

Special Leader, March 4

The March 4 edition of the *Leader* will be a coupon edition with several advertisers promoting special money-saving opportunities

Heavy trash scheduled

Junk waste will be picked up Thursday, Feb. 25, for city of Houston residents living south of Beltway 8. For information, call 3-1-1.

PTO scholarships available

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

Applications and requirement information are available through the senior counselor's office at Dobie High School. Applications must be received by noon on Feb. 26.

Frazier Elementary
The Frazier Elementary PTO will offer six scholarships to graduating seniors at Dobie High School who attended Frazier in the fourth and fifth grades. Applications are available through the Dobie senior counselor's office and must be received by noon Friday, March 12, to be considered. The scholarships will be awarded at the May PTO meeting.

Stuchbery Elementary
Stuchbery is accepting scholarship applications from Dobie graduating seniors who attended Stuchbery in fifth grade. Applications are available through the Dobie scholarship coordinator and are due by March 22.

Library events scheduled

The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale:

Movie Madness is Thursday, Feb. 25, at 4 p.m. Call 281-484-2036 for feature title.

The Friends of the Parker Williams Library will hold a used book sale Saturday, Feb. 27, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Investigate ancestries and family histories when the genealogy discussion group meets on Monday, March 1, at 2 p.m.

AARP volunteers provide free income tax assistance every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call the library for more information.

Movie Madness is Thursday, March 4, at 4 p.m. Call the library for feature title.

Family storytime is Tuesday at 7 p.m. Preschooler storytime is Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. Toddler time is Thursday at 10 and 11:15 a.m.

Dobie yearbooks on sale

The deadline to order a 2010 Dobie yearbook is Feb. 26. There are a limited number of books still available that will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Visit www.smart-pay.com or order through the school by e-mailing jswenson@pasadenaisd.org. The books are \$65 and will be delivered on campus in May.

Dobie band parents meet

The Dobie Band Parent Organization will meet Monday, March 1, at 7 p.m. in the band hall. All band parents are urged to attend.

Orchestra parents to meet

The Dobie High School Orchestra Booster Club will hold its next meeting Thursday, March 4, at 7 p.m. in the orchestra room. All orchestra parents are encouraged to attend.

K of C hosts fish fry

The Knights of Columbus Council is serving Lenten catfish dinners at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church Fridays, Feb. 26, March 5, 12, 19 and 26. Dinners for dine in or take out consist of a catfish, fries, hush puppies, cole slaw, corn on the cob and iced tea. Soft drinks and desserts will be available for. Dinners will be served from 5 until 7 p.m. in the parish hall. The public is invited. For information, call 832-444-4958.

CB homeowners meet

The homeowners association for Clear Brook Meadows is holding its annual meeting on Wednesday, March 17, at 7 p.m. at the El Franco Lee Park Community Center.

The purpose of this meeting is to fill three positions on the board of directors

Sagmont Civic Club meets

The Sagmont Civic Club will hold its monthly meeting Monday, March 8, at 7 p.m. at Kirkwood South Christian Church, 10811 Kirkfair Drive. All residents are welcome. For information visit Sagmontcivicclub.org.

St. Frances holds fish fry

St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church men's club, 10727 Hartsook will sell fish dinners Friday, Feb. 26, March 12 and 26 from 4 to 7 p.m. Plates are \$8 each, dine in or take out, and consist of grilled or fried fish, french fries, grilled vegetables, cole slaw, hush puppies and a beverage. Dinners will be also sold at the church. For information, call 713-946-5768.

Leader correction

Last week's *Leader* stated Cokesbury Church would hold a kid-centered event Feb. 26. The next program, however, will not take place until March 12. The *Leader* apologizes for any inconvenience.

Primary elections slated for March 2

By James Bolen

Early voting is under way for the March 2 state primary elections.

To be decided are the party gubernatorial nominations, as well as several other key positions.

Vying for the Republican nomination for governor are incumbent Rick Perry, Kay Bailey Hutchison and Debra Medina.

Elected lieutenant governor of Texas in 1998, Perry assumed office as governor in December 2000 when then-Governor George W. Bush resigned before his inauguration as president of the United States. Perry was elected to two full terms in 2002 and 2006.

Hutchison is currently a member of the U.S. Senate, where she has served since 1994. She

previously served as both state treasurer and a member of the Texas House of Representatives.

A registered nurse from Baptist Memorial Hospital System School of Nursing (now Baptist Health System), Medina founded and managed Prudentia, a medical billing company based in Wharton, where she also served as Republican Party county chair.

Seven candidates are competing for the Democrat gubernatorial nomination. The two leading candidates are Bill White and Farouk Shami.

The former mayor of Houston, White left his post in January after having served his limit of three terms in office. He previously worked as a lawyer and served as U.S. deputy secretary of energy under President Bill Clinton from 1993 to 1995.

Shami is a businessman originally from Ramallah, West Bank, who now runs a Houston-based hair-care and spa products company.

Other Democrats vying for the nomination include Felix Alvarado, Star Locke, Clement Glenn, Bill Dear and Alma Ludivina Aguado.

Democrat candidates running for the position of lieutenant governor include Ronnie Earle, Marc Katz and Linda Chavez-Thompson.

Important events

Two separate events are scheduled to take place Thursday, Feb. 25. A City of Houston Capital Improvement Project meeting will take place at Dobie at 6 p.m., and the annual South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce banquet will take place at Golfcrest Country Club, beginning at 6:15 p.m.

Cars crash at Beamer, Scarsdale



The driver of a blue Honda was headed south on Beamer Tuesday, Feb. 23, when the driver of a red car travelling west on Scarsdale apparently ran the red light at the intersection of Scarsdale and Beamer hitting a light pole. The driver of the red car sustained minor injuries and was transported by ambulance to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. The driver of the blue Honda was apparently unharmed. Photo by Dana Lizik

SBHLL-SBGSA season set to open with many festivities

The Sagmont-Beverly Hills Little League and the South Belt Girls Softball Association spring seasons are about to get under way, and there is a variety of events and activities planned to mark the big opening day for both leagues, which is Saturday, March 6.

SBHLL officials hosted a successful work day for league coaches and other parents Feb. 20 to help prepare the fields for play. New dirt was prepared, and the fields were properly manicured for opening day.

The league is also planning a preseason carnival Saturday, Feb. 27, an all-day event that will feature fun for the entire family.

Preseason carnival at SBHLL Feb. 27

The Sagmont-Beverly Hills Little League will host a pre-season carnival Saturday, Feb. 27, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the league's facility within El Franco Lee Park.

The community is invited to attend the day-long event in anticipation of the regular season. The event will include a moonwalk for the younger kids, plenty of barbecue and other food items available for purchase, a home run derby and other activities.

League officials are seeking 10 cook-off team entries on a first come, first served basis. The cook-off will include chicken and fajita categories. Vendors are also being asked to participate.

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Burglary suspects nabbed

Deputies from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office made four separate arrests this past week in connection to a recent attempted home burglary in the Kirkmont subdivision.

On Wednesday, Feb. 17, Deputies Robert Sanchez, Parnelli Jones and recently hired Maria Saez, along with Precinct 2 Sgt. Zerick Guinn, were dispatched to a residence near the intersection of Kirkfair and Sagecanyon, where someone had reported seeing two suspicious males walking to and from a parked gold Mitsubishi.

Upon being approached by the deputies and Guinn, the two suspects fled on foot before managing to return to the vehicle and flee the scene.

A witness was able to record the license plates on the car, which were traced to Jose Moya of the 11200 block of Sageberry. While Moya denied any direct involvement in the suspicious activity, he, after questioning, reportedly admitted to allowing Devon Garrett, 19, and one other individual use of his vehicle.

Moya, 20, was subsequently arrested and charged with attempted burglary of a habitation.

Also questioned at that time was Jose Esteban, 20.

The following day, Precinct 2 deputies combed the area searching for Garrett, who had reportedly also recently been seen with Esteban.

Garrett turned himself in to deputies later that day and was charged with evading arrest and attempted burglary of a habitation.

Esteban was arrested on unrelated charges after providing deputies with false information.

Later that night at roughly 11:45 p.m., Deputy Jason Curry responded to call at Sagmeadow Park at Sageyork and Sagebud, where someone had reported seeing someone at the park after operating hours. The individual, Mitchell Ruiz, was discovered to have a warrant for burglary of a habitation and reportedly admitted to Curry that he had fled from deputies the previous day.

Both Sanchez and Saez positively identified Ruiz as being the second suspect who had fled the day before.

Ruiz, 19, was arrested and charged with evading arrest and attempted burglary of a habitation.

Deputies say there is reason to believe the group may have been responsible for other home burglaries in the area.

Also up for election is the House District 129 seat, which represents much of the South Belt. Incumbent John Davis is being challenged by Mary Huls.

Davis served as president of Oates Industries, an industrial roofing company, before taking office in 1998.

Huls previously worked as a realtor and a loan officer before starting her current job at Starbucks.

Early voting will continue through Friday,

Where to vote?

General election polling locations

Pct. #	Location
76 D	Beverly Hills Community Center, 10201 Kingspoint
76 R	Beverly Hills Intermediate School, 11111 Beamer
289 D	Freeman Elementary School, 2323 Theta
289 R	Milstead Middle School, 338 Gilpin
417 D	Burnett Elementary School, 11825 Teaneck
417 R	Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale
418 D	Beverly Hills Community Center, 10201 Scarsdale
418 R	Laura Welch Bush Elem. School, 9100 Blackhawk
475 D	Clear Brook High School, 4607 FM 2351
475 R	Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale
476 D	Frazier Elementary School, 10503 Hughes Road
476 R	Frazier Elementary School, 10503 Hughes Road
536 D	Laura Welch Bush Elem. School, 9100 Blackhawk
536 R	Laura Welch Bush Elem. School, 9100 Blackhawk
545 D	Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale
545 R	Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale
755 D	Genoa Staff Development Center, 12900 Alameda Genoa Road
755 R	Milstead Middle School, 338 Gilpin
774 D	Laura Welch Bush Elem. School, 9100 Blackhawk
774 R	El Franco Lee Community Center, 9500 Hall Road
842 D	Burnett Elementary School, 11825 Teaneck
842 R	Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale

Murder suspect arrested at Scarsdale apartments

Police arrested a suspect Friday, Feb. 19, at the Scarsdale Park Apartments in the 11800 block of Algonquin for the Feb. 14 killing of Texas City resident Teresa Marie Wright.

Gifford "JJ" Johnson III, a 35-year-old La Marque resident, was charged with murder and is being held in the Texas City Jail on \$500,000 bail.

Johnson was reportedly dating Wright at the time of the incident.

Texas City police report that Wright was strangled to death in her home while her three children were asleep. Wright's body was discov-

ered the following morning at roughly 11 a.m. by her 15-year-old daughter.

Police initially found no evidence of foul play, but the Galveston County Medical Examiner's Office concluded her death was a homicide after finding evidence of strangulation. There were no signs of forced entry, prompting police to suspect she knew her attacker.

Wright, 33, was enrolled in the police academy at College of the Mainland in Texas City and was set to graduate in May.

At press time, motive for the crime was undetermined.

Coach Bryan to be honored

A reunion for the 1981 Dobie High School track and field team will take place Friday, Feb. 26, at Cullen's restaurant at 11500 Space Center Blvd., beginning at 7 p.m.

Organized by team members Sammy Shimfessell and Todd Whistler, the event will honor former head Dobie track coach John Bryan.

"I just think it's going to be a blast and a neat way to get everybody together," Shimfessell said. "All of us have gotten older, and I hope this is also a great night for coach Bryan. He is one of the legends in our sport, and we are looking forward to seeing him."

While many former members of the team have confirmed they will attend the event, organizers are seeking to locate Armando Canales, Curtis McWoodson and Pete Ramos. Anyone with details on any of these is asked to call Shimfessell at 281-924-9804.

Pct. 2 deputies target open warrants

Deputies with Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office will be among more than 300 law enforcement jurisdictions across Texas participating in the "2010 Great Texas Warrant Round-Up." This annual statewide event, which officially begins Saturday, March 6, targets those with outstanding Justice Court warrants.

The Justice Courts have thousands of active warrants which they are seeking to clear. No amnesty is being offered by the courts in conjunction with the Round-Up effort. However, Capt. Gilbert Phillips with Constable Gary Freeman's office is encouraging defendants to take advantage of one of the many other options available to settle outstanding warrants.

Once the warrant period begins March 6, deputies with Freeman's office will aggressively target those persons on the warrant list and arrests can take place at any location, including the defendant's home, school or workplace.

Phillips emphasized, "We want all defendants to be aware that there are numerous options available to assist them in quickly and conveniently taking care of their outstanding warrants."

Notices have been mailed to all defendants with active warrants pending against them. For more information about warrants and how to prevent being arrested, please contact the constable's office at 713-477-2766 and ask for the warrant division.

