

Special edition scheduled

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

PISD sets campus meetings

The Pasadena Independent School District has scheduled five meetings – one at each of the district's high school campuses – to allow the public to air its views of pending state education cuts and offer suggestions for how to deal with an anticipated loss of \$20 million or more in 2011-2012 revenue. Dates include: Sam Rayburn High, March 7 at 6:30 p.m.; Memorial High, March 9 at 6 p.m.; South Houston High, March 10 at 7 p.m.; Pasadena High, March 21 at 6:30 p.m.; and Dobie High, March 22 at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend any or all of the sessions.

Cowboys, Cowgirls register

The Sagemont Cowboys and the Sagemont Cowgirls will hold registration on March 5 at the Little League Baseball fields in El Franco Lee Park from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Early registration is open to all returning football players and their siblings, all drill and all mascot applicants. Contact information will also be accepted from all new football players. A \$50 deposit is due from all returning football players and a \$100 deposit is due from all drill and mascot applicants. For information, contact Denny Wranich at denny@sagemontcowboys.com for football, and Michelle Castillo at michelle@sagemontcowboys.com for drill and mascots.

PTO scholarships available

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

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

Upward Soccer sign-up

Easthaven Baptist Church, 13100 Beamer Road, is currently accepting registration for the 2011 Upward Soccer League season. Boys and girls age 4 through those attending the fourth grade are eligible to register. There will also be a separate league for children with autism. To register, call 281-922-5520. For more details, see Page 1B.

Dobie band parents meet

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

GAT sets dance meetings

The Thompson Eighth-Grade Dance Committee will meet at the Kirkmont MUD Building, 10102 Blackhawk, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on March 8 and March 22. For information, call Anna Flores at 281-221-5602.

Girl Scouts recruit March 9

Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council, South Point Service Unit, will hold a spring recruitment event on Wednesday, March 9, at Beverly Hills Park Community Center from 6 to 8 p.m. Parents who would like to know more about Girl Scouts are invited. Membership fees will not need to be paid that night. For information, call Myriam Hudson at 713-292-0287.

Thompson sets carwash

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

Wood Meadow II changes

The Wood Meadow II C.I.A. has elected to hire Houston Community Management Services, Inc. AAMC as their new HOA management team. They are located close to the community at 17049 El Camino Real, Suite 100. The office may be reached at 832-864-1200 or by fax at 281-218-6973.

Youth football tryouts set

The Pride of Texas select youth football team will hold tryouts March 5 at El Franco Lee Park at 3 p.m. for ages 9-14. There is no weight limit. Participants should wear shorts, shirts and cleats. For information, contact Denny Wranich at 713-876-1491.

CBC MUD opens late

The offices of Clear Brook City MUD will be closed on Wednesday, March 9, 2011, until 8:30 a.m. for an employee safety meeting. Payments may be left in the drop slot.

Dobie decathlon wins state, advances

Heavily favored Dobie High School won the Texas Academic Decathlon championship last weekend for the first time since 2003, earning the right to bid later this spring for the school's third national title.

Dobie senior Eddie Nunez led the Longhorn charge by winning the varsity category and posting the highest score in state varsity competition history. Nunez captured nine of the 33 individual medals won by the Longhorns.

Dobie also finished first in the Super Quiz portion of the meet, which was held at Coronado High School in El Paso.

The Dobie team is coached by Steven Higginbotham and Todd Gerles. Higginbotham competed as a Dobie student in 1995 under the guidance of master decathlon coach Richard Golenko.

Golenko led the Longhorns to national championships in 1992 and 1996.

Dobie will compete for its third national title April 27-30 in Charlotte, N.C.

The Longhorns piled up 50,469.7 points to easily hold off runner-up Seven Lakes High School.

Dobie seniors dominated the major score categories. Mark Admani took second place in var-

sity with Tad Walters finishing fourth.

Katey Miille took fourth in the scholastic category while Jessica Huynh posted the high team score.

"This would not have been possible," Higginbotham said, "without the amazing support from so many teachers and administrators along the way."

A rundown of Dobie's individual medals: Eddie Nunez: Gold Decathlon Varsity, Gold Economics Varsity, Gold Language Literature Varsity, Gold Music Varsity, Gold Social Science Varsity, Silver Art Varsity, Silver Interview Varsity, Silver Economics Honors, Silver Economics Overall, Ed Gonzalez: Bronze Music Overall, Bronze Super Quiz Overall, Gold Music Scholastic, Silver Super Quiz Scholastic; Katey Miille: Silver Art Scholastic, Silver Music Scholastic; Julian Hernandez: Gold Interview Scholastic, Silver Interview Overall.

Varsity, Silver Speech Overall, Silver Speech Varsity; Tad Walters: Bronze Interview Overall, Bronze Speech Overall, Bronze Speech Varsity, Gold Art Varsity, Gold Essay Overall, Gold Essay Varsity, Silver Interview Varsity; Mark Admani: Bronze Essay Varsity, Silver Economics Varsity, Silver Language Literature Varsity, Silver Music Varsity, Silver Social Science Varsity; Jeremy Morris: Gold Social Science Honors, Gold Social Science Overall, Silver Economics Honors, Silver Economics Overall; Ed Gonzalez: Bronze Music Overall, Bronze Super Quiz Overall, Gold Music Scholastic, Silver Super Quiz Scholastic; Katey Miille: Silver Art Scholastic, Silver Music Scholastic; Julian Hernandez: Gold Interview Scholastic, Silver Interview Overall.

Clear Brook finished fourth, and Pearland finished fifth, making three of the top five placing schools in the state from the Greater South Belt area.

Clear Brook placed first in Super Quiz Relay and third in team Super Quiz. Individual award winners were Bailey Sincox, Graham Montgomery, Sam Wilson, and Keijiro Hayashi. Other team members include Thomas Scott, Alex Garber, Maryam Rasti, Mo Ajayi and Albert Thomas. The Clear Brook team is coached by Zac Mooney and Stephanie Alban. The team's showing was the best in the Clear Creek Independent School District's history.

South Belt brains take home AD gold



The Dobie academic decathlon team won the state championship this past week, allowing the team to advance to the national competition April 27-30 in Charlotte, N.C. Shown above are, left to right, (front row) Jessica Huynh, Katey Miille, (second row) Coach Steven Higginbotham, Jeremy Morris, Mark Admani, Coach Todd Gerles, (third row) Ed Gonzalez, Eddie Nunez, Tad Walters, Quinn Velasquez and Julian Hernandez.

HPD battles area crime; includes infant's death

A suspect has been charged in the death of his month-old daughter, who was found unresponsive at the family's home at 3925 Arlington Square, near Edgebrook and the Gulf Freeway, about 11:30 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 21.

Milton Rolando Paz, 25, was charged with capital murder involving a child under the age of 6 in the 351st State District Court.

Police say the infant suffered some type of trauma. She was transported to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, where she was later pronounced dead.

Autopsy results were still pending at press time, and the victim's identity was pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

Paz was arrested Tuesday, Feb. 22, without in-

cident and is being held without bond.

Drive-by shooting

A man was arrested Sunday, Feb. 27, after he allegedly shot an 8-year-old girl in the back during a drive-by about 3:30 a.m. in the 9000 block of Hollock near Radio.

Derrick Anthony Lopez, 26, has been charged with aggravated assault with serious bodily injury.

The victim, Desirea Mendoza, was transported to Texas Children's Hospital in critical condition, but officials said her wound was not life-threatening.

According to police, Mendoza's father, along with other relatives, got into an altercation with Lopez at a restaurant about an hour before the shooting.

The family left the restaurant and drove to the Hollock residence to pick up Desirea's brother. Desirea, her father and two brothers were waiting for her mother and another brother at the home when a black vehicle pulled up on the corner and an occupant fired three or four shots, police said.

A witness provided police with information about the suspect's vehicle, a black 2001 Lexus, that led them to an apartment complex in the 11100 block of Fuqua near Sabo. Officers located the vehicle and saw shell casings on the rear floor board of the vehicle through the window.

While they examined the Lexus, the officers received a phone call from the witness who said the suspect had returned to the home and fired more shots – this time from a silver Cadillac.

The officers waited outside the complex where they had found the Lexus and later saw the Cadillac pull up. They detained the people inside, including Lopez.

Police said Lopez admitted his role in the shooting. Officers said they also found the gun that was used in the shooting.

New community center approved

By Matt Griesmyer

In a recent Houston City Council meeting, Ordinance 2011-0143 was passed, which, in short, provides funding for a new community center at Sagemont Park.

The bill appropriated \$1,601,325 out of the Parks Consolidated Construction Fund for Carrera Construction, Inc. for the construction of a new 11,526-square-foot facility, located at 11507 Hughes.

The new park and community center will provide for residents and community members a

large multi-purpose gymnasium, arts and crafts facilities, and classrooms.

"The old community center has long since outlived its usefulness," said Houston City Councilman Mike Sullivan. "It was a former tax appraiser's building, so the floor plan was not well-suited as a park community center facility. The new facility will be a great and refreshing improvement for the patrons of this park."

The estimated completion date will be Dec. 8, 2011, and the groundbreaking is yet to be determined.

Sagemont auction a huge success

The pair of auctions held this past weekend at Sagemont Church were successful in raising more than \$200,000 for the area church's ongoing expansion efforts.

While the exact amount of funds that were raised was unavailable at press time, the most unique auction (and most profitable) was for that of a walking cane that was owned by a late church member.

The cane, which was owned by longtime church member Hiram Woosley, fetched more than \$20,000 after being bought and re-auctioned multiple times.

According to Sagemont Music and Communications Director Jason Ryan, Woosley would selflessly volunteer hundreds of hours a year visiting

and praying with sick individuals in local hospitals.

Woosley's own health problems required him to walk with a cane, which Ryan noted was far from elaborate.

"It was nothing special. The bottom half was covered with worn-out duct tape," Ryan said. "People weren't paying for the actual item, but were paying a tribute for all that he had done."

Woosley died this past fall.

Church officials said they plan to return the cane to Woosley's family.

"All have learned from the auction that the value of our stuff is not that much compared to the value of a life committed to loving God and loving people," said pastor John Morgan.

Pearland approves subdivision

Pearland City Council voted Monday, Feb. 28, in favor of approving the development of The Preserve at Clear Creek subdivision.

To be located in the South Belt portion of Harris County in Pearland, east of Pearland Parkway, just west of Clear Brook Meadows subdivision, the proposed neighborhood has proved to be somewhat controversial, as it is to be built along the yet-unfinished Hughes Road/Barry Rose connection.

Harris County is responsible for extending Hughes Road 300 feet beyond Melillo Middle School (the Pearland city limits), while the City

of Pearland is responsible for the extension west of Pearland Parkway (referred to as Barry Rose on that side).

While technically located in the City of Pearland, the stretch of road between these two areas is to be finished by the developer, Beazer Homes.

At press time, Harris County officials said they were set to go forward with their portion of the Hughes construction. Officials from Beazer Homes said they too were ready to start development, with work beginning in roughly two weeks. See related story on this page.

Second area gambling room raided

For the second time in a month, a local game room has been shut down by authorities.

Lucky Bee Game Room, 10930 Kingspoint, was one of three game rooms that was raided Thursday, Feb. 24, following a 10-month investigation by the Houston Police Department's Vice Division.

The other two game rooms were Gulf Paradise, 8310 Gulf Freeway, and Lucky Game Room, 2728 South Richey.

Five suspects were arrested and charged with

felony money laundering in the 351st State District Court. Arrested were Terry Donaldson, 39; Nancy Donaldson, 33; Alton Donaldson, 76; James Keith, 74; and Mario Flavio Correa, 40. Each is being held on a \$1 million bond. A sixth suspect, Carlos Delgado, 39, remains at large.

Officers seized 267 gaming machines, \$1.6 million in cash, nearly \$200,000 in bank accounts, 10-acre river-front property in Brazoria County, guns, jewelry, vehicles, boats, jet skis, motorcycles, and heavy-duty tools.

Martinez benefit set for March 5

A barbecue benefit and bake sale for Southeast Volunteer Fire Department Lt. Antonio "Tony" Martinez Jr. will be held Saturday, March 5, at the SVFD Station 3, 9830 Hughes Road, from noon to 6 p.m.



Martinez was recently diagnosed with necrotizing fasciitis, a form of a flesh-eating bacteria. Last month, Martinez underwent a life-saving emergency surgery to remove a massive section of his upper leg region and received numerous blood transfusions.

The lieutenant has been on the SVFD force for 11 years. He is married to Roberta Martinez. The couple are longtime South Belt residents and have two children, Antonio Martinez III and Priscilla Martinez. Antonio is a 2003 Dobie graduate, while his sister graduated from Clear Brook in 2007.

Barbecue plates will be available for \$6 each. A benefit bank account has also been set up

at Wells Fargo (Account No. 7759831899). For banking inquiries, contact Antonio Sanchez at 281-464-5600. For all other inquiries, e-mail priscillamartinez07@yahoo.com.

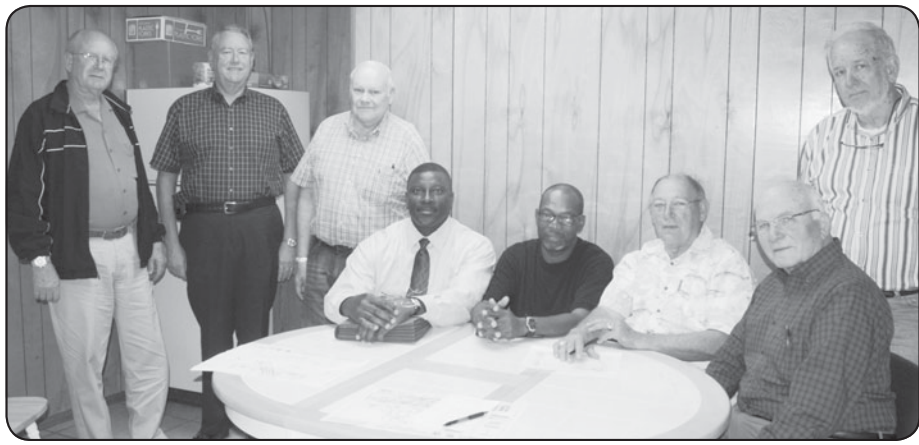
CoH redistricting meeting March 8

Houston City Councilmember Mike Sullivan will hold a town hall meeting on redistricting Tuesday, March 8, in the Garden Room of the Bayou Building at the University of Houston-Clear Lake located at 2700 Bay Area Blvd., beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The City of Houston Charter requires that the Houston City Council expand to eleven single-member districts at such point that census data demonstrates that the city's population exceeds 2.1 million residents. With the much anticipated release of the 2010 U.S. Census, the city will begin the process of redistricting in order to add those districts.

