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Leader holiday set

The offices of the *South Belt-Ellington Leader* will close Friday, April 14, for the Easter holiday. Offices reopen Monday, April 17, at 9 a.m. Potential news stories may be emailed to mynews@southbeltleader.com.

Beltway 8 closures set

At least one lane on both the eastbound and westbound Beltway 8 frontage roads from Blackhawk to Scott Street/Fellows Road will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Sunday, April 30. Both the Blackhawk exit and Monroe entrance on Beltway 8 will be closed through Saturday, July 8. The closures are associated with the ongoing project to widen Beltway 8 from Beamer to Highway 288 from two to four lanes in each direction.

Gulfhaven opens food bank

Gulfhaven Church, 10716 Sabo Road, is opening a food bank each Wednesday for the first three weeks of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The food pantry will be open the fourth Thursday of the month from 2 to 7 p.m. For those in need of food subsidy, come by on one of the above scheduled days and time. Bring personal documentation to register. For additional information, contact 713-562-4580 or gulfhavenchurch@txsda.org.

Moore scholarships available

Moore Elementary Student Council will offer four scholarships to graduating seniors at Dobie High School who attended Moore in fourth grade. Applications are available through the Dobie senior counselor's office and must be returned by Thursday, April 13.

Melillo carnival planned

Melillo Middle School, 9220 Hughes, will hold its ninth annual Spring Carnival on Friday, April 21, from 6 to 8 p.m. Carnival highlights include a dunking booth, an obstacle course, a rock wall, a cake walk, a disc jockey and silent auction baskets. Concession items include turkey legs, sausage on a stick, snow cones, nachos, popcorn and chopped barbecue sandwiches.

Weber carnival scheduled

Weber Elementary will hold its Spring Carnival Saturday, April 22, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wristbands, which include all games and rides, are \$15 in advance (\$12 per sibling) or \$20 on the day of the event. Vendors are currently being sought for the event. The fee is \$25 per exhibit space. Vendors should bring their own setup (table and chairs), which must fit the space provided. For more information about the carnival or to reserve a vendor spot, contact Kelly Jo Henry at khenry@ccisd.net.

PIP to meet April 18

The Houston Police Department's Positive Interaction Program will meet Tuesday, April 18, at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria, in the staff meeting room on the first floor. Guest speaker is Maria Bolanos, who will discuss the city's Department of Neighborhoods. PIP consists of police and citizens working together for safer neighborhoods. For more information, call HPD Officer Richard Buitron at 832-395-1777.

CBC MUD holiday set

Offices of the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District will be closed Friday, April 14, in observance of the Easter holiday. They will reopen on Monday, April 17, at 8 a.m. Payments may be left in the drop box located on the drive-through window side of the building.

South Belt soccer camp

South Belt Church, 13100 Beamer at Astoria, will hold a soccer camp Monday, April 17; Tuesday, April 18; and Thursday, April 20 (skipping Wednesday, April 19), from 6 to 7:30 p.m. A make-up rain day will be Friday, April 21. The camp is open to boys and girls in grades kindergarten through fourth grade. Space is limited to 20 children per age group. Cost is \$5. To register, visit www.southbeltchurch.org.

Easter at Joint Heirs

Joint Heirs Fellowship Church will host the Superbook Club for kids of all ages. Children can travel back in time to meet Bible heroes and experience the drama of living through some of the greatest moments in Bible history and teaching. The free children's Easter celebration and egg hunt will include Superbook movies - *The Last Supper* and *He Is Risen* on Saturday, April 15, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at 10100 Kleckley Drive No. B-8.

Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from FM-1959/Dixie Farm Road to FM-528/NASA Road 1 will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Monday, May 1. Alternate exit/entrance ramps will be closed.

Watch for photos next week

Pictures from the Family Fun Fest and the Strut Your Mutt will be in next week's *Leader*.

South Belt Spectacular Cook-off heats up

Saturday activities will cater to families, children

Following months of preparation, the annual South Belt Spectacular Cook-off is set to take place Thursday, April 27, through Saturday, April 29, at El Franco Lee Park, located at 9400 Hall Road. Thursday will be for cooks only.

As in past years, since the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department began organizing the event in 2011, the cook-off will cater to families and children on Saturday afternoon.

A Kids Fun Zone will take place Saturday between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., with children 12 and under being admitted for free.

Free children's activities include moonwalks, rock climbing, an obstacle course, pony rides, a petting zoo, a train, face painting and hair braiding, a bungee trampoline, coins in a haystack, a bubble blaster and a chance to take photos with a live Watusi bull named Oliver. Characters such as Snow Queen Elsa, Elena of Avalor, Spiderman and Captain America will also be on the grounds, as well as a fleet of emergency vehicles.

With 85 cooking teams registered, this year's cook-off will be the largest in the event's 21-year history. As the cook-off grows in size, several of the cooking teams now have more elaborate displays, with many hiring professional bands and disc jockeys to perform.

A live auction will coincide with the award ceremony on Saturday at 6 p.m.

This year's cook-off will once again feature

the Harris County Sheriff's Office's Skywatch tower, aimed at preventing crime at the event. Skywatch is an observation tower that rises nearly 30 feet above the event, giving deputies a bird's-eye view of the cook-off. The platform is equipped with floodlights, spotlights, a speaker system with public address and siren capabilities, as well as daytime and nighttime/infrared cameras. The tower, which is also used at other events such as the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, has proven to be an effective deterrent against break-ins since being introduced at the 2015 cook-off.

While no outside alcohol is allowed to be brought in by patrons, beer will be for sale on the cook-off grounds, along with barbecue sandwiches, sausage on a stick, turkey legs, hot dogs, Frito pies, chili, nachos, cotton candy, snow cones and drinks.

Additional parking and a shuttle service will be available at Dobie High School and Moore Elementary. Dobie students and attendees should

know there will be no parking allowed on Hall Road for the duration of the event, beginning Wednesday, April 26.

Although not officially affiliated with the cook-off, parking will be available for a fee at Freeway Baptist Church, located at 8702 King-sport.

Event organizers are still seeking volunteers. At press time, there were still two cooking spots available. Cooking spots are \$175 for a 40-foot by 40-foot space.

A cooks' meeting for registered teams will take place Tuesday, April 18, at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer, at 6:30 p.m.

Admission on Friday will be \$10. Admission on Saturday will be \$5 before 4 p.m. and \$10 after. All proceeds will go to the annual South Belt Fourth of July fireworks display. Any additional funds raised will be set aside for scholarships and other community projects.

For more information, to volunteer or reserve a spot, contact Linda Amone at 281-484-4325.

EFL splash pad now open



The new splash pad at El Franco Lee Park officially opened Saturday, April 8. The majority of the children shown above playing in the water on opening day are not in their bathing suits because they just left the Easter egg hunt at the park the same day. The splash pad will be open from April to October from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. See related photos on Page 6A.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

Residents beware of IRS scam

With the April 15 tax deadline looming, the Internal Revenue Service is warning people about an old scam that seems to be picking up steam again in the Houston area.

Fraudsters are calling residents, claiming to be IRS agents and threatening arrest if immediate payments are not made.

To date, the treasury inspector general has received nearly 900,000 complaints - on average between 9,000 and 12,000 reports a week. The *Leader* has received dozens of complaints over the last year.

The IRS issued the following warning:

The IRS will always send taxpayers a written notification of any tax due via the U.S. mail. The IRS never asks for credit card, debit card or prepaid card information over the telephone. For more information or to report a scam, go to www.irs.gov and type "scam" in the search box.

People have reported a particularly aggressive phone scam in the last several months. Immigrants are frequently targeted. Potential victims are threatened with deportation, arrest, having their utilities shut off, or having their driver's licenses revoked. Callers are frequently insulting or hostile - apparently to scare their potential victims.

Potential victims may be told they are enti-

tled to big refunds, or that they owe money that must be paid immediately to the IRS. When unsuccessful the first time, sometimes phone scammers call back trying a new strategy.

Other characteristics of this scam include:

- Scammers use fake names and IRS badge numbers. They generally use common names and surnames to identify themselves.
- Scammers may be able to recite the last four digits of a victim's Social Security number.
- Scammers spoof the IRS toll-free number on caller ID to make it appear that it's the IRS calling.
- Scammers sometimes send bogus IRS emails to some victims to support their bogus calls.
- Victims hear background noise of other calls being conducted to mimic a call site.
- After threatening victims with jail time or driver's license revocation, scammers hang up and others soon call back pretending to be from the local police or DMV, and the caller ID supports their claim.

If you get a phone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS, here's what you should do:

- If you know you owe taxes or you think you

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Police seek armed robbery suspect

Houston police are searching for a suspect wanted for allegedly robbing the Frenchy's restaurant, located in the 11000 block of Fuqua between Sabo and the Gulf Freeway, on the evening of Wednesday, April 5.

According to police, the suspect entered the store around 5:45 p.m., waited for one cashier to ring up a sale and open her register, then produced a pistol and demanded cash.

The suspect then demanded that a second cashier also open her register and hand over money. When the second employee took longer than

expected to act, the crook fired a shot into the ceiling of the establishment. The armed suspect fled the scene on foot in an unknown direction.

The suspect is described as a black male with a thin build, between 20 and 25 years old, standing roughly 5 feet 7 inches tall and weighing around 155 pounds. He was wearing a blue T-shirt, blue jeans and a black baseball cap. Anyone with any information about this case is urged to contact HPD's Robbery Division at 713-308-0700 or the Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

Convenience store demolished



The convenience store at the intersection of Beamer and Hughes Road was demolished Monday, April 10, following a lengthy police investigation. The store had shuttered its doors weeks prior to the demolition. Officials from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office allege the store, along with two others in the area, was part of a citywide ring that sold the synthetic marijuana product Kush.

Photo by Pam Horst

Multiple Kush-related arrests made

Following months of complaints from residents, the chamber of commerce, the *South Belt-Ellington Leader* 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. The investigation is ongoing, and additional arrests are expected.

Nalepa, 8, dies in League City crash

An 8-year-old girl with ties to the South Belt community died early Saturday, April 8, following a car accident in League City.

According to police, Kelsey Nalepa was sitting in the back seat of her family's stopped car in the 2600 block of West Main when another vehicle struck them from behind. Nalepa was tak-

en by Life Flight to the hospital, where she later died. Nalepa was the daughter of Marcus and Nicole Nalepa. Marcus Nalepa is a former Dobie coach, and Nicole (Myers) Nalepa is a 1995 Dobie graduate and played on the 1993 and 1995 state championship softball teams. The accident was still under investigation at press time.

25th annual HobbyFest takes flight

The 25th annual HobbyFest is set to take place Saturday, April 15, at the Hobby Airport East Ramp, 8402 Nelms, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The family friendly event will allow attendees to enjoy up-close encounters with vintage and modern aircraft. Free children's activities will include face painting, moonwalks, a video game bus and a disc jockey. Free lunch will be available for the first 1,500 guests (between 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. only). There will also be free snacks, beverages and food samples. Raffle drawings will be held throughout the day. Prizes include round-trip tickets from Southwest Airlines, gift cards and more. Raffle tickets will be sold at the gate

and the raffle location in the main hangar. Tickets are \$1 or \$5 (two different sets of prizes). Boy Scouts will have an opportunity to procure a variety of merit badges at the event. Proceeds from event sponsorships will go toward \$10,000 worth of scholarships to benefit local students in transportation-related fields.

No pets, smoking or alcoholic beverages will be allowed at the festival. Admission is free, but attendees are encouraged to bring a canned food donation. Free parking will be available on site. The function will take place rain or shine. For additional information, visit www.HobbyFestHouston.org.

County holds Easter egg hunt



Harris County officials held their 27th annual Easter egg hunt Saturday, April 8, at El Franco Lee Park. The event was hosted by Constable Chris Diaz (left), County Commissioner Rodney Ellis and Justice of the Peace Jo Ann Delgado. This marked the first year Ellis, as Commissioner, participated in the family event. See related photos on Page 6A.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

In My Opinion

Bergin: Palm tree thief in community

I would like the residents of South Belt area to be notified that we have a Palm Tree thief in our area.

We arrived home from a weekend camping trip on Sunday afternoon to discover that one of our Palm Trees was stolen.

Someone tied a rope around the palm tree and pulled it from the ground with their vehicle and dragged it off down the street.

The incident was reported a Constable came out completed a report, assessed the damage, took photos and issued incident number 17-56527.

The neighbors pinpointed the incident possibly occurring Saturday morning sometime between the hours of 3 a.m. and daylight.

Stephen & Lisa Bergin
Publisher's note: At press time Wednesday, the Leader learned the theft was captured on a neighbor's surveillance camera and shared with police. The video footage can be seen on the People of Sagemont Facebook page.

Local library events set

Parker Williams Library

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

TaxAide is available Mondays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., through April 17. Volunteers from AARP TaxAide will assist with federal income tax preparation, tax questions and filing tax returns at no charge on a first-come, first-served basis. Bring a photo-ID, Social Security card and any other official documentation for oneself and all dependents, a copy of last year's income tax return, W-2 forms from each employer, unemployment compensation statements and other necessary forms. However, there will be no tax assistance on Good Friday, April 14, since the library will be closed.

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

Thursday, April 13, 2 p.m. Movie time for adults has the feature presentation *Kiss Me Deadly* (1955), starring Ralph Meeker.

Tuesday, April 18, 4 p.m. Teen DIY and movie. Mandalas of light will be made while viewing *Doctor Strange* (PG-13).

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

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

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

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

All Harris County Public Library branches are closed for Easter from 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 13, through Sunday, April 16.

Bracewell Branch Library

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

Saturday, April 15, 10:30 a.m. Spanish computer class

Saturday, April 15, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. English learning; 12:30 p.m. Lego playtime

Saturday, April 15, 2:30 p.m. Manga/Anime Club

Tuesday, April 18, 10:30 a.m. Baby storytime; 10:30 a.m. Toddler playtime

Wednesday, April 19, 10:30 a.m. Toddler storytime; 11:15 a.m. Toddler playtime

Wednesday, April 19, Computer courses: 2 p.m. Computer Basics; 3:15 p.m. Internet Basics; 4:30 p.m. Basic Powerpoint

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

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

Elected officials share their words

Olson, colleagues resubmit HR 1904

U.S. Reps. Pete Olson (R-TX), Mike Doyle (D-PA), Dave Reichert (R-WA), Bill Pascrell (D-NJ) and Ron Kind (D-WI) reintroduced HR 1904, the Medicare Access to Radiology Care Act of 2017.

This bipartisan legislation by the congressmen would allow for Medicare coverage of qualified Radiologist Assistant (RA) services.

"This common sense, bipartisan bill will provide America's seniors with more efficient healthcare, while saving jobs and money," Olson said.

"This bill fills critical gaps in doctor shortages by utilizing radiologist assistants. This measure will improve the quality of care and ensure timely access to diagnostic and interventional imaging procedures. I'm pleased to join my colleagues in reintroducing this bill and look forward to seeing it become law," Olson said.

"Seniors rely on radiology services. They are indispensable when detecting diseases or abnormalities within the

body," Reichert said. "With growing doctor shortages, highly trained radiology assistants have played an important role in making sure our seniors get this critical care. We must make sure these potentially life-saving services performed by radiology assistants are covered by Medicare. It is what makes sense and it is what is right."

