

Mount Olive rummage sale

Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd., will hold its annual rummage sale on Friday, March 27, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, March 28, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donations are currently being accepted.

Blood drive at Stuchbery

Stuchbery Elementary will hold a blood drive on Friday, March 27, from noon to 4:30 p.m. in honor of Stuchbery student Samantha Molina, currently receiving medical treatment at Texas Children's Hospital for cancer.

Moore offers scholarships

Moore Student Council will offer scholarships to four graduating seniors at Dobie High School who attended Moore in the fourth grade. Applications are available through the Dobie senior counselor's office and must be returned by Thursday, April 2, to be considered.

Kirkwood meets March 26

The Kirkwood Civic Association will hold its monthly meeting Thursday, March 26, at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes near Beltway 8, at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are the last Thursday of the month. For information, call Ericka McCrutchon at 281-989-9990.

Kirkwood South election set

The 2015 election and annual meeting of the Kirkwood South Committee is set for March 26 at 7:30 p.m. at Judge Jo Ann Delgado's courtroom, 10851 Scarsdale, Suite 500, Houston 77089. Homeowners will elect three homeowners to fill the board of director positions for terms expiring. After the election, the annual meeting agenda will proceed. This is the most important meeting of the year, and all homeowners are requested to attend. If unable to attend, return the proxy to Crest Management in sufficient time to be counted.

Knights sell fish dinners

Knights of Columbus at St. Luke the Evangelist Church will serve fish dinners Friday, March 27. Each dinner consists of breaded catfish fried fillet, hush puppies, cole slaw, corn-on-the-cob, fries and iced tea or lemonade. Baked fish fillets will be available in limited quantities. Dinners served from 5 and 7 p.m. Money raised will benefit community projects. Dine in or take out dinners are \$10 each.

JFD baseball bingo

The Dobie Diamond Club, the booster organization of the baseball program, is making preparations for the Saturday, March 28, annual spring bingo night. Baseball players are offering presale tickets for the event which will feature 10 games of bingo. Tickets are \$20 each, before and at the door. Doors open at the cafeteria at 5 p.m. Bingo games will run from 6 to 9 p.m. Game payouts are \$100 each, with the exception of the fifth game (\$250) and the 10th game (\$500). Concessions will be available, and door prizes will be awarded between games.

Rising Stars hold car wash

In an effort to raise money for training equipment and offset costs for the National Junior Olympics trip in July/August, Rising Stars Track Club will hold a car wash Saturday, March 28, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Walgreens, 9885 Blackhawk Blvd. Donations will be accepted. Concessions will be available.

Neighborhood garage sale

Lake at Golfcrest will hold a neighborhood garage sale on Saturday, March 28, beginning at 8 a.m. Take Hughes Ranch Road off Blackhawk and follow the signs. Homeowners holding sales are responsible for their own signs.

Life Church hosts event

Life Church, 9900 Alameda Genoa, will have a Celebrate Recovery fourth anniversary Sunday, March 29, at 5:30 p.m. The public is invited to this special event with songwriter and worship leader Ryan Bell for a worship concert; guest speaker Shirley Molina, Regional Celebrate Recovery leader from Lakewood Church; and Pastor Jim Kilgore of Life Church.

Cokesbury Lenten Calendar

Cokesbury Methodist Church, 10030 Scarsdale, recently announced its Lenten calendar: Palm Sunday March 29 - Combined service at 10:30 a.m. Choir will present Easter Contata; April 2 - Maundy Thursday services at 7 p.m.; April 3 - Good Friday services at 7 p.m.; April 5 - Easter Sunday Sunrise Service - 7 a.m. on the church lawn (pet friendly). Traditional Easter services at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Cowboys, Cowgirls register

The Sagemont Cowboys and Cowgirls will hold registration Wednesday, April 1, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Cowboys' football field in El Franco Lee Park. Registration is open to all players and drill members, returning or new. A \$100 deposit is due at registration. All open spots are awarded on a first come, first served basis. For information, call President Denny Wranich at 281-785-8353 or Drill Director Lynn Blanton at 832-423-0139.

Annual South Belt cookoff reaches capacity

The annual South Belt Spectacular Cookoff, set to take place April 30 through May 2 at El Franco Lee Park, is now at full capacity. With 146 spots (77 total teams) already accounted for, this year's cookoff will be the largest in the event's 19 year history. By comparison, there were only 13 cooking teams at the inaugural cookoff in 1996.

Organized and operated by the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department, the event is the sole fundraiser for the annual South Belt Fourth of July fireworks display, also held at the area park.

While evenings at the function are geared more for adults, Saturday afternoon is intended for families, with kids 12 and under being admitted for free with the purchase of an adult ticket.

Free children's activities include moonwalks, rock climbing, pony rides, Gabby the Clown, a petting zoo, a train, face painting, hair braiding and extensions, a police cruiser and ambulance display and photos with a live watusi bull named Oliver. At press time, organizers were also trying to arrange for a display of military machinery.

As the event grows in size, so does the elaborateness of some of the cooking spots, with one team reportedly spending \$18,000 on an as yet unidentified band to perform.

While no outside alcohol will be allowed to be brought in by patrons, beer will be for sale on the cookoff grounds, along with barbecue sandwiches and other food items.

Admission Friday will be \$10. Admission Saturday will be \$5 before 4 p.m. and \$10 after. Thursday will be for cooks only.

Organizers are currently seeking volunteers to work four to six hour shifts.

To volunteer, email mynews@southbeltleader.com.

Rice honors Ace's Williams



Ron Williams (second from left), CEO of Central Ace Hardware on Beamer near Kirkfair, recently received the second annual Ray A. Griffith Retail Leadership Award. Named in honor of Ace's former national CEO Ray A. Griffith, who retired in March 2013, the award is given annually to the Ace retailer who most personifies Griffith's leadership traits and exemplifies Ace's core values. Former U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza "Condi" Rice (third from right) was the featured speaker at the award ceremony, held in Las Vegas last week. Shown above with Williams and Rice are, left to right, Williams' sister Sandra Williams, his mother Beth Williams and his brother John Williams and his wife Cissy Williams. Also at the ceremony but not pictured were Williams' brother Mike Williams and his wife Linda Williams.

Photo submitted

Multiple Easter egg hunts planned

Easter will occur this year on Sunday, April 5, and there are multiple egg hunts in the South Belt community for area children to participate in.

El Franco Lee Park

Harris County officials will hold their 25th annual Easter egg hunt Saturday, March 28, at El Franco Lee Park, 9400 Hall Road, at 2 p.m.

The family event will be hosted by County Commissioner El Franco Lee, Justice of the Peace Jo Ann Delgado and Precinct 2 Constable Chris Diaz.

Children from ages 2 to 10 are eligible to participate. Children who find metallic eggs will be awarded a custom Easter basket.

Free hot dogs, snow cones and drinks will be available while supplies last from 1 to 3 p.m.

American Legion

American Legion Post 490, 11702 Old Galveston Road (across from Ellington Field), will hold an Easter egg hunt Sunday, March 29,

beginning at 1 p.m.

Hunts will be divided in the following age groups: 1 to 2 years, 3 to 4 years, 5 to 6 years, and 7 to 10 years.

A golden egg will be hidden for each age group, and Easter baskets will be given to the child with the most eggs in each division. Free hot dogs, chips and drinks will be available while supplies last.

For more information, call 713-614-7102 or 281-481-5686.

Kirkwood South Christian Church

Kirkwood South Christian Church, 10811 Kirkfair, will host its annual Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 4, from 10 a.m. until noon.

The event is for children ages infant to 10 years old. In addition to the egg hunt, there will be crafts and refreshments.

The public is invited to attend.

For additional information, call 281-481-0004.

Woman jumps out of 2nd-story window

A woman was taken to the hospital for observation Tuesday, March 24, after jumping out of her second-story window in the 11000 block of Sagemeadow.

According to police, the woman believed her house was being broken into when she made the leap, safely landing on her car that was parked

outside. Witnesses said the woman was screaming at passersby and reportedly waving a hair straightener at them.

Police do not believe there was an intruder at her residence.

Responding emergency personnel subsequently took the woman in for evaluation.

Abbott praises San Jacinto College

At the recent State of the State address sponsored by the Greater Houston Partnership, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott praised San Jacinto College.

"The fact is, not everybody needs a four-year college degree," Abbott said. "So we need to expand and support our community colleges that serve as a gateway to better job opportunities but also as a pathway to further education opportu-

nities. Now I know that there are some of those two-year colleges in the room today. One is the San Jacinto College System. It is one of the many programs that the Greater Houston area can get behind, and my office will get behind."

While multiple other community colleges and universities were represented at the event, only San Jacinto College was specifically addressed.

City to collect hazardous waste

Houston City Council Member David Martin, along with the Solid Waste Management Department, will hold a batteries, oil, paint and antifreeze (BOPA) mobile collection event Saturday, March 28, at the Ellington Airport Neighborhood Recycling Center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Many common household materials are considered hazardous and need special disposal. When household hazardous waste is disposed of in the trash, it can contaminate landfills and subsequently groundwater.

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

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

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

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

In addition to BOPA, residents may also drop off electronic waste (computers, monitors, keyboards, cell phones, microwaves, VCRs and TVs) and large appliances (stoves, refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners).

The event is free for all Houston residents with proof of residency. The event will be held rain or shine.

For more information, visit www.houston-solidwaste.org or call 311.

Sagemont Church to help seniors

Sagemont Church recently launched a campaign aimed at helping area seniors stay safe by keeping off ladders.

"I've visited many hospitals, and a lot of times, the difference between a senior remaining at home or being placed in a facility is a broken hip," said Sagemont Young Adult Minister Zach Nicholson, who is spearheading the effort. "A lot of seniors have no family, and we want to assist them and let them know the church is there to help them."

In the program, hosted by the church's Young Adult Ministry, volunteers will visit local seniors once a month to help them do various tasks that

involve standing on a ladder, such as changing light bulbs, air filters and batteries. Seniors must provide replacement bulbs, air filters and batteries. Volunteers will provide their own ladders.

The service is free and available to all residents 65 and older. Seniors do not need to be members of Sagemont Church.

The program is independent of the church's annual *Seniors Helping Seniors* project, in which area high school students help local senior citizens do household chores.

For more information, call Tracy Cox at 281-481-7138.

See related ad on Page 6A.

Chamber holds PISD candidate forum

On Monday, April 13, the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, along with the *Leader*, will host a forum at Dobie High School, located at 10220 Blackhawk Blvd., for candidates running for a position on the Pasadena Independent School District board.

In the May 9 election, incumbents Larry Savala (Position 5), Marshall Kendrick (Position 6) and Vickie Morgan (Position 7) are all up for re-election and have filed to maintain their positions.

Kenneth Fernandez and Alvino Gonzalez have filed to challenge Savala.

A Dobie grad and longtime South Belt resident, Fernandez is a shipping agent by trade and is also owner of Little Longhorns Daycare. Gonzalez lists entrepreneur as his profession, while

Savala, also a South Belt resident, is an esteemed social worker.

Morgan is being challenged by Erica Davis Rouse and Charles Maricle.

Both South Belt residents, Rouse is a former cheerleader and community volunteer, while Maricle is a former member of the U.S. Army and a self-employed engineer. Morgan lists homemaker as her profession.

Lydia Velasquez has filed to challenge Kendrick. Also a South Belt resident, Velasquez is a retired teacher, while Kendrick is a retired manager for Bayer Corporation.

Leader publisher Marie Flickinger and Judge Jo Ann Delgado will serve as moderators of the event.

The forum is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

Annual HobbyFest set for April 11

Join the Houston Airport System on Saturday, April 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for HobbyFest as hundreds of people gather for a family-friendly day near the tarmac at William P. Hobby Airport on the East Ramp. Admission is free with nonperishable food items, which will help benefit the Hobby Area Rotary Club.

Families are encouraged to attend and enjoy complimentary hot dogs, hamburgers, popcorn and sodas as well as free activities like face painting, moonwalks, a video game bus, interactive science exhibits, a live disc jockey, as well as up-close encounters with vintage and modern aircraft.

Boy Scouts can procure merit badges at the event for aviation, crime prevention and fire safety as well. Proceeds from sponsors of HobbyFest

help fund scholarships for local students in aviation- and transportation-related fields.

A recent development of HobbyFest is the addition of a barbecue competition, with four categories: brisket, pork ribs, chicken and Dutch oven desserts. Teams will begin setup April 10, with judging and an awards presentation during HobbyFest on April 11.

The all-inclusive cookoff entry fee of \$150 covers all categories, and all proceeds also go toward funding scholarships for local students. Entries for teams are still being accepted. Interested parties should send contact information to HobbyFestBBQ@gmail.com.

Follow HobbyFest on Facebook for up-to-date information. For additional information, visit hadistrict.org/hobbyfest.

