

### Valentine Love Lines

Valentine Love Lines to be printed in the Feb. 14 Valentine's Day edition of the *Leader* are available for \$10 for 25 words. Decorative larger ads with artwork will also be available. Call the *Leader* at 281-481-5656 for rates. Ads must be received by noon Tuesday, Feb. 12.

### PW Library events set

The following events are set for the Parker Williams Library, Jan. 31 through Feb. 6.

AARP Tax Preparation Assistance will be available Mondays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. beginning Feb. 1. Help is provided at no charge on a first come, first served basis.

On Saturday, Feb. 2, Vietnamese Storytime will include Reading Club at 11 a.m., followed by intermediate storytime at 1 p.m.

Internet Basics III, a free computer class, will be presented Monday, Feb. 4, at 3 p.m.

The library celebrates Black History Month with a movie at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6. Call 281-484-2036 for the exact title.

Internet Security, a free computer class, will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6.

Preschool storytime is at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, and toddler storytime is at 10:30 a.m. Thursday.

### Dobie financial aid night set

Dobie will hold a financial aid night for parents of junior and senior students on Thursday, Jan. 31, at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Computers will be available to access the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). One can request a pin number for parent and child or get help putting in 2012 income tax figures. A bilingual presentation will be available, if needed. Representatives from San Jacinto College will also be available.

### Atkinson offers scholarships

The Atkinson Elementary PTO will offer \$500 scholarships to two graduating seniors at Dobie High School who attended Atkinson at least two years, one being fourth grade.

Applications and requirement information are available through the senior counselor's office at Dobie. The application must be received by noon on March 1 in order to be considered.

### Spring Transfer Fair at SJC

San Jacinto College South will host University Transfer Day on Wednesday, Feb. 6, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the South Campus Interactive Learning Center (ILC) located at 13735 Beamer Road in Houston. At the event, students will have the opportunity to speak with representatives from the numerous participating colleges and universities about admission requirements, the transfer process, and student life information.

### Weber carnival Feb. 16

Weber Elementary School is celebrating its 10-year birthday at its carnival on Saturday, Feb. 16, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wristbands are \$15 pre-sale (\$12 per sibling) or \$20 on carnival day. A wristband includes all games and rides. Contact Aurora Ybarra at [aurorasbala@necbfh@yahoo.com](mailto:aurorasbala@necbfh@yahoo.com) or 713-819-7629.

### Sagemont election set

The Sagemont Maintenance Committee election will be held Saturday, Feb. 2, from 9 a.m. to noon at Frazier Elementary School, 10503 Hughes Road.

### Genealogy group meets

The Parker Williams Genealogy Group will resume bimonthly meetings to discuss family history research starting Monday, Feb. 4, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Parker Williams Library, Scarsdale at Beamer. Meetings are free, and anyone interested in family history research is invited to attend.

### Library seeks donations

The Parker Williams Library is currently in need of donations – nonfiction, current fiction, pocket paperbacks, children's books, DVDs and current magazines. The library is located at 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. All proceeds go to help the library.

### Final sports registrations

Local youth will find time running out to register for a variety of sports activities and leagues. The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League is hosting a late registration session Feb. 2. The league's Challenger programs for youths with disabilities is also still accepting applicants. Elsewhere, the South Belt Youth Soccer Club is continuing online registration for the upcoming spring season. For those in the area who prefer track and field, the Rising Stars Track Club has begun workouts at Dobie High School and will continue registration each Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon until further notice. For more information about these organization, see Page 1B.

### Dobie alumni softball

The Dobie High School softball program will host the first-ever alumni game Saturday, Feb. 2, at the team's practice facility on campus. For more details, see Page 1B.

## Dobie Hall of Honor inductees named

Brig. Gen. Edmund Walker, chief of operations for NATO forces in Afghanistan, is one of 10 Dobie High School graduates, including PayPal co-founder Ken Howery and two-time Olympic gold-medalist Christa Williams, chosen for induction in the school's new Hall of Honor.

Former teacher Richard Golenko and community volunteers Gilbert Aguilar and the Rev. Emory Gadd complete the list of 13 individuals who will be honored in an inaugural ceremony

on March 1 at the school.

The induction ceremony will begin at 7 p.m. and is open to the public.

Two of the 10 graduates, Walter McRae and Chris Williams, will be honored as Fallen Heroes.

McRae, an Army veteran and Bronze Star recipient, died in 2011 from health complications related to his service in Operation Desert Storm. McRae graduated from Dobie in 1972.

Williams, a West Point graduate and Army captain, was killed in a training accident in 1995. He was honored as Mr. J. Frank Dobie as a senior in 1984.

Other alumni slated for induction are South Belt physician Dr. Mary Campbell-Fox; Chris Connealy, fire marshal for the state of Texas; Dr. Dina Jackson-Giesler, a leader in the field of cosmetic dentistry; Dr. Mark Chassay, a long-time team physician for the University of Texas; and Bobby Burton, a college football recruiting expert and sports publishing entrepreneur.

"We are extremely excited about this inaugural class of inductees," said Dobie Principal Franklin Moses. "Their great accomplishments send a strong message to our current students that they, too, can go out and make a significant impact in their community and for their country."

Moses said the concept for the Hall of Honor was first developed by his predecessor, Steve Jamail, who retired as principal a year ago. A committee was formed to plan the project, consider nominations and choose inductees.

Additional inductees will be selected on an annual basis, Moses said, with consideration given to esteemed alumni, community volunteers and former faculty and staff.

"Mr. Jamail and I both felt that the recognition of the alumni was well deserved, and the inclusion of teachers and volunteers was essential," Moses said. "Without great teachers and volunteers over the years, Dobie would not be the flagship school that it currently is in Pasadena Independent School District."

Walker, who graduated in 1974, is the oldest of the living inductees. Christa Williams, a 1996 graduate who pitched Dobie to state softball titles in 1993 and 1995, is the youngest of the inductees.

Plaques for the inductees will be placed on permanent display in a remodeled section of the main hallway separating the administrative offices from the food court.

**Inductees**  
**Alumni**  
**Edmund Walker, Class of 1974**  
**Armed services**

Now a brigadier general and a 35-year Air Force veteran, Walker serves as the chief of operations for the NATO's Combined Joint Staff in Kabul, Afghanistan. Walker is tasked with coordinating operations to fight insurgent forces and provide assistance to Afghan security forces. After graduating from Texas A&M in 1978, he served as a pilot and flight instructor for the A-10 and other aircraft. His first command assignment came in 2001 when he took charge of the 47th Fighter Squadron at Barksdale Air Force Base. Promoted to brigadier general in 2010, he re-



Edmund Walker

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## Sageglen house catches fire



A house caught fire the morning of Wednesday, Jan. 30, in the 11600 block of Sagelink Circle in the Sageglen subdivision. While firefighters initially believed the blaze was caused by the home's gas water heater, arson investigators were called to the scene to determine the exact cause. SVFD was assisted by the Pearland and Forest Bend fire departments in quickly extinguishing the blaze. Shown above are, left to right, Southeast Volunteer Fire Department Assistant Chief Jerry Terrell, Harris County Fire Marshal Investigator Randy Corliss and homeowner Jose Alcala.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

## City launches new 311 app

On Tuesday, Jan. 29, Houston Mayor Annise Parker joined the City of Houston's 311 Help & Info to launch the all-new 311 smartphone application.

The smartphone app is the newest addition to 311's entirely new design focused on maximizing citizen engagement.

"I am excited to join 311 today to announce the redesigned 311 Help & Info," said Parker. "The old 311 was inefficient and failed to meet Houston's needs. The new 311 is a completely transformed entity which places focus exactly where it should be – on the customer. Today, Houstonians can reach 311 through a variety of channels that are convenient and easy to use."

The City of Houston launched the 311 Houston Service Helpline in August 2001 as a telephone helpline, and the technology backbone that ran the system became rigid and inflexible over time. Now, 311 Help & Info users are able to submit service requests via the new smartphone app, the redesigned website, email or by calling the 24/7 call center. The new 311 system is more flexible, convenient, efficient and customer-focused than ever in Houston's history. Additionally, the new 311 empowers citizens to join the city's effort to improve the community by making it easy for them to report issues that need to be resolved.

"I am so proud of where 311 is today and look forward to where it's going in the future," said Frank Carmody, who oversees 311 Help & Info. "We want to hear from Houston's citizens, and we are working to create as many avenues as

possible to allow them to communicate with us on their terms – when they want, how they want, and with whom they want."

Prior to 311's transformation, the 311 call center provided telephone service request and information service 18 hours a day, seven days a week. Due to budget-required layoffs in FY2012, 311 had to stop offering service on the weekends. As of August 15, 2012, 311 Help & Info launched 24 hour a day, seven day a week service. Additionally, 311 installed a labor model that more closely matches the demands of Houstonians. Furthermore, the service extension was implemented at an operating cost to the city of \$600,000 less per year than the former 311 call center model.

In addition to expanded call-center hours and the new smartphone app, 311's redesigned website, [www.Houston311.org](http://www.Houston311.org), enables Houstonians to easily submit a request for service online. For example, the 311 received only 2,144 hits in January 2011. In January 2013, following its redesign, the website received more than 13,485 hits. Over the past week, 311 has also launched a new interactive mapping tool that allows Houstonians to track the progress of their request and view other requests in the area.

"The work that went into building these new customer tools really epitomizes the city's approach to customer service," said Parker. "A cross-functional team comprised of executives from my office, the Public Works and Engineer-

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## Filing begins for school elections

Candidate filing for the local May 11 school board elections began Wednesday, Jan. 30, and will continue through 5 p.m. Friday, March 1.

Up for grabs are five seats on the Pasadena Independent School District board, two seats on the Clear Creek Independent School District board and two seats on the San Jacinto College board.

### PISD

PISD is governed by a seven-member board of trustees elected at-large to three year terms. Five trustees will be up for re-election this year, including Vice President Jack Bailey, Secretary Fred Roberts, Assistant Secretary Mariselle Quijano-Lerma and members Nelda Sullivan and Jerry Ross Speer.

Ballot applications must be submitted to the Pasadena ISD Election Office, 1515 Cherrybrook, Room F6, Pasadena, TX 77502.

For questions about the election process, call 713-740-0027.

### CCISD

CCISD will hold an election to fill the single member District 1 seat currently held by Robert Davee and the At-Large Position B seat currently

held by Ann Hammond.

Those interested in obtaining a candidate application and information packet should contact Linda Bertram by email at [lbertram@ccisd.net](mailto:lbertram@ccisd.net) or by telephone at 281-284-0181.

### San Jacinto College

San Jacinto College will hold an election to fill two of the seven positions on its board of trustees. Up for re-election are *Leader* publisher Marie Flickinger, who currently holds the Trustee Position 3 seat, and Larry Wilson, who currently holds the Trustee Position 4 seat. Flickinger currently serves as chair of the board, while Wilson serves as secretary. Each position is a six-year term.

Potential candidates should file in writing with the Secretary of the Board of Trustees at the Thomas S. Sewell District Administration Building, 4624 Fairmont Parkway, Room 200, Pasadena, TX 77504, during normal business hours Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. until noon and from 1 to 5 p.m.

### Early voting

Early voting will begin Monday, April 29, and continue through Tuesday, May 7.

## Special election results counted Garcia, Alvarado headed to runoff

By James Bolen

The Jan. 26 special election to fill the state Senate District 6 seat formerly held by the late Mario Gallegos will head to a runoff between former Harris County Commissioner Sylvia Garcia and state Rep. Carol Alvarado.

Garcia received 7,416 votes, roughly 45.4 percent of the ballots cast, while Alvarado received 6,803, about 41.6 percent.

Republican R.W. Bray, who lost to the deceased Gallegos in November's general election, received about 1,000 votes, or 6.2 percent.

Because none of the eight candidates received more than 50 percent of the vote, the election will now head to a runoff, which should take place in either late February or early March, depending on when Gov. Rick Perry sets the date.

Harris County election officials have 10 days to canvass Election Day results. Once complete, Perry's office has an additional 14 days to com-

plete a second canvass. After the governor completes his canvass, he has five days to order the runoff election. The runoff date must be within 12 and 25 days of its being ordered and must take place on a Tuesday or a Saturday.

As with most special elections, turnout was relatively low. Of the approximately 292,000 eligible District 6 voters, fewer than 16,000, about 5.6 percent, cast their ballots.

If Alvarado should win the runoff, a second special election would need to be called to fill her vacated House seat.

Also running for the District 6 seat were Democrats Joaquin Martinez and Susan Delgado, Republican Dorothy Olmos, Independent Rodolfo "Rudy" Reyes and Green Party candidate Maria Selva.

Gallegos, who had held the state Senate seat since 1994, died Oct. 16 due to complications from liver disease.

## Chamber banquet set for Feb. 7

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce's 29th annual banquet will take place Thursday, Feb. 7, at the Golfcrest Country Club in Pearland, beginning at 6:15 p.m.

This year's event will be a salute to all military branches located at Ellington Field. The guest speaker will be Brian Rinehart, general manager of Ellington Airport.

New chamber officers and board members will be sworn in at the event by Harris County Precinct 2, Place 1 Justice of the Peace Jo Ann

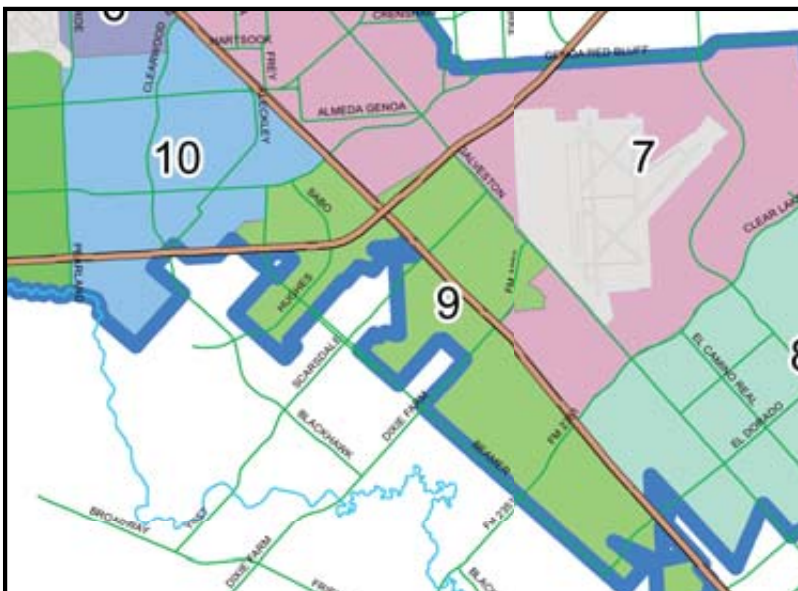
Delgado.

Other elected officials attending the event include Sen. Larry Taylor, Rep. John Davis, Houston City Councilmembers Wanda Adams and Jack Christie, Pearland Mayor Tom Reid, Harris County Judge George Risner and Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Chris Diaz.

Tickets are \$50 each.

For additional information or to RSVP for the event, contact chamber Executive Director Sally Mitchell at 281-481-5516.

## Heavy trash maps cause confusion



While the City of Houston's new heavy trash pickup schedule, implemented this past November, was intended to simplify things, it has had the converse effect of confusing many South Belt residents, as the community is no longer divided by Beltway 8 as it was before. Most South Belt residents live in Zone 9 (pictured above in green) and now have their pickup dates on the second Thursday of the month. Residents living north of Fuqua and west of the Gulf Freeway (shown above in blue Zone 10) now have their dates on the second Friday of the month, and residents living north of Beltway 8 and east of the Gulf Freeway (pictured above in lavender Zone 7) now have their dates on the second Tuesday of the month. Tree waste and junk waste collection still take place in alternating months.



## Thompson bee winners



Thompson's spelling bee consisted of 67 top spellers in seventh and eighth grades. Students were chosen through classroom spelling bees. The spelling bee lasted 15 rounds until the last few students remained. After 15 grueling rounds of competition, the top two competitors went head-to-head in an all-out spelling bee war. Deandre Moore (8th) and Jenna Rodriguez (7th) went back and forth for several rounds. Finally, after several attempts at the championship trophy, Moore spelled the final word, *facilitate*, and became the spelling bee champion. Rodriguez was runner-up. Moore is a student of Nicole Horne-Sherman, and Rodriguez is a Pre-AP student in Glen Russell and Amy Sample's ELAR classes. Moore will move on to compete at the district level.

