for grief. The group meets Sundays, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas, 2 to 3:15 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. For more information, call 281-487-8787.

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

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

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

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.

MONDAY, APRIL 16

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

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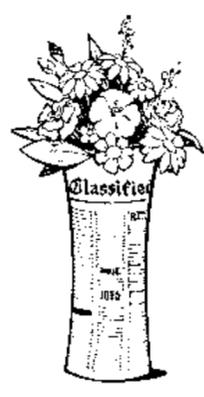
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10:30 a.m.
Seniors and Law Enforcement Together - SALT meetings are 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., Madison Jobe Senior Center, 1700 East Thomas St., in Pasadena on the third Monday. Meetings start timely and teach seniors how to avoid identity theft, scams, fraud, etc. Police officers and sheriffs may be in attendance. Free. Refreshments served. For details, call 713-477-0175.
11:30 a.m.
Overeaters Anonymous Deer Park - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of the church. Call 409-454-5720 for details, or drop in.
2 p.m.
Genealogy Group - The Parker Williams Genealogy group meets from 2 - 4 p.m. on the first and third Mondays at the Parker Williams Library, Beamer at Scarsdale. The public is invited to attend. For details, email Liz Hicks at erootrot@usa.net.
3:15 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy for adults with Parkinson's, 3:15 - 4:45 p.m., Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for details.
6 p.m.
New Directions Singles - Age 50 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner with activities and/or guest speakers at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Pkwy. For details, call Margarita at 832-715-9658.
Scrabble Club #511 - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Come, improve crossword playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for details.
Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting - Mondays at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland. Enter door next to recycling bins. For details, call 713-865-3668 or visit www.oahouston.org.
7 p.m.
Survivors of Suicide Support Group - gives coping skills in a non-threatening environment to adults who have lost a loved one to suicide. For details email LynneAnnH@yahoo.com or visit www.crisishotline.org.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For information, call 713-856-1611.
7:30 p.m.
The Clear Lake Gem and Mineral Society - Meets the third Monday at Clear Lake Park Bldg., 5001 NASA Pkwy., Seabrook. Presenters explore topics such as fossils, planetary geology, mineralogy, lapidary, jewelry making, fossil and mineral collecting. Field trips to Texas collecting sites and surrounding states. Interested persons welcome. Door prizes. Free parking. For details, visit www.clgms.org.
Congregation Shaar Hashalom - Israeli Folk Dancing on Monday, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., 16020 El Camino Real, 77062. \$4/session or \$35/10 sessions for CSH members and \$5/session or \$45/10 sessions for nonmembers. Everyone is welcome. For details, contact 281-488-5861 or csh@shaarhashalom.org.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the Education Bldg., 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For details, call Russell at 832-483-6715.
TUESDAY, APRIL 17
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.
9:30 a.m.
Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For details, call 713-472-0565.
10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
Noon
Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch is \$15. Variety of interesting speakers. For details, call 281-900-7257. Email nalix@texascitizensbank.com.
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Hometown Heroes Park - has dance lessons Tuesdays following the senior luncheon taught by 35-year dance area instructors Lewis and Betty Whistler at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. For questions regarding lessons, call 832-517-5833. A \$25 activity card is required for nonresidents which is free to senior League City residents. For questions about activity card, call the park office at 281-554-1180.
1:30 p.m.
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - #1530 meets at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd., For information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713.
2 p.m.
The National Active and Retired Federal Employees - NARFE Chapter 941 meets the third Tuesday, El Franco Lee Park Community Center, 9500 Hall Rd. Visitors welcome. For details, call Roy at 713-734-1461 or EFL Center at 281-464-9708. No meeting in Aug.
Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class - Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details/classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at dr glandorf@sbcglobal.net or 281-488-6318.