"Most Americans are deeply concerned about the skyrocketing cost of healthcare," Doyle observed. "A number of us in Congress are looking for ways to reduce health care costs while maintaining- or even improving- the quality of care provided. This bipartisan bill would improve patient access to care and ensure that radiology and radiology assistants, working together, provide the highest-quality, most-effective medical imaging possible for Medicare beneficiaries."

"Anything that improves care and strengthens our health care workforce is a no-brainer," Pascrell said. "I am proud to reintroduce this bill so that highly qualified

health care professionals, including those from radiologist assistant programs like the one at Rutgers School of Health Related Professions in New Jersey, are recognized for the integral part they play on the radiology team. Ensuring that Medicare pays radiologist assistants for the services they provide is one more step in solidifying care."

"In addition to finding ways to lower health care costs for Wisconsinites, we need to work on ways to make our health care system more efficient. With shortages of qualified health professionals in rural areas, allowing radiology assistants to be covered under Medicare is a win-win, our seniors get access to affordable services and it is more efficient and cost-effective for the health care system," Kind said.

The Medicare Access to Radiology Care Act of 2017 would recognize radiologist assistants as a non-physician Medicare provider and allow Medicare coverage for their services.

Elected officials share their words

Bettencourt's SB488 wins Senate ok

The Texas Senate gave its approval on April 6 to Senate Bill 488, the Texas Ballot Integrity Act, by Sen. Paul Bettencourt (R-Houston), to prevent local governments from misleading voters at the polls with deceptive ballot language, spending taxpayer money to ignore lawfully collected petition signatures, and suppressing petitions signed by those they are sworn to represent.

"Voters should not be faced with the prospect of a city simply refusing to follow the law on ballot initiatives and charter challenges," Bettencourt said. "The Texas Ballot Integrity Act will return transparency and accountability to the voting booth to ensure uniform and fair elections."

The city of Houston has now been overturned in court a total of five times for putting misleading language on the ballot and errantly han-

dling petitions that were lawfully submitted by the citizens of Houston.

Three major defeats for the city came in opinions from the Texas Supreme Court with a fourth coming from a state district judge, and there is currently a fifth case pending.

Dozens of mistreated petitioners statewide have personally incurred legal expenses to enact petitions when home-rule city councils ignored state guidelines regarding ballot initiatives.

Petitioners in San Marcos, for example, were sued by the city for trying to use their right to initiative and referendum. Residents in San Antonio, Richmond, Sugar Land and Bastrop all faced challenges with ballot referendums in their respective voting jurisdictions.

"Over the interim, we heard from citizens from at least six different cities in the

state about major problems with the petition process in their own home-rule city," said Bettencourt. "Chairman Lucio provided an amendment to make sure that the voters are not misled," he added.

Among its provisions, SB 488 does the following things:

- Requires clear ballot language that accurately defines the proposition being placed before voters.
- Creates a standard form for use by residents for referendum or recall petitions.
- Removes overly broad and unfair restrictions on who may collect signatures.
- Creates a "rocket docket" for expedited court review of ballot language to prevent the delay of local initiatives and allows a court to rewrite ballot language if the court finds that the language is inaccurate.
- Provides a "bad actor"

provision by removing home-rule municipalities' authority to write their own ballot language for a period of four years if they have been found in the past to continuously act in bad faith.

• Installs a "three strikes, you're out" provision that allows a registered voter to challenge ballot language if, following a Secretary of State (SOS) review, a city is still not writing language objectively. After the third strike, the ballot language will be drafted by the SOS.

"Court cases of cities repeatedly ignoring election law have surfaced statewide, making ballot integrity a widespread issue for the state to address," Bettencourt said.

"The Texas Ballot Integrity Act will hold cities accountable for the ballot language they use and respect the language authored by the citizens in initiative and referendum issues," he said.

Council Member Martin releases newsletter

It's been a busy first quarter of 2017. The City of Houston Sustainable Pension Plan is on the minds of many and has passed through a significant hurdle being voted out of the Texas Senate State Affairs (Senate Bill 2190) committee by a vote of seven to one. On Monday, March 27, Mayor Sylvester Turner testified in support of Texas House Bill 43 in front of the Texas House Committee on Pensions, as members of City Council sat in the audience for support.

What is important for us all to remember is that this problem did not sneak up on us; it began in 2001, during the days of the dot.com bubble. At that time, the City of Houston's Pension rate of returns were historically high, due to this global investment windfall. The City's three pensions: Police, Fire, and Municipal Employees were overfunded by roughly 1 billion dollars, as the City of Houston paid too much into these plans.

In an attempt to counter this overpayment Mayor Lee P. Brown and the city council made changes to the pension plans. They eliminated the cap on maximum contributions the city could make and fundamentally changed the retirement calculations. Overtime pay was included in the new calculations and a Deferred Retirement Option Pay (DROP) was added which enabled police and fire employees the ability to retire, and continue to work while their retirement pay was invested in this DROP account, drawing a 3 percent annual cost of living adjustment for municipal and fire employees as well as a 2.4 percent annual cost of living adjustment for police employees in addition to a guaranteed rate of return ranging from 7 percent to 10 percent.

The results of those changes to the plan were astronomical and resulted in the City of Houston's unfunded liability in 2004 jumping from

zero to \$2.2 billion. At that time the administration did not choose to act or address the unfunded liability. It continued to grow over 16 years bringing us to the present day where the current City of Houston's unfunded liability is \$8.1 billion and is growing by \$1 million each day. We have reached a point of no return and doing nothing is no longer an option.

Currently, the city contributes 32 percent of payroll costs to the three pensions and is not funding the pensions fully, which means we are not meeting our current pension obligations and we are continuing to add to our unfunded liability. If the city were to fully fund all three pensions that would require the city to contribute 50 percent of all payroll costs to the three pensions, adding to an \$800 million contribution on an annual basis.

The City's Sustainable Pension Plan that is before the Texas Legislature lowers the payroll contribution percentage significantly by issuing \$1 billion of Pension Obligation Bonds (POBs) and represents an annual savings of \$280 million to \$360 million.

The State of Texas gave the City of Houston the authority to issue POBs several years ago, and the city issued POBs in 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2011. These instruments are issued to pay off only existing debt, in this case, a portion of the \$8.1 billion in unfunded liability.

We are simply trading Pension debt for Bond debt. Issuing POBs were instrumental in achieving a negotiated settlement with the three Pension Boards, as without the issuance of \$1 billion in bonds, there would be no agreement.

According to the credit agency, Fitch Ratings, "POB use in conjunction with reforms to benefit and contribution practices increases the odds of strengthening funding positions and improving long-term sustainability (September 2016)." By issuing \$1 billion in POBs, the city immediately receives an instant elimination of \$2.5 billion in debt from our books. The Pensions immediately reduce the city's unfunded liability from \$8.1 billion to \$4.5 billion. This debt we've owed since 2001, and is not a "bailout."

Mayor Turner committed to pension reform during his candidacy of 2015, and he has made it his number one priority. These reform objects are threefold. They must achieve cost avoidance and budget neutrality; they must reduce the unfunded liability; and they must achieve a solution that removes pension issues off the table. This Sustainable Pension reform plan achieves all three objectives and ensures city employees and taxpayers receive a pension plan that is fair, affordable and sustainable.

We have received many testimonials regarding the positive position this reform gives to the City of Houston.

"It's a new idea with great potential to solve a 15-year-old problem in Houston. And, if the corridor mechanism is airtight and works as intend-

ed, it could be a case study for cities all across the country," said Marc Watts, Chairman, Municipal Finance Task Force/Greater Houston Partnership.

"The proposed agreements contain excellent framing language, explaining that the normal market fluctuations should be managed by the city, but the city and employees must share the burden of unusual economic events either good or bad. Other cities and states should consider using this framing language," said Bill Fulton, Kinder Institute for Urban Studies at Rice University.

"Provision, if strictly enforced, would help make the proposal 'one of the better reforms in the country...' ".(What is good) about the plan is that cost is now capped, whereas before it

wasn't. We're in a fundamentally different situation than we were before," said Josh McGee, Chairman of the Texas State Pension Review Board and Vice President of the Laura and John Arnold Foundation.

This plan, while not the "perfect" plan, moves the city towards a workable plan and gets the city out of debt over time.

The City of Houston has all documents relating to the City of Houston's Sustainable Pension Plan available online at www.houstontx.gov/pensions.

As always, it is a pleasure to serve you. Let myself and my staff know if we can assist you in any way. We are available by contacting our council office at district@houstontx.gov or by calling (832) 393-3008.

HCR 87 by state Rep. Dennis Paul

Representative Dennis Paul lays out House Concurrent Resolution 87 in the House, State and Federal Power and Responsibility Select committee.

HCR87 urges Congress to direct the Department of Defense to relocate the United States Africa Command to Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base in Houston.

The resolution states: Whereas, The Pentagon could realize significant savings by relocating the United States Africa Command from Germany to Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base in Houston; and whereas, when AFRICOM was created in 2007, the Department of Defense chose a temporary location in Stuttgart;

it intended to select a permanent headquarters in Africa, but set this plan aside due to cost projections, security and the sensitivities of African nations;

and whereas, The Department of Defense conducted a study in 2012 that found maintaining AFRICOM headquarters stateside would cost \$60 million to \$70 million less per year, and now those savings would be even greater due to significant increases in Overseas Cost of Living Allowances rates;

although relocation would involve expense, this expense could be recouped within two to six years;

moreover, the relocation would repatriate about 1,400 direct jobs and create as many as 4,300 additional jobs for U.S. residents, and it would have an annual impact on the local economy ranging from \$400 million to \$500 million;

and whereas, Should the defense department decide to relocate AFRICOM, Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base in Houston would be an ideal home for the headquarters;

the base features strong joint service military value of active duty, reserve, and guard units from all five U.S. armed services, some of which presently conduct training and operational missions for AFRICOM;

it is also equipped to han-

dle large military aircraft, and the city boasts one of the nation's most vibrant ports, which handles 40 percent of all U.S. trade with Africa;

moreover, the community is exceptionally supportive of the military, and the Greater Houston area has strong cultural, educational, medical, and diplomatic ties with Africa;

and whereas, The Government Accountability Office has concluded that the relocation of AFRICOM to the United States would generate tremendous cost savings and economic benefits, and Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base offers advantages that would enhance the effectiveness of the headquarters;

now, therefore, be it resolved, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby respectfully urge the United States Congress to direct the Department of Defense to relocate the United States Africa Command to Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base in Houston;

and, be it further resolved, That the Texas secretary of state forward official copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to the secretary of the Department of Defense, to the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress, and to all the members of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that this resolution be entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

Death

Nancy Bode Heeth



and was consistently on the dean's list. In 2003, she earned a bachelor of science degree in psychology from the University of Houston main campus. She worked as a proofreader at the South Belt-Ellington Leader until she was diagnosed with colon cancer.

Nancy was a faithful member of the First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena. She also loved her German heritage and attended annual family reunions for many years. She enjoyed working crossword puzzles, reading and crocheting.

Nancy is survived by her husband; daughter and her husband Steven Irvin; sister Carolyn Young; brother Rick Bode; and a multitude of nephews and nieces. Nancy was a wonderful friend and mother and will be missed by all whose lives she has touched.

The memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, April 21, at the First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena, 4647 Preston Ave. Interment will follow at 4 p.m. at Forest Lawn Cemetery, 8701 Almeda Genoa Road.

Nancy Bode Heeth died peacefully at home surrounded by family on April 9, 2017. Nancy was born Aug. 14, 1949, in Springfield, Missouri. She grew up in Houston where she met the love of her life and husband of 43 years, Richard Heeth. They met in chemistry class at Milby High School.

For many years, Nancy stayed home to raise her daughter Rebecca, or worked part time as a bookkeeper and secretary. After Rebecca was grown, she returned to school

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Graduate's artwork displayed at UHCL

Experience a variety of original art, including painting, printmaking, ceramics, sculpture and digital media at University of Houston-Clear Lake's 2017 Bachelor of Fine Arts Exhibition from April 14 to May 11.

Twenty graduating and recently graduated artists will display the best of their work in the Bayou Building Art Gallery, located at 2700 Bay Area Blvd. in Houston. The opening is free, and the public is invited.

An opening reception will be held Thursday, April 13, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Art Gallery with light refreshments. Free parking for the reception is available in Student Lot D.

Dennis Nance, curator of the Galveston Arts Center, juried the exhibition and selected award winners. The winning students will be announced at the reception.

Regular gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday, 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, call 281-283-3376 or visit www.uhcl.edu/artgalery.

Leader checks out social media

By Mary Doan

At the Sagemont Civic Club's most recent community meeting on Monday, April 10, revisions to the current bylaws were presented and discussed during the duration of the meeting.

President of the Sagemont Civic Club, Kay Barbour, has uploaded the proposed bylaws on the Sagemont Civic Club Facebook page called "Bylaws revised 2017." For additional information on the local meetings, visit the Sagemont Civic Club Facebook page or sagemontcc.org.

A member of the Pets of Southbelt Facebook page has urged members to keep comments on the page relevant to the posts uploaded as other members of the community page have been removed due to negative comments on posts. For more information visit the Pets of Southbelt Facebook page.

A 12-year-old daughter of a member of People of Sagemont Facebook page, was struck by a white two-door vehicle at the intersection of Olivewood Drive and Sageglen Drive when walking to Thompson Inter-

mediate School on Friday, April 7 around 8 a.m. According to the daughter, the suspect reportedly stepped out of her vehicle to ask her a question and then headed back into her vehicle and drove off.

For additional information, visit People of Sagemont Facebook page.

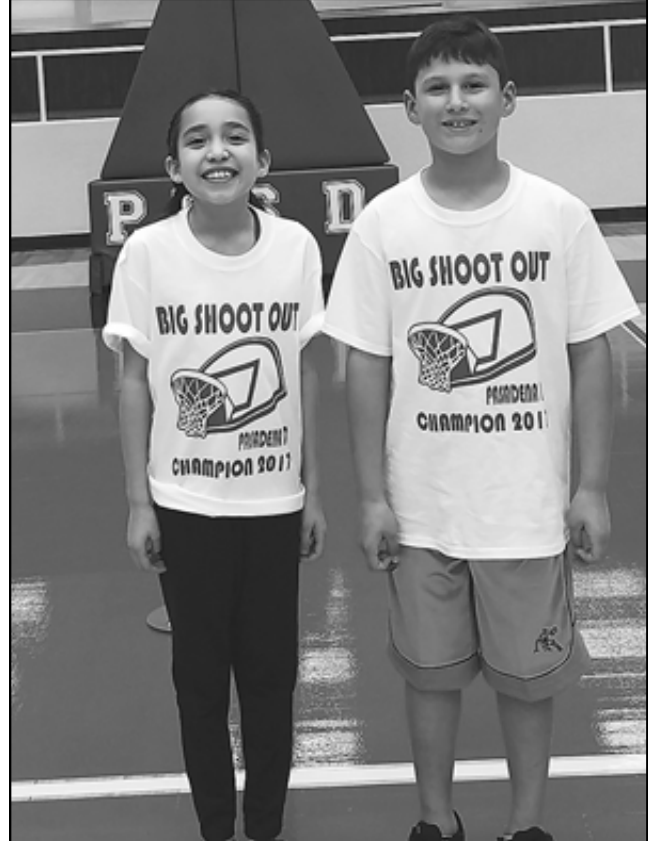
A member of the Southbelt & Sagemont area crime alert Facebook page has reported an armed robbery at Frenchy's, 11051 Fuqua, on Wednesday, April 5 at around 5:45 p.m. The suspect is described as a black male. For additional information, visit the Southbelt & Sagemont area crime alert Facebook page. (See story page 1A.)

