

Heavy trash scheduled

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

Melillo Spring Carnival set

The second annual Melillo Spring Carnival will be held Saturday, March 27, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the school at 9220 Hughes Road in the Riverstone Ranch subdivision.

Activities planned are games and prizes, dunk the principals in the dunking booth, a rock climbing wall, a bungee run and lots of food and fun. The community is invited to enjoy the fun.

Lenten Bible study at KSCC

Kirkwood South Christian Church, 10811 Kirkfair, will hold a Lenten Bible study, *Soup for the Soul*, Thursdays through Easter. A meal of soup and cornbread will be served at 6:30 p.m., followed by a study on a book by John Ortberg titled *God's Best Version of You*.

Frazier Owls collect hats

Frazier Elementary will host its third annual Hats For Hope service project benefiting M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. The school will collect new hats with the tags still attached or monetary donations until May 7.

All hats and money collected will be donated to M.D. Anderson cancer patients and the Patient Services Program. South Belt residents who know of someone who is undergoing cancer treatments, are asked to let the school know.

Those who would like to make or knit hats would be appreciated. For information, contact Rhonda Jacobs at 713-740-0560 or rjacobs@pasadenaids.org.

KW South meets March 25

The Kirkwood South Committee homeowner's association quarterly meeting will be held on Thursday, March 25, at 7:30 p.m. in Judge Jo Ann Delgado's courtroom located at 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. All KWS homeowners are urged to attend this meeting regarding the new changes affecting all sections.

20-year JFD reunion set

The 20-year reunion for the Dobie Class of 1990 will be Saturday night, April 17, at the Nassau Bay Hilton, 3000 NASA Parkway.

For more information, call Reunions by Class Act at 713-780-0020, or visit www.reunionscoop.com.

St. Frances serves fish

The St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church men's club, 10727 Hartsok, will sell fish dinners Friday, March 26, from 4 to 7 p.m., dine in or take out.

Dinners are \$8 each and include grilled or fried fish, french fries, grilled vegetables, cole slaw, hush puppies and a beverage. Desserts will be available for \$1. Money raised will be used for scholarships and local community charitable projects. For information, call 713-946-5768.

Cowboys, Cowgirls register

The Sagemont Cowboys and Cowgirls will hold early registration for all drill, mascot and returning football players on Saturday, March 27, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at El Franco Lee Park Little League fields.

This is the last early registration for returning football players. Returning football players not signed up after this registration will lose their reserved spot.

A \$100 deposit for drill and mascots members and a \$50 deposit for football players is due at the time of sign-up. Contact information will also be accepted from all new football players. For more information, contact the club president at denny@sagemontcowboys.com or the drill director at traci@sagemontcowboys.com.

K of C hosts fish fry

The Knights of Columbus Council will serve Lenten catfish dinners at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church Friday, March 26.

Dinners to dine in or take out consist of a catfish, fries, hush puppies, cole slaw, corn on the cob and iced tea. Soft drinks and desserts will be available for purchase. Dinners will be served from 5 until 7 p.m. in the parish hall. The public is invited. For information, call 832-444-4958.

PTO scholarships available

Moore Elementary

The Moore Elementary PTO will offer four scholarships to graduating seniors at Dobie High School who attended Moore Elementary in the fourth and fifth grades. The Dobie senior counselor's office has applications available. Applications must be returned by noon Monday, March 29, in order to be considered. Scholarships will be awarded by Moore PTO at the May PTO meeting.

Dobie band parents meet

The Dobie Band Parent Organization will meet Monday, April 5, at 7 p.m. in the band hall. All band parents are urged to attend.

Fight continues over proposed NASA budget

By James Bolen

Community members continue to lobby federal officials to re-examine President Barack Obama's proposed 2011 NASA budget, as a group of 28 citizens will make a trip this week to Washington, D.C., to speak with lawmakers in an effort save local jobs.

Longtime Kirkwood resident Bob Mitchell will be among the travelers making the trek to

the Capitol, from March 24 to March 25, to pitch to legislators the need for maintaining a robust NASA presence in Houston.

Obama's proposed budget calls for the phasing out of NASA's space shuttle program, as well as its Constellation project, which was to return man to the moon by 2020.

According to Mitchell, this would entail a loss of a minimum of 4,000 direct local jobs and per-

haps as many as 7,000 direct local jobs. Mitchell further said that a loss of 4,000 direct jobs would contribute to the loss of an additional 2,500 secondary jobs, while the loss of 7,000 direct jobs could lead to the loss of an additional 4,500 secondary jobs, totaling as many as 11,500 potential lost jobs in the area.

Contrary to a report in the March 11 edition of the *Leader*, Mitchell did not join newly elected Houston Mayor Annise Parker on a recent trip to Washington to speak with NASA Administrator Charles Bolden. Mitchell, however, did advise Parker before her one-hour meeting with Bolden.

Parker reportedly came away from the meeting optimistic. The mayor invited Obama to visit the Johnson Space Center. The president, however, has yet to officially accept the invitation.

Mitchell, who currently serves as president of the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership, has a long history of dealing with the aerospace industry. He joined BAHEP in 2000 to oversee the statewide implementation of the Space Alliance Technology Outreach Program, and last year, was appointed by Gov. Rick Perry to the Aerospace and Aviation Advisory Committee.

Joining Mitchell will be Friendswood Mayor
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Harrison's building nearly complete



As of press time, FCT Capital Partners LLC and local State Farm insurance agent Norwood Richardson were the only tentative occupants of the nearly completed office building on the Gulf Freeway near Fuqua. Construction crews were seen on site, but external work on the building's front had been finished. Photo by Matt Griesmyer

Harrison, FC Holdings part ways

By Matt Griesmyer

In November, the company that gained majority control over FC Holdings, Inc., the parent company of First Community Bank, parted ways with Nigel Harrison, former CEO of the company, leaving him in control of a bank building with no bank.

Harrison was planning on making the building, located on the east side feeder road of Interstate 45 between Fuqua Road and Beltway 8, into the headquarters of First Community Bank.

After Harrison and the parent company parted ways, it was decided that First Community would not move into the building after all.

While the former main tenant of the building is not going to be moving in, construction is still continuing without pause.

"First Community Bank and I parted ways last summer, and they have chosen not to occupy the building on the freeway," Harrison said. "We are in the process of negotiating to have another bank be in the building."

The plans for the building will be for Harrison's company, FCT Capital Partners LLC, to occupy an office suite, utilizing the space as headquarters for their business on the second floor. The first floor will be used by Norwood Richardson, a local State Farm insurance agent.

The estimated completion date of the bank building was scheduled for the end of 2009, but spring 2010 is here, and construction crews are still moving about the area.

Reportedly, Richardson will be moving into the offices starting late May this year. Other office spaces are available under a rent basis.

City of Houston to begin compostable bag program

The City of Houston has established April 5, 2010, as the startup date for the collection of yard trimmings in compostable bags.

Quanell X visits Dobie

Several *Leader* readers alerted the paper's staff that community activist Quanell X visited Dobie High School Wednesday, March 24.

According to Pasadena Independent School District Superintendent Kirk Lewis, the visit was in response to a complaint regarding the recent search of a student suspected of possessing drugs. Based on a tip, the search proved unfruitful. The activist, who was accompanied by two bodyguards, met with Dobie principal Steve Jaimail and resolved the issue without incident.

South Belt cleanup set for April 10

Members of the community, along with Harris County officials, will participate in the Keep South Belt Beautiful 2010 Great American Cleanup on Saturday, April 10, from 8 a.m. to noon.

Originally the idea of Nita Haywood of Haywood Management, who oversees several homeowners associations in the area, the event will focus on picking up trash and debris from area streets and esplanades.

To aid in her efforts, Haywood contacted David Matthews, Harris County Precinct 1 community aide, who put her in touch with Harris County Justice of the Peace Jo Ann Delgado, as she has spearheaded similar events in the past.

Delgado suggested enlisting the help of local juvenile offenders, who would receive reduced sentences for volunteering in the program.

"It's a good way to give back to the community," Delgado said.

The county has now aligned itself with Keep

City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department crews will pick up bagged yard trimmings placed at the curb in only city-approved compostable bags. Yard trimmings placed in the garbage cart, or in any other type of container or bag will not be collected. On September 2, 2009, Houston City Council approved the revisions to Chapter 39 of the City of Houston's Code of Ordinances pertaining to the collection of yard trimmings.

By diverting this material from area landfills, the city anticipates saving at least \$1.5 million annually while preserving the environment and valuable landfill space. The Solid Waste Management Department will use avoided landfill costs to add more Houstonians to the Automated Recycling Program.

The Solid Waste Management Department will notify Houston residents through direct mail, meetings with Superneighborhood/civic associations, TV, radio, newspaper, Facebook,

Houston Beautiful, which has done similar projects in the city for the past 30 years. The non-profit organization will provide bags, vests and gloves for the program.

Participants will concentrate on the area along Beamer between Scarsdale and Beltway 8, Delgado said. Future events may focus on other areas of the community, according to Haywood, who would like to see the cleanups happen more frequently.

"We'd like to clean it once a month and help with landscaping," Haywood said. "We're completely behind the program to keep the neighborhood beautiful."

While the cleanup will utilize probationers, organizers are seeking other volunteers to participate. Adults are particularly encouraged to take part.

The cleanup will begin at 8 a.m. at the Harris County courthouse annex at 10851 Scarsdale.

For more information, call 281-481-9630.

Easter activities, closings set for South Belt area

Easter Sunday is April 4, and there are several activities and closures of which South Belt residents should be aware.

El Franco Lee Park

The annual Easter egg hunt at El Franco Lee Park, 9400 Hall Road, will take place Saturday, March 27, beginning at 2 p.m.

Hosted by Harris County Precinct 1 Commissioner El Franco Lee, Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Gary Freeman and Harris County Justice of the Peace Jo Ann Delgado, the event will feature complimentary soft drinks, hot dogs and snow cones.

For more information, call 281-464-9708.

Easthaven Baptist Church

Easthaven Baptist Church, 13100 Beamer Road (Astoria at Beamer), will hold its annual Easter Egg-Stravaganza 2010 Saturday, March 27, at 3 p.m. Egg hunts, photos with the Easter Bunny, kite flying and door prize drawings will be held. Hot dogs and refreshments will be available. For information, call 281-922-5520 or visit www.easthavenchurch.org.

Kirkwood South Christian Church

Kirkwood South Christian Church, 10811 Kirkfair, will hold its annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 3, from 10 a.m. to noon. The community is invited. Bring an Easter basket to

this free event of arts and crafts activities along with refreshments.

For information, contact the church at 281-481-0004.

H-E-B Blackhawk

The Blackhawk H-E-B, 9828 Blackhawk, will hold an Easter egg hunt Saturday, March 27, beginning at 8 a.m. For children 4 years old and younger, the hunt will start at 8 a.m. For children between 5 and 7 years old, the hunt will begin at 9 a.m., and the egg hunt will start at 10 a.m. for children between the ages of 8 and 10.

Each egg hunt will start on time. For more information, call 713-991-2774.

South Belt-Ellington Leader closing

The *South Belt-Ellington Leader* office will be closed Friday, April 2, in observance of Good Friday. Those submitting free items to be published on April 8, should do so by Thursday, April 1. E-mail items to mynews@southbeltleader.com.

Clear Brook City MUD closing

The offices of Clear Brook City MUD will be closed Friday, April 2, in observance of the Easter holiday. The office will reopen Monday, April 5, at 8 a.m. To avoid late fees, payments may be left in the drop box located on the drive-through window side of the building.