New SVFD officers assume duties



Officers from the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department recently assumed their positions after being elected by a group of their peers on the force. Chuck Tylka (left) was re-elected by his colleagues to serve another term as chief. This will mark the seventh consecutive time Tylka (40 years of service) has filled the position. Shown above with Tylka in front of the Scarsdale SVFD station are, left to right, David Cino, second assistant chief/training officer (30 years of service), Robert Zolan, assistant chief/medical officer (eight years of service) and Jerry Terrell, assistant chief/fire marshal (44 years of service/founding member). Each officer will serve a one year term.

Photo submitted

In My Opinion

Peabody on city firefighter pensions

Robbing firefighters of their agreed-upon pensions would be a terribly unfair way to balance the city budget.

Houston firefighters, like all workers, should be dealt with honestly by

their employer.

If the city said it would provide a certain level of pension benefits, it should do so.

Budget difficulties do not give the city the right to cheat and lie to its employees. Integrity and fair dealing are surely family values, right?

Sincerely,
Joe Peabody

Elected officials speak out

Cornyn to Senate Democrats:

Don't play politics at the expense of trafficking victims

U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, recently addressed Senate Democrats' threat to filibuster the bipartisan Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act. Excerpts of Cornyn's remarks on the Senate floor are below.

"I was very glad to see finally we seem to be chipping away at the dysfunction of the Senate that we've experienced over the last few years, and in the new majority, given the opportunity for an open amendment process on a subject that we all agree needs to be dealt with, that we could work together."

"So imagine my surprise when earlier today the same Democratic leader said that the Democrats were going to filibuster this ... anti-human trafficking legislation. And why in the world would they take a 180-degree turn? Why would they do such an about-face or flip-flop? Well, because they said there was language contained in the bill

that they disagreed with." "Well, imagine my surprise to find out that the reason why the Democratic minority is going to filibuster this anti-trafficking bill is because they object to language that has been the law of the land for 39 years."

"Imagine my surprise when that very language was part of the bill that was filed in mid-January, and a month later was marked up and voted on in the Senate Judiciary Committee, and all members of the Judiciary Committee – Democrats and Republicans alike – voted for it. They voted for it unanimously."

"This idea that there has been some sort of an ambush is just preposterous. It's just not credible."

"Democrats have supported legislation consistent with the Hyde Amendment for a long, long time. As I've said, it's been the law of the land for 39 years."

"All the Democrats, every single Democrat, voted to support Obamacare, which contained the same restriction on taxpayer funding for abortions."

"In other words, our Democratic friends have voted time and time and time again for the exact same language they now say they're going to filibuster on the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act. Language they said they weren't aware of when they voted for it. They didn't read. Their staff didn't tell them about it."

"My hope is this: that members of the United States Senate will rise above this – this agreement, this posturing, this attempt to try to play 'gotcha' at the expense of these victims of human trafficking. No member should attempt to make this bill a debate about extraneous issues and policies that have been settled on a bipartisan basis for 39 years."

Register now for Thompson Keystone trip

In February, the Pasadena school board approved the Keystone Science Field Trip for 2015. Registration for the trip has already begun.

Any Thompson seventh-grader who meets the attendance and behavior requirements may register to attend the trip next school year.

The dates of the trip will be Oct. 3 through Oct. 9. The cost for the trip is \$1,200 and includes all expenses. A deposit of \$300 is required to secure a place on the trip. The balance of the cost is due by June 5.

There are currently 23 spots available. For information, email Susie Haas at shaas@pasadenaisd.org.

Vendors sought for Longhorn Band Car Show

The fifth annual Dobie Longhorn Band Car Show, sponsored by O'Reilly Auto Parts, will be held on Saturday, April 11, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Beverly Hills Intermediate School, 11111 Beamer Road.

Registration will be from 8 to 11:30 a.m. Car/motorcycle entry fee is \$25. The first 50 entrants will receive a goodie bag and T-shirt – 57 trophies will be awarded. A vendor and craft show will be available. Vendor slots are \$25 each.

For more information, email JFDBand@gmail.com.

CDA supports troops, donations accepted

The St. Luke's chapter of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas is currently accepting donations to be delivered to U.S. military troops overseas.

Desired items include white or black long tube socks (no crew socks) and individually sealed moist wipes. The group has joined with Operation Interdependence in the collection effort and to carry on Mary Galvan's legacy.

A donation box will be located in the church narthex and at the *South Belt Leader* through May 3, 2015. For more information call Pat Arp at 281-481-5611 or Betty Dixon at 281-543-1061.

Volunteers sought for Melillo Carnival

Volunteers are needed for Melillo Middle School's seventh annual spring carnival set for Friday, April 10, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Attractions will include a rock wall, bungee trampoline, train, dunking booth, concessions, booths including hairspray paint, face painting, cake walk, silent auction and more. Tickets may be purchased pre-sell beginning March 31 through April 10 and at the event. For information, contact the school at 713-740-5260.

Local library events set

Parker Williams Branch

The following events are scheduled this week at the Parker Williams Branch Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.

A book discussion will be held on *How to be Both* by Ali Smith on Thursday, March 26, at 11 a.m. At 2 p.m., Movie Time will present *Laura*.

Friday, March 27, at 4 p.m. – The Medal of Honor-CDP. The Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation honors those who have served with exemplary service by telling their stories of personal bravery and self-sacrifice through a series of different lessons. Join the library for a discussion on integrity.

Teen DIY-RFID wallets will be held at 4 p.m. Monday, March 30.

Computer classes for April will cover Internet Basics. Classes will be held on April 1, 8, 22 and 29 at 3 p.m. Space is limited. Phone the library at 281-484-2036 to register for classes or ask at the reference desk.

Volunteers from AARP Tax-Aide will be at the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., to assist with tax questions and filing tax returns Mondays and Fridays through April 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This service will be available in the library meeting room on a first-come, first-served basis.

Bring Social Security cards or other official documentation for oneself and all dependents, copy of last year's income tax return, W-2 forms from each employer, unemployment compensation statements, and other necessary forms to help the volunteer complete the return. For more information, visit aarp.org/taxaide.

Wednesdays – Preschool storytime is at 10:30 a.m.

Thursdays – Toddler storytime is at 10:30 a.m.

Saturdays – Vietnamese Storytime: Level 2 begins at 10 a.m., Level 1 begins at 11:15 a.m., and Level 3 begins at 2:30 p.m. For more information, speak with Loc Bui.

For more information on programs, call the PW Library at 281-484-2036.

Bracewell Branch Library

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

Tuesdays: 10:30 a.m. – Family storytime, followed by a storytime-themed craft and playtime at 11 a.m.; 4:30 p.m. – Kid's Craft.

Wednesdays: 10:30 a.m. – Toddler storytime; 11 a.m. – Toddler playtime; 2 p.m. – Computer Basics; 3:15 p.m. – Internet Basics; 4:30 p.m. – Intro to MS PowerPoint.

Thursdays: 2 p.m. – Computer Help Session; 6 p.m. – ESL Beginners; 6:30 p.m. – ESL Advanced.

Saturdays: 10:30 a.m. – Computacion Basica 1; 12 p.m. – ESL Beginners; 1 p.m. – ESL Advanced.

Saturday, April 4: 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. – Manga/Anime Club.

Saturdays, April 11 and April 25: 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. – Citizenship Class.

Thursday, April 23: 6 p.m. – Not Your Mama's Book Club will discuss #GIRL-BOSS by Sofia Amoruso.

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

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

Sagemont local wins Mutton Bustin' Championship Buckle at HLS&R

Carson Cook, a 6-year-old rodeo cowboy from Sagemont, won a championship belt buckle riding in the Mutton Bustin' event at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo March 18.

Cook had a hard ending to a good ride in the 6 o'clock round when he was trampled at the end of his ride. He was carried out of the arena, holding his leg while giving a wave to the crowd.

Cook refused to give in, and chose to go for broke and ride in the 7 o'clock round, which he won with a score

of 93. Cook rode in his first Mutton Bustin' contest when he was only 4 years old. Since his first time riding a sheep, he has had his mind set on winning a championship buckle. After three years of determination and disappointment, he finally won an event.

The age range to compete at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is between 5 and 6 years old, which made this year Cook's last year of eligibility. There were 240 contestants clinging to

sheep in the arena on Wednesday, with only 10 riders winning championship buckles throughout the day. Age limits vary at different rodeos, and Cook says he looks forward to continuing competing for championship buckles at future events.

Cook is the son of David Cook, a current and longtime resident of Sagemont, and Helen Bass, who now lives in Seabrook, formerly of Santa Fe.

He is a kindergartner at Bay Area Charter Elementary School in Seabrook.



At left, Carson Cook shows off the championship buckle he won recently in the Mutton Bustin' contest at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Above, Cook during his championship-winning ride on a sheep.

Photos submitted

SJC Preview Day to showcase college programs, facilities

San Jacinto College will host Preview Day 2015 events at all three campuses, providing the public an opportunity to learn about the programs, services, facilities, and activities available at the college.

The events are free and open to the public.

Academic and technical programs, continuing and professional development, honors programs, dual credit options, student life activities, athletics, and student services will be showcased during Preview Day.

Faculty, staff and students will be on hand to answer questions about enrollment,

financial aid, and educational planning.

Activities will include campus tours, presentations and resource fairs. One \$250 San Jacinto College scholarship will be awarded by a drawing at each campus.

Area high school students, veterans, home-schooled students, and workforce professionals looking to attend college for the first time, return to college, upgrade job skills, or receive additional training are encouraged to attend Preview Day at their nearest San Jacinto College campus.

The following are campus dates, times and locations:

- South campus – Thurs-

day, April 16 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Welcome Center. The South campus is located at 13735 Beamer Road in Houston.

- Central campus – Thursday, April 23 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Interactive Learning Center lobby. The Central campus is located at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena.

- North campus – Tuesday, April 14 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Welcome Center. The North campus is located at 5800 Uvalde in Houston.

For more information about Preview Day, visit sanjac.edu or call 281-998-6150.

Support group at Cokesbury March 26

Those who are the husband, wife or partner of a chronically ill/disabled person may join a new support group, Well Spouse, the last Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Cokesbury United Methodist Church, 10030 Scarsdale. Free child care will be provided. This month's meeting is set for Thursday, March 26.

For more information, contact Jennifer Miller at sicknesshealthouston@gmail.com or 713-724-2360, or visit the Well Spouse Association at <http://www.wellspouse.org>.

Lariaette alumni reunion May 2

The J. Frank Dobie Lariaettes will celebrate 45 years on Saturday, May 2, with a luncheon and their 2015 spring show. To help locate alumni who are not on Facebook, email their contact information to LariaettesAlumni@gmail.com. The price is \$40 per person (includes lunch and beverage, spring show, and a keepsake) Payment for the event will be accepted only through PayPal at www.PayPal.com or email LariaettesAlumni@gmail.com. Payment deadline is March 31, 2015.

The luncheon will be held Saturday, May 2, at 1 p.m. at Fox & Hound Houston, 12802 Gulf Freeway. The spring show to attend will be on May 2 at 6:30 p.m. (seniors introduction), and 7 p.m. (showtime), in the Dobie High School auditorium, 10220 Blackhawk Blvd. in Houston.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom hosts Passover 2nd Seder

Join Congregation Shaar Hashalom for a lively community Second-night Passover Seder on Saturday, April 4, 2015, 15 Nissan 5775, at 6 p.m. Share in a kosher Passover dinner and experience the thrilling Afikoman Scavenger Hunt.

The Seder will be led by Shaar Hashalom Rabbi Stuart Federow and will take place at Congregation Shaar Hashalom, located at 16020 El Camino Real in Houston. Shaar Hashalom is the Conservative synagogue in the Bay Area.

The ticket price is \$36 for adult and \$13 for a child between 3 and 12 years old (2 and younger attend free). One does not have to be Jewish to attend the Seder. Ticket prices are \$36 for a member adult and \$45 for a nonmember adult. Payment, made and sent to Congregation Shaar Hashalom, serves as the registration.

For information, contact Shaar Hashalom at 281-488-5861 (office hours Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.), or at esh@shaarhashalom.org, or visit www.shaarhashalom.org.

Dobie sets 40-year reunion

The J. Frank Dobie Class of 1975 will hold its 40-year reunion Sept. 25-26 at South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center, 2500 S. Shore Blvd. in League City. Tickets are \$85 per person if paid by Aug. 1.

Tickets purchased at the door or after Aug. 1 will be \$100 per person. This includes dinner and entertainment for Saturday night. A block of rooms at a special rate will be available.

For more information, call Susie Holmes Holt at 281-222-4140, Pam West Saxton at 832-330-8368, or Debbie Green Harrell at 832-818-5028.

Book donations accepted

Friends of Parker Williams Library is currently requesting donations for the library. Recent fiction, nonfiction, children's books and DVDs and CDs can be donated at 10851 Scarsdale Boulevard.

