

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@southbeltleader.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. One-piece 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 Francesa 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

In response to outcry from the South Belt community, 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

— to prohibit vehicles from exiting the subdivision 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 regulations.

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 consideration.

Harris County officials have already agreed 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 dispatch

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."

The center is located in the district's Frank Braden Center, 1850 E. Sam Houston Pkwy. South.

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 713-740-5300. Walk-ins are also welcome.

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Hit-and-run suspect sought

The Harris County 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-

ing a light blue Ford Ranger, along with a female 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-year-old Hispanic female wearing a white shirt and red basketball shorts.

Anyone with information on this case is urged to call 281-481-9189.



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 member.

Both Kendrick and Morgan have filed to maintain their seats. Each of the positions is a three-year term. At press time, both candidates were running unopposed.

Those wishing to file should pick up an application 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 election.

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 September. 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, and 1 to 5 p.m.

For more information, call 281-998-6183.

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 about the ceremony.

Photo by James Bolen

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 Unfunded Mandates.

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 recommendations 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 burdening local authorities with unfunded mandates as

they 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 El 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 Mary Ann Whiteaker.

Pct. 2 deputies arrest burglary suspects, respond to explosion

Following a two-year investigation, deputies 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 students.

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

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 refund.

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 in the head.

He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Group names UHCL Bullock president

The Texas Association of 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 organization.

"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-elect position at the state level 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 in higher education and collaborates with them to create workable solutions.

For 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.

Over The Back Fence by Jan

DOTTIE SENT GOOD WISHES
Dottie Cantalamessa celebrates her birthday Thursday, March 10. Her family, friends and the Leader staff send her best wishes.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District 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 cake for 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 included:

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 journalism 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 more."

Judy Schwab reported that husband Buzzy 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 month.

Cheryl 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 Parkway. 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.

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Sci-Fi convention set

Explore fantasy and science fiction game play at the ConJour: Fantasy, Horror and Sci-Fi Convention for gamers and guests held at the University of Houston-Clear Lake. The event begins Friday, March 11, at 4 p.m., and runs through Sunday, March 13, at 3 p.m., in the university's Bayou Building.

ConJour is the Clear Lake area's only Fantasy, Horror and Sci-Fi convention. Participants wishing to attend in costume can find guidelines for what is permissible at the organization's website.

Admission is \$15 per person for UHCL students and faculty, \$20 per person for the general public, with children under 10 free. Register at <http://www.conjour.net>.

This event is sponsored by the UHCL Gamers' Guild. For information, contact Conjour@gmail.com or e-mail guild master James Kent at Slyrdragon13@comcast.net.

Sierra meets March 16

The Sierra Club will hold its 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 discuss Houston's air pollution challenges.

Social time begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by speakers from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway.

For information, contact Grace Martinez at martinez7@earthlink.net or Linda King at lindaawking@att.net.

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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 night sky.

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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PASADENA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTIONS OFFICE

During Spring Break, Monday, March 14, through Friday, March 18, 2011, the Pasadena ISD Elections Office will be OPEN ONLY ON Monday, March 14, 2011. (Use Strawberry Entrance)

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 Administration Building, 1515 Cherrybrook, Room N-101.

Elections Office/Administrative Services
(713) 740-0027



Remember When

30 years ago (1981)
David Terry Haley, head coach at San Jacinto Intermediate, was selected as the replacement for Eddie Francis in the Pasadena Independent School District at the regular monthly meeting. Over 100 parents from the Sageglen and Green Tee subdivisions attended the Clear Creek Independent School District Board of Education meeting to urge the board to purchase land in the northwest portion of the district for an intermediate 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 METRO 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 in the files.

Between a possible tax rollback and the Texas Legislature, Clear Creek Independent School District could have lost up to \$10 million for the 1991-92 school year.

15 years ago (1996)
The Thompson academic team won the district National Academic League championship for the fourth year in a row.

The youth sports complex at El Franco Lee Park officially opened.

10 years ago (2001)
A year had passed, and there were still no leads in the cases of Jonathan Barica or Gail Totman.

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

Southpoint Theater reopened with free children's movies.

5 years ago (2006)
South Belter was preparing for the upcoming election day which included one hotly contested race for local justice of the peace. George Risner faced challengers Vicky Morris and Leobaldo "Leo" Cardenas in the Democratic primary.

South Belt physician Dr. Mary Campbell-Fox was honored as the PISD 2006 Distinguished Alumna at a reception held in her honor.

The combination of alert neighbors and a quick response from Precinct 2 Constable Gary Freeman's deputies resulted in the arrest for possession of a controlled substance and a failed home burglary.

Members of Houston's new professional soccer team Dynamo paid a visit to the San Jacinto College South campus for a scrimmage against the Coyote's men's team.

