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Precinct 2 deputies battle local crime

Drug activity, violence and robbery are targeted

Deputies from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office have kept busy lately dealing with crimes ranging from drug possession to

robbery.
On Wednesday, Feb. 25, Deputy Jason Curry responded to call at 11618 Gullwood at 1:50 p.m. where a neighbor had reported a case of criminal mischief.

Deputies had received several previous complaints of drug activity at the residence. Upon arriving at the home, Curry was given permission to enter the house to question the suspect.

Once in the home, the deputy spotted crack pipes and other drug paraphernalia in an ashtray. The pipes tested positive for cocaine.

The suspect, Tammy Crawford, 51, was subsequently arrested and charged with possession

Four days later on Sunday, March 1, while

still closely watching the house, Curry spotted a suspicious van leaving the residence around 6

The deputy stopped the vehicle for having a broken tail light. The driver of the vehicle, Jared Golden, appeared to be highly intoxicated. Curry called for a K-9 unit to inspect the van.

The dog alerted the deputy to a large stash of drugs, including 74 grams of powdered cocaine, crack cocaine and a substance believed to be heroin. At press time, the deputies had yet to positively identify the third substance.

Golden, 32, was arrested and charged with drug possession.

Earlier that morning, Deputy Parnell Jones reponded to a call at 2 a.m. in the 12100 block of Braden Way where a suspect's wife complained of her husband being intoxicated.

Upon Jones' arrival, the male suspect, Igna-

cio Ortiz, began screaming at both his wife and the deputy. He was then placed in Jones' patrol car, where her kicked out the vehicle's windows, causing more than \$1,000 worth of damage. Ortiz, 26, was arrested and charged with criminal mischief.

That same evening at about 10 p.m., Precinct 2 Sgt. Zerick Guinn, Cpl. Fermin Vasquez, Deputy Aaron Baldwin and Curry served a warrant to Morgan Barraza at a home off Dixie Farm Road. Barraza had reportedly assaulted another individual and stolen a cellular phone.

Barraza, 17, was arrested and charged with felony robbery. Less than two weeks earlier, deputies had arrested him on two separate drug

On Friday, Feb. 27, deputies arrested William Archer for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Archer, 17, had voluntarily gone to the constable's office to give a written statement about an incident that happened earlier in the week at Dobie High School that led to an attempted shooting on Highland Meadow Village

City to close Almeda Chateau

City of Houston inspectors have ordered all residents of the Almeda Chateau apartment complex in the 10800 block of Kingspoint to vacate by Tuesday, March 10.

The demand stems from an unpaid water bill dating back to July totaling roughly \$80,000. This past week, city officials cut off the complex's water supply, reportedly driving many residents to get water from hoses outside of nearby

Other problems at the complex include faulty electrical wiring, mold, raw sewage and structural issues. In the past decade, the apartment complex has been issued more than 20 criminal citations by the city for such offenses as failure to maintain its swimming pool and allowing unsafe electrical conditions.

Owner of the complex, David Wise of California, blames the incident on tenants who do not pay their bills. He further said he intends to pay any outstanding debts and remove any delin-

City of Houston officials, however, say previous talks with Wise have proved fruitless and that they plan to go forward with vacating the

Bald eagles seen hunting in South Belt's EFL Park

Bald eagles have been spotted flying in the wetlands at El Franco Lee Park on Hall Road near Belt-

The issue was first brought to the South Belt-Ellington Leader's attention by South Belt residents Odie and Marie Asscherick, who had seen the birds as early as last December.

Members of the Houston Audubon Society, the couple are avid bird enthusiasts. This is the first time, however, they have ever spotted a bald eagle in this general

"I was thrilled to see it," said Odie Asscherick. "I can't imagine having a turkey as our national bird.'

Harris County Precinct 1 Parks naturalist Jo-Anna Moody and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service senior biologist Ron Jones have since confirmed the birds' presence at the park.

While it is not unusual for bald eagles to winter on the outskirts of Houston, it is rare for them to venture into such a populated area.

According to Jones, the area still undeveloped near the Pearland Parkway and along Clear Creek offers the eagles enough cover during their winter stay. The USFWS has received several calls in past years of eagles being spotted near Clear Creek, but this is the first confirmed case, Jones



Jones said with the bald eagle being taken off the endangered species list last year, they will likely increase in number during future winters.

The eagles were likely attract-

While the bald eagle is no longer on the endangered species list, the Bald Eagle Protection

Act still makes it a federal crime to kill, harm or possess one of the birds. The wetlands at the park where the birds have been spotted are part of a multiyear project be-

gun by park staff back in the late 1980s. "What a majestic creature to see flying over the water of the El Franco Lee wetlands," said

Precinct 1 Parks Department community aide and local resident David Matthews. "I can't tell you how excited and proud we are to have this ecological habitat in our parks and in our backyard of the South Belt community."

Photo taken at EFL by JoAnna Moody

Legler visits chamber



South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce. Legler serves on the Environmental Regulation Committee and the Human Services Committee. He is shown above with San Jacinto College South faculty member Judy Harrison (left) and South Belt-Ellington Leader intern Photo by Marie Flickinger

Area street has 2 names



Legler hosts town hall meeting

By Dana Lizik Ken Legler, freshman District 144 state representative, held his first town hall meeting recently at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce with more than 30 people in attendance.

"I'm a huge believer of going out and seeing what the people have to say," Legler said. "What

Macy's reopening at Almeda Mall

Macy's Inc. announced plans recently to reopen Macy's stores at Almeda Mall and Deer-brook Mall, which had been severely damaged by Hurricane Ike.

The stores were closed in September 2008 after suffering major damage that necessitated the closure and complete remodeling of the stores.

We have been eagerly watching the construction of the new Macy's and are pleased to hear the announcement that this will be a brand new state-of-the-art store to serve our customers Almeda Mall and Macy's have served the Southeast Houston community for over 40 years with a high priority of providing a pleasant shopping experience. We are committed to the community and plan to be here for many years to come. Watch us improve, and we hope to have more announcements soon," said Terry Felton, manager of Almeda Mall

Macy's Deerbrook Mall is scheduled to reopen in August 2009 and Macy's Almeda Mall is scheduled to re-open in September 2009. Together the two stores are expected to create approximately 500 new jobs.

concerns they have."

The chamber of commerce business members and local individuals in attendance had different interests which allowed the meeting to cover topics ranging from education to border-patrol.

"Different people had different agendas," Sally Mitchell, chamber director said. "Whether it be education, whether it be flooding. I was so happy to see different individuals there.

Legler has been appointed to the Environmen-tal Regulation Committee, which deals with any environmental issues from car exhaust to manufacturing, and the Human Services Committee, which makes decisions about nursing homes state schools and Child Protection Services.

"We have to make some very tough decisions," Legler said about the Human Services Committee, "especially in some tough economic times."

Legler discussed the bills he has filed since

being sworn in Jan. 13, including House Bill 975, which would allow random drug testing for professional employees who work in a school with children. This includes teachers, substitute teachers, contractors, school bus drivers and any other school employee whose job requires certi-

"This is going to be controversial," Legler said. "How to pay for it [the random drug testing], is the biggest problem. I believe the drug seizure money should be used to pay for it be cause what better way to stop drug use than to use the money from drugs to prevent it.'

Legler also filed House Bill 1136, which disqualifies unemployed persons from collecting unemployment if they were discharged from their previous position because of misuse of drugs according to the previous company's policy.

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Cowboy registration set

Registration for returning Cowboy football players and all drill and mascot applicants will be held Saturday, March 7, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Little League Baseball Field at El Franco Lee Park, and Saturdays, March 14, 21, and 28, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the football field at El Franco Lee Park, A \$50 deposit is required for football and mascot applicants, and a \$100 deposit is required for all drill applicants. Contact information will also be accepted from new football players on these dates. For more information, visit the Web site at www.sagemontcowboys.com.

Dobie cheer tryouts set

Dobie cheerleading tryouts have been scheduled for the 2009-2010 school year. A mandatory parent/candidate meeting will be held Tuesday, March 10, at 6 p.m. in the Dobie cafeteria. Parents and candidates must attend the meeting.

A tryout clinic will be held Monday through Thursday, March 30 through April 2, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the cafeteria. Tryouts will be held Friday, April 3, beginning at 4 p.m.

Orchestra parents to meet

The Dobie Orchestra Booster Club will meet Thursday, March 5, at 7:15 p.m. in the orchestra room. All orchestra parents are encouraged

K of C fish fry at St. Luke's

The Knights of Columbus will serve catfish dinners at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church on March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3. Dinner includes catfish fillet, french fries, hush puppies, cole slaw, corn-on-the-cob and iced tea. Soft drinks and desserts will be available starting at \$.50. The \$8 dinners are dine in or take out from 5 until 7 p.m. at the parish hall. Profits will be used for scholarships and local charitable projects. Everyone is invited. For information, call 281-484-2127.

Frazier scholarships offered

The Frazier PTO will offer five scholarships to Dobie seniors who attended Frazier in fourth and fifth grades. Applications and requirement information are available through the senior counselor's office at Dobie. Applications must be received no later than Thursday, April 9.

Legion BBQ April 3 & 4

American Legion Post 490 will host its third annual barbecue cook-off April 3 and 4. Cooking teams can visit the following sites for information and rules: www.legiondist22.com, www.legion490.com and www.tgcbca.org. For information, call Jerry Blaylock at 281-480-0000 or Terry Messinger at 713-539-0163. Barbecue plates will also be available to go.

CCART to meet March 10 The Clear Creek Association of Retired

Teachers will hold its March meeting Tuesday, March 10, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. All meetings throughout the year will be held on the second Tuesday of the month, September through May. The meetings are at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 Nasa Parkway in Seabrook. Following a short business meeting, the featured program will be Charles Scott, who will share the history of the tall ship, Elissa. He tells the story with great humor. All Texas retired school employees from the area are invited. Annual dues are \$35.

Lions Club meets March 10

The Houston Space City Lions Club will meet Tuesday, March 10, at 7 p.m. at the Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway. For information, call George Malone at 281-438-7243.

DHS percussion concert set

Dobie High School will present its annual percussion concert to benefit the Dobie bands on Monday, March 9, at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium. This concert will feature the Dobie High School Percusion Ensemble, with a guest appearance by the Beverly Hills Intermediate Percussion Ensemble. Student soloists will also perform at the concert following their award-winning performances recently at the UIL Solo & Ensemble contest. Tickets are \$5 each and will be available at the door or can be purchased by contacting the Dobie band office at 713-740-0370.

EFL center opens

The new community center at El Franco Lee Park, located at 9400 Hall Road, officially opened its doors Monday, March 2. Seniors activities are scheduled daily and consists of exercise classes, arts and crafts, dance, gardening and monthly bus trips. For more information, call 281-464-9708.

Girl Scouts donate to troops

Local Girl Scout Troop 8522 is currently collecting Girl Scout Cookies and other items to donate to U.S. soldiers abroad. Items may be dropped off at the South Belt-Ellington Leader office through Monday, March 30. For a complete list of desired items, contact Kristi Gartman at 281-484-7435 or 832-428-4303.

Readers' Opinions

Barmore gives thanks for donations

Gaston and I certainly enjoyed you be-

ing with the Fun Bunch today.
I made a report that the Friends of Parker Williams Library had a very successful used book sale in January. This was by far our largest sale with \$430 made to spend for Parker Williams Library.

We wish to thank our neighbors for

coming to the sale but to thank them for all the wonderful donations of books. The library takes the book donations during their working hours. The next sale will be Saturday, March 28, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Our plans are to have a sale the last

Saturday of each month, except November & December. Sincerely,

Camille Barmore

The engaging plot, charm-

ing characters, and absolutely

fantastic music of Guys and

Dolls make this one of the

Parts are listed as follows:

Character name, (singing

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acter dances; and character

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age 20-70; a little dancing;

gambler and friend of Nathan

age 20-70; a little dancing;

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Rusty Charlie; (baritone)

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I wanted to write this letter to remind all homeowners to check with their individual homeowner's association prior to making any exterior repairs or improve-

4318 Allen-Genoa Road, will hold auditions for *Guys and*

Dolls, music and lyrics by Frank Loesser, book by Jo

Swerling and Abe Burrows, Sunday, March 15, and Mon-

day, March 16, at 7 p.m.
Performances are held

weekends and some Thurs-

days, May 1 through May

by Mary K. Isaacs. For information, contact the director

by e-mail at PLT.Guysand

cold readings from the script.

Prepare one verse and chorus

or one minute of a song that

shows off your voice. No re-

corded music will be allowed

- bring sheet music or be

prepared to sing a cappella.

Bring resume and photo (if

clothes they can move in as a

simple routine will be taught

at audition. Non-dancers and

non-singers are also encour-

About Guys and Dolls

runs a floating crap game

cret from his longtime fiancé,

In a desperate gamble to

save the game, Nathan bets super-smooth Sky Masterson

\$1,000 that Sky can't take the very pure and skeptical

Salvation Army "doll," Sarah

Brown, to Havana. Sky clev-

erly succeeds, and on the trip

the unlikely pair finds that

Sarah, however, becomes

once more disgusted and an-

gry with Sky when she dis-

covers his bet with Nathan.