Stuchbery celebrates Mardi Gras



Students from Stuchbery Elementary recently celebrated Mardi Gras by creating "book floats." Students were asked to select their favorite book and decorate a float to correspond to its theme. Shown above are, left to right, (front row) Alejandro Castenada, Breianna Meade, Kyle Brown, (second row), Keoni Conaway, Anilu Arrieta and Marilynn Hensley. Submitted photo

Publisher's Opinion

Support those that support community

This community has been supported for many years by numerous businesses. At times like this, with the economy in the shape it is in, we as a community need to support those who support the community.

Particularly at this time, with the city working on Fuqua, make that extra effort to have a great burger from C&D Burger, around the Fuqua area or many of the

other businesses along that roadway that are being hurt by this construction.

Additionally, be certain to check next week's *Leader* for the coupon/savings page which will feature money-stretching specials. And businesses, it is not too late to get in on this special edition. Call the *Leader* at 281-481-5656. And always be sure to support *Leader* advertisers!

—Marie Flickinger

Guest Editorial

State Rep speaks out on health insurance

By Ken Legler, state representative

For the past few months, the main story in the news has been health care reform. Unfortunately, the majority of the reforms will occur in the United States Congress and not in the Texas Legislature. I would prefer decisions that affected the health of Texans would be made by Texans whom best understand the needs of our great state. However, as your state representative, I am paying close attention to the possible unfunded mandates that are handed down from Washington D.C. with the expectations that the states must implement and fund.

Though the Senate in the past few days has passed their own version of health care reform, this article mainly focuses on the US House version, because the Senate is working in secret, voting in the middle of the night so that no one knows what is even in the bill. While the central claim of the House health care bill is to expand health care coverage for uninsured Americans, the likely outcomes, if passed, includes health care rationing, higher taxes, massive increases in federal spending, increased bureaucracy and even more federal rules on state management of Medicaid and CHIP. (Children health insurance program)

According to the U.S. House Committee on Ways and Means, the key features of the legislation include:

A government-run public health insurance option. A government-run health insurance exchange. An expansion of the Medicaid program to at least 133 percent of the Federal Poverty Level. "Affordability credits" for individuals and families who do not qualify for Medicaid to put toward the cost of health insurance. A requirement that every individual purchase health insurance or face a financial penalty of 2.5 percent of their gross annual income.

A requirement that all but the smallest businesses offer health insurance to their employees or face a financial penalty of up to 8 percent of annual payroll expenses.

New federal regulation of the private insurance marketplace.

According to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), the insurance coverage provisions of the House health care bill would cost more than \$1 trillion over ten years (2010-19). The legislation would be funded, in part, by a "surtax" on households with annual incomes above \$350,000. (If you believe that I can give you a great deal on some ocean front property near El Paso.) By CBO estimates, taxes will have to be raised on other income-earning households in the future.

The legislation would place the federal government directly in the center of our health care system in competition with the private marketplace, and at the expense of private companies and your choice. Allowing a government-run health care entity to compete directly with private companies undermines the principle of free enterprise and ignores the lessons learned in a host of other industries: as we all know the government cannot provide services at a lower cost than the private sector without extra tax dollars.

It also ignores the perils of congressional interference in other markets, such as mortgages. Allowing Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to grow unrestrained simply for the purposes of advancing an ideological agenda rather than on a sound fiduciary basis was a root cause of the current financial crisis. I am gravely concerned that health care, once controlled by the federal government and overseen by the equivalent of Fannie Mae or "Cash for Clunkers" will be driven by political and bureaucratic motives, rather than the most efficient allocation of resources that only a free market can deliver.

According to the CBO, the expansion of the Medicaid program contemplated by the House health care bill will result in 11 million additional Medicaid recipients by 2019. As such, this will result in another generation of Americans who are entirely reliant on the government and taxpayers for their health care coverage. This increase will strain our state coffers. In Texas, Medicaid has exploded in recent years growing from \$11.1 billion in 1999 to \$24.5 billion in 2009, which is especially alarming given that these increases took place in relatively good economic times (unemployment averaged 5.03 percent in that period). Medicaid already accounts for 15 percent of the state budget, and is directly responsible for crowding out spending on much-needed infrastructure improvements, as one example.

Expanding health care comes at the expense of other state and federal priorities including education and transportation. It is worth noting that since 1988, monies dedicated to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission has increased from \$4.1 billion to \$29.7 billion in 2008 yet the uninsured rate in Texas has not improved but has remained at 24 percent.

Additionally, I believe that it is unacceptable to force individuals and businesses to purchase health insurance by imposing fines on those who do not comply. This approach not only undermines individual liberty and freedom, and I believe unconstitutional and un-American but also ignores the reality that some individuals may not wish to purchase health insurance and that it may be unaffordable for some businesses to do so. Indeed, of the oft-cited 46 million Americans considered uninsured, 33 percent (or 15 million) are people who earn over 300 percent of the Federal Poverty Level or are childless adults aged 18-35. Ultimately, many of these people simply choose not to purchase health insurance.

Government health care will also create new federal regulation of private health insurance that will have the effect of raising costs and making insurance less affordable for individuals and businesses. According to the Heritage Foundation:

This legislation represents a tremendous increase in the power of the federal government, including, for the first time, the regulation of private health insurance.

Individuals will not be free to use the subsidies in current employer health plans or to purchase private health plans that do not meet new federal requirements. This will mean that individuals will almost certainly be forced into choosing health plans that cover controversial procedures or services they may find morally objectionable, such as abortion. ("New Taxpayer Subsidies: The Impact of the House and Senate Health Bills," The Heritage Foundation, July 24, 2009. Which means your tax dollars will go to pay for abortions on demand.)

This corresponds to the experience of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, which enacted a similar health care plan in 2006. The plan expanded state health care programs and required individuals and businesses to purchase insurance. However, the effect of the plan has been to drive up costs: in March 2009, the Wall Street Journal noted that "the state's overall costs on health programs have increased by 42% (!) since 2006...As costs continue to rise, the inevitable results are coverage restrictions and waiting periods. It was only a matter of time."

The federal legislation's emphasis on penalizing those who do not comply betrays its intent to place the federal government at the center of our nation's health care system at the expense of individual choice and liberty, free enterprise, and competition.

Indeed, despite the provisions of the legislation, CBO analysis suggests that 17 million individuals will remain uninsured in 2019 while the cost of the legislation will pass \$1 trillion.

Instead of relying on the federal government to run the health care system, we believe that Congress should focus on improving the existing health care marketplace by allowing you to have a greater choice of health insurance products and more control over the cost and quality of the health care you receive.

Reducing health insurance mandates, tightening eligibility process to help prevent fraud, allowing insurance to be purchased interstate, passing sensible tort reforms like those passed by the Texas Legislature in 2003, and improving price and quality transparency are just five ways through which health care costs could be lowered without massive government intervention. I believe that options such as these should be pursued and that the federal takeover of America's health care system should be opposed.

In Texas, during the 81st Legislative session, the Legislature took various steps to improve patients access to quality health care. Most notable are the increase in funding for doctors in underserved areas, assisting in helping small business purchase private health insurance for their workers, and continued support for Texas' landmark medical liability reforms passed in 2003.

In conclusion, I believe that "We the people" know what is best for us not some bureaucrat who lives in Washington D.C.

Houston area congressmen criticize Pelosi's port visit

On Feb. 22, Houston area Reps. Kevin Brady, John Culberson, Michael McCaul, Ted Poe, and Pete Olson issued the following statement challenging Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to the Port of Houston to tout stimulus jobs:

"Today (Feb. 22), we welcome House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to the great state of Texas. It is sadly ironic that while the speaker is here to use the Port of Houston as a backdrop to hail the Obama administration's failed stimulus plan, other great Houston-area institutions stand to lose tens of thousands of jobs as a direct result of the administration's actions.

The Johnson Space Center, where our nation's achievements in human space

exploration are directed, and BAE Systems' military vehicle production facility west of Houston, together stand to lose nearly 20,000 jobs. The administration has chosen to effectively end America's dominance in human space flight, wasting billions of taxpayer dollars already invested in the next phase of human space flight and throwing billions more toward unproven startup operations.

Similarly, this administration has decided to shift production of a popular military vehicle to a blue state, awarding the contract to a company that the (government accountability office) ruled has inferior production capabilities and that submitted a bid that even the company admits is

unrealistically low.

Finally, the administration's so called, 'cap-and-trade' national energy carbon tax will have a disproportionate impact on the Houston area, the heart of U.S. energy production.

If Speaker Pelosi is truly concerned about the welfare of our state and our economy, we invite her to visit these fine institutions and meet with their outstanding employees. We are confident she will find they are dedicated to preserving America's leadership in the human space program and maintaining the strongest, best-equipped military in the world. We look forward to showing the speaker some of the best that our great state has to offer."

Citizens can now track pending voter registration

Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector and Voter Registrar Leo Vasquez recently announced the launch of a Web-based tracking system that provides citizens a handy tool to check the status of their pending voter registration application any time.

"This tracking system is one more way that the Harris County Tax Office is providing top customer service and enhancing its efficiency via smart use of new technologies," Vasquez explained. "Harris County is the only one of the five largest Texas counties to offer such assistance to persons registering to vote.

"With the new Pending Voter Registration database, application information is available for viewing 24/7. As we continue our efforts to register every eligible citizen in Harris County, this new system will reassure future voters that their application is being processed timely," Vasquez noted.

New applications should be posted within a few days of receipt by the tax office, depending on the seasonal volume of applications.

To check on a pending voter registration applica-

tion, go to the Harris County Tax Office Web site at www.hctax.net. On the left side of the page, find "Register to Vote" and click on it. On the left side of that page, click on "Pending Voter Registration," and from there users can search by the applicant's name, address or receipt/tracking number.

Users may also view the entire database of pending applications. After 30 days, an application will be moved from this page to archives, but remains searchable.

Pending applications show along with their status. The status will be either "PSV" representing the required Pending State Verification, or "NR" for Not Registered, meaning the application has a problem, and a letter explaining the problem has been sent to the applicant.

Further detail is available on each application by selecting the record.

Once verified by the Secretary of State, applications are moved to the active voter file, which can be accessed through the "Voter Search" link on the Voter Registration page.

"We always welcome suggestions on improving

this system," Vasquez said. "Please e-mail us your ideas at Tax_voters@hctx.net."

Information is also available during regular business hours by calling the tax office's voter department at 713-368-VOTE.

Jackson announces high school ROTC scholarship opportunity

State Sen. Mike Jackson is currently reviewing applications for a \$10,000 scholarship to be awarded to a student in his district who wishes to participate in a college Reserve Officers' Training Corps program.

The Texas Armed Forces Scholarship will go to a qualifying student who commits to participating in ROTC during college and then to spending four years in either the Texas National Guard, the U.S. Reserve Forces or on active duty after graduation.

"I am pleased to announce this exciting opportunity," Jackson said. "So many students in our community are intelligent, talented and dedicated to serving our country.

Lion birthdays celebrated



The Thompson Lions marked many staff birthdays during the month of February. Birthdays include Mark Varian, Erin Richardson, Bill Kirchner, Toby Lavergne, Yolanda Grant, Carol Thacker and Coach John Fowler. They are appreciated for their dedication to the community and Thompson Intermediate. Pictured are Coach John Fowler (left) and Carol Thacker.

Photo by Carol Waters

The hard part will be narrowing down the applicants to one recipient."

Interested students may pick up an application packet from their high school counselor's office or from Jackson's district office in Pasadena, located at 1109 Fairmont Parkway.

Completed applications must be returned to the office by March 3.

The following information is required:

- Completed application,
- High School transcript,
- Three letters of recommendation,
- Essay describing applicant's desire to participate in an ROTC program,
- SAT or ACT score re-

port, and

• Two recent color photos (such as school photo or passport photo).

Students must also meet two of the four following requirements:

- Has a current high school GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale;
- Has a score of 1590 or higher on the SAT or a score of 23 or higher on the ACT;
- Is currently ranked in the top one-third of the prospective high school graduating class;
- Is on track to graduate from high school with the Distinguished Achievement

Program or the International Baccalaureate Program.

Students, parents or school officials with questions about the scholarship may contact Jackson's Pasadena office at 713-948-0111.

Mike Jackson serves as chairman of the Senate Nominations Committee and is a member of the Senate State Affairs, Business and Commerce and Natural Resources Committees and the Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Affairs and Coastal Resources. He represents Texans in portions of Harris, Galveston and Brazoria counties.

Visit tax office Web site for voter information

Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector and Voter Registrar Leo Vasquez reminds citizens who are taking advantage of early voting for the March 2 primary elections that they can verify their registration status and get their voting precinct information by visiting the tax office Web site at www.hcvoter.net or calling the Harris County Tax Office Voter Department at 713-368-VOTE (8683).

