

Thompson event Feb. 25

Thompson Intermediate's third annual Old School versus New School Powder Puff/Football Frenzy is set to kick off Saturday, Feb. 25, at the school.

The event, which will include vendor booths and music, will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. A series of scrimmage games will pit the players' fathers against male students, mothers against female students and teachers versus students.

Tickets will be sold for \$1 during school lunches Feb. 23 and Feb. 24, and \$2 the day of the event. For more information, call Laura Scott at 281-650-3558 or Wendy Childs at 281-685-6135.

Junk waste pickup set

Junk waste will be picked up Thursday, Feb. 23, for city of Houston residents living south of Beltway 8. For information, call 3-1-1.

LSA holds open house

Lutheran South Academy will host Preview Day for the 2012-2013 school year on Sunday, Feb. 26. Parents and students are invited to meet the administration and staff, visit with current parents, tour the facilities, and enjoy refreshments.

Curriculum, extracurricular and financial information for grades Pre-K through 12 will be available. For information, call or email Aaron Schneider at 281-464-8299, ext. 326 or aaron.schneider@lutheransouth.org, or check the Web at www.lutheransouth.org.

College workshop at church

New Covenant Christian Church, 10603 Blackhawk, will hold a free youth education workshop on Saturday, Feb. 25, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The workshop, for ages 13 through 18, will include freshman admission requirements for various colleges and general financial aid and scholarship information.

Parents are also welcome. For more information, call 281-481-2003 or contact Kia Gabriel at 832-541-0249.

Knights hold fish fry

The Knights of Columbus Council 9201 will again serve fish dinners during Lent at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church on Fridays, Feb. 24 and all Fridays in March.

Each dinner will consist of a breaded fish fillet, french fries, hush puppies, cole slaw, corn-on-the-cob and iced tea. Soft drinks and desserts will be available for purchase. Baked fish will also be available in limited quantities.

One-piece dinners are \$9, and two-piece dinners for \$12, dine in or take out. Dinners will be served from 5 until 7 p.m. at the St. Luke the Evangelist Parish Hall, 11011 Hall Road, between Sageberry and Sagetrail.

All money raised will be used for scholarships and other local community charitable projects. All are welcome. For more information, call 832-444-4958.

Nominations sought

Dobie High School is seeking nominations for alumni worthy of consideration for a hall of honor that is planned for the school. Anyone with information on a Dobie alumnus who has achieved exceptional stature over the course of a professional career, or who has earned great distinction for public service, is asked to submit the graduate's name along with supporting documentation. Submissions may be dropped at the school or emailed to Principal Franklin Moses at fmoses@pasadenaisd.org.

Scholarships available

Moore Elementary PTO will offer scholarships to four graduating seniors at Dobie High School who attended Moore for third and fourth grades. Applications are available through the Dobie senior counselor's office and must be returned by Monday, March 26, to be considered. The scholarships will be awarded at the May PTO meeting.

Health fair at Frazier

Frazier Elementary will host its second annual health fair on Tuesday, March 6, from 6 to 8 p.m. Free blood pressure, dental and vision screenings will be provided along with information about hospitals, clinics, Gold Card, CHIP and Medicaid. The public is invited to attend.

Support group meets

Grandparents Acting As Parents, a support group for grandparents or relatives who are raising or helping to raise relatives, meets the first Wednesday of each month from 7:17 to 8:30 p.m. at Sagemont Church, Room 111. The next meeting will be held on March 7. Share experiences and concerns with others who are in the same (and often unexpected) situation or just listen and encourage. For more information, call 281-481-8965 or 281-481-7133.

Cookoff teams to meet

There will be a South Belt Spectacular Cookoff team meeting on Wednesday, March 7, at 7 p.m. at The Gardens.

Brook staff suspended over alleged pics

Two faculty members at Clear Brook High School were placed on administrative leave Thursday, Feb. 16, pending the outcome of an investigation into an unspecified matter.

According to a report on KPRC Channel 2, the incident involved a female teacher and a male coach at the area high school.

The female teacher, who reportedly has ties to the school's cheerleading program, allegedly took photographs of the cheer team as the girls

were being spray tanned before an event. According to the report, the teacher then forwarded the photos to the male coach.

Clear Creek Independent School District officials would neither confirm nor deny the report but did release an official statement saying that no laws had been broken.

"This is strictly a personnel investigation and not related to any criminal matter," said CCISD Director of Communications Elaina Polsen.

"Due to state and federal laws, the Clear Creek Independent School District is prohibited from disclosing additional information."

There is wide speculation the incident involves Clear Brook boys' varsity basketball coach Jason Pillow, who, according to the Bay Area Citizen,

is currently on administrative leave and rumored to be resigning.

Pillow was noticeably absent from the team's playoff game Tuesday, Feb. 21, with Garrett Hilton coaching in his place.

See related story on Page 6B.

SJC's Murphy takes new job

As alluded to in last week's *Leader*, San Jacinto College made a major announcement Thursday, Feb. 16, regarding the area school's administration.

After five years as San Jacinto College South campus president, Dr. Maureen Murphy is leaving the position to return to her roots and become president of Brookdale Community College in Monmouth County, N.J.

"This was a bittersweet decision," Murphy said. "I am thankful to have worked with truly outstanding faculty and staff. San Jacinto College has achieved much in its efforts to promote student success, and I am grateful to have had this opportunity."

During her tenure, the SJC South campus has seen an enrollment growth of nearly 28 percent, from 8,742 students in fall 2007 to 11,129 students in fall 2011. Murphy has worked diligently on partnerships with the Pasadena, Clear Creek and Pearland independent school districts, and she was instrumental in the development and operations of the Clear Horizons Early College



Maureen Murphy

High School, which opened in 2007 on the SJC South campus.

Her leadership has also been evident in the challenges the campus has faced with construction related to the 2008 bond referendum. Through the challenges, Murphy has built solid relationships with the community, the City of Houston and others, and construction is moving forward. The first new building from the 2008 bond referendum at the South campus, the Welcome Center, is set to open in May.

"I appreciate Maureen's service to San Jacinto College, the community and our students," said SJC Chancellor Dr. Brenda Hellyer. "During her time here, she has shown incredible dedication to the faculty, staff and students on the South campus and across the college. This is the next step for her in her career, and all of us at San Jacinto College thank her and wish her the best."

Murphy has created a vibrant atmosphere on the South campus and saw both of the South campus athletic teams rise to new heights in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA). In the spring of 2008, the softball team advanced to the national tournament for the first time in school history, finishing fourth in the nation. Later that year, the men's soccer team finished as the national runner-up. Murphy was also instrumental in bringing the Houston

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Pond poses danger



The above retention pond at Kurland at Freehill has been the site of two fatal accidents since October. Lillian High, 82, and Jose Morales, 23, have both died at the location. Tire tracks can still be seen above from Morales' Feb. 5 crash. At press time, investigators had not determined High's cause of death.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

Parker, Sullivan to host CIP meeting

Event will be joint function for Districts D and E

Houston Mayor Annise Parker and District E City Councilmember Mike Sullivan will host a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) meeting on Monday, Feb. 27, at University of Houston-Clear Lake located 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

The meeting will be held in the Bayou Building-Forest Room. Sign in will begin at 6 p.m., with the CIP presentation beginning promptly at 6:30 p.m.

Residents of Wanda Adams' District D, which now includes much of the South Belt area, will also be allowed to attend. This area was formerly represented by Sullivan as a portion of District E; however, it was lost in redistricting, effective January 2012.

Representatives from various City of Houston departments will present upcoming projects for District E and the South Belt-Ellington portion of District D. A question-and-answer session will follow, allowing constituents an opportunity for input in the process.

Sullivan encourages residents to attend and show their support for upcoming projects scheduled in their respective communities.

"These annual CIP meetings give residents the forum to voice their thoughts and ideas on current and future CIP Projects," Sullivan said. "It is also a great time for citizens to see their local government hard at work and see how their tax dollars are being spent."

METRO opens HOT Lanes

Gulf Freeway drivers have a new commuting option to combat gridlock – METRO's High-Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lane.

The congestion-fighting concept is simple – drivers without passengers will now be able to use the HOV system by paying a toll on the I-45 South HOT Lanes. Prices range from \$1 to \$4.50, based on the time of day and level of congestion.

Inbound lanes will be available to solo drivers Monday through Friday, between 5 and 11 a.m., except for the 7-8 a.m. hour when the lanes will remain open only to drivers with passengers.

Outbound HOT lanes will be available weekdays from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m., except between 4 and 6 p.m.

The Gulf Freeway is the first corridor in METRO's 84-mile HOV network to undergo the transformation, with US 59 South, IH-45 North, US 290 and US 59 North to follow. A gradual opening of the HOT Lanes started on Monday, Feb. 13. An official grand opening featuring an art car parade took place Monday, Feb. 20.

Cash is not accepted in the HOT Lanes but drivers will be able to use any of the following authorized toll tags: METRO HOT Lanes Toll Tag, Harris County EZ Tag, TxDOT's TxTAG or the Dallas NTTA Toll Tag. METRO HOT Lane Toll Tags are now available for purchase at METRO's 1001 Travis RideStore or www.ridemetro.org.

Carpools, vanpools and motorcyclists will still ride for free.

Solo drivers who try to avoid paying the HOT Lane toll face a \$75 penalty.

In addition to posting updates regarding METRO's HOV-HOT Lane conversion on the agency's website, METRO also launched an educational campaign – I Hate Houston Traffic, which included billboards, radio spots and print and digital ads. The agency invited the congestion-loathing community to its Facebook and Twitter sites to open up the conversation about the project, educate and answer questions.

For more on METRO's HOT Lane project, visit www.ihatehoustontraffic.com.

Both area councilmembers file to run for new positions

Both Houston city councilmembers who directly serve the South Belt area have filed to run for different positions.

Houston District E City Councilmember Mike Sullivan has filed to run in the GOP primary for the position of Harris County tax assessor-collector, while District D Councilmember Wanda Adams has filed to run in the Democratic primary for the position of state representative for House District 131.

Sullivan is challenging incumbent Don Summers, and Adams is challenging incumbent Alma Allen. In the race for the tax assessor-collector position, Ann Harris Bennett, a former candidate for Harris County clerk, is the lone Democrat to file. At press time, no Republicans had filed to run in the state representative race.

Both parties' primaries are tentatively set for Tuesday, April 3, and the general election will take place Nov. 6.