Spots still available for 14th annual South Belt cookoff

There are still a limited number of spaces available for this year's South Belt Spectacular Cookoff, set to take place Thursday, April 15, through Saturday, April 17, at El Franco Lee Park, 9400 Hall Road.

This is the first time in four years the annual event will be held at its original location. Ongoing construction of the new community center at El Franco Lee Park forced the cookoff to be relocated to Tom Bass Park the past three years.

Now in its 14th year, the event is the sole fundraiser for the annual Fourth of July fireworks display at El Franco Lee Park.

A silent auction will also take place Saturday. Past auction items include a ride on a fire engine and the chance to name an area street.

According to event organizer Linda Arnone, there is currently a shortage of items to be auctioned. To reserve a spot or to donate auction items, contact Arnone at 281-484-4325.

Hobby Airport renovations



A massive construction effort is under way at William P. Hobby Airport to renovate the facility's lobby, baggage claim area and ticket counter space. Shown above is an artistic rendering of the proposed curbside ticketing area. Work on the renovation program is scheduled to be complete by 2012. See related story on Page 6A.

Guest Editorial

National Flood Safety Awareness Week

By Annise Parker, Mayor of Houston

The week of March 15-19 was National Flood Safety Awareness Week. With the 2010 hurricane season soon upon us, I would like to encourage all Houstonians to consider buying flood insurance and to register for transportation assistance.

As our city continues to recover from Hurricane Ike less than two years ago, now is the time to take the proper steps to protect your home and property. Even if you do not live in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), flood insurance is a low cost option to protect your property. According to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), on average, 25 percent to 35 percent of flood insurance claims come from low-to-moderate risk areas (areas not in the mapped floodplain). This statistic was supported by losses that resulted from the heavy rain storm here in April 2009.

In October 2009, the City of Houston improved its Community Rating from a Class 6 to a Class 5. This is a great achievement for the residents of the city of Houston. For homeowners living in the SFHA, discounts ranging from 10 percent to 25 percent will be given on flood insurance premiums at renewal time depending upon specific locations. For

properties outside of the SFHA, Preferred Risk Policies will still be available at very affordable rates.

For more information, see the FEMA Web site, <http://www.FEMA.gov>, call the City of Houston Floodplain Management Office at 713-535-7666, e-mail cityeng@cityofhouston.net, or contact your local flood insurance agent. Remember, although flood insurance may be purchased throughout the year, there is a 30-day waiting period before coverage begins. Contact your local NFIP office www.floodsmart.gov regarding possible exceptions to insurance coverage.

Finally, the City of Houston encourages those members of our community who do not have access to transportation, and may need special transportation assistance during an emergency evacuation, to pre-register with the City of Houston's Office of Emergency Management (OEM). Note that all persons who have registered in previous years must re-register for assistance in 2010. Each year on January 1, the city's registration database is completely cleared. To register, go to www.houstonoem.net under the tab, "Transportation Assistance," contact the OEM at 713-884-4500 or dial 2-1-1, the Texas/United Way Helpline.

Reader's Opinion

Mitchell seeks volunteers for petition

The economic crisis in America have caused some residents in the Sageglen Community to turn to other methods for economic relief. In order to protect your investment, your home, from foreclosure and additional fees assessed by the homeowners association, volunteers are needed in sections 1 thru 4 to re-establish the Security Committee for an unincorporated area. A security committee was established in the earlier development of the Sageglen Homeowners Association in the late 70s.

The purpose was to provide assistance to neighbors who perhaps were in conflict with other neighbors. The committee curtailed harassment of neighbors, damages to property, and provided residents with the assistance they needed for documenting cases of conflict between neighbors, filing police reports etc.

It also provided workshops on issues dealing with living in a homeowners' association, such as, deed restrictions,

and the bylaws of the Association, presently it can deal with job terminations, leveling the playing field by hiring a law firm for the interest of residents in a HOA, just to name a few.

There are more residents in the South Belt area than board members. If you are interested in the security of this community as well as the value of your property, then lets re-establish this committee.

Because of the number of working parents in the area, the committee will be Virtual, if approved. I would like to thank those residents who supported me during a difficult time when the homeowners association failed to protect my interest in this area.

In the future, I would like to make sure that all homeowners are aware of the pro and cons of a homeowners association and what you can do to protect your home and your health before unforeseen circumstances occur. The meeting will take place at the El Franco Lee Senior Center on Hall Rd. as soon as space is available. Thanks,
Gala D. Mitchell and family

Deaths

Audrey Elaine Schiro



Audrey Elaine Schiro, 83, of South Belt, died Wednesday, March 17, 2010.

She is preceded in death by her husband, George Schiro.

Survivors include one daughter, Cheryl Ann Whited; three grandsons, Paul Hickman and wife Jennifer, Scott Hickman, and Neal Hickman and wife Melissa; two great-grandchildren, Juliana and Jake Hickman.

A funeral service was held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 20, at Niday Funeral Home. Interment followed at Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery.

Robbye Marie Rankin



Robbye Marie Rankin, 73, of South Belt, died Wednesday, March 17, 2010. She was born on Aug. 5, 1936, in El Dorado, Ark.

She is preceded in death by her parents, George Robert Baylis and Zada O. Baylis, husband James Conway Rankin and her nephew, Dr. Robert Baylis.

Rankin spent many years working in banking and later spent eight years working for the Houston Livestock Show

and Rodeo. She was also active at Sagemont Church.

Rankin is survived by her brother, George and wife Jerra; stepdaughter Jennifer and husband Scott, stepson Kevin; three grandchildren, Bethany, Madison and Makenzie; niece Deborah and husband Tom; niece Galynn and husband Chris; niece Holly and husband Ken; niece Marcy and husband Randy; great-nieces Channing, Kristin, Katie and Abby; great-nephews Cameron, Connor, Jordon and Nathan and wife Melody; great-great-nephews Braedon and Caden; and great-great niece Eden.

A service celebrating Rankin's life was held Saturday, March 20, at Niday Funeral Home. Interment followed at Forest Park Lawndale.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Rankin's name may be made to MD Anderson Cancer Center (www.mdanderson.org).

Carl E. Stonecipher Sr.

Carl E. Stonecipher Sr., 72, of Sagemont, died Saturday, March 20, 2010. He was born on Sept. 18, 1937, in Iuka, Ill.

Stonecipher is preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Leona Stonecipher.

He worked as a retail store manager for F.W. Woolworth and Co. and Woolco his entire life.



Stonecipher is survived by his wife, Judy Stonecipher, his son, Carl E. Stonecipher Jr., and his three sisters, Mary Stonecipher, Lois Stearns and Wilma Dobrec.

A Rosary was prayed during visitation on Wednesday, March 24, 2010. The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 25, at Niday Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Duncan, Okla.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to the charity of choice.

Richard Landers

Richard Landers, 64, former South Belt resident, died Monday, March 15, 2010, at his residence in Alvin, Texas.

Landers is survived by his foster brother, Earl Windsor and wife Winnie, five nephews and one niece. Also surviving is his caretaker and friend, Annie Estes.

Mt. Olive Early Childhood registration set

Mount Olive Early Childhood Education Center is currently accepting spring and summer applications for children 18 months to 4 years old. Preschool education curriculum is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. ECE is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. to provide early and after-school care. Competitive rates and discounts for children in the same immediate family are available.

Applications are being accepted for staff positions. Call 281-922-4453 for more information.

Clear Lake Tea Party hosts anniversary rally April 15

The Clear Lake Tea Party will host an anniversary rally on Thursday, April 15, in Clear Lake Park on NASA Parkway, from 4 to 7 p.m. Among other things, a re-enactment of the dumping of tea into Boston Harbor a couple of centuries ago will be held. The public is invited. For more information, visit the Web site at www.clearlaketea.com.

FEMA urges flood insurance purchase

Most Americans ignore the risks of flooding, assuming they aren't in a flood zone. The reality is, floods are America's No. 1 natural disaster and can happen anytime, anywhere. In fact, 90 percent of all natural disasters in the United States involve flooding. That's why federal and state officials urge residents to buy flood insurance before the next flood hits.

"Even if you weren't flooded recently, you may still be vulnerable to rising water," said regional Administrator Tony Russell of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. "The risk of flooding is almost three times greater than the risk of fire over the period of a 30-year mortgage, yet most people are insured against fire but not floods," Russell noted. "Obviously, it makes good sense to insure for both."

In 1968, Congress created the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) to help individuals insure themselves for a reasonable cost against flooding. Local governments must first agree to participate in the NFIP before its residents can purchase the insurance.

Almost 40 years after its creation, NFIP oversees more than 5 million flood insurance policies in more than 20,200 communities across the United States.

Here are some quick flood statistics for Texas residents for 2009:

- 347 flooding events
- \$1.95 billion in property damage.

Most people who live in NFIP participating communities – including business owners, homeowners and renters – are eligible to purchase federally backed flood insurance.

A residential building can be insured up to \$250,000 and its contents up to \$100,000. Renters can cover belongings up to \$100,000; and non-residential property owners can insure their buildings up to \$500,000, and contents up to \$500,000.

The premiums for an NFIP policy, averaging about \$500 a year, can be less expensive than the monthly payments on a federal disaster loan.

The NFIP maintains its Floodsmart Web site (www.floodsmart.gov) so people can

assess their vulnerability to flooding, calculate their costs for structure and contents insurance and find nearby agents who sell NFIP policies.

All areas are susceptible to flooding, although to varying degrees. It is advisable to have flood insurance in high risk areas and even in low-to-moderate flood risk areas; last year, one-third of all claims paid by the NFIP were for

policies in low-risk communities.

Flood insurance policies do not take effect until 30 days after purchase, so it is important to buy coverage now, before the next flood. There is no waiting period if a policy is purchased at a mortgage closing.

The following is the 2008 list of top 10 states for flood insurance claims.

State	Total Number of 2008 Claims	Total 2008 Claims Payments
Texas	35,248	\$2,155,876,306
Louisiana	11,795	\$426,062,584
Iowa	4,461	\$161,216,863
Missouri	3,098	\$109,502,641
Illinois	2,893	\$106,815,301
Indiana	2,843	\$103,873,812
Florida	2,785	\$60,885,186
Wisconsin	1,512	\$33,639,208
Mississippi	1,315	\$30,391,763
North Carolina	699	\$17,762,844

FEMA's mission is to support citizens and first responders to ensure the nation works together to build, sustain, and improve its capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from and mitigate all hazards.

Library events scheduled

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

Movie Madness is Thursday, March 25, at 2:30 p.m. Call the library at 281-484-2036 for feature title.

Children ages 5 and up can make an Easter craft at 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 25. Free tickets are required and are available at the library.

The Friends of the Parker Williams Library will hold a book sale to benefit library programs on Saturday, March 27. A wide selection of books and movies will be available from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Also on Saturday, local artist Glenn Bautista will share recent pastel works, oils and small drawings at 3:30 p.m. Vietnamese Storytime will be Saturday and will include Reading Club at 9 a.m., intermediate storytime at 11 a.m., and beginner storytime at 1 p.m.

AARP volunteers provide free income tax assistance every Tuesday in March from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Parker Williams Library. Arrive early to line up – only a limited number of people can be assisted each Tuesday.

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

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Dobie High School names fourth six-weeks honor rolls

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

Honor roll

Ninth grade

Oluchi Chinonyerem Aarouchukwunyer, Laura Itzel Aguilar, Ivette Alejandra Alba, Analia Victoria Alcoba, Carol Lilian Amaro, Christopher Chukwunonso Anagobu, Aaronnathaniel Gabino Arambula, Joel Michael Arhelger, Jessica Carina Armenta and Genevieve Au.