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6:30 p.m.
Breast Cancer Support Group - Meets at 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the lobby of the Clear Lake Regional Breast Diagnostic Center, 200 Medical Center Blvd., Suite 106, Webster. Call 281-526-6840.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For information, call 713-856-1611.
Positive Interaction Program - meets the third Tuesday, 7 p.m., at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria, first floor staff meeting room. PIP is police and citizens working together making neighborhoods safer. Bring a friend. For information, call Officer Richard Buitron at 281-218-3900.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? Meets Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 to 8 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-306-4366 or 713-480-4166.
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.
9:30 a.m.
Carmelites - a nondenominational senior citizen social group that meets at 15500 El Camino Real in Clear Lake on the first and third Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. for a time filled with fun, fellowship, lending library, coffee and bingo. The meetings are open to anyone age 50 or older and there are no dues. Day trips and extended trips are available. Deposits are being taken on a Canadian Rockies VIA Rail trip (July 20 - 27), Scandinavian Treasures Baltic cruise (Sept. 5 - 15) and a Nashville Show trip (Dec. 2 - 8). Plan ahead to join the trips. For details, call Marilyn at 713-947-2388.
9:30 a.m.
The Community Club - meets the third Wednesday, monthly, at Golden Corral, 4021 Spencer Hwy., in Pasadena. Social time is 9:30 a.m.; meeting is at 10 a.m. The club is a charitable organization of women helping the Salvation Army feed and care for homeless elderly/disabled people, children and the homeless, providing scholarships for Bridge Over Troubled Water clients. Day trips may be scheduled, followed by a guest speaker/program with fellowship and lunch. New members and guests are invited. For information, email Jmopry@yahoo.com.
10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.
11:30 a.m.
Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club - meets monthly, first and third Wednesdays, Golden Corral, 4021 Spencer Hwy., Pasadena. For information, call Monica Montoya at 281-794-5531.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
1 p.m.
Hometown Heroes Park - has free Hump Day Dance to practice ballroom dance, 1 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. League City nonresidents must purchase activity card. Help is available to assist learning dance moves. For details, call Neva Schroder at 417-838-2204.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For information, call 713-856-1611.
7 p.m.
Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention - Call 281-286-2525 (24-hour crisis hotline) for confidential domestic violence/sexual abuse support for women. Visit www.bayareaturningpoint.org for information.
8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.
THURSDAY, APRIL 19
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.
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 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
6 p.m.
Texas German Society, South Belt (SE) Chapter - A social group focused on the culture, music, heritage and language of Texas German immigrants. Meets the third Thursday, monthly, 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visitors welcome. Email OpaGivesHugs@gmail.com for details.
6:30 p.m.
Harris County Master Gardeners - presents *Soils and Composting* on Thursday, April 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the Freeman Branch Library, 16616 Diana Lane. The event is free. For details, visit <https://hcmga.tamu.edu/Public/pubGreenThumb.aspx> or call 713-274-0950.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Women's Group, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-856-1611.
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Tracksters reach area championships

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The Wolverines also qualified each of their relay teams for the next round. At district, the 4x100-meter foursome was third at 43.70, while the school's 4x200-meter relay squad was second in a time of 1 minute, 30.91 seconds. The 4x400-meter group also entered the mix with a fourth-place finish with a clocking of 3:31.52. In the girls' division, Clear Brook's Keaira Connor advanced in the 200-meter dash as she clocked in third in a time of 25.79. Connor's time of 12.89 in the 100-meter dash also helped her move on.

Brook's Camaya Hayes was fourth with her throw of 32-5 in the shot put. **Dobie athletes advance**
The Dobie track and field teams are also sending several athletes to the District 21/22-6A Area Championships. Leading the way for the Dobie girls is freshman Amari Singleton, who won the 400-meter dash at the District 22-6A Championships in a time of 1:00.42. Teammate Briasia Garza ran a season best of 1:03.53 to place third, reaching the area meet. Singleton also qualified for the area meet in the 800-meter run as she was third in a time of 2:26.22.

