

CBCMUD voting begins

Early voting for the May 7 Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District board election will begin Monday, April 25, and continue through Tuesday, May 3. Incumbent Kelly Buckman (who is serving the remainder of her late husband Steve Buckman's term) will face challengers Chris McDonald and Lionel Butler in the race. Early voting will take place from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Clear Brook City MUD building at 11911 Blackhawk. No elections will be held in the Kirkmont and Sage-meadow MUDs, as all incumbents are running unopposed.

Melillo Carnival April 22

Melillo Middle School will hold its eighth annual Spring Carnival April 22 from 6 to 8 p.m. Events include a dunking booth, obstacle course, rock wall, DJ and music, cake walk and silent auction baskets. Concessions will have turkey legs, sausage-on-a-stick, snow cones, nachos, popcorn and chopped barbecue sandwiches.

Dolphins continue sign-ups

The Southbelt Dolphins will accept registration for cheer/drill/mascot members (age 4 through 13 as of Aug. 1, 2016) April 22 and May 26, at Armadillo Lanes from 6:30 to 8 p.m. For information, direct email to Tiffany Scimmons at SBDDrill@yahoo.com.

CCFA meets April 26

The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA) Bay Area Support Group will meet Tuesday, April 26, at 7:30 p.m. at State Farm Insurance, 12941 Gulf Freeway, Suite 101. Patients and caregivers are invited to attend. Meetings are free.

Lariaettes set Spring Show

The J. Frank Dobie Lariaettes and Dance Department will hold its annual Spring Show, *When I Grow Up...* April 28, 29 and 30 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium at Dobie. Admission is \$10, and tickets can be purchased presale from any Lariaette, or at the door while supplies last. Come and support the Lariaettes and dance students as they perform for the last time during the 2015-2016 school year.

PISD informational meeting

Informational meetings will be held by the Pasadena Independent School District on April 28, 2016, to seek public comment on the needs and uses of Title I, II, III and IDEA B Federal funds. The meetings are scheduled at 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. in the Special Programs Office at the Pasadena ISD Administration Building, 1515 Cherrybrook in Pasadena. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss how the district uses these funds to provide supplemental support in improving the district's Special Programs. For more information, contact the district office at 713-740-0225.

Dobie Band hosts car show

The Dobie Longhorn Band will host its sixth Annual Car Show, sponsored by O'Reilly Auto Parts, on Saturday, April 30, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Beverly Hills Intermediate School, 11111 Beamer Road. Registration will be from 8 to 11:30 a.m. Car/motorcycle entry fee is \$25. The first 50 entrants will receive a goodie bag and T-shirt. Trophies will be awarded. A vendor and craft show will also be held at the event. Vendor slots are \$25 each.

Recycling, pill take-back set

Precinct 2 in partnership with AARP, Councilmember Gloria Gallegos, DEA and Raul Yzaguirre School for Success, will host a free shredding and pill take-back event on Saturday, April 30, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Raul Yzaguirre School for Success, 2950 Broadway in Houston. Volunteers are needed to help pass out information, etc. AARP will furnish breakfast, snacks, lunch and drinks for all volunteers.

Bring old documents, unused medication, and broken electronics to be disposed of and recycled safely. For additional information or to volunteer, call Precinct 2 Sgt. Cindy Vara-Leija at 713-274-6172.

Gulf Freeway closures set

All northbound lanes on the Gulf Freeway between Bay Area Boulevard and El Dorado Boulevard will be closed overnight Saturday, April 23, from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. Motorists will need to exit at Bay Area, travel through the bell curve and enter the freeway at the next entrance ramp.

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 nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Saturday, May 14. Alternate exit and entrance ramps closed.

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. through Monday, May 16. Alternate exit and entrance ramps closed.

Severe thunderstorms strike South Belt

The South Belt community was hit hard by thunderstorms early Monday, April 18, with the area receiving roughly 4 inches of rain.

According to the Harris County Flood Control District, the Beamer ditch rain gauge at Hughes

Road recorded 3.91 inches of rain in less than six hours, with the vast majority taking place in just two hours between around 7:30 and 9:30 a.m.

The Pasadena and Clear Creek school districts were among the few school districts that opted

to remain open. The two school districts, however, later reversed their decision and dismissed students early. While the South Belt received extensive flooding, the *Leader* heard no reports of house flooding.

Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner canceled his State of the City presentation and instructed all non-essential city employees to stay home. Municipal court operations were also temporarily put on hold.

"This is a dangerous situation, and I do not want our employees trying to get to work," Turner said. "All Houstonians need to stay off the roads. Do not go out until conditions improve."

Several freeways were closed due to high water, and approximately 120,000 citizens were left without power.

In response to the storm, Turner established the Greater Houston Storm Relief Fund to accept

flood relief donations. Waste Management Inc. made an initial donation of \$50,000 to the fund.

"We've been hearing from residents who are confused about where they should donate to get assistance directly to the residents of our city who are suffering," Turner said. "The creation of this fund will ensure the dollars donated stay in our community. The fund will focus on aiding storm victims and relief organizations in Harris, Fort Bend and Montgomery counties."

To donate, go to www.houstonrecovers.org and follow the instructions.

While the South Belt community was significantly affected by the storm, the area was spared the brunt of the rainfall, as other parts of town reportedly received up to 20 inches of precipitation.

At least seven people were killed as a result of the high water, city officials said.

Beamer ditch reaches peak



The South Belt community suffered extensive flooding the morning of Monday, April 18. According to the Harris County Flood Control District, the Beamer ditch at Hughes Road (shown above) recorded 3.91 inches of rain in less than six hours. Other parts of town reported up to 20 inches of rain. At least seven people were killed. Photo by Jim Elder

Morris to host student safety event

Morris Middle School will host its Keeping Our Kids Safe Expo Thursday, April 21, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

"Morris Middle School strives to bridge our students, parents and school community with important information, meaningful educational experiences and a safe environment that fosters learning and motivates our students to be successful," said Andrea Ross Branch, Morris sixth-grade counselor and parent coordinator. "Multiple evaluations have shown that a caring school community creates significant positive effects on students' motivation to achieve. A caring school community helps students' positive

social tendencies, reducing incidents of bullying and vandalism, and increases school attendance. In view of that, we are inviting our community partners from various fields to share information with our Morris family so that we can help keep our students safe."

School officials are currently seeking volunteers to assist with the program.

"Yes, it does take a village to raise a child, and your participation in our Keeping Our Kids Safe night will be a highlight to our event," Branch said. "A safe and healthy child is a better learner."

For additional information, contact Branch at 713-740-0672 or abranch@pasadenaisd.org.

HPD gives "slider" prevention tips

The *Leader* has received multiple reports in recent weeks of vehicles being burglarized at local gas stations while drivers are distracted filling their tanks.

The Houston Police Department refers to the crooks as "sliders" because of their ability to slide in and out of a car without being noticed.

The thieves generally prey on women drivers, who often leave their purses and other valuables in plain view.

The crimes usually happen as the women go inside to pay, but the *Leader* has heard reports of some victims being burglarized while they remain next to their vehicles and pay at the pump.

According to police, some of the crooks have become so good at sliding, they don't even need to leave the getaway vehicle to pull off the crime. They merely pull up to the victim's car and reach

in to steal items, before speeding away.

Many of the crimes take place at stores with easy freeway access, such as the gas stations located at Kroger and H-E-B along the beltway.

HPD and the Loss Prevention Alliance have offered the following tips to avoid falling victim to sliders:

- Always lock doors when inside and outside the vehicle.
- If valuables are in the car, keep them hidden.
- Always be aware of the surroundings and keep an eye out for suspicious activity.
- At night, always park in a well-lit area.
- Always keep the windows rolled up enough so an arm cannot be inserted through the opening.

While the majority of these crimes happen at gas stations, police said drivers should be alert in all public places.

Car flips on Beamer at Astoria



Lt. Giovanni "Gio" Liceaga of the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department is shown above responding to an accident that took place Thursday, April 14, on Beamer at Astoria. A white truck (not pictured) reportedly ran a stop light and struck the above vehicle, causing it to roll over multiple times. The drivers of both vehicles were transported to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital (shown in the background) with non-life-threatening injuries. Photo by Marie Flickinger

20th annual cook-off heats up

Following months of preparation, the 20th annual South Belt Spectacular Cook-off is set to take place Thursday, April 28, through Saturday, April 30, at El Franco Lee Park, located at 9400 Hall Road. Thursday is primarily for cooks move-in.

Organized by the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department, the event is the sole fundraiser for the annual South Belt Fourth of July fireworks display, also held at the area park. Any additional funds raised will be set aside for scholarships and other community projects.

With more than 80 cooking teams registered (occupying 160 spots), this year's cook-off will be the largest in the event's history.

While evenings at the function are geared more for adults, Saturday afternoon is intended for families, with children 12 and under being admitted for free with the purchase of an adult ticket.

Free children's activities include moonwalks, rock climbing, pony rides, a petting zoo, a train, an obstacle course, face painting, hair braiding, a police helicopter and cruiser, a fire engine and ambulance display and photos with a live Watusi

bull named Oliver.

This year's event will once again feature a coin-in-a-haystack game, in which children will sort through hay to find cash. The contest will take place Saturday afternoon, with children being divided into different age groups.

"It's the largest event of the year in the South Belt community," said event chair Dean Baier. "It's a great place to take your kids or grandkids."

While no outside alcohol will be 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, nachos, cotton candy and snow cones.

Additional parking and shuttle service will be available at Dobie High School.

Admission will be \$10 on Friday and \$5 on Saturday before 4 p.m. and \$10 after.

Organizers are currently seeking volunteers and food judges.

For additional information, call Linda Arnone at 281-484-4325.

See related ads on Page 5A and 6A.

Howard stays dry



South Belt Elementary Principal Candy Howard is shown to the left trying to stay dry as she escorts students out of class early on Monday, April 18, due to the inclement weather. While both the Pasadena and Clear Creek school districts initially opted to remain open, the two districts later decided to dismiss students early. Classes resumed on Tuesday as planned. All San Jacinto College campuses were closed due to the storm.

Photo by Davy Flickinger

Dobie groundbreaking postponed

Pasadena Independent School District officials have postponed the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Dobie ninth-grade center, originally scheduled for Tuesday, April 19, due to inclement weather.

A rescheduled date was unavailable at press time.

Approved by voters in November 2014 as part of a \$175 million bond package, the campus will be located at the southeast corner of Fuqua and Monroe. Construction is expected to cost roughly \$33 million.

The new center is needed to alleviate overcrowding at the area school, as Dobie has been at its maximum capacity for several years.

When the new Blackhawk campus was constructed as part of a 2000 bond issue, it was designed to accommodate 3,000 students. A subsequent bond issue in 2004 increased student capacity by 525, bringing the total to 3,525.

Campus enrollment topped 4,000 students at the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year.

Last school year, the campus had 14 portable buildings, including 12 double-classroom buildings and two quad-classroom buildings.

In the fall of 2014, Dobie was named one of the 100 largest high schools in America. With a reported 3,452 students, Dobie ranked No. 88 on the list.

According to PISD officials, however, Dobie's enrollment at the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year was actually 3,708 students (1,005 freshmen, 994 sophomores, 887 juniors and 822 seniors). Using this figure, the school would have been ranked No. 56 on the list.

By 2018-19, enrollment at Dobie is expected to reach 4,200. PISD officials expect the proposed campus to reduce enrollment at the primary campus to approximately 3,100-3,200 students, with a capacity for enrollment at the ninth-grade center of 1,000-1,100 students.

The facility will house only first year ninth graders. Students will have the same academic and extra-curricular opportunities as students on the main campus.

School officials hope the ninth-grade campus will help intermediate students make a smooth transition into high school.

"Ninth graders will have an additional year in which to get into the routine of high school," said Dobie Principal Franklin Moses. "Research shows that the transition into high school is the most difficult and crucial for students. We hope that with the ninth-grade center, the year will begin much like an intermediate school and by June, it will look like Dobie High School."

The campus is expected to open in August 2017 for the 2017-2018 school year.

In My Opinion

Construction: Kirkfair @ Blackhawk

We are the leaders of New Covenant Christian Church, the church that owns the lot located at the corner of Kirkfair and Blackhawk. A concerned neighbor recently wrote a letter to the *South Belt-Ellington Leader* about the construction activity on our lot that was published in the January 21, 2016 edition. Thank you Ms. Fernandez for your inquiry and to the *South Belt-Ellington Leader* for the opportunity to address the concern.