Photo by Thompson eighth-grader Jay Do

## Brook debate keeps up winning streak

The Clear Brook High School Speech and Debate Team came home victorious this past weekend from Clear Springs High School.

In Lincoln-Douglas debate, Adriel Rivera finished as quarter-finalist, and fellow debater Armin Shariatmadari was a octo-finalist.

In the novice division, Elizabeth Isabell received third place, and teammate Jasmine Vera was an octo-

finalist.

Clear Brook also performed well in multiple speaking events. Rivera placed first in foreign extemporaneous speaking.

In novice extemporaneous speaking, Elizabeth Heckman, Dustin Jackson and Buvanesh Saravanan placed fourth, fifth, and seventh, respectively.

Katy Bain was a finalist in impromptu speaking where

she took sixth place.

Rivera won first place in dramatic interpretation, while fellow teammate Kayleigh Crockford brought home third place in humorous interpretation and eighth place in poetry interpretation.

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## Sen. Dan Patrick responds to Perry's State of the State

State Sen. Dan Patrick sent out the following press release following Gov. Rick Perry's state speech.

"I was grateful to hear Gov. Perry focus his State of the State speech on the public education reforms that I am pursuing this session."

"In order to give the children of Texas a better education and a brighter future we must focus on creating more choices for parents including charter, online learning,

and the ability for parents to find the right school for their child," stated Patrick. "To do so we must focus on the expansion of quality charter schools and student options that provide flexibility through online courses and inter-district transfers."

"My comprehensive reforms will ensure that we have innovation, rigor, transparency, empowerment, and flexibility for parents, teachers, and school districts."

## Children to be cast in final Seussical auditions

The San Jacinto College Central Theatre and Film Department will hold final public auditions for *Seussical the Musical*, a family musical based on Dr. Seuss characters.

The auditions will cast children ages 5 to 15 for the children's chorus of animals and "Whos" (boys and girls), and will take place Feb. 5 and 6 at 6 p.m. on both nights. The auditions will be held in the Powell Arena Theatre, located at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena.

Prior theater experience is not necessary, and enrollment at San Jacinto College is not required. Prepared materials are not required, and people auditioning should dress to move.

Noted playwright, author, and San Jacinto College English professor Dr. David LeMaster will direct *Seussical*. Rehearsals will begin

Feb. 11, and there will be a total of nine rehearsals. Show dates are Feb. 20, 21, 22 and 23 at 7:30 p.m. There will be a Sunday matinee at 2:30 p.m. on Feb. 24 and a special school morning performance on Feb. 22.

*Seussical: The Musical* tells the story of Horton, an elephant who discovers a speck of dust containing tiny creatures called "Whos." Horton faces a double challenge – not only must he protect the Whos from a world of naysayers and dangers, but he must guard an abandoned egg, left to his care by the irresponsible Mayzie La Bird. The powers of friendship, loyalty, family, and community are challenged and emerge triumphant.

For more information about San Jacinto College's theater and other fine arts programs, visit arts.sanjac.edu.

## New 311 app for City of Houston

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ments are called to action. We can now provide a way for Houstonians to see our follow through. We have created the ability for citizens that fund these services to track where and when the city responded to their request."

"It is because of our agents' dedication to customer satisfaction that 311 continues to become more and more successful every day," said Carmody. "When a citizen re-

ports a problem, they can rest assured their issue will be reviewed.

In fact, the city stands firmly by its high-level service agreement which requires the completion of every service request within a certain period of time." The recent 311 upgrades improve two-way communications between the City and its citizens, resulting in drastically higher engagement by Houstonians. However, the city's 311 Help & Info leaders work constantly to expand and improve 311 functions to better meet Houston's needs.

In addition to other future plans for 311, including the launch of a call-back assist program and SMS texting service requests, the next versions of the smartphone app and website map tracking tool are already being designed.

"Today is really about reintroducing Houstonians to 311 Help & Info," said Parker. "This new smartphone app and newly redesigned website marks the beginning of many upgrades to come. The nature of technology in our society today is to iterate and improve, and the new 311 will not be an exception to that."

## Sullivan warns of tax deadline

Payments for 2012 property taxes are due by Jan. 31, 2013. A 7 percent penalty and interest charge will be assessed on Friday, Feb. 1, on all unpaid 2012 tax bills.

According to Tax Assessor-Collector Mike Sullivan, "Taxpayers that are unable to make their entire payment on time can avoid paying full penalties by making a partial payment by the Jan. 31 deadline." Sullivan encourages taxpayers to pay online at [www.hctax.net](http://www.hctax.net) by credit card, debit card and/or e-Check.

To accommodate taxpayers wanting to pay in person, all branches of

the Harris County Tax Office will extend their hours until 6 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 31, 2013. As well, additional staff will be present at all Harris County Tax Office branch locations to help accommodate the anticipated high volume of last-minute tax payments.

Tax bill payments may also be made by credit card, debit card and/or e-Check at any of the 15 Harris County Tax Office branches. Each branch is equipped with a computer kiosk available for taxpayers to utilize in making tax payments. A surcharge of 2.15-percent will be added to each credit card transaction, as well as Master-

Card debit transactions. When using a VISA debit card, there is a flat fee of \$3.95. There is no fee charged for e-Checks.

For taxpayers wanting to pay by phone, call 713-368-2273 using a touch-tone phone. Payments made via telephone are subject to the same terms as online payments. Harris County Tax Office telephone operators will be standing by to accept 2012 tax payments until 11:59 p.m. Central Standard Time on the Jan. 31 deadline.

For more information, call 713-368-2000 or visit the tax office website at [www.hctax.net](http://www.hctax.net).

## Clear Creek ISD board sets May 2013 school board election

A regular election of the Clear Creek Independent School District School Board of Trustees for Single Member District 1 and the At-Large Position B will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2013. The election was approved during the Jan. 21, 2013, regular meeting.

Currently, Single Member District 1 is held by Robert Davee and the At-Large Position B seat is held by Ann Hammond.

Filing deadlines and other important dates pertaining to the election include:

**Filing deadlines**  
January 30, 2013 – First day to file for a place on the ballot;

March 1, 2013 (5 p.m.) – Last day to file for a place on the ballot.

**Early Voting begins on April 29, 2013**

One may vote at the locations listed below from April 29, 2013, through May 7, 2013, between the hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. (except Sundays). A registered voter living within the Clear Creek ISD election boundaries may vote at any of the early voting locations.

**Early Voting Locations**  
Clear Creek Intermediate, 2451 East Main Street, League City, TX 77573; Clear Lake 9th Grade Center, 2903 Falcon Pass, Houston, TX 77062; and Clear Brook High School, 4607 FM 2351, Friendswood, TX 77546.

**Election Day May 11, 2013**

A regular election of the school board trustees for

Single Member District 1 and the At-Large Position B will be held on May 11, 2013.

- A registered voter living within the boundaries of Single Member District 1 in Clear Creek Independent School District may vote for one candidate for Single Member District 1.

- A registered voter living within the boundaries of Clear Creek Independent School District may vote for one candidate for At-Large Position B.

- On Election Day, one must vote for the At-Large Position at the assigned voting location for the precinct.

If interested in obtaining a candidate application and information packet, contact Linda Bertram at [lberram@ccisd.net](mailto:lberram@ccisd.net) or 281-284-0181.

## Dobie AcDec earns awards, medals



J. Frank Dobie Academic Decathlon placed second in Regionals this past weekend. They also placed second in Super Quiz and collected several individual medals. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Tuan Phan, honors overall third place individual scorer; Angel Garcia, varsity overall

fifth place individual scorer; Maria Ferreira, scholastic overall fourth place individual scorer; Cindy Nguyen, Sonia Bonavita; (back row) Coach Steven Higginbotham, Coach Bob Daugherty, Aaron Arambula, Coach Todd Geris and Vincent Gonzalez.

Photo submitted

## HC Flood Control Task Force marking 40th anniversary

On Jan. 11, 1973, Harris County Commissioners Court created the Harris County Flood Control Task Force to help balance two important facts about the Houston area: Flooding is its No. 1 natural threat, and a web of flood-prone bayous is its No. 1 natural asset.

For the past 40 years, the Task Force has worked to address a question posed at its first meeting by then-County

Judge Bill Elliot: "How can Harris County government adequately protect homes and businesses from the hazards of flooding and facilitate economic development, while at the same time preserving the God-given resources we have that are still in their natural state for the present and future enjoyment of our citizens?"

This 31-member group of business, engineering, government and environmental representatives works closely with the special purpose district – the Harris County Flood Control District.

The flood district was created in 1937 to reduce the county's risks from rising floodwaters.

The Flood Control District plans and builds flood damage reduction projects and maintains flood control infrastructure.

This infrastructure includes more than 1,500 bayous and creeks totaling approximately 2,500 miles in length.

At its Jan. 29 meeting, Harris County Commissioners Court adopted a resolution marking the task force's 40th anniversary, and congratulating the group on its efforts to "find consensus and balance on numerous competing and controversial issues facing Harris County leaders."

The resolution particularly recognized four members who have served on the task force from the very beginning, and in a number of leadership and committee posts over the years. They include:

- Community activist Terry Hershey;
- Land planner Thomas B. Northrup;

- Civil engineer Donald VanSickle; and
- Mortgage banker Charles Harold Wallace.

"BE IT RESOLVED, that Harris County Commissioners Court hereby congratulates the Task Force on its 40th anniversary and pays special tribute to honor Terry Hershey, Tom Northrup, Don VanSickle and Harold Wallace for their 40 years of service and dedication to the Task Force and to the citizens of Harris County."

Those and other long-standing members also received special recognition at the task force's regular Jan. 28 meeting.

The Harris County Flood Control Task Force was created in 1973 to harness the energy of engineers, developers, environmentalists and other residents concerned with watershed management and flood control issues.

At the time of its creation, the country was in the midst of an environmental movement, and the Houston-Galveston statistical area was ranked first in the nation in growth.

The Flood Control District had just completed the process of joining the National Flood Insurance Program after developing Harris County's first floodplain management regulations.

Recognizing the Flood Control District's position in the middle of opposing groups of real estate developers and environmentalists, Commissioners Court appointed 25 members representing a wide range of environmental and business groups to serve as special advisors in Harris County.

# Deaths

### Patricia 'Paddy' Lucille Waloven



Patricia "Paddy" Lucille Waloven, 72, of Pasadena, Texas, died on Thursday, Jan. 24, 2013, at home after a long illness.

Born, Jan. 22, 1941, in Leavenworth, Kan., she was the daughter of the late retired Army Col. John Q. Walker and the late Helen L. (McDonald) Walker.

Growing up as an Army brat, she resided at Fort Leavenworth; San Gabriel, Calif.; Eagle Rock, Calif.; and occupied Japan; graduating from Rolla High School in Rolla, Mo., in 1959.

Waloven was an avid book worm, having read hundreds of books over the course of her life. She was heavily involved in genealogy, spending many years researching her family tree and the family trees of other families. She loved bowling and was a member of many bowling leagues over the years.

As a writer of short stories, poems, family history documentation, U.S. and state census data collection, she took advantage of computer technology and purchased her first computer in the early 1980s. In earlier years, she opened her home for the care of foster children.

Waloven was employed until the time of her death as the food service manager at J. Frank Dobie High School. She was responsible for the supervision of 26 cafeteria employees, food safety, food ordering, inventory, and daily meal preparation for a student body population of 3,700 students. In addition, she was responsible for catering for special events sponsored by the administrative staff at the high school.

Waloven started her employment with the Pasadena Independent School District in 1979 at Jensen Elementary School; Williams Elementary School in 1982; Pasadena High School in 1983; Test Kitchen in 1986 and Pasadena High School in 1987.

Waloven is survived by her husband, Robert M., also an employee at Dobie; children, Denise Eddleman of Houston and Christopher Eddleman (Pamela) of Humble; a grandson, Samuel Eddleman; stepchildren, Patrick Wills and David Strout, both of Humble, Michelle J.

Waloven of Manhattan, N.Y., and Christine M. Waloven of Glens Falls, N.Y.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2013, at 3 p.m. in the chapel of Grand View Funeral Home. Interment followed at Grand View Memorial Park. Condolences may be shared at [www.grandviewfunerals.com](http://www.grandviewfunerals.com).

### Michael Johnson

Michael Johnson, 47, of Houston, died on Saturday, Jan. 26, 2013. He was born Sept. 3, 1965.

He was a deputy for the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office.

Johnson is survived his daughter, Brittany Johnson; son Blake Johnson; father Cone H. Johnson; mother Jacqueline Johnson; wife Teresa Johnson; brothers Jimmy W. Johnson, Joe A. Johnson and Richard L. Johnson; and sisters-in-law Cynthia Johnson and Candy Johnson.

The funeral service was held on Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2013, at Crossroads Fellowship Assembly of God. Interment followed at Rosewood Memorial Park in Humble.

### Kenneth Jen0

Kenneth Jen0, 74, of Belleville, Kan., died Saturday, Dec. 29, 2012. He was a former 20-year South Belt area resident.

Jen0 was born in Rice County, Minn., to Herbert and Charlotte (Johnson) Jen0. He was a retired chief petty officer of the United States Navy.

Survivors include his wife, Lillian, of Belleville; daughters Lisa and Laura Jen0; stepdaughters Linda (Steve) Tatman and Donna (Alvin) Schrepel, all of Great Bend and Elaine (Alan) Moss, of St. Louis; stepsons Rodney (Claudia) Moss, of Osborne and Ted (Jeanette) Trinka, of Susank; several grandchildren; and brothers, Francis Jim and Danny, all of Minnesota.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2013, at Tibbetts-Fischer Funeral Home in Belleville. Burial followed in Belleville City Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. More information is available at [www.tibbettsfischerfuneralhome.com](http://www.tibbettsfischerfuneralhome.com).

### Leader obituary policy

Obituaries submitted to the *Leader* are published free of charge. There must be a South Belt connection. Obituaries are edited to conform to the *Leader* style.

## Deadline nears for All American Scholarship

Applications for the 2013 All American Scholar Program, sponsored by Catholic Life Insurance, are now available and must be received no later than March 1, 2013.

Send a completed application package to:

Catholic Life Insurance, Attn: All American Scholar Award, P.O. Box 659527, San Antonio, TX 78265.

The All American Scholar Program awards 35 non-renewable college scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each to graduating high school seniors.

Applicants must be Cath-

olic Life Insurance members who will be enrolled in a private or public college, university or trade school for the upcoming fall semester.

The scholarships are granted to students whose academic achievements, leadership skills, and community service experiences set them apart from the others.

Application forms may be downloaded from the company website at [www.clui.com](http://www.clui.com).

For more information, contact Briana Frantz in the Communications Department at 800-292-2548 or 210-828-9921, ext. 141.

### Cowgirls hold tryouts

Sageмонт Cowgirls will hold their annual cheerleading tryouts the week of Feb. 25 at Dobie High School. Applicants must be ages 9-13 to try out. For more information, contact [michelle@sagemontcowboys.com](mailto:michelle@sagemontcowboys.com).

### Hobby Lions Club to meet

Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club will meet Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 11:30 a.m. at the Golden Corral at Fuqua and I-45. For more information, call Monica Montoya at 281-794-5531.

## CCISD students, teacher, board honored

During the regular board meeting on Jan. 21, 2013, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Greg Smith took a moment to recognize the Clear Creek Independent School District Board of Trustees.

In honor of Board Recognition Month, each trustee was given a framed piece of artwork from Clear Springs High School student Elizabeth Wood, titled *The Magic of Imagination*.

Smith made the presentation saying, "On behalf of the many thousands of students and staff you support and the stakeholders you represent, thank you for serving so unselfishly and always keeping the children of CCISD at the very heart of your leadership and deci-

sion-making." Houston City Councilmember Dave Martin was also on hand and read a proclamation honoring the CCISD board.

The superintendent and the board recognized 12 Gold Key Winners of the annual Art Scholastic competition. Past winners include Andy Warhol, Sylvia Plath and Robert Redford.

CCISD high school students honored Jan. 21 are:

Clear Brook High School – Nicolas Ortiz for drawing, Andrew Galvan for mixed media and James Jowers for mixed media.

Clear Creek High School – Marley Foster for ceramics and glass, Bryn Ray for jewelry and Alexandra Berich for sculpture.

Clear Falls High School – Emily Hansen for art, Kristine Spicer for jewelry, Rayne Porter for sculpture, and Andrew Stephens earned two gold keys for sculpture.

Clear Lake High School – Hannah Kelly also earned two gold keys, one for drawing and one for sculpture.

Clear Springs High School – Elizabeth Wood earned two gold keys, one for drawing and one for sculpture.

