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Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from FM-1959/Dixie Farm Road to FM-528/NASA Road 1 will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Monday, March 14. Alternate entrance and exit ramps will be closed. The closures are associated with an ongoing construction project to widen the freeway from three to five lanes in each direction and the frontage roads from two to three lanes in each direction.

Scholarships offered

Frazier Elementary
Frazier Elementary is offering scholarships to seven graduating Dobie seniors who attended Frazier in third and fourth grades. Applications and requirement information are available through the senior counselor's office at Dobie. Applications must be received by noon on Friday, March 11.

Moore Elementary Student Council
The Moore Elementary Student Council will offer four scholarships to graduating seniors at Dobie High School who attended Moore in the fourth grade. Applications are available through the Dobie senior counselor's office and must be returned by Friday, April 1, to be considered.

SeAM to hold sales

SeAM Thrift Store, 2006 Houston Blvd. (Highway 3) in South Houston, will hold a Brown Bag Book Sale March 5 through March 12. Cost is \$5 plus tax per bag. Fill bags with books, records, cassettes, VHS tapes and CDs. The thrift store is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. SeAM Thrift Store will hold a dollar sale on Saturday, March 5. All clothes will be only \$1.

Lady Longhorns host bingo

The Dobie Lady Longhorns Booster Club will hold a bingo fundraiser Saturday, March 5. Doors open at 5 p.m. Bingo games will run from 6 to 10 p.m. Tickets can be purchased through a Dobie soccer player or a booster club member. The event serves as one of the primary fundraisers to help cover costs associated with the Dobie soccer program throughout the school year. For more information, email jfdgirlssoccer@gmail.com.

Genealogy group meets

The Parker Williams Genealogy Group will meet March 7, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the library at Scarsdale and Beamer. This group meets the first and third Mondays to discuss genealogy research. Meetings are free and open to anyone interested in tracing family history.

Sageglenn meets March 7

The Sageglenn Community Association will meet Monday March 7, at 7 p.m. at the Sageglenn Community Building, 11610 Sageyork.

Kirkmont Section 1 to meet

The monthly meeting for the Kirkmont Association Inc., Section 1, will be held Wednesday, March 9, at 7:30 p.m. at 10102 Blackhawk. Resident questions, comments and concerns can be emailed to mykirkmont1hoa@yahoo.com.

Vendors sought

SBHLL opening day March 12
Sagamont-Beverly Hills Little League officials are seeking arts and crafts and food and/or merchandise vendors to take part in opening day festivities at El Franco Lee Park. The league will celebrate its 50th anniversary this season, and it all begins Saturday, March 12, on opening day. Vendor booths are available for \$100 each. Those interested may direct email to leagueofficials@sbhll@hotmail.com.

Dobie Spanish craft show April 16
The Dobie Spanish Department is currently seeking vendors for its spring craft show to be held at the school on Saturday, April 16, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Booths are \$30 each and include one table and two chairs. Booths with power are available for \$5 extra. Vendors must provide his or her own extension cords. For more information, contact Elizabeth Puente at 832-528-4388 or epuente@pasadenaisd.org.

Thompson NJHS saves lives

Thompson Intermediate joins the fight against leukemia and lymphoma by raising money to help find cures for blood cancers. Led by the school's National Junior Honor Society, the campus-wide service project partnering Pennies for Patients program has begun. To contribute or for more information, go to <http://events.ils.org/pages/txg/ThompsonInTermSchool>.

Highland Meadow to meet

The Highland Meadow homeowners association will hold its monthly meeting Wednesday, March 9, at the Parker Williams Library, located at 10851 Scarsdale, beginning at 7 p.m. Homeowners are encouraged to attend. Prior questions may be directed to Gina Victor with C.I.A. Services Inc. at 713-981-9000 or at customer@ciaseservices.com.

March 1 primary election results tallied

The results from the March 1 primary elections have been tallied, with few surprises.

The race for the Democrat nomination for Harris County Precinct 2 constable will head to a runoff between incumbent Chris Diaz and George Goffney Jr. Diaz received 45 percent of the vote (5,304 total votes) to Goffney's 21 percent (2,462 total votes). Joe "Joey" Martinez re-

ceived 17 percent of the vote (2,028 total votes), while Ruben Loreto received 16 percent of the vote (1,916 total votes).

In the Republican primary for the constable position, Daniel Vela narrowly avoided a runoff, defeating Joe Alanis 51 percent (4,441 total votes) to 49 percent (4,195 total votes).

In the race for the U.S. House District 29 seat,

incumbent Rep. Gene Green handily defeated former Harris County Sheriff Adrian Garcia. Green received 57 percent of the vote (17,750 total votes), while Robert Schafranek received 41 percent of the vote (5,116 total votes).

In the Republican contest District 29 seat, Julio Garza received 59 percent of the vote (7,409 total votes), while Robert Schafranek received 41 percent of the vote (5,116 total votes).

In the race for the U.S. House District 22, Republican incumbent Rep. Pete Olson will face Democrat challenger Mark Gibson in the November election. Gibson easily defeated fellow Democrat A.R. Hassan, receiving 76 percent of

the vote (5,304 total votes) to Hassan's 24 percent (872 total votes).

In the race for the position of Harris County sheriff, Republican incumbent Ron Hickman took home an impressive 72 percent of the vote. Republican challengers Carl Pittman and Paul Day, received 20 percent and 8 percent, respectively.

The Democrat contest for sheriff will head to a runoff between Ed Gonzales and Jerome Moore. Gonzales received 44 percent of the vote, while Moore received 30 percent. Theodore "Ted" Perez received 14 percent of the vote, and Jeff Stauber received 12 percent.

Runoffs will take place Tuesday, May 24. The general election will take place Tuesday, Nov. 8.



Diaz celebrates with family

Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Chris Diaz (left) fared well in the March 1 primary election. He will head to a May 24 runoff with Democrat challenger George Goffney Jr. for the position. The winner of that contest will face Republican Daniel Vela in the November election. Diaz is shown to the left on election night with his wife, Ana, and their two sons, Christopher (rear) and Nicholas.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

City to collect hazardous waste

Houston City Council Member David Martin, along with the Solid Waste Management Department, will hold a batteries, oil, paint and antifreeze (BOPA) mobile collection event Saturday, March 5, at the Ellington Airport/Clear Lake Neighborhood Recycling Center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The event is free, open to all City of Houston residents and will be held rain or shine. A valid

Texas driver's license or other proof of residency will be required. Business waste will not be accepted. In addition to BOPA, residents may also drop off large appliances, such as stoves, refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners.

Many common household materials are considered hazardous and need special disposal. When household hazardous waste is disposed of

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Warrant round-up to begin March 5

The Houston Police Department and the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office are among 300 jurisdictions across the state taking part in the annual Great Texas Warrant Round-Up (WRU), set to begin Saturday, March 5.

"We do everything possible to encourage individuals to resolve their court matters well before they become delinquent, but when all else fails, we turn to law enforcement to execute outstanding warrants," said Houston Municipal Courts Director and Presiding Judge Barbara E. Hartle. "Participating in the statewide WRU program simultaneously with other jurisdictions helps bring about greater public awareness, which will hopefully encourage people to resolve their case or cases before they are arrested."

Hartle also shared that the Houston Municipal Court offers several options for the resolution of delinquent tickets.

"Defendants may also meet with judges and prosecutors to request deferred payment plans or community service in order to resolve their case," Hartle said. "I want everyone to know that they can come take care of their court business

without the fear of arrest while at the courthouse."

HPD will be assisted by the Texas Attorney General's Fugitive Apprehension Unit to search for individuals with outstanding warrants. Once the Warrant Round-up period begins on March 5, law enforcement agencies will aggressively target those defendants on the warrant list. Authorities warn that arrests can take place at any location, including the defendant's home, school or workplace.

Notices are being mailed to all Houston Municipal Court defendants with active warrants. Individuals with warrants in jurisdictions other than the City of Houston should contact those jurisdictions for information about how to clear outstanding warrants.

A complete list of participating regional partners and more information can be found at www.houstontx.gov/courts or by contacting the Houston Helpline at 3-1-1 or 713-837-0311, if outside the city.

For information on Harris County justice court cases, visit <http://www.jp.hctx.net>.

Dobie Hall of Honor inductees



Dobie High School held its fourth annual Hall of Honor induction ceremony Friday, Feb. 26. Inductees and representatives shown above at the event are, left to right, Robin Wach, Bob Stockinger and Becky Wagner, representing the late Carole Stockinger; the Rev. Sean Horrigan; Sandra Yandell and Laura Yandell, representing Dr. Mark Yandell; Constable Phil Sandlin; and Robert Marling. See additional photos on Page 6A. Photo by Al Carter

Martin, Turner speak at town hall

Approximately 175 people joined Houston City Council Member Dave Martin Thursday, Feb. 25, as he presented his annual Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) meeting at Space Center Houston.

Mayor Sylvester Turner presented opening remarks at the meeting, recognizing the priorities of the Clear Lake/South Belt communities and acknowledging the lack of CIP funds dedicated to the areas. Turner stressed to those in attendance that he intended to work with Martin to rectify this issue.

"I want to take a moment to thank Mayor Syl-

vester Turner for taking an interest in the council district and making it a priority to not only attend both of these meetings but to address the crowd as well," Martin said after the meeting. "Mayor Turner spoke about the city finances and recognized the public's priorities and lack of CIP dollars allocated to District E in the past. He has promised to work with myself and council to see our fair share of these dollars returned to the community. I look forward to working with him not only on this but with balancing the city's budget."

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Dobie advances to final four



The Dobie varsity boys' basketball program is headed back to the Region III Final Four for the first time since the 1994-95 season after a thrilling 59-56 quarterfinal victory over Hightower March 1, at the Aldine ISD Campbell Center. The Longhorns' Royce Hunter (55) is congratulated by teammates Jason Lester (24) and Trey Kelly after sinking the eventual game-winner with 2.6 seconds remaining in the game. Dobie now faces three-time regional semifinalist Cy-Lakes while Alief Taylor goes against Sam Houston in another semifinal. The Region III championship game is Saturday, March 5, also at Campbell Center. Tip-off is set for 2 p.m.

Photo by John Bechtle

Stuchbery starts program for dads

By Crystal Saucedo

Stuchbery Elementary is introducing a new program called WATCH DOGS (Dads of Great Students) with a Dads and Kids Pizza Night on Tuesday March 8, from 6 to 7 p.m. in the school's cafeteria.

Stuchbery is joining 5,148 schools in 47 states and other countries that participate in the program. WATCH DOGS is a program of the National Center for Fathering. According to their website, the program is a nonprofit educational organization that strives to improve the lives of children and establish a positive fathering and family legacy that will impact future generations by inspiring and equipping fathers and father figures to be actively engaged in the life of every child.

The WATCH DOGS program works with K-12 schools and allows all male role models

including, fathers, uncles, grandfathers and other father figures to volunteer for a day at the child's school. The Dads and Kids Pizza Night will give the men the opportunity to learn more about the program and to sign up that night.

The program's primary goals are to provide positive male role models for the students, demonstrating by their presence that education is important, and to provide extra sets of eyes and ears to enhance school security and reduce bullying. The program has been able to bring in hundreds of thousands of fathers and father figures into the schools.

WATCH DOGS volunteers are able to help out in numerous ways. During their volunteer day, they can be seen monitoring the school entrance, assisting with unloading and loading of buses and cars, monitoring the lunch room, or

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Dobie honors distinguished alumni

Stressing the link between the accomplishments of successive generations, Dobie Principal Franklin Moses honored four alumni at the school's Hall of Honor induction ceremony on Friday, Feb. 26, for providing the inspiration for future graduates to pursue successful careers.

"You have shown a tremendous commitment to excellence," Moses told the inductees. "You are the very best that Dobie has to offer."

The group was the fourth to be inducted since the Dobie Hall of Honor was established in 2013. Inductees included banker Robert Marling, Class of 1974; research scientist Dr. Mark Yandell, Class of 1983; the Rev. Sean Horrigan, Class of 1984; and Harris County Constable Phil Sandlin, Class of 1987.

The late Carole Stockinger, a longtime English teacher at Dobie, was also inducted into the educators' section. Stockinger, only the fourth teacher to receive the honor, was represented at the ceremony by her husband, Bob Stockinger, and by daughters Becky Wagner and Robin Wach.

Yandell, a professor of human genetics at

the University of Utah, was represented by his mother, Sandra Yandell, and his sister, Laura Yandell.

Marling is currently chairman and CEO of Woodforest Financial Group, Inc., the parent firm for Woodforest National Bank. The Rev. Horrigan has served as pastor of Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church and Parish in the Cypress area for the past 12 years. Sandlin has served as constable for Precinct 8 since 2011.

Stockinger, who taught at Dobie from 1991 until her death in 2007, is well remembered for starting and sponsoring the *Étalage*, an award-winning literary magazine featuring poems, artwork and stories produced by Dobie students.

Addressing an audience in the Dobie auditorium, Moses spoke of the many times students have stood in front of the Hall of Honor display and told of their desire to be selected for induction someday.

"And you know what?" Moses said. "They probably will. And each of you will have played a role in the future greatness of those current students."

Martin, Turner hold town hall

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South Belt resident and Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership President Bob Mitchell spoke on the importance of creating a solution to protect the area against the threat of future storm surges. The Gulf Coast Community Protection and Recovery District has been conducting a study on storm surge suppression and has recently completed its Phase 2 study report.

For more information on the study and upcoming public meetings to be held on this

topic, visit www.gccprd.com.

Mitchell presented information regarding the development of the Houston Spaceport at Ellington Airport and his organization's involvement with the Houston Airport System to support the project.

Steven David from the mayor's Office of Economic Development also spoke about the possibility of creating a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone in the Ellington area and how it could benefit from a TIRZ considering the

lack of CIP dollars. Such a program would be tied to Ellington's future Spaceport facility. Representatives from a number of city departments including Public Works and Engineering, Rebuild Houston and Plan Houston also addressed the audience.

For more information and specific details about CIP projects in the area, visit www.houstontx.gov/cip.

To view project-specific information on street, drainage, water and sewer CIP projects, visit [wpcip.houstontx.gov](http://www.wpcip.houstontx.gov).

City collects hazardous waste

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In the trash, it can contaminate landfills and subsequently the groundwater.

This event provides a free and safe alternative for residents to rid their homes of potentially dangerous materials.

Accepted items include household and automobile batteries, motor oil and filters, latex paint, antifreeze, large appliances and scrap metal.

Used motor oil will be limited to 15 gallons. All liquids are required to be in sealed, nonleaking containers that are labeled as to contents.

Items not accepted include business, medical and agricultural waste; oil-based paints, solvents, flammables, pesticides, herbicides and other similar hazardous materials.

To get to the Ellington site from the Gulf Freeway and Beltway 8, drivers should

take I-45 south toward Galveston and turn left onto FM 1959/Dixie Farm Road; go to Highway 3/Old Galveston Road and turn right; drive two blocks and turn left onto Brantly; go past a dock with signs to the right and turn left onto Loop Road/Broussard. The recycling center will then be on the left-hand side. For more information, visit www.houstonsolidwaste.org or call 3-1-1.

Stuchbery featuring dad's program

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helping in the classroom with a teacher's guidance by working with small groups of students on homework, flashcards or spelling.

The program has been recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as an effective way to bring in male role models to schools. It has also been effective in allowing fathers to have a better connection with their kids by

allowing them to see what a day consists of for the student. Teachers are being given larger class sizes and because the WATCH DOGS volunteers provide an extra set of hands, the volunteers are able to help both the students and teachers.

The WATCH DOGS program has been featured on NBC's *Today Show* with Matt Lauer, NBC's *Nightly News* with Brian Williams, ABC's *World News To-*

night with Charlie Gibson, National PTA, *USA Today*, Univision, the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, National Public Radio and BBC.

For more information about the program, visit www.fathers.com/watchdogs or call 1-888-540-3647.

For more information about Dads and Kids Pizza Night call Assistant Principal Kristin Wallis at 713-740-0752.

Elected officials speak out

Texas Legislature must make Cybersecurity a top priority

On Feb. 23, the Texas House Committee on Urban Affairs held a public hearing on cybersecurity at the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA), Main Campus.

This committee was directed by the Speaker of the Texas House to identify and address potential gaps in cities' cybersecurity policy and ensure that personal information held by cities and other municipal entities is secure. The committee heard expert testimony from Mauli Agrawal, Vice President of Research at UTSA, and Greg White, Director for the Center for Infrastructure Assurance & Security at UTSA, as well as various city and utility representatives and private sector businesses located in San Antonio.