Last year, the Sagemont Utility District began repairs to infrastructure in our neighborhood streets. I'm sure many have seen the utility work in Kirkwood South and Sagemeadow. The Utility District has contracted the services to a construction company and that company uses our lot to store heavy equipment, machinery, tools, dirt and concrete. It is true that Monday through Friday (and occasionally on Saturdays) the company comes in the morning around 7:00 a.m. to pick up the equipment they need and returns it to the lot in the evening around 6:00 p.m. But there is no on-going construction on our lot. The company originally anticipated the job would be finished this month; however, as we all can see, the repairs are still happening. All of us who frequently travel our community streets will

be happy when the repairs are complete. In the meantime, we look forward to the long range benefits of the project – better infrastructure.

**Bishop Bill Hines, Pastor
Cheryl Hines, Co-Pastor**

Mitchell expresses gratitude for Pct. 2

Many times the South Belt area has been referred to as a small town within a large city. To complete that feeling we have our Pct. 2 deputies. Constable Chris Diaz and his deputies are all about community. They make themselves available for parades, community fun events, schools etc. This is in addition to protecting our community. Where else can you have a response time of 2 to 3 minutes? Constable Diaz sets the example of how to respect and care for a community.

I would like to give a special shout out to Lt. Mike Kritzer and Sgt. Robert Sanchez. I found myself in a situation during the flooding on April 18 that I never imagined I would be in. I got stuck in flood waters rising in our neighborhood. My car stalled out and I was sitting there really considering having an all-out panic. I contacted the constable's office and they came to my rescue. Saved my car and got me safely home. I have always been so impressed by "our guys", but they are beyond wonderful.

Sally Mitchell

Elected officials share their words

Olson seeks high school students for Youth Advisory Council

Rep. Pete Olson, Texas-22, calls on all high school juniors and seniors in the 22nd District of Texas to apply to participate in the Congressional Youth Advisory Council (CYAC). Through CYAC, Olson gains insight from students across TX-22 and encourages them to work hard and accomplish their academic goals.

"These high school students are our future leaders," Olson said. "This Youth Advisory

Council allows students to better understand the inner workings of government and gain exposure to local industry leaders. It also encourages community participation at an early age. I look forward to working with and learning from these bright students."

The council meets three times within the school year and includes a roundtable discussion on current events, as well as learning the pivotal role of lawmakers, experts

and citizens in a democracy. These high-achieving students will be considered Ambassadors for Congressman Olson and will be asked to provide feedback on legislation working its way through Congress.

Completed applications are due to the Sugar Land or Pearland office by May 27. For applications and more information, visit Olson's website at <http://1.usa.gov/23F7b0q>.

Sales Tax Holiday on emergency preparation supplies April 23-25

With the potential for severe weather approaching this spring, Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar reminds Texans they can purchase certain supplies tax-free during the Emergency Preparation Supplies Sales Tax Holiday, April 23-25.

"The severe weather, fire and flooding we had last year provided a stark reminder that Texans should be prepared for any emergency," Hegar said. "This tax holiday allows people to save money while ensuring they have the supplies

they need if disaster strikes." There's no limit on the number of qualifying items you can purchase. These include:

- batteries, fuel containers, and flashlights priced at less than \$75;
 - hurricane shutters and emergency ladders priced at less than \$300; and
 - portable generators priced at less than \$3,000.
- Purchases that do not qualify include:
- batteries for automobiles, boats and other motor-

ized vehicles;

- camping stoves and camping supplies; and
- chainsaws.

A list of emergency preparation supplies that may be purchased tax-free can be found on the comptroller's website.

The comptroller's office estimates shoppers will save \$1.4 million in state and local sales taxes during the tax holiday. The sales tax holiday was approved by lawmakers during the 2015 Texas Legislature.

Adopt-A-Beach Spring Cleanup April 23

The 2016 Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach Spring Cleanup will be held Saturday, April 23. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., and cleanup will be from 9 a.m. to noon at 30 sites coast-wide. Volunteers can sign up online at www.TexasAdoptABeach.org or show up on-site Saturday morning, and are advised to wear closed-toe shoes, bring sunscreen and plenty of drinking water. The event will be held rain or shine.

If unable to volunteer, tax-deductible donations can be made online at www.TexasAdoptABeach.org. Sponsorship levels are also available ranging from \$25 to \$25,000, allowing both individuals and corporations to contribute.

To learn more about the program, visit www.TexasAdoptABeach.org or contact the GLO at 1-877-TX COAST.

Catholic Daughters sponsor Sock & Wipe Drive

For the last several years, Court Mother of Unity 2292 has sponsored a sock and wipe drive for the military and are asking for the donations once again. Socks must be tube socks so they don't slip down into the boot, and they may be either black or white. Wipes must be individually wrapped so they may be tucked in a shirt pocket or backpack.

Donations may be dropped off at the *South Belt Leader* office at 11555 Beamer Road, St. Luke's Church at 11011 Hall Road in the church Narthex, or call 281-484-4170 for pick up. Also, a check may be made out to CDA Court #2292, with Military Drive in the subject line, and sent to Catholic Daughters, 11010 Hall Road, Houston, TX 77089. The drive will run through Mother's Day, May 8.

Library seeks book donations

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

Free tutoring at St. Luke's

St. Luke's Catholic church, 11011 Hall Road, offers free tutoring on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Education Building, Room 2, for grades K-12 and college. For more information, contact Joe Pavlicek at 281-484-1397.

Local library events set

Parker Williams Branch

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

Thursday, April 21, from 3 to 5 p.m. – Sun Hat Craft. Personalize one's own hat with beads, flowers, ribbons, markers, etc. Supplies will be furnished, but participants are welcome to bring some of their own. Recommended for adults and children 10 years+ when accompanied by a parent.

Friday, April 22, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. – Teen SRP Decoration Work.

Wednesday, April 27, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. – Free Computer Class – Email Basics. Registration is required.

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

Bracewell Branch Library

The following events are scheduled for April at the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint.

Tuesdays – Pre-K Storytime (ages 3-5 years and their parents/caregivers) from 10:30 to 11 a.m.; Storytime Craft from 11 to 11:30 a.m.

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

Thursday, April 21 – Not Your Mama's Book Club will discuss *The Martian*, by Andy Weir, from 6 to 7:45 p.m.

Saturday, April 30 – Spanish Computer Classes from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

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

For more information on all programs, call the Bracewell Branch Library at 832-393-2580.

Hobby wins HBJ partnership award

A successful partnership that helped bring international travel back to William P. Hobby Airport was honored April 14, when the international concourse project was named the winner in the Houston Business Journal's annual Landmark Awards for the Public/Private Partnership category.

More than 400 business people attended the 2016 Landmark Awards event at the Omni Hotel to find out which real estate projects were named winners in 17 categories. The annual Landmark Awards recognize real estate projects that make a significant impression on the Houston landscape and improve the look, feel and image of Houston. Award-winning projects are marked by excellence in land planning, design, construction, economics, marketing and management. Nominations were open to all real estate activity occurring in the greater Houston area from Jan. 1, 2015, through Dec. 31, 2015. Projects must have been substantially completed, financially viable and open to the public. Entries were judged on impact to Houston, such as job creation, innovation, best use of land, site plan, development of surrounding neighborhoods, visual plan, amenities and being environmentally friendly.

"The Hobby Airport System would like to thank the members of the Houston Business Journal selection committee for recognizing the efforts and partnership with Southwest Airlines, as well as the importance of the ambitious project at Hobby Airport," said Jesus Saenz, the General Manager for William P. Hobby Airport who also directed the airport system's activation team on the project. "Houston has a well-

earned reputation as a great place to do business, but it also features world-class amenities and an amazing quality of life. This partnership with Southwest will help provide limitless opportunities for businesses, residents and tourists from the Americas to experience all of that."

The 280,000-square-foot complex, which opened in mid-October 2015, is testimony to the power of effective partnerships. From its opening to the end of 2015, Hobby Airport serviced more than 145,000 international passengers traveling to destinations throughout Mexico, Latin America and the Caribbean, and is expected to eventually see more than 1 million additional international travelers on a yearly basis. That will continue to grow Hobby's presence in the region, and add to the record 12 million passengers it served in 2015.

The new facility features a five-gate concourse, a Federal Inspection Station (FIS), Southwest Airlines ticketing hall and an expanded security checkpoint, and is the result of a far-reaching partnership struck between the City of Houston and Southwest Airlines in 2012. The low-cost carrier agreed to cover expenses associated with the concourse while the Hobby Airport System spearheaded the drive to construct a number of enabling projects, including a new 3,000-space parking garage and roadway.

As part of Southwest Airlines' \$156 million commitment, the new facility boasts a new, modern concourse, gate area and FIS facility. The concourse utilizes five gates – "swing gates" that can accommodate both international and domestic travelers – and is complemented by an expansive ticketing area

equipped with self-tagging kiosks to speed up the check-in process, abundant seating in the gate areas that feature seats with electric outlets for charging phones and personal devices, and modern customs facilities that include 14 Automated Passport Control and six Global Entry kiosks to streamline U.S. Customs and Border Protection screening and baggage processing for arriving international passengers.

For its part, the Hobby Airport System invested in an ambitious improvement program, including a new 1 million square foot parking garage. The \$55 million facility will provide 3,000 additional spaces, bringing the total at Hobby Airport to more than 7,200 when completed and addressing the growing demand for parking for years to come. The garage will feature new signage with integrated car counts that enable drivers to know how many spaces are available in a given direction, and is directly connected to the new ticket lobby by a climate-controlled pedestrian bridge that offers safe access and shelter from the elements.

A bi-level roadway system – improvements that feature a widened upper ramp, additional space to drop off passengers, and clearly defined lanes on the lower level for picking up arriving passengers – a newly-constructed satellite utilities plant that supports the needs of the new concourse and places Hobby Airport in an excellent position to accommodate future growth, and visual enhancements such as modern signs as well as landscaping, fencing and lighting along Airport Boulevard, provide additional finishing touches and enhanced levels of customer service.

PLT presents Barefoot in the Park by Neil Simon

Pasadena Little Theatre, Houston's oldest community theatre in continuous operation, continues its 61st season, the Season of Dreams, with *Barefoot in the Park* by Neil Simon.

Barefoot in the Park is a romantic comedy focusing on a pair of newlyweds, Corie and Paul, as they begin married life in a tiny, 5th-floor walkup apartment in a Manhattan brownstone. Paul is a straight-laced attorney; Corie is a far more spontaneous, free spirit. As

the young couple contend with a lack of heat, a skylight that leaks snow, several long flights of stairs, oddball neighbor Victor Velasco, and Corie's well-meaning mother, they must also reconcile their own personal differences in how they approach life's challenges. Adjusting to married life isn't so easy!

PLT's presentation of *Barefoot in the Park* features as director well-known actor and director, Julie Owen, along with an outstanding cast. This production opens on

May 6, and continues week-ends through May 22. Friday and Saturday showtimes are 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 3 p.m. There is one Thursday show at 8 p.m. on May 19. This is PLT's special Two-Can-Attend for \$20 night.

Ticket prices are \$15 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors. To purchase tickets, make reservations or for more information, call the box office at 713-941-1758, or log on to www.pasadenalittletheatre.org.



Left to right, Shannon Zamora, Jada August, Revis Bell and Russell Swanson discuss dinner plans in Pasadena Little Theatre's presentation of Neil Simon's *Barefoot In The Park*. Photo submitted

CCISD Education Foundation seeks nominees for annual awards

Nominations are currently being accepted for annual awards for Distinguished Clear Creek Independent School District (CCISD) Alumni, CCISD Superstars and the Dennis Johnson

Memorial Small Business Award. Recipients are selected by the Clear Creek Education Foundation.

The Distinguished Alumni award is presented to a CCISD graduate who has

excelled in his or her chosen profession and has made a significant contribution to his/her community.

The CCISD Superstar is an individual who has made exceptional contributions that benefited the district (may or may not be a CCISD graduate).

The Dennis Johnson Memorial Small Business Award will go to an individual who has made exceptional contributions that benefit the district and community as a small business owner.

Nomination forms may be found on the Education Foundation website at www.clearcreekeducationfoundation.org.

All nominations must be submitted by Monday, Aug. 1, 2016.

Nominations may be mailed to the Clear Education Foundation, P.O. Box 1631, League City, TX 77574 or emailed to kaci.hanson@clearcreekeducationfoundation.org.

Awards will be presented at the Education Foundation Annual Gala on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2016, at South Shore Harbour Resort.