Lei Chen, a Chinese teacher at Clear Brook High, was also recognized as one of only 10 Texas high school teachers to receive the prestigious Texas Exes Award for Outstanding Teachers.

"She was selected because

she inspires and supports students, brings credit to the teaching profession, and is held in the highest regard by students, teachers and administrators," explained Smith. "Since 1987, more than 3,000 educators have been nominated and only 287 selected for this award. We are honored to have Mrs. Chen on our team."

The board and superintendent also recognized Capt. Stacy Killgore. He led the CCISD liaison division with the Galveston County Sheriff's Office until a recent promotion which will move him to another position with the county. Killgore was lauded for "leading with heart and always putting students first."



Clear Springs High School student Elizabeth Wood poses with her artwork and the Clear Creek Independent School District Board of Trustees. Pictured are, left to right, trustees Charles Pond,

Dee Scott, Vice President Ann Hammond, President Ken Baliker, Wood, and trustees Win Weber, Page Rander and Robert Davee.

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# SVFD installs traffic lights



The Southeast Volunteer Fire Department, with help from Harris County, is installing traffic warning lights in front of its main station in the 10500 block of Scarsdale. The lights will go off

only in times of emergency to aid SVFD vehicles as they exit the station. SVFD Chief Chuck Tylka thanks County Commissioner El Franco Lee for his assistance in the project.

# BHI announces third six-weeks honor roll students

Beverly Hills Intermediate recently announced its honor rolls for the third six-weeks grading period. Students are:

**Honor roll**  
**Seventh grade**  
Abraham Alanis, Pedro Alba, Anthony Ke'andre Dr'eshard Anderson-Johnson, Bailie Mckenna Ankenbruck, Luis Omar Arellano, Mirodelo Ashford, Korrin Nikole Ballin, Garrett Raul Barrientos, Reena Leticia Benitez, Justin Bimel and Daniel Giovanni Botello.  
Chandler Tien Thai Bui, Kimberly Nhu Bui, Sarah Jane Bustamante, Ramon Cahue, Caleb Chandler Campbell, Alexis Campos, Dominique Giana Cantu, Fabian Omar Cardenas, Erasmo Osvaldo Carlos, Alejandro Castillo, Javier Fernando Castillo and Tatiana Jesse Chacon.  
Kimberly Ruby Chew, Jalen Morris Clark, Cuah-temoc Comejo, Zachary Paul Couchman, Celeste Marie Covarrubias, Jason Anthony Cruz, Alexander Gabriel Cua-

ping, Jackelyn Jineth Davila, Daniel Michael Delarosa, Allyson Adriana Diaz, Clarissa Diaz and Roxie Diaz.  
Natalie Michelle Diosado, Thoi Gia Duong, Miguel Anjel Elizarraras, Alex Jacob Estala, Alfredo Estrada, Maria Jose Figueroa, Eduardo Francisco Flores, Madeline Marie Flores, Melina Lesette Flores, Robert Garcia Flores, Catherine Mia Fuentes and Michelle Fuentes.  
Francisco Garcia, Gisselle Garcia, Gustavo A. Garcia, Klarissa Heidy Garza, Jasslyn Gomez Portillo, Jasmin Sarai Gomez Belasquez, Ana Sofia Gracia, Lynda Marie Grantham, Diana Carolina Guerrero, Jazmin Alanna Guerrero, Cassandra America Guevara and Tina Kim-Thanh Ha.  
Amanda Nicole Hernandez, Tommy Hernandez, Ysabela Nicole Hinojosa, Alicia Gia Ho, Lynn Tuyet Ho, John te Andreas Horace, Ja'lon Duval Hunt, Kamsi-yochukwu Canice Ik-Ejiofor, Naureen Islam, Kimberli Izaguirre, Elizabeth Britney Jasso and Javier Jimenez.

Rene Reyna, Mia Alexandra Reyna, Gardenia Esmeralda Rivas, Beatriz Anne Rivera, Jazmin Nicole Rodriguez, Jose Alejandro Rodriguez and Karen Renee Rodriguez.  
Joshua Jay Romero, Xochitl Kimberly Romero, Malorie Jolynn Rosas, Erika Rubio, Nancy Ruiz, Jason-matthew Naples Sabal, Stephanie Saldivar, Kazzandra Rico Sanchez, Monica Lizette Santana, Joseph Emil Sargent, Ana Leesa Segovia and Amentanese Jashae Simien.  
Victoria Ta, Adrian Tamez, Samuel Feleke Taye, Juan Manuel Temores Paz, Amber Nicole Terrell, Laquavious Demar Thomas, Annie Ngoc Tran, Jimmy Quoc Tran, Tony Duc Tran, Vicente Trevino, Kevin Dinh Truong, Marcelly Jean Tsikis and Pablo Javier Tufino.  
Veronica Aubrey Arcalas Unica, Joanna Theresa Urrutia, Roxanne Valdez, Leilani Isabel Vargas, Fernando Vega, Ayline Vela, Holly Thao Vu, Natasha Miranda Walters, Karyn Geralynn Williams, Sami Lin Yu, Monica Aidede Zabala, Aleena Maher Zaid and Perla Zuniga.

Andrea Guerra Cavazos, Andrea Chapa, Juan Chapa, Isabel Mercedes Chavez, Jar-ely Florela Claros, Greysi Sarai Contreras, Nathan Andrew Covarrubias, Alia Nichelle Crawford, Elissa Garza Cruz, Yeline Cutting Gonzalez, Christopher Jaime Cuya and Jimmy Tuan Dang.  
Lananh Thi Dang, Courtney Hang-Nga Dao, Dominick Leavey Davis, Jacoby Gerard Davis, Jeremy Gerard Davis, Alexa Michell De Alejandro, Abeer Arsan Diab, Vu Huy Dinh, Samantha Dominguez, Jazmynn Arisa Drumgo, An Gia Duong and Dondre Armand Lakeith Dykes.  
Courtney Allison Early, Lauren Taylor Escobar, David Anthony Espinal, Javier Raul Flores, Amelia April Fuentes, Randy Alexander Fuentes, Katherine Anne Gangestad, Alexandria Victoria Garcia, Andres Garcia, Hayley Renee Garcia, Leanna Sarai Garcia and Nadia Lynn Garcia.  
Noe Garcia, Raquel Alicia Garza, Crystal Renee Glover, David Alexander Gonzalez, Madison Evelyn Graham, Courtney Grigar, Elisa Marie Guevara, Christopher Anthony Gutierrez, Cameron Kristian Haynes, Nia Marcia Herman, Rosemarie Hernandez and Edna Fernanda Herrera.

Mendez and Briana Kassandra Menendez.  
Javorus Daniel Moore, Damaris Nataly Morales, Xochitl Celeste Navarro, Bao Triet Nguyen, Dat Tien Nguyen, Phuc Minh Nguyen, Phuong Quynh Diep Nguyen, Steven Nguyen, Taylor Quang Nguyen, Thao Thi-phuong Nguyen and Christina Chikaodiniaka Nnabuife.  
Yazcaira Sofia Ojeda, Jessica Ortega, Adam Antonio Padilla, Elena Tien Pham, Rich Pham, Tin Nhan Pham, Vy Le Nhat Pham, Alice Hong Phan, Evelyn Quynh Nhu Phan, Kevin Bui Phan, Jaysha Octavia Ploucha, Diego A. Quintanilla Tovar and Rebekah Gail Ragain.  
Iram Ramirez, Kaylee Reyann Rios, Hur Mehdi Rizvi, Jaime Rodriguez, Jasmine Sulema Rodriguez, Arlene Brianna Salisbury, Alfredo Santoscoy, Kailah Kaia Shaw, Camille Deon Singleton, Torrey George Tapper and Zaria Shrone Thomas.  
Taja Imani Tillman, Hector Brian Tinoco, Brandon Raul Torres, John Guillermo Torres, Barbara Vy Tran, Jacklyn Cattien Tran, Kelly Mai-Tram Tran, Tracy Truc-Mai Tran, Tyler D. Tran, Vivian Tran, Alezaii Krystal Trevino and Ivonne Chino Trevino.  
Jennifer Truong, Erica Nichole Tsui, Meloney Nicole Tyler, Jocelyn Mariah Ulloa, Gabriel Tristan Arcalas Unica, Kimber Skye Vanek Aaron Valentin Vasquez, Adrian Samuel Velasquez, Dimanndee Alexandra Velez and Diana Laura Vidal.  
Brianna Denise Villanueva, Kathrina Perez Villanueva, Justin W. Vu, Tam Vu, Audreycaelle Nkeiya Wandji, Daniel Louis Williams, Macy Kate Williams, Vanessa Wanji Williams, Ledarius Keith Woodward, Natalie M. Zaragoza and Dulce Abril Zavala.

# SJC earns 3 prestigious financial reporting awards

For a fifth consecutive year, San Jacinto College has received the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting (CAFR) award in recognition of upholding the highest standards in financial reporting.

This achievement is the result of our fiscal affairs team's diligence in accounting procedures to ensure accuracy in reporting and compliance," commented Bill Dickerson, director of accounting and financial services for the college. "In addition to the CAFR award, San Jacinto College also earned the Distinguished Budget award, and the Popular Annual Financial Report. That's the type of ex-

cellence we continue to pursue and perfect each year." The college's fiscal affairs team submitted the comprehensive annual financial report for the year ending Aug. 31, 2011, for consideration for the 2010-2011 CAFR award. The report was reviewed and scored against established quality criteria by selected members of the

GFOA professional staff, as well as independent reviewers who work in public-sector financial reporting. The GFOA serves state and local governments by enhancing and promoting the financial management of governmental administration for public benefit by identifying and developing financial policies and best practices.

With 17,500 members, the national association is headquartered in Chicago with offices in Washington, D.C. This is the college's fourth consecutive year to receive the GFOA Distinguished Budget Award, and the second year to receive the PAFR award. The college has already submitted its application for all three awards for fiscal year 2011-2012.

"I am extremely proud of our financial services team," commented Kenneth Lynn, vice chancellor of fiscal affairs for the college. "GFOA, the acknowledged beacon of excellence in governmental financial management, has developed three award categories that recognize excellence. The San Jacinto College financial team has demonstrated their professionalism by earning these prestigious awards multiple times – the CAFR award for five consecutive years, the budget award for four consecutive years, and the new PAFR award for two consecutive years."

Lynn stated that as far as he knows, San Jacinto College is the only community college in Texas that holds all three GFOA excellence awards for the same year (2010-2011). "To me, that indicates world-class standards in financial operations," he added. "I congratulate our team for its dedication and commitment to excellence in all aspects of financial accounting and reporting."

Reports related to the awards can be viewed at <http://internal.sanjac.edu/college-administration/fiscal-affairs/annual-financial-reports>.

Photo by Rob Vanya



Members of the San Jacinto College fiscal affairs team include, from left (seated): Cynthia Safford, grants management accounting specialist; Jennifer Anderle, financial aid associate director; Minelia Izaguirre, budgets director; Tomoko Olson, grants management associate director; Sherri Childs, purchasing buyer; (second row): Blanca Carrasco, general ledger senior accounting specialist; Sukki Choi, cash management supervisor; Karina Trevino, bond programs accountant; Andrew Hoang, budget control senior accounting specialist; Esmeralda Parrales, accounts receivable supervisor; Vanessa Salazar, grants management senior administrative assistant; Robert Merino, financial aid director; Tiffany Brinks, grants management accounting special-

ist; Malinda Velchansky, budget control senior accounting specialist; Jonna Barnett, cash management accounting assistant; Rebeca Mata, fixed assets coordinator; Martha Martinez, accounts receivable accounting assistant; Abigail Dias, accounts receivable accounting assistant; (back row): Becky Turner, accounts payable supervisor; Dr. Kelly Simons, resource development assistant vice president; Severin Zindler, purchasing buyer; Michael Moore, grants management director; Bill Dickerson, accounting and financial services director; Dena Carlson, auxiliary services and financial aid accountant; Karla Silva, accounts receivable accounting assistant; and Patsy Laredo, purchasing senior administrative assistant.

# Communities In Schools partners with Payless Gives Shoes 4 Kids

Communities In Schools in Pasadena, Texas, has been selected as an official partner of Payless Gives Shoes 4 Kids, an annual giving program from Payless ShoeSource. Communities In Schools was able to distribute \$2,000 worth of merchandise certificates for children's shoes to the families in the programs. One hundred Communities In Schools' students from three elementary schools in the Pasadena Independent School District were recently bussed to a local Payless ShoeSource store where they received the royal treatment.

Communities In Schools believes that every child deserves a healthy start and a healthy future. In this case, a healthy start begins with

a child's feet. For a family struggling to make ends meet, a good pair of shoes can go a long way to promote a healthy active lifestyle as well as prevent cuts, infections, and other injuries (Souls4Souls, 2011). The students selected participated in a shoe-shopping trip to Payless and enjoyed selecting their own pair of free new shoes. For many children accustomed to used and hand-me-down shoes, this was their first pair of new shoes. This is the fifth year of the Payless Gives Shoes 4 Kids program. Although studies show that properly fitting shoes are important for children's health and development, a striking number of

children don't own a pair of shoes that fit. Payless ShoeSource continues to partner with local nonprofits like Communities In Schools to help them identify the best places to give away more than \$1.5 million worth of children's shoes. For more information about the ways in which Communities In Schools is helping the community, visit the website at [www.cistxjv.org](http://www.cistxjv.org) or call 713-591-3005.

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# Black History Month at SJC

San Jacinto College presents a variety of events to commemorate Black History Month in February.

Members from across the college will gather for a march on Thursday, Feb. 7, at 3 p.m. on the Central campus to remember the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington and the sesquicentennial of the Emancipation Proclamation. South campus student life will give away tickets for the Feb. 2 performance of *The Mountaintop* at the Alley Theatre. These are just two of the many activities students and faculty will host in art, movies, dance, presentation, and readings throughout the month.

Following is a list of Black History Month 2013 events at San Jacinto College:

- Panel Discussion – Feb. 6, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., North campus, Chablis Room. Featuring local leaders Almatha Clark Taylor, first African American and female elected to the Galena Park Independent School District board and active member of San Jacinto College Foundation board; Wilfred J. Broussard Jr., soon

- to be installed as the first African American chairman of the North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce; Joe Stephens, currently the GPISD board president in addition to owning an insurance agency; and Judson Robinson III, elected to City Council in 1990 and currently the president of Houston Area Urban League.
- Black History Art Exhibition – Feb. 11-28, Central campus library
- Buffalo Soldier Presentation – noon, Feb. 12, Central campus, Interactive Learning Center, Kaleidoscope Room
- Movie: *The Ben Carson Story* – Includes free popcorn, 6 p.m., Feb. 12, Central campus, Health Science Building, C11-1081
- Jabali Afrika Performance – 11:30 a.m., Feb. 18, North campus, Monument Room, Slovacsek Student Center
- Meet at the Crossroads *A Word from the Queen* – A spoken word performance by Dr. Annette Williams, author of *Winnie Nell: A Mississippi Queen*, 11 a.m., Feb. 19, Central campus, Student Center, Lounge A

- Health Fair – 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., Feb. 19, Central campus, Health Science Building, C11-1081
- Movie: *Something the Lord Made* – Includes free popcorn, 6 p.m., Feb. 19, Central campus, Health Science Building, C11-1081
- Jabali Afrika Performance – 11:30 a.m., Feb. 20, Central campus, Student Center, Lounge A
- African American Read-In – Performing arts featuring jazz ensemble and the Houston Ebony Opera Guild, and readings of excerpts from novels, poems, and other literature, 11:30 a.m., Feb. 20, North campus, Monument Room, in the Slovacsek Student Center
- Black History Program with guest speaker, professor Yvonne Frear – Special performances, soul food, 11:30 a.m., Feb. 27, Central campus, Student Center Ballroom

