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Community garage sale set

The Clear Brook Meadows subdivision will hold its annual Spring Garage Sale on Saturday, May 21. Participants will hold their own sale and must provide their own signs. For more information, email Sylvia Velasquez, activity committee chairperson, at cbmactivity@msn.com.

Kindergarten roundups set

Stuchbery Elementary
An informational meeting about the pre-kindergarten program at Stuchbery Elementary will be held for parents/guardians of children who will turn 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2016. The school will provide information about the Pre-K program including eligibility guidelines and registration information on Thursday, May 19, at 5:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. For more information, call the school at 713-740-0752.

CBHS cheer holds car wash

The 2016-2017 Clear Brook High School cheerleaders will hold a car wash Saturday, May 21, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Snowie's in the Foodtown parking lot on Scarsdale. A \$5 donation is asked.

Cowboys, Cowgirls register

The Sagemont Cowboys and Cowgirls will hold an open registration for the 2016 season on Saturday, May 21, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the football field in El Franco Lee Park. A \$100 deposit is due at the time of registration. For more information, contact Club President Denny Wranich at 281-785-8353.

Church holds yard sale

Faith Missionary Baptist Church, 9850 Mango Street in Houston, will hold a church-wide yard sale on Saturday, May 21, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine, to raise money for its ladies auxiliary.

Shredding event May 21

First Service Credit Union will hold a Shred Day on Saturday, May 21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at First Service Gulf Freeway branch, 8980 Clearwood Street (at I-45 South) and at the Katy Branch at 23665 Katy Freeway (I-10).

This event will assure that confidential documents are safely shredded, eliminating the danger of financial fraud or identity theft. Each individual can drop off five bags or boxes of personal documents, and those papers will be immediately shredded on-site. For additional information, contact Daniel Souers, First Service vice president of marketing, at 713-676-8949.

Bazaar at church May 22

The St. Frances Cabrini Annual Bazaar will be held on Sunday, May 22, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the church grounds at 10727 Hartsook Street in Houston. The bazaar will feature a barbecue dinner, Mexican food, trash and treasure, kiddie land, beverages, and games for all ages. A raffle will be held with three prizes - \$4,500, \$500 and \$250 Visa gift cards. The trash and treasure is said to be Southeast Houston's largest garage sale - now open and remaining open through the bazaar. Proceeds from the bazaar will go toward the mortgage on the new church dedicated in January 2005. Admission is free. For more information, call 713-946-5768.

CCFA support group meets

The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA) Bay Area Support Group will meet Tuesday, May 24, at 7:30 p.m. at the State Farm Insurance at 12941 Gulf Freeway, Suite 101. Patients and caregivers are invited to attend. Meetings are free.

SB Dolphins set sign-ups

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

Dobie choir holds pop show

The Dobie Choir will present *It's Summertime!* on Thursday, May 19, and Friday, May 20, in the school auditorium at 7 p.m. Dobie students can get in for \$5 with a valid ID. All other tickets are \$10. Tickets are available at the door.

BellaVita holds garage sale

The BellaVita subdivision will hold a community garage sale on Saturday, May 21, from 1 to 5 p.m. Each residence will be in charge of their own sale.

Dobie orchestra to perform

The Dobie Orchestra will hold its annual spring concert Tuesday, May 24, in the school auditorium at 7 p.m. The event will also include a seniors recognition, featuring a slide show. Select scholarships are also to be awarded at the function.

Primary runoff elections set for May 24

The 2016 primary runoff elections are set to take place Tuesday, May 24.

Of particular importance to South Belt voters is the race for Harris County Precinct 2 constable.

In that contest, incumbent Chris Diaz and challenger George Goffney Jr. are competing for the Democrat nomination.

In the March 1 primary, Diaz received 45 per-

cent of the vote to Goffney's 21 percent.

The winner of the runoff will go up against Republican Daniel Vela in the November general election. In the March primary, Vela narrowly avoided a runoff, defeating Joe Alanis 51 percent to 49 percent. (See related questionnaire on Page 3A)

Also to be decided is the Democrat nomination for Harris County sheriff. In the March

primary, Ed Gonzales received 44 percent of the vote to Jerome Moore's 30 percent.

The winner of the runoff will go up against Republican incumbent Ron Hickman in the November general election.

Both parties will vote to determine the nominee for railroad commissioner. In the Democratic election, Grady Yarbrough will face Cody Garrett for the nomination, while Gary Gates will go up against Wayne Christian in the Republican contest.

The Republican Party will also elect a Harris County party chairman. Vying for the position are incumbent Paul Simpson and challenger Rick Ramos.

Early voting is currently underway and will continue through Friday, May 20. Local early voting locations include the Harris County Courthouse Annex No. 25 at 7330 Spencer Highway in Pasadena and the Freeman Branch Library at 16616 Diana Lane in the Clear Lake area. Polling hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Voters should be aware that early voting locations are different from Election Day polling locations. (See related chart on this page.)

Voters should also be aware that the vast majority of local precincts have changed polling locations since the March 1 primaries, and all Republican polling locations had yet to be confirmed by the Harris County Clerk's Office at press time Wednesday?

Voting hours on Election Day are also 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For more information or to see a complete list of polling locations, visit www.harrisvotes.org.

Where to vote

Primary runoff polling locations

Pct. #	Location
76 D	Burnett Elementary, 11825 Teaneck
R	*Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale
289 D	Pearl Hall Elementary, 1504 9th St. (South Houston)
R	*IBEW Hall No. 66, 4345 Allen Genoa (in Pasadena)
417 D	Burnett Elementary, 11825 Teaneck
R	*Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale
418 D	Burnett Elementary, 11825 Teaneck
R	*IBEW Hall No. 66, 4345 Allen Genoa (in Pasadena)
475 D	Burnett Elementary, 11825 Teaneck
R	*Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale
476 D	Stuchbery Elementary, 11210 Hughes
R	*Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale
536 D	Laura Bush Elementary, 9100 Blackhawk
R	*Palm Center, 5300 Griggs Road
537 D	Bella Vita Clubhouse 1548 N. Riviera Circle
R	*Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale
545 D	Burnett Elementary, 11825 Teaneck
R	*Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale
654 D	Laura Bush Elementary, 9100 Blackhawk
R	*Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale
755 D	IBEW Hall No. 66, 4345 Allen Genoa (in Pasadena)
R	*IBEW Hall No. 66, 4345 Allen Genoa (in Pasadena)
762 D	Laura Bush Elementary, 9100 Blackhawk
R	*Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale
774 D	Laura Bush Elementary, 9100 Blackhawk
R	*Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale
842 D	Burnett Elementary, 11825 Teaneck
R	*Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale
996 D	Burnett Elementary, 11825 Teaneck
R	*Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale

*Not confirmed at press time

PISD's Stallings, Fullen promoted



At a recent Pasadena Independent School District Board of Directors meeting, Angela Stallings (second from left) and Steve Fullen (second from right) - both former Dobie assistant principals and current sitting principals in PISD - were named associate superintendents of Campus Development. They are pictured with their mentor, former Dobie Principal Steve Jamail (right), and current Dobie Principal Franklin Moses. Photo submitted

Schools address transgender issue

By James Bolen

Local schools are being forced to address the controversial transgender bathroom issue after the Obama administration recently threatened to withhold federal funding from districts that do not comply with federal laws that prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

The most controversial provisions of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the federal law in question, is the requirement that schools allow students to use bathrooms and locker rooms that correspond to their gender identity.

While some organizations such as the National PTA and the National Education Association, the nation's largest teachers union, have been supportive of the measure, others have sharply condemned it.

Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick has been a vocal opponent of the issue, saying the state will not comply with the demand.

"I believe it is the biggest issue facing families and schools in America since prayer has been taken out of school," Patrick said. "He (Obama) has set a policy in place that will divide the country, not along political lines, but along family values and school districts."

While local taxes provide the majority of public education funding, federal dollars are used to help poor and disabled students, as well as those who are learning English as a second language - something Patrick is apparently willing to forgo, despite ongoing education funding issues in the state. See related story on this page.

"He (Obama) says he's going to withhold funding if schools do not follow the policy," Patrick said. "Well in Texas, he can keep his 30 pieces of silver. We will not yield to blackmail from the president of the United States."

At the local level, school administrators told the *Leader* that while they have received numerous calls from concerned parents, the issue hasn't really been that much of a problem.

"We've had very limited experience with the issue," said Pasadena Independent School District Superintendent DeeAnn Powell. "In the last 11 years that I've been at the central office, we've only had four students whose parents have contacted us about this issue, and we have worked with each family individually."

According to Powell, three of the incidents

involved high school students, while the fourth was an intermediate school student

Both PISD and the Clear Creek Independent School District have released statements saying they will address the issue on a case-by-case basis, should it occur.

"Pasadena ISD prohibits discrimination against a student on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, disability, actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity, or on any other basis prohibited by law, that adversely affects the student. It has been the district's practice to work with students and families on an individual, case-by-case basis to accommodate individual student needs while still serving the best interest of all PISD students. The district appreciates the feedback from our community regarding the president of the United States' recent announcement and the joint "Dear Colleague Letter" issued by the United States Department of Education and Department of Justice. After reviewing both the president's announcement and the "Dear Colleague Letter," PISD does not foresee any changes to its current policy or practices. As always, student safety is of the utmost concern to PISD, and we will continue to work with students, parents and the community to keep our children safe while they are at school," the PISD statement reads.

CCISD administrators have a similar take.

"The Clear Creek Independent School District is committed to providing each student a safe and nurturing learning environment free from discrimination and harassment. The school district staff is trained on how to deal with the varying, complex and sensitive issues that may arise under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which is a federal law prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sex in federally funded education programs. In Texas, the scope of a transgender student's right to use sex-specific restrooms, locker rooms and overnight facilities is not legally settled. Therefore each situation is handled on a case-by-case basis with a shared understanding that a transgender student's right to not be discriminated against equals a non-transgender student's right to privacy. We have been successful in balancing the rights of all students without issue and offer restrooms, showers and changing areas for students seeking privacy, regardless of their gender or gender identity."

Caudle seeks socks for 90th birthday

Longtime South Belt resident Lynn Maxwell Caudle will turn 90 years old on Tuesday, June 7, and is selflessly asking for assistance in helping the less fortunate.

In lieu of birthday cards, presents, cakes, gifts and parties, Caudle is requesting that friends, family and community members donate socks to the Bluebonnet Youth Ranch in Yoakum.

The Bluebonnet Youth Ranch is a nonprofit organization that serves as a longterm, residential home for dependent, abused and neglected children. The ranch cares for up to 50 children at a time and is currently having a problem provid-

ing enough socks for the youths to wear.

"My thought is that for the price of a birthday card and one stamp, you can mail me a pair of socks," Caudle said. "I will get them to Yoakum. It will be my gift from all of you. It is a good place and a very worthy cause."

The socks can be any size and any color and for either boys or girls.

"This has been a very fun, happy thing to do for my 90th," Caudle said. "Bless you, and thank you."

Socks may be mailed to Caudle at 11657 Sabo Road, Houston, TX 77089.

Navarro fundraiser set for May 22



A fundraiser for Brandon Navarro will be held Sunday, May 22, at Scotty's Pub, located at 10943 Scarsdale at Beamer, from 1 to 5 p.m.

A Kirkwood South resident, Navarro was diagnosed with colon cancer last year and has been undergoing chemotherapy and radiation treatments since October. His treatments are expected to continue through August.

He and his wife, Viana Treviño (a 2001 Dobie graduate), have a 2-year-old son named Andrew.

The benefit will feature barbecue, raffle prizes and an auction. The event will be catered by Damn it Boy! Cookers.

All proceeds will go toward Navarro's medical expenses.

For additional information or to donate raffle prizes or auction items contact Beth Wilson at 832-274-6188 or ekwilson36@yahoo.com or Treviño 281-646-9844.

Court upholds school finance system

On Friday, May 13, the Texas Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of the state's school finance system, overruling a challenge brought by more than 600 Texas school districts and ending the longest legal battle over school finance in state history.

The group of 88 school districts, known collectively as the Calhoun County ISD Plaintiffs in the lawsuit, were represented by Mark Trachtenberg and John Turner, partners with Haynes and Boone, who expressed disappointment at the court's ruling.

"This decision represents a dark day for Texas school children, especially given the Legislature's repeated failure to adequately fund our schools," Trachtenberg said. "Given the importance of education in the 21st Century economy, Texas simply cannot afford to be bringing up the rear among the states in financial support of public education. We believe the trial court's conclusion was correct. Schools do not have the re-

sources - or the local control over their tax rates - to meet the standards set forth in the Texas Constitution. Unfortunately, the Supreme Court justices did not agree. At this point, our districts can only hope that the Legislature will reverse course on its own and make the changes needed to improve our system."

The lawsuit began in 2011, after the Legislature cut \$5.4 billion in public education funding from the state budget, and at the same time that the state's more rigorous student performance standards were being implemented.