Local students perform in Region Orchestra concert



Beverly Hills and Thompson Intermediate and Morris Middle School students recently performed in the Texas Music Educators Association's Region XIX Orchestra Concert held at Deer Park High School. (See related story Page 3A.) Band and orchestra students earned a spot in the performance during Region auditions last semester. Students pictured are, left to right, (front row) Adam Boswell (B), Giselle Landa (B), Albert Luu (B), (second row) Heidi Tran (B), Garrett Barrientos (M), Roberto Zavaleta (B), Abraham Valencia (T), David Cruz (T), Jordan Moreno (T), (third row) Jesus Tijerina (B), Vicky Nguyen (B), Michelle Hoang (T), (fourth row) Ariel deLaRosa (B), Angelica de Jesus (B), Roderick Spikes (T), Esther Kim (T), (fifth row) Catherine Thai (B), Edgar Arzate (B), Jay Do (T), Tin Nguyen (T), (sixth row) Kathrina Villanueva (B), Greelyne Panza (T), (seventh row) Nancy Carrera (B), Christopher Johnson (B), Jordan Efird (T), Ben Reyes (T), (eighth row) Samantha Merrill (M), Nancy Nguyen (T), (ninth row) Aileen Mazariago (B), Chris Cuya (B), Alyssa Solis (T), Charish Williams (T), (tenth row) Karina Gutierrez (B), Marilyn Acosta (B), Zach Aomari (T), Bobbie Le (T), (eleventh row) Vincent Gutierrez (B), Kevin Quijano (B), Elizabeth Tran (T), Brady Jacobs (T), (twelfth row) Luis Cabreja (B), Isaiah Munoz (T), (back row) Omar Medina (B), Vinh Tran (T) and Cristian Ascencio (T). Not pictured are Cesar Ortiz (B), Joshua Dobbs (B) and Oren Moreno (T).

Readers' Opinions

Mitchell praised for Chamber work

I have been attending Chamber Banquets for a very long time and have attended almost 100 of these events. My sincere appreciation to Sally Mitchell for the fabulous job she did last week. The Banquet was perfect, every detail taken care of and the largest crowd I have ever seen at one of our banquets. And out of all the ones I have been to I would rate this one at the top.

There are so many details that go into just putting on a Banquet that is "OK" but to put on a banquet that is phenomenal takes talent, skill and determination. Not to mention many long hours and lack of sleep. Sally did all of this and made it look like a simple task and that it was effortless. But we know the truth – it is a very difficult task to do this.

Sally – is a treasure and an extremely talented lady! In all of her actions she is promoting the chamber, community and always putting others first.

We are blessed to have Sally Mitchell as our Executive Director!

Rebecca Lilley

Pit Bull attack on hike & bike trail

My name is Steve Blakely, long time resident of the Sagemeadow community

and daily jogger/dog walker at the Hike and Bike trail between Hall Rd. and Scarsdale Blvd. Yesterday morning (2/16/12) at approximately 9:40 a.m. my pet blue healer suffered an unprovoked attack by two pit bulls (one white and one brown) running loose on the hike & bike trail. My small blue healer was severely injured by the two large dogs with numerous bite marks to ears, neck, and head as well as damage to his right rear hind quarter which may require treatment and/or surgery.

The two attack dogs live in the 11000 block of Sage Country and the most frustrating part of the whole ordeal was that the dog owner was present and aware of the attack but lent no assistance whatsoever to aid me in separating or restraining their pets. After I was finally successful at subduing the attack, the two pit bulls continued running loose down the hike and bike trail away from the dog owners residence.

This incident was subsequently reported to Harris County Animal Control and was assigned a case or activity #A12-027168. As of this email, no case worker had been dispatched to further investigate and interview the owners of the attack dogs.

I felt compelled to inform the *South Belt Leader* in hopes of warning other hike and bike trail goers of the potential danger to their pets.

Regards,

Steve Blakely

Torres spelling bee champion



Frazier Elementary fourth-grader Sidney Torres (front) was the winner of the spelling bee held recently at the school. She advanced to the Pasadena Independent School District Spelling Bee in early February, where she placed sixth. Pictured with Torres are, left to right, Vice Principal Lindsey Lesniewski and Principal Wendy Wiseburn. Torres is a student in Charity Boone's class. Photo submitted

Guest Editorial

Focus on the Future of Space

By State Sen. Mike Jackson and State Rep. John Davis

America is a global space leader, and Texas has contributed in significant ways to that reality. The NASA Johnson Space Center team of civil servants and private sector contractors have taken us to the moon, operated the Space Shuttle and assembled the International Space Station. We are now reaping the benefits of those efforts through scientific research aboard the Station and the development of the Orion spacecraft capable of supporting missions to the moon, asteroids and ultimately Mars.

Our history of leadership and excellence does not, however, guarantee our future success. Indeed, periods of dynamic change – as we continue to experience as a nation and around the world – pose challenges, but at the same time present opportunities. Thus far, we are happy to report that Texas is meeting the challenge and building for the future. In Washington D.C. and Austin, Texas, elected officials are working on a bipartisan basis with NASA, industry and academia to preserve our highly skilled engineering workforce, maintain our core mission of human space exploration, and position ourselves for opportunities in commercial space and innovative technology initiatives.

The heart and soul, the past and future of the Johnson Space Center is human spaceflight, operations and exploration. The International Space Station – an extraordinary engineering feat engaging the very best efforts of 16 nations under U.S. leadership – is a centerpiece of America's current human space program. This unique orbiting scientific laboratory, which will operate through 2020 and beyond, contributes much to improving life on Earth and advancing the goal of further exploration. In addition, NASA is focusing on the next step in exploration with the Orion and Space Launch System, which will allow humans to travel deeper into space for longer periods of time than ever before possible.

The continuing excitement space travel holds for people is reflected in the fact that NASA recently received more than 6,300 applications to compete for a mere 9-15 positions available to be filled for the next class of astronauts. Moreover, space technology and know-how contin-

ue to transform our world in health care, recreation and quality of life improvements that create jobs and opportunities in the private business sector.

The Johnson Space Center is also supporting efforts to promote commercial space initiatives that will change the way we operate in low-Earth orbit, provide cargo and crew support for the International Space Station, and complement a national program of deep-space human exploration. Companies like Boeing, SpaceX, Sierra Nevada and Blue Origins are finding ways to partner with NASA, drawing on the expertise and facilities that reside at the Johnson Space Center.

Much like continued leadership in space exploration is critical to American security and ability to compete on a global scale, collaboration in the area of commercial space development is essential to Texas given competition from other states like Florida, Alabama, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico and California.

Additional complementary efforts are under way and ramping up. For example, Senate Bill 1047 approved during the 82nd legislative session added the Johnson Space Center as a state research institution to allow scientists and researchers to receive Emerging Technology funding from the governor's office. In addition, the governor's office and state legislature have teamed with Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership to create and fund the Bay Area Houston Advanced Technology Consortium that will be a major driver of space-related innovation and technology applications.

These efforts, combined with initiatives under way at the Johnson Space Center to forge new, creative partnerships with non-space sector industries to effectively leverage our space research and testing facilities – and, more importantly, our high-tech workforce – will help protect jobs and ensure a robust program of space leadership for a new generation of explorers and scientists.

Together, Texas is making it happen. We are building on our core mission capabilities and developing new opportunities and relationships with a keen eye on what it will take to continue to succeed in space in the future.

Chili cookoff held at Frazier

To get ready for the rodeo, Frazier Elementary hosted a Faculty Chili Cookoff on Thursday, Feb. 16. Staff members cooked up 13 tasty pots of chili for this fun event. Judges included parents, community members and campus administrators from Stuchbery Elementary, Melillo Middle School, Thompson Intermediate, Moore Elementary, and Dobie High School. The grand-prize chili was made by Frazier's technology instructor, Meredith Rives. Photos submitted



Chili cookoff judge and Moore Elementary Assistant Principal Deedee Pitts (front right) is pictured with Frazier Principal Wendy Wiseburn (front left) and Frazier Assistant Principal Lindsey Lesniewski (back).



Above: Chili cookoff judge and Thompson Principal Toni Lopez. Below: Chili cookoff judge and community member Bryan Parmer.



Herpetology class at Dobie

For two years now, seniors at J. Frank Dobie High School have had the unique opportunity to make a tangible difference in their local ecosystem. Through Dobie's herpetology class, students have been able to study area populations of reptiles and amphibians.

Students in this senior elective, led by instructor John Kneisler, make monthly trips to El Franco Lee Park, where they trek through the park listening for amphibious life. When they encounter it, they collect and monitor the creatures, releasing them later in the day.

In addition to monitoring

amphibious life, Kneisler – a veteran of more than 20 years in education – and his students also monitor water quality and all species of animals that call El Franco Lee home. This includes such rare species as the bald eagle, American alligator, leopard frogs and caracara, a predatory bird closely related to the falcon.

Later in class, the students compile reports on their findings, which are submitted to the Texas Parks and Wildlife commission annually. These reports have been invaluable recently, due to the fact that the area is in the middle of

the worst drought in the history of Texas.

Kneisler, for whom herpetology is also a personal passion, is excited that he is able to bring this rare and valuable experience to enthusiastic young people at Dobie High School, and the students are equally excited to be able to make a difference in the ecology of their area.

Herpetology is a full-year senior science elective at Dobie which studies reptiles and amphibians with a focus on monitoring local amphibious life in conjunction with Texas Parks and Wildlife and the Houston Zoo.



J. Frank Dobie senior Darren Motley, left, and teacher John Kneisler are shown at El Franco Lee Park on one of their monthly visits. Photo submitted

Dobie 30-year reunion set

The Dobie High School Class of 1982 will hold its 30-year reunion on Friday, April 27, from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Nassau Bay Hilton, 3000 NASA Parkway. A variety of hors d'oeuvres will be served beginning at 8:30 p.m., and a cash bar will be available from 8 p.m. on.

The cost is \$42 per person for credit card payments made by 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 25. Pay-by-check deadline is April 11. At the door cost is \$55 each, cash only. For more information, contact Reunions by Class Act at 713-780-0020 or visit www.classact95@comcast.net. To access reunion information, type in BD82 (use capital letters).