"Our Election Call Center will be staffed throughout the early voting period and on primary election day," Vasquez stated. He went on to add, "by phone or online, Harris County voters can verify their registration and polling information quickly and easily."

The tax office Web site contains searchable databases for Harris County voters, including active voter registration status, pending application status, polling locations, as well as voter precinct data and maps.

Voter registration materials and assistance are available in English, Spanish and Vietnamese.

"We encourage all citizens to please exercise their right to vote," Vasquez urged. "And our team is here to help answer questions and get registered voters to the polls."

For a complete list of Harris County Early Voting polling locations and schedules, voters should see the Harris County Clerk's Web site at www.harrisvotes.com.

The Coburn amendment passed by a vote of 12-11 in committee with Sens. Chris Dodd, D-Conn., and Ted Kennedy, D-Mass., voting with Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., Orrin G Hatch, R-Utah., Richard Burr, R-N.C., Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., Tom Coburn, R-Okla., Pat Roberts, R-Kan., Judd Gregg, R-N.H., Johnny Isakson, R-Ga., and Mike Enzi, R-Wyo. in favor.

In committee, Coburn said, "Let's demonstrate leadership — and confidence in the system — by requiring that every member of Congress go into it."

Eleven Democratic members voted no, including Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., who said, "I don't know why we should require ourselves to participate in a plan that no one else needs to participate in."

"Sen. Bingaman is still sticking to the big lie that the public 'option' will at all be optional," Wilson said.

"The unfortunate impact of this government-run health care proposal will be to crowd out private options, leaving Americans in the end with no other option but to use the Orwellian, abominable, government-run plan that will burden taxpayers with an insurmountable level of debt. This will be the largest government entitlement in human history, and it will break the public treasury," Wilson concluded.

Deaths

Santo Leonardo Carnabuci



Santo Leonardo Carnabuci was born in Baltimore, Md., on Jan. 21, 1925. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Carnabuci was a charter member of St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church.

He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus. Being active in the Beverly Hills Civic Club, he was instrumental in securing a park and a swimming pool for his neighborhood which has been enjoyed by thousands.

Wayne Coleman



Wayne Coleman died on Feb. 18, 2010. He was born in Hoy, La., Nov. 6, 1925, to J.M. and Blanche Coleman.

On July 27, 1946, he married Nell Williams at Manchester Baptist Church. They shared 62 years of marriage before her death in December of 2007. He spent 62 years as a manager and owner of Mayson Auto Supply in Pasadena. He was a member of Easthaven Baptist Church.

Coleman is survived by his sons: Danny Coleman and wife Donna, Steve Coleman and wife Kay; and daughter Marinell McKnight and husband Donald; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Coleman resided and worked in the South Belt area.

The funeral service celebrating Coleman's life was held Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010, at Niday Funeral Home.

CB staff honored for 2009 yearbook

Several yearbook staffs in the Clear Creek Independent School District recently earned special honors for their work. Among them, the Clear Brook High School 2009 yearbook staff was recognized by Taylor Publishing with an award of excellence honoring its accomplishments in yearbook design and coverage.

The Brook yearbook is featured in the 2010 Yearbook-Yearbook. Judges selected their work as some of the best in the country. Taylor Publishing proudly honors only the best of the best.

UHCL exhibits The Hope Suite

Throughout the month of March, University of Houston-Clear Lake will exhibit *The Hope Suite* in the Bayou Building, Atrium I, Level 2, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

Hope is the theme expressed in the exhibit.

Mixed-media artist Mark L. Smith uses paper, canvas,

metal and a variety of techniques including monotype, painting, drawing and collage to create his unique works of art.

The public is invited, and admission is free for all exhibits. For more information, call 281-283-3446 or e-mail art gallery@uhcl.edu.

ALG calls upon House to adopt Fleming Resolution to end congressional exemption

Americans for Limited Government president, Bill Wilson, called upon members of the House of Representatives to adopt a resolution (H. Res. 615) stating that "Members who vote in favor of the establishment of a public, federal government run health insurance option are urged to forgo their right to participate in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program and agree to enroll under that public option."

The measure is sponsored by Rep. John Fleming and has 42 cosponsors.

On his Web site, Fleming writes, "Under the current draft of the Democrat health-care legislation, members of Congress are curiously exempt from the government-run health care option, keeping their existing health plans and services on Capitol Hill. If Members of Congress believe so strongly government-run health care is the best solution for hard work-

ing American families, I think it only fitting that Americans see them lead the way."

"What's good for the goose is good for the gander," said Wilson. "If members of the House are expecting everyone to be a part of this government-run system, then they should be taken off the Federal Employee Health Benefits Plan and put on to this so-called public 'option' since they like it so much."

Currently, members of the House and Senate are covered by a health care plan offering a wide variety of options, including private coverage, according to the Federal Employee Health Benefits Plan Web site, "Federal employees, retirees and their survivors enjoy the widest selection of health plans in the country."

As participants, members of Congress can choose from "Consumer-Driven and High Deductible plans that offer catastrophic risk protection

with higher deductibles, health savings/reimbursable accounts and lower premiums, or Fee-for-Service plans, and their Preferred Provider Organizations (PPO), or Health Maintenance Organizations (HMO) if you live (or sometimes if you work) within the area served by the plan."

"It's time for Washington to stop acting like an aristocracy, where Congress treats itself to luxuries and forces everybody else into convoluted, inefficient, and low-quality options," Wilson said. "Members of Congress know the system they are proposing will be much, worse than the health options they currently have," Wilson added. "What they need to acknowledge is that it will also be much, much worse than the options the American people currently have."

Wilson also called upon the House Committees on Education and Labor, Ways and Means, and Energy and Commerce to adopt a binding measure that would require all members of Congress to enroll in the government-run health insurance option if lawmakers adopt one.

A similar provision, proposed by Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., has been adopted in the Senate version of the bill. In order for it to be included in the House version, the "three-in-one" committee currently considering the legislation needs to add it in.

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Science fair winners named at Stuchbery



Winners were recently announced for the annual Stuchbery Elementary Science Fair. Students who will advance to represent the school in the Pasadena Independent School District Science Fair are, left to right, Kayla Johnson, Kaylee Segura, Kaleb Brock, Joseph Perez and Nathan Castaneda.

Photo submitted

SJC students receive free laptops



Three San Jacinto College students recently received free Dell Notebooks for simply filling out their online class evaluation at the end of the fall 2009 semester. Winners were Lindsay Floyd from the South campus, Brandi Manuel from the Central campus and Jamichael Jones from the North campus. The computers were given as an incentive to encourage student participation in SJC surveys. At left, Floyd (left) picks up her free Dell Notebook from South campus student life coordinator Ellie Meyer, and, right, Manuel (left) picks up her free Dell Notebook from Central campus student life coordinator Amanda Rose.



Frazier bee winners named



Frazier Elementary recently held its annual spelling bee. Runner-up Jacob Young (left) and champion Joseph Bouleris (right) show off their awards. Twenty fourth-grade students participated in the annual spelling bee. All of the participants worked very hard to prepare for the competition. Bouleris went on to represent Frazier at the Pasadena Independent School District Spelling Bee at the administration building on February 8. Submitted photo

CB HOSA members advance to state



Three of the 13 Clear Brook High School HOSA members advancing to state are, left to right, Tracey Tran, Anh To and David Pham.

By Zach Pettigrew
Clear Brook High School competed in the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) Area VI Spring Leadership Conference held recently at Deer Park High School.

Of the 50 attending competitors, 24 members placed in the top five of their event. Additionally, 13 advanced to state.

Those who placed include Jeremy Allen, Sophia Anwar, Mackenzie Cooper, Nick

Dias, Ferial Hamid, Victoria Le, Tuan Mai, Tam Nguyen, Saleha Sherwani, Shaheen Tejani and Rohail Ullah.

Those advancing to state include Samantha Bentley, John Connell, Nhi Do, Natasha Gambhir, Farhana Khaja, Saurabh Limaye, Yasameen Nazemi, Zach Pettigrew, Andy Pham, David Pham, Nathan Tamburello, Anh To and Tracey Tran.

State competition will be held in Houston April 15-17.

The competition will be hosted by Nimitz High School.

Last year, the Biomedical Debate team of Natasha Gambhir, Yasameen Nazemi and Zach Pettigrew placed fourth, just one place shy of qualifying for the HOSA National Leadership Conference.

To learn more about HOSA at Clear Brook High School or to donate money to its booster club, e-mail hosa411@yahoo.com.



CBHS HOSA members are, left to right, (front row) David Pham, Natasha Gambhir, Bhavit Dave, (second row) Sahar Nick, Susan Moosavi, Reshma John, Rohail Ullah, Ferial Hamid, Seema Siddiqui, Tracey Tran, (third row) Matt Lenio, Sophia Anwar, Jeremy Allen, Anh To, Saleha Sherwani, Tina Au, (fourth row) Nick Dias, Alexx Edgar, Samantha Tisci, Jordan Nickell, Sierra Haq, (fifth row) Sultana Aruba, Sarah Radwan, Maryam Burney, (sixth row) Tuan Mai, Divya Anthony, Elizabeth Thomas, Shaheen Tejani, (back row) John Connell, Tam Nguyen and Zach Pettigrew.

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HAPPY 8TH BIRTHDAY BRAYDEN!
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Brayden is a second-grade student in the Gifted & Talented program in the Klein Independent School District. His mom is a 1997 Dobbie graduate.

BETA SIGMA PHI MEETS
 Laureate Psi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its February meeting in the home of Barbara Jennings with 12 members present and one absent.

The meeting was called to order by Nancy McShane. Plans were discussed for bringing water for the Cystic Fibrosis Walk on April 17, and Founder's Day which is to be held on May 1 at the Houston Yacht Club. The Sweetheart Ball was held on Feb. 6, and Diane Schimnosky was honored as the Sweetheart.

Following the meeting, Carroll McCullough presented the program "The Adventures of Stanley Finding Livingston." The March meeting will be held in the home of Nancy McShane with Jan Henrickson as Co-Hostess.

SCHOOL DAZE
 The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Feb. 25 through March 3.

Jessup Elementary
 A double birthday celebration is set for Jennifer Byrne and Karen Sirls Feb. 25.

Moore Elementary
 The day for a birthday cake for Leah Laredo is Feb 25. Special birthday wishes are sent to Adriana Ramirez Feb. 28. Priscilla Nguyen-Vu was born on Feb. 29, but will celebrate her Leap Year birthday another day this year.

Melillo Middle School
 On Feb. 25, Rosa Salinas marks a birthday.

Morris Middle School
 Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to Regina Richardson and Anna Willis Feb. 26. Mary Garcia celebrates a birthday

March 2.
Beverly Hills Intermediate
 The day for a double birthday party for Michael Arroyo and Gary Warner is Feb. 25. Marking a birthday Feb. 26 is Rodney Martin. Shay Woodruff has a birthday Feb. 28. March 2 is the day for a double party for Mary Garcia and Cynthia Lozano.
Thompson Intermediate
 Feb. 25 is the day for a birthday cake for John Fowler. Katina Kirk is wished a happy birthday March 1.

Dobie High
 Blow out the birthday candles on a double-layer cake for Ana Iraheta and Kha Nguyen Feb. 25. Double birthday wishes are sent to David Chollett and Zoila Salazar Feb. 28. On March 1, a birthday is celebrated by Jason Roth. Special birthday wishes are sent on March 3 to Erin Thompson.
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Co-op students visit Federal Reserve Bank



Pictured are J. Frank Dobie Business Office Co-op and Trade and Industrial Co-op students who attended a field trip to the Federal Reserve Bank in downtown Houston on Tuesday, Feb. 16. Students were introduced to the inner workings of the powerful Fed. They were fascinated by the board room, meeting rooms, and especially the vault. The highlight of the tour conducted by James Colunga was watching money being put into a machine to be counted and checked. If that machine determined the money unsuitable for circulation, it was kicked out to a shredder and lifted by air to

a container destined for a landfill. Co-op teachers, Dana Tarter and Jim Sawyer, accompanied the students on the field trip. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Kim Mai, Carlos Flores, Bonnie Chatham, Selene Cisneros, Summer Welch, Anna Yasim, Chakyra Heng, Yazmin Ortuno, Dana Tarter, (back row) Chris Chambers, Jim Sawyer, Valencia Rose, Stephanie Garza, Terri Hollier, Jennifer Galvan, Nicole Lavigne, Jermay Coney, Gabriela Garcia, Khoa Nguyen, Danielle Thorpe, Randy Jackson, Melissa Guerra, Daisy Gutierrez and Duong "Tony" Le. Photo Submitted

Remember When

30 years ago (1980)
 The Sageglenn Community Association received approval of a 10 percent loan from First City Bank, Alameda Genoa, for construction of a swimming pool and tennis courts for its residents.

