

### Memorial Day closings set

**South Belt-Ellington Leader**  
The Leader office will be closed Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day.

**Clear Brook City MUD**  
The offices of Clear Brook City MUD will be closed on Monday, May 25.

The office will reopen Tuesday, May 26, at 8 a.m.

For convenience, payments may be left in the drop box at the drive-through window.

**Parker Williams Library**  
The Parker Williams Library will be closed Monday, May 25, for Memorial Day.

**Bracewell Library**  
The Bracewell Library will be closed Monday, May 25, for Memorial Day. Normal business hours will resume Tuesday, May 26.

### CBC MUD trash service

Clear Brook City MUD residents will have regular trash service pickup Memorial Day, May 25.

All trash should be at curbside no later than 7 a.m.

Residents missing this trash pickup date will be serviced Thursday, May 28.

### City trash holiday days set

There will be no City of Houston collection services Monday, May 25 (Memorial Day). All Solid Waste Management Department facilities, including Recycling Centers will also be closed.

On Tuesday, May 26, Monday's garbage, curbside recycling, yard waste and fourth Monday's and Tuesday's tree waste will be collected.

The Recycling Centers will be closed. On Wednesday, May 27, Tuesday's garbage, curbside recycling and yard waste will be collected, and the Neighborhood Recycling Centers will reopen.

On Thursday, May 28, the normal schedule will resume.

### Graduation issue planned

The Leader's annual high school special edition will be published Thursday, June 4. It will feature graduation information for J. Frank Dobie, Clear Brook, South Houston and Clear Horizons Early College high schools and Lutheran South Academy.

To place a personalized ad for a graduating senior, call 281-481-5656 or email [mynews@southbeltleader.com](mailto:mynews@southbeltleader.com).

The deadline to be included in this issue is 3 p.m. Friday, May 29. For information, call 281-481-5656.

### Knights host barbecue

The Knights of Columbus of St. Luke's Church will host a chopped barbecue brisket sandwich weekend on Saturday, May 30, and Sunday, May 31, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the west end of the church parking lot at Hall Road.

Each meal includes a sandwich, chips and a drink for \$7.

Proceeds will benefit Knights of Columbus Community Charities.

### Free SAT/ACT seminar set

Attend a free SAT/ACT seminar designed for eighth- through 12th-grade students Sunday, May 31.

A Princeton Review expert will discuss the college entrance process, the SAT and ACT tests and which is best for each individual, changes in the SAT, and making the most of the high school years.

The event is a partnership between Basketball and Beyond Youth Development Organization and the Princeton Review.

The event will take place at Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes, from 3 to 4:15 p.m. or 4:15 to 5:30 p.m.

Space is limited. Register at [www.bbydo.org](http://www.bbydo.org).

For information, call 713-408-0837.

### Crohn's & Colitis to meet

The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America Bay Area Support Group meets Monday, May 25, at 7:30 p.m. at State Farm Insurance, 12941 Gulf Freeway, Suite 101. Patients and caregivers are urged to attend the free meeting.

### Sagemont election set

The Sagemont Maintenance Committee election will be held Saturday, May 30, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Sagemont Park Community Center at Beltway 8 and Hughes. Linda Boyd is up for election.

Absentee votes may be mailed to the following address: Sagemont Maintenance Committee, P.O. Box 34146, Houston, TX 77234.

### Kirkwood meets May 28

The Kirkwood Civic Association will hold its monthly meeting Thursday, May 28, at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road, at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are held the last Thursday of the month.

For more information, call Ericka McCutcheon at 281-989-9990.

## Losers challenge PISD election results

By James Bolen

Three of five losing candidates in the May 9 Pasadena Independent School District board of trustees election have reportedly joined together to challenge the results, alleging that multiple irregularities may have affected the final vote count.

At press time, defeated challengers Chuck Maricle, Erica Davis Rouse and Alvino Gonzalez had filed two complaints with the Texas Secretary of State's office, with additional complaints expected to be filed in the coming days.

In the May 9 contest, Maricle and Rouse were

handily defeated by longtime Position 7 incumbent Vickie Morgan, while Gonzalez lost the Position 5 race to fellow challenger Kenny Fernandez, who narrowly defeated freshman incumbent Larry Savala.

The three complainants allege that requests for raw election data from the district was met with three separate responses and that the numbers on the third response, the unofficial cumulative report, did not align with the previous two vote totals.

"Complainants would like to know why PISD issued three separate reports, why the totals do

not accurately match and also contest these election results in their entirety," the official complaint stated.

PISD certified its official election results at a board meeting Tuesday, May 19.

The complainants also allege that district officials circulated campaign literature on Election Day without a proper disclaimer as prescribed by law. They further allege the campaign literature was printed and copied using school district equipment.

While the school district has yet to receive any

official complaints, PISD Superintendent Kirk Lewis is confident all procedures were followed accordingly.

"Pasadena ISD has received no official notice of a complaint being filed regarding our recent school board election," said Lewis. "While anyone is entitled to file a complaint, I am completely confident in the staff who coordinate our elections and tabulate the votes. They have 20 years of experience running elections and know the process well. I would be stunned if the process and procedures were not followed properly."

## Man killed in drive-by shooting

A South Belt resident was killed in a drive-by shooting at his house in the 12000 block of Ryewater near Astoria on Friday, May 15, around 9 p.m.

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.

The home's surveillance system reportedly recorded the incident, but investigators had not

released the footage at press time. The footage allegedly shows Wilson talking to the killers before he was shot.

Police would not comment on a possible motive, saying only that it was not a robbery.

Police said they do not have a description of the shooters or how many there were. Their vehicles are described as a black SUV and a gray Dodge Challenger.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact the Houston Police Department's Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS (8477).



## Brothers meet Altuve

Brothers (left to right) Joshua, Jorge and Jacob Lopez are shown to the left with Houston Astros second baseman Jose Altuve at a recent game at Minute Maid Park. Jorge Lopez is a player in the Sagemont Beverly Hills Little League Challenger Division and was invited to the game and allowed on to the field. Introduced by Little League Baseball in 1990, the Challenger Division allows children with physical or developmental disabilities to play the game in a safe environment.

Photo submitted

## Heavy trash continues to confuse

More than two years after being introduced, the City of Houston's new heavy trash pickup zones continue to confuse area residents, prompting frequent phone calls and emails to the Leader for assistance. While the change in policy, implemented in November 2012, was intended to simplify things, it has had the converse effect locally, as the community is no longer divided by Beltway 8 as it was before.

Most South Belt residents (south of Fuqua) live in Zone 9 and now have their pickup dates on the second Thursday of the month.

Residents living north of Fuqua and west of the Gulf Freeway are in Zone 10 and now have their dates on the second Friday of the month, and residents living north of Beltway 8 and east of the Gulf Freeway are in Zone 7 and now have their dates on the second Tuesday of the month.

Tree waste and junk waste collection still take place in alternating months. Tree waste months are January, March, May, July, September, and November. Junk waste months are February, April, June, August, October and December.

Although junk waste is not accepted during tree waste months, tree waste is accepted during junk waste months. However, to ensure that tree waste is recycled, residents should hold tree waste materials until the next tree waste designated month or bring it to a neighborhood depository.

The heavy trash rules, according to the City of Houston website are as follows:

- Tree/junk waste should be placed adjacent to the front curb in a location easily accessible to the collection vehicle between the hours of 6 p.m. the Friday before, and 7 a.m. on the scheduled collection day.
- Tree/junk waste material should not be stacked under low overhead electrical wires or other cabling, signs, or mailboxes; next to fences or posts; or on top of water meters, gas meters, fire hydrants, or other exposed utility components.
- Materials should not be placed in the street,

on the sidewalk or other right-of-way or in any manner which would interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

- Tree/junk waste collection is limited to residential units and vacant residential lots only if the waste generated is in connection with the maintenance of the property.
  - No more than 8 cubic yards of junk waste or tree waste may be placed for collection.
  - A maximum of 4 cubic yards of building material – not to include roofing shingles, brick, plaster or concrete – generated by the resident in connection with the maintenance of the residential property may be collected by Solid Waste Management Department crews.
  - Appliances containing refrigerant must have a tag attached to them certifying that a qualified technician has removed the refrigerant.
  - The Solid Waste Management Department is not allowed to collect any material that was generated by contractors who were retained by a resident to perform work on his or her residential property. It is the responsibility of the contractor to remove all debris that may arise from the contractor's activities. These contractor-related activities include, but are not limited to: trimming and removal of trees, remodeling, new construction and roofing.
  - If authorized items placed for collection are mixed with unauthorized items, department personnel shall not be obligated to sort the materials and may refuse the entire load.
  - Solid Waste Management Department collection services are not available to multi-residential structures of more than eight units.
- Residents who put their heavy trash in the front of their yard before the allowed time are subject to citation. Fines can range from \$50 to \$2,000 for first-time violators and from \$250 to \$2,000 for repeat offenders. Each day a violation continues may be punishable as a separate offense.
- For more information regarding the rules visit [www.cityofhouston.net/solidwaste](http://www.cityofhouston.net/solidwaste).

## Jordan heroism honored



Sagemeadow resident Charles Jordan was recently 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. The hero is shown to the left with a medal and a certificate signed by Gov. Greg Abbott, along with a book and video from the commission. Jordan's wife, Sharon, is shown with a special proclamation from City Council members Dwight Boykins and Dave Martin that her husband received earlier this year.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

## Leader corrects election omission

The Pasadena Independent School District school board election results published in last week's Leader contained an omission, as it neglected to include the vote counts from Alvino G. Gonzalez in the Position 5 race.

In that election, Gonzalez received 240 votes

(12.2 percent), losing out to Kenny Fernandez, who received 873 votes (44.5 percent), and incumbent Larry Savala, who received 851 votes (43.3 percent).

The Leader staff apologizes for any confusion.

## Work begins on Clear Creek HS rebuild

The Clear Creek Independent School District board of trustees recently approved a contract addendum that sets the guaranteed maximum price for the Clear Creek High School 2013 Bond Construction Project at \$31,488,493. Work is scheduled to begin on the campus this month with the project expected to be completed in December 2016.

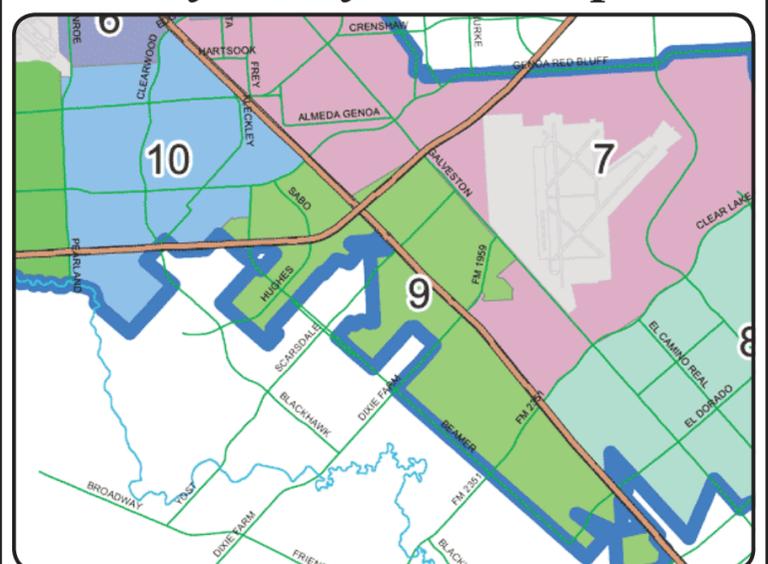
The project includes the demolition and rebuild of the Career Technology Education (CTE) wing and portions of the fine arts and athletics areas. The design includes a dental lab for a new program in the CTE wing, an expansion of the stage and a major remodel of the choir area. Crews will construct a new third practice gym, renovate the Carlisle Gym, locker area and of-

fices, as well as the natatorium.

This summer, crews will concentrate on reworking driveways and parking lots to accommodate construction and campus activities. The roof at the Carlisle Field House will be replaced, and crews will demolish the old football field house and renovate the lobby restrooms in the Carlisle Field House as well as renovate the area under the mezzanine.

To view monthly updates on all 2013 CCISD bond construction and maintenance projects, including the Clear Lake High School rebuild, construction of the new McWhirter Elementary School and CCISD Challenger Columbia Stadium, visit [www.ccisd.net/departments/facility-services/2013-bond-construction](http://www.ccisd.net/departments/facility-services/2013-bond-construction).

## City heavy trash maps



Houston's monthly heavy trash pickup zones and dates changed in November 2012 and still continue to cause confusion among area residents. Most South Belt areas (pictured above in green Zone 9) have trash picked up the second Thursday of the month. Residents living north of Fuqua and west of the Gulf Freeway (shown above in blue Zone 10) have theirs picked up the second Friday of the month, and residents living north of Beltway 8 and east of the Gulf Freeway (pictured above in lavender Zone 7) have theirs picked up the second Tuesday of the month.

# In My Opinion

## Morgan shares info of Joy & Hope group

Last Sunday, May 17, 2015, Project Joy & Hope for Texas held its 15th annual Hope Scholar Awards Reception. At this year's ceremony Dr. Jan Wheeler recalled that first reception at which just two \$500 scholarships were presented, then declared with pride how the program has grown over the years.