Egg hunt at FCC Pasadena

First Christian Church of Pasadena will hold its Easter egg hunt on Saturday, March 28, at 2 p.m. The church is located at 4848 Preston (between Beltway 8 and Crenshaw). The Easter Bunny will be on site for photos. All are invited for light snacks and fun.

Genealogy group meets

The Parker Williams Genealogy Group will meet Monday, April 6, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the library at Scarsdale and Beamer. This group meets the first and third Mondays to discuss genealogy research. Meetings are free and open to anyone interested in tracing family history.

Kirkmont 1 meets April 8

Kirkmont Association Inc. Section 1 Homeowners Association will meet Wednesday, April 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the Kirkmont MUD building at 10102 Blackhawk. Meetings are the second Wednesday of each month and all Kirkmont residents are welcome to attend to share comments or concerns.

Death

Alice Margaret Hoesl



Alice Margaret Hoesl, 85, died on Friday, March 20, 2015. She was born on April 30, 1929, in Washington Township, Iowa, the second of five children of Mathew F. Bonefas and Teresa M. Wingert.

After graduating from high school, Hoesl worked for the nuns at St. Frances

Hospital in the administrative office. Later, she moved to Mankato, Minn., and was employed in the office of a newspaper, the *Mankato Free Press*.

At some point, Hoesl experienced a religious calling and entered the Dominican Convent in Sinsinowa, Wis. Shortly after, she decided that the life of a nun was not for her and returned to Mankato.

After a particularly bitter stretch of below zero temperatures, she decided to head south to visit a friend's relative in Houston. She found an apartment and located work with the nuns at St. Joseph's Hospital. Later she worked for an obstetrician.

She met her husband, Joseph G. Hoesl, at church choir gatherings. They were married on Sept. 29, 1956. They raised five children who all reside in the Houston area.

Hoesl worked as the school librarian at St. Christopher's Catholic School, and for St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church for 30 years in a variety of roles including

liturgy, art and environment, and RCIA. In her spare time, she enjoyed sewing, quilting, reading, growing African Violets, and watching old movies.

Hoesl was preceded in death by her brothers, Leo and Robert Bonefas, and her sister, Frances Klein.

Survivors include her husband, Joseph; five children: Joan Isiminger and husband John, Mark Hoesl and wife Patty, Grace Schamburg and husband Kurt, Paul Hoesl and wife Kim, and Kristi Koncaba and husband Kenny; eight grandchildren: Ryan Hoesl, Alice Koncaba, Brandon Hoesl, Elizabeth Hoesl, Mariel Isiminger, Cameron Isiminger, Matt Koncaba and Kristen Marinello; her brother, Will Bonefas, and wife Mary Ann; sister-in-law Margie Bonefas; and numerous nieces and nephews, as well as many other relatives and friends.

A memorial Mass was celebrated Monday, March 23, 2015, at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church.

Leader obituary policy

Obituaries submitted to the *Leader* are published free of charge.

There must be a South Belt connection.

Obituaries are edited to conform to the *Leader* style.

King announces for mayor



Bill King (right), a retired attorney, businessman, and a former columnist for the *Houston Chronicle*, has already been mayor – in the small waterfront town of Kemah. King has announced he is running for City of Houston mayor. King made the announcement unofficially in Clear Lake. He is shown above with Ralph Parr formerly of the Clear Creek Independent School District board of trustees. Parr introduced him at the announcement event which was held at the Bay Oaks Country Club. "We need to get back to the basics," he said. "We got to fix the streets, catch the crooks, balance the budget. I think that's what the people want." He said the last point – finances – is the root issue. King has long called for reforming the public pension system. Houston's obligations to retirees are arguably the biggest burden on the city's budget. King's vision is to move away from a defined benefit pension plan for city employees, including police officers and firefighters. Photo by Marie Flickinger

Olson, Green, Doyle introduce bill to help utilities comply with grid reliability

Reps. Pete Olson, R-Texas, Gene Green, D-Texas, and Mike Doyle, D-Pa., recently introduced bipartisan, bicameral legislation to improve power grid reliability while protecting utilities from conflicting environmental statutes.

H.R. 1558, the Resolving Environmental and Grid Reliability Conflicts Act, would prevent a potential conflicting situation in which a utility is ordered by the Department of Energy to run a plant to improve grid reliability while the operation of the utility would violate environmental statutes. U.S. Sens. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., and Roy Blunt, R-Mo., have introduced companion legislation in the Senate as well.

"Texas and other states are well aware that reserve margins can dip dangerously during the hot summer months," Olson said. "Not to mention the long, cold winter

we just experienced in most of the U.S. This bill fixes an unfortunate glitch in federal law that puts power generators in the unenviable position of choosing which federal law they will violate – a DOE emergency order to provide power or environmental laws that expose them to citizen lawsuits. The bipartisan and bicameral support for this bill is proof that we can find common ground when working to address a critical fault in federal law, protect the environment and provide a reliable energy supply to all Americans."

"This bill is a common sense solution to an issue that affects Americans all across the country," Green said. "Our current system causes conflict and delays when we can least afford them, all because of ill-defined jurisdiction – but this legislation easily fixes that. This bipartisan solution will ensure that

utilities keep the power on, businesses remain up and running, and our constituents keep their lights on. Emergencies can happen at any time, and when they do, we need a direct path to resolution; this bill provides that path."

"Ensuring that Americans can count on a dependable supply of electricity, even in extreme temperature conditions, should be a top priority for Congress," Doyle said. "That's why it's important to reconcile these conflicting federal laws that put power producers in an untenable position. I'm pleased to once again join my colleagues in reintroducing the Grid Reliability Act to help keep electricity flowing to American homes and businesses."

In recent years, conflicting laws have resulted in lawsuits and heavy fines for electricity providers attempting to comply with these statutes.

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2015 San Jacinto Day Festival and Battle Re-enactment

Celebration caps 75th anniversary of the opening of the San Jacinto Monument and Museum

The largest battle re-enactment in the state is the centerpiece of the admission-free San Jacinto Day Festival, held on Saturday, April 18, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the grounds surrounding the San Jacinto Monument. The re-enactment recreates the events leading up to Texas winning its independence from Mexico 179 years ago at the decisive Battle of San Jacinto on April 21, 1836.

The festival is a full day of entertainment, vendors, food, family activities, cultural exhibitors, games and fun set amidst living history: music and dancing on two stages featuring country-western bands, flamenco dancers, Native American presentations, square dancers and much more; 15+ food vendors; make-and-take activities and crafts for children; children's train; petting zoo; medicine wagon show; birds of prey; weavers, spinners, blacksmiths and other demonstrators; and dozens of unique hand-crafted items for sale.

"We are so proud to continue to present this festival with free admission, free shuttles and free parking to the public, and it would not be possible without our presenting sponsor, H-E-B, as well as The Dow Chemical Company, Vopak, Pasadena Strawberry Festival, CenterPoint Energy and Lyondell-Basell," said Larry Spasic, San Jacinto Museum of History president. "Just as important are our partners who help us coordinate this event, including TPWD, the volunteers from San Jacinto College and Deer Park ISD, Clean Harbors, KHOU, La Porte EMS and Hampton Inn Deer Park."

The event is coordinated by the San Jacinto Museum of History Association with the assistance of Texas Parks & Wildlife and the San Jacinto Volunteers re-enactors.

San Jacinto Day Festival and Battle Re-enactment

On Saturday, visitors can wander freely among the Mexican and Texian camps of the re-enactors to learn what the soldiers and their

families were doing prior to the battle in 1836 as the re-enactors become figures in history for the weekend. At 3 p.m., the official (and historically accurate) re-enactment of the Battle of San Jacinto begins with hundreds of history re-enactors - complete with cannons, horses, women, children and pyrotechnics - it is the largest in the southwest United States.

All festival activities are updated continually on the San Jacinto Museum of History website at www.sanjacintomuseum.org. Entertaining and educational activities scheduled include:

- Dan Barth will use his Medicine Show Wagon to tell the tales of special 19th century cure-all elixirs, and entertain with a little magic.
- Last Chance Forever, The Birds of Prey Conservancy and its magnificent birds including hawks, owls, eagles, falcons and vultures.
- K.R. Wood (Camp Cookie) will bring history to life through songs and tales with Chuck Wagon of Texas History, complete with Dutch

oven demonstrations, samples, roping steer head demonstrations, stick horse relay races, and historical stories about the Texas Revolutions and the cattle drives.

K.R. was nominated for Texas Musician of the Year in 2009 with the Texas Commission for the Arts, is a member of the American Chuck Wagon Association, and has been recognized by the 75th Texas Legislature in 1997 for keeping Texas history alive with his first Fathers of Texas CD.

• Texas Snakes - a fun and hands-on educational show of many different species of non-venomous indigenous snakes of Texas for the children to view and touch. Emphasis is teaching about the environment and how snakes/reptiles provide their part for the balance of nature.

• Blacksmiths, weavers, spinners and other demonstrators will give visitors a full sense of how life was in the early 1800s. Sutlers (civilians who sold provisions to military posts) will

be on hand to sell or show their wares.

• Texas Parks & Wildlife Department will offer archery classes for young people.

• Visitors can also visit the restored marshlands and look for otters, great blue herons, osprey, mottled ducks and American avocets. The marsh is historically important because it barred the escape of many of Gen. Santa Anna's troops during the 1836 battle.

• Members of the San Jacinto Descendants, Daughters of the Republic of Texas and the Sons of the Republic of Texas, as well as representatives from the Texas General Land Office and the Texas Independence Trail Region, will be on hand to share their history.

• Texas Independence Square Dancers - square dancers from various groups throughout Texas - will demonstrate square dancing and give lessons.

• Visitors can browse through the vendor area to admire unique hand-crafted items, Texas products and history-related items.

The Children's Area - sponsored by the Dow Chemical Company and Deer Park ISD - includes:

• A 55-foot train complete with train whistle and Texan and American flags.

• Make-and-take history activities and crafts created by Gifted/Talented specialists from Deer Park ISD, overseen by volunteer teachers from DPISD and student volunteers from San Jacinto College.

• Marsha's Petting Zoo with sheep, goats and other friendly small animals.

• Sandbox Dig created by the San Jacinto College.

The San Jacinto Monument is open all day year-round except for Thanksgiving Day, and Dec. 24-25. Visitors can ride the elevator to the top for a panoramic view of the festivities, explore the special exhibit, watch a Texas history movie and tour the hundreds of museum pieces on display. There are modest admission fees for the elevator ride, digital presentation and special exhibits inside the monument.

For more information, the public may visit www.sanjacinto-museum.org and Facebook or call 281-479-2421.

Awards presented at 2014-15 Cheerleader Banquet

Several Dobie High School cheerleaders and escorts were presented awards at the 2014-2015 Cheerleader Banquet held at Bay Oaks Country Club on Sunday, March 22.

At right: Junior Varsity squad members earning awards were, left to right, Ashley Hicks - Most Improved; Adela Cantu - Congenial; and Jazmine Howard - Most Dedicated. Not pictured is Adriana Murillo - Most Versatile.



Awards presented to the varsity squad included, left to right, Alexis Corpus - Most Congenial; Sonny Ledet - Escort of the Year; Julia Lohse - Most Versatile; and Tia Joseph - Most Dedicated and also Longhorn Leader. Photos submitted

Vietnamese traditional New Year dancing



Stuchbery Elementary School hosted a community performance of Vietnamese traditional New Year dances held recently. Dancers pictured are, left to right, Lena Pham, Julie Trinh, Phuung Hoang, Christine Nguyen and Kristina Tu. Photo submitted

Due to no contested races

SJC Board of Trustees cancels May election

The San Jacinto Community College District has canceled the election scheduled for May 9, 2015, after the filing deadline passed with no contested races.

Board of Trustees Positions 5, 6 and 7 were to be filled in the May election. The incumbents, Dan Mims (Position 6), John Moon Jr. (Position 5), and Keith Sinor (Position 7), will be sworn in for another six years following the election canvassing in May.

Mims first joined the board of trustees in 2002, replacing 31-year board member Dr. John Nichols. For more than a decade he has served in various leadership roles on the board, including the last two as the board chairman. Mims also serves on the board's Building and Finance committees, and previously was chairman of the Building Committee.

Mims is president of Mims Investment, Inc., a Houston-area leasing and warehouse business. He served as president of Mims Meat Company prior to its sale in 2010. An active member of the community, he has served on committees for UniPro Food-service, a food service purchasing cooperative, as board secretary of the Greater Houston Restaurant Association, and as president of the North Shore Rotary Club.

Mims has also served since 2005 as a volunteer

member of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, and is currently a vice chairman of the Judging Contest Committee.

Moon was first elected to the San Jacinto College Board of Trustees in May 2009. He is no stranger to the San Jacinto College, however, as he attended the college upon graduation from Sam Rayburn High School.