1 year ago (2010)
Frazier Elementary School's Rhonda Parmer 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 from 1999, Harrell was promoted to principal in 2006. Harrell and her team of teachers and staff were credited with helping students make major strides in their transition to high school through the district's Expectation Graduation initiative.

Longtime Houston Police Department Sgt. Gregory Gillespie retired after serving more than 34 years on the force, 25 of which were spent in the South Belt area. Gillespie said he intended to spend the first year of his retirement traveling with his wife, who was also retiring.

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Hobby Lions Club to meet

Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club will meet Wednesday, March 16, at 11:30 a.m. at the Golden Corral at Fuqua and I-45. For more information, call Monica Montoya at 281-794-5531.

Audition for *Getting Sara Married* at PLT

Pasadena Little Theatre, 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 headshots are appreciated but not required.

Three men and three women ages 30s to 50s are required. Auditions consist of cold readings from the script. The show dates are May 15 to May 29.

Contact the director, Glenn Keith, at gkeyth@yahoo.com with questions, or visit the website at www.pasadenalittletheatre.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

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 apartment.

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

After being bopped on the head a few times, having a temporary loss of memory and experiencing several instances of mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and a confrontation with a very angry fiancée, Brandon slowly comes to realize that Sara is really the girl for him.

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 and adults alike. Visit the website at abnc.org for details.

On March 20 from 1 to 3 p.m., the Sundays in Nature 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 environment and what to do

if they appear to be orphaned or injured.

Meet some of the nature center's live animals and join in on a guided hike through the forest.

Admission to Sundays in Nature is \$3 for adults, and \$1 for children ages 4-12 and seniors 60 and older. There is no cost for members.

Armand Bayou Nature Center is located at 8500 Bay Area Blvd. (intersection of Bay Area and Red Bluff Road) in Pasadena. For more information, call 281-474-2551.

DeHarts celebrate 45th anniversary



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, Mississippi, 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 Steakhouse in Pearland.

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.

Thompson releases 4th 6-weeks rolls

Thompson Intermediate School recently announced its honor rolls for the fourth six-weeks grading period. Students earning status are:

Honor roll
Seventh grade
 Ahmad Hussein Abusaf, Luis Alan Adame, Beulah Chinonyerem Akpan, Aliana Cristina Aleman, Adrianna A. Allen, Cera Elizabeth Alvarado, Daniel Alvarez, Marissa Isabel Amezcua, Amandanico Gabino Arambula, Cristian Ernesto Ascencio and Jaylon Deon Bolden.
Eighth grade
 Daniel Joseph Brader, Hannah Marie Brady, Brittain Renee Burnham, Daniela Campo, Kara Ashley Campos, Mandy Thuy Cao, Katie Ann Carnish, Anthony Noah Caughlin, Gabriela Cavazos, Andrea Rene Cedeno, Brandon Van Chung and Madeline

Anastasia Colunga.
 Tristan Issac Cool, Kevin Joseph Cortez, Zoe Nicole Cortez, 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.
 Ryan Vaughn Ehlinger, Marquise Juane Francis, Adriana Garcia, Aileen Victoria Garcia, Kenia Giselle Garcia, Leslie Alejandra Garcia, Alexis Nicole Garza, Crystal Garza, Justin Allen Gee, Andrew Davendra Ghansyam, Holly Sophia Gonzales and David Lee Gonzalez.
 Vanessa Alexandra Gonzalez, Stephanie Alexis Goudeau, Leann Marie Guerrero, Pernel Joseph Hamilton, Myles Avery Harris, Kallie Nicole Hart, Samuel Dontae Hart, Shelby Ann Henderer, Michelle Ngoc Thao Hoang, Dechanelle Nickay Howell and Aryn Danielle Ibarra.
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 Sarah Ruth Loftin, Orlando Nigel Logan, Julia Michelle Lohse, Marissa Reyna Longoria, Ana Martinez, Briana Alexis Martinez, Eric William Mauk, Evan Thomas Mauk, Marisa Mendieta, Virginia Nicole Mora, Jordan Chase Moreno, Jade Thi Mottu and Isaiah A. Munoz.
 Cody Blaine Murray, Summer Kamleh Naser, Angel Luis Navedo, Karen Neira, Amber Chanel Newsom, Albert Trieu Nguyen, Elton Duy Long Nguyen, Martin Anh Vu Nguyen, Nancy Trang Nguyen, Thuanh Vu Nguyen, Tin Nhan Nguyen and Tina Mongduytien Nguyen.
 Jason Chuan Nhan, Rebecca Lynn Nickelson, Joshua Lee Onak, Brandon Angel Padilla, Greeilynne Bayang Panza, Jesus Manuel Paredes, Marcela Gabriella Pena, Ashley Christine Perez, Julissa Perez, De'andrea La'shay Petite, Thinh Duc Phan and Alyssa Michelle Pierce.
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Hope Village presents Passport to the World of Wine March 26

On Saturday, March 26, wine and dine at the seventh annual Passport to the World of Wine benefiting the Hope Village and the Hope Foundation.