This year Project Joy & Hope presented 23 scholarships totaling over \$35,000 to recipients from 18 area high schools, including two young women from Dobie and a young man from Clear Brook. A candidate for a Project Joy & Hope scholarship had to have suffered the loss of a parent or sibling and each candidate submits three essays, one on how their loss impacted their life, a second on how their involvement in their community affected their life, and, a third on their goals for their future. The essays are reviewed and ranked to determine the scholarship recipients.

Project Joy and Hope strives to prevent and relieve suffering for children with life-limiting conditions, and their families through community awareness, education, and special supportive care services and programs.

Another of Project Joy & Hope's services is providing housing for families of ill children who are in the Houston area for treatment of their condition and this service has been recently expanded with the addition of the Tulip Project, which is now three duplex houses Project Joy and Hope had constructed on Tulip Street in Pasadena. Project Joy and Hope can now serve up to six families at the Tulip Project.

If anyone is interested in learning more about Project Joy and Hope you can check out its website, [www.joyandhope.org](http://www.joyandhope.org) or contact me.

**Bill Morgan**  
Project Coordinator

with the Water Customer Service regarding the water meter box lid issue. I know you have recently reported a number of missing or damaged lids to 311 as per Susan Bandy's request, and we greatly appreciate that. However, since you have reported this as a recurring issue, I wanted to see if there's anything we can do to intervene at a more fundamental level.

It was explained that PWE has considered a number of alternative designs over the years due to complaints. However, there are tradeoffs associated with each. The department has tried boxes with lids which lock, but customers pushed back because they want easy access to the meters. The department has also tried boxes with lids attached by wire, but PWE workers found that these wires got in the way of their work. The department additionally tried boxes with lids which snap on like Tupperware but found that customers would use screwdrivers to pop these lids off to get to their meters, which then caused some lids to float away. The bottom line is that alternative designs have been experimented with and each have beneficial and detrimental elements. The city's desire for durable boxes has to be weighed against customers' desire for boxes which afford them access to the meters.

I also asked about the budgetary impact of the broken boxes and missing water meter lids, and was told that while this does cost the city the impact is not particularly significant. Even if the city were to find an ideal design which achieves all of these often conflicting goals, the cost to replace the roughly 500,000 boxes across the city would be substantial.

As a result, there is no easy fix here. The city is currently and will continue to look at different design possibilities for the water meter boxes, and the city will respond to 311 requests about missing and broken boxes as quickly as possible.

**Evan Austin**

## Weeke explains how we get the Speaker

In response to Mr. Castellano's call for a public debate for Speaker of the House.

The public does not elect the speaker, The House of Representatives elects the Speaker of the House on the first day of every new Congress. There are only two candidates, one from each party, and the election (virtually always) follows the party lines. So a public debate may offer insight into the two candidates, but it would not affect the outcome of the election.

**Sam Weeke**

## City official writes on water box lids

**Publisher's note:** This is in response to correspondence from James Muecke regarding the loss of water box lids during the recent flooding.

**—Marie Flickinger**

Good afternoon sir – hope you had a pleasant weekend. I just got off the phone

## Muecke gives update on city, county work

Residents have been asking about the survey crew that is working parts of the Freeway Manor and Gullway Terrace area. The City of Houston CIP (Capital Improvement Projects) program for 2015/2020 will replace/upgrade certain streets, sidewalks, water and street drain lines and sewer lines.

This survey is the preliminary study so that design and engineering can be done. Arlington Heights is also included as a separate CIP. Work on these projects are scheduled for 2017/2018.

This work plus the work that County Commissioner Pct. 2 Jack Morman and HCFCO is currently doing for the Berry Bayou flood plain, which was reported after the February 28, 2015 flood meeting, will greatly benefit this area that has been having flooding problems for 40+ years. Once this work is completed in 2018 this area will be re-evaluated by FEMA and there is a possibility that the cost of flood insurance will drop. This is all very good news. Stay tuned.

**James E. Muecke**

# Dobie debate excels at TOC



The Dobie Debate Team recently competed in Nebraska at the National Individual Event Tournament of Champions. The team received fourth place Sweepstakes for its entries and results in the individual events. Junior Jaylon Bolden (pictured far left) placed second overall in dramatic interpretation. Pictured are, left to right, Bolden, Head Debate Coach Andrew Barrett and junior Louis Mendez.

Photo submitted

## June 1 protest deadline for Harris County residential properties

Harris County property owners who believe there is an error in the market value set by the appraisal district have until Monday, June 1, 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 website at [www.hcad.org](http://www.hcad.org).

There are two ways to find the form on HCAD's home page. It can be found from the top tool bar under Forms > General Information, or 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 June 1.

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 2015 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](http://www.hcad.org). Questions concerning iSettle

may be directed to [isettle@hcad.org](mailto:isettle@hcad.org).

"Texas law requires that property be appraised at its Jan. 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 questions concerning protesting market value, call the appraisal district's information center at 713-957-7800.

## Dobie sets class reunions

**Class of 1970 45-year Reunion**

The J. Frank Dobie Class of 1970 will hold its 45th reunion on July 25, from 6 to 11 p.m. at Las Brisas Mexican Bar and Grill. More details can be found on Facebook, search for "Dobie Class 1970 Reunion."

**Class of 1975 40-year Reunion**

The J. Frank Dobie Class of 1975 will hold its 40-year reunion Sept. 25-26 at South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center, 2500 S. Shore Blvd. in League City. Tickets are \$85 per person if paid by Aug. 1.

Tickets purchased at the door or after Aug. 1 will be \$100 per person. This includes dinner and entertainment for Saturday night. A block of rooms at a special rate will be available.

For more information, call Susie Holmes Holt at 281-222-4140, Pam West Saxton at 832-330-8368, or Debbie Green Harrell at 832-818-5028.

## PISD to hold public meeting

Informational meetings will be held by the Pasadena Independent School District May 28, to seek public comment on the needs and uses of Title I, II, III, and IDEA B Federal funds.

The meetings are scheduled at 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. in the Special Programs office at the PISD Administration Building, 1515 Cherrybrook.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss how the district uses these funds to provide supplemental support in improving the district's Special Programs.

For more information, contact PISD's district office at 713-740-0225.

## Local library events set

**Parker Williams Branch**

The following events are scheduled this week at the Parker Williams Branch Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.

On Thursday, May 21, Teen Tech – Brickfilms Workshop is scheduled for 4 p.m. Teen Summer Volunteer Orientation will be held Friday, May 22, at 4 p.m. Teen DIY and a Movie will present *Scott Pilgrim vs. The World* on Wednesday, May 27, at 4 p.m.

Wednesdays – Preschool storytime is at 10:30 a.m. Thursdays – Toddler storytime is at 10:30 a.m. Saturdays – Vietnamese Storytime: Level 2 begins at 10 a.m., Level 1 begins at 11:15 a.m., and Level 3 begins at 2:30 p.m. For more information, speak with Loc Bui. For information, call the Parker Williams Library at 281-484-2036.

**Book donations**

Friends of Parker Williams Library is currently requesting donations for the library. Recent fiction, nonfiction, children's books and DVDs and CDs can be donated at 10851 Scarsdale.

**Bracewell Branch Library**

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

Tuesdays: 10:30 a.m. – Family storytime, followed by a storytime-themed craft; 11 a.m. – Playtime; 4:30 p.m. – Kid's Craft.

Wednesdays: 10:30 a.m. – Toddler storytime; 11 a.m. – Toddler playtime; 2 p.m. – Computer Basics; 3 to 4:30 p.m. – Kids' Wii Gaming; 3:15 p.m. – Internet Basics; 4:30 p.m. – Intro to MS PowerPoint.

Thursdays: 2 to 3 p.m. – Computer Help Session; 4 to 5 p.m. – Citizenship Class; 6 p.m. – ESL Beginners; 6:30 p.m. – ESL Advanced.

Saturdays: 10:30 a.m. – Computacion Basica 1; 12 p.m. – ESL Beginners; 1 p.m. – ESL Advanced.

Saturdays, May 9 and May 23: 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. – Citizenship Class Thursday, May 21: 6 p.m. – Not Your Mama's Book Club will discuss *The Constant Princess* by Philippa Gregory.

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 Bracewell Branch at 832-393-2580.

# Deaths

## Geraldine C. Dixon



Geraldine C. Dixon, 87, died on Friday, May 15, 2015. She was born Nov. 21, 1927, in Houston, and married Robert D. Dixon on Oct. 14, 1952. The Dixons were longtime South Belt residents.

She devoted her time to her family, and later, to a career in childcare.

Beginning with a job at Humpty Dumpty Day Care and culminating with a private day care in her home, Dixon was known as "Mama Dixon" to two generations of children. She also pursued an active interest in genealogy as a hobby for many years, doing much work for many in

her extended family. Dixon is preceded in death by her husband of 25 years, Robert D. Dixon, and son Daniel Wayne Dixon.

She is survived by her son, David Keith Dixon; daughter-in-law Jean Sengele Dixon; granddaughter Julia Dixon; and two sisters, Tommie Jean Elliott and Mimie Taylor. Chapel and graveside services were conducted by the Rev. John Morgan at Forest Park East Cemetery on May 19, 2015.

## Rev. O. C. Bates



The Rev. O. C. Bates, 74, died Sunday, May 17, 2015. He was born on Jan. 15, 1941, in Eureka, Texas.

Bates is preceded in death by his parents, Warnie Clif-

ton Bates and Willie Bennie Robinson Bates, and brothers W.C. Bates, Alton Bates and Donald Bates.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Jacquelyn Reese Bates; three children, son John and wife Shelli and their children, Nehemiah and Eden of Ovilla, Texas, daughter Sharon Fridge, husband Ernest IV and their children, Ernest V and wife Shannon, Kelsie and Cameron of Frankfort, Ky.; daughter Rachel Hunter, husband Daniel and their children, Jordyn and Avery of Mansfield, Texas; siblings Wanda Fannin of Waco, Texas, and brother Billy Bates of Corsicana, Texas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Bates was the founder of Christian Temple Assemblies of God in Houston. He and his wife, Jackie, pastored there for 25 years.

They went on to found Freedom Fellowship, a growing church, in Pearland.

He was a resident of the South Belt area for 35 years.

The service celebrating Bates' life was held Wednesday, May 20, 2015, at Christian Temple Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be given to the Freedom Fellowship building fund at [freedomfellowshippearland.com](http://freedomfellowshippearland.com).

## CDA hosts game party

Catholic Daughter Court Mother of Unity invites the residents of the South Belt area to save the date, Wednesday, June 17, to attend the annual luncheon and games party from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Enjoy a homemade lunch including dessert and drink, play games, win prizes, and meet friends and neighbors.

The event will be held in the social hall of St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road. Tickets are \$12 with proceeds going to help fund court expenses, charities and scholarship programs.

Call Cathy at 832-860-9663 or Susanne at 281-734-3184 for more information or to purchase tickets. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

## Hurricane preparedness workshop May 30

A free community safety family hurricane workshop will be held Saturday, May 30, at the Pasadena Convention Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event is for the entire family and is sponsored by the City of Pasadena and the Southeast Regional Local Emergency Planning Committee. Health and safety booths will be available from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Door prize drawings will be held from 11 a.m. to noon, with a final drawing at 2 p.m. Tim Heller, chief meteorologist at KTRK-TV, will present *Hurricane Season Forecast & Recommendations for Hurricane Preparedness* at 1 p.m. Free hot dogs and soft drinks will be available while supplies last.

# Elected officials speak out

## Cornyn: Fall of Ramadi A 'Wake-Up Call' To The Obama Administration

'Administration has taken an approach of paralysis by analysis'

In remarks on the Senate floor today, U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, responded to the fall of the Iraqi city of Ramadi by calling on the Obama administration to provide a clear strategy to defeat ISIL.

Excerpts of Cornyn's remarks are below, and video of his speech can be found online.

"I'm frustrated by the president's lack of leadership and by the Obama administration's failure to put together a strong and cohesive strategy to combat ISIL, but it's more serious than that."

"Since ISIL began taking large swaths of territory last summer, this administration has taken an approach of paralysis by analysis. In other words, doing nothing. When they do take action, it seems ad hoc and piecemeal and not driven by overarching objectives or any strategy that is apparent to me."

"Just a few months ago, President Obama claimed ISIL was on the defensive. Well, that's not exactly the case today, nor was it really then. And it's not exactly the picture of the kind of leadership that we need from our commander in chief. By giving our

troops a difficult mission to degrade and ultimately destroy ISIL but not providing them with a strategy and the resources they need to do so, the president is essentially making them operate with one more hand tied behind their back."

"So I hope the president will reconsider after this latest dramatic setback in

Ramadi. I hope President Obama will provide us with a strategy to degrade and destroy ISIL."

"I hope this is a wake-up call to the Obama administration and that they will provide the Congress and the American people and our troops a clear path forward to defeat ISIL and to rid the world of this terror army."

## State Rep. Paul on 84th Legislature

"Last week on the house floor, we passed HB-3310 which seeks to assist public retirement systems with meeting their pension obligations by increasing transparency and providing a way for the system and its sponsoring entity to work together to ensure continued actuarial soundness."

"HB-3310 aims at putting best practices, including disclosure and transparency requirements into law. The bill would require a public retirement system to notify its sponsoring entity upon receiving an actuarial valuation indicating the system's actual contributions are not sufficient to amor-

tize the unfunded actuarial accrued liability within 40 years."

"HB-1965 which is a property tax rollback plan was passed out of the House Ways and Means committee. This legislation will help slow the growth of property tax in the state. We are currently working to get HB-1965 heard on the house floor."