Moon went on to receive a Bachelor of Business Administration from Southern Methodist University and a Master of Science from the University of Houston - Clear Lake. A lifelong resident of the area, Moon is the executive vice president of Moon Credit Corporation, and has been working in banking or investments since he was 15. He has been an adjunct professor at San Jacinto College and is a certified public accountant.

Moon and his wife, Sheressa, have four children, John, Robert, Donovan, and Kaylei. Moon serves as the board of trustees secretary, and on the San Jacinto College Finance Committee.

Sinor is a Pasadena native and Deer Park resident, and graduated from Sam Rayburn High School. He is a former San Jacinto College student who went on to attend Texas A&M University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in accounting and finance, as well as a Master of Business Administration. He is also a

certified public accountant. After a two-year stint in public accounting with Arthur Andersen, Sinor joined Sinor Engine Company, Inc., where he is currently a co-owner and chief financial officer. He is actively involved in the community, previously serving on boards of the Deer Park Rotary Club and Deer Park Chamber of Commerce.

Sinor is married to Rae Sinor, and they have twin boys, John and Michael. In June 2011, he filled the remaining four years of Position 7, previously held by Wayne Slovacek, who retired from the board in December 2010 after 38 years of service.

Sinor serves as the board of trustees assistant secretary, and sits on the San Jacinto College Building Committee. "San Jacinto College is fortunate to have all three of these incumbents returning for another term to continue their service to our community," said Dr. Brenda Hellyer, chancellor. "Their vision and leadership, along with the entire board of trustees, has made San Jacinto College a leader in higher education and workforce training."

The cancellation of the election will save San Jacinto College approximately \$100,000. Elections for the San Jacinto College Board of Trustees occur every two years, in odd numbered years. Members of the San

Jacinto College Board of Trustees are elected in numbered at-large positions, 1 through 7, and serve six-year terms.

Community weather network needs volunteer precipitation observers

The Community Collaborative Rain, Hail & Snow Network (CoCoRaHS) is a national grassroots, nonprofit, community-based high density precipitation network made up of volunteers who take measurements of precipitation right in their own backyards.

The Houston/Galveston region is part of a nationwide campaign to recruit volunteers of all ages and backgrounds to act as backyard rainfall observers.

Recruiting will last the entire month of March and is also called March Madness.

The state which recruits the most new observers in March will receive the "CoCoRaHS Cup" as a first place trophy.

The Houston-Galveston region is recruiting volunteer precipitation observers for its 15 member counties around the Houston and Galveston areas. The main focus of the network is to provide quality precipitation data and educational opportunities to help the public better understand

weather and climate.

CoCoRaHS is in every state in the United States and recently has expanded internationally with Canada and Puerto Rico joining in the last year.

Volunteers for the network do not need a meteorology degree - just an interest in weather conditions and a desire to learn more about how weather impacts the region.

Volunteers are asked to obtain an official CoCoRaHS rain gauge and place it in a strategic location. They take precipitation measurements each day at approximately the same time - usually 7 a.m. - and record those measurements on the CoCoRaHS website, (www.cocorahs.org).

Daily reporting of data is preferred as days without precipitation are just as important to know as days with rainfall.

Many agencies rely on precipitation data collected by CoCoRaHS during and after rainfall and flood events to

determine where the most rain has fallen and where the potential for flooding is greatest.

CoCoRaHS's volunteer precipitation reports help to fill in the gaps between official rainfall data collection sites in a region, such as the Harris County Flood Control District's Flood Warning System (www.harriscountyfws.org), the National Weather Service's climate sites, and the Lower Colorado River Authority's Hydromet system (<http://hydromet.lcra.org/full.aspx>).

The data reported by volunteers is organized and displayed on the website for use by scientists, researchers, and emergency managers - as well as the general public.

The Harris County Flood Control District, National Weather Service and the U.S. Department of Agriculture utilize CoCoRaHS data in their work as do engineers, meteorologists, hydrologists, climatologists, insurance ad-just-

ers, mosquito control technicians, ranchers and farmers, teachers and students, and public works managers concerned with water supply, water conservation and storm-water quality. These agencies and experts use the information for everything from severe storm analysis to comparisons of how much rain fell in neighboring backyards.

The Houston/Galveston region of the CoCoRaHS Network currently has approximately 411 volunteers in 15 counties: Austin (14), Brazoria (20), Chambers (2), Colorado (20), Fort Bend (22), Galveston (56), Harris (175), Jackson (4), Liberty (8), Matagorda (1), Montgomery (48), Polk (31), San Jacinto (10), Waller (5), and Wharton (10) counties.

The network needs many more volunteers to better measure precipitation across the region. Weather hobbyists and those citizens who keep daily rainfall totals such as gardeners are strongly encouraged to

join CoCoRaHS. Amateur radio operators and Skywarn spotters are also encouraged to join CoCoRaHS.

To join, go to the CoCoRaHS website (www.cocorahs.org) and click on the "Join CoCoRaHS" emblem in the upper right corner of the home page. The website also offers

information on the organization's background, training and educational tools, where to purchase the required CoCoRaHS rain gauge, how and where to set up the gauge on a property, and much more. County and regional coordinators are available to host training presentations across the region.

Brazoria Crawfish Boil May 3

The ninth annual Brazoria County Young Life Crawfish Boil will be held Sunday, May 3, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Billy's Pavilion, 4070 Wells Drive (between Bailey Road and Keis Road) in Pearland. For \$25 AYCE tickets, call 281-997-0200 or email leah@brazoria.younglife.org. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

Harris County Master Gardeners set April events

The Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 recently scheduled its events for the month of April. Events include:

Horticulturist presents Texas Superstars

On Wednesday, April 15, Jimbo and Joanna Woolsey from Jimbo's Nursery in Santa Fe will present an educational program on bromeliads at 10 a.m. in the meeting room at Clear Lake Park, 5001 NASA Parkway in Seabrook. This is a Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 event. For more information, visit <https://hcmga.tamu.edu>.

Open Garden Day April 20

Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 will host Open Garden Day on Monday, April 20, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at Genoa Friendship Garden, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Road. Master gardeners will be available to answer gardening questions. The event is free and children are welcome. For more information, visit <https://hcmga.tamu.edu>.

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South Belt participates in PISD Olympiad



The 2014-2015 Pasadena Independent School District South Belt Elementary School's Olympiad Team members are, left to right, (front row) Jelesia Brackett, Jenny Do, Justice Johnson, Gabriella Arredondo, Kaitlyn Campos, Mia Alex-

ander, (back row) Melissa Cerda, Jacob Hernandez, Connor Mohwinkel, Robert Villatoro, Kaleb Campos, Tevin Massie, Ian Johnson and Torrie Wilson.

Photo submitted

Commissioner El Franco Lee,
Judge Jo Ann Delgado, & Constable Chris Diaz

Cordially Invite You & Your Family To Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt

WHEN: Saturday, March 28, 2015
2:00 pm

WHERE: El Franco Lee Park
9400 Hall Road

Complimentary Hotdogs, Snow cones, and Drinks will be served from 1:00pm-3:00pm (While Supplies Last)

Don't Forget Your Easter Basket!!!

Food Donations by HEB - Blackhawk Location

Weekly discussion group set

Rabbi Stuart Federow from Congregation Shaar Hashalom will host free and open to the public weekly Thursday afternoon discussions from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at Bon Appetit Café, 18027 Point Lookout Drive in Nassau Bay. The first conversation group will be held April 16, 2015.

This is an ongoing event where all topics, questions and opinions are open for discussion. If interested in learning about Judaism, religions in general, practices and traditions, comparisons and differences, bring all questions, thoughts and opinions to share with those present.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom, 16020 El Camino Real in Houston, is the Conservative Jewish congregation serving the Clear Lake Bay Area.

City of Houston's 2015 Summer Jobs Program

Returning in the summer of 2015 is the City of Houston's Summer Jobs Program, a city initiative offering paid internships in a variety of city departments to youths aged 16-21.

Applications for the program will be made available this spring, with interview dates preliminarily scheduled for the second and third weeks in May.

To improve the internship experience and application process this year, those interested in participating in the program will now be able to

apply for specific opportunities, e.g., pool gate attendant, library intern or park manager aide, or opportunities within a certain category, such as general office intern.

Council Member Dave Martin's office will continue to keep the public updated on the program as summer 2015 approaches.

For a recent press release about the City of Houston's Summer Jobs Program, visit <http://www.houstontx.gov/mayor/press/city-houston-receives-national-recognition-its-summer-jobs-program>.

State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry

To give local emergency responders access to critical information to assist when disasters strike, citizens can sign up with the State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry (STEAR). Those recommended to register for STEAR include people with a medical or access need which makes evacuating difficult;

people who do not have a way to evacuate themselves in an emergency; and individuals who use a medical device that needs electricity.

To register for STEAR, residents can call 211 or 877-541-7905. Alternatively, registration for STEAR can be completed online at www.stear.org.



Over The Back Fence by Alexis

JUDGE DELGADO ENJOYS A BIRTHDAY

South Belt's justice of the peace, Judge Jo Ann Delgado, celebrates a birthday Thursday, March 26. Happy birthday wishes are sent to her from the Leader staff.

SCHOOL DAZE

The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays March 26 through April 1.

Burnett Elementary

Blow out the candles March 30 for Gloria Chen.

Bush Elementary

Marcia Stark celebrates a birthday March 26.

Meador Elementary

On March 29, Cecelia Stewart enjoys a birthday.

Moore Elementary

The day for a party for Melissa Hickman is March 28. On March 31, a birthday wish is sent to Cheryl Ivens.

South Belt Elementary

Warm wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to Brandi Ballard March 26. Celebrating a birthday March 27 is Natalie Boynton. Warm wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to Candy Howard March 31.

Stuchbery Elementary

Ester Flores is wished a happy birthday

March 26. Carlos Torres enjoys a fool-proof birthday April 1.

Melillo Middle School

The day for a birthday celebration for Valeri Kenney is March 29. Blow out the birthday candles for Michelle Wheeler on March 31.

Beverly Hills Intermediate

Blow out the birthday candles for Janis McKinney March 26. Share in the birthday celebration for Samantha Thompson March 28.

Thompson Intermediate

Light the birthday candles for Jamie Morgan on March 28.

Dobie High

Thomas Chen, Glenda Nicholson, Paulina Perea and Tracy Whatley are wished a happy birthday March 26. Blow out the birthday candles for Stephanie Albert on March 27. On March 30, triple birthday wishes are sent to Bertilda Hollin, Nghiep Nguyen and Leslie Seigler-Keton. Blow out the candles on a double-layer cake for Melissa Allen and Johnetta Roy April 1.

FACEBOOK FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS

The Leader sends happy birthday wishes to its Facebook friends who celebrate a

birthday this week:

Thursday, March 26: Andrew Crow, Pratik Bajpayee, Lori Johnson, Kevin Waters, Victoria Michelle, Sunday Evans and Brittany Waters; Friday, March 27: Chad Rivers, Erica Torres-Saenz, Eudocio Salinas, Cheryl Woods, Donna Hanson, Joan Zuñiga, Sharon Finney and Jimmy Massicott; Saturday, March 28: Moses Mondragon, Jennifer Blake and Zina Corpus; Sunday, March 29: Melissa Oliviea, Marquice Scott, Adam Stringer, Mary Wilms, Veronica Rivera and Bobby Rodriguez; Monday, March 30: Marilynn Kiel, John Berlitz, Gina Escobar, Michelle Matzahn, Walter Luna and Kristin Baxter; Tuesday, March 31: Sabita Harnamji, Beth McDonald, Marsha Flournoy, Ami Havivy, Sabine Jones, Eric Schwab, Gilbert Marlowe, Cheryl Padora, Eliza Gillock, Gloria Bustamante and Sandy Cline; and Wednesday, April 1: Sharon Lay, Carol Baccaro, Charlie Heaton and Natasha Logan.

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Lariaettes excel at American Dance/Drill Team contest

The J. Frank Dobie Lariaettes recently attended their final competition of the season - American Dance/Drill Team's Galveston Festival at Moody Gardens. The squad walked away on top - being named Best Of The Best - overall highest ranking drill team of the day.

The girls' hard work definitely paid off, as they were up against lots of tough competition, but still walked away successful. Even more impressive, their Americana-themed team kick to Yankee Doodle Dandy was one of

only two routines of the entire day selected to perform again before the entire competition at awards.

They also received a WOW award for their performance, and had the honor and privilege of performing in front of every team in attendance to showcase their routine.