Deaths

Wallace "Wally" Williams



Wallace "Wally" Williams, 95, of Monroe, La., died Wednesday, April 6, 2016, at his daughter's residence surrounded by his family.

Williams grew up on Crowley's Ridge in Arkansas, and at the age of 14 went on the road to play guitar for the Arizona Cowboys. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He married Helen Perruchon, and after the war they moved to Little Rock, Ark., where he worked in sporting goods sales for Bush-Caldwell and Company. They moved to Monroe in 1951 where he continued working for Bush-Caldwell.

After his career in sales, Williams bought and managed Monroe Loan and Pawn. Upon his retirement, he began playing music with his partners at area nursing homes. He was known as a gifted guitar player and entertained and brought smiles to the residents for more than 30 years.

Williams is preceded in death by his wife, Helen R. Williams; son-in-law David Peak; his parents; six brothers; and three sisters.

Survivors include five children: Gerald Williams (Teresa), Glenn Williams (Leda) of South Belt, Ricky Williams (Kathy), Sandra Williams (Walter), and Gina Peak; grandchildren: Leslie Langston, Anna Claire Boatwright, Shea Bookout, Scott Williams, Cliff Williams, Craig Williams, Rick Williams, Sarah Mathers, Lane Shelton, Erin Peak, Adam Peak, Wendy Giovingo, Lee Williams, IV, Jamie McCollough, Eugenia Francoise, Farron McCollough, and Chad Williams; 16 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

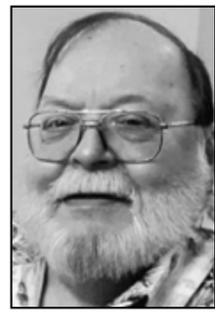
Pallbearers were his grandsons, Scott Williams, Cliff Williams, Craig Williams, Chad Williams, Lane Shelton, Rick Williams and Adam Peak.

Honorary pallbearers were Williams' music buddies, Murray Biedenharn, Jeff Hicks, Ken Beard, Josh Madden, Ken Page and Haley Yarbrough.

A Vigil Wake Service was held at 6 p.m. Sunday, April 10, 2016, at Mulhearn Funeral Home in Monroe, La.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 11, in the chapel of Mulhearn Funeral Home in Monroe, La., with the Rev. Richard Norsworthy officiating. Interment followed at Mulhearn Memorial Park Cemetery in Monroe.

Durhmon M. Jennings



Durhmon Martin Jennings, 64, died peacefully at his home in Hitchcock, Texas, on Tuesday, March 15, 2016. He was born on Aug. 1, 1951, in Bryan, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his son, Matthew Lee Jennings, and parents Tyre Lee Jennings III and Madylene Halliburton Jennings.

Jennings is survived by his sister, Linda Holder, husband Mickey and nieces Donna, Laura and Denise; sister Kay Montgomery of South Belt, husband David and nieces Sarah, Rebecca, Dalynn and nephew Jeffrey; three great-nephews Andrew, Ryan and Keller and great-niece Madylene; his aunt, Daryl Terry; cousin Nancy; and other extended family and many friends.

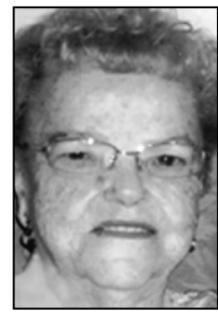
As a youth, Jennings was an athlete and excelled at baseball, pitching from his early years in Little League teams through his high school years at Sam Rayburn. He was co-owner of a Corporate Housing company in California. Upon returning to Texas, he pursued a career in sales.

Jennings spent many hours hunting and fishing. He loved to tell jokes.

A graveside service in Jennings' honor will be held Friday, April 22, 2016, at South

Park Cemetery on Highway 35 in Pearland. Immediately following the service, a luncheon will be served for family and friends at a local church.

Elinor Ruth Melanson



Elinor Ruth "Ellie" Melanson, 80, longtime South Belt resident, died on Tuesday, April 19, 2016, after suffering from brain aneurysms. She was born in Northampton, Mass., on July 6, 1935. She graduated from Commerce High School in Springfield in 1953.

Melanson was a secretary and a homemaker. She loved making crafts and doing shows during the holidays. She loved the time she spent with her many friends, especially playing cards and games.

Melanson was preceded in death by her husband of 41 years, Robert Lee Melanson.

She is survived by her two sisters, Lois Camp and Janet Kirby; her three children, Jonathan P. Melanson and fiancée Areli Cao Romero, James R. Melanson and fiancée Ricki Freeman, and Lori A. Baker and husband Wayne Baker; grandchildren: Chad Melanson and wife Jackie, Brittny Melanson, Mat Fowler, James Melanson Jr., Angela Melanson and Chas Pustejovsky; two great-grandchildren: Austin Melanson and Jax Melanson.

The viewing will be at Forest Park East Funeral Home in Webster on Thursday, April 21, 2016, from 5 to 8 p.m. The funeral will be held Friday, April 22, at 3 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Crossroads United Methodist Church, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd.

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Free Kids Fun Zone at the South Belt Cookoff Saturday April 30th 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission for ages 12 & under

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Robotics students headed to inaugural NASA Swarmathon competition

Several robotics students will represent San Jacinto College as they team with the University of Houston-Clear Lake (UHCL) to compete in NASA's inaugural Swarmathon robotics competition at NASA Kennedy Space Center in Florida April 18-22.

Twelve teams representing 14 minority serving universities and community colleges nationwide were selected to compete in the physical Swarmathon competition, and 23 additional teams will compete in the virtual competition. San Jacinto College, in partnership with UHCL, as well as the University of Houston main campus, are the only two participating teams from Texas.

The NASA Swarmathon is a cooperative robotics challenge where teams will be challenged to develop search algorithms for robotic swarms. "Swarmies" are small robotic vehicles designed based on the behaviors of ants foraging for food.

Behaviors such as movement, returning to food locations, and communication were studied and translated into adaptive search algorithms. These search algorithms can be applied to space exploration missions which will require the identification and retrieval of resources on the moon, Mars, or other extra planetary surfaces. Each competition Swarmie is equipped with sensors, a webcam, GPS system, and Wi-Fi antenna. They operate autonomously and can be programmed to communicate and interact as a collective swarm.

Twenty-year-old San Jacinto College student Amalia Peña was a natural fit for this robotics challenge. As part of the imaging team, Peña described making the final touches to their portion of the Swarmie's programming. "Even though I'm a beginner in C++ language, I'm learning a lot by working on this competition," said Peña. "Right now we're trying to tweak

the Swarmie's programming more to better read a line in virtual reality, which basically means having the robot retrieve something but staying within the boundaries we assign to it."

In addition to being the most effective way to scour large territories for resources, robotic swarms are more robust, flexible, and scalable than larger, singular robots operating alone. Combining new algorithms, hardware and sensors, and traditional computational techniques for search, learning, and data accumulation will greatly improve Swarm robotics technology as it develops.

That's where 25-year-old San Jacinto College robotics student Travis Ketchum comes in. While also working with Peña and the imaging team, Ketchum's role is primarily on the software and hardware team that collaborates with UHCL. "We're all going through the code piece by piece trying to optimize the

algorithm software-wise in order to increase its efficiency with resource collection," said Ketchum. "I'm benefiting a lot from the experience of the faculty mentors and the software teams at San Jacinto College and UHCL. It's been a really great experience to learn more about robotics and how software teams work. I'm looking forward to seeing how other teams implemented things and what direction they took with the software."

Having students represent the college in this inaugural NASA robotics competition is a testament to the program itself. "I think it's really cool that we were selected for the most difficult NASA competition," said San Jacinto College mathematics and engineering professor, and Swarmathon faculty mentor, Nate Wiggins. "It really shows that we have a very advanced partnership with UHCL that allows our students to go from basic freshman level all the way up through graduate school. It's a very precise, clear pathway, and we've seen a lot of our students get internships with NASA, Boeing, and other places nearby. Our students are also getting great REUs (research experiences for undergraduates) by participating in the NASA Swarmathon, and it really speaks well for our engineering program."

After the competition, Wiggins' students will shift roles from being students to teachers. "Our students do great recruiting for the robotics program by doing outreach with local middle and high schools, showing them the opportunities that are available at San Jacinto College," he said. "A lot of high school students are involved in Lego Leagues and the First Tech Challenge, so we want to show them that those same skills can be adapted and taken up through industry. I think robotics and the video games that we all enjoy turn into medical, financial, defense, and many other areas. Students don't realize that learning a little bit of robotics or gaming can turn into a huge high-paying career later."

For more information on the San Jacinto College engineering program, visit sanjac.edu/career/engineering.

AVID students visit University of Houston



Thompson and Beverly Hills Intermediate AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) students attended the University of Houston on Thursday, March 31, for a guided tour. This was the second collaborative excursion between the two schools. "One of the components of AVID is collaboration and this field trip truly embodied that," explained Nicole Horne-Sherman, Thompson's AVID teacher. "The students had a great time and enjoyed joining forces to view such a beautiful campus." AVID students pictured with the UH cougar mascot are, left to right, (first row) Sarah Maryum, Alyssa Torres, Kari Leija, Paul Newman, Neriah Nanez, Bianca Ontiveros, Andrea Garibay, Ivana Coto, Janie Garcia, Natalie Quinteros, Jessenia Guevara, Jasmine Soto, Han Nguyen, Stacia Perales, Taiya Mitchell, Kaylee Chandler, Nalliyah Jenkins, Miquela Guajardo, Azhia Alvarez (squatting), Alissa Vara, Ashly Garcia, Hoan Doan, Jose Ovalle, (middle row, right of mascot) Alexis Perez, Selesté Martinez, Jalen Ina, Marco Zendejas, Javier Ruiz, (back row) Tristin Pozo, Lee Frost, Logan Riggan, Erik Duran, Alfredo Arriaga, Gabriel Borrego, Sebastian Delgado, Rogelio Camarillo, Minh To, Jeremiah Little, Gualupe Benavidez, Oscar Velasquez, Angel Aguilar, Noah Gonzalez, Jorge Guerra, Imegen Torres and Mayela Garcia. Photo submitted



San Jacinto College robotics students will join University of Houston-Clear Lake students as a combined team competing in the inaugural NASA Swarmathon competition in Florida. Pictured, San Jacinto College robotics students Luis Pantoja (left) and Bernardo Ramos (right) make wheel adjustments for the "Swarmie" robot featured in the competition. Photo by Andrea Vasquez

Dance concert Kaleidoscope to showcase variety of styles

San Jacinto College's spring dance concert, *Kaleidoscope*, will feature 13 performances created and performed by faculty, guest artists, and student dancers and choreographers. A variety of styles will be showcased, including modern dance, jazz, break dancing, and dance theatre.

The multimedia show will be performed at the San Jacinto College South on Friday, April 29, and Saturday, April 30, at 7:30 p.m. on both nights at the Marie Spence Flickinger Fine Arts Center, 13735 Beamer Road in Houston. General admission is \$10 per person, and \$5 for San Jacinto College students and employees.

Some of the featured performances include:

- *Fuel, Set, Halt*, choreographed by dance instructor

Laura Harrell, is a high-energy modern dance work that explores the idea of interruptions in day-to-day life. It explores aggression and competitive energy, and a referee's whistle halts production to illustrate the concept. The work represented San Jacinto College at the American College Dance Festival in March and was selected for presentation in the Gala Concert event.

• *Bookends*, a trio choreographed by student Courtney Locke, also represented San Jacinto College at the American College Dance Festival this year. Dancers Alejandro Barrasa, Taylor Brooks, and Courtney Locke perform a delicate and intimate portrayal of a love triangle. It is inspired by looking

back on one's past and confronting one's old self in order to move forward.

• *Different Strokes*, choreographed by dance program coordinator and concert director Jamie Williams, is a new work that explores the fusion of contemporary dance and hip-hop. The duet, performed by Tyler Archie and Jason Dang, is a highly athletic and stimulating work. "Tyler is such a beautiful contemporary dancer, and Dang is a very talented break-dancer," commented Williams. "I wanted to create a work that would compliment them both. This creative process has been highly collaborative, and involves fusing the two styles. We hope to present a work that is not only entertaining, but one that also holds artistic merit."

In addition to Barrasa, Brooks, Dang and Archie, other San Jacinto College student dancers in the concert include Juanita Alanis, Jessica Apande, Tiara Blake, Nerissa Contreras, Anitra Danielle, Alexis Garcia, Bethany Garcia, Breyonna Milton, Miguel Tabasco, Erik Olmos-Tristan, and Dalia Trejo. Faculty choreographers include Wendy Ellis, Stephanie Henderson, Jennifer Salter, Williams, and Harrell. Guest choreographers include Jennifer Mabus, and Lydia Hance. Student choreographers include Alanis, Blake and Locke.