Sky takes another big risk,

this time for Sarah, and helps

they're falling in love.

Adelaide) but can't rent a lo-

(which he's been keeping se-

Gamester Nathan Detroit

aged to audition.

cation.

Everyone should come in

available) to the audition.

Auditions will consist of

Dolls@gmail.com.

This production is directed

ments. There is nothing worse than to see a homeowner who has spent money on exterior changes or repairs only to find out that those repairs are not in harmony with the community and must be changed or removed at the homeowners expense. It doesn't matter how large or small the project is, protect yourself and check with your homeowners association. Please never make the mistake of assuming that because a neighbor did it that it will be okay for you to do the same. That neighbor may not have gotten approval and it could cost you. Nita Haywood

Hickey urges using new local e-mail

Please come and visit this new local interest e-mail address: sagemont park@gmail.com - password: spcia001. This is a free amail address, set up to promote the quick exchange of more information of concern to all of us. Recently there have been a number of significant matters, coming out of Austin as well as local, that are of special interest to all of us. This is a way to

keep abreast of things without having to wait until the next civic club meeting, Nobody is in charge. It's wide open for comments, inquiries, etc. No need to wait and see if your phone call will be returned. PLUS all the give and take is recorded and saved in Gmail. - AND it's Frank Hickey

Valtasaros responds to Lopez, again

In response to Lupe Lopez's letter dated February 26, 2009. I want to thank Lupe for proving my point. Lupe spent two and one half paragraphs explaining that there are sound reasons as to why Tom Daschle (D) and Timothy Geitner (D) as well as other Americans were justified for not paying taxes. Lupe explained that both Dashcle and Geitner paid their taxes after they got caught so that makes it all right. However, Lupe spent the last their positions, we will never have a repparagraph chastising Sarah Palin (R) for still owing back taxes.

Lupe, we have to stop defending bad behavior from Democrats and Republicans. We have to stop supporting a political party and start supporting what's best for America otherwise we will have a powerful government that answers to no one and a weak populace that fears

I am a conservative independent. At this point, I think that the best way to fix our government is to vote against any politician, Democrat or Republican, that has been in Congress for more than eight years. Start with new people with new ideas that answer to the people for a change. Benjamin Franklin called for "citizen politicians" that served for a short while and then had to go back to work. If from their own laws and regulations by

The Dobie High School

DECA chapter competed at the State DECA Conference

in Galveston recently along

with 2,700 students from

across the state of Texas

Students competed in certain

occupational areas related to

knowledge of marketing, eco-

nomics, and management

skills as well as their social

and selling skills. Business

owners, managers and other

involved with the judging at

Collin Clark won first

place in the Business Services

Marketing Competitive Event.

He will advance to the Inter-

national Career Development

Conference to be held in

as several other countries.

ence. Being a first-place win-

DECA is a youth organiza-

tion for students who are cur-

class. These students work for

high school and college credit

ment," said K DECA Advisor.

community leaders

the conference.

Students were judged on

their job training.

I know by now everyone has either seen Sagemont's cross or heard about it. I am very proud to have it in our neigborhood, and I wanted everyone to know that everyday during lunch at 12:10 for 30 minutes a day, many will be gathering at the cross to listen to the New Testament

community to cross

McDonald invites

resentative government

You can bring your lunch and a lawnchair and just come and listen. If you would rather listen to the cd in your own convenience, come on out and pick up the cd. There are still many to give away I believe there is no better surrounding to listen to this than at the foot of that beautiful cross. You dont have to be a member of Sagemont to come and listen, anyone

Kimberly McDonald

George Valtasaros

When change is more of the same

America didn't vote to elect Barack Obama in 2008 so much as individua Americans voted for "change." Sure, Obama happened to be the personification of that incredibly non-specific "buzzword," but most of the 70 million Americans who cast their ballots for him did so with the expectation that it would bring about a cathartic cleansing of Washing ton, D.C.'s corrupt culture – not a perpetuation of the same-old, same-old.

Through every syllable of his soaring oratory and every sound bite eagerly seconded by a fawning mainstream media, Obama promised nothing short of a revolution against the status quo.

No more lobbyists dictating terms. No more bitter partisanship. No more wasteful earmarks. And, of course, no more "failed policies of the Bush administration."

Flying under these banners - while Anaheim in April where he ostensibly burning Washington's banners will compete against the top Obama was swept into office with constudents in the nation as well vincing popular and electoral majorities. Unfortunately, in the months since Amer-"I am very proud of Collin ica entrusted its destiny for the next four for representing Dobie High years to this unproven community activ-School at this state conferist, the only "change" Obama has successfully wrought is an increase in govner is a fantastic accomplishernment's price tag. said Karen Daigle,

When you stop and think about it, evrything else has stayed pretty much the same.

And yes, while George W. Bush may rently enrolled in a marketing have indeed been "misunderestimated" and "overunderappreciated," it appears local employers within the that Obama's big rhetoric was at best overstated, and at worst deliberately miscommunity and are receiving Washington insiders recognized al-

most immediately that Obama wasn't going to seriously challenge their power base when he began appointing them left and right to influential positions.

That was the first sign.

Also telling was the fact that in his first week in office, Obama signed sweeping ethics reform aimed at curtailing lobby ists' access to his administration - only to turn around and seek exemptions for multiple lobbyists that he wanted to place in key positions within his administration.

Then, in a curious bit of political the ater. Obama challenged America's "vested special interests" to a legislative duel one week after signing a trillion-dollar bailout that might as well have been a lib-

eral lobbyist's wish list. Wouldn't it have been better to issue that sort of challenge before allowing his core special interest constituencies to

raid the Treasury? If bipartisanship is unavailable, though,

apparently "bi-polar" will have to do. Speaking of "bipartisanship," Obama

got only three Republican votes for his bureaucratic bailout, but that's to be expected when you're shoving a partisan special interest Christmas tree down the minority party's throats.

Of course, Obama's heavy-handed fiscal recklessness isn't anything new in Washington - it's precisely the same big government allegiance Republicans embodied when they shoved \$3 trillion in new debt down the throats of true GOP conservatives and Blue Dog Democrats back when Bush and Ted Stevens were running the show.

Change? Not hardly.

But it's Obama's latest repudiation of his own rhetoric that's most egregious.

After vowing during his presiden tial campaign to veto bills that included wasteful earmarks, Obama announced this week that he would break his pledge and sign into law a \$410 billion appropriations bill that includes \$7.7 billion worth of earmarks requested by Republicans and Democrats alike.

The reason?

"We want to just move on," Obama's budget director said. "Let's get this bill done, get it into law and move forward." Obama's staffers know better than to

argue the obvious Presidential U-turn, but how do they explain such a coarse political rationale for making it? After all, isn't this a clear example of

Obama sacrificing his principles for political expediency? Or (more likely) was all that campaign

talk about cracking down on wasteful spending just something Obama said to get elected?

Perhaps to mollify those moderates concerned about his "spread the wealth' statements?

Either way, Obama's people aren't saying. "That's last year's business,"

Obama's Chief-of-Staff told reporters. Yes, it is. Sort of like the "change" Obama promised.

The author is Chairman of Americans

for Limited Government Howie Rich

Clark wins 1st place at state



Guys and Dolls auditions set

been threatened with being closed for lack of sinners.

Biltmore Garage, a favorite crap game location. Big Julie; (any, no solo) age 35+; a little dancing; gambler, a big guy and a bul-, everyone's afraid of Big most popular and enduring

only, age 30+; owner of the

Crapshooters; (any, with a group); age 17+; chorus.

Women

Sarah Brown; (soprano) age 18-30; simple dancing; determined young Salvation Army missionary, pure and purposeful, ready to work hard, realistic about many things and innocent of others, smart but inexperienced.

Miss Adelaide; (mezzo) age 25-40; simple dancing; dinaire, wealthy and handsome, and a smooth operator. top dancer at the Hot Box Nathan Detroit: (baritone) age 30-55; a little dancing: night club, has been engaged host of the floating crap game to Nathan Detroit for 14 and longtime fiancé of Adyears, bighearted and crazy elaide, friendly, popular, and about Nathan, impatient with hardworking. Nathan lies as the long wait. easily as he breathes. Agatha; (mezzo) age 40+; Nicely-Nicely Johnson;

Salvation Army matriarch. (strong tenor) Age 20-45; a Gen. Matilda B. Cartlittle dancing; gambler and good friend of Nathan De-

wright; (mezzo) age 35+; general in the Salvation Army. Hot Box Girls; (any) ages

15-40; much simple dancing; Benny Southstreet; (tenor) chorus.

> NFP Association provides fire safety tips ing cause of civilian home

> > · Heating ranked second

Heating equipment fires

in home structure fire deaths

overall, and was the leading

caused the largest percentage

cause of fire-related deaths.

three houses destroyed by fires in a two-week period, this appears to be a timely

Three hundred ninety-nine Harry the Horse; (any, no thousand home fires were solo) age 20-70; a little dancreported in the United States in 2007, according to the National Fire Protection As-Lt. Brannigan; speaking only, age 30-60; humorless, sociation's recently released Home Structure Fires report. suspicious policeman determined to stop the floating The category of homes includes one- and two-family Angie the Ox; (any, no solo) Age 20-70; gambler.

Joey Biltmore; speaking

dwellings and apartments. On average, eight people die in home fires every day in the United States – a total of 2,865 deaths. Home fires accounted for 84 percent of all civilian fire deaths and resulted in 13,600 injuries. Direct property damage was estimated at \$7.4 billion.

The report further breaks down causes and circumstances of home fires reported during the four-year period of 2003-2006.

Highlights include: · Roughly one in three

reported home fires and home fire deaths occur in December. January and February. · Cooking equipment is

the leading cause of fires, civilian fire injuries and unre-About 41 percent of

reported home fires began in the kitchen or cooking area. · Smoking was the lead-

protect and provide added

highest risk of home fire death.

of direct property damage.

Children under 5

structure fire deaths.

home fire deaths occurred in without working smoke alarms.

· Ninety-six percent of all homes have at least one

smoke alarm. More than half (53 percent) of the people killed by home fires were in the room

or area of origin when the fire started. Although considerable progress has been made, there more that can be done to

off heaters when you leave · Almost two-thirds of the room or go to sleep. • Smoke outside. Ask smokers to smoke outside.

Have sturdy, deep ashtrays for smokers. · Keep matches and lighters up high, out of the reach

10 general tips for fire safety:

stay in the kitchen when you

are frying, grilling or broiling

food. If you must leave, even

for a short time, turn off the

Keep fixed and portable space

anything that can burn. Turn

· Give space heaters space.

Watch your cooking -

of children, preferably in a cabinet with a child lock. Inspect electrical cords.

Replace cords that are cracked, damaged, frayed, have broken plugs or have loose connections.

 Be careful when using candles. Keep them at least one foot from anything that

Beware of disaster scams

Residents of Texas affect- phone call to the agency's one of engaging in fraudulent

NFPA offers the following can burn. Blow out candles when you leave the room or go to sleep. Have a home fire escape plan. Make a home fire es-

least twice a year. · Install smoke alarms on every level of your home. inside bedrooms and outside adults 65 and over face the heaters at least three feet from sleeping areas. Interconnect smoke alarms throughout the home - when one sounds.

cape plan and practice it at

they all sound. · Test smoke alarms at replace batteries once a year when the alarm "chirps" to tell you the battery is low. Replace any smoke alarm

that is more than 10 years • Install sprinklers - If

you are building or remodeling your home, install residential fire sprinklers. Sprinklers can contain and may even extinguish a fire in less time than it would take the

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Deaths

Herlinda **Morales**



of Pasadena, died Feb. 9. She was born in Hous-

ton on Feb. 3, 1959. She grandchildren. was a former South Belt area resident.

Morales is by her daughter, Connie Smith, daughter Herlinda Machado and husband Machado, and Henry daughter Evonne Morales; grandchildren Jenise, Eric Dominique Mercedes, Hailey, Julie and Ayden; best friend Jessica

Herlinda Morales, 50, Kostack; and boyfriend Guillermo "Dede" Garza. Morales was dedicated to her daughters and

> She lived each day to the fullest and was an inspiration to all who knew her. Morales' viewing and

rosary services were held Feb. 11, at Niday Funeral Home. The funeral

was held Feb. 12 at St Luke's Catholic Church with burial at Forest Lawn

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after a disaster has happened, follow-up calls. there are still unscrupulous individuals or organizations trolling affected areas look-

• Watch out for: Phone or door-to-door solicitors who promise to speed up the insurance, disaster assistance or buildingpermit process.

ing for ways to run a scam.

cash deposits or advance payments in full. - Promises of large amounts of money for disaster victims FEMA/State disaster assistance funds are sent to applicants by electronic funds transfer (EFT) or through the U.S. mail ONLY!

 Beware of people going door to door to damaged homes or phoning victims and claiming to be building contractors or soliciting personal information such as Social Security or bank account numbers; they could be frauds.

• Do not give personal

information such as Social Security and bank account numbers to individuals claim ing to be affiliated with the federal government.
- FEMA inspectors never

require this information. A Social Security or bank account number is

requested during the first

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Jackson pledges support for fully restoring UTMB

Mike Jackson joined Rep. Craig Eiland, Galveston Mayor Lyda Ann Thomas, Galveston County Judge Jim Yarbrough, University of Texas Medical Branch officials and members of the public recently at a town hall meeting in Galveston.

