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#### Special edition scheduled

Once again, the Leader will publish a special Community Profile edition, set to come out later this month. Local businesses wishing to advertise, and possibly have a story or photo run, should e-mail mynews@southbelt leader.com or call 281-481-5656.

#### PISD sets campus meetings

The Pasadena Independent School District will hold a meeting at South Houston High School March 10 at 7 p.m., Pasadena High March 21 at 6:30 p.m., and Dobie High March 22 at 6:30 p.m.

The purpose of the meetings is to allow the public to comment on pending state education cuts and offer suggestions to deal with an anticipated loss of \$20 million or more in 2011-2012 revenue. The public is invited to participate in these sessions.

#### AARP meets March 11

The South Belt AARP will meet at 10 a.m Friday, March 11, at El Franco Lee Community Center, 9400 Hall Road. Guest speaker will be Officer Bobby Keen, who will give an informative talk about crime prevention in the area All seniors are invited.

#### Tree waste pickup set

Tree waste only will be picked up Thursday, March 17, for city of Houston (77089) residents living north of Beltway 8. Residents south of the beltway are scheduled for Thursday, March 24. For information, call 3-1-1.

#### PIP meeting March 15

Positive Interaction Program will meet Tuesday, March 15, at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. Guest speaker will be Officer Charles Garmond of the Houston Police Department, along with an officer with his K-9 partner. Topics will include travel safety and airport security. PIP consists of police and citizens working for safer neighborhoods. For more information, call Officer Randy Derr at 281-218-3900.

#### Knights hold fish fry

The Knights of Columbus Council 9201 will serve fish dinners during Lent at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church on the Fridays March 11, March 18, March 25, April 1, April 8 and April 15. Each dinner consist of breaded fish fillet, french fries, hush puppies, cole slaw, corn on the cob and iced tea. Baked fish, soft drinks and desserts will be available. Onepiece dinners are \$9 and two-piece dinners are \$12, dine in or take out. Dinners will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. at the parish hall.

Profits will be used for scholarships and local charitable projects. The public is invited. For more information, call 832-444-4958.

#### Thompson carwash set

The Thompson 8th Grade Dance carwash will be held Saturday, March 12, from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the McDonald's on Fuqua. The cost is \$5 per vehicle.

#### Melillo carnival March 25

Melillo Middle School will hold its spring carnival on Friday, March 25, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the school at 9220 Hughes Road. Food booths will sell turkey legs, sausage on a stick, snow cones, beverages and more. Various games will include a dunk tank, soccer kick, bungee jump, rock wall, cake walk, basketball toss, silent auction and music, to name just a few of the events planned.

#### GAT Athletic Banquet set

The Thompson Athletic Banquet will be held on Friday, April 1, at 7 p.m. at Dobie High School. All athletes are free, parents are \$15 and children are \$10. For tickets, contact Nadine Guzman at 832-489-1649 or Felecia Williams at 832-640-9500.

#### CDA collects for soldiers

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Mother of Unity #2292 will sponsor a sock and wet wipes drive for the men and women in the military. Bring donations of socks (the long work tube kind) and wet wipes (each wipe must be wrapped in an individual package so they won't dry out) to St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road. Items will be collected through the end of April to be sent for Mother's Day. For more information, call Carol at 281-484-4170.

#### St. Frances plays bingo

St. Frances Cabrini, 10727 Hartsook St. will hold a Bingo Split the Pot on Sunday, March 13. Baked potatoes will be served with or without chopped beef, a potato bar, chopped beef sandwich, desserts, snacks and beverages in Francesca Hall. Food will be served from 4 to 8 p.m., and bingo from 5 to 9 p.m. For more information, call 713-946-5768

#### Sagemont Civic Club meets

The Sagemont Civic Club will meet Monday, March 14, at 7 p.m. at Kirkwood South Christian Church, 10811 Kirkfair. All residents are welcome. Visit Sagemontcivicclub. org for more information.

# County to study Sageorchard intersection

munity, Harris County officials have announced they will contract an independent engineering firm to study the need for installing traffic-controlling blockades on Sageorchard near the future Hughes Road/Barry Rose expansion.

The county currently plans to construct two barriers on Sageorchard- one north of Hughes Road and one on the south side of the area street

sion through Hughes.

Such a measure would require residents wishing to travel west toward Pearland Parkway and Highway 288 to exit the neighborhood through Blackhawk, which many say is already troublesome due to traffic congestion on the street (see related letters on Page 2A).

The construction of the blockades is necessi-

tated by recently passed state visibility regula-

The barriers would not prohibit cars from entering the subdivision.

As an alternative to the blockades, many area residents have called for the installation of stop signs at the intersection of Hughes and Sageorchard – a move the county says it is taking into to install a cautionary traffic light for emergency purposes in front of the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department station a block west of the Hughes/ Sageorchard intersection.

The county has further agreed to alter the esplanade in front of the fire station to accommodate the department's vehicles in times of dis-

### SoHo honors area residents



Three South Belt residents were among the 54 inductees recognized at the unveiling of South Houston High School's Hall of Honor Thursday, March 3. Pictured at the celebration are, left to right, Emory Gadd, Cheryl Bolen and Norton White. Not shown is honorary inductee Al Carter, who organized the event. See next week's Leader for a full story

### PISD Wellness Center opens

By Jocelyn Nichols Pasadena ISD Communications Office

The new Pasadena Independent School District Wellness Center, a provider of free basic health care services to district employees with Pasadena ISD medical insurance, will open its doors to patients on Monday, March 14. "We are excited about the wellness center,"

said PISD Superintendent Dr. Kirk Lewis. "It will provide our staff with an affordable health care option for illness and preventative care."

Braden Center, 1850 E. Sam Houston Pkwy. Hours of operation for the center are Monday,

Wednesday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Tuesday and Thursday from 1 to 8 p.m. The center will also be open on Saturdays

from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Appointments may be made by calling 713-

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### Hit-and-run suspect sought

Precinct 2 Constable's office is seeking the public's assistance in identifying a suspect who was involved in a hit-and-run accident Tuesday, March 1, in the parking lot of Walgreens at Scarsdale and Beamer at roughly 8:30 p.m.



According to witnesses, a male suspect driv-

passenger, backed into another vehicle in the parking lot and then laughed and drove away.

The suspects were captured on the store's surveillance video (see photo on this page).

The driver is described as an 18 to 24-year-old Hispanic male wearing a red shirt and blue jeans with the word "Houston" tattooed on his arm.

The passenger is described as an 18 to 24-yearold Hispanic female wearing a white shirt and

red basketball shorts. Anyone with information on this case is urged

### The Birds visit South Belt



Recently, residents may have noticed an increased presence of birds around the power lines in the area that resembles a scene from the classic 1963 Alfred Hitchcock movie *The Birds*. Nature experts have identified these as boat-tailed grackles, which are native to the Gulf and Atlantic coasts. The increased presence of grackles in the area is a result of the birds attempting to find food and suitable nesting grounds. The above photo was taken at the intersection of Beltway 8 and Beamer. See related story on Page 2A.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

### Filing under way for area school board elections

Filing is under way for the May 14 school board elections and will continue through Monday, March 14.

Up for grabs in the Pasadena Independent School District election are the seats currently held by Marshall Kendrick, who serves as vice president, and Vickie Morgan, who serves as a

Both Kendrick and Morgan have filed to maintain their seats. Each of the positions is a threeyear term. At press time, both candidates were running unopposed. Those wishing to file should pick up an appli-

cation at the PISD election office at 1515 Cherrybrook Room No. N101 in Pasadena from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. between Monday and Friday For more information, call 713-740-0027.

The Clear Creek Independent School District will hold a regular election, as well as a special

The regular election will be held to fill the vacancies of the District 2 seat currently held by Win Weber and the District 3 seat currently held by Ken Baliker.

Both Weber and Baliker have filed to keep their positions. Star Lazarow, a tax consultant, has filed to challenge Baliker.

The special election is to fulfill the unexpired term for the District 4 seat held by Page Rander, who was appointed to the position last Sentember. Rander has also filed to maintain her post. Those wishing to file should pick up a can-

didate application and information packet at the CCISD Education Support Center located at 2425 E. Main Street in League City from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information or to request/submit an application, contact Melinda Perales at 281-284-0181 or mperales@ccisd.net.

San Jacinto College will hold an election to fill board of trustee Positions 1, 2 and 7

Position 1 is a six-year term and is currently held by Ben Meador, who has opted not to seek re-election. Brad Hance has filed to fill the position. He currently chairs the San Jacinto College Foundation and is the owner of MECO Inc.

Position 2 is also a six-year term and is currently held by Dr. Ruede Wheeler, who has filed to keep his seat.

Position 7 is a four-year unexpired term that was vacated in December 2010 upon the retirement of longtime board member C. Wayne Slovacek. Michael "Keith" Sinor has filed to fill the vacancy. Sinor, 42, is co-owner of Sinor Engine Company Inc. and a former San Jacinto College student. David Janda Jr. also filed for the position, but has since withdrawn his application.

The location for filing for the election is the San Jacinto Community College District Sewell Administration Building, located at 4624 Fairmont Parkway in Pasadena. The hours for filing are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to noon,

For more information, call 281-998-6183.

## Gov. Perry appoints Parker, Sullivan to state task force

Gov. Rick Perry has appointed Houston Mayor Annise Parker and Houston City Councilmember Mike Sullivan to the state's Task Force on Un-The bipartisan group was created to identify

burdensome unfunded mandates that have been passed down from the state to local governments, such as cities, counties and school districts. The task force will make their recommenda-

tions to the governor later this month on how to best alleviate these burdens on local entities.

"As we look for ways to streamline government and ensure the most prudent use of taxpayer dollars, we should also ensure we are not burdenthey face their own budget challenges," Perry said. "I look forward to receiving the recommendations from this bipartisan task force featuring local officials who understand the needs of their communities, as removing these extra costs will help local governments better and more efficiently serve their constituents."

Other members of the task force include E Paso Mayor John Cook, Comal County Sheriff Bob Holder; former San Marcos Mayor Susan Narvaiz, Cameron County Judge Carlos Cascos Collin County Judge Keith Self, Montgomery County District Attorney Brett Ligon and Hudson Independent School District Superintendent

### Pct. 2 deputies arrest burglary suspects, respond to explosion

from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office have arrested five suspects in connection to as many as 20 possible local home burglaries.

Marcus Dejean, 18; Deron Waines, 18; Tierre Williams, 18; Adrian Lewis, 19; and Jeremy Karnes, 18, were all charged with burglary of a habitation.

A sixth suspect has also been charged but has not yet been apprehended. Charges are pending on an additional three suspects for hindering apprehension. All are former or current Dobie stu-

The suspects have reportedly been tied to burglaries in the 8800 block of Chelsea Brook, the 10300 block of Savevale, the 10300 block of Kirkvale, the 11600 block of Grapewood, the 10100 block of Holly Vine and the 11400 block of Sageking. Deputies, however, suspect the group of burglarizing many more homes in the community over the past two years.

Deputies recovered a significant amount of property and are currently in the process of trying to match the items with previous burglaries in the area. Anyone who has been affected by a

Following a two-year investigation, deputies recent break-in in areas of the community that are not incorporated by the City of Houston are urged to contact Precinct 2 Sgt. Zerick Guinn at 281-481-9189 or zerick.guinn@cn2.hctx.net.

Mailbox explosion

Precinct 2 deputies responded to an incident Saturday, March 5, at roughly 8:40 p.m. in the 9800 block of Sagequeen, where an explosive device detonated in the mailbox of a home.

The case has since been handed over to Harris County arson investigators. At press time, no charges had been filed.

### Lost tax refund

A South Belt resident is hopeful that someone will return a lost envelope that contained his tax

The envelope went missing Thursday, March 3, at roughly 5 p.m. near the Morris Middle School and Beverly Hills Intermediate area.

The lost money, nearly \$2,500, was to be spent on new furniture and clothes for his son. See related letter on Page 2A.

### Arrest made in Davila shooting

An arrest has been made in the fatal shooting of David Davila, who was killed Sunday, Feb. 13, at 11045 Fuqua.

Jorge Alaniz, 28, was charged with murder in the 177th Criminal District Court. According to police, Davila, 27, was inside Joe's Texas Club about 4:35 a.m. when he and two men began arguing. The argument escalated into a physical altercation, which then moved to the sidewalk outside.

During the fight, one of the men produced a pistol and fired one time, fatally striking Davila

He was pronounced dead at the scene.

### A remake of *The Birds*?

**By Matt Griesmyer** Recently, South Belt

residents may have noticed an influx of black birds hanging around power lines that are reminiscent of the classic 1963 Alfred Hitchcock film The Birds.

Upon receiving reports of such avian invaders, The South Belt-Ellington Leader contacted David Matthews, director for Challenger Seven Park to inquire as to what the birds may be and why they are roosting in the

Matthews, in turn, contacted Joanna Moody, naturalist with the Challenger Seven Learning Center to gain more



plied with the following:

"Boat-tailed Grackles are native to the Gulf and Atlantic Coast," Moody said. "We are seeing more and more of these birds flocking on our power and more up the Atlantic lines and parking lot trees as they move in search of food and suitable nesting grounds. These birds normally inhabit the open marsh and wetland areas breeding season upon year round but the pres- them it will be impera-

sure of habitat destruc- tive that they find nesting tion along the coast have grounds. There has been forced these birds farther up the coast and often lations but not enough more inland in search of alternate habitat.

"Our cities and towns

do not have an adequate food supply or shelter.' continued Moody. "They are merely resting stops. There is not knowing how long this flock of birds has been on the move. Their range has been expanding more Coast each year. More than likely this flock will move on in another day or so. Other flocks may come through but with

a decline in their poputo warrant any concern with environmentalists

"They prefer to rest in flocks on our power lines because there is safety in numbers and our power lines offer a good unobstructed view so they can keep an eye out for predators," continued Moody. "They are members of the blackbird family. Their close cousin, the Common Grackle, is more likely to be seen in urban areas normally as it prefers inland habitats like fields, wet meadows and shrub land.

#### PW Library sets events

The following events are set for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.: Spring Craft Time will be held Thursday, March 10, at 4

p.m. This program is for children ages 5 and up.
On Saturday, March 12, Vietnamese storytime will include Reading Club at 9 a.m., followed by intermediate storytime

at 11 a.m. and beginner storytime at 1 p.m. AARP representives provide free income tax preparation assistance on Mondays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring all tax documents and a copy of last year's income tax

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

#### PTO scholarships available

Frazier Elementary

Frazier Elementary will offer scholarships (\$500 to \$1,000 each) to six graduating seniors at Dobie High School. The students must have attended Frazier in fourth and fifth grades and must be good citizens. Applications are available in the senior counselor's office at Dobie High School. The completed application must be turned in to the counselor's office at Dobie by Friday, March 25, to be considered.

**Moore Elementary** 

The Moore Elementary PTO will offer scholarships to four graduating seniors at Dobie High School who attended Moore in fourth and fifth grades. Applications are available through the Dobie senior counselor's office and must be returned by Monday, March 28, to be considered.

## Readers' Opinions

#### Santos seeks return of lost tax refund

As a South Belt resident for over a decade I've seen many things, some good, some bad. Now in this case on my behalf,

On my way to pick up my 11-year-old child from an after-school program at Morris Fifth Grade Center, we were about to set our way to the furniture store to buy him a new bedroom set and some new clothes. Now, before we set our way in that direction I had to double check my pocket. As I reached for an envelope that was no longe there, my heart almost stopped and my stomach began to turn in every which way. I tried to keep it together as the only thing I could do was back-track.