Jacquelyne Marie Baade, Rhianna Raquel Barrientos, Cody Edwin Bennett, Kelvin Damone Bennett, Travis Devin Berkstresser, Audrey Lenore Beyer, Sobia My Bhaty, Clyde Eugene Blackwell, Nancy Book, Kaytlin Simone Brooks, Jasmine Hien-Thanh Bui and Jose Luis Cantu.

Neftali Antonio Carcamo, Cecilia Gisell Cardenas, Fatima Elizabeth Castellon, Carlos Daniel Castillo, Thelma Chavez, Jennifer Guadalupe Cortez, Travis Pham Dao, Raven Elizabeth Davis, Niza Raquel Del Villar, Danielle Marie Diazhermandez and Phuc Nguyen Duc Dinh.

Alberto Joel Dorantes, Daniel Francisco Duran, Noah West Escamilla, Rene Giovanni Escobar, Emily Grace Espinoza, Maria Eugenia Ferreira, David E. Fraga, Aissa Monique Fuentes, Brandon Alexander Fuentes, Jennifer Elizabeth Galvan and Genesis Vanessa Garcia Gonzalez.

Jason Vy Giang, Lisa Renee Gill, Jacqueline Gloria, Claudia Bianca Gonzalez, Martin Gonzalez, Yadiria Gonzalez, Michael Ryan Graham, Johnathan Lloyd Griffin, Rebecca Michelle Guerra, Cindy Stacey Guzman and Johnathon Dylan Guzman.

Brenton Pierce Hamilton, Caleb Chase Hanley, Kamille Lynette Harris, Osaka Heng, Olivia Garrett Henry, Brittany Marie Hernandez, Jasmine

Hernandez, Marcy Lee Higginbotham, Christian Andrew Highfield, An Gia Ho, Katherine Marie Houghton and Jasmine Darnesha Hubley.

Jasmin Bentancourt Huerta, Jimmy Thien Huynh, Nantiporn Kate Inchun, Anna Lynne Ingalls, Alexia Janelle Jackson, Jesmi Jacob, Jacqueline Jaramillo, Terrence Keith Jefferson, Jasmy Nicole Johnson, Sabrina Juarez, Sydney Ann Keatts and Paul Kwang Mo Kim.

Ira Michelle Lanza, Aaron Chaise Lariviere, Minh Leon Le, Yen Phuchoang Le, Francisco Romel Ledezma, Katherine Erin Lee, Michelle Elizabeth Lee, Eric James Leuenberger, Mariana Edith Lopez, David Luna, Kimberly Oanh Luu, Denise Thy Ma and Eusebio Maldonado.

Joaquin E. Maldonado, Scott Earl Marsella, Erin Marie Mauk, Crystyan Medina, Tiffany Marie Mercado, Sarah Marie Merrill, Eric Montoya, Brittany Lee Montross, Brooke Ashley Montross, Syeda Siddra Naqvi, Christine Thao Nguyen and Kevin Thai Nguyen.

Khanh Phuong Nguyen, Phu Tran Nguyen, Quynh Anhminh Nguyen, Sally Nguyen, Thao Tran Phuong Nguyen, Thuhuyen Do Nguyen, Paris Lanae Nichols, Amy Victoria Ordonez, Melinda Olivia Ortez, Christopher Anthony Pantoja and Samantha Annmarie Paredes.

Sean Michael Peace, Cassidy Lily Peng, Victoria Yaquelin Perla, Diamond Delexus Peters, Anh Hoang Pham, Jennifer Vy Pham, Kevin The Pham, Mary Pham, Tracie Phan, Viktoralvino Pesquera Pineda, Karen Marie Ponce and Evin Mikal Prescott.

Patrick Jermaine Preston, Manuel Alexander Reyna, Tyler Renee Reyna, Harrison James Richmond, Samantha Joanna Rios, Deanellys Rivera, Randall Alan Roberts,

Joy Danielle Rose, Kimberly Ruiz, Orfa Zaid Ruiz, Benjamin Desi Salazar and Andres Manuel Sanchez.

Savannah F. Sanchez, Kaitlyn Rae Schuetz, Anthony Brian Simmons, Natalie Vanessa Skaggs, Loana Magaly Solis, Justin Anne Sunga, Princess Rebecca Tabarez, Brent Regan Tevis, Andre Lamont Timmons, Amanda Hien Thu Tran, Christina Tuong-Nhi Tran, Kim-Lynn Thi Tran, Lan Hoang Tran and Nasa Dalenna Tran.

Ngocque Thi Tran, Thione Tam Nhi Tran, Macy Nicole Traywick, Trey William Trujillo, Andrea Myreli Vargas, Robert Daniel Vargas, Giovanni Vega, Venerson Orquillano Villanueva, Tri Minh Vo, Peter Duy Vu, Leah Danielle Weaver, Tyler James Wolfe and Melissa Diana Wong.

Tenth grade

Naseem Hussein Abusafif, Amjad Shareef Abushaban, Javier Aguirre, Jacob Jamal Al-Asmar, Javier Caesar Alvarado, Raquel Lasha Ardoin, Andres Armenta, Emily Nicole Averitt-Cleavela, Alex Avila, Juan Carlos Ayala, Michael Phillip Baez and Veronica Beatris Bardales.

Joshua E. Basquez, Brittney Brianna Bates, Todd Christian Baumann, Lindsay D. Belus, Celeny Adriana Benitez, Grace Anne Boelsche, Mitchell Brady, Ceci Kasandra Brizuela, Layla Nichole Brown, Kameko Shana Bryant, Kayla Corin Bryce and Christine Bui.

Shaun Tuankhang Bui, Alaina Michelle Burns, Duong Thuy Cao, Ana Karen Castaneda, Ana Isabel Cavazos, Joe Michael Cavazos, Saul Cervantes, Javier G. Chavez, Michael Wayne Clark, Sebastian James Colunga, Samantha Paige Coyle, Danielle Nicole Crawford and Gabriela Cruz.

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Cassandra Elizabeth Velasquez, Erica Cecilia Villarreal, Robert Vo, Long Hoang Vu, Jasmine Gabrielle Walker, Kaitlyn May Wallis, Kayla Marie Williams, Eric Anthony Wilson, Joseph Duval Wright, Erika Gabriella Yglesias and Sergio Mauricio Zelaya.

Eleventh grade

Mark Timothy Admani, Daniel Jake Alanis, Asia Brooke Allen, Jose Ricardo Alvarado, Janelle Alexandra Argueta, Jonathan Alejandro Armenta, Leslie Avitia, Christian Baez, Amber Monique Balderas, Magaly Balderas, Erik Barnica and Destiny Lane Bellamy.

Mohamed Benachour, Demarcus Lee Boyd, Shelby Noelle Bradley, Nhat Minh Bui, Erin Nichole Caballero, Consuelo Crystal Cantu, Ariel Shaniece Carter, Lourdes Cristina Castillo, Samantha Elise Castillo, Caitlin Elizabeth Caillon and Patricio Nmi Cedillo.

Aimee Renee Cessna, Davy Chan, Young-Joo Choi, Michael Brady Christman, Jorge L. Cortez, Julie Marie Croce, Dorothy Tramanh Dao, Kristine Casandrapatag David, Rebecca Angela Day, Phong Quoc Do, Christine Myhanh Doan and Cristina Jacqueline Dorantes.

Delicia Duff, Aaron Scott Ebbinghaus, Justin Loyd Eckols, Juston Ryan Edwards, Diana Guadalupe Espinoza, Casandra Yvonne Esquivel, Eduardo Fernandez, Ashley Nicole Feyes, Carlos Alberto Flores, Julianna Grace Fort, Caitlyn Elizabeth Francis and Amie Lynn Gallant.

Solmayra Gallardo, Raquel Abigail Galo, Carla Lucia Galvan, Jordan Alexander Gammon, Christopher Martin Garcia, Steven Ray Gardner, Kelley Suzanne Gartner, Devin Hannah Gettig, Malcolm Devan Glover, Karla Mireya Gomez and Alvaro Gonzalez.

Eduardo Gonzalez, Treydell Jewon Gray, Selby Aron Guerra, Alina Rae Guerrero, Crisma Sandoval Guevara, Noeim Eliu Gutierrez, Haley Elizabeth Hackbarth, Amy Lynn Hall, Erin Brittiani Henderson, Amber Paula Hernandez and Julian Augustine Hernandez.

Xavier Luis Hernandez, Adriana Herrera, Hailey Michelle Hillman, Hongnhung Thanh Ho, Ashley Danielle Hoggard, Katlyn Michelle Hoggard, Amdreya Angelica Howard, Benjamin Carl Husband, Jessica Hanh Huynh, Chelsea Deann Jenkins and Miesha Shane Julien.

Christopher Michael Krivik, Jacob Austin Lacamu, Jeremy Allen Lacamu, Michelle Lam, Kristen Marie Lanza, Darian Chelsea Lariviere, Norma Lizzet Lazo, Kevin Nguyen Le, Mary Le, Ngocbao Thanh Le, Chase Byron Lee, Eun Kyeong Lee and Tristan Derrell London.

Christopher Isai Lopez, Jorge Ernesto Lopez, Alyssa Jade Loreda, Robert Luna, Huy Phan Luu, Jimmy Ly, Kevin Khanh Ly, Brandon Micheal Marr, Tyler Henry Martens, Angelica Rivera Martinez, German Martinez, Marcelo Martinez and Kaitlyn Marie McMurrough.

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Marie Miille, Malaz Osama Mohamad, Angela Montes, Alberto Alexander Moreno, Jeremy Milton Morris, Tyler William Murray, Luis Fernando Narvaez, Shu-Han Ng, Abraham Nhu Nguyen and Angela Nguyen.

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Jose Eduardo Nunez, Emily Ok O'Neal, Shelby Marie Obrien, Angelique Marie Olivares, Andrew McKenzie Parker, Edward Liem Peabody, Kevin Mcallister Pell, Alexa Perez, Aracely Perez, Hoangvu Tran Pham, Tina Kim Pham, Jennifer Tran Phan and Dony Van Phung.

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Maria Beatrice Rosales, Larenda Larmonique Rose, Braiden Norman Rucker, Arlene Christina Salazar, Stephen Deniro Salazar, Paige Leigh Sanchez, Holly Lynette Semler, Dustin William Sharp, Samantha Christina Simmons, Christopher J. Soto and Corey Len Spiller.

Ciara La'vette Stephens, Monica Diane Sudela, Teresa Ta, Jonathan Morrill Taylor, Robert E. Timmons, Chung Ting Tong, Cynthia Elena Torres, Johnathan Huutuan Tran, Kalina Mai Tran, Kimlan Thi Tran, Mylinh Tran, Shelly My Tran, Uyen Le Tran and Tabitha F. Troxlar.

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Twelfth grade

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Joshua David Bernal, Nycole Lynn Bernstein, Arturo Betancourt, Blake Stephen Beynaerts, Brandon Blaze Broussard, Gena Paige Brown, Steeve Minh Tri Bui, Cecilia Lara Cadriel, Shekeyla Nicole Caldwell, Lynette Camarillo, Jose Luis Cano and Ashley Elise Cantu.

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Clara Yvette Gonzalez, Cristina Gonzalez, Eric Aristoteo Gonzalez and Cornell Devonte Gougis.