Projected plans for a 41.63-acre development to include a five story bank building, office buildings, shopping facilities, a restaurant, a movie theater and apartments were announced. The project, Southpoint, was planned for the I-45 and Fuqua intersection.

Houston City Councilman Frank Mancuso announced the South Belt area within the Houston city limits would be getting water service from piped-in surface water instead of wells.

25 years ago (1985)
 Five-year growth rate figures for Texas two-year colleges showed the South campus of San Jacinto College with the largest percentage of any two-year college in Texas.

Pasadena Independent School District had 19 undisclosed schools that showed a small amount of asbestos.

Home prices in the South Belt finally stabilized after experiencing the largest drop in price in 1983 of any of the 17 neighborhoods surveyed by the University of Houston study.

The Pearland YMCA changed its name to the Pearland-South Belt YMCA in an effort to improve its local appeal.

20 years ago (1990)
 The proposed \$100 million Pasadena Independent

School District Bond was facing intense resistance from taxpayers. The PISD board scheduled area meetings to explain their viewpoints on the bond.

Dobie students were collecting receipts from Apple Tree stores. The chain promised to donate a new computer for each \$70,000 in receipts the students collected.

Two Weber Elementary teachers were granted transfers by the Clear Creek Independent School District citing their proximity to Brio as the reason.

For the first time in several years, two Dobie students qualified for state-level debate competition in the Texas Forensic Association. Senior John Dies earned a spot in oration, and senior Mike Scheschuk would compete in foreign extemporaneous speaking.

15 years ago (1995)
 J. Frank Dobie's Decathlon team placed second in the state large-school competition.

Clear Creek Independent School District board of trustees accepted the resignation of Superintendent Ronald McLeod. McLeod agreed to stay on until his contract ended in July.

J. Frank Dobie junior Marty Blair won first place in the trail event at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce hired Sherry Trainer as its new executive director.

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Frosts renew vows before deployment to Iraq

By Matt Griesmyer Valentine's Day has been set aside for various actions and labors of love, but for one former South Belt resident and Dobie graduate, this year's day of romance was extra special.

Stephanie Frost, a former resident of South Belt and 1999 graduate of Dobie, has been married to Army Staff Sgt. Lee Frost for 10 years. They have three children - Chassitti, 9, Lee Jr., 7, and Sierra, 5, and currently reside in Fort Riley, Kan.

When Lee returned to the South Belt area, where his and Stephanie's parents still reside, to collect his mother to visit Kansas for Christmas, he arranged for a surprise.

For their 10th wedding anniversary, Lee spoke with the pastor of their former church, Faith Baptist Church, and set up a renewal of their wedding vows on Feb. 14.

"I was out shopping with my mom, and he called," Stephanie said. "I started crying; my mother was asking me what was wrong. I just replied that I have the best husband in the world."

The Frosts, along with their three children drove down from Kansas and arrived on Feb. 12 to prepare for the ceremony.

While most brides would be rushing and stressed two

days before their vow exchange, Stephanie was not concerned, as there was nothing to plan.

"The pastor's wife and another woman from the church did it all; we didn't have to do anything, and we couldn't with just two days

beforehand," Stephanie said. "The (ceremony) was an amazing, amazing thing."



Before being deployed back to Iraq, Lee Frost renewed wedding vows with his wife, Stephanie, for their 10th wedding anniversary. The Frosts currently reside in Fort Riley, Kan., but her parents, James and Mary Harris, still live in the South Belt area. Pictured are, left to right, Sierra, Chassitti, Stephanie, Lee Sr. and Lee Jr. The Rev. Bobby Bryant is in the background. Photo submitted

Dobie students to participate in BPA State Leadership Conference in March

Top students from J. Frank Dobie High School will attend the Business Professionals of America 2010 State Leadership Conference in Fort Worth March 3-6.

Students competed in the Regional Leadership Conference on Jan. 23 at Waltrip High School, where Dobie competitors received a total of 27 medals.

Students who are state qualifiers include Anna Yasim in Administrative

Support Research Project Individual; Terri Holier in Advanced Interview and Presentation Management Team; Summer Welch in Advanced Office Systems and Procedures (she also received medals in Administrative Support Concepts, and Marketing, Management and HR

Concepts); Le Ho, Shekeyla Caldwell and Thomas Trevino in Video Production Team; Julian Tran and Khoa Nguyen in Fundamental Word Processing; Jeremy Morris in Java Programming; Nicole Lavigne in Presentation Management Team; Celeste Carmona in Advanced Spreadsheet;

Zaida Hernandez in Interview and Video Production Team; Jessica Molinar in Video Production Team; and Jessica Guillory in Database Applications. Dobie chapter sponsors are Dana Tarter and Linda Traylor.

The state qualifiers will join more than 2,500 confer-

ence delegates from across the state to participate in the state level of competition for which they qualified. Besides having the opportunity to excel, they will experience Fort Worth as they visit several of the city's sites.

The state conference emphasizes business workforce education and training. Business Professionals of America is a national organization for middle school, high school and college students preparing for careers in business and office. The organization's activities and programs complement classroom instruction by giving students practical experience through application of skills learned at school and at work through the Business Office Co-op program. BPA acts as a cohesive agent in the nationwide networking of education and business and industry, and is contributing to the preparation of a world-class workforce through the advancement of leadership, citizenship, academic, and technological skills.



Dobie BPA students pictured are, left to right, (front row) Jeremy Morris, Zaida Hernandez, Jessica Molinar, Julian Tran, Khoa Nguyen, (middle row) Jessica Guillory, Shekeyla Caldwell, Le Ho, Summer Welch, (back row) Terri Hollier, Anna Yasim, Thomas Trevino, Celeste Carmona and Nicole Lavigne.

Community invited to open house

Explore the serene 524-acre campus grounds while discovering educational and career options at the University of Houston-Clear Lake's spring 2010 open house on Feb. 27 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at 2700 Bay Area Boulevard.

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to answer questions.

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For additional information, call UH-Clear Lake's Office of Admissions at 281-283-2515.

Hobby Lions meet March 3

Hobby Airport Lions Club meets Wednesday, March 3, at noon at the Golden Corral at Fuqua and I-45. E-mail HobbyAirportLions@gmail.com for additional information.

Lions Club meets March 9

The Houston Space City Lions Club will meet Tuesday, March 9, at 7 p.m. at the Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway. For additional information, call George Malone at 281-438-7243.

Beauty pageant at Alameda Mall

Local children, teens, and young adults are invited to participate in the Sunburst U.S.A. Beauty Pageant and Baby Contest Friday, Feb. 26, at 7 p.m. Registration for the event begins an hour prior to the show, right up until the pageant begins.

The entry fee is \$40.

This pageant is a preliminary to the Sunburst State and International Finals. Participants can win trophies, crowns, sashes, banners and the \$250 entry fee paid to the state finals in Houston.

Contestants can have an entry form downloaded directly from the Web site at www.sunburstbeauty.com or pick one up at Alameda Mall.

The pageant is open to boys and girls ages infant to 3, and girls ages 4-27. The Sunburst pageant, in its 31st year, is one of the only national pageant systems to reward every participant with a trophy.

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Sagemont Cowgirls win honors collection



2009 ended with a bang for the Sagemont Cowgirls! In the November BAFL competition, the girls competed in three categories. The night started with the performance of a military routine to *Deep in the Heart of Texas*, followed by a prop routine to *Circus*, complete with top hats, buckets and giant platforms, and ending with an over-the-top Vegas routine for novelty. The girls took home awards for Super Sweepstakes, Most Original and second place overall. Squad members shown are, left to right, (front row) Sara Otwell, Anna Ragone, Corina Banda, Bianca Espinoza, Illiana Rodriguez, (second row)

Alyssa Wilson, Haley Deel, Lani Lopez, Valerie Diaz, Jamaris Stephen, Johna Blevins, (third row) Giselle Lopez, Gabby Flores, Valline Bertrand, Valerie Mendoza, Angelica Zuniga, Marissa Amezcua, Lexis Woodruffe, (fourth row) Deysha Coleman, Arianna Gonzalez, Katherine Ramirez, Alexis Juarez, Alyssa Adame, Celeste Correa, (fifth row) Jalene Olivares, Leslie Diaz, Trinity Harrison, Jackie Mendoza, Jade Jacobo, Jasmine Sanchez, Sydney Parham, (back row) Madison Samples, Sabrina Hernandez, Celena Morin, Andrea Lopez, Adrianna Castillo and Kiara Wells.

Area Lutheran South Middle School wins Top School at Academic Quest

Lutheran South Middle School was recently awarded Overall Top School at the Middle School Academic Quest held at Lutheran North High School recently. Teams competing in the large school division of Academic Quest included Bay Area Christian, Trinity Lutheran, Salem Lutheran,

Northland Christian and St. Mark Lutheran. Academic Quest is a competition held at Lutheran North High School for grades 6-8. Students compete in the areas of mathematics, history, Bible, grammar and science. In addition to those grade level subjects, students also

compete in a variety of open events based on specific subjects. Lutheran South first-place medalists included Siena Condon, Claire Grable, Sabrina Salazar and Wyatt Griffis. Second-place medalists included Jack Brame, Stephanie Schmidt, Tara Everett,



Lutheran South Middle School and its students earned several awards at the Academic Quest competition. Left to right, front row: Grace Skaggs, Rachel Krause, Stephanie Zeller, Claire Grable, Elizabeth Ledoux, Michelle Chauvin, Stephanie Schmidt, Maris Fechter, Sabryna Salazar, Gabrielle Waller, Tara Everett, Elena Gaidousek, Siena Condon, Abigail Hancock, Harrison Little, Jonathan Adams, Nathan Laughman Patrick Gonzales

(back row) Michael Krause, Justin Smith, Madie Zimmermann, Seth Beavers, Kara Harbin, Braden Shaffer, Joseph Carrera-Rohi, Wyatt Griffis, Russell Parrish, Alex Silvagnoli, Bobby Anton, JP Stanley, Eric Amason, Trent Franson, Aaron Klaes, Rory Germeroth, Justin Bui, Anna Nelson, Nathaniel Keptra, Martin Roth, David Villarreal, Zach Germeroth and Patrick Grigsby. Photo submitted

SJC, NASA astronauts celebrate arts, sciences at symphony



NASA astronauts were just some of the people on hand at the San Jacinto College and Houston Symphony performance of *The Planets - An HD Odyssey* recently. Pictured at the event are, left to right, David C. Leestma, manager of advanced programs, veteran astronaut on STS-41, STS-28 and STS-45; Marie Flickinger, chair, San Jacinto College Board of Trustees; Dr. Brenda Hellyer, chancellor, San Jacinto College; Terrance W. Wilcutt, director of Safety and Mission Assurance, veteran astronaut on STS-68, STS-79, STS-89 and STS-106; and Thomas Jones, author and veteran astronaut on STS-59, STS-68, STS-80 and STS-98.

Photo by Jeff Fillow

San Jacinto College students, employees, friends, NASA astronauts and donors gathered at Jones Hall recently, to celebrate the convergence of the arts and sciences in the performance of the Houston Symphony's *The Planets - An HD Odyssey*. The epic event was an opportunity for the San Jacinto College community to view the latest high-definition planetary images compiled by award-winning producer/director Duncan Copp while enjoying the live performance of Gustav Holst's suite *The Planets*, performed by the Houston Symphony under the direction of Maestro Hans Graf. The monumental and innovative project was in Houston for four days and included a private performance for the San Jacinto College community before heading to New York's Carnegie Hall and Florida's Kravis Center and Broward Center. Students, faculty, staff and guests enjoyed a brief interview with Copp and

Graf before the performance. The two shared insight as to how the project came together and the marriage of the music and the HD imagery. The special evening was also the kick-off for the Promise for Their Future scholarship fund. This is a new scholarship opportunity for San Jacinto College students majoring in the arts and sciences. The fund will provide scholarships (tuition, fees, and books) to help students complete their certificate or associate degree programs beginning in the 2010-2011 academic year. To date, \$106,640 has been committed to this fund to help San Jacinto College students reach their educational goals. "The night turned out better than I could ever have imagined," said Dr. Brenda Hellyer, San Jacinto College chancellor. "It was thrilling to see so many 'first-time' symphony attendees enjoy the performance. It was also wonderful to be able to announce to an audience of

over 2,500 the amount of money given by our special donors to the Promise for Their Future scholarship fund. As this fund continues to grow, it will make an impact for so many in our community." Donations for the Promise for Their Future scholarship fund are being accepted through the San Jacinto College Foundation. For more information about the Promise for Their Future campaign and other donor opportunities, call the foundation at 281-998-6104. The San Jacinto College Foundation, a nonprofit organization, is dedicated to enhancing the level of student achievement and excellence at San Jacinto College. The purpose of the foundation is to receive gifts, bequests and donations, and to raise private funds to benefit the people of east Harris County. Foundation donations are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.