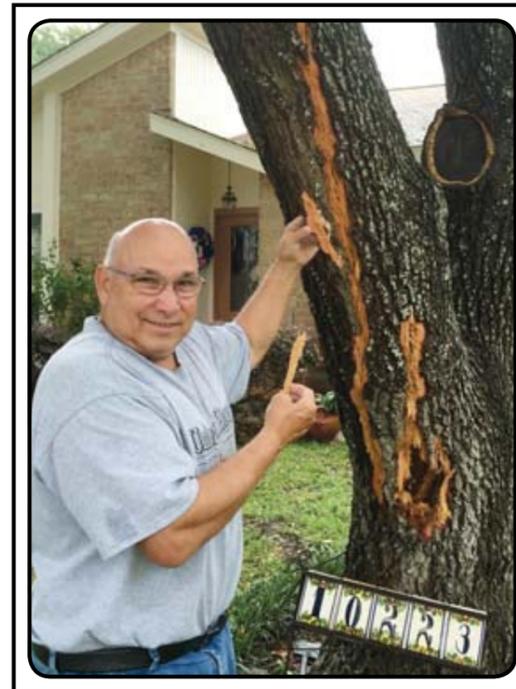
In its 100-page order, the Supreme Court reversed a trial court's 2014 ruling that the school finance system violated several provisions of the Texas Constitution.

Prior to the ruling, the Supreme Court, in lawsuits dating back five decades, had consistently ruled in favor of public schools in their ongoing challenges to achieve funding that is in compliance with provisions of the state constitution.

Lightning strikes tree

Sageglen resident Donald Graham was startled on Friday, May 13, by the crack of nearby thunder. Upon investigating his home, located in the 10200 block of Sagedale, for damage, he noticed that an oak tree in his front yard appeared to have been struck by lightning. A metal sign at the house also suffered burns, presumably from the lightning strike. While the area was spared major flooding, some residents reported dime- and quarter-sized hail. Graham is the husband of *Leader* staff member Rosa Graham.

Photo by Rosa Graham



Publisher's Opinion

Leader supports Diaz; urges you vote

As many may remember, when Constable Chris Diaz first ran for that office, the *South Belt-Ellington Leader* supported his local opponent.

When Chris won the election he and I talked. He promised to take good care of the South Belt community.

I pledged that if he did, I would support him.

He and his people have done a great job. Is everything perfect, and all criminals gone? No, but that will never be the case.

Those community leaders who work with the constable's office will share that

Chris and his group are doing a great job.

This is a very low profile runoff election, and not many will vote. I personally urge all who care about the safety of the South Belt community to vote Tuesday, May 24.

Our county officials have not made it very easy to early vote, but you can vote in the community on Tuesday. (See front page of this paper for your early voting location.)

Thanks to all who take time to vote on this important race.

Publisher, **Marie Flickinger**

Elected officials speak out

Councilman Dwight Boykins on job fair

On Monday, May 9, my office hosted a successful 2nd Chance Job Fair at the George R. Brown Convention Center. Over 5,200 individuals from the Greater Houston Area came out in search of career opportunities with the goal of obtaining financial stability and improving their quality of life. Again, I believe everyone deserves a second chance. Each attendee had the opportunity to speak with over 70+ companies that are committed to hiring without discrimination for mistakes made in the past.

Thank you to the 100+ dedicated volunteers who helped with voter registration, criminal record expunction, and resource referrals, such as resume assistance. I would also like to thank everyone who made the event a resounding success and I look forward to gathering positive feedback from the employers and how many positions they were able to fill, such as Walmart who had over 700 interviews alone.

For those of you who were unable to

attend the job fair, please visit secondchancejobfair.com for a list of the participating employers who attended the job fair and are currently hiring.

Also, I will be hiring a summer intern, in connection with my 2nd Chance Job Training Program, to work in my Council Office from June to August. The selected individual must be between the ages of 16 - 21 and reside within the Houston city limits.

This internship will be a wonderful opportunity to gain exposure to the operations of city government and learn the process for advocating on behalf of constituents.

The deadline to apply is Wednesday, May 18th, so please encourage those you know - your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews - to send their resume to District7@houston.tx.gov to be considered. I look forward to giving a deserving youth a second chance and providing a positive summer experience that will benefit them for years to come.

Principals appreciate teachers



Meador Elementary teachers felt very appreciated recently as Principal Beverly Bolton (left) and Assistant Principal Amy Clowers (not shown) delivered bundt cakes to everyone in person. This was only one of the special things the administrators at Meador did to brighten the teachers' week. Pictured with Bolton is second-grade teacher Chantay Hill. Photo submitted

San Jac student honored



South campus student and Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Alpha Gamma Zeta chapter president, Tabitha Tufts (right), received the 2016 Student Leader of the Year award for her efforts in organizing various PTK events at San Jacinto College and with local community organizations. Also pictured is Daniel Byars, San Jacinto College South campus Office of Student Engagement and Activities coordinator. Photo by Andrea Vasquez

Deaths

Mary Anna Garcia



Mary Anna Sanchez Garcia, 76, died on Sunday, May 15, 2016. She was born to Luis and Irene Sanchez on Sept. 16, 1939, in Houston. One of seven children, she grew up in South Houston and graduated from Milby High School in 1958.

Garcia met her husband, Alexander, while she was a nursing student at Medical Arts Hospital. The two were married on Nov. 27, 1960. They had three sons, Alexander Jr., Alexander III and Michael Joseph.

Garcia was known to love a challenge. She started her career at AT&T/Southwestern Bell as a telephone operator. During her tenure at AT&T/SWB, she broke through many glass ceilings including becoming one of the first female communication technicians, along with her sister, Gloria.

Garcia retired from AT&T/SWB in 2001 after 38 years of service. She was an active parishioner of St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church serving as an officer in Catholic Daughters of the Americas and as a member of Asociación Guadalupanas. She was a South Belt area resident since 1977. She was an incredibly loving and supportive wife and mother and a doting grandmother and great-grandmother.

Garcia is preceded in death by her husband, Alexander Y. Garcia Sr.; son Alexander Garcia Jr.; parents Luis and Irene Sanchez; and brothers Louis and Frank Sanchez.

She is survived by sons Alexander Garcia III (Malinda) and Michael Joseph Garcia (Elizabeth); grandchildren Michael Escagne (Cné), Chase Johnson, Brianna Vega (Juan), Chad Johnson, Ryan Garcia, and Taylor Davis;

great-grandchildren Mitchel, Mason and Molly Escagne; and siblings Gloria Casey, Phillip Sanchez, Clara Rodriguez and Joe Sanchez.

A Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, May 19, 2016, at 11 a.m. at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road, followed by the funeral procession to Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery, 6900 Lawndale Street in Houston, for interment.

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

Manuela "Nellie" Nelson



Manuela "Nellie" Nelson, 80, died on Wednesday, May 11, 2016.

She was born on March 12, 1936, in Pecos, Texas. She was raised in nearby Barstow, Texas, moved to Houston in the 1960s, and finally to the South Belt area in 1972. Once she settled here, she never wanted to leave. It was difficult to make her leave the neighborhood even for a day except when she was working in her shop at Cole's Flea Market, which she had for more than 35 years.

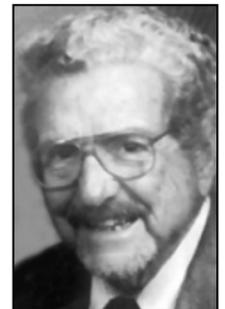
She often dropped off treats to friends, from the mechanics at Texaco to the produce manager at Food Town, and all stops in between.

Nelson made nearly every South Belt garage sale for the past 40 years where she found many treasures and some of her dearest friends.

Nelson was preceded in death by her husband of 43 years, Charles Ray Nelson, and her parents Maximino and Nila Palomino.

She is survived by her only daughter, Charlene, and husband Steve Provenca; grandchildren Valerie Belle and Travis Ray from South Belt; her brother, David Palomino, from West Texas; and many other relatives and friends.

Russell G. West Jr.



Russell G. West Jr., 88, of Houston, longtime South Belt resident, died Thursday, May 12, 2016. He was born in Keyser, W.Va., on May 3, 1928, to the Rev. Russell G. West Sr. and Mildred Conner West. He was married to Barbara Carruth West for 67 years.

West graduated from McPherson College in 1950 with a bachelor of science degree. He had a career in material management with Celanese, Brown & Root, Fluor Corporation and Jacobs Engineering. His passion was playing golf, and he kept scorecards from all of his rounds at many courses including Pebble Beach. He owned and operated Russ's Golf Range on the corner of Highway 3 and Dixie Farm Road for five years with his wife.

West was preceded in death by his parents; his siblings, Wainline Zimmerman and Virginia Lee Doane; and daughter-in-law Rebecca West.

He is survived by his wife; children Gina Lozano and husband Baldemar, Miles West, Todd West, and Julie Valenti and husband Steve;

In My Opinion

Semler: speak out for Christian values

I first sent this letter to the Chief Justice of the US Supreme Court, online, in November 2014. I sent it through the US postal system, certified, a few times after that. Still I have not received any reply or acknowledgment from the Court.

Over the years, using the Establishment Clause in the Constitution, we have removed prayer from schools, athletic events, restricted prayer in the military; to name a few. We even have a protest to not allow the steel cross beam, found in the rubble of the World Trade Center, to be placed at the site in New York City.

I believe the Constitution was written in simple terms; no hidden meanings or intentions. I believe it is the interpretation and meaning of the words in the First Amendment which have allowed such actions to come to pass. The First Amendment states:

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; of the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Merriam-Webster defines Established Church as a church recognized by law as the official church of a nation or state and supported by civil authority. It is to make a religion a national or state institution. Separation of Church and State prevents the government from attempting to establish an official church for America.

When the people assemble to pray or place religious objects in public view they are not attempting to establish religion. They are acknowledging their religious beliefs. This activity can take various forms, from worship services to asking God for special intentions. Public displays are also a form of acknowledgment of religious beliefs. No one is forced to participate or view any of this activity. Such public activity is not a violation of the Constitution. No attempt to "establish religion" is being made.

America was founded based on Christian values. Approximately 85% of the US population professes to be Christian. With the fast majority of Americans being Christian how have we allowed the minority of non-believers to use the words of the First Amendment to cause our courts to render opinions which have removed God from just about every public venue and even restricted prayer in some areas.

If you find my analysis to be incorrect or incomplete I respectfully request a reply detailing where my logic has failed. On the other hand, if my analysis is correct then I

respectfully request the U.S. Supreme Court to publicly render its opinion on this issue and allow this Country to freely express the Christian values upon which it was founded and has been sustained for over 230 years. God Bless America!

Robert J. Semler

I sent this letter through the US postal system, certified, a few times after that. Still I have not received any reply or acknowledgment from the Court. I have heard that they expect Freedom of Religion to be their next major issue. In making their decisions they need to set politics aside and analyze and interpret the First Amendment as it was intended when drafted by our founding fathers. We need action now! They need to hear from those they serve; directly as I have or through your representatives in congress. We as Christians have been silent too long. Don't be afraid to speak out.

Robert Semler

No Latino Metro board member?

Sylvester Turner recently announced his appointments to the Metro board. Incredibly, for the first time since 1978 there is no Latino serving on the Metro board. Anytime a group that now comprises over 40% of our community is not represented it is a matter for concern. But it is particularly troubling in the case of Metro because so many of Metro's customers are Latino.

There is a long history of distinguished service by Latinos on Metro's board. Of course, most recently Gilbert Garcia navigated Metro through a very difficult time over the last eight years, including a critical refocusing on Metro's bus service which had languished under the previous administration. Others like Rafael Acosta, Olga Moya, Janie Reyes and Yolanda Narvarro Black served with distinction.

I was glad to see the appointment of Lex Frieden to the board. Frieden is a disability advocate. Metro's role in providing transportation to our disabled community is frequently overlooked but is a critical service for our community. Providing transit to the disabled is a daunting challenge. Metro record is a mixed bag in this area. Having a strong advocate on the board for disabled commuters will be a valuable new voice.

But the omission of a Latino board member is a grievous oversight. Metro can never be successful unless it can successfully market itself to our fastest growing demographic. There are obviously many qualified Latinos that could and would serve on the board. Either the City or the County needs to use the next available appointment to insure this situation is corrected. **Bill King**

Local library events set

Parker Williams Library

The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale. Thursday, May 19, from 3 to 5 p.m. - Community Craft Time. Celebrate Asian Pacific Heritage Month as the group will paint cherry blossoms and create Japanese paper dolls. Recommended for adults and children 7+ years.

Friday, May 20, at 2 p.m. - Movie Time for Adults. Feature presentation of 12 *Angry Men*, starring Henry Fonda, 1957.

Friday, May 20, at 4:30 p.m. - Teen Summer Volunteer Orientation. Must be at least 12 years of age.

Wednesday, May 25, at 4 p.m. - Movie Madness will present *Metropolis*, rated PG-13. Wednesdays - Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.; Thursdays - Toddler Story Time, 10:30 a.m.; Saturdays - Vietnamese Storytime. Classes are at 10 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. For more information on Vietnamese programs, speak with Loc Bui. For more information on these programs, call the library at 281-484-2036.

Bracewell Branch Library

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

Thursday, May 26: Not Your Mama's Book Club - Join the group for a discussion on *A Novel of Suspense* by William G. Tapply.

Saturday, May 28: Spanish Computer Class (Computadora Básica) - from 10:30 a.m. to noon; Manga/Anime Club - from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Manga/anime fangirls and their friends will be able to create Japanese crafts, discuss a favorite manga series, share artwork and information about upcoming anime events, and view a sampling of anime series and movies. For ages 10-14.