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Tina Myngoc Le, Melissa Bereneciel Leal, Garrett Jacob Leland, Ashlea Michelle Lewis, Marisol Licea, Jonathan Wai Chun Lo, Luis Orlando Lopez, Olinda Mireya Lopez, Brittany Amber Lovelace, Duc Quang Luu, Mariela Nmi Macias and Jamerica Deshawn Malbrough.

Josefa Maldonado, Yodisa Marie Marcano, Gregory Tod Marsella, Robert Ray Martin, Stephanie Lizbeth Martinez, Madison E. Mascorro, Ancy Mathew, Chelsea Denae McDonald, Jordyn Danyelle McLearen, Amanda Elizabeth Medina, Melissa Mendino and Linda M. Mindiola.

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Dobie teacher honored



Bob Daugherty, a Dobie High School teacher for the past 13 years, received a second-place award for Texas Outstanding Teacher of American History at the Texas State Conference for the Daughters of the American Revolution this year on March 11-13. Pictured are, left to right, Judy Wiedeman, regent for the Jane Long Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution; Daugherty's wife, Nannette; Daugherty; and Louise Holley, historian. The Outstanding Teacher of American History contest honors notable full-time teachers of history and related fields in public, private and parochial schools, grades 6-12.

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Sunshine Children's World holds garage sale March 27

Sunshine Children's World Academy, 11410 Hall Road, will hold a huge fundraiser garage sale Saturday, March 27, from 7 a.m. to noon. Numerous items will be available for sale, and barbecue sandwiches and moonwalks will also be available.

St. Stephen presents cantata

St. Stephen Presbyterian Church will present a Lenten-Easter cantata featuring the choir and chamber ensemble on Good Friday, April 2, at 7:30 p.m. at the church, located at 2217 Theta St.

Servant Savior Presbyterian Church garage sale set

As part of their continuing mission to serve the community and the world, the parishioners of Community of the Servant Savior Presbyterian Church will hold a community garage sale on Saturday, March 27, from 9 a.m. to noon. All proceeds raised will benefit Living Waters for the World and Solar Under the Sun, two organizations working together to bring clean water to the people of earthquake-stricken Haiti.

The church will continue to accept donated items marked for sale until sale day. The children of the church will sell lemonade and snacks. The church is located at 11303 Hughes Road, two blocks south of Beltway 8 at Sagercreek and Hughes, across the street from Stuchbery Elementary. For additional information, visit the Web site at www.servant-savior.org or call 281-481-1692.

Over The Back Fence by Jan

HALEYS ENJOY SPRING BREAK VISIT

Dan and Carol Haley enjoyed having their grandchildren, **Cameron, Jacob and Erika** for part of their spring break. Parents are **Kathleen Haley Wenzel and Michael Wenzel**. A trip to the beach and the Museum of Natural Science was enjoyed by all.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JUDGE DELGADO!

South Belt's justice of the peace, Judge **Jo Ann Delgado**, celebrates a birthday Friday, March 26. Best wishes for a wonderful day are sent from the *Leader* staff.

SCHOOL DAZE

The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays March 25 through March 31.

Burnett Elementary
Efren Cardozo and **Carmen Norris** share a birthday March 25. Celebrating a birthday March 7 is **Debbie Ramm**. March 30 is the day for a party for **Pamela Finklea**.

Jessup Elementary

Special birthday wishes are sent to **Herlinda E. Valdez** on March 28. A double birthday celebration is set for **Ling Chen**

and Adriana Uribe March 29.

Meador Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles for **Cecelia Stewart** March 29.

Moore Elementary

The day for a birthday cake for **Bertha Ramirez** is March 26. **Melissa Hickman** is sent birthday greetings March 28. On March 29, **Jackie Tumej** has a birthday. Marking a birthday March 31 is **Cheryl Ivens**.

South Belt Elementary

Blow out the birthday candles for **Natalie Boynton** on March 27. Birthday greetings are sent to **Candy Howard** March 31.

Stuchbery Elementary

Celebrating a birthday March 26 is **Ester Flores**.

Melillo Middle School

On March 25, **James "Sky-Eagle" Smith** enjoys a birthday. The day for a birthday cake for **Elizabeth Williamson** is March 26. On March 27, **Megan Lyons** has a birthday. Blow out the birthday candles for **Arlene Sibley** on March 29. **Michelle Wheeler** celebrates a birthday March 31.

Morris Middle School

Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Sherry Horton-Wells** March 25. A birthday is celebrated by **Tina Jimenez** March 27. Sharing a birthday March 28 are **Sarah Becker and Maria Lopez**. **Maria Ramon** enjoys a birthday March 29.

Beverly Hills Intermediate

The day for a birthday party for **Janis McKinney** is March 26. A birthday is enjoyed by **Thery Un** March 31.

Thompson Intermediate

Deanne Davis is wished a happy birthday March 25. A special birthday greeting is sent to **Stephanie Albert** on March 27.

Dobie High

Double birthday wishes are sent to **Glenda Nicholson and Tracy Whatley** March 26. Enjoying a birthday March 27 is **Cornelia Oprea-Khalaf**. Blow out the birthday candles on a double-layer cake for **Betty Hollin and Leslie Seigler-Keton** March 30.

LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS

E-mail 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.

CCISD announces Teachers of the Year

Nancy Watson named at Weber Elementary



Nancy Watson

The Clear Creek Independent School District recently announced the 2009-2010 Teachers of the Year. They were nominated by their peers as representatives of the best of CCISD.

Weber Elementary's Nancy Watson was among the teachers honored.

A teacher of 17 years, Watson began her career in Pearland before moving on to Alvin and then to the Clear Creek Independent School District. She currently teaches fifth-grade math and science at Weber and resides in Friendswood.

"I am very proud of each of our teachers for demonstrating the courage, collaboration, innovation, and self-direction needed to support our 21st century learners," said Superintendent Dr. Greg Smith. "Their teaching style and ability to engage children in lessons has them taking home more than just homework. Beyond educating students, these teachers have also

been identified as a leader on their campus, working collaboratively with co-workers to improve the school culture."

A team of district administrators will now take on the difficult task of determining six finalists from the list of winners. A committee of administrators and community representatives will select the Elementary Teacher of the Year and the Secondary Teacher of the Year from those six finalists.

All teachers of the year will be honored during a very special luncheon on May 25, 2010, at South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center. The luncheon is sponsored by several area Rotary Clubs.

Other 2009-2010 CCISD Teachers of the Year are:

Karen Hearn from Landolt Elementary, Lynnette Novoa from McWhirter Elementary, Diana Cotton from Brookside Intermediate, Latanga Spencer from Westbrook Intermediate and Pat Jones from Clear Book High School.

NASA budget . . .

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David Smith and Harris County Commissioner Precinct 2 Commissioner Sylvia Garcia, among others.

The group will meet with congressional members of both the House and Senate Appropriations Committees' Subcommittees on Commerce, Justice and Science.

A third meeting, to include a group of 140 delegates called Citizens for Space Exploration, is scheduled to take place May 17 to May 19.

Mitchell suggests that concerned residents contact their congressional representatives.

For more information and links to local elected officials, visit www.GoBoldlyNASA.org.

Remember When

30 years ago (1980)
State Rep. Bill Caraway, District 100, sued Randy Pennington citing violations of the Texas Election Code. Houston City Council adopted an ordinance restricting development that would contribute to area flooding.

Houston arson investigators had not worked on the case for several months. Houston and Southeast Volunteer Firefighters worked two separate motor vehicle accidents. The first was an overturned pickup truck on Beamer, the other an auto-pedestrian accident on Scarsdale.

Several South Belt residents won medals in the Clear Creek Independent School District science fair. The Thompson Intermediate academic team won its third straight championship. A report delivered to the CCISD board suggested that students at Stewart Elementary in Kemah be relocated while facility deficiencies were being corrected.

The Chase Bank, South Belt, was robbed by a Hispanic male suspect of unknown age. No weapon was displayed, but he gave the teller a note demanding money. The teller complied, and the suspect left in an unknown direction.

Although a total of \$2,750 was offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for a fire that caused \$500,000 in damage to Frazier Elementary.

Absentee voting for four South Belt area utility districts began.

20 years ago (1990)
Clear Creek Independent School District denied health-related transfers of four families requesting to relocate their children from the Brio area.

10 years ago (2000)
The Scarsdale bridge reopened at Beamer Road. A house fire across from the home of Jaime Barrica was ruled intentional.

The *Leader* reported that more than 200 elementary-aged children were attending private schools instead of Weber because of health concerns.

Several local sports teams left fields near the Dixie Oil Processors toxic dump due to the potential for toxic chemical exposure.

A benefit dance for South Belter Robert Alcala, a quadriplegic after a motorcycle accident, was planned to help defray medical and living expenses.

Two dead bodies were found in a car at a Gulf Freeway strip center located between Almeda Mall and Fuqua. DeAndre Goodson, 23, and his cousin Joseph Bivens, 19, of Missouri City had been missing since March 16. Houston police had been dispatched to the scene near Fuqua to investigate a report of a suspicious vehicle in the parking lot. Upon their arrival, officers found one of the bodies in the back seat of the car that belonged to Bivens. The second body was found in the trunk of the vehicle. No immediate arrests were made.

15 years ago (1995)
J. Frank Dobie sophomore Cheryl Ezzell won two gold and two bronze medals in the Pan American games in Argentina.

The death of Sandra Sanchez, 32, who had dog bites on her body when it was found in the back yard of her residence, was ruled accidental.

Forever, a book by Judy Blume, was causing contro-

versy at PISD due to its sexually graphic content. The American Library Association named it as its eighth most banned book.

Thompson collects canned goods for The Bridge

The Thompson Lions will collect canned goods and nonperishables for The Bridge Women's Shelter in Pasadena March 22 through March 31. A "friendly" competition between seventh- and eighth-grade students will be held to see which grade level collects the most. Since the food drive will be held to provide meals for The Bridge Women's Shelter, students are not to donate Ramen Noodles. Students will bring canned goods and nonperishables to their science teacher.

Film, Speaker Series to present *Invictus*

Experience the sport of rugby on film and learn about its role in Africa's history during the presentation of the Oscar-nominated drama *Invictus* on Friday, April 9, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, April 11, at 3 p.m., in the University of Houston-Clear Lake's Student Services and Classroom Building Lecture Hall, 2700 Bay Area Blvd. Directed by Clint Eastwood, the film chronicles South African President Nelson Mandela's venture to unite his apartheid-torn nation with the help of the national rugby team. Morgan Freeman and Matt Damon star in this PG-13 rated drama. The film is presented in partnership with the UHCL rugby team, and local rugby coach, Dave Yeoman, is the scheduled guest speaker at the April 9 showing. Tickets are \$3.75. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Office of Student Life at 281-283-2560, or e-mail movies@uhcl.edu.

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ALICE IN WONDERLAND IN DISNEY DIGITAL 3D (PG) 4:30, 7:10, 9:50, 12:35
HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON 3D (PG) (10:35), 1:20, 4:05, 6:50, 9:35
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7:30 p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Supper (Bilingual)

Good Friday - April 2
9:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer
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SJC introduces Higher One financial aid card

San Jacinto College is partnering with the financial company Higher One to implement a faster way for students to receive their financial aid.

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continuing their affiliation with the college.

“This is going to be a great improvement,” said SJC student Justin Birkner. “Students won’t have to worry about a lost paper check anymore. It’s just a big update of the whole financial aid system.”

More information about the SanJac Card can be found online at www.sanjaccard.com. For more information about San Jacinto College, call 281-998-6150 or visit www.sanjac.edu.