"Currently, there are multiple pieces of legislation I filed being heard in the Senate and hopefully on their way to approval by the governor. To see a full list of legislation filed by me visit the Texas Legislature Online."

# CCISD's trustee Hammond elected to leadership position



2015-2016 school year.

"The experience that Ms. Hammond has gained on the local board of trustees will benefit all of the students, staffs and schools in the Gulf Coast Area Association as it is combined on the executive board with the experience of trustees from 14 other school districts," said Jerry Smith, GCAASB executive secretary. "That leadership will be meaningful."

The GCAASB is a voluntary organization composed of more than 50 school boards in the Greater Houston area to enhance the quality of education for public school children in the Texas Gulf Coast area by providing education and information to local school boards, and creating an opportunity for local school boards to impact legislation affecting the public

schools.

"I am honored and pleased to sit on the Gulf Coast Area Association of School Boards for a third year as this organization leads the way in providing training for all Region 4 school board members," said Hammond. "By offering the opportunity for local trustees around our area to participate in required training courses, we help create a culture of best practices in public education and give local trustees information that allows them to stay up-to-date on issues that could affect our schools."

Other local trustees serving as 2015-2016 GCAASB directors represent Alief ISD, Alvin ISD, Channelview ISD, Cypress-Fairbanks ISD, Friendswood ISD, Huffman ISD, Katy ISD, La Porte ISD and Stafford MSD.

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# Over 380 employees honored at PISD's Service Awards

**Reesha J. Brown**  
Pasadena ISD

Each year, Pasadena Independent School District honors employees who have dedicated years of service to making a difference in the lives of students.

This year, the school board and administrative leadership recognized more

than 130 retirees and about 250 employees with 20 to 45 years of experience at the 66th annual Service Awards Thursday, April 30.

When these employees bid farewell to the district, they will represent 3,099 years of experience collectively.

"We appreciate the outstanding job every one of you

has done for our children," Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kirk Lewis said to the employees attending the event. "You are the reason Pasadena ISD is successful. You have inspired hope in our children and we thank you for that."

Each board member expressed gratitude in his or

her own special way as employees walked across the stage to be recognized in front of their peers for their longevity in education.

The event bridged educators and students as a talented group of Rayburn freshmen put their artistic skills to paper and painted caricatures of several honorees.

Laughter filled the air when students presented employees with the comical rendering of their faces and personalities.

Four of the district's most seasoned employees, Barbara Fuqua, Nell Huffman, Shirley Ross, and Roger Woest, reached their 45-year mark this year.

A demonstration of the close-knit ties of the district family happened when Roger Woest took a break from entertaining attendees with his piano performance and walked in front of staff to be recognized for 45 years of service. Without a cue from the night's

presenters, the audience gave him a standing ovation for his excellence of service through the years as a counselor, testing and gifted and talented coordinator, curriculum director and assistant superintendent. Woest creatively balances his love of teaching and piano playing and frequently performs at public events.

Another 45-year employee, Nell Huffman, head secretary at Pasadena High School, was greeted warmly as she walked across the stage to shake hands with board members.

Co-workers consider Huffman the heart of Pasadena High, keeping the school organized and in line. She received high praise from her Pasadena ISD family during the reception.

Huffman expressed the sentiments of all the honorees by saying, "This is such a beautiful event, and I am truly honored to be here after 45 years."

# Moore scholarships awarded to seniors



Four Dobie High School seniors who attended Moore Elementary were recently awarded scholarships. Pictured are, left to right, Kiyah Brooks, Moore Student Council Scholarship; Jaelyn Oden-Peace, Gerald Davis Scholarship; Vincent Gonzales, Cliff Swearingen Scholarship; and Victoria Blackmon, Moore Student Council Scholarship. Photo submitted

# CDA supports troops

The St. Luke's chapter of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas is currently accepting donations to be delivered to U.S. military troops overseas. Area merchants are invited to join this community project to support the troops.

Desired items include white or black long tube

socks (no crew socks) and individually sealed moist wipes. The group has joined with Operation Interdependence in the collection effort and to carry out Mary Galvan's legacy.

A donation box is located in the church narthex and in the front office at the South Belt-Ellington Leader.

Donations to purchase sock and wipes are also being accepted. Checks can be made out to Catholic Daughter #2292 and left at the St. Luke's church office at 11011 Hall Road.

For more information, call Par Arp at 281-481-5611 or Betty Dixon at 281-543-1061.



Pictured with sock donations for the military are, left to right, Betty Dixon and Pat Arp from Catholic Daughters of the Americas, and Mary Pike from Operation Interdependence. Photo submitted

# 2015-16 Lariaette officers named



The Dobie Lariaettes recently held their annual Mother Daughter Banquet at La Brisa in League City. At the event, new military officers and Social Committee members were inducted. The 2015-2016 J. Frank Dobie Lariaette Military Officers and Social Committee Members are, left to right, (front row) Military Officers Lt. Marissa Krust-chinsky, Maj. Diana Castillo, Col. Jade Mottu, Lt. Col. Ikea Taylor, Capt. Macalyn Castro-Cardenas, and Lt. Alayna Cano, (back row) Social Committee officers Executive Brittany Gonzales, Executive Megan Schuetz, President Naseem Shafaei, Executive Kellie Tyer and Executive Gabbi Munoz. Photo submitted

# Israeli Folk Dancing continues through June

What was meant to last only for four-to-five months is now in its sixth year. Israeli Folk Dancing sessions are not built on one another, so if a few are missed, it is easy to catch up quickly.

The dances are held at Congregation Shaar Hashalom, 16020 El Camino Real, Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. June dates are June 1, 8, 15, 22 and 28.

Dances are \$4 per session or \$35 for 10 sessions for CSH members, and \$5 per session or \$45 for 10 sessions for nonmembers, to cover expenses. Everyone is welcome to join the group - even if never attended before.

Dancing is an excellent cardiovascular exercise while having fun. The entire community is invited to attend.

For more information, contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or at csh.houston@gmail.com.

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# Harris County urges residents to plan for hurricane season

Harris County Commissioners Court recently declared May 24-30 as Hurricane Preparedness Week. The Harris County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management urges families and individuals to get ready today for the upcoming storm season.

"You cannot control when a hurricane will strike, but you can prepare," said Harris County Judge Ed Emmett. "The time to prepare is now. Do not wait until June 1."

As part of Hurricane Preparedness Week, Harris County Commissioners Court presented the United Way of Greater Houston President and CEO Anna M. Babin with a copy of this year's resolution in appreciation of its collaboration and commitment to hurricane preparedness and response in the region.

"United Way of Greater Houston works with Harris County and other partner agencies, public and private, to make sure our community is prepared for disasters," said Babin. "We know that working together will help us recover from emergencies quickly and effectively."

The 211 Texas/United Way Helpline plays a vital role in disaster response and recovery by supporting local emergency response efforts, including coordinating crisis intervention, donations management and volunteer services. Since 2006, the United Way's 211 Helpline has been helping residents register for transportation assistance during an evacuation.

Hurricane season begins June 1 and runs through Nov. 30. Being prepared begins by knowing your risk and taking

the appropriate actions before, during and after a hurricane strikes. Additional hurricane preparedness tips are at [www.readyharris.org](http://www.readyharris.org).

# Comedy classic, Tom Jones, continues through June 14

Clear Creek Community Theatre (CCCT) closes its Golden Anniversary Season with a play that appeared in its very first season in 1965.

*Tom Jones*, which runs May 29 through June 14, tells the story of a young Tom Jones, founding and ward of Squire Allworthy, who is deeply in love with Sophia and she with him. Her father, however, has arranged for her to marry the Squire's sneaky

nephew (and heir), young Blifil.

The romance is discovered, Tom is banished, and Sophia, with her maid, Honour, sets out to find him. They are followed by Sophia's father, his sister, Squire Allworthy and Blifil. All find madcap adventures on the road to London and meet with many strange characters. The amusing and unexpected solution to their

problems captures all the laugh-a-minute hilarity for which *Tom Jones* is famous.

Performances are 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and 2:30 p.m. on Sundays.

Tickets are \$13-\$15 and can be purchased online at [www.clearcreekcommunitytheatre.com](http://www.clearcreekcommunitytheatre.com) or by contacting the box office at 281-335-5228.

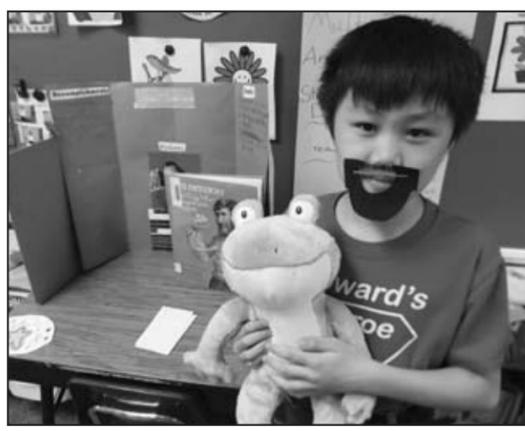
Group rates are also available.

# Moore students participate in "live" wax museum

The third-graders at Moore Elementary School portrayed famous historical figures who have contributed to this great nation. Students researched a chosen historical figure, created a display, put together a costume, and orally presented their figure as a "live" wax museum. Photos submitted



Sabrina Pector as Audrey Hepburn



George Nguyen as Jim Henson



Timothy Huynh as Neil Armstrong



Selene Salinas as Michael Jackson

# Honor Your 2015 Graduate in the June 4 issue!

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Class of 2015

Congratulations to our son, Jim Washington

We are very proud of you! You have grown up to be one amazing young man through thick & thin. We have never been prouder of you & the people you surround yourself with. We can't wait to see you compete & succeed at the next level of your life!

Dad, Mom, Jacob and Baylee

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Congratulations to Stephanie Love

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We are so proud of all your accomplishments.

We trust you will be successful in your future endeavors. You have always worked hard and excelled in all your subjects. Having achieved an academic rank as a student is a great honor that you should cherish with great pride. Remember to keep God in your heart and he will guide you in the right direction. God Bless you.

We Love you - Dad and Mom

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CONGRATULATIONS Sam J. Williams

We are proud of you, Sam. You are a great student. We are proud of your accomplishments. We love you, Jessica, Chloé, Norma and Rex

J. Frank Dobie Class of 2015

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# Pleasants graduates



Robert L. Pleasants, son of Larry and Catherine Pleasants of Sageglen, received a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering technology from the University of North Texas on May 15, 2015. Pleasants was recognized by the College of Engineering as the Outstanding Student for 2015 in his major, construction engineering technology. In his four years at UNT, Pleasants had a 3.9 GPA, and earned honors on the dean's list or president's list every semester. In 2013, Pleasants was chosen to represent the college on the AGC Heavy Civil Competition Team. For two consecutive years, 2014 and 2015, he was a member of an elite team of six students in the National Association of Home Builders week-long competition in Las Vegas. Currently, Pleasants is a project coordinator and director of business development for Ikerd Consulting, LLC, in Denton, Texas. He also enjoyed playing baseball for the UNT Club baseball team as a pitcher, first baseman, and designated hitter during his four years in Denton. Pleasants, a former longtime Sagemont resident, is a 2008 graduate of Clear Brook High School.

*Photo submitted*

# Lions Club meeting set

The Houston Space City Lions Club will meet Tuesday, May 26, at 7 p.m. at the Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway. For more information, call George Malone at 281-438-7243.

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# Over The Back Fence by Alexis

**BAYLEE TURNS TWELVE!**  
Happy birthday hugs and kisses are sent to **Baylee Espinosa** who turns 12 years old on Monday, May 25, from grandparents **Jannie and Robert Scarberry** of South Belt; aunt **Stacey (Hayes)**, uncle **Stephen**, and cousins **Kennedy, Owen and Evie Flowers** of Dickinson; uncle **Joey Hayes** of Yukon, Okla.; uncle **Austin Scarberry** of St. Louis and cousin **Jade**; uncle **Tyler Scarberry** of South Belt; and parents **Jenny (Hayes)** and **Benny Moreno**, big brother **Brayden Espinosa**, and little sister **Livvy Moreno** of Spring.

**WELCOME HOME, BUCKY!**  
Best wishes are sent to **Steve Buckman** from his South Belt friends and the *Leader* staff. Buckman, who was hospitalized last September, is recovering at home with the help of his wife **Kelly**, who has been at his side the entire duration of his illness.

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

**Atkinson Elementary**  
Birthday greetings are sent to **Maria Lara** May 22.

**Bush Elementary**  
Light the birthday candles for **Audra Smith** on May 26.

**Frazier Elementary**  
May 26 is the day for a birthday cake for **Angie Oquin**.

**Meador Elementary**  
Light the birthday candles May 25 for **Heather Cline**. Sing a birthday song to **Jenny Drager** on May 27.

**Moore Elementary**  
The day for a birthday party for **Jennifer Christen** is May 22.

**South Belt Elementary**  
On May 25, a birthday wish is sent to **Candice Arthur**.

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

**Melillo Middle School**  
May 26 is the day for a cake for **Kailey Lentsch**.

**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
**Micah Strickland** is wished a happy birthday May 21. The day for a party for **Brock Brown** is May 22. Double birthday greetings are sent to **Cecilia Diaz** and **Marianella Tyler** May 23.

**Thompson Intermediate**  
**George Martin** is wished a happy birthday May 24. A birthday greeting is sent to **Teresa Garcia** May 26.

**Dobie High**  
**Sheryl Smith** marks a birthday May 22. May 24 is the day for a party for **Lisa Barrett** and **Fernando Urrutia**. Sing a birthday song May 26 to **Mary Walker**.