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

## PASADENA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS For the Year Ended August 31, 2012

Data Control Codes					
	General Fund	Debt Service Funds	Capital Projects Fund	Governmental Funds	Governmental Funds
<b>Revenues</b>					
5700 Local, intermediate, and out-of-state	\$ 107,920,154	\$ 26,700,237	\$ 59,098	\$ 8,402,526	\$ 143,082,015
5800 State program revenues	254,794,100	14,728,556		8,532,941	278,055,597
5900 Federal program revenues	4,713,832			71,277,087	75,990,919
5020 <b>Total revenues</b>	<u>367,428,086</u>	<u>41,428,793</u>	<u>59,098</u>	<u>88,212,554</u>	<u>497,128,531</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>					
<b>Current:</b>					
0011 Instruction	222,590,446			45,871,806	268,462,252
0012 Instruction resources and media services	5,689,164			155,151	5,844,315
0013 Curriculum and staff development	5,669,462			1,252,863	6,922,325
0021 Instructional leadership	4,050,167			922,230	4,972,397
0023 School leadership	28,064,996			2,116,904	30,181,900
0031 Guidance, counseling and evaluation services	13,372,929			5,070,584	18,443,513
0032 Social work services	127,310			85,980	213,290
0033 Health services	3,965,763			161,794	4,127,557
0034 Student transportation	11,390,720			98,824	11,489,544
0035 Food services	5,800			28,354,539	28,360,339
0036 Extracurricular activities	5,895,789			1,155,186	7,050,975
0041 General administration	9,582,892			75,206	9,658,098
0051 Plant maintenance and operations	43,854,675			34,140	43,888,815
0052 Security and monitoring services	3,996,446			420,120	4,416,566
0053 Data processing services	5,423,732				5,423,732
0061 Community services	12,451			172,793	185,244
<b>Debt service:</b>					
0071 Principal on long-term debt	185,000	13,305,000			13,490,000
0072 Interest on long-term debt	10,306	17,099,352			17,109,658
0073 Bond issuance costs and fees		1,757,522	570,786		2,328,308
<b>Capital outlay:</b>					
0081 Facilities acquisition and construction	4,512,474		22,995,216	9,248	27,516,938
<b>Intergovernmental:</b>					
0095 Payments to Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Programs	63,133				63,133
0099 Other intergovernmental charges	1,045,847				1,045,847
6030 <b>Total expenditures</b>	<u>369,509,502</u>	<u>32,161,874</u>	<u>23,566,002</u>	<u>85,957,368</u>	<u>511,194,746</u>
1100 Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>(2,081,416)</u>	<u>9,266,919</u>	<u>(23,506,904)</u>	<u>2,255,186</u>	<u>(14,066,215)</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>					
7901 Refunding bonds issued		43,045,000			43,045,000
7911 Capital-related debt issued (regular bonds)			89,805,000		89,805,000
7916 Premium or discount on issuance of bonds		7,539,364	7,175,786		14,715,150
8949 Payment to Bond Refunding Escrow Agent		(50,482,938)			(50,482,938)
7080 Total other financing sources and uses		<u>101,426</u>	<u>96,980,786</u>		<u>97,082,212</u>
1200 Net change in fund balances	(2,081,416)	9,368,345	73,473,882	2,255,186	83,015,997
0100 <b>Fund Balance - Beginning</b>	<u>92,854,216</u>	<u>52,594,921</u>	<u>355,128</u>	<u>8,678,379</u>	<u>154,482,644</u>
3000 <b>Fund Balance - Ending</b>	<u>\$ 90,772,800</u>	<u>\$ 61,963,266</u>	<u>\$ 73,829,010</u>	<u>\$ 10,933,565</u>	<u>\$ 237,498,641</u>

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## Lesniewski selected AP of the Year



Lindsey Lesniewski, assistant principal at Frazier Elementary, was recently chosen as the TEPSA Elementary Assistant Principal of the Year for Region IV. TEPSA, an organization for school and district administrators in Texas, and Region IV, encompasses 51 school districts and more than 800 elementary schools across the state. This is Lesniewski's fourth year as assistant principal at Frazier and her 12th year as an educator in Pasadena.

Photo submitted



## Over The Back Fence

### OWEN IS 4 YEARS OLD!

Owen Michael Flowers turns 4 years old Sunday, Feb. 3, and will celebrate with a Lego-themed birthday party. Best wishes and lots of love, hugs and kisses are sent to Owen from big sister Kennedy, parents Stacey (Hayes) and Stephen Flowers; grandparents Jannie and Robert Scarberry of South Belt and Karen and Mike Flowers of Dickinson; great-grandparents Anna Mae "Nana" and Robert Schofield and Billie and Buddy Fowell; uncles Tyler, Austin, Joey, Wesley and Travis; aunts Jenny, Christine and Michelle; and cousins Brayden, Baylee, Livvy, Jade, Sierra, Ryker and Jesse.

### ANGELA ENJOYS A BIRTHDAY

Bobby and Kenneth Griffin send birthday wishes to daughter-in-law Angela Griffin who celebrates a birthday Saturday, Feb. 2.

### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS FOR KARMA

Karma Wright, former Leader staffer, celebrates her birthday Saturday, Feb. 2. Birthday wishes are sent to Karma from her family, friends and staff at the Leader.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DANA!

Dana Lizik enjoys a birthday Wednesday, Feb. 6. Social birthday wishes are sent to Dana from her family, friends and former co-workers at the Leader.

### SCHOOL DAZE

The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Jan. 31 through Feb. 6.

### Burnett Elementary

A birthday greeting is sent to Donna Yates Feb. 1. The day for a cake for Lisa

Baumann is Feb. 4.

### Frazier Elementary

Blow out the birthday candles for Allie Ortiz on Feb. 4. On Feb. 6, Gerri Watkins marks a birthday.

### Meador Elementary

The day to celebrate a birthday for Maria Henry is Feb. 3. Cindy Vantilburg is sent birthday greetings on Feb. 4. Feb. 5 is the day for Felipe Saucedo to celebrate a birthday.

### Moore Elementary

On Jan. 31, Emma Tsikis enjoys a birthday. The day for a party for Tammy Munn is Feb. 1. Wishes for a happy birthday are sent to Debbie Pampell Feb. 4. Enjoying a birthday Feb. 6 is Angelica Perez.

### South Belt Elementary

Double birthday greetings are sent to Jessica Arnold and Ma Cuevas De Vazquez Feb. 3. Celebrating a birthday Feb. 4 is Maria Montes.

### Stuchbery Elementary

Staci Stallings is wished a happy birthday Feb. 6.

### Melillo Middle School

The day for a cake for Kelly Jurek is Jan. 31.

### Beverly Hills Intermediate

Blow out the birthday candles on Feb. 2 for Cynthia Wright.

### Thompson Intermediate

On Jan. 31, Angela Ruggeri is sent a birthday greeting. The day for a party for Darby Hickman is Feb. 4. Mark Varian has a birthday Feb. 5.

### Dobie High

Leslie Rustin is wished a happy birthday Feb. 1. Sharing a birthday Feb. 3 are

Vanessa Buentello, Garland Ganter and Veronica Oyervides. Triple birthday wishes are sent to Jessica Casteel, Shannon Howard and Sandra Villarreal Feb. 4. On Feb. 5, three cheers for a happy birthday go out to Roy Grant, Nichole Kemp and Michael Vanessen.

### FACEBOOK FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS

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

Thursday, Jan. 31: Maria Olvera, Erica Bush, Veronica Tanguma-Mejia, Ernie Banks, Josh Keim, Angeles Rios, Maria Zuniga and Craig Thompson; Friday, Feb. 1: Danice Oliver, Lee Terry and Stacy Lynn Knight-Wigington; Saturday, Feb. 2: Candice Johnson, Francesca Marie, Lisa Upshaw, Karma Wright, Melanie Branstetter, Angela Griffin, Jocelyn Parks, Geoffrey Maduzia, Fernando De La Rosa and John Scheschuk; Sunday, Feb. 3: Sonia Perez, Theresa Garza, Monica Torres-Perez, Brandi Pipes, Dixie Schallert-Rodriguez, Mia Sparkle and Jerome Colvin; Monday, Feb. 4: Devon Mauro, Bobby Kramer, Willie Delagarza and Deborah Carmona; Tuesday, Feb. 5: Chris Crow and James Kelso; and Wednesday, Feb. 6: Brian Pugh, Dana Lizik, Ken Mescher, JoAnn Camp, Raymond Campos, Farah Kamal, Chasity Napper and Lisa Jackson.

### LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS

E-mail 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.

## Lectures to cover film history, the environment and NASA

Enhance understanding of timely topics with three University of Houston-Clear Lake's CLASP lectures offered on film history, the environment and NASA during the month of February at off-site locations and on campus, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

Clear Lake Association of Senior Programs is designed to provide educational opportunities for area seniors and others interested in learning.

The informative workshop, *Filming History: U.S. Genre Film 1930-45*, presented by Barbara Hales, UH-Clear Lake associate professor of history and humanities, is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 1, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, in the Freeman Branch Library, 16616 Diana Lane in Houston.

NASA Life Sciences Research and Development: *Benefits for Earth and Space* is the topic of the lecture pre-

sented by Jeff Davis, director of Space Life Sciences and JSC chief medical officer, on Feb. 7 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the university's Bayou Building, Forest Room, 2700 Bay Area Blvd. This lecture is part of the university's *Visions in Our Midst* series.

Finally, the educational lecture *Environmental Responsibility: How Can I Help Keep Pearlland Beautiful?* will be presented by Fay Watson, assistant director of Keep Pearlland Beautiful, Feb. 11, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., in the Melvin Knapp Center, 2424 South Park Ave. in Pearlland.

All programs are free and open to the public, but registration is required.

For more information on any of these events, e-mail clasp@uhcl.edu, call the Office of Alumni and Community Relations at 281-283-2021, or visit the CLASP website at <http://www.uhcl.edu/clasp>.

## UHCL HR, communications management course Feb. 4-5

University of Houston-Clear Lake will host *Project Human Resource & Communications Management* course on Feb. 4-5, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Bayou Building on the campus at 2700 Bay Area Blvd. in Houston.

This two-day course provides proven techniques on the management of human resources and communications projects to assure project success in scheduling, cost, qual-

ity and stakeholder satisfaction.

Course fee is \$995 per person. Register for track and save 20 percent off list pricing.

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## Clear Brook debate attends competition at Creek

The Clear Brook High School Speech and Debate Team came home victorious from the weekend of Jan. 18 and 19 from Clear Creek High School where they beat a lot of tough

competition. In Lincoln-Douglas debate, Rishi Suresh received first-place speaker, while fellow teammate Connie Lee received the third-place speaker award in this

same event. Team officer Daniel Hogg also received a speaker award for PF debate by taking home the third-place speaker award. Novice competitor Sa-

mantha Farley placed first overall in novice LD Debate.

Brook also performed well in multiple speaking events. Suresh placed first in foreign extemporaneous

speaking and teammates Hogg and Omar Ibrahim placed second and sixth, respectively, in domestic extemporaneous speaking.

In novice extemporaneous speaking, Suketh Subramanya won fourth place. Finalists in impromptu speaking were Hogg and Rakesh Vijayakumar, and Suresh won second place.

The team's dramatic side was expressed by Kayleigh Crockford and Adriel Rivera who placed third and fifth, respectively, in dramatic interpretation.

Crawford also brought home fifth place in humorous interpretation. The Clear Brook team of Suresh, Hogg, Javier Zepeda, Connie Lee and Ian Mower won first place in group improvisation.

Overall, the team won second-place sweepstakes and earned multiple state points and state qualifications. This is the fourth sweepstakes trophy of the year which underscores great growth for the team, and lends to an exciting outlook for the 2013-2014 competitive season.



Clear Brook High School debate team recently attended a competition at Clear Creek High School. Team members pictured are, left to right, Connie Lee, Daniel Hogg, Ian Mower, Rishi Suresh, Adriel Rivera, Armin Shariatmadari and Ian Mower.

Photo submitted

## Remember When

### 35 years ago (1978)

Allen Sory, principal at Dobie for 10 1/2 years and the only principal since the school was founded, turned in his resignation.

Steve Gaskins, a Sageglan resident, was named the chief of the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department.

### 30 years ago (1983)

A crack down on drugs in Pasadena district schools resulted in the search of approximately 100 students at Pasadena High School.

Members of the United Sports Association were asked to approve baseball

fields on Choate Road. Included in the improvements were lighting for four fields and a two-story concession stand.

### 25 years ago (1988)

A Columbian citizen residing in the Kirkmont subdivision was charged with possession of an illegal substance after Drug Enforcement Agency investigators found two kilograms of cocaine at his home.

Speculation that Dr. E.T. Lon Luty had a short future as Pasadena Independent School District superintendent had become intense amidst his evaluation by the district's board of trustees. One year later, Luty accepted the position of superintendent of the Fresno Unified School District in Fresno, Calif.

### 20 years ago (1993)

A decision by the Clear Creek Independent School District Board of Trustees left in question the issue of where Weber students would be schooled for the 1993-1994 school year.

Sageglan resident John Elam stepped down from his position on the Pasadena Independent School District school board after serving for nine non-consecutive years.

### 15 years ago (1998)

J.A. Babb, a 1982 Dobie graduate, published his first book, titled *Letters for Your Children: a Wake-Up Call for Parents*.

A fifth-grade boy from Burnett Elementary was diagnosed with viral meningitis.

### 10 years ago (2003)

An outside review of Pasadena Independent School District's updated growth study by American Metro Study indicated that 10,000 new homes or apartment units would be built in the western part of the district before 2006.

Aaron Gary Day, 21, of Sabo Village Apartments, was shot to death in a road rage incident in the 8100 block of the Gulf Freeway.

### 5 years ago (2008)

The loose pit bull that threatened residents and deputies on Kirkbrush earlier in the month was euthanized. The owner of the dog turned it in to Harris County Animal Control within the allotted five days of being served papers, avoiding a court hearing. According to Detective Rick Holloman of the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's Office, the individual responsible for filing the necessary paperwork to have the dog declared dangerous, the canine's owner was unable to comply with the strict county regulations associated with keeping the animal.

The first phase to construct a new station for the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department was approved at the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District meeting. To be located on Scarsdale adjacent to the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, the station would replace the unmanned two-bay building found on the San Jacinto College grounds.

James Burkart was named the new pastor of St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church. Most recently, Burkart served as pastor at St. Katherine Drexel in Hempstead, where he had been since 2001 when the church was erected.

Greg Smith officially took over the helm as superintendent of the Clear Creek Independent School District. Most recently, he served as superintendent of the Alvin Independent School District, where he had been for six years. Smith replaced outgoing superintendent Sandra Mossman.

Former Sugar Land mayor and 22nd Congressional District hopeful Dean Hrbacek was found to have mailed out campaign brochures that included a doctored photo of himself, making the candidate appear thinner than he truly was. In the photo, Hrbacek's head was placed on someone else's suited body. The Patriot Group, Hrbacek's campaign consultants out of Austin, claimed responsibility for the gaffe. Hrbacek's campaign manager, Scott Brochart, said the candidate had been so busy meeting voters in the district that he had no time to take a genuine photo for the political mailing.

### 1 year ago (2012)

Eight current and former Dobie students were arrested for allegedly vandalizing and setting fire to a tractor at a Pearlland construction site. The Pearlland Fire Department responded to the blaze at roughly 1 a.m. and reported the tractor, valued at more than \$200,000, was fully engulfed in flames. The adult suspects were identified as Treveon Belton, 18; Jack Moes, 19; Tom Moes, 17; David McGruder, 20; Alex Quinn, 19; Austin Abbott, 19; and Justin Chipman, 19. The juvenile suspect was not identified.

A suspect was arrested for a Nov. 18, 2011, shooting that took place at 10910 Gulf Freeway that left one brother dead and another wounded. The suspect, Jonathan Anthony "Rock" Franklin, 22, was charged with murder and aggravated assault. Xavier Rubio, 17, was killed in the shooting, while his brother, Ruben Rubio, 22, was wounded.

Five suspects were arrested following a home invasion in the 10800 block of Sagetrail. The suspects allegedly told

the victims to give them their money and to get down on the ground. Police said one of the victim's sons then walked downstairs to hear his brother shouting for him to retrieve a weapon of his own, which sent the suspects fleeing. One of the victims reportedly ran out of the house and flagged down a passing car and convinced the driver to chase the suspects while they called 911. Houston police quickly caught up with the suspects and took them back to the scene of the crime, where they were positively identified by the victims. Joyce Rios, 22, along with Humberto Catteras, 23, Roberto Salazar, 34, Selvin Mejia, 25, and Valente Gomez, 24, were all arrested and charged with aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon.

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# Solo art exhibit Feb. 2 for local artist Ehman



Local artist Tricia Ehman stands beside one of her drawings that has been juried and has been on display at the museum since Nov. 30.

The Butler Longhorn Museum in League City will host an opening reception for a solo art exhibit by Tricia Ehman on Feb. 2, from 1 to 4 p.m. The exhibit will continue through March.

Ehman and her husband, Tom, attend Sagemont Church and have been South Belt residents since 1988. Their three children graduated from Dobie High School, and she was chairwoman of Precinct 654.