To learn more about the San Jac dance program, visit sanjac.edu/career/dance.

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Iraqi refugee pours life as an American citizen into writings

By Reesha Brown
PISD Communications

It's been 10 years since Dobie High School senior Ahmed Badr's family fled their home in Baghdad, yet thoughts of his time there continue to echo in his mind. He keeps these memories close as a stark reminder of where he came from and how far he and his family have come as Iraqi refugees now living the American dream.

Badr poured recollections into his soon-to-be published memoir "The Residual." The book has been divided into three parts – Iraq, Syria and America – and mirrors his experience escaping the Iraqi war, fleeing to Syria and finally settling in the United States.

"The reason I want to tell people my story and get this book out is to destroy the stereotypes that accompany middle easterners in America," Badr said. "I've lived in both worlds and I feel like I can help close the cultural gap between the two."

But the book is only the beginning, he says. He has established a website, appropriately entitled, "Narratio," that empowers youth to share their narrative with the world through various forms of artistic expression such as poetry, art, photography and stories. Over 50 writers from around the globe have submitted works online. Badr is in the process of compiling their submissions into a booklet. He plans to publish the first edition – a 28-page poetry collection – in the summer to share with other American refugees and homeless youth in Houston.

Turning Point
Everything turned to pitch black when militia troops launched a dud missile that tore a hole through his home in Baghdad. Badr spent that night at his grandmother's house, while his parents and little sister stayed home.

"Every day I ask myself where I would have been if I had not decided to spend the night there," Badr said.

He returned home the following day to find his kitchen floor replaced with pieces of concrete and a hole in the ceiling of his bathroom where the missile came through. His father and sister were in the kitchen when it happened. His mother was in the bedroom. A few feet closer to where the missile entered his home and it could have killed his family.

They moved to Syria for safety and often returned to Iraq to visit family.

Surviving the devastating attack was only half the battle.

"My parents had to make a choice between staying in Iraq to have safety, be stable and struggle financially, because the Syrian economy was bad at that time, or go back to Iraq and risk safety and be relatively financially stable," Badr said.

His parents, Maytham Faris and Hanaa Fayyadh and his sister, Maryam, traveled back and forth between Syria and Iraq for a couple of years. On a return trip to Syria, Maytham learned from a bus driver about a U.N. refugee resettlement program – that relocates refugees to an asylum country. That would give them the peace and stability they had longed for in the land of opportunity.

"My dad didn't think we had anything to lose," he said.

"They [the UN refugee program] said you have four one-way tickets to Sioux Falls in South Dakota," Badr said. "We took about four plane rides and landed in America at J.F.K. airport in New York on May 19, 2008. That was our first day in America."

Refugees in America
Grappling with the recession, his family experienced financial woes their first year on U.S. soil, and several years

afterward until his freshman year at Dobie.

Out of work and with no extended family or friends to turn to, his family continued drifting from city to city, starting with Sioux Falls, S.D., and then Brookings, S.D. and on to Houston. His parents continued reaching for normalcy for their family. In their 50s, they both went back to school for master's degrees in engineering, but were out of work for about three years.

They found a new home in the Houston area.

"We came down in a white and black Buick Rendezvous SUV with everything that we owned," Badr said. "The drive took about 18 hours total. All four of us spent the first month in Houston living in a one-bedroom motel room because we were on Section 8 (government subsidized) housing, and were waiting for our application for housing to transfer."

Eventually his parents found work as sales associates at Walmart and Home Depot. That one glimmer of hope briefly diminished when Badr's mother was diagnosed with breast cancer.

But even through their darkest hours, Badr never lost hope for a brighter future.

"I think back on those times when my parents were unemployed from 2009-2013, and I think we had every reason to feel sad and feel like the world was against us, but now that I think about it – those were some of the best times of my life," Badr said.

As he reflected on those memories dating back to the Iraqi war, he recalled a quote from the opening of "A Tale of Two Cities" that summarized his experience perfectly. "It was the best of times, It was the worst of times," he said. "Due to the fact that we were so close and united in our struggle, my sister and I never truly felt how hard it



Dobie High School senior Ahmed Badr. Photo submitted

was because my parents gave us a bubble to live through it and exist as children. I think those were some of the most engaging times."

After rigorously searching for work for four years, his parents found jobs in their respective fields as civil engineers at the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality.

"I've read somewhere that the longer you wait for something, the more you appreciate it," Badr said. "At that moment, everything came together."

By the beginning of his junior year at Dobie, his mother was in remission and both parents had begun reconstructing new lives, with family and school at its core. He uses his experiences as inspiration for his work in the classroom and his websites.

Global Change Maker
At the end of his sophomore year, Badr was invited to attend a prestigious journalism conference at George Mason University in Washington, D.C.

"This was where I learned how to tell my story regarding the struggles and the triumphs," Badr said.

He was among the top echelon of news personalities, including Hoda Kotb from the "Today Show," and Candy Crowley of CNN. As part of their learning experience, the students were required to create a blog or a website that could serve as a platform for storytelling. And Mesopotami.com was born. "I put all of my photog-

raphy, my poetry, my stories and my essays into the site," Badr said. "That's when I realized I love putting stuff out there into the world for people to notice and enjoy."

He and a friend from his debate class created the website and it took off. Always searching for ways to make a difference, he decided he wanted to do more and reach more individuals so he founded Narratio.org, "an organization that provides a platform for youth to share their creative work with the world," he said.

"With Narratio, we wanted to broaden the definition of storytelling," Badr said.

In January, Badr was among only 30 teenagers across the globe chosen as a Global Teen Leader for starting Narratio. The We Are Family Foundation selects teens who are part of a project or an initiative that is making a difference in their communities. He was nominated for the program by Leslie Dwyer, a renowned associate professor at the George Mason University's School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution.

"At that point, it was almost validation for everything that Narratio was doing," Badr said.

As a Global Teen, Badr had the opportunity in March to spend a week at the Just Peace Summit in New York. He participated in different workshops daily and met numerous industry leaders and entertainers including Teun Voeten, a world renowned

photographer who has captured many wars and conflicts in various countries. Voeten will serve as Badr's mentor, helping him achieve his dreams of being published.

"The idea behind the Summit is to take youth who are making a difference from all over the world and give them the tools to amplify their voices," Badr said.

When he is not writing, he is keeping up with his studies and enjoys cycling. He takes Advanced Placement classes and participates in Academic Decathlon and debate. He has already received college acceptance letters from Wesleyan University, the University of Texas at Austin's Plan II Honors Program, and George Washington University.

Looking toward the future, he plans to continue making a difference after receiving his doctorate degree in international relations. His ultimate dream is to work at the United Nations and become an ambassador or "work in a field that has to do with human connection across different cultures."

His experience has taught him a valuable lesson about life. "The more you wait, the more you appreciate what you get," he said. But it's the lessons from his experiences abroad and at the Summit that have propelled him to continue his art as a storyteller.

"It's very helpful for me to get my message across and express myself," Badr said. "Writing has presented so many opportunities for me and opened up so many doors."

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San Jac events set

San Jacinto College recently released its upcoming Calendar of Events.

The San Jacinto College South campus is located at 13735 Beamer Road in Houston; the Central campus is at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena; and the North campus is at 5800 Uvalde Road in Houston.

Registration for summer classes
Registration for classes beginning May 16 and June 6 is open. Visit sanjac.edu/apply-register/overview/registration for more information on steps for registration.

History Matters Symposium
San Jacinto College North will host the History Matters Symposium on Friday, April 22, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. This event will take place in the lobby of the Science and Allied Health Building, Building 17. For more information, email john.gillespie@sjcd.edu.

Crosby Spring Arts Fest
San Jacinto College North will host the Crosby Spring Arts Fest on Friday, April 22, from 6 to 9 p.m., in the lobby of the Dr. Charles Grant Fine Arts Center, Building 1. For more information, email joel.clark@sjcd.edu.

A Woman's Worth, A Man's Value
The Upward Bound Math Science Academy will present *A Woman's Worth, A Man's Value* stage play on Saturday, April 23, at 5:30 p.m., in the Dr. Charles Grant Fine Arts Center, Building 1, Room 103, on the North campus. For more information, email jacqueline.howard@sjcd.edu.

Brass choir concert
The brass choir will present a Latin-flavored program featuring an arrangement of Lacuona's fiery *Malagueña* on Monday, April 25, at 7 p.m., in the Dr. Monte Blue Music Building on the Central campus. The concert will also include Mussorgsky's *Great Gate of Kiev*, Holst's *March from the Second Suite in F*, and an arrangement of Coldplay's *O*. It is free and open to the public.

Orpheus Society of Student Composers
The Orpheus Society for Student Composers will present a concert to feature an array of musical styles on Thursday, April 28, at 7 p.m., in the Dr. Monte Blue Music Building on the Central campus. The Orpheus Society allows opportunities for students to showcase original compositions in public concerts. This concert is free and open to the public.

Choral concert
Choral students will present an evening of song on Friday, April 29, at 7 p.m., in the Dr. Monte Blue Music Building on the Central campus. Singers in the concert are students of professors Zachary Bruton, Paul Busch, Anne Heath-Welch, Kisa Parker, and Rebecca Pyper. The singers will be accompanied on piano by music professor Sarah Spencer. This concert is free and open to the public.

Dance concert
San Jacinto College's spring dance concert, *Kaleidoscope*, will feature 13 performances created and performed by faculty, guest artists, and student dancers and choreographers. The show will be performed on Friday, April 29, and Saturday, April 30, at 7:30 p.m., on both nights at the Marie Spence Flickinger Fine Arts Center on the South campus. General admission is \$10 per person, and \$5 for San Jacinto College students and employees.

Carbon tax debate
Top speakers from San Jacinto College public speaking courses will debate about whether or not the federal government should adopt a carbon tax. The event is free and open to the public, and will be held on Friday, April 29, at 1 p.m., in the Dr. Charles Grant Fine Arts Center on the North campus.

Summer camps
San Jacinto College will host a variety of fun and enriching summer camps for kids of all ages at each of its campuses. There will be something for every interest from athletics and career exploration, to music and STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math), and everything in between. To find out more and to register, visit sanjac.edu/summer-camps.

Over The Back Fence by Alexis

RELAX & ENJOY, KENNETH
Happy birthday wishes are sent to **Kenneth Griffin** on his special day Sunday, April 24. His wife, **Bobby**, family, friends and the *Leader* staff wish him a very enjoyable birthday.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JAY!
Best wishes are sent April 27 for a wonderful birthday to **Dobie student Jay Do** from friends and the *Leader* staff.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays April 21 through April 27.

Atkinson Elementary
Birthday wishes are sent April 22 to **Christopher Cabana**.

Burnett Elementary
Enjoy a double-layer birthday cake April 22 with **April Dabila** and **Jhanet Diehl**.

Meador Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles April 26 for **Carolyn Eastburn**.

Moore Elementary
The day for a birthday party for **Norma Flores** is April 24. April 25 is the day for a celebration for **Dee Dee Pitts**.

South Belt Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles for **Robin Sanders** who celebrates a birthday April 22.

Stuchbery Elementary
Charyl Lyons is wished a happy birthday April 23. **Emily Walker** enjoys a birthday April 27.

Melillo Middle School
The day for a birthday cake for **Courtney Brogdon** is April 23. Send a birthday greeting April 24 to **Nicole Ram**. On April 26, **Bridget Bellach** celebrates a birthday. The day for a birthday cake for **Jacqueline Carmona** is April 27.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Blow out the birthday candles April 21 for **Bill Anders**. **Cris Bocanegra** celebrates a birthday April 24.

Thompson Intermediate
Enjoy a double-layer birthday cake April 21 with **Daniel Birch-Merillas** and **Grace Garcia**.

Dobie High
April 21 is the day for a party for **Sam Flippin**. **Nataly Gonzalez-Hernandez** enjoys a day of celebration on April 23. Blow out the birthday candles April 24 for **Lynn Capell** and **Audrey Sacramento**. The day for a birthday present for **Sharon Klass-Glumac** is April 25. Celebrating a birthday April 27 are **Amber Allan** and **Diane Dexter**.