"I think there was a strong consensus at the hearing that although Texas has made great strides in cybersecurity, our state must do more to help our state agencies, cities, municipalities and utilities have the proper resources and a strong workforce to protect their entities from cybersecurity attacks," said State Rep. Carol Alvarado. "The question is not if our cities and municipal entities will have a cybersecurity attack, but when they will experience a breach and how they will respond."

This was the committee's second hearing on cybersecurity. The committee previously received testimony from various experts from Texas Department of Information Resources, large metropolitan

cities, and growing technology companies. "San Antonio, and most notably UTSA, have shown themselves to be at the forefront of cybersecurity and are a prime example of how a city has created various partnerships with the public and private sector to address the growing technological needs of a city and its community," said Alvarado. "It is going to take a collaborative effort from the public and private sectors and an investment from the state to help make sure we can protect our cities and our citizens' information. Our committee looks forward to working with UTSA, the business community, DIR, and other cities to find solutions to strengthen cybersecurity in our state."

Free tutoring at St. Luke's

St. Luke's Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road, offers free tutoring on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Education Building, Room 2, for ages K-12 and college. For more information, contact Joe Pavlicek at 281-484-1397.

PW Library seeks book donations

The Friends of Parker Williams Branch Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., is currently seeking donations of nice condition adult fiction pocket paperbacks and children's books. Items may be dropped off at the front desk of the library.

Interfaith Care Partners meet March 18

Interfaith Care Partners Ministry group at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, 10727 Hartsook St. (near Alameda Mall), a gathering for persons with Alzheimer's, dementia or memory loss, meets the third Friday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Gatherings consist of a continental breakfast, arts and crafts, exercises, entertainment, a singalong, a devotional break, lunch, and ends with a game. Those who have a family member or know of someone with these challenges, are welcome to attend. All services are provided free of charge. An initial interview must be conducted by Interfaith Care Partners staff to welcome new participants into this program.

The next gathering will be held in the Mother Cabrini Center at the church on Friday, March 18. For more information or to register a loved one, call Interfaith Care Partners at 713-682-5995 or visit the website at www.interfaithcarepartners.org.

Local library events set

Parker Williams Branch

The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. Thursday, March 3, at 2 p.m. - Movie Time for Adults. Feature presentation is *The List of Adrian Messenger*, 1963; at 4 p.m. - Movie Madness will feature *Shaun the Sheep*, rated PG. Monday, March 7, at 4 p.m. - Cricut Air Workshop, 10 yrs.+ Workshops will also be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at the same time.

Wednesday, March 2, at 4 p.m. - Read Across America. Come and celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday. Take a dip in McElligot's Pool in the library. The group will read through the original book, play some games, and end with a sweet treat.

TaxAide is available Mondays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through April 18, 2016. Volunteers from AARP TaxAide will assist with federal income tax preparation, tax questions and filing tax returns. This service is free and is available in the library meeting room on a first-come, first-served basis. Bring a photo-ID, Social Security cards and any other official documentation for oneself and all dependents, a copy of last year's income tax return, W-2 forms from each employer, unemployment compensation statements, and any other necessary forms to help the volunteer complete the return.

Wednesdays - Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.; Thursdays - Toddler Story Time, 10:30 a.m.; Saturdays - Vietnamese Storytime. Classes are at 10 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. For more information on Vietnamese programs, speak with Loc Bui.

For more information on all programs, call the library at 281-484-2036.

Bracewell Branch Library

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

Tuesdays - Pre-K Storytime (ages 3-5 years and their parents/caregivers) from 10:30 to 11 a.m.; Storytime Craft from 11 to 11:30 a.m.

Wednesdays - Baby/Toddler Storytime (ages 6-36 months and their parents/caregivers) at 10:30 a.m.; Baby/Toddler Playgroup (ages 6 months to 3 years and their parents/caregivers) at 11 a.m.; Computer Basics at 2 p.m.; Internet Basics at 3:15 p.m.; and Power Point at 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 5 - Manga/Anime Club from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. This is a monthly meeting for manga/anime fangirls and their friends ages 10-14.

Saturday, March 5 and March 19 - Spanish Computer Class from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Thursday, March 17 - Not Your Mama's Book Club from 6 to 7:45 p.m. The group will focus on *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith.

Bracewell hours are Sunday and Monday - Closed; Tuesday and Wednesday - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday - noon to 8 p.m.; Friday - 1 to 5 p.m.; and Saturday - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information on programs, call the Bracewell Library at 832-393-2580.

Dobie Speech & Debate fares well at recent tournaments

By Crystal Saucedo

The Dobie Speech and Debate team performed well at two local tournaments held over Valentine's Day weekend, advancing multiple students to the state championship.

In the 42nd annual Harvard National Forensics Tournament, which Dobie Speech and Debate Director Andrew Barrett described as the hardest in the country including national competitions, Dobie senior Jaylon Bolden excelled, bringing home first overall in Dramatic Interpretation.

Bolden took the ranks of first, first, first and fourth place in the preliminary rounds, before claiming first, first, first, first and second place in the finals.

Defeating more than 250 other students, Bolden claimed his position of No.

1 in the nation.

In addition to Bolden, the public forum debate team - composed of senior Myles Harris and sophomore Beatriz Rivera - also did well at the Harvard tournament, advancing to the triple octofinals, where Harris beat out more than 300 students and won top overall speaker. This is a great accomplishment for the team, as it is only the fifth time the two students have competed.

Students who failed to qualify for the state competition at the Harvard tournament were offered a second chance to advance that weekend at a challenge held at Seven Lakes High School in Katy.

In that contest, Dobie students Danielle Jones, Jasmine Williams, Ariana Okhuozagbon and Saul Monegro

all excelled, advancing to future competitions.

Jones and Williams qualified for the state championship by placing first in duet acting with the ranks of first, first and second place to take first overall; Okhuozagbon qualified for the state championship by placing fourth in Original Oratory; and Monegro qualified for the Tournament of Champions in Kentucky and the National Individual Events Tournament of Champions in Denver, Colo.

Dobie Principal Franklin Moses is proud of the students' performance.

"It's not only a huge honor for the students but also for Dobie High School," Moses said. "The Speech and Debate team members have made Dobie proud, the community proud and the South Belt area proud."



Jaylon Bolden (left photo) displays his award for earning first place overall in dramatic interpretation and (right photo, left to right) Beat-



riza Rivera and Myles Harris show trophies they won at the Harvard University tournament. Photos submitted

PLT to present *The Exact Center of the Universe*

Pasadena Little Theatre, Houston's oldest community theater in continuous operation, continues its 61st season, the Season of Dreams, with *The Exact Center of the Universe* by Joan Vail Thorne.

The play centers on Vada Love Powell, an indomitably opinionated bossy Southern lady and passionately possessive mother of Appleton who is, in his own words, "the center of Vada's universe." She has scared off every girl laying claim to Ap-

ple (a nickname that nicely summarizes his status as the apple of her eye). It's obvious that his marriage to Mary Ann, who's Italian and from a working class family, is akin to an earthquake rocking her tight little world. (The setting takes place in the '50s and '60s.)

Pasadena's presentation of *The Exact Center of the Universe* features as director well-known actor and director Gregory R. Brown along with an outstanding cast.

This production opens

on March 11 and continues weekends through March 27.

Friday and Saturday showtimes are 8 p.m., and Sunday matinees are at 3 p.m. There is one Thursday show at 8 p.m. on March 24. This is PLT's special Two-Can-Attend for \$20 night.

Ticket prices are \$15 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors.

To purchase tickets, make reservations or for more information, call the box office at 713-941-1758, or visit www.pasadenalittletheatre.org.



Pasadena Little Theatre will present *The Exact Center of the Universe* by Joan Vail Thorne with, left to right, Janet Elayne, Sean Chapman, Carolyn McLeod, Shannon Zamora and Judy Alhann. Photo submitted

Auditions for *Rex's Exes* set at BAHP

Open auditions will be held at the Bay Area Harbour Playhouse in Dickinson March 7 and 8 for the upcoming stage production of *Rex's Exes*. Director Bennie Nipper will be looking for 12 women and three men for the cast.

This funny Southern-fried farce by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wooten finds the

Verdeen cousins, Gaynelle, Peaches and Jimmie of Sweetgum, Texas, teetering on the brink of disaster again.

The show will open April 15 and run through May 8 at the theater located at 3803 Hwy. 3.

For more information, call 281-337-7469 or visit <http://www.harbourtheater.com>.

SBHLL parade invite

Sagamont-Beverly Hills Little League officials invite all South Belt community and nonprofit groups to help celebrate the league's 50th anniversary this season by taking part in the annual opening day parade Saturday, March 12.

The community and nonprofit groups are welcome to participate in the parade free of charge. Business entries, meanwhile, may take part for \$50 each.

Entry forms are available by directing email to sbhll@hotmail.com.

The deadline for parade form entries is March 5.

Deaths

Richard M. Caudillo Sr.



Richard M. Caudillo Sr., 76, a South Belt resident since 1979, died Saturday, Feb. 27, 2016, surrounded by his family. He was born to Genoveva and Manuel Caudillo Sr. on Jan. 19, 1940.

Caudillo was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers, Manuel and Raul.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Tina; sons Richard and Rene Caudillo; daughter Rachel Saucedo, son-in-law Serafin, and their daughters, Crystal Rene and Jessica; brothers Roy Caudillo and wife Pita and Arthur Caudillo Sr.; sisters Lucy Bosquez, Odella Martinez and Tita Anderson; and pets Sammy, Mr. Phillips and Rocky.

Caudillo graduated from San Jacinto High School. He attended the University of Houston for two years.

He was drafted into the U.S. Army shortly after being married, where he served for six years both in regular and reserve units. After the Army, he joined the U.S. Post Office where he served for more than 39 years, receiving the Special Achievement Award in 1998.

Caudillo was an avid fan of youth sports. He coached both of his sons and served on the boards of Little League baseball and football with Freeway Manor and South Belt Little Leagues and Southeast Houston Wildcats.

He continued supporting youth sports after his children graduated by attending as many Little League and Dobie and Pasadena Memorial High School games as he could. He enjoyed going car riding with Tina and Rene exploring different neighborhoods in the Houston/Galveston area, especially during Christmastime. One of his favorite pastimes was visiting with family both in Houston and Beaumont. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus for more than 20 years and the Moose Lodge for five years.

The last viewing will be held at 9 a.m. on Thursday, March 3, 2016, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 7539 Avenue K in Houston. A funeral Mass will follow at 10 a.m. Interment will immediately follow at Forest Park East Cemetery, 21620 Gulf Freeway in Webster.

Other donations may be sent to the Pennington Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 152, Pennington, TX 77571 (281-479-2421), or visit the San Jacinto Monument and Museum website at www.sanjacinto-museum.org.

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with his family in the South Belt area for many years until recently when he moved to Friendswood. He was born on May 10, 1945, to Jasper Wallace and Ada Mae (Smith) Brannen in Goose Creek, Texas.

Brannen attended River Oaks Elementary, Lanier Junior High, and Lamar High School. He graduated from Sam Houston State University where he met the love of his life, Ann Berger, on a blind date on April 6, 1964. They married on June 8, 1968, and had two children, Jeffrey Scott and Amber Marie.

Brannen encouraged his children to find and follow their passions and dreams. He supported their choices of colleges and careers. He taught both of them how to catch a fish, ride a horse, and shoot a gun at his farm. He also taught them how to drive his tractors and trucks in the pastures, beginning when they were very young. He was in Indian Guides with Jeff and Indian Princesses with Amber. He valued family above all else, especially because his dad died when he was 13.

One month after his marriage, Brannen was inducted into the Air National Guard. He served six years during the Vietnam War.

Brannen worked for Transco and Sandefer Oil & Gas as a tax manager. After that, he did tax work from his home which he loved because it gave him time to tend to his cattle. He traveled all over the United States watching his son play baseball and his daughter pursue her dreams in California. He also became a gourmet cook.

After his children married, Brannen became the first man in his family to become a grandfather. He even became the "Manny" for his daughter's children who lived next door. Each grandchild was special. He would always have sweets and bubble gum for them. "Paw Paw" could often be found with a grandchild sitting on his lap.

Brannen loved animals and plants and spent his entire life raising both. He grew bromeliads for many years and served as treasurer of the Houston Bromeliad Society.

He was a member of the Texas Southwest Cattle Raisers Association, The Sons of the Republic of Texas, The Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Petroleum Accountants Society, The Friends of the San

Jacinto Monument, the SHSU Alumni Association, and the Rice House Gang. He was a lifetime member of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and the Corral Club, and he was a volunteer on the Directors Club Committee with his daughter.

A fifth generation Texan, Brannen was a descendant of Alfred E. Hallmark who was at the Battle of San Jacinto where Texas won its independence from Mexico in 1836. He proudly showed his children and grandchildren his ancestor's name on the plaque at the monument. He was a Christian, and he had a deep faith.

Brannen is survived by his wife, Ann Berger Brannen; son Jeffrey Scott, wife Jennifer and their sons, Jake and Troy; daughter Amber Brannen Allan, husband Chris and their children, John, Alexandria and Catherine; mother-in-law Alma Mazoch Berger; nephew Jason Nevt Brannen, wife Sabrina and their sons, Jimmie and Joey; niece Colleen Brannen Brady, husband Ben and their children, Norah and Liam; sister-in-law Linda Brannen Cunningham; sister-in-law Karen Berger Stranahan and husband Louis; niece Rachel Stranahan Williams, husband Dave and their son, Christian; nephew Ryan Stranahan; niece Robin Stranahan; and many other relatives and friends.

A Rosary was held at Niday Funeral Home on Sunday, Feb. 28, 2016.

A celebration of Brannen's life was held at Mary Queen Catholic Church in Friendswood on Monday, Feb. 29. Interment followed at the Pennington Cemetery in Pennington, Texas.

Pallbearers were Jason Brannen, Joe Brannen, Bobby Lister, Ken Mayfield, Glenn Taylor and Charles Wind. Honorary pallbearers were Thomas Smith, Jason Nelms and Mark Avery.

In lieu of usual remembrances, donations may be made to Friends of the San Jacinto Monument, One Monument Circle, La Porte, TX 77571 (281-479-2421), or visit the San Jacinto Monument and Museum website at www.sanjacinto-museum.org.

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Weller elected to honors council executive board



Eddie Weller (right), San Jacinto College Honors program director, was recognized at the San Jacinto College December Board of Trustees meeting for his recent election to the Great Plains Honors Council executive board. Also pictured is Laurel Williamson, San Jacinto College deputy chancellor and president.

Photo by Andrea Vasquez

The Great Plains Honors Council (GPHC) has elected San Jacinto College Honors Program Director Eddie Weller to its executive committee.

The GPHC is the regional affiliate of the National Collegiate Honors Council that serves the states of Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska. Each year, the GPHC hosts a spring conference that allows students to present their research.

As an officer on the GPHC executive committee, Weller will serve a three-year stint, beginning as vice president/president-elect, president, and immediate past-president.

During his time as vice president/president-elect, he will oversee all of the student competitions at the Spring conference.

"I'm looking forward to getting to work with outstanding people at GPHC," said Weller. "Most GPHC decisions are made by this

committee. This group is very collegial; they actually like and help each other. Our most important job is the Spring conference. Approximately 400 students attend each year. There's a lot of work involved, but you know it's important for the students, which makes it worthwhile."

Last year, 14 San Jacinto College students presented their research at the GPHC annual conference held in South Padre Island. The college had historic attendance with a total of 18 students and nine faculty members attending the conference, the largest number of attendees the College has had participate. This April, the conference will be in Siloam Springs, Ark., hosted by John Brown University.

Weller added that collaborating with other colleagues in the region also benefits San Jacinto College students by opening up more transfer and scholarship opportunities. "Interac-

tion with colleagues at other institutions will help our students as they transfer and hopefully will help them attain scholarships, too. Being a GPHC officer and ensuring a good conference will help all of the students in the area establish new peers, learn about other institutions, and generate new educational and research interests."

Weller earned a Ph.D. in American History from Texas Christian University and has served as the president of the Southwestern Social Sciences Association, Southwestern Historical Association, and a member of the board of directors for the Texas State Historical Foundation. He founded the San Jacinto College Honors program in 1996 and has been an honors program faculty member since its inception.

The Spring 2015 semester saw 610 students enrolled in honors courses college-wide, with 62 students receiving scholarships.