Enjoy tasting 30 wines from around the world, sampling many culinary delights provided by the Hope Village Tea Room, and bidding on more than 70 auction items.

The wine tasting and silent auction bidding will begin at 6:30 p.m., and the live auction at 8 p.m. Last year's event sold out, so purchase tickets early.

A limited number of reserved tickets are available at \$75 each. Reserved ticket holders will have guaranteed seating. General admission tickets are \$40 each with seating not guaranteed. Reserved table sponsorships are available for \$800, which includes reserved

seating for eight with sponsor's name on the table and in the program. Wine table sponsorships are available for \$550, which includes four general admission tickets and sponsor's name on the wine tasting table.

To reserve a ticket or table, call 281-400-2011. Tickets are also on sale in the Village Café, or visit www.hope-village.com.

Passport sponsors for this year's event are AMOCO Federal Credit Union and

United Space Alliance.

The Hope Foundation is a nonprofit foundation which operates Hope Village in Friendswood. It is the mission of Hope Village to provide superior yet affordable care for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Hope Village is located at 15403 Hope Village Road in Friendswood, across from Clear Brook High School. For directions and maps, visit www.hope-village.com.

PLT presents *Cinderella*

Cinderella, the beloved musical by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II, will open Friday, March 18, running four weekends through April 10, at Pasadena Little Theatre, 4318 Allen-Genoa Road.

Show times are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, with matinees at 3 p.m. on Sundays. On Thursday, April 7, a special two-for-one show is offered at 8 p.m. A \$14 ticket will admit two to this performance.

Cinderella is directed by David Blystone, with musical direction by Judie Valentine, and choreography by Gregory R. Brown. This classic production tells the story of Cinderella, who is left to the devices of her evil stepmother and two evil stepsisters but still manages to rise above her life of servitude to make all her dreams come true. This happens with the help of her fairy godmother, a little magic, and a handsome prince.

A special lunch with the *Cinderella* stars is offered



The king, South Belt resident Bill Edwards, the prince, Chance Westerman, and the queen, Laura Hoehn, appear in *Cinderella* by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II at Pasadena Little Theatre, 4318 Allen-Genoa Road. The opening is Friday, March 18, at 8 p.m., and the show will continue weekends through April 10.

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Lariaettes compete at Cy Woods HS

The J. Frank Dobie Lariaettes drill team competed in a team competition recently at Champion Dance Competition at Cy Woods High School in Cypress. The team walked away with 21 awards and was named Best in Class Large Team Champion. Fifty-one Lariaettes competed in team, officer, and elite team routines, as well as solos and duets. The social officers won second place in all social

routines, performing their novelty routine to *Teenage Dream*. The social officers are not selected based on their dance skills, but their creativity and organization. The social officers are Katlyn Hoggard, Asia Allen, Caitlin Woods and Briana Harper. The military officers again came away with many awards, receiving the Award of Excellence for being named the highest scoring

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. 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 re-

spective categories, and once 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

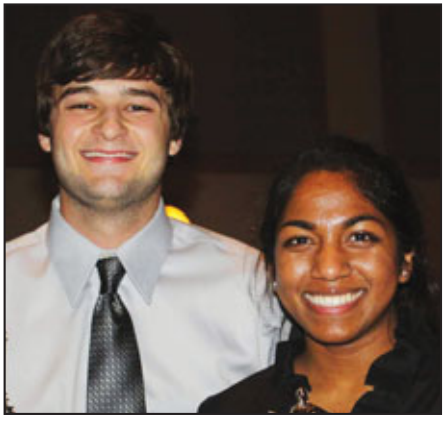
from *Newsies* – was named first runner-up Outstanding Novelty of the entire day (all teams, all divisions). They also won the Modern Category, being named the best Team Modern of the entire competition. The girls also received the Award of Excellence, as well as the Judges Award once again for team routines. They were also honored 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, Breyonna Milton, Thu Nyguen, Brianna 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-Queen Onokwu, Karena Duran, Kayla Smith, Jasmine Walker, Rachel Moore, (back row) Maritza Perez, Lorin Mata, Demi Ayala, Annisia Bell, Phylesha Daigle, Kameko Bryant, Amanda Palacios, Princess Tabarez and Paige Cavazos.

Duo to represent Clear Brook Debate



The Clear Brook debate team attended its annual National Forensics District Tournament March 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 Interpretation. Photo submitted

PISD Wellness Center opens . . .

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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.

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 insurance. The district is in the process of obtaining a license to dispense medicine. For now, patients who are prescribed medicine can get those prescriptions filled at local pharmacies.

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 said.

The district is also working 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 lower health care costs to the district.