While getting to the front of BHI, I spot-ted an envelope in the median and quickly pulled over. As I'm running around, a sedan with a small family pulls over and states that two vehicles were stopped holding up traffic retrieving what I lost. All I can do is ask for those that were involved in this incident to find it in their hearts to return what was just under \$2,500. This happened on March 3 right after 5 p.m.

#### Radical right versus radical left

I have read the article written last week by Mr. Johansen many times trying to find some good suggestion he had for America other than condemning people who are really trying to save our country as we once knew it.

If you look up *Webster*'s definition of "radical" you will find two meanings. One "radical you will lift two meanings. One states "of, relating to, or proceeding from a root; of or relating to the origin; fundamental." The other meaning – "marked by a considerable departure from the usual or considerable optomes tonding and incomplete the origins of the considerable traditional; extreme; tending or disposed to make extreme changes in existing views, habits, conditions, or institutions; of, relating to, or constituting a political group associated with views, practices, and policies of extreme change.

Now I believe the Republicans fit into the first definition of trying to restore America back to its foundation. The Democrats certainly fit the second definition since we have seen more changes detrimental to our government in the past two years than ever before.

I don't know who Mr. Johansen is/or was employed by to make his living but just like the rhetoric of most democrats, big business has to be condemned. I do believe that the largest businesses we have today are federal, state and possibly unions. As far as I know these businesses do not produce any revenue except what comes from tax payers or members of the different unions. Today, 52 percent of all union members work in government jobs being paid by tax payers. "Big business" create products and hire employees at their own expense.. Now even government agencies have a rainy day fund – why shouldn't corporations make some profits.

As for what Mr. Johansen stated about Representative Pete Olson, he might have seen where Mr. Olson voted against President Obama's original budget which would increase the deficit much more and possihave been included, but the budget deal is not over. He will vote on the budget at some time again. Apparently Mr. Johansen does not know Mr. Olson or what he stands for. Pete Olson has and will always standup for NASA doing all he possibly can for that

program.

Now Mr. Johansen mentioned the chaos in Wisconsin where the battle is between unions and the government surviving. This reminds me of the problems in Greece recently where there were so many government employees that Greece could not afford to pay them any longer. So what do you do? Governor Walker only wanted the state union workers to pay part of their benefits and to give up some of their bargaining rights. They said "no." Only time will

tell the outcome. As for democracy in the Middle East countries where protestors are storming to the streets (kinda remind you of America now doesn't it?) no one knows just how much democracy those people will have after it is all over

By the way, President Obama suggested we stop using hateful slurs since the Arizona incident. Maybe we can cool it down some. O.K?

Sue Sorenson

#### Turning right onto Beltway 8 East

The other day while driving my grandson to the doctor I was turning off Kirkfair onto Beamer and headed for the right turn lane for the Beltway feeder road and my grand-son asked me why I never try to turn from the right lane instead of the right hand turn

The right turn lane always backs up (as you know) so much that people have a

hard time getting into that lane before the light changes, but my grandson pointed to a sign on the bridge above (Beltway bridge that goes over Beamer, northbound) and said "but the two right lanes can turn onto the Beltway feeder.'

I never noticed that sign before and I have actually honked at people when they have turned right out of that lane.

It would certainly solve some of the traf-

fic backup issues that plague that intersection if everyone knew that you could turn from the two right lanes. I am sure there would be an adjustment period until every one got use to the two right turn lanes turn ing and that each car can only take the lane in front of them to turn in to.

I think it would help if we had an article

in your newspaper and maybe some con-stables to direct traffic for a few days until the public got use to using both lanes. I am sure in the morning most of the traffic traveling that way do so on a regular basis so it shouldn't be a hard transition, maybe one Mary James

Editor's Note: Your concerns are valid. We have asked City of Houston officials to mark the pavement in the lanes on the south side of the Beltway. They have approved this. Since this is a 4-lane divided thoroughfare, they cannot put the sign up on the bridge on the south side. Not sure why, but that is what we are told. You have -Marie Flickinger an alert grandson!

#### Proposed rebuttal to King's article

Regarding King's "A reasonable, prudent use of state's rainy day fund," I have been watching the debate on the use of the funds to see if there is a clear cut strategy as to how those funds may be used and under what circumstances. Obviously it isn't well defined.

The issue with usage of the funds, is that it does not solve the overspending

It would be the same as if I were to draw down my 401K retirement account to pay for my spending habits that are exceeding my ability to pay my bills from earned income.

Prior to Governor's election last Nov ember, the estimated deficit was commonly quoted to be between \$14-\$17 billion and shortly after the election. increased to \$28 billion. Private sources told me that the deficits were much higher than the \$14-17 billion. That type of creative estimating prior to the election leads me to believe that the deficits are much higher than the \$28 billion that is bantered today.

The strategy may be to, "let the air out of the balloon slowly" but it never has worked before. It did not work for Japan and their demise that began in the late 80's and strategy to solve their real estate debackle does not work now. An old saying that was taught to me by depression era bankers is still true today: "First Loss, Least Loss."

Take that lesson and apply it to the, "extra" sports stadium, "extra" port terminal, "extra" airport terminals at Intercontinental Airport, and one can see that our overbuilding jeopardizes the credit rating of most of the governmental agencies in our City and now our State. That does include the Center with an estimated layoff of over 20,000 people and 10,000 more after the shuttle mission is over.

If you want to solve the deficit problem with the State's budget, then take the advise from the depression era banker's. "First Loss, Least Loss.'

Malcolm Browne

#### Leland says: 4-way stop at intersection

The purpose of this letter is to convey my concerns regarding the construction of Hughes Road to Riverstone Ranch. The idea of stopping traffic from exiting Sageorchard onto Hughes Rd, is a major concern. In doing so you will create two major problem areas.

The first, being that in traffic hours the Sagequeen exit will be backed up substantially. You can hardly get out and across Blackhawk as it is now. With the oncoming traffic from the 3 way stop anyone trying to get out will have a difficult time and will create an accident prone area. Let alone the back up on Sagequeen in Mornings. (Only sensible route to get out to the Beltway). As far as Sageorchard exit on to Blackhawk you can barely see around the curve to get out now. And you want to push more people

out that way! Not safe at all!

A sensible solution would be to have a 4 way stop at Sageorchard and Hughes. People would stop at a sign to slow traffic and create a much safer exiting plan for the neighborhood. As well as keeping a safer speed in and around the Fire department and Hike & Bike Trail.

Another thought would be to not raise the bridge if visibility is a issue as then it would make sense for stop signs as well and a

crossing for the Hike & Bike Trail (as it is on Scarsdale Blvd. crossing.) The thought of pushing traffic out Sagequeen and Sageorchard on to Blackhawk is a dangerous move An ambulance or fire truck would be forced to go all the way around to Sagegueen to get to the neighborhood. It doesn't mal sense. Not to forget school children that ride the bus and wait on the corner of Sagequeen and Blackhawk – defiantly not safe!

Let's all use our heads here; the stop sign would be a better solution as well as additional safety. It would slow traffic down on Hughes and continue to allow traffic fol-low to remain traveling on to Hughes to and from Sageorchard.

I would appreciate your consideration in this matter as this will affect the safety of many Sagemeadow homeowners. Sincerely,

Troy Leland Real Estate Broker Sagemeadow Homeowner

#### Lemasters upset about Hughes Road

We are upset homeowners who would like a voice in plans being made for our street. We have lived on Sageorchard Lane near the dead end of Hughes Road for 33 years. We bought our home there because we like the quietness of the neighborhood and low traffic due to the dead end. The expansion of Hughes Road is already a concern for us as it will put an end to our quiet neighborhood, but now we have learned that our access to Hughes road will be limited as well.

We are not happy with this situation at all. Access for us will be limited to Blackhawk, a major roadway, to Sagequeen and the other end of Sageorchard. This presents problems for us including turning left on Sageorchard to access Blackhawk is not an option as there is no "cut-thru" in the boulevard there and turning left on Sagequeen is difficult now as there is a 3-way stop less than a block away – much less when even more traffic is forced to use that outlet when our Hughes Road access is denied. Sagequeen is going to bottleneck and drivers will be at greater risk of accidents at that intersection.

We are also avid campers and access to our home with our travel trailer will be greatly impacted. We will not be able to bring our trailer home – because we will not be able to "get out" of our neighborhood. The Sagequeen exit traffic will be too much and we would block the intersection; and the Sageorchard exit has a concrete strip for the left-hand turn lane that we can't get into with the trailer as it is too close to the intersection.

Please consider other options for our Hughes Road access rather than closure of lanes. We would like to suggest that a 4-way stop be put at the intersection of Hughes Road and Sageorchard Lane. We have 2 stop signs there now, and adding 2 more stop signs would relieve the proble and be fiscally responsible as the stop signs would certainly be less expensive than concrete. A blinking light should be added to the fire station, as other stations have, and this would remind drivers coming Riverstone Ranch to slow down.

We appreciate your time and attention to this matter and concerns of the homeowners in this area.

Johnny and Kathy Lemaster

#### Alternate options should be considered

I am a resident of Sagemeadow. I am writing to you today in regards to the upcoming construction project to extend Hughes Road in order to connect Sagemeadow and Riverstone Ranch neighborhoods. I understand with this new construction project, passage in and out of the street where I reside, could possibly be permanently altered. I would say of all the residents in the area, I am the one most greatly affected by these plans. I live directy on the corner of Sageorchard Lane and Hughes Road, and the only corner house that actually has a side and front view to

the intersection in question.
I understand changes need to happen to accommodate the growth and expanding subdivisions in the area. However, the pro posed changes greatly affect the ones who utilize the intersection the most, the residents who live immediately adjacent to the intersection. I personally travel in and out at that corner multiple times a day. To take away my most immediate access in and out of my home in order to allow non residents the ability to travel on Hughes Road does not seem quite fair in my book.

With that said, I would hope an alternate option is considered. I believe making that intersection a 4-way stop would satisfy the residents affected by the construction and still meet the demand for the needed road extension. Not only would the 4-way stop allow myself and the other residents unrestricted access to our homes, it also provides increased safety in our neighborhood. There are numerous speeders who currently travel to that dead end or who turn in and out of either side of Sageorchard Lane already. Extending the road through without stop signs would only enable that problem

to intensify. I am personally a single mother of a school age child and would rest easier if there were at least stop signs put in place before the road is opened. Also, my daugh ter's bedroom is on the front corner of my home which faces directly towards the oncoming traffic on Hughes Road. All it takes is one speeder losing control and veering approximately 15 feet off the road and they are in my daughter's bedroom. All I ask is if this was your home and vou

knew these changes were on the horizon, how would you feel about it? What kind of safety would you want for your children? Would you be okay losing your primary access out of your home?

I appreciate your time and consideration on this issue and trust that you realize the impact this project will have on the resi-

Julie Henderer Most Sincerely,

#### Valtasaros speaks on alternative energy

People keep saying that the Big Oil Companies are evil, that all they are interested in is profit and that they want to destroy the earth. The same people put gas in their cars and demand that the oil companies find alternative energy sources Does that make any sense? Do these same people expect McDonalds to provide a high quality filet mignon? It is not the job of the oil companies to find alternative energy sources. An alternative energy company should find the alternative energy source and put the oil companies out of business. If not, won't we be stuck with Big Alternative Energy Companies like the evi Exxon/Mobil that are still evil and want to destroy the planet? The Big Oil Companies need to Drill Baby Drill or we are going to continue to Buy Baby Buy from other co panies that are allowed to Drill Baby Drill. . Japan, China, Russia, Brazil, Mexico, Great Britain, Venezuela and others are drilling for oil all over the place. The environmental history of these nations is abysmal.

No country takes better care of our

planet than the USA. No country has stricter laws that regulate the quality of the air and water; no populace is more in tune with the health of the planet than Americans So one would think that if one is truly interested in preserving the planet, the only petroleum based products that Americans should use should be those drilled and refined by American companies.

American oil companies have the greatest amount of oversight and regulation in the world. The countries that America buys its oil from could care less about the environment. These countries have set fire to oil fields for political purposes, they hunt and kill whales and sharks for aphrodisiacs, blow up oil pipe lines for power grabs and they allow their impoverished to live drink and defecate in waterways that are polluted beyond belief.

President Obama says that oil is the energy of the past. What is the energy of the present? If the solution is an alternative energy source, and the environmentalists refuse to consider nuclear power, let us take advantage of Marvin Martian's Uranium Plu-36 Explosive Module. Like the Iranians, who are encouraged to have peaceful nuclear power, (I cannot help it, hello environmentalists, do you really think it is acceptable for Iran to use nuclear power and the USA cannot. Do you not see a problem there? T s is a country that enforces the practice of Female Genital Mutilation (look it up) and you think it is acceptable for them to have nuclear power. Really? A country that is stuck in the 3rd century hates everybody and wants to kill all infidels, i.e. us, now complete with nuclear power. No, no problem there. What

could go wrong? America is the problem. Sorry, I tried not to digress and to sound serious, but the stupidity of other countries drilling for oil, building coal fired power plants and using nuclear power and then selling it to us while we pretend that we are saving the planet by not drilling our own oil and not creating the safest nuclear power plants right here or using our own coal resources is colossal. How can we save the planet by buying resources from countries that don't give a #\$#%%\$#\$#\$# about the planet.)

Wow what a rant. Where was I? I have to go all the way up 25 lines to see where I left off. Oh yeah, Marvin Martian's Uranium Plu-36 Explosive Module. Let's say that we find a peaceful use for it. Let's say that it will power your car, you refrigerator, your furnace, your AC, your I Phone and your private let with no emissions. How long before Government Motors makes enough cars to replace the millions of cars on the road today? How long before Marvin Martian's Uranium Plu-36 Energy Company creates enough energy to supply all our needs? How long before each American trades his gas guzzling, environment destroying, global warming car for a new Marvin Martian car? How long? Hey Al Gore what do we use in the meantime and from where do we get it? Ten years ago Bill Clinton said that drilling in ANWR was pointless because it would take ten years before we would have any oil production from there. You mean like now?

**George Valtasaros** 

## **Deaths**

#### James R. Broughton



Former South Belt resident James R. "Jim" Broughton, 61, died on Wednesday, March 2, 2011, at his home with his family at his side. He was born on April 26, 1949, in Houston to Robert and V. Ruth Broughton. Broughton received a

bachelor's degree from Southwest Texas State University and continued education, earning an MBA from University of Houston-Clear Lake. He found a career in banking, where he was the Clear

Lake Area president and advisory director of Texas Citizens Bank. He devoted many years of service to the bank-Broughton loved spending time with family, enjoyed attending sporting events, and

He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Sandy Wood Broughton; daughter Meredith Broughton; sons, Andy Broughton and Matt Broughton and wife Jill: sister Terri Hanan, husband David and their three children; parents Robert and V. Ruth Broughton; grandchildren. Kalev

numerous other family and

2000, and enjoyed the time

they spent there together. He

worked for the sheriff's de-

partment as a corrections offi-

cer until his health prevented

member of the VFW and a

post commander of the local

American Legion in Houston

Kerrville; son Steven Mac-

Donald of Sierra Vista, Ariz.;

son Scott MacDonald, wife Patricia and grandchildren

Mikaela, Haley, Ian and Liam, all of Littleton, Colo.;

daughter Patricia MacDonald

and Samantha Larrabee, all

of Fredericksburg, Va.; and

son Stuart MacDonald, wife

Colleen and children Mason,

Morgan, Marshall. Michael

and Connor, all of Scottsdale,

ald's life will start with visitation on March 13, 2011, at

Kerrville Funeral Home from

will continue on Monday

March 14, 2011, at Kerrville

Funeral Home, 1221 Junction

Hwy. in Kerrville, at 10:30

a.m. Committal services with

full military honors will be

held at Fort Sam Houston

National Cemetery in San

Antonio on March 14, 2011,

in MacDonald's name to the

American Cancer Society

Messages or memories can

Donations can be made

The celebration of his life

A celebration of MacDon-

Ariz.