Melillo MS science fair students



Melillo Middle School sent 12 campus science fair winners to Pasadena's district science fair on Monday, Feb. 22. Bringing home an Honorable Mention award and first-place award in the Health and Human Science category is sixth-grader Haley Salinas. Earning an Honorable Mention and third-place award in the Consumer Science category is sixth-grader Izzy Padilla. Kendall Brown, sixth grader, placed second in the Consumer Science category. Earning second place and an award for Most Original Project in the category of Plants is sixth-grader Colton

Chahayed. Sixth-grader Adrian Rios won third place in the same category. Tying for second place in the Physical Science category are sixth-graders Katelyn Hernandez and Megan Rodriguez. Timothy Giang, also a sixth-grader, brought home a third-place win in the same category. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Megan Rodriguez, Emma Gonzalez, Izzy Padilla, Adrian Rios, Dylan Nguyen, Connor King, Timothy Giang, (back row) Kendall Brown, Katelyn Hernandez, Haley Salinas, Kyle Stokes and Colton Chahayed.

Photos by Melissa Trevizo

Meador Family Fun Night

Meador Elementary had more than 635 students and parents attend their annual Math and Literacy Family Fun Night. Families were treated to popcorn and refreshments in a variety of western themed activities including the book fair, math and reading games, make-n-take visual schedules, karaoke, volleyball, face painting, and a silent auction.

Photos submitted



Samuel Martinez (right) and his brother, Pablo Martinez, enjoy a math game.



La'Marcus Carter-Walker (Bush second-grader), left, and Leroy Carter-Walker (Meador second-grader) visit with Principal Beverly Bolton and counselor Tara Merida.

Houston Metropolitan Area public officials honored at annual luncheon

The fifth annual Public Official of the Year Luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, March 4, at the Hilton Waldorf-Astoria Ballroom. The Public Official of the Year Luncheon is hosted by the Master of Public Administration (MPA) Program at the University of Houston and honors outstanding public officials in the greater Houston area. The lunch is generously sponsored by Peter Brown, a.k.a. "Pedestrian Pete," director of Better Houston.

This year, five finalists were selected from a group of exceptional nominees. As MPA Program Director James Thurmond explained, "These finalists exhibit qualities consistent with those of the MPA Program - trust, accountability, performance, ethical decision-making, and crossing jurisdictional boundaries to solve problems. We are honored to have them as our finalists and one will be recognized as the Public Official of the Year at the luncheon."

Gary Jackson
Assistant Manager of the City of Deer Park
Gary Jackson led two collaborative efforts, one for flooding alleviation and the other for the placement of historical monuments. First, the Patrick's Bayou Storm Water Detention Basin included Jackson working with the Harris County Flood District, FEMA, the Texas Division of Emergency Management, the public, and the

city council. This project had been years in the making but bringing all parties to the effort had been the road block until Jackson intervened.

The second collaboration was the placement of historical monuments in southeast Texas and required a coalition of 10 cities, the Economic Alliance of the Houston Port Region, neighboring industries, the Houston Port Authority, the San Jacinto Texas Historical District, and HGAC.

Jackson's ability to manage multi-jurisdictional approaches was vital to both these projects. While working on these two projects, he still performed his internal managerial duties.

Terence O'Neill
Director for the Mayor's Office of International Communities and Refugee Affairs
Terence O'Neill directs the Mayor's Office of International Communities and Refugee Affairs, which brings together Houston's diverse community. O'Neill implemented the city's first Mayor's Human Trafficking Task Force, which resulted in the creation of the Houston Police Department's first human trafficking unit to help enhance law enforcement's ability to target human trafficking in Houston and the city's first human trafficking czar. The police department's new human trafficking unit resulted in an increase of human trafficking tips to more than 1000 percent.

He also initiated the cities' first citywide language access plan, mandating that all city departments make essential information available in the five most spoken languages in Houston other than English.

Mike Sullivan
Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector
Mike Sullivan leads the Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector Office and oversees a staff of more than 400 people across 16 branch offices. He works closely with other public entities such as county commissioner's court, school boards, MUDs, the Harris County Appraisal District, and the Texas DMV. He worked with the legislature in 2015 for tax relief and more transparency in government.

Under Sullivan's leadership, a Military Help Desk was established to assist military members with tax matters, and Property Tax Workshops were established to enhance citizen understanding of the property tax system.

Constable Alan Rosen
Harris County Constable's Office, Precinct 1
Constable Alan Rosen created the first Precinct One Special Response Group, the first Precinct One S.W.A.T. Certified Tactical Response Team, and the first Precinct One Game Room and Prostitution Task Force which has shut down illegal gambling establishments. He also assigned the first Precinct One Deputy to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's anti-drug task force.

Rosen has spent the last three years in restoring the public's faith in the office after his predecessor pled guilty to federal corruption charges. His office has adopted enforceable ethics rules, improved responsiveness to the calls for service, and updated performance standards. He works closely with Harris County Commissioners and Sheriff, HPD, and other constables.

Capt. Brian Penoyer
Commander Coast Guard Sector Houston-Galveston
Capt. Brian Penoyer's authority is only over the waterway and stops at the shore line so he must work in collaborative ways to get anything done in a complex political environment. In doing so, he must balance divergent interests such as public vs. private, environment vs. commerce, and security vs. transparency.

Penoyer did all this in solving the Port of Houston's security concerns by bringing together diverse sets of people and entities including the East Harris County Manufacturers Association, Port of Houston Authority, Customs and Border Patrol, Texas Parks and Wildlife, Harris County Judge's Office, City of Houston, Harris County Sheriff, and Harris Ship Channel Security District. The result is a more secure port and the first physical Interagency Operations Center in the USA. All the rest are virtual. Such centers were mandated by Congress but never funded.

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In early February, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the Zika virus an international emergency and public health officials are considering barring patients who have traveled to affected areas from donating blood for up to 28 days.

To stop the spread of the virus, residents should:

- Remove all mosquito breeding opportunities around the home by eliminating all standing water, or items that may hold water; and
- Use air conditioning or window/door screens to keep mosquitoes out.

For residents traveling to Central or South America or the Caribbean, it's important to prevent mosquito bites. Residents are advised to:

- Use insect repellent that contains DEET;
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants; and
- When returning home, continue using DEET containing insect repellent for

two weeks.

For more information on the Zika virus in the community, pregnancy tips, and travel alerts, visit http://www.houstontx.gov/health/Epidemiology/Zika_Virus.html.

A document containing frequently asked questions and answers about the Zika virus can additionally be found at www.houstontx.gov/citizensnet/zikavirus-qa.pdf.

Mayor shares information on Zika virus

Mayor Sylvester Turner advised residents recently that the City of Houston is taking the Zika virus very seriously. The Houston Health Department held a planning meeting recently with Harris County and regional partners including blood banks, healthcare providers, petrochemical companies, mosquito control specialists and others to begin developing plans for preemptively preparing for and

preventing the transmission of Zika virus in the Houston area. In the coming months, the city will continue to coordinate with regional, state and federal partners to prevent the virus.

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Clear Creek ISD cancels May 7 election

The May 7, 2016, Clear Creek Independent School District Board of Trustees Election will be cancelled. The regular election was to be held to fill the trustee positions District 1, currently held by Laura DuPont, and At-Large Position B currently held by Ann Hammond. The incumbents are unopposed.

As no one but the incumbents filed to run for the District 1 seat or the At-Large Position B seat, in accordance with Texas Elec-

tion Code, Section 2.053(a), the board of trustees may declare unopposed candidates for office as elected to their position.

The CCISD board election will officially be cancelled by a vote during the board meeting on March 28, 2016.

DuPont and Hammond will serve three-year terms as trustees of the Clear Creek Independent School District. They will be sworn in during the regular board of trustees meeting on May 23, 2016.

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Elected officials share their words

District E News

By Council Member Dave Martin

Last month, my office hosted two Capital Improvement Project Town Hall Meetings, one in Kingwood and the other in Clear Lake. Nearly 600 people attended these meetings and heard updates from community leaders and city departments about projects affecting the public in the surrounding area. I want to take a moment to thank all those individuals who participated in these meetings and the Mayor's Citizens Assistance Office for working with my staff to coordinate them.

I also want to take a moment to thank Mayor Sylvester Turner for taking an interest in the council district and making it a priority to not only attend both of these meetings, but to address the crowd as well. Mayor Turner spoke about the city finances and recognized the public's priorities and lack of CIP dollars allocated to District E in the past. He has promised to work with myself and council to see our fair share of these dollars returned to the community. I look forward to working with him not only on this, but with balancing the city's budget.

Video of the town hall meetings will be posted to the HTV website in the coming weeks. Additionally, this month we will celebrate the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo in our city. Over the next few weeks, visitors will travel near and far to experience everything the rodeo has to offer. As an ex-officio board member, I am proud to say that the rodeo was organized for charitable, educational and scientific purposes and their mission has not

changed over the years. In fact, the rodeo has committed over \$400 million to scholarships, research, endowments, calf scramble participants, junior show exhibitors, school art participants and other educational youth programs. Additionally, the show has a significant impact on the City of Houston every year. According to the rodeo's website:

- Annual aggregate gross sales in the region are increased by \$475,403,000.
- Annual regional product is increased by \$320,221,000.
- Annual personal incomes are raised by \$290,710,000.
- 7,265 full-time equivalent jobs are created.
- The local population is increased by 16,316 people.

For the fourth year in a row I will be joining several of my council colleagues by participating in rodeo activities such as Armed Forces Appreciation Day, NASA Day and by welcoming delegations of visitors from around the world in the International Committee Room. This is a time of year I always look forward to and encourage all Houstonians to take advantage of visiting this wonderful event that takes place in our back yard once a year.

As always, it is a pleasure to serve you. Please let myself and my staff know if we can assist you in any way. We are available by contacting our council office at districte@houstontx.gov or by calling 832-393-3008.

UHCL Orchestra offers final concert of the season

Join Mercury – the Orchestra Redefined for the final University of Houston-Clear Lake performance of the season at 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 10, in the university's Bayou Building, Bayou Theater, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

The performance will feature music by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, including *Adagio for Violin and Orchestra*, *Clarinet Concerto* and

Symphony No. 39. Thomas Carroll will also be featured on clarinet.

Early Bird tickets are \$12, while tickets at the door are \$15. Discounts are available to those with a UHCL ID.

For more information, contact Andrew Reitberger, associate director of Student Life, at 281-283-2560, or visit <http://www.uhcl.edu/culturalerts>.

CCART meets March 8

The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, March 8. Meetings are held at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway in Seabrook.

The program will provide information about the special and unique benefits of membership in the Texas Retired Teacher Association.

The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. with a social gathering and coffee. The business meeting will begin at 10 a.m. At the close of the meeting, the annual Valentine Fried Chicken/Pot Luck Luncheon will be served. Members are asked to bring a salad, vegetable, casserole, or dessert to share. CCART will provide the chicken. All Texas retired school employees from the area are invited. Annual dues are \$45.

Master Gardeners list events

Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 will host the following activities free to the public during the month of March:

Program on ornament plants March 10

On Thursday, March 10, HCMGA will present *Ornamental Plant Trials in Harris County*, by Paul Winski, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Agent – Harris County. The program will be from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the Clear Lake Meeting Room, 5001 NASA Pkwy. For more information, call 281-855-5600 or visit hcmga.tamu.edu.

Open Garden Day March 21

Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 will host Open Garden Day on Monday, March 21, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at Genoa Friendship Garden, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Road. Master gardeners will be available to answer gardening questions. This event is free and open to the public. Plants will be for sale in the greenhouse. For more information, visit <https://hcmga.tamu.edu>.

Pearland Republicans meet

The Pearland Area Republican Club will meet on Tuesday March 15, at the Church of Christ annex, 2217 N. Grand Blvd. in Pearland.

Learn how to gain a better appreciation of how to make the local government work more effectively from guest speaker Ro' Vin Garrett, Brazoria County Tax Assessor-Collector, who will explain the history, purpose and function of the county government.

Free refreshments will be provided. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the meeting begins at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR YOLANDA

Best wishes from family and friends are sent to longtime Sagement resident **Yolanda Dominguez**, who celebrated a birthday March 2.

MATT ENJOYS A BIRTHDAY

Best wishes for a great birthday March 3 are sent to **Matt Walker** from his friends and staff at the *Leader*.

SIBLINGS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS

Special birthday hugs are sent to **Robert "Austin" Scarberry** (2007 Dobie grad) on Monday, March 7, from his daughter, **Jade**. Austin is in the U.S. Coast Guard in St. Louis. His sister, **Jenny (Hayes) Moreno** (1997 Dobie grad), also has a birthday March 7. Hugs and kisses are sent from husband **Benny** and children **Brayden**, **Baylee** and **Livvy**. Best wishes for a great birthday are sent to both from proud parents **Robert** and **Jannie Scarberry** of South Belt; brother **Joseph Hayes** (2000 Dobie grad); sister **Stacey (Hayes) Flowers** (2005 Dobie grad), husband **Stephen** and children **Kennedy**, **Owen** and **Evie**; and brother **Tyler Scarberry** (2010 Dobie grad), current colorguard director at Dobie.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DIDDY!

Diddy Clark celebrates a birthday Wednesday, March 9. Best wishes are sent for a wonderful day from her family, friends and co-workers at the *Leader*.

ROBERT ENJOYS A BIRTHDAY

Robert Scarberry, retired longtime Dobie auto collision repair teacher, celebrates his birthday Wednesday, March 9. Birthday wishes are sent from wife **Jannie**; children **Jenny (Hayes) Moreno** and husband **Benny**, **Joseph Hayes**, **Stacey (Hayes) Flowers** and husband **Stephen**,

Austin Scarberry and **Tyler Scarberry**; and grandchildren **Brayden** and **Baylee Espinosa**, **Livvy Moreno**, **Jade Scarberry**, and **Kennedy**, **Owen** and **Evie Flowers**.

SCHOOL DAZE

The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays March 3 through March 9.

Atkinson Elementary
Sing a happy birthday song March 6 to **Stephaine Velazquez**. Special birthday greetings are sent to **Dana Hoang** March 7.

Burnett Elementary
The day for a party for **Vanessa Pina** is March 4. Sing a special birthday song to **Jael Penn** March 7.

Frazier Elementary
Cheers for **Angela Reichke** and **Vanessa Rodriguez** who share a birthday March 7.

Moore Elementary
Paula Carter enjoys a birthday March 5. The day for a party for **Guadalupe Hudson** is March 9.

South Belt Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles for **Kami Brown** March 4.

Stuchbery Elementary
Special birthday wishes are sent to **Melissa Cardenas** on March 6.

Meillo Middle School
The day for a birthday cake for **Raven Lowe** and **Iver McDonald** is March 4.

Roberts Middle School
Marking a birthday March 6 is **Lisa Lomas**.

Thompson Intermediate
Share a slice of birthday cake March 5 with **Amanda Ogden**.

Dobie High

Erin Thompson is wished a happy birthday March 3. Light the birthday candles for **Andria Senegal** on March 4. Send a birthday greeting March 5 to **Angela Kresse**. Three cheers for a wonderful birthday March 6 for **Patricia Cain**, **Faith Cisneros** and **Kirstin Wilson**. **Heather Adams** enjoys a birthday March 7. **Audrey Duclos** is wished a happy birthday March 8.

FACEBOOK FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS

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

Thursday, March 3: **Craig Joseph**, **Kelley Pennington**, **Mike Chuter**, **Francesca Cash** and **Jonathan Herridge**; Friday, March 4: **Susan Rogers**, **Vanessa Murillo**, **Miranda Robertson-Riley**, **Leslie Lytle**, **Gigi Childers**, **Chaunte Harvey**, **Linda Eckerman**, **Michael Krafka** and **Nan Laux**; Saturday, March 5: **Laura Arnett**, **Marty Pendleton**, **Karen Gonzalez**, **Amy Tisnado**, **Chris Lively**, **Mary Granger** and **Camille Maloney**; Sunday, March 6: **Keith Kirby** and **Cydrce McMillian**; Monday, March 7: **Amber McMurrough**, **Susan Metger** and **Christopher Kennard**; Tuesday, March 8: **Diana Vela**, **Matt Anderson**, **Pat Freyaldenhoven**, **Michelle Fuller** and **Mark Solis**; and Wednesday, March 9: **Sheri Akajian**, **Cheryl Stell**, **Rudy Rivera**, **Leah Lister**, **Lance Botkin**, **Susan Zientek**, **Monte Long** and **Bo Richards**.

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Seventh grade Honor roll

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Kaitlyn Marie Bess, Maxine Coyle Brown, Laura Michelle Bustamante, Devin Jacob Caballero, Jose Alberto Cabrera, Renata Bo-Beth Cadena, Matthew Alexander Campos, Jaiden Anthony Canales, Kiana Lissbeth Casco, Grace Brianna Castaneda and Alexia Lashay Castex.

Abigail Leigh Chiovaro, David Adrian Corte, Emily Colleen Cortez, Alisha Monique Countee, Danny Ngoc Dang, Marshall Khang Dang, Amaya Dasiana Daniels, Jacob Alexander De La Rosa, Zachary Dylan Dehoyos, De-

sirey Elizabeth Delara and Isabella Rosario Delgado.