Other awards won included: Solos and Ensembles: • Third Runner-up Overall Solo Finalist - Col. Jade Mottu • Second Runner-up

Overall Solo Finalist - Lt. Macalyn Castro-Cardenas • First Runner-up Medium Ensemble - Lyrical Ensemble • Winner - Medium Ensembles - Jazz Troupe • First Runner-up Large Ensemble - Hip Hop Ensemble

Officers: • Sweepstakes and Gusie Nell Davis for scoring 90 and above on all 3 routines • Judges Award for Officer Jazz • Judges Award for Officer Lyrical

• Judges Award for Officer Hip Hop • Outstanding Technique • Outstanding Presentation • Outstanding Precision • Outstanding Choreography • First Runner-up Overall Best in Class Officers Team: • Sweepstakes and Gusie Nell Davis for scoring 90 and above on all 4 routines • Judges Award Team Kick • Judges Award Team

Pom • Judges Award Team Jazz • Judges Award Team Modern • Outstanding Technique • Outstanding Precision • Outstanding Performance • Outstanding Choreography • WOW Award Team Kick • Winner - Best in Class Super Team Division • Best of the Best Overall Team of the Entire Day regardless of Division.



Lariaettes pictured with their banner and awards are, left to right, (front row) President Cybelle Cerda, Social Executive Megan Schuetz, Social Executive Naseem Shafaei, Lt. Col. Amalia Perla, Lt. Macalyn Castro-Cardenas, Maj. Ikea Taylor, Capt. Diana Castillo, Savannah Oropeza, Col. Jade Mottu, Valerie Mendoza, Social Executive Kellie Tyler, Reagan Saxton, (middle row) Director Lori Alexander, Brittany Gonzales, Amanda Arambula, Ni Truong, Deserey Cabrales, Sophia Sarabia, Jackie Bischof, Dulce Morales, Helle Zuniga, Isa Tabarez, Aliana Aleman, Crystal Garza, Laura Torres, Emily Le, Rachel Vu, Marissa Flores, Jalyssa Lopez, Nicole Yanney, Director Mysha Corb, (back row) Jazzalyne Garza, Alayna Cano, Alexis Sanchez, Esmerelda Ibarra, Zully Garza, Julia Dasilva, Leslie Garcia, Marissa Krustchinsky, Laura Stephens, Karina Gutierrez, Sylar Rocha, Christina Saavedra, Beatriz Hernandez, Holly Gonzales, Naya Cooper, Fran Monreal, Astrid Sliva, Alexis Woodruffe, Cherish Williams and Gabby Munoz. Photo submitted

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Remember When

35 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.

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, 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.

Absentee voting for four South Belt area utility districts began.
25 years ago (1990)
 Clear Creek Independent School District denied health-related transfers of four families requesting to relocate their children from the Brio area.

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 Belt resident Robert Alcala, a quadriplegic after a motorcycle accident, was

planned to help defray medical and living expenses.

A special blood drive was underway for Dobie graduate Mike Morris who experienced complications after surgery.

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

Several South Belt residents won medals in the Clear Creek Independent School District science fair.

The Thompson Intermediate academic team won their third straight championship.

15 years ago (2000)
 The Scarsdale bridge reopened at Beamer Road.

A house fire across from the home of Jaime Barrica was ruled intentional.

The Clear Brook High School Latin Club won first in the Gulf Coast area competition for the fourth time in five years.

10 years ago (2005)
 The Harris County District Attorney's office sought a fifth suspect in the murder-for-hire of Luan Cong Pham. This suspect was believed to have supplied the weapon used in the murder.

Harris County leaders Commissioner El Franco Lee, Constable Gary Free-

man and Justice of the Peace Jo Ann Delgado hosted an Easter egg hunt at El Franco Lee Park.

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

The Chase Bank, South Belt, was robbed by a 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.

5 years ago (2010)

Pasadena Independent School District officials proposed to open a new facility in the South Belt to cater to would-be incoming Dobie freshmen deemed not yet prepared for high school. To be located on Blackhawk between Dobie High School and Moore Elementary, the center would primarily house students from Thompson and Beverly Hills intermediates who had not passed their Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) tests.

1 year ago (2014)

The long-awaited project to repair Hughes Road from Beltway 8 to the Houston city limits in Sagemeadow went out for bid. The contract was expected to be awarded June 25, with construction beginning in 2015. In the works for more than a decade, the endeavor would remove existing paving and

Israeli Folk Dancing, April-May

What was meant to last only four to five months is now in its fifth year. Israeli Folk Dancing sessions are not built on one another, so if a few are missed, it is easy to catch up quickly.

Dances are held at Congregation Shaar Hashalom on Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. April-May 2015 dance dates are April 6, 13, 20 and 27, and May 4, 11 and 18 (no dancing on Memorial Day, May 25). Dances are \$4 per session or \$35 for 10 sessions for CSH members, and \$5 per session or \$45 for 10 sessions for nonmembers, to cover expenses. Everyone is welcome to join the group - even if never attended before. Dancing is an excellent cardiovascular exercise while having fun.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom, located at 16020 El Camino Real in Houston, is the Conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. The entire community is invited to attend. For more information, contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or csh.houston@gmail.com.

Learn to play bridge

Bridge games are held every day at the Clear Lake Bridge Club, located at 16614 Sealark, in the heart of Clear Lake City just off El Camino Real. The weekday games are at 10 a.m., and the Saturday and Sunday games are at 1 p.m. Game cost is \$6.

If interested in bridge lessons, they are held almost daily at the club. The bridge teacher is Dr. Dave Glandorf who can be reached at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or by calling 281-488-6318. He is currently teaching a conventions class every Thursday at 2 p.m. for \$15 per lesson, pay-as-you-go.

Each class covers a different set of bridge conventions. For more information, call the club at 281-486-1911.

Association offers sorority recruitment information

The Clear Lake Area Panhellenic Association will hold an informational meeting on sorority recruitment Sunday, March 29, from 2 until 4 p.m. at Bay Oaks Country Club, 14545 Bay Oaks Blvd. This event is for senior girls and their parents/guardians interested in learning about sorority life on the college campus. Sorority recruitment information packets will be available. No pre-registration is required. For more information regarding this event or the recruitment process, contact Becky Hensley, recruitment chairman, at 713-842-0047 or beckyhensley197@gmail.com, or visit the Clear Lake Area Panhellenic Association website at www.clearlakepanhel.org.

Constituent Request Form available

To promote convenient, timely and effective constituent service to the residents of District E, Council Member Dave Martin recently launched a new Constituent Request Form on the District E website.

The form, which is located in the "District E Links" section of the official District E site at <http://www.houstontx.gov/council/e/>, allows residents to report city-related issues such as drainage problems, missed trash pick-

ups, weeded lots and other concerns directly. Residents can also describe their concerns in depth in an open comment box featured on the form.

The Constituent Request Form will enable Martin and the District E team to respond to constituent concerns as quickly and effectively as possible.

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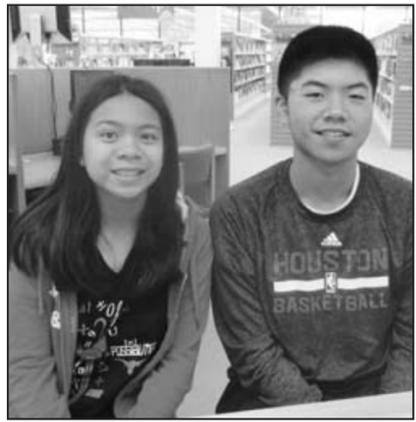
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HOSA students volunteer at Parker Williams Library

Dobie High School students again aided Parker Williams Branch Library (Health Occupations Students of America) students with their time during the



Dobie HOSA students Jasmine Pham (left) and Taylor Nguyen had the last shifts on Saturday afternoon, March 21. Mandy Cao, vice president of the Dobie HOSA student group, scheduled students for their shifts. Photo submitted

week of March 16-21 when customers/patrons were counted at the local library. The Friends of Parker Williams Branch Library have been doing the customer/patron count with the assistance of former AARP Chapter 4341 members and continue to do so during the day. The HOSA students volunteered for the evening shifts during their spring break and covered all of Saturday.

Volunteers sat at a table near the library entrance and used counters to record the number of adults and children who entered the library during each hour.

Anne Regier and Erin Fernandez are the sponsors for HOSA at Dobie High School. The Friends thanked the HOSA students for their community service, and Mandy Cao, vice president of Dobie's HOSA group, for coordinating the scheduling of shifts for the students.

Faculty, administrators recognized for excellence in higher education

San Jacinto College recently announced this year's Minnie Stevens Piper Award nominees, and recipients of Outstanding Faculty and Excellence Awards.

English professor Dr. Karen Hattaway, music professor Michael Mizma, and biology professor Lambrini Nicopoulos are nominees for the prestigious Minnie Stevens Piper Award.

The Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation has recognized outstanding professors from two- and four-year colleges and universities, both public and private, since 1958. The Piper Professor Program is one of its biggest recognitions. Nominations are based on submissions by each college or university in the state of Texas.

"In large measure, the

success of our students is a reflection of the excellence of our faculty," said Dr. Laurel Williamson, deputy chancellor and president of San Jacinto College. "We are extremely fortunate to have faculty members who deliver instruction based on the latest research and technology and who understand that the creation of an engaged student learning environment is of

utmost importance in successful completion of a course, a certificate, and a degree."

In addition to the Minnie Stevens Piper nominations, Mizma, Hattaway and Nicopoulos are also recipients of this year's San Jacinto College Outstanding Academic Faculty Awards. This year's recipients of the Outstanding Technical Faculty Awards include Debra Clarke, eye care technology program director; Debra Acuff-Whitaker, engineering design graphics professor; and Elizabeth McKinley, accounting/business management professor.

San Jacinto College Excellence Awards recipients include Dr. Catherine O'Brien, associate vice chancellor for learning; Gloria Ramirez, scholarship accounting specialist; Dr. Alexander Okwonna, dean of health and natural sciences; Eugene Bernard, veteran success coordinator; Dr. Ra Shaunda Sterling, department chair for college preparatory and developmental studies; Dr. Karen Hattaway, English professor; Dr. Jerry Ivins, department chair of art, theater, and film; and Carrie Hughes, biology professor.

"Our faculty members strive to give students the experiences they need to prepare them for the workforce and for their educational journeys to universities," said Williamson. "San Jacinto College faculty members are involved in designing strong

partnerships with transfer institutions and with business and industry to ensure and enhance the quality of our students' education and their successes in the workplace. For this, we recognize them for the achievements they have made throughout the year and for the continuation of excellence in education at San Jacinto College."

Scarberry dances with 'Michael Jackson'



Jade Scarberry of League City, granddaughter of longtime South Belt residents Robert and Jannie Scarberry, enjoyed spending time in Galveston during her spring break. While there, she had fun swimming at Schlitterbahn and enjoyed a hula-hoop contest and visiting and dancing to *Thriller* with Michael Jackson impersonator Danny Dash Andrews in front of the Rainforest Café. Jade is the daughter of Dobie High School graduates Nicole Scarberry of League City and Austin Scarberry, U.S. Coast Guard. Photo by J. Scarberry

The Houston Texans, Dairy Max to implement Interactive Stencil Project

The Pasadena Independent School District is ramping up recess. The Houston Texans and Dairy Max, a nonprofit outreach organization that promotes nutrition-based diets, have teamed up to implement playground stencils at several campuses around the district.

An unveiling will take place at 1 p.m. Thursday, March 26, at Turner Elementary, 4333 Lily in Pasadena. The event will take place on the playground.

The event will welcome several special guests including the Houston Texans cheerleaders and possibly

one of the team's football players and district officials. Houston Texans guests will share special stories with audience members. School Superintendent Dr. Kirk Lewis and several students will paint some of the stencils onto the playground.

The Interactive Stencil Project was made possible through a \$10,000 grant from the Houston Texans and Dairy Max. The playground stencils will engage students both physically and academically by using displays of healthy messages.

Founded by the National

Dairy Council and National Football League, the Fuel Up to Play 60 Playground stencils promote physical activity among elementary school children in an effort to target childhood obesity.

Guests will be the Houston Texans cheerleaders, Houston Texans football player, Dairy Max representatives, PISD Board of Trustees, PISD School Superintendent Dr. Kirk Lewis, PISD Instructional Health and P.E. Specialist Pam Tevis, and Turner Elementary Principal Donna Duke and PE Teacher Jackie Caver.



Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Dr. Karen Hattaway, English professor; South Belt resident Dr. Catherine O'Brien, associate vice chancellor for learning; Dr. Ra Shaunda Sterling, department chair for college preparatory and developmental studies; Dr. Brenda Jones, provost, San Jacinto College (middle row) Dan Mims, chairman, San Jacinto College Board of Trustees; Marie Flickinger, member, San Jacinto College Board of Trustees; John Moon, Jr., secretary, San Jacinto College Board of Trustees; Carrie Hughes, biology professor; Dr. Brenda Hellyer, chancellor, San Jacinto College; Gloria Ramirez, scholarship accounting specialist, (back row) Eugene Bernard, veteran success coordinator; Dr. Jerry Ivins, department chair of art, theater and film; and Dr. Alexander Okwonna, dean of health and natural sciences. Photo Amanda L. Booren

Project involving San Jac, Menil, and noted composer incorporates visual arts, music

In a unique collaboration, San Jacinto College music and art departments are partnering with the Menil Collection of Houston, noted composer Stephen Bachicha, and local chamber ensemble Omni Brass in an interdisciplinary project that will allow a variety of musicians and visual artists to combine their talents for common goals.