Hooke, friends enjoy snow



Danielle Hooke, 2009 Dobie graduate and lifelong South Belt resident is a freshman attending school at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth. She enjoyed two days off from classes due to a record snow fall of 12.5 inches within 24 hours. She is the daughter of Terry and Debora Hooke of Clear Brook Meadows. Danielle's brother Tyler is a sophomore at the University of Texas. Pictured at the TCU campus are, left to right: Danielle Hooke and friends, Lindsey Mann, Zachary Cate and Elsie Cardena.

SBHLL, SBGSA opening

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For additional information on cook-off team and vendor entry fees, call Dawn Carter at 832-584-3001 or direct e-mail to dawncarter12018@sbcglobal.net.
SBHLL opens March 5
Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League officials are set to host opening ceremonies Friday, March 5, beginning at 7 p.m. at the league's facilities at El Franco Lee Park.
At opening ceremonies, each of the league's teams will be led onto the field, and District 15 administrator Ferris Maness will toss out the first pitch of the season.
The ceremonies will conclude with the league's board of directors taking on the coaches in a fun-filled softball game.
On Saturday, March 6, the SBHLL will open its season with games beginning at 11 a.m. in many of the divisions. From there, it's a race to the top of the standings for all of the teams.
"We are super excited for the season to finally be here and for our players

and their families to have a chance to finally get started," said Amy Smith, Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League president. "So much work is done by so many people to help prepare for the season. We appreciate our coaches and all of the other volunteers who have helped us get ready for the season. Now, it's time for the players to be able to go out and enjoy what we know is going to be a terrific season for everyone involved."
Other SBHLL news, such as league schedules and other important dates, can be found at the league's Web site - www.eteamz.com/sbhll.
SBGSA begins March 6
The South Belt Girls Softball Association will host opening ceremonies Saturday, March 6, in the community. The festivities will begin with a parade, to be held in conjunction with the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League, at 9 a.m.
Parade entrants will load up and begin the parade at Weber Elementary,

11955 Blackhawk, and proceed to the league's facility.
SBGSA opening ceremonies will begin around 10:45 a.m., with a carnival, and scrimmage games are set to begin at noon. Available concessions will include barbecued turkey legs, sandwiches, sausage on a stick, funnel cakes, kettle corn and more.
There will be games, a rock wall and inflatables for all ages.
League officials invite the community to join in for a day of fun. SBGSA will also accept vendors for the event, to be held at El Franco Lee Park.
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Frazier students collect hats again

Frazier Elementary will host its third annual Hats For Hope community service project benefiting M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. The school will collect new hats with the tags still attached or monetary donations until May 7. Since cancer patients have weakened immune systems, only hats with the tags attached will be accepted. All hats and money collected will be donated to M.D. Anderson cancer patients and the Patient Services

Program. South Belt residents who know of someone who is undergoing cancer treatments, may let the school know. Frazier students would be pleased to give them one of their hats. Also, the help of anyone who would like to make or knit hats would be appreciated. Contact Rhonda Jacobs for additional information or questions concerning this project at 713-740-0560 or rjacobs@pasadenaisd.org.

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Rodeo Roundup
Houston Mayor Annise Parker, a representative for Harris County Judge Ed Emmett and Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo officials, kicked off this year's Show at Rodeo Roundup Tuesday, Feb. 23. Parker announced Feb. 26, 2010, as Go Texan Day. Rodeo Roundup gives Houstonians a chance to get to know the Show, and to better understand the Show's importance to the Houston area while celebrating Western heritage.
World's Championship Bar-B-Que Contest
The World's Championship Bar-B-Que Contest runs Feb. 25 - 27 at Reliant Park. The Garden, a public entertainment area, will have live entertainment on stage, including Casey Donahew, Bart Crow Band, Jamie Richards, Charla Corn, Gary P. Nunn, Better Than Ezra and more. Visit the rodeo Web site at www.rodeohouston.com for a complete list of entertainers and performance times in The Garden, carnival hours, and shuttle bus locations and times.
Downtown Rodeo Parade and ConocoPhillips Rodeo Run
The 2010 Downtown Rodeo Parade fills the streets of Houston Saturday, Feb. 27, 10 a.m. Grand Marshals Richard Wainerdi, P.E., Ph.D., president and CEO of Texas Medical Center (corporation), and James H. "Red" Duke Jr., M.D., trauma surgeon, professor of clinical sciences at The University of Texas Medical School at Houston, and founder and medical director of Life Flight at Memorial Hermann - TMC, will represent the 48 institutions of the Texas Medical Center. Children from the children's hospitals in the Texas Medical Center will join the grand marshals leading the floats, marching bands, and 13 trail rides, with more than 4,000 riders on horseback, through the streets of downtown Houston. For a complete list of trail rides and more information on the Downtown Rodeo Parade, visit www.rodeohouston.com.
More than 13,000 athletes are expected to participate in the 23rd annual ConocoPhillips Rodeo Run, which includes a 10K run and a 5K fun walk/run beginning at 10, and a wheelchair race that begins at 9:30 a.m. ConocoPhillips has contributed more than \$2.2 million to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo's Educational Fund since the race began in 1988.
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The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo opens March 2 and continues through March 21. There are still plenty of seats available for most RodeoHouston™ performances, with tickets starting as low as \$16, and \$10 for a Value Day Wednesday admission, including the Rodeo and concert performance. Visit www.rodeohouston.com for more information and daily ticket availability.
RodeoHouston is the richest regular-season PRCA rodeo, with a purse of more than \$1.5 million. This year, 394 of rodeo's top athletes will be riding and roping for a chance to be a RodeoHouston BP Super Series Champion.
The Show is a Section 501(c)(3) charity dedicated to benefiting youth, supporting education, and facilitating better agricultural practices through exhibitions and presentation. Since the Show's beginning in 1932, more than \$250 million has been committed to the youth of Texas. For tickets and more information about the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, visit www.rodeohouston.com.

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Bidistrict boys' hoops playoffs Dobie a double OT winner; CB falls

Anything can happen once the playoffs start. Simply review the varsity boys' bidistrict basketball playoff results for proof.

Dobie, the fourth seed from District 22-5A, came away with a 71-68 double overtime victory over 21-5A champion Port Arthur

Memorial Feb. 23 at Lee College in Baytown. Trevar Mayon hit one free throw, and Rayshad Joseph sank a pair as the Longhorns advanced to the area round to take on Dulles.

Things didn't go as well for Clear Brook, which had

15-0 run too much to overcome

Clear Lake's early surge ends Dobie's season in area girls' playoff hoops round

Almost before the Dobie varsity girls' basketball fan base could get warm in its seats, the team's season was finished.

tough for Dobie. Shaneque Gaston's free throw ended Lake's 15-0 run to open the game, but

the Lady Falcons scored the final six points of the quarter to lead by 20. Dobie cut the margin to

13 at halftime, but Lake began the third quarter with seven straight points. After

Clear Lake opened its area round playoff game Feb. 19 at Dawson High School with a 15-0 run, quickly taking control on both ends of the floor.

The Lady Falcons went on to claim the first quarter 21-1 and had little trouble in downing Dobie, the District 22-5A champion, 61-44.

Vacie Davis had a team-high 15 points in her final game as a Lady Longhorn, but it wasn't nearly enough against a Clear Lake group that featured plenty of height and near-precision execution at times.

Dobie head coach Shane Brown expressed concern about Lake's height, led by 6'3" combo guard Aron Garcia and 6'2" post Ashley Westby inside.

As it turned out, there was plenty of reason for concern. Clear Lake won the opening tip and converted it into an easy layup to get things going.

When Clear Lake did miss, its players were in position to grab offensive rebounds. And after scoring, Clear Lake frequently shifted into its full-court pressure, making things

Dobie senior guard Vacie Davis (right), who scored 15 points in her final game in the program, pressures Clear Lake point guard Natalie DeWitte during the Lady Falcons' 61-44 victory over Dobie in an area round playoff game Feb. 19 at Dawson High School. Clear Lake opened the game with a 15-0 run and never looked back.

Photo by John Bechtle



Baseball, softball teams enter tourney town

High school baseball and softball programs are set to continue early season action in a variety of tournament setting across the area Feb. 25-27.

The Clear Brook varsity baseball team is set to play in the David Anzaldua Memorial tournament, hosted by the La Porte and Goose

Creek school districts. Dobie, meanwhile, will play in the Angleton tournament.

A little closer to home, Clear Brook and its Clear Creek Independent School District counterparts will host their annual varsity tournament.

Dobie, Clear Brook baseball drop openers

There's nowhere to go but up from here. Opening did not go as planned for the Clear Brook and Dobie varsity baseball teams.

The homestanding Wolverines fell behind Morton Ranch 7-0 after 3 1/2 innings but then came back to tie the game at 7-7 on a two out, two-run homer by Evan Webb in the bottom of the seventh.

In the top of the eighth, Morton Ranch shortstop Anthony Gomez capped a near-perfect night with a two-run double to help lift the Mavericks to a 9-7 victory.

At Friendswood, Dobie got great pitching performances from starter Austin Abbott and reliever Sport Beynaerts, but a sixth-inning error led to a run for the Mustangs, who dropped the Longhorns 1-0.

Clear Brook will now play in the La Porte tournament, and Dobie will head to Angleton's tournament, both set for Feb. 25-27 (see more tournament details Page 2B).

Gomez lifted Morton Ranch during its loss to Morton Ranch, but the biggest issue was an inability to get Gomez out. Gomez blasted a long solo homer to left field in the top of the first inning and then delivered a two-run double in the third inning as the Mavericks built a 5-0 lead.

The Wolverines intentionally walked Gomez in the fourth inning, but pitcher Brad Grimes followed with an RBI double as the Mavericks went up 7-0.

With a big night already in hand in the top of the eighth inning, Gomez struck again.

Hitting against Clear Brook's third pitcher of the night, reliever Justin Clemens, Gomez smacked a two-run double to left field that sent the Mavericks to the victory. For the night, Gomez went up 7-0.

Clear Brook junior left-hander Craig Boone gave the Wolverines a lift in relief with 4 1/3 innings of solid pitching, but a two-run eighth inning gave Morton Ranch a 9-7 victory Feb. 22 at Wolverine Field.

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Pasadena ISD hosts Brown Relays

The Pasadena Independent School District is set to host its annual Brown Relays Friday, Feb. 26 at Auxiliary Stadium in Pasadena.

Field events and the running preliminaries will begin at 2:30 p.m., and the running finals will begin at 6 p.m.

There will be 14 boys' teams and 15 girls' teams in the mix, including each of the Pasadena

ISD schools, Clear Brook, Deer Park and Clear Lake. PISD officials will host a brief ceremony beginning at 5:45 p.m. to honor former Dobie High School track and field coach John Bryan, who led the Longhorns to the state championship 30 years ago.

Several members of the Dobie team are expected to be on hand to help present a plaque to Bryan, who went on to lead Clear Lake

High School's track program for many years after leaving Dobie. The Dobie boys' and girls' track and field teams are looking to round into shape entering the third meet of the season.

The Longhorns opened the season at Deer Park, and both teams competed in the South Houston Invitational Feb. 19. All of the teams are hoping for better weather.

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Baseball season opens; Clear Brook, Dobie lose games late

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ez was three for four with a walk, five runs batted in and two runs scored.
But the Wolverines came away with things to be pleased about.
Clear Brook starter Keaton Miller wasn't as sharp as he would have liked, but reliever Craig Boone was brilliant in relief with 4 1/3 innings of work and just two runs allowed.

"Craig Boone has been the surprise of the scrimmages and our first game," Clear Brook head coach Russell Ferrell said. He has really made a lot of progress, so we are really happy about that."
Down 7-0 entering the fourth inning, the Wolverines fought back into the game with a five-run frame.
C.J. Montag drew a bases-loaded walk to get

Brook's first run home, and Connor Eck came through with a big two-run single with two outs.
After Derek Montag walked, two more runs scored when Gomez let a potential inning-ending ground ball scoot under his glove.
Clear Brook also got the big hit from Webb in the seventh inning, even after a baserunning mistake cost

the team an out.
Webb greeted Morton Ranch reliever Carlton Wells with a two-run homer deep to right field that tied the game at 7-7.
"The positives for us were the big hits from guys like Webb, C.J. Montag, Eck and Matt Heidt," Ferrell said.
"The negatives were our baserunning, and our defense was terrible. Keaton

didn't pitch as well as we thought he would, but he was really good for us last year, and we are very confident he will bounce back for us the rest of the way."
If only Clear Brook had been able to retire Gomez in the eighth, the game might have gone on well into the night.
The Wolverines also had two other runners thrown out on the bases in the game. In turn, they allowed a steal of home to Morton Ranch's Jake Stewart.
"Baserunning is the hardest thing to work on in practice, and mistakes have a way of rearing their ugly heads in games. Those mistakes showed up for us late in the game, and it really hurt us."