Parenting classes held

Family Outreach Clear Lake/Bay Area will host a parenting class series, *Parenting Young Children*, for parents of children ages 0-6. The classes will continue each Monday through March 26 at the Bay Area United Way Building, 1300-A Bay Area Blvd., at the corner of Bay Area Boulevard and Saturn Lane. The total cost of all six classes is \$30. Learn to better understand children's behaviors, communicate positively, elicit cooperation, decrease power struggles and discipline effectively.

For more information or to register, contact Pam McDonald at 281-486-8827.

Electronics donations accepted

The Thompson Science Department is collecting old electronics, especially used cell phones, through May 25. Students are encouraged to bring the electronics to their science teacher. Donations from the community are encouraged. Drop off donations to Thompson Intermediate Science Department at 11309 Sagedowne Lane.

Proceeds will help replenish used science lab supplies at the school and buy new equipment to enrich the learning environment. For information, contact Martha Weatherford at 713-740-0510 or mweatherford@pasadenaisd.org.

Vendors needed for spring fair

Epiphany Lutheran of Pearland will sponsor its annual spring fair on Saturday, April 28. The fair will feature craft booths, barbecue, auction, children's activities, plant sale, raffles, baked goods and door prizes. Vendors are needed. For booth information call 281-482-5162.

Deaths

Lillian High



Lillian High, 82, was found Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2012. She is preceded in death by her husband and two grandchildren. She is survived by 10 children, 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 24, 2012, at Grace Community Church, 14505 Gulf Freeway.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her honor to Laura Recovery Center, Texas Equusearch, or MD Anderson Cancer Center.

Sign the online guest-book at www.funerariadelanelpasadena.com.

She worked at Chase Bank on South Belt.

High has relatives living in the South Belt area. She resided in Arlington Heights.

David Elmer Pratt



David Elmer Pratt, 92, of South Belt, died Monday, Feb. 20, 2012, in his sleep. He was born in Windom, Minn., Jan. 19, 1920. His family moved to Texas when he was 3.

Pratt grew up in the Heights in Houston and attended Reagan High School. He served in the Texas 36th Division of the 143rd Infantry where he served in Germany, France, Italy and Northern Africa during World War II. When he returned home from the Army, he went to work at Sinclair Refinery in Pasadena. Sinclair was bought out by Atlantic Richfield Company, and Pratt retired from ARCO in 1982 after 37 years.

Pratt was one of the premier softball pitchers in the Houston area from 1945 to 1971. He loved to bowl, travel and spend time with his family. He was very patriotic. He also loved to watch the Houston Astros, Oilers, Rockets and Texans.

Pratt is preceded in death by his parents, Frederick and Florence Pratt; siblings, Donald Pratt, Richard F. Pratt, Eleanor Patterson and Eva Riffenberg; and his wife of 57 years, Frances Clark Pratt.

He is survived by daughter Linda Wright and husband Herman of South Belt; son David Pratt Jr. and wife Elly of Petersburg, Eng-

land; granddaughters, Tina Braswell and husband Dale of Bothell, Wash., and Tara Wright of Everett, Wash.; great-granddaughters Hannah Braswell and Kaitlyn Braswell, both of Bothell, Wash.; sister Virginia Moore and husband Joe of Tomball; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, Feb. 23, 2012, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Grand View Funeral Home.

Chapel services will be held on Friday, Feb. 24, at 12:30 p.m. with interment at Grand View Memorial Park.

Online memorial tributes may be placed at www.grandviewfuneralhome.com

Lillie Joy Pearce



Lillie Joy Pearce, 81, of South Belt, died Monday, Feb. 20, 2012. She was born on Dec. 22, 1930, in Wreck, Okla., to John and Elcie (Ackers) Davis. She had lived in the South Belt area for more than 50 years.

Pearce is survived by her sons, Danny Pearce and wife Mabel of Pasadena, and Tim Pearce and wife Mary Lou of Sugar Land; grandchildren: Darren Pearce, Natalie Gardner, Katie Pearce and T.J. Pearce; and great-grandchildren: Evan Pearce and Brelyn Gardner.

The funeral service will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 23, 2012, at the Jeter Memorial Funeral Home Chapel, 311 N. Friendswood Drive in Friendswood, with Rick Fife, Scott Allen and Cliff Fridge officiating. A private burial will be conducted at Houston National Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to the Pearce family in care of Jeter Memorial Funeral Home at www.jeterfuneralhome.com.

Leader obituary policy

Obituaries submitted to the *Leader* are published free of charge. They are edited to conform to the *Leader* style.

Murphy leaves SJCS

Continued from Page 1A Spanish Flamenco Festival, a unique partnership with the Consul General of Spain, to the South campus, and was proud to see the South campus Community Choir earn a trip to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York in 2011.

Other accomplishments include her work with the instructional recovery following Hurricane Ike in 2008. That work involved a collaborative effort across the college, and helped San Jacinto College earn its reaffirmation of its 10-year accreditation by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). That work was the foundation of the college's Instructional Continuity Plan and has been integrated into college operations.

Murphy came to San Jacinto College South in 2007 from Rappahannock Community College in Virginia, where she was a vice president of instruction and student development. She previously held a similar position at Wytheville Community College, also in Virginia. Before that, she served as dean and English faculty at St. Louis Community College – Meramec. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Louisville, a Master of Arts in English from the University of Missouri-Columbia and a Ph.D. in American studies from St. Louis University.

For the past five years, Murphy has served on the board of directors for the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce.

In 2010, the chamber selected the San Jacinto College South campus as its business of the year.

Murphy will continue in her current role of president at the San Jacinto College South campus through June 22, 2012.

Hellyer said the college will develop a transitional plan to compensate for the loss of Murphy in the next few weeks.

PW Library sets events

The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., Feb. 23 through Feb. 29.

AARP will provide free income tax preparation on Fridays and Mondays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring all necessary documents.

Movie Madness is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 23, at 4 p.m. This family-friendly movie is rated G. Contact the library for more information.

On Saturday, Feb. 25, Vietnamese storytime will include Reading Club at 9 a.m., followed by intermediate storytime at 11 a.m. and beginner storytime at 1 p.m.

A book discussion will be held on Wednesday Feb. 29, at 2 p.m. *Red River* by Lalita Tademy will be discussed.

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

Taylor comments on launch of state audit of TWIA

Recently, Rep. Larry Taylor, R-Friendswood, made a statement on the Texas state auditor's initiation of an audit of the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association (TWIA).

"I fully support the Texas State Auditor's Office (SAO) decision to initiate an audit of TWIA. Last session, under House Bill 3, we gave explicit authority to the State Auditor to audit TWIA and its processes. Today, the challenges facing TWIA loom large for policyholders as the association continues to grapple with out-of-control litigation spending. I believe it's time to rein in questionable claims handling and address the reported fraud and abuse that has plagued TWIA since Hurricane Ike."

The audit objectives outlined by the state auditor's office are to:

- Determine whether the TWIA's controls over selected financial processes produce accurate financial information and help ensure accountability for association funds.

• Determine whether TWIA's claims processing procedures and related controls help ensure that claim payments are authorized, supported, timely and made in compliance with applicable requirements.

• Determine whether selected TWIA expenses are reasonable and necessary, properly authorized, supported and paid in accordance with applicable statutory, regulatory, and contractual requirements and TWIA policies and procedures.

Olson: Obama budget is more of the same

Rep. Pete Olson, R-Sugar Land, recently issued the following statement in response to President Barack Obama's latest budget proposal:

"The president's budget spends \$47 trillion over the next 10 years, imposes a \$1.9 trillion tax increase on American families and adds trillions of dollars in new debt. President Obama's chief of staff said recently, 'The time for austerity is 'not today.'

"If not today, then when, Mr. President? Americans face a fourth year of \$1 trillion-plus deficits – nearly twice the share of GDP that Obama predicted four years ago.

"Once again, the president has turned a blind eye to the crushing weight of his budget policies.

"America faces a looming fiscal crisis that will leave our children and grandchildren with unprecedented levels of

spending and record debt. "America has a clear choice on how to fix our problems: More failed 'stimulus' spending policies and government dependency, or meaningful reductions in spending coupled with fixing our entitlement programs so they will be there for those who need them.

"America must forge a new path that strengthens our economy, allowing businesses to expand and create jobs."

San Jac students receive scholarships



San Jacinto College students Adriana Anguiano, Jennifer Morales and Quintin Lee were each awarded a \$500 scholarship from the SJC Foundation for simply filling out their course evaluations at the end of the semester. As part of a research initiative from the college's Achieving Strategic Planning Institutional Research Effectiveness Office, students are sent a Student Survey of Instruction to their SJC email accounts at the end of each semester. Those who complete and submit their online course evaluation surveys are automatically put in a random drawing for a \$500 scholarship. Pictured, Anguiano (left) attends the South campus and is currently completing prerequisites for the college's radiology program, and Morales (right) is majoring in criminal justice at the North campus. For more information about course evaluation surveys, visit sanjac.edu/survey.

Photo by Andrea Vasquez

Art exhibition features photography at UHCL

See the exciting exhibition of original photography, *Reconnecting Through Photography: Czech Republic - Slovak Republic*, on display through April 6, all day in the Bayou Building, Atrium I, Level 2, at the University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2700

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For more information, call Jeffrey Bowen, UH-Clear Lake Art Gallery Coordinator of Audience Development, at 281-283-3376 or email Bowen@uhcl.edu.

Learn to embrace 'play' through broadcast lecture

Explore and embrace spirit of play and creativity by attending University of Houston-Clear Lake's live broadcast lecture, *Play is Serious Business*, presented by author and speaker Kevin Carroll, Tuesday, Feb. 28, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., in the Student Services and Classroom Building, Lecture Hall, 2700 Bay Area Blvd. in Houston, and UHCL Pearlland campus, Room 111, 1200 Pearlland Parkway in Pearlland.

The lecture is offered by the university's Student Leadership, Involvement and Community Engagement and

the campus National Society of Leadership & Success program. Carroll is the author of *Rules of the Red Rubber Ball, What's Your Red Rubber Ball?!* and *The Red Rubber Ball at Work*.

An encore presentation is scheduled for Wednesday, March 7, from noon to 1:30 p.m., in the university's Student Services and Classroom Building, Lecture Hall.

Admission is free. For more information, email Tiffany McCleney, NSLS student chapter president, at TiffanyMcCleney@hotmail.com.

Over The Back Fence by Jan

SCHOOL DAZE

The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Feb. 23 through Feb. 29.

Burnett Elementary

Blow out the birthday candles on Feb. 24 for **Frances Rivera**.