Ehman has painted as a profession since 1992 while also working as a professional violinist and teacher until 1998. She worked for Thomas Kinkade as a master apprentice (highlighter) for five years and was a local Thomas Kinkade gallery director for nine months, when the gallery closed. Ehman stated, "My Christian faith is the most important aspect of who I am and matters to the way I paint."

She is a transplant from Michigan since 1988. "My art style has been called Romantic Realism and uplifting, but I do experiment in my technique with oils and acrylics. I work to depict the beauty of God's creation when painting horses and landscapes. In a horse portrait I try to capture that horse's expression and demeanor accurately."

Ehman has drawn horses since moving to the country when she was 3. She was involved in art classes all the way into college. "My mother, an artist and art teacher, is my mentor and toughest critic; my husband is my biggest supporter."

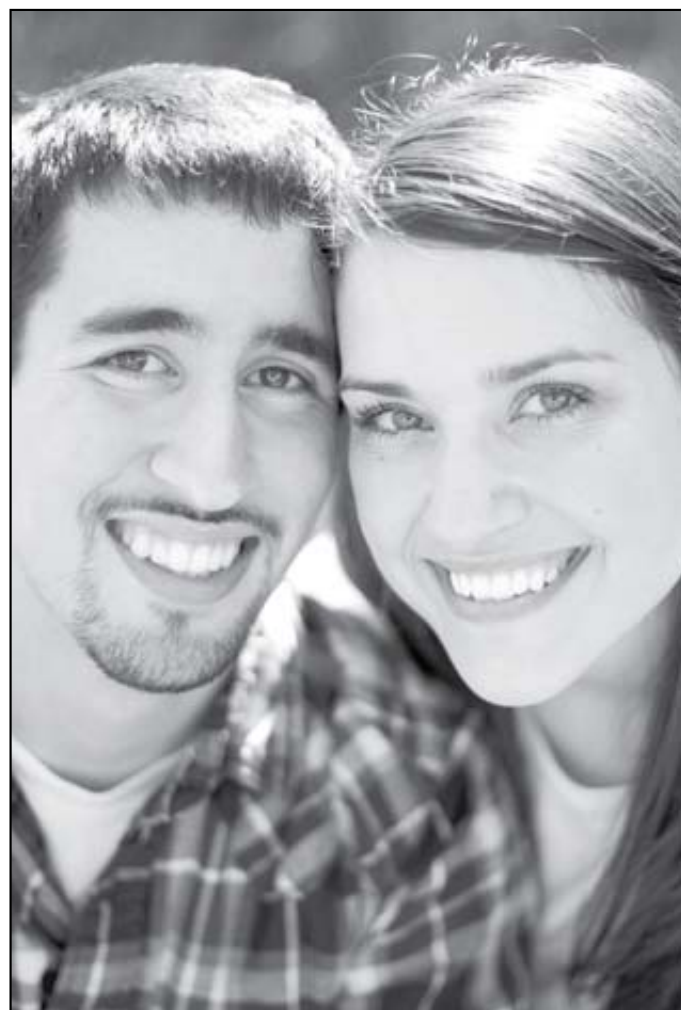
Ehman attended Michigan State University for three years, majoring in English with an emphasis in violin. "I took some art classes but did not concentrate on it." A professional violinist since the early 1970s, she gave private violin lessons in the South Belt until 1998. In the early 1990s, she took up painting and tried her hand at horse portrait T-shirts, murals and backdrops for a local dance studio. "Finally, I started concentrating on my true joy, horse portraits on canvas."

In 2000, Ehman initiated her art business, Heavenly Hoofbeats, and applied to Media Arts, to work as a master apprentice for artist Thomas Kinkade. In 2001, she was chosen as one of 32 artists to travel nation-wide hosting Kinkade highlighting events at various art galleries. "I continued painting and in 2003 had the honor of showing three paintings in his Monterey, Calif., museum."

Her work has also been displayed in several shows and galleries in Texas and Canada. Eight years ago, Ehman incurred an injury that set her back a couple of years, but she eventually was able to accept commissions and exhibit her work again.

Ehman is a member of the National Society of Artists and National Association of Professional Women. She also takes care of family, represents Women for Life International and Endeavour Forum at the UN, teaches Abortion Recovery Bible study, attends women's Bible study courses, enjoys reading and plays with her dog. Ehman added, "I have a full life and am thankful to God for his gracious work in me."

# Butcher, Wigtil engaged



Mark and Diane Butcher of Pearland, former Sageglen residents, announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Lauren Rose Butcher, to Matthew Brian Wigtil, son of Brad and Kathy Wigtil of Waco. The bride-to-be received a bachelor's degree in early education from the University of Houston. She is employed at Pasadena Memorial High School working with special needs students. The prospective groom received a BBA in business management with a minor in religion from Baylor University. He currently sells insurance for State Farm. The couple is involved with a local college ministry that meets at Calvary Houston called Overflow. Parents of the bride-to-be have pastored at Freeway Baptist Church for 23 years.

# Burnett spelling bee participants



Burnett Elementary recently held its annual spelling bee. The top winner will move on to compete at the Pasadena Independent School District Spelling Bee on Feb. 5. Spelling bee participants are, left to right, (front row) winners - First place, third-grader Lexi Martinez; second place, fourth-grader Gail Aflalo; third place, fourth-grader Hector Rendon, (middle row) third grade participants - Nikolas Rodriguez, Vanessa

Rocha, Lisette Rodriguez, Nayely Faz, Gerardo Escamilla, Jorge Jaimes, Crystal Mejia, Neveah Govea, Luke Wittenberg, Natalie Mendez, (back row) fourth grade participants - Rod're Butler, Darrius Pamplin, Kalicia Davis, Desiree Miller, Amanda Harris, Valerie Martinez, Marilyn Gonzalez, Gillyanne Spencer, Alaric Arriazola and Kyrsten Tyler.

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# CCC Theatre presents Plaza Suite

Clear Creek Community Theatre, 18091 Upper Bay Road in Nassau Bay, will present the romantic comedy *Plaza Suite*, by Neil Simon, running Feb 22 through March 10, at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and 2:30 p.m. on Sundays.

Hilarity abounds in this portrait of three couples successively occupying the same suite at the swanky New York

Plaza Hotel.

A suburban couple take the suite while their house is being painted and it turns out to be the one in which they honeymooned 23 (or was it 24?) years before. And was yesterday the anniversary, or is it today?

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The last couple is a mother and father fighting about the best way to get their daughter down to her wedding guests waiting in the ballroom with Mother yelling, "I want you

to come out of that bathroom and get married!"

Buy individual tickets, discounted group tickets or season tickets online at [www.clearcreekcommunitytheatre.com](http://www.clearcreekcommunitytheatre.com) or call 281-335-5228 for reservations.

The cost is \$14 for adults, and \$12 for seniors/students. Follow the theater on Twitter @CCCT, 'like' the page on Facebook, or visit the theater website at [www.clearcreekcommunitytheatre.com](http://www.clearcreekcommunitytheatre.com).

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# Thompson, GCEFCU team up

As in past years, Thompson Intermediate School has teamed up with Gulf Coast Educators Federal Credit Union, led by Rhonda Kirchman, to sell Pasadena Independent School District breast cancer awareness T-shirts and bracelets.

Employees at Thompson wore their breast cancer shirts on Passionately Pink Thursdays. They raised more than \$2,000 for the cause and topped the district in sales for the sixth consecutive year, selling more than 150 shirts this year.

By working together, Thompson and the credit union know they will make a difference for breast cancer awareness. Thompson is committed to doing its part to find a cure for breast cancer. As do many other school district employees, they know

many of the names on the back of the shirts.

Thompson staff members walked in the recent Race for the Cure to show support for the loved ones and colleagues they know who have breast cancer. They also celebrated the survivors.



Thompson Intermediate staff show off the breast cancer awareness T-shirts they sold recently. Pictured are, (front row) Angie Ruggeri, Nicole Horne-Sherman, Maricarmen Mendoza, Ca'lisha Woods, Sue Evans, Erica Alvarez, Jennifer Aleman-Spray, (middle row)

Nancy O'Connell, Jennifer Guerrero, Susie Haas, Amy Whalen, Stacey Kennedy, Cathy Broussard, Holly Bailey, (back row) Martha Weatherford, Melissa Grabowski, Bill Kirchman, Lemaona Lemarr and Paula Jennings.

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# J. Frank Dobie Hall of Honor inductees are named

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ceived his first joint assignment, taking charge of the Allied Force Command's coordination center in Madrid, Spain. He was named to his current assignment in Afghanistan in January of 2012.



Mary Campbell

The legacy of Dobie graduates giving back to the South Belt community may be best exemplified by Mary Campbell, now Dr. Mary Campbell-Fox, one of the best known family physicians in the area. Through her work at Campbell Family Practice and Internal Medicine Association, she has provided primary and surgical care to hundreds of South Belt families. A graduate of the University of Houston and the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, she returned to the South Belt community in 1990 to start her own practice. In 1998, she was named Physician of the Year in the Memorial Hospital System. In 2003, she was named chief of staff of Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. She is a past recipient of San Jacinto College South's Trailblazer Award for Women's History. She was honored as the Pasadena ISD's Distinguished Alumna for 2006.

**Chris Connealy, Class of 1977**  
Public administration



Chris Connealy

A veteran firefighter who rose to the rank of fire chief for the City of Houston, Con-

nealy has served as Texas fire marshal since June of 2012. Connealy joined the Houston Fire Department after earning his associate degree from San Jac College in 1978. He was appointed assistant fire chief in 1998, interim chief in 2000 and fire chief the following year. With a mayoral change at city hall and several municipal funding problems still unresolved, he resigned in 2004. Soon after, he accepted the position of fire chief in Cedar Park, Texas. He held that position eight years before his appointment as state fire marshal. A graduate of Western Illinois, Connealy earned his master's degree in fire administration from Grand Canyon University and completed a program offered by Harvard in public administration. He served three years as chair of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection. He also serves as an adjunct instructor.



Dina Jackson

Jackson, now Dr. Dina Jackson-Giesler, is regarded as one of the nation's leading authorities on cosmetic dentistry. She earned the designation of "Master Dentist" by the Academy of General Dentistry, placing her in the top 1 percent of dentists across the nation. A former colonel of the Dobie drill team, she graduated from the University of Texas Dental School and did residency work at the Oklahoma Medical Center. She opened her own practice in Texas before relocating to Atlanta. Dr. Jackson-Giesler serves on the board of the Georgia Academy of General Dentistry and is a past board member of the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry. In 2007, she was named recipient of the academy's first Humanitarian Award. She is the founder of the Atlanta Smiles Foundation, which provides free dental services to victims of domestic abuse.



Mark Chassay

Dr. Chassay's relationship with Longhorns has never wavered. The president of his senior class at Dobie and a co-valedictorian, he enrolled at the University of Texas, graduated from the UT Medical School and for the past 17 years has provided physician services for UT athletes. In 1996, he was named team physician for women's athletics at the school. Nine years later, he was promoted to head team physician for all intercollegiate athletics. Just last year, he was appointed deputy executive commissioner at Texas Health and Human Services for the Office of Health Policy and Clinical Services. He maintains his association with UT athletics as assistant team physician. Ten years ago, Chassay co-founded Texas Sports and Family Medicine. A volunteer for the U.S. Olympic Committee, he has served as a medical officer for numerous athletic endeavors, including the 2008 Olympics in Beijing.

**Bobby Burton, Class of 1987**  
Sports journalism/publishing



Bobby Burton

Recognized as one of the foremost authorities on college football recruiting over the past two decades, Burton parlayed his interest on the topic into one of the influential information services in sports. In 2001, he spearheaded a group that acquired

Rivals.com, then a struggling recruiting service. Burton helped transform the company into a multimillion-dollar enterprise with more than 150,000 subscribers, 2 million monthly online viewers and more than 250 employees. In 2007, Burton and his partners sold Rivals.com to Yahoo! Sports for a reported \$98 million. Years before launching Rivals.com, Burton established the National Recruiting Advisor, serving as a one-man staff. In 2000, the publication's success earned him the mantle of the 88th most powerful person in sports by The Sporting News. A regular guest on TV and sports talk shows, Burton also serves as a consultant for Parade magazine's high school All-America selections.

**Ken Howery, Class of 1994**  
Technology/venture capital



Ken Howery

Dobie graduating class, Howery armed himself with a degree in economics from Stanford before making investment history as one of the most acclaimed venture capitalists in the country. Barely a year out of Stanford, Howery helped launch PayPal, the global e-commerce company, now a subsidiary of eBay. He served as PayPal's first chief financial officer, departing in 2002 to help launch Founders Fund, a \$275 million venture capital firm with over 100 company startups. Founders Fund projects have included such well-known names as Facebook, SolarCity, SpaceX and ZocDoc. Howery assisted his PayPal co-founder, Peter Thiel, on an investment plan that made Thiel the first outside investor in Facebook. Thiel eventually sold his Facebook holdings for \$1 billion. Howery's investment acumen has made him the subject of stories in the Wall Street Journal, Forbes and Fortune. Picked as the keynote speaker for the Harvard Business School's recent entrepreneurship conference, Howery has also been honored as a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum and as one of the top 10 venture capitalists under 36 by the Venture Capital Journal. He is a founding advisor to Kiva.org, which uses Web resources to raise money in the fight against poverty. He also sits on the board of directors of The Explorers Club, a nonprofit group that promotes scientific exploration.

**Christa Williams, Class of 1996**  
Athletics

Quickly rising to the ranks of one of the nation's top softball pitchers, Williams won two Olympic gold medals before the age of 23. Just after her graduation from Do-



Christa Williams

bie, she became the youngest player named to the USA softball team for the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta. Still, she pitched in two games, struck out 15 batters and won both contests. In the 2000 Sydney Games, she pitched in four games, winning two and saving two others. Her Olympic statistics were sterling: 24 2/3 innings with 38 strikeouts, four victories, two saves and no losses. Now the head softball coach at Manvel High School, Williams is best remembered in the South Belt area for helping lead Dobie to state titles her freshman and junior years. She was named a college All-American three times, once at UCLA and twice at the University of Texas. She owns nearly a dozen gold medals for contributions to various world championship teams. In 2007, she was named to UT's Women's Hall of Honor.

**Fallen heroes**  
Walter McRae Jr.,



Walter McRae Jr.

**Class of 1972**  
A 23-year Army veteran who rose to the rank of first sergeant in Special Forces, McRae passed away in June of 2011 from health issues stemming from his service to the country during Operation Desert Storm. Known as Walt, he left the military with numerous decorations, including the Bronze Star, earned for extraordinary heroism in ground combat during the liberation of Kuwait. He later opened a truck accessories business in Temple and relished his time spent underwater. An expert, avid diver and scuba instructor, he logged over 1,000 hours of diving all over the world. McRae closed his business and retired in 2010.

**Chris Williams, Class of 1984**  
A West Point graduate and Army captain, Williams was killed on July 18, 1995, when a 500-pound bomb was accidentally dropped on an ob-



Chris Williams

servation post where he was monitoring troop exercises at Fort Sill, Okla. His death deeply saddened the South Belt community, where Williams had grown up. He attended Stuchbery Elementary and Thompson Intermediate before enrolling at Dobie. Voted the prestigious honor of Mr. J. Frank Dobie his senior year, he was accepted to West Point, where he was affectionately known as Willy. At graduation, Williams was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the field artillery branch. He served in combat during Operation Desert Storm and then as a platoon leader at Fort Sill. He assumed command of A Battery, 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery in July of 1994, a year before his death. In his honor, the Christopher E. Williams Memorial Leadership Scholarship is awarded each year to a Dobie senior who demonstrates high achievement and a personal concern for others.



Richard Golenko

**Richard Golenko**  
The guiding force behind Dobie's two national championships in Academic Decathlon, Golenko retired in 2007 after a 35-year career as a high school teacher, all of it at Dobie. He arrived at the school in 1972, just four years after it opened, and taught Latin, sociology, world geography and various American history courses.

His Latin teams piled up 18 state championships over the years. His coaching efforts in Academic Decathlon struck gold in 1992 and again in 1996 when his teams won national titles. Four times his teams won state championships. He was named Dobie's teacher of the year twice and in 2006 was honored as the Pasadena ISD Teacher of the Year. Even in retirement, Golenko reeled in a prestigious national honor. Last year he was named recipient of the Stephen Sondheim Inspirational Teacher of the Year Award by the Kennedy Center in Washington.