Laura Marcela Diaz, Vinh Theanh Diep, Daniel Dinh, Ethan Ray Dunlap, Jacob Alexander Flores, Krystal Rose Flores, Alonso Garza, Brissa Marie Garza, Madison Taylor Gates, Megan Jane Godeke, Wesley Paul Godwin, David Alejandro Gomez and Enrique Joseph Gonzales.

Alayna Noel Gonzalez, Andrea Gonzalez, Emily Daniella Gonzalez, Gabriel Alejandro Granados, Darius Rashad Hale, Erica Kim Hay, Christopher Hernandez, Francisco Hernandez, Karisa Irene Hernandez, Thomas Feliciano Herrera, Douglas Morgan Hill and Christina Vie Hoang.

Ethan Alexander Russell Hughes, Tyson Thanh Huynh, Johana Jasso, Ambreton My'isha Jones, Jaedyn Elizabeth Jones, Casey Voncile Junkin, Makayla Marie Karkosky, Danae Eugenia Kostikoglou, Mikayla Denise Lagos, Thao Phuong Lam and Vanessa Marie Lam.

Brooklynn D. Lathan, Victoria Marie Lazo, Tony Le, Evelyn Anh Lien, Chanel Laraine Lofton, Nathan Lopez, Sandy Nhi Lu, Jimmy

Duong Luong, Kenny Congkhanh Ly, Adrian Martinez, Gerardo Yahir Martinez, Jacob Rene Martinez and Joscelin Nicole Martinez.

Jose Luis Martinez, Erin Paige Maslonka, Kyle William McDonald, Nathaly Marie Mejia, Alejandro Israel Melendez, Desiree R. Miller, Aileen Michelle Morales, Janah Naser, Jonathan Neira, Alan Thanh Nguyen, Albert Truong Nguyen, Bruce Vinh Nguyen and Duy Bao Nguyen.

Harrison Nguyen, Henry Huy Nguyen, Lucas Uy Nguyen, Steven Nguyen, Tammy Luong Nguyen, Thao Phuong Nguyen, Trishta Quynh Nguyen, Sarah Neamaka Oba, Andrea Michelle Obregon, Justine Ogoibunor Ofor, Celeste Stephanie Ortiz and Hunter Keith Outlaw.

Maria Fernanda Paez Lopez, Karina Palos, Carolyn Lizette Paz, Nallely Pena, Jacob Nicholas Perez, Elysa Lisbeth Perla, Kevin Minh Pham, Mary Tuyet Pham, Neyna Cherrenne Portis, Jordan Raymond Promise, Marc Anthony Ramirez, Xavier A. Ramirez and Kyle Adan Redmon.

Austin Matthew Rhoden, Mia Alexandria Ridge, Ivan

Moises Rivera, Aaron Rodriguez, Denise Alexandra Rodriguez, Isabella Renee Rodriguez, Jacob Daniel Rodriguez, Celeste Rose Salazar, Jada Shakira Sawyer and Madeline Marie Schwausch.

Marisa Michelle Soto, Kendall Faya Spafford, Gillyanne Helena Spencer, Madelyn Gabriele Spray, Christina Danielle Suarez, Elyssa Reane Sulak, Eric P. To, Alyssa Giselle Toro, Giselle Torres and Natalia Camille Townes.

Lili Ann Tran, Justus Rene Vela, Madylin Alexis Vela, Tiffany Angel Villarreal, Anh Que Nguyen Vu, Mark Sameh William, Damayanti Asha Wilson, Jannatun Nahar Zaman and Emma Delia Zapata.

Eighth grade Honor roll

Nicole Bosibori Abugah, Angel Antonio Aguilar, Gema Isabel Alanis, Jada Vernice Alix, Leslie Esmeralda Almanza, Azhia Nichole Alvarez, Stephanie Alvarez, Ashley Lizbeth Amaro, Anilu Itzayana Arrieta, Alesia Michelle Bill, Makenzie Elyce Brown and Jocelyn Avery.

Dominic Busto Caballero, Julian Joel Calvillo, Jayla

Cherie Carmouche, Samantha Nell Carter, Leah Rose Castaneda, Elissa Enedella Castillo, Ethan Alejandro Chapa, Jacob Edgar Chavez, Joseph Mateo Chavez, Jolany Janneth Chavez, Olga Yaneth Cisneros and Xzaveon Latrell Cofield.

Joshua Daniel Collins, Sophia Colmenares, Danielle Joy Colunga, Sebastian Antonio Comabella Paredes, Shelby Ranay Couchman, Esperanza Daniela Cruz, Carrie Briana Cubos, Izaiyah Rey Cumpian, Bailee Phi-Anh Dang, Tammy Tam Dang, Quang Ngoc Do and Hoan My Tran Doan.

Angelina Phuongthanh Dong, Alonso Dosal, Marcus Jordan Doss, Lyah Shanti Duenas, Annette Florine Eonne, Joshua Dean Erickson, Granyeli Feliciano, Nancy Mitchell Flores, Lee Andrew Frost, Alejandro Enrique Garcia, Andrew Garcia and Jaydon Anthony Garcia.

Mayela Lizbeth Garcia, Valerie Marie Garibay, Jade Ayslette Garza, Miranda Nolani Giraldo, Daniela Gomez, Anthony Gonzales, Noah Elijah Gonzales, Aaron Jeremy Gonzalez, Jacob Alexander Gonzalez, Jaylen Gabriel Gonzalez, Seth Allen Gonza-

lez and Alejandra Z. Gracias. Kianna Tanae Groves, Rogelio Dejesus Guajardo, Jorge Guerra, Mikayla Marie Gutierrez, Kayla Ailia Hall, Christian David Hernandez, Steve Sevazyton Hernandez, Xavier Hernandez, Jacob Vinh Ho, Peter Quoc-Vuong Hoang, Stephanie Nicole Horton and Kacy Abigail Huerta.

Doan Thy Ba Huynh, Jazlyn Nhu Huynh, Jalen Jaivon Ina, Destiny Faith Jenkins, Jasmine Julia Jimenez, Faith Morgan Johnson, Mckayla Jayne Karsten, Nicholas Ryan Keel, Irene Sojung Kim, Ashley Marie Lam, Kayla Marie Lawson, Daniel Isaiah Lazcano and Jacob Hong Phuc Le.

Jessica Kimmia Le, Vicki Phuong Le, Elaine Anh Lien, Jazlynn Therese Limon, Abigail Lopez, Fernando Lopez, Samantha Eliana Lopez, Milow Lozano, Vivian Luu, Mercedes M. Machado, Aleyda J. Maldonado, Matthew Alexander Malone and Tania Jaitez Manriquez-Murillo.

Sarah Caprice Marquez, Arrynana Sol Martinez, Javier Seferino Martinez, Selest Oralia Martinez, Tatiana Jolie Martinez, Marissa Ann Maxwell, Nayelli Cassandra Melendez, Christopher James Mendiola-Garcia, Anyella Melissa Mendoza Aguilar and Kaaynat Karim Mistry.

Christopher R. Monita, Ernesto Xavier Morales, Kristy Anahi Morales, Valerie Ray Morales, Juliana Moreno, Alison Neira, Andy Keith Neira, Hallie R Nelms, Alyssa Quynh Nguyen, Leslie Bigh Ngoc Nguyen, Xavier De-

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For the second time in a month, a local game room was shut down by authorities. Lucky Bee Game Room, 10930 Kingspoint, was one of three game rooms that was raided following a 10-month investigation by the Houston Police Department's Vice Division. The other two game rooms were Gulf Paradise, 8310 Gulf Freeway, and Lucky Game Room, 2728 South Rice. Five suspects were arrested and charged with felony money laundering.

A pair of auctions held at Sagement Church were successful in raising more than \$200,000 for the area church's ongoing expansion efforts. The most unusual auction (and most profitable) was for that of a walking cane that had been owned by Hiram Woosley, a late church member. The cane fetched more than \$20,000 after being bought and re-auctioned multiple times. Following the auction, church officials returned the cane to Woosley's family.

South Houston High School celebrated the opening of the school's Hall of Honor at a ceremony coinciding with the 54th anniversary of the school's opening in 1957. Among the inductees were three South Belt residents, Emory Gadd, Cheryl (Williams) Bolen and Noryl White. While not officially on the list of inductees, the ceremony also honored former longtime South Belt resident Al Carter, who was largely responsible for organizing the event.

1 year ago (2015)
Former Dobie student Alex Gallant went missing after his kayak overturned during a fishing trip near South Deer Island, roughly three miles offshore from Galveston Bay. Gallant, 23, was kayaking with his

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Career Week open to public at UHCL

Prepare for the job hunt at University of Houston-Clear Lake's Career Week, hosted by the university's Career Services on March 7-10.

All events are open to the public, and attendees will learn tips for resumé writing, job fair preparation and interviews.

March 7 – *Drop-ins at Bayou* will feature on-the-spot resumé reviews by UH-Clear Lake Career Services, 1-4 p.m. and 5-7 p.m., in the Bayou Building, Atrium I, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

March 8 – *Resumé Rally* will feature on-the-spot re-

views by employers, 1-4 p.m. and 5-7 p.m., in the Bayou Building, Atrium I.

March 9 – *Job Fair Prep Panel* will offer tips and strategies for making the most of job fairs, 5-6:30 p.m., in the Bayou Building, Garden Room.

March 10 – *Mock Interview Day* will include mock interviews and feedback from employers. Registration is required by contacting UHCL Career Services.

For more information or to register for a mock interview session, call UHCL's Career Services at 281-283-2590.

Physics lectures feature mathematics, gravity

Engage with cutting edge physics research in the University of Houston-Clear Lake Physics Lecture Series during the month of March.

All presentations begin at 7 p.m. in the Student Services and Classroom Building lecture hall, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

March 7 – *A Novel Gaussian-Sinc Mixed Basis Set for Electronic Structure Calculations* with Jonathan Jerke, post-doctoral student at Texas Southern University.

March 21 – *WB-57F: An Overview of NASA's High Altitude Research Aircraft*

with Charles Mallini, chief of the WB-57 Project Office at NASA Johnson Space Center.

March 28 – *The Shape Dynamics Description of Gravity* with Tim Koslowski from Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México.

All seminars in the series are open to the public and free for those not pursuing credit. Registration to receive continuing education credits costs \$15.

For more information or to register, contact the Center for Educational Programs at 281-283-3530 or visit <http://www.uhcl.edu/physics>.

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Ignacio David Perez, Jose Emilio Perez, Evarmaria Perla, Joe-Patrick Perlera, Hughes Pham, Kelly Nguyen Pham, Jonathan Gabriel Resendez, Christian Reyes, Andres Eduardo Rios, Gerardo Jesus Rivas, Julian Alexander Rodriguez, Naomi Sarai Rodriguez and Gracie Danielle Roessler.

Alex Christian Rosalez, Javier Ruiz, Aliyah Janae Salas, Brianna Salazar, Crystal Salgado, Nicholas Estevan Salinas, Atiana Nevaeh Sanchez, Eloy Sanchez, Marissa Sanchez, Ryan Eugene Sarazen, Paten Lynn Schillaci, Samantha Jeanne Schroder and Maya Ann Scott.

Miranda Nicole Serrano, Justin Tyler Silva, Felicity Michelle Soto, Peter Josephporter Spigner, Caleb Alexander Tamez, Jason Tao, Everett Allen Taylor, Kobe Isiah Thompson, Amy Tieu, Imegen Rayne Torres, Sidney Milen Torres, Ashley Andreaduron Tovar and Jonathan Tran.

Jordan Minh Thanh Tran, Savannah Elizabeth Tran, Jose Delcarmen Trujillo, Son Hai Truong, Alissa Monique Vara, Juliana Vega, Alexys Rayne Vela, Jordan Michael Velazquez and Oscar Norberto Velazquez.

Dezelynn Celeste Villarreal, Cammy Ngoc Vo, Dai Trang Ngoc Vu, Alex Ngun Vu, Zoe Elizabeth Whitley, Alyssa Renee Williams, Rayvn Rochelle Williams, Jeffrey Alan Wilson, Erin Faith Woodard, Lian Ashley Yui and Kimberley Judith Zometta.

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Madeleine Ngoc Tuyet Bui, Tony Mai Bui, Danielle Marie Bulman, Jazlyn Arella Byron, Esmeralda Calvillo, Alberto Josue Campa, Yarlina Carolina Campos, Rayden Xavier Canales, Gizelle Irene Cardona, Samantha Marie Carrillo, Deanna Edilia Castellano and Matthew Alejandro Castillo.

Jefferson Cevallos, Alyssa Renae Cinco, Nicholas Antonio Covarrubias, John Bernard Cruz, Yelizavet Renay De La Cerda, Javier Deleon, Quan Hoang Dinh, Celene Le Duong, Erick Fernando Escobar, Ibrahim Y. Farage, Katelynn J. Flores, Lizeth Flores and Miliana Janae Flores.

Alyssia Marie Foster, Anabell Celeste Gamez, Damián Garcia, Karsten Alexander Garcia, Michael Garcia, Natalie Marie-Elena Garza, Zachary Anthony Glover, Alyssa Renee Gomez, Daisy Gonzalez, Enrique Aram Gonzalez, Victoria Gonzalez and Darren Javon Groves.

Linley Victoria Hawkins, Briana Kshal Hayward, Penelope Hernandez Mendoza, Emily Alexis Hernandez, Joseph James Hernandez, Sarah Celeste Hernandez, Carlos Steve Hernandez-Chavarria, Joseph Sebastian Hinojosa, Anthony Loc Ho and Jennifer Nguyen Ho.

Amy Anh Hoang, Kelly

Hoang, Quang Hong, Cindy Trinh Huynh, Briana Zullem Jamaica, Briana Isabelle Keim, Kassandra Victoria Keller, Hayden Jay Lazo, Christa Kieu Le, Ha My Thi Le, Andrea Leon, Jesus Jal Leon, Abel Alexander Limachi and Tarzis Jonathan Lobos.

Faiazah Maleehah, Lailah Martinez, Cadie Colleen Masterson, Cynthia Consuelo Mata, Patricia Medina, Sakinah Nogodion Yasmine Meite, Angela Isabel Menendez, Ashley Sofia Miranda, Elias A. Montez, Keith Angelo Morales, Jocelyn Jade Moreno and Lissette Moreno.

Josue Munoz, Mia Faith Alyssa Myers, Paul Newman, Alexis Nhu Tuyen Nguyen, Andrew Ngoc Nguyen, Augustin Hoang Nguyen, Bryan Thanhhuu Nguyen, Dang Tran Hai Nguyen, Diana Nguyen, Huy Mai Nguyen, Jason Hoang Nguyen and Tom Minh Tam Nguyen.

Tri Thuan Tran Nguyen, Trung Quang Nguyen, Viet The Nguyen, Noah Christian Nunez, Precious Ifeemaka Oko, Keqwon Rashard Palm, Tristan Juan Pedraza, Alejandra Perez, Tony Minh Pham, Ky Ky Duong Phan, Thao Tinh Nhu Phan, Destiny Pichardo, Alyssa Nicole Pina.

Lizbeth Alejandra Pineda, Francesca Paola Reyes, Isaiah Xavier Reyes, Lauren Ashley Robinson, Adriel Rodriguez, Albert Rodriguez, Benito Gabriel Rodriguez, Juan Carlos Rodriguez, Kassandra Ignacia Rodriguez, Tanya Vanessa Rodriguez-Juarez, Sandy Ruiz and Vanessa Salazar.

Jocelyn Salazar, Abdiel Sanchez, June Delilah Santillanes, Yahir Abraham Serna, Amari Deon Singleton, Klocy Lanette Smith, Kaleigh Grace Sommerfelt, Wazha Tapela Tapela, Diego Emiliano Tapia, Gerardo Torres, Valeria Torres, Anh Hoang Tran, Deborah Thy Tran and Kathy Mai-Trang Tran.

Deangel Trinh, Julie Ngoc

Trinh, Fre'Daiza L. Tucker, Joshua Turrubiates, Jaeden Zachary Tyler, Marisol Isabel Valadez, Sergio Valdez, Trinity Lynn Vanek, Marina Carrillo Vasquez, Diep Thi Ngoc Vo, Nathan Huy Vo, Thuc Uyen Vo, Joseph Nguyen Vu, Christopher Michael Walker and Maria Guadalupe Zavala.

Eighth grade

Honor roll

Bella Jazmin Acosta, Nathaly Yasmin Acosta, Abigail Camila Aguilar, Michelle Isabel Aguilar, Gisselle Lizbeth Alfaro, Yair Almaguer, Destiny Marie Alvarez, Tamecia Nicole Anderson, Melissa Sade Arredondo, Alberto Arriaga, Allen Miguel Barrera and Eduardo Benavides.