Tuesdays - Pre-K Storytime (ages 3-5 years and their parents/caregivers) from 10:30 to 11 a.m.; Storytime Craft from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays - Baby/Toddler Storytime (ages 6-36 months and their parents/caregivers) from 10:30 to 11 a.m.; Baby/Toddler Playgroup (ages 6 months to 3 years and their parents/caregivers) from 11 to 11:30 a.m.; Computer Basics at 2 p.m.; Internet Basics at 3:15 p.m.; and Power Point at 4:30 p.m.

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

Aid available to repair or replace vehicles damaged by April floods

Texans whose vehicles were damaged or destroyed by this April's flooding may be eligible to receive federal assistance to repair or replace the vehicle.

"Those who may be eligible include not just residents of the designated counties, but also those who were working in or visiting those areas between April 17 and April 24 and had disaster-related damage to their vehicle," said Federal Coordinating Officer Kevin Hannes, who is in charge of FEMA's operations in Texas.

The eight counties included in the federal disaster declaration are: Austin, Colorado, Fayette, Grimes, Harris, Parker, Waller and Wharton.

The following conditions apply to assistance for a damaged or destroyed vehicle:

- The damaged vehicle must have complied with applicable state laws regarding title, vehicle registration and insurance requirements at the time of the damage.
- Only those who maintain at least liability insurance will be considered to receive federal disaster assistance to repair or replace their vehicles. Liability coverage is the minimum insurance requirement for Texas drivers. Liability insurance policies do not cover storm-related damage. Survivors who register must submit proof to FEMA that they maintain liability coverage to be considered for federal disaster assistance to repair or replace their cars.

- Survivors who have a comprehensive policy should first file a claim with their insurance company. Comprehensive policies usually pay for storm-related damage to a car. However, federal disaster assistance may help fill the gaps for those whose comprehensive insurance coverage does not pay for any or all storm-related damage costs.

- Survivors need to return a completed U.S. Small Business Administration disaster-loan application. After registering with FEMA, the SBA may contact survivors concerning disaster loan applications. It's important for survivors to submit their application. Homeowners and renters may be eligible to borrow up to \$40,000 to repair or replace personal property, including

automobiles damaged or destroyed in the disaster.

- FEMA grants to repair or replace a vehicle must clear the SBA disaster loan process. Survivors may receive a grant from FEMA to repair or replace their car if insurance is insufficient and they were declined for an SBA home loan. Grants do not need to be repaid.

- Keep documents. Federal disaster assistance is available to survivors only if their cars had damage during the severe storms and flooding April 17 to April 24. Survivors must submit an itemized document showing damage to the cars was storm-related and a receipt, estimate or verifiable bill of the repair or replacement costs. FEMA officials advise anyone whose vehicle was damaged during the storms and flooding to register for assistance. Texans can register online at DisasterAssistance.gov or by phone at 800-621-3362 (FEMA) or TTY 800-462-7585. Applicants who use 711 or Video Relay Service may call 800-621-3362. Multi-

lingual operators are available. The toll-free numbers are open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days a week.

For more information about the SBA loan process,

survivors may contact SBA Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center by calling 800-659-2955, emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov, or visiting the SBA website at

disasterloan.sba.gov/ela. Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals may call 800-877-8339.

For more information on Texas recovery, visit the disaster webpage for the April

storms at fema.gov/disaster/4269; or visit the Texas Division of Emergency Management website at txdps.state.tx.us/dem. Follow on Twitter @femaregion6.

Harris Co. property protest deadline May 31

Harris County property owners who believe there is an error in the market value set by the appraisal district have until Tuesday, May 31, to protest the value of their property.

A green protest form was included in the property value notice the Harris County Appraisal District (HCAD) sent to each property owner in April, however, a Notice of Protest form may be downloaded from the district's web site at www.hcad.org. There are two ways to find the form on HCAD's homepage. It can be found from the top tool bar under Forms > General Information, or it can be found from the light blue column on the left in the "Most Requested Forms" box. The Notice of

Protest form number is 41-44. Instructions for filing are located in the upper left corner of the Notice of Protest form.

Protests may be filed online, brought to HCAD's office at 13013 Northwest Freeway, or mailed to P.O. Box 922004, Houston, TX 77292-2004, but must be postmarked by May 31.

Chief Appraiser Sands Stiefer encouraged property owners to use HCAD's online iFile system to submit their protest. The chief appraiser noted that unique iFile numbers are printed on the face of the 2016 value notices near the property account number. Without this number, the iFile system cannot be used for filing a protest for security reasons.

Homeowners who file their protest through the Internet using iFile may also have an opportunity to settle their value online with HCAD's iSettle system. If a settlement through the online system isn't possible, the homeowner will be scheduled for a hearing with the Appraisal Review Board.

A video explaining how to file an online protest and use the residential iSettle system is available on the district's website at www.hcad.org. Questions concerning iSettle may be directed to isettle@hcad.org.

"Texas law requires that property be appraised at its January 1 market value," Stiefer said. "The purpose of the appraisal is to allocate the

tax burden fairly among all owners of taxable property. The actual amount of tax due is determined by the tax rate set in the fall by the governing body of each jurisdiction such as county, city, school district or MUD. The appraisal district has no involvement in the rate setting process."

Business personal property and some real property accounts will have later protest deadlines. If a later deadline applies to a particular account, the property owner will be mailed an official HCAD value notice on which the later protest deadline will be listed.

For answers to questions concerning protesting the market value, call the appraisal district's information center at 713-957-7800.

Frazier participates in Name that Book competition



Frazier Elementary's Name that Book team participated in the Pasadena Independent School District competition on April 16 at Phillips Gym. Team members pictured in the photo are, left to right, (front row) Ezekiel Arriaga, Hallie Vu, Madison Valladares, (back row) Christine Roberts (team coach), Titus Giang, Ariana Perez, Shalini Johnson, Jazlyn Moya and Catty Silas (team coach).

Photo submitted

Questionnaires for Pct. 2 Constable

The following questionnaire was sent to both candidates running for the Harris County Constable Precinct 2 position. Their responses appear as they were received and have not been edited for grammar or spelling. The candidates are in the order in which they are listed on the ballot.

Chris Diaz



NAME: Christopher E. Diaz
AGE: 42
OCCUPATION: Constable, Harris County Precinct 2
EDUCATION: Associate Degree, San Jacinto College, attended University of Houston studying Business Administration
MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN: Married to Ana Diaz, 2 children - Christopher & Nicholas
PARTY AFFILIATION: Democrat

Do you reside in Precinct 2? If so, what subdivision and for how long? (50 words or less)

Yes, my family and I reside in Jacinto City and have been lifelong residents. I am a product of Galena Park High School, San Jacinto College and University of Houston Clear Lake.

Do you have any law enforcement experience? If so, for which department(s) and for how long? (100 words or less)

Yes, I am currently serving my first term as Constable of Precinct 2 and have been in this position since January 2013, after winning the 2012 election.

What makes you best

qualified to serve the constituents of Precinct 2? (100 words or less)

I have directed the office toward a community oriented department. We have developed partnerships with business, community and educational leaders as well as elected officials at all levels of government. The department's budget has increased from est. \$6 million to almost \$8 million in three years. Most of the monies received have been designated for additional deputies, vehicles and equipment to ensure that they have adequate resources to do their job as efficiently as possible. My office implemented the first ever Citizens Police Academy in precinct 2 and we have formed joint task forces with other law enforcement agencies.

Do you currently have any endorsements? If so, from whom? (100 words or less)

Yes, I am honored to have received endorsements from: COPS, MASO, Houston Metro FOP, Area 5 Democrats, Houston Apartment Association, Insulators Local 22, AFL-CIO, CWA, Harris County Tejano Democrats, Congressman Gene Green, State Senators Sylvia Garcia and John Whitmire, Representatives Carol Alvarado, Ana Hernandez, Harold Dutton, Armando Walle and Garnet Coleman, Mayors Sylvester Turner, Ana Diaz, Esmeralda Moya, Joe Soto, Council Member Robert Gallegos, Constables Ken Jones, Alan Rosen and May Walker, HCC Trustees Eva Loreda and Dr. Adriana Tamez, San Jacinto College Chairman Dan Mims, PISD Trustee Kenny Fernandez, GPISD Trustee Ramon Garza and Joe Stephens. Several pending endorsements.

What do you see as the biggest challenges directly affecting the South Belt community? (100 words or less)

Our challenges in the South Belt are due to growth in the area. As such, this growth puts a strain on our infrastructure, our educa-

tional system and our quality of life. We are fortunate that we continue to see expansion in housing, such as planned communities, retail and business. However this growth also brings increased traffic we need to have a regional plan to address these needs so we can continue to prosper in our precinct. We must be prepared to address the crime which often times affects our progress and growth.

What improvements to service in the South Belt area would you like to see? How would that be achieved? (100 words or less)

I would like to expand our contract services to address the growth in population in this area. As more neighborhoods are developed we would need additional resources and manpower to provide police services. In order to achieve this we would need to add additional deputies to our staff as demand for services increase. I would continue to work with other law enforcement agencies to have better response times when our citizens call upon us for law enforcement.

What do you see as the biggest challenges directly affecting the total precinct? (100 words or less)

Our biggest challenge is how traffic affects our ability to address the needs of our constituency in a timely and efficient manner. The population explosion in our region is growing faster than we can accommodate. To address this need I will continue to work with our Harris County Commissioners and other elected officials to keep up with the growing need for resources in our area.

What goals would you like to accomplish if elected? (100 words or less)

Continue with the Citizens Police Academy, expand our reserve deputy division, and continue to add and train deputies to our department, secure grants to assist our officers and employees. It is extremely important that we reach out to the entire population to confirm that the agency is and

will always be a servant of this community by providing Town Hall Meetings, regular speaking engagements in the Precinct, and add community outreach programs. I believe Communication is the key to success. I will also continue to be a good steward of the taxpayer's dollars.

In what ways would you work with community members? (100 words or less)

Since taking office in 2013 I have been able to work with many of the community members and its leaders in various programs. I take pride in helping the community in any way possible. In the future I would like to increase community outreach programs. Not only will my staff and I be attending monthly community meeting and take part in the events, we would also like to host several more Town Halls and youth events to foster Community and Law Enforcement relations.

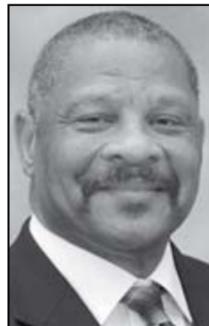
What is your assessment of crime in the South Belt area? (100 words or less)

The two most common crimes in the South Belt area are home break-ins and car burglaries. Car burglaries is a county wide problem, with thieves targeting an entire neighborhood at a time. Taking every precaution will help reduce the chance of being victimized either in your home or car. Having a good neighborhood watch program will help to address some of these crimes.

What are your suggestions on how to avoid being a victim of home burglary, and auto burglary? (150 words or less)

We must all be vigilant of our surroundings whether at home, at work or out in the community. Always leave lights on when away from home, do not leave any valuables exposed in your automobiles. Make sure that vehicles are kept locked even if you're at home and parked in a driveway. Always report suspicious individuals and vehicles not usually in your neighborhood.

George Goffney



NAME: George Goffney Jr.
AGE: 59
OCCUPATION: Process Chemical Operator
EDUCATION: Dickerson High School/ College of the Mainland
MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN: Married / 7 children
PARTY AFFILIATION: Democrat

Do you reside in Precinct 2? If so, what subdivision and for how long? (50

words or less)
Absolutely, I have live in the South Belt areas for more than 15 years. I currently live in Autumn Lakes Subdivision at 4411 West Maple Drive, Friendswood Texas 77546 for three years.

Do you have any law enforcement experience? If so, for which department(s) and for how long? (100 words or less)

Yes, Galveston county Sheriff Department for more than 6 years. I have also volunteered to many law-enforcement and community events.

What makes you best qualified to serve the constituents of Precinct 2? (100 words or less)

I have a vision for fair and equitable distribution and utilization of the resources that are granted to precinct 2 constable office. The current constable use resources that should be protecting our South Belt Community to protect his political strong hole. This has been done while the crime at South Belt has risen while he has been in office.

Do you currently have any endorsements? If so, from whom? (100 words or less)

Yes I do, in fact All of the other constables candidates has endorsed me, because they feel that I am the best candidate for precinct 2.

What do you see as the biggest challenges directly affecting the South Belt community? (100 words or less)

Poor patrol (we are paying extra for) and a Constable who is responsive to our needs.

What improvements to service in the South Belt area would you like to see? How would that be achieved? (100 words or less)

My staff and I will attend all Civic Club Association meetings to ensure that we hear firsthand what the community concerns are. While doing so we will provide feedback to the citizens to make them aware of crime trends in our area.

What do you see as the biggest challenges directly affecting the total precinct? (100 words or less)

Lack of responsiveness from the current constable and our voices not being heard.

What goals would you like to accomplish if elected? (100 words or less)

A safer community
In what ways would you work with community members? (100 words or less)

First, I would solicit the input of all community leaders to get the feedback we need to respond to the needs of the community. In addition I will have quarterly meeting.

Publisher's note: There was apparently a problem of confusion with George Goffney's questionnaire. A previous questionnaire, which was sent to him before the primary election included some of the same questions. The primary questionnaire was sent to the Leader by Goffney instead of the runoff election questionnaire. Consequently, a couple of the questions answered by Diaz were not included by Goffney.