Bush Elementary

Greetings for a happy birthday are sent to **Gloria Ventura** Feb. 28.

Melillo Middle School

On Feb. 25, **Rosa Salinas** is wished a happy birthday.

Morris Middle School

Feb. 26 is the day for a double party for **Regina Richardson** and **Anna Willis**. Happy birthday wishes are sent to **Irma Garcia** Feb. 27.

Beverly Hills Intermediate

The day for a triple-layer cake for **Joseph Fee**, **Angelika Martin** and **Quan Nguyen** is Feb. 23. Feb. 25 is the day for a double birthday party for **Michael Arroyo** and **Gary Warner**. Blow out the birthday candles for **Rodney Martin** on Feb. 26. **Shay Woodruff** celebrates a birthday Feb. 28.

Thompson Intermediate

On Feb. 25, a birthday greeting is sent

to **John Fowler**. A birthday is enjoyed by **Justin Duncan** Feb. 26.

Dobie High

The day for a double birthday celebration for **Wendy Sharpless** and **Tamalar Whiting** is Feb. 24. **Kha Nguyen** is wished a happy birthday Feb. 25. **David Chollett** and **Zoila Salazar** share a birthday Feb. 28.

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Thompson science students study air pressure

Thompson science students experimented with differences in air pressure during a lab recently. During this lab, students examined the differences in high pressure and low pressure systems by heating an aluminum can with a small amount of water until almost all the water evaporated. When ready, students quickly and carefully upended the aluminum can using tongs into an ice water bath. The can instantaneously crushed because of the differences in air pressure.

Photos submitted

At left, Miyah Shepherd, sixth-period science student, concentrates on her experiment.



First-period science students De Ann Dimas, Kacie Little, Dyllon Smith and Ryan Ehlinger.



Third-period students Noe Valdez and Daniel Rincon.



Second-period science students Amber Newsome and Jasmine Smith.



Fourth-period students Tristan Serna and Javier Guerra.

Nominations accepted for SHHS Hall of Honor

The baccalaureate committee at South Houston High School is now accepting nominations for the school's hall of honor, a project started two years ago to pay tribute to the school's most distinguished alumni.

Anyone wishing to share information on a South Houston alumnus who has achieved exceptional stature over the course of a professional career – or who has earned great distinction for public service – is encouraged to submit the graduate's name along with supporting documentation.

The nominee must have graduated prior to 2002 to be

considered. Nominations will be accepted until May 1. Alumni previously nominated but not selected will remain on the candidate list. Resubmissions are not necessary, but letters of support from other alumni for that candidate may be helpful.

Nominations may be dropped off at the school or emailed to Danette Jolliff at djolliff@pasadenaisd.org.

Dobie High School is also accepting nominations for its new hall of honor project. Nominations may be dropped off at the school or emailed to Principal Franklin Moses at fmoses@pasadenaisd.org.

Quick THEA testing available at UHCL

Sign up now for the Quick THEA (Texas Higher Education Assessment) exam through University of Houston-Clear Lake's Office of Counseling Services.

The test is scheduled for Friday, March 2, at 8 a.m. in the Student Services and Classroom Building, Room 3310, 3311, University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

Registration deadline is Friday, Feb. 24, at 11:30 a.m., with late registration on March 1 at 5:30 p.m., for this

five-hour test required for admission to Texas colleges and universities and teacher education programs.

Fee is \$29 with an additional \$10 institution fee, and scores are available in four to five business days.

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GRE Review set

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Urban Souls Dance Company performs

Experience the exceptional artistry of Houston-based Urban Souls Dance Company as members take the stage at University of Houston-Clear Lake to perform selections from their multicultural and socially conscious works.

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Presale tickets are \$12 for general admission, \$8 with UH-Clear Lake ID; at the

door tickets are \$15 general admission and \$10 with UH-Clear Lake ID.

To learn more about Urban Souls Dance Company, visit <http://www.urbansoulsdancecompany.com>. This event is sponsored by the university Office of Student Life's Cultural Arts program.

For more information about events, visit <http://www.uhcl.edu/culturalarts> or call the Office of Student Life at 281-283-2560.

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35 years ago (1977)
County Commissioner Tom Bass appeared before a joint meeting of the Sage-mont and Kirkwood South civic clubs.

Sam Jamison and Al Williams were given plaques of appreciation by the members of the Sagemeadow utility district board. Both men officially retired from the board after many years of service.

30 years ago (1982)
J. Frank Dobie High School's Hustlin' Horns captured their first district bas-

ketball championship.

Pasadena school trustees accepted the low bid of \$452,184 for athletic facilities construction at Pasadena and South Houston high schools and Jackson Intermediate, and they raised the tuition and teacher salaries for the district's evening school.

Work began on a 328-unit apartment complex on Beamer between Kingspoint Baptist Church and Kirkshire Street. The complex became Beamer Place Apartments.

25 years ago (1987)

Harris County MUD 13 sold \$600,000 in junior lien revenue notes, a sale which made possible the purchase of a six-acre site which was used for park and recreational purposes.

Concerned parents of Navy Junior ROTC cadets appealed an administrative decision, made by the Pasadena board of trustees, to dissolve the NJROTC programs at Dobie and Rayburn high schools.

20 years ago (1992)

As a result of a closed-door meeting of PISD trustees, Superintendent Dr. Larry Vaughn's contract would not be extended when it ran out two years hence.

Clear Brook senior Donald Wayne Hughes, 17, was arrested after he allegedly stabbed a 15-year-old sophomore on campus. Friction between the two began at a Randalls store where the two worked together.

Pat Smith, 44, a PISD contract employee, was indicted by a Harris County grand jury and charged with theft of district property and services totaling more than \$2,000. Smith allegedly sold copper wiring and diverted the funds to his personal bank account and used district employees to

paint his personal residence.

Houston police and customs agents seized approximately \$35 million in cocaine from a residence on Tiltree. Seized were 21 boxes of cocaine weighing a total of 741 pounds and 15 additional boxes which contained 15 pounds of marijuana.

15 years ago (1997)

Houston City Councilman Joe Roach addressed the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce at its monthly luncheon.

Former Dobie Larlaette Col. Amy Wilson became the youngest member of the 17-person Houston Rockets power dance team.

A national recruiting agency was selected to locate presidents for San Jacinto College's north and south campuses. Both were being replaced due to retirement.

10 years ago (2002)

A benefit was held for South Belt resident Okie Griffin who was hospitalized following an incident at KC's Bar and Grill that left her paralyzed.

Workers began clearing land for the 240-unit Trammel Crow apartment complex located on Sabo Road.

Constable Gary L. Freeman's office announced that Timothy B. Dixon had been arrested and sentenced to 10 years confinement. Dixon had opened a checking account in Louisiana and then had gone on a spending spree from the South Belt area to the Galleria and 1960 area writing checks for jewelry, furs and laptop computers for a total of \$26,000.

5 years ago (2007)

Talks regarding park usage fees for local sports groups were renewed with City Councilmember Addie Wise-

man, who joined opponents of the proposal. The topic dominated a local Capital Improvement Project meeting with several coaches, players and parents in attendance.

The Dobie Academic Decathlon Team placed first in Sweepstakes and second in the regional contest to qualify for the state competition.

A juvenile was arrested for deadly conduct after shooting out the back windshield of an occupied truck on Canarywood Street in Highland Meadow.

Rep. Nick Lampson held his first open-house meeting at his district office in Stafford.

1 year ago (2011)

Hundreds of South Belt's faithful attended a City of Houston meeting to voice their opposition to Mayor Annise Parker about churches being assessed a mandated drainage fee under the Rebuild Houston program. Sagemont Church's executive pastor, the Rev. Chuck Schneider, and Grace Community Church's pastor, the Rev. Garrett Booth, as well as Pasadena Independent School District Superintendent Kirk Lewis spoke at the event.

A fatal shooting took place at 11045 Fuqua. The victim, David Davila, 27, suffered a gunshot wound to the head and was pronounced dead at the scene. According to police, Davila was inside Joe's Texas Club, an after-hours club, when he and two men began arguing. The argument escalated into a physical altercation, which then moved to the sidewalk outside. During the fight, one of the men produced a pistol and fired one time, fatally striking Davila. No immediate arrests were made.

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Novices at Model United Nations Conference

South Houston students reap ‘global’ spoils

By Al Carter
PISD Communications

If Matthew Koska’s dream becomes reality, he’ll soon be walking along the East River, looking up at the teal facade of United Nations Headquarters, looking for the entrance through which he’ll escort a contingent of South Houston High School students.

And in a New York minute, he’ll remember to whip out his badge.

Just five months ago, Koska never dreamed that such a dream was even possible. A Pre-AP World Geography teacher at South Houston High School, Koska was approached last fall by students interested in participating in the Model United Nations program, a national organization that sponsors student simulations of U.N. proceedings and competitions in resolution craftsmanship.

Last Thursday and Friday, at the George R. Brown Convention Center, the tiny South Houston team captured top-delegation honors at the Houston Area Model United Nations conference, an event attended by 1,000 students from three dozen schools across Texas.

The nine-member South Houston squad – the smallest at the conference and the only Pasadena Independent

School District entry – earned top honors among those schools designated as smaller delegations.

Two South Houston seniors – Meet Patel and Alan Deleon – landed two of the three highest individual honors handed out to all students attending the conference.

Patel received the Best Delegate Award, the highest honor presented. Deleon received the Most Heralded Delegate prize.

“I was happy with our kids simply because they were so eager to compete,” Koska says. “But to be named the outstanding delegation makes me especially proud of them.”

The list of delegations included blue-ribbon private schools like Episcopal, Second Baptist, St. Agnes Academy, St. Johns and the Westchester Academy for International Studies. Some of the public schools, like Bellaire, brought enough students to fill out seven delegations.

South Houston had one. Much of the South Houston students’ prep work was done at home. Group study sessions are crammed into after-school hours. The night before the area conference, Koska and team members sequestered themselves in a school computer lab until

10:30 p.m.

When Koska left the building, he was approached by a Pasadena ISD police officer. The officer wanted to know what Koska was doing in the building at such a late hour. The officer also wanted to see his school district ID.

“I forgot my badge that day,” Koska says. “I had to pull out my driver’s license.”

Security badges, as it turned out, was just about the only U.N. procedure beyond the grasp of the Trojan team.