For more information, contact Sullivan's office by calling 832-393-3008 or e-mailing karina.moreno@houstontx.gov.

County, Sagemeadow MUD meet



Harris County officials met with Sagemeadow Municipal Utility District board members Wednesday, Feb. 23, to discuss the future expansion of Hughes Road. Shown above at the meeting are, left to right, MUD board member Tim Beyer, Southeast Volunteer Fire Department Chief Chuck Tylka, MUD

board member David Dittmar, Harris County Project Coordinator Larry Allen, Harris County Road and Bridge Superintendent DeOtis Gay and MUD board members Glenn Williams, Ted Heirnick and John Elam. See related story on Page 1A.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

Guest Editorial

No taxation without representation

By State Rep. Ken Legler

We have heard the term, "No taxation without representation," before, and most of us have only thought of it as a term from the history books that has little effect in today's society.

The phrase, "No Taxation Without Representation!" was coined by the Rev. Jonathan Mayhew in a sermon in Boston in 1750. By 1765, the term was in use in Boston, and local politician James Otis was most famously associated with the phrase, "Taxation without representation is tyranny."

As is often said, history repeats itself. Due to a recent election in the City of Houston, that term has come into effect today for residents of Pasadena.

As part of Proposition 1 approved by Houston voters in the November 2010 election, the new "Dedicated Drainage and Street Renewal Fund" in the City of Houston was established through an amendment to Article IX of the Houston Charter.

In the Statement of Principles on the proposed system, dated Sept. 28, 2010, the City of Houston indicated that "only properties that will be exempt are those that must be exempted under state law."

Properties that must be exempted include public and private higher education institutions. School districts are not mandatorily exempted under state law, only permissively exempted. Therefore, the city has the option to exempt school districts from the charge but is not required to do so.

In order for a school district to avoid paying the new drainage charge, it must fall

within the statutorily mandated exemptions.

Any property owned by a school district that has a wholly sufficient and privately owned drainage system, is maintained and held in its natural state, or is a subdivided lot with no structure built on it is exempt from paying the drainage charge.

Basically, what this means is that property owned by Pasadena Independent School District that is located within the City of Houston must pay this new fee. And where does the money come from that will be used to pay this fee? From the monies raised from property taxes. That's right, the folks of Pasadena are in effect paying for a tax that was approved by the folks from Houston.

I am not here to debate the overall effectiveness of the drainage fee, but what I do have a problem with is the idea of one city agreeing to tax the citizens of another and not allowing the other city to have a say.

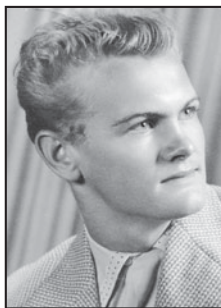
The people of Pasadena were unable to participate in the election but still must be included to pay.

With that said, I have sent a letter to the mayor of Houston and every member of the Houston City Council asking them to please use their legal discretion and allow property owned by Pasadena Independent School District to be exempted from this fee.

During a time of budget cuts, the last thing the schools and citizens need to be responsible for is an additional fee, especially one on which they were not able to have their voices heard.

Deaths

David Womack



David Womack, 71, died on Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2011. He was born Oct. 12, 1939, to Robert and Rachel Ham Womack in Anson, Texas.

Womack was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Judy, son John David Womack, sister Margaret Wood, and his parents.

He is survived by his daughter-in-law, Tammy Womack; sisters Mary Mann, Miranne Merritt-Pellerin and Angie Ames; nieces Kathy Rigodanza, Karen Blythe, Margaret Monthei, Joanna Harris and Lara Merritt; and nephews Gary Robert Wood and Samuel Robert Ames.

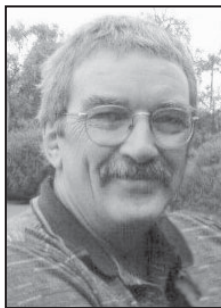
Womack graduated from San Jacinto High School in June 1958, and married his high school sweetheart, Judith Ann Toups, on Dec. 21, 1958. He excelled in sports in high school, lettering in track, baseball, football and basketball. He attended the University of Houston on a football scholarship, majoring in business.

Womack joined the U.S. Air Force in 1959, serving both in Japan and stateside before returning as a veteran to complete his business degree. He began his career in information services in the early years of computer technology and worked for several corporations, including NASA, Superior Oil, and Lubrizol, from which he retired.

Womack loved fishing and spent many hours fishing with his son, John David, in Galveston Bay, Lake Livingston and Toledo Bend. He was a family man. The family is from South Belt.

A funeral service was held Friday, Feb. 25, at Niday Funeral Home. Interment followed at South Park Cemetery in Pearland.

Graeme L. Denton



Graeme Laurence Denton, 56, of South Belt, died on Monday, Feb. 21, 2011, in Houston. He was born in Australia on June 23, 1954, to Laurence and Hazel Denton.

Denton came to the United States in 1993. He was employed with China Shipping North America for the past five years.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Hazel Denton.

Denton is survived by his father, Laurence Denton; Graeme's life partner, Lisa Ferguson Warren; daughter Tania Denton; son Blake Denton; stepdaughters, Ashleigh Kibe, Victoria Warren, Mallory Warren, Madeline Warren; former stepdaughter Melissa Mobley; and former stepson Josh Mobley.

Also surviving Denton are

his sister, Beverly Gallagher; brother Trevor Denton; granddaughter Ryleigh Kibe; numerous nieces and nephews in Australia; and friends and co-workers at China Shipping North America.

The family requests memorials be made in Denton's name to the Humane Society.

Janet Mae Price



Janet Mae Price, 73, died Monday, Jan. 17, 2011. She was born on March 15, 1937, in Forest Park, Ill., to Walter Herman and Mary Lorraine (Hanson) Raetke. She was a longtime South Belt resident.

She was preceded in death by both her parents.

Price is survived by her husband of 52 years, Merle Price; daughters Deborah Simmons and husband Dana, and Laura Ransom and husband Mundy; grandchildren, Christopher Simmons, Reese Ransom and Reagan Ransom.

Funeral services were held Friday, Jan. 21, 2011, with interment at Forest Park Lawn-dale Cemetery.

David Wayne Claunch



David Wayne Claunch, 66, died Monday, Feb. 21, 2011. He was born Jan. 25, 1945. He was a former South Belt resident.

Claunch is preceded in death by his father, Roland Ray Claunch Sr.; mother Hazel Lenora Bergerud Claunch; and wife Susan Gray Claunch.

He is survived by his brothers, Loy, Roland Jr., Alan and Doug; sisters Donna Reed and Karen Fischner;

stepsons Chip and Jeff; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Claunch proudly served during the Vietnam War, and for a total of 20 years, retiring as a master sergeant in the U.S. Air Force.

A memorial service celebrating Claunch's life was held Saturday, Feb. 25, 2011, at Niday Funeral Home.

Mary Lynn Enochs Short



Mary Lynn Enochs Short, 70, died suddenly on Wednesday, March 2, 2011. She was born May 10, 1940.

Short was a longtime South Belt resident and a member of Cokesbury United Methodist Church since 1966. She organized the first Children's Day Out program at Cokesbury in the early '70s, and also organized the children's drama program. She was in charge of the funeral meals program there for 15 years. She was currently working on the church's 50th birthday celebration later this year, and had organized several previous birthday celebrations at Cokesbury.

Short was also active in her church's United Methodist Women organization where she served as an officer. She had also been an officer for the Houston South District United Methodist Women for 10 years.

Short is survived by her husband, John; two daughters, Eileen Sekumade and husband John of Angleton, and Karen Short of Houston; one son, Rollin Short and wife Maureen of Denton; three grandsons, Jonathan and David Sekumade and Daniel Short; two brothers, Leland Enochs and wife Donna of Taylor, Texas, and David Enochs of Jefferson City, Mo.

Services are pending at Cokesbury United Methodist Church. For details, call the church office at 281-484-9243, SouthPark Funeral Home at 281-485-2711, or visit www.southparkfunerals.com.

Readers' Opinions

KC Jobe on churches, Houston's drain fee

Seems pretty odd to me churches get to offer opinions on women's reproductive rights, promote specific candidates for public office and otherwise attempt to influence public policy, but when its time to pay taxes or fees for something they think they should be exempt. At least one of the two churches mentioned by name in this article got their exemption already: Exempt from creating a retention pond for rainwater runoff from their impermeable parking lot. Parking lots can be built in a variety of permeable ways, they chose not to and now its time to mitigate their poor judgement. The Lord works in mysterious ways, doesn't He?

KC Jobe

Johansen: Texas economy headed for ER

After Rick Perry was re-elected Texas governor in 2010, it immediately became apparent that the Texas economy was headed to the Emergency Room with an estimated budget deficit of \$27 BILLION (about 1/3 of the Texas budget and likely the biggest shortfall of any state in the union). We shouldn't be surprised after conservative fiscal approaches set up the US economy for

a blowout in 2008, and it just took a while to "trickle down" to Texas. Perry only avoided a huge shortfall in the last budget by accepting \$12 B in federal stimulus funds while demagoguing against the stimulus and entertaining the nation with rants about secession.

Although the Texas unemployment rate is reasonable now, that isn't surprising considering the kind of low level jobs Texas has now as a result of Perry's "race to the bottom" strategies. Even before the massive education budget cuts, Texas ranks 42nd out of 50 states in per-pupil spending for education.

And while Perry brags that the jobs he created led to the huge population increases in the last ten years, he neglects to mention and indeed, may not know, that those huge population increases were 90% minorities, many of whom likely came from south of the border to cut suburban lawns.

With Wisconsin governor demanding to break public sector unions there, it is interesting to note that the Texas record-breaking budget shortfall (almost three times larger than Wisconsin's) was piled up during the GOP control of the state without public sector collective bargaining and with a strong anti-union culture.

With the current leadership, Texas just may secede in the Perry race to the bottom and become a true banana republic.

I sure hope voters learn the facts and connect the dots for the next big election.

Sincerely,

Pete Johansen

Catholic Daughters collect for soldiers

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Mother of Unity #2292 will again this year sponsor a "Sock and Wet Wipes" drive for the men and women in the armed forces. Bring donations of socks (the long work tube kind) and wet wipes (each wipe must be wrapped in an individual package so they won't dry out too quickly) to St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church located at 11011 Hall Road.

Boxes will be available in the narthex of the church and in the social hall. Donations may also be brought to the church office marked for the CDA. Items will be collected through the end of April to be sent in time for Mother's Day.

All Catholic women in the area are invited to bring a contribution to the next business meeting of the court on Thursday, March 10, at 6:45 p.m. Items may be dropped off prior to the meeting or participants can stay for the social that includes a light supper and fellowship and then to learn about what the members of the court can accomplish together. For further information, call Carol at 281-484-4170.

CCCC of PTAs host annual reception

Clear Creek Community Council of PTAs will hold its Annual Reflections Reception Tuesday, March 8, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Tad Akers Event Facility, located at 218 Clear Creek Ave. in League City. This event offers a great opportunity for the community to see the talents of area students. The theme of this year's PTA Reflections program is *Together We Can*. This program is open to students ranging from Pre-K through 12th grade and allows them to express their own rendering of this theme in a variety of different artistic mediums.

Students, families and friends are invited to view the 223 entries that received an Award of Excellence from local PTA unit judging. The top 10 percent of these entries have been forwarded by the council to Texas PTA for state-level judging. Light refreshments will be served at the reception. For information, contact Karen Douglass at reflectrec@cccpta.org.

Sullivan calls on Mayor Parker not to increase size of city government

Houston City Council member Mike Sullivan is formally asking Mayor Annise Parker not to proceed with her plan to add two new district council seats to Houston City Council.

"At a time when the city budget is at least \$53 million short this year, and an estimated \$125 million short next year, we can ill afford to waste taxpayer money on this needless process," said Sullivan.

"The numbers speak for themselves, and it's a bad deal for taxpayers. It will cost \$2 million for council office renovations.

Administrative expenses for the new council office will be \$800,000 per year. And, there are innumerable other costs that taxpayers will have to bear," stated Sullivan. "Mayor Parker's plan grows city government by 15 percent, and that's just a bad idea right now.

"The census numbers are what they are. You cannot simply add or subtract from them at will. I have no reason to believe that the numbers are incorrect. They are official government numbers, and we need to respect that," he continued.

"Additionally, adding two new district councilmembers will make a super-majority of council 12 instead of 10. This takes an extraordinary amount of power away from City Council. Is that good for a body that already works under a 'strong mayor' form of government?" Sullivan concluded.

PW Library sets events

The following events are scheduled for the week of March 3 through March 9 at Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.:

Saturday, March 5, Vietnamese storytime will include Reading Club at 9 a.m., followed by intermediate storytime at 11 a.m. and beginner storytime at 1 p.m.

AARP representatives provide income tax preparation assistance on Mondays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This program is free. Bring all tax documents and a copy of last year's income tax return.

