

Graduation issue planned

The *Leader's* annual high school special edition will be published Thursday, June 4. It will feature graduation information for 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. The deadline is 3 p.m. Thursday, May 28.

TxDOT closings confuse

Contrary to reports from the Texas Department of Transportation and Houston TranStar, two alternate main lanes and frontage road lanes on the Gulf Freeway will not be closed nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Thursday, May 28, to Sunday, June 7. While construction on the freeway is ongoing, the closures, which were widely reported, were in error, according to the project manager from TxDOT.

Dolphins register June 6

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- to 9- and 11- to 12-year-old players, and a \$100 deposit is required at registration.

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.

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* and will take place at Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes. Session Options: 3 to 4:15 p.m. or 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. Space is limited. Register at www.bbydo.org. For information, call 713-408-0837.

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.

Genealogy group meets

The Parker Williams Genealogy Group will meet June 1, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the library at Scarsdale and Beamer. This group meets the first and third Mondays to discuss genealogy research. Meetings are free and open to anyone interested in tracing family history.

KWS Committee meets

The Kirkwood South Committee will hold its homeowners association meeting promptly at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 28, in the courtroom of Judge Jo Ann Delgado, 10851 Scarsdale at Beamer. The 2015 board will address the residents to review, adopt the agenda and previous minutes, discuss current drive-by issues, review financial reports and answer questions from the floor. The meeting will adjourn before 9 p.m. All residents are urged to attend.

Dobie choir pop show set

The community is invited to enjoy an evening with the Dobie choir for its annual pop show. The performances will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, May 29 and 30. The admission to the performances is \$5.

PISD graduations set

Graduation ceremonies for Dobie, Pasadena, Pasadena Memorial, Sam Rayburn, and South Houston high schools will be held June 3-4 at NRG (Reliant) Stadium, at Reliant Parkway. (See related story this page.) Parking will be in the Blue Lot at NRG Stadium.

Higgins Photography will take pictures of each graduate during the ceremony. To order photos, complete the form on the graduation webpage. Additional photographers from the communication department will take live action and group photos at each graduation. These photos will be posted to social media and the district's website www.pasadenaisd.org.

Heavy rains return, causing area flooding

For the second time in less than two weeks, the South Belt community was hit hard by storms, causing extensive flooding in the area.

According to the Harris County Flood Control District, the A120 Beamer ditch at Hughes Road received nearly 6 inches (5.92) of rainfall in less than 12 hours late Monday, May 25, and early Tuesday, May 26.

The west and southwest parts of Harris County were hardest hit by the storms, receiving between 8 and 10 inches of rain.

The storms come fresh on the heels of another series of downpours that left more than 5 inches of rain in the area May 12-13.

At least six people are confirmed dead in Houston as a result from the storms, with two

more being reported as missing.

The storms marked the first time since Hurricane Ike in 2008 the Harris County Office of Emergency Management authorized its Level 1 emergency plan.

Harris County was one of more than 40 counties in the state to be declared a disaster area by Gov. Greg Abbott at a joint press conference with Houston Mayor Annise Parker on Tuesday, May 26.

All Pasadena Independent School District classes were canceled. No makeup day will be required at the suggestion of Texas Education Agency officials.

Other closings included Harris County and City of Houston courthouses. Hundreds of Rock-

ets fans were stuck at the Toyota Center for several hours Monday night following the team's playoff victory over the Golden State Warriors.

METRO rail and bus service was limited following the storms, and roughly 50,000 CenterPoint Energy customers were left without power.

More than 750 abandoned cars were towed from city streets. To locate a towed vehicle, visit www.findmytowedcar.com. Car owners should have the vehicle's license plate number or VIN ready.

During the peak of the storm early Tuesday around 3 a.m., Southeast Volunteer Fire Department Chef Chuck Tylka patrolled the South Belt area searching for residents in need of assistance. Upon seeing a large pillar of smoke coming from a local residence, Tylka feared the worst — that a house fire had erupted during the flood. Much to his amusement, however, the smoke was coming from a resident who was having a late-night Memorial Day barbecue in the heavy rains.

While the worst of the storms seem to have passed, weather predictions at press time still forecast significant rainfall over the next two weeks.

The Harris County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management is asking county residents to fill out home flooding reports at www.readyharris.org/go/survey/1829/11787. The reports will help determine which areas have been most affected by the storms and will not be shared with anyone outside government. See related story on Page 6A.

While numerous streets flooded in the South Belt community, there were no reports of area homes being flooded. The news is in sharp contrast to past years, as the South Belt community has traditionally been one of the most flood-prone areas in the city.

Anyone who experienced home flooding is urged to contact the *Leader* at 281-481-5656 or mynews@southbeltleader.com.

Beamer ditch water rises



The South Belt community was saturated by storms late Monday, May 25, and early Tuesday, May 26, causing extensive street flooding in the area. The rain gauge at the A120 Beamer ditch at Hughes Road received 5.92 inches of rainfall in less than 12 hours, according to the Harris County Flood Control District. Water is shown above rising high at Beamer and Astoria just a few blocks south of the gauge. In previous years this rainfall would have resulted in multiple local flooded homes. To date, the *Leader* has not been notified of any flooded homes in South Belt.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

Sanchez warns of possible crimes

With school letting out for the summer, local law enforcement agencies are expecting a spike in reports of criminal mischief and burglary of a motor vehicle, according to Sgt. Robert Sanchez from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office.

Sanchez recommends parking vehicles in a garage if possible. If this is not an option, Sanchez strongly suggests locking and securing all vehicles, leaving nothing in view and taking all

valuables inside.

The sergeant particularly stressed the need for residents with concealed handguns to always take them inside their residences rather than leave them in their vehicles, as several have been stolen in recent weeks.

Sanchez urged area residents to be vigilant and watch for any suspicious activity. Residents who witness any suspicious activity are asked to call the constable's office at 713-477-4070.

Local graduations scheduled

Multiple local high school graduation ceremonies are scheduled to take place this coming week.

Dobie

Dobie High School will hold its graduation ceremony Wednesday, June 3, at NRG Stadium, beginning at 7 p.m.

For those unable to attend, the event will be streamed live online. A recording of the graduation ceremony will remain online through June 30. A DVD of the ceremony will be available to purchase for \$20. To stream the ceremony or to purchase a DVD, visit www1.pasadenaisd.org/livestream.

Clear Brook

Clear Brook High School will hold its graduation ceremony Friday, June 5, at Veterans Memorial Stadium, 2305 E. Main in League City, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

All graduates are required to ride the bus and will meet at CBHS to be transported to Veterans Memorial Stadium for graduation. Arrive on campus by 4 p.m.

For guests who may be heat sensitive, the ceremony will be broadcast live in the Clear Creek High School auditorium. As an added convenience for out-of-town guests, the ceremony will be broadcast live on the district website, www.ccisd.net.

To ease traffic flow, beginning at 5:30 p.m., "Park and Ride" will be available for parents and guests at Goforth Elementary, League City Intermediate and Clear Springs High School. Every

10 minutes, buses will transport guests to and from the graduation site at the Veterans Memorial Stadium. Attendees should park their vehicle and walk to the bus ramp.

Additional handicapped parking has been designated on-site at Clear Creek High School and the stadium.

A decision to implement the rain plan, if needed, will be made between the hours of noon and 2 p.m. the day of graduation. The district website, www.ccisd.net, will have current graduation information in the Parent/Student link. The communication hotline (281-284-0027) will also be updated with the appropriate information. If it should rain, the ceremony will be held in two sessions and will take place in the Clear Creek High School, Carlisle Field House.

Students whose last name start with A-K will graduate at 6 - 7 p.m. (Bus departure from campus at 4 p.m.)

Students whose last name start with L-Z will graduate at 8:30 - 9:30 p.m. (Bus departure from campus at 6 p.m.)

Each graduate will be provided tickets for guests to attend the graduation ceremony in the Carlisle Field House. Tickets will be color-coded to reflect either Session I or Session II. Guests without tickets will be able to view the ceremony via broadcast in the Clear Creek High School auditorium.

There will be a designated rehearsal time set by the campus. Attendance at rehearsal is mandatory.

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4th of July parade, fireworks near

Independence Day is around the corner, and the 28th annual South Belt parade is scheduled to take place Saturday, July 4, beginning at 10 a.m.

The parade route will wind from Beverly Hills Intermediate to San Jacinto College South. While the parade starts at 10 a.m., participants are urged to arrive early, as the lineup for the caravan will begin at 9 a.m.

All residents, organizations and businesses are welcome to enter. Participants are encouraged to decorate their vehicles and floats, as prizes will be awarded in various categories.

Community and nonprofit groups may sign up for the parade at no charge, unless they wish to be eligible for a prize. A \$50 fee is charged for commercial entries. Noncommercial entries may enter the contest for \$25.

Entry forms are available at www.southbeltleader.com/Parade_entry.pdf or the *Leader* office, 11555 Beamer, or by calling the *Leader* at 281-481-5656 or emailing mynews@southbeltleader.com. The forms are to be filled out and returned to the *Leader* office, faxed to 281-481-5730 or emailed by July 2.

For convenience, entry forms may be dropped off through the mail slots located on each side of the front office doors.

Fireworks display

Later that evening, residents may view the annual fireworks show at El Franco Lee Park, located at 9400 Hall Road.