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

Thursday, May 21: **Vance Britt, Shelly Woodin, Zachary McClendon, Kimberly Garza, Will Hernandez, Jennifer Villarreal and Rashida Jones**. Friday, May 22: **Falicia Ayala, Kevin Dalley, Bill Mondy and Becki Withers**; Saturday, May 23: **Damon Holt, David Cino and Nicole Wiens**; Sunday, May 24: **Barbara Gorman, Claudia Gonzalez, Cathy Greene, Dana Long and Richard McGinty**; Monday, May 25: **Felicia Gonzalez, Michelle Belvin, Herman Ortiz, Tammy Silva and Andrea Wheeler**; Tuesday, May 26: **Christine Marlice, Jeremy Carmona, Alberto Quiroga, Thomas Tillman Jr., Brian Brezina, Chris Ellis, and Randy Asbury**; and Wednesday, May 27: **Shelli Perseval, Jeffrey Short, Dan Lisbony and Jamie Nguyen**.

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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.

# Bush Elementary names third 9-weeks rolls

Laura Bush Elementary recently released its honor, merit and perfect attendance rolls for the third nine weeks of the 2014-15 school year. Students earning status are:

**Kindergarten**  
**Perfect attendance**  
Brianna Aleman, Sierra Arevalo, Asiel Basurto, McKenzie Bates, Hailey Bonilla, Bynanca Borjas, Cesar Calderon, Reagan Cameron, Reggie Cameron, Anthony Capetillo, Mejia Chloe, Ashlyn Coleman, Mia Creekmore and Carlos Cuevas.

**First grade**  
**Perfect attendance**  
Salah Ben Achour, Sofia Amaya, Kayleen Basurto, Diana Bonilla, Yahir Bonilla, Camden Butcher, Joaquin Caballero, Sebastian Calderon, La'Marcus Carter-Walker, Lucas Cena, Mark Chase and Daniel Chavez.

**Second grade**  
**Honor roll**  
Mia Arana, Sa'Rayvenne Dillard-Gaines, Anthony Dinh, Pablo Garcia, Christian Grant Hernandez, Addison Idele, Daniela Mendoza, Miguel Mercedes, Bruce Nguyen, Thinh Ninh, Roberto Carlos Nu'Ez-Bañuelos and Angelina Paquinto.

**Third grade**  
**Honor roll**  
Mialyacia Brown, Danielle Chenier, Daniel Estrada, Yanneli Garza, Mia Gomez, Eduardo Gonzalez, Jayren Hector, Christopher Jones, Jeshua Moreno, Sophi Ontiveros, Christian Oyervidez, Ivan Rodriguez, Angelina Tran, Brandon Vigil and Angel Villegas.

**Fourth grade**  
**Honor roll**  
Aria Below, Barrington Cox and Moses Houston.

**Merit roll**  
Casic Aleman, Mia Arana, Perla Bazan, Diego Bonilla, Spencer Cash, Isai Contreras,

Garza, Carlo Gonzalez, Fabiola Gonzalez, Daniela Guerrero, Mike Hernandez, Jandel Leon, Lexie Martinez, Atiana Medrano, Chinedu Okoro and Kamilah Oliva.

**Kindergarten**  
Mariah Ramirez, Destiny Reyes, Camron Robertson, Ryan Rodriguez, Sophia Sagastizado, Julian Salinas, Eniko Sanchez, Julio Saucedo, Ariana Spady-Rideaux, Kaylanie Tran, Armando Vergara and Frederick Washington.

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**Perfect attendance**  
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**Third grade**  
**Honor roll**  
Nico Barr, Adrian Cazares, Leslie Figueroa, Leslie Figueroa, Kasie Hoang, Kamryn Lacy, Trinity Lopez, Trinity Lopez, Jessica Ngo, Nkeiruka Okoro, Axel Olmedo, Vina Pham, Ariznelly Rivera and Gia Robinson.

**Fourth grade**  
**Honor roll**  
Tristan Fuentes, Jalysa Hernandez, Melanie Hernandez, Vy Ho, William Ho, Jacob Montez, Jahzel Samuels, Jazmyne Tran, Vincent Tran and Emily Zuniga.

**Merit roll**  
Siani Alanis, Angel Arroyo, Abigail Castillo, Brianna Garcia, Ashley Garza, Shaky Juarez, Zachary

Fabricio Coreas, Anthony Dinh, Emmanuel Ealy, David Flores, Kevin Flores, Elina Gomez, Mauro Gomez, Mia Gomez and Atriz Gonzalez.

**Kindergarten**  
Jacob Artemio Gonzalez, Tyree Griffin-Strode, Ashley Hernandez, Daniel Infante, Gregorio Jaimes, Vincent Le, Monica Montserrat Ramos Marin, Amanda Marler, Bryan Martinez, Annette M. Mendez and Daniela Mendoza.

**First grade**  
**Perfect attendance**  
Walter Alexander, A'Myri Allen, Isaac Alvarenga, Jahir Arias, Victoria Arnsworth, Mauricio Banda, Mauricio Banda, Nylah Banks, Viviana Barrientos, Elyndee Damian, Jennifer Estrada, Amberly Flores and Ashley Flores.

**Second grade**  
**Honor roll**  
Jordan McNeil, Jamiah Molden, Julio Montano, Elvis Nguyen, Nkeiruka Okoro, Axel Olmedo, Jennifer Olvera, Edwin Pereira, Vina Pham, Annie Phan and Ty Powell.

**Third grade**  
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Maddox Juarez, Xavier Lee, Kaleb Luna, Han Ly, William Merida, Cathy Ngyugen, Hailey Orzoco, Annie Phan, Savannah Smith and Abigail Unica.

**Kindergarten**  
Houida Ben Achour, Dailen Adame, Douglas Aleman, Marco Alvarenga, Wesley Arias, Zoe Banks, Kyle Broussard, Evelyn Cabello, Javier Campbell, Yadiria Castillo, Jasmine Cazares-Corona, Madison Creekmore and Ella Daley.

**First grade**  
**Perfect attendance**  
Anelee Damian, Diana Dang, Jenevie Devora, Jenevie Devora, Celeste Diaz, Evbu Edigin, Abel Espinoza, Abel Espinoza, Yesenia Franco, Alysia Galvan, Damian Garza, Natalia Garza, Jeremiah Gonzales and Maya Gonzalez.

**Second grade**  
**Honor roll**  
Ricardo Gonzalez, De'Eric Green-Lair, Alan Guerrero, Dibani Hernandez, Melanie Hernandez, Miguel Hernandez, William Ho, Enrique Jasso, Shaky Juarez, Ashley Lavergne, Angel Leon and Juanmanuel Leon.

**Third grade**  
**Honor roll**  
Viviana Martinez, Julissa Melenciano, Jahmel Morgan, Jahmel Morgan, Max Munoz, Huyhoang Nguyen, Huyhoang Nguyen, Sergio Ochoa, Isais Pantoja, David Pichardo, Sandra Quiroz-Catalan and CJ Robertson.

**Fourth grade**  
**Honor roll**  
Abraham Rodriguez, Dana Rojas, Jaylene Rojas, Eva Rubio, Jahzel Samuels, Mia Sanchez, Ulises Sanchez, Brianna Solares, Brianna Solares, Janae Tucker, Aleria Varnell, Abigail Villafana, Dillon Vu, Micah Williams, Derrick Woodley and Abigail Yanez.

# Hollin honored



Lila Grace Hollin, a 2004 graduate of J. Frank Dobie High School, recently won the Best Feature Story award from the Wisconsin Broadcast Association for the feature, *Homeless in High School*. Hollin currently works for CBS 58 NEWS in Milwaukee. Before moving to Wisconsin, she spent three years in Pueblo/Colorado Springs as a multimedia journalist. She is a native of South Belt and attended Atkinson Elementary and Beverly Hills Intermediate. She also graduated from Sam Houston State University with a degree in broadcasting journalism. Before leaving SHSU, Hollin helped establish an all-Spanish newscast and later became news director of KSHU. She also spent a summer in Panama City, Panama, (where her mother is from) working for TVN Noticias. She is the daughter of Betty and Felix George Hollin.

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# Remember When

**35 years ago (1980)**  
Dr. C. Lee Meyer, superintendent of Pasadena Independent School District, vowed to fight federal intervention aimed at forcing the district to become a part of an integration plan for Houston ISD. Members of the Sagemont Civic Club spearheaded a drive to get more than 50 percent of Sagemont homeowners/residents to sign a petition calling for a new election of committeemen for the Sagemont Maintenance Committee.

**20 years ago (1995)**  
Dobie girls softball team won its second state title in three years.

**15 years ago (2000)**  
NASA's KC-135 microgravity research aircraft, affectionately known as the Vomit Comet, retired and was permanently placed at Ellington Field.

**10 years ago (2005)**  
South Belters were disappointed to learn the 147th Air National Guard was on the Base Realignment and Closure list for possible closure or downsizing.

**5 years ago (2010)**  
James Burkart announced he would be stepping down as head pastor of the Catholic Community of St. Luke the Evangelist to take a new position at Christ the Good Shepherd Catholic Community in Spring. Burkart began as pastor at St. Luke's in January 2008, replacing Stephen R. Horn. Burkart was replaced by the Rev. Douglas J. Guthrie, who previously served as parochial vicar of St. Michael Catholic Church in the Galleria area.

**20 years ago (1995)**  
Charges were filed against a suspect arrested in a fatal traffic accident in the 300 block of Genoa Red Bluff. The suspect, Reyes Reyna, 55, was charged with intoxication manslaughter. Police said the victim, Joseph William Socie, 41, of Gulf Palms, was driving a Harley Davidson motorcycle west on Genoa Red Bluff and was crossing Allen Genoa, when Reyna, driving east on Genoa Red Bluff in a pickup, turned left and struck him.

**15 years ago (2000)**  
A second-grade Stuchbery student returned to school after being struck by a car while leaving the campus. The 7-year-old student was crossing the street with his parent after school at a non-designated crosswalk when he was hit by the automobile on Hughes Road in front of Sagemont Church. The child suffered minor injuries and was taken to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, where he was treated and released. The driver of the car was ticketed by police for failure to control speed.

**10 years ago (2005)**  
Police arrested two suspects in connection with a fatal drive-by shooting in the 11000 block of Sagevalley. Former Dobie student Favian Ramirez, 20, was shot in the neck during the incident. He was taken to Ben Taub General Hospital, where he was pronounced dead. Following the shooting, police located the suspects' vehicle, and a chase ensued. The pursuit ended, however, when the suspects' car crashed into a fence on the Gulf Freeway feeder road near Nyack. Suspects Raymond Preston Moreno, 18, and David Chavez, 21, were arrested and charged with murder.

**5 years ago (2010)**  
Weber Elementary second-graders had chicks hatch from eggs they incubated in their classrooms for 21 days.

**30 years ago (1985)**  
The Sagemont Maintenance Committee gave Harris County Precinct 1 Commissioner El Franco Lee a check for \$12,000 to help pay for a jogging trail and playground equipment for Sagemeadow Park.

**25 years ago (1990)**  
ABC's television show *20/20* featured area resident Irene Mansfield and her fight with the owners of Hill Sand Company concerning the alleged dumping of chemicals on company property.

**20 years ago (1995)**  
"Agencies involved with Brio should break out the drawing board and reinvestigate several key elements involving contamination because they missed them the first time," said U.S. Rep. Chet Brooks.

**15 years ago (2000)**  
In a rare Houston situation, road construction on I-45 from College south to Alameda-Genoa was running a year ahead of schedule, but work toward Dixie Farm Road hit another snag.

**10 years ago (2005)**  
Even though real estate companies were still selling homes in Southbend, some mortgage companies offered little resistance to people who quit paying their loans in or-

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## Good Citizens at Stuchbery



The Pasadena Noon Optimist Club recently recognized good citizens from all Pasadena ISD elementary schools at its annual Elementary Citizenship Ceremony. Pictured are this year's honorees from Stuchbery Elementary School: Left to right, (front row) fourth-grader Jer'Keithric Moore, third-grader Julissa Vega, (back row) faculty member Claudette Farley, Assistant Principal Kristin Wallis and Principal Carolyn Waller. *Photo submitted*

## San Jac's honors program recognized



San Jacinto College continues to have its honors history students and faculty recognized within Texas historical organizations. Students Dirk Johnson and Jeff Hallinan (pictured) were recognized at the annual Texas State Historical Association meeting as winners of C.M. and Cora Caldwell Prizes for research and writing in Texas history. Johnson won first place

for his paper, *The Chamizal Settlement and the Dispersion of a People Group*, and Hallinan won third place for his paper, *The 'Cowboy' of Pasadena, Texas: The Origins Behind the Pasadena Livestock Show & Rodeo and its Relevance Today*.

Both Johnson and Hallinan, along with three other San Jacinto College honors students, recently presented their papers at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research at Eastern Washington University, an opportunity community college students rarely receive.

San Jacinto College history professor Marcus Turner was also honored by the Texas State Historical Association, winning the David DeBoe Award in recognition of his outstanding service to his students through the Webb Society.