Mail carrier visits Pre-K at Stuchbery

Anita Pomykal recently visited Stuchbery Elementary to discuss her duties as a mail carrier and to talk about how she is a community helper. Pre-K students at Stuchbery were very excited to meet Pomykal.



Linda Reyes' Pre-Kindergarten bilingual morning class
Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Linda Reyes, Erick Montejano, Anthony Rubio, Melanie Marin, Josue Rico, Emiliano Diaz, Alexa Tzintzun, (second row) Victoria Avina, Arielle Martinez, Joel Arteta, Julius Segura, Cesar Tarin, Jennifer Aguilar, Fernando Balanta, Anita Pomykal and (back row) bilingual aide Silvia Ramirez.



Charyl Lyons' Pre-Kindergarten morning class
Pictured are, left to right (front row) Ziria Venters, Adriana Guerrero, Myla Petram, William Williams, Carissa Mendez, Joshua Byron, Surya Washington, and Chase Flower; (second row) Amaria Nicholas, Jaszmyr Ortega, Logan Dominguez, Gregory McNeil, Jose Turrubiarres, Azalayah Treviño, Steven Bears, Ayden Sullivan, Sebastian Hernandez, Faith Vazquez and Anita Pomykal.

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Flood district offers information, planning tools for hurricane season

In observation of national Hurricane Preparedness Week, May 15-21, the Harris County Flood Control District offers these tools for planning, protecting and reporting on stormy weather.

• The Family Flood Preparedness Guide, <http://www.hcfd.org/famfloodprepare.html>, includes printable lists for a family emergency kit, emergency contact list and much more, to keep families safe in case of a hurricane or tropical storm.

• The Hurricane Tracker mobile website, www.thehurricanetracker.org, and desktop version, www.hcfd.org/hurricanetracker, allows residents and the news media to track a current storm, view evacuation routes, and access preparedness lists and information from the Hurricane Guide.

• With the Flood Warning System website and mobile website, www.harriscountyfws.org, users can monitor rainfall and bayou levels near their homes, places of work and daily commuter routes. This website provides data from a network of 142 gauges

that continually measure rainfall and water levels in bayous and major streams throughout Harris County. How long was the bayou out of banks? How much rain fell over south Harris County in the last hour? The Flood Warning System can answer those and other important questions.

• The Flood Education Mapping Tool, www.harriscountymem.org/ provides information about mapped floodplains in Harris County. Residents can type in their address and view maps based on the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM or floodplain map) for Harris County.

Flood control district officials will participate in the 2016 Houston/Galveston Hurricane Workshop on Saturday, May 21 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the George R. Brown Convention Center.

The National Weather Service, City of Houston and CenterPoint Energy host this free event, which includes family-friendly interactive exhibits, hurricane forecasting and much more.

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Dobie cheerleaders headed to coed team



Dobie Cheer Captain and four-year member Megan Cook and two-year member Ryan Sosa will represent Texas A&M Kingsville coed cheer team this fall in Kingsville, Texas. Both attended tryouts in April and were accepted as coed cheer team members. Proud parents are Deborah Cook and Mylie and Steve Sosa. Photo submitted

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, COURTNEY
Courtney Durham enjoys a birthday Friday, May 20. Best wishes are sent from husband Chris and daughter Abigail Durham; parents Fred and Leslie Flickinger; sister Kimberly; uncle David Flickinger, Leader president, and his wife, Ellie Flickinger; grandmother Olive Falkowski; grandfather John Fairchild; grandparents Marie and David Flickinger; and friends and staff at the South Belt Leader.

BEST WISHES TO JACLYN
Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to former Leader staff member Jaclyn (Ramirez) Tremont on May 20, from her friends, family and the Leader staff.

BAYLEE TURNS 13!
Happy birthday hugs and kisses are sent to Baylee Espinosa who turns 13 years old on Wednesday, May 25, from parents Jenny (Hayes) and Benny Moreno, big brother Brayden Espinosa, and little sister Livvy Moreno of Spring; grandparents Robert and Jannie Scarberry of South Belt; aunt Stacey (Hayes), uncle Stephen, and cousins Kennedy, Owen and Evie Flowers of League City; uncle Joey Hayes of Portsmouth, Va.; uncle Austin and aunt Tiffany Scarberry of O'Fallon, Ill., and cousin Jade; and uncle Tyler Scarberry of South Belt.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays May 19 through May 25.

Burnett Elementary
Light the birthday candles for **Tatiana Munoz** who enjoys a birthday May 23.

Bush Elementary
Mariana Diaz enjoys a birthday May 21. Sing a happy birthday song to **Ami Perez** on May 22.

Frazier Elementary
May 22 is the day for a double-layer birthday cake for **Marisol Cervantes**.

Meador Elementary
Light the birthday candles May 25 for **Heather Cline**.

Moore Elementary
The day for a birthday party for **Jennifer Christen** is May 22. On May 25, **Kelly Henderson** enjoys a special birthday.

Stuchbery Elementary
The day for a birthday present is May 24 for **Ester Vazquez**.

Roberts Middle School
Light the candles on a double-layer cake May 20 for **Charly Silver** and **Denise Gourley**. Send a happy birthday greeting May 23 to **Kelli Redd**.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
The day for a party for **Daniel Jacobs** is May 19. **Micah Strickland** is wished a happy birthday May 21. Birthday greetings are sent to **Marianella Tyler** May 23. Light the birthday candles May 25 for **Summer Thompson**.

Thompson Intermediate
Blow out the birthday candles May 23 for **Nellie Tyler**. **George Martin** is wished a happy birthday May 24. A birthday greeting is sent to **Erynn Foreman** May 25.

Dobie High
May 20 is the day for a party for **Amanda Langston**. **Sheryl Smith** marks a birthday May 22. May 24 is the day for a party for **Lisa Barrett**.

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

Thursday, May 19: **Melanie Martin, Tanya Williams, Jonathan Pearson, Robby Asbury, Leah Poirer and Laura Scott**; and Friday, May 20: **Norma Pruneda, Joey Martinez, Mike Freeman, Juan Cruz, Tami Richardson, Kathy Swift, Al Carter, Joan D'Amrosio, Valerie Chapa and Jaclyn Tremont**; Saturday, May 21: **Vance Britt, Shelly Woodin, Zachary McClendon, Kimberly Garza, Will Hernandez, Jennifer Villarreal and Rashida Jones**. Sunday, May 22: **Falicia Ayala, Kevin Dalley, Bill Mondy and Becki Withers**; Monday, May 23: **Damon Holt, David Cino and Nicole Wiens**; Tuesday, May 24: **Barbara Gorman, Claudia Gonzalez, Cathy Greene, Dana Long and Richard McGinty**; and Wednesday, May 25: **Felicia Gonzalez, Michelle Belvin, Herman Ortiz, Tammy Silva and Andrea Wheeler**.

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

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

Thompson JV Choir performs at Fire Station 70

On Saturday, April 23, 25 Thompson Junior Varsity Choir students performed for the 10-year anniversary celebration of the Rainbow Valley Civic Club at Fire Station 70 on Beamers Road.

The Rainbow Valley Civic Club is a community organization that works to promote friendships amongst neighbors and uses teamwork to create pride in the local community and promote a safer environment for all residents and guests. For their 10-year anniversary celebration, Thompson choirs were invited to perform at the event, and 25 students volunteered their time and talent.

Under the direction of Melinda Harrison, and accompanied by Kari Mitchell and David Martin, the Thompson Junior Varsity Choir performed an exciting program, including songs from all around the world and sung in Hebrew, Spanish, English and Swahili.

These choir students not only sang beautifully, but represented Thompson well with their gracious, positive attitudes, respectful behavior and kindness. They took advantage of an opportunity to give back to their community and share their musical talent with a new audience.

The members of the Rainbow Valley Civic Club were incredibly grateful for the students' time, effort, and beautiful singing.



Thompson Choir students pictured are, left to right, (front row) Sarah Oba, Tiffany Villarreal, Ayanna Pope, Alyssa Montes, Nicolas Cook, (second row) Aaron Rodriguez, Kyana Oliver, Annaya Belton, Janelle Mooney, Adi Lopez, Isabella Delgado, Marissa Roy, Noemi Casas, (third row) Andriyan Lee, Gillyanne Spencer, Jada Pope, Deaira Jackson, Brooklynn Lathan, Fraunel Sanchez, Justin Rios, Alejandro "Alex" Lopez, Derek Jones, (back row) Joshua Hernandez, Joel Mora and Roman Rodriguez. Station 70 firefighters shown are, left to right, Lupe Perez, Paul Escarcega, Daniel Milligan, Robert Goldstraw, Curtis Eberhardt and Kevin Martinez. Photo submitted

Remember When

40 years ago (1976)
The Scarsdale One Lighting Association was organized for collecting and maintaining funds to pay Houston Lighting and Power for the approximate \$2,000 annual street lighting bill. Harris County road funds were allocated for long-range improvements that would extend Blackhawk Boulevard to Bay Area Boulevard.

35 years ago (1981)
For the first time in its history, Dobie High School had a state track championship. Gawain Guy had a 15-yard lead to take first place in the 1,600-meter championship with a 4:11.6 time.

A Texas house bill calling for voters in the Clear Creek area to create a Clear Creek Watershed Drainage District passed through a subcommittee and headed to a committee vote before going to a full house vote.

30 years ago (1986)
A state attorney general's opinion allowing school districts to hire crossing guards posed questions for Pasadena Independent School District trustees who said they weren't totally in favor of the ruling.

Steps were taken toward generating revenue for both a hike and bike trail for the South Belt area and a walking park at the proposed Hall Road (later renamed El Franco Lee) Park.

The South Belt Civic Coalition vowed to be more aggressive in seeing that lawns of foreclosed and abandoned houses were maintained.

All 106 fourth-graders at Weber Elementary were designated the 3rd Company of Texas volunteers of Houston. The class sent letters to dignitaries in the United States and Mexico for the return of a Texas flag which flew over the Alamo when it fell. The flag was in a museum in Mexico City. Although the flag had not yet been returned, the students continued their efforts.

Road improvements totaling more than \$2 million along Blackhawk and Hall Road were underway. When complete, that section of Blackhawk would be a four-lane esplanaded concrete street.

25 years ago (1991)
Sageom Church celebrated its silver anniversary. Pastor John Morgan started the church in June 1966 with 16 people. The church had more than 14,000 members on its 25th anniversary.

The South Belt area was preparing for Casino Night, the annual fundraiser hosted by the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, to pay for the July 4th fireworks display.

A monetary tug-of-war in Southbend left some homeowners without trash pickup. The Southbend Homeowners' Association voted to go to direct billing through Best Waste Company. Homeowners said they paid for trash collection through their annual fees.

State redistricting affected the South Belt when one house seat was eliminated and the lines were redrawn. Rep. Randy Pennington charged Democrats with trying to stack the house in order to pass a state income tax.

Central Ace Hardware was recognized as the South Belt area Business of the Year at the annual Southeast Economic Development Council dinner.

20 years ago (1996)
South Belt area's miracle boy, Justin Coronado, a seventh-grade Thompson Intermediate student who suffered a serious bicycle accident from which he was not expected to recover, appeared on the Children's Miracle Network on KHOU-TV Channel 11.

Dobie Business Professionals of America students went to national competition in Phoenix. Jeff Durough placed first in the nation in extemporaneous verbal communications. Arthur Ward was third place in computer assistant.

15 years ago (2001)
Lindsay Simpson, 10, a Frazier Elementary student, was the center of attention at a benefit carnival held to help pay for a heart transplant.

After reviewing bid proposals from three other firms, the PISD board of trustees approved J.T. Vaughn Construction Company as the contractor for the new Dobie High School. The bid was for \$45,998 million.

South Houston High School dedicated its new wing in memory of Elaine Reinarts, a former assistant principal of the school. Reinarts, a Dobie graduate, died in a traffic accident in May 1997.

10 years ago (2006)
A South Belt resident, Heidi Ruiz, a Houston Police Department juvenile investigator, was chosen to receive the 2005 Law Enforcement Achievement Award.

U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay informed Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert, that as of June 9, he would formally resign as representative of the 22nd Congressional District.

The Harris County Justices of the Peace introduced a new website service that enabled citizens cited for moving traffic violations to apply for a driver safety course and to pay associated court costs online at www.jp.hctx.net.

5 years ago (2011)
The 15th annual South Belt Spectacular Cook-off was a huge success, raising more than \$20,000 for the annual Fourth of July fireworks show. This marked the first year that the Southeast

Volunteer Fire Department was responsible for organizing the event. The overall winner was Team Henek.

The results were tallied from the Clear Creek Independent School District elections, with both incumbents winning. In the race for the District 2 seat, incumbent Win Weber handily defeated challenger Lisa Salinas. In the contest for the District 4 position, Page Rander defeated challenger Alan D. Benjamin.

1 year ago (2015)
A South Belt resident was killed in a drive-by shooting at his house in the 12000 block of Ryewater near Astoria on May 15. Clay Wilson, 35, was standing in his driveway when two vehicles pulled up in front of the house, and people inside the cars opened fire. Wilson was struck several times in the head and chest. Wilson was transported to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, where he later died. No immediate arrests were made.

Sagemeadow resident Charles Jordan was recognized by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission for his heroism. Jordan was honored for his selfless actions that likely saved the life of dog-attack victim Monica Garza in March 2014.

