

Easter egg hunts planned
Harris County
Harris County officials will hold their 26th annual Easter egg hunt Saturday, March 19, at El Franco Lee Park, located at 9400 Hall Road. The family event will be hosted by County Commissioner Gene Locke, Justice of the Peace Jo Ann Delgado and Precinct 2 Constable Chris Diaz. Children from ages 2 to 10 are eligible to participate. Free hot dogs, snow cones and drinks will be available while supplies last from 1 to 3 p.m. See related ad on Page 6A.

American Legion
The members of the American Legion Auxiliary-Unit 490 will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 19, at noon. The hunt will be held at the American Legion Hall-Post 490, 11702 Old Galveston Road.
All children 12 years old and younger are invited to participate. Children should bring a container for their eggs. Refreshments will be furnished by the auxiliary. For information, call 832-978-2235.

Kirkwood South Christian Church
Kirkwood South Christian Church, 10811 Kirkfair, will hold its annual Easter egg hunt Saturday, March 26, from 10 a.m. until noon. All children under the age of 12 are invited to participate. Each child should bring a basket. There will be crafts and refreshments in addition to the egg hunt. The community is invited. For more information call 281-481-0004.

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

Knights hold fish fry
Knights of Columbus Council No. 9201 will sponsor a fundraising fish fry dinner on Friday, March 18, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the St. Luke Catholic Church Social Hall, 11011 Hall Road. The menu includes a breaded catfish fillet, fries, hush puppies, cole slaw, corn-on-the-cob and iced tea or lemonade. Cost is \$10 eat in or take out. Baked fish fillets will be available in limited quantities.

Genealogy group meets
The Parker Williams Genealogy Group will meet March 21, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the library at Scarsdale and Beamer. This group meets the first and third Mondays to discuss genealogy research. Meetings are free and open to anyone interested in tracing family history.

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

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

Crohn, Colitis group meets
The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America Bay Area Support Group will meet Tuesday, March 22, at 7:30 p.m. at State Farm Insurance, 12941 Gulf Freeway suite 101. Patients and caregivers are invited. Meetings are free.

Health fair April 3
Gulfhaven Community Health Fair Sunday, April 3, 12 to 4 p.m. at the Gulfhaven Church, 10716 Sabo. Everyone Welcome! Free health screenings: blood pressure, glucose, body mass index, health presentations, kids fun health segment, food tasting, lucky prizes. Call 832-433-2732 or 713-562-4580 to register.

Care Partners meet
Interfaith Care Partners Ministry group at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, 10727 Hartsook St. a gathering for persons with Alzheimer's, dementia or memory loss, meets the third Friday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Gatherings consist of breakfast, arts and crafts, exercises, entertainment, a singalong, a devotional break, lunch, and ends with a game. Those who know someone with these challenges, are urged to attend. All services are free. An initial interview must be conducted by Interfaith Care Partners staff to welcome new participants. The next gathering will be in the Mother Cabrini Center at the church on Friday, March 18. For information or to register a loved one, call Interfaith Care Partners at 713-682-5995 or visit www.interfaithcarepartners.org.

Mayor Turner to speak at chamber banquet

Newly elected Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner will be the featured guest at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce's 31st annual installation banquet Wednesday, March 30, at the Palms Events Center, 15301 Gulf Freeway at Dixie Farm Road, from 6 to 9 p.m.
The event was originally to take place March 3 but was postponed due to scheduling conflicts with Turner's office.
A longtime Houston politician, Turner served

in the Texas House of Representatives from 1989 until 2016, when he replaced term-limited Annise Parker for the position of mayor, defeating businessman Bill King in a runoff election.
Turner had run two previous campaigns for the mayoral position – one in 1991, losing in a runoff to Bob Lanier, and another in 2003, finishing in third, avoiding a runoff.
The valedictorian of his graduating class from Klein High School, Turner went on to attend the University of Houston, where he graduated Magna Cum Laude with a B.A. in political science. Turner furthered his education by earning a de-

gree from Harvard Law School and continues to practice law for the firm Barnes & Turner, which he founded.
The event will also feature the official swearing-in of the 2016 chamber president and board members.
The chamber member of the year and volunteer of the year will also be recognized at the function.
Tickets to the banquet are \$50 each.
For more information or to purchase tickets, contact the chamber office at 281-481-5516 or info@southbeltchamber.com.

Friendly Mart demolished



The Friendly Mart convenience store, located on Hall Road at Beamer, was demolished Tuesday, March 15, to make way for a rebuild of the local business. Construction has been met with multiple challenges, as the store's insurance provider is disputing the June 2015 claim. Store owner Arif Darugar is shown above watching the demolition take place.
Photo by James Bolen

Former JFD coach Kieth dies at 81

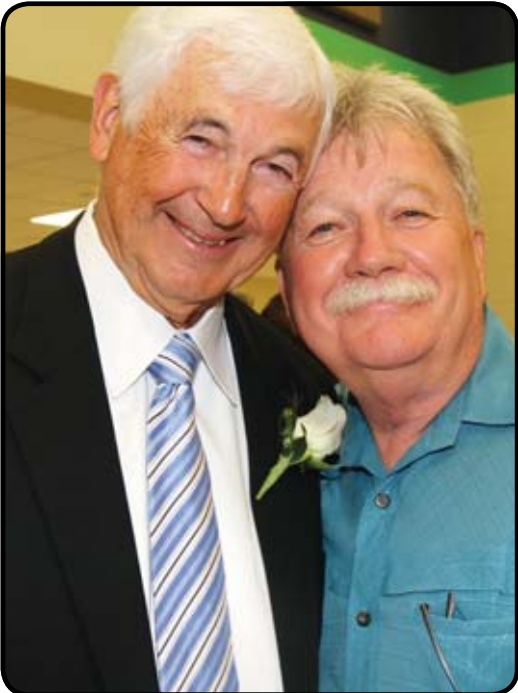
Former longtime Dobie varsity football head coach Hensley "Buzzy" Kieth, has died.
Still a South Belt resident since retiring as the Longhorns' head coach following the 1994 season, Kieth, 81, died at his home after an extended illness.
Owner of a 67-37-1 record with the Longhorns, Kieth built a coaching legacy at El Campo High School before replacing Buster Gilbreath at Dobie prior to the 1985 season.
He also occupied the role of campus athletic coordinator at Dobie.
At El Campo, Kieth had been the Ricebirds' varsity head football coach since the 1969 season. His decision to come to Dobie at the time was considered big time news in El Campo.
In short order, Kieth and his staff, including former El Campo assistant coach Butch Thiele, authored what was then the Longhorns' finest regular season on record.
Thiele came to Dobie along with Kieth and became Dobie's defensive coordinator.
During Kieth's debut season in 1985, Dobie went 10-0 to win a district title and then defeated a La Marque Cougar team that featured future Baylor University star James Francis. The Long-

horns won a 9-7 defensive struggle to move to 11-0.
In the area round, the Longhorns downed an Aldine Mustang team that was ranked No. 1 in the city. It was also Dobie's first-ever game played in the Astrodome.
At 12-0, the Longhorns next battled a Jones team in the regional quarterfinal round that featured future University of Colorado standout Alfred Williams. Unfortunately, Jones walked off with a 26-21 victory to end the Longhorns' season at 12-1.
Dobie did not win a playoff game again under the direction of Kieth, but there was plenty of success and fun nonetheless.
Family will receive friends Friday, March 18, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Triska Funeral Home in El Campo. A service will be held Saturday, March 19, at First Baptist Church of El Campo at 10 a.m., with burial to follow.
The family encourages local friends and supporters to attend the services in El Campo as there may not be local services held at a later date.
To see Kieth's full obituary, please see Page 2A.

Few spots remain for annual cook-off

A few cooking spots are still available for the annual South Belt Spectacular Cook-off, set to take place Thursday, April 28, through Saturday, April 30, at El Franco Lee Park, located at 9400 Hall Road.
Cooking teams that participated in last year's event had first dibs on available spots, but several teams failed to pay their deposit by the March 1 deadline.
While there is also a waiting list of several teams to fill the available spots, they, too, had failed to pay the required fees at press time, according to event organizer Linda Arnone.
Now in its 20th year, the cook-off is organized by the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department. It is the sole fundraiser for the annual South Belt Fourth of July fireworks display, also to be held at the area park. In past years, the event also raised funds for local youth organizations.
A cooks' meeting for registered teams will take place Tuesday, April 19, at The Gardens, located at 12001 Beamer at Hughes Road.
For additional information or to reserve a spot, call Arnone at 281-484-4325.

Kendrick, Roberts attend dedication



The Pasadena Independent School District officially dedicated the new Marshall Kendrick Middle School on Tuesday, March 8. Named in honor of longtime PISD board member Marshall Kendrick (left), the campus, located at 3000 Waters Road in Pasadena, opened this past August. Kendrick and fellow PISD board member Fred Roberts are shown to the left sharing a laugh at the event.
Photo submitted

Convenience store to rebuild soon

Roughly nine months after the roof collapsed on the Friendly Mart convenience store, located on Hall Road at Beamer, the store's owner is beginning the rebuilding process, despite not having reached a settlement with his insurance provider.
Arif Darugar of Mufaddal Ventures, who has owned the store since 1998, said his insurance company is disputing the claim, stating that rotted wood, rather than water weight, was responsible for the structural failure – something that Darugar's independent engineers deny.
Darugar has subsequently filed a lawsuit in hopes of resolving the issue.
In the meantime, Darugar used his own funds to demolish the existing structure, as the damage to the building was so extensive that a complete

ground-up reconstruction is now necessary.
Confounding matters, any reconstruction plans will need to be approved by Harris County officials, which Darugar said is also causing delays.
A new store design will now be required to accommodate for new flooding regulations, which were not in place in 1976, when the building was originally constructed. Such design changes include raising the structure by approximately 5 feet.
Darugar is also contesting this requirement, stating that the area in which the store is located has not flooded since he has owned the business.
If all goes well, Darugar hopes to begin construction next month.

Families enjoy Little League parade



The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League held its annual opening-day parade Saturday, March 12. Shown above at the event are, left to right, Susie Holt (grandmother), Sean Muras (father), Raimi Muras (daughter) and Stacie Muras (mother) in support of T-ball player Logan Muras of the Rangers (son). Shown below are Thomas and Nereida Sanchez, along with 5-month-old son Lucas Sanchez, in support of their nephews Sebastian and Daniel Ramirez, who play for the Astros and Yankees, respectively.
Photos by Marie Flickinger.



Residents report suspicious activity

The *Leader* has received multiple reports of suspicious people knocking on doors and ringing doorbells at area homes throughout the community. Most reported cases, however, have taken place in the Wood Meadows subdivision, particularly on Brook Meadow Circle and Brook Meadow Drive.
The visitors claim to be from either a cable company or a cleaning supply company but wear no identifying clothing. The solicitors reportedly

travel in pairs, with some pairs being described as white males and other pairs being described as black males.
The Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office is aware of the situation and has told at least one pair of men that solicitation is prohibited in the area. Concerned residents are urged to report suspicious activity to authorities at 281-481-9189 (outside city limits) and 713-884-3131 (within city limits).

Connect program involves area schools

By Crystal Saucedo
Thompson Intermediate, Carter Lomax Middle and Dobie High School were chosen to participate in a program that allows students to have a personalized learning experience called Connect.
The Connect program is a personalized learning plan for the students and was developed by the teachers at Summit Public Schools. After seeing the success from their students, Summit Public Schools decided to share their model

through a pilot program called Basecamp. Basecamp allows schools around the country to use the Personalized Learning Plan. Currently, 19 other schools in the nation are participating in the program.
The Personalized Learning Plan (PLP) allows students to have more control with the learning pace, determine their learning style, prioritize their work, set personalized short and long-term
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CCISD opens Challenger Columbia Stadium



Clear Creek Independent School District superintendent, Greg Smith, welcomes those attending the opening of the new Challenger Columbia Stadium. Shown with him are, (front row, left to right)

CCISD Board president Laura DuPont, Mariah Pardo, Dr. Ellen Ochoa, Astronaut Mike Fincke (back row) Trustees Jay Cunningham, Ken Baliker, Charles Pond, Win Weber.