Alyssa Mercedes Bernal, Breanna Mechele Boutte, Marshall Arthur Bradley, Jesse Manuel Bustamante, Janette Guadalupe Calderon, Sadie Rae Capuchino, Janie Manely Carrizales, Envi Marie Cathcart, Angela Rennee Chapa, Courtney Van Chung and Brenna Elyse Cook.

Ethan Andres Cristancho, Bianca Gabrielle Cruz, Victoria Thien-Nga Dao, Purba Angela Daria, Leah Renee Davis, Ana Karen De Leon, Darian Jay Delgado, Sebastian Quintero Delgado, Jairus Alexander Dewey, Gabriela Jasmin Dorantes, Alejandro Julian Duenez and Kay Duong.

Osayi G. Edigin, Ameyalli Kinereth Flores Mondragon, Gerson Alexis Flores, Stephanie Judith Flores, Lilliana Nicole Fonseca, Viviana Frias, Alexa Michelle Garcia, Alexus Marie Garcia, Leelianna Grace Garcia, Nayeli Garibay, Artemio Guadalupe Garza and Yanelly Garza.

Brianna Lynnette Gomez, Vivian Nicole Gonzalez, Kys Ivan Gordon, Amy Guzman, Emily Guzman, Hailey Danielle Henry, Alina Isabel Herazo, Joselin Paola Hernandez Corrales, Cristian Jacob Hernandez, Athena Tuyet Ninh Ho, Duy Hoang Ho and Ken-

nedo Bao Ho.

Tiffany Thanh Hoang, Ashley Kyreana Holtzclaw, Kendall Jordan Hubert, Katelyn-xuan Thi Huynh, Vivian Quynh Huynh, Eneida Infante, Reginald Jawan Jefferson, Tasmeha Jahani Kazi, Michelle Alexandra Kelley, Joyelle Dawn Marie Knight, Phat Minh Lam and Hannah May Lazo.

Phuong-Thu Mai Le, Kari Edith Leija, Ivyanna Raquel Lewis, Edgar David Limon, Jeremiah Forsythe Little, Jaquelin Abigail Luna Rodriguez, Tin Chanh Ly, Jorge E. Martinez-Islas, Anisa Marie Martinez, Aralieux Jay Martinez, Aralyn Alexis Martinez and Ariana Michelle Martinez.

Ashley Angelina Martinez, Isaac Martinez, Raylene Martinez, Sarah Maryum, Madison Nicole McClelland, Jacob Alexander McKenzie, Julian Medina, Leah Alana Medlock, Abdurrahman Ahmed Meguader, Gerardo Mejia, Luis Gerardo Melgoza Pizana and Andrew Mendez.

Elizabeth Diana Mendoza, Taiya Antone Mitchell, Venecia Montemayor, Madison Danielle Munoz, Ashley Nguyen, Bao Thien Nguyen, Cindy Ngoc Nguyen, Daisy Thuy Tram Nguyen, Donna Ngoc Nguyen, Elina Tu Thanh Nguyen, Han Nguyen and Jacob Buu Nguyen.

Jennifer Han Nguyen, Jessica Tien Nguyen, Nhien Ngoc Nguyen, Tan Ba Nguyen, Thanh Trung Nguyen, Isaac Ochoa, Bryan Uriel Orozco, Phillip Daniel Ortega, Bethanny Itzel Otero, Tiffany Karely Oviedo, Oscar Damian

Padilla, Omar Alejandro Paradiroz and Allie Tae Parker.

Maria Fernanda Peredo Aguilar, Christopher Jose Perez Medrano, Gerardo Perez, Yanelly Danayara Perez, Abraham Dang Pham, Timmy Thanh-Tu Phan, Aaliyah Planarte, Kiandra Kamille Porter, Danielle Elize Pullin, Nepha Ramclan, Marissa Ramirez and Kiareliz Dayle Ramos.

Emily Jazmin Reyes, Jose Alberto Reyes, Ambar Argentina Robles, Ariel Christina Robles, Adriana Rodriguez, Julianna Marie Rodriguez, Julissa Ann Rodriguez, Robert Isacc Rodriguez, Miracle Joyce Rollins, Jonathan Alexis Roque, Marissa Yvette Salazar and Caroline Marie Salinas.

Cecilia Marie Salinas, Julian Ramiro Sanchez, Ramiro De Jesus Sanchez, Marquice Trevion Scott, Corbin Zane Sherwood, Rafie Shoaib, Fernando Sifuentes, Casey Ray Smith, Jaden Avior Stephens, Vincent Quang Ta and Charlize Aurora Tamayo.

Chassity Lanell Texada, Minh Hoang Tu, Alyssa Jennifer Torres, Angela Denise Torres, Alexander Vu Tran, Benjamin Vu Tran, Charlie Kha Tran, Simon Toan Tran, Ashley Joanne Tsikis, Sarah Micaela Tyler and Amaode Uchendu.

Raymond Yamil Ulloa, Josselyn Charlize Vale, Oscar Ricky Valladares, Yazmin Guadalupe Vasquez, Alexander Vega, Jaylee Renee Vera, Mai Vu-Phuong Viet, Vanessa Yvette Villarreal, Jessica Ngoc-Anh Vu and Christian Wayne Warren.

Memorial's Love receives Educator of the Year for outdoor education

Memorial High School's Lloyd Love, an educator for 31 years, was recently recognized by the Dallas Ecological Foundation as Educator of the Year for 2016. Through his outdoor education classes, Love teaches students the art of fishing, archery and other skills in creative and innovative ways.

"I appreciate this award, but I feel like I don't need the recognition. The people who allowed me the opportunity to create the best program I could, deserve it," Love said. "My principal, Dr. Angela Stallings, lets me be creative and do whatever I need to do to be successful and Pam Tevis started me off on the right foot. There are so many people behind what I do."

His experience in the classroom includes teaching biology, life science and physical education at various levels which he incorporates in his outdoor education classes.

"I have so much fun doing my job that it doesn't feel like work," Love said. "That's why I love coming every day and why the kids love coming too. They're here because they want to be. They are learning skills here that they wouldn't necessarily learn anywhere else and they get excited about it."

In addition to this award, Love was named Teacher of the Year at Memorial in 2015.

"Lloyd Love is one of our best teachers," said Jeremy Richardson, Memorial assistant principal. "We are proud of him for receiving this award. He knows how to build relationships with students and share with them the world of the outdoors, which is something they can take with them throughout their lives."

Even though Memorial fell outside of the area where the DEF typically presents the award, the organization made an exception after receiving numerous nominations on behalf of Love. A decision that made Love the first teacher in the 16-year history of the award to be selected outside of north Texas.

"Coach Love's program exemplifies every qualification for our award," said Scot McClure, DEF outdoor adventure coordinator. "Along with his numerous nominations, that provided an easy choice for our board of trustees. It was a unanimous vote."

Love hopes that teaching outdoor skills to students will provide a legacy to future generations. "One of these days when my students have children they can pass on these traditions," Love said. "And that's truly what this is all about."

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Left to right, Lloyd Love with his mother, Martha Love, an educator for 50 years, and his wife, Susan Love. Photo submitted

Applications available for city's 2016 Summer Jobs Program

The City of Houston is now accepting applications for the 2016 Summer Jobs Program, a yearly city initiative offering paid summer internships in a variety of city departments to Houstonian youths.

More than 450 positions

are available for this year's session, which will run from June 13 through Aug. 5.

Most positions will be 32 hours per week at \$7.25 per hour; all will offer valuable insight into what's required to serve the residents of the nation's fourth largest city.

The online application for the 2016 Summer Jobs Program can be accessed at http://www.houstontx.gov/hr/gyow/summer_jobs.html. To be eligible to take part in the program, applicants must be between the ages of 16 and 21 (by June 13, 2016) and reside within the City of Houston.

Applications for the program will be accepted until March 18.

To learn more about the City of Houston's 2016 Summer Jobs Program, including a list of additional application requirements, visit <http://houstontx.gov/summerjobs> or email summerjobs@serhoustontx.gov.

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Egg hunt at Post 490

The members of the American Legion Auxiliary-Unit 490 will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 19, beginning at noon.

The hunt will be held on the grounds of the American Legion Hall-Post 490, 11702 Old Galveston Road in Houston.

All children 12 years old and younger are invited to come and participate in the fun. Children should bring a container for their eggs. Refreshments will be furnished by the auxiliary. For more information, call 832-978-2235.

Women working in nontraditional occupations lend advice to students

Hundreds of young women from high schools, colleges, and industry gathered in Galveston recently to hear from women who are working to break down barriers as crane operators, welders, riggers, process operators, and other occupations predominantly held by men.

Women account for 19 percent of the total employment in the combined oil and gas, and petrochemical industries, according to a report from the American Petroleum Institute. The Women in Industry: Petrochem Conference, sponsored by the Community College Petrochemical Initiative (CCPI), gave young women from Texas Gulf Coast high schools and colleges the chance to network with women working in the petrochemical industry. CCPI partners include all nine community colleges within the Texas Gulf Coast region, including San Jacinto College.

"It is within your reach

to have a nice house, car, clothes, money in the bank, to help yourself and your family, to finance your education and the education of your family," said Patricia Hairston, president of Global Supply Chain Solutions, LLC, and an engineer. "Nothing is beyond your reach."

These words of inspiration resonated with students in the audience like Marisela Morales, CCPI scholarship recipient studying process technology at Lee College. "My brother always told me that I can do anything," said Morales. "I have family members who work at refineries, and I see the benefits and salaries they make. I have never depended on anyone, and I want to continue supporting myself by entering this type of career."

Besides panel discussions and guest speakers, the Women in Industry conference provided networking opportunities between students and

industry representatives from companies like ExxonMobil, Chevron Phillips, Covestro, Noltex, Jacobs, and others. Ginger Kerrick delivered the day's keynote address and

total of her path to becoming the flight director at NASA-Johnson Space Center.

The day ended with "how to make it happen" sessions where women learned of financial aid resources and certificate and associate degree programs at the CCPI member community colleges.

"This event really showed young women that they can accomplish what they set out to do," said Dr. Sarah Jones, vice president of the San Ja-

cinto College Continuing and Professional Development division. "Hearing career advice from these successful women in industry made a great and lasting impression on the young women considering and currently studying these types of careers."

Carnival with Jewish flavor for everybody

Congregation Shaar Hashalom, together with Temple Beth Tikvah, will celebrate Purim with the annual Carnival on Sunday, April 3, starting at 10:30 a.m. The Carnival will feature carnival booths, face painting, food and more, and will take place at Shaar Hashalom.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom, the Conservative synagogue of the Bay Area Houston, is located at 16020 El Camino Real, Houston 77062 (midway between Bay Area Blvd. and El Dorado). Temple Beth Tikvah is the

Reform Synagogue in the Clear Lake Area.

The carnival is a fundraising event.

The entire community is invited to join in the fun, food and merriment.

A package that includes 60 game tickets and one meal ticket will cost \$18 if preordered, and \$23 at the door. Ticket packages can be obtained by calling the synagogue office at 281-488-5861, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, or by email at esh@shaarhashalom.org.

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Stories, a collection of childhood tales, at SJC

The San Jacinto College South Campus Theatre Department will present *Stories*, a collection of dramatized childhood tales, at the Marie Spence Flickinger Fine Arts Center, located on the San Jacinto College South campus. Admission is free, and the show, which runs March 8 through March 12 with a 7 p.m. curtain each night, is open to the public.

South campus theater department chair Kevin Holden says that *Stories* offers fun, adventure, and lively entertainment for children of all ages, and for adults who are young at heart. "It's not your typical full-length play based on one plot, but rather, as the name implies, a collection of short stories that are centered on childhood and children," Holden commented. "Some of the stories are dramatizations of classic children tales, and some are based on original scripts written by San Jacinto College students about some of their childhood experiences."

Holden describes the show as G-rated and family-friendly. There will be fun activities for children before the show starts and during intermission.

Co-directors for *Stories* are theater instructors MJ Emig and Kevin Jones. Emig directs the "traditional" children tales, while Jones directs the "contemporary" student-produced tales.

The five traditional tales are *The Frog Prince*, *Bremen Town Musicians*, *The Fisherman and His Wife*, *The Golden Goose*, and *Rumpelstiltskin*.

"I chose these particular tales because they are universally familiar, but not so familiar that our audience would expect a Disney experience," Emig commented.

"We have princesses and enchanted characters, but the stage treatment is purely children's theatre."

The cast and crew add some spontaneity to the time-honored tales. "A good part is improvisational," Emig said. "I created a script, I gave it to the actors to memorize. And as we rehearsed, the actors - as they created the characters - added lines that grew out of their stage behavior. As they improvised and played off of one another, lines - usually funny ones - evolved and were added to the script."

Emig admittedly is a child at heart. "I don't think you can have a life in the theater if you're not," she quipped.

For the "contemporary" part of the show, co-director Jones selected 15 student-authored stories, all of which are based on true childhood experiences.

"We added fun, fantastical twists to some of the scripts to make them more theatrical," commented Jones. "There is one simple fight scene, and some people turn into fish and kind of swim-walk around. Some things we go through as kids are scary, so there are some stories that are about scary moments that turn out all right in the end, usually with the help of family. I hope the show helps adults remember all the cool things they used to think of when they were children. I hope it brings some of that feeling of whimsy back for them. I'm very proud of the students, and the stories they wrote."

Like Emig, Jones says he is kind of a kid at heart. "I definitely like to play with the new Star Wars toys," he said.

To learn more about San Jacinto College theater and film programs, visit sanjac.edu/career/theatre-film.

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Third-grader Kaylie Bui Nguyen and her father, Rick Nguyen.

A Night in Paris at Frazier's first Father-Daughter Dance

A Night in Paris was the theme for Frazier Elementary School's first Father-Daughter Dance held Friday, Feb. 19. More than 145 fathers, grandfathers, uncles or family friends accompanied their special girls for a night of dancing, games and refreshments. It was a magical night and one that is sure these girls and their fathers will never forget.

Photos submitted



Kindergartener Isabella Pecina with her father, Miguel Pecina.



Third-grader Anabel Rodriguez and her father, Carlos Rodriguez. Also shown is Chris Marks.



Fourth-grader Briana Vela dances with her father, Rene Vela.



First-grader Genesis Leal and her father, Adrian Leal.

Dobie Wall of Honor held Feb. 26 Constable Phil Sandlin honored



Harris Precinct 8 Constable Phil Sandlin, Class of 1987, was one of four Dobie alumni to be honored at the school's fourth annual Hall of Honor ceremony Friday, Feb. 26.

See related story & photo Page 1A

Photos by Al Carter

Sandra, Laura accept Yandell's award

Sandra Yandell (left) and daughter Laura Yandell accepted on behalf of Dr. Mark Yandell, Class of 1983.



Father Sean Horrigan gets Hall of Honor



The Rev. Sean Horrigan, Class of 1984, is shown to the left with Dobie Assistant Principal Stefanie McKinney. A former journalist, Horrigan now serves as pastor of Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church in northwest Houston.

Hancock Elementary welcomes widow of namesake to campus

By Melissa Trevizo
Pasadena ISD

Charlie Hancock, widow of longtime Pasadena Independent School District administrator Thomas Hancock was given a tour of the elementary school that bears his name.

In the 1970s, Hancock served as assistant principal at Thompson Intermediate. "I had no idea I would be greeted with such a reception," Hancock said. "The campus is so nice. It's a wonderful tribute."

Hancock Principal Veronica Sandoval was honored to meet the wife of the school's namesake and show her the state-of-the-art campus.

"Mrs. Hancock's visit solidifies why we are here," Sandoval said. "We are so excited that she was able to come and see our beautiful campus."

Hancock, along with DeeAnn Powell, superintendent of schools; Rhonda Parmer, associate superintendent of campus development; Marshall Kendrick, board secretary and Tom Swan, director of the Community School and long-time friend of the Hancock family, toured the 100,000 square-foot facility which features a large, to-scale

compass in the campus's rotunda.

"The compass in our rotunda and the choice of our mascot, the bison, all center around exploration," Sandoval said. "Bison are natural wanderers and explorers. At Hancock we will encourage exploration in five areas: land, sea, air, space and cyberspace."

At the end of the visit, Hancock shared one of her husband's most admirable traits with the group. "Tom was a very calm, easy-going person," she said. "When I had to speak in front of large groups, I was always so nervous. Tom was never nervous,

and he always knew exactly what to say. Even when he wasn't feeling well. He always had poise and direction. He was a very sweet man and he loved his work."

Sandoval hopes to carry on a legacy for Thomas Hancock and his family.

"Mr. Hancock was a huge community ambassador for this school district," Sandoval said. "We are going to continue that work and establish strong community relationships."