**Community volunteers**  
Gilbert Aguilar



Gilbert Aguilar

students and South Belt residents, Aguilar stands as a rainbow of hope and generosity. For 20 years, he has reached out to assist struggling students and helped improve the socialization skills of Spanish-speaking residents. A retired Coast Guard lieutenant commander with 28 years of service, Aguilar refused to let a service-related disability slow him down. He earned a degree from the University of Houston and followed the lead of his wife, Helen, a school volunteer. Since 1994, he has been an almost daily fixture at Dobie. He has assisted ESL and special education programs, provided tutoring and counseled at-risk students. He established English-improvement classes for Dobie staff workers. And when parents of immigrant students sought similar help, Aguilar arranged classes at a local library. A former Pasadena ISD's Distinguished Citizen, he was named recipient of the Texas Heroes for Children Award in 2001.



Emory Gadd

The associate pastor of Sagemont Church, Gadd has been an integral part of cam-

pus life at Dobie for the past 40 years. Tirelessly, he has answered the call in a multitude of roles: from motivational speaker, to mentor, to event organizer, to football statistician, to tasks both complex and basic, including that of a caring friend during a time of need. He has served on the governing boards of the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce and the Pasadena ISD Education Foundation and has been honored as Citizen of the Year by both groups. He was instrumental in successful campaigns to pass school bond issues and remains a supporter of initiatives and

activities at San Jacinto College. Both of his alma maters – South Houston High School and Houston Baptist University – have recognized him as

a distinguished alumnus. He has served on the Pasadena ISD Health Advisory Council and on the Dobie Campus Improvement Team.



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SECTION B

SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

## Manvel boys drop Dobie, locals slip into fifth place

What a difference eight days make.

Just those eight days ago, the Dobie High School varsity boys' basketball team was just a win over South Houston away from all but securing a playoff berth.

Now? Not so much.

Highly touted Manvel dealt the Longhorns a big blow Jan. 29 at Dobie, winning the overtime session 16-5 for a 79-68 win, sending the locals to their third straight loss in league play.

With four games remaining in the 22-5A race, the Longhorns are suddenly on the outside looking in — with Pearland, Manvel, Memorial and South Houston currently occupying the four playoff seedings.

Having gone from a 4-3

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His team once 4-3 and in good shape in the 22-5A playoff picture, Dobie varsity boys' basketball coach Kevin Cross (right) has now seen his team drop three straight games, which leaves the Longhorns in fifth place with four games to go.

Photo by John Bechtle



## CF tops Brook, ties 24



Clear Brook junior guard Chase Mason (11) keeps an eye on Clear Falls point guard Niklis Kelly (1) during the first half of Falls' 66-52 win over the Wolverines Jan. 29 at Brook. The win allowed the Knights to tie

Brook at 7-2 for first place in the 24-5A standings. At left, Brook's Jovan Yancy (22) battles Cole Anderson of Falls. For more on the big game, see Page 6B.

Photo by John Bechtle

## Soccer season on to district

How time flies. Just like that, the high school soccer season is about to shift to district play.

The varsity boys' and girls' teams are looking to return to the playoffs yet again after a several-year run of success.

Dobie advanced to the area round in boys' and girls' play in 2012, and this season could provide even better results.

It all starts Friday, Feb. 1, as the Longhorn boys' team

takes on the South Houston Trojans in the District 22-5A opener for both teams at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Game time is 8 p.m.

After that, Dobie will play Tuesday, Feb. 5, back at Veterans Stadium against the Memorial Mavericks. That game will begin at 6 p.m.

The Lady Longhorns' 22-5A season begins Saturday, Feb. 2, against South Houston at Veterans Sta-

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## SBHLL's carnival seeks local vendors

Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League officials have begun making plans for the opening day carnival, set for Saturday, March 23, at El Franco Lee Park.

The league is seeking vendors to provide food, merchandise, arts and crafts.

Booth spaces will be leased for \$100 per vendor.

Vendors interested in taking part in the carnival may direct email to sbhll@hotmail.com.

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Teams prepare as season openers near

## Brook, JFD softball open scrimmage play

The high school softball preseason is set to get under way, with the Clear Brook and Dobie programs in action Feb. 1 and Feb. 2, respectively.

Clear Brook, now led by first-year head coach Shelly Bollin, will begin its preseason Friday, Feb. 1, at home against Friendswood. The junior varsity game will begin at 4:30 p.m., followed by varsity play at 6 p.m.

On Feb. 2, the Lady Wolverines will host the Aldine Lady Mustangs, also at Clear Brook High School. JV play is at 9 a.m., followed by the varsity game at 10 a.m.

The Lady Wolverines will complete the preseason by traveling to St. Agnes on Tuesday, Feb. 5.

On Saturday, Feb. 9, Clear Brook will be part of a four-team scrimmage at El Franco Lee Park, also fea-

turing Dobie and two other programs.

The regular season opens Tuesday, Feb. 12, as Clear Brook hosts Pearland at Lady Wolverine Field. The junior varsity game is at 5 p.m., followed by 6:30 p.m. varsity play.

Dobie's preseason started with a Jan. 30 scrimmage against Dickinson. The scrimmage schedule continues with a Saturday, Feb. 2 alumni game at Dobie High School.

The Lady Longhorns will host Clear Creek Feb. 6, at the Pasadena ISD complex. The junior varsity game is at 5 p.m., followed by 6:15 varsity play.

The preseason concludes Saturday, Feb. 9, with the four-team scrimmage featuring Dobie, Clear Brook and two other programs at El Franco Lee Park. The action begins at 10 a.m.

Dobie's regular season opens Monday, Feb. 11, with play against the Kingwood Mustangs. The JV

game is at 5 p.m., followed by the varsity game at 6:30 p.m.

Both Clear Brook and

Dobie are scheduled to play in the annual Brenham High School Lead-Off Classic Feb. 14-16. The tournament

is known to feature many of the state's top programs in one location for three days of action.

### Feb. 2 – JFD alumni softball

The Dobie High School girls' softball program will officially open pre-season action by hosting past players in an alumni game Saturday, Feb. 2, at the Lady Longhorns' facility on the Dobie campus. The game, which will feature current players as well as some of the program's former stars, will begin at 10 a.m. At right, catcher Joanna Gutierrez and her 2013 teammates are preparing to open the season Feb. 11, against Kingwood at the Pasadena ISD sports complex.



Baseball, T&F, soccer

## Area athletes may still register

Time is running out for area youth baseball and softball players who are looking to play this spring.

Meanwhile, the youth soccer and track and field programs are continuing to register athletes for the coming season.

Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League officials offer online registration options, and there will also be one more in-person sign-up date — Feb. 2.

League fees are as follows: Challenger Division — no fee.

This division is for children with physical or developmental disabilities to have the chance to play the game in a safe environment. Players must be 5 to 18 years old.

Junior T-Ball (3 and 4 years old) — \$105 online/\$105 in person. Players must be 3 years of age by Jan. 1, 2013.

All other divisions (5 to 14 years old) — \$150 online/\$155 in person. Players must be 5 years of age by May 1, 2013, and may not exceed 14 years of age by May 1, 2013.

Those registering must submit their original birth certificate and three proofs of residency at the last remaining in-person registra-

tion date Feb. 2.

If this is not done, the player in question will not be assigned to a team.

There will be a \$5 sibling discount (2 or more) offered to those registering online in the cart checkout section of online registration.

Parents must register all of their children in one session to receive the discount. The Feb. 2, in-person registration event will be held at the league's facility at El Franco Lee Park.

The times are 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. To stay updated on the activities, visit the league website at [www.eteamz.com/sbhll](http://www.eteamz.com/sbhll).

#### Challenger play

The SBHLL Longhorns are set to begin their second season of Challenger baseball in the spring of 2013. Play begins in March.

Youths ages 4 through 18 are eligible to compete in the program.

However, teams will be created based on an individual youth's mental and physical capabilities rather than age.

As per Challenger division guidelines, each participant is guaranteed to receive one at bat offensively and will also be allowed to play at least one inning in the field per game.

Typical Challenger division games complete three innings and last about one hour. The league also continues to seek volunteers to assist with the program.

Potential players or their families may contact league director Damon Schwerdtfeger via e-mail at [www.eteamz.com/sbhll](mailto:www.eteamz.com/sbhll) or call him at 832-389-3186.

#### Rising Stars Track Club

The Rising Stars Track Club will host registration in conjunction with workouts at the Dobie High School track.

Those who register will then begin workouts each Friday, Saturday and Sunday until further notice.

The Friday workouts will be held from 4 p.m. until darkness, while the Saturday workouts will be held from 10 a.m. to noon.

The Sunday workouts will take place from 3 to 5 p.m.

Youths ages 5 to 19 are eligible to compete in the longtime area program. The track season will begin the first week in April.

For more information about the Rising Stars Track Club, visit the club's website at [sportata.com/rising-stars](http://sportata.com/rising-stars).

#### SB youth soccer club

The South Belt Youth

Soccer Club has started online registration for the 2013 spring season at [www.southbeltsoccer.org](http://www.southbeltsoccer.org).

Youth ages 4 to 18 as of July 31, 2012, are eligible to compete in the league. The U5 through U8 (ages 4, 5, 6 and 7) fee is \$75, while the U9 and U10 (ages 8 and 9) fee is \$85.

A late fee of \$10 and older (ages 10 through 18) is \$95. Any player who recruits a team sponsor will register for free.

The league will accept checks, money orders and credit cards as forms of on-line payment. No cash will be accepted.

A late fee of \$10 will be assessed after Feb. 15. All players must fax a copy of their birth certificate to 713-559-6200.

The fee includes league play and a uniform (shirt, shorts and socks). Parents must provide shin guards, soccer cleats and a soccer ball.

Home games and practices will be played at El Franco Lee Park and Beverly Hills Park.

Practices will begin in February for all teams, and players will be contacted by a representative of the team that drafts them prior to the start of those practices.

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Sports calendar

**SWIMMING**  
**Friday, Feb. 1**  
Dobie varsity at District 22-5A meet, Pearland, 8 a.m.

**BASKETBALL**  
**Thursday, Jan. 31**  
Bev. Hills girls at PISD 7 Dark tourn., Park View, TBA  
Thompson girls at PISD 7 Dark tourn., Park View, TBA  
Bev. Hills girls at PISD 8 Dark tourn., Queens, TBA  
Thompson girls at PISD 8 Dark tourn., Queens, TBA  
Bev. Hills boys at PISD 7 Dark tourn., Miller, TBA  
Thompson boys at PISD 7 Dark tourn., Miller, TBA  
Bev. Hills boys at PISD 8 Dark tourn., San Jac., TBA  
Thompson boys at PISD 8 Dark tourn., San Jac., TBA

**Friday, Feb. 1**  
Brook varsity boys at Dickinson, 7:00  
Dobie varsity boys host Alvin, Phillips, 7:00  
Brook varsity girls host Dickinson, 7:00  
Dobie varsity girls at Alvin, 7:00  
Dobie JV girls at Alvin, 5:30  
Brook JV girls host Dickinson, 5:30  
Brook JV boys at Dickinson, 5:30  
Dobie JV boys host Alvin, Phillips, 5:30  
Dobie sophomore boys host Alvin, 5:30  
Brook sophomore boys at Dickinson, 5:30  
Dobie freshman A boys host Alvin, 4:00  
Brook freshman A boys at Dickinson, 4:00  
Brook freshman A girls host Dickinson, 4:00  
Dobie freshman A girls at Alvin, 4:00  
Brook freshman B boys at Dickinson, 4:00  
Dobie freshman B boys host Alvin, 4:00  
Dobie freshman B girls at Alvin, 5:30  
Bev. Hills girls at PISD 7 Dark tourn., Park View, TBA  
Thompson girls at PISD 7 Dark tourn., Park View, TBA  
Bev. Hills girls at PISD 8 Dark tourn., Queens, TBA  
Thompson girls at PISD 8 Dark tourn., Queens, TBA  
Bev. Hills boys at PISD 7 Dark tourn., Miller, TBA  
Thompson boys at PISD 7 Dark tourn., Miller, TBA  
Bev. Hills boys at PISD 8 Dark tourn., San Jac., TBA  
Thompson boys at PISD 8 Dark tourn., San Jac., TBA

**Monday, Feb. 4**  
Beverly Hills 8 Light boys at Bondy, 5:00  
Beverly Hills 8 Dark boys at Bondy, 6:15  
Beverly Hills 7 Light boys at Bondy, 5:00  
Beverly Hills 7 Dark boys at Bondy, 6:15  
Thompson 8 Light boys host Park View, 5:00  
Thompson 8 Dark boys host Park View, 6:15  
Thompson 7 Light boys host Park View, 5:00  
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Beverly Hills 8 Light girls host Bondy, 5:00  
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Beverly Hills 7 Light girls host Bondy, 5:00  
Beverly Hills 7 Dark girls host Bondy, 6:15  
Thompson 8 Light girls at Park View, 5:00  
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Thompson 7 Dark girls at Park View, 6:15

**Tuesday, Feb. 5**  
Brook varsity boys host Clear Creek, 7:00  
Dobie varsity boys at Pasadena, 7:00  
Brook varsity girls at Clear Creek, 7:00  
Dobie varsity girls host Pasadena, 7:00  
Dobie JV girls host Pasadena, 5:30  
Brook JV girls at Clear Creek, 5:30  
Brook JV boys host Clear Creek, 5:30  
Dobie JV boys at Pasadena, 5:30  
Dobie sophomore boys at Pasadena, 5:30  
Brook sophomore boys host Clear Creek, 5:30  
Dobie freshman A boys at Pasadena, 4:00  
Brook freshman A boys host Clear Creek, 4:00  
Dobie freshman A girls at Clear Creek, 4:00  
Brook freshman B boys host Clear Creek, 4:00  
Dobie freshman B boys at Pasadena, 4:00  
Dobie freshman B girls host Pasadena, 5:30

**Friday, Feb. 8**  
Brook varsity boys at Brazoswood, 7:00  
Dobie varsity boys host Sam Rayburn, 7:00  
Brook JV boys at Brazoswood, 5:30  
Dobie JV boys host Sam Rayburn, 5:30  
Dobie sophomore boys host Sam Rayburn, 5:30  
Brook sophomore boys at Brazoswood, 5:30  
Dobie freshman A boys host Sam Rayburn, 4:00  
Brook freshman A boys at Brazoswood, 4:00  
Dobie freshman B boys at Brazoswood, 4:00  
Dobie freshman B boys host Sam Rayburn, 4:00

**SOCCER**  
**Friday, Feb. 1**  
Brook varsity girls host Clear Springs, 7:00  
Brook varsity boys at Clear Springs, 7:00  
Dobie varsity boys vs. South Houston, Veterans, 8 p.m.  
Brook JV boys at Clear Springs, 5:00  
Brook JV girls host Clear Springs, 5:00

**Saturday, Feb. 2**  
Dobie varsity girls host South Houston, Veterans, noon

**Tuesday, Feb. 5**  
Brook varsity girls at Clear Lake, 7:00  
Brook varsity boys host Clear Lake, 7:00  
Dobie varsity boys vs. South Houston, Veterans, 6:00  
Brook JV girls at Clear Lake, 5:00  
Brook JV boys host Clear Lake, 5:00

**Friday, Feb. 8**  
Brook varsity boys at Clear Falls, 7:00  
Dobie varsity girls host Manvel, Veterans, 6:00  
Dobie varsity boys at Manvel, 7:00  
Brook JV girls at Clear Falls, 5:00

**Saturday, Feb. 9**  
Brook varsity girls host Clear Falls, 2:00  
Brook JV girls host Clear Falls, noon

JFD netters enjoying spring

The pressure of the fall team tennis season behind them, members of the Dobie High School varsity program are taking the time to enjoy the ride during the spring.

Head coach Manuel Moreno Jr. has been able to get a look at some of today's stars as well as some of tomorrow's possible heroes as the spring schedule progresses.

Dobie opened the spring season with a trip to the Pearland High School Invitational. Paired with several of the area's top programs, such as Clear Lake and Kingwood, the individual results weren't outstanding, yet the experience was valuable. The Longhorns then traveled to Galveson Ball Jan. 24, downing the Tors 11-4 in a dual match.

Moreno, a longtime resident of Galveston, knows several of the Galveston players and has even trained some of them. Still, he wants to win every match that is played regardless of the opponent.

"Going back to my two years at Clear Lake and now 14 here at Dobie, we have never lost to Galveston Ball," he said. "You never want to see that streak end."

Now it's back to multi-team events for the near future as the Longhorns will be taking to the road.