The gates to Clear Creek ISD Challenger Columbia Stadium swung open to the public for the first time the evening of March 10, 2016.

A fitting kick off to the celebration, hundreds of student athletes and artists who will now call the 10,000-seat stadium 'home' converged onto their new playing field for the first time through their respective Wildcat, Falcon, Wolverine, Charger and Knight mascot 'inflatable tunnels'.

The Clear Creek High School Symphonic Choral, under the direction of James Park and Douglas Lein, flawlessly performed the National Anthem as the Clear Springs High School JROTC Color Guard displayed the flags.

After a welcome by Clear Creek High School senior, Mariah Pardo, visitors heard from a host of speakers sharing their excitement for the opportunities the multi-faceted facility brings to the students of CCISD.

"I am happy to say that this stadium is not the biggest nor anywhere near the most expensive stadium in the state," said CCISD Board President Dr. Laura DuPont. "I am proud to say that it is the one that

is exactly right for CCISD. This is your space."

JSC Center Director Dr. Ellen Ochoa and Astronaut Mike Fincke spoke on behalf of the NASA Johnson Space Center and the families of the Challenger and Columbia crews. Both expressed their sincere appreciation to the public for requesting the stadium be named to forever honor the 14 fallen crew members.

"In naming this sports complex, you bestow great honor to the memories of our brave crews," said Fincke. "Every soccer match, every football game, each track and field competition will be a testimonial to our past while building a better future for our students. May this field be blessed and may it teach our children well."

In a poignant moment of the ceremony, the Clear Brook High School Celebrities performed a special dance choreographed to the memorable speeches by President Ronald Reagan and President George Bush memorializing the fallen Challenger and Columbia astronauts.

Several family members of the astronaut crews were in attendance including Cheryl McNair, wife of the late Ronald McNair; Lorna Onizu-

ka, wife of the late Ellison Onizuka; and Evelyn Husband-Thompson, wife of the late Rick Husband, along with several other members of their families. In a private ceremony before the Dedication, they were each presented with keepsake Legacy Bricks memorializing their loved one with inscriptions each family had specially chosen. The keepsake gifts, which were underwritten by the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership Aerospace Advisory Committee, were identical to the Legacy Bricks that will be laid in the walls of the stadium concourse.

Several elements commemorating the space shuttle Challenger and Columbia crews are woven into the constructs of the stadium and field house including large mission medallions at both gates on the home and visitor sides as well as a photo mural tribute located in the press box hospitality suite, among other features.

C3 Studios, the team of select students representing the audio/video (A/V) classes from all five comprehensive high schools, worked the cameras and control room equipment and technology linked to the video board operation for the event. Under the

direction of A/V teacher and C3 Studios Program Director, David Derr, the C3 Studios team will be running all video board and control room operations in support of football seasons and other major events held at the stadium.

Another special student component will be displayed on a wall in the main staircase of the stadium fieldhouse for many years to come. A specially-commissioned mural weaves the range of student experiences that will take place at the Challenger Columbia Stadium, including athletics, JROTC, cheerleading, the performing arts, and graduation. The work of art was created by students Christina Rasmussen and Shayla Bowen of Clear Springs High School, under the direction of Art Teacher Lisette McClung.

Clear Creek ISD gratefully acknowledges several partners who underwrote portions of the Dedication including PBK Sports, ICI Construction, Inc. and Joiner Architects. Events on the horizon at Challenger Columbia Stadium are the District Track Meet (April 11, 13) and the Region III, 6A Track Meet (April 29-30), sponsored by the City of League City.

January Bears of the Month



Students of Beverly Hills Intermediate strive to achieve positive characteristics to guide them throughout their lives. BHI music department's characteristic for the month was *compassion*. Compassion is a feeling of deep sympathy and concern for the sufferings or misfortune of others accompanied by a strong desire to alleviate the suffering. The Bears of the Month for January were selected by the music department as best representing this characteristic. Students received a special Bear paw-print pin and a Bear of the Month T-shirt to wear. January Bears of the Month are, left to right, (front row) Alejandro Ceja, Lailah Martinez, Victoria Gonzalez, Eneida Infante, (back row) Kevin Mendez, Samuel Tinoco, Quan Dinh, Luis Mario Jamaica, Stephanie Flores, Daniel Ortega, Emily Reyes and Yesenia Morales.

Photo submitted

Deaths

Buzzy Kieth



Hensley "Buzzy" Kieth, Jr., 81, of Houston, formerly of El Campo, died March 13, 2016. He was born on July 9, 1934

in Louise, TX to the late Hensley Kieth, Sr. and Letha Walton Kieth.

Kieth was one of J. Frank Dobie's winningest varsity football coaches. He coached at Dobie from 1985 to 1994. (See related story on Page 1A.)

Family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m., Friday, March 18 at Triska Funeral Home in El Campo. Funeral services begin at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 19 at First Baptist Church of El Campo with Rev. Rick DuBroc officiating. Burial will follow at Garden of Memories.

He is survived by his loving wife, Suzanne Page Kieth of Houston;

daughters, Sherri Fitzpatrick and husband Tony of Friendswood and Terri Quinn and husband Paul of El Campo; son, Bill Kieth and wife Robin of Manvel and grandchildren, Austin, Will, and Sidnee Jo Fitzpatrick and Chris, Chad and Collin Quinn. Buzzy was preceded in death by his parents and sisters, Bev Murray, Billie Walters, Eloise Elston and Denny Jo Kieth. Pallbearers are his grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to First Baptist Church of El Campo.

Condolences may be left at www.triskafuneralhome.com.

Mike Silva



Michael Jeffrey Silva, 53, completed his journey here on Earth Monday, March 14, 2016. He was born Dec. 10, 1962, as the only boy sandwiched between four sisters. He made up for it by being all boy.

He leaves behind his greatest treasure, daughter, Miyah Beth Silva. Sharing this loss are his mother, Vinia Silva; beloved girlfriend, Tere Perry; sisters, Sharon Thompson, D.D. Zaruba (Jerry), Jennifer Lindquist and Suzanne Kurkowski (James); nieces and nephews, Ron and Virginia Thompson, Amanda Zaruba, Tyler, Coughlin, Hannah and Eli Lindquist, Jonathan Kimball, Micaela and Adam Balvaz.

Mike enjoyed various activities, including crawfish hunting. At the age of 36, Silva learned he would be a father. From that moment until his last day, Miyah was his world. As a single father, Mike did the best work of his life. Before he became disabled, he was good with his hands. With fatherhood, he became great with his heart.

With the introduction of Facebook, Mike found a social circle once missing after his disability. He created a page *South Belt Memories* that drew many followers. Mike

entertained many with his quick wit and wicked sense of humor. He put real thought into his posts that took readers down memory lane to familiar places from their childhood. Mike was always ready when someone was in need.

Donations may be made to <https://www.gofundme.com/cxu5nr24>.

Services will be held at Jeter Funeral Home, 311 N. Friendswood, on Monday, March 21, at 4 p.m.

Marcus DeJean



Marcus DeJean, 23, died at 2 p.m., March 6, 2016 at a local hospital. Marcus was born on November 2, 1992, to Tommy DeJean and Martha Thierry. Marcus worked as a carpenter. Marcus played baseball from T-ball through junior high school. He attended Dobie High School. He received his truck driver certification from Houston Community College.

He is survived by his parents, Tommy DeJean and Martha Thierry; his brother, Erin Charles; his two sisters, Meagan DeJean and Paris Orsot; his grandmother, Sophie DeJean; his godmother, Bernadette Singleton-Davis; his nephew, Cameron Orsot; his special friend, Kayla Cantu; and a host of other beloved family members and friends.

Connect program . . .

Continued from Page 1A goals and track their progress. With the PLP students are given real-world situations which helps them see and determine what their strengths and weaknesses are, allowing them to become self-directed learners.

Students benefit from the PLP because teachers can create and customize each project and instructions that fits the students' needs and interests. Each student who uses the PLP is given at least one adult mentor who

helps the student set their goals. Together they come up with plans to reach those goals for every class the student is taking.

Teachers also benefit from the Connect program because it allows them to quickly notice when a student may be developing a learning gap or starting to fall behind. They are able to build a better relationship with each student with Connect.

The two sections in the Connect program are the

Free tutoring at St. Luke's

St. Luke's Catholic church, 11011 Hall Road, offers free tutoring on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Education Building, Room 2, for grades K-12 and college.

For more information, contact Joe Pavlicek at 281-484-1397.

AARP 199 meets March 18

AARP Webster Area Chapter 199 will meet at 10 a.m. Friday, March 18, at Bay Area Community Center, 5002 E. NASA Parkway in Seabrook (the large building with a blue roof inside Clear Lake Park on the north side of NASA Parkway). Everyone is invited to come to the meeting, and to enjoy coffee, cookies and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before the meeting starts at 10 a.m.

Each month, the group has entertainment or a speaker on various topics of interest to seniors. Every two months the group has a potluck lunch.

Speaker for Friday, March 18, will be John Cobarruvias who will present a program on *How to Select a Low Cost Electricity Provider*. He is an AARP chapter member and spoke to the group last year on the impact of home insurance reform. He is invited back by popular demand. The March 18 meeting is also a potluck lunch so members and visitors are asked to bring a dish to share.

The group also organizes day trips by bus to local area points of interest at minimal cost. The next day trip will be on March 16 to the Bryan Museum and the movie, *The Great Storm*, in Galveston. Lunch will be at Shrimp 'N Stuff. The following day trip will be on May 12 to Humble for a pontoon boat ride on Spring Creek and San Jacinto River, and a visit to the Humble Historical Museum. Lunch will be at The Potato Patch.

For those who are interested in joining the group, annual dues are \$6 per year/per person. However, one must be a member of national AARP to join any local chapter. For more information, contact Liz Shepperd at 281-486-7770 or Qeshepperd@yahoo.com.

Local library events set

Parker Williams Branch

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

Thursday, March 17, at 3 p.m. – St. Patrick's Day Craft. Make a little pot of gold with a rainbow for St. Patrick's Day.

Friday, March 18, at 5 p.m. – Anime Club. Come to see the second installment of three from the film *Steamboy*, rated PG-13.

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

Wednesdays – Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.; Thursdays – Toddler Story Time, 10:30 a.m.; Saturdays – Vietnamese Storytime. Classes are at 10 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. For more information on Vietnamese programs, speak with Loc Bui. For more information on all programs, call the library at 281-484-2036.

Bracewell Branch Library

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

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

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

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

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

Bracewell hours are Sunday and Monday - Closed; Tuesday and Wednesday - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday - noon to 8 p.m., Friday - 1 to 5 p.m., and Saturday - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information on programs, call the Bracewell Library at 832-393-2580.

Melillo dominates chess



Team members pictured above are (from left to right, front row to back row) Marcus Kemp, Kaitlyn Webb, Mario Gonzalez, David Gay, Keegan Ashworth, Asher Ridge, Travis Webb, Dylan Campos, Tyler Green, Kevin Cedeno, Matthew Mendiola, Albert Ngo.

Photo submitted

Melillo students dominate chess

Recently the chess team at Melillo Middle School competed in the Pasadena ISD Spring Chess Exhibition with 39 wins, 4 draws, and 15 losses. Sixth grade club members David Gay, Keegan Ashworth, Tyler Green, and Matthew Mendiola were led by Mario

Gonzalez who finished 9th and Albert Ngo who finished 7th out of 50 sixth graders from around the district.

The fifth grade club members dominated the 60 other students from the district, only losing five games combined.

Kaitlyn Webb finished 15th. Kevin Cedeno finished 13th. Travis Webb finished 8th. Marcus Kemp finished 5th earning a copper medal with his four win performance. Dylan Campos finished 1st earning a gold medal with a perfect score of five wins.