Student work showcased at UH visual art exhibit

The public is invited to view and appreciate the unique works of art by high school artists throughout the state during the Visual Art Scholastic Event Gold Seal Exhibit April 10 through May 13 in the University of Houston-Clear Lake’s Bayou Building, Atrium I.

More than 2,000 high school students from across Texas are expected to attend, create, and enter their finished works of art to be judged and then displayed for public viewing during the VASE event that will be held at UH-Clear Lake Saturday, April 10. The exhibit will display some of the top winners

from the day.

Sponsored by the Texas Art Education Association and hosted by UHCL, the Visual Art Scholastic Event is an annual event that gives art students, teachers and administrators the chance to participate in workshops, lectures, demonstrations from international artists and outdoor sketching opportunities.

There is no fee to attend the exhibit.

For more information on VASE, visit www.taee.org/vase. For more information about the exhibit, call the Office of Alumni and Community Relations at 281-283-2021.

New Directions Singles Club meeting location change

The New Directions Singles Club has moved its time and location from St. Paul’s Catholic Church, Nassau Bay, to Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 West NASA Parkway in Webster. Meetings are held every Monday evening beginning at 6:30 p.m.

This organization was created as a social support outlet for 50+ widowed, divorced and never married individuals. In addition to the regular meeting, a potluck dinner is held on the first and third Mondays. Call 713-340-2354 for further information.

“Students no longer have to wait for a check in the mail or wait in long lines to pick it up on campus,” said Aaron Poach, campus relations coordinator with Higher One. “Rather, the money is transferred more quickly and safer

Rios, McNevin engaged



Roberto and Hilda Rios of Sagemont announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Marisa Veronica Rios, to Ross Campbell McNevin, son of John McNevin of Pearland and Kathryn (Beathard) McNevin of Manvel. The bride-to-be is a 2001 J. Frank Dobie High School graduate. She graduated from the University of Houston-Main Campus in December 2005 with a major in operations management and marketing and a minor in Spanish. Since graduation, she has been employed at National Oilwell Varco as a downhole tools project manager. Her father is a former teacher at Dobie, a counselor at Beverly Hills, and is currently a counselor at Sam Rayburn High School. Her mother was an English teacher at Bondy Intermediate and is currently retired. The prospective groom is a 1999 Alvin High School graduate. He graduated from the University of Houston-Main Campus in December 2005 with a major in operations management and a minor in international business. Since graduation, he has been employed at National Oilwell Varco as a rig solutions operations analyst. A May wedding is planned.

Medina, Puente to wed



Janie Medina and Paul Puente will be joined in marriage at the University of Houston Chapel in April. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Rosa Moses of Manvel and Raul Sanchez of Houston. She has been employed at Frazier Elementary for six years. The prospective groom is the son of Nelly and Allen Brown of Sagemeadow. He has been employed at IBEW Local Union 716 for 10 years.

Wedding and engagement policies

Wedding writeups must be run in the newspaper, not submitted, in the time outlined. From wedding date to six weeks – photo and full article; Six weeks to three months – photo and limited info. After three months from wedding date – will not be run. Engagement and wedding announcements are published free of charge on a first come, first served basis. Information must be submitted by Friday to be considered for the next issue.

Richardson named director UHCL Student Success Center

University of Houston-Clear Lake welcomes Tim Richardson, director of University of Houston-Clear Lake’s Student Success Center.

Focusing on increasing student success through initiatives that include expansion of tutorial support services and more, Richardson will also serve as the center’s contact person for information requests by people and businesses in the community.

“As the Student Success Center grows, we will be looking for more ways to address the needs of UH-Clear Lake’s diverse student population,” said Richardson.

With his 10 years of experience in higher education, Richardson comes to UHCL after having served at Georgia Institute of Technology, Boston College, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities and the University of California at Berkeley. His previous job titles include assistant director of student services, academic counselor, admissions coordinator and adjunct faculty member.

Richardson holds a Bachelor of Arts in history and government from the University of Redlands, a Master of Arts in history from Claremont Graduate School and is currently working on a doctorate in educational policy and administration from the

University of Minnesota. His plans for the Student Success Center include increasing collaborative function with other student services offices through program partnerships with Career and Counseling Services and the Writing Center.

“I am very fortunate to work in a student services division that is so deeply committed to the support of the

UH-Clear Lake community,” said Richardson. “UHCL is a very unique campus and contains a phenomenal group of people. I know that the fierce dedication that the faculty and staff have toward their students will make my road ahead a truly enjoyable journey.”

For more information about the Student Success Center, call 281-283-2452 or e-mail Richardson@uhcl.edu.

‘Share Your Hair’ at SJCS April 12-17

Anyone interested in donating hair to the Locks of Love organization may receive a free haircut during Share Your Hair week, April 12-17, at San Jacinto College South, 13735 Beamer Road.

The cosmetology department will accept participants with hair 10 inches or longer and free of bleach.

Haircuts will be given from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday; and from 10

a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Locks of Love is a public nonprofit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children in the United States and Canada under age 21 who are suffering from long-term medical hair loss from any diagnosis.

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South Belt Elementary students visit the Alamo



The South Belt Elementary music teacher, Cora Bigwood, was the invited elementary clinician for the Texas Music Educators Convention held in San Antonio Feb. 10-13. Students traveled there to perform for 200-plus teachers as a part of her workshop. They had time before the session to visit the Alamo and have dinner. Students pictured are, left to right, (front row, seated) Holly Vu, Kyle Guyote, Laurin Ramirez, Adela

Alanis, Kyle Herzog, Jakoby McCullough, Jacqueline Mendoza, Angel Nguyen, (middle row) Joshua Herrero, Kayla Wright, Lauren Burleigh, Jeremy Tajonera, Shielene Vargas, Rachel Tabarez, (back row) Andy Ta, Ethan Brown, Sameria Jackson, Christopher Marshall, Alex Fuentes, Clarissa Arredondo, Da'May Jones, Alejandra Solis and Marvin Villatoro.

Photo submitted

SJC receives funds to train in maritime, energy industries

San Jacinto College will address the critical need for skilled workers in the maritime and energy industries through a \$400,000 federal appropriation.

Recognizing how a shortage of workers would greatly impact the Houston Port region, the college will develop enhanced training programs in technical education and dual credit programs with area high schools.

"I am glad that San Jacinto College has received federal funding for this partnership to begin training and putting more Americans back to work," said Rep. Gene Green, D-Texas, who championed funding for the project. "The need to train our workforce for growing industries such as the maritime and energy sectors remains high. This project will provide a new corps of workers trained not only in those sectors, but who can also provide support to our petrochemical and refining industries."

Maritime training programs would include tankerman, deckhand, able body

seaman, firefighting and pilot training. Energy training programs would include wind technicians, power plant operations, power generation technician and solar technicians. Petrochemical training programs would include the expansion of incumbent worker training and the use of simulations. A bachelor's program in maritime administration is also under development with Texas A&M University.

"This funding will allow us to continue to support the maritime and energy industries, which are critical industries to our citizens and communities," said Dr. Brenda Hellyer, San Jacinto College chancellor. "I thank Rep. Green for his support of this initiative, and his continued support of San Jacinto College."

Numerous community partners will work alongside the college to coordinate the start-up and other phases of implementation; they include the Economic Alliance Houston Port Region, Port of Houston Authority, Harris County - Precinct 2, Houston Maritime Mu-

seum, East Harris County Manufacturers Association, and the Houston Pilot's Association. Additional educational and business partners will also participate in the project.

"The federal government continues to see the need for job training and assistance in east Harris County

and around the nation," said Green. "I am proud to support programs like these."

The project marks one of the first funded through federal appropriations for San Jacinto College.

For more information about San Jacinto College, call 281-998-6150 or visit www.sanjac.edu.

Jones crowned



Asia Jones, a junior at Clear Brook High School, participated in the Miss Hunt County Scholarship Pageant held Saturday, Feb. 14. She received First Runner-up and Fitness Winner titles. On March 13, Jones competed in Arlington, Texas, where she was crowned Miss Teen Piney Woods. This title qualifies her to compete in the Miss Teen Texas Pageant in June. Jones' platform is Abstinence: Emphasis on self-esteem and self-value. Jones is a varsity cheerleader and a member of the track team at Clear Brook.

Submitted photo

UHCL invites public to 21st chili cook-off

Sample a wide variety of chili at University of Houston-Clear Lake's 21st annual chili cook-off.

The event, scheduled for April 10 from noon to 4 p.m., will offer food and fun for everyone with the live music of 38 Caliber Hero, an Ironman obstacle course, a rock wall and moonwalk, games and plenty of chili in an outdoor setting. It will be held at the university's Delta Field, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

Delta Field is located to the left of the Delta Build-

ing near the university's main entrance.

Chili tasting kits can be purchased for \$3 with a UH-Clear Lake I.D. and \$4 for all others.

Trophies will be awarded to first-, second- and third-place entries, determined by "official" chili-tasting judges from UHCL. "Best Chili," "Best Booth" and "Cook's Choice" awards will be chosen by popular vote.

For more information, call the Office of Student Life at 281-283-2560.

Hobby remodeling continues

Construction crews at William P. Hobby Airport are taking major strides forward in their drive to complete a dramatic remodeling project at the popular facility.

Behind dust walls and closed doors, building frames are being construct-

ed, electrical wiring is being laid into place and architectural drawings are coming to life.

The plan is to dramatically alter and improve the look and functionality of the airport lobby, baggage claim area and the airlines' ticket counter space.

"This renovation program is much more than a simple touch-up operation," said Mary Case, Hobby Airport manager.

"Passengers are going to notice a dramatic difference once the work is done, and they're going to feel that difference in a number of different areas."

That dramatic difference is going to be felt as soon as people walk through the front door, since a large part of the remodeling program involves drastic changes to the airport's lobby. Once the project is complete, customers entering Hobby will immediately see improvements with the enhanced traffic flow and increased open space.

"We're going to have four sets of doors leading from the curbside drop-off area, so I think customers will immediately feel as though they have greater access to the ticket counters and the security checkpoint," Case said. "And visually they're going to be able to see everything directly in front of them, where that's not possible today."

Houston Airport System construction at Hobby Airport is approximately 50 percent completed.

Passengers landing in Houston will also notice a dramatic difference as they make their way through the building, since a new stairway is being constructed to guide them to the new baggage claim area.

Baggage carousels will

operate in their new space along the southeast corner of the terminal building, while the existing baggage claim area is undergoing a complete renovation.

"So what you wind up with is a renovation project that's noticeable throughout your visit to Hobby" says

Case.

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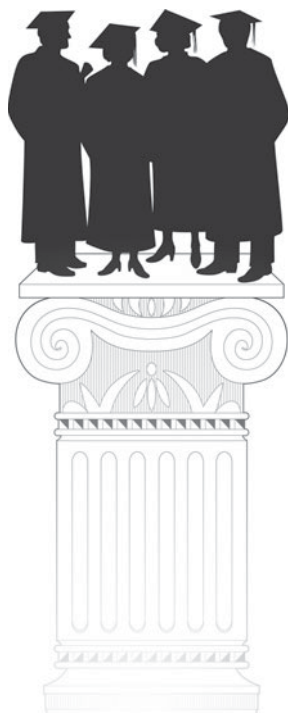
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SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

Dobie boys, girls advance; Brook girls get OT win

The playoff lives of the varsity girls' soccer teams as well as that of Clear Brook's

varsity girls, have been extended. Dobie's teams earned relatively easy victories in

the bidistrict round of the playoffs March 23 at Newcomb. In the first game of the twinbill, Omar Arrequin guided Dobie to a 4-0 win over Channelview as he notched two first-half goals to put the Longhorns on

easy street. Jonathan Palma and Raul Jimenez scored in the second half as the Longhorns, who finished second in the 22-5A standings, moved on to face District 23-5A champion Clements in the area round. Clements defeated Clear Brook in the bidistrict round 3-0.