Summer camp at UHCL introduces kids to nature

University of Houston-Clear Lake's Environmental Institute of Houston offers day and half-day camps in June featuring nature walks, bird-watching, fishing, dip-netting, games and more for first-through eighth-grade students.

Themes include Discoverer Nature Camp, Citizen Science Camp and Hunger Games Camp. Prices range from \$140-\$225 depending on the session, and registration is ongoing until full.

The camps are located at the institute, North Office Annex, 2700 Bay Area Blvd. in Houston, on the university's 524-acre nature preserve.

For more information, call EIH at 281-283-3045 or visit <http://www.eih.uhcl.edu>.

Singles Dance May 21

The Bay Area Singles Club monthly dance will be held Saturday, May 21, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the VFW Lodge, Post 6378, at 5204 Highway 3 in Dickinson. This is the club's anniversary dance. Bring party snacks to share. Cost is \$7 for members and \$9 for nonmembers. For more information, call 409-948-1156 or 281-484-4762.

AARP 199 meets May 20

AARP Webster Area Chapter 199 will meet at 10 a.m. Friday, May 20, at Bay Area Community Center, 5002 E. NASA Parkway in Seabrook (the large building with a blue roof inside Clear Lake Park on the north side of NASA Parkway). Everyone is invited to come to the meeting, and to enjoy coffee, cookies and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before the meeting starts at 10 a.m. Each month, the group has entertainment or a speaker on various topics of interest to seniors. Every two months the group has a potluck lunch.

Entertainment for Friday, May 20, will be the Dignity Gospel Quartet. This year, the group celebrates 12 years performing as a gospel group at various locations and come highly recommended. They will bring handouts. The May 20 meeting is also a potluck lunch, so members and visitors are asked to bring a dish to share after the meeting ends.

The group also organizes day trips by bus to local area points of interest at minimal cost. The next day trip will be on Sunday, July 17, to see *The Drowsy Chaperone*, a live musical comedy at College of the Mainland Theatre in Texas City. Dinner will be at Grand Prize Barbeque Restaurant.

For those who are interested in joining the group, annual dues are \$6 per year/per person. However, one must be a member of national AARP to join any local chapter. For more information, contact Liz Shepperd at 281-486-7770 or Qeshepperd@yahoo.com.

Care Partners meet May 20

Interfaith Care Partners Ministry group at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, 10727 Hartsook St. (near Alameda Mall), a gathering for persons with Alzheimer's, dementia or memory loss, meets the third Friday of the month from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Gatherings consist of a continental breakfast, arts and crafts, exercises, entertainment, a singalong, a devotional break, lunch, and ends with a game.

Those who have a family member or know of someone with these challenges, are welcome to attend. All services are provided free of charge. An initial interview must be conducted by Interfaith Care Partners staff to welcome new participants into this program. The next gathering will be held in the Mother Cabrini Center at the church on Friday, May 20.

For more information or to register a loved one, call Interfaith Care Partners at 713-682-5995 or visit the website at www.interfaithcarepartners.org.

UHCL student newspaper earns national nod

University of Houston-Clear Lake's student newspaper, *The Signal*, has been recognized by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

The publication was awarded a College Digital News Silver Crown, which recognizes top member publications in the nation. By earning a silver crown, *The Signal* placed among the top three Columbia Scholastic Press Association digital news publications nationwide.

Darlene Biggers, UHCL associate vice president of Student Service, expressed her pride in the newspaper's accomplishments.

"I am so impressed," she said. "Their creativity and commitment to quality has been recognized and awarded in this national competition."

The Signal is published as part of a senior-level course on fact gathering, journalistic writing, photography, videography, graphic design, social media and advertising.

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Pasadena Association of Educational Office Professionals Paints for Scholarships

The Pasadena Association of Educational Office Professionals (PAEOP) recently held a scholarship fundraiser for Pasadena Independent School District at the Office of Libraries and Textbook

Materials. This year, participants used creativity to raise funds for one deserving senior, helping the student get a jump start on their college education. The student was

named at a special ceremony recently.

This is the second time this school year that PAEOP has hosted a Painting for Scholarships fundraiser, garnering participation from a

total of 33 staff and community members in the district.

Painting for Scholarships is among many philanthropic opportunities PAEOP organizes each year. The organization has collected and do-

nated items for the Pasadena Care Center and the daycare center housed at Tegeler, in addition to collecting items for nursing homes, school supply drives and students involved in the Pasadena ISD special education program.

The theme for the organization this year is *Dare to Dream*. The organization's president Cynthia Gutierrez has been working with members to make those dreams reality.

"My goal was to instill in the members that if we could dream it, it could happen," Gutierrez said. "PAEOP officers are a great group of ladies who aspire for our organization to be successful, not only with the scholarship that we provide but also in giving back to our community. I was overwhelmed by the donations received from the membership. I am hopeful that next year will be even better."

Established in 1955, the organization was initially called the Pasadena Education Secretaries Association. The organization operates through the Texas Education Support Staff Association (TESA), a professional development program designed for educational support personnel. PAEOP is open to school support personnel in the district including bus drivers, clinical aides or secretarial staff.

Composed of more than 40 members, employees involved in PAEOP have the opportunity to meet the needs of Pasadena ISD students, give back to the community, network and receive staff development training.

Members of PAEOP regularly participate in fun activities and invite area professionals to present at the meetings. Participants can also earn credit hours toward paraprofessional supplemental certification pay.

To learn more or to become a member of PAEOP, email cgutierrez@pasadenaisd.org.



Above, PAEOP President Cynthia Gutierrez begins painting her picture.



At right, April Weisedel, chief nursing officer, teaches attendees how to paint the picture.



PAEOP members display their finished paintings. April Weisedel, Cynthia Gutierrez (back row) Karla Pavey, Esthela Serna and Martha Perales. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Robin Pool,

Pasadena ISD nurses named Top 150 by Chronicle

At the heart of health and wellness are caring nurses. To recognize these individuals and the role they play in providing quality health care, the Houston Chronicle is joining with area organizations to celebrate National Nurses Week, May 6-12, through their 2016 "Salute to Nurses" program.

Three Pasadena ISD nurses, April Weisedel, Donna Jones and Amee Stoneman, are among the "150 Top Nurses" chosen to partici-

pate in the program this year by the Houston Chronicle.

"School nurses make a difference every day as they work to improve the health, safety and academic success for all students," said Darla Massey-Jones, Pasadena ISD executive director of administrative services. "These nurses are highly energetic and compassionate about the care they provide to staff and students. They also go the extra mile to help others. I'm delighted to see them hon-

ored and recognized for their outstanding achievements."

The Houston Chronicle launched an online competition resulting in more than 940 nominations from community members. The top nurses were selected by a panel of experts based on the submissions.

The honorees were recognized at an awards luncheon, May 5, at the Crowne Plaza Houston. The ceremony welcomed more than 300 attendees including the nominees,

hospital administrators and representatives from Houston's top medical educational institutions.

As the district's chief nursing officer for three years, Weisedel works with administrators to provide opportunities for professional growth among nursing staff so they can continue to maintain a healthy and safe environment for students.

"I am fortunate to work under Darla and Barbara Fuqua (associate superintendent of accountability and compliance) who have given me the ability, tools and freedom to create opportunities for our entire health care team to be successful," Weisedel said.

"We have been able to purchase state-of-the-art equipment to help our nursing staff keep up with the ever-changing world of health care. All of these efforts are geared toward ensuring our children receive the best care from the best trained staff."

Massey-Jones said she nominated Weisedel for the honor because of her high level of nursing expertise and her ability to build strong bonds with staff and the community.

"April has a heart of gold and a passion for helping others," Massey-Jones said. "Armed with knowledge,

compassion, and a strong ethical base, her focus is always on providing high quality care to patients, implementing effective training for all nurses and ensuring collaborative partnerships with parents, community members and the nursing community."

After spending five years at Hermann Hospital as a maternal-fetal nurse, Jones transitioned into school nursing, first at Genoa, then Bondy and finally at Mae Smythe in 2012, where she continues to provide health care to students in the community. She is a graduate of San Jacinto College.

Stoneman graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University in 2006 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She began her career at the Women's Hospital of Texas in the labor, delivery and antepartum unit, and later worked for DaVita Dialysis in 2009. After becoming a substitute teacher briefly in 2010 at Melillo, she was asked to join the school team, where she continues to make a positive impact on students and staff.

She considers becoming a school nurse a rewarding step in her career.

"I am absolutely humbled by this recognition and thankful to be able to call Pasadena ISD my home."



Three Pasadena ISD nurses, left to right, Amee Stoneman, April Weisedel and Donna Jones, are among 150 Top Nurses chosen to participate in the Houston Chronicle's 2016 Salute to Nurses. Photo submitted

UHCL takes notice of GAT's STEM program

Brenda Weiser, the director of the Ed.D. in curriculum and instruction with a STEM focus, met with Thompson Intermediate's all-girl STEM enrichment program to discuss the importance of STEM careers. She presented data from each state and discussed how students need to begin thinking of their STEM career path and how to get there.

The girls in the STEM enrichment program presented some of the STEM projects they designed and tested throughout this year to Weiser and the audience.

Nayelli Melendez explained to the group how Debbie Sterling, a female engineer and founder of Goldilocks, was an inspiration to her. Melendez built the dunk

tank and demonstrated it for the audience.

Karina Medina and Bailee Dang demonstrated the stability of their bridge design. The two girls decided to weave popsicle sticks together and added a support system under the structure. Their bridge won the design challenge.

Lastly, Cammy Vo, Xitlali "Lali" Martinez, and Amy Tieu showed off the telescope they built.

The all-girl STEM program was created two years ago by eighth-grade science teacher Carol Waters. Waters' goal is to inspire and motivate students so they enter into a STEM career. "These girls need to be provided with an opportunity to design, build, and test their

ideas in a care free environment. This allows them to learn the engineering design process and is vital to their development," Waters explains. The materials, including the telescope, for this enrichment program came from the Donor Choose projects Waters wrote.



Nayelli Melendez (center) explained how Debbie Sterling, a female engineer and founder of Goldilocks, was an inspiration to her. Also pictured are teacher Carol Waters (left) and Brenda Weiser from UHCL.



Karina Medina and Bailee Dang demonstrated the stability of their bridge design, along with Weiser and Waters.



Cammy Vo, Xitlali "Lali" Martinez and Amy Tieu presented the telescope they built. Also pictured are Waters (left) and Weiser.



Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Carla Lopez, UHCL Professor Brenda Weiser, Selesté Martínez, Felicity Soto, Elaine Lien, Naomi Rodriguez, Marissa Maxwell, Madeline Schwausch, (middle row) Martin Nandin, Nayelli Melendez, Alyssa Nguyen, Xitlali Martínez, Aliyah Salas, Kaaynat Mistry, Karina Medina, Amy Tieu, (back row) Principal Melissa Allen, Andy Neira, Jade Garcia, Stefanie Alvarez, Alyssa Williams, Marisa Soto, Mady Vela, Bailee Dang, Azhia Alvarez, Cristian Temores, Paten Schillaci, Alesia Bill, Ivana Williams, Stephanie Horton, Cammy Vo, Isabella Delgado, and STEM teacher Carol Waters. Photos by Jean Rudnicki, UHCL

Be on alert for disaster-related fraud, scams

State and federal recovery officials encourage Texans to watch for and report any suspicious activity or potential fraud from scam artists, identity thieves and other criminals. Also, FEMA does not endorse any commercial businesses, products or services.

FEMA encourages survivors as well as local residents and businesses to be especially vigilant for these common post-disaster fraud practices:

Fraudulent building contractors

When hiring a contractor:

- Use licensed local contractors backed by reliable references.
- Demand that contractors carry general liability insurance and workers' compensation.
- Do not pay more than half the costs of repairs upfront.

Bogus pleas for post-disaster donations

Often, unscrupulous solicitors may play on the emotions of disaster survivors, residents and business owners. Be aware that disaster aid solicitations may arrive by phone, email, letter or face-to-face visits. To ensure a charity is legitimate:

- Ask for the requestor's name as well as the charity's exact name, street address, phone number and website address – then call the charity directly to confirm the person asking for funds is an employee or volunteer.
- Whether making a donation by cash or with a credit card, request a receipt including the charity's name, street address and phone number.
- With text messages, the five-to-six digit numbers known as a short code makes it difficult to tell who is on the receiving end. A legitimate charity will not ask for personal information or a credit card number by text.

Identity theft

Beware of visits, calls or e-mails from people claiming to be from FEMA, the state of Texas or a volunteer group. They will ask for an applicant's Social Security number, bank account number or other sensitive information because their real goal is to steal personal identity and money.

- Don't fall for scam artists who promise a disaster grant and ask for large cash deposits or advance payments in full.
- Federal and state work-

ers do not solicit or accept money. FEMA and the U.S. Small Business Administration staff never charge applicants for disaster assistance, inspections or help in filling out applications.

Phony housing inspectors

Homeowners and registered FEMA applicants should watch out for housing inspectors claiming to represent FEMA or the SBA.

- Inspectors already have each applicant's nine-digit registration number and a FEMA inspector will not ask for this number.
- FEMA inspectors NEVER require banking or other personal information.
- The job of FEMA housing inspectors is to verify

damage. Inspectors do not hire or endorse specific contractors to fix homes or recommend repairs. They do not determine eligibility for assistance.

Federal and state representatives carry photo identification. Ask to see it. If unsure, call FEMA to verify the employee at 800-621-3362 (FEMA) or TTY 800-462-7585.