The group gathered at Moody Gardens to address a by the University of Texas System Board of Regents to hear public comments on clinical operations of UTMB.

Regents Colleen McHugh, James R. Huffines, Paul Foster and Janiece Longoria make up the task force and held the public hearing with the sole purpose of receiving feedback on the Kurt Salmon Associates report released last week at a board of regents meeting in Austin.

"We are here to listen and learn, and we look forward to your comments," said McHugh as she opened the

The vast majority of

Ludwig at Pasadena Little

Theatre located at 4318

directed by Janet Sharpley

Show times are 8 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Thurs-

day, March 26, with matinees

at 3 p.m. on Sundays. Perfor-

mances run through Sunday,

Winner of three Tony

awards and four Drama Desk

awards, this comedy has been

described as a three-ring cir-

cus of chaos involving celeb-

rity worship, backstage she-

nanigans and mistaken iden-

assisted by Jada August.

This hilarious farce is

Allen-Genoa Road.

report which includes a rec- the benefits of rebuilding ommendation to move many UTMB functions to the mainland, presumably to tions made by KSA to confacilities in League City.
"We're only interested in

rebuilding UTMB on the reporting on a meeting he had with Gov. Rick Perry, special task force established Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst. Senate Finance Chairman Steve Ogden, and other legislative leaders.

As the senator who represents the UTMB campus and thousands of hospital patients, Jackson is acting as liaison between senate leadership and the Galvestonarea community as this issue is resolved

Rep. Craig Eiland outat the hearing, reflecting the recommendations of the House Select Committee on Hurricane Ike Devastation to the Texas Gulf Coast. "UTMB is getting full attenspeakers, including Jackson, tion from across the state,"

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ager, hopes Morelli's perfor-

mance will put Cleveland on

the operatic map. Morelli arrives too late to rehearse

with the company and then accidentally takes a double

dose of tranquilizers and pass-

es out. Max, Saunders' assis-

tant and aspiring singer is per-

suaded to get into costume to

try to fool the audience and is

succeeding admirably until

Morelli comes to, and there

are two Otellos running around.

said Eiland as he spoke of UTMB on Galveston Island and ignoring recommendasider moving hospital operations off the island

To share with Jackson any thoughts and concerns about island," said Jackson when this or any other legislative issue, contact him by regular mail at P.O. Box 12068, Austin, Texas 78711: by phone in Austin at 512-463-0111; or by e-mail at mike. iackson@senate.state.tx.us.

Jackson may also be contacted through his district office by regular mail at 1109 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena Texas 77504: or by phone at 713-948-0111.

Mike Jackson serves as chairman of the Senate Nomlined a plan, which received inations Committee and is a praise from many speakers member of the Senate State Affairs, Business and Com merce, Natural Resources and Agriculture and Rural Affairs committees. He represents Texans in portions of Harris, Galveston and Bra-

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riguez, Samantha Salazar,

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Lutheran South participates in Future City Competition

Lutheran South Academy students who participated in the Future City

Competition pictured are, left to right, Daimen Escobedo, eighth grade;

McKensie Wren, seventh grade; Eric Vining, eighth grade; and Nicholas

Students of Future City

Future City Competition is a program developed for seventh- and eighth-grade students to help them discover and foster interests in math, science and engineer-

Hartman, seventh grade.

ing.
The students worked together as a team to construct a city.

There were several parts city. to the project. The first phase was to build a scale model of a sec-

use Sims City 4000 to contion of their city. struct a virtual city. There were requirements

that had to be met for the city before it could be con-The second part was for the students to research and write an essay on a topic

which varies from year to This year the topic was

tation explaining the design

sible.

National Engineers Week system within the home were questioned by the which conserves, recycles, judges about their design and construction. and reuses existing water Lutheran South Acad-

The essay had to be 300- emy began the process last 700 words in length with fall and met four to five times a week after school to The third phase was for put the project together.

the students to write a 300-Although the presenta-500 word abstract describtion could only be given by ing their computer-designed seventh- and eighth-graders and be a three-person group, several students worked The fourth phase was to throughout the design phase

The team was not allowed present at the competition. to spend more than \$100 on The following students the construction and preworked on the project for the entire October-throughsentation of the model. The

students had to use as much January period: Sixth-graders Kathleen

Johnson and Niekko Mar-The last part was the 5-7 tinez; seventh-graders Nichminute long verbal presenolas Hartman and McKensie Wren; and eighth-grad-

Brook students raise playground funds Fund-raising efforts by the school's aging playground tion made by the Clear Brook student council at Clear equipment. Principal Dr. High School Student Council.

recyclable material as pos-

Brook High School have paid Michael Marquez launched off big for an elementary the Pennies for Playground school in Webster. During a campaign last year. Students Marquez. recent pep rally, the high at McWhirter Elementary school students presented have been donating their McWhirter Elementary with spare change. a check for more than

The money will be used to raised a total of \$15,000. "We most ornaments. Kathy Jerni-

The money will help us reach our goal of \$70,000," said

Nine teachers competed for the title of Santa Teacher by gathering donations to So far, the Pennies for decorate trees for their room. Playground campaign has Jeffrey Samp won with the help replace the elementary are so thankful for the dona- gan came in second.



Pictured above are, left to right, (front row) McWhirter Elementary Principal Dr. Michael Marquez, Clear Brook High School mascot Big Will (Hannah Martin), McWhirter PTA President Nan Turner, Student Council member Mercy Jernigan, (middle row) Joshua Diaz, Alexander Rosales Ibarra, Jhinna Corrales Oliva, Byron Sweeny, Amy Hernandez, Jorge Contreras, Caterine Mancia, (back row) Estefany Lozano, Ana Rivera Guatemala, Alejandra Gonzalez, Karen Canas, Laisha Zarate, Anabel Solano and Samantha Sanchez Students on the stage are in Nancy Gammon's Pre-K class.



Houston Airport System takes pro-active wildlife measures

sess the hazards of wildlife at both William P. Hobby ees in airport operations and Ellington Airports.

The Houston Airport System (HAS) sought the of preparation prior to of HAS operations. Council action on Feb. 11.

Fortunately, there were of Houston's airports that would have prompted mandatory action for a

'The assessment will take approximately 12 months and will include a wildlife biologist who will be on site to determine the potential hazards, migration patterns and strategies to disperse the wildlife,' says Steve Runge, airport superintendent of operaons at Ellington Airport.

With the close proximity of Ellington and Hobby and the similar migration routes of birds, the study was cost effective to include both airports, which means it costs the same to conduct the study at one airport as it would at two airports. We have noticed more

wildlife near Ellington. Not just birds, but wild boars, deer and other ani-mals," adds Runge. "The United States Department of Agriculture is the recommended agency to do this type of work, so for the past 12 months, we have been working with them to get this contract ready to go.'

HAS maintains comprocedures

The Houston City Coun- to cut down on potential big wide open field so they cil unanimously approved dangerous situations with migrate to Ellington.

"If one of the employgetting a handle on the species and what they can would observe a large do to make the area less attractive to birds and other

gathering of birds, then we would take proacstudy as a proactive mea- tive measures," says Tom sure with more than a year Bartlett, deputy director would first set off a loud sound with a vehicle horn no major incidents at any or the siren. As an added measure, we would use

a shotgun with a cracker shell. It's more or less like fireworks that we can fire up about 200 feet and then it kind of explodes or has a crackling sound." With quite a bit of con-

struction near Ellington,

animals. **Houston Airport** System

Airport officials are

Hobby and Ellington airports will undergo a study to to assess the hazards of wildlife, including

At George Bush Intercontinental Airport, the grass is cut short to minimize the number of seeds, and the drainae system is monitored so that standing water is avoided.

The Ellington and Hobmany of the animals don't by wildlife report will be have places to go. It's a completed in a year.

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Clear Brook High School recently presented a check to McWhirter Elementary to upgrade the school playground. Shown are, left to right, Dr. Michael Marquez McWhirter Elementary principal; Hannah Martin as Big Will, Clear Brook High School mascot; Mercy Jernigan, Student Council member; Kristin Carlson, Student Council advisor; and Nan Turner, McWhirter PTA president.

South Belt resident Mike Cedro and Julie Owen appear in Lend Me a Tenor opening March 13 and continuing weekends through March 29 at Pasadena Little Theatre. Reservations can be made by calling 713-941-1758 or online at pasadenalittletheatre.org. **BAHEP** sponsors public school vendor breakfast

Economic Partnership will sponsor its fourth annual school districts as well as Public School Vendor with Harris County. Addi-Breakfast on Tuesday, tionally, the Public School March 31, at NASA Johnson Space Center's Gilruth Center.

The event is held to create an increase in local business participation with the Clear Creek, Dickinson, Friendswood, La Porte and Pasadena school Danish pastries, coffee member-driven organizadistricts, which increases local competition, decreases costs and keeps more procurement dollars in the from each school district and employment in southlocal Bay Area economy.

Participants will learn about new business oppor- procurement process and business partners encomtunities with local districts, colleges, and governments serve more than 100,000 students.

They will learn how to to visit with the buyers

each of the individual Vendor Breakfast provides an opportunity to build working relationships with

BAHEP's Education and Workforce Development Ballroom. Committee is facilitating the event and will provide and juice for everyone. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. At 8 a.m., representatives al economic development will share information east Texas. Its members about their district, their include more than 260 any immediate or short- passing 13 cities, Galvesterm procurement needs.

Following the presenta-

The breakfast will conclude at 9:30 a.m NASA's Gilruth Center is located on Space Center Boulevard, Gate 5, Build-

ing 207. The vendor breakfast will be held in the Alamo

The Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership is a tion that provides the leadership to stimulate regionton and Harris counties, and the Port of Houston tion, vendors will be able Authority. Visit www.bay areahouston.com

Legler.

protects small businesses from property tax penalties in disaster areas, was Legler. The bill allows a small business owner with a business in a disaster related to their majors. area and earning less than \$5 million a year to pay 25 percent of its property taxes as a down payment to the county and then pay the rest of the amount throughout the year in three equal installments without being penalized. Legler said this cap. bill was filed so that busiall the repairs needed after the disaster and not have to worry about the property tax payment due all at

"This will not hurt the county because the county is not losing any money," Legler said. "Four equal installments will be made, just not all at once."

once.

Judy Harrison, a San Jacinto College South faculty member, raised a concern about the 120-hour cap that the Legislature recently placed as the number of hours a student can transfer to a four-year institution student transfers with over 120-hours, he or she must pay out-of-state tuition a problem because along with the high drop-out rate from intermediate and high school, many students come to college unprepared for college level course work and have to take remedial classes before the required core classes. This, in turn, causes the student to accumulate more than

Continued from Page 1A remedial courses and the House Bill 1257, which required courses. Harrison said it is especially a problem for students receiving financial aid because to also filed and supported by be a full-time student and qualify for aid, students sometimes take courses un-

"Some of the hours a student takes don't apply to their bachelor's degree because of prerequisites and just differences in gen-eral education," Harrison said. "The Legislature squashes their students with this

Harrison said that alness owners can pay for though the Legislature decided on this cap to prevent perpetual students and to stop reimbursing schools for students taking excessive hours, sometimes it serves more as a barrier than a preventative. Harrison said this cap affects low-income and minority students the most because the drop-out rate for these students is higher, so many have to take the remedial courses, but the cap prevents them from trying to elevate their education.

"If a student has been in good faith, steadily in school, but earns over 120for a bachelor's degree. If a hours, they are being penalized by the legislature, Harrison said.

Harrison said she berates. Harrison said this is lieved that if a student receives an associates degree, that shows the student made progress, so the number of hours the student took in order to get an associates should not matter.

Legler does not have a district office at this time. but for more information, questions or concerns, visit www.house.state.tx.us/leg

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Best wishes for a wonderful day are sent to Sally Mitchell, executive director of the South Belt-Ellington Chamber, who celebrates her birthday Thursday, March 5, from family, friends and the staff at the Leader WELL WISHES SENT TO BUCKY

SALLY CELEBRATES HER BIRTHDAY

Best wishes are sent to Steve Buckman as he recuperates from spending time in the hospital after being quite ill. He is now at home and doing his best to follow doctors' orders. The Leader staff wishes him well

McKENZIE ARRIVES!

David Matthews' first and only grandchild was born to daughter Nicole on Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2009, at 12:19 p.m. at Memorial Southeast Hospital. McKenzie Madison Matthews weighed 7 lbs., 12 oz. at birth. After a bit of a rough start, she was rushed into the neonatal intensive care unit at the hospital. But, with many tear-filled prayers and the good doctors and nurses who care for the tiniest of babies in the NICU at the hospital, she began breathing on her own once again the next day. Mom Nicole went home on Friday with McKenzie following on Saturday. Mother and daughter are both doing well.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AUSTIN & JENNY!