The primary inspiration for the project are three Michael Heizer "earth" sculptures - *Dissipate*, *Rift*, and *Isolated Mass/Circumflex #2* - artworks that are embedded in the lawn of the Menil campus' main building. Bachicha is creating a chamber music composition that will showcase and musically interpret Heizer's iconic sculptures.

California native Heizer is a contemporary artist who pioneered the relatively new "earth art" genre, so called because the works are generally dug out of the earth. Houston composer and conductor Bachicha, whose solo and ensemble compositions have been performed internationally, explained how the collaborative effort to musically interpret Heizer's earth sculptures came into being. "Dr. Karen Marston (San Jacinto College music pro-

fessor) asked me to choose a significant piece of art that seemed quintessential to Houston, something that felt like a significant part of our culture," he commented. "I thought of the Menil Collection, a place I often visit for quiet reflection, to see amazing art, and also to hear great music. The vitality of the Menil campus seemed to be a perfect match for what this project is all about - a way of bringing local students into contact with a significant aspect of Houston's culture."

After spending hours looking at artwork at Menil, Bachicha could not settle on any particular work. "And then I walked outside," he said. "I noticed children playing and running along the cutouts in the ground that are part of the lawn. Their wonder and excitement caught my eye. I watched the children walking through Heizer's forms, spelunking, and traversing around in different directions. I was inspired by their interaction with these works of art, and since this project is in the spirit of discovery, these earth sculptures seemed like the perfect match."

Bachicha's composition will explore and musically

interpret the shapes of Heizer's sculptures: the loop in *Circumflex*, the fragmentation and quick exits from the ground in *Dissipate*, and the sharp edges and quick turns of *Rift*. Bachicha's composition will be performed by Omni Brass as part of the San Jacinto College Brass Symposium on Saturday, April 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the San Jacinto College Central campus Dr. Monte Blue Music Building, located at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena.

The concert is free and open to the public. Houston-based Omni Brass, four brass players and a percussionist, perform classical favorites, world music, jazz, Dixieland, ragtime, and new works. They perform locally and have performed internationally.

The group includes four San Jacinto College music professors - Marston (trombone), John Stanley (trombone), Kevin Shannon (trumpet) and Michael Mizma (percussion).

In early April, a group of San Jacinto College art students, under the direction of art professor Bill Frasier, will visit the Menil main building to create full-scale drawings of Heizer's artworks. The

students' drawings will be on display during the college's brass symposium, and later as part of San Jacinto College student art shows.

Bachicha's composition will be repeated at the Menil during Menil Fest on April 18 at noon, and at 5 p.m. San Jacinto College music and art students will attend Menil Fest as part of an educational field trip.

"We are excited San Jacinto College is able to participate in this interdisciplinary project that provides music and visual arts students and faculty members opportunities for expression and growth," commented Dr. Kelly Simons, San Jacinto College Central campus dean of liberal arts and science. "Such a unique educational and creative endeavor incorporates the college's core values of collaboration, diversity, and innovation."

San Jacinto College offers a wide range of music and art courses and degree plans at all three campuses.

Ehman's art earns awards

Local Christian artist, Tricia Ehman, placed second and third with her watercolor/ink painting and a photograph in the juried spring show sponsored by National Society of Artists.

The one-day show was held at Hometown Heroes Park in Dickinson on Satur-

day, March 21, 2015.

Beginning Saturday, March 28, Ehman will be the feature artist of a solo exhibition titled *Horses and More* to be held at Tommy's Restaurant and Oyster Bar in Clear Lake, 2555 Bay Area Blvd. The exhibit will continue through May 19

during restaurant hours.

Ehman is a former master apprentice of artist Thomas Kinkadee (since deceased) and has been a small business owner of Heavenly Hooftbeats for 15 years. She is married and has a South Belt resident for 27 years.



Tricia Ehman displays her painting, *Scout*, for which she earned a second-place ribbon in a show sponsored by National Society of Artists. Photo submitted

Rep. Turner helps facilitate pension agreement between firefighters, city

State Rep. Sylvester Turner stood with Houston Mayor Annise Parker and the Houston Firefighters Relief and Retirement Fund (HFRRF) on March 6 to announce an agreement to make changes in the firefighters' pension that will save the city \$77 million in the next three years.

"I applaud the mayor and the firefighters for saying 'Yes' to this plan," said Turner. "While not a final solution to our pension issues, this agreement makes significant progress and gives everyone some breathing room to negotiate further."

Turner worked with both the retirement fund and the

city administration to bring both sides together to craft the agreement. In addition to lowering the city's pension obligations for the next three years, it increases the firefighters' contributions by 3 percent of their salaries. Turner has agreed to file a bill in the Texas House that would put this agreement into law.

"We want to thank Sylvester Turner for bringing both parties to the table," said Todd Clark, HFRRF chair. "We trust him and know he will be able to get this bill through the Legislature."

Parker said the next administration can build on this agreement with HFRRF's

cooperation. "This is the way to move forward to achieve real pension reform."

"The next three years will be financially difficult for the city of Houston," Turner said. "Without this agreement, it's doubtful any relief would have occurred. We needed to move forward with this plan. I have learned you can't sacrifice the good for the perfect because you end up doing nothing."

"The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. famously said that faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase," Turner concluded. "That's what we have done."

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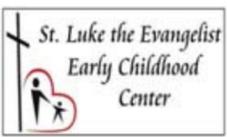
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 7:30 p.m. Celebración de la Pasión del Señor
 April 4 - Holy Saturday: (No Confessions) 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
 8:30 p.m. The Great Easter Vigil
 April 5 - Easter Sunday Masses: 7:30 a.m., 9:15 a.m.,
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Leader reflects on past 39 years

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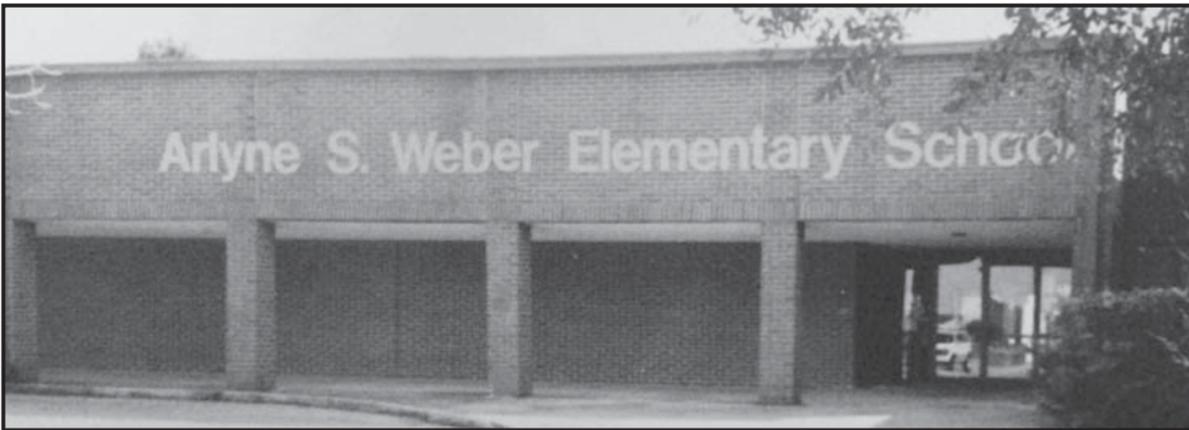
In honor of the *Leader's* upcoming 40th anniversary, Feb. 5, 2016, the paper will run nostalgic photos throughout the year, with these then-and-now photos being the fourth in the series.



Weber Elementary today



Today's Weber Elementary requires the use of portable facilities.



Weber Elementary as it was in the Southbend subdivision until the early 1990s when it was bulldozed.

Many current South Belt area residents are not even aware that Weber Elementary on Blackhawk is actually the second Weber Elementary to be built in South Belt. The first was located in the old Southbend subdivision and was demolished in the early 1990s along with the Southbend homes due to proximity to the Brio Superfund Site. As the South Belt area grew, the community clamored for a local elementary school to replace Southbend's Weber. Clear Creek Independent School District claimed it was not needed. Local community leaders provided the demographics proving otherwise. CCISD had been awarded millions of dollars through a lawsuit with the developer that sold them the original property. The money was earmarked to be used to replace Weber, but it took local community leaders' efforts for the money to be used for the replacement school. Since being built, the school has been expanded and then had the addition of portable buildings and now has local students, living only a mile from the school, being bused to a Clear Lake area elementary school. The first Weber was named for Arlyne Weber. By the time the second one was built, her husband, Alan, had died and his name was added to the name of the school.

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SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

Longhorns' varsity boys' soccer playoff trip begins against P.A. Memorial

A game of survival of the fittest has developed, and the Dobie varsity boys' soccer team is about to match its abilities against some of the region's best. It all starts Friday, March 27, as the Longhorns—champions of District 22-6A—go against Port Arthur Memorial in a bidistrict playoff match at Channelview ISD's Ray Maddy Memorial Stadium.

It's the classic top seed versus No. 4 matchup, but Dobie head coach Justo Manrique insists there will be no quarter given just because the Titans were fourth in their alignment. "This is win or go home soccer now, and I know they have defeated Deer Park (first place) and North Shore (second

place) in district play, which means they possess a very dangerous team. You can't play for a tie or try to get to a shootout. It's about going out there and playing excellent soccer and getting a win." Port Arthur Memorial features standout forward Jose Manuel Figueroa, the Titans' leading scorer. Dobie will no doubt prepare for Figueroa but is more concerned about breakdowns leading to easy scoring chances.

Manrique said. "But we just don't want to give up anything basically free."

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At left, Dobie High School's Sabino Lozano (white jersey) and his teammates are set to open the 2015 varsity boys' soccer playoffs with a match against the Port Arthur Memorial Titans March 27 in Channelview. The Longhorns are the District 22-6A champions, while P.A. Memorial was fourth in the District 21-5A ranks. The game will be played at Ray Maddy Memorial Stadium in Channelview, beginning at 7 p.m. The Dobie/P.A. Memorial winner will go against either Clements or Clear Creek in the area playoff round, set for April 2-4. At far left is Pasadena Memorial player Moises Aguilar.
Photo by John Bechtle

Lady Longhorns hold off Memorial, lead 22-6A; Alvin, Pearland share 7-1 pace midway through

Seven wins in eight games through the first half of District 22-6A is very impressive, but now the Dobie Lady Longhorns may be forced to do it again in order to reach their eventual goal of claiming first place.

As for Alvin, Dobie led 4-1 in the fifth inning before Alvin turned up the heat, eventually winning 5-4 on a dramatic 2-run, walk-off homer.

It's just the cost of doing business in 22-6A, where fellow varsity girls' softball powers Alvin and Pearland also reside.

So there it is. Dobie, Pearland and Alvin all at 7-1 and seemingly set to battle it out for the 22-6A championship.

Dobie defeated Pearland in the first round, only to see the Lady Oil-

ers reel off seven straight wins, including one over Alvin.

Dobie (7-1) at Pearland (7-1)
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Three others are all but out of the playoff discussion. "I knew we had a chance to be pretty good this season, but you just never really know how good."

no time to rest or feel like you have anything won," Dobie head coach Robin Rackley said.

"Unfortunately, you just have to keep taking them one at a time. There's

Dobie stayed on course by handing Memorial a 3-2 setback March 24 at the Pasadena ISD Sports Complex.
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Clear Brook boys to face elite Elsiek soccer

The Clear Brook Wolverines, invited to the varsity boys' soccer playoff party thanks to a late-season push, will face the Elsiek Rams in a bidistrict playoff game Friday, March 27, at Deer Park ISD's Abshire Stadium. Match time is 7:30 p.m.

ing round. Elsiek, champions of District 23-6A, was ranked fourth in the state in the preseason by the Texas Association of Soccer Coaches and has lived up to the billing.

Brook, which finished fourth in the final District 24-6A standings, has drawn one of the Region III favorites in the open-

ing round. Elsiek, champions of District 23-6A, was ranked fourth in the state in the preseason by the Texas Association of Soccer Coaches and has lived up to the billing.

ready to get going," Clear Brook varsity boys' head coach Chris Stromeyer said.

"We are very loose, and

"Anything can happen in the playoffs. We have had a great week of practice in preparation for El-

sik, and we will be ready.

"The boys know it will be a challenge, and that Elsiek is a great team.