Omar Arrequin ensured Dobie's bidistrict victory over Channelview as he scored two first-half goals in the Longhorns' 4-0 win March 23 at Newcomb Field. GaryWPhotos.com



Chanel Reyes got in on the scoring act as the Dobie varsity girls' team easily defeated Baytown Sterling 4-0 in the bidistrict playoffs March 23 at Newcomb Field. Photo by John Bechtel

In the nightcap, Dobie's girls had no trouble taking care of business against Baytown Sterling, 4-0. Chelsea Deleon got the Lady Longhorns on the board with a penalty kick goal midway through the first half. Tanya Palomares and Chanel Reyes added first-half netters as Dobie took a 3-0 lead at halftime. Easing to the win in the second half, Dobie, which will play defending Region III champion Clear Lake in the area round, got a goal from Melissa Leal. The Brook varsity girls needed an overtime goal from Beth Stratton to get past Fort Bend Travis March 23 at Angleton. Stratton's goal came in the first of two 10-minute Continued on Page 6B

Area soccer playoffs
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Unbeaten Brook leads 24-5A softball

Lady Horns now at 4-1

Both teams are set to play key games to close out the first half of district play, but for the moment Dobie and Clear Brook are making a B-line for the varsity softball playoffs.

Dobie has won five straight games since falling 1-0 in the District 22-5A opener back on March 10.

The Lady Longhorns ran their record to 4-1 with an easy 16-0 victory over Pasadena March 23 at the Pasadena Independent School District sports complex.

Dobie will try not to look past Sam Rayburn March 26 before traveling to Pearland March 30 to take on the first-place Lady Oilers. Pearland, the defend-

ing Region III champion, defeated Memorial in a matchup for first place. In the 22-5A standings, Pearland, Memorial and Dobie may go down to the final game for the championship.

Time will tell. In District 24-5A, the rest of the field is chasing Clear Brook, which pushed its record to 5-0 with a 7-0 defeat of Galveston March 23 on the island.

While getting off to such a terrific start in district play, Clear Brook has drawn upon the talent of players both experienced and not-so-much. Continued on Page 6B



Taylor Nickell, who as a freshman has continued to fill the stat sheet, gave Clear Brook a big lift with a two-run triple that allowed the Lady Wolverines to escape with a 3-2 victory March 17 at Clear Brook. Lake led 1-0 at the time of Nickell's big hit, and she later scored to give her team a 3-1 edge. The Clear Lake pitcher in the game was Victoria Brown (20). Photo by Al Carter

UH softball to host SBGSA

The University of Houston women's softball program will host South Belt Girls Softball Association Day Sunday, March 28, at Cougar Softball Stadium.

All SBGSA players who attend the game wearing their jersey will be admitted free of charge. The Cougars are set to take on the University of Texas-EI Paso, which features SBGSA alumni JoJo Krienitz.

Prizes will be awarded during the game, and there will be a post-game autograph session featuring Cougars' players.

Abbott, JFD blank Deer 1-0 in 22-5A

Senior right-hander Austin Abbott (left) was brilliant as the Dobie varsity baseball team edged Deer Park 1-0 March 23 at Dobie High School in a big District 22-5A matchup. The Longhorns were trying to get back on track after falling to South Houston March 18 (see Page 6B), and Abbott was the guy to go to. The win pushed Dobie to 2-1 in the District 22-5A standings with La Porte up next on the schedule. Dobie will host La Porte, which is also 2-1 after a 9-7 loss to Pearland, on March 26 at 4 p.m. at Dobie High School. Photo by John Bechtel



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Brook's Richardson, Smith among 24-5A basketball elite

Bowman, Gibson honored

Clear Brook's varsity boys' basketball team, which put together a late-season push to earn the second playoff seed, had several of its players recognized during the all-district selection process. Fred Richardson, a sophomore in his second season at the varsity level, was picked as part of the 10-player first team along with teammate Darren Smith. Two other Wolverines, junior forward Spencer Bowman and senior guard Eric Gibson, were named to the second unit.



Fred Richardson, a sophomore forward at Clear Brook, made a great deal of progress in his second season at the varsity level. Smith's play earned him a spot on the District 24-5A first team.

24-5A Boys Basketball

Most Valuable Player

Michael Evans, Galveston Ball

Coach of the Year

Jerrald Temple, Galveston Ball

Newcomer of the Year

Tre Webb, Clear Creek

Offensive MVP

Terran Petteway, Galveston Ball

Defensive MVP

Sam Kinlaw, Dickinson

First team selections

Fred Richardson, Clear Brook

Darren Smith, Clear Brook

Dedrick Archie, Dickinson

Anthony Horton, Clear Springs

Teris Bourgeois, Clear Springs

Jacob Horton, Clear Lake

Chris Laster, Clear Creek

Kinny Mouton, Brazoswood

Second team picks (Brook)

Spencer Bowman, Clear Brook

Eric Gibson, Clear Brook



Clear Brook guard Darren Smith (5) had an outstanding senior season, leading the Wolverines in scoring and giving the team a go-to offensive performer on the wing. Smith featured a solid outside game but also was able to get to the basket.



Already an all district performer on the football field as a kicker/punter, Clear Brook forward Spencer Bowman showed his abilities as a multi-sport star, gaining second team mention from the District 24-5A coaches.

Champ Ball controls awards

Galveston Ball, which won at least a share of the District 24-5A title for the third consecutive season, played a prominent role as the league's coaches announced their top award winners. The Tors' Michael Evans was the most valuable player in the 24-5A ranks, and head coach Jerrald Temple was honored as the coach of the year. Another Galveston Ball player, Terran Petteway, was the offensive player of the year. The defensive player of the year was Sam Kinlaw of Dickinson, and Clear Creek's Tre Webb the top newcomer.

Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League Standings

As of March 16 on league Web site

Junior/Senior Division

Team	W	L	T
Cardinals	1	0	0
Braves	1	0	0
Diamond Backs	1	1	0
Rangers	1	1	0
Yankees	1	1	0
Red Sox	0	0	0
Cardinals	0	2	0

Major Division

Team	W	L	T
Astros	3	0	0
Blue Jays	2	0	0
Cardinals	2	0	0
Braves	1	1	0
Diamond Backs	0	1	0
Rangers	0	2	0
Yankees	0	2	0
Red Sox	0	3	0

Minor Division

Team	W	L	T
Astros	2	0	0
Braves	2	0	0
Diamond Backs	2	0	0
Rangers	2	0	0
Phillies	1	1	0
Blue Jays	1	2	0
Cardinals	1	2	0
Yankees	0	2	0
Cubs	0	2	0
Red Sox	0	2	0

Pee Wee Division

Team	W	L	T
Diamond Backs	2	0	0
Astros	2	0	0
Cubs	2	1	0
Phillies	1	1	1
Tigers	1	2	0
Rangers	0	1	1
Yankees	0	1	1
Blue Jays	0	2	1

Machine Pitch Division

Team	W	L	T
Rangers	3	0	0
Red Sox	1	0	0
Mets	1	0	0
Cardinals	1	0	0
Cubs	1	1	0
Braves	1	1	0
Astros	0	1	1
Yankees	0	2	1
Diamond Backs	1	2	0
Blue Jays	0	2	0

T-Ball Division

Team	W	L	T
Reds	3	0	0
Yankees	2	0	0
Phillies	2	0	0
Diamond Backs	2	0	0
Cubs	1	1	0
Braves	1	1	0
Rangers	1	0	0
Astros	1	1	0
Red Sox	1	1	0
Blue Jays	1	2	0
Mets	0	2	0
Cardinals	0	2	0
White Sox	0	2	0
Tigers	0	2	0

Sports calendar

SOFTBALL

Thursday, March 25

Dobie JV at Deer Park tourn., TBA
Clear Brook JV at Deer Park tourn., TBA

Friday, March 26

Dobie varsity vs. Sam Rayburn, PISD complex, 6:30
Clear Brook varsity hosts Clear Springs, 7:30
Dobie JV vs. Sam Rayburn, PISD complex, 5:00
Clear Brook JV hosts Clear Springs, 7:30

Saturday, March 27

Dobie JV at Deer Park tourn., TBA
Clear Brook JV at Deer Park tourn., TBA

Tuesday, March 30

Dobie varsity at Pearland, 6:30
Clear Brook varsity hosts Alvin, 7:00
Dobie JV at Pearland, 5:00
Clear Brook JV hosts Alvin, 5:30

Thursday, April 1

Dobie varsity vs. Memorial, PISD complex, 6:30
Clear Brook varsity at Clear Creek, 7:30
Dobie JV vs. Memorial, PISD complex, 5:00
Clear Brook JV at Clear Creek, 6:00

Tuesday, April 6

Dobie varsity vs. South Houston, PISD complex, 6:30
Clear Brook varsity at Dickinson, 7:00
Dobie JV vs. South Houston, PISD complex, 5:00
Clear Brook JV at Dickinson, 5:30

BASEBALL

Friday, March 26

Dobie varsity hosts La Porte, Dobie, 4:00
Clear Brook varsity at Clear Lake, 7:30
Dobie JV at La Porte, 7:00
Clear Brook JV hosts Clear Lake, 7:00
Dobie sophomores at La Porte, 4:30
Clear Brook sophomores host Clear Lake, 4:30

Monday, March 29

Dobie JV vs. Pasadena, PISD complex, 4:30
Clear Brook JV at Galveston Ball, 7:00
Clear Brook sophomores at Galveston Ball, 4:30

Tuesday, March 30

Dobie varsity vs. Pasadena, Maguire, 4:00
Clear Brook varsity at Galveston, 6:00
Dobie sophomores host Pasadena, Dobie, 4:00

Thursday, April 1

Dobie varsity hosts Sam Rayburn, Dobie, 4:00
Clear Brook varsity hosts Clear Springs, 7:00
Clear Brook JV at Clear Springs, 7:00
Dobie JV vs. S. Rayburn, PISD complex, 4:30
Dobie sophomores at Sam Rayburn, campus, 4:00
Clear Brook sophomores at Clear Springs, 4:30

Monday, April 5

Dobie JV hosts Pearland, PISD complex, 7:00
Clear Brook JV at Alvin, 7:00
Clear Brook sophomores at Alvin, 4:30

Tuesday, April 6

Dobie varsity at Pearland, campus, 4:00
Clear Brook varsity hosts Alvin, 7:30
Dobie sophomores host Pearland, Dobie, 4:00

TENNIS

Thursday, March 25

Dobie varsity at Galveston Beachcomber Classic, all day

Friday, March 26

Dobie varsity at Galveston Beachcomber Classic, all day

TRACK AND FIELD

Saturday, March 27

Dobie varsity girls at Rockhold Relays, Baytown, all day
Dobie varsity boys at Rice Relays, all day



Eric Gibson (12) gave the Wolverines a lift from beyond the 3-point line this season and shot the ball well enough to land a position on the 24-5A second team.