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Annual Houston rodeo time hits South Belt area

Shelley wins calf at scramble



Above: Left to right are Dobie Ag teachers Robert McGill and Schuyler Morris, Elizabeth Shelley, and calf donor TMD Staffing representatives Diana and Rich Purvis. At right: Shelley pulls the calf she caught at this year's HLS&R.

Dobie High School sophomore Elizabeth Shelley was one of 30 youths chasing 15 calves in the calf scramble on March 3. Funds were donated by Dobie Ag teachers Schuyler Morris and Robert McGill for Shelley to purchase a calf to raise for next year's Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo. Shelley is the daughter of Charles and Laura Shelley and the granddaughter of CJ and Lera Leslie.



Dominguezes have spirit



Longtime Sagemont residents Joe and Yolanda Dominguez share the rodeo spirit.

Rodeo Day at Meador Elementary



Enjoying a day of square dancing, line dancing and maypole dancing at Meador Elementary were Assistant Principal Amy Clowers, Superintendent DeeAnn Powell, former Meador Principal Darlene Davis, Deputy Superintendent of Academic Achievement, Karen Hickman and Principal Beverly Bolton. Each grade level performed throughout the day and parents were invited to come and join the fun. *Photo submitted*

Jessenia enjoys rodeo time pony ride



Jessenia Salazar, two-year old daughter of Claudia Cardenas and Mario Salazar of Sagemont is shown enjoying a pony ride at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Noah scores a 90 on Mutton Bustin'



Noah Salazar, five year old, son of Claudia Cardenas and Mario Salazar of Sagemont enjoyed participating in the Mutton Bustin' at the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo on March 2, 2016. He scored a 90! *The Leader, on Facebook, sought rodeo related pictures. These two were submitted.*

Abarca family at Rodeo



South Belt's Abarca family enjoys the rodeo during spring break. From left to right are; Isabella Abarca, Kelvin Lopez, Jose Abarca, Noah Abarca, and Natalie Abarca

Kendrick building dedication honors longtime Pasadena ISD board member

By Reesha Brown
PISD Communications

A man of integrity, unwavering compassion and gener-

osity – these are some of the warm sentiments echoed by Pasadena Independent School District Board members, dis-

trict administration, and campus leaders who gathered March 8 for the Marshall Kendrick Middle School build-

ing dedication, honoring Kendrick. (See related picture Page 1A.)

"Through his service, Mar-

shall continuously supports and advocates for initiatives and projects in the district that ensure students receive a quality education in a first-class learning environment," Mariselle Quijano, school board president said. "As a result, Pasadena ISD has successful campuses like this one that bears his name. Marshall, your legacy will always be alive inside these walls and in the hearts of those who pass through here."

The ceremony welcomed more than 250 guests including his wife of 54 years, Denie, a Pasadena ISD retiree, and their children, Brooke Bennett and Trey Kendrick, both Sam Rayburn graduates. The dedication included performances by the school orchestra and choir, followed by remarks from leaders in the district, then a video presentation.

Humbled by the honor, Kendrick said, "They say a man's wealth is measured by the friends he keeps and I thank you for making me feel like a very wealthy man tonight."

Kendrick has served on the school board for 27 years, where he continuously supports high school football games, the arts and the McDonald's Texas Invitational Basketball Tournament through his volunteer work on the steering committee.

As a deacon at South Main Baptist Church and all-around humanitarian, Kendrick has garnered the respect and admiration of the Pasadena community. He participates in the benevolence fund and the finance committee at his church. He also serves on the board and golf committee with Mission Centers of Houston. Additionally, Kendrick travels to Peru with Operation San Andreas, a faith-based organization that builds houses for families in need.

"Serving on the Board with him for the past seven years, I have seen, first-hand, his unwavering passion and dedication for Pasadena ISD schools and the Pasadena community," Quijano said. "His integrity, compassion and gift for giving has garnered the respect and admiration of his peers, community members and local leaders." Diane Phelan, Keller princi-

pal, watched proudly as Kendrick, whom she has known all her life, approached the podium.

"He's all about the kids," Phelan said. "He taught me in Sunday school and handed me my diploma when I graduated from South Houston High School. I've seen him give to the church financially and theologically. He is such a good person and so deserving of this recognition."

Building for the Future

Also present at the event was former school superintendent Kirk Lewis, the construction and design staff from Randall-Porterfield, general contractors from Drymalla Construction and members of the future facilities committee, who recommended the addition of the campus to the district.

"I speak for all of us when I say we truly appreciate the community and taxpayers for supporting the construction of this campus by the passage of the 2011 schoolhouse bond," Powell said. "An integral part of any successful bond campaign is the Facilities Committee. We thank you for recognizing the contributions of our board secretary, a man worthy of this honor."

Construction on the 130,000 square-foot facility began in October 2013. And in August of 2015, the school, located on 3000 Waters Road, opened its doors to 730 students and Marshall Kendrick Middle School was born.

The school's principal Melissa Messenger expressed warm sentiments about the finished campus and the "unlimited opportunities" she hopes the campus will provide for students.

"Our hope is to empower students to be bold enough to take risks, be brave enough to lead the way and never ever be broken by anything standing in their way," Messenger said. "This amazing facility has provided the structure for all of this to occur, and that is thanks to all those who have helped along the way, including Marshall Kendrick."

Kendrick thanked former school Superintendents Rick Schneider and Kirk Lewis for their leadership, which according to the honoree, has been instrumental in helping

the district evolve into a technology-based, family-oriented community.

"Back when I started on the board, our graduation rate was 65 percent and people weren't happy," Kendrick said. "Rick [Schneider] said no more excuses. We're going to train our staff to meet these needs and that started a change."

"Kirk brought the heart to this district," he said. "He built a staff, and created a family-oriented community that has continued to benefit Pasadena ISD."

With the graduation rate nearing 90 percent, Kendrick used this opportunity to recognize all those involved with changing the narrative about the district.

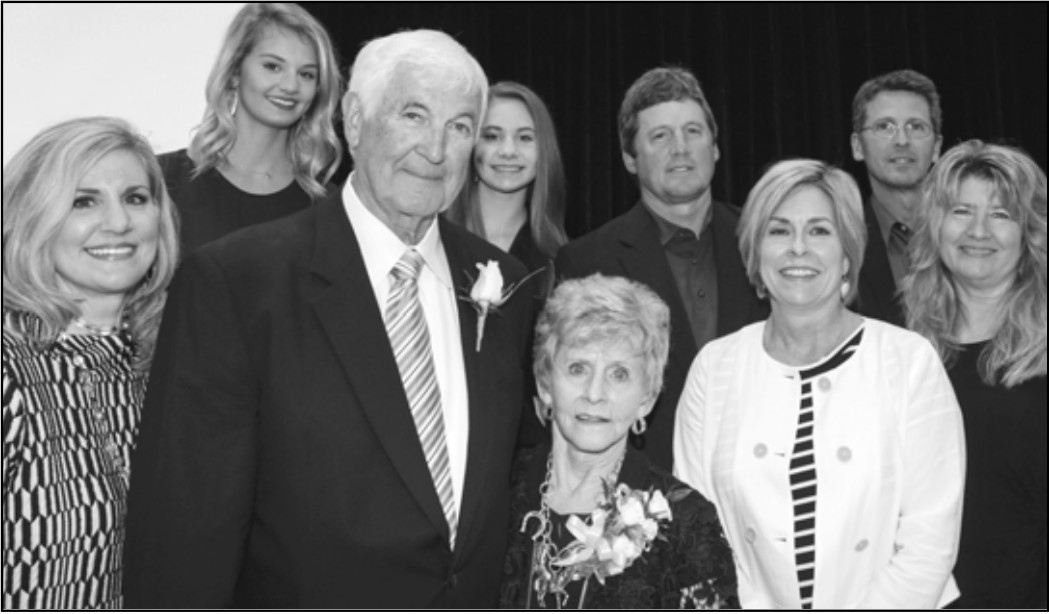
"I've been honored to serve with godly board members and district leaders because they have been part of that growth and that change.

With all of our board members and others I have served with, one thing is in mind: doing what is best for our kids. Today, we are in a nearly 90

percent graduation rate across the district. We have kids doing unbelievable things. It's unbelievable what's happened here."



Former Pasadena ISD Superintendent Kirk Lewis made an appearance at the ceremony to congratulate Marshall Kendrick on the honor. Pictured are, left to right, Lewis, MS Principal Melissa Messenger, Denie Kendrick and husband Marshall, and PISD Superintendent DeeAnn Powell.



Marshall Kendrick and his family pictured are, left to right, Brooke Bennett, daughter; Sterling Bennett, granddaughter; Marshall Kendrick; Grayson Bennett, granddaughter; Denie, wife; Trey Kendrick, son; Karen Kendrick, daughter-in-law; Bob Ousley, cousin; and Carrie Ousley, cousin. *Photos submitted*

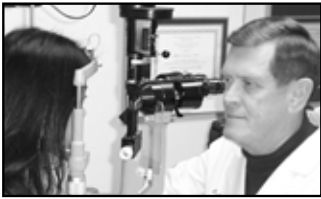


Keller Middle School Principal Diane Phelan and Pasadena ISD Board Secretary Marshall Kendrick reflect on old times during a dedication ceremony honoring Kendrick. (See related photo on Page 1A.)

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Foundation to present I Love CCISD fashion show Sunday, April 17

The 10th annual Clear Creek Education Foundation (CCEF) Fashion Show, “I Love CCISD” will be held Sunday, April 17, at 4:30 p.m. at Mercedes-Benz of Clear Lake in League City.

The fashion show will feature 80 students who demonstrate all that is positive about Clear Creek Independent School District.

This year’s show will feature an exciting format complete with runway seat-

ing, hors d’oeuvre stations from 10 local restaurants, and featuring talent vignettes straight from the halls of CCISD schools.

The fashion show is open to the community, but does require advance ticket purchases.

For sponsorship information or to purchase tickets, visit the foundation’s website at <http://www.clearcreekeducationfoundation.org/fashion-show/>.

Olympic sisters demonstrate fencing at UH-Clear Lake

Olympic athletes and sisters Courtney and Kelley Hurley will hold a fencing demonstration from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 30, at University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

Along with demonstrating epee fencing, the Hurleys will also give a brief presentation on the sport in conjunction with *Change of Engagement*, the fencing photography exhibit currently on display at the UHCL Art Gallery.

The Texas natives are the first set of siblings to qualify for the 2016 U.S. Olympic Team, the United States Olympic Committee reported.

The Rio 2016 Olympic Games will mark the second appearance at the Olympics for Courtney Hurley and the third appearance for Kelley Hurley. Both Hurleys were part of the women’s epee fencing team that brought home a bronze medal in the London 2012 Olympic Games, the first time the U.S. has medaled in that event.

Jeff Bowen, coordinator of Audience Development, said he hopes the demonstration will broaden the impact of the exhibition, expanding the horizons of both sports fans and art aficionados whose paths may not often cross.

“Fencing isn’t baseball or football, where the average sports consumer in the U.S. knows the intricacies. I hope that the talk will shed light on basic rules, basic moves of fencing,” he said.

Bowen noted that the event’s intersection between sports and art may encourage

a broader audience to visit the gallery.

“I hope that someone who may have been intimidated about coming to an art exhibition at the UHCL Art Gallery will find this exhibition helps them feel comfortable visiting,” he said.

The sisters’ event, epee fencing, is one of three fencing styles at the Olympic Games alongside saber and foil fencing. Each style uses different blades, scoring rules and strategies.

Change of Engagement features photography from UH-Clear Lake alumnus Serge Timacheff, who has been the official photographer of the International Fencing Federation for more than a decade. The exhibit will remain on display through March 31.

“Since Timacheff is a working artist, his work has the potential to show the career possibilities of work in the arts to both our students and the community beyond. Meeting some of his real subjects is a nice tie-in to those who are going to become commercial artists,” Bowen said.

The demonstration and reception are free and open to the public, and attendees will have the opportunity to meet the Hurleys. Free parking will be available during the event in Student Lot D.