Funded by the annual South Belt Spectacular Cookoff, the display is scheduled to begin at 9:30 p.m.

Hurricane season begins June 1

The 2015 hurricane season will begin Monday, June 1, and continue through Nov. 30.

In their annual forecast, meteorologists with The Weather Channel Professional Division have predicted a total of nine named storms (winds of 39 mph or higher), five hurricanes (winds of 74 mph or higher) and one major hurricane (Category 3, 4 or 5; winds of 111 mph or higher) this season.

This is below the 30-year average of 12 named storms, six hurricanes and three major hurricanes.

South Belt residents should plan accordingly, in the event that a major storm should strike the area. The Harris County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management (OHSEM), working in conjunction with the City of Houston and the State of Texas, has issued evacuation routes for community members, should the need arise to leave town.

The South Belt area, including ZIP codes 77089 and 77075, are located in what the OHSEM refers to as ZIP-Zone C.

In the case of a Category 4 or 5 storm, those residing in ZIP-Zone C are urged to evacuate by traveling west on Interstate 10 or by heading north on Interstate 45 and highways 290 and 59.

The OHSEM warns against traveling east, as it will take evacuees closer to the coast and into the more vulnerable ZIP-Zone B.

Should the Texas Department of Public Safety issue a mandatory evacuation, contraflow operations will likely be put into effect to expedite the flow of traffic.

On Interstate 10, eastbound lanes would be reversed at FM 359 in Brookshire, just east of Sealy. The contraflow lanes will end at Loop

1604 in San Antonio.

Southbound lanes on Interstate 45 would be reversed north of Highway 242, just south of Conroe. The contraflow lanes will end at US 287 near Ennis, 40 miles south of Dallas.

On Highway 290, contraflow operations will begin just west of FM 1960. Northbound traffic from State Highway 6 will be able to turn west onto 290 contraflow lanes. Contraflow operations will continue to FM 1948 near Burton.

Contraflow operations on Highway 59 will begin just south of Kingwood Drive and continue to Nacogdoches.

County officials recommend each household assemble a disaster relief kit that includes key items such as flashlights, cell phones, extra batteries, battery chargers, a portable radio, a first aid kit, emergency water and food, medical supplies, a nonelectric can opener, a highway map and important documents, such as driver's licenses, passports, insurance policies and health cards.

Residents are urged to cover their windows with shielding materials and to secure or put up any loose items around their homes.

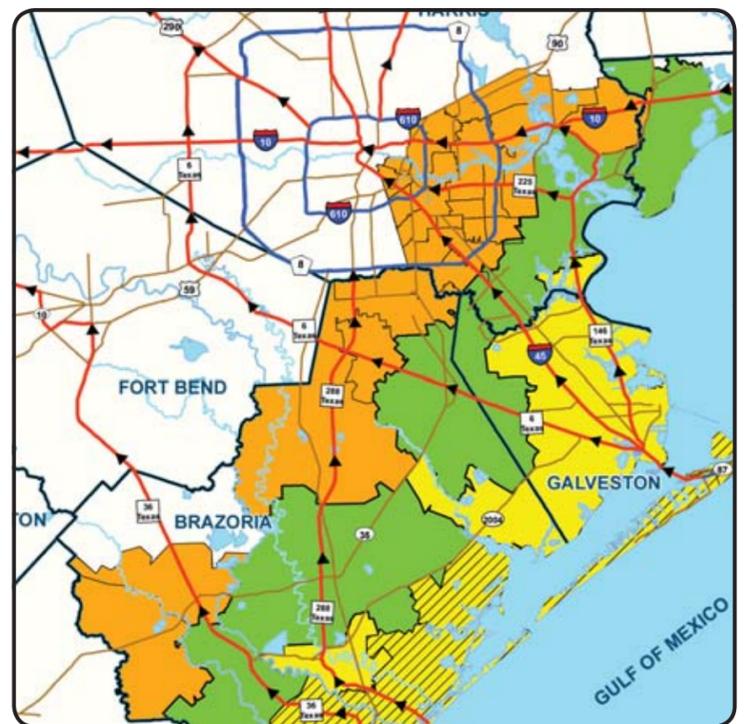
Evacuees should fill their vehicles with gasoline as early as possible and take only one automobile, as extra cars create traffic congestion.

Those leaving town are encouraged to bring extra cash in case banks are closed and ATMs are not working. Fleeing citizens are also urged to notify family and friends (especially those out of the area) of their plans and destinations.

Disabled individuals and seniors who require assistance leaving the area should call the state's help line at 211 or visit www.211texas.org/211.

For more information, visit www.hcoem.org.

Evacuation routes set



Shown above are the Harris County hurricane evacuation routes. Most of the South Belt is located in ZIP-Zone C, represented in orange. In the event of an evacuation, residents in ZIP-Zone C are urged to travel west or north. ZIP-Zone B is represented in green, while ZIP-Zone A is shown in yellow.

In My Opinion

Turner seeks support in mayoral bid

If we haven't met, please allow me to introduce myself. I'm Sylvester Turner. I'm a candidate for Mayor of Houston and I would be deeply honored to earn your vote.

I'm running for mayor - with the support of a broad coalition of Democrats and Republicans, community groups, business leaders and unions - to make our neighborhoods safer, improve our roads, support our public schools and give working people a better chance to get ahead. Will you join me?

I grew up in the 1950s and 1960s in Houston's Acres Homes community, sharing one room with eight brothers and sisters. My mom was a maid in the old Rice Hotel; my dad was a painter and operated a yard service.

With their love and support - and a community of caring adults - I went on to attend the University of Houston and Harvard Law School, founded my own business and then became a leader in our state legislature.

I love Houston because it's like a big family. We're strongest when we work hard, respect each other's differences and always put the community first.

But it does take hard work. I've spent 25 years fighting for Houston's middle class families in the state legislature - stopping utility companies from unfairly raising gas and electricity rates, working to make health care more affordable for children and families, and bringing people together to restore billions of dollars to our public schools.

Please join me and, together, we can build a better road to the future for our families and young Houstonians who are being left behind.

People in my generation inherited a great city with folks who had big dreams and made big things happen. Together, we can make even bigger things happen for Houston. That's why I want to earn your vote!

Sylvester Turner P.S. Want to learn more? Please visit our website at www.SylvesterTurner.com. We just launched our new supporters page with more than 1,000 organizations, community and elected leaders and neighbors who have joined our campaign.

You can also learn more about my record in this recent Texas Tribune article. If you like what you see, I hope you will consider joining our campaign today!

Burke Scott suggests Scouts count the vote

"Losers Challenge PISD Election Results" Gee, I say, what are we to make of this? The candidates seem to be fundamentally good people wanting to serve in probably what will be a difficult, challenging position. Good folk, good servants, we can conjecture, I think.

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.

Thompson names American Legion nominees, winners

On Tuesday, May 12, Thompson held its annual awards ceremony at Sagemont Church. Outstanding seventh- and eighth-grade students were recognized by their teachers during this time. Thompson teachers also nominate six eighth-grade student leaders based on their scholastic achievements, three girls and three boys, for the American Legion award.

At right, left to right, American Legion award winners Taylor Pleasants and Trevor Hondros with Thompson Principal Toni Lopez.

I am just trying to do a mind-wrap around this thing. Looks like the allegations are suggesting that there may have been "irregularities". Kind of like LBJ versus Coke Stevenson in 1948. There were certainly "irregularities" there. Or maybe it more resembles every Cook County election since the discovery of dirt. In which case we can only conclude that there are democrats integrated into the process. Would that be a huge stretch? I'm not sure that it is.

But this was a School Board election. How that can be? And if you are just counting something, just the ordinal process of a Thing Count, then how can this be?

Too bad Jimmy Carter was not available to validate the "election", but then I remembered, oh yeah, Jimmy Carter would have an interest ONLY if there were a chance to certify the election of some anti-America Totalitarian Despot kind of individual, getting 96% of the vote. No one like that would possibly be up for a mere school board position. No, My bad.

Could it be an "Integrity" issue? Well, there is one political class that always come to mind when there are "Integrity" issues. This may be only a School Board election, but if you were a crab, you would work to ensure that no other crab escapes the Holding Tank because that is what you do. Is it a case of democrats just staying in practice? Not on the Keep-back concept, but just the basic "Have To Do What You Would Normally Do", kind of thing?

Maybe it was a new "Forward" kind of way of managing a civic, but still political activity of this nature. Democrats are all about "Hope", "Change", "Forward", and of course, the "Downtrodden". There's 2 out of 4 going on right there.

Maybe if voters had to present a simple picture ID this could have been avoided. I understand that those picture things can get really hard to get though. Not everyone can get those, but then how do you buy your MD 20/20 on a slow Saturday night and folks just don't know you?

This is like when something is presented to you that you know has to be wrong, but the only question that you immediately have is ~Why would this be this way or For what purpose is this being done? Those questions are just too simple to even ask, but how can something like counting, somehow get so complicated?

Whatever it is, I can only offer that at the bare minimum, you have to NOT allow democrats to do the counting. It is an ordinal kind of thing but it will come out all lop-sided and jacked-up if that is a role that they are given, even if it is a case of democrats vs. democrats, and then it can become a complicated legal proceeding.

I would hire out either the Girl Scouts or the Boy Scouts. They can count, no Integrity issues there, and they have not really bought into all the necessary steps to install an Ochlocracy. I'm just sayin'. No real need to print this. I was just sayin'.