The Lady Longhorns are also off to the area meet in the relays as the 4x100-meter team of Erin Fleming, Deiara Jackson, Ambreon Jones and Rachel Smith placed second at 50.23. Fleming, Jackson, Amya Ray and Aajalah Reed competed in the 4x200 as Dobie was third in a time of 1:46.52. In the 4x400-meter event, Dobie was second in a time of 4:19.51 as Itziri Galarza was joined by Garza, Jones and Singleton. A time of 49.87 got Jones to the area meet in the 300-meter hurdles as she was fourth at district.

In the 100-meter dash, Reed advanced as the No. 3 finisher at 12.64. Kiome Dixon was fourth at 12.75. Fleming's leap of 15-10 1/2 was fourth in the long jump, and Georgina Labarrera was fourth in the shot with a throw of 33-11 1/2. Jamesetta Seals also qualified third in the discus at 104-2. In the boys' division for Dobie, Mason Douglas won both the 110-meter and 300-meter hurdling events to advance. Douglas won the 110s in a time of 15.26 to reach the area championships, and teammate Jeremiah Ballard also advanced as he was second in a time of 16.26, a season best for him. In the 300-meter hurdles, Douglas ran a season-best time of 39.89 for the win. Teammates Devon Brown and Devin Childs are headed to the area championships in the discus. Brown won the 22-6A crown with a throw of 135-6, and Childs was second with a throw of 129-11. Justin Lavinier was third in the pole vault for a season best as he also reached the area meet, and the Longhorns also qualified for the area meet in each of the relays. The 4x100-meter squad came in at 43.72 for second, and the 4x200 group was also third in a time of 1:31.93. Dobie's 4x400-meter squad was also third in a time of 3:31.09.

Teams	W	L
La Porte	9	0
Deer Park	7	2
West Brook	6	3
Dobie	6	3
Deer Park	4	5
Pasadena	2	7
Rayburn	2	7
S. Houston	0	9

At right, junior short-stop Taylor Pleasants will lead the Dobie varsity softball team into the closing stretch of its regular season, with back-to-back-to-back games against playoff qualifiers within District 22-6A. It all starts with a battle against league leader Deer Park April 13, at the Pasadena ISD Complex, then shifts to Dobie April 17 against La Porte. The Lady Longhorns, currently second in the standings, will then end the regular season April 20, back at the Pasadena ISD Complex against Memorial.
Photo by John Bechtle



Horns drop SoHo; sit in fourth place

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time to win is now. Thanks to another solid outing from Daniel Garza and a multi-hit attack led by Jeffrey Mercado, David Amaya and Justin Blogg, the Dobie varsity baseball team is very much in the playoff hunt with five games remaining. The Longhorns shook off an April 6 loss in Beaumont to West Brook (11-8), coming back to defeat South Houston 10-0 April 10, at Dobie. Mercado had two doubles and drove in a pair, while Amaya had three hits, including a double. Blogg, who has had multi hits in several games, added two hits and an RBI. Dobie will now prepare to face Rayburn (April 13) and Pasadena (April 17) in games at Maguire Field in Pasadena, and both games are key as the locals head toward the home stretch. The Longhorns, 17-7 overall this season, are

currently 6-3 in District 22-6A action, which is fourth in the standings. Although West Brook suffered a 5-4 loss to Memorial April 10, the Bruins, by virtue of their season sweep of the Longhorns, are third in the standings. La Porte, a perfect 9-0, is out in front and headed toward a league title until proven otherwise. The Bulldogs have shown to have the deepest pitching staff to this point and have run off the nine straight wins in league play to prove it. While Memorial is two games behind Dobie, the Longhorns should be in solid playoff position if they can defeat Rayburn and Pasadena. The Longhorns will then host Memorial at Dobie. The Longhorns are also looking to make their way into third place to avoid a possible playoff rematch with District 21-6A champion Kingwood.

Dobie softball takes on big 3

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ple, and drove in three runs. She also scored twice. Liberty Garcia drew three plate appearances and had two hits to go with a run and two more driven in. Moving ahead to April 10, Dobie pounded Pasadena 19-0 in three innings as Jacqueline Garcia homered and Taylor Pleasants had a pair of doubles. Jasmine Benitez had three hits, scored three runs and drove in four as the Lady Longhorns prepared for the final three.