If fraud is suspected, call the FEMA Disaster Fraud Hotline at 866-720-5721. If you are a victim, suspect a home repair scam, are contacted for unsolicited information, or believe a business is practicing price gouging, call the Office of the Texas Attorney General at 800-252-8011.



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Laura Bush Elementary enjoys Cinco de Mayo

Laura Bush Elementary celebrated Cinco de Mayo by dressing up and participating in several activities.



Fourth-grade students Emmalee Lopez and Monica Flores, teacher Nicole Holguin, and fourth-grade student Eytzel Sanchez.



Kindergarten teachers Johana Saenz and Karla Galvan.



Second-grade teacher Maria Garza and student Angie Tinajero.



First-grade Dual Language students are, left to right, (front row) Ashley Gonzalez, Skyler Mendiola, Ariana Kainer, (back row) Isabella Morales, Lyla Crake, Mariah Santana, Yanelli Contreras, Suri Valle, Wendy Maldonado and Natalia Razo.



Fourth-grade students (front row) Javier Ysaguirre, Mauricio Banda, Oscar Garza, (back row) Jennifer Estrada, Victoria Robles and Leslie Figueroa.

Meador pre-K celebrates Cinco de Mayo



Celebrating Cinco de Mayo, Meador pre-K students paraded through the halls in their cultural attire. Kindergarten, first graders, second graders, third graders and fourth graders lined the halls and cheered on the pre-K students as well as staff members and many parents. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Angelo Polito, Oliver Ochoa, Alejandro Lopez, Gabriela Torres, Ailyn Rodriguez, Kendra Prida, Angel Diaz Mendoza, Evelyn Arellano, (middle row) Arlett Guzman,

Alexa Martinez, Cesar Gonzalez, Azul Pineda, Solanch DeLeon, Melissa Melendez, Allison Banda, Alexa Guevara, David Arrendondo, teacher aide Omega Pena, (back row) teacher Layna Hamon, Principal Beverly Bolton, teacher Maria Rutherford, Jose Jaime, Jon Carlos Reyes, Mario Suazo, Karime Munoz, Arturo Serrano, Ximena Serrano, Brenda Villarreal, Assistant Principal Amy Clowers and teacher aide Shirley Hawley.

Photo submitted

Flamenco festival features musical talent

San Jacinto College will host the Houston Spanish and Flamenco Festival, featuring rhythmic dancing, masterful guitar playing and percussion and soulful singing. The festival includes a culminating performance, as well as several workshops, that run from Thursday, May 26, through Saturday, May 28, at the Central campus Dr. Monte Blue Music Building, 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena.

The festival's culminating performance, *Caminos Flamencos*, will be held Saturday, May 28, at 7:30 p.m., at the Central campus music building. The show will feature Emmy Award-winning dancer and artistic director Yaelisa, virtuoso guitarist Jason McGuire "El Rubio," and acclaimed flamenco artists Jose Cortes (singer), Fanny Ara (dancer), and Marlon Aldana (percussionist).

Caminos Flamencos performs internationally and is renowned for combining traditional and contemporary elements of flamenco arts. Several public workshops throughout the festival will feature instructions and demonstrations in flamenco music, singing and dancing. The workshops are designed for anyone wishing to learn about Spanish and flamenco arts, and will be led by veteran flamenco artists Yaelisa and McGuire who are internationally renowned for their performing and teaching skills.

Houston's Solero Flamenco, San Jacinto College, the Consulate General of Spain in Houston and the National Endowment for the Arts.

"We firmly believe in the worth and relevance of this non-profit effort," commented La Paloma. "Through exposure, interaction, and cultural exchange, we can responsibly educate and celebrate these arts, which are a part of our Texas heritage."

Visit hsfestival.com for information about workshop schedules, artists, performance times, and admission costs.

Auto credit/debit card transactions reach all-time high

Tax Assessor-Collector Mike Sullivan recently announced that the Auto Division has processed more than \$100 million in automobile credit/debit card transactions since introducing credit

card machines in 2013. "I'm very excited that we've processed more than 800,000 automobile credit/debit card transactions, totaling more than \$100 million," said Sullivan.

"Taking this office into the 21st century was a promise I made four years ago. The investments we are making will greatly benefit all Harris County residents." In addition to launching

credit/debit cards, Sullivan has implemented the TxDMV One Sticker program, successfully executed the webDEALER program, extended the renewal period for auto registrations at grocery stores, installed more than 400 new computers and upgraded software to improve service as well as productivity.

"My goal at the Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector's Office is to provide the best customer service experience possible. Investing to improve our operations, increasing efficiencies and updating technology will do just that," said Sullivan.

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- Worked with state legislators to pass legislation to provide silver alerts for missing seniors
- Conducts two Citizens Police Academies annually - Precinct 2 currently has over 120 academy-trained alumni.
- Publishes a monthly Constable's Corner blog to provide safety tips
- Regularly speaks at Town Hall and Community meetings
- Provides Senior Citizen and Vacation Watch Services
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Prior to being elected Constable in 2012, Chris Diaz served as Mayor of Jacinto City, taught at San Jacinto College and owned a small business.

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San Jac baseball rolls

Perhaps this is the year for a sixth national championship.

With the help of perhaps the nation's most talented pitching staff, the San Jacinto College baseball team swept its way to a 25th appearance in the

National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I World Series.

The Gators rolled through the Region XIV tournament, taking down Wharton by a 4-1 count in the championship round May 18, at Concordia

University in Austin.

The tournament was first set to be held at Constellation Field in Sugar Land, but had to be moved to Austin due to inclement weather and additional scheduling conflicts at Constellation Field.

South Belt Youth Soccer to host free youth clinic

The South Belt Youth Soccer Club, in conjunction with Challenger Sports, will host a free skills development clinic Thursday, May 26, at El Franco Lee Park on Field No. 9.

The event will include age specific training for youth players, with an emphasis on skill and ability levels.

For more information or to register, visit www.challenger.mycustoment.com.

The skill development clinic will lead up to another Challenger Sports British Soccer Camp, coming in June.

British coming to area
The most popular soccer camp in North America is coming to the South Belt area next month.

With an innovative camp curriculum developed from the country that invented the sport, and with a team of coaches who grew up eating, drinking and breathing soccer, Challenger Sports is bringing young players an up-close and personal opportunity to experience the sport closest to Britain's heart.

Challenger will be holding one of its highly-regarded British Soccer Camps in South Belt, having teamed up with South Belt Youth Soccer Club to host the week long British Soccer Camp Jun 6-12 at El Franco Lee Park.

The camp will run Monday through Friday, and each child will be coached by a member of Challenger's elite team of 1,200 British soccer coaches — hand selected, trained and flown to the USA — exclusively to work on these programs.

What is the mission?
The Challenger mission is to provide all children with an opportunity to

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Medals elude Taylor, Henderson at state



Arguably the Pasadena ISD's most successful female track and field athlete during her time at Beverly Hills Intermediate and Dobie High School, Justice Henderson ended her prep career with a ninth-place finish in the Class 6A girls' long jump event at Mike A. Myers Stadium on the campus of the University of Texas at Austin.

Photo by Anita Porche Garcia

By John Bechtle Sports Editor

Sometimes even the best-laid plans don't come to fruition.

Both Clear Brook sprinter Brandon Taylor and Dobie's Justice Henderson experienced a disappointing end to their high school track and field careers May 14, in Austin.

Competing on the grandest stage the high school scene has to offer — the University Inter-

scholastic League's Class 6A State Track and Field Championships — there were no medals to be had for the locals.

Taylor, unbeaten in the 100-meter dash all the way through to the state meet, this time was fourth among the nine-racer field. In 2015, Taylor had won a bronze medal.

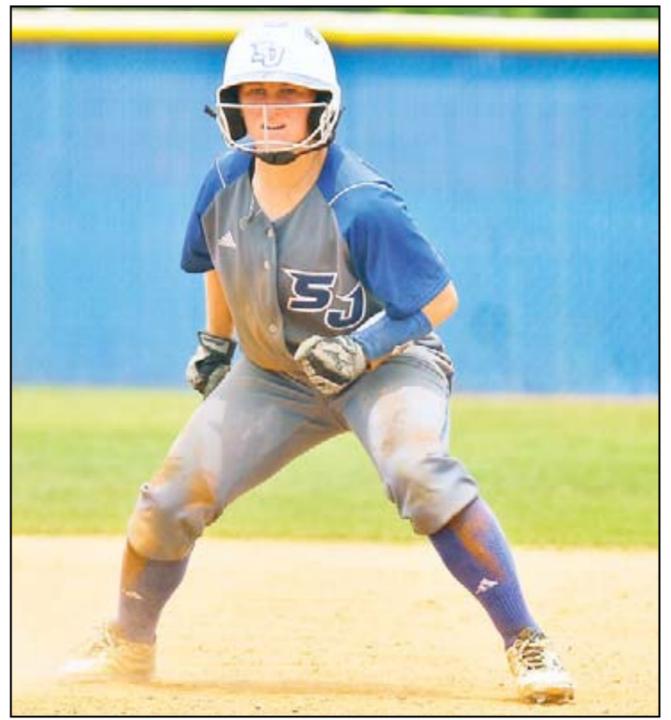
The Miami University signee gave it a run in the 200-meter dash as well, but was also just a tick off the medal winners, fourth

once more.

Henderson, the first Dobie track and field athlete to reach state in more than a decade, finished ninth in the long jump to finish out her career. She is headed to the University of Houston.

The Class 6A portion of the state meet was riddled with rain and, thus wet, conditions. Much of the meet was pushed well into the evening hours. But to be fair, all

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Freshman shortstop Kaitlin Kerl is ready to help San Jacinto College challenge for its first-ever National Junior College Athletic Association Division I Softball National Championship after being named Most Valuable Player at the Region XIV tournament.

Photo by Andrea Vasquez, SJC

NJCAA softball SJC draws Fla. Southwestern as locals hunt down first title

Seeking a first-ever national title, the San Jacinto College softball team began play in the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I Softball National Championship May 18, after press time.

Earning the No. 12 overall seed in the 16-team tournament, San Jacinto was set to go against Florida SouthWestern State in the third of eight opening-night contests at Canyons Complex in St. George, Utah.

When play continues May 19, San Jacinto will face either Howard or Butler in winner's bracket or loser's bracket play. More tournament information can be found at www.njcaa.org.

San Jacinto was up and down through the regular season but enters nationals

with a 10-game winning streak.

Seeded fourth in its

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2106 - JFD football sees improvement

By John Bechtle Sports Editor

Just how much improvement will the Dobie football program see from year one to year two, particularly at the varsity level, under head coach Mike Norman?

On the offensive side of things, how big of an impact can sophomore Kris

Morris make as, presumably, the team's featured running back next season?

Just how do the Longhorns plan to replace the production of all-everything receiver, Wildcat quarterback and return-man Jaylon Bolden?

On the defensive side of the football, can the linebacking crew be for-

tified enough to make a difference early enough? Just who replaces standout interior lineman Chandler Tisby?

Will Dobie get off to a stronger start to the season after going 0-4 in 2015? With Deer Park and La Porte now the primary contenders along with Dobie the biggest contenders

for the 22-6A crown, can the Longhorns win their first league title since 2010?

What will it take to avoid meeting defending Class 6A Division I state champion North Shore a sixth straight time in the playoffs?

The answers to these questions and many more are months away from being uncovered.

But the Longhorns have already begun to work on finding some of those answers.

Dobie is not participating in standardized spring football drills, opting instead to begin preseason two-a-days as early as possible — in this case Monday, Aug. 1, for non-contact workouts in T-shirts, shorts and helmets.

The difference between this time a year ago and now has to feel like night and day for Norman, his staff and all of the players.

Officially hired late last spring, Norman was still learning the names of

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Receiver Jacoby Davis had a big portion of his 2015 junior season stolen by injury, but he is back as one of the most experienced players at his position heading into the 2016 campaign. Davis is also looking forward to the summer 7-on-7 season as he catches passes from his brother, Dobie starting quarterback Jeremy Davis.
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Dobie's Cabreja headed to Schreiner tennis



Standout Dobie High School varsity tennis player Luis Cabreja (seated center) will continue his education and playing career at Schreiner University in Kerrville after signing a letter of intent with the Mountaineers. Those with Cabreja at the signing included, left to right, (seated) Bill Hume (stepfather), Lilliam Cabreja-Hume (mother), (standing) Manuel Moreno Jr. (Dobie varsity tennis coach), Leisha Lewis (Cabreja's chemistry instructor), Jose Cabreja (brother, a Dobie graduate and current baseball player at Texas Southern University), Yvette Giron (Cabreja's IPC instructor) and Mike Van Essen (Dobie assistant principal). Luis Cabreja, the Longhorns' team captain and No. 1 boys' player, finished his senior year with a second-place finish in singles at the District 22-6A Tennis Championships and a berth in the Class 6A Region III Tennis Championships. Luis Cabreja, a United States Tennis Association-Texas Section championship-level player and three-year letterman, also placed third in singles at the 41-team Beachcomber Tennis Classic in Galveston this spring. During the 2015 spring portion of the season, Cabreja teamed with Theresa Tran to reach regionals in mixed doubles.