Admission to the gallery is free, and hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday, 9 a.m. to noon.

For more information about the exhibit, contact Bowen at 281-283-3376 or visit <http://www.uhcl.edu/art> gallery.

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LARRY CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY
Best wishes for a wonderful birthday March 17 are sent to local businessman **Larry Morgan** from his wife **Mary Ellen**, family, friends and the *Leader* staff.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, B.J.
Longtime local optometrist **Dr. B.J. Garner** celebrates his birthday Sunday, March 20. Best wishes are sent from wife **Laura**, family, friends and the *Leader* staff.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays March 17 through March 23.

Atkinson Elementary
Special birthday greetings are sent to **Jennifer Cantu** March 19. Enjoying a birthday March 21 is **Sidney SobECKi**.

Burnett Elementary
Blow out the candles on March 19 for **Mary Alvarez** and **Rosemary Padilla**. **Maria Vargas** marks a day of celebration on March 22.

Frazier Elementary
Light the birthday candles on March 17 for **Mauricio Amaya**. On March 20, **Bertila Guerrero** celebrates a birthday. Light the birthday candles on March 21 for **Maria Campos**.

Moore Elementary
The day for a birthday cake for **Shelby Willis** is March 22.

South Bell Elementary
Send a birthday greeting to **Jae Lee**

March 20.

Stuchbery Elementary
Best wishes for a wonderful birthday March 18 to **Linda Reyes**.

Melillo Middle School
Light the birthday candles on March 17 for **Jennie McBunch**. Light the candles for a double celebration March 18 for **Mallory Castillo** and **Kara Stroud**. The day for a party for **Veronica BrisenO** is March 19. A birthday greeting is sent to **Patricia Castillo** March 21.

Roberts Middle School
Marking a birthday March 22 is **Carly Franks**.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Send a birthday greeting March 23 to **Dan Mullen**.

Thompson Intermediate
Celebrating a birthday on March 19 is **Nita Boehm**. A double birthday celebration is in order March 21 for **Hannah Arning** and **Ayana Swift**. **Brooke Jordan** and **Tiffani Saucedo** enjoy a birthday March 22.

Dobie High
Birthday greetings are sent to **Nancy Schwab** and **Karrie Valerio** who share a birthday March 17. **Cirila Isidro** is wished a happy birthday March 18. Warm birthday greetings are sent to **Jennifer Johnson** on March 19. **Pedro Melo** celebrates a birthday March 20. Light the birthday candles on March 21 for **Carol Declercq**. **Robert Francis** marks a day of celebration on

March 23.

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

Thursday, March 17: **Nickole Chapman**, **Yvonne Russell**, **Sherri Golightly** and **Larry Morgan**; Friday, March 18: **Orenia Craven**, **Gina Rodriguez**, **Meredity Jones**, **Derek Jones**, **Jodi Johnston**, **Charlene Hardin**, **Alicia Rodriguez**, **Josh Nance**, **Tristan Soria**, **Andre Rohrman**, **Daniel Goeman** and **Andrea Charles**; Saturday, March 19: **Tammie Little**, **Tonyka Smith**, **Cindy Dominguez**, **Shanna Young** and **Keith Pinchbec**; Sunday, March 20: **Roxanne Wheeler**, **Ken Dittrich**, **Martinez Joaquin**, **Carol Dawkins**, **Al Vanek**, **James Leslie**, **Martha Heinrich** and **Sheri Rose**; Monday, March 21: **Suni Ballard**, **Jamacia Zabala-Gonzalez** and **Joseph Block**; Tuesday, March 22: **Kristy Poole**, **Crystal Pettibone**, **Maria Ybarra**, **Michael Hansen**, **Edwin Watson** and **Gary Hooks**; and Wednesday, March 23: **Cindy Kiessling**, **Monica Garza**, **Michael McKissick** and **James Lucadou**.

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Email birthday, anniversary, vacation, congratulations, etc., to mynews@southbeltleader.com with OTBF in the subject line.

Items must be submitted by Friday noon for the next week’s publication.

Chili cook-off at Frazier Elementary



Multiple officials from the Pasadena Independent School District recently judged a chili cook-off at Frazier Elementary. Shown above at the event are, left to right, (front row) former Stuchbery Principal Nancy Teichelman, former Beverly Hills Principal (and current PISD administrator) Alyta Harrell, (back row) Dobie Principal Franklin Moses, PISD Superintendent DeeAnn Powell, PISD board member Kenny Fernandez, Frazier Assistant Principal Kristina Ponce and Frazier Principal Wendy Wiseburn.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

Remember When

40 years ago (1976)
The J. Frank Dobie Varsity Baseball team won second place at the Pasadena Invitational Tournament.

The Scarsdale Civic Club presented the Scarsdale Civic Association with a proposal for the combining of the two organizations.

35 years ago (1981)
Construction of a new gym, a new band hall and music ensemble rooms began at Thompson. Conversion of the existing band hall to accommodate the orchestra department and expansion of the existing library were also being assigned.

Dobie High School Latin students took the state championship at the Junior

Classical League Convention held at Lamar Consolidated High School.

30 years ago (1986)
A raid by officers from the Precinct 2 constable’s office, Houston Police Department and the South Belt Security Alliance confiscated nearly four pounds of marijuana and arrested area residents Joe DeLarosa, alias George Mendez, and wife Maria Rincon.

Pending approval of member subdivisions, the South Belt coalition voted to oppose any annexation in the South Belt area.

25 years ago (1991)
Over a three-year period, Pasadena Independent School District schools were to receive six computers per classroom.

Reigning Miss Teen South Belt Rita Garcia won the title of Junior Miss La Porte Rodeo Queen.

20 years ago (1996)
After 18 months of successfully negotiating a Brio superfund remedy satisfactory to both the community and the chemical companies charged with cleaning, relations broke off over the Brio Site Task Force’s refusal to pilot a study on soil vapor extraction of volatile organic compounds at the site.

Newly elected Houston councilman Rob Todd requested the Texas Department of Transportation allow for traffic flow from Ellington Field to the beltway.

15 years ago (2001)
A new study for a flood reduction plan involving Clear Creek was initiated.

City of Houston Fire Chief and Dobie graduate

Chris Connealy was recommended for accreditation as a member of the Chief Fire Officer Designation, an honor held by only 17 people in the world.

10 years ago (2006)
Three years’ worth of negotiations rose to a new level as a proposed agreement was presented to the Pearland City Council. If approved, the agreement would allow Hughes Road to be extended to Pearland Parkway. This would open the door for two new schools, a possible San Jacinto College South extension and other community facilities.

The Clear Brook City MUD board of directors voted unanimously to increase the over 65 and disabled exemptions by 100 percent to \$50,000.

Precinct 2 Constable deputies were busy with assaults and family violence calls.

A resident was robbed and shot outside his apartment on Beamer. A friend who had followed him home happened upon the robbery and the two suspects left. They later led Houston Police on a chase but were captured after they stopped and ran through a neighborhood near Mosscrest and Interstate 610.

5 years ago (2011)
In a surprising move, Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Gary L. Freeman announced that due to financial reasons, his office would no longer provide contractual law enforcement services to areas of the South Belt community that are not incorporated by the City of Houston, beginning

April 15.

Mike Stephens, the Pasadena Independent School District’s athletic director, announced his plan to retire at the end of the 2010-2011 academic year. His retirement brought an end to a career in public school athletics that spanned 35 years, including the last 14 in PISD. Stephens began his PISD career at Dobie, where he was an assistant under Stan Labay. Stephens succeeded Labay prior to the 1999 season and remained the head coach of the Longhorns until 2003. Stephens then spent three years as the PISD assistant athletic director, before becoming the district’s lead man. Prior to arriving at Dobie, Stephens spent much of his career in the Odessa area, where he was part of a state championship at Odessa Permian High School. He also made stops in Houston at Klein High School and later at MacArthur High School.

1 year ago (2015)
Former South Belt resident Edith Sax, originally believed to have drowned in April 2014, was likely murdered, police said after new evidence surfaced in the case. Detectives said money was likely the motive, as Sax had a multimillion dollar estate. Crime Stoppers of Houston offered \$30,000 for information leading to an arrest in the case, but the homicide still remains unsolved.

Sally Mitchell announced she was retiring as executive director of the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce af-

Singles Dance March 19
The Bay Area Singles Club monthly dance will be held Saturday, March 19, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the VFW Lodge, Post 6378, at 5204 Highway 3 in Dickinson. Bring party snacks to share. Cost is \$7 for members and \$9 for nonmembers. For more information, call 409-948-1156 or 281-484-4762.

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

Foreign language courses teach conversational skill
Learn a new language for the upcoming session of the Foreign Language and English Enhancement Program at University of Houston-Clear Lake. Registration opens March 18 and will remain open until class sessions begin April 18.

Group classes are kept small and focus on conversational skill, and they can be taken in Spanish, Mandarin, German, French, Japanese, Russian or other languages. Courses are taught by instructors who are fluent and hold advanced degrees in the language they teach. Fees are \$145 for the group sessions or \$600 per ten hours of private lessons.

All classes are offered noncredit, but Continuing Education Units can be earned for successfully completing the course.

Classes are held at the UHCL campus, 2700 Bay Area Blvd. in Houston.

For more information or to register, call the Foreign Language Program Office at 281-283-3033 or visit <http://www.uhcl.edu/fl>.

Summer options for kids abound at UH-Clear Lake
Block summer brain drain with University of Houston-Clear Lake’s summer activities for children, now open for registration. Day camps and classes offer engaging explorations of science, the arts, nature, technology, writing and more. All activities take place at UHCL, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

Environment and Science
UHCL’s Environmental Institute of Houston offers day and half-day camps in June featuring nature walks, bird-watching, fishing, dip-netting, games, crafts and more as first- through eighth-grade students learn about the environment and his or her place in it.

For more information, call 281-283-3045 or visit <http://www.eih.uhcl.edu>.

Visual Arts
UHCL’s Art School for Children and Young Adults offers art classes in June for students ranging from age 3½ to 12th grade. Classes include Art of the Middle Ages, Advanced Art, and specialized courses in drawing and painting, collage and printmaking and Claymation.

For more information, call 281-283-3344 or visit <http://hsh.uhcl.edu/ASC>.

Writing, Math, Technology, Science and More
Kids U from UHCL’s Center for Educational Programs features a variety of themed half-day camps in June and July to inspire exploration and learning in students from Pre-K through 12th grade. Topics include kitchen science, crime scene investigation, computer programming, video game design, public speaking, writing, survival skills, dinosaurs, Chinese culture and many more.

For more information, call UHCL’s Center for Educational Programs at 281-283-3530 or visit <http://www.uhcl.edu/soe/CENTERS/CEP>.

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Millwright courses meet construction industry demand

The Applied Technologies and Trades program at San Jacinto College will begin millwright training this fall.

For Sal Mellado, who oversees logistics and training at Performance Contractors, Inc., this news can't come soon enough.

"Millwrights are hard to come by," said Mellado. "A lot of people do not know about this craft. We're at a point that millwrights can pretty much tell you what they want to make. I'll start a millwright at \$34 an hour."

Performance Contractors, Inc., provides construction and maintenance services to the chemical, petrochemical, power, automotive manufacturing, steel, fertilizer, pulp and paper, and refinery industries.

The company hires a vari-

ety of craft trade employees with millwrights needed for much of the precision work.

Millwrights install, dismantle, or move machinery and heavy equipment according to layout plans, blueprints, or other drawings, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. They work in a variety of industries like building equipment contractors; pulp, paper, and paperboard mills; commercial and industrial machinery and equipment; sawmills and wood preservation; electric power generation, transmission, and distribution; and motor vehicle manufacturing.

Mellado already sends workers to the San Jacinto College for welding and pipefitting training. Come August, he'll send many of

them for millwright training.

"Millwright training is our latest offering, and part of our proactive role in keeping people working and advancing their careers, and preparing new people for the industry," said Dr. J.D. Taliaferro, director of Applied Technologies and Trades. "Millwrights work for contractors and do the initial installation of industrial equipment. Plant expansions require many millwrights, so this is why they are in such high demand."