SJC concerts set

The San Jacinto College Central music department will host several concerts during March that will showcase 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 8066 Spencer Highway in Pasadena.

adjudicators from Texas universities. "Those who attend can enjoy a full day of talented musicians led by quality jazz instructors," commented SJC music instructor Jeffrey Adams. "Groups will perform several different styles of jazz, such as Swing, Straight Ahead, Standards, Latin, Funk, Rock, etc. No jazz enthusiast should miss this show."

Concerts scheduled for 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 for piano students.
 • Monday, March 28, 7 p.m. – A string recital concert will showcase music from the violin family of instruments and will feature SJC faculty members and guest artists. Selections will include the piano quartet op. 47 by Robert Schumann and the piano quartet op. 60 by Johannes Brahms.
 • Wednesday, March 30, 7 p.m. – A string concert will feature the music department's orchestra performing Symphony No. 16 and No. 22 by F.J. Haydn, and the first movement of the Stamitz Viola Concerto.
 • Thursday, March 24, 7 p.m. – A jazz concert will feature two groups, the jazz combo and the jazz ensemble. Student musicians will perform traditional and standard jazz tunes, including selections that allow for considerable improvisation.
 • Saturday, March 26, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. – The Gulf Coast Intercollegiate Conference Jazz Festival will feature area community college jazz ensembles, combos and soloists. Musicians will receive constructive criticism from

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Beverly Hills names fourth 6-weeks rolls

Beverly Hills Intermediate School recently released its honor rolls for the fourth six-weeks grading period. Students earning status are:

Honor roll
Seventh grade
 Maite Albarra, Maria Ignacia Alvarez, Genneve Uzoamaka Anagbogu, Edgar Arzate, Lidia Avitia, Uvia Azar, Keahna Jhonia Bailey, Brandon Alexander Baker, Jocelyn Briana Banda, Adam Quinton Boswell, Jessica Yvette Bustamante and Takira Nailah Butler.

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Eighth grade
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Dobie boys nab 22-5A soccer title

Lady Longhorns, Brook boys are in postseason chase

There will be no late-season drama in the District 22-5A varsity boys' soccer ranks. The Dobie Longhorns have made sure of that.

Taking down Sam Rayburn March 8 at Newcomb Field, the Longhorns 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 the team has little to accomplish other than to maintain the momentum that has lasted nearly the entire season.

The Longhorns went 10-1-1 through nondistrict play and have now posted a 6-0-2 mark through eight district contests for a 16-1-3 mark.

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

In 2009, the Longhorns made a school-first trip to the Region III tournament. There will be no lofty predictions coming from Saavedra at this point, but there's no doubt he's pleased this group has, at least to this point, capitalized on its potential.

"If we can manage to stay focused, get a little lucky and stay away from the injury bug, we have a good chance to make another deep run in the playoffs,"

Saavedra said. It has a lot to do with how hard these kids work and their belief in each other."

CB boys need strong end

Just a week ago, things were looking up for the Clear Brook varsity boys' team.

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 24-5A.

But now things have become a bit more dicey.

The Wolverines lost 2-0 to Clear Springs March 4, and then fell 5-0 to Brazoswood.

Suddenly at 4-5-2, the Wolverines need a strong finish in their final three games, each of which will come against a fellow playoff contender.

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

Three wins would be nice, but Brook likely needs to claim at least two out of the three in order to avoid missing the postseason.

Dobie girls in hunt

Despite losses to Deer Park and Memorial in a three-game stretch, the Dobie varsity girls' team is also headed to the playoffs, Continued on Page 6B



Dobie's Jose Gonzalez, the District 22-5A scoring leader, has had little trouble working his magic in the league. Now, he hopes his success continues in the playoffs. GaryWPhotos.com

JFD baseball run-rules Eagles, now 9-2

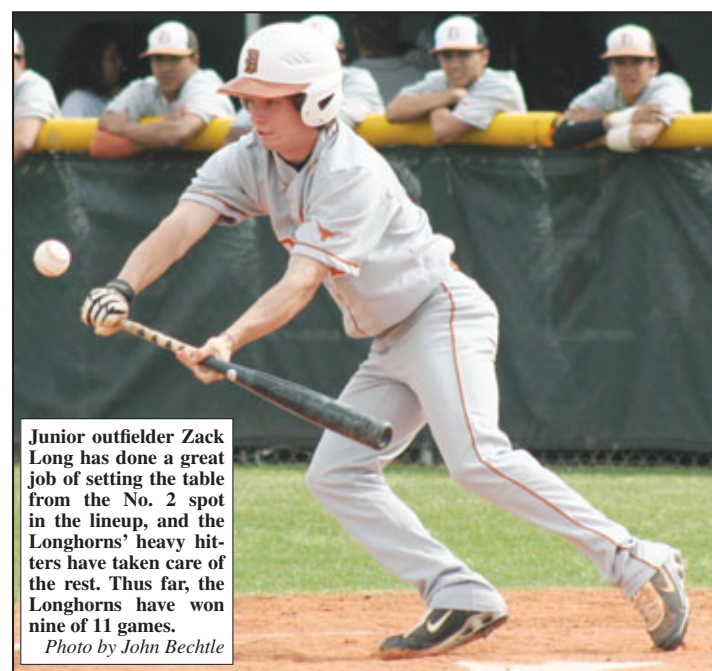
Dobie starter Emmitt Pitts allowed just two hits over five innings, and the Longhorns' offense continued to roll as the varsity baseball team opened 22-5A action successfully.