Special birthday hugs and kisses are sent to Austin Scarberry Saturday, March 7, from daughter Jade and wife Nicole. Austin is in the U.S. Coast Guard, currently stationed in Pine Bluff, Ark., and will soon move to California to attend A-School. Austin's sister, Jennifer (Hayes) Espinosa, also has a birthday March 7. Jenny is a 1997 Dobie graduate. Hugs and kisses are sent from her children, Brayden and Baylee. Best wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to both from proud parents Jannie and Robert Scarberry and brother Tyler of South Belt; brother Joey and wife Nvssa of Buffalo, N.Y., sister Stacey, her husband, Stephen, daughter Kennedy and

son **Owen** of Texas City.

BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR GEORGE George Valtasaros is sent happy birthday wishes for his special day Monday, March 9,

Over The Back Fence by Jan

the staff at The Gardens and Deno's. Also best wishes are sent from the *Leader* staff. **DOTTIE SENT GOOD WISHES** Dottie Cantalamesa celebrates her birth-

from wife Kathy, all the kids, grandkids and

day Tuesday, March 10. The staff of the *Leader* sends her best wishes. **BIRTHDAY HUGS FOR ROBERT**

Robert Scarberry, longtime Dobie teachcelebrates his birthday Monday, March Wishes for a wonderful day are sent from wife Jannie; children Jenny, Joey and wife Nyssa, Stacey and husband Stephen, Austin and wife Nicole, 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 5 through March

Atkinson Elementary

A birthday is celebrated March 7 by Dana Nguyen. Greetings for a happy birthday are sent to Cheryl Meyer March 11.

Burnett Elementary
The day for a birthday party for Isamare Cantu is March 9. On March 11, Mayra Mendoza enjoys a birthday.

Frazier Elementary

Blow out the birthday candles for Melissa

Cardenas March 6. Heather Ramirez, Vanessa Rodriguez and Ben Wheeler celebrate a birthday March 7. Marking a birthday March 11 is **Erica Pecina**.

Jessup Elementary On March 5, Rinku Bal is sent a birthday greeting. **Gwendolyn Thomas** has a birthday March 11. Meador Elementary

Birthday greetings are sent to Ramee Matocha March 5.

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

Melillo Middle School

Enjoying a birthday March 7 is Angela Dykstra. Blow out the birthday candles for Shakira Hosein March 8. On March 10. Diane Wheeler has a birthday. The day for a birthday cake for **Sue Haase** is March 11. Morris Middle School

Blow out the birthday candles for Rosa Bonilla March 6. Gaye Corrington cele-brates a birthday March 7. Bay Nguyen and Rhonda Ray are wished a happy birthday March 8.

Beverly Hills Intermediate

Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to Rosa Perez March 6. Birthday greetings are sent to Olga Torres March 7.

Challenger School Maria Gutierrez is wished a happy birthday March 9.

Dobie High
Chris Deaton and Heather Delgado share a birthday March 7. The day for a birthday cake for **Helen DuClos** is March 8. Three cheers for a happy birthday for Terry Foltz, Robert Scarberry and Bill Willis on March 9. Jennifer Haynes is sent birthday greetings March 10.

HOME BUN CORNER

Congratulations are sent to Jacob Lozano for playing an awesome game last week for Dobie against Friendswood. Jacob was four for four, hitting two singles, a double, and a grand slam. His RBIs scored all six runs for Dobie. The team fell short to win the game losing 6-7. Great game Jake! Love from Dad Jimmy, Mom Cynthia, Jonathan and

Scott further testified that

he would like to better define

the role and scope of his

agency. Since 2003, he said other smaller agencies have

been added to the TEA, blur-

the agency. "I would like to use this session as an oppor-

the agency, its size, its mis-

committee members. "I'd like

to have a discussion with

every one of you on what you

expect from the agency and

how we can better focus our

ring the mission and goals of

Calderon finalist



Amber Elizabeth Calderon, daughter of Rosa E. Baes of Houston, was recently selected finalist for Texas' 29th annual Homecoming Queen Selection to be held April 18-19 at the DFW Airport Marriott North in Irving, Texas. She is the J. Frank Dobie High School homecoming queen. Texas' 2009 Homecoming Oueen will receive a cash scholarship plus an expense paid trip to the National Finals to compete with homecoming queens from the other states for America's Homecoming Queen. America's Homecoming Queen Inc. is a nonprofit organization promoting education, educational travel, and community service in schools in all 50 states.

Senate finance looks at school budget

The Senate Finance Committee heard testimony recently that public education will state less in the upcoming biennium.

Legislative Budget Board laid out a base budget for public school education totaling \$49 billion in all

last biennium. This is due to a number of factors, including the fact that property values outpaced anticipated student growth last year, meaning more property tax money for The Legislature will also equity

funds, \$1.5 billion less than have to make one less pay

ment to the Permanent School Foundation (PSF) this year, in ments deferred one biennium. The base budget also includes an additional \$1.9 billion to the PSF to support school

sioner Robert Scott also testified at the meeting, laving out agency's top priorities for the 2010-2011 budget. No. 1 on the list is \$64

million to train teachers on the best ways to teach and administer newly mandated money will provide training tunity to discuss the role of for about 65,000 teachers. and Scott hopes this will sion and its duties" he told improve exit exam pass rates, which never rose above 40 percent in years when they were required.

Another major priority is adult education. Scott said his agency resources on improvagency has worked with the other two agencies that deal with adult education, the Texas Workforce Commission and the Texas Higher Edu-

cation Coordinating Board.
These three bodies have come up with a comprehensive plan to offer education to bring under-educated adults to at least an eighth-grade level of proficiency, and provide workforce development and skills training. "This is not just an education issue, it's an economic development issue," he said. Scott asked for \$50 million to meet these

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Sabo visits Stuchbery



Officer Jason Grice of the Pasadena Independent School District Police Department recently paid a visit to Stuchbery Elementary to speak to Relaine Pitts' prekindergarten class. The students were studying "Community Helpers," and enjoyed visiting with Sabo, the district's canine that detects explosives. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Grice, Aylin Bonilla with Sabo, (back row) Luis Guerrero, Emily Estrada, Adriana Torres and Yvonne Guerrero. Photo by Angelica M. Silva

March 10

The Tri-County Republican Women's Club will meet at Golfcrest Country Club on March 10, at 10:30 a.m.

Mature Adult.

Remember W

30 years ago (1979)

The Sagemont Bobcats season with the YMCA Youth Basketball League.

According to Officer Jack Simmons, there were 16 reported burglaries in the Sagemont-Kirkwood area over the previous two

25 years ago (1984)

Two officer-manned cars provided by the county and operated under the jurisdiction of Precinct 2 Constable George Larkin began patrolling the unincorporated areas around Sagemont.

Uniform school zone times for the city of Houston

his wife and child. A man, dressed as a postal employee with three accomplices, put the family in a closet. cut phone wires and stole miscellaneous merchan-

20 years ago (1989)

Jerry Chaffin, a 22-yearold South Belt resident, went undefeated in their pleaded guilty to murder prison for his role in the 1985 murder-for-hire of

> Boyce Swaim. Installation of a 96-inch waterline began, and Fuqua was squeezed into one lane each direction from near I-45 west to C&D Burger. 15 years ago (1994)

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce sponsored the sixth annual Trade Fair at Almeda Mall.

The Environmental Protection Agency stopped all work involving the physical handling of contami-Houston police were emergency plan was investigating the gunpoint approved for the Brio dents for vandalizing the robbery of a Scarsdale man, his wife and child A many supports the state of the state efficient air handlers were campus on Beamer.

> designed for pit coverings. 10 years ago (1999)

Dobie High School's Academic Decathlon team came in second at the state competition. Each team its Super Quiz winning Houston continued to prosmember received a \$1,000 streak to 29.

scholarship for the second-place finish. Eight Dobie High School

Safari Club Youth Hunting Program.

Clear Brook High School senior Shayne Straty signed to play softball for San Jacinto College South.

5 years ago (2004) Dobie High School's

School District police offi- at 7 p.m. Law enforcement cers filed charges against five male Beverly Hills order.

Basketball Tournament.

decathlon competition in eighth overall and extended

The Pasadena Independent School District Board Trustees and was sentenced to life in students were invited to \$77,000 in professional and participate in the Houston construction services for an additional three acres of mitigation.

1 year ago (2008) Record crowds showed

up to cast their votes in the Democratic and Republican primary elections. Many area polling locations were varsity basketball team was reported to be overcrowded headed for Austin to face and disorderly. At Frazier Aldine Westfield in the Elementary, the site for the 5A Girls State Precinct 654 Democratic asketball Tournament. primary, more than 500 Pasadena Independent still stood in line to vote had to be called to maintain

Houston Mayor Bill White visited San Jacinto College South where he spoke on energy issues. The At the state academic mayor noted that Houston is the center of the energy San Antonio, Dobie High industry, and that while School's team finished other major cities were going through a recession, per and grow



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framing out the inside and adding walls, putting in lighting and an air conditioner, a utility space and a sink. Shown above, Suzanne Warren, Johnny Lemaster and Dennis Akkola level the floor before world. The 40-foot container will be fitted out as a linoleum is installed. The total cost of the project is clinic with three examination tables and a doctor's estimated to be \$15,000 to \$17,000. The clinic office. Several containers have been used following should be ready to be deployed in three to four

St. Luke's CDA attends retreat



Thirteen members of Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Mother of Unity #2292 of St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Community attended a multidistrict retreat at Knights of Columbus Hall in Houston. Court Regina Coeli of District #24 hosted the event headed by District Deputy Laura Gwosdz. Approximately 80 members of three districts from the surrounding area were in attendance. The guest speaker, immediate past state regent of the CDA state court Olga Samaniego, led attendees in the topic, If Today You Hear His Voice. The last two sessions covered sisterhood and teamwork, defining each in the framework of working together to build a better Galvan, Mary team. To illustrate, she used the example of the Good Anna Garcia.

Sense of a Goose. Any Catholic woman in the area is invited to the next CDA meeting of Court Mother of Unity on Monday, March 16 at 6:45 p.m. at St. Luke the Evangelist Social Hall, 11011 Hall Road, to hear the story of the goose. This is a special meeting time. Unless otherwise noted regular business meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month except July and August. Pictured left to right are, (front row) Ursala Waelder, Mary Lou Billeri, Dorothy Halata, Tillie Orean, Liz Trcka, Carol Friend, Olga Samaniego, District #38 Deputy Kathleen Taylor, Hortense Richardson, (back row) Faye Guth, Mary Galvan, Mary Maddox, Eleanor Burleigh and Mary

St. Luke's celebrates new property

are involved in getting the Catholic Community of St. Luke the Evangelist capital campaign off the ground, and

Luke the Evangelist was the parish community, and in founded, parishioners have

the response has been out-1975 when the Catholic Community of St.

taken to heart the biblical

munity study and pray with Holy Scripture, meditate on its meaning in their lives and then seek to put this meaning into practice by reaching out in various ways, both within

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The members of the coming and diverse community, it Blackhawk. has grown from its original 500 registered families to more than 3,400 families with over 12,000 individuals. The parish and its parishioners daily seek to return to God a portion of the time, abilities and material possessions that they believe he has

OVER 1,000 WIGS

In its early days, parishioners worshipped at Thompson future church home.
Middle School, lovingly referred to as "St. Thompson." taken home to be used to be u Now the parish has begun a multi-year capital campaign to raise funds for a new campus which will be constructed of St. Luke the Evangelist in phases on its new 20 acres of property located at the end future.

enabled them to have.

To celebrate this great event, the community will be celebrating a blessing of the property at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 29. Everyone is invited to attend. Those in attendance are invited to bring two gallons of water. During the short prayer service the water will be blessed.

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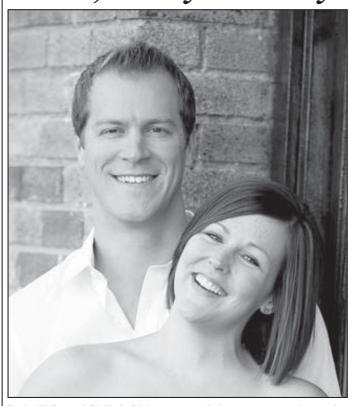
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For Alan Adkins, president legos, as well as Sen. John mately 4.5 acres and has of the gallons on the new served the parish since around property, thus blessing it by of the Central campus Stu-Whitmire, who graciously the very people who are working to make it their

> The other gallon can be taken home to be used for a family home blessing.

All are invited to join this great celebration of the future and its stewards building the

Little, Kelley to marry



Rocky Kelley and Shalinda Little announce their engagement and upcoming marriage. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Greg and Sandra Little of Winnsboro, Texas. She graduated from Stephen F. Austin University and is currently a teacher in Round Rock Independent School District. The prospective groom is the son of Darlene Davis of Sageglen and Horace "Rocky" Kelley of LaPorte. He lived in Sageglen for 22 years and played baseball in the Sagemont-Beverly Hills League and at Clear Brook High School. He graduated from Clear Brook High School in 1996 and from Texas State University in 2000. He received his master's degree in 2005 and is currently employed by Austin Radiology Group. A summer wedding is planned in Austin.

HFD, BCBS offer free child immunizations on April 2

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speak with students.