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

Thompson PTO, boosters meet

The Thompson Intermediate PTO will meet on Thursday, March 3, from 6 to 6:45 p.m. The Thompson Intermediate Booster Club will meet on March 3 from 6:45 to 7:30 p.m.

Melillo carnival March 25

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

St. Frances Cabrini bingo set

St. Frances Cabrini, 10727 Hartsook St., will hold a Bingo Split the Pot on Sunday, March 13. Baked potatoes will be served with or without chipped beef, a potato bar, chipped beef sandwich, desserts, snacks and beverages in Francesca Hall.

Food will be served from 4 to 8 p.m., and bingo from 5 to 9 p.m. For more information, call 713-946-5768.

Leaders of the champs



Dobie's academic decathlon team won the state championship this past weekend at a tournament held in El Paso. Dobie Principal Steve Jamail (left) is shown above with the team's coaches, Steve Higginbotham (center) and Todd Gerles (right). Higginbotham competed as a Dobie student in 1995 under the guidance of decathlon coach Richard Golenko. See related story page 1A.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

Deputies fight crime

Deputies from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office have kept busy as of late making arrests for crimes ranging from disorderly conduct to DWI.

On Thursday, Feb. 24, deputies responded to a call at roughly 3 p.m. in front of South Belt Elementary, where two female Dobie students were fighting.

Following review of a video provided by a witness, the two females, Erin Major and Adonna Tolliver, were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct/fighting in public. Both suspects are 17 years old.

Deputy Lance Willis was patrolling the 11200 block of Scarsdale on Saturday, Feb. 26, at roughly 11:30 p.m. when he witnessed a driver strike a curb, breaking his vehicle's axle.

Upon approaching the vehicle, Willis noticed the driver, Alfonso Castillo, appeared to be intoxicated. A subsequent blood test confirmed that the driver was more than twice the legal limit.

Castillo, 36, was arrested and charged with DWI.



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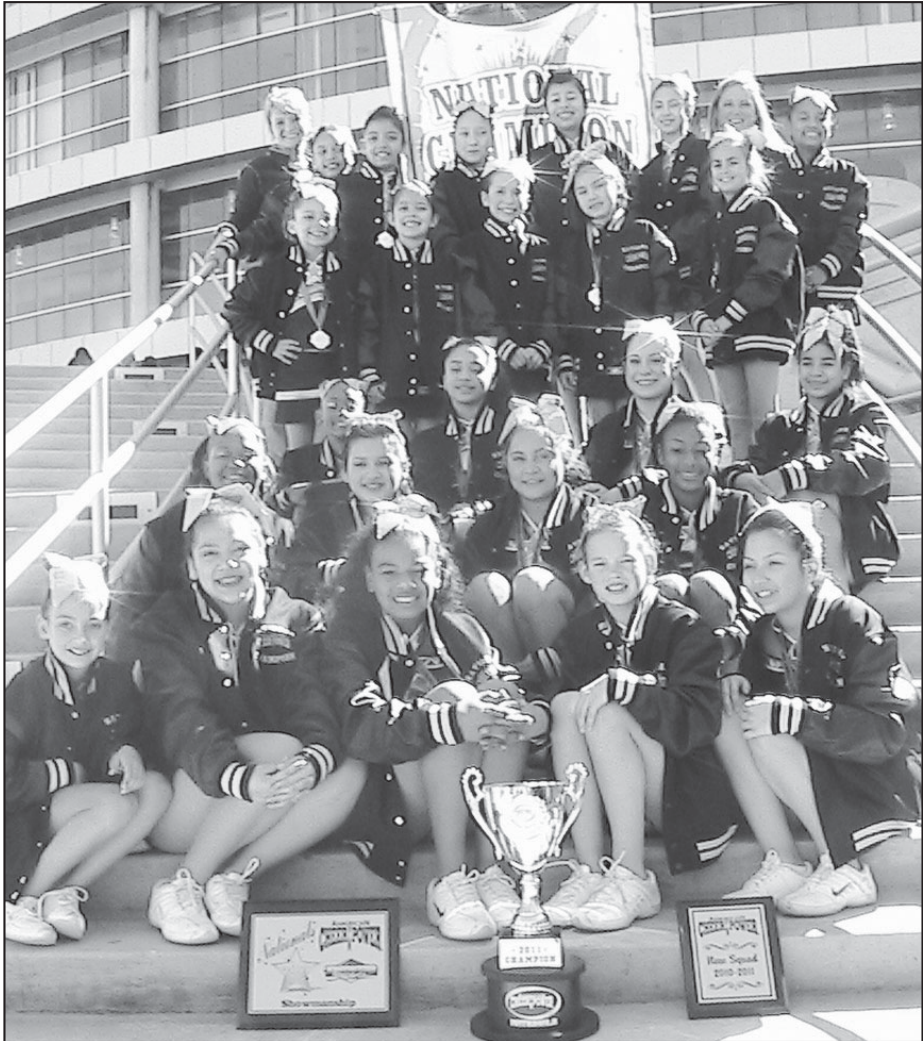
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Fierce Cheer wins nationals



The Fierce Cheerleading Team Respect won the Cheer Power Nationals in their division on Feb. 12, 2010, in San Antonio. The squad is made up of members of different schools in the South Belt-Ellington area. Team members pictured are, left to right, (front row) Sara Otwell, Angelica Zuniga, Adrianna Castillo, Haley Deel, Ana Avila, (second row) Kiara Wells, Amanda Villanueva, Katherine

Ramirez, Deysha Coleman, (third row) Johna Blevins, Lexie Woodruffe, Valerie Diaz, Jamaris Stephen, (fourth row) Alyssa Woodruffe, Hailey Ortega, Leslie Diaz, Madisyn Saenz, Bailey Ray, (back row) Coach Kristina Deel, Trinity Harrison, Kassandra Avila, Jasmine Sanchez, Alexia Juarez, Joceline Altimirano, Coach Traci Graham and Marisol Luna. Photo submitted

Stuchbery Ukulele Band ready for shows

Stuchbery Elementary's third-grade students have formed a ukulele band for the second year.

The uke band is an after-school program that practices every Wednesday afternoon from 3 to 4 p.m. in Fred Jordan's music room.

To apply for the band, students had to write a letter titled *Why I Want To Be In The Uke Band*. Out of more than 200 entries, 40 students were chosen. There is no charge for the ukuleles or lessons.

Classes started in September, and the band has been working hard and preparing for upcoming shows, including a performance for the Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees.

The band is voluntarily led by Buddy Griffin, a Banjo Hall of Fame member and a nationally recognized stringed instrument teacher. He is assisted by Terrell Morgan, Rachel Morris, Elissa Morris, Gabby Morris and Sara Kate Freeman.

Thanks to FIGA, Fretted Instrument Guild of America, a grant was provided to Griffin for the sole purpose of purchasing the ukuleles, cases, music, etc. for the Stuchbery Ukulele Band.

The stated goal of FIGA is to "organize to promote, foster, encourage and stim-

ulate interest in fretted musical instruments." FIGA was founded May

31, 1957, and is a nonprofit organization. Several goals of the band

are to learn music, work as a team, learn self-discipline and share the fun of music.

For bookings or more information, call Buddy Griffin at 281-481-7108.



Members of the Stuchbery Elementary Ukulele Band are, left to right, (front row) Kirby Nguyen, Allison Neira, Miranda Serrano, Abigail Lopez, Eric Wilson, (second row) Kyle Brown, Felix Alvarez, Zack Willett, Ashley Tovar, Gabriella Garcia, Stephanie Horton, Anthony Flores, (third row) Adam Escobedo, Manuel Gonzales, Alexa Benitez, Samantha Lopez, Crystal Salgado, Makayla

Zayco, Ivana Msizeh, (fourth row) Charderial Terrell, Monica Massound, Irene Kim, Brissa Berez, Kloe Oates, Danielle Medina, Hanna Gonzales, Julianna Moreno, (back row) Marcus Hernandez, Joel Mora, Anthony Flores, Tonya Montgomery, Buddy Griffin (instructor), Eli Guerrero, Ezekiel Mendez, Kiara McAllister, Emanuel Moreno and Gema Alanis. Photo submitted

South Belt Elementary lands \$10,000 grant

South Belt Elementary has been awarded a \$10,000 "Fit Campus" grant by H-E-B. The school is one of only 10 in Texas to receive the grant, which is awarded on the basis

of strong health and fitness standards.

South Belt was cited for "increasing the health and nutrition of children by improving physical activity,

fitness and health." The grant funds, due in May, are to be used to either implement a new health and fitness program or enhance a current program, according to Jon

Kidwell, the physical education instructor at South Belt. Kidwell, who wrote the grant submission for the grant to install new equipment, such as a climbing wall in the school gym and an outdoor paved jogging track.

exceed their 135 minutes of physical education a week," he said. Kidwell also pointed out the involvement of South Belt parents in various activities, including the Parent Fun Run, held once a month.

In writing the submission, Kidwell pointed out the school's emphasis on nutrition instruction during physical education time as an important supplement to physical activity and overall fitness.

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Desmond Olivier (middle) stands with Jon Kidwell (right), author of the fitness grant, as Kidwell instructs kindergarten students at South Belt Elementary. Also pictured are, left to right, (front, left) Miles Reed, (second row) Shantee Jones, Ian Johnson, (back row) Julianna Pruneda and Anthony Morin. Photo submitted

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MHSH health seminar attracts 200 attendees

More than 200 people attended a free menopause education event, *The Beat Goes On: Understanding Heart Disease and Menopause*, featuring a presentation by Rajan Kadakia, M.D., a cardiologist affiliated with Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital.

The program, which provides medical information and peer support to women dealing with menopause, focused on the connection between menopause and the

risk for cardiovascular disease, including tips for prevention and ways to lower risk factors.

Attendees also enjoyed delicious red wine and dark chocolate treats. The event was presented in conjunction with Red Hot Mamas, the nation's largest menopause management education program.

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SBDC workshop offers free employee training information

The Small Business Development Center at San Jacinto College will host a workshop that provides information about how employers can receive free training for part-time and full-time employees.

Skills for Small Business will be conducted on Wednesday, March 9, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the SBDC's Pearland office at 6117 Broadway (inside the Pearland Commerce Center). The "lunch and learn" workshop will offer information about:

- Free tuition up to \$1,450 per person for training newly hired full-time employees;
- Free tuition up to \$725 per person for training newly hired part-time employees;
- The employee training must be provided by a public community or technical college, or by the Texas Engineering Extension Service.

Persons who would benefit from the workshop include business owners who have newly hired employees who need training, and business owners who have incumbent employees who need retraining, or updated training.

The workshop presenter will be Daniel Gonzalez, a program specialist with Texas Workforce Business Ser-

VICES. Gonzalez works with the Business Outreach and Project Development Team for the Skills Development Fund, which provides free technical assistance to help streamline the development of projects and proposals.

The cost to attend the workshop is \$20 per person, which includes a box lunch. Space is limited, and registration is required.

For more information, call 281-485-5214 extension 16. Online registration is available at www.sjcd.sbdc.network.net.

The SBDC at San Jacinto College provides free counseling and low-cost workshops to help the owners of small and medium sized businesses start and grow their companies.

Working with existing, as well as start-up firms, SBDC seeks to increase profits, reduce failures and create jobs in the local community to contribute to economic development.

SBDC consultants can help business owners apply for business loans, create written business plans, devise marketing strategies, develop operating budgets and more. Workshops cover basic management topics.

Over The Back Fence by Jan

CARTER LEARNS OF AWARD FROM 1999
Al Carter, Pasadena ISD communications specialist, recently found out he won a national sports writing award. The thing is – he won it in 1999! **Kevin Sherrington**, a former colleague of his at the Morning News (and a Dobie grad, BTW), told him they recently found a plaque in the department in Dallas with Carter's name on it. The award is from the APSE, Associated Press Sports Editors, a national organization. Carter was part of a team that won second place nationally in enterprise reporting – for 1999! The only thing Carter remembers about it is hearing that their entry was one of the finalists in that category that year. But actual places were determined sometime later, and he never gave it another thought. Anyway, Sherrington said he would bring Carter his plaque the next time he is in Houston.

AUSTIN & JENNY SHARE A BIRTHDAY
 Special birthday hugs and kisses are sent to **Austin Scarberry** on Monday, March 7, from his daughter, **Jade**. Austin is in the U.S. Coast Guard in Massachusetts. His sister, **Jenny (Hayes) Espinosa**, also has a birthday March 7. Jenny is a 1997 Dobie grad. Hugs and kisses are sent from her children, **Brayden** and **Baylee**. Best wishes for a great birthday are sent to both from proud parents **Jannie** and **Robert Scarberry** of South Belt; brother **Joey** and wife **Nyssa** of New York; sister **Stacey**, husband **Stephen** and children **Kennedy** and **Owen** of Dickinson; and uncle **Tyler**, a student at Sam Houston State University.

BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR GEORGE
George Valtaras is sent happy birthday wishes for his special day Wednesday, March 9, from wife **Kathy**, all the children and The Gardens and Deno's staff. Also, best wishes from the **Leader** staff.

DIDDY SENT BIRTHDAY GREETINGS
Diddy Clark celebrates a birthday Wednesday, March 9. Best wishes for a won-

derful day are sent from her family, friends and co-workers at the **Leader**.

ONE MORE FOR GRANDPA ROBERT!
Robert Scarberry, longtime Dobie teacher, celebrates his birthday Wednesday, March 9. Birthday wishes are sent from wife **Jannie**; children **Jenny**, **Joey** and wife **Nyssa**, **Stacey** and husband **Stephen**, **Austin** and **Tyler**; and grandchildren **Brayden**, **Baylee**, **Jade**, **Kennedy** and **Owen**.

SCHOOL DAZE
 The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays March 3 through March 9.

Atkinson Elementary
 Happy birthday wishes are sent to **Dana Nguyen** March 7.

Frazier Elementary
 Greetings for a happy birthday are sent to **Melissa Cardenas** March 6. **Heather Ramirez** and **Vanessa Rodriguez** share a birthday March 7.