With a tournament outing at Deer Park preceding road trips to Austin, Corpus Christi and Beaumont, Moreno will continue to take a look at his program with the big picture in mind.

"I'm going to take some of the younger, less experienced players to Deer Park," Moreno said. "My main focus is to always get us as well prepared for the fall season as possible."

"With us set to graduate quite a few seniors in June, I want to see how some of the younger players are going to stack up against the



Dobie High School boys' doubles players Austin Tran (left) and Dylan Nguyen hope to fortify their standing during the spring portion of the tennis schedule. The Longhorns' team is set to make stops in Austin, Corpus Christi and Beaumont as the schedule continues.

PHS's Kelly gets national nod

Pasadena High School's Darla Kelly has been named the 2012 National Coach of the Year by the National Federation of High School Coaches Association for girls swimming and diving.

Kelly has served as aquatics coach at Pasadena High since 1995. Previously, she served as diving coach for all Pasadena ISD high schools.

"I knew that there were so many talented and deserving people in our nation," Kelly said.

"I really did not give it much thought about being chosen for any award past the state award."

"When I received the letter congratulating me on being chosen as the national winner, I was overwhelmed! This is such an honor to be chosen for this award."

In her 31 years of coaching, Kelly has produced 37 conference champions and three district team champions.

Last fall, she was named Texas Coach of the Year by the same national coaches association.

Since 1983, she has been named the recipient of either a swimming or diving district coach of the year honor 27 times.

Kelly is married to Robert Kelly, also an aquatics coach.

For the past 22 years, the two have teamed up to coach swimmers and divers in the district.

"His support, the support of Pasadena Independent School District, our wonderful parents and the children we coach, have all been a part of helping me receive this award," she said.

"I am so thankful for all of them."

Lakers' 9-10 hoops get first win

The South Belt Lakers' 9-10-year-old squad earned its first win of the Pasadena Recreation Department basketball season, beating the South Belt Cavaliers 36-3.

The Lakers started red hot as they took a 13-0 lead at the end of the first period. By halftime, the score was 25-0.

The action slowed down in the third period, but the Lakers extended their edge to 29-3.

Marquise Scott led the scoring with 15 points, while Kobe Ruiz had 11 points.

Christian Cleckley and Ivan Salas had four points each, and Alex Duenez added two points.

Defensively, all the Lakers had a great game. Playing especially well were Ray Garcia, Adrian Tamez, Sebastian Paredes, Steven Trevino and Alex Ramirez.

Top rebounders were Scott, Cleckley and Ruiz. The win evened the Lakers' season record to 1-1.

Local sports events planned

**SBHLL Legends softball**

The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League is planning a Legends softball game in conjunction with the 2013 opening ceremonies, to be held Friday, March 22, at El Franco Lee Park. Any former players at least 21 years of age are eligible to play in the game. There will be a \$5 player fee to compete. Those interested may RSVP to play at sbhll@hotmail.com.

**Nightmare 10-U baseball tryouts**

The Nightmare/Rawlings 10-under select baseball program is currently planning tryouts for the upcoming season. Team leaders are seeking dedicated players who desire to compete in high-level events in the 10-under division. The Nightmare are especially looking to add pitching and catching depth as well as players with top speed on the basepaths. Players currently 9 and 10 years old will be considered. All positions are considered open, and playing time is determined by performance, effort and attitude. Tryouts will be held Friday, Feb. 8 and Saturday, Feb. 9, at El Franco Lee Park. For times and more information, call coach Aaron Longoria at 713-478-0078 or coach Troy Moorer at 281-222-2612. Longoria can be reached via email at guylongoria@yahoo.com.

**SJMH Fun Run/Walk**

The San Jacinto Museum of History will hold its second annual San Jacinto Texas Independence Fun Run/Walk Saturday, March 9, 2013, on a 5K-certified course on the grounds of the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Park. Proceeds from the event will benefit the San Jacinto Museum of History's educational programs. The historic race will start at the base of the San Jacinto Monument, a State and National Historic Structure that is also the tallest stone column memorial structure in the world – 15 feet taller than the Washington Monument. The course will then pass the native prairie, tidal marsh and bottomland forests of the San Jacinto Battleground and its diversity of native habitats and wildlife, the Battleship Texas, and the Texian Camp and Mexican camps. The run will finally end at the San Jacinto Monument. The timed run starts at 7:45 a.m.; a children's 1K run begins at 7:30 a.m. Online registration is available now at <http://www.active.com/running/la-portetx/2nd-annual-san-jacinto-texas-independence-5k-fun-run-walk-and-1k-kids-run-2013>. Cost of the fun run is \$20 pre-registration before January 31; \$25 pre-registration before February 29; and \$30 through noon, March 7. Packet pickup will be held Friday, March 8 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, March 9 from 6 a.m. to 7:15 a.m., both pickup days at the San Jacinto Museum and Monument.

Dobie 11, Galveston Ball 4

Boys' Doubles

1) Dylan Nguyen/Austin Tran (D) def. Grannon Chapman/Brandon Locklin 6-0, 6-2.  
2) Cuong Nguyen/Brian Williams (D) def. Carlos Gallegos/Andy Moffett 6-0, 6-2.  
3) Christian Avitia/Carlos Castillo (D) def. Chey French/Damon Gibson 6-1, 6-2.

Girls' Doubles

1) Ivette Alba/Osaka Heng (D) def. Chloe Flores/Joanie Kelso 6-0, 6-3.  
2) Theresa Tran/Vanessa Vu (D) def. Yesenia Ayala/Asia Lee 6-1, 6-0.  
3) Lada Heng/Andrea Tran (D) def. Maddy Delaney/Catherine Thomas 6-1, 6-0.

Mixed Doubles

1) Kim Dinh/John Le (D) def. Gabi LaRue/Robert Chen 6-1, 6-1.  
2) Trang Bui/Flavio Castillo (D) def. Addie Lara/Jordan Bassett 6-3, 6-4.  
3) Hai Ho/Michael Duron (D) won 6-1, 6-1.

Boys' Singles

1) Ruben Vargas (D) def. Christian Loftin 6-3, 6-1.  
2) Dominic Elzner (GB) def. Kevin Nguyen 6-4, 6-4.  
3) Cameron Bly (GB) def. Levi Marshall 1-6, 7-6 (9-7), 10-3.

Girls' Singles

1) Betram Nguyen (D) def. Hanna Grow-Morales 6-1, 6-0.  
2) Kylie Morgan (GB) def. Bethany Sauseda 6-2, 6-0.  
3) Heather Yang (GB) def. Aimee Perez 6-7 (9-7), 6-4, 10-8.

PISD Intermediate Basketball		
Week Seven Boys' Standings		
Eighth-Grade Light		
Teams	W	L
Thompson	7	0
Queens	5	2
San Jacinto	5	2
Bondy	5	2
Southmore	3	4
Beverly Hills	3	4
South Houston	3	4
Miller	2	5
Park View	1	6
Jackson	1	6
Game results		
Thompson 63, Jackson 34		
Bondy 48, Queens 43		
Beverly Hills 47, Park View 22		
San Jacinto 42, Southmore 18		
South Houston 50, Miller 33		
Seventh-Grade Light		
Teams	W	L
Beverly Hills	7	0
South Houston	7	0
San Jacinto	6	1
Bondy	5	2
Southmore	4	3
Park View	3	4
Thompson	2	5
Miller	1	6
Queens	0	7
Jackson	0	7
Game results		
Thompson 44, Jackson 24		
Bondy 31, Queens 24		
Beverly Hills 50, Park View 40		
San Jacinto 34, Southmore 14		
South Houston 47, Miller 4		
Eighth-Grade Dark		
Teams	W	L
Thompson	7	0
Southmore	6	1
Bondy	6	1
Beverly Hills	5	2
Queens	4	3
South Houston	2	5
San Jacinto	2	5
Miller	2	5
Jackson	1	6
Park View	0	7
Game results		
Thompson 65, Jackson 20		
Bondy 46, Queens 30		
Beverly Hills 33, Park View 16		
Southmore 33, San Jacinto 25		
Miller 36, South Houston 21		
Seventh-Grade Dark		
Teams	W	L
Bondy	7	0
Beverly Hills	7	0
South Houston	6	1
Southmore	4	3
Park View	3	4
Thompson	3	4
Miller	2	5
Queens	1	6
San Jacinto	1	6
Jackson	1	6
Game results		
Thompson 37, Jackson 29		
Bondy 44, Queens 14		
Beverly Hills 31, Park View 18		
Southmore 20, San Jacinto 5		
South Houston 37, Miller 17		

PISD Intermediate Basketball		
Week Seven Girls' Standings		
Eighth-Grade Light		
Teams	W	L
Beverly Hills	7	0
South Houston	6	1
Bondy	6	1
Thompson	5	2
Miller	4	3
Jackson	3	4
Queens	2	5
Southmore	2	5
Park View	0	7
San Jacinto	0	7
Game results		
Beverly Hills 41, Park View 6		
Bondy 39, Queens 11		
Thompson 48, Jackson 23		
Southmore 29, San Jacinto 6		
South Houston 29, Miller 21		
Seventh-Grade Light		
Teams	W	L
Thompson	7	0
Bondy	6	1
Queens	5	2
San Jacinto	4	3
Park View	3	4
Beverly Hills	3	4
Southmore	2	5
Miller	2	5
South Houston	2	5
Jackson	1	6
Game results		
San Jacinto 25, Miller 13		
Beverly Hills 14, Park View 12		
Bondy 20, Queens 5		
Thompson 43, Jackson 23		
South Houston 32, Miller 15		
Eighth-Grade Dark		
Teams	W	L
Bondy	7	0
South Houston	6	1
Beverly Hills	6	1
Thompson	5	2
Miller	4	3
Southmore	3	4
Queens	2	5
Jackson	2	5
Park View	0	7
San Jacinto	0	7
Game results		
Beverly Hills 40, Park View 3		
Bondy 37, Queens 11		
Thompson 35, Jackson 20		
Southmore 24, San Jacinto 18		
South Houston 31, Miller 26		
Seventh-Grade Dark		
Teams	W	L
South Houston	6	1
Beverly Hills	6	1
Bondy	6	1
Thompson	5	2
Queens	4	3
Southmore	4	3
Miller	2	5
Park View	1	6
San Jacinto	1	6
Jackson	0	7
Game results		
Beverly Hills 34, Park View 6		
Bondy 24, Queens 2		
Thompson 29, Jackson 13		
Southmore 21, San Jacinto 18		
South Houston 24, Miller 12		



## Dobie High School Varsity baseball schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 18	Friendswood (M)	4 p.m.
Feb. 21-23	at Humble tournament	TBA
Feb. 25	at Dickinson	6 p.m.
Feb. 28-	at Pasadena tournament	TBA
March 2	at Pasadena tournament	TBA
March 5	at La Porte	6 p.m.
March 7-9	at Victoria tourn.	TBA
March 12	*at South Houston	noon
March 14	*Memorial	noon
March 19	*at Manvel	7 p.m.
March 22	*at Alvin	7 p.m.
March 26	*Pasadena (M)	4 p.m.
March 28	*Sam Rayburn (M)	7 p.m.
April 1	*Pearland	4 p.m.
April 5	*South Houston	4 p.m.
April 9	*at Memorial	4 p.m.
April 12	*Manvel	4 p.m.
April 16	*Alvin	4 p.m.
April 19	*Pasadena (M)	4 p.m.
April 23	*Sam Rayburn (M)	4 p.m.
April 26	*at Pearland	7 p.m.

\* District 22-5A games

(M) at Maguire Field in Pasadena

All other Dobie home games are at the school.

## Brook High School Varsity baseball schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 18	at Morton Ranch	6 p.m.
Feb. 21-23	at La Porte tournament	TBA
Feb. 26	Pearland	7 p.m.
Feb. 28-	at Clear Creek tournament	TBA
March 2	at Clear Creek tournament	TBA
March 4	at Alvin	7 p.m.
March 7-9	at Boerne tourn.	TBA
March 12	*at Clear Springs	7:30 p.m.
March 14	*Clear Lake	7:30 p.m.
March 16	*at Clear Falls	1 p.m.
March 19	*Dickinson	7:30 p.m.
March 22	*at Clear Creek	7:30 p.m.
March 26	at Kinkaid	4:30 p.m.
March 28	*Brazoswood	7:30 p.m.
April 4	*Clear Springs	7:30 p.m.
April 6	*at Clear Lake	7:30 p.m.
April 9	*Clear Lake	1 p.m.
April 12	*at Dickinson	7:30 p.m.
April 16	*Clear Creek	7:30 p.m.
April 19	at Houston Lamar	4:30 p.m.
April 26	*at Brazoswood	7:30 p.m.

\* District 24-5A games



## SB's Ortiz, hoops team win tourney

South Belt area resident Samantha Ortiz turned in an outstanding performance while helping her St. Helen's girls' basketball team take first place at the St. Pius V tournament. Ortiz, 10, is a fifth-grade student at St Helen's Catholic School. She is the daughter of Julian and Frances Ortiz, and her sister attends Incarnate Word Academy.

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## Longhorn baseball to scrimmage GP

At left, junior center fielder Travarus Ansley is back for his second full varsity season as a revamped Dobie High School varsity baseball team prepares for the 2013 season. In 2012, the Longhorns had a disappointing fourth-place finish during the regular season but then defeated District 21-5A champion North Shore in the bidistrict playoff round. The team subsequently lost in the area round for the second straight season. Despite the loss of three starting pitchers, three infielders and a pair of outfielders after the 2012 season, head coach Miguel Torres and his players have high hopes for the season. It all starts Monday, Feb. 4 as the Longhorns scrimmage Galena Park at 4 p.m. The varsity action begins at 4 p.m.

## Dobie High School Varsity girls' track schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 9	Kethan Relays (Deer Park)	TBA
Feb. 14	Clear Lake H.S. Relays	TBA
Feb. 22	Brown Relays (Pasadena)	TBA
March 2	Bayshore Olympics (La Porte)	TBA
March 8	Santa Fe Invitational	TBA
March 22	C.E. King meet	TBA
March 28	Rockhold Relays (Baytown)	TBA
April 9-11	22-5A meet (Pearland)	TBA
April 19-20	area meet (North Shore)	TBA
April 26-27	Region III meet (Humble)	TBA
May 10-11	State meet (Austin)	TBA

## Dobie High School Varsity boys' track schedule

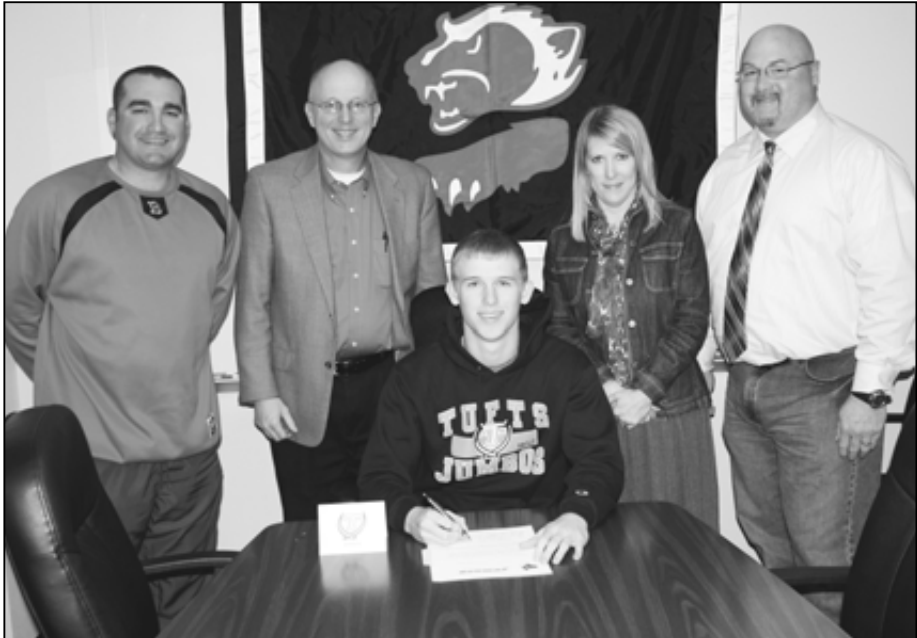
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Feb. 14	Clear Lake H.S. Relays	TBA
Feb. 22	Brown Relays (Pasadena)	TBA
March 2	Bayshore Olympics (La Porte)	TBA
March 8	Santa Fe Invitational	TBA
March 21-23	Bayou Classic (Rice)	TBA
March 28	Clear Springs Invitational	TBA
April 9-11	22-5A meet (Pearland)	TBA
April 19-20	area meet (North Shore)	TBA
April 26-27	Region III meet (Humble)	TBA
May 10-11	State meet (Austin)	TBA

## Clear Brook baseballers to get going

The baseball program from Clear Brook is just one from across the state that will be getting the 2013 preseason under way soon. At right, junior shortstop Corey Julks (baserunner), varsity baseball team assistant coach Tony Ponce and the rest of the Wolverines will begin scrimmage action Monday, Feb. 4, hosting the La Porte Bulldogs at Wolverine Field, beginning at 4 p.m. The Wolverines will eventually begin the regular season with a Monday, Feb. 18 game against Morton Ranch.