Photos by John Bechtle

Locals Christmas, Griffin move to NCAA Sweet 16

Two former South Belt area basketball standouts are headed for the Sweet 16 round in the National Collegiate Athletics Association women's national basketball tournament. Clear Brook graduate Kelli Griffin, now a junior point guard at the University of Baylor, is starting for a Lady Bears' team that will face Tennessee March 27 in the Memphis Regional semifinals. Griffin had three points and five assists in what was an ugly offensive game as Baylor eliminated Georgetown 49-33 in the second round. Brittney Griner, Baylor's star freshman post player from Nimitz High School

in the Aldine Independent School District, set an NCAA tournament record with 14 blocked shots in the Lady Bears' win over Georgetown. Duke, hosting the first two rounds of the tournament at Cameron Indoor Stadium, used its home court advantage to down Louisiana State University 60-52. Jasmine Thomas had a team-high 15 points for Duke, while Christmas added nine points as the Blue Devils advanced to the Sweet 16 for the 12th time in 13 seasons. Duke will play either West Virginia or San Diego State in the Memphis Regional semifinal March 27.

Local sports news, notes

Rams to host returning participant sign-up

The Ellington Rams of the Bay Area Football League will host registration for returning players, drill and cheerleader members and mascots Saturday, March 27, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League facility at El Franco Lee Park, located at Beltway 8 and Hall Road. Players are asked to bring a copy of their birth certificate. Families must also make a minimum deposit of \$100 at this time. Registration for new players is April 17. More details about that session will follow early next month.

PISD Quick Start Tennis

The Pasadena Independent School District will host its annual tennis program for all third- through sixth-grade students in the Pasadena school system. The Quick Start program is an exciting new play format for learning tennis. The program is designed to introduce kids to the game by utilizing specialized equipment, shorter court dimensions and modified scoring, all tailored to age and size. It is the fast, fun way to get kids into tennis, and keep them playing. Registration is currently in progress at all schools.

All interested players may contact their physical education teachers for registration forms. The cost is \$30, which includes a tennis racket, water bottle, T-shirt, and four instructional lessons.

The Quick Start kickoff and packet pick up is Saturday, March 27, from 1 to 2:15 p.m., at Phillips Field House, located at 2902 Dabney. Lesson dates are March 28, April 11, April 18 and April 25 from 1 to 2:15 p.m. If necessary, a makeup day will be May 2. Lessons will be conducted at Dobie High School, South Houston High School, Memorial High School, Pasadena High School, Rayburn High School, and Beverly Hills Intermediate.

Quick Start program coordinators are Joey Pena and Troy Ralls from Melillo Middle School. For further information or to become a volunteer coach, call Pena at 832-788-4040 or Ralls at 713-306-2262.

Atkinson to host health/fitness fair

The Atkinson Elementary Physical Education department will host its second annual health and fitness fair at the school March 30 from 5 to 7 p.m. All students of the school are invited to come and bring their families to participate in the festivities.

Some of the activities will include; jump ropes, cup stacking, jogging, dance, dance revolution and many more. Inside the school, various vendor booths will include products and services from a variety of health and fitness areas.

22-5A boys' hoops – Longhorns' Owens a first-team selection



Randy Owens, a three-year varsity player at Dobie, was the Longhorns' lone pick on the District 22-5A honor list as chosen by the league's coaches.

22-5A Boys Basketball Honors

Most Valuable Player

Randy Collins, La Porte, Sr.

Coach of the Year

Chris Mason, La Porte

Newcomer of the Year

Ivan Sifuentes, Pasadena, Soph.

First team selections

Daniel Gallegos, Deer Park, Sr.

Drew Parker, La Porte, Sr.

Anthony Davis, South Houston, Jr.

Shai Fields, Pearland, Jr.

Cedric Jones, La Porte, Sr.

Darian Banks, Deer Park, Jr.

Nemo Sanchez, Sam Rayburn, Sr.

Randy Owens, Dobie, Sr.

Juan Cazares, Sam Rayburn, Jr.

Kevin Williams, Pearland, Sr.

Second team selections

Thomas Walkup, Deer Park, Jr.

Mike Selexman, Dobie, Sr.

Andres Molina, South Houston, Jr.

Aaron Espinoza, Memorial, Sr.

Jacob Munoz, Deer Park, Sr.

Cody Martin, La Porte, Jr.

Seth Valenzuela, Sam Rayburn, Sr.

Harley Nussman, Pearland, Jr.

Rayshad Joseph, Dobie, Sr.

Dee Jackson, Sam Rayburn, Sr.



Dobie senior point guard Mike Selexman (13), a two-year starter at his position for the Longhorns, was named to the District 22-5A second team by the league's coaches. On this play during the first round of district play against Deer Park, Selexman goes against Reagan Corrie of Deer Park. In the background is Dobie's Randy Owens, who was a first team selection.

Photos by John Bechtler

Thompson's Lozano fifth at PISD cross country

Thompson Intermediate's Ty Lozano paced the Lions' seventh-grade team as he captured fifth place at the Pasadena Independent

School District cross country championships at Sam Rayburn High School.

Lozano made his way around the two-mile course

in a time of 12 minutes, 2 seconds to finish in the top five. With Lozano's big finish, the Lions were able to take third as a team.

In the March 18 *Leader*, it was incorrectly reported that Lozano had finished sixth. The *Leader* regrets the error.

Nationally ranked SJC set to buckle down

With the exception of a minor blip on the radar during a spring break trip to Arizona, the 2010 softball season has gone marvelously well for the San Jacinto College program.

Head coach Kelly Saenz came into the season knowing she would have to lean on more than a few freshman performers along the way, and with that notion came a degree of uncertainty.

So far, Saenz's team has passed the test, but the final exam is yet to come.

The Coyotes, who at one point this season won 11 consecutive games, are nationally ranked, taking over the ninth spot a week or so ago.

But rankings typically mean little in the way of overall success, whereas victories over opponents remain the goal.

Beginning March 26 after press time with a key doubleheader at Blinn College in Brenham, the Coyotes, currently 4-0 in Region XIV action, will head into the crux of conference action, which will culminate with the Region XIV tournament.

In short, San Jacinto College is on course to eventually take the final exam weeks from now.

"A lot of our players have stepped up and played key roles for us so far," Saenz said.

"Some of those players have taken on roles they maybe didn't expect to have, and others have become big players for us. It's all come together for the most part so far."

For the most part, pitch-

ing has carried the Coyotes with freshman Laura Martinez pitching well along with sophomore transfer Ashley Newberry and Jessica Davis, who was with the team last season.

Saenz is confident the team's pitching will continue to be solid for the long

term. Moving forward, though, Saenz would like to see her offense perform a little more efficiently.

"Offensively, we have been inconsistent, and we have to come through more often in that area as we get into some of these tough series with Blinn, Galveston

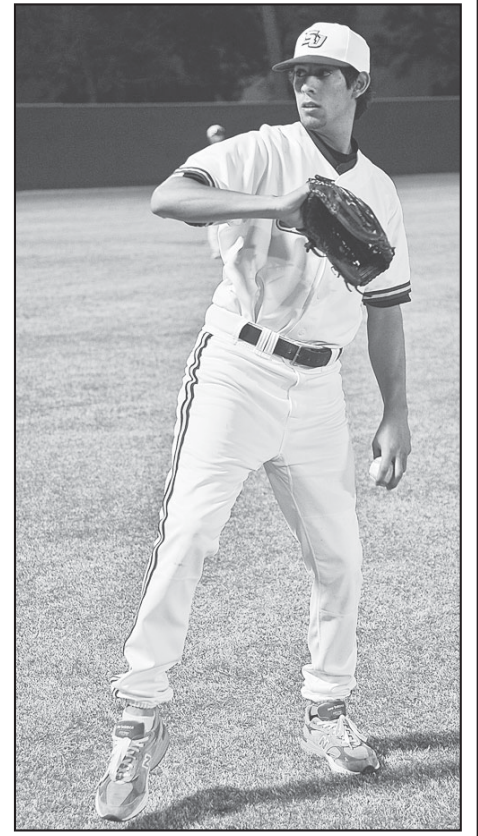
and others," Saenz said. "We pitched pretty well in the road trip over spring break, but lost five of eight games against some great opponents."

"We know that we have to come through offensively. The potential is certainly there, so we have to play."

SJC's Peña highly regarded

San Jacinto College freshman pitcher Miguel Peña (right) has been named by *Baseball America* as a top prospect for the 2011 Major League Baseball draft. Seven other junior college players were also named to the list. Peña, a native of Palm View, Texas (La Joya High School), is 5-11 on the year for San Jacinto, which is ranked fourth in the nation in the latest National Junior College Athletic Association and Perfect Game USA Division I Baseball Top 25 poll. The 6-foot-2 lefthander owns a 2.04 earned run average in 35 1/3 innings pitched. Peña was highly recruited as an All-America selection as a senior in high school and was also a three-time All-Valley pitcher. Peña was drafted by the Washington Nationals in the fifth round of the 2009 Major League Baseball draft but chose to play for San Jacinto College this season.

Rob Vanya/SJC marketing



Longhorn shooting guard Rayshad Joseph (31), knifing his way through the Deer Park defense during the first half of 22-5A action, was named to the district's second team. On this play, Deer Park's Blaine Burke (left) and Thomas Walkup are caught in traffic along with Joseph.

Lady Horns' relays rounding into form

Johnson medals twice

With the district, regional and state track and field meets coming shortly, Dobie's varsity girls track and field team is rounding into form.

Dobie took just five athletes to the Wildcat Relays at Clear Creek High School but scored well as a pair of relay teams medaled and two individuals also excelled.

Both the 4x100- and the 4x200-meter relay teams placed second at Clear Creek as Monique Anderson, Chili Montgomery, Kiara Harris and Charity Knight formed both teams.

The 4x100 unit delivered its finest time of the season at 48.03 seconds.

At 1 minute, 42.08 seconds, the 4x200-meter foursome was also second.

Senior Ashley Johnson did her part in the field events, winning second place in the shot put and third place in the discus.

In the triple jump, Knight, a sophomore, was sixth.

The Lady Longhorns' relay teams also competed at the prestigious Texas Southern University Relays, taking sixth place overall while going against several of the state's finest teams.

Dobie will be back in action Saturday, March 27, as the girls' team attends the Rockhold Relays in Baytown.

JFD's remaining T&F slate

March 27 – Girls at Baytown Rockhold Relays, boys at Bayou Classic at Rice

March 28 – Boys at Bayou Classic at Rice

April 2-3 – Girls and boys at Clear Springs Relays, Clear Springs, Texas

April 13-15 – Girls and boys at District 22-5A championships, Pearland

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

7 a.m.

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

Noon

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

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

6:30 p.m.

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

7 p.m.

Pasadena Gulf Coast Art Society – Monthly meetings held the last Thursday of each month in the Community Room at Pasadena Town Square Mall.

8:30 p.m.

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 26

7 a.m.

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

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

10 a.m.

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

Noon

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

6:30 p.m.

Bay Area Genealogical Society – Meets the last Friday of each month at University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook Drive in Clear Lake. Coffee and socializing is at 6:30 and the meeting begins at 7 p.m. For more information, visit www.TxBayAreaGen.org.

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

6 p.m.

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

2 p.m.

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

8 p.m.

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

MONDAY, MARCH 29

7 a.m.

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

9 a.m.

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

Noon

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

6 p.m.

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

6:30 p.m.

Civil Air Patrol Meeting – Weekly at Ellington Field in the Civil Air Patrol Building. Call 281-484-1352 and leave a message for more information. 7 p.m.

Grief Support Group – "Friends Helping Friends" meets every Monday from 7 to 8:15 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehab Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Those who have lost a spouse or

other loved one are invited to participate. For information, call Betty Flynn at 281-474-3430 or Diana Kawalec at 281-334-1033.