## Stuchbery holds walkathon for charity



Students, parents and staff at Stuchbery Elementary School raised \$4,144 on Friday, May 1, in a charity walkathon supporting the Wounded Warrior Project. Parents were encouraged to participate with their children as they completed laps for this worthy cause. Students have been learning character traits of kindness and generosity and topped off

their lessons with this life experience. Third-grade teacher Vanessa Raymond and PE coach Kevin Albert organized the event. Pictured are, left to right, kindergarten students Kaylee Robles, Madison Polanco, Alyza Silva, Naquaa Elzoeiry and Samantha Moreno, and kindergarten parent (back) Sabino V. Hernandez FSC, TXARNG. *Photo submitted*

## Williamson recipient of PTK Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction

Dr. Laurel Williamson, San Jacinto College deputy chancellor and president, is one of 23 community college presidents and campus CEOs to receive the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction recently at the annual PTK convention in San Antonio. "Receiving the PTK Shirley B. Gordon Award was an

incredible honor, because the nomination for this award comes from our faculty and our students," said Williamson. "My work at San Jacinto College is grounded in my desire to support student achievement, and this recognition is a reflection of how much our PTK students have achieved and contributed to the college and our community. I will wear the Gordon medal with pride at commencement because it represents our core mission, student success."

College presidents and campus CEOs are selected for this award on the basis of outstanding efforts given toward promoting the goals of Phi Theta Kappa. The award is named in honor of the late Shirley B. Gordon, the longest serving PTK board of directors chair, and

president emeritus of Highline Community College in Des Moines, Wash.

Williamson was nominated by Elizabeth McKinley, advisor for the Alpha Gamma Zeta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at the San Jacinto College South campus. In the nomination, McKinley notes, "Dr. Williamson promotes our PTK students to the board of trustees and to the community at large. She loves bragging on our students to anyone who will listen. To Williamson, it's all about the students. If we have a need, she will find a way to fill that need, both personally and financially. Her door is always open to our students."

Williamson has served as deputy chancellor and college president since 2013 and has been with San Jacinto College since June of 2007.

She has more than 25 years of experience in higher education and leadership in a community college setting.

"Dr. Williamson is incredibly deserving of this award," said San Jacinto College Chancellor Dr. Brenda Heller. "She is passionate about San Jacinto College, our students and our people, and that is just part of what makes her a great leader. I could not think of a better person to receive this honor."

For the past couple of years, the Alpha Gamma Zeta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at San Jacinto College has worked on its college project, Honors In Action. This project was centered on promoting the value of community colleges to students and the community, along with the importance of completing an

associate degree. This year, the chapter's Honors in Action project is focused on understanding how students creatively explore new and innovative ways to overcome obstacles in both their education and their lives in general. With both projects, Williamson has provided the chapter with the tools it needs to succeed, allowing the students to run the project. According to McKinley, "She is there to provide support and assistance, but lets our students take the lead and shine."

In addition to her support of PTK, the National Association for Developmental Education has recognized Williamson as its annual administrator or public servant for outstanding support of developmental education.

Prior to joining the San Jacinto College leadership team, Williamson served as academic officer of Valencia Community College in Florida and lower Columbia College in Washington. She also served as director of curriculum development at Southwest Mississippi Community College. She holds a master's degree from the University of Southern Mississippi and a doctorate degree from the University of South Florida and has done post-graduate work at Harvard University.

Williamson is a member of the board of directors of the Victorian Interdisciplinary Studies Association of the Western United States and has published essays and poetry. She is a veteran of the U.S. Army.

## Air Force beats Marine Corps!



Dobie High School's Air Force JROTC recently challenged Pasadena High's Marine Corps JROTC Marksmanship team to an air rifle match. It was a close match, but in the end, the Air Force team won the hour-long event. Cadets pictured are, left to right, (front row) Allison Alonzo

(PHS), Leasly Castillo (PHS), Luis Coreas (DHS), James Quijas (DHS), Rafael Coreas (DHS), (back row) Ramiro Alvarez (PHS), Richard Giron (PHS), Brandon Harder (DHS) and Jonathan Valdez (DHS). *Photo submitted*

## Registration underway for summer, fall Weekend College

Registration for summer and fall 2015 Weekend College is currently underway at San Jacinto College. Course offerings range from sociology, English composition I and II to Texas government and college algebra.

Weekend College provides an alternative option for students who work during the week or cannot take classes in the traditional format. It is a districtwide prescribed academic pathway to allow students to take classes exclusively on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays and earn their Associate of Arts and transfer to the university of their choice within two years. During the first year of Weekend College at San Jacinto College, approximately 1,100 students took advantage of the alternative course schedule.

Summer Weekend College begins this Friday, May 22, and Fall Weekend College will begin on Sept. 11. To view a complete schedule and to register, visit [sanjac.edu/apply-register/types-admissions/weekend-college](http://sanjac.edu/apply-register/types-admissions/weekend-college).

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## Thompson big winners in Academic Pentathlon



Members of the Thompson Intermediate Academic Pentathlon team area are, left to right, (front row) Stephanie Gonzalez, Justin Lavinier, Danielle Colunga, Trey Pettis, Faith Johnson, (middle row) Kay Mistry, Isaac Mestizo, Uyi Ewansih, Dalila Nguyen, Ronald Nguyen, Lidia Salazar, (back row) Andy Nguyen, Tiffany Duong, Izayah Perez, Randy Nguyen, Eloy Sanchez, Sophia Colmenares, Rocio Jimenez, Ethan Thomas, Gus Rodriguez, Pricilla Andrade and Alyssa Nguyen.

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## Thompson Academic Pentathlon winners

Thompson Intermediate personnel wants to share their pride in the successful participation of Thompson students in the recent Academic Pentathlon.

In addition to their class studies, STAAR testing, and other commitments, they read *Treasure Island* and studied packets covering a wide range of information in fine arts, science, math, social science (history), and communication arts (literature and an essay).

Seventh-grade team members were: Sophia Colmenares, Danielle Colunga, Faith Johnson, Kay Mistry, Alyssa Nguyen, Eloy Sanchez, and Ethan Thomas. Colmenares won gold in fine arts, bronze in science, silver in social science, and third place overall (third in the Honors division in the entire region).

Also receiving awards were: Johnson: silver in science; Mistry: silver in fine arts, gold in math, and second place overall (second place in the scholastic division in the entire region).

Nguyen won silver in fine arts, and Sanchez won gold in science.

The eighth-grade Red Team consisted of Andy Nguyen, Uyi Ewansih, Stefanie Gonzalez, Pricilla Andrade, Gus Rodriguez, Lidia Salazar, and Isaac Mestizo.

The eighth-grade White Team consisted of Tiffany Duong, Rocio Jimenez, Dalila Nguyen, Ronald Nguyen, Izayah Perez, Trey Pettis, Justin Lavinier and Isaac Mestizo, who won silver in fine arts and bronze in science.

Lavinier won gold in fine arts and silver in social science.

Rodriguez won bronze in fine arts, bronze in science, silver in math, gold in communication arts (literature and an essay), and third place overall (third in the scholastic division in the entire region).

Ronald Nguyen won silver in fine arts, gold in science, gold in math, and first place overall (first place in the scholastic division in the entire region).

Dalila Nguyen won bronze in fine arts, bronze in science, and third place overall (third in the Honors division in the entire region).

Andy Nguyen won silver in science and bronze in math.

Duong won bronze in math.

Ewansih won gold in social science and silver in communication arts (literature and an essay).

Gonzalez won bronze in communication arts (literature and an essay).

The Red Team won second place in Super Quiz!

The White Team won third place in Super Quiz and third place overall in the region!

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## St. Luke's Preschool announces 2015 graduates



The above pictured 2014-2015 Pre-Kindergarten Class at St. Luke the Evangelist Early Childhood Center will host its cap and gown ceremony on Thursday, May 21, 2015, at 6 p.m. in the St. Luke's Social Hall located at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church. Pre-K graduates pictured are, left to right, (front row) Hailey Naughton, Liliana Olivarez, Aaron Pena, Vanessa Rivera, Matilda Moore, Isaiah Machado, Alayna Rodriguez, (back row) teacher Maria Ortiz, Jordan Vuong, Van Doan, Leilani Hernandez, Mia Pombrol, Gabriella Ramirez, Lizamarie Anino, Ava Trevino, Justin Tran, Gael Vasquez and Manuel Castillo Jr.

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## San Jacinto College sets upcoming events

The following is a summary of upcoming calendar events at all three San Jacinto College locations. Campus locations are:

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

### Registration for summer and fall

Registration is open for the summer and fall terms. The first summer session begins Monday, June 8. The fall term begins Monday, Aug. 24. Register at sanjac.edu/apply-register/overview/registration.

### Registration for Weekend College

Registration is open for summer and fall 2015 Weekend College at San Jacinto College. Weekend College offers courses on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays to allow students to earn an Associate of Arts within two years. This pathway also allows students to transfer to universities.

To view a complete schedule and to register, visit <http://www.sanjac.edu/apply-register/types-admissions/weekend-college>.

**Softball team tryouts**  
The San Jacinto softball team will host tryouts for the 2015-2016 season on Saturday, May 30. College freshmen and high school seniors are invited to attend.

Pitchers and catchers will try out from noon to 2 p.m., and infield and outfield prospects will try out beginning at 2 p.m. All tryouts will take place at the South campus softball field located at 13735 Beamer Road in Houston.

Participants are asked to register for tryouts with Assistant Softball Coach Kelsey Walters, at [kelsey.mcclain@sjed.edu](mailto:kelsey.mcclain@sjed.edu) or at 281-998-6150, ext. 3524.

**Houston Spanish & Flamenco Festival**  
From May 26 through May 30, the Houston Spanish & Flamenco Festival will be held at the San Jacinto Central Campus Slocomb Audi-

torium and Dr. Monte Blue Music Building. The event will feature international artists presenting workshops, children's classes, and live performances in dance, music, and singing.

Visit [hsfestival.com](http://hsfestival.com) to buy tickets and for information about artists and performance times.

**Summer camps**  
San Jacinto College will host a variety of fun and enriching summer camps for children of all ages at each of its three campuses. There is something for every interest from athletics and career exploration, to music and

STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math), and everything in between.

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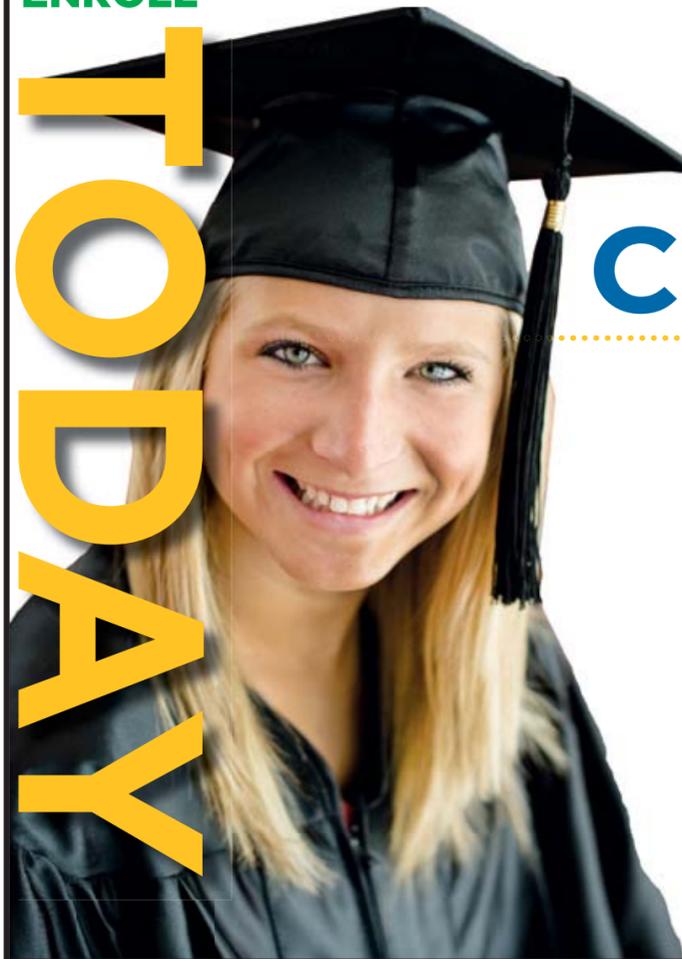
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# SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

## Sprinter Taylor extends Brook's state T&F medal legacy

Another year, another state track and field medal for the Clear Brook High School program. Junior sprinter Brandon Taylor battled his way to a

bronze medal in the Class 6A boys' 100-meter dash as the University Interscholastic League's State Track and Field evening session got rolling May

16 at the Mike A. Myers Track Complex in Austin. Garland Sachse's Devin Duvernay was the 100-meter champion, crossing the finish line at 10.27 seconds.

And Julia Heymach, a one-time competitor for the South Belt area's Rising Stars Track Club, set a new state record in Austin. Heymach, now a sophomore at Houston Lamar High School, broke the existing state record in the 1,600-meter run by nearly 3 seconds, coming in at 4:40.97.

Plano East's Chris Ntruh (10.394 seconds) clipped Taylor at the wire for a silver medal, with Taylor next at 10.399 seconds.

Taylor's medal win gave the Wolverines top-three placing in state-meet competition over three straight years.

Raygen Smith, in the 300-meter hurdles, was third at state during the 2013 and 2014 seasons but did not qualify this time around.

Smith's twin sister, Maygen Smith, won the Region III title in the 400-meter run this season on her way to state.

However, Maygen Smith, did not medal in her final meet as a Lady Wolverine, eventually placing fifth at the 400-meter distance in a time of 56.07.

Of note, McKinney Boyd's Aaliyah Miller, the champion of the girls' 400-meter run at 54.31, was also the 800-meter winner in a time of 2 minutes, 08.54 seconds.