Mellado said he is looking to hire millwrights who hold National Council for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) credentials and work experience. He said a person can start as a millwright helper and train at San Jacinto College simultaneously to gain experience while earning his or her certifications. NCCER certifications are considered the gateway credentials for work in the construction industry.

The Applied Technologies and Trades program offers a wealth of NCCER courses in the areas from welding and

pipefitting to sheet metal and electricity. The program also offers NCCER training in industrial maintenance, a craft trade with skills closely related to that of millwrights.

The industrial maintenance and millwright programs will interact and share resources to produce millwrights for the construction industry and maintenance technicians for the petrochemical industry. Training that is common between the two fields will be further developed into a series of short-term courses exclusively for maintenance technicians already on the job.

Last May, the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts awarded a \$230,000 Jobs and Education for Texans Program grant to San Jacinto College, which helped to fund equipment for both the industrial maintenance and millwright training.

"Many people who have all the training and experience are looking at retirement, and it's important to have people trained to step up and replace them," said Tali-

ferro. "We offer training to fill those skill gaps."

Grant assistance for course tuition is available for companies and individuals who qualify. An example is the recent Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) \$135,838 Skills Development Fund grant that enables San Jacinto College to train 148 new and incumbent workers with DuPont Bayport Plant and PolyOne Corp.

Other grants include the H-1 B Gulf Coast Ready to Work Petrochemical grant, funded by the U.S. Department of Labor, and the TWC small business grant for businesses with one to 99 employees.

The Applied Technologies and Trades program is operated through San Jacinto College's Continuing and Professional Development division.

For more information, call 281-478-3698 or 281-478-3687, or visit www.sanjac.edu/continuing-professional-development/corporate-and-workforce/applied-technology-and-trades.

UHCLC presents Presidential awards

University of Houston-Clear Lake President William A. Staples presented the 2016 President's Cabinet Philanthropy and Leadership Awards during a dinner in February.

Staples presented the 2016 President's Cabinet Philanthropy Award to UHCL Distinguished Alumna Mary Ainslie and the 2016 President's Cabinet Leadership Award to Jane and Distinguished Alumnus Robert C. Garcia. Staples thanked the recipients and others for their contributions to the university at the annual event.

"Your support makes a real difference in the success of UHCL and the success of our students," Staples said. "Your support in helping us attract, retain and graduate students is critical. They really appreciate the reaffirmation, the validation that someone would invest in them. People need that encouragement."

Ten scholarship recipients, all current students or recent graduates of the university, also expressed their gratitude. Scholarship recipient Marisa Sosa, a finance and management student set to graduate in May, spoke about the importance of the scholarship she had received. Sosa, a single mother to her 7-year-old son, said her scholarship was vital to supporting her education.

"The scholarship was confirmation that all the sacrifices I was putting us through were worth it," Sosa said. "It's a reminder that hard work really does pay off, even when we don't think anyone notices. It reminds us that someone is rooting for us to succeed."

Sosa also discussed the importance of setting an example for her son about the value of education, and she said the two of them often work on their homework side-by-side.

As she introduced award recipient Mary Ainslie, Sosa personally thanked Ainslie for her contributions to scholarship funds.

"Her efforts will now reach out to more students," Sosa said. "I thank Ms. Ainslie for the opportunities she will be making for future students."

Among her many contributions to UHCL, Ainslie was the first donor to support the new Hawk Advantage Scholarship, which was developed to support incoming freshman students with financial need. In accepting the President's Cabinet Philanthropy Award, Ainslie said the scholarship recipients brought to mind her own college days when she worked full time as a bank

teller and took night classes to complete her bachelor's degree. She joined the university's second graduating class in 1975.

"I have great respect for the University of Houston-Clear Lake," Ainslie said. "I've always felt part of a family."

In light of growing education costs in the United States, Ainslie also discussed the importance of supporting students.

"If we have the opportunity to help support the education of people who don't otherwise have the means, it's my honor to do so. It's a good investment, and it has great returns," she added.

Veteran Services Office Coordinator Trisha Ruiz also spoke to honor the Garcias, recipients of the President's Cabinet Leadership Award, who were unable to attend the event. Ruiz recognized their support for the Liberty Bell and Constitutional Literacy Projects as well as scholarships for veteran students.

While students who leave the military are entitled to 36 months of financial support to attend college through the GI Bill, that's not enough time to finish a degree, Ruiz said. Scholarships make it possible for veteran students to complete their fourth year of schooling.

"These scholarships are so important because that's one less thing my veteran students have to worry about," Ruiz said.

She also recalled how the Garcias, through their work with Communities in Schools, have brought elementary students to learn about the Liberty Bell and tour the Capt. Wendell M. Wilson Office of Veteran Services.

"The Garcias are a military family," she said. "They understand the importance of not only serving your country, but understanding the education of why this country was founded."

Jane Garcia is the daughter of a World War II veteran, Bob Garcia is a Vietnam veteran and their two grandchildren are currently in the U.S. Army.

President's Cabinet honorees are selected annually to recognize individuals and families who have taken significant leadership roles in supporting UH-Clear Lake with financial and personal contributions.

For more information on opportunities to support UH-Clear Lake, call the Office of University Advancement at 281-283-2021 or email UniversityAdvancement@uhcl.edu.

Kirkmeadow bridge replacement

By Crystal Saucedo

The City of Houston along with Texas Department of Transportation are planning on replacing the bridge on Kirkmeadow Drive at the Harris County Flood Control Ditch.

The project is currently in the planning stages. The project must first be let (made available for bidding).

The proposed letting date for the bridge is Nov. 2016. Bids will then be submitted.

After the project has been let, the exact time and duration of the construc-

tion will be determined. A temporary detour will be required during construction.

It is expected that the bridge detour will be in effect for approximately three to five months. Letters have been sent out to residents around the Kirkmeadow bridge with the traffic detour layout.

The Kirkmeadow bridge is considered an off system bridge which is administered by TxDOT. Although it is not a state bridge, the City of Houston is overseeing the bridge replacement

because it will be using federal money. The new bridge is expected to cost around \$624,000.

TxDOT and the City of Houston are hoping to have a "well planned and executed bidding process (that) allows the local government and TxDOT to get the most competitive price and allows companies to fairly compete for business," said Danny Perez, a Houston district public information officer with TxDOT.

For addition information, contact James A. Roscher at 713-802-5246.

Whiteboards for nursing training

San Jacinto College nursing students are working with new technology to place them one step ahead of the game when communicating patient information via whiteboards.

They are now training on the Scan Am MTR® Electronic Whiteboards, purchased through a Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Nursing Innovations Grant. The system, installed in the San Jacinto College South Campus simulation center, includes six room boards, six precaution boards, and one main whiteboard. These boards automatically display nurse shift changes, records staff visits, the time and date, daily schedules, and hospital information and room number. They also allow nurses to customize patient information to be communicated, such as dietary needs, activities, health care provider notes, concerns and plans, and any additional information assigned to ensure patients' needs are safely met.

"This gives our students an edge," said Becky Shuttlesworth, simulation coordinator at San Jacinto College. "We train our students on both the traditional method and on this latest technology. Not all hospitals will have this equipment, but we want to ensure our students are prepared for whichever system they work with as nurses."

Another benefit of the MTR® Electronic Whiteboards system is that other departments within a hospital can access the board information from their computers and already have the patient's information before performing a procedure or a test.

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San Jacinto College nursing students are working with new technology to place them one step ahead of the game when communicating patient information via whiteboards.

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University of Houston-Clear Lake's Spring Teacher Job Fair will feature employment opportunities from local schools and organizations for educators on Tuesday, March 22, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

DeHarts celebrate golden anniversary



Majol and Tom DeHart, South Belt residents since 1971, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary at a family dinner at Killen's Steakhouse in Pearland. The couple married at Glenbrook Valley Methodist Church on March 18, 1966. Majol is retired from J.C. Penney and Tom is retired from the City of Houston. Before working for Penney's, Majol was the owner of Majol's Buster Brown shoe store on Scarsdale. Although they have cut back somewhat, they continue to enjoy traveling, attending local barbecue cook-offs and spending time with their children, Tommy (44) and Michael (40), both Dobie High School graduates.

Stacey, Wade Britt celebrate 25 years



Stacey and Wade Britt are celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary. The two grew up in Sagemont, first meeting as 6th graders at Thompson Intermediate. It was love at first sight, becoming one another's first big crush. Over the next 10 years their paths would cross through various friends and functions until they finally figured out there was something special between them. Married March 23, 1991, the couple spent their first 10 years as husband and wife living in northwest Houston. In late 2000, they learned the news that they were expecting boy/girl twins. That was enough to bring them back closer to family and friends in the South Belt area, settling in Pearland just before the births of Lauren and Colin. Afterward, Stacey stepped out of the travel industry to take on the role of full-time mother. Wade continued in the technical industry, spending the last 20 years with a local software company. The twins attend Pearland High School with many of the friends they met in junior high. Who knows, maybe they have already met the persons they will spend the rest of their lives with?

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CTHS Student at National Craft Championship

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Noschese receives award



Representatives from Performance Contractors, Inc., accompanied Michael Noschese (middle) to the competition to show their support. Shown above: Matt Villere, regional manager; Noschese, of CTHS; and Salvadore Mellado, training coordinator.

Houston renews recycling services

The City of Houston and Waste Management have reached tentative agreement on a new 2-year contract that will allow the city to continue offering recycling services without any disruption. The only change in service that Houstonians will notice is the elimination of glass from the list of items that are acceptable for placement in the green curbside single-stream recycling bins. Glass, currently has no value on the commodities market, breaks down during collection and transportation and is unduly destructive to the processing equipment. Residents will still have the option of dropping off glass for recycling at the City's neighborhood depositories. In announcing the tentative agreement, Mayor Sylvester Turner thanked Waste Management and Houstonians for being willing to engage in shared sacrifice during a time of fiscal challenges. "This agreement makes good economic sense for the city and for Waste Management," said Turner. "We want to reaffirm our commitment to recycling, but we don't want the city tied down to a long-term contract that we cannot afford." The new arrangement, which City Council will consider on March 23, offers \$2 million in savings over other options that had been on the table. The South Belt area's closest City Neighborhood Depository/Recycling Center is at Ellington Airfield, Highway 3 at Brantly Ave. This is an unstaffed facility located at Ellington Airport, in the Clear Lake area of Houston. This facility accepts recyclables at no charge to City of Houston residents. More information on the hours of operation and the materials that are accepted at the Neighborhood Depositories/Recycling Centers is available at www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/depositories.

cently. This is the first time in more than 25 years that the competition has extended the event to high school students, making Noschese, 17, the youngest winner of the contest and among the first to represent high school students and Pasadena ISD. "We are so proud to have talented students like Michael in our district," Greg Mitchell, Career Technical Education partnership liaison said. "We would like to thank Salvador Mellado, from Performance Contractors, for fighting for the opportunity for these students to compete." The National Craft Championship invites extraordinary construction industry professionals across the country to compete in an intense two-day event, where young men and women compete in one of 15 competitions, representing 13 crafts. Noschese and another student from Goose Creek ISD competed against 14 others, 13 of whom were industry professionals. Performance Contractors, Inc. sponsored both of the students to represent them at the competition. "Our industry is in great need of talented, career oriented individuals who will turn an opportunity into a success story," said Salvador Mellado, who oversees logistics and training at Performance Contractors, Inc. "It is an honor for us, Performance Contractors Inc. to be represented by such talented young professionals." The goal of the event is to build excitement about the construction industry and promote life-long learning that contributes to the workforce.



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SECTION B

SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

Two to tango: Unbeaten Dobie boys' soccer, Lady Horns advance

The real fun is about to begin as the varsity boys' and girls' soccer teams from Dobie prepare for the bidistrict playoffs, set for March 24-26 across the Region III ranks.