Dobie slips 1-0 at Fwood
Dobie's pitching was very good as senior Austin Abbott threw four shutout innings, and Sport Beynaerts threw the final two in-

The Mustangs scored the only run of the game on a double and single in the bottom of the fifth, leading to the win.

The Longhorns, who had just three hits in the game, hit some balls hard, but several were directed right at Friendswood de-

fensive players. "We had some chances to score but couldn't get the big hit," Dobie head coach Miguel Torres said.
"We had the tying run on third base in the last inning and couldn't score. In another inning, we had runners on second and third with two outs. That's baseball. Friendswood also made some outstanding defensive plays."
Moving forward to the Angleton tournament, Torres knows what he has with Abbott and Beynaerts. He now wants to see what other arms can do. He also expects the hits to start coming.
"Some of these other pitchers are going to get their chance in Angleton," Torres said.
"Offensively, we know the hits are going to come. Because of the weather, we haven't seen a lot of live pitching."



Clear Brook outfielder Evan Webb (far right) crossed the plate and greets his celebrating teammates after smacking a two-out, two-run homer in the bottom of the seventh inning to tie the game at 7-7 against Morton Ranch Feb. 22 at Wolverine Field. Unfortunately, Morton Ranch scored a pair of runs in the top of the eighth to win the season opener 9-7. Webb's teammates include, from left, Michael Donovan and Matt Fox.
Photo by John Bechtle

Sports calendar

- SOCCER**
Thursday, Feb. 25
Dobie JV (B) girls at Sam Rayburn, campus, 3:30
- Friday, Feb. 26**
Clear Brook varsity girls host Brazoswood, 7:00
Clear Brook varsity boys at Brazoswood, 7:00
Dobie varsity boys vs. South Houston, Newcomb, 7:00
Dobie varsity girls vs. South Houston, Newcomb, 5:00
Clear Brook JV girls host Brazoswood, 5:00
Clear Brook JV boys at Brazoswood, 5:00
Dobie JV boys vs. South Houston, Auxiliary, 5:00
Dobie JV girls vs. South Houston, Newcomb, 3:00
- Saturday, Feb. 27**
Dobie JV (B) girls host Clear Lake, 10 a.m.
- Monday, March 1**
Clear Brook varsity girls at Clear Lake, 7:00
Clear Brook varsity boys host Clear Lake, 7:00
Dobie varsity girls host Deer Park, Newcomb, 4:00
Clear Brook JV girls at Clear Lake, 5:00
Clear Brook JV boys host Clear Lake, 5:00
- Tuesday, March 2**
Dobie varsity boys at Deer Park, Abshire, 7:00
Dobie JV boys at Deer Park, Abshire, 5:00
- Thursday, March 4**
Clear Brook sophomore boys host Brazosport, 5:30

- Friday, March 5**
Clear Brook varsity boys host Galveston Ball, 7:00
Dobie varsity boys at La Porte, 7:00
Dobie varsity girls host La Porte, Newcomb, 5:00
Clear Brook varsity girls at Galveston Ball, 7:00
Clear Brook JV boys host Galveston Ball, 5:00
Clear Brook JV girls at Galveston Ball, 5:00
Dobie JV boys at La Porte, 5:00
Dobie JV girls host La Porte, Auxiliary, 7:00

- SOFTBALL**
Thursday, Feb. 25
Clear Brook varsity hosts Clear Creek tourn., TBA
Dobie varsity at Clear Creek tourn., TBA
Dobie JV at Humble tourn., TBA

- Friday, Feb. 26**
San Jacinto College at Temple tourn., TBA
Clear Brook varsity hosts Clear Creek tourn., TBA
Dobie varsity at Clear Creek tourn., TBA
Dobie JV at Humble tourn., TBA

- Saturday, Feb. 27**
San Jacinto College at Temple tourn., TBA
Clear Brook varsity hosts Clear Creek tourn., TBA
Dobie varsity at Clear Creek tourn., TBA
Dobie JV at Humble tourn., TBA

- Monday, March 1**
Clear Brook varsity hosts Friendswood, 5:30
Clear Brook JV hosts Friendswood, 4:00

- Tuesday, March 2**
Dobie varsity at Clear Lake, 6:00
Dobie JV at Clear Lake, 4:30

- BASEBALL**
Thursday, Feb. 25
Dobie varsity at Angleton tourn., TBA
Clear Brook varsity at La Porte tourn., TBA
Dobie JV at Clear Creek tourn., TBA
Clear Brook JV at Clear Creek tourn., TBA
Clear Brook sophomores at Spring tourn., TBA
Dobie sophomores at Pasadena tourn., TBA

- Friday, Feb. 26**
Dobie varsity at Angleton tourn., TBA
Clear Brook varsity at La Porte tourn., TBA
Dobie JV at Clear Creek tourn., TBA
Clear Brook JV at Clear Creek tourn., TBA
Clear Brook sophomores at Spring tourn., TBA
Dobie sophomores at Pasadena tourn., TBA

- Saturday, Feb. 27**
Dobie varsity at Angleton tourn., TBA
Clear Brook varsity at La Porte tourn., TBA
Dobie JV at Clear Creek tourn., TBA
Clear Brook JV at Clear Creek tourn., TBA
Clear Brook sophomores at Spring tourn., TBA
Dobie sophomores at Pasadena tourn., TBA

- Monday, March 1**
Clear Brook varsity hosts Deer Park, 6:00
Dobie JV hosts Dickinson, PISD complex, 4:30
Clear Brook JV at Deer Park, 6:00
Clear Brook sophomores at Deer Park, 4:00

- Tuesday, March 2**
Dobie varsity at Dickinson, 7:00
Dobie sophomores host Dickinson, Dobie, 4:00

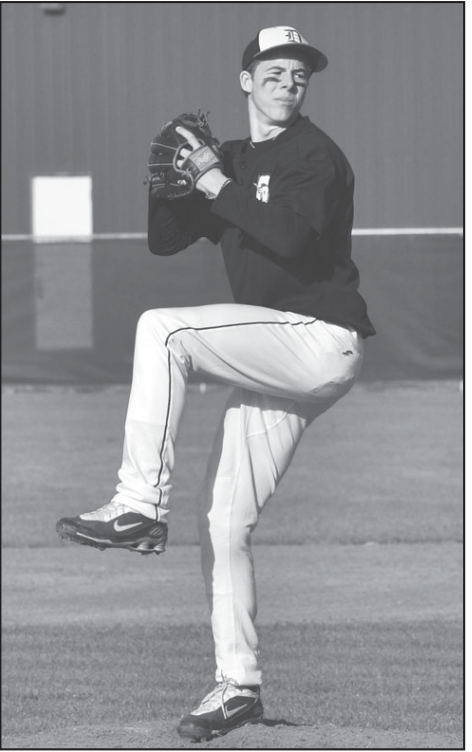
- Thursday, March 4**
Dobie varsity hosts Pasadena tourn., TBA
Clear Brook varsity hosts Clear Creek tourn., TBA
Dobie JV at Pearland tourn., TBA
Dobie sophomores at Brazoswood tourn., TBA

- Friday, March 5**
Dobie varsity hosts Pasadena tourn., TBA
Clear Brook varsity hosts Clear Creek tourn., TBA
Dobie JV at Pearland tourn., TBA
Dobie sophomores at Brazoswood tourn., TBA

- Saturday, March 6**
Dobie varsity hosts Pasadena tourn., TBA
Clear Brook varsity hosts Clear Creek tourn., TBA
Dobie JV at Pearland tourn., TBA
Dobie sophomores at Brazoswood tourn., TBA

- TENNIS**
Friday, Feb. 26
Dobie varsity at Corpus Christi tourn., TBA

- Saturday, Feb. 27**
Dobie varsity at Corpus Christi tourn., TBA



Senior right-hander Austin Abbott was solid for Dobie in his 2010 debut, tossing four shutout innings at Friendswood. He threw 66 pitches, delivering 82 percent of those for strikes. Friendswood scored a run in the bottom of the fifth inning to win 1-0 Feb. 22.
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Angleton tourn.

- Dobie vs. Strake Jesuit**
Thurs., Feb. 25, 2 p.m.
- Dobie vs. Baytown Ster.**
Thurs., Feb. 25, 4:30 p.m.
- Dobie vs. Angleton**
Fri., Feb. 26, 4:30 p.m.
- Dobie vs. Terry**
Sat., Feb. 27, 11 a.m.

Clear Creek ISD to host 16-team softball tourney

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The Clear Creek ISD softball tournament will include 16 teams, among them Atascocita, Cinco Ranch,

Clear Brook, Clear Creek, Clear Lake, Clear Springs, Dobie, Goose Creek Memorial, La Porte, Lamar Consolidated, Morton Ranch,

New Caney, North Shore, Santa Fe, South Houston and Texas City.

Of those 16 teams, eight were in the playoffs last season, including regional quarterfinalists Dobie, Cinco Ranch and Santa Fe (Class 4A) and regional finalist Clear Creek (Class

5A). While Clear Brook will play six games in the event, Dobie is scheduled to play five games, including two Feb. 25 and Feb. 26.

Legends 8-under baseball takes second



The Legends, an 8-under select baseball team based in the South Belt area, finished second at the February Blowout event in Spring. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Gage Parham, Chris Thomas, Robert Romero, Daniel Garza, Peyton

Miller, (middle row) Adam Gonzales, Dylan White, Jonathan Marroquin, Joseph Mohammadi, Brandon Trevino, Rex Thompson, (back row) coaches Danny Garza, Mark Parham, Jeff White and James Miller.
Submitted photo

American Avengers 7-under wins baseball title



The American Avengers VIII South 7-under team from the South Belt area won the February Blowout for Nations 8-under select baseball tournament in Spring. Members of the team include, left to right, (front row) Mateo Lamas, Luis Ruales Jr., Jartis Solomon, Jonathan Morales, Adam Rodriguez, Gabriel

Rojas, Alejandro Ruales (bat boy), (middle row) Sebastian Soliz, David Treviño Jr., Issac Pacheco, Xavier Cantu, Gabby Luna, Jonathan Resendez., (back row) head coach David Trevino, manager Luis Ruales and assistant coach Ruben Ramirez.
Submitted photo

Clear Creek ISD Softball Invitational

- Brook games all at Brook:** vs. LaPorte, Feb. 25, noon; vs. Dobie, Feb. 25, 6 p.m.; vs. Texas City, Feb. 26, noon; vs. New Caney, Feb. 26, 4 p.m.; vs. Santa Fe, Feb. 27, 9 a.m.; vs. Cinco Ranch, Feb. 27, 1 p.m.
- Dobie games:** vs. North Shore, Feb. 25, 2 p.m. at Springs; vs. Brook, Feb. 25, 6 p.m. at Brook; vs. Clear Springs, Feb. 26, noon at Springs; vs. Cinco Ranch, Feb. 26, 2 p.m. at Springs; vs. Lamar Cons., Feb. 27, 11 a.m. at Creek

Local sports news, notes

PISD Quick Start Tennis
The Pasadena Independent School District will host its annual Tennis Program for all third- through sixth-grade students in the Pasadena school system. The Quick Start program is an exciting new play format for learning tennis. The program is designed to introduce kids to the game by utilizing specialized equipment, shorter court dimensions and modified scoring, all tailored to age and size. It is the fast, fun way to get kids into tennis, and keep them playing. Registration is currently in progress at all schools.
All interested players may contact their physical education teachers for registration forms. The cost is \$30, which includes a tennis racket, water bottle, T-shirt, and four instructional lessons.
The Quick Start kickoff and packet pick up is Saturday, March 27, from 1 to 2:15 p.m., at Phillips Field House, located at 2902 Dabney. Lesson dates are March 28, April 11, April 18 and April 25 from 1 to 2:15 p.m. If necessary, a makeup day will be May 2. Lessons will be conducted at Dobie High School, South Houston High School, Memorial High School, Pasadena High School, Rayburn High School, and Beverly Hills Intermediate.
Quick Start program coordinators are Joey Pena and Troy Ralls from Melillo Middle School. For further information or to become a volunteer coach, call Pena at 832-788-4040 or Ralls at 713-306-2262.

Rising Stars track registration

The Rising Stars Track Club will host registration for the upcoming spring/summer season Saturday, Feb. 27, at Dobie High School from 10 a.m. to noon. Registration will continue each Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon at Dobie through mid-March. Practice days are Fridays from 4:30 p.m. until dark, Saturdays from 10 a.m. until noon and Sundays from 3 to 5 p.m. For more information about the team and its program, call Coach Ivory Kimble at 832-561-1248 or Fran Herndon at 281-335-1878.

SBGSA opening ceremonies

The South Belt Girls Softball Association will host opening ceremonies Saturday, March 6, in the community. The festivities will begin with a parade at 9 a.m. Opening ceremonies will begin around 10:45 a.m., with a carnival and scrimmage games set to begin at noon.