After visiting with Legler,

Mary Beth Cavalier, SGA

Central vice president, felt

optimistic about the visit to

the state Capitol. Cavalier en-

couraged her fellow students

to reach out to their respec-

tive elected officials about

issues they are facing. "They (elected officials) are very

eager to help give all of us a

SJC students attend Community College Student Day in Austin

Jacinto College's three cam-puses, along with college faculty and staff, recently visited the Texas Capitol for Texas Community College Student

Approximately 55 SJC students made the trip to Austin, along with Chancellor Dr. Bill Lindemann; Executive Vice Chancellor Brenda Hellyer; Central campus President Dr. Neil Matkin; and North campus President Dr. Allatia Harris. Several staff and faculty members from each campus also attended.

Texas Community College Student Day occurs every two years when the Texas Legis-lature is in session. The goal of Texas Community Col-lege Student Day is to allow students from each of Texas' 50 community colleges to meet with their respective elected officials to discuss the state of education and to stress the importance of com-The current location of St.

Luke the Evangelist at 11011

At the end of the service everyone will be invited to as well as to tour the Capitol

(SGA), the trip to Austin was memorable.

"I was encouraged by the turnout of students from all over Texas," he said. "We were all there for the same reason, and I think we will make an impact." Adkins was one of five SGA presidents to be recognized on the Senate floor prior to the morning ses-

Adkins, who plans to transfer to the University of Houston and study commu-nications, hopes to one day become a legislator in Austin himself.

He chose to go to Austin for Texas Community College Student Day because he "wanted to meet first hand with the people who could make a difference in my edu-

Students from the Central and South campuses met with newly elected Rep. Ken Legler, as well as staff from Sen. Mike Jackson's office, while students from the North campus spoke with Reps. Ana

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Stuchbery celebration



Assistant Principal Carolyn Waller and Aubree Thompson (front) take time out to pose for the camera during the Stuchbery Elementary Valentine's party. Thompson is a student in Emily Bass' third-grade class.

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Lassos win top hip-hop



varsity dance team performed in the MA Houston formance, and they did an outstanding job. The team performed a hip-hop dance routine against several ea schools and came home with the award for Team Hip-Hop Division 1, Outstanding Choreography Tiana Wi Team Hip-Hop and High Point Team Hip-Hop. Franklin.

The Dobie High School Lassos 2008-2009 junior Lassos pictured are, left to right, (front row) Tessa Andrade, Jordan Deubner, Karena Duran, Joanna Regional Competition hosted by Sam Rayburn High Garza, Savannah King, Deseray Figueroa, (middle School on Feb. 7, 2009. This was the girls' first perrow) Ciara Stephens, Kayla Brown, Asiyah Martin, Jennifer Mora, Kayla Smith, Briana Harper, Priscilla Acosta, (back row) Feliss Goree, Torreione Mathieu, Chelsea Jenkins, Desiree Harvey, Shanegua McGill, Tiana Wilson and Tram To. The Lasso director is Libby

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The class begins March 26. For information, call Enoreco Myles, facilitator, at 713-614-2685 or visit www. dayeramsey com or www

Lariaettes earn numerous awards



The J. Frank Dobie Lariaettes attended the MA Houston Regional Championship at Sam Rayburn High School on Feb. 7, where they did an outstanding job, walking away with numerous awards. Pictured are, seated left to right, (front row) Linda Mindiola, Vvanka Revna, Adriana Gutierrez, Elvse Harper, Denise Zuniga, Elizabeth Garza, Ivette Armenta, Nadine Tavera, Mayra Correa, Cassandra Murray, (middle row) Ashley Sarabia, Jeannette Cruz, Jennifer Blanco, Brittany Rankin, Donna Hernandez, Lizet Santos, Senia Rubio, Megan Barker, Gabriela Lara, Ashley Cantu, Alexandria Galvan, Daisy Nunez, Tiffany White, Brandie Arce, Cristina Gonzalez, Crystal Cabriales, Alyssa Loredo, (back row) Sandy Nemons, Shanay LaCour, Lisa Scott, BiAnca Rodriguez, Clarissa Vega, Camilla Contreras, Tristana Guyote, Jontay Warner and Paige Cavazos. The awards

are as follows: Division 1 rating on all three team routines, Super Sweepstakes Team - outstanding choreography - Team Jazz, outstanding choreography - Team Hip-Hop, outstanding team technique, High Point - Team Hip Hop, 1st Division/Superior rating and second runner up - Jazz Ensemble, 1st division/superior rating - Lyrical Ensemble, Winner's Circle J - Girls were in top three of the day, Division 1 rating on all three officer routines, Officer Sweepstakes, Outstanding Choreography - Officer Jazz, Outstanding Choreography - Officer Lyrical, Solo Finalist - Col. Alexandria Galvan - Top 13 out of over 100 girls in grades 11-12, 11 other division 1 awarded soloists included White, Tavera, Arce, Armenta, Garza, Gonzalez, Nunez, Rodriguez, Guyote, Cessna and Harper.

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Meador art winners named



An art competition sponsored by the Mothers for Clean Air Earth Day 5K Run produced first-, second- and third-place winners from Meador Elementary. They are, left to right, (front row) Serena Villarreal, kindergarten, first place; Daniel Ortega, first grade, second place; Jocelyn Telles, first grade, third place; and (back row) Cecelia Stewart, art representative.

Library weekly events scheduled

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

Movie Madness Thursday, March 5, at 4 p.m. Call the library at 281-484-2036 for feature title.

A reflex therapy workshop is scheduled for Saturday, March 7, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The workshop will also be presented in Vietnamese. Call the library to sign up. There will be no Vietnamese storytime.

Movie Madness is Thursday, March 12, at 4 p.m. Call the library for feature title.

Free income tax assistance is available Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 281-484-2036 for more information.

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Deer Park soccer jolts Longhorns twice; CL tops Brook

La Porte, is third at 7-3.

ily derailed Dobie's varsity soccer train March 3 with a pair of key wins, but as the District 22-5A race in the boys' and girls' divisions comes down to the final four games, the Longhorns district title this decade. are still on course.

In boys' play, the Deer Coming off a 2-0 win knocked Dobie out of first over South Houston Feb. 28

The loss dropped Dobie to 7-2-1 in District 22-5A with four games remaining.

At Deer Park, the varsity girls' game was not in doubt for long as the first-place Lady Deer ran away with a from Leo Gallegos with just 5-1 win to go to 10-0. eight minutes remaining to

Clear Brook's varsity tie the game at 1-1. boys' and girls' teams were both defeated by Clear Lake. The Lady Falcons, first in District 24-5A, shut out Clear Brook 1-0. In the boys' game, the first-place loss in 22-5A play in the Falcons escaped with a 4-3 final two minutes this sea-

teams, but each of the teams still have playoff hopes.

In fact, Dobie's boys' team can still win its first move on to the postseason.

In the sport of soccer,

Dobie trails SR

place, scoring a goal with at Newcomb Field that net-90 seconds remaining for a ted the team first place, Do-2-1 win at Newcomb Field. bie's boys' team was feeling Not so much any more.

Deer Park scored in the 65th minute to take a 1-0 lead, but then the Longhorns countered with a goal

eight minutes remaining to Dobie defensive breakdown proved to be costly as the Deer scored to snatch the win. It was Dobie's second

SBHLL ceremonies, parade are March 6-7

The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League season is about to get under way.

League president Cindy Munoz and the SBHLL Franco Lee Park. board of directors will host opening ceremonies March 6 at El Franco Lee Park beginning at 7 p.m.

All league teams are invited to attend the cer- also begin March 7. emonies, and the respective winning teams from the preseason Sagemont Showdown will be recognized.

A parade to commemorate the start of the regular season will be held March 7 beginning at 9:30 a.m.

begin at Weber Elementary and continue along Blackhawk to the facility at El

Parade participants will be tossing candy along the route, and the community is invited to join in the fun. The regular season will

In recognition of spring break within the Pasadena Independent School Dis-

trict, there will be no games played from March 14 to

So it wasn't a good night for local high school soccer ing in the regular season, the four playoff teams are set in 22-5A

Sam Rayburn, Dobie, Deer Park and Pearland will

teams are awarded three a tie and zero points for a

Sam Rayburn is 7-1-2 and has 23 points, followed by Dobie (7-2-1) with 22 points. Deer Park (7-3) has 21 points, and Pearland (6-3-1) has 19.

Dobie and Sam Rayburn will play each other March 14. But Sam Rayburn also must still play Deer Park. In the final 90 seconds, a Dobie finishes with games against Sam Rayburn and Pearland. "The way I see it, we just

need to win our last four loss in 22-5A play in the games to make sure we win district," Dobie head coach Jesse Saavedra said. "That's the easiest way

to take care of the various scenarios. We just need to win out.' That may be easier said

than done, but then again Dobie is in the midst of a special season.

"We still have a lot of confidence" Saavedra said "We will bounce back and finish the season strong. I know we will."

DP girls oust Dobie

Deer Park's win over Dobie in girls' play has hampered the Lady Longhorns efforts to claim second place in the district - at

March 20. Play in all divi- Deer Park led the district

Pearland all tied at 7-2. game March 18 at New-Pearland's 5-3 win over La Porte March 3 has now lift-The defeat to Deer Park ed the Lady Oilers into sec-

particularly stung because ond place. Dobie, by virtue it dealt a blow to what had of its first-round win over been a good run by the lo-Dobie will face La Porte

Dobie beat Memorial March 7 at noon in La Porte after press time Feb. 25 as on the way to an 8-0 win in a huge game for both Ashlyn Leighton and Tanya points for a win, a point for teams. The Lady Longhorns Palomares scored two goals also will host Pearland in each and Yancy Moreno the final regular-season also found the net

sey Eikenburg and Chelsea Williams had assists as Do-

bie took care of business On Feb. 28, the Lady Longhorns also handled things quickly, seven goals in the first half

Newcomb Field.

In that game, Leighton and DeLeon scored twice

against South Houston at

Leal, Beatrice Soto, Eikenburg and Williams also scored as Dobie easily won

The loss to Deer Park isn't necessarily very costly. The Lady Deer are likely to go unbeaten at 14-0, just like last season.

From here on out, Dobie's quest for second place will revolve around its ab-Continued on Page 6B



Entering the evening, heated up just in time for the stretch run in the Dis- On Tzintzun's third tour stop, his header opened the trict 22-5A playoff chase. He scored three goals for a scoring just five minutes into the Longhorns' 2-0 win with Dobie, La Porte and hat trick in a 5-1 win over Pearland Feb. 21 and then Feb. 28 at Newcomb Field.

Clear Brook rules Strike Out Cancer softball; Dobie wins four

Dobie girls earn 4-1 mark

In a tournament in which everyone triumphed in the fight against cancer, Clear Brook was the big winner.

At the Strike Out Cancer event, a varsity girls' soft-ball tournament featuring several top local programs, Clear Brook played the role of unruly host to a tee.

The Lady Wolverines won each of their six games at the event, including a 3-2 victory over Dobie.

The Lady Longhorns,

meanwhile, won four of the five games they played, breaking out offensively. CB wins seven straight

Clear Brook beat two opponents during each of the three days, downing Morton Ranch 10-3 and Dobie 3-2 the first day, taking out Reagan 17-0 and Texas City 3-0 the second day and then finishing with 8-0 wins (over Baytown Lee) and 3-1 (over Santa Fe) the final day.

Not bad for a team that began the season at 2-5 despite high hopes for 2009. Perhaps Clear Brook is now back on track.

this team, my expectations if you will," Clear Brook coach Ashley Pillow said.

They did that."

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Also homered and drove in all three Clear Brook runs came through with clutch hits when needed. "I knew we would play

six teams we could compete the way, the Lady Wolver-

Did they ever. Along poli. McGinnis had nine fanned nine more hitters in the way, the Lady Wolverstrikeouts in the team's Clear Brook's 8-1 victory

over Baytown Lee. Napoli was a threat both in the circle and at the

pitching wins over Dobie, Texas City and Santa Fe and

Offensively, Clear Brook **Continued on Page 2B**

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Jill McGinnis, Clear Brook's top returning pitcher from 2008, is off to a strong start once again. The senior won three games at the Strike Out Cancer tournament, "That was my goal for downing Morton Ranch, Reagan and Baytown Lee. Photo by Al Carter

Clear Creek, Pasadena baseball tourneys set



travel far March 5-7 to get their fill of local action as the Clear Creek and Pasadena independent school district tournaments are set. Clear Brook will play two games at Wolverine Field March 5 and single games there March 6 and March 7. The CCISD championship game is also slated to be played March 7 at Wolverine Field, beginning at 5 p.m. Dobie fans will also get three chances to see their favorite team. The Longhorns will play twice at Dobie March 5 and then take on 22-5A rival Memorial March 6 at noon The PISD championship is set for March 7 at Maguire Field in Pasadena at 7 p.m. At left, Dobie's Daniel Sawyer is looking to help the Longhorns improve upon their 3-3 start. For tournament schedules. see Page 6B.

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Sports Calendar

Thursday, March 5 Dobie JV (B) girls at Brazosport, 5:00

Friday, March 6 Clear Brook varsity girls at Galveston Ball, 7:00 Clear Brook varsity boys host Galveston Ball, 7:00 Dobie varsity hosts La Porte, Newcomb, 7:00 Dobie varsity girls at La Porte, 7:00 Clear Brook JV girls at Galveston Ball, 5:00 Clear Brook JV boys host Galveston Ball, 5:00 Dobie JV hosts La Porte, Newcomb, 5:00 Dobie JV girls at La Porte, 5:00

Saturday, March 7

Dobie varsity girls at La Porte, noon Dobie JV girls at La Porte, 10 a.m.