The Dobie Longhorn Football Booster Club spread fliers across multiple South Belt Facebook group pages such as the People of Sagemont Facebook page and the Southbelt This & That Facebook page to announce their dates for summer football practice for incoming freshmen. For additional information, visit the Dobie Longhorn Booster Club Facebook page.

Stuchbery students in the Big Shoot Out

The Big Shoot Out is a local competition for Pasadena ISD students in third through sixth grade. Shown, below, are Stuchbery Elementary students Suri Rocha and Anthony De La Rosa. Victoria Galvan, shown right, shows off her dribbling skills during the Big Shoot Out.

Photos by Susan Brady



The students were scored based on how many baskets they could make in one minute as well as how fast they could dribble and pass the basketball. Shown right, champion Kaden Dillard displays his medal.

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Dobie students earn Gold Keys



Dobie High School students Karen Flores (left) and Linh Trinh earned Gold Keys in the Harris County Department of Education Scholastic Art and Writing competition. Flores received two Gold Keys. Photo by Reesha Brown

PISD earns Gold, Silver Keys

In all, 10 Pasadena Independent School District high school students received Gold Keys at the regional Harris County Department of Education Scholastic Art & Writing Awards and 19 PISD high school students earned Silver Keys.

The artists competed against public school districts, charter and private schools throughout the Houston area. All submissions were judged based on three criteria: originality, technical skill and emergence of a personal vision or voice.

Gold Key winners are:

Dobie
Karen Flores and Linh Trinh.

Pasadena Memorial
Alondra Cruz, Adrian Rogers and Kathryn Wheeler.

Sam Rayburn
Alexis Cazares, Brittney Loza, Elsa Medina, Jose Rogers and Melissa Sosa.

Silver Key winners are:

Dobie
Tetzal Comejo, Angelica Diaz, Nicole Hernandez Delgado, Jennifer Nguyen, Nikki

Nguyen, Katherin Torres, Bao Tran Nguyen and Sami Yu.

Pasadena Memorial
Alondra Cruz, Destiny Hayes, Arturo Longoria, Adrian Rogers, Reena Shol, Victoria Valtierra and Kathryn Wheeler.

Sam Rayburn
Arlene Garcia, Lesley Martinez, Melissa Sosa and Camryn Uwaifo.

The Gold Key winners have been invited to New York for the final round of voting at the national competition in May.

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Dobie Wit cast competes in UIL OAP Region



Dobie High School's UIL one act play production of *Wit* took first place at the UIL district and bidistrict competitions and third at area competition. The cast competed in the UIL OAP Region Competition Saturday, April 8, at San Jacinto College Central campus. Shown in the photo above, the cast of *Wit* pose in costume. Left to right are (front row) Xitlali Martinez, Elyssa Armenta, Carlos Can-

tu, Caitlyn Weitena, Breanna Coleman, Nathanael Taylor, Tyler Tran, Julissa Davila, Stephanie Horton, (back row) Orion Wilson, Tiffany Nguyen, Ivy Hua, Jonathan Gonzalez, Sean Saperstein, Kimber Vanek, Lillian Spigner, Ariana Okhuozgorn, Hunter-Christian Garcia, Cindy Vuong, Natalie Nguyen and Fiorella Morin.

Photo by Juliet Weigand

Sidewalks constructed by Harris County



J. Frank Dobie student, Jessica Contreras, is shown at the location of Hall Road where she was injured in October 2013. On the day of the accident, Contreras was forced to walk on the side of the road, since no sidewalks were present at that time. Contreras was hit by a car backing out of a resident's driveway at the intersection of Hall Road and Sagebluff Drive. The car accident caused Contreras to suffer a concussion as well as injuries to her kidney and liver. As a result of the accident, community members drew up a petition requesting the City of Houston to construct sidewalks, but the request was denied. Upon the request of Gene Locke, former Harris County Precinct 1 commissioner, Harris County officials met with South Belt community leaders who represented the South Belt-Elington Chamber of Commerce. Typically, Harris County does not construct sidewalks inside Houston city limits, but the county was working with the Katy school district on sidewalk projects so community leaders requested the county to intervene. Harris County officials agreed to do the project. Under the authorization of Rodney Ellis, the new Harris County Precinct 1 commissioner, the project was completed. As the photo shows, the newly-constructed sidewalk is a benefit to the safety of the community.

Photo by Jonathan Chapa

PISD awards Noon Optimist to Meador



Congratulations are in order for the 2016-2017 Pasadena Noon Optimist Outstanding Citizenship recipients from Meador Elementary. The recipients were honored at a special ceremony which was held on March 30. Shown, left to right, are Kiera JnLouis, third-grader; Mia Campos, fourth-grader; and Joycelyn Woodard, second-grade teacher.

Photo by Beverly Bolton

Dobie competes at HOSA State Conference



J. Frank Dobie students participated at the Health Occupation Students of America State Conference in Corpus Christi. Shown in the photo above are, left to right, (first row) senior Kelly Tran, junior Maxine Gomez, freshman Jessica Vu, junior Kimberly Bui, (second row) senior Esther Kim, senior Leanna Ta, freshman Kennedy Ho, senior Kevin Phan, senior Thanh Huynh, senior Taylor Nguyen and senior Vy Pham. Photo submitted

Dobie advances to HOSA International

By Jonathan Chapa
J. Frank Dobie competed recently at the Health Occupation Students of America State Conference, and five students advanced to the International Conference, to be held in Orlando on June 21-24 at the Disney Coronado Resort.

HOSA's mission is to promote career opportunities in the health care industry and to increase the delivery of equality health care to all people.

The state conference took place in Corpus Christi, where 11 Dobie students entered and won nine medals.

Vy Pham, 12th-grade student, competed for her first time in dental terminology and won first place. Nursing assisting competitor, Taylor Nguyen,

also placed first. Nguyen is a 12th-grade student who for the first time made it beyond online testing.

In medical reading, competitor Maxine Gomez placed third. This is Gomez's second year competing in HOSA, having made it to state last year. Gomez is also president of the Dobie HOSA student organization.

CPR/first aid freshmen team Jessica Vu and Kennedy Ho placed third. This is both Vu and Ho's first time competing at HOSA.

HOSA Bowl Team, Thanh Huynh, Kevin Phan, Leanna Ta and Esther Kim, placed fourth.

Kelly Tran and Kimberly Bui, CPR/first aid competitors, advanced from the first round testing to second round skills,

but did not place in the top five on the skills portion.

Each competitor took a 50 or 100 question multiple-choice test and waited for the results to advance to the skills level. All competitors with a skill level advanced to the second level. This included CPR/first aid, nursing assisting and HOSA Bowl.

CPR/first aid had an emergency situation to which they had to respond. One team member assessed a victim requiring first aid, while the other team member assessed a victim that required CPR. The two freshmen who made it to the International Leadership Conference practiced extensively after school and at home to hone their skills in performing first aid and CPR

on both adult and infant victims.

The nursing assisting involved performing skills an actual nurse assistant would perform in the hospital. Nguyen was not enrolled in a certified nursing assisting program as most of the competitors were. He learned all the information and skills with assistance from his advisors, Cheryl Sanders RN, Tracie Richeson RN and Linu John RN. Nguyen also enlisted assistance from other students to be his patient while he practiced daily after school.

"The HOSA Bowl Team probably had the hardest job as their competition required them to know the history of HOSA: Future

The following awards have been released by Burnett Elementary for the third nine weeks.

- Honor Roll**
Kennedy Cavazos, Victoria Nwosu and Alex Perez.
- Fourth Grade**
Sydney Rodriguez.
- Merit Roll**
Megan Bui and Dulce Mejia-Hernandez.
- All Star Readers Kindergarten**
Allyson Adams, Antonio Almendarez, Jay Amaya, Vince Barron, La'Dejah Bolding, Daemion Brown, Keon Burnett, Anderson Castillo, Francisco Chavez, Alyanna DeLaGarza, Landyn Dimmick, Cain Dominguez, Joanna Espitia, Tristin Estrada, Yulissa Flores, Avani Galvan, Jacob Garces, Andiel Garza, Marcus Garza, Christian Gomez, Phenix Gomez and Alexia Guerra.
- Kayla Guzman, Aiden Gwosdz, Santiago Hernandez, Brisa Martinez, Dream Mathews, Jacob Mendez, Exander Mendoza, Ivan Miles, Ryleigh Navarre, Abigail Perez, Isaac Perez, Tristen Pickett, Logan Rodriguez, Gabriella Salazar, Madeline Salgado, Nawaf Sharif, Benjamin Tovar, Lauren Tran, Adriana Vazquez, Yaretzi Villarreal, Abisai Visuet, Elijah Webb, Eliana Wright and Corey Young.
- First Grade**
Lorena Aguirre, Angelina Amaya, Lynette Aviles, Allyson Baltazar, Abrey Brandon, Terry Betties, Lucas Bravo, Erick Carrasco, Miriam Casas, Kylee Cearley, Genaro Chaves, Alexis Cordova, Nathan Cubos, Ariez Curtis, Bryce Edwards, Roberto Estrada and Kayla Fitzpatrick.
- Luis Flores, Jessica Garces, Adrian Garcia, Jessalyn Garcia, Kaedy Garcia, Abigail Gonzalez, Amiya Gordon, Adan Hernandez, Erik Hoang and Stephanie Ledesma.
- Javier Legaspi, Anjalie Liceaga, Eva Lowe, Sydney Lumsey, Connor Maldonado, Barbara Melchor, Londyn Miles, Viviana Montez, Aubrey Navarre, Jade Nguyen and Ryan Nguyen.
- Thai Nguyen, Michael

- Nwosu, Eliana Oliver, Aiden Ortiz, Melany Pineda, Vincent Pineda, Alyssa Porcher, Yuliana Ramirez and Kimberly Rodriguez.
- Christopher Romero, Jeannette Salinas and Dayana Santamaria.
- Madison Seals, Camila Serrano, Makaylah Shyne, Allurah Stine, Juan-Carlos Tamayo, Cayla Tang, Isabella Tovar, Alayana Turner, Anthony Vazquez and Liany Zarazua.
- Second Grade**
Luis Alfaro, Samantha Andalla, Alma Argueta, Angela Argueta, Louis Aviles, Alexavier Barrera, Leigha Bolar, Breniyah Braggs, Mya Cantu, Andrea Chicas, Santiago Diaz, Leilene Diaz Martinez, Angel Dominguez, Paige Duong, Alisha Escobar, Sebastian Esparza, Caden Exum, Brandon Galicia, David Gaona, Stephanie Gaona, Deigo Garay, Alicia Garcia and Samuel Garcia.
- Jalese Gibson, Joseph Gonzales, Jaylin Gonzalez, Caela Griffin, Arianna Guervara, Jaxon Humphrey, Jacob Hurtado, Joshua Jackson, Ximena Jasso, Payton Lister, Adrian Lopez, Walter Lopez, Michael Lowe, Carlissa Marquez, Abilyn Martinez, Nayeli Martinez, Rory Martinez, Aliza Mendoza, Samuel Moreno, Kennedy Mundy, Marley Myles, Mark Nguyen, Ngoc Nguyen, Toby Nguyen, Isaiha Ochoa and Levi Palmer.
- Mikael Pantaleon, Andy Phan, Axel Pion, Eliana Poskey, Kaden Ramirez, Melany Rangel, Gabriel Reyes, Ricardo Rodriguez, Lyly Rohmfeld, Jasmine Russell, Gael Salinas, Geovanny Sanchez, Isai Saravia, Kally Sigue and Julian Silva.
- Jenesis Soriano, Nathaniel Soto, Ashlee Taylor, Damiano Torres, Yesly Torres, Jacob Torres-Tejada, K'onna Udokah, Sebastian Udokah, Jose Vela-Puerto, Adrian Villatoro, Jazlyn Wimbush, Jalen Young and Xamira Zambrano.
- Math Wizards Kindergarten**
Allyson Adams, Antonio Almendarez, Jay Amaya, Vince Barron, Daemion Brown, Keon Burnett, Anderson Castillo, Alyanna DeLaGarza, Avani Galvan,

- Jacob Garces, Andiel Garza, Christian Gomez, Aiden Gwosdz, Santiago Hernandez and Brisa Martinez.
- Dream Mathews, Jacob Mendez, Ryleigh Navarre, Tristen Pickett, Logan Rodriguez, Nawaf Sharif, Benjamin Tovar, Lauren Tran, Abisai Visuet, Elijah Webb and Eliana Wright.
- First Grade**
Lynette Aviles, Allyson Baltazar, Erick Carrasco, Kayla Fitzpatrick, Adriana Garcia, Adan Hernandez, Erik Hoang, Alfonso Jimenez, Javier Legaspi, Oswaldo Montecinos-Molina, Aubrey Navarre, Jade Nguyen, Ryan Nguyen, Melany Pineda, Vincent Pineda, Christopher Romero and Dayana Santamaria.
- Second Grade**
Alexavier Barrera, Leigha Bolar, Paige Duong, Alisha Escobar, Brandon Galicia, Diego Garay, Jalese Gibson, Joseph Gonzales, Caela Griffin, Samuel Moreno, John Munoz, Isaiha Ochoa, Andy Pineda, Kaden Ramirez, Jasmine Russell, Gael Salinas, Kallye Sigue, Damian Torres, Jacob Torres-Tejada, Kelyn Turcios, Adrian Villatoro, Jalen Young and Xamira Zambrano.
- "On a Roll" Roll**
- Third Grade**
Cheyanne Bravo, Omar Cantarero, Kimberly Castillo, Nancy Condebarca, Alexis DeLaRosa, Jennifer Garcia, Jeremiah Gutierrez, Travis Keith, Edgar Lopez, Melani Lopez, Michael Mathews, Avery Maxwell, Torey McKenize, Rosalynn Nguyen, Jeffrey Ordonez, Arianna Porcher, Raylyn Rhodes, Stephen Rodriguez, Joselyn Romero and Chirshun Thomas.
- Fourth Grade**
Jacob Alvarado, Karen Alvarez, Noah Caballero, Jada Castaneda, Jaymie Castillo, Ulani Davis, Elizabeth Garcia, Isabella Guajardo, Lena Hoang, Riley Martinez, Amir Miles, Cierra Ramirez, Angel Rhodes, America Rocha, Josue Rubio, Ashunti Smith and Jeremiah Walker.
- Principal's Award**
- Third Grade**
Blue Banda, Edith Barajas, Noe Bautista, Kiara Brannon, Cheyanne Bravo, Megan Bui, Ethan Ceasar, Aaron Carballo, Ashley