Burke V. Scott

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 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.



American Legion award nominees were, left to right, Dominique Peralta, Kaleb Monroe, Trevor Hondros, Precious Oguamanan, Taylor Pleasants, and Kris Morris. Photos submitted

Poe, Cornyn, Maloney hail passage of Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act

Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, U.S. Rep Ted Poe, R-Texas, and U.S. Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., issued the following statement on the passage of S.178, the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act, which passed the House of Representatives 420-3. The bill passed the Senate unanimously in April.

"In a time of seemingly endless partisan gridlock there is one thing we can all agree on: our children are not for sale," said Poe. "It is hard to believe in the year 2015, there are people living in modern day slavery in America. But that is reality. Human trafficking is a criminal enterprise that exists in cities across the nation, especially in my hometown of

Houston, Texas. The Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act (JVTA) implements a robust and aggressive strategy to help combat human trafficking in the United States. After years of hard work on this issue, Congress has taken a historic and necessary step today to help end modern day slavery in America. I look forward to President Obama signing JVTA into law so that we can finally help eradicate this scourge."

"I am pleased to see this important legislation to help victims of human trafficking take another step forward," said Cornyn. "I want to thank my partners in the House of Representatives for their hard work and look forward to President Obama signing this critical bill."

"The Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act will provide restitution to the survivors of human trafficking and punish those who profit from this horrific crime," said Maloney. "It is a harsh reality that sexual slavery persists across America. With this legislation, Congress has taken a firm stand against the pimps and Johns and for women and children. It has been a privilege to work with Congressman Ted Poe, who as a judge learned first-hand of the destructive nature of these crimes. He has been an unyielding advocate in his work to help the survivors rebuild their lives. I look forward to President Obama signing this legislation into law."

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 28, PS3 Video Gaming - Midway Arcade Origins is set for 4 p.m. Medal of Honor Character Development Program - Patriotism will be held Friday, May 29, 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 library at 281-484-2036.

Book donations

Friends of Parker Williams Library is seeking donation. Recent fiction, nonfiction, children's books and DVDs and CDs can be donated.

Bracewell Branch Library

The following events are scheduled for June at the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingsport Road.

Bracewell's Summer Reading Program begins on Wednesday, June 3, with Music & Movement at 2 p.m.

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 I; 12 p.m. - ESL Beginners; 1 p.m. - ESL Advanced.

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 programs, call the Bracewell Branch Library at 832-393-2580.

Bay Area Quilt Guild to meet

The Bay Area Quilt Guild meets the first Tuesday of each month, June 2, at Mount Olive Lutheran Church at 10310 Scarsdale Blvd.

Fellowship begins at 6:30 p.m. and the general meeting and program begin at 7 p.m. The June speaker is Jen Eskridge with a program on *Hexagons Made Easy and Learn to Sew Easy Curves*. Guests are welcome to attend.

Also, a half-day workshop with Eskridge will be held Wednesday, June 3, at Fabrics, Etcetera in Webster, at a cost of \$20, which will also be working with hexagons. The workshop is open to guests by reservation until the class is full. For more information, call Debby Benson at 713-248-8757.

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 information or to purchase tickets. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

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.

Morris Middle School Two-Peat NTB champs

Morris Middle School won first place at the Pasadena Independent School District Name That Book contest for the second year in a row. The district competition was held Saturday, May 16, at Parkview Intermediate. This was the fifth annual Name That Book competition. Morris has earned first place three times, one second place and one fourth place over the contest's five years. This year's contest ended in a nail-biting, tie-breaking bonus round with Carter Lomax Middle School and four others.

Photos submitted



Left to right: Anthony Ho, Elias Montez and Andrew Huynh.



Participating in the Book Reading Challenge were, left to right, Cheryl Patrick, Andrew Huynh, Anthony Ho, Gloria Gonzales, (front row) Elias Montez, Maya Scott, Cadie Masterson, (back row) Tina Jimenez and Lauren Robinson.

Death

William J. "Jack" Kestler



William J. "Jack" Kestler, 93, died on Thursday, May 14, 2015, in Spring, Texas.

He was born to Antone W. "Tony" Kestler and Lydia Jackson Kestler on Nov. 18, 1921, in Cleburne, Texas. He was raised in Port Arthur and graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1940. He was a member and long-time supporter of the Yellow Jacket football team.

In May 1942, Kestler and his cousin, Billy Straub, volunteered for service in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He was assigned to the 8th Air Force-458th Bomber Group and spent 18 months at the air base in Norwich, England. While there, he became lifelong friends with Art Allen

of Rochester, N.Y. In 1946, when returning to Port Arthur after Allen's wedding, Kestler met Marie Strong of Bay St. Louis, Miss., when she boarded the train in Cincinnati. She said he just kept talking to her the whole way home. He said when he saw her he knew she was the girl for him, and they were married in 1948.

Kestler worked in the product control lab at Texaco for 43 years and then became a senior consultant for the AFL-CIO/COPE. He loved this job traveling to speak to retiree groups and enjoyed the covered-dish lunches, especially since he got to make so many new friends.

After Marie's death, Kestler married Billie Tucker, a former classmate and longtime friend. They enjoyed 16 years together volunteering in South Belt, spending time with family, and taking vacations. On their last great adventure in 2008, they were determined to go to New York to see Allen and his wife so the two war-time buddies could be reunited after many years of letters, pictures and New Year's Eve midnight phone calls.

Long before being recognized as part of the Greatest Generation, the Kestlers set an example gleaned from their experiences during the Depression and the war years.

Determined to make a better life for his children, Kestler made sure Janice, Ed, Marian, and later, grandson Jason, had everything they needed. Family and education were priorities, and Kestler could be counted on to provide encouragement and financial support. He was proud to be able to do this, and he continued to speak of it even as dementia took its toll on his mind and body.

Kestler loved being involved in the South Belt community, and served as a coach, board member, and volunteer in many organizations.

He was president of the South Belt AARP chapter, a precinct chairman, a member of the American Legion, a charter member of the World War II Museum in New Orleans, and a Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus.

Kestler is survived by his son, Ed Kestler of Nederland; daughter Janice and grandson Jason McDonald of The Woodlands; and a large number of friends from his neighborhood, church, and the many roads he traveled during his long journey.

A Mass of Christian burial was held Monday, May 18, 2015, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Port Arthur, with the Rev. Stephen McCrate as the celebrant. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Master Gardeners set June events

The Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 has scheduled its events for the month of June. Events include:

Open Garden Day June 1 - Children

Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 will host Open Garden Day on Monday, June 1, and Monday, June 15, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at Genoa Friendship Garden, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Road. Master gardeners will be available to answer gardening questions. Plants will be for sale in the greenhouse and an education program for children is set. For more information, visit <https://hcmga.tamu.edu>.

Program on wetlands June 17

On Wednesday, June 17, Andrew Sipocz of Texas Parks and Wildlife will present *Wetlands and Wildlife Conservation and Restoration* at 10 a.m. in the Clear Lake Park meeting room, 5001 NASA Parkway, Seabrook. This is a Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 event. For more information, visit <https://hcmga.tamu.edu>.

Project leads to overwhelming children's book donations

The San Jacinto College South Campus Intentional Connections program collected 900 children's books as part of a spring semester service-learning project.

The program is a college preparatory program that provides guidance and mentoring to lower-level developmental education students who struggle with core subjects but want to complete college and their academic and professional goals. South Campus Intentional Connections faculty includes Lynnda Shields, Amy Ambrosius, James Wong, Tina Willhoite, Veronica Walker, Debra Babcock, Pat Grissom and Bob Sandhaas.

"Research shows that providing children access to books at an early age is critical to their long-term academic success," said Sandhaas. "That factor played a major role in our choosing to collect children's books as a service-learning project. Many of the children served by the Star of Hope may not own books

because of their circumstances (homelessness, etc.). It is our hope that our book donation will provide these children with access to books they might not otherwise have."

Service-learning is steadily becoming a part of many programs at San Jacinto College. Service-learning allows students to incorporate what they are learning in class into a project or assignment they choose that involves community engagement, such as volunteering, creating events, personal interviews, or any other creative way they can help within the community. Students then write a reflection piece that discusses what they personally learned and gained from their project.

The South Campus Intentional Connections children's book collection project started by having John Harbaugh, children's librarian at the Harris County Parker Williams Library, present to the Intentional Connections students about how to select chil-

dren's books. Plastic bins were distributed throughout the campus with information posted about the children's book donation project. After collecting the bins several times over the semester, a total of about 900 books were donated.

"Some of the books that we collected were books I read when I was younger," said Nick Coronado, Intentional Connections student. "I think kids will find them interesting. It will also make reading fun which will help them improve their reading skills."

Originally intended for the South campus library and children's center, due to the overwhelming response in book donations, Intentional Connections students decided to donate a portion of the books to the Star of Hope women's programs, which give women and children a safe place to stay while getting back on their feet making life improvements.

For more information, visit sanjac.edu/college-prep.

Kids U kicks off summer fun at UH-Clear Lake

Is your child a budding super sleuth, an adventurer/explorer, mathematics genius, or maybe the next Steve Jobs? Whatever the interest, the University of Houston-Clear Lake's Kids U has a summer camp offering sure to nurture that blossoming talent.

The summer fun begins June 8 and runs through July 30 with a multitude of offerings each week designed for preschool through 12th-grade students.