Before the conference, the nine South Houston students were assembled in a single delegation and assigned the task of representing the nation of Mauritius, a tiny island in the Indian Ocean. What followed was a crash course on the geography and politics of Mauritius.

At the conference, students participated in a series of caucuses during which ideas were presented, arguments made and resolutions crafted.

“All I really wanted was a good experience for our kids, the opportunity to learn something new,” Koska says. “But after the first day, I couldn’t contain myself. I knew we had a top team.”

South Houston’s quest began at the end of last school year when Deleon read about the Model United Nations

program and suggested to Koska that South Houston form a team.

Soon, Deleon wasn’t suggesting. He was insisting.

“I said, ‘Koska, we’re going to do this!’” Deleon recalls. “‘We can pioneer this for the rest of the district!’”

Deleon enlisted the support of Patel, who was just as insistent.

“The new school started, and I got busy and kept putting it off,” Koska says.

It wasn’t until the final week in September that Koska decided to do his own research.

“I got on the computer to look up the information,” he says. “The next day was the deadline for registering for the workshop.”

He signed his school up for the required workshop. Had he waited another day, South Houston would have been out of luck.

Meanwhile, Deleon and Patel began to recruit other team members. The final nine included three other seniors – Olga Trevino, Mario Gonzalez and Ulisses Gonzalez – and four juniors: Selena Barron, Karen Cruz, Shivam Vakil and Hannah Arnold.

When the Trojan nine walked into the first phase of the conference – the General Assembly meeting – most were in awe. Many schools had brought dozens of students. The designer labels on expensive clothes were as noticeable as the flags and banners.

“We had all studied after

school or at home,” Trevino says. “At lot of the students there had been preparing in their AP classes. That intimidated me.”

“It was intimidating at first,” Patel says. “But soon we realized that nothing was expected out of us. We could see that we were the underdogs.”

With nothing to lose, the South Houston delegation went to work in their caucus sessions and quickly caught the eye of moderators.

“Being a small country, you have to make sure the larger countries are listening to us,” says Patel, who had one advantage. He once visited Mauritius.

Says Patel: “We had to stand up and convince people that our resolutions were right.”

And they did.

Unfortunately, the opportunity to make their arguments heard at the real U.N. will have to wait. A national conference is held each April in Manhattan, but Koska’s team doesn’t have the funds to attend, and the deadline for registering has passed.

Still, Koska’s dream has no expiration date. He hopes to take a team of Trojans to the Big Apple in 2013.

“I would like to see these seniors stick with it and take part in Model U.N. activities at the collegiate level,” he says. “And I would like to see more of these kinds of activities on our campuses. We need more activities like this that emphasize what our students can do academically.”

Dobie donates to Teens for Jeans



Dobie High School students recently participated in Teens for Jeans. Led by the senior class, Dobie students collected gently used jeans that they donated to Aeropostale stores. The stores will then distribute the donated jeans to shelters to help homeless youth. In three days, Dobie students collected 561 pair of jeans, the most that were turned in to the local Aeropostale store. Pictured, Teens for Jeans student coordinators, left to right, Christopher Nickelson and Dajah Swinton sort and count the 561 pair of jeans that were collected and donated.

Photo submitted

Legler awarded Fighter for Free Enterprise

Rep. Ken Legler, R-Pasadena, was honored by the Texas Association of Business (TAB) for the work he did on



Rep. Ken Legler

behalf of the businesses of Texas during the 82nd Legislative Session.

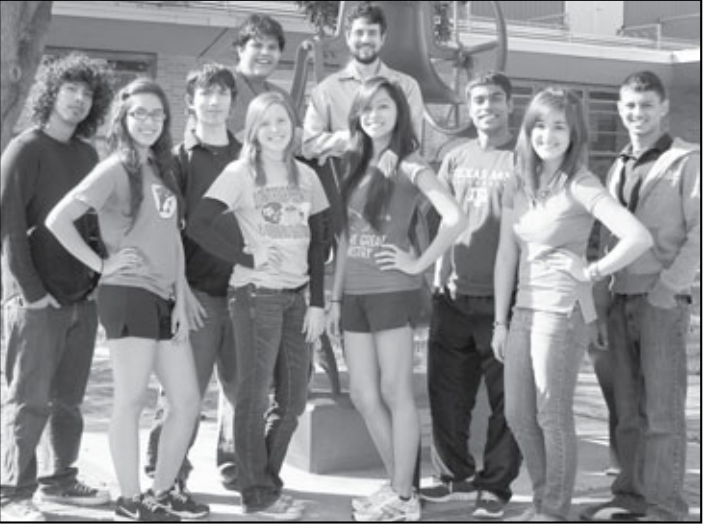
Legler received the Fighter for Free Enterprise by TAB based on votes during the 82nd Session, which were important to various businesses and industries across Texas.

“It is very humbling to be given, for the second session in a row, this top business award,” stated Legler. “As a small business owner, I know how important it is for government to do all they can to ensure that the laws passed by the Legislature are the most carefully crafted and least restrictive on private enterprise as possible.”

“The 2011 Session was one of the most difficult in recent history,” said Bill Hammond,

TAB president and CEO. “Because of budget, lawmakers like Rep. Legler, faced a lot of hard decisions, but thankfully, the majority stuck with the plan of trimming spending and holding the line on taxes. Because of the actions of Rep. Legler and other members of the Texas Legislature, Texas’ jobs climate remains one of the best in the country.”

The TAB serves as Texas’ Chamber of Commerce. It was established in 1922 in San Antonio, and since then, the TAB has worked on all manner of legislative, regulatory, and judicial matters on behalf of the businesses of Texas.



Matthew Koska (center back) is shown with his South Houston Model U.N. team, left to right, (front row) Selena Barron, Hannah Arnold, Karen Cruz, Olga Trevino, (middle row) Mario Gonzalez, Alan Deleon, Meet Patel, Shivam Vakil and (top left) Ulisses Gonzalez.

Photo submitted

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Lions Club meeting set

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HCMGA sets March events

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Spring Plant Sale

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Children are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

This free event is scheduled for Saturday, March 3, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Campbell Hall at the Pasadena Fairgrounds, 7600 Red

Bluff Road.

Green Thumb Lecture Series

Louis Mickler, Harris County Precinct 2 Master Gardener, will provide a lecture on *Efficient Irrigation for Your Home*. This lecture is free and open to the public, and is set for Tuesday, March 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the meeting room at Clear Lake Park (on the lakeside), 5001 NASA Parkway in Seabrook.

Open Garden Day

The public is invited to tour the working and demonstration gardens maintained by the Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2. Master gardeners will be on hand to answer gardening ques-

tions during this free event on Monday, March 19, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at the Genoa Friendship Garden, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff in Houston.

Children are welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Master Gardener Lecture Series

Margaret Lloyd-Binham, master gardener and entomology specialist, will provide a lecture on *Insects in my Garden/Butterflies*. This lecture is free and open to the public and is scheduled for Wednesday, March 21, at 10 a.m. in the meeting room at Clear Lake Park (on the lakeside), 5001 NASA Parkway in Seabrook.

SJC students help at science fair

A group of San Jacinto College students recently visited the Iman Academy to judge science projects as part of the SJC science department’s community service learning program, spearheaded by Dr. Ann Cartwright.

This is the college’s fourth year to visit the acad-

emy for science activities and the third year to participate in the academy’s South East Science Fair. SJC students serve as ambassadors, interacting with the school children and increasing interest and awareness of science education.

Cartwright, SJC Central science department chair

and this year’s recipient of the American Chemical Society Excellence in Teaching in a Two-Year College Award, started the service learning program two decades ago after she began inviting elementary school students to visit the Central campus science labs in 1990.



Pictured, left to right, six-year-old Safia Khan showcases her project on water absorption as San Jacinto College students Abby David and Nadia Grassmuck serve as judges and apply scientific principles from their college classroom to assess each project category.

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Clear Brook City M.U.D. board member Bill Morgan and wife Terrie were in attendance at the recent Chamber banquet.



Commissioner Jack Morman, with wife Andi, join Guest of Honor Commissioner El Franco Lee and wife Kay.



Board member, and aide to El Franco Lee, David Matthews with wife Donna enjoying the evening.

Spring has sprung in South Belt



Winter must be over by the looks of this wild apple tree that is now in full bloom at the home of Dr. and Ms. Zafar Taqvi in Sagemeadow.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

South Belt area couple featured on reality show

Houston and longtime South Belt resident Raquel Hernandez (a.k.a. Raquel Serenil) and her husband, Felipe Boujourne (a.k.a. Pryme Status) were recently featured on the MTV Tr3 reality show *Quiro Mi Boda*. The reality show highlighted the couple's struggle as they hid their relationship while they were pursuing careers in music and their differences in culture and upbringing as a "Tejana" and a "Boriqua." Pryme Status was featured on the album *Los Super Reyes* and is a writer on the song *Yo*

Sere - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Vsm_Q1mMqg. Hernandez attended Clear Brook High School but graduated from Texas Tech High School through a home-school program. Repeats of the broadcast will be shown on future dates on the following television stations:
AT&T Uverse - Channel 3505, AT&T Uverse - Channel 506, Comcast - Houston - Channel 506, Comcast - Houston - Channel 141, Dish - Channel 872 and DirectTV - Channel 445.

SJC, NASA team up for Space Settlement Design Competition

San Jacinto College is collaborating with NASA-Johnson Space Center for the 14th annual Space Settlement Design Competition that brings high school students together from across the country for space exploration activities during National Engineers Week.

Set for March 16-18, the competition emulates the experience of working as a member of an aerospace industry proposal team. The event features an industry simulation game set in the later years of the 21st century. The theme of the competition is related to the vision of space exploration. The proposal requirements of the space settlement design differ for each competition.

Participants from Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Texas are scheduled to compete in the event.

"The experience of partici-

pating in a Space Settlement Design Competition teaches young people optimism for the future, technical competence, management skills, knowledge of space environments and resources, appreciation for relationships between technical products and human use, teamwork, and techniques for preparing effective documentation," said Bridget Kramer, project coordinator with the San Jacinto College Aerospace Academy. "It requires students to integrate their knowledge of and utilize skills in space science, physics, math, chemistry, environmental science, biology, computer science, writing, speaking, art and common sense."

The Iowa Northwest Area Education Agency will send 140 students to the competition, and approximately 40 students from southeast Texas will compete as well.