6 to 8 p.m.

at 1:45 p.m.

grandchildren Caitlyn

Survivors include Mac-

The funeral Mass was conducted Saturday, March him from returning to duty.

MacDonald was a life 5, 2011, at St. Claire of Assisi Catholic Church in Houston with the Rev. Vincent Vuong-Quoc Nguyen and the Rev Dominic Pistone officiating Interment followed at Forest Donald' wife, Edna; daughter Pamela MacDonald of Park East Cemetery in Web-

#### Norman G. **MacDonald**



MacDonald, 76, former longtime South Belt resident, died Wednesday, March 2, 2011, after a long battle with bone cancer. He was born Jan. 28,

He is survived by his wife, Edna Arrendell MacDonald and their beloved dogs, Bootsie and Bandit.

MacDonald had a very had a real passion for playing ventful life spending time in the Army and retiring from

He and his wife moved to be left at www.kerrvillefuner the Hill Country in October alhome.com.

Voucher for free SAT, ACT

The last day for Dobie High School juniors to obtain a voucher for a free SAT or ACT is Friday, March 11. To re ceive a voucher, see Nancy Carlton in the Dobie Counseling

## **Guest Editorials**

#### **Fixing Texas' Kelo Problem** By Ryan Brannan and Bill Peacock

U.S. Supreme Court's Kelo opinion awoke the nation to the sad state of the

country's eminent domain laws. According to a narrow majority of the court, the mere possibility that private property might make more money for a developer and a city when put to another use is reason enough for the government to take it awav.

Kelo set off a chain reaction of states enacting comprehensive reform to protect property owners who could no longer depend on the U.S. Constitution's Clause. Florida, South Dakota, New Mexico, and Arizona – among many others – dramatically improved their states' property rights protections. However, here in Texas, we are still waiting for comprehensive reform.

Gov. Perry's declaration of eminent domain as an emergency issue, however, gives hope that improvements can be made during the current legislative ses-

In Kelo, the Supreme Court upheld the taking of private property Susette Kelo and her neighbors for a redevelopment plan that offered higher tax revenue for the city. This plan included a hotel and offices for Pfizer's new corporate facility.

Today, Pfizer has closed its facilities

and vacant lots are all that is left of Kelo's middle class neighborhood. New London is worse off, and Kelo and her neighbors are without their property even though it was never used for the reason it was taken.

Texas has the same problem today government can use property for whatever it wants once it is taken - or not use

Four years ago, the Texas Legislature almost fixed this problem. It passed a strong "buyback" provision that would have given property owners the right to re-purchase their land if the government had not used the land for its intended purpose within 10 years.

That bill did not become law, so the current eminent domain legislation under consideration – SB 18 – also has a buyback provision. But the version that recently passed the Texas Senate has a

condemned property simply by passing a resolution and filling out some paper work. Few – if any – property owners will get their property back under SB 18.

Texas has vet to fully address Kelo's blurring of the distinction between public use and public purpose, which has rendered the taking of property to increase tax revenue - a public purpose - as legitimate as a public use condemnation to build a school.

Though the Legislature has previously banned takings for economic develop-ment purposes, it is still important to clearly restate the constitutional protec tion that property can be taken only in necessary for a public use. SB 18 gets part of the way, but does not include "necessary," which may lead to a weak-ening of the current standard contained elsewhere in law. Nor does it replace al instances of public purpose in statute with public use.

One more problem that the current legislation does not address is the court-created presumption that takings are necessary for a public use simply if the condemnor says so. In practice, this means property owners must bear the burden of proof when protecting their property from unlawful seizure. Property owners shouldn't have to bear this burden - nor the burden of attorney's fees

to defend their own property. While these problems could be easily addressed in SB 18, it has morphed over time into an "agreed upon" bill that some are reluctant to change lest opposition to the changes from local government enti-

ties jeopardize its passage. Yet property rights are the most fun-damental of all of our rights. Texans have waited a long time to see them restored. As the Texas House of Representatives debates SB 18, it is worth taking the time and the risk - to get it right.

Ryan Brannan is the economic freedom policy analyst at the Texas Public Policy Foundation, a nonprofit, free-market research institute based in Austin. Bill Peacock is the Foundation's vice president of research and planning and director of the Center for Economic Freedom.

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# Dobie announces rolls for fourth six-weeks

the fourth six-weeks grading period. Students listed are:

#### Honor roll

Ninth grade Jannessa Renee Ackman, Faria Akhter, Sadia Akhter, Deanna Marie Alanis, Maria Isabel Alarcon, Amarilis Ma-Alvarado Taylor Ard Beniamin Dean Arnett, Stephanie Arrovo, Erika Thalia Ascencio, Carolina Sanmiguel Avila and Abner Mike Baerga.

Valerie Alena Baez, Ronnie Gene Barnes, Destinve Ayesha Barnes-Hall, Daniel Jacob Barrientes, Amanda ry Baumann, Antonio R. Beltran, Erin Nicole Blackwell, Joseph Robert Boutwell, Emily Margrett Bray and Lisa Monei Brooks.

Danielle Alyse Buckholt, Duc Anh Bui, Peter Dinh Bui, Thuy Thi Thanh Bui, Carolina Bustos, Kevin Ruiz Alondra Maria Cahue, Chelsea Nichole Caldera, Jennifer Keren Calderon, Gerardo A. Campos, Angel Cervantes and Nicholas Dale Cessna.

Darien Anthony Childs, Alexandra Guadalupe Cirlos, Kierra Siobhan Cook, Eric Daniel Cortes, Martin Cruz, Isabel Abigail Curiel, Anthony Dang, Judy Nga Dang, Jaclynn Monica Deleon, David Dinh, Hoang Kim Dinh, Sergio Diosdado and Quang Thanh Do.

Dynasty Morique Edwards, Justice Leenieca Edwards, Jennifer Michelle Eignus, Nicholas Paul Engle, Angelica Vanessa Enriquez, Yasser Otoniel Erazo, Edgar Aljandro Escalera, Jacquelyn Mikayla Estrada, Desire Marie Gabino, Stephanie Alicia Galaviz and Angel Garcia.

Cassandra Marie Garcia.

Jesus Garcia, Rommel Rudy Garcia, Kamaran Rhynae Gardner, Craig Allen Gentry, Nicholas Rohan Ghansyam, Arianna Misha-Lae Givens, Alonso Gonzalez, Bryant Hannah Celeste Graham, Erika Lucia Guerra-Alcala and Sofia Alejandra Guerrero. Brianna Guevara, Mikaela

Guevara, Joshua Alan Guillory, Sydney Nicole Gutierrez, Bryson Payne Hamilton, Arianna Hernandez, Alexis Nicholle Hicks, Brianna Danielle Horton, Dominique Deion Hunter, Megan Jagdeo, Greissy Carolina Jerezano and Mohammed Zaine Kabir.

Matthew Alan Kahanek, Emmi Trang Kieu, Madeline Renee Lacamu, Kassandra Lara, Amari Brianna Lavergne, Tiffany Kim Trang Le, Tu Anh Le, Wilson Lee Karina Guadalupe Lopez, Lauren Alexis Lozano, Jenny Ly, Tony Ly, David Gustavo Macias and Aimee C. Mar.

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Thien Luong Van Nguyen. Vivian Oanhhoang Nguyen, Jeremy Chieu Nhan, Shelby Keith Nunez, Mykayla E. O'Connor, Christina Oliveira. Ariadna Abigail Pedroza.

ly released its honor rolls for Rose Petri, Lauren Ashley and Khanh Minh Pham.

Phuong Thi Yen Pham Quan Hong Pham, Tuan Manh Phan, Lesley Michel Portales, Lesley Summer Preza, Gerardo Adrian Pruneda, Ayeshum Rasool, Jordan Robert Razo, Zachary Dale Reyes, Kayla Monique Richardson, Ivan Rocha, Sabin Rese Rocha and

Breanna Ashley Roddy. Cesar Rodriguez, Mayve Desiree Rodriguez, Octavio Alexander Rodriguez, Renata Augustina Rodriguez, Rodolfo Vicente Rodulfo, Gabriela Jazmin Romero, De Andre Imari Russell, Fernan do Rogelio Sanchez, Gabriel Ivan Sarduy and Emily Nicole Sargent

Wesley Michael Schoppe, Gabriela Serrano, Alexius Victoria Shea, Christopher Craton Shotwell Layton Robert Wayne Smith, Rosalva Elizabeth Solis, Taylor Matthew Surratt, Angelo Symeonidis Daniel Dat Trung Ta Timothy Ray Tatum, Nicho las Kelly Taylor and Ernest

Brian P. To, Tanva Torres, Anh Tran, Brian Anh-Khoa Tran, Bryan Huy Phong Tran, Diana Thuy Duong Tran, Emily Phuong Tran, Luan Thanh Tran, Vy Toung Thi Tran, Jennifer Gia Buu Trinh, Khoa Xuan Truong and Quachtinh Le Truong, Bianca Michelle Valerio and Cristian Vargas.

James Varghese, Jancy Varghese, Joshua Varghese, Savana Terra Velasquez, Ilse Alejandra Vielma, Greer E. Vincent, Cindy My Huyen Vo, Uyen Gia Vo, Mariah Grace Waters, Alvssa Grace Williams, Brian M. Williams, Ytzel Yzaguirre, Lourdes Zavaleta and Leslie L. Zepeda.

Tenth grade

Oluchi Chinonyerem Aaronchukwunyer, Cyrah Olu-wakemi Akinde, Carol Lilian Amaro, Christopher Chukwunonso Anagbogu, Aaronnathaniel Gabino Arambula Joel Michael Arhelger, Jessica Carina Armenta, Jesse Arzola, Debbie Amy Auguiste and Jacquelyne Marie Baade

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lez and Martin Gonzalez. Yadira Gonzalez, Michael Rvan Graham, Johnathan Lloyd Griffin, Rebecca Michelle Guerra, Johnathon Dylan Guzman, Damon De'Sean Hall, Kamille Lynette Harris, Osaka Heng, Brittany Marie Hernandez, Jordan Rae Hinojosa, Brent Hubbell and Jasmin Bentancourt Huerta.

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Mo Kim, Tori Nickole King and Ira Mitchelle Lanza.

Aaron Chaise Lariviere, Francisco Romel Ledezma, Katherine Erin Lee, Eric James Leuenberger, Omar Lizama, Jose Guadalupe Lopez, Mariana Edith Lopez, Minhtrong Nguyen Lu, Kimberly Oanh Luu, De nise Thuy Ma and Eusebio Maldonado.

Mia Alexis Marquez, Scott Earl Marsella, Gabriel Martinez, Lorin Rose Mata, Erin Marie Mauk, Britany M. McLean, David Eduardo Mena Ramirez, Alexia Levi Mendez, Tiffany Marie Mer-Eric Montoya and Brittany Lee Montross.

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ela Ortega. Edwin Eduardo Padilla Hernandez, Amanda Marie Palacios, Christopher Anthony Pantoja, Jess Dalton Parcell, Samantha Annmarie Paredes, Sean Michael Peace, Cassidy Lily Peng, Victoria Yaquelin Perla, Katherine Lauren Perrone and Rebecca Linn Peters.

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#### at Texas City Spring Classic The J. Frank Dobie Herbert competed in prose. Ebate team competed in Selman, who is already Debate team competed in state qualified, came home Spring

the Texas City Sp Classic on Feb. 18-19.

Peter Vu and Annie Pham both competed in novice rounds and brought home trophies. Vu placed first in novice prose, and Pham placed second in novice Lincoln-Douglas debate. Reese Selman and Ariel

with the first-place trophy. while Herbert came home with the second-place trophy.
Brianna Herman received

Dobie High Debate excels

fourth in original oratory and third in dramatic interpretation. Herman is already headed to state in the two

events along with public forum with her partner, Thomas Ray Trevino Also state qualified is

Selman in prose, and Maurice Robinson and Jekale Williams in duet act-

The state tournament will be held March 10-12 at Flower Mound High School



City Spring Classic. Members pictured are, left to right, Ariel Herbert, Briana Herman, Coach Tonya Naylor, Jekale Williams, Annie Pham, Thomas-Ray Trevino, Reese Selman and Peter Vu.

#### HC tax assessor blasts City The Houston City Council property tax increase. Maybe Gutter)' but, if calculated

is close to voting on the Proposition 1 drainage fee despite being warned on Jan. 28 that the city's calculations appear wrong and will take about \$35 million more than advertised, Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector Don Sumners said Monday.

"Five weeks later all I've gotten is bureaucratic baloney as the city uses the Texas Attorney General to help it hide the facts," Sumners said. By delaying the release of this crucial public information, the city would keep the public misinformed until the ordinance is passed. On Feb. 22, the city referred me to the very presentation I am ques-

"The city's presentation is pretty," he said. "It mentions things like 'Color Aerial Imagery (orthogonally corrected)' and 'Oblique-Derived Building Footprint Polygons.' But, the math appears wrong.'

"Houston's published numbers don't add up. And, no surprise, the apparent error or errors would take many Jeisy Karina Villatoro, millions more from taxpayer Joshua Minh Vo, Ngoclinh than the city acknowledges, millions more from taxpayers Sumners said, "In difficult economic times like these, Wall, Jontay Nichelle Warner, Hannah Nicole Waters, why would the city want to assess their taxpayers \$35 why would the city want to Kelsey Ann Wells, Dylan million more than the mini-Joseph White, Drake Walker mum amount required by Heflin, Erin Brittani Hender-son, Ryan Richard Henry and Williams, Caitlin Renee Proposition 1? After all, the Woods, Hei Tung Yuen and \$125 million minimum is the

they plan to soak us even Sumners said.

On Jan. 28, Sumners sent letter to Mayor Annise Parker, and every Council member got a copy "I asked for basic infor-

mation that the city used in calculating the revenue it says the drainage fee will generate. My letter, a Public Information Act request, questioned the city's calculations published in a city presentation titled Rebuild Houston Phase 2 and dated Jan. 26, 2011." (See http://www. rebuildhouston.org/download s/mayor-report-830-rev.pdf.)

"I pointed out that the projects revenue of \$30,935,076 from 'Residential – Single Family (Curb &

with the city's figures in the Rebuild Houston presenta tion, the projected revenue should be \$38,424,799 That's more than 24 percent higher than the total the city published. And, there seem to he similar or worse errors in the presentation's other three property categories. In the non-residential category, the largest, the city's revenue calculation appears to be too low by 31 percent.

"My letter said, 'Without release of the requested data one can only speculate about the completeness of the City's data and the correctness of its Drainage Fee calculations. After waiting this long for a straight answer, I think I was too gentle five weeks ago.



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During a particularly high-traffic time at the tion, located just off the intersection. Shown are corner of Beamer Road and Beltway 8, the truck of a traveler stalled, causing considerable increased congestion at the intersection. Two South Belt Good Samaritans went to assist the stranded driver by pushing her to the nearest gas sta-

Good Samaritans, left to right, Ron Williams, local business manager and part-owner of Central Ace Hardware, Inc., and Bill Winning of Winning

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### 'Spotlight' shines on tech programs at San Jac South



Lab assistant William McNichols (left) shows students Raymundo Torres (center) and Edwin Gonzalez (right) an example of one of the wiring training models used in the HVAC program at the San Jacinto South campus' technology

Students and community members attended the San Jacinto College South Spotlight event which gave them an in-depth look at a few of the technical programs offered by

Spotlight event.

the college

Hosted by the South campus center for student development, attendees were able to visit with instructors from the automotive collision repair, engineering design graphics, cosmetology, and air conditioning technology programs. Groups were taken to classrooms and facilities that house each program to give everyone a look at the learning environment they could expect.