New to the lineup of more than 100 offerings are a crime scene investigation/CSI-themed class, a class exploring Chinese culture, math mysteries for middle grade students, and even a programming class for preschoolers.

These new classes join the ever-popular favorites like Creepy Crawlers, Discovery Through Play, Kitchen Chemistry, Shining Stars in Action, Video Game Design and Development, Claymation and Digital Art among many others. Kids U offers 40 technology camps, 30 science camps, and 11 young writer camps to keep children's minds stimulated and engaged.

"We are always adding new classes to the offerings each summer," says Roberta Raymond, Center for Educational Programs director. "We like to keep the program offerings fresh and challenging by introducing new elements, but we also enjoy offering those classes that have proven popular year after year."

McCurdy recovering through rehab



When the Southeast Volunteer Fire Dept. ambulance crew determined 81-year-old Army veteran Bill McCurdy's oxygen level was only 50 percent, they raced him to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. McCurdy, shown with Physical Therapist Deanne Gatica and his wife, Joyce, underwent intensive inpatient rehabilitation at the hospital.

Chamber, teachers partner for kids



Attendees of the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce annual school luncheon, on May 15 at the El Franco Lee center, were Pasadena Independent School District personnel and chamber members. They are, left to right, (front row) Rosalva Gonzalez, Cynthia Coronado, Suzanne Anderson, Beverly Bolton, Valencia No-



Judy Harrison (standing) facilitates a discussion including (seated, left to right) Yecenia Mercado, Kristina Ponce, Wendy Wiseburn, Susan Blue, Amy Otwell and Angelica Moreno-Perez.

land, Amy Otwell, (middle row) Judy Harrison, Megan Clark, Sherry Trainer, Yecenia Mercado, Deedee Pitts, Susan Blue, Kristina Ponce, Ryan Pavone, (back row) David Matthews, Rebecca Lilley, Paul Whitley, Ana Gonzalez, Tara Merida, Angelica Moreno-Perez, Wendy Wiseburn, Kenny Fernandez and Jonathan Ebizie.

Through the coalition of current business leaders, the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce members provide support to improve the level of education necessary to grow and develop the future workforce and business leaders in the South Belt-Ellington service area.

Chamber members provide a school polo shirt to elementary students who otherwise would not have school uniform clothing. The members also provide for 10 South Belt elementary schools: Atkinson, Burnett, Bush, Frazier, Genoa, Jessup, Meador, Moore, South Belt and Stuchbery.



Sherry Trainer and Kenny Fernandez of the chamber attended the annual luncheon. Photos by Marie Flickinger

members join the Kids' U forensic team and start solving mysteries. The Journey to China class explores the sights, sounds, taste and culture of one of the world's largest populations. For children in second and third grades, this camp includes learning basic words in Mandarin and creating traditional folk-art projects.

Middle Grades Math Mysteries introduces children in sixth through eighth grade to the fun world of mathematics problem solving.

Fun and mathematics can go hand in hand as a future young Einstein explores the exciting twists and turns of logical reasoning in the world of mathematics.

SEEN business network women to meet June 11

Another new camp offering is the Programming for Beginners with Bee Bots and More. This class introduces preschoolers to the fun of programming with the help of Bee Bots and apps like Daisy the Dinosaur and Hopscotch.

No previous programming experience is required, only a curious nature and a desire to learn.

The Kids U camps are supervised and designed by the UHCL School of Education faculty and students, and offer small-sized classes with plenty of one-on-one attention.

For a full course list, schedule of classes and registration information, visit the website at <http://kidsu.uhcl.edu> or call 281-283-3530.

South Belt veteran, resident recovering

South Belt resident, Bill McCurdy, an 81-year old Army veteran, traces his history of pneumonia and chronic health problems back to while serving as a medic in Korea during the Korean War.

"You got used to the noise and blocked it out," says McCurdy. "I could sleep through anything, anywhere; only someone calling 'medic' could get my attention."

Fast forward a half a century and McCurdy has been married 60 years to his childhood sweetheart, Joyce, and blessed with three children, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

After retiring from construction sales, he has worked at a local funeral home for the past 15 years to keep busy. "I don't think I'll ever be old enough to retire," says McCurdy.

SEEN business network women to meet June 11

Books Pro advisor and provides QuickBooks setup assistance, training, checkups and payroll assistance.

Earlier this year, yet another bout of double pneumonia knocked McCurdy for a loop. His wife called for help when her husband's breathing became labored.

When the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department crew determined McCurdy's oxygen level was only 50 percent, they quickly raced him to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital.

"Mr. McCurdy is highly motivated and determined," says Jodi Jung, occupational therapist, director of Rehabilitation Services. "He is definitely one of our star performers and his unwillingness to give up has allowed him to exceed all the goals we set for him."

SJC, McCord announce land deal at Generation Park

San Jacinto College has closed on 57 acres at Generation Park, just west of the 173-acre FMC Technologies corporate headquarters currently under construction. As a reflection of McCord development's commitment to education and desire to provide San Jacinto College with a prominent location to stimulate enrollment, the developer donated 3.8-acres situated at the intersection of West Lake Houston Parkway and Lockwood Road.

with the credentials they need to hit the ground running on day one. It is a symbiotic relationship that we have cultivated throughout our region, and one that we plan on continuing with the companies at Generation Park."

"What's happening at Generation Park with San Jacinto College is a great example of how Harris County encourages public and private collaboration," said Harris County Judge Ed Emmett.

"The workforce training at San Jacinto College is going to be a tremendous asset to companies that locate at Generation Park."

Government Pathway students visit Judge Delgado

Dobie High School freshman government classes recently visited Judge Jo Ann Delgado's courtroom as part of the new Government and Public Administration pathway. One student (Maxine Gomez, pictured at right) was given the honor of being allowed to wear Delgado's robe and swing her gavel. During the visit, the judge spoke about the branches of government and specifically about the types of cases heard in her court. There was also discussion about opportunities for these students to partner with community members in the coming months and years of their program.



Judge Jo Ann Delgado speaks to Dobie's government classes in her courtroom.

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Felton graduates



Michael Saber Felton graduated from the United States Military Academy in West Point, N.Y., on Saturday, May 23, 2015, as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army. Felton is a 2011 graduate of Strake Jesuit College Prep. He is the son of Terry and Janice Felton. Terry has been manager of Alameda Mall for approximately 20 years.
Photo submitted

ExxonMobil retirees meet

ExxonMobil retirees and guests (no solicitations) are invited Wednesday, June 10, to the Space Center ExxonMobil Retiree Club's quarterly meeting at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway, Seabrook. Fellowship is 10 to 11 a.m. followed by a short business meeting, a grilled chicken and fried shrimp lunch and a presentation by Shari Ferguson of "Faithful Friends" on animal-assisted therapy. RSVP to Gillian Ford by noon, Monday, June 8, at 281-482-4305. Cost is \$15 for non-members or guests and \$10 for members. Prospective members are entitled to one luncheon at no cost.

Hobby Lions Club to meet

Hobby Airport Lions Club will meet Wednesday, June 3, at noon at the Golden Corral at Fuqua and I-45. For more information, email HobbyAirportLions@gmail.com.

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JACOB IS 5 YEARS OLD!
Happy belated birthday wishes to **Jonathan Jacob Ortiz** who turned 5 years old May 22, from his Mami **Laura Longoria**, Papi **Jonathan Ortiz** and little brother **Evan**.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LUIS!
Wishes for a happy birthday are sent to **Luis Escobar** on Thursday, May 28, from his family and co-workers at the *Leader*.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LINDA!
Happy birthday wishes are extended to "Queen" **Linda Heinrich** on her special day, Thursday, May 28, from her husband **Ted**; son **Carl** and daughter-in-law **Martha Heinrich**; daughter **Piper** and son-in-law **Anthony Sais**; and grandchildren little **Carl**, **Drayton**, **Meadaux**, **Easton Heinrich** and **Parker Sais**, who say, "We love you Nana!"
HAPPY 8TH BIRTHDAY, HUNTER
Happy birthday wishes are sent to **Hunter Samuel Stacey** who turns 8 years old May 30, from parents **Steve** and **Samantha Stacey** and brother **Luke**, who are so proud of the wonderful gentleman he is becoming. They say he is the best son and big brother anyone could ask for and love him more than stinky socks!

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays May 28 through June 3.
Atkinson Elementary
Light the birthday candles for **Shawn Bright** May 29.
Burnett Elementary
The day for a party for **Eric Snell** is June 1. Enjoying a birthday June 3 is **Dora**

Galvan.
Bush Elementary
Debra Barrett and **Taralee Bowlin** share a birthday May 28. Light the birthday candles for **Stephanie Miller** on May 30. Enjoy a double-layer cake with **Katherine Anderson** and **Diane Phillips** on June 3.
Frazier Elementary
May 30 is the day for a cake for **Emma Cruz**.

Meador Elementary
Light the birthday candles June 1 for **Maria Ramirez**.
Moore Elementary
Enjoying a birthday May 28 is **Brenda Durr**.

South Belt Elementary
Jonathan Kidwell marks a birthday May 28. A double birthday is celebrated May 29 for **Viridiana Escalante-Barron** and **Amie Gray**.
Stuchbery Elementary
A birthday greeting is sent to **Jessica Casas** May 29. **Nola Garcia** marks a birthday May 31. A birthday greeting is sent to **Emily Bass** June 2. June 3 is the day of a birthday celebration for **Sharon Woodruff**.