Available concessions will include barbecued turkey legs, sandwiches, sausage on a stick, funnel cakes, kettle corn and more. There will be games, a rock wall and inflatables for all ages. League officials invite the community to join in for a day of fun. SBGSA will also accept vendors for the event, to be held at El Franco Lee Park. Call Yvette Rodriguez at 832-528-6391 for more details about setting up a vendor booth.

BHCC offers free baseball league

The Beverly Hills Community Center is accepting registration for a free baseball league for youths age 4 to 18. The season will begin Saturday, March 27, at the Denver Harbor Multiservice Center, 6402 Market St. Volunteer coaches are also needed. For more information, call 713-675-2151.

Rams select signup date

The Ellington Rams of the Bay Area Football League will host registration for returning players, drill team members and cheerleaders Saturday, March 6, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League facility at El Franco Lee Park. All youths registering for any of the programs must also bring a birth certificate copy.

Atkinson to host health/fitness fair

The Atkinson Elementary Physical Education department will host its second annual health and fitness fair at the school March 30 from 5 to 7 p.m. All students of the school are invited to come and bring their families to participate in the festivities. Some of the activities will include: jump ropes, cup stacking, jogging, dance, dance revolution and many more. Inside the school, various vendor booths will include products and services from a variety of health and fitness areas.

Pep rally ignites San Jac softball season



A pep rally was recently held for the San Jacinto College softball team at the South campus. Student services provided partygoers with free hot dogs and entertainment by a local disc jockey. The team autographed stuffed softballs and distributed them among the crowd. Members of the Coyotes' softball team include, left to right, Kacy Hobbs, Laura Martinez, Shelby Parham, Courtnee Oliphant, Bethany Armstrong, Evan Babin, Jessica Davis, Nicole Andrade, Landyn Myers, Jessica Beltran, and Megan Matejka.

Former SJC soccer player to play internationally

San Jacinto College student Edgar Alvarez is set to make his debut this spring on the El Salvador National Soccer Team.

The 23-year-old Houston native will join his brother, famed professional soccer player Arturo Alvarez, on the team. Arturo Alvarez is also a member of the San José Earthquakes of major league soccer.

Edgar Alvarez played in the San Jacinto College



Edgar Alvarez

program during the 2006 and 2007 seasons. He also played for Texas Premier FC and the Austin Aztex U-23.

Another former Coyote star, Kieron Bernard, currently plays for the Austin Aztex.

Alvarez attributes his success to the advice received from Coyotes' head coach David Santesteban.

"Coach Santesteban is my mentor; he helped me

develop into becoming a better player," said Alvarez, who plans to continue his college education in between El Salvador's games.

Santesteban said he is looking forward to watching the young player rise up in the world of professional soccer.

"He's a player who is strong on the field with his attacks - he's quick and electric," said Santesteban. "I'm very proud of him

and hope to see more success like this from our students here at San Jac."

The San Jacinto College program has graduated more than a dozen players on to national soccer teams.

Alvarez will play his first game with the El Salvador team against the United States on Wednesday, Feb. 24, in Tampa, Fla.

From there, he'll travel to Los Angeles for further training.

Lakers' 7-8s split games, ready for playoff run

The Sagmont Lakers, a 7-8-year-old basketball team in the Pasadena Recreation Department league, split their final two regular season games Feb. 20.

Pistons 15 Lakers 13

In their first game against the Pasadena Pistons, the Lakers started slow, leading just 1-0 after the first quarter of action.

The Pistons played good defense and led 2-1 at halftime.

Entering the fourth quar-

ter, the two teams were tied in a defensive struggle at 7-7 in the third period.

At the end of regulation play, the game was tied at 12-12, and the Pistons pulled away in overtime for a 15-13 win.

Leading the scoring for the Lakers was Devin Childs with 10 points.

Tyler Guzman, Kevyeon Thompson and Robert Ernest had one point apiece from the free throw line.

Lakers 11 Longhorns 9

In the second game, the Lakers went against the Sagmont Longhorns and came out with a hard-fought win.

In the first period the Lakers took a 2-0 lead. The game was tied at halftime at

6-6.

The Lakers took the lead in the third period at 10-9 and used a strong defensive effort in the fourth quarter to win 11-9.

Leading the scoring for the Lakers was Robert Ernest with five points.

Childs and Guzman had two points apiece, and Kobe Ruiz and Fernando Sifuentes had one point apiece

from the free throw line.

Defensively doing an excellent job was Keon Thompson, Guillermo Gil Stacy Lagrone, Deontae Dobbins and Andre Cruz.

With the split of the two games, the Lakers ended the regular season with a 5-2 record and will start the playoffs in pursuit of the league championship beginning Feb. 27

Christmas' career game lifts Duke women

Former Dobie High School great Karima Christmas is doing her part to ensure the Duke University women's basketball team finishes the regular season strong.

Christmas, a junior guard/forward at Duke, scored a career-high 25 points as the eighth-ranked Blue Devils downed Maryland, 71-59, Feb. 21 in Cameron Indoor Stadium.

The Blue Devils won their 15th straight Atlantic Coast Conference home game and are now one victory away from clinching first place in the conference.

"Karima can be a monster on the boards," Duke head coach Joanne P. McCallie said.

"She's incredible that way. I just think it was her attack; she was not satisfied. She did hit some great shots, but she wasn't just playing from the outside in.

"I think she played from the inside out, meaning she was going off the dribble, going around people. Karima is so athletic that she has that ability in midair to sort of change directions.

"So, she could get around



"Karima can be a monster on the boards. She's incredible that way. I just think it was her attack; she was not satisfied. She did hit some great shots. Karima never looked tired either, and that was the beauty of it."

- Duke women's coach Joanne P. McCallie

people at the rim and finish at the rim, and I think that's very important. It was great to see. And like I said, Karima never looked tired either, and that was the beauty of it."

Undefeated Connecticut is the favorite heading into the national tournament in March, but Duke is certainly a team on the move as the postseason nears.

If the Blue Devils can win the ACC tournament, there's still a possibility the team could end up with a No. 1 seed in the NCAA

Duke University junior Karima Christmas (at left) scored a career-high 25 points in a win over Maryland Feb. 20, leaving the Blue Devils within one win of the Atlantic Coast Conference title.

Duke University photo

Lions' 7th Light hoops dominates season



Thompson Intermediate's seventh-grade Light boys' basketball team won the Pasadena Independent School District regular-season title with an 8-1 record after downing Park View in the final week of play. The Lions then defeated three opponents, including Park View in the title game, to win the district tournament.

Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Damian Molina, David Casas, D'Andre Jackson, John Rico, Anthony Cantu, Cedric Horton, (back row) coach Glen Russell, Jared Wilson, Geron Hall, Xavier Rodriguez, Jarvis Lester and Ty Lozano.

Lions' 7th Dark basketball wins tourney



Thompson Intermediate's seventh-grade Dark boys' basketball team won the Pasadena Independent School District tournament by winning three straight games. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Keyandre Conoway, Jonathan Shaw, Jared Wil-

son, Zachary Blue, Rashadd Randall, Socrates Guzman, (middle row) Gage Myers, Carlos Martinez, Jacob Lara, Keon Patterson, Hieu Tran, (back row) Daniel Carter, Austin Perkins, Xavier Brown, Maías Cedillo, Xavier Dotson and coach Glen Russell.

Pasadena Independent School District Big Shoot-Out Competition

3rd-Grade Boys		
Name	School	Score
David Amaya	South Belt	45.76
Omar Rodriguez	Smith	47.41
Gernardo Cepeda	Garfield	47.56

3rd-Grade Girls		
Name	School	Score
Lena Henderson	Turner	58.81
Kennedy Muckelroy	Moore	60.47
Ashley Martinez	Morales	62.22

4th-Grade Boys		
Name	School	Score
Draylyn Brown	Jessup	42.1
Alex Fuentes	South Belt	44.27
Jonas Varela	Turner	44.58

4th-Grade Girls		
Name	School	Score
Melody Garza	Pomeroy	57.93
Gabby Garcia	Williams	58.75
Bianca Silva	Jensen	58.9

5th-Grade Boys		
Name	School	Score
Oseas Rodriguez	Schneider	44.7
Xavier Sandoval	Fisher	44.9
Sebastian Valoquio	Keller	46.0

5th-Grade Girls		
Name	School	Score
Amy Oquin	Lomax	50.64
Michelle Kristoff	Melillo	51.25
Victoria Garivey	Lomax	52.65

6th-Grade Boys		
Name	School	Score
Justin Jaramillo	Shaw	45.89
Andrew Rodriguez	Milstead	47.82
Stephen Torres	Keller	48.1

6th-Grade Girls		
Name	School	Score
Molly Huerta	Lomax	53.67
Kristy Christmas	Morris	54.12
Kaitlyn Cadena	Morris	54.21

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, FEB. 25
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 10 to 11 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.

Al-Anon - Meets every Thursday from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 111. For information, call 281-487-8787.

6:30 p.m.

St. Luke The Evangelist Catholic Church Tutoring - St. Luke's offers tutoring classes Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the church located at 11011 Hall Road. For more information, call 281-484-1397 or e-mail 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, FEB. 26
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.

Free Line Dance Class - The Friendswood Senior Citizen Program offers free line dancing classes. The class is held at the activity building, located at 416 Morningside. All area senior citizens, 55 or older, are invited. Previous experience not required. For more information, call 281-482-8441.

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.

6:30 p.m.

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, FEB. 27
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, FEB. 28
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.

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, MARCH 1

7 a.m.

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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.

Noon

Free Exercise Class - Basic low impact aerobic classes on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at noon at the Sagmont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road. Registration is required. For more information, call Beatrice at 281-922-2343.

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.

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 Clear Lake Rehab 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, MARCH 2
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.

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FOUND DOG. Lhaso/Terri mix. Young male, found near Hall Rd. Call Tim 281-460-2079. 2-25

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CALENDAR

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11:30 a.m.
Local NARFE Meeting - The National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 1321, meets the first Tuesday of each month in the Clear Lake Community Center, 5001 NASA Parkway. A meal will be available for \$6. For more information, call Bob Mitchell at 281-333-2881.

Noon
Free Exercise Class - Basic low impact aerobic classes on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at noon at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road. Registration is required. For more information, call Beatrice at 281-922-2343.

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

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

1:30 p.m.
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.

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.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - Meets at Sagemont Recreation Center, 11507 Hughes. For information, call Erma Coskey at 713-946-6049.

7 p.m.
St. Luke The Evangelist Catholic Church Tutoring - St. Luke's offers tutoring classes Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the church located at 11011 Hall Road. For more information, call 281-484-1397 or e-mail joe_pavlicek@yahoo.com.

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

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.

11:30 a.m.
Hobby Airport Lions Club - Meets at 11:30 a.m. on the first and third Wednesday of the month. Meetings are held at the Golden Corral at Fuqua and I-45. E-mail HobbyAirportLions@gmail.com for more information.

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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.
Alzheimer's Support Group - The free group meets the first Wednesday of each month in the third floor classrooms 3 and 4 of Bayshore Medical Center, 4000 Spencer Hwy. in Pasadena. For more information, call 713-944-4782 or 713-266-6400.

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

7 p.m.
Survivors of Suicide Support Group - The Southeast Houston group meets the first and third Wednesday of each month. The group offers support and coping skills in a non-threatening envi-

ronment to adult individuals who have lost a loved one to suicide. For information on registration or to obtain a physical address for a location, call 713-533-4500 or visit www.crisishotline.org.

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. BAPT is located at 210 S. Walnut off NASA Parkway between Interstate 45 South and Highway 3. The 24-hour crisis hotline is 281-286-2525.

THURSDAY, MARCH 4

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.

Al-Anon - Meets every Thursday from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 111. For information, call 281-487-8787.

6:30 p.m.
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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.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays from 8 to 9 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.

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Varsity soccer races

Dobie, Brook teams lose ground in title chase

Another week of the varsity soccer races has come with a loss of ground for the boys' and girls' teams at Dobie and Clear Brook.

As far as Dobie is concerned, the Pearland Oilers were the culprit Feb. 19.

In boys' action, the Oilers scored a late goal to steal a 1-0 win, handing Dobie its second loss of the district season and extending Pearland's lead in the standings.

Pearland's Lady Oilers also hurt Dobie's chances of catching frontrunner Deer Park. In the final game of the first half of district play, Pearland and Dobie played to a 2-2 tie, giving the Lady Longhorns a 5-1-1 first half.

In the 24-5A races, Clear Creek also dealt blows to the Wolverines, taking 1-0 victories in the boys' and girls' games.

In both races, all of the teams are chasing leader Clear Lake.

The Clear Lake girls are the defending regional champions and have not been beaten by a Region III team this season.