The Longhorns' varsity boys, delivering back-to-back unbeaten seasons, finished off their second title run with a 1-1 tie against Memorial, March 14, at Veterans Stadium.

At press time, the Longhorns' (13-0-3) bidistrict playoff opponent was not determined, but was to come from among Baytown Sterling, Port Arthur Memorial or Beaumont West Brook.

The Dobie girls reached the postseason after playing Memorial to a 1-1 tie in the regular season finale March 14, also at Veterans Stadium.

The Lady Longhorns won the subsequent

shootout three goals to one, but had already edged out the Pasadena Lady Eagles for the fourth and final playoff seed by virtue of the tie.

Dobie won the coaches' coin flip and will play host to District 21-6A championship at Deer Park on Thursday, March 24, at Veterans Stadium. Match time is 7 p.m.

Deer Park is coached by former Dobie varsity girls' and then boys' soccer coach Jesse Saavedra.

How far can they go?

Dobie head coach Justo Manrique took over the Dobie boys' program following the 2013 season.

The Longhorns had reached the Region III Final Four for the third time in five years, but Saavedra elected to exit Dobie to become the varsity boys' coach at Pearland High School.

In 2014, Dobie struggled a bit, eventually losing to Deer Park in the first round of the playoffs. Since then, the losses have been few and far between.

Dobie advanced to the area round last season, and will be looking to take things farther this time,

said Manrique. To this point in 2016, only Cinco Ranch and Aldine own victories over Dobie.

"There are probably teams in our own district with more (individual) talent, but we play very well as a group and have so many guys making contri-

butions.

"We don't have that go-to scoring stud on the offensive end, but we have found ways to score goals. This year, our goal differential is plus 42 (prior to the Memorial win).

"It's like a pizza, we have a lot of different ingredients to make it a tasty pizza, but we really don't have that one dominant ingredient.

That's fine with us. Soccer is a team game, and we have the ultimate team with guys who are willing to sacrifice and do the things necessary to be successful."

Goalkeeper Rigoberto Fuentes was a freshman on the 2013 team that last went to the Region III Final Four.

He was promised nothing in the way of a role when Manrique arrived but instead was encouraged to improve.

Current senior forward Josue Villalta was also a freshman defender on that same unit.

Fuentes is now the last line of defense as the Longhorns make their final playoff push.

"This is just a result of putting in all the work in the offseason," Fuentes said.

"It's a great honor to have been part of two undefeated district championship teams, but it's come from the hard work.

"This has been the best two years of my life in the sport.

"Every guy has bought into it, and we have been taking things one game at a time.

That's the way we have to keep it in the playoffs. It's worked well to this point, so we just have to keep doing it."

And there's Sabino Lozano, a junior midfield-

er who made Manrique's decision to include him on the varsity team in 2014 an easy one. "I really think it's great that so many of us

have been able to grow together as a team," Lozano said. "It's not as if a few of us are seniors and every-

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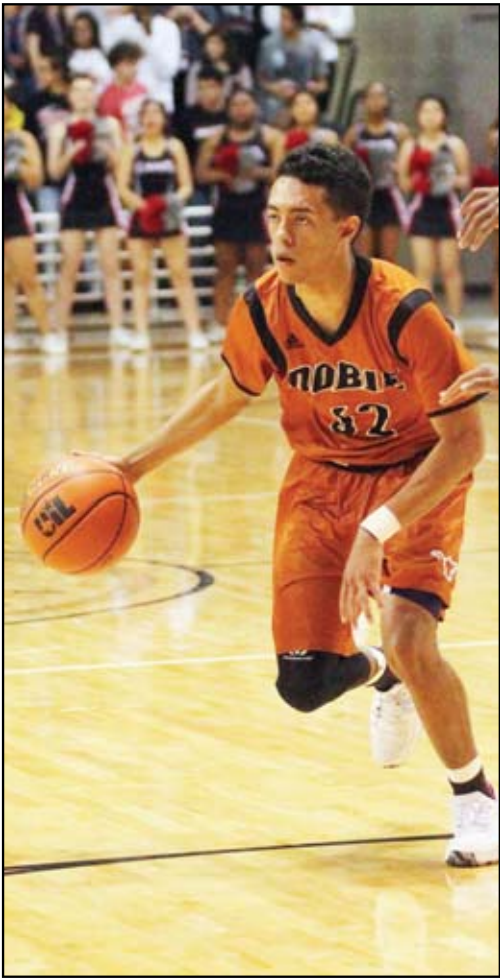
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All-District hoops

Brook's Azore, Dobie's Giron land honors



Clear Brook junior forward David Azore went on a scoring tear down the stretch of the District 24-6A varsity boys' basketball race, helping the Wolverines clinch a playoff berth. In a league loaded with skilled players, Azore was named the District 24-6A Offensive Player of the Year, averaging nearly 20 points per game for the Wolverines. He'll return in 2016-2017 for his third varsity campaign. See the 24-6A honorees on Page 2B.



Dobie senior shooting guard Tyler Giron (32) ended his three-year varsity career in style, being named the District 22-6A Defensive Player of the Year. Giron, who scored 15 points in his final game against Cy-Lakes in the Region III semifinals, was also named to the league's all-academic team. He was also an honorable mention pick in 22-6A as the Longhorns' varsity football starting quarterback. See more on Page 3B. Photos by John Bechtle

JFD baseball scores two wins

Snap, the Dobie varsity baseball team is back in the thick of the District 22-6A race after a pair of wins.

The Longhorns had started the league race with a pair of losses, but spring break has chanced all of that.

Pasadena March 12, the Longhorns rallied for seven runs in the top of the seventh inning, erasing a 4-3 deficit on the way to an eventual

10-4 victory over the Pasadena Eagles at Maguire Field in Pasadena.

Darius Hypolite had three hits for Dobie, and Hypolite, JoJo Castaneda and Jesse Parades drove in two runs apiece as the Longhorns won for the first time in league play.

Left-hander Euro Diaz earned the victory after his team rallied, pitching 6 1/3 innings while fanning five.

Moving on to March

15, the Longhorns eased past South Houston 7-2 at Dobie as Kaelon Woods pitched 5 1/3 innings for the win, with Jesus Tijerina getting the save.

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Softball: 22-6A race tightens

Stunning Dobie with a seventh-inning rally for the second time in two years, Alvin helped tighten the chase for the playoffs in District 22-6A softball.

The Lady Yellowjackets fought back from a 1-1 tie, scoring six runs in the top of the seventh inning to defeat Dobie 6-1 March 12, at the Pasadena ISD complex.

The win helped Alvin stay close to first-place Pearland, while Dobie is

third and looking to get back to its winning ways March 22, against Sam Rayburn.

Dobie had to be feeling good about itself after defeating Dawson 3-2, March 11.

Again, lead-off hitter Yvonne Whaley and No. 2 hole hitter Taylor Pleasants were catalysts for the Dobie offense, combining for four hits. Whaley scored a pair of runs, and Pleasants drove in two with

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South Belt Area Sports Association scholarships open to qualifying 2016 seniors

The South Belt Area Sports Association is again looking for deserving class of 2016 high school seniors who would like to vie for the group's annual scholarship awards.

Each year, the association presents \$500 scholarships to be applied to ward collegiate academic costs to one deserving male and one deserving female student.

Eligibility requirements for the South Belt Area Sports Association:

The student must have completed a minimum of three seasons in any of the six youth sports leagues supported by the SBASA, including the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League, South Belt

Girls' Softball Association, Sagemont Cowboys, South Belt Senior League Baseball (Pony/Colt), the South Belt Youth Soccer Club or the Southbelt Dolphins.

Eligible candidates must be satisfactory in both attendance and academic standing and should also have exhibited good citizenship, character and

community involvement to date.

The scholarship may be used to defer costs in the approved areas, including tuition, fees, books or miscellaneous expenses.

The selection will be made by the SBASA committee. Financial need will be considered in the selection process.

The applications must be completed and returned

to the Dobie or Clear Brook counseling offices by April, 22, 2016.

The recipient must enroll in a minimum of 12 class hours at an accredited institution, including a

four-year college or technical/vocational school.

The funds will be distributed to the chosen candidates once registration and other appropriate receipts are provided to the

committee for approval.

Applicants should also submit a copy of their transcript and a senior portrait with the application.

Questions should be

directed to Rich Newell, president of SBASA, at rdnewell2@auspex-inc.com or Karen O'Connor, association secretary at karenocconor9694@sbcglobal.net.

CB's Propeck makes bowling hall

At right, Clear Brook High School bowler Anthony Propeck will be a 2016 Greater Houston Bowling Hall of Honor inductee for skills and service to the game, and will also receive a collegiate scholarship award. One of the Wolverines' all-time greats, Propeck will join three other previous Hall of Honor inductees from Clear Brook, including Charles Smoot, Ashley Lawler and D.J. Casas. Propeck has put together a long list of accomplishments while at Clear Brook, having helped the school's bowling team reach both regional and state competitions on multiple occasions.



SBHLL major division Reds top Astros, win opening weekend event



The major division Reds of the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League showed their solid potential for the 2016 regular season, winning the league's annual opening weekend tournament following a 6-5 victory over the Astros in the championship game. The vast majority of regular season play within SBHLL begins March 21. Members of the Reds are, left to right, (front row) Jacob

Cueva, Caleb Martinez, Trint Jarvis, Nate Montemayor, Adam Sattler, Patrick Maldonado, (back row) coach Ray Garcia, Johnny Cabrera, Ray Garcia, Elijah Ramos, Darius Hale, Xander Garcia, coach Ricky Ramos, Jayden Gonzalez and coach Paul Cueva.

Offensive Player of the Year Azore heads Brook hoop picks

Looking for an early leader of the pack in District 24-6A varsity boys' basketball? Why not the Clear Brook Wolverines? Yes, the team wound up fourth this season and was subsequently downed by District 23-6A champion Travis in the bidistrict round of the playoffs, but there's always next year.

Four Clear Brook players, led by District 24-6A Offensive Player of the Year David Azore, are all juniors and will be on the court together next season.

Azore, a two-year starter who has essentially been a scoring machine for the Wolverines since the moment he arrived on campus, scored the honor out of a district loaded with talented players.

Dickinson, who was paced by overall league Most Valuable Player Jarian Spells, won the 24-6A championship after defeating Clear Creek late in the season for the top spot.

Jason Wilson, the Gators' courtside leader, was named Coach of the Year after the team wound up 30-10 on the season despite a first-round playoff loss to Alief Taylor.

Clear Creek, which finished second in the standings, got a terrific season

out of Defensive Player of the Year Xavier Farrell.

Third-place Clear Springs, which earned that playoff seed after Clear Brook lost to Friendswood late in the season, landed two starters on the 24-6A squad.

Clear Lake, the Region III champion in 2014-2015 missed the playoffs this season but should be fine moving forward as Newcomer of the Year Jeremiah Maldonado has made his presence felt in the paint.

Back to Clear Brook, Azore scored just over 22 points per game this season to go with eight rebounds a contest, and he was particularly good down the stretch as the Wolverines won three of its final four games to make their way into the postseason.

Onix Little and Caleb Lang were also first-team

selections for the Wolverines after putting together fine seasons of their own.

Little, like Azore a left-hander with length on the wing, scored eight

points and grabbed seven rebounds a game. Lang, meanwhile, came up with nine points per contest as the team's primary ball-handler.

Spencer Schneider, the Wolverines' top threat from 3-point range, scored nine points and averaged six rebounds per game on his way to being named to

the District 24-6A second team.

Four all-district players. Four juniors. Pick the Wolverines to lead the way next season.