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

Thursday, April 21: **Michael Barlow** and **Carol Talbot**; Friday, April 22: **Barbara Eikenburg**, **Sandy Young**, **Jenny Nguyen** and **Dawne Goforth**; Saturday, April 23: **Lewis Reyna**, **Mandy Lewis** and **Ashley Coppens**; Sunday, April 24: **Dakota Golithly**, **Charles Chassay**, **Theresa Flower**, **Jessica Poltorak**, **Lisa Castellano**, **April Broussard-Hobartsch** and **Claudia Espinoza**; Monday, April 25: **Rebecca Castonguay**, **Anne Seaton**, **Steve Jones**, **Misty Kuehn** and **Liana Pena**; Tuesday, April 26: **Traci Thompson**, **Steve Patterson**, **Stephen Brady** and **Dan Fortson**; and Wednesday, April 27: **Emily Walker**, **Erika Gonzalez**, **Christopher Malek**, **Pam Navarre**, **Mary Pinkerton**, **Freda Mathews**, **Paula Morley**, **Amber Allan** and **Penelope Villeda**.

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Students showcase talents at CTHS fashion show

By Reesha Brown
PISD Communications
Students at the Lewis Career and Technical High School did not have to travel far to participate in Fashion Week. Instead, they brought the show to their own backyard.

Numerous fashion and cosmetology professionals collaborated with students in the cosmetology, art and veterinary technical programs to present one of the hit events of the year – the Houston Fashion Show – that took place in the Lewis CTHS lobby, April 14.

"This is by far the biggest and most complex event we have created at CTHS," said **Montserrat Ramirez**, Lewis CTHS cosmetology instructor and event planner.

"We took field trips over the last five years to the Galleria and even to New York for a hair show and convention, and now we get to host an event of this magnitude at our campus."

The theme for the evening was the *wild jungle*, where animals, including dogs, ferrets and even rabbits strutted down the runway in jungle costumes.

The event continued with student models showing off their cheetah print, feathers and other wild-life themed garments on the walkway. The main event featured 30 fashion models showcasing designs by professional designers and Lewis CTHS students.

Cosmetology students, representing all grade levels, put their artistic talents on display for the models and fashion designers, including an individual from Dubai, along with several hair artists and nail technicians in the industry. The seniors handled hair and makeup; juniors and sophomores collaborated on the theme for the event; and freshmen assisted throughout the show.

Brianna Foster, Lewis CTHS senior, was spotted backstage applying eye shadow for **Franzi Ahres**, a model. Foster said this experience will help her achieve her life-long dream of becoming a cosmetologist.

"If I didn't come to CTHS, I would still be practicing hair and makeup on my mom," Foster said. "We actually get hands-on training with real models here."

Students in the Lewis CTHS art program designed the animal fashion wear and veterinary technical students modeled the attire, while culinary arts students prepared appetizers for the guests. The Business Professional of America provided gift bags for VIP guests and the audio visual department videotaped the show.

Pasadena High alumna **Ramirez**, Class of 2003, was instrumental in organizing the fashion show. She credits the success of the event to the collaborative effort of students, staff and area business partners, including **Victor Quinteros**, owner of **Houston Fashion Week**, along with **Armstrong McCall Professional Beauty Supply** and **Farouk Systems**.

"The best part of this event is that students can see the collaboration involved in developing a fashion show," Ramirez said.

"My goal from day one was to offer the best real-world experiences for our students and I think we accomplished that goal today. This experience is a testament to the supportive staff and administrative team – all of whom share the same vision for this program."

Left to right, **Brianna Foster**, Lewis CTHS senior, and **Franzi Ahres**, fashion model. Photo submitted.

Cyber Security Summer Camp at UH-Clear Lake

The Cyber Security Institute (CSI) at the University of Houston-Clear Lake will hold its Cyber Security Summer Camp 2016 on June 6-9 and June 13-16.

The mission of this camp is to expose local high school students to cyber security as an exciting field and promising career path. People have all seen cybercrimes ranging from stealing data and information to sabotaging our critical infrastructure and even compromising national security. However, across the nation there is a serious shortage of cyber security professionals to fight against the cybercriminals.

This summer camp is a great opportunity to educate young talents about cyber security and motivate them to pursue related STEM degrees. CSI leverages its cutting-edge computing facilities to immerse campers in various cyber security related topics such as information systems vulnerabilities, security threats, defense mechanisms, fundamentals of networking, and the social, ethical and legal issues related to cyber security. The program is delivered in a very hands-on fashion to stimulate interests among the participants as they explore and learn.

Campers have opportunities to interact with professionals from various industries who have worked in cyber security extensively. This is the only camp of its kind in the area. It consists of four full days from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with lunch provided. More information about the Cyber Security Summer Camp can be found at <http://www.uhcl.edu/cyber-camp>.

HCMGA offers training classes

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

Israeli Folk Dancing in May

Israeli folk dances will be held at Congregation Shaar Hashalom on Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. May 2, 9, 16 and 23. There will be no session on Memorial Day, May 30. The cost, \$4 per session or \$35 for 10 sessions for CSH members; \$5 per session or \$45 for 10 sessions for nonmembers, will cover expenses. Everyone is welcome to join the group – even with no previous attendance. Congregation Shaar Hashalom is located at 16020 El Camino Real in Houston. The entire community is invited to attend. For more information, contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or at csh@shaarhashalom.org.

Perennial, pepper sale Apr. 23

On Saturday, April 23, the Harris County Master Gardener Perennial and Pepper Sale will be held at Campbell Hall on the Pasadena Fairgrounds, 7600 Red Bluff in Pasadena. Overview of *Perennials* by **Heidi Sheesley**, owner of **Treesearch Farms**, will be presented at 8 a.m. Sale hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, visit hcmga.tamu.edu.

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Remember When

35 years ago (1976)
Fred Lozano of **Scarsdale**, Anthony "Tony" Schillaci of **Sagemeadow** and the new "Modulance," an emergency treatment ambulance designed to give on-the-spot treatment to the patient, purchased by the City of Houston, were stationed at Fire Station #70. The boundary line for the **John H. Burnett Elementary School** was up for approval by the Pasadena Independent School District.

35 years ago (1981)
The county's general superintendent for Precinct 1 said construction of another bridge at **Scarsdale Boulevard** and **Beamer** was a high priority, but she did not know when funds for construction would be available.

30 years ago (1986)
Al Carter, noted *Houston Chronicle* sports columnist, was one of six former San Jacinto College students to be named as Distinguished Alumni.

25 years ago (1991)
Renewed interest in a school's crossing at **Scarsdale and Sageglen** spurred by a child being hit by an automobile, resulted in several changes and additions near the scene of the accident. But the most desired addition of a school crossing guard had resulted in zero positive actions.

20 years ago (1996)
Atkinson, Frazier, Genoa and **Stuchbery** elementaries and Pasadena and South Houston high schools approved standardized dress.

10 years ago (2006)
The 10th annual **South Belt Cook-off**, which raises money for the **South Belt July Fourth fireworks**, was held. A record 60 teams participated.

1 year ago (2015)
Shirley Neeley, commissioner of education for Texas, said she would approve the **PISD Board of Trustee** request for a waiver which would allow **Kirk Lewis** to be named superintendent of PISD.

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Students practice team building



Thompson eighth-grade math teachers Hannah Arning and Cynthia Lozano had students complete a team building project to enhance engineering design skills. Students had to create a tower from spaghetti sticks, string and tape to hold up a normal size marshmallow. Students competed for the highest, but stable design. Pictured above are, left to right, Nelson Pabon-Lopez, Kelley Magana, Oreyonna Smith and math teacher Cynthia Lozano.



Shown are (seated) Magana, (back row) Kimberly Zometa, Pabon-Lopez and Lozano. Photos submitted

UHCL alumni award nominations open

Recognize a University of Houston-Clear Lake alumna or faculty member who is making a difference by submitting an awards nomination to the UHCL Alumni Association by April 30.

The UHCL Alumni Association is seeking nominations for their annual awards. Past honorees have been those who have made significant contributions in their career fields, in the local area or to the UHCL community. Available awards include the Distinguished Alumni Award, the Early Achievement Award for those under the age of 45, the Marilyn S. Sims Leadership Service Award and the Outstanding Professor Award. Award recipients will be recognized at the annual Alumni Celebration in the fall.

Step into network technology with UH-Clear Lake course

Learn more about the basics of computer networks in the course, Introduction to Network Technology, by University of Houston-Clear Lake's Cyber Security Institute meetings Fridays, from 1 to 6 p.m., and Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., April 29 through May 21 in Delta Building, Room 158A.

Participants will gain key knowledge and hands-on experience with networking fundamentals, security, routing and switching, network configuration, wireless concepts and WAN technologies. Instructors will also provide information and resources toward earning Cisco Certified Network Technician and

the Distinguished Alumni Award, the Early Achievement Award for those under the age of 45, the Marilyn S. Sims Leadership Service Award and the Outstanding Professor Award. Award recipients will be recognized at the annual Alumni Celebration in the fall.

For information or to request a nomination packet, contact the Office of Development and Alumni Relations at 281-283-2021 or visit <http://www.uhcl.edu/alumni>.

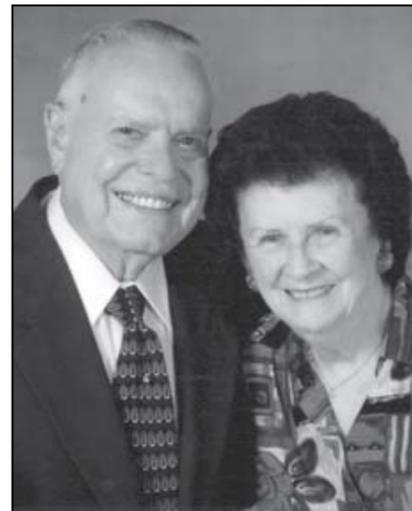
CompTIA Network+ certification. Basic computer skills are required before enrolling in the course.

The total cost is \$1,300, with a \$100 discount for those who register by April 22.

Introduction to Network Technology is part two of a four-part Network Management and Security program, and the courses may be taken as a package for \$5,050, which includes a \$500 discount. Veterans and UHCL alumni and students also receive an additional discount.

For more information or to register, visit <http://www.uhcl.edu/CyberSecurityInstitute> or call 281-283-3855.

Couple celebrates 67th anniversary



Walter and Sue Trojanowsky celebrate their 67th wedding anniversary on Saturday, April 23, 2016. After coming out of the Marine Corps in 1946, Walter started courting Sue and three years later, on April 23, 1949, they were married and honeymooned in Hawaii. The couple have four children: Brenda Palmerton, Diana Hueter, Walter Trojanowsky and Jackie Trojanowsky. All four are graduates of the University of Texas. Walter and Sue also have six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. They have been residents of Sagemeadow for 40 years and are members of St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church.

San Jac students inducted into national paralegal honor society

Twenty San Jacinto College students were recently inducted into the college's paralegal honor society, Lambda Epsilon Chi (LEX), signifying high levels of academic achievement.

The requirements for LEX induction are stringent. A student must maintain a 3.5 grade point average (GPA) in paralegal courses and a 3.25 GPA in general courses, demonstrate superior academic performance, and be an active member of San Jacinto College's paralegal club. In

addition, in order to apply for LEX induction, a student must complete two-thirds of the college's paralegal program requirement by completing 33 credit hours of legal specialty courses, and nine credit hours of general education courses.

The San Jacinto College program is one of the few community college programs in Texas approved by the American Bar Association. "Maintaining ABA approval indicates our program ranks among the best in the nation," Ernest Davila, San Jacinto

College North Campus paralegal program director told the inductees. "That means you students being inducted into the LEX paralegal honor society are among the best of the best. So, I encourage you to continue with your education and career goals. Always strive to be ethical and professional."

The keynote speaker at the induction ceremony was San Jacinto Certified student Shaun Kirby, who works for the Andresen law firm in Houston. The Class of 2012 grad-

uate and 2013 LEX inductee challenged the paralegal students to carry their academic success into the workforce. "You've proven you can handle it in the classroom, now go out and show that first attorney you work for that not only can you handle pressure, but you can thrive in it," he commented. "Your education does not end when you earn your diploma. You are about to join the ranks of paralegals who, like yourselves, decided that mediocrity is for the weak, and that quality will take you far. Don't lose that goal once you leave here. Congratulations and good luck."

Paralegal is a fairly lucrative career field, and one that is predicted to stay strong in coming years. According to the most recent statistics available from the Texas Workforce Commission, the average annual income for paralegals in the Gulf Coast region is \$59,743 (\$28.72 per

hour). The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts that nationwide, the paralegal profession is expected to grow by 18 percent from 2010 to 2020.