- Cantarero, Omar Cantarero, Kimberly Castillo, Kennedy Cavazos, Italo Chavarria, Candy Condebarca, Davia Constantino, David Contreras, Isaura Correa and Hailey Cubos.
- Lila Davis, Alexis DeLa-Rosa, Orlando DePaz, Amy Flores, Diego Garcia, Isaac Garcia, Jeremiah Gutierrez, Alan Hernandez, Everardo Hernandez, Miranda Hernandez, Himabelli Herrera, Travis Keith, Melani Lopez, Kenia Machuca, Adriana Martinez, Michael Mathews, Avery Maxwell, Torey McKenize and Ariela Medina.
- Jazliayah Moreno, Matthew Nguyen, Rosalynn Nguyen, Victory Nwosu, Jeffrey Ordonez, Michelle Oviedo, Alex Perez, Maria Perez, Emily Pineda, Izelle Pineda, Arianna Porcher, Anthony Reyes, Luis Rocha, Araceli Rodriguez, Stephen Rodriguez and Jose Romero.
- Joselyn Romero, Edgar Solano, Chirshun Thomas, Parker Tran, Angel Valerio, Hector Vela-Puerto, Kevin Velazquez, Nyrell Visuet, Delilah Webb and Laisha Zarazua.
- Fourth Grade**
Sophia Alonso, Madeline Amaya, Hector Andrade, Ariana Becerra, Karla Blanco, Noah Caballero, Mirandea Cano, Joana Casas, Jada Castaneda, Jaymie Castillo, Ronny Cearley, Ulani Davis, Diego Diaz, Kirsten Duong, Allison Duran, Nathalia Elizalde, Eileen Frank and Lauren Galvez.
- Margarita Gaona, Jazmin Garcia, Genesis Gomez, Isabella Guajardo, Ava Guerrero, Isabella Guevara, Brenda Gutierrez, Ka'Mory Harris, Emily Henriquez, Lena Hoang, Bella Liceaga, Kaylee Lowe, Jonathan Marquez, Fabian Martinez, Paris Martinez, Riley Martinez, Aeriona McCann, Joslyn Miniel, Ny Nguyen, Dorothy Nwosu and Caiden Oliver.
- Damaris Ortiz, Gustavo Pantoja, Angel Rhodes, Chloe Robles, Hilda Robles, America Rocha, Sydney Rodriguez, Carlos Salazar, Luis Salazar, Joana Salinas, Christopher Sidrian, Ashunti Smith, Alex Sosa, Ally Thompson, Evelyn Torres, Moses Trevino and Kar-

- ah Williams.
- Perfect Attendance**
Gael Aguirre, Ismael Alcantara, Angelina Amaya, Madeline Amaya, Hector Andrade, Angela Argueta, Alfred Arias, Isaiha Arias, Lydia Aviles, Nicholas Bautista, Noe Bautista, Carlos Beltran, Jader Benitez, Jaquan Betties, Leigha Bolar, Alex Botello, Fergus Bourandas, Kiara Brannon, Megan Bui, Gabriel Burrow, Noah Caballero, Emely Callejas and Erick Carrasco.
- Joana Casas, Miriam Casas, Kimberly Castillo, Kylee Cearley, Matthew Cearley, Ronny Cearley, Andrea Chicas, Kelsi Coleman, David Contreras, Ivan Cortes, Lila Davis, Ulani Davis, Krysten Deal, Orlando DePaz, Diego Diaz, Santiago Diaz, Leilene Diaz Martinez, Mari Carmen Dominguez, Kirsten Duong, Paige Duong, Angelica Elizalde, David Elizalde and Nathalia Elizalde.
- Sebastian Esparza, Valeria Espinoza, Caden Exum, Jairo Figueroa, Brandon Galicia, Sara Galicia, Lauren Galvez, David Gaona, Irvin Gaona, Stephanie Gaona, Jacob Garces, Jessica Garces, Julie Garces, Alicia Garcia, Diego Garcia, Isaac Garcia, Jennifer Garcia, Samuel Garcia, Jackson Gomez, Phenix Gomez, Alan Gonzalez, Blake Gonzalez, Jaylin Gonzalez and Mikkel Gonzalez.
- Amiya Gordon, Caela Griffin, Arianna Guevara, Isabella Guevara, Antonio Gutierrez, Aiden Gwosdz, Jaylin Hayes, Emily Henriquez, Erik Hoang, Alfonso Jimenez, Travis Keith, Cheyanne Kelley, Javier Legaspi, Mia Lewis, Payton Lister, Hector Lopez, Ronaldo Lopez, Eva Lowe, Kaylee Lowe and Michael Lowe.
- Mariah Lumsey, Sydney Lumsey, Derek Machuca, Kenia Machuca, Marlon Machuca, Aylinn Maldonado and Humberto Maldonado.
- Calissa Marquez, Jonathan Martinez, Abilyn Martinez, Jesus Martinez, Ibrahim Masoom, Ariela Medina, Valerie Mercado, Amir Miles, Londyn Miles, Joslyn Miniel, John Munoz, Ryleigh Navarre, Bry'ciana

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Morris announces 3rd 9 weeks rolls

The following honor roll has been released by Morris Middle School for the third nine weeks.

Honor Roll
The following students received all "A's" for the third nine weeks.

Fifth Grade
Dylan Dao, Richard Diaz, Anna Dinh, Jorge Escobar, Daniela Garza, Trenton Ho, Trinity Lopez, Ashley Lovejoy, Stephen Lukner, Caleb Luna, Nhut Ly and Cindy Nguyen.

Duyen Nguyen, Vy Nguyen, Yulissa Oliva Lopez, Linda Pham, Vina Pham, Gael Ramos, Emily Reyes, Evelyn Tran, Ngoc Tran, Jaclyn Vandiver, Mia Vu and Thomas Vu.

Sixth Grade
Janet Armenta, Sayra Beltran Fernandez, Melanie Cajas, Mariana Cuevas, Keiara Davis Hathorne, Diamond Ervin, Abel Espinoza, Brian Garcia, Oscar Garza, Vaneli Gonzalez, Vanessa Hinojosa, William Ho and Trisha Hoang.

Hue Le, Maryi Lopez Fuentes, Hayden Marshall, Iliana Mealey, Jacob Montez, Nhi Ngo, Kelly Nguyen, Martin Nguyen, Tien Nguyen, Steven Oviedo, Sydnee Pector and Mariana Perales Rivera.

Jordan Peralez, Sandra Quiroz-Catalan, Elise Sampson, Charles Sanchez, Jade To Nguyen, Rachel Torres, Thang Tran, Carol Tran, David Vidal, Natalie Vo and Emily Zuniga-Aguilera.

The following students received "A's" and "B's" for the third nine weeks.
Fifth Grade
Viviana Acosta, Isabela Albarran, Alexander Alonso, Layla Araujo, Nico Barr, Julian Cavazos, Christopher Compean, Christian Covarrubias, Nyah Crawford, Oscar Espinoza, Jennifer Estrada and Leslie Figueroa.
Justice Garcia, Andrew Gonzalez, Manuel Grajales, Juan Gutierrez, Emily Hamlett, Alyssa Hernandez, Kalen

Hicks, Kasie Hoang, Malachi Hobbs, Alyssa Jones, Heidi Karikari, Jacob Kipp, Kalib Le, Ryan Le, Angel Limachi and Alejandro Lopez.
Ericka Lopez, Jacob Lopez, Han Ly, Frida Monreal, Elias Mottu, Jessica Ngo, Linh Ngo, Jesus Orozco, Diego Orta, Ramon Perez, Annie Pham, Kim Pham, Loan Pham, Christina Prouse and Hector Rios.

Arianna Rivera, Gabriel Smiley, Valeria Torres, Kiet Tran, Kyle Tran, Lilly Tran, Ricardo Trevino Villalobos, Chris Truong, Antwoine Wilson and Hannah Zamora.

Sixth Grade
Jordi Acosta, Paloma Alvarado, Katherine Alvarez Benitez, Vu Anh Tran, Victor Arguello, Ruby Arriaga, Izabella Avila, Pedro Ayala, Jennifer Ben-Smith, Xavier Bernal and Gisele Bonilla.

An Bui, Hoa Bui, Christian Cantu, Lorenzo Cantu, Sully Cantu, Gavin Carrillo, Linda Castelan, Christopher Chavez, Fernando Cordova, Raymundo De La Garza and Carolina Elizalde.
Ruben Figueroa, Tristan Fuentes, Emily Gaona, Julissa Garcia, Kevin Garcia, Gracie Garcia Turner, Damian Garza, Dibanhi Hernandez, Jalyssa Hernandez and Kaylee Hernandez.

Victor Hernandez, Ashley Huynh, Victoria Jasso, Isabella Lara, Brandon Le, Qui Le, Juanmanuel Leon, Nayah Lopez, Olivia Lugo, Ngoc Luu, Lilliana Mares, Julissa Melenciano, Taylor Mendez, Mia Munoz and Khoi Nguyen.
Ju'dah Orobayi, Mariana Pabon Angulo, Marisa Perla, David Pichardo, John Pozo, Carlos Puente, Clarissa Ramirez, Dayan Rodriguez Juarez, Alisa Sanchez, Nya Sanford and Marcelo Saucedo Carrillo.
Karina Serrano, Justin Thach, Chamaria Thomas, Luis Torres, Yarah Tovar, Tiffany Tran, Alan Vargas, Don Vu, Khoi Vu and Samantha Wilkerson.



Over The Back Fence by Alexis

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

AIDAN CELEBRATES HIS 8TH BIRTHDAY!
Aidan De La Rosa turns 8 years old April 15. Lots of love, hugs and birthday wishes are sent to him from his mom and dad, **Kristin** and **Fernando De La Rosa**; big brother **Jacob**; **Gran** and **Pop**; **Rose** and **Larry Konzelman**; **Aunt Kimmie** and **Uncle Mike Frazee**; **Aunt Allison** and **Uncle Cody Reynolds**; **Grandma** and **Papo**, **Hilda** and **Fernando De La Rosa**; **Aunt Lizet Martinez** and **Uncle Jasson Mata**; and cousins **Matthew**, **Lauren** and **Zachary Frazee**; **Avery**, **Sydney**, **Kinley**, and **Easton Reynolds**; and **Nikki Martinez**. Aidan is a second-grader at Frazier Elementary.

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 newborn **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 Tuesday, April 18, from her former co-workers at Central Ace Hardware, family, friends and the staff at the **Leader**.

CONGRATS TO ANGELA AND DAVID
Congratulations are sent April 19 to **Angela** and **David Griffin**, daughter-in-law and son of **Leader** staffer **Bobby Griffin** and husband **Kenneth**, from friends and

family, as they celebrate their 31st wedding anniversary. **Angela** and **David**, both Dobie graduates, are currently living in Plain City, Utah, with their sons, **Robert** and **Kenneth**.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays April 13 through April 19.

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

Meador Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles April 19 for **Anna Ayala**.

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

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

Stuchbery Elementary
Silvia Ramirez enjoys a birthday April 17.

Melillo Middle School
The day for a cake for **Patty Gordon** is April 19.

Roberts Middle School
Sing a happy birthday song on April 15 to **Stephani Herring**. Light the birthday candles April 17 for **Danielle Goodrum**. Send a happy birthday greeting April 18 to **Joshuah Baker**.

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**. Send a birthday greeting April 17 to **Guadalupe Ramirez**. A party is in order April 18 for **Rosalind Hubbard**.

Thompson Intermediate
Light the candles April 19 on a double-layer cake for **Christine Veltman** and **Kandace McMullin**.

Dobie High
Blow out 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 **Christine Kerr** is April 18. April 19 marks a double celebration for **Christine Prindle** and **Carey Sink**.

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

Thursday, April 13: **Derek Rudewick**, **Stephen Webb** and **Laura Townsend**; Friday, April 14: **Derrick Leadon**, **Kesha Benford**, **Sean Allenberg**, **Deanna Morales** and **Michael Morris**; Saturday, April 15: **Annette Black**, **Marsha Fischer**, **Lorita Lynn Destin** and **Veronica Lopez**; Sunday, April 16: **Janice Elliott**, **Alex Torres**, **Marissa Jones** and **April Carter-Akin**; Monday, April 17: **Heike Jurado-Gabino**, **Tatiana Gonzalez**, **Allison Sutton**, **Danielle Goodrum** and **Jason Sherrill**; Tuesday, April 18: **Deadra Lozano**, **Carla Rackley**, **Lydia Sonier**, **Allison Rogers** and **Tchad Taormina**; and Wednesday, April 19: **Greg Bartlett**, **Imeanda Martinez**, **Tiffany LeCompte**, **Tre McCrummen**, **Marisa Ramirez** and **Kristen Brockman**.

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

Burnett honor, merit, citizen rolls named

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Neville, Jade Nguyen, Mark Nguyen, Matthew Nguyen, Ngoc Nguyen and Ny Nguyen.

Good Citizenship
Sophia Alonso, **Jay Amaya**, **Hector Andrade**, **Alfonso Barajas**, **Edith Barajas**, **Vy Bui**, **Omar Cantarero**, **Aaron Carballo**, **Miriam Casas**, **Kimberly Castillo**, **Penelope Cerda**, **Italo Chavarria**, **Nathan Cubos**, **Kirsten Duong**, **Nathalia Elizalde**, **Roberto Estrada**, **Diego Garay**, **Kaedy Garcia**, **Valerie Garza**, **Jalese Gibson**, **Jeremiah Gutierrez** and **Everardo Hernandez**.

Merit
Ximena Jasso, **Robert Killman**, **Javier Legaspi**, **Derek Machuca**, **Kenia Machuca**, **Aylin Maldonado**, **Humberto Maldonado**, **Calissa Marquez**, **Jonathan Marquez**, **Nayeli Martinez**, **Torey McKenzie**, **Joel Rubio**, **Jasmine Russell**, **Carlos Salazar**, **Luis Salazar**, **Isai Saravia**, **Madison Seals**, **Kallye Sigue**, **Ian Silguero**, **Carlos Soto**, **Noah St. Ange**, **Aiden Stine**, **Ally Thompson**, **Damian Torres**, **Evelyn Torres**, **Benjamin Tovar** and **Isabella Tovar**.

Citizen
Kelyn Turcios, **Leyda Valadez**, **Angel Valerio**, **Adriana Vazquez**, **Anthony Vazquez**, **Kevin Velasquez**, **Minh Vo**, **Jeremiah Walker**, **Izelliah Wil-**

liams, **Marquise Williams** and **Savannah Yeager**.

JFD heads for HOSA International meet

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Health Professionals, history of health care from early times to present day, medical terminology, as well as anatomy and physiology," Sanders said.

The students studied for hours and attained second place after the multiple-choice test. They then competed in a Buzzer round to determine the final outcome. After the competitors tied for third place, they went into a tiebreaker. It took three tiebreakers to determine the final third-place winner. The Dobie team was eventually defeated by another team and took fourth place. Only the top three places advance to the International Leadership Conference.

"I could not be more proud to support and help these students. They have made Dobie proud," Sanders said.

Moore Running Club participates in Rugged Race



Moore Elementary Running Club participated in the sixth annual Rugged Race on April 8. Shown above, Coach Cade Roberson (right) gets members of the club warmed up and ready to race. Warming up, left to right, (front row) Tariq Riley, Sa'Kai Patel, Victor Chapa, Owen Blair, Tyson Riley, (second row) Leslie Sarduy, Shelly Bair, Ethan Blair, Logan Blair, Raquel Garza, (third row) Madison Hill, Laina Luna and Cristina Ayala.