24-6A Varsity Boys Hoops All-District Selections

Most Valuable Player Jarian Spells, Dickinson

Offensive Player of the Year David Azore, Clear Brook

Defensive Player of the Year Xavier Ferrell, Clear Creek

Newcomer of the Year

Jeremiah Maldonado, Clear Lake

Coach of the Year

Jason Wilson, Dickinson

First Team Selections

Warren Richardson, Clear Springs

Rashadre Wilson, Clear Creek

Payton Barnes, Clear Falls

Damon Williams, Dickinson

Faite Williams, Dickinson

Tyler McCarty, Clear Springs

Onix Little, Clear Brook

Caleb Lang, Clear Brook

Second Team Selections

Nick Shipley, Clear Creek

Tim Samuel, Brazoswood

John Culbertson, Clear Lake

Alex Dehoyos, Friendswood

Ty Shelby, Friendswood

Spencer Schneider, Clear Brook

Blake Werdlow, Clear Falls

Chance Ayers, Friendswood

Tyree Bearden, Clear Springs

Christian Waller, Clear Springs



At left, Clear Brook junior guard Caleb Lang (3) averaged nine points and five assists per game this season while helping the Wolverines to a fourth-place finish in the District 24-6A standings. For his efforts, Lang landed a berth on the 24-6A first team, and will now be one of four all-district players returning to the Clear Brook squad next season. With Lang and three other starters slated to return, including 24-6A Offensive Player of the Year David Azore, the Wolverines very well could be favored to bring home a district championship next season. This time around, the Wolverines, seeded fourth in the district, lost a first-round playoff matchup to District 23-6A champion Fort Bend Travis.

Photos by John Bechtle



Junior Onix Little slashed his way to the basket to the tune of eight points and seven rebounds per game this season, earning a first-team nomination within District 24-6A for his play.



Clear Brook forward Spencer Schneider (23) proved to be the Wolverines' top threat from 3-point range during his junior season with the team. He went on to grab second-team honors in the 24-6A ranks

this season and will return in 2016-2017 to help a Wolverine team that should be very good. On this play, Schneider went up against Dobie's Travores Gilbert, a second team pick in 22-6A (see Page 3B).

**22-6A Varsity Boys Hoops
All-District Selections**

Most Valuable Player

Karl Nicholas, Dawson

Offensive Player of the Year

Daniel Johnson, South Houston

Defensive Player of the Year

Tyler Giron, Dobie

Newcomer of the Year

Dralyn Brown, South Houston

Coach of the Year

Mark Barre, Dawson

First Team Selections

Savion Flagg, Alvin

Jules Moor, Dawson

Paul Taulton, Dawson

Royce Hunter, Dobie

Linton Acliese, Manvel

Mo Hussein, Manvel

Jalen Preston, Manvel

Josh Martinez, Pasadena

John Deterville, Pearland

Nick Hernandez, South Houston

Second Team Selections

Chase Horsfall, Alvin

Brandon Lovings, Dawson

Travores Gilbert, Dobie

Jason Lester, Dobie

Uryan Hudson, Manvel

Jason Scott, Manvel

Ramon Solis, Pasadena

Michael Guillory, Pearland

Colen James, Pearland

Kendle Hicks, South Houston

Zach Miller, South Houston

Honorable Mention, Dobie

Jonathan Cooper – Trey Kelly –

Jeremy Williams

22-6A All Academic, Dobie

Tyler Giron

Giron named Defensive Player of the Year

Three-year starter Tyler Giron was named the District 22-6A Defensive Player of the Year, earning the honor after helping the Longhorns reach the Region III semifinals with a terrific late-season run.

The Longhorns rebounded from a 1-4 start

in District play and at one point strung together seven consecutive wins before losing to South Houston.

Clearly, Giron's play was key as the Longhorns made their way to the postseason and then captured three straight play-

off wins before a loss to Cypress Lakes.

The senior shooting guard paved the way on the defensive end for Dobie, and District 22-6A champion Dawson was led by eventual Most Valuable Player Karl Nicholas.

The Eagles' Mark Barre was named Coach of the Year after guiding his team to a late-season win over South Houston for the league championship.

The Trojans, meanwhile, had an eight-game winning streak and came close to winning the league title before suc-

cumbing to Dawson.

South Houston was led by Offensive Player of the Year Daniel Johnson, and Dralyn Brown of South Houston was the New-comer of the Year.

Manvel, which followed Dawson and South Houston in the final 22-6A standings and edged out Dobie for the third seed on the final day of the regular season, had three of its players named to the 22-6A first team.

Dobie, its 23-13 season complete, also landed standout player Royce Hunter on the first team,

and he will return next season to lead the Longhorns as they try to build on the success of this season.

Two seniors, Travores Gilbert and Jason Lester, closed out their fine careers at Dobie by coming up with great playoff efforts.

Gilbert, like Lester a three-year starter, was huge in the team's first-round playoff win against the North Shore Mustangs, while, Lester was particularly good in the team's regional quarterfinal win over the Hightower Hur-

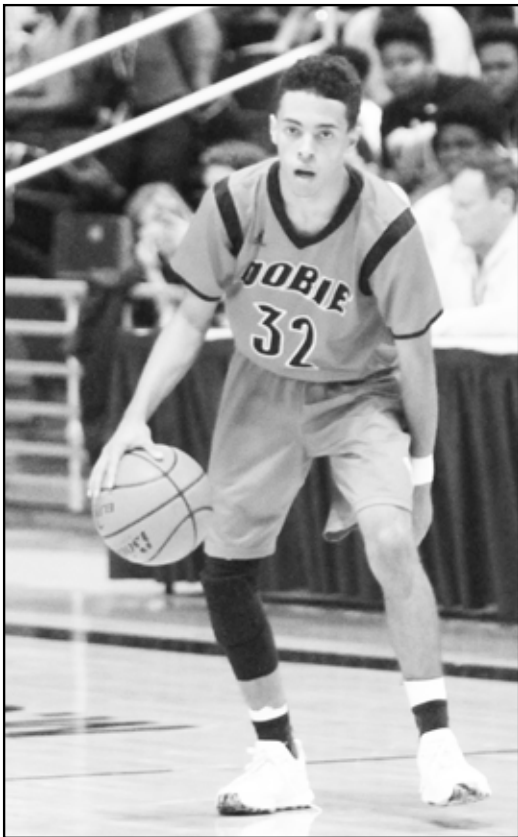
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Three Dobie players were also honorable mention selections within the district.

Of the three, senior Trey Kelly finished his career with a great playoff run.

Junior Jeremy Williams had great playoff games against North Shore and Hightower, while Joshua Cooper saved his best for last with a big 23-point game against Cypress Lakes.

Hunter, Cooper and Williams will lead the way next season.



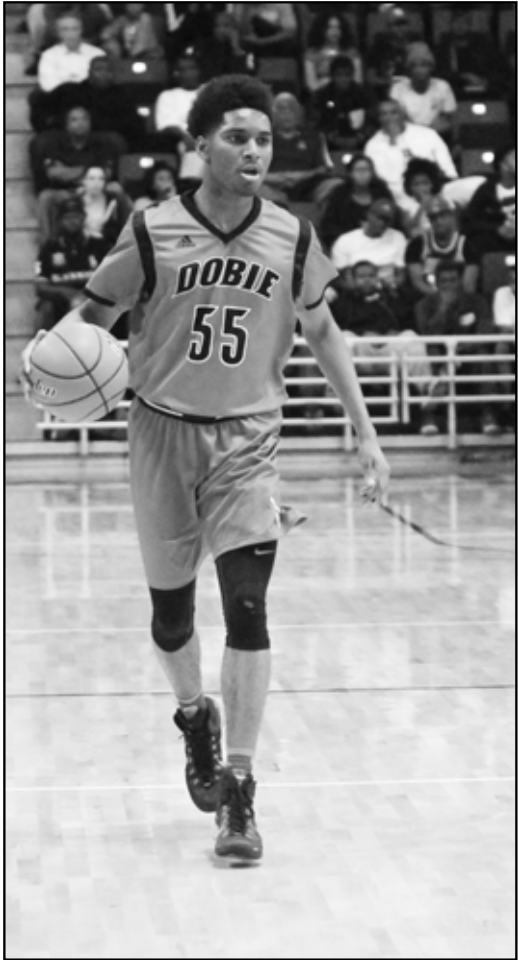
Tyler Giron displayed a solid shooting touch for the Longhorns over three seasons, but it was his play on the other end of the floor that netted him 22-6A Defensive Player of the Year honors.



A three-year varsity performer for the Longhorns, Travores Gilbert was a second-team selection in District 22-6A and later put together a terrific playoff run for his team.



The team's most consistent inside presence for the better part of three seasons, Jason Lester ended his playing career with a second-team nomination in the District 22-6A ranks.



A starter at point guard since his sophomore season, Dobie's Royce Hunter elevated his game even more this season, landing on the District 22-6A first team.

Photos by John Bechtle

Lajaunie tennis tourney nearing first serve

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

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

College scholarships will also be awarded to two tennis playing seniors (one boy and one girl) at Dobie High School.

Lajaunie began his tennis career playing at Dobie High School and graduated co-valedictorian in 1984. The Lajaunie family have been members of BARC since 2009.

Last year DLTSF raised \$19,000 for the scholarships from sponsorships, donations, silent auction, dinner raffle and proceeds from Texas Land and Cattle night for DLTSF.

Unfortunately, Lajaunie lost his battle with melanoma on May 3, 2011. This scholarship fund and tournament is a way to honor his memory by helping junior tennis players enjoy tennis and by assisting with their education in college.

Lajaunie was an electrical engineer graduate from the University of Texas in Austin, and a pillar of the community while working at the Johnson Space Center. He was dedicated and passionate for his favorite past time of playing tennis.

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

A complimentary lunch will also be available for

players, which will be donated by the Lajaunie family.

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

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

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

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

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

Members of the Dobie Tennis team will be allowed to play in the tour-

namment free of charge. Dobie players should check the tournament website for all details related to the scholarships.

Last year, the DLTSF awarded five camp scholarships to BARC junior tennis players and awarded four BARC high school seniors scholarships for college. Dinner tickets will go on sale April 1.

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

Dinner tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 10-and-under. Tickets may be purchased at the BARC or on the DLTSF website.

The Dobie recipients will be awarded their scholarships in May at the school during a special ceremony. The silent auction will begin April 22 at 4 p.m., and finish April 23 at 3 p.m.

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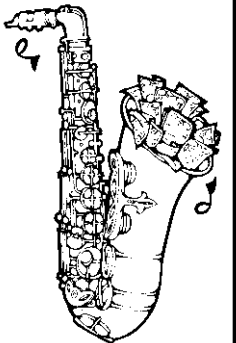
THURSDAY, MARCH 17
7 a.m.
AA Meeting – "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.
1 p.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club – Bridge games weekdays, 10 a.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark Rd. For lessons, contact instructor Dr. Dave Glandorf at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or 281-488-6318. Cost is \$6/ game or \$15/lesson. For information, call the club at 281-480-1911.
4 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society – Free water exercise for individuals with Parkinson's disease, 4 to 5 p.m., Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital Clear Lake, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Call 713-313-1652 or visit www.hapsonline.org for a list of all services.
6 p.m.
Texas German Society, South Belt (SE) Chapter – A social group interested in the culture, music, heritage and language of German immigrants in Texas. Meets monthly on the third Thursday, 6 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visitors welcome. Call 281-481-1238 for information.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Women's Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland. First Presbyterian Church (youth building) on the Westminster side. For information, call 713-856-1611.
Al-Anon (English Speaking) – Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway,