Aside from giving guests course information and enrollment requirements, instructors and some former students gave first-hand accounts of their success after getting their certification.

certification, I made \$12,000 wanted to check out the en-

more that first year being certified. Had I known that, I would have gotten my cer-tification a lot sooner," said automotive collision repair instructor, Jake Stahl.

Some students who attended the event came with intentions of furthering their own knowledge about what kind of job opportunities are available with a certification in a small time frame

"I really want to get my life straightened out," said student Raymundo Torres. "I've been working at a fast food place, and I just really want to do better and move on in life. I really like what the automotive collision repair instructors had to say. Cars have always interested me anyway You're always going to need someone who knows how to work on them when they

break down.'

Student Edwin Gonzalez check the San Jacinto College

gineering design graphic program not only to jumpstart a career, but to help him expand even further on his education.

"I came to browse the programs and see what careers vou can get into with a certification because I want to start working as soon as possible in order to pay for college," he said. "I'd really like to get into the engineering design graphics program. I'd like to eventually be a mechanical engineer, and this would help me get started, learning the basics."

The center for student development has more Spotlight events planned throughout the spring semester showcas-ing programs such as health sciences, visual communications, business, and computer information technology.

For more information on future Spotlight event dates, website at www.sanjac.edu

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### **Group names UHCL Bullock president**

Chicanos in Higher Education has elected Linda Contreras Bullock, University of Houston-Clear Lake assistant dean of student diversity and director of intercultural and international student services, as president-elect of the organi-

"Through my service in TACHE, I can continue the legacy of this organization, assist in the forward movement and provide a venue for all voices," said Bullock. She has served on the

TACHE board for three years and has been a state and local chapter member for nine years. She also served as vice president and president of the local TACHE Houston chapter. Her term as president-

is effective immediately.

The election took place at the February board meeting

for TACHE, a professional organization that works to improve education and employment opportunities for Hispanics in higher education. It offers networking, educational advocacy and provides state, regional and local forums for issues related to Chicanos/Latinos higher education and collab-

information about TACHE, visit /www.tache. org. For information about the Office of Intercultural and International Student Services, call 281-283-2575 or visit uhcl.edu/IISS.

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The Elections Office will resume regular office hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., on Monday, March 21, 2011 The Elections Office is located in the PISD Adminis tration Building, 1515 Cherrybrook, Room N-101.

Elections Office/Administrative Services



**DOTTIE SENT GOOD WISHES** Dottie Cantalamessa celebrates her

birthday Thursday, March 10. Her family, friends and the Leader staff send her best SCHOOL DAZE

The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School celebrate birthdays March 10 through March 16. Burnett Elementary

Hong Doan and Maria Ruiz share a

birthday March 15. Blow out the birthday candles for Judy Howell March 16. Frazier Elementary Greetings for a happy birthday are sent

to Erica Pecina March 11. Debbie Clark has a birthday March 12.

Laura Bush Elementary On March 12, birthday wishes are sent to Angela Wright.

Moore Elementary

March 11 is the day for a party for Lily Hernandez.

South Belt Elementary The day for a double-layer Michael Burnett and Beverly Goodman is March 13. Marking a birthday March 15

is Laura Villarreal. Melillo Middle School

Birthday greetings are sent to **Diane** Wheeler March 10. On March 11, **Sue** Haase is wished a happy birthday. The day for a cake for Elizabeth Provost is March 13. Troy Ralls has a birthday March 14. Morris Middle School

Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to Aimee Reeves March 14.

Beverly Hills Intermediate Blow out the birthday candles for

Christina Serna March 11. Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to Maria Noyola March 13.

Thompson Intermediate

Birthday wishes are sent to Elida Torres March 12. The day for a party for Martha Vega is March 16.

Dobie High

Blow out the birthday candles for **Jennifer** Haynes March 10. Sandra Rodriguez is wished a happy birthday March 12. The day for a party for Blake Edwards is March 13. March 14 is the day for a birthday surprise for Kathleen Murrell. On March 16, Clara Ullman is sent a birthday greeting.

DOBIE TRAILMIXERS NEWS

The Dobie Trailmixers recently met at Luby's for their monthly meeting. Topics

The Trailmixers' thoughts and best wishes were with Dobie's Academic Decathlon Team in El Paso, as they competed for (and eventually won) the state championship and the right to compete at nationals in North Carolina in April. Dobie, coached by Steven Higginbotham and Todd Geries, earned the highest score (by 3,000 points) in the state at the regional competition.

Eighty-one Dobie Latin students won first-place sweepstakes in regional competition. Dobie's score was 905, and the second-place team scored 420.

Dobie grad John Evans has achieved success with his own band. His own composition, Pasa Get Down Dena, can be found on the internet. Ann Brannen shared the story that Dobie basketball coach Scott Talton, asked Ann to sign John on as her iournalism assistant during his junior year so that he would be eligible to play varsity

basketball his senior year. Unfortunately for Scott, football coach Buzzy Keith chose John as quarterback over Chris Perry the next year, so John never even played basketball at Dobie. The Houston Chronicle, in its live music entertainment section that came out Thursday, Feb. 24, has a picture of John with these words: "There's little the singer-songwriter hasn't done well among roots - rock permutations, from power pop to honky-tonk to rockabilly and

Judy Schwab reported that husband Buzz is doing well, and they thank everyone for the support. His ablation on his heart was a complete success.

Jon Rascoe heads for Quito, Ecuador, and then to the Galapagos Islands on a National Geographic expedition this Chervi Park shared a neat way to make

a photo book. Pictures can be added from

Life Magazines. To learn about it, visit the website at http://www.snapfish.com/snapfish/promo 022us. Julia Jay will appear in a Clear Creek Community Theater production opening on April 1. The theater is located off NASA Park-way. The play is a spoof on murder

mysteries of the '40s and '50s - Murder's Bad but Monday Can Kill You. The Dobie Trailmixers meet for lunch at 1 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at

Luby's Cafeteria on Fuqua **LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS** 

E-mail birthday, anniversary, vacation, congratulations, etc., to mynews@south beltleader.com with OTBF in the subject line. Items must be submitted by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

### Science teachers enjoy retreat

The science teachers at Thompson Intermediate recently attended their second annual Science Retreat at Brazos Bend State Park with the goal of bonding as a department and achieving total relaxation before the Science TAKS test reviewing begins. While at the park, the group hiked around the alligator lake, went biking and observed the At left: Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Susie

Haas, Department Chair Felicia Petit and Jennifer Guerrero, (back row) LaMona Lemarr, Holly Bailey, Martha Weatherford and Carol Waters. Below: LaMona Lemarr, Susie Haas, Carol Waters, Martha Weatherford and Jennifer Guerrero

enjoy some relaxation time.

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> 30 years ago (1981) replacement for Eddie Fran-

> regular monthly meeting. Over 100 parents from the Sageglen and Green Tee

subdivisions attended the David Terry Haley, head Clear Creek Independent team won the district Na- to the San Jacinto College coach at San Jacinto Inter- School District Board of tional Academic League South campus for a scrimmediate, was selected as the Education meeting to urge championship for the fourth mage against the Coyote's the board to purchase land cis in the Pasadena Indepen- in the northwest portion of dent School District at the the district for an intermedi-

> ate and high school. 25 years ago (1986)

Safeway's five Drugs for Less stores, including the location on Hughes Road, closed their doors because the chain as a whole was not profitable.

A METRO representative told a crowd of 50 current and potential bus riders that while the South Belt area posed several geographic constraints for local MÊTRO bus service, routes could be formed if interest

was great enough.
20 years ago (1991)

Officials at the Environmental Protection Agency Region 6 in Dallas agreed to supplement the Brio Superfund Repository with material that should be there anyway. Brio project manager Lou Barinka said he saw no problem with putting the requested documentation involving possible health risk

Between a possible tax rollback and the Texas Legislature, Clear Creek Independent School District could have lost up to

year in a row The youth sports complex at El Franco Lee Park officially opened.

there were still no leads in the cases of Jonathan Barrica or Gail Totman.

Stuchbery Elementary School's library was named in memory of longtime teacher Kay Galvan. Southpoint Theater re-

opened with free children's movies.

5 years ago (2006)

South Belters were preparing for the upcoming election day which included in the Democratic primary.

Distinguished Alumna at a tiative. reception held in her honor.

neighbors and a quick redeputies resulted in the arfailed home burglary.

new professional soccer ing.

Remember When The Thompson academic team Dynamo paid a visit men's team.

1 year ago (2010) Elementary Frazier

School's Rhonda Parmer 10 years ago (2001) and Beverly Hills Intermediate School's Alyta Harrell were named the Pasadena Independent School District's Region 4 Principals of the Year. Parmer had served as Frazier's principal since 2004. Under her leadership, the campus was rated "Exemplary" by the Texas Education Agency. The school was named one of the state's distinguished Title I campuses. After serving as an assistant principal at Beverly Hills Intermediate one hotly contested race for local justice of the peace. from 1999, Harrell was prolocal justice of the peace. moted to principal in 2006. George Risner faced chal- Harrell and her team of lengers Vicky Morris and teachers and staff were Leobaldo "Leo" Cardenas credited with helping students make major strides in South Belt physician Dr. their transition to high Mary Campbell-Fox was school through the district's honored as the PISD 2006 Expectation Graduation ini-Longtime Houston Police

The combination of alert Department Sgt. Gregory Gillespie retired after serv sponse from Precinct 2 ing more than 34 years on Constable Gary Freeman's the force, 25 of which were spent in the South Belt area. rest for possession of a Gillespie said he intended controlled substance and a to spend the first year of his retirement traveling with Members of Houston's his wife, who was also retir-

### Sci-Fi convention set

ence fiction game play at the for what is permissible at the organization's website. ConJour: Fantasy, Horror and Sci-Fi Convention for gamers Admission is \$15 per perand guests held at the University of Houston-Clear son for UHCL students and faculty, \$20 per person for The event begins the general public, with chil-Friday, March 11, at 4 p.m., dren under 10 free. Register and runs through Sunday, at http://www.conjour.net.

March 13, at 3 p.m., in the university's Bayou Building. This event is sponsored by the UHCL Gamers' Guild. ConJour is the Clear Lake area's only Fantasy, Horror For information, contact Con jour@gmail.com or e-mail guild master James Kent at Slvrdragon13@comcast.net. and Sci-Fi convention. Participants wishing to attend in

#### Sierra meets March 16

The Sierra Club will hold cuss Houston's air pollution next meeting Wednesday, March 16. The program will include an update on the Texas Bottle Bill and details about the new book club, with Deanna Schmidt, assistant professor of geography at the University of Houston-Clear Lake. Matthew Tejada, executive director of Air Alliance Houston will dis-

Social time begins at 6:30

.m., followed by speakers from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Bay Community Center 5002 NASA Parkway.

For information, contact Grace Martinez at gracemartinez7@earthlnk net or Linda King at lindaawk ing@ att.net.



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### Audition for Getting Sara Married at PLT

4318 Allen-Genoa Road, will hold auditions for Getting Sara Married, a farce, by Sam Bobick, on Sunday, March 20, and Monday, March 21, at 7 p.m. Resumes are required and head shots are appreciated but not required. Three men and three

women ages 30s to 50s are required Auditions consist of who handles her finances cold readings from the script. The show dates are May 15 to May 29.

Contact the director, Glenn Keith, at gkeyth@yahoo.com head a few times, having a website at www.pasadenalit tletheatre.org for more details and character descriptions

Sara Hastings is an unmarried lawyer in her mid-30s. much too busy to get involved in any romance. Her Aunt the girl for him.

Pasadena Little Theatre, Martha has decided to take matters into her own hands and find her a husband. Unfortunately, Aunt Martha's method of doing it amounts to having the prospective groom bopped over the head and brought to Sara's apart-

Aunt Martha's choice is Brandon Cates, a young man Although Brandon is already engaged to be married, this does not deter Aunt Martha.

After being bopped on the

with questions, or visit the temporary loss of memory and experiencing several resuscitation and a confrontation with a very angry fiancée, Brandon slowly to realize that Sara is really

### **Sundays in Nature** at Armand Bayou

Get outdoors at Armand Bayou Nature Center by joining in the Sundays in Nature series program that features hands-on activities, hikes and demonstrations for children the forest. and adults alike. Visit the website at abnc.org for

On March 20 from 1 to 3 p.m., the Sundays in Nature no cost for members. series will present Spring into Nature. This time of year, animals are found nesting or alone and mistakenly thought to be abandoned. Find ways to keep these animals in their

musical by Richard Rodgers

II, will open Friday, March 18, running four weekends

through April 10, at Pasadena

Little Theatre, 4318 Allen-

Show times are 8 p.m.

Fridays and Saturdays, with

matinees at 3 p.m. on Sun-

days. On Thursday, April 7,

a special two-for-one show is

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David Blystone, with musi-cal direction by Judie Val-

entine, and choreography by

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who is left to the devices of

her evil stepmother and two

evil stepsisters but still man-

ages to rise above her life

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PLT presents Cinderella

Thompson Intermediate Isabel Amezcua, Amandani- Anastasia Colunga. School recently announced cole Gabino Arambula, Crisits honor rolls for the fourth tian Ernesto Ascencio and tian Ernesto Ascencio and Jaylon Deon Bolden.

Daniel Joseph Brader, Hannah Marie Brady, Brittany Renee Burnham, Daniela Campo, Kara Ashley Campos. Mandy Thuy Cao. Katie Ann Carnish, Anthony Noah Caughlin, Gabriela Cavazos,

Thompson releases 4th 6-weeks rolls

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DeHarts celebrate 45th anniversary

Joseph Cortez, Zoe Nicole David Alejandro Cruz, Melissa Sarahi Cruz, Alyssa Nicole Cumpian, Nicole M. Cypert, Wesley Wade Dawson, Ashley Ann Deveza, De Ann Celeste Dimas, Hung Tony Dinh, Alex Amir Dosal and Jose Narciso Duarte.

Longtime South Belt residents Majol and Tom DeHart

will celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary on Friday, March 18. They were married on Friday,

March 18, 1966, at Glenbrook Valley United Methodist

Church in Houston. Majol is retired from J.C. Penney,

and Tom is retired from Gulf Oil and the City of

Houston. They enjoy travel, and since retiring, have

been on two cruises and crisscrossed Texas and the

United States on motor home trips to Las Vegas, the

Grand Canyon, Louisiana, Alabama, Mississip-

pi, Florida, Georgia and many points in between. Eating out is a favorite pastime, also, and Monday nights are always "Margarita Monday" somewhere in

the area. They also enjoy attending the many barbecue

and chili cook offs in the surrounding area and touring the Texas wineries. The couple have two sons, Tommy and Michael, both Dobie graduates, who reside in

Clear Lake. A dinner with family was held at Killen's

Ryan Vaughn Ehlinger, Marquise Juane Francis. Adriana Garcia, Aileen Victoria Garcia, Kenia Giselle Garcia, Leslie Alejandra Garcia, Alexus Nicole Garza, Crystal Garza, Justin Allen Gee, Andrew Davendra Ghansvam. Holly Sophia Gonzales and David Lee Gonzalez.