Graduates of the San Jacinto College paralegal program have no problem finding jobs.

During the past 13 years, the job placement rate for the college's paralegal graduates has ranged from 90 to 95 per-

cent. In fact, nearly 40 percent of paralegals at the Harris County District Attorney's office, one of the premier paralegal work places in the Houston area, are graduates of San Jacinto College's paralegal program.

San Jacinto College offers a two-year paralegal associate degree program at the North campus, as well as distance learning paralegal courses that are available online.

Culinary arts student qualifies for national competition

Three San Jacinto College culinary arts students excelled at a recent regional chef competition, with one winning first place to qualify to compete at the national competition.

The regional contest, held in Houston, was called the Jeunes Chef Competition, sponsored by Chaine Des Rotisseurs, one of the oldest international culinary associations in history, and headquartered in Paris.

San Jacinto College students Giselly Flores and Maria Martinez earned bronze medals at the regional contest, and Jamison Bishop took home the gold medal, finishing as the lone first-place winner. Bishop will consequently face off against chefs from all over America when he participates in the national Jeunes Chefs Rotisseurs Competition to be held in Sarasota, Florida in June.

San Jacinto College was the only public college to participate in the regional contest. Other contestants were from Mark's American Cuisine, an upscale Houston restaurant, and Vin 48, an upscale restaurant and wine bar in Avon, Colo.

The national competition will be a "blind" (also called "mystery basket")

contest. A fully-stocked kitchen will be provided, and contestants will be given six mystery items and be required to use 50 percent of each item to create three courses: an appetizer, an entrée, and a dessert.

Contestants will have 30 minutes after seeing the mystery basket to create a menu, then three hours to cook, and 30 minutes to plate the meal.

The regional competition also included "mystery basket" regulations. Chefs were required to make three courses (appetizer, entrée, and dessert) in a four-hour span. They were given six items: two Cornish game hens, a pork tenderloin, two chayote squash gourds, two artichokes, four ounces of red lentils, and four ounces of cabbage kim chi. They were required to use at least 50 percent of each item.

In his gold medal performance that won the regional contest, Bishop pulled out all the stops to create an epicurean masterpiece. "I breaded the pork tenderloin and served it over a puree of the squash as my appetizer," he explained. "I blackened and Frenched the game hen thighs, served it

over the red lentils, which I cooked using the risotto method, and made a cream sauce using the cabbage kim chi. My dessert was an artichoke and lemon-infused pastry cream that I piped onto the leaves of the artichoke and topped with Chantilly cream."

And voilà! The judges were very impressed.

Bishop, who lives in Pearland, plans to earn an associate culinary arts degree from San Jacinto College next spring. His plans after graduation are undecided. "I'm torn between traveling around the

country and possibly the world to learn new styles of cooking, and simply to travel, as it has always been a dream of mine," he commented. "Or, I might stay in Houston and work in gourmet restaurants that offer high-end cuisine. The outcome of

the national competition might determine which path I choose. Either way, my passion is to cook and learn all I can about the culinary world, and that is what I will be doing."

Bishop's ultimate career goal is to be a restaurant owner. "I have yet to decide on the style of food or location, as those decisions are quite a way in the future," he said. "Regardless of what I pursue, I plan on traveling and increasing my skills as chef everywhere I go."

Participating in competitions sponsored by a prestigious international association opens doors of opportunities for students, according to Tim Banks, culinary arts program director at the San Jacinto College North Campus. "Student success is nurtured by providing participation in extracurricular events," Banks commented. "Competition strengthens skills and students learn about multi-tasking and playing by the rules. A structured, nationally-recognized competition provides connections with industry leaders."

To learn more about culinary arts options at San Jacinto College, visit sanjac.edu/career/culinary restaurant-management.



From left, San Jacinto College students who participated in the recent Chaine Des Rotisseurs regional contest include Giselly Flores, Jamison Bishop, and Maria Martinez. Photo by Rob Vanya

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South Belt Family Fun; Beverly Hills Field Day

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce and the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District hosted the inaugural South Belt Family Fun Event Saturday, April 9, at Clear Brook City Park. The event featured several games and contests, including a fun run/walk. Another fun event was held Friday, April 15, as Beverly Hills Intermediate held its annual Field Day, giving students a chance to play multiple carnival games.



Kay Barbour and Judy Harrison (lower right corner in purple shirts) give instructions to the runners and walkers for the 5K run and walk.



Constable Chris Diaz is shown participating in the 3-legged race with Allen Nguyh. Diaz also ran the 5K.



Karl Briegel helps tie legs together for the three-legged race.



Rick Rivera of Chase bank comes in just seconds before Rebecca Lilley of Memorial Hermann South-east Hospital.



Sageglen resident Kelly Buckman congratulates Riverstone Ranch resident Kelvin Lopez on completing the race.



Sandra Williams (right) receives her medal from Sandy McSpadden for finishing the race.



Photos above and to the right; three inflatables were free to attending children.



Beverly Hills seventh-graders Ernesto Calvillo (left) and Angel Estrada compete in a hamster ball race at the school's annual Field Day on Friday, April 15.

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Beverly Hills teacher aide America Mendoza looks on as seventh-grader Angel Estrada climbs the inflatable rock wall.



Beverly Hills seventh-grader Janie Ayala is shown above sliding down an inflatable attraction at the area intermediate school's annual Field Day.

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Cabreja extends rewarding Dobie tennis career

By John Bechtle
Sports Editor
Perhaps Dobie's Luis Cabreja has played his final match as a member of the Longhorns' varsity tennis program, but the hard-serving senior still has plenty to do in the game.

He ended his competitive career at Dobie with an appearance in the Region III boys' singles tournament at Deer Park High School's North campus.

At press time, Cabreja's results were not known. Cabreja, a big part of the Longhorns' varsity program the last three seasons, will continue his education and playing career at Schreiner University in Kerrville, where head coach Wade Morgan is guiding a resurgent Mountaineer team.

Cabreja is the first Dobie player in a while to earn scholarship funds to play tennis collegiately. Schreiner is a private institution that competes in the NCAA Division III ranks. Therefore, athletic scholarship funds are not an option.

Instead, Cabreja has earned his chance because he has taken care of business in the classroom, and he plans to continue to take care of business on

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Luis Cabreja continued his outstanding Dobie High School varsity tennis career with consecutive appearances at the Region III tournament at Deer Park. As a junior, Cabreja teamed with Theresa Tran in mixed doubles. This season, Cabreja played boys' singles.
Photo by John Bechtle

Davis twins lead boys' hopes Henderson, other Lady Horns eye regional track/field berths

Dobie senior girls' standout Justice Henderson and junior Jeremy Davis figure to lead a local contingent of Region III track and field meet hopefuls as the District 21/22-6A Area Championships play out April 21 at The Rig in Pearland.

Henderson, a University of Houston signee, won the 100-meter dash and long jump crowns at the District 22-6A Championships, April 12 and April 14, also at Pearland.

She also helped the Lady Longhorn 4x100-meter and 4x

District 21/22-6A Area Meet
Thursday, April 21, 3/6 p.m.
The Rig, Pearland

200-meter dash teams to victory at the meet, accounting for 30 points in all.

Davis, meanwhile, will look to move on to regionals in the 110-meter hurdles as well as the shot put.

The junior was second in the 110-meter hurdles at Pearland, while he was third in the shot put. His brother, Jacoby Davis,

qualified for the area meet with a second-place showing in the high jump.

The Manvel boys, looking to defend their Class 6A state title this season, started things off right with an easy team win at the 22-6As.

Manvel scored 199 points to easily outdistance second-place Dawson. Continued on Page 3B

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Dobie's Naser stars among 22-6A girls' soccer picks

Dobie senior Summer Naser (4) completed her varsity girls' soccer career in style, landing both first team all-district and academic all-state honors out of District 22-6A. Three other Lady Longhorns made the 22-6A first team, and three others were selected to the second team. Still others made their way on to the honorable mention list. Naser was also a four-year member of the varsity swimming team at Dobie. For more on the 22-6A all-district girls' soccer teams, see Page 2B. Photo by Nick Tamayo



Wolverine track off to 23/24 area meet; sprinter Taylor among big-time names

Clear Brook sprinter Brandon Taylor has turned in a sensational season to this point, but he's not done yet.

The University of Miami track and field signee has gone undefeated in the 100-meter dash this season, yet knows the next three potential victories are the most important.

The senior star and his teammates will be looking to move on to the Region III meet later this month, but first must ease past the competition at the District

23/26A Area Championships, set for Hall Stadium in Sugar Land April 21.

Taylor, a state medalist in the 100-meter dash a season ago, is eyeing the gold medal this time around.

At the District 24-6A

Championships April 12-14, Taylor claimed yet another gold medal in the event, winning at 10.59 seconds.

The Wolverine boys are also looking forward to the three respective relays, with Taylor involved in two of those.

After some adjustments, the Wolverines feel as though the field is set.

The Lady Wolverines will be represented by senior Kalia Hendrix at the area meet after she swept

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Despite shutout loss at Jackets; JFD softball controls fourth seed

Could Dobie be headed for its second battle with state-ranked Deer Park in the span of four years? It sure looks that way.

Alvin's 2-0 win over the Lady Longhorns April 15 in Alvin has left the locals at 9-5 in District 22-6A play, two games behind both Alvin and rising Dawson, who are both 10-3 and tied for second.

Defending District 22-6A champion Pearland is 12-1 and appears headed for a league-title repeat.

Make no mistake, Dobie has enjoyed a solid season, but two losses apiece to both Pearland and Alvin, as well as a setback against Dawson, leaves the Lady Longhorns looking to hold on to the fourth and final playoff seed.

If that indeed is the case, the Lady Longhorns will likely face Deer Park in the bidistrict playoff round later this month. Pearland and Alvin

have long histories of success and were expected to vie for the league title this season.

Both programs also swept Dobie in 2015. But the surprise this season has been Dawson.

Following a 16-3 win over Memorial April 15, the Lady Eagles have now won seven straight in league play.

Dobie closes the regular season with games at the Pasadena ISD complex against Sam Rayburn and Memorial and, therefore, should be able to finish out strong.

Then, it could be a matter of having to defeat the state's No. 2 ranked team in the first round of the postseason.

In 2013 at San Jacinto College's South campus, Deer Park defeated Dobie 13-1 over five innings in a one-game playoff scenario. Deer Park went on to win the Region III title

that season.

Longoria to UH-V
Marissa Longoria, a three-year starter for Dobie, will play collegiately beginning this fall at the University of Houston-Victoria.

Longoria, primarily a catcher, actually signed her letter of intent back in February, but hosted her official signing photo celebration April 15 at Dobie.

The University of Houston-Victoria is led by third-year head coach Lindsey (Ferguson) Ortiz, a Dobie graduate.

The Jaguars won their conference title and took part in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) postseason in 2015.

This season, UH-Victoria is back at it, sitting at 31-11 overall at press time with postseason tournament play coming soon. See photo in the April 28 issue of the Leader.

JFD baseball loses tough one

The Dobie varsity baseball team put itself in this position but is still hopeful it has what it takes to recover late this season.

The task just got a little harder, though, thanks to a 9-8 loss to the fourth-place Dawson Eagles April 19, at Longhorn Field.

Dobie trailed 2-0 but then led 5-2 and 8-7 before losing a crucial game. Dobie is now 6-7 in

District 22-6A action with games remaining at Alvin April 22, April 26 against

Sam Rayburn and an April 29 finale against Memorial. Continued on Page 6B

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22-6A Varsity Girls' Soccer All-District Selections

Most Valuable Player

Mackenzie Ostrom, Dawson, Soph.

Offensive Player of the Year

Megan Gil, Alvin, Sr.

Defensive Player of the Year

Vanessa Cabello, Pasadena, Fr.

Goalkeeper of the Year

Erin Webster, Alvin, Sr.

Newcomer of the Year

Toni Reid, Manvel, Fr.

Utility Player of the Year

Mika Reed, Pearland, Sr.

Coach of the Year

Donna Ruby, Alvin

First Team Selections

Alvin High School

Becca Rodriguez, Sr.

Alyssa Barker, Soph.

Michelle Moreno, Sr.

Kendall Hertenberger, Sr.

Ryleigh Smith, Jr.

Breanna Garcia, Sr.

Dawson High School

Kellie Hastings, Jr.

Claire Jeffress, Soph.

Tania Cruz, Jr.

Amber Gajevsky, Sr.