Texas students participate by invitation and must register on a database maintained by the Iowa organizers.

The blend of rural Iowa students with the more urban Texas students provides a unique and stimulating learning and team-building environment, said Kramer.

A subset of 12 members of the winning company from the NASA-JSC competition will be invited to participate at NASA-JSC this July in the International Space Settlement Design Competition Finals.

"San Jacinto College has become a partner in the organization and management of the Space Settlement Design Competition for 2012 in order to begin assuming the planning, organization and implementation tasks of this year's event and subsequent years," said Norman Chaffee with student programs at NASA-JSC. "This will help to preserve the program in future years after the original organizers are no longer available to participate."

The competition is sponsored and underwritten by the Houston-area aerospace companies, the State of Iowa Education Department and the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics-Houston Section. The Johnson Space Center provides the competition venues and in-kind support.

For more information about the 14th annual Space Settlement Design Competition, contact Bridget Kramer at bridget.a.kramer@nasa.gov or 281-244-6803.

A special Valentine at Meador



The students at Meador Elementary LOVE their principal, Darlene Davis. Her office was adorned with handmade valentines from hundreds of Meador students who wanted to show their love for her. Photo submitted

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SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

Boys' area playoffs

**Dobie Longhorns
(22-5A champion)**

VS.

**Fort Bend Bush Broncos
(23-5A runner-up)**

Friday, Feb. 24 Pearland H.S., 7:30

Brook, Dobie open CCISD softball event

A neighborhood match-up featuring Clear Brook hosting Dobie will kick off the 2012 Clear Creek ISD Softball Classic.

Brook and Dobie will play Thursday, Feb. 23, at 11 a.m., at Lady Wolverine Field.

Later in the day, Dobie faces Conroe at 3 p.m., and Clear Brook takes on Santa Fe at 5 p.m.

The tournament will include games at Clear Brook, Clear Creek, Clear Lake and

Clear Springs high schools.

The teams in the tournament include Clear Brook, Clear Creek, Clear Falls, Clear Lake, Clear Springs, Dobie, Santa Fe, Conroe, La Porte, Goose Creek, Atascocita, Texas City, South Houston, Nederland and North Shore.

Dobie will also play at Creek and Springs.

For a full schedule of games in the tournament as well as other softball news, see Page 2B.

Bidistrict hoops playoffs

JFD boys advance; Brook ousted



Hightower forward Daniel House (right), a University of Houston men's basketball signee, drives against Clear Brook's Fred Richardson during the Hurricanes' 57-51 bidistrict playoff victory over the Wolverines Feb. 21, at Dobie High School. Brook's first-

round playoff loss brought a sudden end to the season that saw the Wolverines post a school best overall record at 29-4. Richardson, who had 14 points and six rebounds, ended his career as the Wolverines' all-time leading scorer. See Page 6B for details.

Baseball opening night

Pitching keys Brook, Dobie victories

If first impressions mean anything, the Clear Brook and Dobie high school varsity baseball teams just may be onto something nice.

Both teams opened the 2012 season with wins over quality opponents, giving their respective coaches plenty of reason for optimism moving forward.

Clear Brook's Nolan Trabanino was terrific against Morton Ranch Feb. 20, at Clear Brook, fanning 12 as

part of a four-hit, 1-0 victory. Trabanino, the Wolverines' top returning pitcher from a season ago, walked just one.

Clear Brook, with several first-year varsity players in the lineup, struggled offensively.

The Wolverines collected just two hits but managed to scratch across the eventual winning run as sophomore Derek Simmons was hit by a pitch with the

bases loaded. "Overall, we played pretty good, and it was a great win to start the season," Brook head coach Gene Flores said.

Next, the Wolverines will be part of the David Anzaldúa Invitational at La Porte High School. See Page 2B for a schedule of games.

Citing the fact the Wolverines lost three pitchers from the 2011 season to the college ranks, Flores is cautious heading into the

team's first tournament appearance. "Our pitching depth is not what it was last year, so it could be tough at La Porte."

Dobie, meanwhile, will head to the Humble ISD tournament (see game schedule on Page 2B) on a high after beating state-ranked Friendswood 3-1 Feb. 21, at Friendswood.

Like Clear Brook, Dobie got an outstanding effort on

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Horns' soccer teams get early start in 22-5A

As planned, the Dobie varsity girls' and boys' soccer teams are off to a quick start in District 22-5A action.

The Longhorn boys, still one of the state's few unbeaten teams at 14-0-2, opened league action with a 2-0 victory over Pasadena before routing Pasadena Memorial 5-1 Feb. 21.

The situation is much the same for the 11-2-2 Dobie girls, who opened the 22-5A season with a 4-0 triumph over Pasadena before edging a very good Pasadena Memorial team 1-0 Feb. 21 at Newcomb Field.

With just 10 games to be played in the district, each win and loss is magnified. So far, so good for Dobie's teams.

JFD girls playing well
A cooperative effort on offense and a very stingy defensive performance has continued to work wonders for the Lady Longhorns.

Against Pasadena, Maria Escobar found the net twice and Sharon San-

At right, Dobie's Erica Romero (15) heads a free ball forward against the Memorial Mavericks during Dobie's 1-0 victory Feb. 20, at Newcomb Field. The Lady Longhorns won on a penalty kick goal from Tanya Palomares.

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miguel and Kayla Dokhani also scored as the Lady Longhorns won the 22-5A opener 4-0.

Three days later against

Memorial, the Lady Longhorns earned a key win over the Lady Mavericks as senior forward Tanya Palomares scored on a penalty

kick for a 1-0 victory.

Goalkeeper Jackie Baade earned her 10th and 11th shutouts of the season.

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Sports Calendar

SOCCER
Thursday, Feb. 23
Dobie JV (B) girls at Dickinson, 4:00

Friday, Feb. 24
Dobie varsity girls vs. Sam Rayburn, Newcomb, 7:00
Brook varsity boys host Dickinson, 7:00
Brook varsity girls at Dickinson, 7:00
Dobie varsity boys vs. Sam Rayburn, Newcomb, 5:00
Brook JV boys host Dickinson, 5:00
Brook JV girls at Dickinson, 5:00
Dobie JV girls vs. Sam Rayburn, Auxiliary, 4:00
Dobie JV boys vs. Sam Rayburn, Auxiliary, 3:00

Saturday, Feb. 25
Dobie JV (B) girls at Brazosport, 10 a.m.
Dobie JV (B) boys host North Shore, campus, 10 a.m.

Monday, Feb. 27
Dobie varsity boys host South Houston, Newcomb, 5:00
Dobie JV boys host South Houston, Auxiliary, 7:00

Tuesday, Feb. 28
Dobie varsity girls vs. South Houston, Newcomb, 5:00
Brook varsity boys host Alvin, 7:00
Brook varsity girls at Alvin, 7:00
Brook JV boys host Alvin, 5:00
Brook JV girls at Alvin, 5:00
Dobie JV girls vs. South Houston, Auxiliary, 7:00

Thursday, March 1
Dobie JV (B) girls at Pearland, 4:00
Dobie JV (B) boys at Deer Park, 4:00

Friday, March 2
Dobie varsity girls at Deer Park, Abshire, 7:00
Brook varsity boys vs. Clear Creek, CCISD, 7:00
Brook varsity girls host Clear Creek, 7:00
Brook JV girls host Clear Creek, 5:00
Dobie JV girls at Deer Park, Abshire, 5:00
Brook JV boys vs. Clear Creek, CCISD, 5:00

Saturday, March 3
Dobie varsity boys host Deer Park, Newcomb, 10 a.m.
Dobie JV boys host Deer Park, Auxiliary, 10 a.m.

TENNIS
Friday, Feb. 24
Dobie varsity at Spring Fling tourn., Corpus Christi, TBA

Saturday, Feb. 25
Dobie varsity at Spring Fling tourn., Corpus Christi, TBA

SOFTBALL
Thursday, Feb. 23
Brook varsity at Clear Creek tourn., TBA
Dobie varsity at Clear Creek tourn., TBA
Dobie JV at Humble tourn., TBA

Friday, Feb. 24
Brook varsity at Clear Creek tourn., TBA
Dobie varsity at Clear Creek tourn., TBA
Dobie JV at Humble tourn., TBA

Saturday, Feb. 25
Brook varsity at Clear Creek tourn., TBA
Dobie varsity at Clear Creek tourn., TBA
Dobie JV at Humble tourn., TBA

Tuesday, Feb. 28
Brook varsity at The Woodlands, 6:30
Dobie varsity hosts Clear Lake, PISD, 6:30
Brook JV at The Woodlands, 5:00
Dobie JV hosts Clear Lake, PISD, 5:00

Thursday, March 1
Dobie varsity at Sugarland tourn., TBA
Dobie JV at Pasadena Memorial tourn., TBA

Friday, March 2
Brook varsity hosts Barbers Hill, 6:30
Dobie varsity at Sugarland tourn., TBA
Brook JV hosts Barbers Hill, 5:00
Dobie JV at Pasadena Memorial tourn., TBA

Saturday, March 3
Dobie varsity at Sugarland tourn., TBA
Dobie JV at Pasadena Memorial tourn., TBA

BASEBALL
Thursday, Feb. 23
Brook varsity at La Porte tourn., TBA
Dobie varsity at Humble tourn., TBA
Dobie JV at Humble tourn., TBA
Dobie sophomores at Pasadena tourn., TBA

Friday, Feb. 24
Brook varsity at La Porte tourn., TBA
Dobie varsity at Humble tourn., TBA
Dobie JV at Humble tourn., TBA
Dobie sophomores at Pasadena tourn., TBA

Saturday, Feb. 25
Brook varsity at La Porte tourn., TBA
Dobie varsity at Humble tourn., TBA
Dobie JV at Humble tourn., TBA
Dobie sophomores at Pasadena tourn., TBA

Monday, Feb. 27
Dobie varsity hosts Dickinson, Maguire, 7:00
Dobie JV at Dickinson, 4:00
Dobie sophomores at Dickinson, 6:30

Tuesday, Feb. 28
Brook varsity hosts PN-Groves, 5:00
Brook JV at PN-Groves, 6:00
Brook sophomores at PN-Groves, 4:00

Thursday, March 1
Dobie varsity at Pasadena ISD tourn., TBA
Dobie JV at Pasadena ISD tourn., PISD, TBA

Friday, March 2
Dobie varsity at Pasadena ISD tourn., TBA
Dobie JV at Pasadena ISD tourn., PISD, TBA

Saturday, March 3
Dobie varsity at Pasadena ISD tourn., TBA
Dobie JV at Pasadena ISD tourn., PISD, TBA

Brook softball wins four at Brenham

The Clear Brook varsity softball team quickly erased the pain of an opening night loss Feb. 14, coming back to win four straight games at the Brenham tournament.