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Sarathany Duong In, Jacob Ryan Izaguirre, Tea Ajuha Jackson, Brady Houston Jacobs, Christopher Daniel Kingaumiller, La'Claudia Ty Kee Anna Labarrera, Anna Nguyen Le, Bobby Nhiyen Le, Emily Ngoc Le, Matthew Khang Le, Autumn Lefever and Kacie Lyn Little.

Sarah Ruth Loftin, Orlando Nigel Logan, Julia Michelle Lohse, Marissa Renav Longoria, Ana Martinez, Briana Alexis Martinez, Eric William Mauk, Evan Thomas Mauk, Marisa Mendieta, The king, South Belt resident Bill Edwards, the prince, Chance Westerman, Virginia Nicole Mora, Jordan Chase Moreno, Jade Thi and the queen, Laura Hoehn, appear in Cinderella by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II at Pasadena Little Theatre, 4318 Allen-Genoa Road. The Mottu and Isaiah A. Munoz.

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Savannah Joe Amaro, Jackelin Andrade, Justyn Andrew Arnesen-Gonzalez, Alexandra Nicole Banda, Yenlynn Hoang Banh, Gabriela Renee Barragan, Deneil Simone Bell, Sabrina Nicole Bernal, Carli Elizabeth Blue, Zachary Grant Blue and Celeste Marissa Briones.

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Luke Allen McDonald, Continued on Page 6A

### Johnson, Duff engaged



Robert Johnson and Kim Koepke of South Belt announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Jay Elise Johnson, to Randell Duff, son of Dynees Richardson of South Belt. The bride-to-be graduated from Dobie High School in 2007 where she was a member of the Dobie News team and a band member. She is currently attending the University of Houston College of Education where she is on the dean's list. The prospective groom graduated from Dobie High School in 2008. He was named Mr. J. Frank Dobie 2008 and was a member of the football and basketball teams. He is currently attending San Jacinto South College for kinesiology. The couple met at Dobie in 2006. They are planning a spring 2012 wedding.

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### Thompson rolls . . .

Continued from Page 5A Medrano, Mercado, Dulce Dayana Morales.

Kevin Earl McNeal, Alyssa cisco Rangel, Adriana Ar-Michelle Medrano, Maria aceli Resendez, Kayla Marie driguez, Lester Patrick Rodriguez, Amber Denise Rogers Michelle Brenda San Miguel, Denise Saravia, Kyler Dasan Scott, Jonathan Adam Shaw and Alejandro Silva. Karaanne M. Snyder, Har-

named Best in Class Large Team Champion. ry Langston Swinton, Isabel Fifty-one Lariaettes com-Magdalena Tabarez, Chelsea Tajonera, Dejone Denise peted in team, officer, and elite team routines, as well Thomas, Felix Lorenzo Toras solos and duets. res, Andrea Thu Tran, Hieu The social officers won Vo Tran, Jenny Thi Tran, Lauren Tuy Thao Vo Tran

second place in all social

aettes drill team competed

in a team competition recently at Champion Dance The social officers are Competition at Cy Woods not selected based on their High School in Cypress. dance skills, but their cre-The team walked away ativity with 21 awards and was

and organization. The social officers are Katlyn Hoggard, Asia Allen, Caitlin Woods and Briana

novelty routine to Teenage

The military officers again came away with many awards, receiving the Award Excellence named the highest scoring

routines, performing their officers in the hip hop division. They also won second place with their officer lyrical, and received the coveted Judges Award for receiving scores of 90 or above from all judges on all routines.

Lariaettes compete at Cy Woods HS

The Elite Team (consisting of hip hop, kick and jazz ensembles) received the Judges Award as well, scoring 90 or above on all routines from all judges.

The Jazz Troupe received second place, as did the hip hop ensemble in their reonce again, the Kick Company received first place in their elite team kick. These are extra routines they perform and practice for, on top of their team routines.

The girls competed against many great teams. The Team Jazz, Team Modern and Team Novelty won first place, each in their respective categories. The Team Pom placed second.

On top of that, the Team Novelty – to the soundtrack

first runner-up Outstanding (all teams, all divisions).

They also won the Modern Category, being named the best Team Modern of the entire competition.

The girls also received the Award of Excellence, as well as the Judges Award once again for team rouored with plaques for Outstanding Choreography and Outstanding Presentation.



The J. Frank Dobie Lariaettes are shown with awards they won at the Champion Dance Competition held recently in Cypress. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Feliss Goree, Cassandra Velasquez, Party Girl Caitlin Woods, Vice President Asia Allen, Lt. Alyssa Loredo, Lt. Elise Harper, Capt. Jon'tay Warner, Col. Aimee Cessna, Maj. Alaina Burns, President Katlyn Hoggard, Spirit Leader Bri Harper, (second row) Jasmyn Johnson, Blanca Garza, Shante McGill, Brevonna Milton, Thu Nyguen, Bhrianna Fair, Cecilia Uribe, Deseray Figueroa, Lt. Col. Aracely

Perez, Tearra Small, Angie Guevara, Sandra Gonzalez, (third row) Tori Gomez, Layla Brown, Kaila Hernandez, Ashley Rodriguez, Dalila Galindo, Monique Lewis, Cindy Guzman, Samantha Green, Taylor Sias, Denise Ma, Anna-Oueen Onokwu, Karena Duran, Kayla Smith, Jasmine Walker, Rachel Moore, (back row) Maritza Perez, Lorin Mata, Demi Ayala, Annisia Bell, Phyleesha Daigle, Kameko Bryant, Amanda Palacios, Princess Tabarez and Paige Cavazos.

### Beverly Hills names fourth 6-weeks rolls

ate School recently released errez and Lada Heng. its honor rolls for the fourth six-weeks grading period.

Students earning status are: Honor roll

Seventh grade Maite Albarran, Maria Ignacia Alvarez, Gennevive Uzoamaka Anagbogu, Edgar Arzate, Lidia Avitia, Uvia Azar, Keauhna Jhonea Bailey, Brandon Alexander Baker Jocelyn Briana Banda, Adam Quinton Boswell, Jessica Yvette Bustamante and Ta-

kira Nailah Butler. Andrea Montserrat Cahue, Alan Steve Campos, Michelle Huyen Cao, Valentin Capulin, Ashley Marie Castillo, Macalyn Marie Castro-Cardenas, Angelica Cervantes, Ossiel Chavez, Michael Jonathan Chavira, Kristy J. Christmas, Antonio Julian Cuellar and Al-

exandra Rocio De Alejandro. Angelica Cuaping Dejesus, Joshuah Arthur Dobbs, Daniel Escobedo, Raheem Shaquil Florence, Daisy Guadalupe Fuentes, Yohana Galvan, Jonatan Fermin Garcia, Ivonne Monsterrat Gauna

Beverly Hills Intermedi- zalez, Vincent Michael Guti-

Ariana Lenae Henry, Katrina Elisabeth Herazo, Erika Lisett Hernandez, Samantha Shantel Hernandez, Victor Hinojosa, David Vinh Ho, Hainhu Ho, An Ke Hung Huynh, Erin Justin Jalomo, Johnny Ray Jalomo, Alexis Celeste Jimenez and Tareen Jahan Kazi. Giselle Emelissa Landa,

Jenny Thu Le, Phuong-Thy Mai Le, Quynh Nguyen Hai Le, Tommy Le, Denis Eusebio Lopez, Albert Luu, Oscar Maldonado, Crishly Veronica Marcos, Alejandro Andres Marron, Melany Joanna Menjivar, Rana Osama Mohamad and Armando Montelongo.

Diana Thanh Nguyen, Mi Hieu Nguyen, Phuong Hong Thi Nguyen, Vicky My Nguyen, Thanh Van Nguyenvo, Iyesogie Stephanie Ogbonmwan, Jacqueline Vanessa Orta, Alondra Ortiz, Cesar Austin Ortiz, Alexis Padilla, Amy Hasmukh Patel and Michael Leroy Peavy.

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Eighth grade

Gerardo Acevedo, Abrah-an Alanis, Karina Selene Anguiano, Shikeem Bryant Anthony, Noemi Armenta, Oscar Arredondo, Alondra Arriaga, Kristal Paloma Ayala, Janai Nicholle Baerga, Taylor Nicole Bainter, Alfredo Banda, Jose Carlos Benavides San-

chez and Abigail Benavides.

ardo Berumen, Victoria Alexis Blackmon, Quinton Joshua Bolling, Carlos E. Borri, Ki-yah Simone Brooks, Madeline Nichole Buchman, Genovy Lisette Cabrera, Gilberto Hernan Campa, Juan Carlos Carranza, Alyssa Castillo and Christina Marie Castillo.

Flavio Gabriel Castillo, Andrew Chaidez, Karina Evelyn Chaidez, Anthony Chapa. Jessica Lissette Cortez, Erick Daza Aguilar, John Matthew Delarosa, Andres Delgado, Damian Eliazar Depaz, Jason Alec Diaz, Julianne Ngo Do, Christen Grace Dryden and Michael Anthony Duron.

Gabriela Elizarraraz, Mariah Sierra Escobar, Ian Serna Escobedo, Estefani Elyzabeth Estrada, Alan Flores, Valentin Calvillo Galarza, Michael Aaron Garcia, Mikaila Trena Gary, Kenia Mabel Garza, Jay Edward Gish, Vincent Albert Gonzales, Isaias Gonzalez and Maricruz Gonzalez.

Adolfo Javier Gracia, Tianna Jalisa Hawthorne, Valeria Michelle Hernandez Tavera, Briah Nyjhai Hightower, Kerry Ellis Hubbard, Ryan

Caleb Ray Irving, Vontonio Rico Jones, Anthony Duane Keller and Alex Sam Kwok. Henry Mingvuong Le,

Angelica Antonia Lee, Maybelt G. Lopez, Nicollette Marguerite Lopez, Jordan Jacob Luna, Linda Ly, Isaiah Benjamin Manzanales, Andres Eduardo Marin, Deanna Gabrielle Martinez, Davion Cordellstephon Matthews and Jose Agron Matus.

Bryan Osric Maxey, Jordan Kendall McBride, Juan Luis Melesio, Victoria Yamileth Mendoza, Madison Taylor Moreno, Chayse Martin Morris, Destiny Aliya Muniz, Gilbert Michael Nassif, Betram Truong Nguyen, Dan Quang Nguyen and Dan Thi Minh Nguyen.

Elissa Huong Nguyen, Hung Thai Nguyen, Michelle Huyen Nguyen, Ngoc Mai Nguyen, Nhubinh Liza Nguyen, Tina Hoai Nguyen, Zaed Dac Nguyen, Andrea Nicaragua, Gerardo Angel Nunez, Malyn Lassette Nunez, Jaclyn Oden-Peace and Mercedys Nikole Olguin.

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Juan Miguel Reyes, Alexander James Revna, Eduardo Damian Rivera, Sidaria Nate Robertson, Athena Skye Robles, Alexis Renea Rodriguez, Andres Alejandro Rodriguez, Carlos Ivan Rodriguez, Erick Rodriguez and John Christian

Alexis Romero, Erica Wednesday, March 23, 7
Mary Romero, Franklin Ivan p.m. – A woodwind ensemble Roque, Henry Giovanni Roque, Angela Grace Geopa-Soraya Sanchez and Lauren Patricia Sanchez.

Ariana Jackelin Solis, Stripes Forever. Stella Ngonda Somdah, Jacqueline Esmeralda Soria, Tony Tieu, Liliana Ruby Torres, Nikki Tinhdan Tran, Samuel Moises Valdez, Ruben Kalani Vargas and April Brittany Vasquez.

Cristian Vega, Rosa Alicia ueva, Isabella Adriana Vil-Jonathon Lee Webb, Alyxus Iade Workmon and Christian

3-5 and came away a winner again this competitive year. This district meet qualifies directly to the national tournament where, this year, Brook will be represented by the team of Nathan Tamburello (left) and Dinusha Wijesinghe in Duo In-

National Forensics District Tournament March

Duo to represent

Clear Brook Debate

### **PISD Wellness** Center opens.

Continued from Page 1A

Pasadena ISD employees and their dependents who are on Plan 1 or Plan 2 coverage are free. All other employees will be charged \$50 per visit plus the cost of any tests that may be required.

The clinic is not available for the dependents of employees who are not on district medical insurance.

All patients with Pasadena ISD medical insurance must bring proof of that insurance. A system to identify covered employees is still being developed.

Dr. Jamie Hurtado has been named managing physician for the center. Hurtado is board certified in family medicine with the American Academy of Family Physicians. His professional memberships include the Harris County Medical Society and the Texas Medical Association. Hurtado is experienced in primary care, internal medicine and intensive care. 'We are dedicated to

patient care, and we want to provide the Pasadena ISD family with the best treatment available," Dr. Hurtado

range of primary care services, including physical exams, X-rays, immunizations and the treatment of acute and/or chronic illnesses The center will eventually

offer free prescriptions for many generic drugs. This service will be available only to employees with district health The district is in the pro-

cess of obtaining a license to dispense medicine. For now, patients who are prescribed medicine can get those prescriptions filled at local pharmacies. The district is also work

ing to get the center approved by other health insurance companies. Once approved, employees with other health insurance may visit the center as long as they meet their deductible. Last September, the Pasadena Independent School

District Board of Trustees approved a contract with First On-Site to establish the center. The district is providing \$750,000 in initial funding for the center with the expectation that those costs will be recovered in the form of id. lower health care costs to the district.

### SJC concerts set

Central music department will host several concerts during March that will show-case student and faculty musicians. All concerts are free and open to the public and will be staged at the Dr. Monte Blue Music Building, located at 8060 Spencer

Highway in Pasadena March include:
• Friday, March 11

Class piano specialist Dr. Mario Ajero will be the guest instructor for Passing the Piano Proficiency, an event that will include a faculty seminar and an open forum

Ajero is assistant professor of piano pedagogy at Stephen F. Austin State University, where he also coordinates the class piano program. The open forum for piano students will be held

no Rosales, Stephanie Johana perform chamber music. Rosales, Angel Rosas, Regi- Selections will range from Rosales, Angel Rosas, Reginal Tyson Salinas, Keiry British folk music to light, by F.J. Haydn, and the first serious music and will con-

• Thursday, March 24. 7

• Saturday, March 26, 8 soloists.

Musicians will receive constructive criticism from

versities. "Those who attend car enjoy a full day of talented musicians led by quality jazz instructors," commented SJC Adams. "Groups will per

Concerts scheduled for

for piano students.

from 2:30 to 5 p.m.

concert featuring flutes, oboe, clarinets and saxophone will clude with Sousa's Stars and

p.m. - A jazz concert will Price, who recently earned a feature two groups, the jazz scholarship to attend the combo and the jazz ensem-Theresa Tran, Triny Ynhi ble. Student musicians will Boston. Tran, Karla Melissa Turcios, perform traditional and standard jazz tunes, including selections that allow for considerable improvisation.

Velazquez, Kaylan Araceli a.m. to 7 p.m. – the Gulf members of the studios of Velez, Princess O. Villan-Coast Intercollegiate Confer-faculty members Marston ence Jazz Festival will fealarreal, Jacquelyn Simone ture area community college Villarreal, Khanh Quoc Vu, jazz ensembles, combos and

form several different styles of jazz, such as Swing, Straight Ahead, Standards, Latin, Funk, Rock, etc. No jazz enthusiast should miss this show. A highlight will be a jazz

improvisation clinic presented by pianist-composer Dan Haerle from the University of North Texas.

 Monday, March 28, 7 A string recital concert will showcase music from the violin family of instruments and will feature SIC faculty members and guest artists Selections will include the piano quartet op. 47 by Robert Schumann and the piano quartet op. 60 by

· Wednesday, March 30 7 p.m. – A string concert will ment's orchestra performing movement of the Stamitz Viola Concerto.