The Moore Elementary Running Club, left to right, (front row) Ashlyn Tran, Valeria de la Garza, Madison Hill, Leslie Sarduy, Tyson Riley, Tariq Riley, Victor Chapa, Juliet Silva, Aca Macias, Jalynn Flores, Carlos Garza, Sa'Kai Patel, Raquel Garza, (second row) Brooke Tran, Patricia Norman, Christina Le-Tran, Jennifer Meier, Owen Blair, Marie Alanis, Denise Nervaez, Beth Leimbach, Ana Chapa, Liana Luna, Cristina Ayala, Logan Blair, Erandi Barrera, Deedee Pitts, Eduardo Ledezma, (back row) Randi Howard, Jill Lacamu, Peter Tran, Jeremy Lacamu, Luis Alanis, Jacob Lacamu, Chris Lacamu, Ethan Blair, Sara Saxton, Cade Roberson, Shelly Blair, Joey Blair and Rajnikant Patel. Photos by Madeline Lacamu

AARP 199 meets April 21

AARP Webster Area Chapter 199 will meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 21, at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 E. NASA Parkway in Seabrook (the large building with the blue roof inside Clear Lake Park on the north side of NASA Parkway).

Everyone is invited to attend the meetings and to enjoy coffee, cookies and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before the meeting starts at 10 a.m.

Each month, the group has entertainment or a speaker on various topics of interest to seniors. Every two months the group has a potluck lunch.

The speaker for Friday, April 21, will be Leo Waltz who will give an overview of the Citizen Police. The "Over The Hill Gang" music group will perform at 10:40 a.m.

The group also organizes day trips by bus to local area points of interest at minimal cost. The next day trip will be on Wednesday, June 7, to the Neches River in Beaumont for a pontoon boat ride.

Lunch will be at the Golden Corral. A tour of the Babe Didrikson Zaharias Museum follows the lunch.

For those who are interested in joining the group, annual dues are \$6 per year/per person.

However, one must be a member of national AARP to join any local chapter.

For more information, contact Quin Shepperd at 281-486-7770 or Qeshepperd@yahoo.com.

NASA Aglow to meet

NASA Aglow welcomes women of all ages to join in lively worship of the Lord and savior Jesus Christ and father God at Praise Chapel. The meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 13, and Vivi Massey will be the speaker. If one has a special need, the group will pray for the need to be met.

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

Vivi Massey is a worship leader, wife and mother of four from Houston. She and her husband, Kendall Massey, co-founded the worship ministry, The Seraphim Project. The heart of their ministry is

to shift the atmosphere with worship, to ignite passion in others for deeper worship and to raise up worshipers wherever they go. It is ministry's privilege to be able to partner with other ministries and churches around the Houston area to help share the love and wonder of the father with the people of this city. Some of their ministry's current partners are Mission 24, St. Christopher's Church, Dominion Church and Christ Healing Centers.

Praise Chapel is located at 15817 Highway 3 in Webster. From I-45 south, take NASA Road 1 east to Highway 3 and turn left. The church is on the left about one block. For more information, call Sheila at 281-910-1971.

Remember When

40 years ago (1977)
The San Jacinto College debate team competed at the Junior College Individual Events Tournament. In all, 19 trophies and certificates were presented to the team.

30 years ago (1987)
William McNabb, principal at Meador Elementary, and Roy Birkhead, principal at Stuchbery, both announced that they would retire after the school year.

20 years ago (1997)
The Thompson Intermediate School academic team advanced to the final four by beating Fairfield Junior High.

15 years ago (2002)
Officials at the Pasadena Independent School District began re-evaluating plans to transfer students from Moore to Frazier Elementary.

10 years ago (2007)
Dobie senior Austin Jones was killed in an automobile accident in the 9900

block of Windmill Lakes. Matthew Milligan, the driver of the vehicle in which Jones was a passenger, was charged with negligent homicide.

5 years ago (2012)
Approximately 500 volunteers from Sagemont Church took part in a massive renovation and beautification project to improve Thompson and Beverly Hills intermediate schools. Titled *Project 77089*, the

endeavor was considered a missionary project by church officials. Improvements at Thompson included painting, power washing, replacing weight room equipment, adding a sound system to the school gymnasium, decorating the teachers' lounge, cleaning storage space and landscaping. Renovations for Beverly Hills included an overhaul of the school's atrium, planting trees, refinishing bleachers and doors, providing new bulletin boards and refurbishing the tennis courts and fitness trail, which double for community use.

1 year ago (2016)
Two former Dobie baseball players were among the seven honorees inducted into the Pasadena Independent School District's Athletics Hall of Fame at a banquet held April 9. Representing Dobie were John Scheschuk (class of 1995) and Shane Nance (class of 1996).

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION IN PASADENA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE is hereby given that the PASADENA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT will conduct a Trustee Election in and throughout the Pasadena Independent School District on Saturday, May 6, 2017, in accordance with the Election Order and Notice passed and approved on January 24, 2017. Election day polling locations for the Trustee Election will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The eleven election day polling places include the following: Beverly Hills Intermediate School, 11111 Beamer Road, Houston, Texas 77089; Bondy Intermediate School, 5101 Keith Road, Pasadena, Texas 77505; Jackson Intermediate School, 1020 East Thomas, Pasadena, Texas 77506; Miller Intermediate School, 1002 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Texas 77504; Park View Intermediate School, 3003 Dabney Drive, Pasadena, Texas 77502; Queens Intermediate School, 1452 Queens Road, Houston, Texas 77017; Keller Middle School, 1711 Magnolia Street, Pasadena, Texas 77503; South Houston Intermediate, 900 College Avenue, South Houston, Texas 77587; Shaw Middle School, 1200 East Houston, Pasadena, Texas 77502; Thompson Intermediate School, 11309 Sagedowne Lane, Houston, Texas 77089; and South Houston High School, 3820 South Shaver, South Houston, Texas 77587.

Early voting will begin on Monday, April 24, 2017, and will continue through Tuesday, May 2, 2017. Five Pasadena School District comprehensive high schools will be locations for early voting: J. Frank Dobie High School, 10220 Blackhawk Blvd., Houston, Texas 77089; Pasadena High School, 206 South Shaver, Pasadena, Texas 77506; Pasadena Memorial High School, 4410 Crenshaw, Pasadena, Texas 77504; Sam Rayburn High School, 2121 Cherrybrook, Pasadena, Texas 77502 and South Houston High School, 3820 South Shaver, South Houston, Texas 77587. Hours for early voting will be 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on each day for early voting which is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal state holiday. On the last two days of the early voting period, May 1 and May 2, hours for early voting will be 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Qualified voters may vote early by personal appearance in the Pasadena Independent School District Trustee Election at any one of these five early voting locations.

The mailing address of the early voting clerk for the Pasadena School District election is the following: Early Voting Clerk, Pasadena Independent School District, 1515 Cherrybrook, Pasadena, Texas 77502. The email address for the Early Voting Clerk is cawilson@pasadenaisd.org.

AVISO DE ELECCIÓN PARA LA JUNTA DE SÍNDICOS EN EL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE PASADENA

POR MEDIO DEL PRESENTE SE INFORMA que se llevará a cabo una Elección de Síndicos dentro del DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE PASADENA y en todo el distrito, el sábado 6 de mayo de 2017, en conformidad con la Orden de Elección y el Aviso de Elección aceptados y aprobados el 24 de enero de 2017. Los lugares de votación para la Elección de Síndicos estarán abiertos de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m. Los once lugares de votación del día de elección incluyen los siguientes: Beverly Hills Intermediate School, 11111 Beamer Road, Houston, Texas 77089; Bondy Intermediate School, 5101 Keith Road, Pasadena, Texas 77505; Jackson Intermediate School, 1020 East Thomas, Pasadena, Texas 77506; Miller Intermediate School, 1002 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Texas 77504; Park View Intermediate School, 3003 Dabney Drive, Pasadena, Texas 77502; Queens Intermediate School, 1452 Queens Road, Houston, Texas 77017; Keller Middle School, 1711 Magnolia Street, Pasadena, Texas 77503; South Houston Intermediate, 900 College Avenue, South Houston, Texas 77587; Shaw Middle School, 1200 East Houston, Pasadena, Texas 77502; Thompson Intermediate School, 11309 Sagedowne Lane, Houston, Texas 77089; and South Houston High School, 3820 South Shaver, South Houston, Texas 77587.

La votación anticipada comenzará el lunes 24 de abril de 2017 y continuará hasta el martes 2 de mayo de 2017, inclusive. Cinco escuelas preparatorias generales del Distrito Escolar de Pasadena serán los lugares de la votación anticipada: J. Frank Dobie High School, 10220 Blackhawk Blvd., Houston, Texas 77089; Pasadena High School, 206 South Shaver, Pasadena, Texas 77506; Pasadena Memorial High School, 4410 Crenshaw, Pasadena, Texas 77504; Sam Rayburn High School, 2121 Cherrybrook, Pasadena, Texas 77502 y South Houston High School, 3820 South Shaver, South Houston, Texas 77587. El horario de la votación anticipada será desde las 8:00 a.m. a las 4:30 p.m., cada día de votación anticipada que no sea sábado, domingo o un feriado oficial del Estado. El horario de la votación anticipada los últimos dos días del periodo de votación anticipada, 1 de mayo y 2 de mayo, será desde las 8:00 a.m. a las 7:00 p.m. Los votantes habilitados pueden votar de forma anticipada en persona para la Elección de Síndicos del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Pasadena en cualquiera de los cinco lugares designados para la votación anticipada.

La dirección postal del oficial de votación anticipada para la elección del Distrito Escolar de Pasadena es la siguiente: Early Voting Clerk, Pasadena Independent School District, 1515 Cherrybrook, Pasadena, Texas 77502. La dirección de correo electrónico de la Oficial de Votación Anticipada es cawilson@pasadenaisd.org.

理事會選舉通知 PASADENA 獨立學區

特此通知, PASADENA 獨立學區將依照 2017 年 1 月 24 日通過及批准的選舉命令和通知, 於 2017 年 5 月 6 日在整個 Pasadena 獨立學區範圍內舉行理事選舉。理事選舉的選舉日投票地點開放時間為上午 7:00 至晚上 7:00。十一個選舉日投票地點包含如下: Beverly Hills Intermediate School, 11111 Beamer Road, Houston, Texas 77089; Bondy Intermediate School, 5101 Keith Road, Pasadena, Texas 77505; Jackson Intermediate School, 1020 East Thomas, Pasadena, Texas 77506; Miller Intermediate School, 1002 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Texas 77504; Park View Intermediate School, 3003 Dabney Drive, Pasadena, Texas 77502; Queens Intermediate School, 1452 Queens Road, Houston, Texas 77017; Keller Middle School, 1711 Magnolia Street, Pasadena, Texas 77503; South Houston Intermediate, 900 College Avenue, South Houston, Texas 77587; Shaw Middle School, 1200 East Houston, Pasadena, Texas 77502; Thompson Intermediate School, 11309 Sagedowne Lane, Houston, Texas 77089; 及 South Houston High School, 3820 South Shaver, South Houston, Texas 77587。

提前投票應從 2017 年 4 月 24 日 (週一) 起持續至 2017 年 5 月 2 日 (週二)。五所 Pasadena 學區綜合高中將作為提前投票地點: J. Frank Dobie High School, 10220 Blackhawk Blvd., Houston, Texas 77089; Pasadena High School, 206 South Shaver, Pasadena, Texas 77506; Pasadena Memorial High School, 4410 Crenshaw, Pasadena, Texas 77504; Sam Rayburn High School, 2121 Cherrybrook, Pasadena, Texas 77502 及 South Houston High School, 3820 South Shaver, South Houston, Texas 77587。提前投票時間為每天上午 8:00 至下午 4:30, 其中週六、週日或法定州節假日除外。在提前投票期的最後兩天, 即 5 月 1 日和 5 月 2 日, 提前投票時間為上午 8:00 至晚上 7:00。合資格選民可前往上述五個提前投票地點中的任何一個, 進行 Pasadena 獨立學區理事選舉的親自出席提前投票。

Pasadena 學區選舉的提前投票書記員的郵寄地址如下: Early Voting Clerk, Pasadena Independent School District, 1515 Cherrybrook, Pasadena, Texas 77502。提前投票書記員的電子郵件地址為 cawilson@pasadenaisd.org。

THÔNG BÁO VỀ CUỘC BẦU CỬ BAN QUẢN TRỊ TẠI KHU HỌC CHÁNH ĐỘC LẬP PASADENA

Theo đây xin THÔNG BÁO rằng KHU HỌC CHÁNH ĐỘC LẬP PASADENA sẽ tiến hành một Cuộc Bầu Cử Ủy Viên Quản Trị trong và trên toàn Khu Học Chánh Độc Lập Pasadena vào thứ Bảy, ngày 6 tháng Năm, 2017, theo Thông Báo và Lệnh Tuyển Cử được thông qua và phê chuẩn vào ngày 24 tháng Một, 2017. Các địa điểm bỏ phiếu trong ngày bầu cử cho Cuộc Bầu Cử Ủy Viên Quản Trị sẽ mở cửa từ 7 giờ sáng đến 7 giờ tối. Mười một địa điểm bỏ phiếu vào ngày bầu cử là: Beverly Hills Intermediate School, 11111 Beamer Road, Houston, Texas 77089; Bondy Intermediate School, 5101 Keith Road, Pasadena, Texas 77505; Jackson Intermediate School, 1020 East Thomas, Pasadena, Texas 77506; Miller Intermediate School, 1002 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Texas 77504; Park View Intermediate School, 3003 Dabney Drive, Pasadena, Texas 77502; Queens Intermediate School, 1452 Queens Road, Houston, Texas 77017; Keller Middle School, 1711 Magnolia Street, Pasadena, Texas 77503; South Houston Intermediate, 900 College Avenue, South Houston, Texas 77587; Shaw Middle School, 1200 East Houston, Pasadena, Texas 77502; Thompson Intermediate School, 11309 Sagedowne Lane, Houston, Texas 77089; và South Houston High School, 3820 South Shaver, South Houston, Texas 77587.

Giai đoạn bỏ phiếu sớm sẽ bắt đầu từ thứ Hai, ngày 24 tháng Tư, 2017 và tiếp tục đến hết thứ Ba, ngày 2 tháng Năm, 2017. Năm trường trung học toàn diện của Khu Học Chánh Pasadena sẽ là các địa điểm bỏ phiếu sớm: J. Frank Dobie High School, 10220 Blackhawk Blvd., Houston, Texas 77089; Pasadena High School, 206 South Shaver, Pasadena, Texas 77506; Pasadena Memorial High School, 4410 Crenshaw, Pasadena, Texas 77504; Sam Rayburn High School, 2121 Cherrybrook, Pasadena, Texas 77502 và South Houston High School, 3820 South Shaver, South Houston, Texas 77587. Giờ bỏ phiếu sớm sẽ là 8 giờ sáng đến 4 giờ 30 chiều vào mỗi ngày bỏ phiếu sớm không phải là thứ Bảy, Chủ nhật hoặc ngày nghỉ lễ chính thức của tiểu bang. Trong hai ngày cuối cùng của giai đoạn bỏ phiếu sớm, ngày 1 tháng Năm và 2 tháng Năm, giờ bỏ phiếu sớm sẽ là 8:00 a.m. đến 7:00 p.m. Các cử tri hội đủ điều kiện có thể đích thân tới bỏ phiếu sớm trong Cuộc Bầu Cử Ủy Viên Quản Trị của Khu Học Chánh Độc Lập Pasadena tại bất kỳ một trong số năm địa điểm bỏ phiếu sớm này.