While much of the action in the Houston and surrounding areas was halted by rains Feb. 20 and Feb. 21, the respective teams were able to play four games in Brenham.

Sophomore pitcher Laura Napoli was again a star in the circle and at the plate.

Napoli, the team's top pitcher, was at her best for much of the tournament. She also slammed her second home run of the season at the tournament.

Katie Bischof also hit her second homer of the season, and Taylor Nickell blasted her first homer.

Chyna Phipps did a great job of getting on base at the top of the lineup, and Alexa Anzaldua was also one of the Lady Wolverines' top hitters at the event.

The Lady Wolverines began the tournament with a 5-3 win over Fort Bend Austin, then pummeled San Marcos 9-1 to complete first-day action.

Clear Brook came back for two more wins, taking out Cedar Park 10-2 and then blanking a talented Santa Fe team 6-0.

"We've had a good start to the season," Clear Brook coach Ashley Pillow said.

"We have some veteran players, and they know how to get things done."



Sophomore Laura Napoli is off to a great start early this season, getting her job done in the pitching circle and also blasting a pair of home runs as Clear Brook opened the season with four wins in five games.

CB wins fifth straight, Dobie falls

Heading into the Clear Creek Independent School District Varsity Softball Classic, the Clear Brook squad is on a roll early on.

The Lady Wolverines won their fifth straight game, downing host Deer Park 4-2 as Laura Napoli earned the pitching win.

Alexa Anzaldua was the offensive star for the Lady Wolverines as the team moved to 5-1 this season.

Clear Brook's CCISD tournament opponent in the opener, Dobie, has not gotten off to a similar start.

Fielding a lineup of quite a few first-year play-

ers along with pitching veteran Shannon O'Connor, the Lady Longhorns have struggled of late.

After coming back to beat Kingwood in the season opener, Dobie has now lost three straight games.

The final two days of the Brenham tournament were washed away by rain, but Dobie dropped a pair of games on Feb. 16.

Against Elgin, pitchers Katie Lee and Stephanie Buenrostro went to work in the circle, getting little offensive support in an 11-0 outcome.

In the second game,

O'Connor pitched well against Manvel, but the Lady Longhorns could not generate much offense in a 2-0 setback.

Dobie returned home Feb. 21 to take on Brazoswood at the Pasadena Independent School District complex.

Scoreless through six, Brazoswood got three runs late and went on to win 3-0 in the game.

O'Connor struck out eight in the game before the Lady Bucs did some damage.

Dobie's offense had one hit in the game.

Humble ISD

Varsity Baseball Invitational

February 23-25

February 23, games at Summer Creek

11 a.m. Dobie vs. Crosby
1:30 p.m. Dobie vs. Klein Forest
<u><i>February 24, game at Summer Creek</i></u>
11 a.m. Dobie vs. Beaumont West Brook
<u><i>February 25 trophy games to be determined</i></u>

La Porte ISD

David Anzaldua Invitational

February 23-25

<u><i>February 23</i></u>	<u><i>February 23</i></u>
Games at La Porte	Games at Baytown Sterling
10 a.m. Clear Lake vs. Texas City	10 a.m. Baytown Sterling vs. Manvel
12:30 p.m. La Porte vs. Texas City	12:30 p.m. Baytown Sterling vs. Manvel
3 p.m. La Porte vs. Clear Lake	
5:30 p.m. Boerne vs. PN-Groves	
<u><i>February 24</i></u>	<u><i>February 24</i></u>
10 a.m. La Porte vs. Manvel	10 a.m. Texas City vs. PN-Groves
12:30 p.m. Manvel vs. Clear Brook	12:30 p.m. Baytown Sterling vs. Boerne
3 p.m. Brook vs. La Porte	
5:30 p.m. Boerne vs. Clear Lake	
<u><i>February 25</i></u>	
10 a.m. B. Sterling vs. Texas City	
12:30 p.m. La Porte vs. Boerne	
3 p.m. Brook vs. PN-Groves	
5:30 p.m. Clear Lake vs. Manvel	



Dobie trips Mustangs; opener a big success

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the mound from starter Emmitt Pitts, who went the distance as part of a two-hitter.

Pitts, Dobie's team leader in victories a season ago, retired Friendswood 1-2-3 in the fifth, sixth and seventh innings to close out a great performance.

"Emmitt got stronger as the game went on," Dobie

head coach Miguel Torres said. "He put in a lot of work in the offseason aimed at going deep in games. His work has paid off so far."

Dobie scored all the runs they would need in the top of the third inning.

Travarus Ansley, who made his varsity debut as a freshman in the playoffs last season, had a two-run triple to put the Longhorns in front to stay.

Xavier Johnson drove in Ansley for the third run, and Pitts handled the rest.

"We put up a crooked number in the third inning and that's what you aim to do," Torres said. "It's a good win. Friendswood is good."

At left, sophomore Travarus Ansley had a two-run triple to help guide Dobie past Friendswood 3-1 in the season opener. At right in photo is JFD varsity assistant coach Jeff Raymer.

Clear Creek ISD Varsity Softball Classic

February 23-25

<u><i>February 23</i></u>	<u><i>February 23</i></u>	<u><i>February 23</i></u>	<u><i>February 23</i></u>
Games at Creek	Games at Brook	Games at Lake	Games at Springs
11 a.m. La Porte vs. Creek	11 a.m. Dobie vs. Brook	11 a.m. North Shore vs. Lake	11 a.m. S. Houston vs. Springs
1 p.m. Texas City vs. New Caney	1 p.m. Santa Fe vs. Conroe	1 p.m. Atascocita vs. Goose Creek	1 p.m. Clear Falls vs. Nederland
3 p.m. La Porte vs. Texas City	3 p.m. Dobie vs. Conroe	3 p.m. Goose Creek vs. North Shore	3 p.m. Clear Falls vs. S. Houston
5 p.m. New Caney vs. Creek	5 p.m. Santa Fe vs. Brook	5 p.m. Atascocita vs. Lake	5 p.m. Nederland vs. Springs
<u><i>February 24</i></u>	<u><i>February 24</i></u>	<u><i>February 24</i></u>	<u><i>February 24</i></u>
11 a.m. Clear Falls vs. Creek	11 a.m. La Porte vs. Brook	11 a.m. Texas City vs. Lake	11 a.m. North Shore vs. Springs
1 p.m. Dobie vs. Clear Falls	1 p.m. Santa Fe vs. Goose Creek	1 p.m. S. Houston vs. Texas City	1 p.m. North Shore vs. New Caney
3 p.m. Dobie vs. Creek	3 p.m. Brook vs. Goose Creek	3 p.m. S. Houston vs. Lake	3 p.m. New Caney vs. Springs
<u><i>February 25</i></u>	<u><i>February 25</i></u>	<u><i>February 25</i></u>	<u><i>February 25</i></u>
9 a.m. Santa Fe vs. Creek	9 a.m. Clear Falls vs. Brook	9 a.m. La Porte vs. Lake	9 a.m. Dobie vs. Springs
11 a.m. Atascocita vs. Santa Fe	11 a.m. North Shore vs. Clear Falls	11 a.m. Nederland vs. La Porte	11 a.m. Conroe vs. Texas City
1 p.m. Atascocita vs. Creek	1 p.m. S. Houston vs. Brook	1 p.m. Nederland vs. Lake	1 p.m. Conroe vs. Springs
			3 p.m. Goose Creek vs. Dobie

Clear Creek ISD Varsity Baseball Classic

March 1-3

<u><i>March 1</i></u>	<u><i>March 1</i></u>	<u><i>March 1</i></u>	<u><i>March 1</i></u>
Games at Creek	Games at Brook	Games at Lake	Games at Springs
11 a.m. Morton Ranch vs. Creek	11 a.m. Brook vs. Seven Lakes	1 p.m. Lake vs. Jersey Village	1 p.m. Springs vs. Nederland
3:30 p.m. La Porte vs. Hebron	1:30 p.m. Chavez vs. Seven Lakes	3:30 p.m. Victoria vs. Jersey Village	3:30 p.m. Pearland vs. Friendswood
6 p.m. Hebron vs. Creek	4 p.m. Chavez vs. Clear Falls	6 p.m. Victoria vs. Lake	6 p.m. Friendswood vs. Springs
<u><i>March 2</i></u>	6:30 p.m. Brook vs. Clear Falls	<u><i>March 2</i></u>	<u><i>March 2</i></u>
1 p.m. Seven Lakes vs. Clear Creek	<u><i>March 2</i></u>	1 p.m. Victoria vs. Pearland	1 p.m. Springs vs. La Porte
3:30 p.m. Chavez vs. Creek	1 p.m. Nederland vs. Hebron	3:30 p.m. Morton Ranch vs. Lake	3:30 p.m. Friendswood vs. Clear Falls
6 p.m. Hebron vs. Jersey Village	3:30 p.m. Brook vs. Nederland	6 p.m. Pearland vs. Morton Ranch	6 p.m. La Porte vs. Victoria
<u><i>March 3</i></u>	<u><i>March 3</i></u>	<u><i>March 3</i></u>	<u><i>March 3</i></u>
11 a.m. Creek vs. La Porte	11 a.m. Brook vs. Chavez	11 a.m. Lake vs. Friendswood	11 a.m. Springs vs. Morton Ranch
1:30 p.m. Nederland vs. Seven Lakes	1:30 p.m. Pearland vs. Hebron		1:30 p.m. Jersey Village vs. Clear Falls
	5 p.m. – Championship		

Pasadena ISD Varsity Baseball Classic

March 1-3

<u><i>March 1</i></u>	<u><i>March 1</i></u>	<u><i>March 1</i></u>	<u><i>March 1</i></u>
Games at Memorial	Games at Dobie	Games at S. Houston	Games at Maguire
10 a.m. Memorial vs. Dickinson	10 a.m. Dobie vs. Galena Park	10 a.m. Alief Taylor vs. North Shore	10 a.m. Rayburn vs. Laredo Martin
1 p.m. Memorial vs. Beaumont West Brook	1 p.m. Dobie vs. Magnolia	1 p.m. S. Houston vs. Alief Taylor	1 p.m. Pasadena vs. Elsik
4 p.m. Kinkaid vs. Beaumont West Brook	4 p.m. Cy-Falls vs. Galena Park	<u><i>March 2</i></u>	4 p.m. Katy Taylor vs. North Shore
<u><i>March 2</i></u>	<u><i>March 2</i></u>	10 a.m. Katy Taylor vs. Alief Taylor	7 p.m. Elsik vs. Laredo Martin
10 a.m. Memorial vs. Kinkaid	10 a.m. Magnolia vs. Galena Park	1 p.m. S. Houston vs. Alief Taylor	<u><i>March 2</i></u>
1 p.m. Rayburn vs. Kinkaid	1 p.m. Dobie vs. Cy-Falls	4 p.m. Dickinson vs. Pasadena	10 a.m. Pasadena vs. Laredo Martin
4 p.m. Rayburn vs. West Brook			1 p.m. Dickinson vs. Elsik
			4 p.m. Magnolia vs. Cy-Falls
			7p.m. S. Houston vs. North Shore

Moorer places third at Big Shootout

At right, South Belt Elementary fourth-grade student Colby Moorer represented his school well at the Pasadena Independent School District's Big Shootout event, held at Phillips Field House. Moorer was third in his division with a score of 47 points.