Plano East's Chris Ntruh (10.394 seconds) clipped Taylor at the wire for a silver medal, with Taylor next at 10.399 seconds.

In the 3,200-meter run, Heymach scored another win, finishing at 10:14.62.

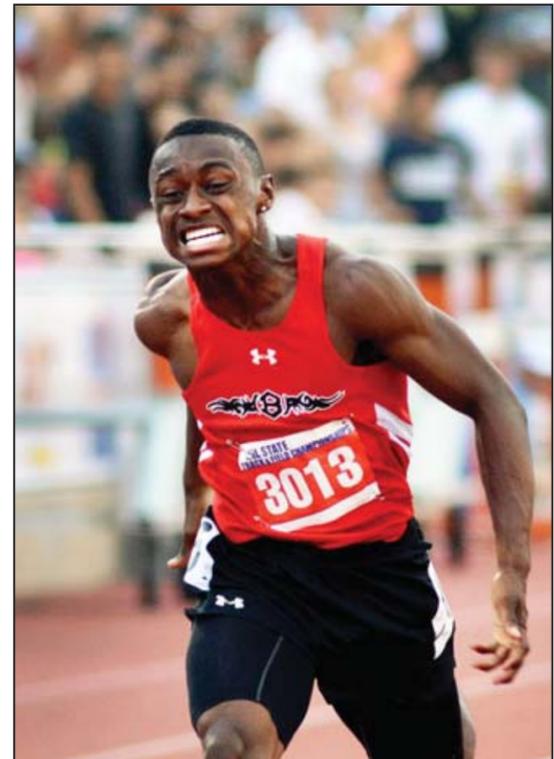
Taylor will return for the Wolverines next season in what will be his senior season, and current freshman Mark Milton is another promising sprinter as the Wolverines look to continue to extend their long legacy of success.

The Smiths, who have signed to compete and continue their education at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, were four-year varsity standouts for the Lady Wolverines who also took part in a variety of relays for the team.

In the Class 6A team standings, the Manvel Mavericks came up with a big effort in the boys' 4x400-meter relay and eventually held off Port Arthur-Memorial for first place. The DeSoto girls' were the 6A champions.



Maygen Smith ended her career at Clear Brook High School by placing fifth in the Class 6A girls' 400-meter run at 56.07 seconds. Aaliyah Miller of McKinney Boyd was the gold medalist at 54.31.



Clear Brook junior Brandon Taylor won himself a medal at the University Interscholastic League's State Track and Field Championships May 16 in Austin, scoring a bronze with a time of 10.399 seconds in the 100-meter dash. Photos by Jerry Baker

**Brandon Taylor, Clear Brook**  
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## Defensive whiz Reyes to join Cougars

By John Bechtle Sports Editor

Jose Reyes went 0 for 5 with three strikeouts in his final baseball game at Blinn College, but his collegiate playing career is far from over.

The former Dobie High School standout, a class of 2013 graduate, is headed even closer to home, having signed a letter of intent with the University of Houston in February.

"I took a visit and the facilities are nice," Reyes said after signing his letter of intent.

"It (University of Houston) is a growing program, and it is going up. Last year (2014), they had a pretty good season, and I am hoping to be a part of that."

A three-year starter for the Longhorns under head coach Miguel Torres, Reyes was known for his defensive work at

shortstop, especially while teaming with second baseman Jose Cabreja.

Their double play combination and overall defensive play were simply some of the best the region

had to offer. Since that time, little has changed.

Reyes didn't hit for much of an average on paper during his two seasons with Blinn, but it's his defense that has been and

will continue to be Reyes' calling card.

Said Blinn coach Harvey McIntyre, "We knew from the get-go that he could be an impact de-

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Thought of as one of the top defensive shortstops in the junior college baseball ranks over the past two seasons at Blinn College, Jose Reyes, a 2013 Dobie High School graduate, is set to move his game to the University of Houston beginning this fall. Reyes was a three-year starter for Dobie from the 2011 through 2013 seasons. He then helped guide Blinn to the JUCO World Series in 2014.  
Photo by Jake Gordon

## JFD boys' soccer quartet earns TASCO all-region qualification

Four Dobie varsity boys' soccer players were recognized as the Texas Association of Soccer Coaches released its all-region selections for the 2015 season.

Josue Villalta, a junior forward, was named to the Region III first team,

as was sophomore midfielder Sabino Lozano. Senior defender Nixon Urrutia, who will play collegiately beginning this fall at Northern Illinois University in Dekalb, was named to the second team.

Remarkably, senior midfielder Sergio Quint-

anilla, the District 22-6A Most Valuable Player, was relegated to the second team.

The four players helped Dobie to an undefeated record in District 22-6A play this season, and the team later advanced to areas.

## Dolphins registering football players

The Southbelt Dolphins of the Bay Area Football League will host a player registration Saturday, June

6, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Longhorn Grill on Blackhawk. Team officials are especially seeking 8-

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## Dobie wins another PISD Cup

The Dobie High School athletics program has captured another Pasadena ISD Cup award, outpacing each of the district's other four high schools for the honor.

The Longhorns' 229 points in the final PISD Cup standings for the 2014-2015 schools easily outdistanced the 149

points collected by Memorial. South Houston was third, followed by Pasadena and then Sam Rayburn.

Dobie and Memorial are the only two high schools to hold the championship trophy in the cup's 10-year history.

Pasadena ISD director of athletics Rodney Chant came up with the program

while he was an assistant in the school district's athletics program.  
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**PISD Cup**  
**Final High School Standings**

Dobie	229
Memorial	149
South Houston	111
Pasadena	87
Sam Rayburn	79

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## Sports news, notes

### Dobie boys' hoops

Dobie varsity boys' basketball head coach Kevin Cross and his staff will host the 2015 Longhorns' basketball camp June 15-18 at the school. Students entering the sixth through ninth grades as of the 2015-2016 school year are eligible to attend. Instructors will lead participants in skills drills, fun games, strength and conditioning and other basketball-related activities. The fee is \$50 per player, which will include a camp T-shirt. Parents of participants are required to cover medical insurance/costs as the Pasadena ISD does not cover students' insurance for summer fitness/recreation programs. For more information, direct email to Cross at KCross@pasadenaisd.org.

### Texas Line Drive seeks vendors

The Texas Line Drive is seeking vendors for its Memorial Day weekend tournament, set to be played May 22-24 at the South Belt Girls Softball Association fields at El Franco Lee Park. Potential vendors may either pay a flat \$100 fee for the booth space or contribute 20 percent of sales to the event host team(s). For more information, direct email to Brittney Hernandez at brittneybphotography@yahoo.com.

### BHI speed camp

The Beverly Hills Intermediate coaching staff will host its annual four-week Speed Camp for students age 8 to 15 throughout June and into early July. The camp will include drills and weight work designed to improve agility, muscle strength and endurance and much more. The camp will run each Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon, including June 8-11, June 15-18, June 22-25 and June 29 to July 2. Cost of the camp is \$60 cash only, and the fee will include a camp T-shirt. Parents of participants are required to cover medical insurance/costs as the Pasadena ISD does not cover students' insurance for summer fitness/recreation programs. Parents/students may obtain a registration form in the Beverly Hills front office each school day from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information, call Beverly Hills coach Ben Portis at 281-299-0251.

### Brook boys'/girls' hoops

Clear Brook varsity boys' basketball coach Christian Thompson will host the annual Wolverines' youth hoops camp for boys and girls June 15-19 at Westbrook Intermediate. Instruction will cover all phases of the game, including shooting, passing, rebounding, offensive and defensive drills and more. Session I, from 9 a.m. to noon each day, is open to those entering kindergarten through the fifth grade as of the 2015-2016 school year. Session II, from 1 to 4 p.m. each day, is open to those entering the sixth through ninth grades as of the 2015-2016 school year. Cost is \$100, which includes a youth basketball and T-shirt. As is always the case in the Clear Creek ISD, the parents must provide medical coverage as the district does not cover students with insurance during summer fitness/recreation programs. For more information, direct email to Thompson at jthompson@ccisd.net.

### SJC men's hoops tryout

The San Jacinto College men's basketball team will hold tryouts for the 2015-2016 season on Saturday, June 13. Tryouts will take place at Anders Gymnasium on the San Jacinto College Central campus, from 1 to 3 p.m. There is a \$25 processing fee for the tryouts, and participants will be required to sign a waiver of liability. Questions about the tryout should be directed to the men's basketball office at 281-476-1849.

### Brook boys'/girls' soccer

Clear Brook varsity boys' soccer coach Chris Stromeyer and Lady Wolverine varsity girls' soccer coach Jamie Scott will co-host the school's annual youth soccer camp for boys and girls June 8-10 at Westbrook Intermediate. Students entering kindergarten through the ninth grade as of the 2015-2016 school year are eligible to attend. Cost is \$60 per student. Those in attendance should bring their own water, cleats, shin guards, practice clothes, etc. Parents of participants are required to cover medical insurance/costs as the Clear Creek ISD does not cover students' insurance for summer fitness/recreation programs. For more information, call Stromeyer at 832-857-5181.

### Lady Wolverine volleyball

Clear Brook varsity volleyball coach Meredith Thompson, her staff and current and former collegiate players will combine to host the 2015 Lady Wolverines' youth camp July 27-30 at Westbrook Intermediate. Students entering the third through ninth grades as of the 2015-2016 school year are eligible to attend. The first session (8 to 9:30 a.m./\$80 per student) is for students entering third through fifth grade. The second session (8 to 10:30 a.m./\$100 per student) is for those entering the sixth through eighth grade who are competing in the beginning stages of the game. Eighth-grade students playing club volleyball and who were on their respective seventh-grade A team this season as well as ninth-grade students are eligible to attend the 10:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. session for \$100 per student. Those participating should bring their own shoes, knee pads, water, a great attitude and willingness to compete. The entry form can be obtained at www.clearbrookathletics.com. For more information, direct email to Thompson at mthomp1@ccisd.net.

### Dobie H.S. volleyball

Dobie High School varsity volleyball coach Dawn Gutierrez and her staff will host the Lady Longhorns' annual youth camp June 20 through July 2 at the school. Students entering the third through sixth grade as of the 2015-2016 school year are eligible to attend. The cost is \$40 per student, and those participating should bring their own shoes, knee pads, water, etc. Parents of participants are required to cover medical insurance/costs as the Pasadena ISD does not cover students' insurance for summer fitness/recreation programs.

### Clear Brook baseball

Clear Brook varsity baseball coach Gene Flores and his staff will host a youth camp for those entering the second through ninth grades as of the 2015-2016 school year. The June 15-17 camp costs \$90, and there is a June 15-16 pitching/catching camp for \$50. For questions, direct email to Flores at eflores1@ccisd.net

## Rising Star Track Club athletes score big at Road Warrior meet

The Rising Stars Track Club came up with one of the top performances at the Bay Area Road Warriors Invitational May 16, as many of the local athletes medaled.

The Rising Stars landed medals in each of the divisions with a standout performance.

In the intermediate division for 15- and 16-year-old competitors, several current Dobie High School athletes emerged as champions.

Camille Singleton, currently a Dobie sophomore, ran her way to the win in the 400-meter run, crossing the line at 58 seconds.

Two other sophomores, Jeremy and Jacoby Davis, also scored wins.

Jeremy Davis had a top throw of 44 feet, 11 inches for the victory in the shot put, and he also won the javelin event with a throw of 133'0".

In a third event, the discus, Davis' throw of 121'0" was second.

His brother, Jacoby Davis, won the high jump after clearing in the 5'10" mark.

Also in the intermediate division, Christal Dickson came away with a throw of 76'6" in the javelin for first place, and she also came across the finish line in a time of 1:14.9 in the 400-meter run.

Cody Turner's leap of 19'3" was second in the long jump, and Evan Burgess Jr. was third in the javelin with a top throw of 83'11". Burgess also completed the 400-meter run in a time of 56.3.

Deon Brown scored medals in three different events for the Rising Stars. He was third in both the shot put (34'8") and the discus (86'7"), and his

throw of 81'4" in the javelin was third best in the intermediate division.

Fourth place in the 1,500-meter run went to Jaylen Beverley in a time of 5:03.84, and Beverley also completed the 800-meter run in a time of 2:20.31.

In the young men/women division for 17-year-old athletes, Chandel Burgess was the winner of the javelin with a throw of 58'7" and also placed fourth in the shot put (29'5").

Michael Burgess, 14, was the lone Rising Star competing in the youth division. He was third in the javelin with a great throw of 62'6", and he also finished the 400-meter run at 1:29.

There were also plenty of solid performances for the Rising Stars in the sub-youth category for 13-year-olds.

James Burgess was third in the javelin with a great throw of 54'8", and Matt Kovacevich was the winner of the 1,500-meter run at 4:57. Kovacevich also wound up at 1:11.1 in the 400-meter run.

Mikey Ramirez delivered a winner's throw of 70'9" for first place in the javelin, and Brandon Shackelford ran the 400-meter event at 1:08.6.

Rounding out the sub-youth division, Amari Singleton was at 1:07.7 in the 400-meter run, and Donald Givens posted an effort of 20'5" in the shot put.

There was just one medal to be had for the locals in the midget division for 12-year-old athletes.

There, Anaya Givens was third in the shot put with a toss of 19'9". Givens also ran the 400-meter event at 1:44.9.