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 Pasadena.

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 showed.

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 right-hander hasn't needed much run support.

Yet after eking out three close wins at the PISD tournament, Continued on Page 6B



Junior outfielder Zack Long has done a great job of setting the table from the No. 2 spot 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 School star basketball player Karima Christmas reached a milestone while helping the Duke University women's basketball team clinch its second straight Atlantic Coast Conference championship.

The title came back home to Duke with an 81-66 victory over North Carolina

March 6 at the Greensboro Coliseum.

Christmas, now a senior at Duke, scored 13 points in the final to become the 27th player in school history to pocket 1,000 points in a career.

With the NCAA tournament coming next, Christmas now has 1,004 career points.

Duke, ranked eighth in the country, entered the ACC tournament as the top seed. In the semifinals, Christmas had a season-high 20 points as the Blue Devils downed Georgia Tech 74-66.

Duke senior Jasmine Thomas was named most valuable player of the ACC tournament, and Christmas was named to the all-ACC

team for the second straight season.

Christmas averaged 9.1 points and 6.2 rebounds per contest for Duke, which at 28-3 will host the first two rounds of the NCAA tournament at Cameron Indoor Stadium March 19-21.

The tournament field had not been established at press time.



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

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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

SOCCER
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

SOFTBALL
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

BASEBALL
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

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



Felicia Coleman

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 by sophomores Rachel Purdy and Coleman in setting a new Central College indoor record. Coleman

also holds college records (7.35 seconds) and the in the indoor 55 meters door 200-meters (25.98).

Rising Stars extend track sign up

The Rising Stars youth track and field club extended 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.com/risingstars.

Cougars 8-under unbeaten at South Houston



The South Belt Lady Cougars 8-under team went 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

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'Jancee Dykes, Jocelyn Thompson, Yelena Cleckley, Yvonne Whaley, (back row) coach Esmeralda Whaley, I'yanca Medlock, Brieza Guerrero, Taylor Pleasants, Tylar Dortch, Alexis Oses, Precious Oguamanam and coach Midady Pleasants.

Lakers' 7-8 hoops nets Pasadena championship

The South Belt Lakers 7-8-year-old basketball team was crowned the City of Pasadena champions after defeating the Pasadena Mustangs 24-20 in the league title game. The Lakers started fast as they went up 8-0 in the first period. They continued their

strong defensive effort in the second quarter, grabbing a 10-6 lead at halftime. In the third period, the Mustangs came out hot until the Lakers' Christian Cleckley countered with a 3-pointer from the wing. The big shot by Cleckley helped the Lakers lead 20-14 heading into the final quarter. Down the stretch, the Lakers combined terrific play by Marquise Scott and tough rebounding by Marco Sanchez to eventually take a four-point win over the Mustangs. Leading the scoring for the Lakers was Scott with 11 points.



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

quarter) Christian Cleckley, Marco Sanchez, Marquise Scott, Robert Ernest, Miguel Smiley, De'Mauri McDaniel, (back row) coaches Amber Estrada and Jose Estrada.

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 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 time.

Through the first three meets, the Lady Bears, along with two-time overall champion Giselle Landa, had turned some heads.

BH1 7 girls win again

Landa won the individual title for the second straight meet, completing the two-mile 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), Uvia 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 (70th at 16:06.30), Victoria

Sanchez (79th at 16:25.54), 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, taking third place overall in a time of 13:21.73. Overall, Thompson's scorers helped the team to a fifth-place finish.

At 13:55.62, Ashley Perez placed ninth for the Lady Lions, and Esmeralda Ibarra was 16th in a time of 14:18.06.

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.

Thompson's other competitors 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 (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).

Lady Bears 8s are 2nd

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

The big contributor was Mariah Escobar, who posted a time of 12:54 to win the overall championship by a mere second over Yuliana 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.

Deanna Martinez was in the 14th slot after a time of 13:56, and Mercedes Olguin was 29th in a time of 14:25 to round out the team's scoring.

Mikaila Gary (30th at 14:26), Alondra Arriaga (32nd at 14:43), Jacquelyn Villarreal (33rd at 14:44), Kianna Zereno (35th at 14:50), Tina Nguyen (41st at 15:01), Maybelt Lopez (67th at 16:02) and Wendy Vargas (69th at 16:05) also ran well for Beverly Hills in the meet.