Houston Defender basketball 7s win Spring Super Fest



The Houston Defenders, a seventh-grade select boys' basketball team that includes several South Belt area players, captured first place at the Spring Super Fest in Richmond. In the championship game, the Defenders dominated the action en route to a 55-27 win over the HK Express. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Jonathan Baldwin (Beverly Hills), Kayvon Dixon (Beverly Hills), Joshua Martin (Clear Lake Intermediate), Keion Thompson (Beverly Hills), Damian Garcia (Beverly Hills), Braeden Shaffer (Space Center Intermediate), Landen Shaffer (Space Center), (back row) coach Mike Rogers, Michael Purdom (Pearland Junior High West), Alex Harrington (League City Intermediate), Austin Sikes (League City) and Jeremiah Campbell (Space Center).

Challenger Sports youth soccer events coming to South Belt community

Continued from Page 1B not only develops success on the field, but also positive and educational camp experience, which

team. **Camp provides?** The key to any memorable childhood experience, is fun.

The Challenger camp culture is centered on making learning fun and their British coaching staff are famous for the way they are able to entertain, engage and educate the campers throughout the week.

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which will enhance technical skill.

But it's not just about the game. Challenger Sports uses soccer to teach respect, responsibility, integrity, leadership and sportsmanship.

Then there's the ever popular Camp World Cup, bringing both friendly competition and cultural variety to each day.

The daily tournament gives campers the chance to represent a world cup team, with extra points

being awarded for them making up chants, wearing the team colors of their chosen country, creating flags, and learning as much as they can about their chosen country's culture.

The South Belt Youth Soccer Club is offering "British Soccer Camp" sessions for the following ages:

*Ages 3 to 4 - First Kicks 9 to 10 a.m. \$93
*Ages 5 to 6 - Mini Soccer 10:30 a.m. to

noon \$107
*Ages 7 to 16 half day 9 a.m. to noon \$145

Teams are also welcome to attend and receive a week of focused instruction to prepare them for the fall season - team camp rates are available. Contact the Challenger representative listed below.

Each camper will receive a free camp T-shirt, a free ball, a free soccer poster and a personalized skills evaluation.

In addition, any child who signs up online with challenger at least 45 days prior to camp will receive a genuine British soccer replica jersey (value \$39).

Space is limited - parents are encouraged to sign up online in advance to avoid disappointment.

To register participants, visit www.challengersports.com or contact your local Challenger representative.

For more information, call Mike Rees at 512-416-

-7706 or direct email to mrees@challengersports.com.

So it's a busy summer ahead for the South Belt Soccer Club, and there are opportunities for some of the league's young players to develop and improve ahead of the fall, 2016 season.

Challenger Sports is on board to help with that development, and the programs are designed to aid players of all ages and abilities.

South Belt sports news, notes

Brook H.S. soccer camp

Clear Brook varsity boys' soccer coach Chris Stromeyer and Lady Wolverines' head coach Jamie Scott will host the 2016 Clear Brook Youth Soccer Camp June 7-9, from 8 to 10 a.m., at the school. Students entering kindergarten through the ninth grade as of the 2016-2017 school year are invited to attend. Cost is \$60 cash or money order.

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

For more information, direct email to Stromeyer at estromey@ccisd.net or to Scott at JaScott@ccisd.net.

San Jac men's hoops tryouts

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

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

Participants should plan to arrive no later than 10 a.m. Questions about the tryouts should be directed to Ravens' head coach Scott R. 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.

Beverly Hills Intermediate Speed Camp

South Belt area youths age 8 to 15 are invited to take part in the four-week Beverly Hills Intermediate Bears' Speed Camp on campus. The dates include June 6-9, June 13-16, June 20-23 and June 27-30, all days from 10 a.m. to noon. Participants will receive instruction and training in agility, directionality, differentially, muscle strength, muscle endurance and more.

Cost of the camp, which includes a T-shirt if payment is completed by May 20, is \$60 cash only. A \$10 late fee will be applied after May 20. The Pasadena Independent School District does not provide medical insurance coverage for these types of summer or extracurricular activities, so parents are responsible for such coverage.

Participants should wear proper athletic attire, including shorts and tennis shoes and T-shirt, to the sessions. Payment should be made at the front office at Beverly Hills Intermediate. For more information, call Ben Portis at 713-299-0251.

Beverly Hills Intermediate Hoops Camp

Local youths are invited to take part in the Beverly Hills Intermediate basketball camp, to be held June 6-9 in the school's gymnasiums. Participants will receive instruction in all phases of the game, including shooting, passing, rebounding, team offense and defense, dribbling and more.

Cost of the camp, which includes a T-shirt, is \$30 cash only. The Pasadena Independent School District does not provide medical insurance coverage for these types of summer or extracurricular activities, so parents are responsible for such coverage.

Participants should wear proper athletic attire, including shorts and tennis shoes and T-shirt, to the camp. Payment should be made at the front office at Beverly Hills Intermediate. For more information, call Ben Portis at 713-299-0251.

Dobie voluntary strength/conditioning

The Dobie High School Summer Conditioning Camp will be held June 13 through July 14, each Monday through Thursday, at the school. All incoming ninth-grade through 12th-grade student-athletes are invited to attend.

The first session will run from 7 to 9 a.m., and the second will run from 9 to 11 a.m. A typical day will include weight work followed by a conditioning session. Cost of the camp, which includes a T-shirt, is \$40 cash, money order or credit card only, if paid by June 10. A \$10 late fee will apply for walk-ups.

The Pasadena Independent School District does not provide medical insurance coverage for these types of summer or extracurricular activities, so parents are responsible for such coverage.

Participants should wear proper athletic attire, including shorts, tennis shoes and T-shirt, to the camp. Members of the Dobie High School coaching staff will oversee the camp.

For more information about the camp, direct email to Dobie varsity football head coach and summer conditioning camp director Mike Norman at MNorman@pasadenaisd.org.

JFD youth basketball camp June 13-16

The Dobie High School boys' basketball coaching staff is set to host the 2016 Longhorns' youth camp June 13-16, at the school. The camp, which will run from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., is \$50 per student. Participants will receive instruction in all phases of the games, and take part in various basketball competitions and games.

The camp is open to those students who will enter the sixth through ninth grades as of the 2016-2017 school year. The preferred payment method is <http://pasadenaisd.revtrak.net>. Parents may also register their children by money order. Send entry form and payment to Attn: J. Frank Dobie High School, Leslie Rustin - basketball camp, 10220 Blackhawk, Houston, Texas, 77089.

TACSO honors all-state, all-region soccer players

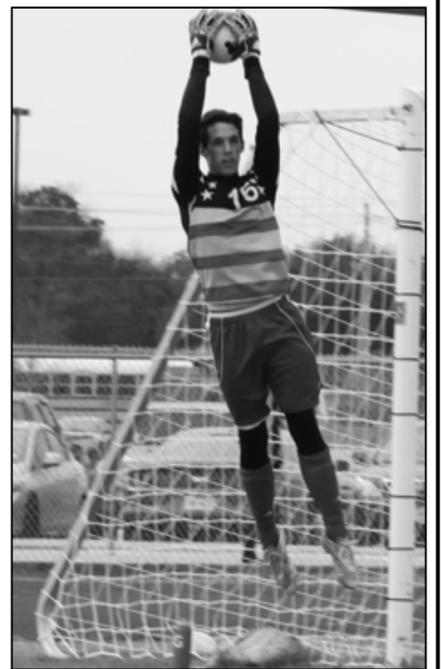
The 2016 high school varsity soccer season is in the books, with the Dobie and Clear Brook varsity boys' teams again having had terrific seasons, respectively.

After the season, players from both teams were honored with all-district accolades in their districts, and for some that wasn't all.

Four soccer players from Dobie and another from Clear Brook were named to either all-state or all-region teams by the Texas Association of Soccer Coaches, including second-team all-state pick Rigoberto Fuentes of Dobie.



Rigoberto Fuentes (at right) - Dobie Second Team All-State



Aidan Cupples - Clear Brook First Team All-Region



Sabino Lozano - Dobie Second Team All-Region



Josue Villalta - Dobie Second Team All-Region



Denis Lopez (4) - Dobie Second Team All-Region

LSA's Davis wins state 400m gold

At right, Lutheran South Academy trackster Terrell Davis won a bronze medal for his third-place finish in the 400-meter run at the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools state track and field meet at Baylor University in Waco. At 49.95 seconds, Davis was able to capture one of three medals won by the Pioneers at the meet. As detailed in the May 12 *Leader*, LSA's Jeremiah Rose won a gold medal for first place in the triple jump, and Marleen Guerrero was a silver medalist in the triple jump. As for Davis, he nearly nabbed a second medal, taking fourth place in the 200-meter dash at 22.48.



Local track duo see careers end at state competition

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The athletes had to compete under the same conditions. It just wasn't to be for Taylor or Henderson. But one day at the state meet does not measure a career, and both Henderson and Taylor have been the best of the best during their respective prep careers.

Henderson is the first Doble track and field athlete to reach state since the turn of the century, and Taylor has added to the legacy of terrific sprinters at Clear Brook High School, including several great ones who never reached Austin's state meet. Now, it's on to the college scene for both.

Henderson will long jump at the University of Houston but could also find herself a contributor in the relays. As for Taylor, he will run the sport sprints both during the indoor and outdoor seasons at the University of Miami. Let the next step take place.

Class 6A State Track and Field

Boys' 100-meter dash — *Jace Comick, Atascocita 10.47; Joseph Sheffield, Rowlett 10.52; Caleb Jollivette, Manvel 10.57; Brandon Taylor, Clear Brook 10.58.*

Boys' 200-meter dash — *Kary Vincent Jr., Port Arthur Memorial 21.09; Jackson Gleeson, Mansfield 21.34; Jace Comick, Atascocita 21.57; Brandon Taylor, Clear Brook 21.68.*

Girls' Long jump — *Tessa Mpagi, Woodlands 19' 3/4"; Kaylor Harris, Mesquite Horn 19' 1/2"; Samiyah Samuels, Cypress Springs 19' 1/4"; Semitria Smith, Midland 18' 10 3/4"; Lawren Tanner, Judson 18' 5 1/2"; Taryn Milton, Cedar Hill 18' 4 1/2"; Zuliati Alli, Mesquite Horn 17' 10 1/4"; Kiara Pickins, Judson 17' 10 1/4"; Justice Henderson, Dobie 17' 5 1/2".*

San Jacinto at nationals

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zone at the Region XIV tournament, host San Jacinto reeled off three straight wins to clinch a national berth and then defeated national No. 1 Tyler a second time for the tournament championship. Tyler, which entered the national tournament with a country-best 57-4 record, was seeded No. 1 in the tournament.

(Fla.), Butler (KS.), Florida SouthWestern State, McLennan (Tex.), Northeast Oklahoma A&M, Yavapai (Ariz.), Walters State (TN), Wallace State (Ala.), Howard (Texas), Indian Hills (Iowa), Spartanburg Methodist (S.C.)

and Georgia Military. The double elimination tournament began May 18 and runs through May 21. San Jacinto last competed at nationals in 2014, finishing fourth. The program has also enjoyed a third-place finish (2008).

Five SJC volleyball players to advance

Five San Jacinto College volleyball players have signed national letters of intent to continue their education and volleyball careers with four-year universities. Manon Geoffroy, a libero from Bordeaux, France, signed with Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In 2016, Marquette advanced to the second round of the NCAA Division I tournament. Kerstin Jenkins, an outside hitter/right side hitter from Magnolia, signed to attend Texas Woman's University in Denton. Heading into the 2016, the TWU volleyball program has qualified for the Lone Star Conference tournament 13 consecutive years.

Erlicia Griffith, a middle blocker and right side hitter from Wharton, signed with the University of Evansville in Indiana. Looking to rebound from an 8-24 campaign in 2015, Evansville has inked five newcomers for 2016. Hannah Baker, a setter from Bellville, Texas, signed to continue her studies at Chaminade University of Honolulu in Hawaii. Last season, the Silverswords went 19-9 and finished 12-8 in Pac West Conference play. Anna Rodrigues, a setter and right side hitter from Sao Paulo, Brazil, signed to play at the New Jersey Institute of Technology in Newark. A season ago, NJIT went 6-25 overall but is looking

to bounce back with help from Rodrigues. Geoffroy, a second-team All-American selection, led the team in digs, with a 5.42 per set average (873 total). That total mark also led the Region XIV conference and ranked second in the nation. During the season, she broke into the college's top 10 record holders eight times for digs in a single match. She was second on the team in service aces with 31, was the Region XIV South Libero of the Year, was named to the Region XIV South all-conference first team and to the all-tournament team at the Region XIV tournament. With 432 total kills (2.77 per set), Jenkins was the

team's offensive leader. The Region XIV South first-team selection also had 431 total digs (2.76 per set) and 64 total blocks. Griffith hit .233 on the year behind 191 total kills (1.57 per set). She was second on the team in total blocks with 97, and was a Region XIV South Conference second-team selection. Baker was the team's assist leader with 999 total, and 6.13 per set, good for fifth in the league. She played in 163 sets last season, the second most in a single season ever at San Jacinto College. Rodrigues saw limited action this year due to an injury but finished the season with a 2.11 kills per set average, the fourth-best kills per set average on the team.