Laura Bush Elementary
 On March 9, birthday wishes are sent to **Erica Meseke**.

Meador Elementary
 On March 8, **Melissa Alanis** enjoys a birthday.

Moore Elementary
 March 5 is the day for a party for **Paula Carter**.

Melillo Middle School
 The day for a cake for **Shakira Hosein** is March 6.

Morris Middle School
 Sharing a birthday March 7 are **Gaye Corrington** and **Soyla Smith**. Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Bay Nguyen** and **Rhonda Ray** March 8.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
 Double birthday greetings are sent to **Brent Chapman** and **Thelma Trejo** March 3. Blow out the birthday candles for **Elizabeth Daniel** March 5. **Rosa Perez** has a birthday March

6. Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Olga Torres** March 7. Enjoying a birthday March 8 is **Brent Chapman**.

Thompson Intermediate
 The day for a cake for **Abby Seible** is March 9.

Challenger
 A special birthday wish is sent to **Maria Gutierrez** on March 9.

Dobie High
 Blow out the birthday candles for **Erin Thompson** March 3. **Jim Bennett** and **Andria Senegal** are wished a happy birthday March 4. The day for a party for **Angela Kresse** is March 5. March 6 is the day for a double birthday surprise for **Oralia Cavazos** and **Faith Cisneros**. **Heather Adams** and **Chris Deaton** share a birthday March 7. On March 8, **Helen Duclos** is sent a birthday greeting. Three cheers for a happy birthday are sent to **Maria Gutierrez**, **Carmen Medina-De Garcia** and **Robert Scarberry** March 9.

LAUREATE PSI CHAPTER MEETS
 Laureate Psi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its February meeting in the home of **Barbara Jennings** with **Diane Schimnoski** as hostess and **Camille Nancarrow** as co-hostess. There were 11 members present and three absent. Social Chairman **Jan Henrikson** reported the "Dueling Dominoes" social entertaining Xi Chi Rho Chapter was a huge success. Their Sweetheart, **Nancarrow**, was presented at the Sweetheart Ball on Feb. 12. Following the business meeting, **Schimnoski** presented a program on *New Paths to Friendship Through the Origin of Valentines*. Following the meeting, the group presented **Nancarrow** with special gifts to remember her special day.

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

Cabaret at San Jac South March 9-13

The San Jacinto College South fine arts department will perform famed musical, *Cabaret*, March 9-13.

Cabaret will run March 9-13 beginning at 8 p.m., and Sunday, March 13, at 2 p.m. Tickets for the musical are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors. For information on ticket purchases and reservations, call 281-922-3497.

All showings are in the Proscenium Theatre, located in the Marie Spence Flickinger Fine Arts Building on the South campus, located at 13735 Beamer Road. This show is recommended for mature audiences only.

Inside Job offered through film series

University of Houston-Clear Lake's Film and Speaker Series presents the Academy Award winning documentary, *Inside Job*, March 5 at 7 p.m., and March 6 at 3 p.m., in the university's Student Services and Classroom Building, Lecture Hall, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

Filed on location in the U.S., Iceland, England, France, Singapore and China, this film provides a comprehensive analysis of the crisis which cost over \$20 trillion, and led to the worst recession since the Great Depression. This film is rated PG-13.

Distinguished speaker for the March 5 showing is **Beatrice Edwards**, international reform director for the Government Accountability Project. Tickets are \$3.75 or free with UH-Clear Lake ID.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Office of Student Life at 281-283-2560, e-mail movies@uhcl.edu, or visit <http://www.uhcl.edu/movies>.

Fundraiser lunch benefits scholarship program

Help a student attend college by reserving lunch at the University of Houston-Clear Lake Steal-A-Meal Fish Plate fundraiser for the university's Celebrating Our Elders Scholarship Program on March 9 from noon until supplies run out.

The lunch will be held in the university's Student Services and Classroom Building, Room 1203, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

Tickets are \$6 per person and must be purchased before March 9. They are available at the Office of Intercultural and International Student Services in the Student Services and Classroom Building.

For information, call 281-283-3373 or e-mail Estrada@uhcl.edu.

Lecture explores Egypt

Find out more about Egypt and what might be happening there by attending the Voices of Colour lecture *Revolution Egypt: The Protests that Removed a President* presented by **Mike McMullen**, associate professor of sociology and cross-cultural studies. The lecture will be presented on Wednesday, March 9, from 5 to 6 p.m., in the university's Bayou Building, Garden Room, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

This lecture will address events that led to the widespread protests, what motivated the Egyptian president to leave office, what the future may bring for the country, and the revolution's potential effect on other Muslim nations.

Part of the university's Voices of Colour series, this event is sponsored by the Office of Intercultural and International Student Services, which offers presentations and lectures by various speakers who share their knowledge, background or historical information.

For more information, call 281-283-2575 or visit <http://www.uhcl.edu/IISS>.

Inspirational speaker at Dad's Night at Meador



Meador Elementary recently hosted Dad's Night to support fathers and encourage their participation in their child's education. Guest speaker Harris County Precinct 6 Constable **Victor Trevino**, delivered an inspiring and heartfelt message to the

dads on strengthening their role as fathers. Pictured are, left to right, Cpl. Felipe Gallegos, Counselor Tara Merida, Principal Darlene Davis, Trevino and Cpl. Lee Barnes. Photo submitted

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25 years ago (1986)
 Paul Gaines, director of the City of Houston's Department of Aviation, told a

packed house in Clear Lake's courthouse annex that the department would spend \$36 million over the next 20 years to develop an Airport Master Plan (AMP) for Ellington Field. The plan for the 1,900-acre facility called for the airport to cater to general aviation traffic such as private one- and two-engine aircraft, corporate jets and small commuter aircraft.

The Clear Creek Independent School District received special recognition from the Texas Education Agency at the Administrators Mid-Winter Advisory Conference on Education held in Austin. CCISD was cited for outstanding participation in the National Merit Scholarship Program. The district had a total of 42 students named the previous fall as either semifinalists or commended students in the national program.

South Belt optometrist B.J. Garner relinquished his post as PISD Board of Trustees president during the board's yearly reorganization of officers.

Dobie orchestra students Wendy Frazier and Michael Brown were participants in the Texas Music Educators Association state convention orchestra. Frazier was selected first chair harp, and Brown was chosen first chair double bass.

20 years ago (1991)
 Southeast Volunteer Fire Department crews responded to the seventh house fire of the year. Although no one was home at the time, one fireman did suffer a broken wrist from a fall from a ladder, and two firemen were almost trapped in a collapsing stairwell.

Through its Economic Development Committee, the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce initiated a special "greening" project called "Re-leaving South

Belt-Ellington." The project was an attempt to plant more trees throughout the area to improve the aesthetics of the neighborhood.

Television meteorologist Dr. Neil Frank was a guest speaker at Cokesbury United Methodist Church.

Dobie junior Dawn Whiteley was named to the District 23-5A first team for the second straight season as the league's coaches named their All-District team.

Atkinson Elementary third-grade student Nicole Stier won the district championship in the Pasadena ISD's annual Big Shoot Out competition.

15 years ago (1996)
 Opening ceremonies for the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Girls Softball Association were held at the El Franco Lee sports complex.

Six Dobie freshmen in honors English were honored in the fall edition of the Making America Safe Youth Essay Contest. Grand-prize winner was Trung Thanh Nguyen, fourth-place winner was Denise Glosup, fifth-place winner was Brian Castillo, and honorable mention recipients were Lisa Pollack, Jimmy Tran and Brandy George.

10 years ago (2001)
 The South Belt-Ellington Leader held an open house in celebration of the newspaper's 25 years in business. The community was invited to attend the event.

The Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District hired Waste Management to be the new garbage collector for the subdivisions of Sagemont, Woodmeadow, Highland Meadows, Meadows of Clear Creek and Estates of Green Tee.

Dobie students Gilbert Triana and Kristen Argieard won at the district-level Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo

Art Contest. Triana won Best of Show, and Argieard won a gold medal.

5 years ago (2006)
 A team composed of students and faculty from San Jacinto College South and the University of Houston were selected as finalists for the NASA Means Business student competition.

Mayor Bill White was honored with the 2006 Quasar Award for Economic Development during the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership's annual banquet.

Members of Frazier Elementary's YOUTH (Young Owls Using Their Hearts) group visited the Park Manor Nursing Home to deliver goodie bags filled with toiletry items donated by Frazier students, carnations and cards to the residents.

Four San Jacinto College South Coyote men's soccer players were honored at the monthly board of regents meeting. Ardan Attar, Erik Sorenson, Derrick Henry and Matt Kawana were named to the National Junior College Athletic Association all-region first team.

1 year ago (2010)
 Deputies from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office made four separate arrests during the week in connection to a recent attempted home burglary in the Kirkmont subdivision.

The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League and the South Belt Girls Softball Association spring seasons were set to open with many festivities planned.

The 2009 Clear Brook High School yearbook staff was recognized by Taylor Publishing with an award of excellence honoring its accomplishments in yearbook design and coverage.

Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office was among

more than 300 law enforcement jurisdictions across Texas participating in the "2010 Great Texas Warrant Round-Up." The annual statewide event targeted those with outstanding Justice Court warrants.

Former Dobie High School great Karima Christmas, a junior basketball guard/forward at Duke University, scored a career-high 25 points as the eighth-ranked Blue Devils downed Maryland, 71-59.

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Women's History Month events set

University of Houston-Clear Lake invites the community to honor Women's History Month by attending events including an informative display, a roundtable discussion and a lecture recognizing women in public office at various dates and times during the month of March.

Women's History Month on campus will begin with an informative display all day through March 31, in the university's Bayou Building, Atrium II Level 2, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

This display will focus on the important contributions women have made in American history.

Sponsored by the university's Office of Intercultural and International Student Services, the display is free and open to the public.

All are welcome to experience the exciting roundtable discussion that addresses the feminist process on Tuesday, March 8, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Bayou Building, Garden Room, Atrium I.

For more information, contact the coordinator for Women's and LGBT Services Julie Smith at 281-283-2578 or e-mail smithj@uhcl.edu.

UHCL hosts film screening of Pedro

Be inspired by the extraordinary life of Pedro Zamora, who made the brave decision to speak out about HIV and AIDS after his own diagnosis at age 17, when several University of Houston-Clear Lake's clubs and offices sponsor a presentation of *Pedro*.

This free film screening is scheduled for March 3 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Student Services and Classroom Building, Lecture Hall, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

This event will include a fundraiser for the March 13 UNITY Club's AIDS Walk Houston team and is sponsored by the Office of Intercultural and International Student Services, Student Leadership, Involvement and Community Engagement, and UNITY Club.

For more information, call 281-283-2575 or e-mail iiss@uhcl.edu.

For more information about the AIDS Walk team, visit <http://www.aidswalk.houston.org> and search for "Unity Club UHCL."

Lariaettes excel at Crowdpleasers West Houston Regional competition

The Dobie Lariaettes attended their first contest of the season on Feb. 12, 2011, at the Crowdpleasers West Houston Regional Competition at Mayde Creek High School in Katy. The girls competed in officer routines and ensembles. They earned Division I rankings in all of their routines, which is a score of 90 or higher from all three judges. They also had four Division I soloists - sophomore Lorin Mata, junior Alaina Burns and seniors Aracely Perez and Aimee Cessna.

The team's kick company placed second runner-up in all large ensembles. This is a huge feat as the girls competed against schools much larger, and still placed.

The military officers received first runner-up in all three of their routines - jazz, lyrical and Hip Hop - receiving scores of 97 and 98 out of 100 from numerous judges on numerous routines. They also received an outstanding choreography award for their officer lyrical, one of only approximately 15 choreography awards given

the entire day. Finally, to top the day, the

military officers were named first runner-up grand cham-

pion officers of the entire day.



Above, pictured with their trophies are, left to right, military officers Capt. Jon'tay Warner, Lt. Alyssa Loredo, Maj. Alaina Burns, Col. Aimee Cessna, Lt. Col. Aracely Perez and Lt. Elise Harper. Below, shown with their trophy in their "Dobie Pride" orange-out attire are members of the award-winning Dobie Lariaette Kick Company (front row) Maj. Alaina Burns, Col. Aimee Cessna, (second row) Cecilia Uribe, Cassandra Velasquez, Monique Lewis, Sandra Gonzalez, Tearra Small, (third row) Caitlin Woods, Jasmyn Johnson, Denise Ma, (back row) Maritza Perez, Princess Tabarez, Katlyn Hoggard, Rachel Moore and Karena Duran.

Photos submitted



San Jac to hold open auditions for family-oriented melodrama

The San Jacinto College Central theater and film department will hold open public auditions for *Dirty Work at the Crossroads*, a family oriented melodrama dinner show.

Auditions will be held Saturday and Sunday, March 5 and March 6, at 2 p.m. in the Powell Arena Theatre on the Central campus, located at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena.

The auditions are open to anyone in the community, and enrollment at the college is not required. Materials need not be prepared in advance, and all those auditioning should dress to move.

Fifteen to 20 adult male and female actors are needed. There is also a part for an 8- to 12-year-old female. Rehearsals for the show begin on Monday, March 7. The performance opens on March 30 and runs through April 3.

This is the Central cam-

pus' 16th year to present a dinner show melodrama, a type of play in which the audience is encouraged to shout their support of the hero, and disapproval of the villain, by throwing popcorn.

"Each year the turnout for the melodrama gets bigger," remarked director Richard

Turner. "It is not uncommon for families to travel 50 or more miles just to enjoy the show. It's clean fun for the entire family. Combine a great comedy with delicious food catered by the college's culinary arts department, and you have an inexpensive evening of entertainment."

Wyndnwyre Celtic Ensemble performs

Prepare for a treat as Wyndnwyre, Houston's favorite Celtic ensemble, performs at University of Houston-Clear Lake.