6th for Lions' 8s

The Thompson eighth-grade team took sixth place in the final team standings as Valerie Colunga (13:47) and Emily Wolfe (13:48) were the ninth- and 10th-place finishers.

Celeste Briones was 34th in a time of 14:46, Raquel Delgadillo was 56th at 15:29, and Ashley McDonald was 57th at 15:34 to complete Thompson's scorers.

The Lady Lions' other runners included A'yuna Braddford (64th at 15:50), Taylor Nguyen (81st at 16:33), Cybelle Cerda (87th at 16:46), Maria Mejia-Ortiz (99th at 17:35), Michelle SanMiguel (101st at 18:19) and Alissa Gonzales (102nd at 18:45).

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 Hills and Thompson are rounding into form.

Beverly Hills Intermediate seventh-grade student Josue Villalta reached his goal of winning a meet, taking first place in the two-mile 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

Tyson Thompson and Christian Sosa cracked the top 13 for the Lions' seventh-grade team that would

up seventh in the final team standings.

Thompson ran to the finish line in a time of 11:27 for fourth place, and Sosa's time of 11:57 was 13th overall.

Tyler Goron was next for the Lions as his time of 12:37 was 32nd, and Joshua 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 competitors 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 DeLaGarza (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 paced 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 Ty Lozano, who was 32nd in a time of 12:14, and George Molina (33rd at 12:15).

Jordan Jimenez (41st at 12:22), Carlos Martinez (46th at 12:29), Tyler Scott (55th at 12:41.92), Jimmy

Navarez (57th at 12:43), Jorrell Campos (59th at 12:44.64), Nixon Melgar (62nd at 12:47), Zach Blue (71st at 13:02), Jeff Tyler (73rd at 13:05), Alex Martinez (76th at 13:11) and Augustine Ogunanom (90th at 13:36.3) also ran very well for Thompson.

BHI 8s place sixth

The Bears' eighth-grade team took the sixth team spot in the third meet of the season.

Rodolfo Jimenez was 13th in a time of 11:45 to 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' 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 (113th at 16:00).

PISD's final CC meet set

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

The results from that meet will appear in the March 17 *Leader*, as will details regarding the start of the track and field season.

Several Wolverines' varsity basketball players earn District 24-5A honors

Clear Brook junior forward Fred Richardson was one of a select group of varsity boys' basketball players to garner postseason awards following the 2010-2011 season.

The league's coaches gathered following the completion of the playoffs to make their selections.

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

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

Brazoswood senior Colman Flemons was honored as the 24-5A Defensive

Player of the Year, and Clear Springs sophomore Jeff Beverly was the Newcomer of the Year.

Clear Springs' Chris Johnson and Chris Romine of Clear Creek, who guided their respective teams to the top of the 24-5A standings, were named Co-Coaches of the Year along with Will Flemons of Brazoswood.

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.

Brazoswood, Clear Lake and Clear Brook all finished at 8-6 in the standings. The Bucs advanced as the third

playoff seed after a tie-breaker system was used. Meanwhile, Clear Lake engaged Clear Brook in a one-game playoff to decide the fourth seed, with Clear Lake advancing.

With so much depth from a team standpoint in the dis-

trict, many teams earned plenty of recognition during the all-district picks process.

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

The Wolverines got se-

nior forward Alex Pettigrew and junior guard Chris Campbell berths on the first team.

The Wolverines' second team selection was three-year varsity member Spencer Bowman, and sophomore guard Chase Mullins

was an honorable mention pick. Looking ahead, the Wolverines might be considered a preseason favorite for next season along with Springs and Lake.

Brook will return its top two leading scorers in Richardson and Campbell, as

well as Mullins.

Clear Springs has graduated plenty of talent over the past two seasons, but the Chargers will have Beverly back in the mix along with honorable mention selection Parker Callendar, also a sophomore.

Clear Lake, which sneaked into the playoffs this season with a win over Brook, will also have a couple of key players back such as first team picks Paris Clayton and Rob Lewis. Clayton, a two-year starter, will be a junior. Lewis will

be a senior. The Falcons also had current juniors Colton Krenek (second team) and Alden Miles (honorable mention) selected.

Clear Creek and Brazoswood, meanwhile, will be hit hard by the 2011 graduation process.



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 return next season.

Junior Chris Campbell (left), shown guarding Brazoswood's Cody Bryant during a 24-5A game, was one of two Clear Brook players named to the 24-5A varsity boys' basketball first team. Campbell wound up as the team's second-leading scorer. Bryant, meanwhile, was named to the second team after helping the Bucs to the playoffs.

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.

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 Bourgeois, 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.

Alden Miles, Clear Lake, Jr.

Gabe Lavespere, Clear Lake, Sr.

Howard Matthews, Clear Springs, Sr.

Parker Callendar, Clear Springs, Soph.



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 push.



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 top-seed after finishing regional play at 16-3, San Jacinto led the Seahawks by 11 points at the half, 39-28, but Lamar State-Port Arthur came out strong in the second 20 minutes.