Địa chỉ bưu tín của thư ký phụ trách bỏ phiếu sớm cho cuộc bầu cử của Khu Học Chánh Pasadena là như sau: Early Voting Clerk, Pasadena Independent School District, 1515 Cherrybrook, Pasadena, Texas 77502. Địa chỉ email của Thư Ký phụ trách Bỏ Phiếu Sớm là cawilson@pasadenaisd.org.

Legal Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE OF TEST OF AUTOMATIC TABULATING EQUIPMENT

Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the PASADENA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUSTEE ELECTION held on May 6, 2017, will be tested at 5:00 p.m. on April 19, 2017, in conference room L101 at the Administration Building of the PASADENA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, 1515 Cherrybrook, Pasadena, Texas 77502.

AVISO PÚBLICO DE PRUEBA DE EQUIPO DE TABULACIÓN AUTOMÁTICA

Se notifica por el presente que el equipo de tabulación automática que se utilizará en la ELECCIÓN DE SÍNDICOS DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE PASADENA del 6 de mayo de 2017 será sometido a prueba el 19 de abril de 2017 a las 5:00 p.m. en la sala de conferencias L101 en el edificio administrativo del DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE PASADENA, 1515 Cherrybrook, Pasadena, Texas 77502.

CÔNG BÁO THỬ NGHIỆM THIẾT BỊ PHÂN TÍCH TỰ ĐỘNG

Theo đây xin thông báo rằng thiết bị phân tích tự động sẽ được sử dụng trong CUỘC BẦU CỬ QUẢN TRỊ VIÊN KHU HỌC CHÁNH ĐỘC LẬP PASADENA được tổ chức vào ngày 6 tháng Năm, 2017, sẽ được thử nghiệm vào lúc 5 giờ chiều ngày 19 tháng Tư, 2017, tại phòng họp L101 Tòa Nhà Quản Trị Hành Chánh của KHU HỌC CHÁNH ĐỘC LẬP PASADENA, 1515 Cherrybrook, Pasadena, Texas 77502.

自動投票統計設備測試公告

特此通告, 用於2017年5月6日PASADENA獨立學區理事選舉的自動投票統計設備將於2017年4月19日下午5:00, 在PASADENA獨立學區行政辦公大樓(地址: 1515 Cherrybrook, Pasadena, Texas 77502)會議室L101進行測試。

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Harris County officials open new splash pad, hold annual Easter egg hunt



Diaz, Ellis enjoy a laugh

Constable Chris Diaz (left) and County Commissioner Rodney Ellis enjoy a good laugh at the annual Easter egg hunt Saturday, April 8, at El Franco Lee Park after children jump the gun and begin their search before being told to do so.
Photo by Marie Flickinger

County officials cut ribbon



Shown, above, cutting the ribbon to the new splash pad at El Franco Lee Park are, left to right, South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce President Kay Barbour, Jacinto City Mayor Ana Diaz (Chris Diaz's wife), Constable Chris Diaz, Justice of the Peace Jo Ann Delgado and County Commissioner Rodney Ellis.



Ellis, Flickinger get wet

Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis (right) is shown persuading *Leader* publisher Marie Flickinger to try out the new splash pad at El Franco Lee Park at its grand opening on Saturday, April 8. Like many of the children who played in the water park that day, the pair are fully clothed, rather than in their bathing suits. See related photo on Page 1A.

Photo by David Ellison

Dobie student places at rodeo



J. Frank Dobie student Elizabeth Shelley and her Charolais Simbrah cross steer Mr. Sandman placed ninth at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo's scramble show medium weight category.
Photo submitted

JFD student competes at rodeo

By Jonathan Chapa
J. Frank Dobie student Elizabeth Shelley and her steer Mr. Sandman recently placed ninth at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo's scramble show medium weight category.

Shelley is a junior who wants to become a veterinarian. She has competed in the HLSR's junior market for the past three years with different animals including a lamb, pig, chickens and Mr. Sandman.

Shelley named Mr. Sandman, an 18-month-old Charolais Simbrah cross steer, based on his color and because she wanted him to bring her dream of winning a ribbon or grand champion at Houston contest.

"I named him Mr. Sandman because of his color when I first got him. Then my parents told me the song and I was like that fits me well. That is what I have always wanted to do," Shelley said. Mr. Sandman was purchased using a gift certificate from last year's HLSR calf scramble. Shelley's steer is people-friendly, spoiled and loves horse cookies.

In the calf scramble, 15 calves are released into the arena for 30 students to capture. The students who catch a calf are awarded a \$1,750 certificate to purchase a registered beef heifer or market steer to show at the Livestock Show the following year.

Out of all the animals Shelley entered with, only Mr. Sandman is still in her possession. Both Shelley and her steer will be going to the Harris County Show and State Fair of Texas in 2017.

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Harris County staff joins celebration



Local Harris County staff members joined the official ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new splash pad at El Franco Lee Park on Saturday, April 8. Shown above at the event are, left to right, (front row) Andrea Usanga, Stephanie Gilder, Delsie Stoute, Commissioner Rodney Ellis, Constable Chris Diaz, Joseph Le, (back row) Resha Thomas, David Matthews and Justice of the Peace Jo Ann Delgado.

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7:30 p.m.	Servicio con Veneración de la Cruz y Comunión	
Holy Saturday	April 15	Sábado Santo
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8:30 p.m.	The Great Easter Vigil ♦ La Gran Vigilia Pascual	
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SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

A PISD first: Dobie boys' soccer to state tournament

By John Bechtle
Sports Editor
The greatest of the

greats. That's the claim this 2017 Dobie varsity boys' soccer team can

make after reaching the state tournament for the first time in program history.

There would be no such collapse this time. The Longhorns did miss one shot in the PK session, but Cahue was even better, stopping a pair of Channelview shots, including

the last one of the session to give the Longhorns a thrilling victory.

Manrique knows all about Dobie's previous three Region III Final Four appearances leading up to now, but he cares little about the past or those involved in it. He's merely focused on this 2017 crew, some of whom began the

playoffs, and we were determined to win it this time," said Dobie head coach Justo Manrique, who described the sudden-death scenario as a nightmare.

Both Cahue and the Channelview goalkeeper were called for line violations in the shootout, resulting in re-kicks for both teams. Whether the calls were correct or not, Dobie held on.

With the shootout win came the Region III championship trophy, the first-ever for a Pasadena ISD varsity soccer program.

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Dobie defeated Channelview of District 21-6A via sudden death penalty kicks. The Longhorns' shot-takers certainly did their part in the 7-6 shootout win after a 2-2 tie through regulation and the overtime periods.

But it was junior Ramon Cahue who saw his star shine brightest, stopping a pair of Falcon tries in the shootout to help the Longhorns advance.

The Longhorns reached state by getting something done that the 2011 team could not do, win the regional title in a shootout.

That season, Dobie realistically outplayed Strake Jesuit throughout regulation and the two 10-minute overtime sessions yet fell apart in the shootout as Strake moved on to Georgetown.

State Soccer Tournament

6A Semifinals
Dobie boys (20-2-4)
vs. Arling, Sam Houston (21-2-2)
Friday, April 14, 5 p.m.

La Joya Jaurez Lincoln (30-3-1)
vs. Dallas Jesuit (20-3-1)
Friday, April 14, 7 p.m.

6A Championship
Saturday, April 15, 6:30 p.m.
All games played at Birkelbach Field, Georgetown

State Bound!

His teammate charging in from midfield, Dobie goalkeeper Ramon Cahue cradles the ball in disbelief as his stop of a Channelview shootout try sent the Longhorns to the state tournament for the first time in school history. Cahue was the star in the shootout, leading the locals to a 7-6 win following a 2-2 tie through regulation and two overtimes. Photo by John Bechtle



San Jacinto softball now 17-3; Gonzalez takes over wins mark

Niki Gonzalez has been every bit as good as expected since she joined the San Jacinto College softball program in the spring of 2015.

A graduate of Baytown Sterling High School, Gonzalez elected to join her sister, Gabby Gonzalez, with the Coyotes. At the time, San Jacinto College head coach Kelly Saenz believed she was getting the latest in a long line of top-notch pitching talent.

Turns out, Gonzalez might just be the best of all. As a freshman, she struck out 302 batters over the course of the season, smashing the previous record for a single season.

With 27 wins as a freshman, Gonzalez also put

herself on pace to become the program's all-time leader in career pitching wins.

Gaining both wins in a double-header sweep over Lone Star-Port Arthur April 7, Gonzalez did just that, moving to the top of the list with 53 career wins.

That's two more than previous record holder and current SJC pitching coach Kelsey McClain Walters, a

Pasadena Memorial High School graduate.

Of most importance, San Jacinto is 17-3 in conference play and in terrific shape heading toward the postseason.

Blinn leads the Region XIV South standings at 14-2 but still has four games remaining with San Jacinto as well as two more with third-place Lone Star-Port Arthur to

Coyotes in Region XIV

San Jacinto at Blinn
Thursday, April 13, 3 p.m., 2 games

San Jacinto hosts Blinn
Friday, April 21, 4 p.m., 2 games

JFD's Hunter to play HABCA



Dobie High School senior Royce Hunter, the District 22-6A Most Valuable Player during the varsity boys' basketball season, has been selected to compete in the Houston Area Basketball Coaches Association All-Star Game May 4 at St. Thomas University in Houston. Tipoff is at 8 p.m. South Houston's Jalen Amos is also among the invitees.

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Orange Out Day at JFD

To celebrate the Dobie varsity boys' soccer team's Region III championship and subsequent trip to the Class 6A State Championship Tournament, Pasadena ISD superintendent Dr. DeAnn Powell has designated Thursday, April 13, as "Orange Out Day."

The South Belt community, including all of its Longhorn supporters, are encouraged to don orange attire to recognize the special occasion.

In accordance, Dobie principal Franklin Moses has scheduled a fun day of activities on campus prior to the team's departure for Georgetown in the afternoon.

At Dobie, there will be a campus walk to help honor the team. The school's drumline will escort the team's players through the hallways beginning at 10:30 a.m., and there will be a pep rally in the gymnasium at 1:30 p.m.,

which will come just prior to the team's bus departure at 3 p.m.

On game day Friday, April 14, the Longhorns will host Arlington Sam Houston at 5 p.m. at Birkelbach Field in Georgetown.

For those who cannot attend, the game will be live streamed at www.NFHSNetwork.com.

The Class 6A state championship match is set for Saturday, April 15, at 6:30 p.m.

Netters Le, Neira to regionals

Thanks to a gut-check effort from the mixed doubles team of Hellen Le and Luis Neira, the Dobie varsity tennis team will have representation at the Region III Championships.

Le and Neira dropped the first set to the second-seeded team from Deer Park but then fought back for a 2-6, 6-4, 7-5 win in the playback match at the District 22-6A Championships April 8, at Deer Park High School.

Le, a senior, and Neira, a sophomore, had not teamed together much during the 2016-2017 season, yet were at their best when it mattered most.

Now, the duo will represent the Longhorns beginning Tuesday, April 18, in the Region III Championships at Deer Park High School's South campus.

While the Dobie pair is likely to face a tough first-round match at regionals, making it to this point is a tremendous achievement, said Dobie coach Manuel Moreno Jr.

"Hellen and Luis were down 4-3 in the second set and 5-4 in the third set, and won three straight games in both of those sets

to win the match as the No. 4 seeds," Moreno said.

"At this point in the season, it's all about winning the big points in key games, and they did that, particularly late in the match. I'm real happy for and proud of both of them. It's a tremendous accomplishment."

With the exception of one bracket, Deer Park held down the No. 1 and No. 2 seedings in each of the others, including boys' singles and doubles, girls' doubles and mixed doubles.

To advance to regionals, singles players and doubles teams from other schools were going to have to go through the Deer to advance at some point.

Le and Neira drew a first-round by and then defeated a team from West Brook 6-2, 6-3 in the quarterfinals. The locals lost 6-0, 6-0 to the top seeds from Deer Park in the semifinals in a match Moreno said was closer than the score indicated.

Park to advance to regionals.

Dobie was not as fortunate in some of the other brackets.

Leilani Vargas of Dobie, the No. 2 seed in

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Lady Horns still hold second place

Dobie softball to face tough trio to close out 22-6A

By John Bechtle Sports Editor
Another harmless Pasadena ISD opponent, and another big win. With that in mind, now the Dobie varsity girls' softball team has to close out the regular season with a tough stretch of three games against teams that are also headed to the playoffs.

Dobie will make the playoffs. There is no question about that after the Lady Longhorns have made their way to 9-1 in the standings with four games remaining. After playing Pasadena after press time April 12, Dobie will now head to Deer Park Thursday, April 13 to take on unbeaten

Deer Park. While Deer Park has handled the rest of the District 22-6A field with ease to this point, the Lady Longhorns are looking for the upset. If not, things will get a bit tougher. The Lady Longhorns travel to La Porte Tuesday, April 18, for a rematch with the Lady Bulldogs, who will

likely finish fourth. In the first round of district play, Dobie defeated La Porte 4-0, getting each of its runs in the first inning, then letting starting pitcher Michelle Kristoff handle the rest. The most likely scenario has Dobie hosting Memorial on the final day of the regular season, with

the Lady Mavs still having a chance to get even with Dobie. **Dobie 14 Rayburn 4** Allison Bravo continued her late-season surge with three hits as the Lady Longhorns made quick work of Sam Rayburn April 7, at the Pasadena ISD Complex.

Bravo, who will continue her education and playing career at San Jacinto College beginning this fall, smacked two triples and drove in two runs in the easy win. Dobie put the game away for good in the fifth inning, scoring eight times to take a commanding lead.

Taylor Pleasants came up with a home run in the game, and starting pitcher Kristoff, also headed to San Jacinto College, doubled and tripled in the game. Yvonne Whaley had another two-hit game, and Kristoff allowed just one earned run while fanning six over five innings.

Clear Brook baseball moves into second place

Make no mistake, there is a long way to go before the District 24-6A varsity baseball picture comes clearly into focus. But to this point, Clear Brook is more than holding its own with six games remaining for all of the teams in the mix. Trouble is, as well as the Wolverines have navigated the first eight games of the 24-6A chase, the toughest stretch may yet lie ahead.

All action in the league was rained out April 11, with teams set to resume play April 12, after press time. Clear Brook, standing at 5-3, trails frontrunner Dickinson (7-1) and is one game in front of four other teams. The Wolverines still have two remaining games each with Clear Springs, Alvin and Dickinson, a series that closes out the regular season.

The Wolverines took a one-game edge over those four opponents courtesy of a 2-1 win over last-place Clear Lake April 7, at Clear Brook. Evan Albright delivered the walk-off hit in the bottom of the eighth inning, with relief pitcher A.J. Winger earning the win. Clear Lake, which is 0-8 in the standings, had tied the game by scoring a run in the top of the seventh inning.

Dickinson 7-1; Clear Brook 5-3; Clear Springs 4-4, Clear Falls 4-4, Alvin 4-4, Friendswood 4-4, Clear Creek 4-4, Clear Lake 0-8.