TUESDAY, MARCH 30

7 a.m.

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

Noon

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

1 p.m.

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

1:30 p.m.

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

6:30 p.m.

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

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

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Brook softball out front, Dobie at 4-1

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Four seniors who have already signed collegiate letters of intent — Bridgette Begle, Molly Fichtner, Stephanie Gonzalez and Michelle Svehla — have all played exceptionally well.

Senior pitchers Emma Napoli and Brandi Holaday have also been at their best for the most part. As for the young players, freshman Taylor Nickell has been one of the area's top new-

comers, leading the Lady Wolverines in runs driven in for much of the season.

Nickell was promoted to the varsity level right around the time of the season opener as injuries and illness struck the team.

So far, the freshman has more than shown she belongs, handing over big hit after big hit.

And with the remainder of the senior-dominated lineup coming through, the

Lady Wolverines are on a roll.

"I'm very pleased with how we are playing and swinging the bat," Clear Brook head coach Ashley Pillow said.

"It's really been a great team effort at the plate, instead of relying on one or two players to drive in the runs."

As for the pitching, Clear Brook's 1-2 punch of Emma Napoli and Brandi Holaday

has been superb.

"Emma pitched a great game against Brazoswood, and Brandi does a great job as our No. 2," Pillow said.

Still, even on top of the district at 5-0, the Lady Wolverines know they are being targeted each game, and that the lead is always in peril.

Pillow, who has rebuilt the Clear Brook program into a perennial playoff representative, knows that great teams take things day by day.

"We are pleased with where we are, but not satisfied," Pillow said.

"We are very hungry to make the playoffs and go much deeper than we have in years past.

"The girls are very focused on this goal and continue to work hard every day at practice to tweak the little things that will hopefully take us to where we want to be."

With a game coming against Clear Springs before a matchup against Alvin, an area power, Pillow says the Lady Wolverines will look past no one.

"I stress to my players daily to practice for that day, and play for that day," Pillow said. "The next day doesn't matter. It's all about

how can we get better that day that will make us stronger in the end."

Dobie gaining steam

Dobie's fourth straight win came in convincing style as the Lady Longhorns run-ruled Pasadena 16-0 in three innings March 23 at the Pasadena ISD complex.

Sophomore pitcher Shannon O'Connor picked up her fourth win in the circle, and the bats continued to produce.

With games coming against Sam Rayburn March 26 followed by a road game at Pearland March 30, the Lady Longhorns are in a great position.

With La Porte knocking off Memorial March 26, the Lady Longhorns are second with a chance to sneak into first place.

"Things are coming around," Dobie head coach Robin Rackley said. "Our hitting has started to come around. Shelby O'Brien has been big for us. Pitching-wise, Shannon has been great. And Alyssa Zarate is coming back from injury just in time to get some work in."

Dobie is taking things slowly. "I think the team saw what can happen after La Porte beat Memorial," Rackley said.



Dobie midfielder Ashlyn Leighton (9) slides in an attempt to win control of the ball against Baytown Sterling's Emily Diaz (12) during Dobie's 4-0 bidistrict varsity soccer victory March 23 at Newcomb Field. Leighton controlled the midfield, and Dobie's

defense, including defender Chelsea Williams (2) was largely untested in the game. Also in the background is Sterling's Thalia Nunez (8). Dobie will now face state-ranked Clear Lake in the area round.

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Dobie teams, Brook girls make area level

Continued from Page 1B extra sessions. Neither team scored in the second overtime period, allowing the Lady Wolverines to go to the area round.

Next up for Clear Brook is an area-round matchup against La Porte, which downed Beaumont West Brook in the bidistrict round.

JFD boys get Rangers

In a matchup featuring a pair of 2009 Region III tournament teams, the Dobie Longhorns will take on

the Clements Rangers, who won the District 23-5A title this season. Clements easily defeated Clear Brook 3-0 in the bidistrict round.

"We know Clements is a very good team, but we feel like we are, too," Dobie head coach Jesse Saavedra said.

"We'll just go at it and see what happens. When you get to this point in the playoffs with just 16 teams left in the region, everybody is pretty good. Our guys know that."

Dobie was not challenged very much in its first-round win over Channelview, but Saavedra said his take was that his team did what it had to do to come away with a convincing victory.

"No matter who the opponent is, you have to come out with a high level of intensity," Saavedra said. "If you don't win, the season is complete. We plan to play more soccer. Clements is a good team, but we feel good about the matchup. We have gone against teams

as talented as Clements and come away with wins. We'll be ready to play."

Dobie takes on Lake

Courtesy of a third-place finish in the District 22-5A standings, the Dobie girls will face defending Region III champion Clear Lake in the area round.

The deck appears stacked against the Lady Longhorns. Clear Lake has gone undefeated over the last two seasons in District 24-5A play and is considered the Region III favorite this year.

At 19-1-2, Clear Lake has suffered just the one setback, a 2-0 loss to Cinco Ranch earlier this season in nondistrict play.

But Dobie isn't going to give an inch. The Lady Longhorns' roster includes 10 seniors who will take the field, plus Lariza Uribe who is out for the season with a knee injury.

Needless to say, no one in the program is ready to see the season come to an end.

"I told the team before we played Baytown Sterling that we need to go out and play hard with all of the intensity we have, or we have to turn in our jerseys," Dobie head coach Kersten Mullan said.

"We know what Lake brings to the table, but we aren't going to just give it away to anyone. Our team came out and took it to Sterling, and we came away with a good win."

"Clear Lake is very good, but if we show up to play we are going to give them a run. There aren't any more speeches, we just have to go out there and win."

In the boys' bracket, the Dobie/Clements winner will face either North Shore or Clear Creek. The Clear Lake/Dobie girls' winner will play either Clear Springs or Deer Park.

The area playoffs are scheduled to take place March 29-30.



Clear Brook has won five straight games to open District 24-5A play behind the great efforts of several senior leaders, including catcher Molly Fichtner (left) and pitcher Brandi Holaday. Seeing her first varsity action this season, Holaday has given the Lady Wolverines great options in the circle. Photo by Al Carter

Varsity baseball news

Horns win two of three; Clear Brook stands at 1-2

The Dobie and Clear Brook varsity baseball teams are currently headed in opposite directions early on in district action.

The Longhorns, who got a 1-0 shutout pitching performance from Austin Abbott March 23 against Deer Park, have now won two of three games to open league play.

Not so for Clear Brook. The Wolverines' shoddy defense, coupled with a pair of home runs from Andrew Garner, allowed Brazoswood to come away with a 9-7 victory over the Wolverines March 23 at Clear Brook.

The loss was the Wolverines' second in three 24-5A games.

Abbott is Dobie's ace

Abbott has been nothing short of terrific this season for Dobie.

The senior right-hander now owns both of Dobie's District 22-5A wins after blanking Deer Park.

Abbott got the Longhorns started in league play with a win over Memorial in which he had a perfect game going through four innings.

Although he surrendered the game-tying homer with two outs in the seventh, Abbott earned the decision as the Longhorns scored a run in the bottom of the seventh to walk away 3-2 winners.

Coming off a 9-4 loss to South Houston (see below), the Longhorns turned to Abbott against Deer Park, and he responded in a big way.

The Longhorns scored their run in the bottom of the fifth inning on a single by Justin Eckols, and Abbott took care of the rest.

"Abbott has done a wonderful job for us, no question," Dobie head coach Miguel Torres said.

"He's been very effective. He attacks the strike zone and keeps the ball down. When you look back at all of the games he has pitched, he has either won or kept us close in all of them."

But while Abbott has been a bright spot for the Longhorns, the team still has concerns in terms of a No. 2 starter on the mound. Key hits on offense have also come at a minimum, with the Longhorns having scored just six runs in three district games.

SoHo downs Longhorns

Against South Houston March 18, Dobie's concerns shone brightly.

South Houston ace pitcher Jaime Esquivel figured to provide the Longhorns with problems on the mound, but

his bat also hurt the Longhorns. Esquivel, a Rice University signee, pounded a 3-run double off Dobie's Sport Beynaerts to right-center field to pace a five-run third inning as Dobie fell in an early hole.

Dobie climbed back over the next four innings to get within 5-4 on three RBIs from Aris Adame, but the Trojans put the game away with a four-run bottom of the sixth inning.

After Beynaerts, the Longhorns turned to Mike Medina and Emmitt Pitts, but each time the Trojans had an answer.

Dobie had a chance to tie the game or move ahead in the top of the sixth inning, but Joseph Gutierrez was caught leaning and was picked off by Esquivel, ending the threat.

Moving forward, Torres would like to see the Longhorns come through with a few more clutch hits. He'd also like to see someone other than Abbott assert himself on the mound.

"As far as the offense, I look at it as the glass being half full," Torres said. "We are getting runners on base. That's a good thing. So far, we have had trouble getting the key hit. I truly believe we are about to break out."

On the mound, Torres vows to look at several options. B.J. Burton is a candidate to see more action along with some of the others who have already had a chance.

"We said coming into the season that there might be games where we use pitchers for three innings here and there. Our goal is to keep some of these teams off balance. We're going to look at some options."

Wolverines at 1-2

Entering the season, word spread quickly that District 24-5A might be the state's best from top to bottom.

To this point, the Clear Brook Wolverines are finding those words to be true. Opening 24-5A play March 18 at home, the Wolverines were run-ruled 11-1 against Clear Creek.

Left-hander Bobby McCormack of Clear Creek kept the Wolverines off balance with a solid repertoire of pitches, and his location was superb.

"McCormack threw a gem," Clear Brook head coach Russell Ferrell said.

"He was throwing his curveball, change and fastball to all parts of the plate."

The Wolverines evened their record at 1-1 as Keaton

Miller fanned 13 in a 4-2 win at Dickinson March 19. Miller also paced the offense with a two-run double as the Wolverines earned a key win.

Then came a big game against one of the Region

III favorites, Brazoswood.

The game went back and forth, with the Bucs finally winning 9-7 in nine innings as Andrew Garner blasted a two-run homer, his second bomb of the game.

Sloppy defense from



At left, Deron Waines has been part of Dobie's good start in District 22-5A action. The Longhorns, coming off a 1-0 shutout win at home against Deer Park, will face La Porte March 26 at Dobie. Game time is 4 p.m. Both teams are 2-1 in district play. Photo by John Bechtle



Keaton Miller came through on the mound and at the plate as Clear Brook defeated Dickinson 4-2 March 19 at Dickinson. The senior pitcher struck out 13 and connected for a two-run double in the Wolverines' lone 24-5A win to date. Miller will need to come through again as the Wolverines (1-2 in 24-5A play) take on Clear Lake March 26 at Lake and Galveston Ball March 30.

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Dobie midfielder Adrian Ramirez (left) challenges Channelview's Jose Bueno (15) during the first half of the Longhorns' 4-0 victory against the Falcons March 23 at Newcomb Field. The win gets Dobie to the area round against Clements. Photo by John Bechtle

Dobie draws Lake next

At right, Chelsea Deleon got Dobie started on its 4-0 win over the Baytown Sterling Lady Rangers with a penalty kick goal in the 24th minute March 23 at Newcomb Field. The Lady Longhorns went up 3-0 at halftime and went on to win the game easily. Next up, Deleon, a four-year varsity letterwinner, and her teammates will face state-ranked Clear Lake in the area round. Clear Lake, the defending Region III champion, is 19-1-2 this season after beating Kempner 5-1 in the bidistrict round.

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