Melillo Middle School
Enjoying a double birthday May 30 are **Claire Murdoch** and **Judith Tamez**. Sing a birthday song to **Melissa Garza** on June 2.
Beverly Hills Intermediate
Blow out the birthday candles for **Ashley Collier** May 28. Blow out the birthday candles for **Ilene McKinney** June 2.

Thompson Intermediate
Sing a birthday song to **Jessica Fitzmorris** on May 28. A birthday greeting is sent

to **Holly Bailey** May 29.
Dobie High
Light the candles May 29 on a double-layer birthday cake for **Johanna Abedinzadeh** and **Flor Portillo De Mata**. May 30 is the day for a double party for **Kathy Eads** and **Teresa Hand**. Blow out the birthday candles for **William Rampp** June 2. Sing a birthday song June 3 to **Robert Pfeister**.

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

Thursday, May 28: **Julie Rojas**, **Carl Potts** and **Jon Kidwell**; Friday, May 29: **Rauk Sanchez**, **Cheryl Wyatt**, **Diana Balinas**, **Jessica Casas** and **Amanda Nguyen**; Saturday, May 30: **Misty Benefield**, **Albert Conger**, **Laura Stanford**, **Tanya Cole**, **Sandy Zeigler** and **Stacey Brewer**; Sunday, May 31: **Gabi Hernandez**, **Sharon Rushing** and **Eddie Carlton**; Monday, June 1: **Shawn Mims**, **Carroll McCullough**, **Richard Philpott**, **Lauren Lozano**, **Telly Arnold**, **Joseph Niscavits** and **Karen Osborn**; Tuesday, June 2: **Elizabeth Paredes-Trevino**, **Linda Miller**, **Melissa Garza** and **Justin Hilliar**; and Wednesday, June 3: **Sasha Divine**, **Richard Lelsz**, **Elbert Giron Sr.**, **Susan Arnold** and **Jennifer Medina**.

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

Meador Elementary Safety Patrol honored



Meador Elementary personnel appreciate the fourth-graders who served on the this year's Safety Patrol. They did an excellent job of monitoring the halls, being responsible for raising and lowering the flags daily, and promoting safety and good citizenship. Shown are, left to right, (front row) Principal **Beverly Bolton**, **Sandy Reyes**, **Adrian McDonald**, **Ntienyoung Williams**, **Leslie Jimenez**, **Fabian Martinez**, Assistant Principal **Veronica Grimaldo**, (middle row) **Jacob Mikulski**, **Xavier Bernal**, **Ashley Dunn**, **Antonio Ramirez**, **Luis Torres**, (back row) Counselor **Tara Merida**, **Alex Ayala**, **Jennifer Ben-Smith**, **Elizabeth Mejia**, **Mark Penaloza**, **Syomi Gonzalez** and paraprofessional **Janet Ayala**.
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Remember When

35 years ago (1980)
A black male, posing as a yard man in the Woodmeadow subdivision, forced his way into a home where he committed an aggravated assault, robbery and attempted rape on a female resident.

The Sagemont Committee decided to make Sagemont residents aware that failure to pay their maintenance fee for 1980, or any previous years by June 6, would result in two actions. First, a lien would be filed against the property which would have to be settled prior to sale of the property. Second, the homeowner's name would be given to the Credit Association of Greater Houston as a delinquent payer of an outstanding debt.

The Southeast Volunteer Fire Department reported the largest number of responses in a four-day period in the history of the department over the Memorial Day weekend with eleven runs in 79 hours.

20 years ago (1995)
A \$14.5 million bond election for the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 13 failed, 139 votes to 40 votes.

15 years ago (2000)
The last remnant of Weber Elementary, its concrete foundation, was removed. The final phase of Brio began. Activities included removal of concrete slabs, which were formerly home foundations in the Southbend subdivision located adjacent to the north side of the Brio site, and removal of streets.

10 years ago (2005)
A burglary and arrests for outstanding warrants and possession of narcotics kept deputies from Precinct 2 Constable Gary Freeman's deputies busy.

5 years ago (2010)
Lance Baxter Williams was sentenced to roughly 2.5 years in state prison for the 2006 murder of Beverly Hills resident Erik Garcia. The sentence came almost four years to the day of the fatal shooting. Williams, 23, will also have to serve 10 years of probation as part of his punishment. He was initially given only 180 days of jail time by the jury in the case, but Judge Denise Collins of the 208th Criminal District Court handed down an additional two years, the maximum allowed her.

1 year ago (2014)
The primary runoff election results were tallied, with Dennis Paul narrowly edging out Sheryl Berg for the Republican nomination to fill the state District 129 seat be-

ing vacated by longtime Rep. John Davis.

Longtime educator Jerry Ross Speer resigned from the Pasadena Independent School District's Board of Trustees after serving 14 years. The move was necessitated because his granddaughter took a position as school nurse at Queens Intermediate, and the school district's nepotism policies prohibited him from staying on.

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Officer honored



In honor of National Police Week, the Pasadena ISD Police Department recognized several seasoned police officers and the 2015 Officer of the Year, **Lonnie Smith** (left). "He was selected by his peers for his education and excellent job performance," Pasadena ISD Chief of Police **David Garza** said. "We are very proud of him." National Police Week honors law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty, as well as those who dedicate their lives to protect and serve citizens.
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 non-members, 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.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom presents Pirkei Avot: Ethics of Our Fathers

The second chapter of the *Ethics of Our Fathers* is here, with Rabbi Johnny Ouzzan. This is part of a six-weeks series, conducted on Wednesday nights at 7:30 p.m. at Congregation Shaar Hashalom, 16020 El Camino Real. Don't worry if a session or two is missed - one can still benefit from the rest.

Remaining class dates are June 3, June 10 and June 17. Investment in the studies is \$15 per class.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom is located in Houston, and is the Conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. The community is invited to attend. For information, contact the office at 281-488-5861 or at csh@shaarhashalom.org.

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Career Day at Stuchbery Elementary



Stuchbery held its annual Career Day on Friday, May 15. Pictured is Vivica Valencia, a third-grader in Jennifer Dowell's class, dressed up in Judge Jo Ann Delgado's robe. Ezequiel Ri-



vera III, in Domingo Flores' fourth-grade class, is pictured with Gilbert Reyes who is a structural engineer at NASA. Photo submitted

Pasadena ISD Education Foundation gives Stuchbery grants

At right, Stuchbery Elementary School SUCCESS teacher Johanna Guettler recently received a grant called Get Charged for \$450 from the education foundation.

Below, Stuchbery Pre-K and kindergarten teachers and Tonya Davis received a grant from the education foundation in the amount of \$4,972 to purchase iPad minis for the school.



Pictured are, left to right, Tonya Davis, Lauren mayor, Heather Trog and Shirleen Lipsey. Keith, Cheryl Wilson, Linda Reyes, Perla Monte- Photos submitted

SJC receives grant for industrial maintenance, millwright training

The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts recently awarded a \$230,000 Jobs and Education for Texans Program grant to San Jacinto College for industrial maintenance and millwright training. Development of the new Industrial Maintenance/Millwright program is in response to requests from industry partners in the petrochemical industry and the contractors who build or maintain their facilities. The program will be offered through the college's partnership with the Construction Maintenance and Education Foundation (CMEF). The Jobs and Education for Texans grant will fund equipment for the program. Training equipment includes trainers for hydraulics, pneumatics, and motor controls; also vibration analysis and thermal imaging equipment, laser shaft alignment equipment, and items to train how to maintain various types of pumps. Students who complete the Industrial Maintenance/Millwright Certification program will hold National Council for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) credentials upon successful completion and have the skills and abilities to install and maintain rotating equipment and high-level electrical, hydraulic and pneumatic systems. Employment of industrial machinery mechanics and maintenance workers and millwrights is projected to grow 17 percent by 2022, faster than the average for all occupations, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Industrial machinery mechanics and maintenance workers maintain and repair factory equipment and other industrial machinery, such as conveying systems, production machinery, and packaging equipment. Millwrights install, dismantle, repair, reassemble, and move machinery in factories, power plants, and construction sites. "The initial course offerings will be for those who are new to the industry, but the College will soon be able to offer upgrade or refresher training to those already working in industry," said Dr. J.D. Taliaferro, director of applied technologies and trades at San Jacinto College. "This grant allows us to move forward with obtaining the equipment to begin training people who are very much needed for work in industrial maintenance and as millwrights." Applied Technologies and trades courses are offered through the Continuing and Professional Development division at San Jacinto College. To register for courses, or for more information, visit <http://www.sanjac.edu/continuing-professional-development/corporate-and-workforce/applied-technology-and-trades>.