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Sports news, notes

Dolphins' drill/football

The Southbelt Dolphins of the Bay Area Football League will host registration for mascots (4 to 7 years old) and drill team members (8 to 13 years old) Saturday, March 28, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the county clerk's office, Room F, located at 10851 Scarsdale. Returning football player registration will also be held at this time. Cheer tryouts will be held at the end of this month. For more information about Dolphin programs, direct email to team president Cheryl Arnesen at crarnesen@yahoo.com.

PISD Hall of Fame tickets selling

Tickets for the fourth annual Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame Banquet are now on sale at the school district's athletics ticket office. Six new inductees will be honored at the April 11 banquet with former University of Texas head football coach David McWilliams set to serve as guest master of ceremonies. Tickets for the banquet are \$50 each. Table sponsorships are also available at various donation levels. Table sponsors and inductees will gather at a reception in the Hall of Fame Museum just before the banquet, which starts at 6 p.m. at Phillips Field House. The museum is located on the north end of the gym. McWilliams will take part in a ceremony that will include the induction of two former Pasadena ISD football standouts who played for UT during McWilliams' 16-year stint as a Longhorns' assistant coach. McWilliams was a UT defensive assistant coach during the college careers of both Steve Oxley and Randy McEachern.

Oxley, a 1969 Rayburn graduate, played in the offensive line for the Longhorns from 1970 to 1972 under Darrell Royal. McEachern, a 1974 Dobie graduate, played quarterback for UT in 1977 and 1978 under Fred Akers.

Other former Pasadena ISD athletes set for induction are David Webb, Pasadena High Class of 1959, a four-sport standout who later played football at Lamar; Jeff Wylie, Pasadena High Class of 1987, who went on to star in the high jump at Baylor; and Kyla Hall Holas, South Houston High Class of 1990, who enjoyed an All-American softball career as a pitcher for Southwestern Louisiana.

Also selected for induction is the late Scott Talton, who coached Dobie's boys' basketball team to 500 victories, four district titles and 15 playoff appearances over a 27-year career.

Individuals or groups interested in sponsoring a banquet table are asked to contact Cindy Parmer, director of community relations for the Pasadena ISD, at 713-740-0288, or by email at cparmer@pasadenaisd.org.

Information on sponsorship tables for the 2015 banquet can also be found at <http://tiny.cc/polsex>.

The athletics ticket office is located on the east side of the Phillips Field House complex at 2906 Dabney in Pasadena. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

CSBA golf set for April 13

The annual Keep Kids in School Golf Tournament, benefiting Communities in Schools-Bay Area, is coming to Bay Oaks Country Club April 13. Communities in Schools-Bay Area's program keeps students on a path of success through graduation and beyond. The program serves the Clear Creek and Dickinson school districts. Underwriting, sponsorships and team registration information is available at hillaryg.cisba.org.

Lajaunie tennis takes shape

The Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund, in conjunction with the Bay Area Racquet Club in Houston, will host the Fourth annual Darren Lajaunie Memorial Tennis Tournament Friday through Sunday, April 24-26.

The Bay Area Racquet Club is located on Kings Park Lane, off NASA Parkway.

Lajaunie began his tennis playing career at Dobie High School and graduated co-valedictorian in 1984. The Lajaunie family have been members of BARC since 2009. Lajaunie lost his battle with melanoma May 3, 2011.

This scholarship fund and tournament is a way to honor Lajaunie's memory by helping junior tennis players enjoy tennis and assist with their education in college.

Preparations continue for the tournament, which will award members of the Bay Area Racquet Club junior tennis players camp and college scholarships.

Once again this year, college scholarships will be awarded to two tennis playing seniors (one boy and one girl) from Dobie High School.

Members of the Dobie tennis program will also be awarded entry fees to play in the tournament. All players will receive a tournament T-shirt and goody bag, and enjoy a complimentary Saturday morning breakfast snack. A complimentary lunch, donated by the Lajaunie family, will also be available for players and spectators.

Lajaunie fund volunteers are still seeking donors as well as silent auction items. April 24th will serve up the tournament and silent auction with the BARC scholarship awards dinner at the racquet club.

There will be four camp scholarships and two college scholarships awarded to BARC junior tennis players. The Dobie recipients will be awarded their scholarships in May at the school.

Dinner tickets will go on sale April 1. The menu for the evening includes a grilled chicken breast, either Cajun spiced or marinated herb rub with a salad, grilled corn with a fixin's bar, lemonade or ice tea and bread. Dessert and tournament water have also been donated.

Dinner tickets are \$15 a person for adults and \$12 for children 10 and under.

Tickets may be purchased at the Bay Area Racquet Club or on the DLTSF website - www.DLtsfnisscholarships.com.

The silent auction will begin at 4 p.m. and conclude April 25, at 4 p.m. Auction items included this year, an autographed bag from former New York Yankees and Houston Astros pitcher Andy Pettitte, an autographed football from former Dallas Cowboy linebacker Dat Nguyen and much more.

Both donations and sponsors are currently being sought. The Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund is a nonprofit corporation, and all donations are tax deductible.

Donations may now be made via the website with a credit card or by check or money order to: Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund, 3106 Mossy Elm Court, Houston, Texas 77059.

Direct email to Camille Lajaunie, committee chairperson, at cjlajaunie@gmail.com with any questions.

San Jacinto men's soccer to host 2015 open tryouts

The San Jacinto College men's soccer team will hold open tryouts for the 2015 season on Friday, May 1, at the South campus soccer field.

Tryouts are open to high school seniors, recent high school graduates, current San Jacinto College students and college transfers.

Participants are required to bring their own shin guards and water. Tryouts will be from 6 to 8 p.m.

Cowboys, Cowgirls to register

The Sagemont Cowboys and Cowgirls will host open registration Wednesday, April 1, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Cowboys' football field at El Franco Lee Park.

Registration is open to all players and drill mem-

In 2014, San Jacinto College advanced to the Region XIV tournament championship game.

The San Jacinto College South campus is located at 13735 Beamer Road.

For more information about open tryouts, call men's soccer head coach Ian Spooner at 281-922-3475, or direct email to ian.spooner@sjcd.edu.

For information about any of the San Jacinto College athletic programs, visit sanjacsports.com.

bers, returning and new. A \$100 deposit is due at the time of registration.

All open spots are awarded on a first come, first served basis. For more information, call club president Denny Wranich at 281-785-8353.

Lions, Bears combine to win TSU Relays 4x200-meter event



Three tracksters from Thompson Intermediate and another from Beverly Hills combined to win the middle school boys' 4x200-meter relay at the Texas Southern University Relays March 21 in Houston. The foursome included (left to right,

Jace Young, Kris Morris, Keandre Green and Joseph Ortega (Beverly Hills Intermediate). The winning time was 1 minute, 39.20 seconds. The group also competed in the 4x100-meter relay, placing sixth in one of the seeding heats.

Atkinson students

take part in PISD's

biennial Olympiad games

At right, the Atkinson Elementary Olympiad team performed in the Pasadena ISD's biennial Olympiad 2015 on March 12, which featured a demonstration of physical education skills and activities taught in the school's physical education programs. The event took place at Phillips Field House and included students from each of the district's elementary schools. Students participating from Atkinson included, left to right, (front row) Ashly Lopez, Jaylen Gonzales, Isabella Lara, Leyla Salazar, Alan Vargas, (middle row) instructor Giselle Ortega, Jelani Sinclair, Diego Torres, Roberto Flores, Leila Henry, Paola Pombo, Marisa Perla (back row) instructors Katy Glass and Stacy Fontenot.



Dobie ex Christmas thriving in pro hoops

Editor's note: *Leader* sports editor John Bechtel exchanged Facebook and email messages with Dobie graduate and current women's professional basketball player Karima Christmas during her time in the Korean Women's Basketball League. Here are some of her thoughts:

Q: You're I read 25 now. When you got close to leaving Duke, how confident were you that your career to this point would come together? How long do you plan to play?

A: I think I was really confident, but just nervous about the whole situation. It was a different and new situation, I always dreamt about playing in the WNBA from when I was a little kid walking around in my Cynthia Cooper Comets jersey.

So to see that as a strong possibility and to do what I loved as my job was exciting but scary at the same time.

I believe I will just play for as long as I can. I'm not sure anyone can really put a time limit on how long your career will go.

Q: Not a lot of people familiar with the salary structure in the WNBA and the reality that so many American players supplement their income overseas.

Did you ever imagine being able to see some of the world in this fashion and how has that experience been?

A: I never really imagined being able to see the world through basketball. You hear people talk about it all the time but when you're actually living it, it is so exciting to see places that others might not get to see in their lifetime.

I'm blessed to be able to do so, and so thankful for the different opportunities.

The experience has been great, and being able to see different cultures firsthand is amazing, can't wait to see where else my career will take me.

Q: Clearly you're in terrific physical condition to play hoops. But I know the hard wood and simply the grind of the

game is hard on players. How have you held up to this point?

A: I think the constant playing since high school/AAU started is what gets you kind of prepared for the physical condition that you have to be in throughout the years.

I mean, since middle school I've been playing sports year-round and

some actually overlapping because I did join basketball leagues at an early age and eventually went into AAU after that.

So of course it's a lot more taxing on your body at the professional level, but I think I've been used to manage my body and taking the right steps towards being able to perform at a high intensity

level over long periods of time.

Q: I believe you're much more of an offensive-minded player abroad. Obviously, it helps that you get to use more of your skills, but is it difficult to revert back to being a defensive-minded, rebounding player here?

A: I don't know that

I'm more of an offensive-minded person overseas or if it's the fact that you're more of one of the few go-to players wherever you go.

You just get to play with a bit more freedom and in turn the confidence that I have is taken up a notch.

It's just taken me a while to get comfortable

in the WNBA and be able to not think so much while I'm playing, like I do overseas.

Q: You're back to Tulsa when the time comes (May, 2015). Obviously, different regime than before. Excited to possibly play a bigger role on a team on the upswing?

A: I'm looking forward to taking on a bigger role

with the Shock in the upcoming season and trying to take my game to the next level offensively and defensively. Definitely excited to take on a bigger role.

As I said before, getting to play and learn with/ from different players and coaches is great.

I'm hoping all goes well and we can "SHOCK THE WORLD"! :)



Dobie High School graduate and women's professional basketball player Karima Christmas (7) continues to make quite an impression on the hardwood, both abroad and here in the United States. Christmas, a 2007 Dobie graduate who later played at Duke University, has been one of the star players in the South Korean Basketball league, where she ranked prominently in several statistical categories. During the regular season while playing for the Incheon Shinhan Bank S-Birds, Christmas was second in both scoring (16.9) and rebounding (9.8) per game, trailing only Alyssa Thomas in both. Christmas also tied for the league lead in steals per game while leading the second-place S-Birds to a 24-11 record. The S-Birds were then defeated in the semifinal round of the playoffs. With the season concluded, Christmas has returned to the United States, where she will begin a fresh multi-year contract with the Tulsa Shock when the WNBA



regular season starts in June. "I am so happy to be back with the Tulsa Shock," said Christmas. "Steve Swetoha and coach (Fred) Williams made me believe their vision for the organization. I am looking forward to helping the Shock have a great 2015 season." Tulsa team personnel say the sentiment is shared. "We are elated Karima signed her offer sheet with Tulsa," said Steve Swetoha, president of the Tulsa Shock. "She is now a member of the Tulsa Shock organization for the next several years. Karima fills a great need at the three position, and she is going to be a wonderful addition to our team." Fred Williams, head coach of the Shock, added, "I'm very excited for the opportunity to coach Karima. She can play multiple positions on the court, and I'm excited about what she will bring to our franchise, both on and off the court."

Photos courtesy of WKBL

Seventh-inning score lifts Alvin over Dobie baseball, 3-2

Getting back to the varsity baseball playoffs is proving to be a much more difficult challenge for the Dobie Longhorns in 2015. The locals slipped into third place at 4-2 following a 3-2 setback at Alvin March 24 at Nolan Field. The two teams were tied at 2-2 in the bottom of the seventh inning before

the Yellowjackets capitalized on an error and a walk to eventually plate the game-winner. Dobie starter Tyler Myers got the first out in the frame before an error allowed an Alvin runner to reach base. Following a squibber for a hit, Myers issued a walk on a 3-2 pitch. Alvin

then won the game on a solid base hit to right field. "Tyler deserved better," Dobie head coach Miguel Torres said. "He pitched really well, and we just didn't play as well as we needed to behind him. "We also didn't execute offensively earlier in the game in some situations where we had chances to plate more runs."

So now Dobie is third, with unbeaten Pearland at 6-0 and Alvin second at 5-1. Dobie has two huge games coming to close out the first half of league play, including a March 31 game at Memorial, which is 3-3. "Hopefully we can get these next two wins and close out the first half at 6-2," Torres said. "We have to do a better job of situational hitting with less than two outs and a runner at third base. Things like that. "Putting the ball in play more instead of walking back to the dugout with a strikeout. We'll continue to work on those things."