"This is what our athletic program is all about, preparing our student athletes for their next step in higher education," said head coach Sharon Nelson, who also serves as San Jacinto College athletic director. "We've truly enjoyed watching these young women grow as volleyball players. They have played an instrumental role in our success these past two years. We look forward to seeing what all they accomplish at their universities." All five helped SJC earn its 16th overall appearance at the National Junior College Athletic Association National Volleyball Championship, held last year in Casper, Wyoming. San Jac ended the 2015 season with a 28-15 overall record.



Kristel Reid (left), Kaelynn Wilson (center) and Vanessa Jones (right) were recognized by the National Junior College Athletic Association Region XIV for their outstanding play during the 2015-2016 season. With the players is San Jacinto College women's basketball head coach Michael Madrid (front). Photo by Rob Vanya

San Jac women's hoops trio honored

Three San Jacinto College women's basketball players earned postseason honors with spots on the All-Region XIV, all-conference, and all-tournament teams. Vanessa Jones (Dallas Flower Mound Marcus High School), Kaelynn Wilson (San Antonio Wagner High School) and Kristel Reid (Rosenberg Terry High School) each received postseason recognition by the league. Jones, a 5-foot-10-inch sophomore guard, was named to the All-Region and All-conference teams, as well as the Region XIV All-tournament team. She played in all of San Jacinto's 33 games, making 32 starts. Jones' 13.6 points per game average was eighth in the nation, and she ranked second nationally

in three-point goals with 85 total (251 attempts). Jones also had 106 assists, which was seventh best in the country. She has committed to continue her education and basketball career at Angelo State University, a National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II institution, in San Angelo. Wilson was an All-Region selection after averaging 13.3 points per game, a mark that ranked 10th overall. The 5'11" sophomore forward ranked seventh in the nation in total field goals (171-343), and was 20th in rebounds with a 5.7 per game average. She has signed a letter of intent to continue her education and basketball career at the University of Texas-Permian Basin, a NCAA Division II institu-

tion in the Heartland Conference. Reid earned a spot on the All-Conference team and the Region XIV All-tournament team. The 5'10" sophomore wing played in all 33 games, starting in 20, averaging 7.8 points per game. She ranked 12th in the nation in rebounds per game with a 6.7 mark, and was among the nation's top shooters at 42.7 percent (18th in the country). "We had a really successful season this year, in large part due to Vanessa, Kaelynn and Kristel," said head coach Michael Madrid, who led San Jac to the regional tournament runner-up spot in his first season at the helm of the San Jacinto College women's basketball program. "Each one is deserving

of these honors, and I'm extremely proud of their success, along with that of their teammates." San Jac made history this season when it finished as the regional runner-up with a 22-11 overall record. San Jac defeated Trinity Valley Community College, 57-52, in semifinal action of the Region XIV tournament to advance to the championship game against Blinn College. Tryouts for the 2016-2017 season are scheduled for Saturday, May 21, 2016, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., at Nichols Gymnasium on the San Jacinto College North Campus. For more information about San Jacinto College women's basketball or other athletic programs offered by the college, visit sanjacsports.com.



Five San Jacinto College volleyball players signed letters of intent to continue their education and playing careers at four-year universities. The players include, left to right, (seated) Manon Geoffroy (Marquette University), Erlicia Griffith (University of Evansville) and Kerstin Jenkins (Texas Woman's University). Those with them at the signing included (standing) Sharon Nelson, volleyball head coach and athletic director at San Jacinto College and Jeff Pearce, assistant volleyball coach at San Jacinto College. Not pictured are San Jac volleyball players Hannah Baker (Chaminade University) and Anna Rodrigues (New Jersey Institute of Technology). Photo by Jeannie Peng-Armao, SJC

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MAY 19
7 a.m.
AA Meeting — "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in. 10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club — 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) — Imperfect Nooners Group of AA, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.
6 p.m.
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.
6:30 p.m.
CrossRoads UMC — ESL classes Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 p.m. at the church, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Course, books and child care are free. For information, call 281-484-9243 or visit www.crossroads-umc.org.
Survivors of Suicide Support Group — offers support and coping skills in a non-threatening environment to adults who have lost a loved one to suicide. For details and location, call 713-533-4500 or visit www.crisisshotline.org.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) — Women's Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For information, call 713-856-1611.
Al-Anon (English) — Support for family and friends of

alcoholics/addicts, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, room 215. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
Alateen — Support for teenagers, friends and family members of alcoholics/addicts, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, room 208. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in. 8:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous — AA meetings are Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For information, call 713-204-2481.
FRIDAY, MAY 20
7 a.m.
AA Meeting — "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in. 10 a.m.
Interfaith Care Partners — ministry at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, 10727 Hartsook St. for those with Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, strokes, etc. and caretakers, meets on the third Friday, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., with continental breakfast, arts, crafts, exercises, entertainment, devotional break, lunch, and bingo game. Family members or acquaintances are invited. For information, call the church at 713-946-5768; Claudia Rojas, Interfaith Care Partners, at 713-682-5995; or visit www.interfaithcarepartners.org.
Clear Lake Bridge Club — Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) — West End Group of AA, noon, Shepherd of the Heart United Methodist Church, 12005 County Road 39, Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.
6 p.m.

Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish) — Support for family/friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 6 p.m., First United Methodist Church, room 215, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in. 7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) — Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611. 8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous — meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.
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SATURDAY, MAY 21
7:30 a.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous — "Breakfast with Bill", Saturdays, 7:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in. 10 a.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) — Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611. 11 a.m.
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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.
SUNDAY, MAY 22
1 p.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club — Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call 281-480-1911 for details. 2 p.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class — Sunday and Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details or classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or call 281-488-6318.
Grief Support Group — For adults who have lost a loved one. Meets Sundays, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas, 2 to 3:15 p.m., First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy. For details, call 281-487-8787. 5:30 p.m.
Celebrate Recovery — A faith-based 12-Step Program, Sundays, 5:30 p.m., Chapel of the Educational Building at Life Church in Houston, 9900 Almeda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for information or to RSVP for child care. Continued on Page 4B

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Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA meets Sundays, 7 p.m., 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.
8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? Meetings are on Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.

MONDAY, MAY 23
10 a.m.
Al-Anon Deer Park - Mondays 10 to 11 a.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for information, or just drop in.
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.
11:30 a.m.
Overeaters Anonymous Deer Park - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for information, or just drop in.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group of AA meets at noon at 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For more information, call 713-856-1611.
3:15 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy for adults with Parkinson's, 3:15 to 4:45 p.m., Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for details.
6 p.m.
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.
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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.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For information, call 713-856-1611.
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.
7:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - New AA meeting, Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery Program, open meeting 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.
Congregation Shaar Hashalom - Israeli Folk Dancing on Monday, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., 16020 El Camino Real, 77062. \$4/session or \$35/10 sessions for CSH members and \$5/session or \$45/10 sessions for nonmembers. Everyone is welcome. For information, contact 281-488-5861 or csh@shaarhashalom.org.

TUESDAY, MAY 24
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., in the Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or drop in.
9:30 a.m.
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.
10 a.m.
American Begonia Society - Houston Satellite meets on the fourth Tuesday, Clear Lake Park, 5001 NASA Pkwy. (on the lake side), Seabrook. For information, call Joe at 281-481-2458.
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.
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Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch is \$15. Variety of interesting speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or visit nalix@texascitizensbank.com.
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Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class - Sunday and Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details or classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or call 281-488-6318.
6 p.m.
Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish) - Support for family/friends of alcoholics/addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 6 p.m., First United Methodist Church, room 215, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.
6:30 p.m.
CrossRoads UMC - ESL classes Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 p.m. at the church, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Course, books and child care are free. For information, call 281-484-9243 or visit www.crossroads-umc.org.

7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For information, call 713-856-1611.
Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center - Confidential domestic violence support group for women. Call 281-338-7600 or visit www.bayareaturningpoint.org for information. 24-hour crisis hotline is 281-286-2525. Must first make an appointment by phone to be eligible to go to the group support meeting.
8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.
THURSDAY, MAY 26
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.
10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group of AA, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.
6:30 p.m.
Kirkwood Civic Association meets at the Sagemont Park and Recreation Center on Hughes Road. For more information call Ericka McCutcheon at 281-989-9990.
6:30 p.m.
CrossRoads UMC - ESL classes Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 p.m. at the church, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Course, books and child care are free. For information, call 281-484-9243 or visit www.crossroads-umc.org.
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>.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Women's Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For information, call 713-856-1611.
Al-Anon (English) - Support for family and friends of alcoholics/addicts, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, room 215. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
Alateen - Support for teenagers, friends and family members of alcoholics/addicts, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, room 208. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
8:30 p.m.
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Turning the page: JFD football intent on big step forward

Continued from Page 1B players, getting to know existing coaches on the staff and bringing in new offensive and defensive coordinators.

From day one, there were high hopes. Norman told the *Leader* last spring that he didn't accept the position of the Longhorns' varsity football head coach simply to settle for 5-5 each season.

At the varsity level, Dobie has reached the postseason every year since 2010.

But over the past four seasons, the Longhorns have gone 21-22 overall, including a 5-6 finish in 2015 after an 0-4 start. There hasn't been a playoff win celebrated at Dobie since 2004.

Yet with realignment sending the likes of Pearland, Manvel and Dawson elsewhere beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, things could be looking up. Norman certainly believes as much.

"The offseason so far has been great all the way

around," Norman said.

"We are all on the same page as far as what is expected from the guys, and they know what to expect with us, too.

"We had goals heading into last season, but in order to reach those goals you have to take the necessary steps.

"We've done a great job with that. You can do all of the weight room and running, but there's also understanding the importance of team here.

"I think our guys understand their roles. Whether someone is a starter, a back-up player or someone who plays on special teams, every member of the team is important.

"We need everybody handling their job in the name of the team. I've been very pleased with work habits and the heart that a lot of these guys have shown. It's all important when you're talking about taking that next step."

Dobie has already competed in a 7-on-7 tourna-

ment or two and will once again take part in the 7-on-7 league hosted by Pearland at The Rig beginning next month.

There is also a voluntary strength and conditioning camp open to all Dobie student-athletes beginning in June and running through the middle of July.

Beyond that, though, the Longhorns will be expected, to a man, to handle much of their own business over the summer in preparation for the start of official workouts Aug. 3.

"By the rules, we can only be with them so much as coaches and oversee what they are doing," Norman noted.

"There's a period of about five weeks in there where a lot of guys are just going to have to do it on their own. You always hope they view that as an opportunity.

"But it still goes back to doing your part as an individual to help the good of the team. No team can

get it done with one or two guys. Football is a team game. Coaches and teammates can't always be pushing you. I think our guys have a good understanding about doing the extra when no one else is looking, to do the little things it takes to get better."

Dobie offensive lineman Brandon Flores and Trey Poskey, a defensive end, both are of the thought process that the Longhorns will indeed be ready.

Both players are excited about what has transpired within the program from a year ago to now, and believe the future is bright.

"Our intensity and enthusiasm for the game has definitely picked up since the time coach Norman got here," Flores said.

"We've definitely changed the way we do things around here. It's all about effort and giving 100 percent every day. That's the only way we are going to reach our goals."

Poskey agreed, saying, "We have had a chance to grow up together in this program and see the benefit of working together as a team.

"Right now, we're just trying to get in as many reps as possible. There's a better understanding of what we are trying to do defensively. That's a big help from this year since last year.

"We are more accus-

tomed to what needs to be done. The plays are some of the same as before but with different names. Overall, guys are more comfortable."

The owner of a state championship ring from his days as an assistant at Pearland High School, Norman is at Dobie to help the Longhorns take that next big step. It's a football program with a proud tradition, and sev-

eral assistant coaches are Dobie graduates. Everyone is pulling in the same direction. But the facts are the facts. The Longhorns would love nothing more than to eventually reach the second round of the playoffs and beyond, beginning in 2016.

"I think it's important to get off to a good start with a win in that first game (Saturday, Aug. 27, versus Summer Creek at Veterans Stadium).

"That can set the tone for us. Then we play at Clear Springs, and I still feel like we should've beaten them last year. I didn't schedule any games that I thought would give us a break. That's not how you get better and ultimately win playoff games."

The summer break is important for each player

in the program. The Longhorns presumably know who will start at a variety of positions. At present, Jeremy Davis is the starter at quarterback, while Morris will get a lot of work in the backfield.

The offensive line returns several starters, including Flores. At receiver and tight end, the Longhorns have Jacoby Davis, Breon Simmons, Ryan Pair, Jeremiah Hernandez and others.

On the defensive side, Ke'montre Lowe is a playmaker in the secondary, and Westley Crooms, Daniel Williams and others loom.

Dixon is back at line-backer, and there will be others. Poskey is on the defensive front, and he will have help. By Aug. 1, there's little doubt things will come together.



Dejuan Dixon stepped up big for the Longhorns as a sophomore linebacker in 2015. Now, Dixon will be expected to be a leader of a linebacking crew that will lose several key contributors through graduation next month.



Dobie quarterbacks' coach Charles Washington (right) chats with Jacob Sulak after a fourth-period workout as the Longhorns continued to prepare for the summer offseason as well as the start of two-a-days in August. At present, Sulak is the Longhorns' back-up quarterback at the varsity level. Once school lets out next month, Dobie won't gather as a full team until Aug. 1.



Mike Norman, heading into his second summer as Dobie's varsity football head coach, is excited about some of the mind-set changes and improvements he's seen in the program from this time last year to now. Dobie is not taking part in spring football drills and will, therefore, start two-a-day workouts Monday, Aug. 1, in preparation for the 2016 season.

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