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Lady Longhorns reach RIIs

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be considered the top golfer at Dobie after reaching the state tournament during his career. But in the team standings, Dobie hasn't had much luck in reaching the top two until now. "We began this season with 10 or so girls playing, and we knew we had Cecilia and Alexis leading the way who were pretty good," Ferguson said. "The results were positive. We had played well in some tournaments and even had won one of them. "At district, Deer Park (A) put things out of reach on the first day with a great score, but we knew what was possible if all five girls could play well. They all did, and here we are." Torres, who qualified

for regionals as an individual a season ago, was solid. She fired a 93 on the first day but came back with an 89 to help out. Perez, who figures to lead the team over the next two seasons beyond this one, was nearly as good. Following a first-day 92, Perez came back with a 93. Freshman Savannah Garza, another building block for the future, fired a 227 over the 36 holes, and senior Alena Hay came in at 230. Celestina DeLuna, a junior, rounded out Dobie's scoring with a two-day total of 242. As for the regional tournament, it's time for Dobie to have some fun while playing golf against the best of the best. Clearly, the Lady Longhorns want

to play well and show they belong. Still, as newcomers, the first-time experience figures to be a joy no matter the outcome. And for the future, Region III power Kingwood is entering the District 22-6A ranks. Atascocita is skilled, too. But Dobie now has a program to be proud of, and the results should continue to come. "We have focused on playing together as a group and doing what it takes to improve as an individual and for the team," Ferguson said. "We now have experienced players coming, and we have beginners. When you can get a group together and start to develop a sense of team, the results will show."

Teams	W	L
Deer Park	11	0
Dobie	9	2
La Porte	8	3
Memorial	8	3
West Brook	4	7
Rayburn	3	8
S. Houston	1	10
Pasadena	0	11

Team	RD1	RD2	Tot.
Cecilia Torres, Sr.	93	89	182
Alexis Perez, Soph.	92	93	185
Savannah Garza, Fr.	116	111	227
Alena Hay, Sr.	115	115	230
Celestina DeLuna, Jr.	124	118	242

North Shore edges JFD soccer

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punch will also return. Bryan Nava, a junior, successfully recovered from offseason surgery and scored a team-high 17 goals this season. Raul Hernandez, a sophomore, added 14 goals and eight assists. Kevin Hernandez, another junior, pitched in with five goals and nine assists. After the 2017 season, the Longhorns rebuilt without the services of as many as nine seniors who saw significant time during the team's run to its first-ever Region III crown. Head coach Justo Manrique reloaded the varsity roster with talented yet, in some spots, inexperienced players at the varsity level.

No matter. The Longhorns have simply become somewhat of a soccer machine. An early 1-0 loss to Rayburn in district play sent off alarms throughout the 22-6A ranks, as perhaps the window was ajar for another team to assume supremacy. Not so fast, as the Longhorns went on to close out a third consecutive 22-6A crown with 12 wins in a row. Dobie lost to North Shore in the preseason, and Manrique knew all along that a third meeting with the Mustangs in the regional quarterfinals was a real possibility. It became reality, of course, and the Mustangs survived a tight 2-1 contest. So the reload has al-

ready started. Cahue must be replaced in the nets, equally for his leadership and play. Several other outgoing seniors will also need to be replaced. The District 22-6A alignment will also change next season. Deer Park, La Porte and West Brook will exit. However, things don't figure to get any easier with the arrival of Kingwood, Atascocita, Humble and others. But bear this in mind. While North Shore, Alief Elsie, Strake Jesuit and Tompkins remain in the mix for the Region III title, Dobie's team name certainly belongs on the list. There's no arguing the overall success of this program this decade, and it's far from over.



Raul Hernandez (9) came up with 14 goals and eight assists this season as a sophomore to become one of the team's leading scorers in his first season of significant action. He also scored the eventual match winners in the bidistrict playoff round against Goose Creek Memorial.
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