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SJC softball now 9-2 overall



All but three games of the San Jacinto College softball tournament were washed away by rain Feb. 17-18, but the locals did earn a 6-2 victory over Ranger Feb. 17, as shortstop Jaclyn Bechtle (above) blasted a three-run homer in the bottom of the first inning to lead the way. For more information about the team or to view a schedule, visit www.sanjacsports.com.

Pasadena Independent School District Big Shootout Results

Third-Grade Girls

Participant	School	Score
1st Vanessa Lam	Freeman	50.53
2nd Cidnee Ojeda	Bush	56.73
3rd Chloe Beauchamp	Jensen	60.1

Third-Grade Boys

Participant	School	Score
1st Jared Tate	Frazier	46.8
2nd Parker Nichols	Jensen	51.0
3rd Robert Lucio	S. Houston	52.1

Fourth-Grade Girls

Participant	School	Score
1st Kemoni Irvin	Williams	57.06
2nd Natalie Garza	Pomeroy	57.9
3rd Gisel Hernandez	S. Houston	58.46

Fourth-Grade Boys

Participant	School	Score
1st Jacoby Flores	Smythe	30.48
2nd Cameron Boutin	Richey	43.1
3rd Colby Moorer	S. Belt	47.0

Fifth-Grade Girls

Participant	School	Score
1st Alyssa Jaramillo	Schneider	52.7
2nd Lena Henderson	Lomax	54.1
3rd Jasmine Gay	Keller	59.3

Fifth-Grade Boys

Participant	School	Score
1st David Amaya	Melillo	42.94
2nd Gerardo Cepeda	Milstead	50.56
3rd Uriel Perez	Jensen	52.6

Sixth-Grade Girls

Participant	School	Score
1st Bianca Silva	Park View	47.4
2nd Melody Garza	Shaw	50.4
3rd Perla Perales	Queens	56.0

Sixth-Grade Boys

Participant	School	Score
1st Jonas Varella	Lomax	43.5
2nd Jesus Munoz	Schneider	48.99
3rd Jonathan Acosta	Melillo	49.1

Sports registrations, etc.

Blitz softball seeks competitive players

The Bay Area Blitz, a 10-under select softball team, is currently hosting tryouts for players interested in competing at a high level this spring. Specifically, the team is seeking pitchers, catchers and a utility player, with plenty of playing time available. The Blitz will host tryouts each Thursday this month, beginning Feb. 23 at 6 p.m. at Bay Area Park, until the slots are filled. For additional information or to schedule a private tryout, direct email to bayareablitz02@yahoo.com. For current news about the Blitz, visit the team website at www.eteamz.com/bayareablitz02.

SJC volleyball open tryouts

The San Jacinto College volleyball team will host tryouts for the 2012 squad on Friday, Feb. 24. Those interested in trying out should bring a copy of a current physical, bottled water, \$10 for an athletic training fee, and a signed waiver form available at www.sanjacsports.com. Participants should also wear volleyball attire. The tryouts begin at 5 p.m., with check-in and a statistical assessment. The tryouts will be held in Anders Gymnasium (building C-18) on the San Jacinto College Central campus located at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena. San Jac (32-5) finished fourth at the 2011 NJCAA national tournament. For more information about San Jacinto College volleyball, visit www.sanjacsports.com.

Toros' 7-under baseball tryouts

The Houston Toros' 7-under select baseball team will host tryouts Friday, Feb. 24, at the Beverly Hills Park baseball diamond from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information, call coach Rudy Peralez at 832-473-5549, or direct email to coach rudy1967@aol.com.

SBHLL seeks opening day festival vendors

Officials in the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League are seeking crafts, food and merchandise vendors to participate in the league's Opening Day Carnival on Saturday, March 24. The booths will cost \$100 per vendor. Those interested may direct email to league officials at sbhl1@hotmail.com.

Rising Stars Track Club sign up

The Rising Stars Track Club is still accepting registration for the 2012 spring/summer season. Youths age 5 to 19 are eligible to join the Rising Stars program, which competes within the Amateur Athletic Union. This season, Rising Stars athletes will have the chance to compete at regionals and nationals in the Houston area. For more information about the Rising Stars Track Team, call Kimble at 832-561-1248 or visit sportata.com/risingstars.

Mount Carmel Golf Fundraiser

Mount Carmel Academy will host its 12th annual Rebel Golf Classic Saturday, March 24, at Glenbrook Golf Course, 8205 Bayou Drive, Houston, TX 77017. All proceeds from the four-person scramble tournament go to support the MCA sports teams. Mount Carmel Academy opened in the fall of 2008 as a Houston Independent School District public charter school. A shotgun start will be at 1 p.m.

The cost is \$99 per person or \$350 per foursome and \$400 per foursome on the day of event. The fee includes 18-holes of golf, cart fee, dinner and a chance to win various prizes.

Contests include putting challenge, longest drive, and closest to the pin. All participants must be at least 12 years of age. For more information, call Lacy Wolf at 281-508-6090 or direct e-mail to LacyWolfJr@yahoo.com or salricio27-rebelsgolfclassic@yahoo.com.

San Jac women's hoops tryout set



San Jacinto College women's basketball coach Eric Taylor (above) will oversee an open tryout for openings on the team Saturday, April 14 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Nichols Gymnasium on the North campus, 5800 Uvalde in Houston. Players will be placed on any one of seven teams for the first tryout session. From the early session, 15 players will be evaluated and selected to play in the final session, which will include scrimmages against the current SJC women's team. Players trying out will be required to pay a \$20 processing fee. For more information, visit sanjacsports.com.

Photo by Rob Vanya

SB Sluggers 12-U baseball takes top spot

At right the South Belt Sluggers 12-under select baseball team captured first place at the February Frost tournament in Beaumont, surviving wet and rainy conditions to earn the biggest trophies. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Hunter Guerrero, David Zermeno, Mikey Fuqua, Seth Barber, (middle row) A.J. Martinez, De-Juan Dixon, Triston Gibson, Hunter Garcia, Jacob Sulak, (back row) coach Mario Rodriguez, coach Joe Martinez, Mario Rodriguez, Kevin Gartner and manager Taji Garcia.



CALENDAR

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

7 a.m.
AA Meeting – "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.

Noon
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 for a complete list of services offered.

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

St. Luke's Catholic Church – St. Luke the Evangelist Church, 11011 Hall Road, offers free tutoring on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tutoring is held in Room 2 of the Education Building. Contact Joe Pavlicek at 281-484-1397 or by e-mail at joe_pavlicek@yahoo.com.

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

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.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

7 a.m.
AA Meeting – "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.

Noon
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.

6 p.m.
Spanish Al-Anon – Friday at 6 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

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

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

11 a.m.
Al-Anon Meeting - Women Only – Meets each Saturday morning from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 111. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

6 p.m.
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.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

2 p.m.
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.

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

Narcotics Anonymous – Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

8 p.m.
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 27

7 a.m.
AA Meeting – "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.

9 a.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society – Free exercise and speech therapy from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.

6 p.m.
Scrabble Club #511 – Meets every Monday at the IHOP on Fuqua from 6 to 9 p.m. All who enjoy the game or want to learn to play are invited to join. For more information, call 281-488-2923.

6:30 p.m.
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 Carolyn at 713-340-2354 or Linda at 409-392-6886.

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.

7 p.m.
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 28

7 a.m.
AA Meeting – "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.

10 a.m.
American Begonia Society – Meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at Maxum Bank in League City. For more information, call 281-946-4237 or 281-471-5048.

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, Pasadena. For information, call 713-472-0565.

1:30 p.m.
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 for a complete list of services offered.

2 p.m.
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) – TOPS #1530 meets at the Beverly Hills Community Center, 10201 Kingspoint, from 2 to 4 p.m. For information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713.

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Spanish Al-Anon - Tuesday at 6 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. 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. 7 p.m.
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Houston Space City Lions Club - Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway. For more information, call George Malone at 281-438-7243. 8 p.m.
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Young at Heart Club - Meets the second and fourth week of each month at Covenant United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Lots of activities, trips, etc. Call Nellie Galney at 713-991-3517 for more information. 10 a.m.
Spanish Al-Anon - Wednesday at 10 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in. 4 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise held from 4 to 5 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Pearland, 3005 Pearland Parkway, Pearland. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered. 6 p.m.
Spanish Al-Anon - Wednesday at 6 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in. 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, or visit <http://ctchurch.tv/ministries.html#17>.
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. BAPC 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.

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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. 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.
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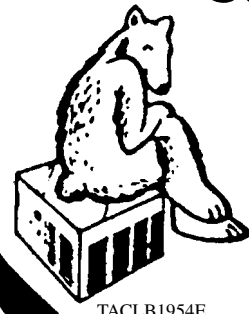
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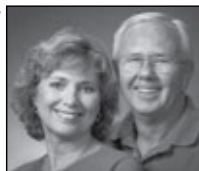
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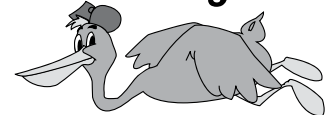
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