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Wyndnwyre formed 25

years ago and features Bill Klecka, Mark Johnson, Therese Honey and Corrin Evans.

Presale admission is \$10 for general admission and \$6 for those with UH-Clear Lake ID; at the door, tickets are \$12 general admission and \$8 with UH-Clear Lake ID.

For more information about this event, visit <http://www.uhcl.edu/culturalarts>.

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This exhibition is funded through the Art Exhibitions, Office of University Advancement, Cultural Arts and the Dean of Human Sciences and Humanities of the University of Houston-Clear Lake.

For more information, call de Vries at 281-283-3377 or e-mail devries@uhcl.edu.

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Last year community members from all across the

Houston area came out to support this great cause.

"We had such a great response last year that we are extending our salon hours for this year's event in order to accommodate any schedule," said Mary Lindsay, South campus department chair of cosmetology. This year for "Share Your Hair" week, the South campus cosmetology salon will be open Monday, April 11, through Thursday, April 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday evening from 5 to 8 p.m., and Saturday, April 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Locks of Love is a public nonprofit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children under age 21 suffering from long-term medical hair loss from any diagnosis.

The cosmetology salon is located in the S.R. Jones Vocational/Technical Building on the South campus at 13735 Beamer Road in Houston.

For more information on the event, donations and Locks of Love hair requirements, call the South campus cosmetology department at 281-922-3406 or visit www.locksoflove.org.

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Photo submitted

'Dancing' waltzes past fundraising mark

Nine dance numbers, three dance judges and an audience of nearly 600 added up to a record-setting, six-figure evening at the Pasadena Independent School District's third annual *Dancing With The Principals* gala held recently at the Houston Hobby Marriott.

The event ended, as has become tradition, with an audience dance party that carried close to the witching hour and with an announcement of the evening's winners - for the first time - \$100,000 in total contributions.

Dancing With The Principals debuted in 2009 as a cooperative effort of PISD and the PISD Education Foundation. Proceeds go to the Education Foundation to fund teacher grants and other foundation projects. The gathering attracted dignitaries from the spheres of local government, business and education.

The top vote-getter among competing dance teams was the Keller Middle School tandem of Diane Phelan, principal at Keller, and Mark Buratti, a coach at

Ann Wood exhibits *Hush* installation at San Jac South

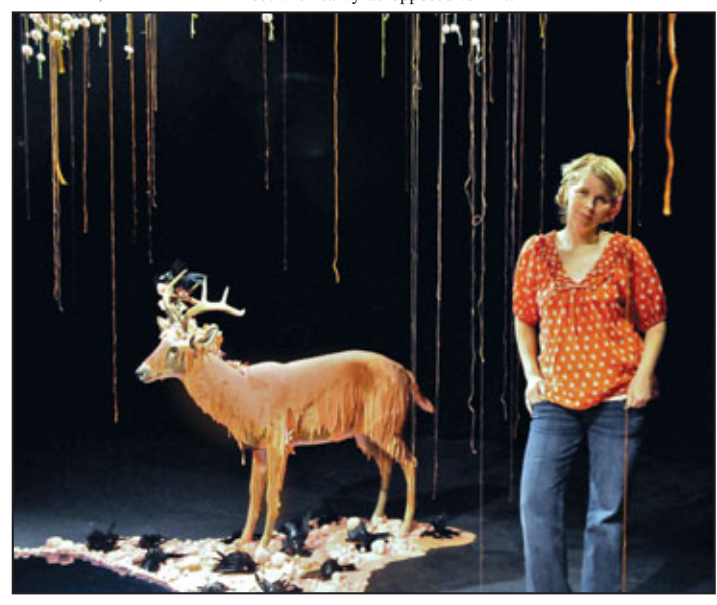
Ann Wood's art installation, *Hush*, is on display at the San Jacinto College South campus through March 11. After graduating with a Master of Fine Arts in painting from the University of Texas at San Antonio in 1999, Wood began exhibiting throughout the United States in cities such as Little Rock, Austin, and New Bedford, Mass.

For this newer installation, she uses a variety of media such as molded and formed plastic, a hunting decoy, faux birds, thread and fuzz balls, creating an environment for viewers that draws them in and immediately forces them to choose their reaction to the piece.

"For me, it's about attraction and repulsion," she said. "All of these things can be seen in nature, and they're beautiful; however, the world we live in is not quite so sweet."

Wood's pieces are usually brightly colored and whimsical, brought out even more by their exhibit space. Since *Hush* is housed in the Black Box Theatre on the South campus, the bright colors of the installation, combined with the black environment of the room, forces viewers to see the direct confrontation of light, dark, growth, decay and reality.

"I prefer putting together three-dimensional pieces because it's more of a physical confrontation. It lets you see the reality as opposed to



Ann Wood presents her art installation, *Hush*, on display at the San Jacinto College South campus through March 11.

were Candace Ahlfinger, the district's associate superintendent for communications, and Nolan Allen, president of the Pasadena Rotary Club.

Education Foundation President Calvin Powitzky provided the welcome, and Dr. Kirk Lewis, superintendent for Pasadena ISD, delivered emotional closing comments in which he thanked teachers, staff and supporters for their contributions to the gala and other district endeavors.

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SBHLL, SBGSA open March 5; baseball to host parade, carnival

Play ball! That simple yet generations-lasting phrase is about to ring out across the South Belt area as the Sagamont-Beverly Hills Little League and South Belt Girls Softball Association spring seasons begin play.

All of the fun begins Saturday, March 5, as a parade, family-fun festival and opening ceremonies take place.

Following the fun, the respective leagues will host opening ceremonies. The SBGSA will host its opening at 1 p.m., and the SBHLL opening ceremonies begin at 5 p.m. on the Junior division field.

The day will begin with a parade, which will line up at Weber Elementary (11955 Blackhawk Blvd.) at 10 a.m. The parade will eventually end at El Franco Lee Park.

Following the parade, a carnival, hosted by the SBHLL, will commence at El Franco Lee Park, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Dobie, Brook softball hit tourney circuit



Dobie third baseman Faith Roberts takes the throw as Santa Fe's Lindsay Campbell slides safely into third base in the second inning of play Feb. 24 during the Clear Creek ISD tournament. Dobie built a 3-0 lead

in the game on the strength of a two-run homer by Roberts, but Santa Fe rallied for four runs over the final two innings to win 4-3. For a recap of the tournament involving Dobie and Clear Brook, see Page 6B.

Dobie boys' soccer seizes 22-5A command

JFD girls fall to DP; Brook teams battling in 24-5A ranks

He'll never admit it, but Dobie varsity boys' soccer coach Jesse Saavedra has to be doing a little bit of play-off bracket studying these days while his Longhorns run off with the District 22-5A title.

Although a short-handed Dobie crew somehow struggled to a 2-2 tie against

Pasadena Feb. 28, the team is 4-0-2 and in complete control of its destiny with four games remaining.

Because he's the head coach, Saavedra can never be pleased. After all, if the Longhorns suffer an early-round playoff defeat, much of the team's regular-season success will be for naught.

However, it's hard to be able to conjure up much disapproval over what the Longhorns have done to this point.

Elsewhere, the Dobie varsity girls' team is well on its way to making the playoffs despite suffering a 6-0 shutout loss to first-place Deer Park Feb. 26, at New-

comb Field.

Deer Park has thus taken over first place at 6-0 to this point, but Dobie is next up at 5-1 with four games remaining.

In District 24-5A, the Clear Brook teams have some work to do in order to reach the postseason.

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Wolverines' Taylor a star at Brown Relays

Senior sprinter wins 100, 200

Alief Taylor's varsity boys' team walked away with the overall team title, but there was little question about just who was the biggest star at the Brown Relays March 25 at Auxiliary Stadium.

Clear Brook's Nick Taylor continued his standout senior season, winning gold medals in the 100- and

200-meter dashes before anchoring the Wolverines to a second-place finish in the 4x400-meter relay.

In all, Taylor helped the Wolverines account for 36 points on the way to second place.

Taylor's effort earned him the meet's John Propp Award, which yearly goes

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Clear Brook senior Nick Taylor was one of the stars of the Brown Relays in Pasadena, winning both the 100- and 200-meter dashes and finishing up the Wolverines' silver-medal effort in the 4x400-meter relay. Overall, Brook was second behind Alief Taylor.

Photo by Anita Porche-Garcia

Boys' team scores

- 1st - Alief Taylor 133
- 2nd - Clear Brook 117
- 3rd - Clear Lake 96
- 4th - Dobie 69

Girls' team scores

- 1st - Elkins 134
- 2nd - Deer Park 126.5
- 3rd - La Porte 118
- 4th - Clear Lake 107.5
- 5th - Dobie 76

Brook, Dobie baseball to host tourney games March 3-5



Local high school baseball fans will have plenty of chances to see the Clear Brook Wolverines and Dobie Longhorns in action March 3-5. Clear Brook, coming off a great showing at the La Porte tournament with a 4-0 record (see Page 3B), will host a series of games at Wolverine Field. Meanwhile, the Dobie Longhorns, including second baseman Marcelo Martinez (left) will host several games at Longhorn Field. Dobie won three straight games at the Humble tournament and has been scoring runs in bunches. The team is also preparing for the District 22-5A opener Tuesday, March 8, against the Pasadena Eagles at Maguire Field. Each team in 22-5A will play one another three times for a total of 15 district games. For more baseball news, including tournament schedules and results, see Page 3B.

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Varsity baseball: Dobie, Brook teams off to quick starts

Early on in the varsity baseball season, there appears to be a couple of interesting story lines developing. Dobie, looking to get back to the postseason after a near miss in 2010, has hit its way to an early 5-2 start in hopes of getting its momentum rolling quickly. And at Clear Brook, the Wolverines seem to be responding very well to the guidance of first-year head coach Gene Flores, having now won five straight games after an opening-day loss.

Dobie recovers at Humble
Dobie head coach Miguel Torres certainly was not pleased with the first-day results at the Humble tournament Feb. 24.

The Longhorns combined less than stellar pitching with poor defense and not much offense while losing to Livingston 9-1 and then falling later in the day 9-3 to Kingwood Park.

The great thing about tournament style baseball? There's usually another day.

Working hard to ensure a turnaround, the Longhorns came back to win their next three games.

Senior Xavier Johnson, who pitched well enough in the scrimmages to warrant more work, got the win as the Longhorns tripped Goose Creek Memorial 9-5.

Junior Ryan McCormack, called up to the varsity level for tournament play beginning at Humble, earned the win as Dobie downed Caney Creek 11-1.

In the Feb. 26 tournament finale against Humble, Dobie's offense put up 22 runs to hammer Humble 22-11 in a game that Torres admitted boiled down to both teams being emptied of rested pitching options.

Torres was pleased with both Johnson and McCormack for their ability to throw strikes and staying ahead of hitters.

Offensively, just about every Longhorn did some damage.

Third baseman Edward Peabody, playing for the first time after completing the varsity basketball sea-

son, went 4 for 4 against Goose Creek Memorial.

Offensively, Torres has found little to be concerned about as just about every option he has turned to has managed to produce.

On the mound, Emmitt Pitts is currently the team's No. 1 starter, and Johnson has emerged early on as a No. 2 option.

Moving ahead to the Pasadena ISD tournament, Torres plans to again look at senior pitchers Ryan Henry and Chandler Salas, who both lost decisions in Humble. He also plans to give McCormack another look.

"We still have to shore up some things on the mound and on defense, but the bats have been there," Torres said.

Over the team's first seven games of the season, the Longhorns scored 68 runs. Even if the 22-11 score is subtracted, the Longhorns have averaged more than nine runs per game.

It's not always going to be that way, but Torres hopes it continues for as long as possible.

"I knew coming into the season we had some bats,

but to have this many guys swinging it well at once has been nice. Hopefully, we keep it going."

JFD crushes Gators
Emmitt Pitts got his second win of the season, and Dobie's offense continued to roll March 1 during a 13-2 victory at Dickinson.

CB rolls at La Porte

The Wolverines entered the season with most on-lookers focused on the team's pitching corps, which includes a trio of hurlers who have signed letters of intent to play collegiately.

Yet at least to this point, it's been Clear Brook's offense that has turned heads.

Winning four straight games at the David Anzaldúa Memorial Tournament Feb. 24-26 in La Porte, the Wolverines posted 36 runs in four games, slugging their way past each of their four opponents.

Brook opened the event with a 12-4 victory over host La Porte, and then pounded Boerne Champion 9-6 later in the day.

Playing single games the next two days, Brook beat Manvel 7-2 and then completed the sweep with

an 8-5 decision over Texas City.

With 14 seniors on the roster, including many who excelled during the team's postseason run a season ago, perhaps a quick start should not be all that shocking.

Then again, when it comes to the Houston area and its hotbed of talent, wins come at a premium. Any success, especially that which includes an undefeated tournament run, should be celebrated.

Flores, who was previously the team's varsity assistant coach before taking over the lead role early last summer, watched as senior Daniel Coats led the way offensively with 10 hits over the four games.

Another senior, Ryan Vrugink, as well as freshman Justin Baker, also hit well during the weekend.

"Coats is one of those guys who has seized his opportunity," Flores said. "In the tournament, he always seemed to come to the plate with a chance to do something big with his bat. Almost every time, he delivered for us."

"Hitting is contagious,

and when the hits start coming, you have to take advantage and put the runs up."

Yet while hot hitting can take over an entire team, the same can be said in the pitching department.

To this point, the Wolverines have pitched fair enough as a group, but not great. Flores, a former pitcher during his playing days, believes the best is yet to come.

"In the offseason we really focused on our offensive approach and getting plenty of swings in," he said.

"I wanted us to be able to take advantage of our senior-laden lineup and be able to score some runs."

"But when you do that, sometimes another area struggles. In the first game against Morton Ranch, we struggled defensively."