Monday, March 9

Dobie varsity boys vs. Pasadena, Newcomb, 5:00 Dobie JV boys vs. Pasadena, Auxiliary, 7:00

Tuesday, March 10

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

Wednesday, March 11

Dobie varsity girls vs. Pasadena, Newcomb, 7:00 Dobie JV girls vs. Pasadena, Newcomb, 5:00

Thursday, March 12 Dobie JV (B) girls host Deer Park, Dobie, 4:00

Friday, March 13

Dobie varsity girls vs. Sam Rayburn, Newcomb, 7:00 Clear Brook varsity boys host Alvin, 7:00 Clear Brook varsity girls at Alvin, 7:00 Clear Brook JV girls at Alvin, 5:00 Dobie JV girls vs. Sam Rayburn, Auxiliary, 5:00 Clear Brook JB boys host Alvin, 5:00

Saturday, March 14

Dobie varsity boys vs. Sam Rayburn, Newcomb, 4:00 Dobie JV boys vs. Sam Rayburn, Newcomb, 2:00

TENNIS

Thursday, March 5 Dobie freshmen at Deer Park, all day

Friday, March 6

Dobie varsity at Spring Branch ISD tourn., all day Dobie JV at La Porte tourn., all day

Saturday, March 7 Dobie varsity at Spring Branch tourn, all day

Tuesday, March 10

Dobie JV at Katy tourn., all day

Thursday, March 5 Clear Brook varsity at HSSL tourn., TBA Dobie varsity at HSSL tourn., TBA

Friday, March 6 Clear Brook varsity at HSSL tourn., TBA

Dobie varsity at HSSL tourn., TBA

Saturday, March 7

San Jacinto College hosts Lamar State (2), 4:00/6:00 Clear Brook varsity at HSSL tourn., TBA Dobie varsity at HSSL tourn., TBA

Wednesday, March 11 San Jacinto College at Galveston (2), 2:00/4:00

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

TRACK AND FIELD

Friday, March 6

Dobie girls at Bayshore Olympics, La Porte, 2:00 Dobie boys at Bayshore Olympics, La Porte, 2:00

BASEBALL Thursday, March 5

Clear Brook varsity at Clear Creek tourn., TBA Dobie varsity at Pasadena ISD tourn., TBA Dobie JV at Brazoswood tourn., TBA Clear Brook JV at Spring Branch tourn., TBA

Clear Brook sophomores at Fort Bend tourn., TBA

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Tuesday, March 10

Dobie varsity hosts Humble, Maguire, 7:00 Dobie JV at Humble, 6:30 Dobie sophomores at Humble, 4:00

Thursday, March 12

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Brook, Dobie softball teams on winning streaks as district nears

Continued from Page 1B

Aside from Napoli, there were many more offensive heroes in the six-win tornament session for Clear

Rachael Urick was 3 for 3 with an RBI against Morton Ranch and swung the bat well throughout the tournament.

big RBI hit in the team's 3-2 decision over Dobie.

Kristi Gonzalez and

team's top returning offensive forces from last season, was 3 for 3 with two runs driven in against Morton Aubin came back with a

tournament with three hits

Michelle Svehla drove in batted in three runs against

gan, while Brandy Gonza-Fichtner was 2 for 4 with three RBIs. Fitchner finished

against Santa Fe, and Svehla

lez went 3 for 3 and Molly

Mary Aubin, one of the runs against Dobie as well. Baytown Lee. In that win, am's top returning offen- Svehla added two more hits Kristy Gonzalez also tripled and drove in a pair of runs. and two RBIs versus Rea-Clear Brook went on to punish Friendswood 10-0 in a nondistrict game Feb. 3, taking its winning streak to

> seven games. Now 9-5, Clear Brook will face a tough schedule the Houston Specialty

Sports League tournament March 5-7, but Pillow is ex-"We are playing the way we can play," Pillow said. "It won't be easy, but these

tough games help prepare us for district." Dobie wins four of five

Dobie also played well in the Clear Creek tournament. The team fell 3-2 to Clear Brook but beat Texas City 7-1, took out Clear Springs 8-1, topped North Shore 13-3 and run-ruled Atascocita.
At 8-5, Dobie has won

four straight entering the Houston Specialty Sports League tournament March 5-7 at Baseball USA.

In fairness, though, the Lady Longhorns have had to make quite a few adjustments on the fly.
Poised with Region III

title hopes prior to the start of the season. Dobie has competed without starting pitcher JoJo Krienitz this season.

Out with a strained biceps, Krienitz could return for the team's District 22-5A opener March 10 against Memorial. She will not, however, be at full strength for some time.

Yet in Krienitz's ab-

non O'Connor and Alyssa Zarate, a sophomore, have pitched very well in the circle.

In turn, Dobie's offense is beginning to click. Senior Nicole Andrade has picked up the pace a great deal at

Other offensive standouts like Chelsea D'Ambrosio, Chelsea Morgan and Christina Diaz have also elevated

said. "The slap hitters at the top of the lineup (Amanda Nguyen and Julie Cross) are

getting on base.

horns have adapted.

Robin Rackley is proud of Shannon and Alyssa have the way the Lady Longboth pitched very well, especially considering they "I think we are really are young players at the

starting to find our roles as varsity level right now." an offensive team" Rackley So perhaps Dobie's star was sluggish, but the team

"Hopefully we can en ter district with some con-"Christina Diaz has been fidence and keep the wins great, and Nicole Andrade coming," Rackley said.

is coming around.



four-year letterwinner Nicole Andrade smacked a two-run double against Clear Springs Feb. 26 to get Dobie off and rolling to an eventual 8-1 victory.

Beverly Hills seventh-grade teams rule x-country, Thompson excels

School District's intermewas held Feb. 25 at Memorial High School.

Out Cancer tournament Feb. 26 at Clear Springs.

All of the competicourse. In the end, Beverly Hills stood out with wins in both seventh-grade divi-

The Lady Bears won the seventh-grade meet with the low point total of 34. Park View was second with 93 points. Thompson wound up fifth with 127 points.

In the seventh-grade category, the Bears were the winners with a low of 65 points, edging San Jacinto (68 points) for the top spot. Thompson was sixth with 205 points.

Beverly Hills also made a strong showing in the eighth-grade girls' division. The Lady Bears were third with 90 points, trailing San Jacinto (56 points) and Miller (67 points). Thompson's 133 points were good for fifth place.

In cross country, teams earn point totals based on the finish of their top five competitors by time. Firstplace finishers, for instance, earn one point, etc. The goal is to accumulate the lowest possible point total.

BHI girls' 7s coast Just as they had done in the first meet, the Lady

The second meet of five finishers placed in the the Pasadena Independent top 12. Two other runners also ran exceptionally well, diate cross country season taking 14th and 29th, respectively.

During the nondistrict part of the schedule, Dobie freshman Shannon O'Connor

has made the most of her opportunity to show what she can do at the varsity level.

O'Connor was the winning pitcher as Dobie beat Clear Springs 8-1 at the Strike

After winning during the first week, Beverly Hills' tors challenged a two-mile Mikaela Guevara was second this time at 13 minutes, 22 seconds. Ashley Gallant kept up the pace with the leaders and was eventually third at 14:01.

> Brianna Guevera picked up a time of 14:12 for the sixth slot, and Maria Alarcon was 11th at 14:35. Tessa Costello, 12th at 14:38. rounded out the scoring for Beverly Hills.

A time of 14:39 placed Amber Nguyen 14th over-15:19 went to Mykayla this time at 12:28.

Leslie Hernandez (15:25), Amy Hallaron (16:09), Aliyah Ortega (16:29), Diana Menchaca (16:29), Hannah Brown (16:30), Riley Miller (16:47), Arleni Espinoza (17:07), and Claudia Mata

(19:02).Thompson girls' 7s fifth Morgan Clay was 13th overall in a time of 14:39 seventh-grade team to fifth

The Lady Lions' other scorers included Aimee Mar (16th at 14:43), Destinee Smith (31st at 15:22), Lau-Bears' seventh-grade team ren Brown (33rd at 15:25)

Thompson included Christoria Maldonado (16:39), an outstanding race and Lynsi Crawford (16:40), placed sixth in a time of Maria Flores (16:49), Shalyn Scott (17:34), Kayla

Šzydlo (18:12), Gutierrez (18:23), Jacklyn Sanchez (18:40) and Mayve Rodriguez (19:23). Bears' 7th boys are best

edged out the team title after getting three runners inside the top eight. San Jacinto's top three runners made the top 13.

For the second straight nez (16:48), Anthony Gee eek, the Bears' Jaylon (16:57), Lozaro Galvan week, the Bears' Jaylon all. The 29th position at Johnson was the runner-up,

At 12:39, the Bears' D.J. Other top performances Jones claimed fifth place, for Beverly Hills came from and teammate Jesse Cedeof 12:56. The team's other grade squad placed third. point scorers were Juan Tolentino (23rd at 13:36) and Jacoby Lewis (27th at

> Hills finishers, including 16:20). Josh Sutton (13:52), Jovanni Wade (13:55), Jonathan Rivera (13:58), Vinny Rudalfo (14:02), Hector Carrillo (14:13), Robert Garza (15:16) and Ramiro Aguilera (16:10). Lions' 7s take sixth

Others who competed for team placed sixth overall. The Lions' top performer was Hunter Hicks, who ran

an outstanding race and 12:46. From there, the Lions' Sydney other scorers included Carlos Sanchez (34th at Bernal (18:31). Avdalis 13:53). Carlos Amaro (46th

at 14:06), Gabriel Zamora at 14:00), Gaorie. 24. (49th at 14:09) and Juan Amaro (70th at 14:37). Thompson also had The Beverly Hills' Thompson also had seventh-grade boys' team Ozzy Castillo (14:45), Tyler Baumann (14:52), Antonio Beltran (15:13), Jordan Julks (15:20), Mauricio Rivera (16:17) Jesse Jackson (16:35), Carlos Marti-

> lero (18:01). Lady Bears' 8s are third Paced by Cassidy Peng's seventh-place time of 14:44, the Lady Bears' eighth-

(17:02) and Kevin Cabal-

Beverly Hills also got scoring efforts from Melina Ceia (15th at 15:08), Kate Inchun (16th at 15:14), Am-Levi Marshall (28th at ber Cadena (19th at 15:25) 13:47) led all other Beverly and Debbi Aguiste (33rd at

Jennifer Galvan (16:24.95), Emily Espinoza (16:26), Rebecca Guerra (16:34.86), Nathalie Yii (16:38), Cassie Gil-(14:38), Christian Bertrand man (16:49), Modesta Ugo (14:56), Reginal Cloud (16:55), Kim Luu (16:59), Sobia Bhatty (17:07), Lisa Gill (17:27.14) and Krystal Brewer (18:27.43) also took erts took second place,

Thompson 8s are fifth The Lady Lions' eighthgrade team was fifth in the

final standings.

cluded Thu Nguyen, who was terrific in eighth place ons. in a time of 14:49.

Andrea Vargas (26th at represented by Amanda 15:40). Lorin Mata (27th at Rodriguez 15:53), Sydney Keats (34th Sara Vela (17:36), Vanessa at 16:24.51) and Melissa Salazar (17:56), Genevieve The team's scorers in- Bonilla (38th at 16:27) also Au (17:57), Loana Soscored well for the Lady Li- lis (18:11), Carol Amaro (18:20) and Desiree Alvarea Thompson was also (18:28.88).

CB wins own Wolverine relays boys' title; Dobie girls second at Dickinson

Several terrific individual performances and a solid showing in the relays allowed Clear Brook's varsity boys' track and field team to win the Wolverine Relays Feb. 28.

The Wolverines scored 141 points to win the team crown. Dobie tied for fifth along with Deer Park at 70

CB boys take title

Clear Brook placed in the top five in six different relays. But the team also ammassed big points through some great individual fin-

Regdric Malveaux won the long jump at 21 feet, 5 1/2 inches. He was also third in the triple jump, clearing 44-11.

Javis Roberts scored a win for the Wolverines in the 300-hurdles in a time of 40.87 seconds, besting teammate Joseph Amos, who was second at 42.84.

In the 110-hurdles, Rob-With 205 points, Thomp-son's seventh-grade boys' Bears. crossing the finish line in a time of 15.1. girls' team turned in its fin-est performance of the sea-

Miles Gay earned key points for Clear Brook in the weights. He placed third in the discus with an effort of 135-9 1/2 and was fourth in the shot put at 51-9 1-4. Eric Alexander claimed

the fourth slot in the long jump, clearing 20-1 3/4. Duane Steward (fifth at 42-0 1/2) and Torrick Henderson (sixth at 40-5 1/2) also scored valuable points. Dobie boys tie for fifth

In the relays, Dobie showed its prowess with top-five finishes in five races en route to a fifth-place

Devonte Boyd went over the 5 foot, eight-inch mark to place second in the high

jump. Andrew Robinson was fifth in the long jump at a distance of 19-10 1/2, and teammate Demarcus Boyd was sixth at 19-9 1/4.