Elsewhere in the 12s,

Kelby Williams had a time of 28.53 in the 200-meter dash, and Christianne Ross' time of 1:10.63 was solid in the 400-meter run.

Bryce Shackelford wound up at 1:12.7 in the same event, and Christian Ross was at 1:14.1 at the 400-meter distance.

Devin Cabellero competed in a pair of events, including the 200-meter dash (32.30) and the shot put (27'5").

Paul Burgess was also in on two events, including the 200-meter dash (20.62) and the 400-meter run (1:09.8).

Camryn Dickson headlined the submidget division for 11-year-old athletes. Dickson won the 200-meter dash at 27.84, and then placed third in the 400-meter run at 1:06.3.

Cory'on Mathews was third in the 400-meter run (1:05.3) and also took part in the 800-meter run (2:52.).

As for Joshua Ross, he threw the shot put 13'8" and also came up with a time of 1:25.06 in the 400-meter dash.

There were three medalists in the bantam division, where 10-year-old athletes from the Rising Stars were included.

BrayLan Shelby won the 1,500-meter run at 5:24.59 and was also fifth at 2:41.3 in the 800-meter run. In a third event, the 400-meter run, Shelby finished at 1:15.2.

Elijah Jackson placed sixth at 19'0" in the shot put and also took part in two other events, including the 200-meter dash (32.30) and the 400-meter dash (1:15.5).

In the 9-year-old sub-bantam category, the Stars also produced well.

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## Gauvin picks Incarnate Word softball



At left, San Jacinto College softball player Brigitte Gauvin signed a letter of intent to continue her education and softball career at the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio. The sophomore catcher finished the 2015 season hitting .277 with six doubles, three home runs and 25 runs driven in. Following the season, Gauvin received National Junior College Athletic Association all-south conference honors. Last season, Gauvin earned National Fastpitch Coaches Association honors by being named to the NFCA all-midwest region first team, and was a NJCAA all-conference first team and all-region second team selection. Gauvin plans to major in biology when she arrives at UIW this fall.

## SJC's Barbosa to St. Thomas men's soccer



San Jacinto College men's soccer student-athlete, Ian Barbosa (seated, center) signed a national letter of intent to continue his education and soccer career at the University of St. Thomas in Houston. Barbosa, a sophomore defender, was named to the National Junior College Athletic Association all Region XIV team this season, and was this year's team Most Valuable Player. In 2013, he participated in the United Soccer League's Premier Development League Southern Conference and national championships as a defender for the Laredo Heat.

"Ian has been a major contributor to the San Jacinto College soccer program over the past two years," said Ian Spooner, San Jacinto College soccer head coach. "He has maintained one of the team's highest grade point averages and was inducted as a member of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, all while being a consistent start playing defender and midfielder." Those with Barbosa at the signing included Spooner (left) and University of St. Thomas men's soccer head coach Aaron Champenoy.

## San Jacinto College softball to host May 30 open tryout

The San Jacinto College softball team will host tryouts for the 2015-2016 season on Saturday, May 30. College freshmen and high school seniors are invited to attend.

Pitchers and catchers will try out from noon to 2 p.m., and infield and outfield prospects will try out beginning at 2 p.m.

All tryouts will take place at the South campus softball field located at 13735 Beamer.

Participants are asked to register for tryouts with assistant softball coach Kelsey Walters, at kelsey.mcclain@sjcd.edu or at 281-998-6150 ext. 3524.

San Jac finished the 2015 season with an overall record of 34-25, finishing the season ranked seventh in region.

Several players received National Junior College Athletic Association conference and regional honors.

First team all-South Conference honors went to freshman catcher Gabri

ela Gonzalez, sophomore catcher Carah Nunez, freshman infielder Jordin Woodward, sophomore utility Elizabeth Garcia, and freshman infielder Jasmine Cerda.

Second team all-South Conference honors went to sophomore pitcher Bridget Stein, freshman infielder, Alyssia Torres, freshman infielder, Brit

tany Woods, and sophomore catcher Brigitte Gauvin.

First team all-region honors went to Gonzalez, Nunez, and Garcia. Second team all-region honors went to Woodward and Cerda.

For more information on San Jacinto College softball, visit sanjacports.com.

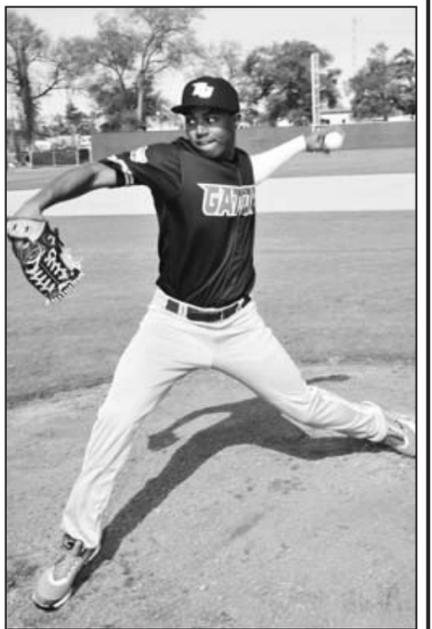


San Jacinto College women's softball head coach Kelly Saenz and her staff will host an open tryout for player hopefuls May 30.

## San Jac baseball at JUCO series

At right, left-hander Aaron Ford and his San Jacinto College baseball teammates are set to debut in the 2015 National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I Baseball World Series Saturday, May 23, at Sam Suplizio Field in Grand Junction, Colo. SJC, champions of Region XIV, will appear in the official tournament opener May 23 against McClellan College at 9 a.m., Colorado time. The double-elimination tournament will run through May 30. San Jac has previously appeared in 13 national championship games, winning five crowns. The last championship for San Jac came back in 1990.

Photo by Rob Vanya



Three San Jacinto College volleyball players signed national letters of intent to continue their education and playing careers at National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I institutions. Those athletes

included, left to right, (seated) Hannah McRee, Delaney Driver and Kacey LeBlanc. Standing is San Jacinto College volleyball assistant coach Jeff Pearce and head coach Sharon Nelson.

## SJC volleyball players move on to Div. I

San Jacinto College sophomores Kacey LeBlanc, Delaney Driver and Hannah McRee signed national letters of intent to continue their volleyball and education careers at National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I institutions.

"I am really happy for these young ladies," said head coach Sharon Nelson, who this fall will enter her 14th season at the helm of the San Jacinto College volleyball program.

"They are great leaders, on and off the court, and were assets to our team this year. I have no doubt they will go on to be exceptional leaders and make an immediate impact on their respective teams. I wish them all the

best!" All three student-athletes graduated with their associate degrees, and will be recognized with academic honors in June by the National Junior College Athletic Association.

LeBlanc, a 5-foot-3-inch defensive specialist from Orangefield High School in Orange, Texas, and the Region XIV Libero of the Year, will play next season at the University of Louisiana-Monroe.

LeBlanc led the team in digs with 371 total for a 3.82 per set average, and was second on the team in service aces with 22.

Driver will also attend the University of Louisiana-Monroe, where she will play on the college's sand volleyball team.

This is the first San Jacinto College volleyball player to transfer to a four-year university on a sand volleyball scholarship.

The 5-foot-8-inch outside hitter from Wichita Falls, Texas' Christ Academy was third on the team in kills per set at 1.97 with a .227 hitting percentage. She also averaged 1.14 digs and 0.43 blocks per set. Driver was the San Jacinto College Central campus Scholar Athlete of the Year, an academic all-region honoree, receiving the NJCAA Award for Superior Academic Achievement (3.8 - 3.99

grade point average), and Driver is also a member of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society.

McRee, a 6-foot-3-inch middle blocker from Uvalde High School, will also head to the state of Louisiana to play for Louisiana Tech University in Ruston.

McRee was a second-team all-conference selection that led the team in total blocks with 128 (1.24 per set), while hitting .258 with a 1.74 kills per set average.

SJC finished the 2014 regular season ranked 13th in the country with a 21-13 overall record. For more information San Jacinto College volleyball or other athletic programs, visit sanjac sports.com.

# Lajaunie Memorial tennis awards Longhorn senior class players

Four Dobie High School varsity tennis players in the class of 2015 received academic scholarships from the Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund May 12 at Dobie's annual Senior Awards program.

The first Lajaunie Grand Slam Scholarship of \$1,000 was awarded to Ruben Vargas, a four-year member of the team and a three-time boys' singles district champion.

Academically, Vargas is ranked No. 9 in his class, a member of the National Honor Society, an award-winning member of the Dobie orchestra, and an advanced placement scholar with a distinction for attaining an average of a four on all AP tests.

Vargas also placed first in the National Spanish Exam, and was named a "Shining Star" by Pasadena ISD.

Vargas said he grew to

love tennis after watching Roger Federer play in the Masters Cup year-end tournament in Houston in 2003.

After the match, Vargas was lucky enough to obtain an autograph from Federer. It was that encounter that impacted Vargas to be a tennis player and inspired him to play like his idol, Roger Federer.

Vargas plans to studying either petroleum or mechanical engineering at the University of Houston beginning this fall.

A Lajaunie Grand Slam Scholarship of \$1,250 was awarded to a second Dobie tennis player who is also a member of the National Honor Society and the Spanish Honor Society, a member of Student Council and a member of the Key Club – Juan Melisio.

During his time in the Longhorn tennis program,

Melesio received Most Valuable Player honors for junior varsity tennis.

Also off the court, Melesio ranked in the top 10 percent of his class. Melesio also impressed the Lajaunie scholarship selection committee by logging 96 hours of community service.

Melesio's passion for tennis has also shown him he has a second family out on the Dobie courts. Not long ago, he attended his first official professional tennis match at the U.S. Men's Clay Court Championships in Houston.

Melesio said he was inspired by Japanese player Go Soeda because of the determination he displayed on the court to beat Australian Lleyton Hewitt in a come-from-behind win.

His college plans are to study engineering at the University of Houston.

Another Lajaunie Grand Slam Scholarship of \$1,250 was awarded to Dobie player Theresa Tran who is also a member of the National Honor Society and is in the top 10 percent of her class academically.

Tran said she owes her time management and communication skills, increased confidence and responsibility to the sport of tennis.

Tran also attended the U.S. Men's Clay Court Championships and was inspired by Soeda, who caught her attention on the court because he never gave up and pressed on even though the crowd was supportive of his opponent – Hewitt.

Like Vargas and Melisio, Tran's college plans are to attend the University of Houston, where she will study business with a goal for running her own

business one day.

A fourth Lajaunie Grand Slam Scholarship, was awarded to Julie Nguyen, who is also a member of the National Honor Society, is the historian for the school's Latin Club and a member of the Key Club. Nguyen has been on the school's honor roll since her freshman year.

She told the Lajaunie selection committee that she loves to volunteer at festivals, marathons and at church as a youth leader with 81.5 hours of service.

The tennis player that has inspired her the most is Vargas, because he worked hard and played with passion and team

spirit and balanced his academic schedule with his tennis schedule and volunteering work.

Nguyen's college plans are to study biochemistry at the University of Texas in Austin.



At right, Dobie High School senior tennis players, left to right, Ruben Vargas, Theresa Tran, Julie Nguyen and Juan Melisio gather during the annual student/faculty tennis tournament. The players are 2015 recipients of Darren Lajaunie Memorial Scholarship awards.  
Photo by Camille Lajaunie

## Dobie student/faculty a smashing success



Ashley McAllister (left), a Dobie graduate and currently the head tennis coach at Pasadena High School, returns a volley at the annual Dobie faculty/student tennis tournament May 19 at the Longhorn Courts. At right is McAllister's doubles teammate, Michael Duron. For more on the tournament, see the May 28 Leader.  
Photo by John Bechtle

## Avenger 13s win Houston metro basketball



The Houston Avengers, a 13-year-old select youth basketball team, won the Houston Metro Classic Championship, played at Dobie High School. The team won three straight games both May 16 and May 17 to claim the big prize. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Trevon Wash-

ington, Shannon Hayes, Tomas Garcia, Damon Garcia (team helper), Isaiah Bibb, (back row) Dylan Timmer, coach Mike Rogers, DaMarcus Carathers, Marquice Scott, Jeff First and Darion Ramos.

## Atkinson student joggers compete at PISD's Get Fit

The Pasadena Independent School District's annual Get Fit Jog event was held May 2, at the Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Atkinson Elementary had 18 third- and fourth-grade students participate in the event. In order to be eligible to participate in the districtwide competition, the students first had to complete 40 miles or more in individual schools' Get Fit Jog clubs this school year. The third-grade students ran a course that was a little over a mile in length, while the fourth-grade students ran a 2.3-mile course. At right, Atkinson Elementary third-grade students Christian Covarrubias (left) and Jaclyn Vandiver scored top-18 finishes at the Pasadena ISD's Get Fit Jog districtwide competition. Jogging along a course just over a mile in length, Covarrubias was eighth while Vandiver was 18th.

Submitted photos



Atkinson Elementary included 18 third- and fourth-grade students in the Pasadena ISD's annual Get Fit Jog competition this school year, with the districtwide competition culminating May 2. The Eagles' competitors included, left to right, (front row), Alan Vargas, Christian Covarrubias,

Simon Sepulveda, Diego Orta, Stephanie Gonzalez, (second row) Edward Tercero, Sam Baker, Jaclyn Vandiver, Blair Carroll, Anya Botello, (third row) Daniel Sanchez, James Gordon, Sebastian Ybanez, Juan Carlos Gutierrez, (back row) Jordan Coscarelli, Isabella Lara, Jovanni Avila and Janet Armenta.

# CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, MAY 21

7 a.m.  
**AA Meeting** – "Breakfast With Bill" each 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** – Bridge games weekdays, 10 a.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark Rd. For lessons or for the 2 p.m. Thursday conventions class, contact Dr. Dave Glandorf, bridge instructor, at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or 281-488-6318. Cost is \$6 per game or \$15 per lesson. For more information, call the club at 281-486-1911.

Noon  
**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** – Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, 2245 N. Main (building next to pawn shop). For information, call 713-856-1611.

2 p.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club** – Dr. Dave Glandorf, bridge instructor, teaches a conventions class Thursday at 2 p.m., Clear Lake Bridge Club, 16614 Sea Lark Rd. Each class covers a different set of bridge conventions. Cost is \$15 per lesson. For more information, call the club at 281-486-1911.

4 p.m.  
**Houston Area Parkinson Society** – Free water exercise for individuals with Parkinson's disease, 4 to 5 p.m., Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital Clear Lake, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Call 713-313-1652 or visit www.hapsonline.org for a list of all services.

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. Meetings are on the third Thursday of each month, 6

p.m., in the Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visitors are welcome. Call 281-481-1238 for information.

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

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

**Alateen** – Provides support for teenage children, friends and family members of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, room 208. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

8:30 p.m.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** – Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.

**FRIDAY, MAY 22**

7 a.m.  
**AA Meeting** – "Breakfast With Bill" each 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** – Bridge games weekdays, 10 a.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark Rd. For lessons or for the 2 p.m. Thursday conventions class, contact Dr. Dave Glandorf, bridge instructor, at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or 281-488-6318. Cost is \$6

per game or \$15 per lesson. For more information, call the club at 281-486-1911.

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

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

7 p.m.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** – Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., (Hwy 35), in building next to pawn shop. For more information, call 713-856-1611.

**SATURDAY, MAY 23**

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

10 a.m.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** – Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., (Hwy 35), in building next to pawn shop. For more information, call 713-856-1611.

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

1 p.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club** – Bridge games weekdays, 10 a.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark

Rd. For lessons or for the 2 p.m. Thursday conventions class, contact Dr. Dave Glandorf, bridge instructor, at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or 281-488-6318. Cost is \$6 per game or \$15 per lesson. For more information, call the club at 281-486-1911.

**SUNDAY, MAY 24**

1 p.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club** – Bridge games weekdays, 10 a.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark Rd. For lessons or for the 2 p.m. Thursday conventions class, contact Dr. Dave Glandorf, bridge instructor, at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or 281-488-6318. Cost is \$6 per game or \$15 per lesson. For more information, call the club at 281-486-1911.

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

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.

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

7 p.m.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** – Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous NA meets Sundays, 7 p.m., 2245 N. Main St., Pearland (building next to pawn shop). For more information, call 713-856-1611.

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**SUNDAY, MAY 24**  
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**Alcoholics Anonymous** - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.

**MONDAY, MAY 25**  
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.

10 a.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Bridge games weekdays, 10 a.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark Rd. For lessons or for the 2 p.m. Thursday conventions class, contact Dr. Dave Glandorf, bridge instructor, at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or 281-488-6318. Cost is \$6 per game or \$15 per lesson. For more information, call the club at 281-486-1911.

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.

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**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon at 2245 N. Main (building next to pawn shop). For more information, call 713-856-1611.

3:30 p.m.  
**Houston Area Parkinson Society** - Free exercise and speech therapy from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered. For adults with Parkinson's disease only. 6:30 p.m.  
**Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting** - meets Mondays at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway (FM 518). Enter door closest to recycling bins. For more information, call 713-865-3668 or visit www.oahouston.org.

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

7 p.m.  
**Friends Helping Friends Grief Support Group** - Group meets Mondays, Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster, 7 to 8:15 p.m., in the staff meeting room. Anyone who has lost a loved one is welcome. Free. For information, call Betty Biel at 281-474-3430 or Diana Kawalec at 281-334-1033.

**TUESDAY, MAY 26**  
7 a.m.  
**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" each Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, in the Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just 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 the fourth Tuesday of each month, Clear Lake Park, 5001 NASA Parkway (on the lake side), Seabrook. For information, call Joe at 281-481-2458.

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**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Bridge games weekdays, 10 a.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark Rd. For lessons or for the 2 p.m. Thursday conventions class, contact Dr. Dave Glandorf, bridge instructor, at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or 281-488-6318. Cost is \$6 per game or \$15 per lesson. For more information, call the club at 281-486-1911.

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**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** - TOPS #1530 meets at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road, at 1:30 p.m. For information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713.

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

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

**Houston Space City Lions Club** - Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m., Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway. For information, call George Malone at 281-438-7243.

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

call 713-204-2481.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 27**  
7 a.m.  
**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" each Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, in the Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or drop in.

9:30 a.m.  
**Young at Heart Club** - Meets the second and fourth week of each month (except November and December) at Covenant United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Lots of activities, trips, etc. Call Nellie Galney at 713-991-3517 for information.

10 a.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Bridge games weekdays, 10 a.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark Rd. For lessons or for the 2 p.m. Thursday conventions class, contact Dr. Dave Glandorf, bridge instructor, at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or 281-488-6318. Cost is \$6 per game or \$15 per lesson. For more information, call the club at 281-486-1911.

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**THURSDAY, MAY 28**  
7 a.m.  
**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" each 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.

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2 p.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Dr. Dave Glandorf, bridge instructor, teaches a conventions class Thursday at 2 p.m., Clear Lake Bridge Club, 16614 Sea Lark Rd. Each class covers a different set of bridge conventions. Cost is \$15 per lesson. For more information, call the club at 281-486-1911.

4 p.m.  
**Houston Area Parkinson Society** - Free water exercise for individuals with Parkinson's disease, 4 to 5 p.m., Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital Clear Lake, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Call 713-313-1652 or visit www.hapsonline.org for a list of all services.

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.  
**Cokesbury Support Group** - Those who are the husband, wife or partner of a chronically ill/disabled person may join a new support group, Well Spouse, the last Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Cokesbury United Methodist Church, 10030 Scarsdale. Free childcare provided. For more information, contact Jennifer Miller at houstonwellspouse@gmail.com or 713-724-2360, or visit the Well Spouse Association at http://www.wellspouse.org.

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

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

**Alateen** - Provides support for teenage children, friends and family members of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, room 208. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

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# Pasadena ISD Cup high school athletics championship goes to Dobie

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letic office.

The district's stated purpose for both the intermediate school (won by Bondy this school year) and high school cup contest is to build rivalries and competition among the district's schools while stressing the importance of both boys' and girls' athletics from a team and individual standpoint.

Team sports included at the high school level include football, basketball, cross-country, track and field, baseball, team tennis, swimming and diving, golf and soccer for the boys.

The included girls' team sports are volleyball, basketball, cross-country, track and field, softball, team tennis, swimming and diving, golf and soccer.

The individual sports that are awarded are boys' and girls' spring tennis, boys' and girls' golf and boys' and girls' track and field.

Using the 2014-2015 school year as an example, district athletic officials award only PISD schools for order of finish in District 22-6A competition.

District champion teams earn 10 points,

while runner-up squads obtain eight points. Six points are earned for third place, and four points for fourth place. Fifth-place teams earn two points.

As for postseason competition, schools are awarded five points for making the playoffs (bidistrict round), 10 points for reaching area, 15 points for a regional semifinal qualification, 20

points for a regional final make, 25 points for a state semifinal and 30 points for a state final.

In the individual points category, athletes can earn 10 points for a 22-6A title, eight points for second place and six points for third.

The same point system also applies for athletes who qualify for any regional and state competi-

tion. The Dobie varsity boys' soccer team was the top earner this season, while a variety of tennis players and track and field

athletes earned valuable points in individual competition as well as swimming.

In the team category,

the Pasadena boys' soccer team advanced the furthest among Pasadena ISD teams, making the regional quarterfinals.

Dobie will hold the Pasadena ISD Cup trophy for this school year until the contest renews for the 2015-2016 school year.



Blinn College baseball player Jose Reyes slides across home plate ahead of the tag during a Region XIV contest earlier this season. Reyes, a 2013 Dobie High School graduate, helped the Bucs reach the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division

I World Series in 2014 and is now set to join the University of Houston baseball program beginning this summer. While at Dobie, Reyes was a three-year starter, developing into one of the area's top defensive shortstops.

Photo by Jake Ford

## Texas Line Drive 10s second at Baytown tourney



Texas Line Drive, a 10-under select girls' softball team from the South Belt area, took second place in the C-Class Baytown Spring Fling tournament. The locals went unbeaten en route to a championship matchup with the Texas Fire of Splendor before tournament officials were forced to end the tied game due to weather. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Julie Perez, Jordee Wilkins, Eviana Robles, Trystin Simonet, Ariana Perez, (middle row) Alexa Quiroz, Paris Kimble, Victoria Ramirez, Hailey Hernandez, Lien Brister, (back row) coaches Mike Simonet, Dale Brister and Art Robles. Not pictured is player Alina Satcher.

## Dobie's Reyes excels at Blinn; ready for next challenge at UH

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fender in junior college baseball."

Reyes posted a .954 fielding percentage with



Jose Reyes

the second-most putouts on the team at 149. He batted .243 with 45 hits and a .353 on-base percentage while scoring 33 runs as a freshman in 2014. His 27 walks last season led the team.

And Reyes was a key contributor as Blinn advanced to the National Junior College Athletic Association's World Series for the first time in 22 seasons.

This year, the Bucs were 28-26, getting eliminated by San Jacinto College in the Region XIV tournament. Reyes hit .213 during the season but continued his outstanding glove work.

He also overcame a nasty hamstring pull that came early in the season, forcing him to miss about 20 games and six weeks of playing time. It simply

was unfortunate, given that Reyes had made huge strides offensively as a freshman.

Reyes began his collegiate career in the No. 9 hole for the Bucs, but McIntyre moved the freshman up in the order as the offense came around.

As a sophomore, Reyes seemed poised for a big year. The hamstring injury stalled that.

"I hit about .330 in the fall and was ready for a big year," Reyes said.

"I actually pulled my hamstring pretty badly. Even when I came back, I was rusty but needed to get back in the lineup after missing so much time. I know it'll all come back."

Now he's headed for Houston where the Cougars are coming off winning the America Baseball Conference crown and certainly hope for more in the postseason, Reyes is confident he can make a difference.

The higher the level of baseball, the fewer promises are made for playing time, etc.

But the Cougars' coaching staff certainly seem to know what they have with Reyes.

"(Assistant coach) Tripp Couch joked with me sometimes during the season that they wish they could borrow me for a weekend, especially with my defense," Reyes said. "But I also know what I can do offensively."

Reyes has already been

working with the strength and conditioning staff at the University of Houston.

He hopes a strict and focused diet will allow him to gain upward of 20 to 25 pounds over the summer and into the fall. Right now, Reyes stands 5-feet-9-inches tall and weighs about 168, having dropped a few pounds during the Blinn season.

"I'm extremely excited to get started," Reyes said of his UH career. "It's so competitive, but that makes you better as a player. If you don't improve every day, someone else will, and there goes your spot."

"At this point, I'm just going to keep playing until I'm told I can't play anymore."

"Hopefully, that's not for a long time. We'll just have to see how things turn out, but whatever the case, it won't be because I didn't work." Off the field, Reyes challenges himself just as much.

He will pursue a bachelor of science degree at the University of Houston. His plan is to become an anesthesiologist one day, but hopefully baseball will hold off those plans for as long as possible.

"I just work hard every day, even when no one is looking," Reyes said.

"Baseball has helped pay for a part of my education. Right now, I just want to play this game as long as possible."

## Rising Stars secure medals

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Kailey Pineda's best throw in the shot put of 9'7" was third-best in the division, and she also ran the 400-meters at 1:14.5.

Cameron Mathews, at 2:54, was fifth in the 800-meter run and also competed in the 400-meter run (1:14.7).

Chardel Terrell placed sixth overall in the 800-meter run with a time of 3:02, and her time of 1:17.78 was solid in the 400-meter event.

Elsewhere in the division, Jeremiah Beverley was at 1:25.9 in the 400-meter run then at 3:12 in the 800-meter event.

Ramiro Garivay was in the 800-meter run (3:24.61) and

the 1,500-meter event (6:28.84). Aaron Joseph was at 1:47.73 for 400-meters and 2:50 for 800 meters.

The Rising Stars came up with seven medal-winning efforts in the primary division for 5- through 8-year-olds.

Menelik Gurnell won the shot put with a throw of 21'5", and he also took part in the 400-meter run (1:27.91) as well as the 800-meter run (3:09).

Nadi'ya Shelby came away with a pair of medals, with second-place efforts in both the 800-meter run (2:59) and the 400-meter run (1:18). Shelby also finished the 200-meter dash at 35.74.

Another double medal-

ist was Noah Caballero, who was at 16'5" in the shot put for fifth and also clocked in at 3:00.41 for sixth place in the 800-meter run.

Amaira Johnson's throw of 19'5 1/2 was third in the shot put, and Jonathan Willis was fourth in the boys' shot put at 16'4".

Willis also was involved in the mix in the 400-meter run (1:24.6) and the 800-meter run (3:05.69).

Gianni Gerami was at 38.87 in the 200-meter dash and 1:34.7 in the 400-meter dash.

Evan Jackson ran the 200-meter event at 52.62 and also the 400-meter run (1:59.2) as well as the 800-meter run (4:02.89).

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