"At La Porte, we threw the ball good, but we can do better as a group. Right now we're just getting behind in the count to too many hitters."

Although it's next to impossible to strike a balance between all phases of the game in practice, right now the Wolverines seem to have things going their way.

Next up, the team will face a few tough challenges at the Clear Creek ISD tournament. In the first day of action, the Wolverines will go against Seven Lakes and Lufkin, two proven playoff-quality foes.

Vrugink, Andrew Phu and Keaton Miller, the team's three collegiate signees, will get their work in for sure during the tournament.

But Flores is also leaning toward starting Nolan Trabanino, a junior, against Lufkin.

"Trabanino is another player who has earned a shot," Flores said. "It's nice to have some options, and

you can never have enough pitching."

"The big thing for us is to continue the momentum that we have started, and you always look for guys to produce."

PNG rips Brook

The Wolverines came back down to earth March 1 at Port Neches-Groves, losing 10-1. PNG, now 5-1 this season, cranked out nine hits in the easy victory as the Wolverines fell to 4-2.

The great thing is it's just one game, and the Wolverines now have a chance to put that loss behind them with a good showing at their host tournament against several elite teams.

Sports Calendar

SOCCER

Friday, March 4

Brook varsity girls at Clear Springs, 7:00
Brook varsity boys host Clear Springs, 7:00
Dobie varsity boys vs. Memorial, Newcomb, 7:00
Dobie varsity girls vs. Memorial, Newcomb, 5:00
Brook JV girls at Clear Springs, 5:00
Brook JV boys host Clear Springs, 5:00
Dobie JV boys Orange vs. Memorial, Newcomb, 5:00
Dobie JV girls vs. Memorial, Auxiliary, 7:00

Saturday, March 5

Dobie JV (B) girls at Sam Rayburn, campus, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, March 8

Brook varsity boys at Brazoswood, 7:00
Brook varsity girls host Brazoswood, 7:00
Dobie varsity boys vs. Sam Rayburn, Newcomb, 5:00
Dobie varsity girls vs. Sam Rayburn, Newcomb, 7:00
Brook JV boys at Brazoswood, 5:00
Brook JV girls host Brazoswood, 5:00
Dobie JV boys Orange vs. Sam Rayburn, Auxiliary, 7:00
Dobie JV girls vs. Sam Rayburn, Auxiliary, 5:00

Thursday, March 10

Dobie JV boys White hosts C.E. King, Dobie, 4:00

Friday, March 11

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

Saturday, March 12

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

SOFTBALL

Thursday, March 3

Dobie varsity at HSSL tourn., Missouri City, TBA
Brook varsity vs. Barbers Hill, Manvel tourn., 11:30 a.m.
Brook varsity vs. Deer Park, Manvel tourn., 2:30

Friday, March 4

Dobie varsity at HSSL tourn., Missouri City, TBA
Brook varsity vs. SATCH, Manvel tourn., 8:30 a.m.
Brook varsity vs. PN-Groves, Manvel tourn., 1:00

Saturday, March 5

Dobie varsity at HSSL tourn., Missouri City, TBA
Brook varsity vs. Reagan, Manvel tourn., 8 a.m.
Brook varsity vs. Nederland, Manvel tourn., 10:40 a.m.

Tuesday, March 8

Clear Brook varsity hosts Pearland, 6:30
Dobie varsity hosts Baytown Ster., PISD complex, 6:30
Clear Brook JV hosts Pearland, 5:00
Dobie JV hosts Baytown Sterling, PISD complex, 5:00

Friday, March 11

San Jacinto hosts Blinn (2), 4:00/6:00

TENNIS

Wednesday, March 9

Dobie varsity at Clear Brook, 2:30

BASEBALL

Thursday, March 3

Dobie varsity hosts Katy Taylor, Dobie, noon
Dobie varsity hosts Beaumont Westbrook, Dobie, 2:30
Brook varsity hosts Seven Lakes, Brook, 1:00
Brook varsity hosts Lufkin, Brook, 6:00
Dobie JV at Pearland tournament, TBA
Brook JV at Spring Branch ISD tourn., TBA
Brook sophomores at Brazoswood tourn., TBA
Dobie sophomores at Brazoswood tourn., TBA

Friday, March 4

Dobie varsity hosts Dickinson, Dobie, 2:30
Brook varsity hosts Cy-Creek, Brook, 3:30
Dobie JV at Pearland tournament, TBA
Brook JV at Spring Branch ISD tourn., TBA
Brook sophomores at Brazoswood tourn., TBA
Dobie sophomores at Brazoswood tourn., TBA

Saturday, March 5

Dobie varsity at Pasadena ISD tourn., Dobie, TBA
Brook varsity hosts Victoria, Brook, 11 a.m.
Dobie JV at Pearland tournament, TBA
Brook JV at Spring Branch ISD tourn., TBA
Brook sophomores at Brazoswood tourn., TBA
Dobie sophomores at Brazoswood tourn., TBA

Tuesday, March 8

Dobie varsity vs. Pasadena, Maguire, 4:00
Brook varsity hosts Baytown Lee, Brook, 6:00
Brook JV at Baytown Lee, 6:00
Dobie JV vs. Pasadena, PISD complex, 7:00
Brook sophomores at Baytown Lee, 4:00
Dobie sophomores vs. Pasadena, PISD complex, 4:30

Thursday, March 10

Dobie varsity at Round Rock tourney, TBA
Brook varsity vs. Cy-Springs, at Westfield, 4:00
Brook varsity vs. Houston Christian, at Westfield, 7:00
Dobie JV at Pasadena ISD tourn., TBA
Brook JV at Conroe ISD tourn., TBA
Brook sophomores at Clear Creek ISD tourn., TBA

Friday, March 11

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

Saturday, March 12

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

Clear Creek ISD tourney

Thursday, March 3: Brook vs. Seven Lakes, at Clear Brook, 1 p.m.; Brook vs. Lufkin, at Clear Brook, 6 p.m.

Friday, March 4: Brook vs. Cy-Creek, at Clear Brook, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 5: Brook vs. Victoria, at Brook, 11 a.m.; Championship game is to be held at Brook at 5 p.m.

Pasadena ISD tourney

Thursday, March 3: Dobie vs. Katy Taylor, at Dobie, noon; Dobie vs. Beaumont West Brook, at Dobie, 2:30 p.m.

Friday, March 4: Dobie vs. Dickinson, at Dobie, 2:30

Saturday, March 5: Dobie will host a trophy round game against a team and a time to be determined.

Soccer playoff hunt: Dobie solid; CB squads still working

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However, the Clear Brook boys are suddenly right back in the thick of things after opening the second half of district play with a pair of wins.

The Wolverines went 2-3-2 in the first half of district play but have moved to 4-3-2 after beating Alvin 3-2 and blanking Clear Creek 2-0.

In the win over Alvin, the Wolverines got two goals from Landon Sikes and another from Giovanni Menendez.

Sikes found the net again against Clear Creek, and Kieran Couples also scored as the Wolverines earned a huge victory.

With five games to go in the 24-5A girls' race, the Lady Wolverines are in need of several big wins down the stretch.

At 3-6 after a 4-0 loss to Clear Creek March 1, the Lady Wolverines likely need at least four wins in their final five games to make the playoffs.

Dobie girls now 5-1

With both teams entering the game at 4-0 and first place on the line, things did not go so well during a 6-0 loss Feb. 26 to Deer Park.

The Lady Deer have now taken control of 22-5A at 6-0, but the Lady Longhorns are solidly in second place and will have a chance for redemption against Deer

Park in the final game of the regular season.

Dobie boys now 14-1-3

Anyone remember 2009? That year, the Dobie boys' team stunned much of the Houston area with a school-first run to the Region III

tournament. There is no talk of a possible repeat at this time, but there's no question that this team has put together a terrific season at this point.

At 4-0-2 in District 22-5A, the Longhorns are way

out in front of the field, especially so considering no other team in the league has a winning record.

The Longhorns defeated Deer Park March 25 on the road with early goals from Raul Bustos and Omar Ar-

reguin. In the second half, Carlos Ibarra and the district's leading scorers, Jose Gonzalez, netted goals for the victory.

In a sluggish 2-2 tie against Pasadena Feb. 28, Ibarra and Leo Gallegos scored goals, both coming on assists from teammate Omar Arreguin.

Lion, Bear boys improve CC finishes

The Pasadena Independent School District's intermediate school cross country season reached the midway point as 10 teams took part in a two-mile event at South Houston High School.

Locally, the Beverly Hills and Thompson teams improved on their performances from the previous week.

San Jacinto repeated as the team champion in the seventh- and eighth-grade divisions. In the seventh-grade division, Beverly Hills was third as a team, and the Thompson Lions were fifth.

At the eighth-grade level, the Lions placed sixth, and the Beverly Hills team followed in seventh place.

Bears' 7s take 3rd overall
Beverly Hills' seventh-grade team placed its five scoring runners within the top 37 spots in order to land third place as a team.

Josue Villate grabbed top team honors at 14:59, which gave him fourth place in the final results.

Teammate Edwin Luna was seventh overall as he delivered a time of 12:07, and Jordan Lyons' time of 12:53 was 17th.

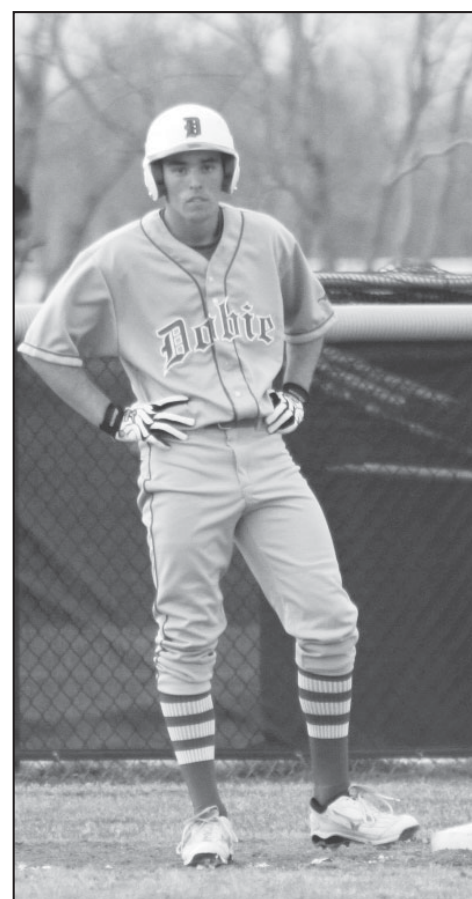
The Bears' other two scorers were Justin Rodriguez (30th at 12:53) and Mark Cruz (37th at 13:21).

Juwan Bracy (38th at 13:23), Logan Walker (50th at 13:36), Daniel Harder (58th at 13:54), Daniel Escobedo (61st at 14:04), Walter Martinez (70th at 14:18), Randy Johnson (80th at 14:46) and Bennie Hamilton (90th at 15:14) also ran for the Bears.

Lions' 7s are fifth

The Lions' Tyson Thompson made a final push for the overall title before winding up second in the seventh-grade race. Ricardo Mexicano of Southmore was the champion for the second straight week, this time clocking in at 11 minutes, 38 seconds. Thompson's time of 11:45 was second.

Thompson's Christian Sosa was 19th in a time of 12:37, and teammate Tyler Giron ran 40th in a time of 13:24. The Lions' other scorers were Oliver Francisco (48th at 13:34)



Dobie senior Troy Tapper is just one of the players in the lineup who has gotten off to a hot start this season. Through seven games, the Longhorns scored 68 runs en route to a 5-2 start.

Photo by John Bechtler



Clear Brook senior defender Laura Higgins (7) marks Clear Lake's Brittany Wade, who is one of the area's leading goal scorers with 24. At 3-6 with five games to play, the Lady Wolverines are in danger of missing the playoffs.

Girls' cross country

BHI seventh-grade is tops; others run well

The second week of the brief Pasadena Independent School District intermediate school cross country season played out Feb. 23 at South Houston High School as the Beverly Hills seventh-grade girls' team made a big jump.

Third as a team in the opening week of the season, the Lady Bears made the necessary improvements to grab the championship this time around.

Landa leads the way
Beverly Hills was able to capture the seventh-grade girls' crown by placing its five scorers all within the top 17 spots.

Gisella Landa led the way as she won the individual championship after racing to the finish line in the two-mile event at 12 minutes, 57.36 seconds, becoming the lone runner in the meet to post a time under 13 minutes.

Next up for the Lady Bears was Brianna Garcia, who was third in a time of 13:20.32.

Teammate Andrea Perez placed 13th in a time

of 14:40.61, and Neida Soto was 16th at 14:46.24. Rounding out the Lady Bears' scoring was Franceli Monreal, who was 17th in a time of 14:47.05.

Others who ran well for Beverly Hills included Melany Menjuivar (30th at 15:12.57), Isabella Tamayo (39th at 15:39.82), Destiny Williams (42nd at 15:50.58), Macalyn Castro-Cardenas (57th at 16:17.06), Jenny Le (61st at 16:21.91), Lidia Avitia (65th at 16:34.09), Kristy Christmas (76th at 16:51.42), Jenae Clark (83rd at 17:04.89) and Catherine Thai (97th at 17:28.02).

Lions' 7s are sixth again
For the second straight week, the Thompson seventh-grade girls' team was sixth as a group.

The team's top runner was fifth-place finisher Summer Nasir, who posted a time of 13:48.78.

Ashley Perez was 21st for Thompson with her time of 14:52.50, and Esmerelda Ibarra placed 23rd in a time of 14:57.87.

Other runners for the Lady Bears included Mikaila Gary (36th at 15:35.6),

Briana Martinez into the 37th slot at 15:33.07, and Alyssa Solis was 76th in a time of 16:47.02.

Thompson's other competitors were Hannah Brady (86th at 17:10.32), Kellie Tyler (90th at 17:22.19), Tea'Ajuha Jackson (92nd at 17:28.02), Marissa Longoria (101st at 17:40.93) and Nicole Cypert (106th at 18:04.40).