Pearland High School

Leah Davis, Soph.

Ariel Hernandez, Jr.

Kayla Izagirre, Soph.

Blake Delameter, Soph.

Dobie High School

Summer Naser, Sr.

Isabella Tamayo, Sr.

Emily Hernandez, Jr.

Pasadena High School

Marlene Moran, Soph.

Lilliana Zapata, Soph.

Memorial High School

Kelly Cortez, Sr.

Amber Ruiz, Soph.

Manvel High School

Breann Saldivar, Jr.

Dalila Perez, Jr.

South Houston High School

Doria Salinas, Jr.

Torrie Linton, Soph.

Sam Rayburn High School

Jessica Ibarra, Sr.

Juliana Garza, Soph.

Second Team Selections – Dobie

Karina Gonzalez, Fr.

Lesly Garcia, Jr.

Brianna Garcia, Sr.

Lady Longhorn soccer honored on, off field

Another season is in the books for the Dobie varsity girls' soccer program, but it was a rewarding season for many after the team rallied for a fourth-place finish in District 22-6A play. Dobie went on to fall to Deer Park in the first round of the playoffs for the second time in three seasons, but it did nothing to take away from the accomplishments of the players. Three-year starter Sum-

mer Naser made her way on to the first team all-22-6A squad along with a pair of juniors.

Four players in all, including Naser and fellow

senior Ashley Maldonado, made the league's all-academic team. Three other Lady Longhorns were selected to the 22-6A second team, including two play-

ers who will return next season.

The Lady Longhorns' honorable mention selections included senior

Hilda Rodriguez, junior Lauren Escobar and sophomore Alejandra Magana, and Escobar and Magana return next season.



Emily Hernandez (14), a first team all-district pick for the Lady Longhorns, will return for her senior season in 2017 with several others as the locals look to improve on their fourth-place showing while facing a new 22-6A alignment.



Karina Gonzalez (18) was one of two freshmen who played quite a bit this season for the Lady Longhorns and figure to play more as her career advances. Gonzalez's performance in 2016 landed her second team all-district status.



Isabella Tamayo finished her senior season with a flourish, eventually being chosen as a first team 22-6A selection. A three-year letterwinner, Tamayo was a part of two playoff teams during her career with the Lady Longhorns.

Academic All-State

Alvin High School

Becca Rodriguez, Sr.

Alyssa Barker, Soph.

Karina Carpio, Sr.

Kendall Hertenberger, Sr.

Erin Webster, Sr.

Dawson High School

Samantha Miller, Sr.

Victoria Bitner, Sr.

Sophie Joseph, Sr.

Amber Gajevsky, Sr.

Elizabeth Rodriguez, Sr.

Dobie High School

Summer Naser, Sr.

Brianna Garcia, Sr.

Giselle Landa, Fr.

Ashley Maldonado, Sr.

Pasadena High School

Carolina Ramirez, Sr.

Memorial High School

Kelly Cortez, Sr.

Manvel High School

Paola Obispo, Sr.



Lesly Garcia scored several key goals for the Lady Longhorns this season and figures to be a focal point offensively next season as well. She was a second team all district 22-6A pick.



Brianna Garcia had a great season for the Lady Longhorns while helping the team to a strong finish down the stretch that resulted in a playoff berth. Garcia landed a second team all-district nomination for her efforts and was also an all-academic pick.



At left, the future of the Dobie varsity girls' soccer program should be good on and off the field while in the hands of Giselle Landa (9). Landa made the varsity team this season and was a big contributor as a freshman for head coach Bryan McDonald's team. With several key seniors set to exit the program in the coming months, Landa is no doubt in line to land more and more playing time beginning in 2017 and beyond. Landa was one of four Lady Longhorns to land a berth on the academic all-state team. The others included Brianna Garcia, Ashley Maldonado and Summer Naser (right). Maldonado, a senior, was injured for a portion of the season and did not play in the post-season, but still handled her classroom work. As for Naser, she ended her Dobie career with not only the academic all-state nomination but was also a first team all-district pick.

Photos by John Bechtle & Nick Tamayo



Dobie track heads to District 21/22 area championship meet

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son, which scored 144. Dobia led all Pasadena ISD schools, totaling 73 for fourth place.

In the 22-6A girls' division, Dawson collected 166 points to win going away, with Pearland second at 127. Dobia's 106 points were good enough

for fourth place.

As for the Lady Longhorns, Henderson is looking to continue her outstanding career at Dobia with a strong push at areas against the likes of North Shore, Port Arthur Memorial and others.

Henderson won the 22-6A 100-meter title with a

sprint of 12.19 seconds. Meanwhile, North Shore's Kenya Furlow won the 21-6A top spot in the 100-meter dash at 12.17, setting up a duel with Henderson. The long jump also holds great possibilities for Henderson, who cruised to the 22-6A title in the event with a leap of 19 feet, 2 1/2 inches.

She is far and away the leader heading into the area meet.

The Lady Longhorns will also enter the area meet with the top qualifying times in both sprint relays.

The locals took victories in both at district, with Henderson involved in both.

In the 4x100-meter relay, Dobia went on to win at 48.06, besting North Shore's winning time of 48.23 at the 21-6A meet.

Dobia also won the 4x200-meter relay crown in a time of 1 minute, 40.18 seconds. North Shore, at the 21-6A meet, won the same relay in a time of 1:41.78.

Rayiona Green, Jade Giron, Henderson and Camille Singleton handle the duties for the Lady Longhorns in the 4x100-meter relay, while Green, Henderson, Giron and Singleton run in that order in the 4x200-meter relay.

The Lady Longhorns will also compete at areas in the 4x400-meter relay after placing third in a time of 4:04.86 at district.

Dobia's 4x400-meter relay team includes Green, Daisa Morris, LaDayjah Cook and Giron.

Looking for other Dobia hopefuls among the Lady Longhorns? Singleton, a junior and

former district champion in the 400-meter dash, has now shifted her focus to the 200-meter dash with great success.

At the 22-6A meet, Singleton was the winner of the 200-meter event at 25.50.

Cook, a junior, also carries plenty of confidence into the area championships in the high jump after she cleared 5'2" to claim the 22-6A title. Sophomore Victoria Onozie is another field event hopeful, her work coming in the discus.

At the 22-6A meet, Onozie's best throw of 111'2" placed her second overall. Onozie also closed out her season in the shot put with a throw of 32'6 3/4".

Camryn Ridge, also competing in four different events at the 22-6A

Championships, came up with a fourth-place finish in the pole vault at 9'0".

Ridge ran the 100-meter dash at 13.46 for eighth place and was 10th at the 200-meter distance at 27.43.

At 15'10 1/2", Giron was eighth in the long jump. Morris was eighth in the 400-meter dash at 1:03.29, and sophomore Jamesetta Seals ended a fine season for herself, placing 10th in the discus at 90'1".

JFD boys advance Jacoby and Jeremy Davis certainly look to advance to regionals after great showings at district.

But, there are other Longhorns who could do some damage at the 21-22-6A Area Championships.

Going against state champion Manvel as well

as North Shore and Port Arthur Memorial won't be easy, but so be it.

Dobia's Daniel Williams had a great meet for the locals.

The sophomore will compete at areas in the 300-meter hurdles after he was third at district in a time of 41.47.

Jeremy Davis is also in the mix for the Longhorns in the shot put. His best throw of 45'3 1/2 was third at the 22-6A meet.

The Longhorns' 4x400-meter relay unit also moved on after taking fourth in a time of 3:32.01, and Dedrick Simpson, a University of Texas-El Paso signee in football, will compete in the shot put after he was fourth with a throw of 43'2 1/2".

The season came to a close at district for many other Longhorns. Some of

those athletes are graduating seniors, while others figure to give Dobia a bright future in the sport for 2017 and beyond.

Williams, a junior, also placed sixth in the 110-meter hurdles at 15.59, with teammate Mason Douglas, a sophomore, seventh in a time of 15.87. Douglas also posted a time of 43.25 for fifth place in the 300-meter hurdles.

Junior Earl Newton landed the sixth spot in the 300-meter hurdles at 43.48, and he was 12th in the triple jump, making his way to 37'9 1/2".

Travores Gilbert closed out his Dobia career with a solid effort. He was fifth in both the long jump (21'1 3/4") and triple jump (42'4"). Williams placed eighth in the triple jump (40'11 1/2").

Kris Morris, a fresh-

man for the Longhorns, placed sixth at 23.51 in the 200-meter dash, and teammate Segdrick Romar, a sophomore, was seventh at 23.56.

Senior Jacurry Shelvin, a 11.53, was 11th in the 100-meter dash, and Jacoby Davis was 11th in the 400-meter dash (54.97).

Brandon Flores, a junior, placed 12th (113'3") in the discus, and Christian Penaloza ran the 400-meter event at 55.86 for 16th place.

The Longhorns were fifth in the 4x200-meter relay (1:32.06) and sixth in the 4x100-meter relay (44.36).

At the 21/22-6A Area Championship Meet, the field event finals will kick things off at 3 p.m.

The running finals will finish off the evening, beginning at 6 p.m.

Sports news, notes

San Jac men's hoops tryout

The San Jacinto College men's basketball team will hold tryouts for the 2016-2017 season on Saturday, May 21, 11 a.m.

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

Participants should plan to arrive no later than 10 a.m. Questions about the tryouts should be directed to Ravens' head coach Scott R. Gernander at 281-476-1849 in the men's basketball office.

The San Jacinto College Central campus is located at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena. For more information about San Jacinto College men's basketball or any of the other athletic programs, visit sanjacsports.com.

SJC women's hoops tryout

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

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

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

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

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

Brook's Taylor, T&F teammates seek regionals

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first place in the 100-, 200- and 400-meter dashes at the 24-6A event.

Hendrix, one of the few holdovers from a 2015 team that had an outstanding season but then had heavy graduation losses, has been a bright spot all season for the Lady Wolverines.

At the district meet, Hendrix won the gold medal in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.41 and then quickly won the 200-meter dash at 25.06.

Completing her three-event sweep, Hendrix won the 400-meter dash at 57.67, continuing her season at the area championships.

Taylor is the area's fastest current 100-meter dash

competitor, but he is also likely to compete in the 200-meter dash at the area meet after winning the 24-6A crown.

At district, Taylor's time of 21.25 gave him the victory at the 200-meter distance.

Taylor will also anchor the Wolverines' 4x100-meter relay team, which captured the District 24-6A championship.

Brook also captured the 24-6A crown in the 4x400-meter dash, and qualified for the area meet with a third-place finish in the 4x200-meter relay.

Injuries and other issues have had Brook coach Aaron Troyer tinkering with the relay lineups for much of the season, but the Wolverines should be

at full strength at the 23/24 area championships.

Brook's victory at district in the 24-6A 4x100-meter relay finals came at 41.76, with Sterling Stephen, Mark Milton, Cuatarus Quarles and Taylor comprising the foursome.

At the area meet, Troyer is likely to utilize Jarrett Smith for the opening leg of the event.

The Clear Brook win in the 4x400-meter relay came as Braelon Hill, Jared Ackerman, Kenneth Pree and Quarles combined to post a time of 3 minutes, 22.61 seconds.

Troyer may also adjust

the Wolverines' 4x200-meter relay. In a time of 1:28.92, the Wolverines were third at district with Pree, Ackerman, Jamael Farooq and Milton involved. At the area event, Hill could run the third leg.

Several other Wolverines are looking to make their way to regionals but must first qualify at areas.

Teammates Caleb Nettles and Brieson Moore moved on in the 110-meter hurdles, with Nettles third at 15.46 and Moore next at 15.70.

Milton, an area qualifier in the 200-meter dash

last season, is also looking to stay with Taylor after finishing second to his teammate at district. Milton's 200-meter qualifying time is 21.35.

At 50.05, Quarles was second in the 400-meter dash to make his way to the area championships, and Hill finished his season in the same event with a fifth-place time of 51.64.

Luke Barksdale is another Clear Brook star aiming to close out his already terrific career. The senior delivered first-, second- and third-place finishes at district and hopes to continue his state quest

District 23/24-6A Area Meet Friday, April 22, 5 p.m. Crump Stadium, Alief

with an appearance at regionals.

Barksdale was the 24-6A champion in the triple jump after making his way to the 44 feet, 7 inch mark.

In the long jump, Ackerman's top leap of 21'9" was second in the district, and he also placed third in the high jump with a leap of 6'0".