Hancock Elementary, located at 9604 Minnesota, will open its doors to students at the beginning of the 2016-17 school year.



Hancock Principal Veronica Sandoval (left) gives Charlie Hancock a tour of the school that bears her husband's name. The poster was made by Jessup students who will fall into the boundaries of the school.



Shown are, left to right, (front row) Rhonda Parmer, associate superintendent of campus development; Charlie Hancock; Tom Swan, director of the community school and longtime friend of the Hancock family; (back row) Kevin Fornof, associate superintendent of facilities and construction; Veronica Sandoval, Hancock principal; DeeAnn Powell, superintendent of schools; and Marshall Kendrick, board secretary.

Photos by Melissa Trevizo

Stockinger remembered



Above, Robin Wach (second from left) and Becky Wagner (third from left) accept on behalf of the late Carole Stockinger. The pair are shown with Dobie Principal Franklin Moses and PISD Superintendent DeAnn Powell. To the right, inductee Robert Marling, Class of 1974, is pictured with Moses.

Marling recognized



STEM Mink Trekkers come back to San Jac

Michigan Technological University is bringing the Mind Trekkers Adventures in STEM Science Festival back to San Jacinto College.

Families from across the Houston region are invited to make ice cream in less than a minute, suspend magnets in mid-air, shoot ping-pong balls through soda cans, and participate in many other STEM experiments during the free Mind Trekkers Family Night on Thursday, March 10, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the College's Central Campus, building 18.

Earlier that day, and on March 11, the College will host thousands of sixth-graders from local schools as they load their buses for field trips to the College to participate in the STEM experiments. This is Mind Trekkers second year to visit San Jacinto College. Last year, approximately 7,000 students attended the event.

Mind Trekkers is a road show that brings the "wow" factor of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) to the hands and minds of K-12 students under the guidance undergraduate and graduate students from Michigan Tech.

The San Jacinto College STEM Council will assist

with coordination of the experiments. Mind Trekkers is a part of San Jacinto College's outreach to increase the amount of activities and initiatives in recent years to attract more students to the STEM fields. Sponsors include Dow, Lubrizol, Chevron Phillips, San Jacinto College, and the East Harris County Manufacturers Association.

The San Jacinto College Central Campus is located at 8060 Spencer Highway. For more information about Mind Trekkers, visit <http://mindtrekkers.mtu.edu/>.

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SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

Hunter's game-winner nets JFD hoops Final Four

By John Bechtle
Sports Editor

Dobie is celebrating the arrival of the Final Four in Houston a bit early. Royce Hunter's three-point play the hard way

with 2.6 seconds remaining sent the Longhorns to the Region III Final Four boys' basketball tournament for the first time since the 1994-95 season, courtesy of a thrill-ride of

a 59-56 victory over Hightower at the Aldine ISD Campbell Center March 1. That's three straight playoff wins for a team

that had to win its final three regular season games simply to ensure its playoff existence. So it's on to the next

round. Dobie, the fourth-place team out of District 22-6A this season, will face Cy-Lakes in the nightcap of the Region III

Final Four March 4, back at Campbell Center. Tip-off is set for 8 p.m.

Alief Taylor and Sam Houston will meet in the other semifinal, beginning at 6 p.m. The Region III championship game is March 5, at 2 p.m., also at Campbell.

Longhorns' head coach Kevin Cross, himself a Dobie graduate, is having the time of his life in the coaching ranks. The regional quarterfinal victory is the first under Cross' watch, and he's not ready for it to end any time soon. Continued on Page 6B



At left, Dobie's Tyler Giron (32) works the ball downtown against Hightower's Christian Alaeke (20) in the closing seconds of the Longhorns' thrilling 59-56 regional quarterfinal boys' basketball win March 1, at the Aldine ISD Campbell Center.
Photo by John Bechtle

Region III Final Four
Sam Houston vs. Alief Taylor
Friday, March 4, 6 p.m.
Dobie vs. Cy-Lakes
Friday, March 4, 8 p.m.
Region III championship
Saturday, March 5, 2 p.m.
All games at Campbell Center, Aldine ISD

JFD soccer squads see playoff berths near

By John Bechtle
Sports Editor

One team is closing in on a second consecutive district championship, while the other is simply trying to finalize its playoff plans for later this month.

Regardless of the scenario, life is good for the Dobie varsity boys' and girls' soccer teams. Boys' head coach Justo Manrique's team has not

lost a district game since 2014 and is beginning to pull away from the competition in the 22-6A field. Simply put, the Longhorns have nothing to

worry about until or when and if they lose their first league game. So far that hasn't happened, and the Longhorns are proud of it. The Dobie girls, mean-

while, scoring a big 1-0 fourth and final playoff seed in 22-6A. A season ago, Dobie lost out on a playoff seed on the final day of the regular season. Continued on Page 3B



Dobie's Lauren Escobar (1) hurdles over Pasadena goalkeeper Carolina Ramirez while on the offensive attack during the first half of the Lady Longhorns' eventual 1-0 victory over the Lady Eagles Feb. 27, at Veterans Stadium. With just a handful of games remaining in league play, Dobie and Pasadena are currently battling for the No. 4 playoff seed in 22-6A. See more on Page 3B.
Photo by Nick Tamayo

CB, Dobie baseball play hosts; tourney play head to campuses

After spending the first weekend of the regular season traveling the tournament circuit, the Dobie and Clear Brook varsity baseball teams will get a chance to compete in front of the home crowds March 3-5.

The Longhorns will play host to several Pasadena ISD Varsity Baseball Invitational games, all at Dobie High School.

Pool play games against Mayde Creek, Beaumont West Brook and Lutheran South will be followed

by a trophy round game, March 5, against an opponent to be named.

At Clear Brook, the Wolverines host one of the sites for the annual Clear Creek ISD Varsity Baseball Invitational. The Wolverines will play five games over three days, all at Clear Brook High School, and hope to qualify for a trophy round game March 5.

Dobie at Pasadena ISD
All games at Dobie H.S.
March 3: vs. Mayde Creek, 10 a.m.; vs. Beaumont West Brook, 1 p.m.
March 4: vs. Lutheran South, 1 p.m.
Note: Dobie's March 5 game will be played at Dobie, TBA.

Brook at Clear Creek ISD
All games at Brook H.S.
March 3: vs. North Shore, 12:30 p.m.; vs. Lewisville Hebron, 5:30 p.m.
March 4: vs. 2nd Baptist, 12:30 p.m.; vs. Pearland, 5:30 p.m.
March 5: vs. Alvin, 11 a.m.

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Longhorns' JV baseball takes second place at Pasadena ISD tourney

At right, the Dobie High School junior varsity baseball program came away with second place at the Pasadena Independent School District Invitational Feb. 25-27, making its way to the championship game before losing to Alvin. The Longhorns dropped a 5-1 decision to Lutheran South Academy earlier in the tournament, but rallied to make the final. There, the Longhorns led Alvin 5-1 early on before the Yellowjackets came back to win. Members of the Longhorns' junior varsity team include, left to right, Quinn Gabino, Aaron Perea, Isaiah Vasquez, Daniel Ortega, Seth Gutierrez, Mario Rodriguez, Camryn Davis, Roy Guerrero, David Zermeno, Dejuan Dixon, Owen Castillo, Isaac Santos, Jonathan Acosta, Michael Villarreal, Evan Hausler, Nick Gaytan, Andrew Hinojosa, Zack Frias, Jacob Sulak and coach Stephen Sutton. According to Sutton, the Longhorns played solid baseball with the exception of the final two frames against Alvin. Dobie had 14 hits against the Yellowjackets but couldn't drive in runners in scoring position. Davis and Vasquez both homered three times in the tournament, and Dixon hit one of the longest homers of the young season. The Longhorns returned to District 22-6A play Feb. 29, crushing Manvel 11-1. The locals will head to Pearland March 3-5 for the Oiler Invitational.



BAFL youth programs set upcoming sign up dates

The Southbelt Dolphins of the Bay Area Football League will accept registration for cheer/drill/mascot members (age 4 through 13 as of Aug. 1, 2016) beginning March 12, at the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League facility at El Franco Lee Park, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Additional registration dates will include March 24, April 22 and May 26, all at Armadillo Lanes on Fuqua, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. For additional information, direct email to Tiffany Scimmons at SBDDrill@yahoo.com.

In addition, the Dolphins will begin accepting returning player registration Saturday, March 12, at El Franco Lee Park, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the baseball fields.

Those age 5 to 6 (as of Aug. 1, 2016) and weighing up to 100 lbs. are eligible for pee-wee division play. Any children age 4 by Sept. 1, 2016, are also eligible.

Those age 7 and weighing up to 130 lbs. and those age 8 and weighing up to 90 lbs. are eligible for freshman division play.

Those ages 8 to 9 and weighing up to 140

lbs. are eligible for sophomore division play, and those age 10 and weighing up to 155 lbs. are eligible for junior division play.

Those ages 11 to 12 and weighing up to 170 lbs. are eligible for senior division play. New players are also welcome, and formal registration for those players is April 2, at Blackhawk Park.

For additional information, contact Dolphins' athletic director Raoul Garcia at 281-818-7880.

Brook, Longhorns continue track season; Taylor, Henderson stand out once again

Dobie and Clear Brook's varsity track and field were in the field for the Clear Falls High School Knight Relays Feb. 26, in League City.

JFD gets relay win

LaDayjah Cook, Justice Henderson, Jade Giron and Camille Singleton teamed for a victory in the 4x200-meter relay for the Lady Longhorns, scoring a big 20 points at 1 minute, 43.92 seconds.

Rayiona Green, Camryn Ridge, Giron and Henderson ran the 4x100-meter relay for third place in a time of 49.29.

And the Lady Longhorns' 4x400-meter relay team of Green, Giron, Singleton and Cook teamed for eighth place in a time of 4:08.78.

Henderson's time of 12.17 was second in the 100-meter dash, and Ridge (13.55) also competed.

Henderson, who is headed to the University of Houston this fall on scholarship, was also second in the long jump at

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Jaylin Smith ran the

100- and 200-meter dashes, and Chelsea Joseph competed in the 400-meter dash.

Laysia Parker of Clear Brook was part of the field in the triple jump.

CB boys compete well

Clear Brook sprinter Brandon Taylor scored another win in the 100-meter dash, and Luke Barksdale also continued his strong season in League City.

At 10.70 seconds, the University of Miami signee was the champion of the 100-meter dash, making him 2 for 2 in the event at the high school level this season.

As for Barksdale, he won the long jump at 21 feet, 8 inches.

Second place came to Barksdale in the high jump after he cleared 6'2", and his triple jump effort of 42'11" was fourth-best.

Taylor also ran the 200-meter dash, taking third place with a time of 22.04.

Cuatrus Quarles was

fifth in the 400-meter dash at 51.27, and Clear Brook's Jaizac Garcia (54.12) and George Burrell (56.44) also competed in the event.

Jamael Farooq's triple jump of 42'3" was good for fifth place, just one slot behind Barksdale.

Caleb Nettles (16.69), Caroy Fairer (16.72) and Brieson Moore (17.20) were the Wolverines' representatives in the 110-meter hurdles, and the same athletes took part in the 300-meter hurdles.

Davis paces JFD

Jacoby Davis led the way for the Dobie boys at Clear Falls, taking the runner-up spot in the high jump at 6'2".

Triple jumper Daniel Williams placed sixth for the Longhorns at 41'10 1/2", and he also competed in the 110-meter hurdles (16.53).

Brandon Flores threw the discus 120'10", and Earl Newton (17.70) was also in the 110-meter hurdles.

Horns' 10-U unbeaten

The Horns, a 10-under select baseball team based in the South Belt area, went 5-0 to win the Third Annual Houston Select Baseball February Frost event. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Ethan Beltran, Abel Gonzalez, Khriz Chairez, Ismael Hatamleh, (middle row) Cody Carter, Juan Olivares, Adrian Longoria, Kaige Miller, Eduard Tamez, John Moya, (back row) coaches Demond Carter, Faye Hatamleh and Alex Arriaga.

Submitted photo



Lady Bears excel at girls' track meet

The Bondy Patriots simply dominated things during the opening meet at Auxiliary Stadium Feb. 24, running away with both overall team titles.

In the eighth-grade division, Bondy collected 278 points, more than tripling that of second-place Beverly Hills, which had 72. Thompson was fourth with 54 points.

Bondy also won the seventh-grade division with 183 points, while Thompson had 116 for second place. Beverly Hills' 57 points were good for third place.

GAT 7s take second
The Lady Lions' seventh-grade team was able to score valuable points in a variety of events to claim second place.

The fun began in the 100-meter dash as Erica Gonzalez was second in a time of 14.53 seconds, and teammate Jordyn Ridge came up with a clocking of 14.78 for fourth place.

The 200-meter dash was also profitable for the Lady Lions, with Janelle Mooney's time of 30.83 winning the event. Ridge, at 31.01, was fourth, with Keyona Mathis fifth in a time of 31.44.

Thompson's Grace Castaneda placed second

in the 400-meter dash after crossing the line in a time of 1:14.34.

At the 800-meter distance, the Lady Lions' Desiree Miller placed fourth at 2:56.85.

As the meet shifted to the 100-meter hurdles, Thompson's Ambreone Jones placed second in a time of 20.09, and teammate Raven Finister placed fourth with her time of 20.60.

Thompson scored a win in one relay and a pair of third-place finishes to grab key points.

The Lady Lions' victory came in the 4x200-meter event as Jones, Amaya Daniels, Janya Yeilding and Dajah Thomas-Smith teamed for a time of 2 minutes, 3.56 seconds.

In the 4x100-meter relay, Thompson was third at 57.84 with Yeilding, Finister, Gonzalez and Thomas-Smith making up the foursome. At 5:05.03, Finister, Jones, Yeilding and Thomas-Smith teamed for third place in the 4x400-meter relay.

Thompson also did well in the field events. Mooney was third in the high jump at 4 feet, and Mathis went 22'10 1/2" in the triple jump for fourth place.

Adriana Lee of the Lady Lions was second in the shot put with a top throw of 25'6", and Khadry Caldwell threw the discus 52'6" for sixth place.

BHI 7s are third

With points hard to come by at the seventh-grade level, the Lady Bears tallied 57 for third place in the first meet of the season.

Fre'Daizy Tucker took top honors in the 100-meter dash with a time of 14.13, and teammate Breana Haywood clocked in at 14.55 for third place.

Tucker and Haywood then played big roles in the 4x100-meter relay as they teamed with Yessenia Pina and Janai Hunt for the championship at 56.65.

In the 4x200-meter relay, the Lady Bears were third in a time of 2:04.29 as the foursome included Janya Hunt, Tucker, Haywood and Devin Richard. Ivory Alvarado, Pina, Makayla Cross and Amya Ray represented the Lady Bears in the 4x400-meter relay for fifth place and a time of 5:09.24.

Lesley Cruz went over the 4'0" mark for fifth place in the high jump, and Marisol Valadez was

sixth in the shot put with a throw of 22'4". Precious Oki's toss of 54'4" in the discus placed her fifth.

Lady Bear 8s second

A consistent effort led the Lady Bears' eighth-grade team to second place in the standings with 72 points.

Italy Bossett got things going in the 100-meter dash with a second-place time of 13.57, and teammate Breanna Boutte placed third at 14.05.

Ayvonn Armstrong's time of 28.11 was second in the 200-meter dash, and Ashley Martinez was second in the 800-meter run with her time of 2:44.03.

The Lady Bears also fared well in the 100-meter hurdles, with Tamiya Mitchell's time of 18.71 taking second place and Vanessa Villarreal fifth at 19.52.

Beverly Hills scored a total of 32 points in the relays for a pair of second-place finishes. At 2:04.69, the Lady Bears were second in the 4x200-meter event with Bossett, Madison McClelland, Sophia Perez and Allie Parker teaming.

Martinez, McClelland, Perez and Zoe Hernandez combined for second place in the 4x400-meter event

with a time of 5:01.39.

GAT 8s are fourth

The Lady Lions' eighth-grade team gathered 54 points to finish fourth in the team standings.

Annette Eonne won the 100-meter dash in a time of 13.40, and Maya Scott was sixth in the 200-meter dash at 31.96.

Thompson's Carrie Cubos placed fifth in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 59.89.

In the relays, the Lady Lions placed second at 57.44 in the 4x100-meter event. That team was made up of Ivana Williams, Scott, Ashley Lam and Eonne.

The same four Lady Lions came together in the 4x200-meter relay for third place at 2:05.74.

The Lady Lions also scored well in the field events. Lam's best leap of 25'9" was third in the triple jump, while Eonne placed sixth at 25' 1/4".

At 11'9", Felicity Soto was fifth in the long jump, and Hailey Schwerdtfeger was fifth at 24'10".