BHI 8s place fourth

In the eighth-grade division, the Beverly Hills team took fourth place.

Teammates Mariah Escobar and Erica Romero found their way into the top eight. Escobar's time of 12:40 for fifth place, and Romero's clocking of 14:12 was eighth.

The Lady Bears' three other scorers landed in the top 27 spots. Alondra Arriaga was 20th in a time of 14:44.77, and Deanna Martinez came across the finish line in a time of 14:54. Jaclyn Oden-Peace was 27th at 15:00.

Other runners for the Lady Bears included Mikaila Gary (36th at 15:35.6),

Mercedys Olguin (38th at 15:36, Malyn Nunez (41st at 15:40), Tina Nguyen (63rd at 16:26.7), Kianna Zemen (74th at 16:50), Tanya Ho (81st at 17:13), Taylor Bainter (83rd at 17:15), Maybelle Lopez (88th at 17:27) and Wendy Vargas (90th at 17:32).

Thompson 8s are eighth

The Lady Lions' eighth-grade team took eighth place in the meet.

The team's best finisher was Valerie Colunga, whose time of 14:35 was 16th best.

Celeste Briones was 48th with her time of 15:55, and Ashley McDonald's time of 16:51 placed her 75th.

Taylor Nguyen was 85th in a time of 17:24, and the Lady Lions' other scorer was Cybelle Cerda, who was 94th at 17:34.98.

The Lady Lions' other runners included Alexis Corpus (97th at 17:45), Michelle SanMiguel (99th at 17:52), A'yuauna Bradford (90th at 18:11), Alissa Gonzales (92nd at 18:49), Maria Mejia-Ortiz (95th at 18:14) and Sarahi Gomez (98th at

Lakers 7-8 hoops to play in title tilt

The South Belt Lakers, a 7-8-year-old team, opened the Pasadena Recreation Department's postseason basketball tournament Feb. 26, winning a pair of games.

Lakers 27 Little Shooters 12
In their first game, the Lakers went up against the Pasadena Little Shooters.

The Shooters obviously had thoughts of an upset as they took a quick lead in the game.

However, the Lakers went up 10-6 after one quarter of play and eventually led 17-6 at halftime.

By the end of the third quarter, the Lakers were set to advance as they led 23-8.

Brown Relays: Brook boys second; Dobie teams garner top-5 finishes at meet

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to the top-scoring athletes. Alief Taylor was able to claim the team title largely on the strength of sweeping the three sprint relays for 60 of its 133 points, but the Wolverines stayed in contention throughout the meet.

Dobie, one of the five host schools under the Pasadena ISD umbrella, finished fourth in the boys' team standings, while the Lady Longhorns were fifth. Needless to say, Clear Brook boys' coach Jimmy Grier was pleased with the way his athletes competed. Grier took over as the Wolverines' coach prior to the 2008 season, so the current group of seniors is

special to him. In essence, they've come full circle under his direction, and seeing them excel has been great, he said. "I am extremely excited about this bunch, especially because this is my first senior class to coach from when they were freshmen to now," Grier said. "The guys involved in

the program have all been working very hard for the past four years, and they hope to leave Clear Brook with a high standard for their followers. "Many of these guys have broken school records

and have made a name for Clear Brook cross country and track and field. As for Taylor, he posted a time of 21.65 in the 200 prelims to establish a school record (previous record was set in 2001 by Vance Washington). "Nick Taylor has worked very hard year-round to improve his speed," Grier said. "He simply has desired to excel."

Yet Brook could not have placed second at the Brown Relays without the effort of many others. Senior Taylor Barrera was the champion at 1600-meters in a time of 4:31.93, and Darrell Dotson was the triple jump champion as he soared to the 44-6 mark. Taylor Barrera was second in the 3200-meter run in a time of 10:08.17, and Adam Cole won a pair of medals in the weights. He was second in the discus at 134-7,

and third in the shot put at 45-9. The Wolverines also excelled in the relays. In the 4x200-meter relay, Brook was second in a time of 1:31.79 as Johnathan Barrera, Brian Dukes, Jamarco Stephens and Ritchie Gadison teamed. In the 4x400, Brook was also second in a time of 3:27.60 as Dukes, Taylor and Stephen teamed with Eric Alexander.

Dobie girls are fifth
Dobie's girls were fifth behind several good efforts. Charity Knight medaled in three events, and Melissa Knight and Essence Gilbert earned a pair of medals. Gilbert was third in the 100-meter dash with her time of 13.11. In the 4x100-meter relay, Dobie cruised to the victory

in a time of 49.60 as Charity Knight and Gilbert teamed with Kyerra Simmons and Terral Smith. The Lady Longhorns were second in the 4x200-meter relay as Charity Knight, Melissa Knight, Ariel Hebert and Shonte Randall were part of a 1:45.06 clocking. Charity Knight won the long jump with a leap of 16-11, and her jump of 37-7/4 was second in the triple jump.



Above, Dobie's DeVonte Boyd comes to the finish line in fourth place during the boys' 100-meter dash, edging Clear Brook's Chase Cyprien, who was fifth. The Wolverines' Nick Taylor was the winner of the event.



At right, Dobie junior Andrew Robinson cleared 20 feet, 9 inches to capture second place in the long jump competition. Aldine's Dorian Pinkney was first at a distance of 21 feet, 6 1/2 inches.

Dobie boys fourth
The Longhorns, who placed fourth, were led by Jamarco Shelvin's gold medal performance in the 300-meter hurdles as he posted a time of 40.82. Reggie Wilson was second in the 400-meter dash at 51.70, and Andrew Robinson went 20-9 in the long jump for second place. The Longhorns medaled in the 4x400-meter relay at

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

Sports news, notes

BAFL Cowboys set sign-up
The Sagement Cowboys and the Sagement Cowgirls of the Bay Area Football League will host early registration Saturday, March 5, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Sagement-Beverly Hills Little League facility at El Franco Lee Park. Early registration is open to all returning football players and their siblings as well as all drill, cheer and mascot applicants. Those seeking to be a part of any of the team's programs for the first time in 2011 may also submit contact information at this time. A \$50 deposit is required for all returning football players, and a \$100 deposit is required from all drill, cheer and mascot applicants. For more information about football details, direct e-mail to president Denny Wranich at denny@sagementcowboys.com. For information concerning the drill, cheer or mascot programs, direct email to Michelle Castillo at michelle@sagementcowboys.com.

BAFL Dolphins host sign-up
The Southbelt Dolphins of the Bay Area Football League will host registration for returning players Saturday, March 5, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at El Franco Lee Park near the Sagement-Beverly Hills Little League facility. A \$75 deposit will be required in order for the returning players to secure their spot for the 2011 season. Those who register will be fitted for their uniform during the session.

BAFL Rams to register
The Ellington Rams of the Bay Area Football League will host registration for returning players Saturday, March 5, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at El Franco Lee Park near the Sagement-Beverly Hills Little League facility. A \$100 deposit will be required in order for the returning players to secure their spot for the 2011 season. Potential first-time players may also submit contact information during the session.

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

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

Pasadena ISD Brown Relays Dobie Medalists

Girls' Athlete	Event	Place	Time
Essence Gilbert	100-M	3rd	13.11
Kyerra Simmons, Charity Knight, Terral Smith, Essence Gilbert	4x100 relay	1st	49.60
Shonte Randall, Charity Knight, Melissa Knight, Ariel Hebert	4x200 relay	1st	1:45.06
Charity Knight	long jump	1st	16-11
Charity Knight	triple jump	2nd	35-7.25
Boys' Athlete	Event	Place	Time
Reggie Wilson	400-M	2nd	51.70
Jamarco Shelvin	300-H	1st	40.82
Reggie Wilson, DeVonte Boyd, Andrew Robinson, Jamarco Shelvin	4x400 relay	3rd	3:28.74
Andrew Robinson	long jump	2nd	20-9
Zach Fondal	shot put	2nd	46-4

Pasadena ISD Brown Relays Brook Medalists

Boys' Athlete	Event	Place	Time
Nick Taylor	100-M	1st	10.94
Nick Taylor	200-M	1st	22.22
Taylor Barrera	1600-M	1st	4:31.93
Taylor Barrera	3200-M	2nd	10:08.17
Chase Cyprien, Derrick Phillips, Johnathan Barrera, Jemarco Stephens	4x100 relay	3rd	44.44
Johnathan Barrera, Jemarco Stephens, Brian Dukes, Ritchie Gadison	4x200 relay	2nd	1:31.79
Nick Taylor, Jemarco Stephens, Brian Dukes, Eric Alexander	4x400 relay	2nd	3:27.60
Darrell Dotson	long jump	1st	44-6
Adam Cole	shot put	3rd	45-9
Adam Cole	discus	2nd	134-7

SBHLL's Opening Day Saturday, March 5
10 a.m. - Parade begins at Weber Elementary and ends at El Franco Lee Park.
11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - SBHLL-sponsored festival at El Franco Lee Park.
1 p.m. - SBGSA opening ceremonies at facility at El Franco Lee Park. Scrimmage games included.
5 p.m. - SBHLL opening ceremonies on junior division field.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MARCH 3
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.
Noon
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free water exercise from noon to 1 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.
AI-Anon - Meets every Thursday from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. For information, call 281-487-8787.
6:30 p.m.
St. Luke's Catholic Church - St. Luke the Evangelist Church, 11011 Hall Road, offers free tutoring on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tutoring is held in Room 2 of the Education Building. Contact Joe Pavlicek at 281-484-1397 or by e-mail at joe_pavlicek@yahoo.com.
Diabetes Support Group - A support group for young adults with 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 at 1315 St. Joseph Parkway #1705, Medical Place One. Contact Dan Steiner, CDE, at 713-756-8536 for more information.
7 p.m.
The Bay Area Writers League - Meets the first Thursday of each month at Barnes and Noble at Bay Area Boulevard and the Gulf Freeway. Newcomers are welcome.
8:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays from 8 to 9 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.

FRIDAY, MARCH 4
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062

Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.
Noon
Moving Forward Women's Adult Children Anonymous - The ACA group meets Fridays at noon at the Up The Street Club in Webster, 508 Nasa Parkway, in room 4. ACA is a 12-step program of hope, healing and recovery for people who grew up in alcoholic or dysfunctional homes. For more information, call 281-286-1431.
SATURDAY, MARCH 5
6 p.m.
Frontier Squares - Meets to square dance at the Westminster Academy at 670 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Refreshments provided. For more information, contact Gina Sherman at 281-554-5675 or visit www.frontiersquares.com.
SUNDAY, MARCH 6
7 a.m.
Grief Support Group - For any adult who has lost a loved one. Meets every Sunday, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas from 2 to 3:15 p.m. at First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. For more information, call 281-487-8787.
8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Sundays and Tuesdays from 8 to 9 p.m., and Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.
MONDAY, MARCH 7
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.
9 a.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.
6 p.m.
Scrabble Club #511 - Meets every Monday at the IHOP on Fuqua from 6 to 9 p.m. All who enjoy the game or want to learn to play are

invited to join. For more information, call 281-488-2923.
6:30 p.m.
New Directions Singles Club - The New Directions Singles Club has moved its time and location from St. Paul's Catholic Church, Nassau Bay, to Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 West NASA Parkway in Webster. Meetings are held every Monday evening beginning at 6:30 p.m. This organization was created as a social support outlet for 50+ widowed, divorced and never married individuals. In addition to the regular meeting, a potluck dinner is held on the first and third Mondays. Call 713-340-2354 for information.
Civil Air Patrol Meeting - Weekly at Ellington Field in the Civil Air Patrol Building. Call 281-484-1352 and leave a message for more information.
7 p.m.
Grief Support Group - "Friends Helping Friends" meets every Monday from 7 to 8:15 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehab Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Those who have lost a spouse or other loved one are invited to participate. For information, call Betty Flynn at 281-474-3430 or Diana Kawalec at 281-334-1033.
TUESDAY, MARCH 8
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.
9:30 a.m.
CCART - The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers meets the second Tuesday of each month, September through May. They are held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 Nasa Parkway in Seabrook near the Landolt Pavilion. All Texas retired school employees from all surrounding school districts are welcome to attend and join this organization. Annual dues are \$35.
10 a.m.
American Begonia Society - Meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Pasadena Town Square Community Room. For more information, call 713-946-4237 or 713-941-7158.
10:30 a.m.
Tri-County Republican Women - General meetings are held the

second Tuesday of every month except June and July at Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Drive in Pearland. A luncheon is available. To make reservations, call 281-484-8083.
1 p.m.
Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include dioramas, an old-time kitchen and a turn-of-the-century doctor's office. Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For information, call 713-472-0565.
1:30 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Bayshore Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Center, 4021 Brookhaven, Pasadena. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.
6:30 p.m.
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - Due to Sagement Recreation Center closing for remodeling, TOPS will meet at the Beverly Hills Community Center, 10201 Kingspoint. For information, call Erma Coskey at 713-946-6049.
Green Thumb Series - The Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 offers free evening gardening lectures the second Tuesday of each month at the Bass Pro Shops, Hwy. 288 @ the Sam Houston Tollway. Programs will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Visit the Web site for a list of topics and location at www.hcmgpa2.tamu.edu or call 281-991-8437.
Clear Lake Toastmasters Club - Meets at the Clear Lake Church of Christ, 938 El Dorado Blvd. Call Jerry Tate at 281-481-5417 for information.
7 p.m.
St. Luke's Catholic Church - St. Luke the Evangelist Church, 11011 Hall Road, offers free tutoring on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tutoring is held in Room 2 of the Education Building. Contact Joe Pavlicek at 281-484-1397 or by e-mail at joe_pavlicek@yahoo.com.
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9:30 a.m.
Young at Heart Club - Meets the second and fourth week of each month at Covenant United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Lots of activities, trips, etc. Call Nellie Galney at 713-991-3517 for more information.