SJC softball to deal with Blinn in Region XIV

Continued from Page 1B end the season. San Jacinto College has put itself in great shape in the standings thanks to a pair of big wins at Lamar State-Port Arthur. With Gonzalez setting the college's all-time win record, San Jacinto won the opener by a 2-0 count over the Seahawks. SJC scored a run in the top of the fifth inning and another in the top of the sixth inning to come away with the shutout victory. Missy Hernandez had a pair of hits, and Shelbi Doherty and Dani Damian drove in runs in the

game. Gonzalez was great throughout the game, allowing just four hits while fanning 11. In the nightcap, SJC scored a 6-1 victory. Riley Bullen went 2 for 3 with a home run, and Deleon went 2 for 4 with a pair of runs driven in. Hernandez and McHenry doubled in the game to set the table for run-scoring chances. In the circle, Gonzalez allowed no earned runs and struck out eight more. She leads the nation in victories with 26 at present, and her 205 strikeouts ranked her second nation-

ally. San Jacinto is now 34-16 overall this season. **No luck with LSU-E** San Jacinto has had an ongoing series with Division II power LSU-Eunice, with LSU-Eunice holding a solid advantage in the win-loss column. **LSU-Eunice 7 San Jacinto 6** Bullen doubled twice, and Damian, Doherty and Taylor McHenry also doubled, but LSU-Eunice won the game 7-6. LSU-E also won the second game, 9-2, with Taylor Office driving in two.

Teams	W	L
Blinn	14	2
San Jacinto	17	3
LS-Port Arthur	13	7
Galveston	10	8
Alvin	5	13
Laredo	2	14
Coastal Bend	1	15



Jacqueline Garcia and her Lady Longhorns have four games remaining in the regular season, including three against fellow playoff contenders as the District 22-6A goes down to the wire.

Longhorn varsity baseball now controls playoff chances

Just about a week ago, Dobie had seemed to have backed its way into a corner. A rather ugly 12-0 run-rule loss to Memorial April 4 left the Longhorns at 3-4 through the first half of district play. To make matters worse, Deer Park, La Porte and Memorial had cruised through the first half of

league play, essentially qualifying for the postseason early. For Dobie, the task was rather easily defined if not achieved. The Longhorns needed to defeat Beaumont West Brook and South Houston in consecutive games in order to rebuild its fading playoff hopes. Memorial had cruised through the first half of Dobie got back to

even at 4-4 with a big win against West Brook. The Longhorns were then rained out, as was most of the action in the area, for April 12. The Longhorns, weather pending, played at South Houston April 11, after press time. **Dobie 6 West Brook 3** Three runs in the bottom of the fifth turned the trick against the Bruins April 7 at Dobie. Zach Frias had three

hits and drove in a pair of runs. On the mound, Euro Diaz Jr. went the first five innings, and Dejuan Dixon came on late. Longhorn pitchers allowed just two hits while Dobie swept the season series against the Bruins. Now at 5-4 with five district games remaining, the Longhorns need only to avoid potential roadblocks in games down the stretch against Rayburn and Pasadena to advance

to the playoffs. While reaching any better than the No. 4 playoff seed at this point may prove to be too difficult to achieve, the Longhorns do have home games coming against frontrunners Deer Park and La Porte prior to the regular season finale at Memorial. It's down to a six-game stretch.

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Sports Calendar

SOCCER
Friday, April 14
State Semifinals
Dobie varsity boys Arling. Houston, Georgetown, 5:00

Monday, April 17
Thompson 7th girls host Bondy, 5:00
Thompson 8th girls host Bondy, 6:00
Beverly Hills 7th girls at Southmore, 5:00
Beverly Hills 8th girls at Southmore, 6:00

Tuesday, April 18
Thompson 7th boys at Bondy, 5:00
Thompson 8th boys at Bondy, 6:00
Beverly Hills 7th boys host Southmore, 5:00
Beverly Hills 8th boys host Southmore, 6:00

SOFTBALL
Thursday, April 13
Dobie varsity at Deer Park, 6:30
Dobie JV at Deer Park, 4:30

Tuesday, April 18
Dobie varsity at La Porte, 6:30
Dobie JV at La Porte, 4:30

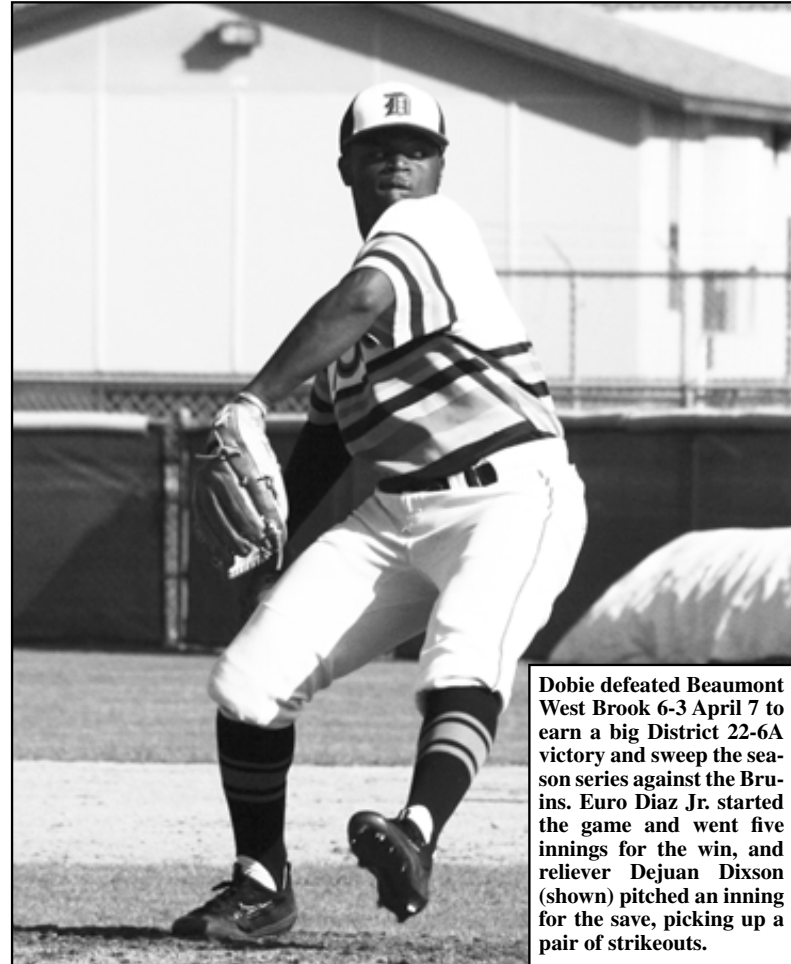
Friday, April 21
Dobie varsity hosts Memorial, 4:00, Dobie
Dobie JV at Memorial, PISD, 4:30

BASEBALL
Thursday, April 13
Dobie varsity vs. Rayburn, Maguire, 4:00
Brook varsity at Clear Springs, 7:00
Brook JV hosts Clear Springs, 7:00
Brook sophomores host Clear Springs, 4:30

Tuesday, April 18
Dobie varsity vs. Pasadena, Maguire, 7:00
Brook varsity at Alvin, Nolan Ryan Field, 7:00

Friday, April 21
Dobie varsity hosts Deer Park, Dobie, 4:00
Brook varsity hosts Alvin, 7:00
Brook JV at Alvin, Nolan Ryan Field, 7:00

Teams	W	L
Deer Park	7	1
La Porte	7	1
Memorial	6	2
Dobie	4	4
South Houston	4	4
West Brook	3	5
Rayburn	2	6
Pasadena	2	6



Dobie defeated Beaumont West Brook 6-3 April 7 to earn a big District 22-6A victory and sweep the season series against the Bruins. Euro Diaz Jr. started the game and went five innings for the win, and reliever Dejuan Dixon (shown) pitched an inning for the save, picking up a pair of strikeouts.

Cook, Davis grab 22-6A track/field titles

The field events at the District 22-6A varsity track and field meet were contested April 10, and already several Dobie Longhorns have qualified for area-round competition. The top four individual event and relay finishers in each of the state's districts will qualify for area competition. Those who qualify from District 22-6A will vie against those from District 21-6A in area-round action Thursday, April 20, at Galena Park ISD Stadium. The field events will be held beginning at 2:30 p.m., with the running events coming at 6 p.m. As expected, the Longhorns' Jeremy Davis was the 22-6A champion in both the discus and shot put events. The Dobie senior was a regional and area-round participant last season,

and also made his way to regionals. So far, so good for Davis, who is also expected to take part in the hurdles. In the shot put, Davis came away with a top throw of 50 feet, 10 1/4" to win the event easily. Moving ahead to the discus, Davis delivered a first-place throw of 140'4," with teammate Brandon Flores placing third with a throw of 134'6." For the Lady Longhorns, Ladayjah Cook also won a district title, as she was the lone participant to clear 5'5" in the high jump for that crown. Elsewhere in the field events, Jacoby Davis will return to the area meet in the high jump as his top leap of 6'0" was fourth in the high jump. Also for the Lady Longhorns, Victoria Onozie placed second in the dis-

cus with a throw of 110'7," and teammate Jamesetta Seals placed third with a throw of 106'11." In the shot put, Seals made her way to the area competition after placing third with a throw of 33'5 1/2," and Kiera Wells also advanced after taking fourth place at 32'9 1/4." A leap of 17'0 1/4" placed Erin Flemings third in the long jump, and Jade Giron was third in the high jump as she cleared 5'0." The District 24-6A field events were also contested

April 10, but those results were not available as of press time. The 22-6A and the 42-6A running event finals were held April 12, after press time. The 22/24-6A area meet is April 20, at Challenger Stadium. **Dobie netters strong at 22-6As** Doubles, but then lost 6-2, 6-0 in the semifinals to Deer Park. "Big" Tommy Nguyen and Steven Phan finished third in boys' doubles. Entering play as the No. 3-seeded team, Nguyen and Phan beat Memorial 6-1, 6-1 in the quarterfinals and then won the first set 6-1 against Deer Park before losing 6-3, 6-3. For third place, the Longhorns downed Memorial 6-2, 4-6, 7-5. So now it's off to regionals. A season ago, the

Dobie team went in support of boys' singles player Luis Cabreja. This time around, it's Le and Neira playing in the big tournament. For Le, it's an outstanding way to close out her career at Dobie. For Neira, it's a chance to make a big splash as he prepares for his final two varsity seasons at Dobie. At press time, the team of Le and Neira's first-round match at regionals had yet to be established via a coaches' meeting.

Teams	W	L
Deer Park	10	0
Dobie	9	1
Memorial	8	2
La Porte	6	4
West Brook	3	7
Rayburn	2	8
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Lajaunie tennis coming

The 2017 Darren Lajaunie Memorial Tennis Tournament will now be held at the Harry Taylor Tennis Center in Pasadena formerly known as Strawberry Park, April 28-30. 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 finalizing plans for its 6th annual memorial tennis tournament, set to make its first appearance at the Harry Taylor Tennis Center. 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 28. There will be several camp scholarships as well as two college scholarships awarded to HTTC junior tennis players. Dinner tickets are now on sale and are \$15. 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 giveaway prizes. Tickets may be purchased at the HTTC or on the DLTSF website at present. In May, the Dobie recipients will be awarded their scholarships at the school. Entry fee for the tournament is: \$35 for singles; \$22.50 per player for doubles. Players may also register at www.setteo.com. Registration deadline is April 14. The tournament will begin Saturday, April 29, at 8 a.m. and finish the next afternoon, with trophy presentations at the conclusion of each division of play. Silent auction items this year include an autographed tournament T-shirt from the band Los Lobos, an autographed polo shirt from retired race car driver Mario Andretti and current Indy race car driver Marco Andretti (grandson), an autographed picture from the Houston Rockets, dance lessons from the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Clear Lake and much more. The Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund website at www.DLTennisScholarships.com includes pictures from last year's 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, Texas, 77059, or contact Camille Lajaunie, committee chairperson at cjlajau nie@gmail.com with any questions.

SB Dolphins offer registration

The Southbelt Dolphins of the Bay Area Football League has set upcoming registration dates for the 2017 season, with practices starting in July. The registration dates include April 22, May 20, and June 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sagemont Community Center. Games begin in August, and the regular season runs into November.

SJC's Davis picks UH hoops

Corey Davis, who helped lead the San Jacinto College men's basketball team to the national quarterfinals, is set to continue his education and playing career at the University of Houston. Davis, a graduate of Lafayette High School in Louisiana, fielded offers from several big-time Division I programs before deciding to join head coach Kelvin Sampson and his program at Houston. In helping San Jac to a 33-2 finish this season, Davis averaged more than 17 points per game, making 46 percent of his 3-point tries.

Dobie VB sets youth training

Dobie varsity volleyball head coach and staff members will host a series of youth training sessions for current fifth- and sixth-grade students. The sessions will be held on Wednesdays from 5 to 7 p.m., including April 19, April 26, May 3, May 10, May 17 and May 24. Staff members will provide training in all phases of the game, including serving, setting, passing, hitting, blocking, etc. Team offensive and defensive concepts will be covered. Pasadena ISD does not provide medical insurance to students for these types of events, so parents will be responsible for providing their own insurance. For additional information, call Sexton at 832-509-7269 or direct email to her at dgutierrez2@pasadenaisd.org.



Dobie High School class of 2003 graduate Sharonda McDonald has excelled at every level of softball, both as a player and coach. She was a four-year starter at Texas A&M University and went on to enjoy a standout pro career in the National Pro Fastpitch League. Currently an assistant coach at the University of Florida, McDonald will also coach the NPF's Chicago Bandits' team this summer.

Photos by Tim Casey/UF athletics

Class of 2003

Dobie grad McDonald takes on pro coaching role

Dobie High School graduate Sharonda McDonald is continuing her ascension in the women's softball ranks – both collegiately and professionally.

The 2003 Dobie graduate, currently in her second season as an assistant coach at the University of Florida, has been named the head coach of the Chicago Bandits, one of the most successful organizations in the National Pro Fastpitch League.

The pro coaching role includes time away from the University of Florida program in the summer months and in no way will affect her duties with the Gators.

McDonald, who played collegiately at Texas A&M University, is taking over a Bandits team that has won the NPFL's championship award – the Cowles Cup – in each of the last two seasons.

Overall, the Bandits have won four league championships since the Cowles Cup was introduced in 2004.

One of three McDonald siblings to star within the Dobie program along with Krystal and Iver McDonald, Sharonda has simply done little but excel within the game no matter the level or role.

At A&M, McDonald still owns program records for career runs scored (195) and career stolen bases (153). She owns the team records in both categories for an individual season as well.

One of the few players to earn All-Big 12 honors in each of her four seasons, she is second on TAMU's list for career hits with 249.

Her 73 consecutive stolen bases at one point in her career still has McDonald tied for the best-ever mark.

Following the completion of a very successful collegiate career, McDonald also had a terrific career in professional softball, including the NPF. She ended her playing career in 2014.

McDonald was a three-time All-NPF selection and garnered the prestigious Diamond Spikes Award after hitting .303 with 13 steals during the 2012 campaign.

Now done playing, McDonald has already left her mark on several top programs.