Pasadena, room 215. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
Alateen – Provides support for teenage children, friends and family members of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, room 208. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
8:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous – Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.
FRIDAY, MARCH 18
7 a.m.
AA Meeting – "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.
10 a.m.
Interfaith Care Partners – ministry at Saint Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, 10727 Hartsook St., near Alameda Mall. The gathering, for those with Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, strokes, etc. and their caretakers, meets the third Friday of each month, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. It consists of a continental-type breakfast, arts, crafts, exercises, entertainment, devotional break, lunch, and bingo game. Family members or acquaintances with these challenges are invited. For information, call the church at 713-946-5768; Claudia Rojas, Interfaith Care Partners, at 713-682-5995; or visit www.interfaithcarepartners.org.
10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club – Bridge games weekdays, 10 a.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark Rd. For lessons, contact instructor Dr. Dave Glandorf at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or 281-488-6318. Cost is \$6/ game or \$15/lesson. For information, call the club at 281-480-1911.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – West End Group of Al-

coholics Anonymous, noon, Shepherd of the Heart United Methodist Church, 12005 County Road 39, Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.
6 p.m.
Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish) – Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 6 p.m., room 215, First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., (Hwy 35), Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.
SATURDAY, MARCH 19
7:30 a.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous – "Breakfast with Bill", Saturdays, 7:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club – Bridge games weekdays, 10 a.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark Rd. For lessons, contact instructor Dr. Dave Glandorf at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or 281-488-6318. Cost is \$6/ game or \$15/ lesson. For information, call the club at 281-480-1911.
10 a.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., (Hwy. 35), Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.
11 a.m.
Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English) – For persons whose lives are affected by an addict. Saturdays, 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
7 p.m.
Bay Area Bluegrass Association – Produces a bluegrass music show and jam session the third Saturday of each month, August and December are exceptions. Stage

show begins at 7 p.m., but pickers may bring instruments and come earlier. Free. Johnny Arolfo Civic Center, 300 Walker, League City. For information, visit http://www.bayareabluegrass.org.
SUNDAY, MARCH 20
1 p.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club – Bridge games weekdays, 10 a.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark Rd. For lessons, contact instructor Dr. Dave Glandorf at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or 281-488-6318. Cost is \$6/ game or \$15/lesson. For information, call the club at 281-480-1911.
2 p.m.
Grief Support Group – For any adult who has lost a loved one. Meets Sundays, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas, 2 to 3:15 p.m., First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. For information, call 281-487-8787.
5:30 p.m.
Celebrate Recovery – A faith-based 12-Step Program. Sundays, 5:30 p.m., Chapel of the Educational Building at Life Church in Houston, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for information or to RSVP for child care.
6:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous – Candlelight Meeting, Sunday, 6:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
7 p.m.
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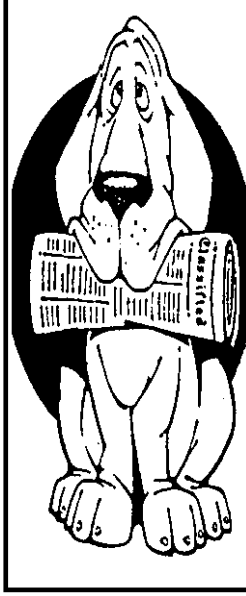
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MONDAY, MARCH 21

8:30-11 a.m.

Harris County Master Gardeners – Open Garden Day, with Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at the Genoa Friendship Garden, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Rd. Free. Plants for sale in greenhouse. For details, visit hcmga.tamu.edu. 10 a.m.

Al-Anon Deer Park – 10 - 11 a.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for information, or just drop in.

Clear Lake Bridge Club – Bridge games weekdays, 10 a.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark Rd. For lessons, contact instructor Dr. Dave Glandorf at drglndorf@sbcglobal.net or 281-488-6318. Cost is \$6/game or \$15/lesson. For information, call the club at 281-480-1911. 10:30 a.m.

Seniors and Law Enforcement Together – SALT holds monthly meetings, 10:30 a.m., Madison Jobe Senior Citizens Center, 1700 East Thomas St. in Pasadena, third Monday of each month. No meeting in December. January meeting is on the second Monday. Meetings teach seniors how to avoid identity theft, scams, fraud, etc. Police officers and sheriffs may be in attendance. Free. Refreshments served. Meetings start timely and are one hour or less. For information, call 713-477-0175. 11:30 a.m.

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

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – Imperfect Nooners Group of AA meets at noon, 2245 N. Main. For information, call 713-856-1611. 2 p.m.

Genealogy Group – The Parker Williams Genealogy Group meets from 2 to 4 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month at the Parker Williams Library, Beamer at Scarsdale. The public is invited to attend. For information, email Liz Hicks at erootot@usa.net. 3:30 p.m.

Houston Area Parkinson Society – Free exercise and speech therapy from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered. For adults with Parkinson's disease only. 6 p.m.

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

New Directions Singles – Group for ages 60 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner with guest speakers, 6 p.m., at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Parkway. For information, call Margarita at 832-715-9658. 6:30 p.m.

Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting – meets Mondays at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland. Enter door next to recycling bins. For information, call 713-865-3668 or visit www.oahouston.org. 7 p.m.

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

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The Clear Lake Gem and Mineral Society – Meets the third week of the month at Clear Lake Park Bldg., 5001 NASA Parkway, Seabrook. Guests welcome. Presenters explore a variety of subjects such as fossils, planetary geology, mineralogy, lapidary, jewelry making, rock, fossil and mineral collecting. Field trips to various collecting sites throughout Texas and surrounding states. All interested persons welcome to attend. Door prizes. Free parking. For information, visit www.clgms.org. 7:30 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – New AA meeting, Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery Program, open meeting meets every Monday, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Education Building, 11011 Hall Road, 77089. For more information, call Russell Garcia at 832-483-6715. **TUESDAY, MARCH 22** 7 a.m.

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

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American Begonia Society – Houston Satellite meets the fourth Tuesday of each month, Clear Lake Park, 5001 NASA Parkway (on the lake side), Seabrook. For information, call Joe at 281-481-2458.

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

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

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Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish) – Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesdays, Wednesday and Friday, 6 p.m., First United Methodist Church, room 215, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in. 7 p.m.

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

Houston Space City Lions Club – Meets the second and fourth Tuesday monthly, 7 p.m., at Golden Corral (12500 Gulf Fwy.) or various restaurants. For information, call George Malone at 281-438-7243. 8 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous – AA meetings are held Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481. **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23** 7 a.m.

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

Young at Heart Club – Meets the second and fourth week of each month (except November and December) at Covenant United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Lots of activities, trips, etc. Call Nellie Galney at 713-991-3517 for information. 10 a.m.

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

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

AA Meeting – "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, in the Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or drop in. 10 a.m.

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

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611. 4 p.m.

Houston Area Parkinson Society – Free water exercise for individuals with Parkinson's disease, 4 to 5 p.m., Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital Clear Lake, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Call 713-313-1652 or visit www.hapsonline.org for information. 7 p.m.

CrossRoads UMC – Maundy Thursday service is March 24, 7 p.m., with communion. Good Friday service with the Easter Cantata is March 25, 7 p.m., at CrossRoads United Methodist Church, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243 or visit www.crossroads-umc.org. 7 p.m.

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

Al-Anon (English) – Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics and addicts. Thursdays, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, room 215. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.

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Champion JFD boys, girls await playoffs

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one else is younger. We have all worked together since my freshman season (2014) to do this, and it's been great." The unfortunate part about Dobie's season now is that the next loss will bring an end to what has

District 22-6A Standings Varsity Boys' Soccer Final Regular Season				
Teams	W	L	T	Pts.
Dobie	13	0	3	42
Manvel	12	2	2	40
Memorial	9	2	5	34
Pasadena	10	4	2	33
Rayburn	6	9	1	20
Pearland	2	8	6	16
South Houston	3	11	2	13
Alvin	4	12	0	12
Dawson	2	13	1	7



At left, Dobie midfielder David Saravia (17) stays step for step with a Memorial player during the first half of a 1-1 tie between the two teams March 14, at Veterans Stadium. The Mavericks won the shootout to score two crucial points in the standings, but the Longhorns, nonetheless, finished the regular season as the undefeated (13-0-3) district champions for the second straight season.

At right, the Dobie varsity girls' soccer team celebrates a shootout win over Memorial, also March 14, after a 1-1 tie in regulation. With the tie, Dobie edged Pasadena for the fourth playoff seed in District 22-6A and will now face District 21-6A champion Deer Park March 24, in the bidistrict playoffs. See more on Page 1B.



Dobie and Memorial went head-to-head to end the regular season, and the action was intense. In the end, the two teams tied, with Dobie later winning a shootout for the extra point in the standings. Here, Dobie's Megan Glass (16) goes against a Pasadena Memorial forward.

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been a second straight memorable run. While the Longhorns did come up on the short end of three shootouts in league action – which could be a concern – the team hasn't lost since Jan. 12. Obviously, the locals aren't looking to see the streak come to a close. **Dobie girls/DP** The Dobie varsity girls will draw Deer Park for the second time in three seasons. In 2014, the Lady Longhorns and Deer Park were scoreless at halftime at Abshire Stadium in Deer Park before the hosts got rude. Deer Park's Chelsea York and Candice Stephens scored two goals each as the Lady Deer went on to win 5-0. Dobie

head coach Bryan McDonald said he recalls his team allowing a goal about 13 minutes into the second half, and that opened the flood gates. In a span of about nine minutes, Deer Park had essentially put the game away. But none of that matters now. Few players from that 2014 season remain on either roster. While it is a case of a district champion (Deer Park) going against a No. 4 qualifying playoff seed (Dobie), McDonald knows it's still only a 40-minute soccer game. The Lady Longhorns did not come away with a win, but, nonetheless played well against Alvin, Dawson and Pearland this season. When Dobie is playing well, it's a team

that can hold its own with some of the better squads. McDonald hopes this is another one of those times. "It's like I have said most of the season, we have to play mistake-free soccer and not give away 'gimme goals'," McDonald said. "You can hang in there for a long time and then give up an easy one, and things get away from you. We also have to play with intensity and be ready for the physical play that comes this time of year." McDonald is also hopeful that after a bit of a season of dealing with injuries, adversity, changing styles of play and so forth, the Lady Longhorns are ready to play their best soccer at the right time. "We've dealt with a lot of things, and it has literally taken all season to get into the playoffs and have

a chance to take that next step," he said. "But we got past Pasadena, an improved team, and earned the playoff berth. "Now we have to go out and put it all together. We can't have errors and silly mistakes that lead to goals. If we can make Deer Park earn it and not give things up, we should be alright. "We have some tricks up our sleeves. There are a lot of things that we have improved upon, so I'm looking forward to us putting it all together." A win over Deer Park would also give the Lady Longhorns a chance to deliver a bit of a payback for 2014. And current Deer Park head coach Jesse Saavedra once coached both the Dobie boys' and girls' soccer squads. Sending him to the sidelines early would be sweet, too.



Angelica Ortiz of Dobie punches in a score during the Lady Longhorns' shootout victory over Memorial to close out the regular season March 14, at Veterans Stadium. Alvin won the 22-6A title, followed by Dawson, Pearland and Dobie.



Photos by John Bechtle Sports Editor



With a Memorial corner kick on its way, the Dobie defense, including Alejandro Polio (18), Jose Ramirez (15), Denis Lopez (4), Jose Reyes (5), Edgar Arzate (19) and Angel Palomares (2) battles against the Mavs in first-half action March 14, at Veterans Stadium. Palomares scored off a corner kick in the first half for

Dobie, but the Mavs knotted the score in the second half at 1-1 and later won a shootout. Dobie will enter the playoffs as the 22-6A champion, while Memorial will be the No. 3 seed. At press time, the Longhorns' bidistrict playoff opponent had not been determined.

Lady Longhorns now 4-2

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a double. Alexa Munoz came through with an RBI triple in the win, which moved Dobie to 4-1 within district action just hours before the Alvin game. Deja Gaines drove in Dobie's run against Alvin as the locals took a lead into the top of the seventh inning, but that's when Alvin rallied. With six runs crossing the plate in the final frame, Alvin had little trouble holding on for the win. Dobie was scheduled to be idle over the spring break week, but action starts anew Tuesday, March 22, as the Lady Longhorns face Sam Rayburn. Due to Good Friday, Dobie will face Memorial in a March 24 game.

Dobie vs. Sam Rayburn
March 22, 6:30 p.m.
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An out later, the Longhorns got some help from the Eagles, who committed a pair of errors. The Longhorns took advantage from there to go on to win the game. In beating South Houston, the Longhorns got four hits from Luis Salazar to lead the way. Paredes drove in a pair of runs with two hits, and Diaz drove in two runs, as did Myers.

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