11:30 a.m.
American Business Women's Association Bay Area Vision Chapter - Now meets at Perry's Italian Grill, 1001 Pinelock in Houston on the second Wednesday of every month. For more information or to R.S.V.P., call Lorilyn Wynn at 281-388-5202.

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

6 p.m.
Alzheimer's Support Group - The free group meets the second Wednesday of each month at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. For more information, call Steven Williams at 281-929-4199 or 713-266-6400.

6:30 p.m.
Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center - Domestic violence support group for male survivors meets each Wednesday at 210 S. Walnut off NASA Parkway. Call 281-338-7600 for information. Participants may join at any time as this is an open group.

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Bay Area New Democrats - Meet at the Clear Lake Court House

at 16603 Buccaneer Drive, across from the new Clear Lake Library. For more information, contact John Cobarruvias at john.cobarruvias@bayareanewdemocrats.org or visit www.bayareanewdemocrats.org.

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

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

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Varsity softball teams at CB, Dobie continue tournament trail

With two varsity softball tournaments now in the books, several teams are beginning to emerge as certain playoff contenders moving forward. Count Dobie as one of those.

Despite a 7-6 loss to Clear Lake March 1, the Lady Longhorns have won nine of 14 games to start the season, and have used power bats to get the job done much of the time.

As for Clear Brook, the jury may still be out on where the team stands. The team began the season with just three wins in its first nine games but has now won three straight games after whacking St. Agnes March 1 at home.

Dobie power on display

Dobie's defense has been a bit unsteady at times, and junior pitcher Shannon O'Connor dealt with a sore foot during the first couple of weeks of the season.

But there is one aspect of Dobie's game that has been ever-present from the opening pitch — this team delivers some pop at the plate.

Kellen Gomez and Amie Gallant, the 1-2 hitters in the lineup, have continued to get on base and create run-scoring chances.

The middle of the Lady Longhorns' lineup has taken care of much of the rest.

At the Clear Creek ISD tournament, Dobie was stunned 4-3 in its opener against Santa Fe but then had little trouble scoring runs the rest of the way.

During a 4-1 record at the event, Dobie put a 16-5 beating on West Columbia and blanked Goose Creek Memorial 12-0.

In the first game, a 4-3 loss to Santa Fe, third baseman Faith Roberts paced the offense with a two-run homer to center field.

The hits came from up and down the lineup in the wins over West Columbia and Goose Creek Memorial as Joanna Gutierrez and Ariel Morgan had extra-base hits against Memorial.

Dobie hopes its strong tournament play this season, including eight wins in 11 games, continues at the

HSSL varsity tournament in Sugar Land, a large tournament that will feature many of the area's elite programs.

Dobie will also use the HSSL event to get back on track after a 7-6 loss at Clear Lake March 1.

Pitcher Victoria Brown slugged a homer, and Clear Lake built an early 5-0 lead before Dobie came back.

Jenna Medina socked a homer for Dobie, which eventually took a 6-5 lead heading into the bottom of the fifth inning.

However, Lake scored the game-winner in the bottom of the seventh inning to escape with the victory.

Brown struck out 10 for Clear Lake in the contest. O'Connor suffered the loss.

Dobie, which along with the rest of the District 22-5A ranks will not begin league play until later this month, still has time to get things figured out.

O'Connor, now a three-year member of the varsity program, knows what it will take to keep winning as the games get bigger and bigger.

And then there's the offense, which so far is showing signs of performing similarly to the 2009 bunch that socked its way to the Region III semifinal round.

Brook now 6-7

In what was destined to be a rebuilding season at Clear Brook, the Lady Wolverines are thus far holding their own with six wins in 13 games.

After losing a handful of players to the collegiate ranks following the 2010 season, head coach Ashley Pillow knew there would be a rebuilding sign out front.

Add to that the fact that three others projected to play significant roles are no longer with the team, and it's been a time of change at Clear Brook.

However, so far, the young team is holding its own.

Freshman pitcher Laura Napoli has stepped in as the team's ace since the first day of practice, and others have also emerged.

At the moment, there is just one senior on the team, Sami Reis. Juniors Chynadoll Phipps (center field), Erin Begle (infield) and catcher Katie Bischof are starting as well.

The sophomore class includes Alexa Anzaldua at third base, Taylor Nickell in the infield and utility player Taylor Blaskow.

Joining Napoli as freshmen on the team are outfielders Jaclyn Molenaar and Kate Begle. In all, there is seven years of varsity experience across the entire roster.

With a six-game trip to the Manvel tournament coming and then the District 24-5A opener against defending state champion Pearland, Clear Brook

would seem to be at a crossroads, but Pillow is confident.

"We had a few injuries in the tournament and had to change our defense around totally," Pillow said.

"The girls stepped up, though, and I was very proud of them."

"I am actually very happy where we are right now. Our offense is really starting to come around. We've been working really hard on that aspect of the game, and it's showing."

As for the task of starting District 24-5A play and trying to continue what has been a lengthy post-season run over five years, the Lady Wolverines will concede nothing.

"I'm very excited to start district, and beating Pearland would be a great start," Pillow said.

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First-time starter Chynadoll Phipps is just one of the young players who has stepped in and done a great job during Clear Brook's 6-7 start.



Dobie third baseman Faith Roberts blasts a two-run homer to center field during the Clear Creek ISD softball tournament Feb. 24. The Lady Longhorns opened a 3-0 lead but eventually lost the game 4-3. Later in the day, Dobie went on to pound West Columbia 16-5 on its way to four wins in five games.



Junior starting pitcher Shannon O'Connor was a tough-luck loser against Santa Fe Feb. 24, but O'Connor has pitched well this season.



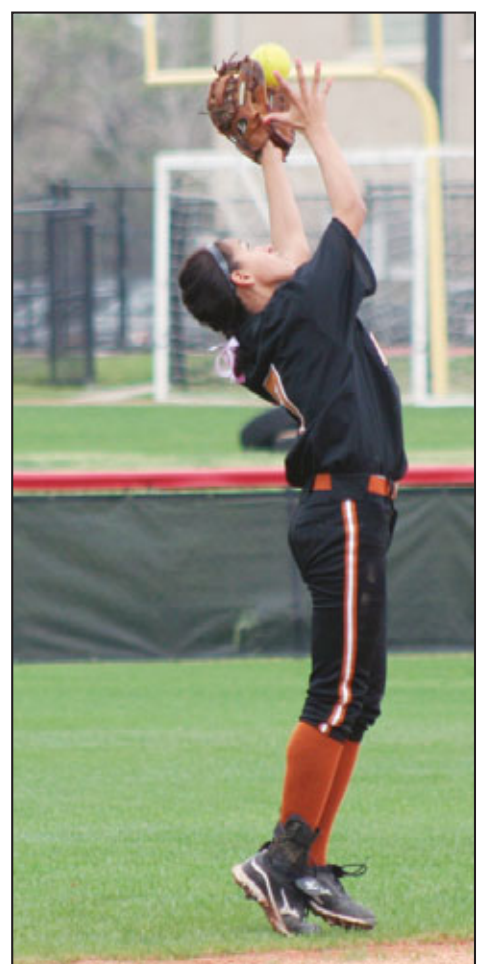
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Manvel ISD tourney

Thursday, March 3: Brook vs. Barbers Hill, at Manvel, 11:30 a.m.; Brook vs. Deer Park, at Manvel, 2:30 p.m.

Friday, March 4: Brook vs. Satch, at Manvel, 8:30 a.m.; Brook vs. Port Neches-Groves, at Manvel, 1 p.m.

Saturday, March 5: Brook vs. Houston Reagan, at Manvel, 8 a.m.; Brook vs. Nederland, at Manvel, 10:40 a.m.



Ashley Garza, Dobie's second baseman, pulls in a pop-up during the Clear Creek tournament. Garza is one of three first-time starters in Dobie's infield.

Dobie ex Nguyen honored at Army

Amanda Nguyen, a 2010 Dobie High School graduate who is now a freshman on the Army women's softball team, is already earning plenty of accolades for her play.

Leading her team in four offensive categories through eight games, Nguyen was named the Rookie of the Week in the Patriot League for Feb. 21-27.

Nguyen, a three-year starter while at Dobie, has made a smooth transition to the college game.

Over the eight games, Nguyen hit .385, scored six runs and delivered 10 hits, all team highs over the first two weeks of the season. She also stole six bases in even tries.

Army, 4-4 so far this season, swept the Patriot League weekly awards.

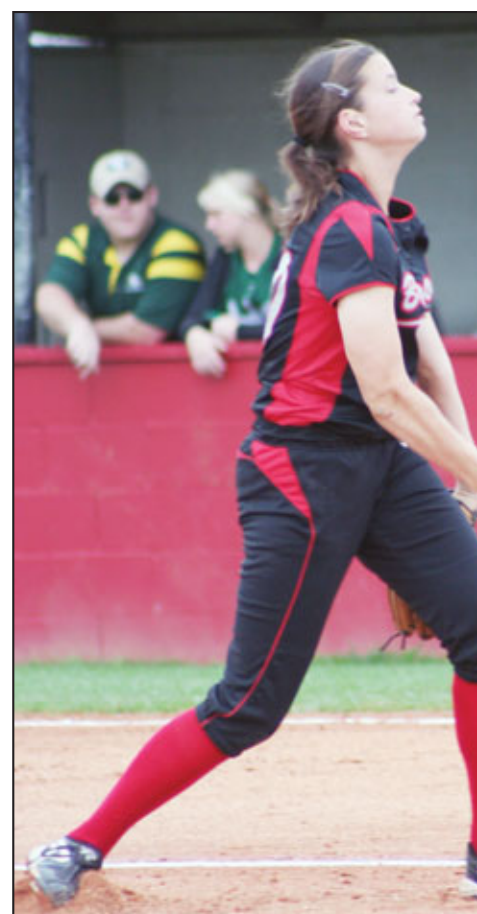
Sophomore Alex Reynolds of Tomball was the Player of the Week.

Freshman pitcher Hayley Pipes won the pitching honor.

Brook, Napoli win 3 straight

After beginning the season with just two wins in nine games, the Clear Brook Lady Wolverines have now won three straight games to get back to near the .500 mark. Freshman pitcher Laura Napoli (left) has pitched each of the team's games this season, and has also added some offense. On March 1 during a 14-1 win over St. Agnes, Napoli had a double at the plate and got the win in the circle. After playing six games in three days at the Manvel High School tournament March 3-5, the Lady Wolverines will open District 24-5A play against defending state champion Pearland. Clear Brook will host Pearland Tuesday, March 8, at 6:30 p.m. Pearland is returning to the District 24-5A ranks after competing in 22-5A the last two seasons. Pearland and Clear Brook will have to contend with Alvin, Brazoswood, Clear Lake and others for a playoff berth.

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Powerful bats, consistent pitching efforts lift San Jac College softball to 13-7 start

Twenty games into the regular season and the entire Region 14 schedule remaining, the San Jacinto College softball team might finally be showing signs of what is to come the rest of the way.

Mired in a bit of a slump, the team emerged from its fog with a 4-1 performance at the Temple College Classic, using power bats and steady pitching efforts to get the job done.

San Jacinto began the season at 8-1 but then slipped to 9-6. After the Temple tournament, the Coyotes are now 13-7 overall with a trip to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association Lead-Off Classic coming March 4-6 in Panama City, Fla.

The team will then host Blinn March 11 in a doubleheader to begin Region 14 action. On March 12, San Jacinto will play at Region 14 foe Galveston in a doubleheader.

So with 20 games down and roughly 40 or so more to go before the regional tournament, head coach Kelly Saenz is getting a handle on what aspects of the game her team is going to be able to rely on.

During the four wins in five games at Temple, San Jacinto used the power bats to score runs on a couple of occasions.

Kaci Hobbs hit a grand slam in one of the wins, and Tori Cummings (3-run homer) and Jaclyn Bechtle (solo homer) also went deep. Bechtle homered twice in the five games and now has a team-leading four. Teammate Michaela Adams has hit four deep balls.

Saenz knows the home run ball isn't going to make the season special. Relying on the ball to fly over the fence is not a good business plan, but at least a variety of players have shown the ability to consistently hit for pop.

"I have seen enough to know we should be able to get offensive production up and down the lineup," Saenz said.

"To this point, everybody in the lineup has done something to help us win a game. It's always nice to have that."

San Jac's pitching has also been consistent behind the effort of three freshmen — Katie Vogt, Shannon Millman and Alexis Estrada.

Vogt got the win in a 5-0 shutout over Ranger, the game in which Cummings and Bechtle homered. Millman and Estrada have also shown the ability to pitch at a high level.

"We have a nice balance between those three pitchers," Saenz said. Really, it's just like with the rest of the team; we're going to be able to use everybody to help us win. This team really is well-balanced. We'll see how it plays out."

NFCA classic a true test

San Jacinto will truly have its mettle tested at the NFCA Lead-Off Classic in Panama City.

The 24-team event included nine teams that are currently among the top 20 ranked teams in the National Junior College Athletic Association's national poll.

"There are a lot of great teams who are going to be there, so I would say we are definitely going to see where we stand," Saenz said.

That might be an understatement. In pool play, San Jacinto will face unranked Chesapeake College of Wye Mills, Md., before taking on No. 5 Chipola College of Marianna, Fla., and No. 19 Indian Hills of Centerville, Iowa.

After pool play, San Jacinto will no doubt run into several more big-time programs.

With Region 14 play opening March 11 against No. 8 Blinn, which will also attend the NFCA Classic, Saenz would like nothing more than to see her team continue its momentum.

"Our goal right now is to smooth out the peaks and valleys and just get on a good roll," Saenz said. "We started 8-1 but then fell a little bit."

"I felt like we bounced back and played good softball against several teams that are very good, including Midland (ranked sixth). If we play like we can on a regular basis, there's no telling how far we can go this season."

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