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 cars.

As a team, San Jac shot 38 percent from the field, while Lamar State-Port Arthur connected on 46 percent. San Jacinto College took the rebounding edge 39-36.

Vonn Jones led Lamar State-Port Arthur with 30 points in the game as the tournament's No. 7 seed won four games to advance to nationals.

The win earns the Seahawks 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 Germander, 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.

Germander 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, including eight 3-pointers. Moses Sundufu and Chris Richardson added 12 points apiece for San Jacinto.

The off-season will include a roster overhaul at San Jacinto as the team has just five freshmen in the program.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MARCH 10
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.

9:30 a.m.
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 meeting.

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 mlynperez2002@yahoo.com for reservations, or visit the Web site at www.seen-abwa.org.

Noon
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free water exercise from noon to 1 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.

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

6:30 p.m.
St. Luke'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 from 8 to 9 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.

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 Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.

10 a.m.
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 information, or just drop in.

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

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

6:30 p.m.
New Directions Singles Club - 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 individuals. 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
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.

11 a.m.
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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CALENDAR

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TUESDAY, MARCH 15
6:30 p.m.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - Due to Sagemont Recreation Center closing for remodeling, TOPS will meet at the Beverly Hills Community Center, 10201 Kingspoint. For information, call Erma Coskey at 713-946-6049.

Clear Lake Toastmasters Club - Meets at the Clear Lake Church of Christ, 938 El Dorado Blvd. Call Jerry Tate at 281-481-5417 for information.

Pearland Area Republican Women's Club - meets the third 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.

The Compassionate Friends - TCF meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Friendswood United Methodist Church, 110 N. Friendswood Drive, behind the sanctuary in the Education Building - 2nd floor. TCF is a nondenominational, self-help organization offering friendship, emotional support and understanding to bereaved parents after the death of a child of any age. Grandparents and adult siblings are welcome as well. For information, call Nita at 713-412-4883 or Nancy at 713-941-2583.

Positive Interaction Program - meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria, in the staff meeting room 1st floor. Bring a friend or neighbor and work together to make PIP the best in the city. PIP consists of police and citizens working together to help make neighborhoods safer. For more information, call Officer Randy Derr at 281-218-3900.

Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center - Weekly sexual assault support group offers a confidential self-help support group for victim/survivors of rape and sexual abuse. To attend or for more information, call 281-286-2525. 8 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16
7 a.m.

AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday. from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in. 10 a.m.

Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 - Free monthly gardening educational programs meet on the third Wednesday of each month. The programs are at 10 a.m. at Clear Lake Park in the meeting room located at 5001 Nasa Parkway, Seabrook (on the south side of the lake). The programs are free and open to the public. For information, call 281-991-8437 or visit the Web site at www.hcmgap2.tamu.edu. 11:30 a.m.

Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club - meets at 11:30 a.m. on the first and third Wednesday of the month. Meetings are held at the Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway (Fuqua and I-45). For information, call Monica Montoya at 281-794-5531. 4 p.m.

Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise held from 4 to 5 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Pearland, 3005 Pearland Parkway, Pearland. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered. 6:30 p.m.

Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center - Domestic violence support group for male survivors meets each Wednesday at 210 S. Walnut off NASA Parkway. Call 281-338-7600 for information. Participants may join at any time as this is an open group. 7 p.m.

Survivors of Suicide Support Group - The Southeast Houston group meets the first and third Wednesday of each month. The group offers support and coping skills in a non-threatening environment to adult individuals who have lost a loved one to suicide. For information on registration or to obtain a physical address for a location, call 713-533-4500 or visit www.crisishotline.org.

Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center - Confidential domestic violence support group for women meets every week. For information, call 281-338-7600 or visit www.bayareaturningpoint.com. BATT is located at 210 S. Walnut off NASA Parkway between Interstate 45 South and Highway 3. The 24-hour crisis hotline is 281-286-2525.

THURSDAY, MARCH 17
7 a.m.

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Texas German Society, South Belt (Southeast) Chapter - A social group interested in the culture, music, heritage and language of the immigrants in early German settlements in Texas. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visitors are welcome. Call 281-481-1238 for more information. 6:30 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. 8:30 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 next two slots.

There remains a good possibility that Dobie will be forced to use a tie-breaker to decide second place with Memorial, but either 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 games.

Dobie will close the regular season at Deer Park March 22.

Brook girls nearly out
With three games left in the regular season, it ap-

pears the Clear Brook varsity 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 points to advance.

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.

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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 forward.

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

On March 8, the Lady Longhorns crushed Baytown Sterling 15-0 at the Pasadena ISD sports complex as junior pitcher Shannon O'Connor got the victory.

The offense was led by Faith Roberts and Shelby

O'Brien with triples. Ariel Morgan also doubled in the big win.