But Clear Brook, now 6-2, has had a great year with junior Beth Stratton leading the scoring.

Because of poor weather, Clear Brook's games against Dickinson were postponed until Feb. 24 after press time.

The Clear Brook boys are also looking to hold on in the standings with a current 4-3-1 mark with six games to be played.

Dobie boys rally

Scoring three goals for the first time in district play, the Longhorn boys edged Memorial 3-2 Feb. 22 at Newcomb Field.

Irving Garza, Omar Arrequin and Douglas Leighton scored goals for Dobie, and sophomore keeper Jose Balvadena earned the win in the nets.

"We finally got some scoring," Dobie head coach Jesse Saavedra said after the Longhorns recaptured second place for now with the 3-2 win over Memorial.

"Our defense had an unfortunate ball bounce off one of our defenders, which found the net for Memorial, and with about two minutes left, Memorial was able to get another goal to make the final 3-2.

"I am happy for the offense but a bit concerned about the late-game let-down by the defense. Anyway, I am glad for the win and how well the offensive played tonight. Maybe we can turn the corner and start scoring more goals to give our defense a break."

With just a handful of games remaining to be played, teams are jockeying for position. The Clear Brook girls and both teams from Dobie appear to be playoff locks, but each of the aforementioned teams are looking to achieve more as these final games take on more importance.



Beth Stratton, Clear Brook's leading scorer, moves upfield against Clear Creek during District 24-5A action Feb. 19. Creek came away with a 1-0 victory, dropping the Lady Wolverines to 6-2 in the district standings.



Dobie senior Lariza Uribe (4) battles a Pasadena Memorial player for position as she makes her way toward the Lady Mavs' goal during a win Feb. 22 at Newcomb Field. Dobie is currently second in District 22-5A.

Dobie advances, Clear Brook ousted

Dobie vs.

Dulles

Friday, Feb. 26

Pearland Dawson, 7:30 p.m.

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won six of its final seven games in District 24-5A action to claim the No. 2 seed in the playoffs. The Wolverines went up against Elkins, losing 61-51 at Dawson Feb. 23 after the two teams entered the fourth quarter tied.

Dobie to area round

Facing Port Arthur Memorial for the second straight season and third time in four years, Dobie was on its game in a double-overtime victory.

Avenging a 54-46 loss to the Titans in the same round in 2008-2009, the Longhorns simply shot the ball much better than did Memorial.

The Longhorns made six of seven 3-point tries in the game and also drained 29 of 36 free throws, both much better efforts than usual for a team that ended the regular season with a losing record.

The mantra? Head coach Kevin Cross, looking for his first playoff win in his second season as head coach, asked his players to have some fun. They obviously did.

Dobie, which at 7-7 finished the District 22-5A race with the fourth playoff seed, was facing a Titans' team that had gone 27-7 during the regular season.

Essentially few people not wearing the Dobie name across their chests gave the Longhorns a chance at winning the game.

But with Rayshad Joseph scoring a game-high 21 points and each member of the team doing something to contribute, Dobie came away with the win even after being stunned at the end of regulation.

The Longhorns led by 10 during a good portion of the first half, but each time the Titans would seemingly climb back.

Down seven points midway through the fourth quarter, Memorial sank a pair of back-to-back 3-pointers and a free throw to tie the game.

Dobie's Mike Selexman made one of two free throws to give the Longhorns a 68-65 lead with four seconds remaining, but Memorial responded with a half-court shot to send the game into overtime.

The last time that occurred during the regular season, Dobie allowed a last-second 3-pointer to Deer Park and then fell apart in regulation, losing by 10 points.

Cross would have none of that this time around.

"When this happened against Deer Park we lost our focus and kind of melted down as a team," Cross said. "This time, we hung in there and battled."

In the first overtime, there was just one shot taken. Memorial won the tip and elected to go into its usual spread offense in an attempt to drain the clock.

Dobie complied, choosing not to pressure the basketball until a minute remained.

Memorial turned the ball over in that final minute, but Selexman's 3-pointer as the period ended bounced off the front of the rim.

In the second overtime, Memorial tried the same tactic but wound up with two turnovers. The Horns' three free throws iced the win.

"It was obviously a big win for our guys, and I am

so proud of them," Cross said. "We played in a tough district and didn't play very well against the good teams (Dobie was 0-6 against the other playoff entries). This time, everybody came to play, and we were able to come away with a big one."

With Dulles up next, the Longhorns aren't going to try to get too fancy. It's all about playing good basketball.

"We played a lot of good teams during the season, and there were quite a few times when we couldn't hit the big shot, the big free throw, get a steal, a rebound or a turnover in our favor," Cross said.

"You don't have to be the leading scorer to contribute. If we can get those key shots, rebounds, steals and other small things, we can win. I think we learned that against Memorial."

"Dulles is coming out of that 23-5A district where every game is like the playoffs. We're one of the final 16 teams left in the region, and we have a good shot at it. I think our guys will be focused and ready to play."

Elkins fells Brook

Heading into the bidistrict round, Clear Brook head coach Jason Pillow felt as though the Wolverines had drawn a good matchup

despite Elkins' 27-win season.

Things fell right into place for Clear Brook through three quarters and into the fourth before Elkins made its run.

In the end, the Knights turned a tie game into a 10-point win by out-gunning the Wolverines 24-14 in the final eight minutes of action.

The loss was clearly disappointing. The playoffs present a cruel reality in that one loss means the end of a season.

But Clear Brook entered the season as an overall young group in terms of experience and did its job of getting better as the season progressed.

"I am very proud of the team. These kids did an amazing job to close out the regular season and get into a position to make a run in the playoffs," Pillow said.

"Elkins made the plays when they needed to down the stretch, and it resulted in a win for them."

"They did not win 28 games by being lucky. They were good and deserve the credit for doing what they needed to do to win."

The loss also means the end of the line for a group of Clear Brook seniors totaling seven. Of that group,

Darren Smith and Eric Gibson started, and the others made contributions in many ways.

Pillow said losing this group of seven will be particularly difficult.

"I could not ask for a better group of kids. We have been very fortunate to have seven players who stay out of trouble, make good grades and do what is asked of them," Pillow said.

"Some of them did not play as much as they wanted to, and some played all the time, and no matter what, at the end of the day they were still teammates."

"It is hard to find a large group that is willing to sacrifice personal achievement for the good of the team and that is what these young men did."

Pillow hopes that heading into the offseason, the Wolverines can find replacements to match what has been lost.

We are obviously going to miss the scoring that Darren Smith and Eric Gibson gave us, but at the same time, we will miss all the little things that the rest of the seniors gave us every day in practice," Pillow said. "This group showed the way for guys coming up."

District 22-5A Standings Varsity Boys' Basketball

(Final as of Feb. 24)

Teams	W	L
La Porte	13	1
Deer Park	13	1
Pearland	10	4
Dobie	7	7
South Houston	6	8
Sam Rayburn	5	9
Memorial	3	11
Pasadena	0	14

District 24-5A Standings Varsity Boys' Basketball

(Final as of Feb. 24)

Teams	W	L
Galveston Ball	12	2
Clear Brook	9	5
Clear Creek	9	5
Clear Springs	9	5
Clear Lake	6	8
Brazoswood	6	8
Dickinson	5	9
Alvin	0	14

Dobie freshman A hoops sweeps District 22-5A

Hammering Pearland 53-37 in its season finale, Dobie's freshman A boys' basketball team finished a terrific season.

In all, the team won 25 of 27 games, including a 14-4 march through the District 22-5A ranks.

The Longhorns did so in style, ending the season with a 17-game winning streak. Along the way, each player on the roster more than did his part.

"I reminded the boys how much I loved them and appreciated the hard work they put in throughout the year. It paid off," head coach Shaun Stanton said.

"I told them that they probably just made history by having the best freshman A record ever in the history of this school. I also expressed my gratitude that the season (streak) was finally over so now I would be able to change my pants

(as part of a superstitious routine)."

The team's last loss came against Second Baptist 46-41 on December 19, 2009.

We had the lead in the fourth quarter, but missed five free throws in a row at one point," Stanton recalled.

"Our other loss came against Clear Brook in the championship game of the Sam Rayburn tournament, 38-36. We had a one-point lead with 54 seconds left and turned the ball over."

"Then we gave up an offensive rebound and put back to seal the game. My point is that this team could have easily been 27-0 with a couple of breaks."

Stanton knows many of these players represent the future of Dobie basketball at the varsity level, and he's excited about the possibilities.

"This was by far the

most physical team I have ever had. We averaged 21 free throws per game...that is unheard of at this level," Stanton said.

"We had the district title wrapped up with five games left to play. I was afraid that the boys would let up the last few games, but they didn't. That just shows the character that this team had. They wanted to win every night, no matter who the opponent was."

The Longhorns used a balanced scoring attack to win their games. Jonathan Jones averaged 12.2 points per game, including 13.6 in district games. Scott Marsella 8.5 ppg (9.7 in district) and Donte Morris 6.9 ppg (7.2 in district) were also consistent throughout the season.

Among the 25 wins, 18 were by double digits, including 11 out of the team's 14 district games.

"The great thing for me about these guys is that they were so coachable, and we had a flexible roster," Stanton added.

"At one point during the season, I had two-deep at every spot. There were three big men in Jordin Harrison, Austin Hicks and Marco Montelongo."

"I had two long, athletic guys that I could put at the top of my zone, Marsella and Joseph Cooper."

"We had two quick guys that I utilized as my 'line-runners,' Andre Timmons and Geffin Watkins."

"Then I had three true guards that could run the point or shoot ... Morris, Reggie Branch and Josh Santiago."

"Then there was Jonathan Jones, who is just the all-around-athlete. It was a great season, and our players should be proud of what they did."

Clear Lake varsity girls eliminate Dobie in area playoff round

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led three quarters, Clear Lake led 47-24 and backed off a bit.

Many of those who witnessed the game will likely admit Clear Lake had both the depth and skills to win the game, but Brown was disappointed at the outcome.

Most of all, he was upset with himself. Before arriving at Dobie, Brown had made a name for himself by leading the Houston Baptist University women's basketball team to back-to-back national final four appearances.

Brown, who went 166-24 at HBU, knows what it takes to win big games. He shouldered the responsibility for Lake's easy victory.

"I really hated it for our team," Brown said. "I personally feel responsible for that. We did not come out with a playoff mindset, and that was my fault."

"It hurts because I believed our team suffered from my inability to get us out of the gate strong and make the appropriate adjustments. This loss is totally on me."

Perhaps Brown is being too hard on himself, but he also credited Clear Lake and head coach Angela Beck with coming out quickly and essentially

locking away the win early. "We just dug ourselves in too deep of a hole," Brown said.

"One of the things we struggled with all year was our inability to come out strong. Couple that with the intensity that Clear Lake started with, and you've got some serious problems."

"We were in such a rush offensively. Our shot selections were not good; it was almost like we were in a state of panic when we didn't need to be. Give Clear Lake a lot of credit for that. Coach Beck did a great job of preparing her team."

Yet after the first quarter, the Lady Longhorns won the game on the scoreboard. It didn't count for anything as far as winning and losing the full game, but Brown believes the Lady Longhorns took some big steps as a program even in defeat.

"I don't think I have ever been prouder of our team than I was that night," Brown said.

"Despite the horrible first quarter, we fought until the final horn. We never wavered from our intensity and effort. The last play of the game, we're diving on the floor for a loose ball."

That tough play reveals the kind of character this team had. That is what

made us as successful as we were."

Like any high school program, Dobie will have to deal with the loss of seniors going forward.

Ashley Johnson, Vacie Davis, Derlesha Thomas and Nycole Bernstein played a lot for the team, and senior Shadae Shepherd was a three-year starter before a knee injury ended her career in December.

"We had some tremendous senior leadership this year, and we are going to miss it a great deal next season," Brown said.

"They did such a great job of setting a standard of effort, intensity, and teamwork. Next season's group will have their work cut out for them to match their level, and that's a credit to our seniors."

As for the key returnees, juniors Derika Thomas, Chelsea Rodriguez and Darien Price will be joined by sophomores Jazmine Guerrero and Shanequa Gaston. Brown wishes the new season was already here.

"The five returners got some valuable experience and playing time that will only help," Brown said.

"We have some young players who should compete for a spot on our varsity and playing time as well. I'm ready to get started."



Clear Lake's big height advantage was tough for Dobie to navigate on both ends of the floor in the varsity girls' area round playoff game Feb. 19 at Dawson High School in Pearland. In half-court sets, the Lady Falcons were able to spread their zone defense out to the 3-point line. On this play, Dobie point guard Derlesha Thomas (32) looks for working room as teammates Ashley Johnson (35) and Nycole Bernstein (20) maneuver in the zone. Clear Lake's defensive players include, from left, Kelsey Jarrett (21), Ashley Westby (34), Alex Kochner (20) and Aron Garcia (23).

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