Mikayla Gutierrez placed sixth with a throw of 61' in the discus.

Boys' T&F

Lions' 7s claim title; Bear 8s are third

Thompson's seventh-grade boys' track team delivered a successful debut, winning the Pasadena ISD's first intermediate track and field team title Feb. 25, at Auxiliary Stadium.

Not to be outdone, the Beverly Hills eighth-grade team managed a third-place finish in that division, trailing only San Jacinto (138 points) and Miller (104 points).

Lion 7 boys win

The Lions came up with a big win in the team's first-ever meet representing their school.

Thompson tallied 144 points, edging out second-place San Jacinto (134 points) for the championship. South Houston's 108 points was third-best, with Beverly Hills fifth at 69.

Eight different Lions won individual event titles, and the Thompson 4x200-meter relay team also scored a win to help the overall team.

The wins came early and often, starting with the 100-meter dash as the Lions' Razmon Williams championed the sprint at 11.79 seconds.

Teammate Tristen Soria was third overall at 12.50 as the Lions were off and running.

Moving to the 200-meter dash, Thompson's Darius Hale was first at 26.55, with fellow Lion Braden Gant fifth in a time of 28.12.

Jacob Perez led the way for the Lions in the 800-meter run, with his win coming in a time of 2 minutes, 28.91 seconds. At 2:38.64, the Lions' Jonathan Jean was second.

Tairon Randall landed a big win for Thompson

in the 100-meter hurdles, taking the top spot at 17.75.

In that 4x200-meter relay win, the Lions' foursome was made up of Perez, Hale, Gant and Soria as they put together a time of 1:47.82.

High jumper Jeremiah Ballard claimed the top spot in the event after clearing 4 feet, 9 inches in the fewest tries.

Williams also came up with his second win of the meet, long jumping 16'4" for the championship.

Shot putter Kenny Tillmon was terrific in his first meet, tossing the weight 37'0 1/4" for first place.

And the Lions scored big in the discus. Jared Dorantes' best throw of 97'3" was the best in the district, with teammate Josue Vasquez fourth at 82'10". The Lions' Ricardo Lopez was fifth at 74'7".

Elsewhere in the meet, Randall returned for the 300-meter hurdles, where he was fourth in a time of 49.58. Fidel Rueda of Thompson placed fifth at 49.96.

In the 400-meter dash, the Lions' Jared Tate (1:05.87) and Josh Hernandez (1:05.95) were fourth and fifth, respectively.

Hernandez also took the sixth and final scoring spot in the 1,600-meter run with a clocking of 6:06.01.

The Lions' 4x400-meter relay team ran a solid race, eventually taking fourth place at 4:25.48 as Perez, Jonathan Salinas, Tate and Justus Vela combined.

In the triple jump, Perez's best leap of 32'0"

came up with a win in the event at 47.35.

The same four athletes landed the win in the 4x200-meter event, clocking in at 1:42.22.

Sebastian Hinojosa threw the shot 42'5" for first place in the event, with teammate Adian Candler-Slater fifth at 40'0 3/4".

Crosby's speedy time of 11.90 was good for second place in the 100-meter dash, and the Bears' Cameron Guy clocked in at 25.18 for second place in the 200-meter dash.

Shifting to the 400-meter dash, Beverly Hills' Christian Cleckley earned a time of 59.72 for third place, with teammate Nicholas Welcome in at 1:02.12 for fifth place.

In the 300-meter hurdles, the Bears' Kobe Ruiz was fourth with a time of 46.88.

Beverly Hills' 4x400-meter relay unit of Tran, Nguyen, Blacknell and Ruiz wound up sixth at 4:09.30, and Jason Brooks (97'7") and Christian Warren (96'11") were third and fourth, respectively, in the discus.

GAT 8s slowed

Thompson's eighth-grade team pooled together 16.5 points to finish ninth in the meet.

In the shot put, Adrian Johnson's best throw of 40'6" was third-best, and he also claimed fifth in the 100-meter dash at 12.39.

In the 1,600-meter run, the Lions' Jonathan Mendez was fourth in a time of 5:38.84.

High jumper Zach Willett cleared 4'10" for fifth place in the event. In the discus, the Lions' Alejandro Pulido was fifth at 93'11".

Varsity soccer races

JFD boys still atop 22-6A; girls remain in playoff hunt

Perhaps in just a few weeks the Dobie varsity boys' soccer team will get a chance to excite its school-wide throng of fans the way the JFD boys' basketball team has.

With two more wins – 2-0 over Pasadena and 2-0 over South Houston – the Longhorns' varsity soccer team is rolling through the competition in District 22-

6A. With just one game remaining against a contender for a playoff berth and at least two others against teams simply looking to play out the string, the Longhorns sure seem to be well on their way to a 22-6A title for the second straight season.

This much is for sure. With a league-leading 32

points in the District 22-6A standings, the Longhorns are headed to the postseason.

Yes, Memorial could take Dobie down to the final game of the regular season to decide the league champion, but it doesn't seem likely.

"The way we are playing, I think we can win this thing," Dobie head coach Justo Manrique said.

"We played a player down in the game against Pasadena due to a red card, and came away with a pair of goals in the second half to win."

It was much the same against a struggling South Houston team as Dobie became the first 22-6A program to 10 wins.

Any luck in a pair of tiebreaker shootouts, and the Longhorns might have the league title sewn up.

The Longhorns should be able to pick up a win against last-place Dawson when the two teams meet Saturday, March 5, at Veterans Stadium. Game time is set for noon.

Dobie girls in fourth
The Lady Longhorns of Dobie have taken over fourth place from Pasadena, and now just need to hold it.

Dobie scored a lone goal and held on for a 1-0 win over South Houston March 1, at Veterans Stadium.

It sounds like a cliché, but if the Lady Longhorns can beat the teams they are supposed to beat over the final four games, and perhaps steal a win against Dawson or Alvin down the back straightaway, the

Lady Longhorns should be able to hold onto fourth place.

Alvin, Dawson and Pearlland, in an order to be determined, have all but locked up the top three playoff seeds in the district. The rest is yet to come.

Teams	W	L	T	Pts.
Dobie	10	0	2	32
Memorial	9	2	2	30
Manvel	9	2	1	29
Pasadena	6	4	2	21
Rayburn	6	6	0	18
Pearland	2	7	4	13
Alvin	3	9	0	9
South Houston	2	9	2	9
Dawson	2	10	1	7

Darren Lajaunie tennis tourney quickly approaching first serve

The Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund along with the Bay Area Racquet Club in Houston will host the 5th Annual Darren Lajaunie Memorial Tennis Tournament Friday through Sunday, April 22 through April 24. The Bay Area Racquet Club is located on Kings Park Lane, off Nasa Parkway.

The Sponsorship Drive and tournament preparations are under way for the tournament, which will award members of the Bay Area Racquet Club's junior tennis players both youth camp and college scholarships.

All registered players will receive a tournament T-shirt and hat, and enjoy complimentary Saturday morning breakfast snacks.

A complimentary lunch will also be available for players, which will be donated by the Lajaunie family.

The Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund volunteers are busy seeking donors, and silent auction items.

On April 22, the event will "Kick-off" with a silent auction with the BARC scholarship awards dinner at the racquet club.

There will be six camp scholarships and two college scholarships awarded to BARC junior tennis players.

This year, a new camp category for BARC junior tennis players has been added, called the Baseline camp scholarship for those age 7-10.

This is an addition to the Ace camp scholarship, the Center Court camp scholarship and the Grand Slam college scholarship for BARC Junior tennis players.

Members of the Dobie Tennis team will be allowed to play in the tournament free of charge. Dobie players should check the tournament website for all details related to the scholarships.

Last year, the DLTSF awarded five camp scholarships to BARC junior tennis players and awarded four BARC high school seniors scholarships for college.

Dinner tickets will go on sale April 1.

This year, the kick-off party attendees will be treated to a barbecue dinner, which will include sliced brisket, sausage, beans, potato salad, all of the fixings and iced tea.

Dinner tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 10-and-under.

Tickets may be purchased at the BARC or on the DLTSF website.

The Dobie recipients will be awarded their scholarships in May at the school during a special ceremony.

The silent auction will begin April 22 at 4 p.m., and finish April 23 at 3 p.m.



Pasadena's Vanessa Cabello (8) and Dobie's Karina Gonzalez (18) appear to head the ball simultaneously during the second half of play in a 22-6A matchup Feb. 27, at Veterans Stadium. Dobie escaped with a 1-0 win in a game the team just about had to win to stay in contention. Photos by Nick Tamayo



The action was intense as Dobie battled Pasadena in a big game within the District 22-6A varsity girls' soccer playoff race Feb. 27, at Veterans Stadium. On this play, Dobie's Lesly Garcia (6) chases a free ball while being challenged by Pasadena's Vanessa Cabello (8) and Zaima Ortiz (13) in the second half of play. With just under 33 minutes remaining, Garcia netted the game-winner for Dobie.



The Dobie varsity boys have controlled things in District 22-6A this season from the start, thanks to strong play from everyone on the roster. Rafael Gomes (11) and Josue Villalta have been key contributors on the offensive end, and will continue to be come playoff time. Photo by John Bechtel



San Jacinto College softball head coach Kelly Saenz (left) and assistant coach Kelsey Walters have to be feeling good about the way their team has performed of late. With five wins in six games at the Feb. 26-28 Region XIV Cross-Over Tournament, San Jacinto is now 18-11 on the season with the majority of its games now coming in conference play.

San Jacinto College softball brings offense at R14 event

It may be perfect planning for the San Jacinto College softball team, which opens Region XIV play March 4 as winner of five of its last six games.

With the exception of a 7-1 loss to Tyler – one of the top stories of the entire season – San Jacinto swept the table Feb. 26-28 at the Region XIV Cross-Over Tournament in Longview.

Tremendous offensive production along with solid pitching from freshman Niki Gonzalez proved to be the winning way for SJC over the three days.

In the opening game against Paris, San Jacinto trailed 2-0 before plating three runs in the top of the sixth inning and one more in the top of the seventh to win 4-2.

Dani Damian and Gaby Gonzalez drove in a pair of runs each over the final two frames, and Taylor Office was 3 for 3 with a double.

Niki Gonzalez, having taken a few tough losses

this season despite pitching well nearly each time out, earned the win. Gonzalez allowed just one earned run and struck out 11 over seven innings.

Tyler, which has gone 26-1 this season after entering play as a veritable unknown on the national scene, defeated SJC 7-1, moving to 3-0 against the locals.

The Apaches have now outscored San Jac 25-6 in three wins this season.

After that loss, SJC turned up the offense in its final four games. The locals scored four runs in the first inning on their way to dumping Navarro 9-1.

Missy Hernandez drove in three runs, and Gaby Gonzalez slammed the first of her three homers in the event. Alexis Deleon had two hits and scored twice.

Carol Raabe was great in the circle for the locals, going the five innings, allowing just four hits and an earned run for the victory.

Next, San Jac pounded out 15 hits while crushing Kilgore 9-2.

Office homered among her three hits, and Gaby Gonzalez had three more hits. Nakilah Robinson got a start and responded with two hits and two runs driven in during the game.

Niki Gonzalez, pitching with plenty of run support, struck out 10 over seven innings to get the W.

San Jacinto then stroked out 17 more hits while downing Trinity Valley 7-6. Jamie Henk had a big game, going 4 for 4 with a home run and a double.

Gabby Gonzalez homered for the second time in the tournament, and Robinson had three more hits, driving in a pair.

In the tournament finale for San Jacinto College, Henk homered twice and Gaby Gonzalez went deep in an 8-4 defeat of Bossier Parish.

Niki Gonzalez fanned 11 to win her fourth game of the tournament for San Jacinto.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MARCH 3
7 a.m.
AA Meeting – "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in. 10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club – Bridge games weekdays, 10 a.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark Rd. For lessons, contact Dr. Dave Glandorf, bridge instructor, at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or 281-488-6318. Cost is \$6 per game or \$15 per lesson. For information, call the club at 281-480-1911.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.
4 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society – Free water exercise for individuals with Parkinson's disease, 4 to 5 p.m., Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital Clear Lake, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Call 713-313-1652 or visit www.hapsonline.org for a list of all services. 6:30 p.m.
Diabetes Support Group – A support group for young adults with Type 1 diabetes. All subjects open for discussion: new technologies, research advances, dating, etc. Meets the first Thursday (or second if that day is a holiday) at various restaurants. Contact Dan Steiner, CDE, at 713-922-9677 for information. 7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Women's Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, at the First Presbyterian Church (youth building) on the Westminster side. For information, call 713-856-1611.
Al-Anon (English Speaking) – Support for family and friends of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday at 7 p.m. at

First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Room 215. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.
Alateen – Provides support for teenage children, friends and family members of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, room 208. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
The Bay Area Writers League – Meets the first Thursday of each month, Barnes and Noble, Bay Area Blvd. and the Gulf Freeway. 7 p.m. Newcomers welcome. 8:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous – Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.
FRIDAY, MARCH 4
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6 p.m.
Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish) – Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 6 p.m., room 215, First

United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in. 7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., (Hwy 35), Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611. 11 a.m.
Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English) – For persons whose lives are affected by an addict. Saturdays, 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in. 1 p.m.
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Congregation Shaar Hashalom – Presents *Line by Line with the Prophets*, with Rabbi Stuart Federow, 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., 16020 El Camino Real, 77062. Everyone is welcome. Previous classes are not required. Visit www.shaarhashalom.org or csh@shaarhashalom.org. Call the Synagogue office at 281-488-5861. 2 p.m.

Grief Support Group – For any adult who has lost a loved one. Meets Sundays, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas, 2 to 3:15 p.m., First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. For information, call 281-487-8787. 5:30 p.m.
Celebrate Recovery – A faith-based 12-Step Program, Sundays, 5:30 p.m., Chapel of the Educational Building at Life Church in Houston, 9900 Almeda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for information or to RSVP for child care. 6:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous – Candlelight Meeting, Sunday, 6:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in. 7 p.m.
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MONDAY, MARCH 7
10 a.m.
Al-Anon Deer Park – Monday, 10 to 11 a.m., Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P. St., Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall, back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for information.
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MONDAY, MARCH 7

11:30 a.m.

Overeaters Anonymous Deer Park - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for information, or just drop in.

Noon

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon at 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.

2 p.m.

Genealogy Group - Parker Williams Genealogy Group meets from 2 to 4 p.m. on first and third Mondays of each month at the Parker Williams Library, Beamer at Scarsdale. Public is invited. For information, email Liz Hicks at erootrot@usa.net.

3:30 p.m.

Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a list of services offered. For adults with Parkinson's disease only.

6 p.m.

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

New Directions Singles - Group for ages 60 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner with guest speakers, 6 p.m., at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Parkway. For information, call Margarita at 832-715-9658.

6:30 p.m.

Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting - meets Mondays at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland. Enter door next to recycling bins. For information, call 713-865-3668 or visit www.oahouston.org.

7 p.m.

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

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

7:30 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - New AA meeting, Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery Program, open meeting meets every Monday, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Education Building, 11011 Hall Road, 77089. For information, call Russell Garcia at 832-483-6715.

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

7 a.m.

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

9:30 a.m.

CCART - The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers meets the second Tuesday of each month, Sept. through May, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Bay Area Community Center, 5002 Nasa Parkway in Seabrook near Landolt Pavilion. Texas retired school employees from surrounding school districts welcome to attend and join. Annual dues are \$35.

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

10 a.m.

Clear Lake Bridge Club - Bridge games weekdays, 10 a.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark Rd. For lessons, contact Dr. Dave Glandorf, bridge instructor, at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or 281-488-6318. Cost is \$6 per game or \$15 per lesson. For information, call the club at 281-480-1911.

10:30 a.m.

Tri-County Republican Women - General meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month, except June and July, Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Drive, Pearland. Lunch available for \$15. Must have exact cash or make checks payable to Golfcrest Country Club. For reservations, call Laura Morgan at 281-484-8083.

Noon

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

1 p.m.

Ballroom Dance Practice - Tuesdays, Hometown Heroes Park, League City. Come and enjoy free ballroom dancing, 1 to 3 p.m., on a beautiful 3,630 sq. ft. floating hardwood floor. Dancers practice to a large variety of ballroom music. Instructor available to assist people with new moves. Everyone is welcome! For questions, call 281-554-1180. 1001 East League City Pkwy.

1:30 p.m.

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

6 p.m.

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

6:30 p.m.

Harris County Master Gardeners - The Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 offers free evening gardening lectures the second Tuesday of each month at the Clear Lake meeting room (lakesside) at 5001 NASA Parkway. Programs will be held at 6:30 p.m. Visit the website for a list of topics and location at <https://hcmga.tamu.edu> or call 281-855-5600.