Johannes Brahms.

The principal violist will be student musician Ruthanne Berklee College of Music in

• Thursday, March 31, p.m. - a brass recital will feature student soloists on trumpet, trombone, tuba, and French horn, Performers are

and Darryl Bayer.

The program will include selections by Neruda, Sulek, Gliere, Lebedev, Vaughn-Williams, Grondahl, and Goedicke.

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Sofia Magdalena Trevino and Jeffrey James Tver. Veronica Tzintzun, Chloe Vivian Valdez, Renato Timo-teo Valdez, Angelica Faith Vasquez, Ricardo Rafael Vazquez, Valerie Thanh Thy Vo, Oasis Davina Wilson, Emily E. Wolfe, Jonathan Avery Woodall, Timothy Aidan Wright, Shelby Yocum and

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season drama in the District to do with how hard these 22-5A varsity boys' soccer ranks. The Dobie Longhorns have made sure of

Taking down Sam Ravcomb Field, the Longhorns team. clinched the 22-5A championship and will represent the district as the top seed in the state playoffs.

Dobie still has two remaining district games, but 24-5A. the team has little to accomplish other than to maintain the momentum that has lasted nearly the entire season.

10-1-1 through nondistrict play and have now posted

Dobie head coach Jesse Saavedra, now in his fifth off contender. season, has taken three of his previous teams to the playoffs.

In 2009, the Longhorns to the Region III tournament. There will be no lofty predictions coming from Saavedra at this point, but there's no doubt he's to claim at least two out of pleased this group has, at the three in order to avoid least to this point, capital- missing the postseason. ized on its potential.

"If we can manage to stay focused, get a little Park and Memorial in a

There will be no late- Saavedra said. It has a lot kids work and their belief in each other.'

CB boys need strong end Just a week ago, things Taking down Sam Ray- were looking up for the burn March 8 at New- Clear Brook varsity boys'

> With back-to-back wins to start the second half of district play, the team had thrust itself comfortably back into the mix in District

> But now things have become a bit more dicey. The Wolverines lost 2-0

to Clear Springs March 4, The Longhorns went and then fell 5-0 to Brazoswood. Suddenly at 4-5-2, the

a 6-0-2 mark through eight Wolverines need a strong district contests for a 16-1-3 finish in their final three games, each of which will come against a fellow play-

Beginning March 11, the Wolverines will host Clear Lake and then play at Pearland March 14 before made a school-first trip closing the regular season at home against Dickinson March 22.

Three wins would be nice, but Brook likely needs

Dobie girls in hunt

Despite losses to Deer



the injury bug, we have a Dobie varsity girls' team is leader, has had little trouble working his magic in the good chance to make another deep run in the playoffs,"

also headed to the playoffs,

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### JFD baseball run-rules Eagles, now 9-2

Dobie starter Emmitt Pitts allowed just two hits over five innings, and the Longhorns' offense continued to roll as the varsity baseball team opened 22-5A action successfully.

The Longhorns won their seventh straight game and ninth in 11 outings, hammering the Pasadena Eagles 11-1 in five innings March 8 at Maguire Field in Pasa-Coming off a three-game

sweep at the Pasadena ISD tournament in which the Longhorns won late in each contest, the team was brimming with confidence against Pasadena, and it Pitts has more than done

his part early this season in posting a 3-0 record with a save. The way he has been going, the junior righthander hasn't needed much run support. Yet after eking out three

close wins at the PISD tour-Continued on Page 6B

Junior outfielder Zack Long has done a great job of setting the table in the lineup, and the Longhorns' heavy hitters have taken care of the rest. Thus far, the Longhorns have won nine of 11 games. Photo by John Bechtle

#### Christmas sets milestone, helps Duke to ACC crown Former Dobie High March 6 at the Greensboro Duke, ranked eighth in team for the second straight

School star basketball Coliseum player Karima Christmas Atlantic Coast Conference reer. championship.

reached a milestone while at Duke, scored 13 points in helping the Duke Universithe final to become the 27th had a season-high 20 points ty women's basketball team player in school history to

The title came back home ment coming next, Christ-valuable player of the ACC to Duke with an 81-66 vic- mas now has 1,004 career tournament, and Christmas

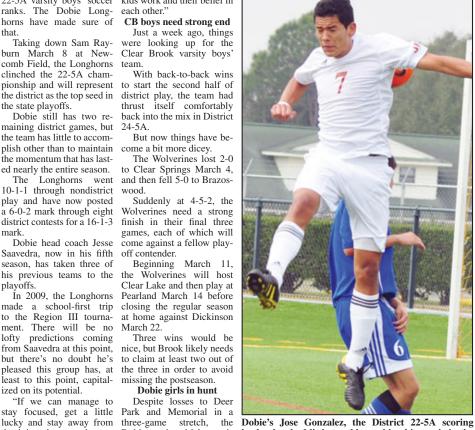
the country entered the ACC Christmas, now a senior tournament as the top seed.

as the Blue Devils downed

With the NCAA tourna- Thomas was named most Stadium March 19-21.

Christmas averaged 9.1 points and 6.2 rebounds per contest for Duke, which at 28-3 will host the first two clinch its second straight pocket 1,000 points in a ca-Atlantic Coast Conference reer. Georgia Tech 74-66. rounds of the NCAA tour-Duke senior Jasmine nament at Cameron Indoor

> The tournament field had not been established at press





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Former Dobie High School star Karima Christmas (13) March 6 at the Greensboro Coliseum. Christmas, a became the 27th player in Duke University women's 2007 Dobie graduate, was also named to the all-ACC basketball history to register 1,000 career points as she tournament team for the second straight season. Duke had 13 in the team's Atlantic Coast Conference tournament championship 81-66 victory over North Carolina

is now preparing for the NCAA tournament.

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### Sports news, notes

#### PISD youth tennis set

The Pasadena Independent School District is slated to begin its Scoop It Up Quick Start youth tennis program across the area. Students attending the second through sixth grades are eligible to take part in the program. The program is designed to help get the district's young students involved in the game of tennis at an early age. Students may pick up an entry form from their physical education instructor at school. Cost of the program is \$25, which includes a racket, T-shirt and water bottle along with the lessons. Student pick-up packet date is Saturday, April 2, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Phillips Field House in Pasadena. The lesson dates include April 3, April 10, April 17 and May 1. Each of the lessons will run from 1 to 2:15 p.m.

#### Atkinson's Health/Fitness Fair

The Atkinson Elementary physical education department will host its third annual health and fitness fair Tuesday, March 29, from 5 to 7 p.m. All Atkinson students and their families are invited to participate in the festivities. Some of the activities scheduled include jump roping, cup stacking, jogging, dance, dance revolution and much more. Inside the school, various vendor booths will include products and services from the health and fitness field.

### **Sports Calendar**

Friday, March 11

Brook varsity girls at Clear Lake, 7:00 Brook varsity boys host Clear Lake, 7:00 Brook JV girls at Clear Lake, 5:00 Brook JV boys at Clear Lake, 5:00

Saturday, March 12

Dobie varsity boys vs. S. Houston, Newcomb, 10 a.m. Dobie varsity girls vs. South Houston, Newcomb, noon Dobie JV girls vs. South Houston, Auxiliary, noon Dobie JV boys Orange vs. S. Houston, Auxiliary, 10 a.m. Dobie JV boys White at Pasadena, campus, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, March 15

Brook varsity girls host Pearland, 7:00 Brook varsity boys at Pearland, 7:00 Brook JV girls host Pearland, 5:00 Brook JV boy sat Pearland, 5:00

Thursday, March 17 Dobie JV (B) girls at Clear Falls, 4:00

Monday, March 21 Dobie JV (B) boys at Sam Rayburn, 4:00

Tuesday, March 22

Brook varsity girls at Dickinson, 7:00 Dobie varsity girls at Deer Park, Abshire, 7:00 Brook varsity boys host Dickinson, 7:00 Brook JV girls at Dickinson, 5:00 Brook JV boys at Dickinson, 5:00 Dobie JV girls at Deer Park, Abshire, 5:00

Friday, March 11

San Jacinto hosts Blinn (2), 4:00/6:00 Dobie varsity at La Porte, 6:30 Brook varsity at Dickinson, 6:30 Brook JV at Dickinson, 5:00 Dobie JV at La Porte, 5:00

Saturday, March 12 San Jacinto at Galveston (2), noon/2:00

Monday, March 14

San Jacinto at Chipola, Fla, (2), 4:00/6:00

Tuesday, March 15

Brook varsity at Dickinson, 6:30 Brook JV at Dickinson, 5:00

Wednesday, March 16

San Jacinto at Southeast, Fla, (2), 2:00/4:00

Thursday, March 17 San Jacinto at Gulf Coast, Fla., (2), 2:00/4:00

Thursday, March 10 Dobie varsity at Round Rock tourney, see Page 6B Brook varsity vs. Cy-Springs, at Westfield, 4:00 Brook varsity vs. Houston Christian, at Westfield, 7:00

Dobie JV at Pasadena ISD tourn., TBA Brook JV at Conroe ISD tourn., TBA Brook sophomores at Clear Creek ISD tourn., TBA

Friday, March 11

Dobie varsity at Round Rock tourney, see Page 6B Brook varsity at Westfield, 1:00 Dobie JV at Pasadena ISD tourn., TBA Brook JV at Conroe ISD tourn., TBA Brook sophomores at Clear Creek ISD tourn., TBA

Saturday, March 12

Dobie varsity at Round Rock tourney, see Page 6B Brook varsity at Spring ISD tourn., TBA Dobie JV at Pasadena ISD tourn., TBA Brook JV at Conroe ISD tourn., TBA Brook sophomores at Clear Creek ISD tourn., TBA

Monday, March 14

Brook JV at Alvin, 7:00 Brook sophomores at Alvin, 4:30

Tuesday, March 15

Dobie varsity at Memorial, noon

Brook varsity hosts Alvin, 7:00 Dobie JV hosts Memorial, Dobie, noon Dobie sophomores vs. Memorial, PISD complex, 4:30

Thursday, March 17

Dobie varsity vs. Sam Rayburn, Maguire, noon Brook varsity at Clear Creek, 7:00 Dobie JV vs. Rayburn, PISD complex, 2:30 Dobie sophomores vs. Rayburn, PISD complex, noon

Friday, March 18

Brook JV hosts Clear Creek, 7:00 Brook sophomores host Clear Creek, 4:30

Saturday, March 19 Brook varsity at Clear Springs, 1:00 Brook JV hosts Clear Springs, 2:00 Brook sophomores host Clear Springs, 11 a.m.

Monday, March 21

Dobie varsity vs. South Houston, Maguire, 6:00 Dobie JV vs. Rayburn, PISD complex, 7:00 Dobie sophomores vs. S. Houston, PISD complex, 4:30

### Coleman, Central College increase speed

Belt area resident Felicia Coleman is boosting her legacy as a member of the Central College women's track and field team in

Coleman anchored the Central College women's 4x400-meter relay squad that earned an NCAA Division III national berth after putting up a time of 3 minutes, 50.45 seconds.

Seniors Jill Ziskowsky and Emily Teas were joined sophomores Rachel Purdy and Coleman in set-



Former longtime South ting a new Central College also holds college records (7.35 seconds) and the inelt area resident Felicia indoor record. Coleman in the indoor 55 meters door 200-meters (25.98).

#### Rising Stars extend track sign up

The Rising Stars youth track and field club extend-ed registration through the end of March. During the team's practice sessions each Friday, Saturday and Sunday, team officials will also accept registration. Those registration and practice times will include: each Friday from 4:30 p.m. until dark, Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. and each Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m. For more information about the Rising Stars' program, contact head coach Ivory Kimble at 832-561-1248, assistant coach Erica Davis at 832-830-5029 or assistant coach Donald Walker at 832-283-7945. Those interested in other team information may also visit the team website at www.sportata.

### Cougars 8-under unbeaten at South Houston



undefeated at the Rookie Tournament hosted by the Deepwater Girls Softball Association. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Karisa Hernandez, Emily Mauro, Mickey Reyes, Karina Palos, Abby Duron, (second row) Celeste Salazar, Ashley

The South Belt Lady Cougars 8-under team went Garcia, Josee Rivas, Chloe Flores, Sirena Rodriguez, head coach Paul Mauro, (back row) assistant coaches Charlie Salazar and James Flores. Not pictured are player Jasmine Hickman and assistant coaches Rene Hernandez and Nick Garcia.

#### Dream Team 9-10s win basketball title



The South Belt Dream Team won the 9-10 year-old City of Pasadena youth girls' basketball championship with a 19-18 victory over the Monarchs in the title match. Overall, the Dream Team won seven of eight games to take top honors in the division. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Mari-

ana Otero, Karyn Williams, De'Janee Dykes, Jocelyn Thompson, Yelena Cleckley, Yvonne Whaley, (back row) coach Esmeralda Whaley, I'yana Medlock, Brieza Guerrero, Taylor Pleasants, Tylar Dortch, Alexis Oses, Precious Oguamanam and coach Mi-

#### Lakers' 7-8 hoops nets Pasadena championship

The South Belt Lakers 7-8-year-old basketball team was crowned the 10-6 lead at halftime. City of Pasadena cham-

in the league title game. The Lakers started fast they went up 8-0 in the The big shot by Cleckley as they went up 8-0 in the

strong defensive effort in the quarter. second quarter, grabbing a

pions after defeating the Mustangs came out hot tough rebounding by Marco Defensively De'Mauri Pasadena Mustangs 24-20 until the Lakers' Christian Sanchez to eventually take McDaniel, Dwayne Jones,

helped the Lakers lead 20- the Lakers was Scott with Smiley came through with They continued their 14 heading into the final 11 points.

Lakers combined terrific points, and Cleckley had In the third period, the play by Marquise Scott and

Cleckley countered with a a four-point win over the Jayden Forges, Tayvion Mustangs.

Down the stretch, the Robert Ernest scored four

Taylor, Stacy LaGrone, Leading the scoring for Kobe Ruiz and Miguel a great effort in the win.



The South Belt Lakers' 7-8-year-old basketball team won the City of Pasadena championship with a win in the title game. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Jayden Forges, Dwayne Jones, Kobe Ruiz, Tayvion Taylor, Stacy LaGrone, (middle

row) Christian Cleckley, Marco Sanchez, Marquise Scott, Robert Ernest, Miguel Smiley, De'Mauri Mc-Daniel, (back row) coaches Amber Estrada and Jose

### 10-U Outlaws sweep tourney



The South Belt 10-under Outlaws softball team has put together a terrific start to the season, first taking top honors at the Deepwater Girls Softball Association's Rookie Tournament and then winning the TSE '98 and '99 Classic at El Franco Lee Park. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Joselyn Morgan-Cross, Angelina Ortega-Iddings, Zada Saenz, (second row) Emily Ornelas, Michyla Saenz, Deana Zuniga, Alyssa Jaramillo, Mikaela Garcia, Victoria Palos, (third row) Cassidy Groaning, Casey Groaning, Brianna Gilreath, coach Debra Martinez, coach Devan Iddings, (back row) coach Ravi Saenz.

### Lady Bears, Landa win CC meet

Taking first place for the Sanchez (79th at 16:25.54), second straight week, the Beverly Hills Intermediate seventh-grade girls' cross country team is on a roll.