## Brook baseball's Kutch to Tufts University



Oscar Kutch (seated), a senior baseball player at Clear Brook High School, will continue his education and playing career at Tufts University near Boston after signing a letter of intent with the Jumbos' program.

Those with Kutch at the signing included, left to right, Gene Flores (Brook varsity baseball head coach), Alex Kutch (father), Michelle Buckley (mother) and Jimmy Grier (Brook assistant principal).

## Dobie infielder Reyes signs with Blinn Bics

Dobie High School senior baseball player Jose Reyes (seated center) will continue his education and playing career at Blinn College after signing a letter of intent with the Bucs. Those with Reyes at the signing included, left to right, (seated) Ana Reyes, (mother), Emily Reyes (sister), (standing) Harvey McIntyre (Blinn head coach) and Thomas Reyes (father). Jose Reyes is set to begin his third varsity season with the Longhorns in February before heading to Brenham this fall.

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# CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 31

**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.

**Houston Area Parkinson Society** – Free water exercise from noon to 1 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Visit [www.hapsonline.org](http://www.hapsonline.org) for a complete list of services offered.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** – Sunday, Thursday and Friday at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Fellowship Hall 4. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

**Pasadena Gulf Coast Art Society** – Monthly meetings held the last Thursday of each month in the Community Room at Pasadena Town Square Mall.

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

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

**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.

**Moving Forward Women's Adult Children Anonymous** – The ACA group meets Fridays at noon at the Up The Street Club in Webster, 508 Nasa Parkway, in room 4. ACA is a 12-step program

of hope, healing and recovery for people who grew up in alcoholic or dysfunctional homes. For more information, call 281-286-1431.

**Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish speaking)** – Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 6 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 232. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** – Sunday, Thursday and Friday at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Fellowship Hall 4. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** – Saturday at 7:30 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Cornell Conference Room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

**Refuge Temple Ministries** – Refuge Temple Ministries, 1500 Old Humble Road in Humble, will host its Christian Women United in Prayer "Power of Praise" Prayer Breakfast from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Feb. 2. Admission is \$20, and tickets are available online at <http://www.refugetemple.net/>. "Tickets will not be sold on the day of the event."

**Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish speaking)** – Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Saturday at 9 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 232. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

**Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English)** – For persons whose lives are affected by someone who is addicted. Each Saturday morning at 11 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Cornell Conference Room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

**Frontier Squares** – Meets to square dance at the Westminster Academy at 670 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Refreshments provided. For more information, contact Gina Sherman at 281-554-5675 or visit [www.frontiersquares.com](http://www.frontiersquares.com).

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

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

**Celebrate Recovery** – A faith-based 12-Step Program meets every Sunday evening at 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel of the Educational Building at Life Church in Houston at 9900 Almeda. Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for more information or to RSVP for child care.

**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** – For persons who are trying to overcome drug addiction. Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Cornell Conference Room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** – Sunday, Thursday and Friday at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Fellowship Hall 4. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

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

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4

**Scrabble Club #511** – Meets every Monday at IHOP at 11222 Fuqua at 6 p.m. Come and improve crossword game playing skills.

Call 281-488-2923 for more information.

**New Directions Singles Club** – New Directions Singles support meetings for ages 55 and up are held each Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Parkway in Webster. For further information, call Linda at 409-392-6886 or Carolyn at 281-340-2354.

**Civil Air Patrol Meeting** – Weekly at Ellington Field in the Civil Air Patrol Building. Call 281-484-1352 and leave a message for more information.

**Grief Support Group** – "Friends Helping Friends" meets every Monday from 7 to 8:15 p.m. at Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Those who have lost a spouse or other loved one are invited to participate. For information, call Betty Flynn at 281-474-3430 or Diana Kawalec at 281-334-1033.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

**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.

**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.

**Trailmixers** – Meets the first Tuesday of the month at the Luby's Cafeteria on Fuqua. Former and current employees of J. Frank Dobie High School are welcome for lunch and conversation.

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# CALENDAR

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**TUESDAY, FEB. 5**  
1 p.m.  
**Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** – Exhibits include dioramas, an old-time kitchen and a turn-of-the-century doctor's office. Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. 204 S. Main. For information, call 713-472-0565.

1:30 p.m.  
**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** – TOPS #1530 meets at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road, at 1:30 p.m. For information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713.  
**Houston Area Parkinson Society** – Free exercise and speech therapy from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Bayshore Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Center, 4021 Brookhaven, Pasadena. Visit [www.hapsonline.org](http://www.hapsonline.org) for a complete list of services offered.

6 p.m.  
**Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish speaking)** – Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 6 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 232. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

6:30 p.m.  
**Clear Lake Toastmasters Club** – Meets at the Clear Lake Church of Christ, 938 El Dorado Blvd. Call Jerry Tate at 281-481-5417 for information.

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

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6**  
7 a.m.  
**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.

10 a.m.  
**Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish speaking)** – Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Wednesday at 10 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 232. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

11:30 a.m.  
**Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club** – meets at 11:30 a.m. on the first and third Wednesday of the month. Meetings are held at the Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway (Fuqua and I-45). For information, call Monica Montoya at 281-794-5531.

6 p.m.  
**Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish speaking)** – Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 6 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 232. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

**Alzheimer's Support Group** – The free group meets the first Wednesday of each month in the third floor classrooms 3 and 4 of Bayshore Medical Center, 4000 Spencer Hwy. in Pasadena. For

more information, call 713-944-4782 or 713-266-6400.

6:30 p.m.  
**Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center** – Domestic violence support group for male survivors meets each Wednesday at 210 S. Walnut off NASA Parkway. Call 281-338-7600 for information. Participants may join at any time as this is an open group.

7 p.m.  
**DivorceCare Group - CT Church** – DivorceCare Group meetings are held at CT Church, 9701 Alameda Genoa Road, every Wednesday evening from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Room #1201. The support group is for separated and divorced individuals. Child care is provided. For more information, call 713-944-4815, email [divorcecare@ctchurch.tv](mailto:divorcecare@ctchurch.tv), or visit <http://ctchurch.tv/ministries.html#17>.  
**Survivors of Suicide Support Group** – The Southeast Houston group meets the first and third Wednesday of each month. The group offers support and coping skills in a non-threatening environment to adult individuals who have lost a loved one to suicide. For information on registration or to obtain a physical address for a location, call 713-533-4500 or visit [www.crisishotline.org](http://www.crisishotline.org).  
**Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center** – Confidential domestic violence support group for women meets every week. For information, call 281-338-7600 or visit [www.bayareaturningpoint.com](http://www.bayareaturningpoint.com). BATP is located at 210 S. Walnut off NASA Parkway between Interstate 45 South and Highway 3. The 24-hour crisis hotline is 281-286-2525.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7**  
7 a.m.  
**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.

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**Houston Area Parkinson Society** – Free water exercise from noon to 1 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Visit [www.hapsonline.org](http://www.hapsonline.org) for a complete list of services offered.

6:30 p.m.  
**Diabetes Support Group** – A support group for young adults with diabetes. All subjects are open for discussion: new technologies, research advances, fears, phobias, dating and other personal matters. Meets the first Thursday of each month at 1315 St. Joseph Parkway #1705, Medical Place One. Contact Dan Steiner, CDE, at 713-756-8536 for more information.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** – Sunday, Thursday and Friday at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Fellowship Hall 4. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

7 p.m.  
**The Bay Area Writers League** – Meets the first Thursday of each month at Barnes and Noble at Bay Area Boulevard and the Gulf Freeway. Newcomers are welcome.

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

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# High school soccer teams now eye district

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dium. That game will start at noon.

The varsity boys' and girls' teams at Clear Brook High School are looking to get back to the playoffs after staying home for the postseason in 2012.

Clear Brook will be matched up against Clear Springs in the 24-5A openers, with the girls hosting the Lady Chargers. The Wolverine varsity boys' team will play at Springs.

**Dobie boys fall**

Its Jan. 25 game against Clements cancelled, it was a week of rest for the most part in the Dobie varsity boys' camp.



Dobie's Marvin Solis has stood out in the midfield early this season for the Longhorns and will play a key role as the team heads to 22-5A action.

# Longhorn boys must catch up in 22-5A hoops

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march through the first half of district play to suddenly 4-6 in a hurry, the Longhorns may have to run the table the rest of the way to get into the postseason.

With Daryl Edwards responding big with 32 points and Joseph Cooper deliver-



Dobie guard Reggie Branch drives toward the basket during a District 22-5A game against the South Houston Trojans. Since losing to the Trojans, the Longhorns have dropped two other contests within league play and now have ground to make en route to a possible playoff berth.

But the Longhorns did have a chance to exact a measure of revenge against 2012 District 24-5A champion Deer Park Jan. 28 at Deer Park. Unfortunately, the Longhorns came up short in a 2-1 loss to the Deer.

The locals will face South Houston still short a handful of key players, but the roster is expected to be back at full strength for a good portion of the 22-5A chase as the Longhorns look to recapture the crown.

**Dobie girls get physical**

Despite a 0-2-1 record at the Georgetown Lady Governor's Cup Jan. 24-26, Lady Longhorns' head

coach Bryan McDonald came away excited about the way his team played against some of the state's better competition.

In the opener Jan. 24, Dobie went up against a mix of freshman, junior varsity and varsity players from Georgetown High School after one of the teams in the event dropped out.

The game ended in a scoreless tie, but that didn't concern McDonald a bit.

"We had some good opportunities that we created for ourselves but just couldn't score the goal we needed," McDonald said.

In a 1-0 loss to Grapevine, the Lady Longhorns again went toe-to-toe with a team that McDonald termed "big and physical." Grapevine scored on a free kick that simply was perfectly placed.

In a 5-0 setback to Round Rock that included a 30-minute ride to the game

site for an 8 a.m. start, McDonald said a slow start led to an easy win for Round Rock.

"It was a great tournament for us because that's the kind of competition we needed to see and be a part of right before district," he said.

"We kept up with the intensity and the physical play and still had a great chance to win two of the three games."

McDonald added that Malyn Nunez had a great scoring chance against Grapevine, but the Grapevine keeper made a spectacular save. He added that Mariah Escobar was one of the top players in the entire event over the three games for Dobie.

The Lady Longhorns were able to get back on track Jan. 29, beating Kingwood Park 1-0 in the final seconds of play.

Kayla Dokhani scored

the winning goal with 15 seconds remaining in the game at Veterans Stadium, lifting the Lady Longhorns to a thrilling victory.

"Just a great win for us," McDonald said.

"Kayla came up with the winner, and the thing that was terrific is that we carried our intensity over into this game from the tournament. It was a great win for us."

With 22-5A action set to take up the rest of the schedule before the playoffs, McDonald knows his team's possibilities are endless.

"We're in the race to win it all," he said. "This is a talented group, and we have learned over the first few weeks that when we play our game, we can play with anybody around."

"It all boils down to us playing to our strengths and staying within the system. There's no reason we can't win it."



Above, sophomore Mariah Escobar led the way for the Lady Longhorns at the Georgetown ISD Lady Governor's Cup Jan. 24-26. Dobie held Georgetown and Grapevine to just one goal over two games as Escobar and her defensive mates played exceptionally well.

*Photo by Gary Williams*

At left, Dobie's Julian Bautista (20) and his Longhorn teammates are poised to make a move in the District 22-5A standings with games coming Feb. 1 against South Houston and Feb. 5 against Memorial. After finishing second a season ago, Dobie is focused on grabbing the top spot this time around.

*Photo by John Bechtle*

At right, Dobie's Kayla Dokhani scored the game-winning goal over Kingwood Park Jan. 29, punching in the key goal with just 15 seconds remaining in the game. Now 5-3-1 at this point in the season, the Lady Longhorns are confident heading into the portion of the schedule that includes primarily 22-5A play.

*Photo by Gary Williams*



# Falls hoopsters take out Brook

With first place in the District 24-5A varsity boys' basketball standings on the line, a famous name in the sport simply took over.

Louis Dunbar Jr., the son of former Harlem Globetrotter Louis Dunbar, had

34 points in leading Clear Falls to an easy 66-52 victory over Clear Brook Jan. 29 at Wolverine Gym.

The win was significant in that it formed a tie atop the 24-5A standings with Falls and Clear Brook both

standing at 7-2. With three games remaining, Clear Lake is a game behind the leaders at 6-3.

Clear Brook had an opportunity to take a commanding lead in the standings. Dunbar made sure it didn't happen.

With his father sitting in the front row courtside, the younger Dunbar was on a roll for much of the game.

The junior scored five of his team's first 10 points to give Falls an early 10-4 advantage.

From that point on, seemingly every time the Wolverines got close, Dunbar responded.

"My hat's off to him and Falls," Clear Brook head coach Christian Thompson said.

"We did everything we could to contain him. We did a pretty good job on him in the first round of district,

and even in this one we played pretty good defense. He just had it going."

While Clear Brook's pressure defense led to a few key takeaways and baskets, the Wolverines never really got their offense in gear.

The Wolverines got to the rim and had decent shot selection for much of the night, but the ball simply wasn't going in.

Even so, Clear Brook trailed by as many as 12 in the third quarter but got within 43-38 entering the final eight minutes of action.

With the game on the line, Dunbar again took over.

Clear Brook got as close as 48-44 with just under six minutes to play before Dunbar sank a 3-pointer over the Wolverines' Chase Mason for a 51-44 edge.

After the Wolverines missed a couple of big free throws, Dunbar was fouled and sank two of his own free throws to push the lead to 53-44.

Dunbar scored 12 of his 34 points in the fourth quarter, helping the Knights tighten the race for the title in 24-5A.

Despite the setback, Thompson is not about to let his team lose focus down the stretch. The Wolverines will play at Dickinson Feb. 1 before closing with games against Clear Creek and Brazoswood.

Meanwhile, Falls still has a tough stretch, including a regular-season finale coming against Clear Lake.

"Nothing against Falls or Lake, but I feel like we have the toughest stretch of games behind us," Thompson said.

"You have to come to play every night in this district or else you can get beat. But we're 7-2 and tied for the lead for a reason. Our effort was there tonight, but it just didn't go our way."

"The shots will fall. We had some good looks but the ball wasn't going down for us."

With just three games to go, Thompson just wants his guys to stay on course.

"Just come out against Dickinson and play our game," Thompson said. "Get to the basket and get some shots to fall. As long as we give the effort on the defensive end, we'll be fine."



At left, Clear Brook senior guard Chase Mullen and his teammates are trying to repeat as 24-5A champions with the regular season coming to a close.

District 22-5A Standings Varsity Boys' Basketball (As of Jan. 30)		
Teams	W	L
Pearland	10	0
Manvel	9	1
Memorial	7	3
South Houston	5	5
Dobie	4	6
Sam Rayburn	2	8
Pasadena	1	9
Alvin	0	10

# Lady Wolverine hoops will make postseason

Despite a 57-49 loss to second-place Clear Springs, the Clear Brook varsity girls' basketball team is headed to the playoffs under first-year head coach LaToya Gissentaner.

With just two games remaining on the Lady Wolverines' schedule, the team is four games ahead of the fifth- and sixth-place teams.

As of Jan. 30, Clear Falls was unbeaten at 10-0 and headed to a repeat of the District 24-5A championship.

Clear Falls, a newcomer to the Class 5A ranks this season, has firmly grasped second place with a 9-1 record. Clear Brook is next at 6-4, with Dickinson stand-

ing at 5-5.

Clear Brook, which defeated Dickinson in the first round, is seeking to hold off the Lady Gators for third place. The two teams will go head-to-head Feb. 1, at Clear Brook. Game time is 7 p.m.

## Lady Horns end season

The Dobie varsity girls' basketball team (2-10) will try to close the season with a pair of wins, taking on Alvin on the road Feb. 1 before closing things with a Feb. 5 home game against the Pasadena Lady Eagles.