With the entire District 22-5A schedule yet to be played, the Dobie squad has established a couple of things.

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, 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

have to be considered the 22-5A front-runner moving forward.

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 Pasadena.

Brook now over .500
With victories in each of its three games at the Manvel tournament, Clear Brook improved to 9-7 this season with nondistrict play now complete.

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

"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 what makes the race to the 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.

San Jac softball pockets trophy as regional play opens

Riding home with a bronze division championship trophy from the prestigious National Fastpitch Coaches Association Junior College Lead-Off Classic in Panama City, Fla., the San Jacinto College women's softball team is brimming with confidence entering Region 14 action.

Next up, San Jac will look to get out of the gate quickly in regional play, beginning with a doubleheader against eighth-ranked Blinn March 11 at the South campus. The first of two games will begin at 4 p.m.

The following day, March 12, the team will travel to Galveston for a pair against the Whitecaps.

"We're certainly heading in the right direction at the right time," San Jacinto College head coach Kelly Saenz said shortly after the team returned from Florida.

"This team was involved in 42 innings of play in six games, and we had only two bad innings.

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

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

Kacy Hobbs opened the inning with a walk, moved to second base on a bunt hit by Evan Babin and eventu-

San Jacinto hosts Blinn Friday, March 11, 4 p.m., two games

ally scored as Shelby Parham's single to right field landed just fair to give the locals the win, the team's 17th in 26 overall games.

Starting pitcher Shannon Millman got the win, her second of the tournament.

The freshman left-hander also got the 5-2 win over Mercyhurst, fanning 10 along the way.

Saenz's team began play in the tournament by collecting 15 hits in an 11-0 route of Chesapeake. Later, Chipola used a six-run, sixth inning to defeat San Jacinto 8-2.

Indian Hills then downed San Jac 3-2 despite solo homers from Nicole Andrade and Jaclyn Bechtle.

As for other tournament superlatives, Candyce Carter led the way with a .409 average over the six games, and Bechtle was next at .375.

Bethany Armstrong hit .357 in the first four games before missing the final day with a minor injury. Tori Cummings knocked in a team-high five runs.

Now comes the real stuff. Blinn, San Jac's opponent to open conference action, will enter the fray as the favorite after opening

said. "Our pitching has really held up well this season, and we have had a number of players step up offensively. It's a long conference season, but we expect to be right there. It all starts with Blinn and Galveston back-to-back."

The season with 19 wins in 21 games.

The Bucs, led by tournament most valuable player Sara Vaughn, went 6-0 at the NFCA event, putting together 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 more."

"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 expects a couple of players to return to health in the short term.

What she does know is that with freshmen Millman, 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



Jaclyn Bechtle (above) hit two home runs during the 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 coming.

Dobie baseball cruising; Clear Brook splits four games

Continued from Page 1B nament, the Longhorns made sure things were handled early against Pasadena.

Al Gonzalez smashed his second home run of the season and Justin Eckols hit a two-run homer as the Longhorns made easy work of the Eagles at Maguire Field.

To this point in the season, Dobie has to qualify as one of the surprise teams in the region.

At 9-2, the team is off to its best start in many years.

The Longhorns still face a tough six-game stretch in three days at the March 10-12 Round Rock tournament, but after that, the team will play 14 district games to close out the regular season.

Pitts has led a solid

pitching staff that has also gotten great efforts from Xavier Johnson, Ryan McCormack, Xavier Hernandez and others, but it's the offense that continues to roll.

Over 11 games, Dobie has scored 94 runs, which is 8.5 or so per game. At that rate, it's easy to see why the Longhorns have been able to get off to this kind of start.

Brook splits four games Nolan Trabanino earned the victory.

Starting pitcher Andrew 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 tournament at three locales in Spring March 10-12.

Clear Brook Wolverines got off to a quick start at the Clear Creek ISD tournament March 4-6 but then ended the event with a pair of losses.

Ryan Vrugink struck out while getting the win as the Wolverines opened the tournament with a 6-2 victory over Seven Lakes.

The Wolverines then hammered Lufkin 9-2 as

Former JFD softballers excel



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 Conference. 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.

SJC soccer gets Dynamo lesson

The San Jacinto College soccer team fought a tough battle, but ultimately fell to the Houston Dynamo 5-0 in a scrimmage game held at the Carl Lewis International Complex on the University of Houston campus March 7.

attacks, and made a few nice defensive plays with the help of defender Israel Nava.

In the end, the loss was one that came with valuable learning experience.

"I'd just like to once again thank the Houston Dynamo and Coach Dominic Kinnear for this opportunity," Santesteban said.

"This was a special game for our players, and one of

the best learning opportunities that a student-athlete can have.

"The Dynamo preseason has gone really well, and I'm excited for them and for the city of Houston."



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 marketing

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.

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, 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, March 12:** Dobie vs. Cedar Park, 9:30 a.m.; Dobie vs. Coppell, noon