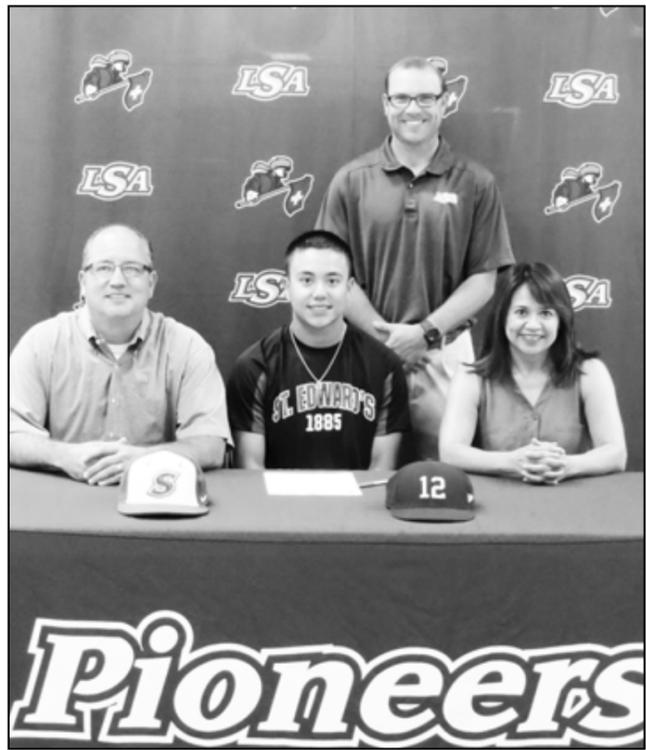
Ackerman is competing in the 800-meter run

after he was third at the 24-6A meet with a time of 1:59.90, and Stephen Rowe placed fourth in the shot put with a throw of 44'7".

At the area championships, the top two finishers in each event automatically qualify to compete in the Region III meet, set for Challenger Stadium in Webster on Friday, April 29.

LSA's Jimenez headed to St. Edwards baseball

Lutheran South Academy varsity baseball player Matthew Jimenez will continue his education and playing career at St. Edwards University in Austin after signing a letter of intent with the Hilltoppers. Jimenez, currently the starting shortstop for LSA and a member of the Pioneers' 2015 state championship team, will join a St. Edwards program that boasts a 28-9 overall mark, good enough for the No. 11 ranking in NCAA Division II baseball. The Hilltoppers are also 11-4 in Heartland Conference action, with the postseason tournament coming later this month. Those with Jimenez at his signing included, left to right, (seated) Javier Jimenez (father), Marina Jimenez (mother), (standing) LSA varsity baseball head coach Aaron Schneider.



It's Mary Hardin Baylor football, says Brook's Rowe



Clear Brook High School varsity football player Stephen Rowe (seated), a three-year starter for the Wolverines, will continue his education and playing career at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor after signing a letter of intent with the Crusaders. Those with Rowe at the signing included, left to right, Wade

Oliphant (Clear Brook assistant football coach), Steven Tran (Clear Brook boys' athletic trainer), Sarah Rowe (mother), Gene Rowe Jr. (father), Michele Staley (Clear Brook principal), Sarah Rowe (sister) and Esteban Graham (Brookside Intermediate coach).

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

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

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

ABWA - Southeast Express Network - American Business Women's Association-South meets monthly, 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. April's program includes Erik Swanson's *Attitude: Think and Grow Rich!*

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

Texas German Society, South Belt (SE) Chapter - A social group interested in the culture, music, heritage and language of German immigrants in Texas. Meets monthly on the third Thursday, 6 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visitors welcome. Call 281-481-1238 for information.

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

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

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

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

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SATURDAY, APRIL 23

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

Harris County Master Gardeners Association - at Precinct 2 presents the Harris County Master Gardener Perennial and Pepper Sale at Campbell Hall, Pasadena Fairgrounds, 7600 Red Bluff, Pasadena, 77507, on Saturday, April 23. Free. Heidi Sheesley, owner of Treeseach Farms, presents Fruit Tree Overview at 8 a.m. Sale hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. If it's sold at our sale, it grows in our area. For details, visit <https://hcmga.tamu.edu>. **Upcoming: HC-MGA training classes** will be Wednesdays, June 1 to Aug. 17, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Clear Lake Park meeting room, 5001 NASA Pkwy., Seabrook. Registration Fee: \$225. After classroom time is completed, 60 hours of volunteer time are required to complete the training. Space is limited. Must first attend orientation on April 26, 6 - 7 p.m. Call Kimberly Figgs at 713-274-0956 to preregister.

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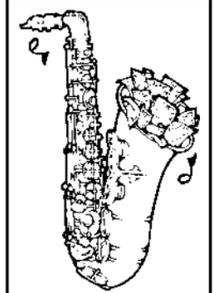
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Celebrate Recovery - A faith-based 12-Step Program, Sundays, 5:30 p.m., Chapel of the Educational Building at Life Church in Houston, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for information or to RSVP for child care.

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

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

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MONDAY, APRIL 25

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Congregation Shaar Hashalom - Israeli Folk Dancing on Monday, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., 16020 El Camino Road, 77062. \$4/session or \$35/10 sessions for CSH members and \$5/session or \$45/10 session for non-members. Everyone is welcome. For information, contact 281-488-5861 or csh@shaarhashalom.org.

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

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

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

American Begonia Society - Houston Satellite meets the fourth Tuesday of each month, Clear Lake Park, 5001 NASA Parkway (on the lake side), Seabrook. For information, call Joe at 281-481-2458.

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

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

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

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

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

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

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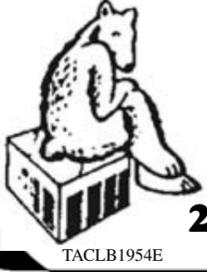
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Dawson loss leaves Dobie baseball needing victories

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 al. The Longhorns are still in contention for a playoff spot but will need three wins coupled with some Manvel and Dawson losses. Manvel is currently third at 8-5 in league play, with Dawson now at 8-6 after its win over Dobie. For the locals, the loss to Dawson was largely self-inflicted. Three infielders made errors, there was an errant pick-off throw at first base, two fly balls to center field were not caught, but likely could have been, and there was a wide pitch late that proved costly. In the end, Dawson swept the two-game season series with the marathon, 3 hour, 5 minute game. Dawson used a pair of one-out singles and two singles to plate a pair of runs against Dobie starter Tyler Myers in the top of the first inning for a 2-0 lead. But Dobie answered. Luis Salazar led off with a single to right field and was bunted to second base by Myers. With two outs, Euro Diaz singled to center field to cut the Dawson lead in half. The Longhorns then got runners to second and

third with one out in the bottom of the second inning, but Isaiah Vasquez was doubled off of second base on a long fly ball to the outfield, which cost the Longhorns the tying run. Vasquez answered with a two-run double to center field in the bottom of the third, and Jacob Salas also singled as Dobie led 5-2 after three innings. Dawson scored four runs in the fourth against Myers, with three hits, a walk and an error all aiding the Eagles' cause. But Diaz came up with his second RBI single of the game in the bottom of the fourth, and the game was tied at 6-6 with three innings to play. A sacrifice fly by Salas in the bottom of the fifth gave the Longhorns a 7-6 lead, but Dawson took advantage of an error to tie the game at 7-7, then took the lead with a single. Diaz smacked an RBI double in the bottom of the sixth as Dobie got within 9-8. In the bottom of the seventh, the Longhorns loaded the bases with two outs before Diaz was retired to end the game. **Four straight wins** Thanks to a 13-1 drub-

bing of South Houston April 15, at Trojan Field, the Longhorns climbed back into playoff contention with four games remaining in their regular season prior to taking on Dawson. Alvin defeated Pearl and 1-0 April 15 and Manvel April 19 and has now seized control of the 22-6A standings at 13-1. Pearl and, despite the key loss to Alvin, is 12-2 and comfortably in second place. Dobie had a disastrous first-half of district play, losing four straight to close out the first half of play at 2-6. Since then, though, the Longhorns have reeled off wins over Pearl and, Manvel, Pasadena and South Houston. But their work is far from done. Needless to say, the Longhorns could use a big win. Next comes an April 22 game at Alvin's Nolan Ryan Field. Dobie closes its season against Sam Rayburn and Memorial, teams that saddled the Longhorns with losses in the first half of play. **SH goes down** Kaelon Woods delivered yet another strong outing on the mound, and the Longhorns kept

the wins coming, crushing South Houston. The right-hander threw five of the game's six innings, allowing just three hits and a run. Dobie's offense also continued its recent resurgence, banging out 15 hits. Isaiah Vasquez, fresh off his game-winning hit April 12 against Pasadena, led the way with three hits and four runs driven in. Jeremy Green had three hits, and Tyler Myers drove in three runs with a pair of hits. The way the race has played out to this point, the Longhorns likely have to sweep their remaining games to have a shot. Sometimes that's the way it goes. The reward might be a playoff rematch with 21-6A undefeated Deer Park in the first round, but Dobie will take that for sure.

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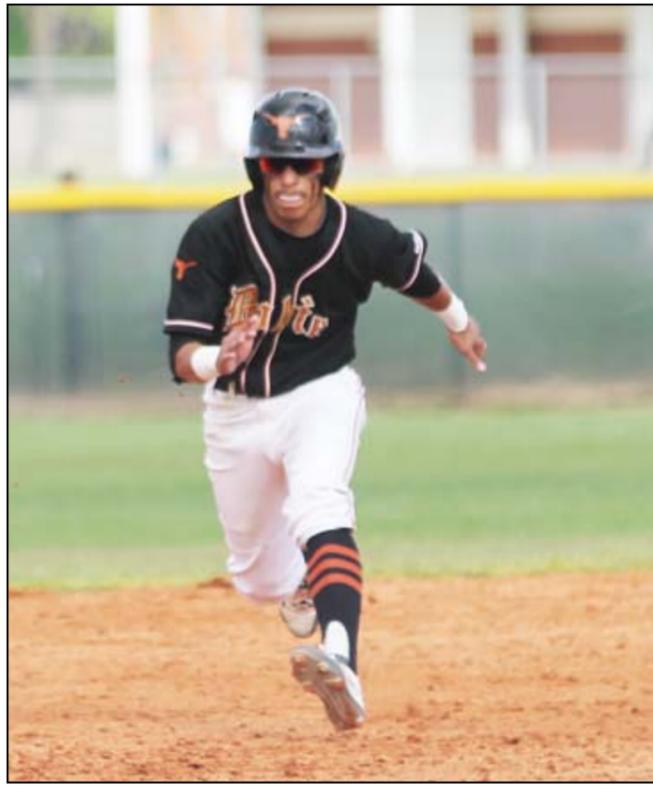
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Cabreja extends Dobie run; making consecutive RIII trips

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 the court. Schreiner is in the midst of its best season since 2001. At 13-3 overall and 3-1 within the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference, the Mountaineers will play host to the SCAC tournament April 22-24 and will likely enter play as the event favorite. The Mountaineer roster is already filled with youth. Morgan has just three seniors to go with a total of 13 freshmen and sophomores. One of those freshmen is class of 2015 Clear Brook High School graduate Andrew Albright. Cabreja knows he will have his work cut out for him in an effort to make an early contribution on the court at Schreiner, but he's all for the challenge. "I had to do the same thing here at Dobie," he said. "When you come in as a freshman or a sophomore, you have to prove yourself, and you have to win challenge matches to move up the ladder in singles or doubles. "I was able to consistently do that here at Dobie, so it's an exciting challenge for me." Now in his 17th year at Dobie, Manuel Moreno Jr. has guided plenty of talented players in the

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Dobie's Euro Diaz came up with a great offensive game against Dawson with a pair of run-scoring singles and an RBI double, but the Eagles held on for a key 9-8 win April 19, at Longhorn Field. Photos by John Bechtel



Luis Salazar and his Dobie varsity baseball teammates have an uphill climb in the District 22-6A standings after slipping to 6-7 with a loss April 19 to Dawson. In that game, Salazar singled twice and walked as the lead-off man.

San Jac softball to host regionals

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and Gonzalez has scored 17 runs to go with 49 hits, five doubles, nine home runs, and 41 RBIs. All games will be played at the San Jacinto College South campus softball field located at 13735 Beamer Road. For more information on the 2016 Region XIV Softball Tournament, visit sanjacsports.com.



San Jacinto College, including freshman Missy Hernandez (above), will serve as host for the 2016 National Junior College Athletic Association Region XIV Softball Tournament April 28 through May 1 at the college's South campus. Photo by Andrea Vasquez, SJC sports marketing

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