New Teacher of the Year recipient celebrated



Dr. Kirk Lewis, superintendent of Pasadena Schools, is shown with the newly named "Secondary New Teacher of the Year," Chris Koter (second from left). Others shown at the event to surprise Koter, were, left to right, Laura Gomez, South Houston Intermediate principal; Dr. Rhonda Parmer, associate superintendent of campus development; Dr. DeeAnn Powell, deputy superintendent of campus development and Kristen Still, South Houston Intermediate assistant principal. Photo submitted

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New PISD Teachers of the Year named

As a first year teacher, many pressures from parents, administrators and the responsibility of educating the future can be overwhelming. Two of Pasadena ISD's rookie teachers have taken the challenges head on and are being honored as New Teachers of the Year. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kirk Lewis surprised Chris Koter, South Houston Intermediate orchestra director and Jacquelyn Kennedy, Gardens Elementary third-grade teacher Tuesday morning to bestow the honor on them. Koter was named the winner of the District Secondary New Teacher of the Year award. As the orchestra director, Koter often works long hours to ensure the success of his students. As a result of his hard work, enrollment numbers for the orchestra program have tripled this year. His door is always open to students, even during his lunch period, investing extra time to those who want to practice. Setting high expectations for his students, he led them to victory winning Sweepstakes, or a perfect score, at their UIL competition, something seldom achieved by a first-year teacher. "The students love his style of teaching and come to him for advice," Laura Gomez, South Houston Intermediate principal said. "He is always willing to listen and open to assisting the students however he can." Kennedy was named the winner of the District Elementary New Teacher of the Year award. Not only is Kennedy a first-year teacher, but faced challenges head on when she began at Gardens. She took over for a class that had been without a consistent teacher for two months prior. She immediately began focusing on building relationships with her students. As a result, attendance in her classroom increased and parents and staff began taking notice of her unique and passionate teaching style. She also took on the role of third-grade team leader, flourishing as a leader. "Ms. Kennedy's positive spirit and energy are truly a gift that inspires many to improve and be the best educators they can be for our students," Lindsey Lesniewski, Gardens Elementary principal, said. "The fire and passion she exhibits will recharge your excitement for teaching."

Koter gets great surprise!



South Houston Intermediate Orchestra Director Chris Koter is congratulated by peer facilitator Gail Ward on his Secondary New Teacher of the Year award. Superintendent Kirk Lewis, far right, is enjoying Koter's surprise.

Stuchbery A/R students rewarded



Students in Domingo Flores' fourth-grade class enjoy snow cones as part of an A/R (Accelerated Reader) celebration. They met the A/R goal for the month and were able to participate. They have improved their reading skills. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Andres Sorto, Emelin Andrade, Ingrid Pasasin, Nicole Olzaba, Axel Medina, (back row) Mia Vasquez and Rebekah Lagos. Photo submitted

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Stuchbery takes first place!



Third- and fourth-grade students from Stuchbery Elementary recently won first place in the fourth annual Pasadena Independent School District Name That Book competition. In order to compete, student teams from each elementary school in the district had to read 20 books from a required list and then identify quotes from the books during the contest. Stuchbery's teams have earned second or third place each year, but it was a thrilling victory to have this team's hard work rewarded with a first-place win this year. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Abdallah Helal, Kimberly Mai, Sophia Posey, Jasmine Tran, Alize Alvarez, (back row) school librarian and coach Lauren Nalepa, Marcus Gomez and Janelle Barreiro. Photo submitted

Residents urged to report flooding ASAP

Harris County residents are urged to report house flooding by completing a Home Flooding Report as soon as possible at the Harris County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management's website at www.readyharris.org/go/survey/1829/11787/.

Heavy and persistent rainfall throughout the night - 8-10 inches in some areas - has caused widespread flooding throughout Harris County. The west and southwest parts of Harris County have been

Graduation 2015 . . .

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Students who do not abide by the graduation dress standards as set aside by the campus will not be permitted to participate in the ceremony.

All noisemakers, including: bells, whistles, air horns and electronic noise makers are strictly prohibited and will not be permitted in the stadium.

For any additional graduation information, contact Jennifer Gault or Crystal Slivinsky at 281-284-2100.

Video

All graduation ceremonies will be streamed live on www.ccisd.net. Stream will be available on iOS and Android mobile and PC and Mac desktop platforms.

There will be a 2015 graduation page on www.ccisd.net where all school graduation videos will be housed for the rest of the year. The video may be watched on the webpage or at the CCISDTV YouTube Channel in full resolution.

The videos will also be added to the CCISD iTunes Store Leading The Way Video Podcast where they will be available to view and download in a compressed or full resolution version.

All video downloads are free and will be available by the end of June. DVDs will not be available for purchase.

Clear Horizons

Clear Horizons Early College High School will hold its graduation ceremony Saturday, June 6, at Carlisle Field House (located behind the stadium), 2305 E. Main in League City, beginning at 2 p.m.

Graduation issue

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

hardest hit and are expected to get another 1-2 inches of rainfall with forecasted storms moving in. All Harris County bayous and creeks are carrying a tremendous load of rainwater.

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When faced with a flooding situation stay put, unless life is threatened or orders are issued to evacuate. Do not drive or walk into high water areas.

The Flood Control District urges all residents to monitor rainfall and bayou water levels on its Harris County Regional

Frazier students Name That Book



The Frazier Owl's Name that Book team performed well at the Pasadena Independent School District Name That Book competition Saturday, May 16, at Phillips Gym. The competition included 35 PISD elementary school teams who worked to correctly identify book quotes from 20 different book titles. Frazier team members include, left to right, Dylan Campos, David Gonzales, Kaitlyn Webb, Alexis Acosta, Isela Munoz, Emma Gonzalez, Christine Roberts (librarian coach) and Fernando Hernandez. Photo submitted

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SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

LSA wins state baseball, softball championships

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By John Bechtle Sports Editor
What a spring sports season it has been for Lutheran South Academy.

Just weeks ago, varsity golfers Pryce Beshoory and Amanda Vaughn were named the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools Class 4A state golf tournament

overall medalists after conquering Squaw Valley Golf Club in Glen Rose, Texas. And now the varsity softball and baseball teams have taken center stage, also winning TAPPS Class 4A state championships, surely making LSA one of the division's most successful athletic programs of the 2014-2015 school

year. Both LSA programs finished with identical 27-7 records, yet both seem to have taken different paths to the grandest of trophies. The baseball program, which won the Class 4A crown with an 8-5 win over Austin Hyde Park at the Baseball USA complex, was simply loaded with talent.

A handful of players have inked collegiate letters of intent, and one of those players may in fact be included in next month's major league baseball amateur first year player draft. See Page 6B for more on the Pioneers' baseball program.

The softball team, on the other hand, began the preseason with just eight players, not enough to field a team. In the end, there was a state title to be had.

Katy Cave, LSA's head softball coach, was joined by assistant coach Nicole Andrade, a Dobie High School graduate. They found a total of 10 players and worked their magic from there. LSA's first goal for the season was to upend eight-time defending district champion Fort Bend Christian. Consider it done.

Although FBC defeated LSA once in league play, the Pioneers went on to win the District 5-4A championship.

The next set of goals included advancing as deeply into the playoffs as possible. Consider that done. Two wins quickly advanced the Pioneers to the state round.

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The Lutheran South Academy varsity softball team achieved a school first this season, winning a district title with an 11-1 record. But the team didn't stop there, eventually going on to win the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools Class 4A state championship with a 3-0 win over Waco Reicher May 15 at The Scrap Yard in Conroe. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Kamryn Tidwell, Shelby Achille, Aja Hernandez, Serena Everett, (back row) assistant coach Nicole Andrade, Lorin Dick, Lindsey Vinson, Allison May, Tara Everett, Haley Lee, Samantha Trapani and head coach Katy Cave. LSA finished the season at 27-7 overall. Submitted photo

SBHLL names 9-year-old all-stars

Little League all-star baseball is about to get underway as the Texas District 15's 9-year-old tournament opens the action.

The Friendswood Little League will play host to the tournament at Renrick Park running June 6 through June 11.

The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League team will compete in the double-elimination event that also includes Friends-

wood, Pearland East, East End, Dixie and Pearland West.

The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League squad will include Jahir Arredondo (Diamondbacks), Kalel Arredondo (Diamondbacks), Nathan Bennett (Red Sox), Qasim Boyd (Marlins), Julio Cantu (Red Sox), Joshua Gonzalez (Rangers), Mason Harris (Mariners), Javier Hinojosa (Rangers), Tre Robinson (Red Sox), Daniel Rodriguez (Rangers), Tavin Stormer (Red Sox) and Joaquin Vasquez (Angels).

The SBHLL will be managed by Robert Bennett, who guided the Red Sox during the regular season.

Dobie faculty - who's got game?



Alyta Harrell, a Pasadena ISD associate superintendent of campus development, returns a shot during Dobie's annual faculty/student tennis tournament May 16 at the school. Harrell, a former Beverly Hills Intermediate principal, competed with doubles partner David Ho. For more photos and details, see Page 3B. Photo by John Bechtle

run average was 1.40. And she fired four no-hitters among her 20 wins.

In the postseason, Achille was at her best, surrendering no earned runs in four wins with 44 strikeouts. Achille struck out 11 in the state-clinching win over Waco Reicher.

And there was more. Achille hit .556 on the offensive side of things, helping to carry the Pioneers to win after win.

Achille added six homers and 50 runs scored to go with 61 runs driven in over 34 total games.

The LSA and District 5-4A Most Valuable Player, Achille was also a first-team, all-state selection. and, of course, made the all-tournament team at state.

Senior Tara Everett was also a top performer for the team as she hit .463 with 32 stolen bases and 54 runs scored. She slugged a pair of homers en route to being named to the first team all-district and all-state teams.

A pair of freshmen, Haley Lee and Serena Everett, also played huge roles. Lee, the team's catcher, hit .515 for the season to go with 47 RBIs and 42 runs scored. She, also, was a first team all-district and all-state selection.