Lady Longhorns second Taking part in the Gator Relays at Dickinson High School, the Dobie varsity the 200-meter dash.

District 22-5A newcomer Pearland won team honors with 121 points at Dickinson, and Dobie was second with 106.

The Lady Longhorns won both sprint relays, taking the 4x100-meter crown in a time of 48.56 as Monique Anderson, Tieres Franks, Kiara Harris and

Chili Montgomery teamed. In the 4x200, Anderon Harris and Montgomery were joined by freshman Charity Knight as the group won at 1:43.00.

Shadae Shepherd, taking part in her first meet, cleared 17-4 to win the long jump. Harris came in at 12.25 to finish second in the 100-

meter dash. Franks' time of 12.50 placed her fourth and Knight ran a time of 12.68 for eighth.

Anderson 26.09) and Montgomery (third at 26.53) scored well for the Lady Longhorns in Senior Ashley Johnson

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Sagemont Showdown: T-ball Reds are champs; Braves take second place



The Reds of the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League claimed top honors at the league's preseason Sagemont Showdown tournament. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Rey Izaguirre, Izaac Garcia, Aric B. Cortez, Justin Esquivel, Ozzy Cepeda, (middle row) Jacob De La Rosa, George Gordillo Jr, Aaron Longoria Jr, Alexander (A.I) Garcia. Corbin Sherwood. (back row) coaches Juan Cortez and Rommel Garcia. Not pictured is coach Ignacio Izaguirre.



The T-ball Braves played well in the Sagemont Showdown, taking second place in the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League's preseason tournament. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Isabella Rodriguez, Isaac Jaimes, Elias Jaimes, Hayden Wermis, Houston Riley, Jay Paquinto, (middle row) Jayla Arenas, JR Ramirez, Colby Thacker, Elijah Ramos, Cameron Galloway. Isaiah Trevino, (back row) coaches Jesus Arenas and Jay Paquinto.

Two former South Belt necticut women's basketbal area girls' basketball stars are ready to make their mark at the collegiate level.

Duke's Karima Christmas, formerly of Dobie, and Clear Brook graduate Kelli Griffin, now at Baylor, have enjoyed breakthrough sophomore seasons.

Both saw some playing time during their 2007-2008 freshman campaigns but have now flourished with increased minutes this sea-

Now, Christmas and Griffin are gearing up for the big time - otherwise known as the postseason.

It's college's version of the playoffs. First will come conference tournaments. Then the big one, the National Collegiate Athletic Association Tournament, will be here. March Mad-

finish and playoff berth this season at the varsity level,

there is plenty of room for

optimism within the Dobie

Each of the subvarsity

teams also enjoyed a great

Sophomores

more basketball team start-

ed off shaky but had a great

17-7 overall record, includ-

was primarily a defensive-minded group that used a

The team finished with a

The sophomore bunch

The defense was led

by guards Devonte Boyd,

Corey Spiller and Mauri

the court the team's scoring was led by Devonte Rennie

On the offensive end of

Team members Patrick

Burton, Mohamed Benach-

our, Tyree Samuels, Triston London and Johnson

Varghese provided muchneeded offensive spark off the bench.

Robert Timmons, Eric

Mosley, Chris Lopez, Ran-

dy Jackson and Daniel Ala-

nis contributed to Dobie's

The Dobie freshman A team finished tied for sec-

ond in the District 22-5A

standings with Deer Park at

9-5. La Porte won district

"On the freshman level.

our district was by far the

most competitive it has been

since I have been here,'

Longhorns' coach Shaun

against us, Deer Park and La

Porte. Rayburn lost several

district games by five points

or fewer. South Houston won two tournaments and then went 3-11 in district."

Stanton had a well-

balanced attack this year.

Dobie was led by Darnell

McCall, who averaged 15

points per game for the sea-

son, including close to 20

different players, includ-ing Chris Mendoza, Calvin

The Longhorns had five

per outing in district.

had

pressure defense. Frosh A is second

with a 12-2 mark.

Stanton said. "Pasadena

season overall.

ing 13-1 in district.

suffocating press.

and Walter Garrett.

Mark.

The Longhorns' sopho-

bit of success this season.

boys' basketball program.

team, undefeated at 29-0, is the overwhelming favorite to win the national title Baylor, ranked fifth in both the USA Today/ESPN

Local women's hoops players excelling

and Associated Press polls, has high hopes as well. The Bears, seeded second in the upcoming Phillips 66 Big 12 Championship March 12-15 in Oklahoma City, are 24-4 overall, including 12-3 in Big 12 action with one regular-season game remaining against

Texas A&M 15 of the team's 28 games, 3.3 per game while playing minutes per game.

sixth man off the bench for the Blue Devils.

In the team's 81-79 overness will thrive. time win over North Carothe University of Conlina to close out the regular at home at 14-0. time win over North Caro- the regular season unbeaten

vando Canales and Anthony

Simmons, who averaged at

On top of the balanced

"If the boys learned one

as a result of their defense," Banks.

least five points per game.

defense.



Karima Christmas

Griffin, who has started season, Christmas exploded for 18 points, seven re-

The Blue Devils, who At Duke, Christmas is will be seeded third in the playing a key role as the Atlantic Coast Conference Women's Basketball Tournament March 5-8 in Greensboro, N.C., finished



Maryland is seeded first in the tournament followed is averaging 6.1 points and bounds, two assists and two by Florida State and Duke.

The ACC tournament winner will draw an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

Baylor and Duke are locks to make the NCAAs and represent two of the many teams gunning to take out Connecticut.

Subvarsity success lifts Dobie boys' hoops "We were always trap- and 9-5 in district," Stanton

ping or in our full-court said. "We won the consolation championship in the Sam Rayburn tournament and took second place in the played a stifling pressure team, from (players) 1-10, Deer Park tournament." Dobie's junior varsity and freshman B teams also

thing this year, it was that tributed included Taylor turned in fine seasons, giving varsity head coach Kevin Cross and his staff many

Stingers take first, again

press. We had to use our

quickness at all times. This

Other athletes who con-

that I have had so far.'

the Longhorns is by far the most athletic

their offense is going to Holland, Blake Jackson, (either flourish or struggle) Paul Tran and Devonte



The Stingers, a 6-under team representing the South Belt Girls Softball Association, placed first after going undefeated at the "Rookies" tournament in Pasadena. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Micaela Jimmenz, Alaina Cortez, Aliyah Barajas, (middle row) Mckenzie Ermis, Camryn Wincher, Sophia Colmenares, Sydney Franco Lexie Manriquez, Samantha Ortiz, (back row) coaches David Cortez, Les Wincher and Cheryl Franco.

Sports news, notes

South Belt track register, BBQ The South Belt Track Club will host a registration trict selections are coming

session and fund-raising barbecue Saturday. March 14. from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in The Gardens parking lot, located at the corner of Beamer and Hughes roads. Children ages 6 to 18 are eligible to compete. Registration fee is \$110, which includes a uniform and Amateur Athletic Union Track and Field dues. The fund-raiser will go toward raising monies for the team's trip to nationals this summer. For more information, direct e-mail to run@ SouthBeltTrack.com.

Rising Stars track sign up

The Rising Stars youth track and field organization is accepting registration through March 7. Head coach Ivory Kimble and other team officials will host final registration March 7 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Dobie High School track, For more information, call Kimble at 832-561-1248 or Fran Herndon at 281-335-1878.

Southbelt Dolphins early sign up

The Southbelt Dolphins of the Bay Area Football League will host early registration for returning players March 7, at El Franco Lee Park, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A \$50 deposit is required at this time for returning players to hold their roster spots. New player inquiry and information will be available March 7 at Blackhawk Park from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Dolphins set BBQ fund-raiser

The Southbelt Dolphins of the Bay Area Football League will host a fund-raiser barbecue March 14 in the parking lot of Liberty Tax Service on Fuqua (next to Cici's Pizza) from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Barbecue sandwich/chips plates will be sold for \$5 each. Drinks will be sold for an additional charge. Funds raised during the sale will be used to cover various equipment costs. etc. during the 2009 season.

PISD Quick Start tennis

The Pasadena Independent School District will host its sixth annual tennis program for all third- through sixth-grade students in the PISD system. The Quick Start tennis program is an exciting play format for young students interested in learning more about tennis. The program is designed to bring kids into the game by utilizing specialized equipment, shorter court dimensions and modified scoring, all tailored to age and size. All interested players may contact their physical education teacher at their respective school for registration forms. The cost is \$30, which includes a tennis racket, program T-shirt, water bottle and four instructional lessons. The Quick Start kickoff and packet pick up will be held Saturday, April 4, from 1 to 2:30 p.m., at Phillips Field House, located at 22906 Dabney. Lesson dates will be April 5, April 19, April 26 and May 3 from 1 to 2 p.m. Lessons will be conducted at Dobie High School and Beverly Hills Intermediate in an effort to accomodate students in the South Belt area

Atkinson Health/Fitness fair

The Atkinson Elementary physical education department will host a health and fitness fair at the school March 31 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. All students of the school are invited to come and bring their families and friends to participate in the festivities. Some of the activities will include; jump ropes, cup-stacking, jogging, dance, dance revolution and a moon walk. Officials from a local martial arts school will also be on hand for a performance. Inside the school, various vendor booths will include products and services from a variety of health and fitness areas.

Brook football to golf

The Clear Brook High School football booster club will host a fund-raiser golf tournament April 4 at Evergreen Pointe Golf Club in Baytown. The tournament, which features an 8 a.m. shotgun start, will include foursomes competing for top honors. Individual players may register for \$100. Proceeds from the tournament will go toward costs associated with the Wolverines' football program. For more information, call booster club vice president Wayne Priestly at 832-443-7725.

JFD baseball boosters to meet

The Dobie High School baseball booster club will host a meeting Monday, March 9, at 7 p.m. in the athletics media room in the field house. All Dobie baseball parents are welcome to attend. The originally scheduled meeting for March 3 was reset due to a varsity baseball game conflict. For more information, call Julie Kutra at 281-236-7719 or direct e-mail to jkutra@sbcglobal.

All-district hoops picks due soon

Each of the varsity boys' with La Porte, so several of and the boys state tournaand girls' varsity basketball Dobie's top players should ment is March 12-14. Both teams from districts 22-5A merit top consideration. and 24-5A have been eliminated, which means all-dis-

In girls' play, the Lady Longhorns of Dobie wound up in a second-place tie ment is March 5-7 in Austin,

Among the boys' teams Clear Brook took third the University of Texas

place in District 24-5A, and Dobie was fourth in District

22-5A. The girls' state tourna-

the Frank Erwin Center at

The Leader will print the respective all-district lists on a space-available basis once they are released by

Bash 10-U takes fourth at Deer Park



The South Belt Bash, a 10-under team representing the South Belt Girls Softball Association, placed fourth out of 15 teams at the "Rookie" tournament at the Deepwater Girls Softball Association facility. The Bash is a first-year 10-under team and was the only first-year team left standing at the tournament against three other second-year 10-U teams. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Ellyssa Manriquez, (second row) Diana Adame, Kendall Gothard, Celeste Ontiveros, Danielle Ibarra, (third row) Hayley Garcia, Mya Garcia, Allison Bravo, Dulce Hernandez, Zoey Johnson, (back row) coaches Tim Donelson, Chris Manriquez and Cesar Garcia.

BHI gridder makes grade



Beverly Hills Intermediate seventh-grade student Jacoby Lewis (third from left) participated in an invitation-only camp hosted by Football University at Rice Stadium. Camp participants ranged in age from seventh-graders to varsity high school players. Players from each age group will have a chance to qualify to play in this year's Army Bowl at the Alamo Dome in San Antonio. Those with Lewis included, left to right, Blair Thomas (former New York Jets running back), Jacob Lewis (father) and Lorenzo White (former Houston Oilers running back.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 5

CALENDAR

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.

Al-Anon - Meets every Thursday from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 111. For information, call 281-487-8787. 6:30 p.m.

St. Luke's Catholic Church – Free tutoring for all ages is available

Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Education Building at St. Luke the Evangelist Church, 11011 Hall Road. For information, call 281-484-1397 or e-mail 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 6

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 of inches of the Iren tion, or just drop in. 10 a.m.

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

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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 Pavillon. All Texas retired school employees from all surrounding school districts are welcome to attend and join this organization. Annual dues are \$35.

by the Friday before the meeting. To make reservations, call Laura Morgan at 281-484-8083.

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Noon

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

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.

Houston Area Parkinson Society – Free water therapy from 5 to 6 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services of

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Survivors of Suicide Support Group – Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The group offers support and coping skills in a non-threatening environment to adult individuals who have lost a loved one to suicide. For more information, contact Brenda Fitch at 713-533-4508 or visit www.crisishotline.org.

8 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous – Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Tuesdays and Sundays from 8 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street For information, call 713-704-2481

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10 a.m.

Free Walking Classes – for plus size women are held Mondays and Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road. Let's move together. Registration required. For more information, call Beatrice at 281-922-2343.

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11:30 a.m.

American Business Women's Association Bay Area Vision Chapter – Now meets at Sudie's Restaurant, I-45 South/League City on the second Wednesday of the month. For more information, call Sheila Hardy at 281-337-9407 or Carolyn Wagner at 281-337-9410

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Noon

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

6 p.m.