Torres also hopes the Longhorns' pitching situation irons itself out. Staff ace Jesse Paredes, who homered in Dobie's 9-5 win over Pasadena March 20, has been unable to take the mound in recent action but is expected to be able to do so for the second half of district play, perhaps at Pearland in early April. Jacob Limas, who will likely pitch against Sam Rayburn March 27 at Maguire Field, has also elevated his status. Myers has now pitched exceptionally well in back-to-back outings. "We'll be fine," Torres said. "We have the hitters in place and the arms to stay in games and get wins. We still need to play tighter on defense, but that's baseball."

Dobie's loss to Alvin ended a four-game winning streak for the locals. This is not the time to panic, but the Longhorns also want to stay close to the leaders as the second half approaches. "There's still a lot of baseball to go," Torres said. "With Paredes, Myers, Limas and some of the others, we have a chance to have pretty solid pitching. It starts there."



Michael Mora pitched in relief against Pasadena, getting the win as Dobie held on for a 9-5 victory after first building a 9-1 edge.

March 20 at Maguire Field. Next up, Dobie will take on Sam Rayburn in a key 22-6A clash March 27 at Maguire Field. Game time is 4 p.m.

District 22-6A Baseball Through March 24 action		
Teams	W	L
Pearland	6	0
Alvin	5	1
Dobie	4	2
Memorial	3	3
Dawson	3	3
Manvel	3	3
Pasadena	1	4
Rayburn	1	5
S. Houston	0	6



Jesse Paredes slammed a two-run homer, going deep for the second straight game, as he helped lift the Longhorns' varsity baseball team past Pasadena

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JFD softball gets past Memorial, now stands atop 22-6A standings

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It wasn't easy, going down to the wire before Dobie held on for the win. But a win is a win. "We have a saying here that 'it's never easy at Dobie,' but we got the job done," Rackley said. Memorial built a 2-0 lead with a pair of runs in the second inning, including a solo homer from Missy Hernandez.

The score remained 2-0 until the top of the fifth, when the Lady Longhorns rallied to take the lead for good. Facing Memorial's Savana Mata in the circle, Dobie's Alexa Munoz led off with a single and moved to second base on a sacrifice by Suzy Soza. Freshman Yvonne Whaley then laid down a bunt in front of the plate

and easily beat the throw to first base. An error allowed Whaley to go to second as Munoz remained at third base. Emily Wolfe then lashed a double through the hole on the left side, tying the score at 2-2. With Memorial trying to throw out Whaley at the plate, Wolfe wound up on third base. Moments later, Sady

Olguin lined a single to left field, scoring Wolfe. From there, Michelle Kristoff finished off the win for Dobie, keeping the locals in a three-way tie for first place. "Emily Wolfe played the game of her life," Rackley said. "I feel like she along with Yvonne Whaley in the leadoff spot and Sady Olguin batting third give us a 1-2-3 top of the lineup that is hard to beat. "Yvonne is a freshman who hasn't even come close to reaching her potential, and that's pretty exciting to think about. "She puts the pressure on defenses with her speed at the top, and that's great to have that type of a weapon. "As a team, we're on pace for a 20-win season, probably our first since 2011."

The victory, Dobie's 15th overall (15-6), helped Lady Longhorns avenge two losses to Memorial last year, both playing a role in the Lady Longhorns missing the playoffs. Most importantly, it keeps Dobie in line for meeting its 2015 goal of a 22-6A championship. Dobie plays at Pearland Friday, March 27, at 6:30 p.m. After that, Dobie will play all but one of its remaining regular season games at the Pasadena ISD complex, sans a trip to play Dawson. "And I can imagine that Pearlman is going to be looking to avenge that first loss, so we are going to have to bring our A game," Rackley said. "I know we'll have good support. We've created a good atmosphere right now, and a lot of people seem to be excited about what we've done so far. Hopefully, we can keep it going. But it's just one game at a time."

At left, Dobie senior Emily Wolfe played a big role in the Lady Longhorns' 3-2 win over Memorial March 24, driving in a pair of runs and scoring another. From her shortstop position, Wolfe turned a double play and made a couple of other fine defensive plays as Dobie remained in a first-place tie with the win. Photo by John Bechtle

San Jacinto College women's basketball head coach Brenita Jackson was named the National Junior College Athletic Association Region XIV Coach of the Year after a remarkable turnaround season in which SJC went from 3-27 last year to 23-9 this season. "I am very humbled by the honor and excited to see all of our hard work recognized by my peers," commented Jackson, who completed her second year as head coach. "It really means a lot because there were several coaches who could have won it, and the league was as deep as I have seen in years." The team was ranked nationally for much of the season appearing as high as ninth in the NJCAA Division I women's basketball poll in early January. It qualified for the regional tournament for the first time since 2011, advancing to the semifinal round before being eliminated by the defending national champion Trinity Valley Junior College in the Region XIV tournament.

SJC's Jackson named Coach of the Year



District 22-6A Softball Through March 24 action		
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Dobie	7	1
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S. Houston	1	7
Pasadena	0	8



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Dobie Pre Summer League Swim Clinic
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For more information, direct email to Nguyen at ktnghuyen@pasadenaisd.org.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MARCH 26
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.
10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Bridge games weekdays, 10 a.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark Rd. For lessons or for the 2 p.m. Thursday conventions class, contact Dr. Dave Glandorf, bridge instructor, at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or 281-488-6318. Cost is \$6 per game or \$15 per lesson. For more information, call the club at 281-486-1911.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, 2245 N. Main (building next to pawn shop). For information, call 713-856-1611.
2 p.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Dr. Dave Glandorf, bridge instructor, teaches a conventions class Thursday at 2 p.m., Clear Lake Bridge Club, 16614 Sea Lark Rd. Each class covers a different set of bridge conventions. Cost is \$15 per lesson. For more information, call the club at 281-486-1911.
4 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free water exercise for individuals with Parkinson's disease, 4 to 5 p.m., Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital Clear Lake, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Call 713-313-1652 or visit www.hapsonline.org for a list of all services.
6:30 p.m.
Kirkwood Civic Association meets at the Sagemont Park and Recreation Center on Hughes Road. For more information call Ericka McCrutchon at 281-989-9990.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Women's Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518) at the First Presbyterian Church in the youth building on the Westminster side. For information,

call 713-856-1611.
Al-Anon (English Speaking) - Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, room 215. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
Alateen - Provides support for teenage children, friends and family members of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, room 208. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
8 p.m.
Pasadena Little Theatre - Special two-for-one performance of Neil Simon's *The Odd Couple*, 4318 Allen-Genoa Road. Performances are weekends through March 29. Friday and Saturday performances are at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. One special-priced Admit Two for \$15 is Thursday, March 26, at 8 p.m. Director is Carolyn McLeod. For reservations, call 713-941-1758 or visit www.pasadenalittletheatre.org. Credit cards accepted.
8:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.
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6 p.m.
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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.TxBayAreaGene.org.
7 p.m.
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11 a.m.
Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English) - For persons whose lives are affected by an addict. Saturdays, 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
1 p.m.
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CALENDAR

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SUNDAY, MARCH 29
 2 p.m.
Grief Support Group - For any adult who has lost a loved one. Meets Sundays, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas, 2 to 3:15 p.m., First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. For information, call 281-487-8787.

3 p.m.
Pasadena Little Theatre - Closing performance for Neil Simon's production of *The Odd Couple*, 4318 Allen-Genoa Road. Director is Carolyn McLeod. For reservations, call 713-941-1758 or visit www.pasadenalittletheatre.org. Credit cards accepted.

5:30 p.m.
Celebrate Recovery - A faith-based 12-Step Program, Sundays, 5:30 p.m., Chapel of the Educational Building at Life Church in Houston, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for information or to RSVP for child care.

6:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Candlelight Meeting, Sunday, 6:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous NA meets Sundays, 7 p.m., 2245 N. Main St., Pearland (building next to pawn shop). For more information, call 713-856-1611.

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

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

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

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1
 7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, in the Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or drop in.

10 a.m.
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11:30 a.m.
Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club - meets on the first and third Wednesday of the month, 11:30 a.m., Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway (Fuqua and I-45). December may be an exception. For information, call Monica Montoya at 281-794-5531.

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Alzheimer's Support Group - The free group meets the first Wednesday of each month in the third floor classrooms 3 and 4 of Bayshore Medical Center, 4000 Spencer Hwy. in Pasadena. For more information, call 713-944-4782 or 713-266-6400.

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

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

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

MONDAY, MARCH 30
 10 a.m.
Al-Anon Deer Park - Mondays, 10 to 11 a.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for information, or just drop in.

10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Bridge games weekdays, 10 a.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark Rd. For lessons or for the 2 p.m. Thursday conventions class, contact Dr. Dave Glandorf, bridge instructor, at drdglndorf@sbcglobal.net or 281-488-6318. Cost is \$6 per game or \$15 per lesson. For more information, call the club at 281-486-1911.

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

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

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

6:30 p.m.
Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting - meets Mondays at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway (FM 518). Enter door closest to recycling bins. For more information, call 713-865-3668 or visit www.oahouston.org.

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

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 2
 7 a.m.
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2 p.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Dr. Dave Glandorf, bridge instructor, teaches a conventions class Thursday at 2 p.m., Clear Lake Bridge Club, 16614 Sea Lark Rd. Each class covers a different set of bridge conventions. Cost is \$15 per lesson. For more information, call the club at 281-486-1911.

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

6:30 p.m.
Diabetes Support Group - A support group for young adults with Type 1 diabetes. All subjects are open for discussion: new technologies, research advances, fears, phobias, dating and other personal matters. Meets the first Thursday of each month (or the second Thursday if that day is a holiday) at various restaurants in the area. Contact Dan Steiner, CDE, at 713-922-9677 for more information.

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

Al-Anon (English Speaking) - Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Room 215. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

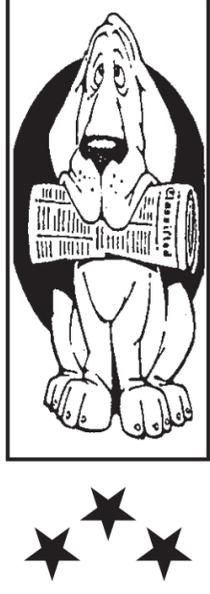
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9:30 a.m.
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Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets weekly, Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Drive, Pearland. Lunch is served for \$15. Variety of interesting speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or visit nailx@texascitizensbank.com.

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

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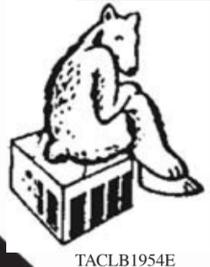
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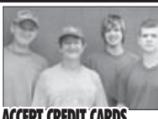
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SJC softball still swinging

The hot bats have continued to produce a load of runs lately for a San Jacinto College women's softball team that is about to find out where it stands in league play.

Those hot bats, combined with steady pitching from Bridget Stein and Katy Potter, allowed the locals to open Region XIV play at 6-0. Overall, the team is 23-14.

But now comes a difficult stretch of games. It all began March 25 with a doubleheader against Galveston and will continue Friday, March 27, against No. 10 nationally ranked Galveston.

By the time San Jac hosts Alvin April 1, the locals will have played 10 straight games at home.

From there, the crux of the schedule will be played on the road, so it's time to get while the getting is good.

San Jacinto pounded its way to a 10-2, 10-2 doubleheader sweep over nonconference foe Southeastern March 20.

In the first 10-2 win, Jordyn Woodward slapped a 2-run homer, and Carah Nunez was 3 for 4 with two runs driven in.

Brittany Woods and Ashley Gallant, a Dobie graduate, both had two hits. In the circle, Stein allowed a run on five hits as she pushed her record to 16-6 this season.

Keeping the offense going in the second 10-2 win over Southeastern, Nunez drove in four runs with a pair of hits.

Elizabeth Garcia had three hits, and Gallant drove in three runs with two hits, including a homer.



San Jacinto College head softball coach Kelly Saenz (right) chats with infielder Tiffany Jakubec during an opponent's pitching change.

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Katy Potter pitched five innings for San Jacinto, allowing one earned run.

San Jacinto head coach Kelly Saenz asked everyone to pick up their game at the start of conference play, and that has happened.

Now, it's time to see if San Jacinto can keep it going while facing the tough portion of the schedule.

"We just have to go out and get the key hits in the big situations," Saenz said.

"We know Bridget and Katy are going to keep us close in games. It's always about scoring runs.

"It makes it easier on everybody when you can go out and get an early lead. That's what we have to keep doing."

A season ago, San Jacinto College got hot late in the season and parlayed some big wins at the regional tournament into a national tournament seed.

The way the team is playing right now, what with the hot bats and steady pitching, perhaps a repeat is possible.

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