The Pasadena Independent School District's final regular-season meet was held March 9 after press

meets, the Lady Bears, along with two-time overall champion Giselle Landa, had turned some heads. BHI 7 girls win again

Landa won the individual title for the second straight meet, completing the twomile course in a time of 12 minutes, 22.71 seconds to help lift the Lady Bears to the team crown. Landa's effort was clearly

superb, but she wasn't alone as Beverly Hills placed each of its top five scorers within the top 20 spots. Andrea Perez was sixth overall for Beverly Hills in a time of 13:39.92, and Neida Soto crossed the finish line in a time of 14:14.32

for 14th place. Francelli Monreal was 15th at 14:17.80, and Melany Menjivar placed 20th with a time of 14:19.78.

The Lady Bears' other finishers included Isabella Tamayo (31st at 14:46.18), Azar (41st at 15:19.43), Lidia Avitia (56th at 15:56.07), Lada Heng (57th at 15:57.27), Catherine Thai (61st at 16:01.35), Vanessa Nicaragua (62nd at 16:01.61), Yessika Pena

Samantha Hernandez (98th at 17:00.96) and Georgette Wangi (121st at 18:47.37). Thompson 7s are fifth

Summer Nasir paced the Lady Lions' effort, tak-Through the first three

14:18.06.

Thompson's other com-

Lady Bears 8s are 2nd

The big contributor was (70th at 16:06.30), Victoria ana Suarez of Park View.

The Lady Bears also got several other great efforts. Erica Romero's time of 13:24 was good enough for fourth place, and Jaclyn

Oden-Peace was 12th in a time of 13:54. ing third place overall in a Deanna Martinez was time of 13:21.73. Overall, in the 14th slot after a time Thompson's scorers helped of 13:56, and Mercedys time of 13:21.73. Overall, the team to a fifth-place fin-Olguin was 29th in a time of 14:25 to round out the ish. 13:55.62, Ashley At

Perez placed ninth for the Lady Lions, and Esmerelda Ibarra was 16th in a time of

The Lady Lions' other scorers were Briana Martinez, who was 26th in a time of 14:38.06, and Lorena Torres, who was 59th at 16:00.92.

petitiors included Hannah Brady (65th at 16:02.79), Tea'Ajuha Jackson (69th at 16:05.07), Alyssa Solis (75th at 16:18.17), Samantha Schwartz (78th at 16:23.61), Kallie Hart (80th at 16:25.78), Kellie Tyler place finishers. (85th at 16:33.55), Nicole Cypert (91st at 16:47.57), Marissa Longoria (94th at 16:55.26) and Sydney Sweet (106th at 17:28.03).

Trying to keep pace with the seventh-grade champions, Beverly Hills' eighth-grade girls' team placed second to Park View.

Mariah Escobar, who posted a time of 12:54 to win the overall championship by a mere second over Yuli-

teams's scoring. Mikaila Gary (30th at 14:26), Alondra Arriaga (32nd at 14:43), Jacquelyn Villarreal (33rd at 14:44), Kianna Zermeno (35th at 14:50), Tina Nguyen (41st at 15:01), Maybelt Lopez (67th at 16:02) and Wendy

the meet.  $6th\ for\ Lions'\,8s$ The Thompson eighthgrade team took sixth place

Vargas (69th at 16:05) also

ran well for Beverly Hills in

in the final team standings as Valerie Colunga (13:47) and Emily Wolfe (13:48) were the ninth- and 10th-

Celeste Briones was 34th in a time of 14:46, Raquel Delgadillo was 56th at 15:29, and Ashley McDon-ald was 57th at 15:34 to complete Thompsons' scor-

The Lady Lions' other runners included A'yuana Braddford (64th at 15:50). Taylor Nguyen (81st at 16:33), Cybelle Cerda (87th at 16:46), Maria Meiia-Ortiz (99th at 17:35), Michelle SanMiguel (101st at 18:19) and Alissa Gonzales (102nd

### Villalta wins boys' championship; BHI 7s are second at x-country

With the Pasadena Independent School District's intermediate cross country schedule about to wrap up, the boys' teams at Beverly for fourth place, and Sosa's (71st at 13:02), Jeff Tyler Hills and Thompson are time of 11:57 was 13th (73rd at 13:05), Alex Martirounding into form.

Josue Villalta reached his 12:37 was 32nd, and Joshua well for Thompson. goal of winning a meet taking first place in the twomile event at 10 minutes, 56 seconds. Fourth overall at the

previous event, Villalta this time eased past two-time winner Ricardo Mexicano of Southmore. BHI 7s take second

Led by Villalta and other top-10 finishers Johnny Gallardo and Edwin Luna, the Bears' seventh-grade team was second in the final team standings. San Jacinto was the winner.

Gallardo's time of 11:44 was eighth-best, and Luna was at 11:52 for 10th place. The Bears' other scorers

included Justin Rodriguez, who claimed the 20th position with a time of 12:11, and Juwan Bracy was 25th at 12:17.

Several other Beverly Hills competitors also ran well at the meet, including D'Vaughn Pennamon (30th at 12:26), Walter Martinez (34th at 12:34), Daniel Harder (47th at 13:02), Daniel Escobedo (54th at 13:09) and Kevin Brown (111th at 15:41). Lions' 7s are seventh

enth-grade team that wound

up seventh in the final team Nevarez (57th at 12:43)

standings. Thompson ran to the finish line in a time of 11:27 (62nd at 12:47), Zach Blue overall.

Dishongh was 49th after putting up a time of 13:04. The Lions' other scorer

was Javier Guerra, who was 58th with his posted time of 13.19 The Lions' other compet-

itors included Jacob Reyes (70th at 13:33), Adam Vasquez (73rd at 13:40), Juan Perez (75th at 13:48), Isaiah Brooks (77th at 13:50), Dariun Thorn (93rd at 14:13), Darius Hypolite (98th at 14:33), Jacob De-LaGarza (103rd at 14:53), Orlando Logan (108th at 15:30), David Mendiola-Garcia (114th at 16:03), Ahmad Abusaif (120th at 16:23) and Sam Hart (129th at 16:29).

Thompson 8s are fourth The Lions' eighth-grade team placed fourth in the team standings as Robert

Saenz paved the way with an 11-place finish at 11:42.

Jacob Cardenas was 24th in a time of 12:03, and teammate Julian Coronado ran 27th at 12:08.24.

Thompson's other scorers included Tv Lozano, who was 32nd in a time of 12:14, and George Molina (33rd at 12:15).

time. The results from that

nez (76th at 13:11) and Au-Beverly Hills Intermediate seventh-grade student Tyler Goron was next gustine Oguananom (90th ate seventh-grade student for the Lions as his time of at 13:36.3) also ran very BHI 8s place six The Bears' eighth-grade team took the sixth team spot in the third meet of the Rodolfo Jimenez was

Jorrell Campos (59th at

12:44.64), Nixon Melgar

lead the way for the Bears. Fabian Osorio (25th at 12:04), Nixon Urrutia (26th at 12:07.12), Salvador Padilla (31st at 12:11) and Nick Reicheldelfer (42nd at

12:24.42) were the Bears

13th in a time of 11:45 to

other scorers. The Beverly Hills group also got a fine effort from Brandon Carrington (64th at 12:54), Jason Reyes (79th at 13:13), Alvaro Sanchez (84th at 13:21), Joseph Gutierrez (92nd at 13:37.2) Abel Sepulveda (102nd at

14:02) and Jeremy Reyna

#### **PISD's final** CC meet set

(113th at 16:00).

The Pasadena Independent School District's final cross country meet of the season was held Wednesday, March. 9, after press

Tyson Thompson and Jordan Jimenez (41st at meet will appear in the Christian Sosa cracked the top 13 for the Lions' sev- (46th at 12:29), Kyler Scott details regarding the start of (55th at 12:41.92), Jimmy the track and field season.

#### Several Wolverines' varsity basketball players earn District 24-5A honors ward Fred Richardson was one of a select group of varsity boys' basketball players

to garner postseason awards following the 2010-2011 The league's coaches their respective teams to the top of the 24-5A standings,

gathered following completion of the playoffs to make their selections. Flemons of Brazoswood.

Richardson, a third-year performer, was named the district's Offensive Most Valuable Player.

Tre Webb, who led the Creek Wildcats to a 12-0 start before a late-season fade, was named the 24-5A Player of the Year

and Clear Brook all finished at 8-6 in the standings. The Brazoswood senior Colman Flemons was honored as the 24-5A Defensive Bucs advanced as the third

Clear Brook junior for- Player of the Year, and playoff seed after a tie-Clear Springs sophomore Jeff Beverly was the Newbreaker system was used. Meanwhile, Clear Lake comer of the Year. engaged Clear Brook in a Chris Clear Springs' one-game playoff to decide Johnson and Chris Romine the fourth seed, with Clear

were named Co-Coache

of the Year along with Will

Springs and Creek were

the clear-cut No. 1 and No.

2 teams in the district all

season, but the rest of the

race was a four-way battle

for the final two playoff

berths.

All-District 24-5A Picks Varsity Boys' Basketball Player of the Year Tre Webb, Clear Creek, Sr. **Offensive Most Valuable** Fred Richardson, Clear Brook, Jr. **Defensive Most Valuable** Colman Flemons, Brazoswood, Jr. Newcomer of the Year Jeff Beverly, Clear Springs, Soph. **Co-Coaches of the Year** Will Flemons, Brazoswood Chris Johnson, Clear Springs Chris Romine, Clear Creek **First Team Members** Kinney Mouton, Brazoswood, Sr.

Hayden Monical, Brazoswood, Sr. Chris Campbell, Clear Brook, Jr.

of Clear Creek, who guided Lake advancing. With so much depth from team.

plenty of recognition during the all-district pics process. Brazoswood,

Brook, Clear Lake and Clear Springs each had two players named to the first

The Wolverines got se- more guard Chase Mullins ardson and Campbell, as

grew and junior guard Chris Campbell berths on the first pick. Looking ahead, the Wolverines might be con-The Wolverines' second

team selection was three-Springs and Lake. year varsity member Spen-

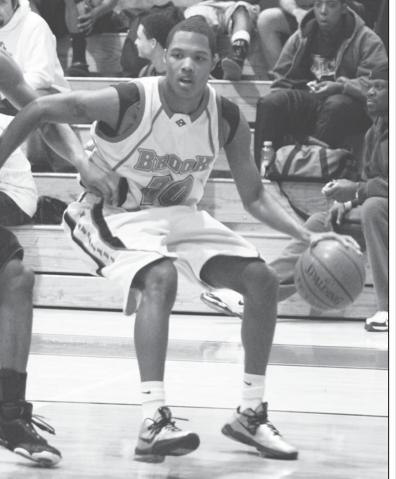
Clear Springs has gradu-ated plenty of talent over

sidered a preseason favorite the past two seasons, but the Brook, will also have a for next season along with Chargers will have Beverly back in the mix along with Brook will return its top honorable mention seleccer Bowman, and sopho- two leading scorers in Rich- tion Parker Callendar, also a Clayton, a two-year starter,

sneaked into the playoffs had current juniors Colton this season with a win over couple of key players back such as first team picks Paris Clayton and Rob Lewis. will be a junior. Lewis will

Krenek (second team) and Alden Miles (honorable mention) selected. wood, meanwhile, will be

hit hard by the 2011 gradu-



return next season



Clear Brook varsity boys' basketball standout Fred Richardson (30) picked up a big District 24-5A honor as he was named the league's Offensive Most Valuable Player after leading the Wolverines in scoring this season. The best thing? Richardson, a three-year letterman, will wound up as the team's second-leading scorer. Bryant, meanwhile, was named to the second team after helping the Bucs to the playoffs.

#### Alex Pettigrew, Clear Brook, Sr. Dustin Hobaugh, Clear Creek, Sr. Paris Clayton, Clear Lake, Soph. Rob Lewis, Clear Lake, Jr. Trevon Randle, Clear Springs, Sr. Teris Bourgeious, Clear Springs, Sr. Harley Nussman, Pearland, Sr. **Second Team Members** Jose Sordia, Alvin, Sr. Cody Bryant, Brazoswood, Sr. Kenny Antoine, Dickinson, Sr. Spencer Bowman, Clear Brook, Sr. Ian Hill, Clear Creek, Sr. Devin Caskey, Clear Creek, Sr. Colton Krenek, Clear Lake, Jr. Sam Richardson, Clear Springs, Sr. Shakir Williams, Clear Springs, Sr. Esiri Omerhi, Pearland, Sr. **Honorable Mention** Chase Mullins, Clear Brook, Soph. Kendrick Whitaker, Clear Creek, Sr. Matt Smythe, Clear Creek, Sr. Dion Lewis, Clear Creek, Sr.

Forward Spencer Bowman, a three-year varsity letterman, capped his career with the Wolverines by being named to the 24-5A second team. Bowman was particularly solid during the team's late-season playoff



Senior forward Alex Pettigrew was named to the District 24-5A first team after a terrific final season with the Wolverines. Pettigrew gave the Wolverines consistent rebounding and defense all season

### San Jac men's hoops drop regional finale

The San Jacinto College men's basketball team suffered a heartbreaking loss, 72-67, to Lamar State-Port Arthur in the 2011 Region XIV Basketball Tournament final at the Patriot Center on the campus of the University of Texas at Tyler.

The tournament's topseed after finishing regional play at 16-3, San Jacinto led the Seahawks by 11 points at the half, 39-28, but La mar State-Port Arthur came out strong in the second 20

The Seahawks tied the game at 54-54 with just over seven minutes to play, and then went on an 18-13 run to close out the win.

San Jacinto College sophomore Marsell Holden scored 21 points to lead San Jac, connecting on 6 of 18 from the field. Holden finished his career with more than 1,050 points scored in his career.

Teammate Flavien Davis was the only other San Jacinto player to score double digits with 11 points. Davis was also San Jac's leading rebounder with seven car-

38 percent from the field, while Lamar State-Port Ar-thur connected on 46 per-apiece for San Jacinto. cent. San Jacinto College

Vonn Jones led Lamar

points in the game as the tournament's No. 7 seed won four games to advance to nationals.

The win earns the Sea hawks a berth in the National Junior College Athletic Association national tournament March 15-19 in Hutchinson, Kan.

San Jac finished the season with a 29-4 overall record.

For head coach Scott Gernander, the 29 wins this season gives the veteran coach a 640-158 career record in 24 years at the helm of the San Jac men's basketball program.

Gernander is the winningest coach in the program's basketball history

San Jacinto drew a first round bye in the tournament and then won quarterfinal and semifinal games to advance to within one win of nationals

In the semifinals against Paris, Daryell Taylor paced San Jacinto with 19 points as the team cruised past Paris 79-59.

In the quarterfinals, San Jacinto crushed Blinn 90-54 behind Holden's 26 points As a team, San Jac shot including eight 3-pointers. Moses Sundufu and Chris Richardson added 12 points

The off-season will intook the rebounding edge clude a roster overhaul at San Jacinto as the team has just five freshmen in the State-Port Arthur with 30 program.

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 10

Alden Miles, Clear Lake, Jr.

Gabe Lavespere, Clear Lake, Sr.

Howard Matthews, Clear Springs, Sr.

Parker Callendar, Clear Springs, Soph.

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

NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse – meets the second Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at the Lighthouse Fellowship of Friends, 144 Park Avenue in League City. The public is welcome and encouraged to bring others to the interdenominational meet

11:30 a.m. ABWA - Southeast Express Network - American Business Women's Association-South meets on the second Thursday of each month at MiMi's Cafe in the Pearland Town Center, 11200 Broadway Street, #1600. Lunch is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$20 and includes networking with professional business women lunch and guest speaker. Women of all ages and occupations are invited. Bring plenty of business cards. Reservations are appreciated. Contact Monica Perez at mlynnperez2002@vahoo.com for reservations, or visit the Web site at www.seen-abwa.org.