Alzheimer's Support Group – The free group meets the second week of each month at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. For more information, call Steven Williams at 281-929-4199.

7 p.m.

Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center – Confidential

domestic violence support group for women meets every week. For information, call 281-338-7600 or visit www.bayareaturn ing point com. BATP is located at 210 S. Walnut off NASA Parkway between Interstate 45 South and Highway 3. The 24-hour crisis hotline is

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Bay Area New Democrats — Meet at the Clear Lake Court House on Buccaneer Drive, across from the new Clear Lake Library. For more information, contact John Cobarruvias at john.cobarru vias@ bayareanewdemocrats.org or visit www.bayareanewdemocrats.

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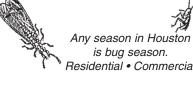


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SATURDAY, MARCH 7

6 p.m.

Frontier Squares – Meets to square dance at the NASA Gilruth Center on Space Center, Refreshments provided. For more information, contact Gina Sherman at 281-554-5675 or George Wieland at 281-286-5682, or visit www.frontiersquares.com.

682, or visit www.front SUNDAY, MARCH 8

2 p.m.

Grief Support Group – For any adult who has lost a loved one.
Meets every Sunday, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas
from 2 to 3:15 p.m. at First United Methodist Church Pasadena,
1062 Fairmont Parkway. For more information, call 281-487-8787. 1002 Familiotic Famway. For infore minimation, call 2014407-6767.

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 9

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.

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Free Walking Classes - for plus size women are held Mondays

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.

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

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 281-474-34430 or Diana Kawalec at 281-334-1033.

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

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 – Meets at Golfcrest Country Club. A luncheon is available for \$15 with advance reservations

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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.

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7243.
Friends of Parker Williams Library – Meets the second Tuesday of each month. All community residents are welcome. For information, call 281-484-2036.

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.

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Steady Brook, Dobie varsity baseball teams host tournaments

enter their respective district tournaments with some confidence

The Wolverines started the season at 5-0 before losing 5-1 to Deer Park March 3. Now, Clear Brook is the major host for the March 5-7 Clear Creek Independent School District tourna-

Dobie, which began the season 2-0, is now 3-3 after falling 5-1 to Dickinson March 3. The Longhorns winning ways March 5-7 at the Pasadena Independent School District tournament.

Brook wins LP event The Deer Park loss aside,

the Clear Brook and Dobie the Clear Creek tournavarsity baseball teams will ment on a hot streak, having already won the David Anzaldua Varsity Baseball Invitational title in La Porte Feb. 26-28.

While sweeping four games to claim the championship trophy, the Wolverines were on top of their game for much of the Combining a deep pitch-

ing staff with steady defense and clutch, run-producing hitting, Clear Brook beat Baytown Sterling, Fort will look to recapture their Bend Bush, Texas City and La Porte.

Longhorns' varsity assistant baseball coach Miguel Torres (right) congratulates

Brook boys solid

With three games remain-

as well as Sam Rayburn and ing, the Clear Brook varsity Clear Lake, Clear Brook is

Dobie girls, Brook teams should qualify

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ility to close out with wins

over La Porte and Pearland

day, the Wolverines tripped Bush 2-1

In the Baytown Sterling game, Keaton Miller started on the mound for the game at 1-1. Wolverines and threw five strong innings. Two mistake pitches resulted in Sterling error to lead off the frame, and Anzaldua singled to runs as the Rangers led 5-4 entering the sixth inning.

There, Clear Brook exploded for 10 runs. D.J. two wins and a save in the Julks and Erik White blastearly going this season, reed homers to lead the way.

16 hits along the way, three each coming from freshman Derek Montag and senior Mike Anzaldua.

Two of the wins came
Feb. 26 as Clear Brook
scored 10 runs in the sixth
Senior pitcher Michael
Skiba threw a gem in the
2-1 win over Bush, allowing inning to beat Sterling 14-5. a first-inning run but work-

boys' team is in good stand-

Despite the 4-3 loss to

ing as the playoffs near.

The locals banged out enth for the save. Clear Brook's pitching depth came into play during a 12-5 victory against Texas City Feb. 27. Brook head coach Russell Ferrell said the Stingarees had used much of their top-notch

tired Bush 1-2-3 in the sev-

right field for a 2-1 lead.

Colton Cromer, who has

pitching the prior day.
In turn, Ferrell simply went to battle with Stephen Sims, a senior, and sophomore Andrew Phu, who both threw the ball well.

The offense came through with six runs in the third inning and five more in the fifth inning. Vruggink, Julks and

Vruggink, apiece.

With a chance to claim Feb. 28, the Wolverines delivered.

The game began at 7 p.m. in extremely windy conditions. Both teams struggled defensively with the winds. But the Wolverines again relied on a stable pitching staff to win 7-5. "La Porte was out of

pitching, and we weren't," Ferrell said. Kris Templin went 4 /3 innings and battled the wind well."

Anzaldua scored the ball consistently.
Wolverines' first run in But for the Lo
the first inning. Brook enjoy a winning s scored three two-out runs in the sixth inning after La Justin Eckols after the sophomore catcher singled to left field against Dickinson in Porte had taken a 5-4 lead. the third inning March 3 at Dobie. Dobie lost the game 5-1, making five errors in the Cromer earned the win for

JFD boys hunting soccer crown in 22-5A 6-2-3 and, barring a complete collapse with three games remaining, headed to

> Girls' ties could help District officials may need a calculator at the end of the season to determine the final 24-5A varsity girls' standings

> Clear Brook has four ties. which may wind up helping the team when it comes to adding points for playoff positioning.

Clear Lake is the district leader and Brazoswood, Clear Brook, Clear Creek and Clear Springs are also in the running.

Clear Brook, which lost 1-0 to Clear Lake March 3, has had trouble scoring goals in district play. How-ever, the Lady Wolverines haven't given up many goals, either. Yet at 4-3-4, Clear Brook

is in the mix to make the playoffs.

Solid season all around

For the first time in three years, both programs and Clear Brook and Dobie are in position to make the playoffs. The final two weeks of

play will determine the final outcome of the entire season, but that's the way it should be sometimes. On the bright side, at least the

Despite losses March 3, the Wolverines will enter In the second game of the ing out of potential trouble Clear Brook. La Porte made a couple of times after that. Down 1-0, the Wolver-

'If La Porte would have ines got a solo homer from made the defensive plays, Ryan Vruggink to tie the they probably would have throwing error that tied the won. We hit the ball well, but everything got held up in the wind," Ferrell said. In the seventh, Evan Webb reached base on an

Quick start erases 2008 At 5-1, the Wolverines are on pace to quickly pass their nine-win total of a season ago. But 2009 should be dif-

ferent. An under-achieving senior class from 2008 has moved on. This year's seniors, including Cromer, Anzaldua, Berry, Skiba and Julks, are blending well with a cast of young players like Vruggink, Montag, Phu, Matt Heidt, Keaton and Miller.

"Our secret so far has been basic baseball," Ferrell four runs to end the tournasaid "We have pitched and played good defense. Matt Heidt at shortstop and Miller at third base have played very good defense.

"At the plate we are getting a lot of production through a four-run third infrom everyone. Cromer has Lane Berry had three hits pitched well out of the bull-

"In three of our five the tournament title in its wins, the game has either final game against La Porte been tied or we have trailed late and come back to win. That's possible because our pitching has kept us close." Dobie at .500

> Dobie is holding steady at 3-3 despite making 30 errors in its first six games.

The team's pitching has been fairly stready overall as several players have thrown the ball well. With the exception of a 5-1 loss to Dickinson March 3, the Longhorns have also hit the

But for the Longhorns to enjoy a winning season, the defense simply has to improve. In at least four of the

team's six games, errors have played a role in the outcome. The Longhorns have lost three of those games. Dobie went 2-2 at the Angleton tournament. In the opener Feb. 26. Dobie escaped with a 7-6 victory as Derrick Murray went 3 for 3 with 5 RBIs, and Aaron Kutra drove in Murray with the game-winning run in the bottom of the seventh

Cody Priest started the game and went 6 1/3 innings. He fanned 10, walked

part of a good outing

Dobie led 4-2 late in the game but then made a game at 4-4. Murray gave up a two-run homer in relief as the Mayericks led 6-4. but Murray and Kutra then led the Longhorns back.

Aris Adame started Feb. 27, giving up three early home runs. Dobie trailed 8-1 and eventually lost 9-3.

Sport Beynaerts started and went 5 innings against Terry, but the Longhorns made eight errors in an 8-7 defeat to Terry March 28. To make the defeat worse, Joseph Gutierrez was thrown out at the plate to end the game

Dobie beat Houston Austin 12-6 as Priest drove in ment, but then came five errors and a loss to Dickinson March 3.

Starting pitcher Daniel Sawyer fanned seven over five innings but struggled ning that included an error. Adame struck out five of the seven hitters he faced to

finish out the game. "Obviously, we have to field the ball better," head oach Roy Grant said.

"It's early and we have done some things well, but we have to make plays on defense.'

Junior left fielder Aaron Kutra had a rough day against Dickinson March 3 with an 0 for 4 game at the plate and an error in left field, but he came through big with game-winning hits against Friendswood and Memorial as Dobie started the season



Brook varsity baseball

hosts Clear Creek ISD Invitational

March 5: Brook vs. Seven Lakes, 3:30 p.m., at Clear Brook

Brook vs. Pearland, 7 p.m., at Clear

March 6: Brook vs. Seguin, 6 p.m., at Brook

March 7: Brook vs. Victoria Memorial, 11 a.m.,

Title game is March 7, 5 p.m. at Brook (Group A winner vs. Group B winner)

Group A teams include: Clear Brook, Clear Creek, Clear Lake, Clear Springs, Cypress Creek, Friendswood, Seguin and Victoria Me-

Group B teams include: Jersey Village, La Porte, Lewisville Hebron, Lufkin, Morton Ranch, Pearland, Seven Lakes and Spring

Dobie varsity baseball hosts Pasadena ISD Invitational

March 5: Dobie vs. Alief Elsik, noon, Dobie Dobie vs. Galena Park, 3 p.m., Dobie

March 6: Dobie vs. Memorial, noon, Dobie

March 7 at Maguire Field in Pasadena: No. 7 seed vs. No. 8 seed, 10:30 a.m.; No. 5 seed vs. No. 4 seed (consolation), noon; No. 3 seed vs. No. 4 seed (third place), 4 p.m.; No. 1 seed vs. No. 2 seed (championship), 7 p.m.

March 7 at Memorial High School: No. 11 seed vs. No. 12 seed, 10:30 a.m.; No. 9 seed vs. No. 10 seed (consolation), noon

Teams included: Alief Taylor, Channelview, Chavez, Dobie, First Baptist, Galena Park, Kinkaid, Memorial, Pasadena, Sam Rayburn, South Houston



Prior to its 2-0 win over South Houston Feb. 28, the Dobie High School varsity boys' soccer team took part in a brief ceremony to honor the senior players. After the ceremony, the entire team gathered for a "family portrait." Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) seniors Alex Herrera, Gibrian Vargas, Nathan

Carcamo, Salim Naser, Le Vu, Gilberto Tzintzun, Jorge Siqueira, Alberto Narvaez, (back row) Jose Balvaneda, Micheal Valverde, Omar Arreguin, Walter Anoruo, Hien Pham, Julian Romero, Raul Jimenez, Marlon Pennington, Jose Gonzalez, Adrian Ramirez, Irving Garza and senior Christopher Torres



The Dobie varsity girls' team won their second straight game to start the second half of 22-5A play, beating South Houston 8-0 at Newcomb Field Feb. 28. The Lady Longhorns led 7-0 at halftime and then substituted liberally throughout the second half. Sofia Mata (7)

was able to get in on the scoring as she nudged home Dobie's final goal early in the second half. After a 5-1 loss to Deer Park, the Lady Longhorns are 7-3 with four games remaining. Photos by John Bechtle

With Shepherd now back in the field events and offering her services in the 4x400, Dobie should con-

kept up her stellar season in the discus and shot put

third in the discus. Teammate Shakeyla Johnson finished at 93-1 for sixth Johnson came back in the shot for third place at 35-10

In the distance events La Shaye Cooper competed well, and Gabby Ybarra posted a personal best time of 2:32 in the 800-meter run. Ybarra also ran a 5:57 in the 1,600-meter event.

Dobie had a chance a first place but finished fifth in the 4x400-meter relay.

Pearland took second in

that event and went on to take the first-place trophy.

But Tina Knight-Gray,

Dobie's third-year head

Charity Knight teamed with Keyah King and Shepherd in the 4x400-relay, and it represented the first time for that foursome as a unit.

coach, was pleased. Melissa Knight

At 101-7, Johnson was

events

1/4

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during an easy 8-0 win Feb. 28 as five players scored for Dobie.

many of these girls came said. in as freshmen three years to come together, and these last race. I am very pleased ago, and we have added juniors have one more year with my team.'

Dobie senior defender Lindsey Eikenburg (16) experienced a brief rough and tum-

ble moment against the Lady Trojans, but otherwise her team had little trouble

Longhorn track and field sparkles to the mix each year with left. "I joke all the time that newcomers," Knight-Gray any of these girls came said. "It's all starting

This meet was exciting in that it came down to the