Serena Everett came through in a big way, especially at the state tournament.

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Sports news, notes San Jac softball tryouts

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.

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.

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. 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

Lady Longhorn softball trio makes 22-6A first team

A couple of tough out-comes in the playoffs not-withstanding, the Dobie varsity softball team put together a terrific 2015 season, and clearly the collection of District 22-6A head coaches took no-

tice. The Lady Longhorns, who won 21 overall games and stood in first place through the early portion of 22-6A play, saw eight of their nine primary starting players land a variety of all-league honors following the season.

Junior Allison Bravo, sophomore Michelle Kristoff and freshman Yvonne Whaley were each selected to the first team based on their performance this

season. Bravo, who made her way into the starting lineup as a freshman in 2014, was even better in the field and at the plate this season, making the 22-6A first team as a utility player.

A right fielder for Dobie, Bravo was also one of the team's emotional leaders, performing a ceremonial "win" dance of sorts just prior to the start of many of the team's games.

Kristoff began the season sharing the starting pitcher's role with fellow sophomore teammate Alyssa Corpus, who also pitched well for the team when her chances came.

But Kristoff took a big step forward during district play, eventually starting many of the team's key games down the stretch, including each of Dobie's three bidistrict playoff games against Baytown Sterling.

Whaley entered 2015 as a highly touted freshman player looking to make her way into the lineup, and she did just that.

Her outstanding speed

was a plus both in center field and at the plate as the Lady Longhorns' lead-off hitter. She wound up as one of the area's leaders in runs scored.

22-6A Varsity Softball Awards

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At-Large

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Amy Alexander, Alvin, Jr.

At-Large

Yvonne Whaley, Dobie, Fr.

Second Team (Dobie)

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OF – Alexa Munoz, Jr.

Utility – Yasmine Myers, Soph.

Honorable Mention (Dobie)

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Allison Bravo jumped into Dobie's lineup as a freshman right fielder in 2014 and landed on the 22-5A second team. This time around, Bravo's outstanding play both at the plate and in the field made her a first-team selection.



Michelle Kristoff, a sophomore, stood out in her first season in the circle for the Lady Longhorns, taking a lead role en route to a first team pick.



A talented young player in the South Belt Girls Softball Association for years, freshman Yvonne Whaley (diving back into first base) earned her way into the starting lineup with the Lady Longhorns from day one and gave the team a speed element it needed to score runs in bunches. Whaley also brought outstanding ability

to her role in center field, tracking down everything she could get her glove on. For her efforts, Whaley was named to the 22-6A first team by the district's coaches. The best part for the Lady Longhorns? Whaley figures to be in the starting lineup for each of the next three seasons.



A position of strength for Dobie for many years, the Lady Longhorns have had few worries behind the plate with junior Marissa Longoria in the mix. Longoria also delivered in a big way at the plate this season, eventually being named to the District 22-6A second team.

While the Dobie varsity softball team had two players – Allison Bravo and Yvonne Whaley – named to the 22-6A first team, junior left fielder Alexa Munoz (above) was terrific in her own right. Following the season, a second-team, all 22-6A honor came Munoz's way.

Dobie entered the 2015 varsity softball season with a vacancy at second base. As many as four players were in the competition to land the job that eventually went to Yasmine Myers. The sophomore then went out and played exceptionally well, making the 22-6A second team.

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1st – Valdemar Tamez & Theresa Tran

2nd – Jennifer Haynes & Juan Melesio

3rd – Thomas Etienne & Triny Tran

Consolation – Camille Lajaunie & Garrett Armstrong

White Division

(Beginning/intermediate tennis faculty)

1st – Leisha Lewis & Alan Phan

2nd – Derek Beckham & Reena Benitez

3rd – Thomas Chen & Madison Graham

Consolation – Erin Thompson & Steven Phan

Burnt Orange & White Division

(Advanced tennis faculty)

1st – Yvette Giron & Luis Cabreja

2nd – Sam Flippin & Leilani Vargas

3rd – Robert Pheister & Ashley Deveza

Consolation – Linda Puckett & Ruben Vargas

Editor's note: The following email was sent by Dobie High School varsity tennis coach Manuel Moreno Jr. –himself an accomplished journalist – following the completion of the 2015 Dobie student/faculty tennis tournament.

This year's tennis champions have been crowned!

Mother Nature fully cooperated, allowing 31 of your fellow colleagues to be Roger Federer or Maria Sharapova for a day without any rain interruptions!

The match of the tournament had to go to the teams of Yvette Giron/Luis Cabreja and Ronnie Thomas/Hellen Le, who for the second year in a row battled to a dramatic 6-5 (5-4) finish in favor of the eventual two-time cham-

pions – coach Giron and Cabreja.

In fact, this is coach Giron's fourth consecutive year to walk away with gold! Can she quin-peat next season?

And, if a Most Valuable Player was chosen, that honor

would have to go to Sandra Rodriguez.

After losing a heart-breaking 3-2 (5-4) tie-breaker in the semifinals, Mrs. Rodriguez turned a noticeable frown into the biggest and proudest smile of the tournament when she and partner Justin

Gee won the third-place match, earning her one of the prestigious bobblehead trophies she worked so hard for these last couple of weeks. Way to go, Mrs. Rodriguez!

Of course, a special thanks goes out once

more to (Dobie principal) Mr. (Franklin) Moses for his continuous support of the tennis program as a whole!

His tennis this time around? Well, that's another story we'll leave for the *Leader's*

John Bechtle to de-

scribe! Again, thank you to all of you who shared an afternoon on the courts and/or in the stands with your Dobie High School tennis players and the sport they love to play year round!



Yvette Giron (left), a Dobie faculty member, added to her tournament legacy, capturing a fourth straight championship in the Burnt Orange and White Division for advanced level players. At right is Dobie varsity tennis player Luis Cabreja, who also joined

Giron in 2014 for the championship. Giron is the mother of Dobie High School multi-sport athletes Tyler and Jade Giron. The Girones have for years been prominent in the area. Yvette's husband, Elbert, is a longtime youth sports coach.



Dobie faculty member Valdemar Tamez took time out from his busy schedule as an AP geometry/Algebra 2 instructor to score a championship win along with teammate and varsity girls' tennis player Theresa Tran in the Burnt Orange Division for intermediate/advanced level faculty members.

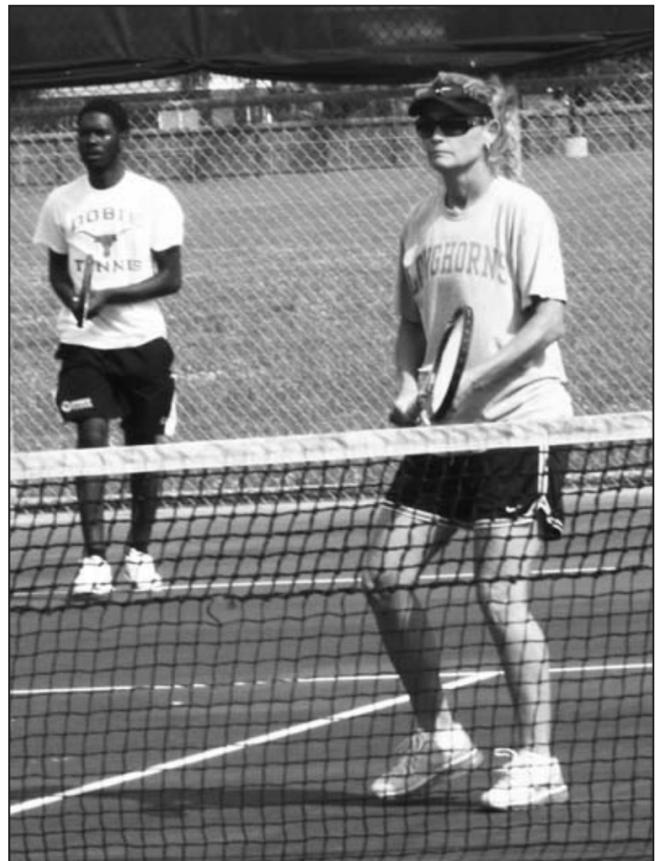


Dobie High School orchestra director Thomas Chen lunges for a shot during first-round action. He and doubles partner, Dobie tennis player Madison Graham, eventually placed third in the White Division, reserved for beginning/intermediate faculty tennis players.

Photos by John Bechtle



At left, pre-AP geometry and Algebra 2 instructor Trevor Parker reaches high to return a shot during early round action at Dobie's annual faculty/student tennis tournament May 16 at the Longhorn courts. Parker teamed with varsity tennis player Tina Ha in the event. Below, Camille Lajaunie, a guest player for several years, paired with Dobie tennis player Garrett Armstrong for the consolation championship in the intermediate/advanced division.



They didn't place, but that didn't take away from the fun longtime Dobie faculty member and athletics coach Mo Hickman (right) and her doubles partner, Terrell Soudine, had during the tournament as pairs vied for a variety of bobblehead trophy awards at the annual Dobie faculty/student tennis tournament. Soudine was the Dobie tennis team's student manager this season.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MAY 28

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

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.

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Bay Area Genealogical Society – Meets the last Friday of each month at University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook Drive in Clear Lake. Coffee and socializing is at 6:30 and the meeting begins at 7 p.m. For more information, visit www.TxBayAreaGen.org.

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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.