Houston Area Parkinson Society noon to 1 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a

Al-Anon - Meets every Thursday from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 111. For information, call 281-487-8787. 6:30 p.m.
Luke's Catholic Church – St. Luke the Evangelist Church,

11011 Hall Road, offers free tutoring on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tutoring is held in Room 2 of the Education Building. Contact Joe Pavlicek at 281-484-1397 or by e-mail at joe\_pavlicek@yahoo.com.

8:30 p.m Alcoholics Anonymous – Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays

FRIDAY, MARCH 11 7 a.m. **AA Meeting** – "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday. from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pa

from 8 to 9 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta

Street, For information, call 713-204-2481

1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information AARP-South Belt Chapter - The American Association of Retired Persons meets the second Friday of each month at the community center at El Franco Lee Park on Hall Road.

Noon Moving Forward Women's Adult Children Anonymous - The ACA group meets Fridays at noon at the Up The Street Club in Webster, 508 Nasa Parkway, in room 4. ACA is a 12-step program of hope, healing and recovery for people who grew up in alcoholic or dysfunctional homes. For more information, call 281-286-1431.

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

6 p.m.

Frontier Squares – Meets to square dance at the Westminster Academy at 670 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Refreshments provided. For more information, contact Gina Sherman at 281-554-5675 or visit www.frontiersquares.com SUNDAY, MARCH 13

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

8 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are

held Sundays and Tuesdays from 8 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481

MONDAY MARCH 14

7 a.m.

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

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

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

6:30 p.m.

New Directions Singles Club - The New Directions Singles Club has moved its time and location from St. Paul's Catholic Church, Nassau Bay, to Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 West NASA Parkway in Webster. Meetings are held every Monday evening beginning at 6:30 p.m. This organization was created as a social support outlet for 50+ widowed, divorced and never married indisupport outlet for 50+ widowed, divorced and never married indi-viduals. In addition to the regular meeting, a potluck dinner is held on the first and third Mondays. Call 713-340-2354 for information. Civil Air Patrol Meeting – Weekly at Ellington Field in the Civil Air Patrol Building. Call 281-484-1352 and leave a message for more information. 7 p.m.

Sagemont Civic Club - Meetings are held the second Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at Kirkwood South Christian Church, 10811 Kirkfair Dr.

Grief Support Group - "Friends Helping Friends" meets every

Monday from 7 to 8:15 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehab Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Those who have lost a spouse or other loved one are invited to participate. For information, call Betty Flynn at 281-474-3430 or Diana Kawalec at 281-334-1033.

TUESDAY, MARCH 15 AA Meeting – "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday. from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for informa-

tion, or just drop in.

The Bay Area Military Officers' Wives – hold monthly luncheon meetings on the third Tuesday of each month. Meetings are held at Bay Oaks Country Club from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Active duty or retired officers' wives are eligible. For information, call Patt Simon at 832-

221-2696 or Wendy Peters at 281-333-3115. 1 p.m.

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

1:30 p.m.

Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Bayshore Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Center, 4021 Brookhaven, Pasadena Visit www. hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.

2 p.m. The National Association of Retired Federal Employees NARFE Chapter 941 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. at the EFL Senior Community Center, 9500 Hall Road, in Houston. Visitors are welcome. For additional information, call Roy at 713-734-1461.

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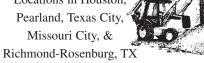
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Tuesday of the month at the Pearland Church of Christ Annex, 2217 N. Grand Blvd. in Pearland. For more information, call 281-485-4140 or 281-485-1431.

7 p.m.

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

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8 p.m.

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### Varsity soccer teams push for positioning

Continued from Page 1B even if the team's eventual seeding has yet to be determined.

The Lady Longhorns were cruising along fine until a couple of bumps came in the road. A 6-0 loss to first-place Deer Park was compounded by a 2-1 defeat to Memorial, but the team has since bounced back.

Karen Treto had four goals as Dobie shut down Pasadena 6-0, and the team then downed Sam Rayburn 4-0 March 8 to move to 6-2 with remaining games against South Houston and Deer Park.

In the easy 4-0 win over Sam Rayburn, Brittany Hernandez got the Lady Longhorns on the board early with a direct kick. Later, Treto and Tanya

Palomares scored on headers off corner kicks from Hernandez. Palomares scored the

team's final goal on an assist by Alyssa Williams. With the season winding down, Deer Park at 8-0 all

but has first place secured. That has left Dobie and Memorial fighting for the

There remains a good possibility that Dobie will be forced to use a tie-breaker to decide second place with Memorial, but either forward. way, the Lady Longhorns will be in the postseason.

At the moment, Dobie head coach Kristina Butler believes Memorial is just ahead of her team in the tie-breaker, but things could change over the final two

regular seaosn at Deer Park

Brook girls nearly out With three games left in

sity girls' team will miss the playoffs.

A variety of things have combined to put one of last year's Region III tournament teams on the verge of playoff elimination.

With remaining games against undefeated Clear Lake and then Pearland and Dickinson, the Lady Wolverines need a sweep of the three-game set to have any shot at collecting enough

At right, Dobie midfielder Karen Treto celebrated her third goal against Pasadena Feb. 28, and she later added a fourth during the team's 6-0 win. With Treto's late-season surge helping out, the Lady Longhorns are en route to the playoffs.



### Lady Horns' softball coasting; Clear Brook sweeps at Manvel

Midway through the varsity softball season, the Dobie and Clear Brook teams have to be feeling good about themselves moving

Dobie, coming off a strong showing at the HSSL things. tournament that included a victory over state-ranked Tomball, is still playing well.

On March 8, the Lady Longhorns crushed Bayames. town Sterling 15-0 at the Dobie will close the Pasadena ISD sports complex as junior pitcher Shannon O'Connor got the vic-

The offense was led by the regular season, it ap- Faith Roberts and Shelby

Former JFD softballers excel

Morgan also doubled in the

With the entire District 22-5A schedule yet to be played, the Dobie squad has established a couple of The team's offense, led by Roberts, O'Brien and

Morgan in the middle of the lineup. is very potent, Dobie will score runs. As for the pitching, na. O'Connor is rounding into

form after a foot injury slowed her up early on. Deer Park will likely try

to stand in the way once District 22-5A action begins, but the Lady Longhorns

O'Brien with triples. Ariel have to be considered the 22-5A front-runner moving

> Dobie will play at La Porte March 11 and will then host Katy Taylor March 19 to end the nondistrict portion of the schedule.

The Lady Longhorns will then begin a stretch of three games in eight days when they open 22-5A play March 22, against Pasade-

Brook now over 500

its three games at the Manvimproved to 9-7 this season with nondistrict play now complete.

The offense has really improved," Clear Brook head coach Ashley Pillow

"I'm very proud of the girls and the way they have come together as a team. The chemistry is great, and they are improving every game. I look forward to seeing what district brings! More than half of the

2010 roster has been replaced since the end of that campaign, yet Clear Brook has managed to play an exciting brand of softball. Things may get tougher

in district action as Pearland, Alvin, Brazoswood, Clear Lake, Clear Creek and Clear Brook all have talented squads, but that's playoffs exciting.

The Lady Wolverines were supposed to open 24-5A play against Pearland March 8, but rain prevented that from happening.

The two teams played

March 9, after press time. Clear Brook will then play at Dickinson March 11 and at Alvin March 15.

The race to the playoffs is now under way, and Brook plans to be there.

## SJC soccer gets Dynamo

the Houston Dynamo 5-0 in Nava. a scrimmage game held at the Carl Lewis International Complex on the University of Houston campus March

"It's definitely a privilege that I know our players were thrilled to participate in," said San Jacinto College head soccer coach Da vid Santesteban. "I was really pleased

with our freshmen players, in particular Amaury Ponce, who was once part of the Dynamo Youth team and played particularly well. "I thought we had some

solid play from Francisco Calvo and Victor Ruiz after a slow start. But all in all, this game was about learning what the game is like at the highest level."

After giving up a couple of goals, San Jacinto came back to play a better game in the second half.

The team attempted several goals, put forth a few

San Jacinto College's Francisco Calvo (right) works against a Houston Dynamo player during a scrimmage game at the University of Houston's Carl Lewis Stadium March 7. The Dynamo won

the game 5-0. Andrea Vasquez, SJC marketi.

The San Jacinto College attacks, and made a few "I'd just like to once the best learning opportu-soccer team fought a tough nice defensive plays with again thank the Houston nities that a student-athlete battle, but ultimately fell to the help of defender Israel Dynamo and Coach Domican have.

Two Dobie High School graduates are off to quick starts in their respective women's college softball careers. Chelsey Morgan (left), who played shortstop

for the Lady Longhorns a season ago, is now at the University of Texas-Permian

Basin playing in the outfield. Amanda Nguyen (right), who played second base

for Dobie last season, is playing the same position for the Army Black Knights.

and both players are excelling. Morgan helped the Falcons win three of four

games while going 9 for 13 at the plate with a homer and six runs batted in. For her effort, Morgan was named the Hitter of the Week in the Southland Confer-

ence. Overall, Morgan is hitting .368 for UTPB, which is 10-13 overall and will

soon begin play in the league. Nguyen picked up Rookie of the Week honors for the second straight week in the Patriot League. Overall, Nguyen leads the Black

Knights with a .406 batting average and seven runs scored.

one that came with valuable "This was a special game I'm excited for them and for learning experience.

for our players, and one of the city of Houston

"The Dynamo preseason

Nava. nic Kinnear for this oppor-In the end, the loss was tunity," Santesteban said. "The Dynamo preseason has gone really well, and



### San Jac softball pockets trophy as regional play opens

San Jacinto hosts Blinn bronze division championship trophy from the pres Friday, March 11, 4 p.m., two games tigious National Fastpitch Coaches Association Junior College Lead-Off Classic in ally scored as Shelby Par- the season with 19 wins in ally scored as shelly 1 and ham's single to right field 21 games.

Landed just fair to give the The Bucs, led by tourna-Panama City, Fla., the San landed just fair to give the locals the win, the team's Jacinto College women's softball team is brimming

17th in 26 overall games.

Next up, San Jac will look to get out of the gate second of the tournament. quickly in regional play, be-The freshman left-handginning with a doubleheader also got the 5-2 win over ngainst eighth-ranked Blinn Mercyhurst, fanning 10 March 11 at the South camalong the way.

pus. The first of two games Saenz's team began play will begin at 4 p.m. in the tournament by col-The following day, March lecting 15 hits in an 11-0 12, the team will travel to route of Chesapeake. Later, Galveston for a pair against Chipola used a six-run, sixth inning to defeat San Jacinto the Whitecaps.

"We're certainly head-ing in the right direction at Indian Hills then downed the right time," San Jacinto San Jac 3-2 despite solo homers from Nicole An-College head coach Kelly Saenz said shortly after the drade and Jaclyn Bechtle. team returned from Florida. As for other tournament

superlatives, Candyce Cart-'This team was involved in 42 innings of play in six er led the way with a .409 games, and we had only two average over the six games, and Bechtle was next at oad innings.

with confidence entering

Region 14 action.

'That's pretty good. We came through with a couple of big wins to wrap up the

San Jac's last at-bat 2-1 with a minor injury. Tori victory over Temple delivered the bronze trophy for the team.

Kacy Hobbs opened the stuff. Blinn, San Jac's opinning with a walk, moved ponent to open conference to second base on a bunt hit action, will enter the fray

ment most valuable player Sara Vaughn, went 6-0 at Starting pitcher Shannon the NFCA event, putting to-

Millman got the win, her gether six straight wins. The final included a 3-2 victory in the gold bracket game against Chattanooga. It's the second tournament

title for Blinn this season. "Blinn is going to be tough," Saenz said. "They're very good at what they do. But this is conference play and the games count for

"It's always a good battle when we face Blinn, and then we take on Galveston. It would be great to get off to a great start, and we know Blinn and Galveston want the same thing.

San Jac wound up the NFCA tourney with just 14 healthy players, but Saenz Bethany Armstrong hit ers to return to health in the .357 in the first four games short term.

What she does know is that with freshmen Mill-Cummings knocked in a Alexis Estrada and Katie Vogt performing well in the circle, San Jacinto has a chance in every game

> "When you keep games close, you always give yourself a chance to win." Saenz

and we have had a number

"Our pitching has really ence season, but we expect held up well this season, to be right there. It all starts



Temple College Classic to help San Jacinto College win four times in five games. San Jacinto is now 13-7 this season with a couple of tournament trips to Florida

### Dobie baseball cruising; Clear Brook splits four games

nament, the Longhorns teams in the region. made sure things were handled early against Pas-

Al Gonzalez smashed With victories in each of his second home run of face a tough six-game to roll. the season and Justin Eckel tournament, Clear Brook ols hit a two-run homer as the Longhorns made tournament, but after that, easy work of the Eagles at Maguire Field. To this point in the sea-

son, Dobie has to qual-

Continued from Page 1B ify as one of the surprise pitching staff that has also

before missing the final day

Now comes the real

team-high five runs.

At 9-2, the team is off to its best start in many The Longhorns still

stretch in three days at the March 10-12 Round Rock the team will play 14 district games to close out the regular season. Pitts has led a solid kind of start

gotten great efforts from Xavier Johnson, Ryan McCormack, Xavier Hernandez and others, but it's the offense that continues

Over 11 games, Dobie has scored 94 runs, which out while getting the win is 8.5 or so per game. At as the Wolverines opened the tournament with a 6-2 that rate, it's easy to see why the Longhorns have been able to get off to this

victory over Seven Lakes.

a pair of losses.

tournament March 4-6 but

then ended the event with

Ryan Vruggink struck

Brook splits four games Nolan Trabanino earned The Clear Brook Wolthe victory verines got off to a quick Starting pitcher Andrew start at the Clear Creek ISD

Phu was the hard-luck loser as the Wolverines lost 5-0 to Cy-Creek, and the team ended the event with a 6-4 loss to Victoria West. Clear Brook is now

set to play in the David

Crafton Memorial tourn-The Wolverines then ment at three locales in nammered Lufkin 9-2 as Spring March 10-12. At left, Dobie varsity baseball head coach Miguel Torres (center) confers with right-hander Xavier

Hernandez (26) and catcher Justin Eckols after Hernandez entered in relief against Dickinson March 4 at Dobie. The Longhorns won the game 6-5 and swept three wins at the Pasadena ISD tournament.

### Westfield ISD tourney

Thursday, March 10: Brook vs. Cy-Springs, at Westfield, 4 p.m.; Brook vs. Houston Christian, at Westfield, 7 p.m. Friday, March 11: Brook vs. Westfield, at Westfield, 1 p.m. Saturday, March 12: Games to be determined by finish in pool play action.

#### Round Rock ISD tourney

Thursday, March 10: Dobie vs. Flower Mound Marcus, 4:30 p.m.; Dobie vs. Pflugerville, 7 p.m. Friday, March 11: Dobie vs. Heritage,

2 p.m.; Dobie vs. Round Rock Westwood,

Saturday, March 12: Dobie vs. Cedar Park, 9:30 a.m.; Dobie vs. Coppell, noon

#### H-Town Jokers' 10s win select baseball tournament



The H-Town Jokers, a 10-year-old select baseball team from the South Belt area, won first place in the bronze division at the Jokers' Bash 11-AA tournament held at Big League Dreams in League City. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Bryan Cisneros, Sam Velazquez, (middle row) Frank

Mendez, Aaron Perea, Brandon Valdez, Lorenzo Mendez, Nick Gaytan, Dylan Deim, Alex Hernandez, (back row) coach Oscar Perea, coach Mike Mendez, Dave Ayala, coach Donny Velazquez and manager Rudy Mendez.