Prior to landing at the University of Florida in the summer of 2015, McDonald coached at Texas Southern University, Ohio University, Louisiana

State University and Texas Tech University.

McDonald, considered one of the bright young minds in the game, is primarily responsible for the development of the outfielders at the University of Florida, which is currently ranked No. 3 in the nation.

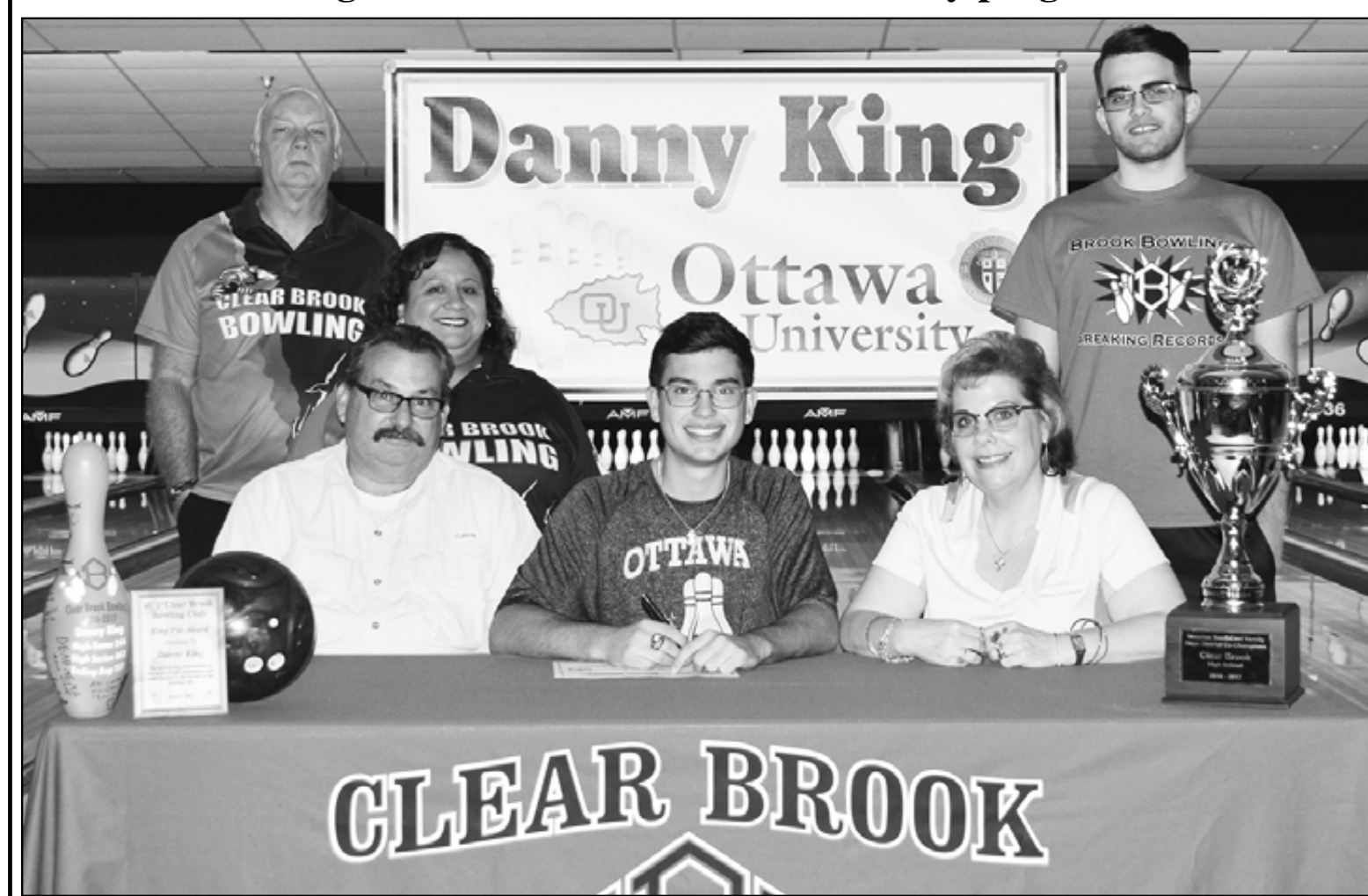
McDonald's professional coaching responsibilities don't figure to interfere with her duties at Florida as the NPF season gets underway in June and concludes in August. Chicago Bandits' general manager Toni Calmeyn said McDonald's name was at the top of the Bandits' list during its coaching search.

"We are excited to have Sharonda McDonald join the Bandits program," Calmeyn said.

"She comes highly recommended by her peers and when it came to filling our head coaching position, she was the first and foremost candidate that we looked at when going through this process.

"The amount of knowledge and experience that she has gained through having a successful playing career in the NPF and now most recently as an assistant coach at Florida; it gives us the utmost confidence that she is the right fit to lead the Bandits."

Brook bowler King to debut within Ottawa University program in 2017-2018



Clear Brook High School varsity bowler Danny King (seated center) will continue his education and bowling career at Ottawa University in Ottawa, Kan., after inking a letter of intent with the Braves' program. King was joined at the signing by, left to right, (seated) Darryl King (father), Pamela King (mother), (standing) Cecil Rutherford (Brook coaching staff), Roxy Casas (Brook coaching staff) and Dario Vacarro (Brook coaching staff). King was given Clear Brook's King Pin Award this season recognizing skill, attendance and contributions within the program. Ottawa University is starting its men's and women's bowling programs from scratch and will begin play in 2017-2018, with King part of head coach Geoff Poston's first recruiting class.

Rage earns third place at SBGSA's Trophy Hunter



Representing the South Belt Girls Softball Association, the South Belt Rage captured third place honors at the SBGSA's Trophy Hunt tournament April 1 at El Franco Lee Park. The Rage first defeated the South Belt Jawbreakers 6-2 and the Pasadena Crushers 8-3 in pool play, then defeated the Jawbreakers once more. Despite a loss, the Rage climbed back to take third place courtesy of a 6-3 win over the South Houston Outlawz. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) GiGi Abrego, Malia Landingin, Rae Rae Roman, Sallyssa Soto, (middle row) Erica Gonzales, Jennifer Lopez, Marisol Valadez, (back row) coach Mike Jimenez, Ally Davis, Micaela Jimenez, Loren Garcia, Skylar Galvan and coach Eric Gonzales.



Sharonda McDonald

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

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.

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

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 for details.

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.

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

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

Congregation Shaar Hashalom's – Rabbi Stuart Federov 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 synagogue 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.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

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.

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

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

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

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

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

Bay Area Bluegrass Association – bluegrass music show and jam session on the third Saturday (except December.) Stage show is at 7 p.m. Pickers may bring instruments and come early. Free. Johnny Arolo Civic Center, 300 Walker, League City. For details, visit <http://www.bayareabluegrass.org>.

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

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

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

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

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Vigilance Group of NA meets Sundays, 7 p.m., 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For

details, call 713-856-1611. **Alcoholics Anonymous** – Alcohol problems? Meets Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 to 8 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-306-4366 or 713-480-4166.

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

MONDAY, APRIL 17

Al-Anon Deer Park – Mondays, 10 to 11 a.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for details, or drop in. **Clear Lake Bridge Club** – Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.

Seniors and Law Enforcement Together – SALT meetings are 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Madison Jobe Senior Center, 1700 East Thomas St., Pasadena on the third Monday. No December meeting. January meeting is on the second 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.

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

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

Genealogy Group – The Parker Williams Genealogy Group meets from 2 to 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 LizHicks@erootrot@usa.net.

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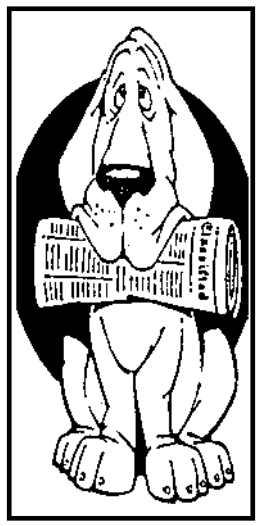
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Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy for adults with Parkinson's, 3:15 to 4:45 p.m., Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for details. 6 p.m.

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. 6:30 p.m.

ESL at CrossRoads UMC - Academic ESL classes meet Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. No fee to attend. Call Cris at 832-724-4296 to register. 10030 Scarsdale Blvd.

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 to 8:30 p.m. in the Education Bldg., 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For details, call Russell at 832-483-6715.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

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 for details. Noon

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

Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch is \$15. Variety of interesting speakers. For details, call 281-900-7257. Email nalix@texascitizensbank.com. 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, 2 p.m., El Franco Lee Park Community Center, 9500 Hall Rd. Visitors welcome. For details, call Roy at 713-734-1461. 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 drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or 281-488-6318. 6:30 p.m.

Breast Cancer Support Group - Meets monthly on the third Tuesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the lobby of the Clear Lake Regional Breast Diagnostic Center, 200 Medical Center Blvd., Suite 106, Webster. For details call 281-526-6840.

Pearland Area Republican's Club - meets monthly on the third Tuesday (except December, June and July) at the Pearland Church of Christ Annex, 2217 N. Grand Blvd. in Pearland. For details, call Gary at 281-993-8335. 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. 7 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

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.

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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 homebound 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 for details. Noon

Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club - meets monthly, first and third Wednesday, noon, Golden Corral, 4021 Spencer Hwy., Pasadena. December may be an exception. 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. 6:30 p.m.

ESL at CrossRoads UMC - Academic ESL classes meet Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. No fee to attend. Call Cris at 832-724-4296 to register. 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. 7 p.m.

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Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention - Call 281-286-2525 (24-hour crisis hotline) for confidential domestic violence/sexual abuse support group for women. Visit www.bayareaturningpoint.org 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. 10 a.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20
 7 a.m.
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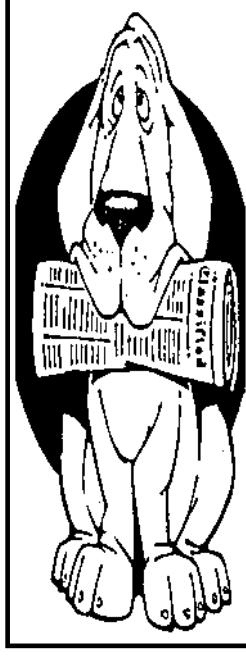
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Region III Dobie boys' soccer headed to Class 6A state tournament

Championship match is April 15, 6:30 p.m.

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at the school at 11 a.m. to regroup and get prepared for Channelview. We were gassed. We didn't start out really well, but we kept fighting."

Title match a thriller
Channelview, itself a shootout winner over Cypress Ridge in its regional semifinal, started the scoring in the championship game on a goal off a free kick by Henry Estrada.

The score stayed that way until late in the first half as Bryan Nava and Israel Perez scored goals 30 seconds apart for a 2-1 Longhorn lead.

The Longhorns were then just 10 minutes away from advancing to state in regulation when Estrada struck one more for the tie. Neither team generated much offense in the two overtimes, setting up the shootout.

Channelview's Laveal Gibson became somewhat of an overnight sensation as his play in goal helped lead the Falcons to an 11-10 shootout win over Cypress Ridge in the semifinals.

But Gibson, previously a competitor in multiple other sports before joining the Falcons' soccer program six months ago, had his struggles against Dobie.

Gibson, in fact, was replaced after both teams had attempted five shots in the sudden death shootout. Regardless, Dobie's Cahue was the star of the shootout.

History begins
Dobie didn't even have a soccer program until the 1984 season and never made much noise in the playoffs until 2009. Starting that season, Dobie made three Region III Final Four appearances in five years.

Manrique took over the

Dobie program prior to the 2014 season. This current senior group, including four-year lettermen Alejandro Flores, Andy Garcia and Sabino Lozano, were freshmen that first season.

Dobie was fourth in the district that 2013 season and lost in the first round of the playoffs to Deer Park. A year later, Dobie lost in the area round. North Shore stymied Dobie a season ago in the regional quarterfinals before the Longhorns avenged

that loss this season en route to the title.

What's next
The regional crown is truly special, but a Class 6A state crown will be even better. If the Longhorns can get past Arlington Houston, a final against either La Joya Juarez Lincoln (30-3-1) or Dallas Jesuit (20-3-1) would ensue in the 6A matchup April 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Sam Houston, Dobie and La Joya Juarez Lincoln all lost in the regional

quarterfinals a season ago, while Dallas Jesuit fell in the area round. The state championship path would seem to be wide open for the taking.

As for Manrique and Dobie, he prefers the underdog role. Despite winning back-to-back district titles with unbeaten records entering this season, then earning a top-6 Region III ranking prior to the team's opening game, Manrique feels as though other elite teams garnered more attention.

Yet, it's Dobie that is left standing as the Region III winner, something that has never previously been done in the program.

"We're going to give it everything we have to come back with a state title," Manrique said. "We appreciate all of those who have supported us. It's been a great journey to this point. Now we want to win the state title."

Down goes Seven Lakes
Dobie reached the Region III final by downing Seven Lakes 2-1 in the

semifinal match April 7, also at Abshier Stadium.

Flores, a team captain, notched the first goal with 12 minutes, 36 seconds to go in the first half.

With less than five minutes to go in the first half, Kevin Hernandez found the nest as Dobie led 2-0. Seven Lakes got a goal from Raul Ekmeiro with 19 minutes left, but the Longhorn defense held strong from there.

The special season simply continued from there with the win.



Dobie's Alejandro Flores (at right, in white) goes airborne to score the Longhorns' first goal in an eventual 2-1 victory over Seven Lakes in the Region III semifinals April 7 at Abshier Stadium in Deer Park. Also in on the play for Dobie was Sebastian Leal (6) and Edwin Saldivar (10).

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As the Region III championship shootout started against Channelview April 8, at Abshier Stadium, Longhorn teammates, from left, Sabino Lozano (9), Raul Hernandez (22), Andy Garcia (7) and Ivan Diaz (12) band together at midfield. The Longhorns went on to win the shootout by a 7-6 count, and the championship celebration began as Dobie qualified for the state tournament for the first time in program history.

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At right, Dobie midfielder Sebastian Leal (6) and defender Ilsen Urrutia (3) encircle Channelview's Rafael Limon (14) during the late stages of the Region III championship match April 8, at Deer Park ISD's Abshier Stadium. The Dobie defense, along with goalkeeper Ramon Cahue, allowed just two goals in four playoff matches spanning 320 minutes of action. Although Channelview held the only lead over Dobie in the playoffs, the Longhorns came back to take a 2-1 advantage. After a 2-2 tie ended regulation, the two teams battled through a pair of hothum overtimes before the shootout. That's where Dobie took over to advance to state for the first time in program history. Dobie enters the state tournament at 20-2-4.

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Three other Dobie varsity boys' soccer teams tried but came up just shy of the Region III Final Four, but not this time. In a sudden death shootout, the Longhorns defeated Channelview (7-6) after the two teams had played to a 2-2 tie through regulation and a pair of 10-minute overtime sessions, reaching state after a brilliant playoff runs. In five playoff matches, the Longhorns trailed just

once, a 1-0 early deficit against Channelview. But the Longhorns fought back with goals from Bryan Nava and Israel Perez 30 seconds apart with roughly six minutes to play in the first half. Although Channelview tied things on a goal with 10 minutes left in regulation, the Longhorns persevered in the shootout.

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