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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.

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.

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.

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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.

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

Bay Area Quilt Guild - Meets the first Tuesday of each month at Mount Olive Lutheran Church located at 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Fellowship begins at 6:30 p.m. and the general meeting and program begin at 7 p.m. The June speaker is Jen Eskridge and the program is *Hexagons Made Easy and Learn to Sew Easy Curves*. Guests are welcome. Following the presentation is a half-day workshop working with hexagons on Wednesday, June 3, at Fabrics, Etcetera in Webster. Cost is \$20. The workshop is open to guests by reservation until the class is full. For more information, call Debby Benson at 713-248-8757.

New Directions Singles - Group for ages 55 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner, 6:30 p.m., at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Parkway, Webster. The dinner may include guest speakers and/or group activities. For more information, call Bambi at 281-482-7143 or 281-795-4514.

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.

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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 Bielat at 281-474-3430 or Diana Kawalec at 281-334-1033.

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

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

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

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Local NARFE Meeting - The National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 1321, meets the first Tuesday of each month in the Clear Lake Community Center, 5001 NASA Parkway. A meal will be available for \$6. For more information, call Bob Mitchell at 281-333-2881.

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Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets weekly, Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Drive, Pearland. Lunch is served for \$15. Variety of interesting speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or visit nalix@texascitizensbank.com.

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Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center - Confidential domestic violence support group for women, 7 p.m., 210 S. Walnut off NASA Pkwy. between I-45 South and Highway 3. Call 281-338-7600 or visit www.bayareaturningpoint.com for information. 24-hour crisis hotline is 281-286-2525.

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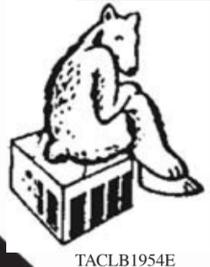
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Lutheran South Academy basks in spring with two state titles

By John Bechtle
Sports Editor

A loss to Second Baptist in the regional final last season likely served to only add fuel to the fire of the Lutheran South Academy varsity baseball program. This time, the Pioneers finished the deal. Timely hitting in the state championship game, especially during a five-

run second inning, was a big difference as Lutheran South Academy captured the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools Class 4A championship with an 8-5 victory over Austin Hyde Park May 15 at Baseball USA. There was a site change because of rain and subsequent rain delays during play, but little of that mat-

tered to the senior-laden LSA group on its championship run. Aaron Schneider, in his third season as head coach after five as an assistant, said the key to this year's squad came on the mound, where four different players simply controlled things for most of the way during a 27-7 overall run, including the postseason.

Arkansas at Little Rock signee Paul Salazar was joined by Evan McDonald, a Houston Baptist University signee, as the Pioneers' primary starters. Christian Dick went 6-2 while working primarily out of the bullpen, and a fourth senior, John Roebelen, was also exceptional. "Our pitching just

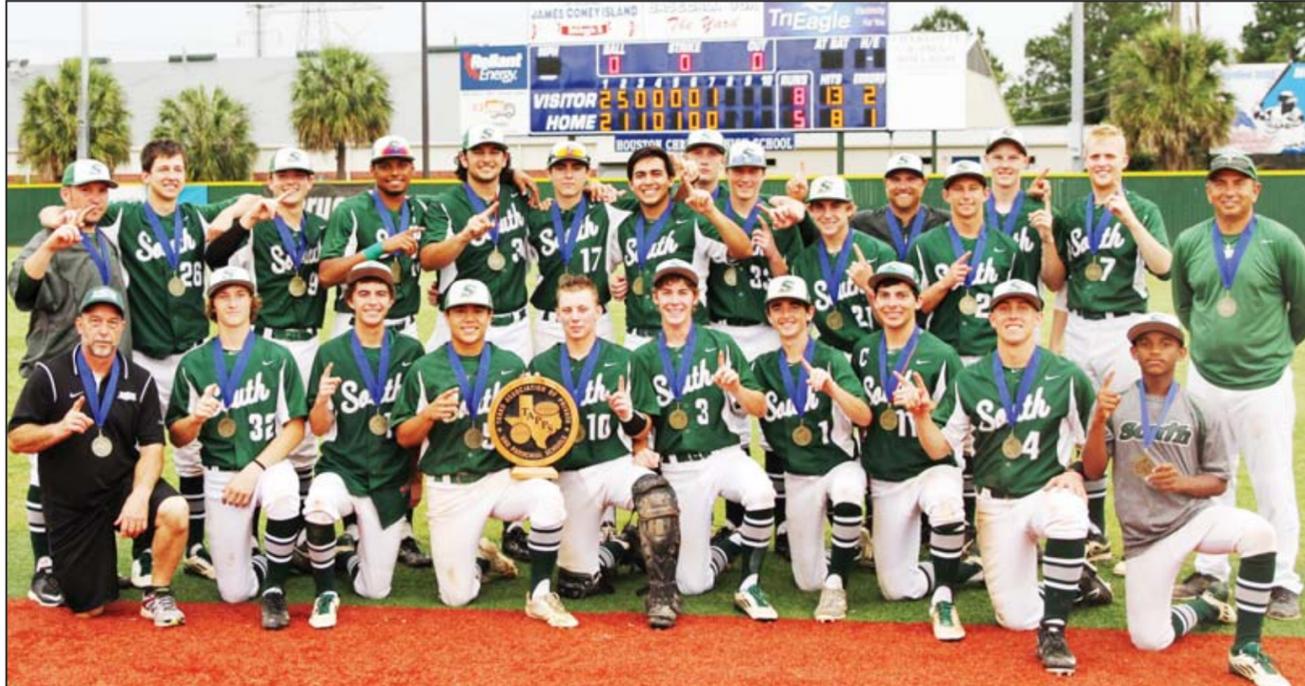
showed the way for us most of the season, and the innings were spread pretty well evenly between Salazar, McDonald and Dick," Schneider said. "They each logged about 55 innings or so, and Roebelen was big for us out of the bullpen as well." Salazar and McDonald also served as the team's clean-up and No. 5 hole

hitters for much of the season. Trent Franson, who has signed to play collegiately at Texas Christian University, hit .452 for the season and jumped to the top of LSA's single season hits ledger with 52. In the postseason, Austin Ochoa stepped up big, coming up with LSA's second-best postseason average.

He also had a handful of playoff runs driven in, including a bases-clearing double in the championship game. "These guys deserve the state championship," Schneider said. "They put

the work in. When I took over, myself and my staff changed the culture and basically made guys understand just how much we were capable of winning. "It is one thing to get

to state but another to win when you get there. These guys did it. "It's a little bittersweet that the season is over, but if it has to end, it's nice to have that state championship."



Building a 7-3 lead over Austin Hyde Park through two innings, Lutheran South Academy's varsity baseball team went on to capture the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools Class 4A state championship with an 8-5 victory at the Baseball USA Complex. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) trainer John Schmitz, Jake Cabler, Ben LeBlanc, Matthew Jimenez, Carson Mize, Zach Burkett, Tyler Wheelless, Austin Ochoa, Trent Franson, Kolby

Johnson, (back row) assistant coach A.J. Bettcher, Jon Roebelen, Evan McDonald, Paul Salazar, Christian Dick, Louis Hall, Joe Carrera-Rohi, Joey Wingo, Owen Hill, J.P. Griffin, head coach Aaron Schneider, Tyler Valore, Thomas Modica, Jake Williams and assistant coach Tom DeLaGarza. The team finished the season at 27-7 overall, and several players have signed letters of intent to play collegiately beginning this fall.

Lutheran South Academy softball stands out both on, off field of play

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nament. Serena Everett, Tara Everett, Lee, Achille and Lorin Dick were first-team, all-district selections. Achille, Tara Everett and Lee were first-team, all-state picks. "We played Class 5A and Class 6A public schools almost exclusively in the early part of the season, and that's where six of our losses came," Cave said, noting the team's four losses came to Montgomery, Columbia

and Cypress-Fairbanks at the Pearland ISD tournament. Fort Bend Christian handed the squad its lone district loss. "Everything just started falling in place as the season progressed. "Our first goal was to win district, and then we wanted to win another playoff round and then another. "Once you get to state, you're looking to win it all. It was just a great experience for everyone involved. I'm so happy for the kids."

And it must be stated that the LSA players excelled as much off the field as on it. Tara Everett is LSA's valedictorian for the 2014-2015 senior class and was honored with the school's Pioneer Award. Tara Everett, along with Achille and Samantha Trapani, were named to the academic all-state list. With several players due back next season and surely more to step in to help, LSA's softball future is bright. Yet for now, the team will savor this memory.



Lutheran South Academy freshman catcher Haley Lee made an impressive debut this season at the high school level, hitting .515 with 47 runs batted in and 42 runs scored on her way to first-team, all-state honors. She figures to be a prominent player next season as the Pioneers seek a state championship repeat. Submitted photo

Norman, Dobie football staff plan strength, conditioning

Dobie varsity football head coach Mike Norman and his staff have finalized details for the school's voluntary strength and conditioning summer camp at the school. Staff members will work with athletes beginning June 15 each Monday through Thursday and running through July 16. The first available session will run from 8 to 10 p.m., and the latter is from 4 to 6 p.m. Incoming freshmen through seniors as of the 2015-2016 school year are eligible to attend. Student-athletes will receive extensive individual strength training aids as well as plenty of speed and conditioning work

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