7 p.m.

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

Houston Space City Lions Club - Meets the second and fourth Tuesday monthly, 7 p.m., at Golden Corral (12500 Gulf Frwy.) or various restaurants. For information, call George Malone at 281-438-7243.

8 p.m.

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

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

7 a.m.

AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, in the Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or drop in. 9:30 a.m.

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

10 a.m.

Clear Lake Bridge Club - Bridge games weekdays, 10 a.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark Rd. For lessons, contact Dr. Dave Glandorf, bridge instructor, at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or 281-488-6318. Cost is \$6 per game or \$15 per lesson. For information, call the club at 281-480-1911.

11:30 a.m.

American Business Women's Association Bay Area Vision Chapter - Now meets at Perry's Steakhouse & Grille, 487 Bay Area Blvd., on the second Wednesday of every month. For information or to RSVP, call Lorilyn Wynn at 281-388-5202.

Noon

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1 p.m.

Hometown Heroes Park - invites dancers to the Hump Day Dance to practice ballroom dance rhythms from 1 to 3:30 p.m. every Wednesday, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. Eileen Bauerlein is available to assist those needing help learning dance moves. For details, call the park office at 281-554-1180 or Neva Schroder at 832-864-2721.

6 p.m.

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6 p.m.

Alzheimer's Support Group - The free group meets the second Wednesday of each month at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. For more information, call Steven Williams at 281-929-4199 or 713-266-6400.

7 p.m.

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

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

Bay Area New Democrats - Meet at the Clear Lake Court House at 1020 W. NASA Pkwy., Suite 204. For information, visit www.bayareanewdemocrats.org.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

7 a.m.

AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in. 9:30 a.m.

NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse - Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 a.m., Praise Chapel, 18516 Highway 3 in Webster. Public welcome and encouraged to bring others. For information, call 281-910-1971.

10 a.m.

Harris County Master Gardeners - presents *Ornamental Plant Trials in Harris County* by Paul Winski, Texas A&M AgrLife extension service agent, at the Clear Lake Park meeting room, 5001 NASA Parkway, Seabrook, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Free. For details, call 281-855-5600 or visit <https://hcmga.tamu.edu>.

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11:30 a.m.

ABWA - Southeast Express Network - American Business Women's Association-South meets monthly on the second Thursday, Spring Creek Barbeque, 9005 Broadway (FM 518), Pearland. Lunch is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for \$20 and includes networking with professional business women and guest speaker. Women of all ages and occupations invited. Bring plenty of business cards. Reservations appreciated. Visit www.seen-abwa.org.

Noon

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.

4 p.m.

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

7 p.m.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom's - Rabbi Stuart Federow hosts free discussions on Judaism and religion in general, open to the public, second Thursdays of the month, at Victor's 1425 NASA Pkwy. (next to "space" McDonald's). Congregation Shaar Hashalom is the Conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. For information, contact the Synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or at csh@shaarhashalom.org.

7 p.m.

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

Al-Anon (English Speaking) - Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, room 208. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

8:30 p.m.

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Dobie continues postseason run, reaches R3 Final Four

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"This is exciting," he said with more than a big smile. "I think of (former Dobie head coach) Scott Talton all the time. Dobie got this far twice, and it was great. He taught me a lot about how to prepare as a coach and how to prepare your team for these scenarios."

"Our goal was to win the district championship. We didn't do that, but we got in the tournament."

Once you get here, you're trying to get on a run. These guys have done it three times, and the skies the limit.

"We shot the ball really well, and handled their press fairly well."

"Hightower fought back from eight down and I'm sure felt like they were there. Royce made a big play at the end, and we were able to move on. It's

such a great win for this program, for our school and for the area."

Giron opened the game with a 3-pointer from the left side, but from then on the Hurricanes used their overall athleticism and marksmanship to build a big lead.

The Canes went up 7-5, but Giron tied things at 7-7 with a short jumper. From there, Hightower went on a 9-0 run, fueled by a 3-pointer and another basket off an offensive rebound by Jalen Dunlap.

But when it appeared the Canes might leave Dobie behind, the Horns answered.

Down 10, the Longhorns scored the final six points of the quarter, including four from Hunter, as Hightower led 19-15.

Hightower then reeled off the first five points of the second quarter to lead by nine, but back came the

Longhorns. Jonathan Cooper made a jumper, and then Hunter and Cooper hit back-to-back 3-pointers.

Essentially, every time Hightower would try to extend its edge, Dobie would answer. By quarter's end, Dobie led.

Cooper hit another 3-pointer with 1 minute, 53 seconds left in the half from the top of the key. After Hightower missed a couple of free throws, Jason Lester had a layin that gave Dobie its first lead since the opening basket of the game.

Hunter fed Jeremy Williams for a transition bucket, and Lester scored underneath with 4 seconds left as the Longhorns went to the break up 35-32.

Williams opened the third quarter with a 3-pointer off a no-look pass from Lester. Dobie pushed their leads to eight

and then 11 (50-39) on a basket from Lester, but the Canes wouldn't quit. Jackson drained a long 3-pointer with 15 seconds left in the third to show Dobie the game was still on.

Dobie led 50-42 entering the fourth quarter, but Jackson was a one-man show over the final eight minutes, scoring the first seven points of the stanza for the Hurricanes.

Jackson wound up with 12 of his game-high 29 points in the fourth quarter.

At the same time, Dobie committed five turnovers over the first four minutes, giving chance after chance to the Hurricanes.

Finally, things went down to the wire. With the game tied at 56-56, Hightower went into the stall with 1:49 to go, yet went into motion with a minute left and the game in the

balance. Jackson misfired on a drive to the hoop, and the Longhorns rebounded.

Cross called a pair of timeouts over the final minute, and Dobie put the ball back in play with 26 seconds left.

Giron's off balance jumper was off, but Hunter battled inside for the board, went back up and scored at 2.6. His free throw gave Dobie its final margin of victory.

"I felt like I could make a play," Hunter said. "I said after we beat North Shore that we felt like we could go to state."

"We're still here. I knew I could make the free throw after the make, and we came away with the win. We'll come back Friday and go for another win."

Speaking to a group of Houston area media, Cross laid out the way

things have gone for the Longhorns this season. Injuries and some other issues prevented the Longhorns from being at full strength essentially all the way up until the final third of the season.

But since all 10 of the team's rotation players have been on the practice floor daily and healthy enough to play, Dobie has gone 12-2 over its last 14 games.

After losing to North Shore by 27 points last season in the first round of the playoffs, there's little doubt the Longhorns were viewed as an afterthought entering this year's tournament. Perhaps not more.

Asked if his players have ever felt outmanned against either North Shore, Alief Elsik or Hightower, Cross said, "Maybe if you put Duke out there, we would be (intimidated). 'You go up against

teams that people think are going to beat you. You have to go out there and play, and they have to go out there and play."

Next up is Cypress Lakes, which has reached the Region III Final Four for the third straight time, with star player De'Aaron Fox leading the way.

Fox, who is heading to the University of Kentucky this fall, is trying to get the Spartans to the state tournament for first time.

In 2014, Cy-Lakes lost its Region III semifinal game to eventual state champion North Shore, by three points.

A season ago, eventually state finalist Clear Lake downed Cy-Lakes by a mere two points.

At 24-7 this season, Cy-Lakes is the most experienced program remaining this deep in the Region III season.

In the quarterfinals against Houston Davis, Fox pumped in a game-high 40 points as the Spartans ran past the Falcons

77-78 to advance. Clearly, Dobie will now have to deal with Fox, a left-handed slasher off the wing.

"He's tough to guard," Davis head coach Cornelius Mitchell said after the regional quarterfinal loss at the Berry Center.

"Everybody's going to say how to play him and how to stop him. The only thing you can do is hope he has an off night."

It's likely a challenge Dobie readily accepts. Fox very well could be the best individual talent the Longhorns have seen this postseason.

Perhaps Cy-Lakes is deeper in talent than those Dobie has faced as well, but that matters little now. The Longhorns will battle for 32 minutes or beyond in search of a win.

Elsik falls by 7
Dobie's regional quarterfinal appearance was the program's first since the 2001-2002 season,

and was head coach Kevin Cross' first as the leader of the Longhorns. Cross and his brother,

assistant head coach Stephen Cross, are both former varsity basketball players and graduates of Dobie.

In getting to the quarterfinals, the Longhorns downed Alief Elsik 64-57 in the area round Feb. 26, at Wheeler Field House.

The Longhorns led 30-29 at halftime but then watched as the Rams later built a 40-35 lead in the third.

But Royce Hunter, who had 16 points for Dobie, drained a 3-pointer, and Travores Gilbert drove to the basket for two more as the game was tied.

The Longhorns simply controlled much of the action in the final eight minutes, leading twice by 10 points.

Hunter made four free throws down the stretch as the Longhorns won their 22nd game of the season against 12 losses.

Tyler Giron had two 3-pointers among his 13 points, and Trey Kelly also made a pair of threes en route to 10 points.



Dobie junior guard Royce Hunter (55) pretends to hush the Hightower home fans after his three-point play in the final seconds lifted the Longhorns to a 59-56 regional quarterfinal victory over the Hurricanes March 1, at the Campbell Center. Joining Hunter in celebration are, left to right, Trey Kelly, Jeremy Williams (11), Jason Lester (24) and Tyler Giron (32).



Now in his eighth season as varsity boys' basketball coach at Dobie, Kevin Cross has guided the Longhorns to the Region III Final Four for the first time since the 1994-95 season.

Opening night is March 11 SBHLL to honor past stars

The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League is celebrating its 50th birthday this season. All the years...all the history.

And what a storied history it has been.

Three 12-year-old all-star teams won state crowns (1983, 1985 and 1992) won Texas State titles and advanced to Southwest Region play, the final step prior to the Little League world series.

Two Pony/Colt Baseball teams, those of 1987 and 1988, advanced to the Pony/Colt world series both years in Indiana.

There were countless other Texas district and area tournament champions along the way.

The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League is inviting back all of those players, coaches, managers and staff members.

Former SBHLL players who were eventually

drafted by professional baseball organizations?

Shane Nance, Steve Cummings, John Scheschuk, and others? You're invited, too.

The big party will be held Friday, March 11, at the league's facility at El Franco Lee Park. The fun will begin around 7 p.m.

The league has also been presided over by some of the neighborhood's most longstanding and time-giving folks around. Those former league presidents are certainly invited.

Essentially, any players, coaches and managers who were part of all-star teams that advanced past the district level over the years are invited.

It's going to be a big party for all of those involved, including this season's complete lineup of teams in the SBHLL.

The league began play in 1966 and quickly became one of the biggest and most successful of its

time throughout the 70s, 80s and 90s.

There have been several other all-star teams since that time that have also stood out. Now, the celebration is on.

Anyone interested in attending the opening night ceremonies may make plans by directing email to SBHLL vice president Gina Trevino at sbhll@hotmail.com.

Parade is March 12
League officials are also inviting businesses and community groups to take part in the annual parade.

This year, the route will begin at San Jacinto College's South campus and proceed to Scarsdale, before continuing down Beamer and eventually arriving at El Franco Lee Park.

For up-to-date information, visit the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League's Facebook page at Sagemont-Beverly Hills.

Softball tournament play concluded; Dobie, Brook have mixed results

Two consecutive weekends of tournament play have come to a stop for the Clear Brook and Dobie varsity softball teams.

Now, with the exception of the occasional nondistrict battle, the two teams will either start or continue league play.

Dobie, 1-1 in District 22-6A play, will get a chance for a couple of wins, taking on Pasadena March 4 and South Houston March 8, both at the Pasadena ISD complex at 6:30 p.m.

Clear Brook, destined to receive plenty of competition in the 24-6A ranks, will play at Katy Tompkins March 4 before returning to 24-6A play at Dickinson March 8.

Dobie goes 2-4
Going against a talented field of competition in the Pearland ISD Haynie Memorial tournament, Dobie dropped four of its six games.

The Lady Longhorns actually won two of their first three games before losing their last three.

On the opening day of the event, Feb. 25, Dobie lost an 11-0 game to Region III power Deer Park as the Lady Deer scored nine runs in the third inning on the way to the win.

Dobie recovered in its second game of the day, downing Oak Ridge 9-8 with a bunt in the bottom of the fifth inning.

Sophomore Yvonne Whaley, who had two hits against Deer Park, was a catalyst against Oak Ridge.

Two of Whaley's three hits were triples, and Allison Bravo and Taylor Pleasants both went 2 for 3 with two runs scored and two runs driven in.

Yasmine Myers drove in a pair of runs, and Deja

Gaines homered as the Lady Longhorns helped pitcher Alyssa Corpus win the game in the circle.

Moving ahead to Feb. 26, Dobie trailed Cy-Fair 3-0 in the morning game before rallying for four runs in the bottom of the fifth inning for a 4-3 victory.

Corpus pitched six innings for the victory, and Pleasants drove in a pair of runs in the big inning. Marissa Longoria and Whaley also drove in runs.

In the afternoon game against Richmond Foster, Dobie lost 10-0 as visiting Foster scored eight runs in its half of the second inning.

Dobie, held to just three

hits, got two hits, including a double, from Longoria. Tina Deleon and Alana Ortega pitched in the game for the Lady Longhorns.

In the morning game against Friendswood Feb. 27, the Lady Longhorns lost 9-2 to Friendswood.

Whaley had three hits in the game, but the locals got very little else going as the Lady Mustangs went on to win.

An 11-6 loss to George Ranch closed out the event for the Lady Longhorns.

Whaley had two more hits and scored a run. Pleasants walked twice and scored twice. Longoria and Bravo combined for five hits, with Longoria doubling and Bravo

tripling. Michelle Kristoff also had two hits, including a double.

Corpus took the loss for Dobie, but gave up just three earned runs. Dobie committed four errors in the game.

Brook splits six
Clear Brook also had mixed results in the Clear Creek ISD tournament, despite losing two of the final three games.

In the opener Feb. 25 against Texas City, pitcher Nicole Petty went seven innings, allowing just two hits as the Lady Wolverines started strong.

La Porte closed out first-day play by beating Clear Brook 10-1.

The Lady Wolverines

began day-two play by smashing South Houston 18-6.

Shelby Ermis and Emma Lynch had three hits each, and both players also drove in three runs apiece.

Brook scored eight runs over the first two frames, and then plated 10 runs over the fourth and fifth innings combined.

Pitcher Haley Lisbony was the benefactor of all of the run support.

The Lady Wolverines led Pasadena Memorial 4-3 heading into the seventh inning before Mavericks scored four runs in the seventh inning to win 7-4.

Ermis led the Lady

Wolverines with three hits.

On the final day, Flour Bluff scored seven runs in the first inning en route to a 10-2 win. Ermis had a pair of hits.

Brook closed out play with an 11-4 victory over Orangefield. Lynch and Mandy Argo had a pair of hits, and Petty went the distance for the win.

A five-run third inning was big for the winners.

Dobie downs BS

In another nondistrict contest March 1 for Dobie at Baytown Sterling, the Lady Longhorns came away with a 16-14 win in what was truly a wild game.

Dobie scored seven runs in the top of the first

inning but then trailed 9-7 in the game before coming back again. A sixth-run fifth inning lifted Dobie to a big lead, but the scoring seemingly never ended.

Ahead 16-10, Dobie watched as Sterling plated four runs in the bottom of the seventh inning before the game ended.

Kristoff led the Lady Longhorns with three hits in five plate appearances, including a home run. She drove in four runs.

Whaley was 3 for 5 with two runs scored, and Ortega had two hits and two runs scored.

Pleasants scored three runs and drove in a pair of runs, and Longoria had three hits and four runs driven in.

Ortega won the game in relief, sending Dobie to 14-11 this season. The Lady Horns are back to District 22-6A action March 4, against Pasadena.

Brook falls to Creek
Clear Brook lost its District 24-6A opener to Clear Creek Feb. 1, by a 5-1 count.

The Lady Wildcats scored two runs in the second inning, but then Brook scored once in the third for a 2-1 score.

A single run in the sixth and two more in the sev-

enth allowed Clear Creek to extend its advantage. Nicole Petty struck out

five over seven innings despite the loss for the Lady Wolverines.



Alyssa Corpus of Dobie hurls a pitch toward the plate during the 2-4 overall. At left is Dobie third baseman Marissa Longoria. From this point forward, the Lady Longhorns, currently 1-1 in 22-6A play, will focus largely on district competition.

At right, Dobie's Deja Gaines ranged in from her right field spot to make the catch on this shot into shallow right field Feb. 27 against Friendswood, but for the most part, Lady Longhorn outfielders spent a good bit of time chasing liners into the gap during a 9-2 loss at Dobie High School. Gaines, meanwhile, has come through in a big way offensively. Photos by John Bechtle

