

## Early voting under way

Early voting for the local May 8 school district and municipal utility district elections are under way and will continue through Tuesday, May 4. In the Clear Creek Independent School District elections, incumbent Ann Hammond is challenged by Star Faith Lazarow and Robert Colton Schultz. Early voting will be held at Clear Brook High School, 4607 FM 2351, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District incumbent Jim Bishop is challenged by Jerry Brannen, and incumbent Bill Morgan is challenged by John Hoover. Early voting will be held at the Clear Brook City MUD building, 11911 Blackhawk, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Kirkmont Municipal Utility District incumbents Michael Grizzaffi, Debra Carroll and Gordon Beville are challenged by Bonnie Dimicelli. Early voting will be held at the Kirkmont MUD building, 11911 Blackhawk, from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

## Leader still seeks photos

The *Leader* is still seeking photos from the 2010 South Belt Spectacular Cookoff. Anyone wishing to submit photos for possible publication may send them by e-mail to mynews@southbeltleader.com.

## Lariaettes host spring show

The Dobie Lariaettes will present their annual spring show, *Lariaettes In the News*, on May 6, 7 and 8 at 7 p.m. in the Dobie auditorium. Admission is \$10, under age 2 free. For information, call Carmen Guyote at 713-419-4047 or e-mail Lalexander@pasadenaisd.org.

## Area kindergarten roundups

### South Belt Elementary

South Belt Elementary will hold an informal Kindergarten Roundup open house for prospective kindergarteners Friday, May 7, at 9 a.m. Parents will receive enrollment information as students visit the kindergarten classrooms. For information, call 713-740-5276.

### Frazier Elementary

Frazier Elementary will hold its 2010-2011 Kindergarten Roundup Tuesday, May 11, from 8 to 9:15 a.m. Parents will meet the kindergarten teachers and learn about the school and the program. Children can visit kindergarten classrooms and have story time with juice and cookies. Parents will receive the enrollment packet and go to the front of the line with the completed packet at registration in August. For information, call 713-740-0560.

## Clothing exchange set

Catholic Daughters will host a Lady Godiva 2010 Clothing Exchange Saturday, May 1, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road. All area women are invited to bring gently used clothing items to the exchange. Top garments only – no shoes, socks, sleepwear or undergarments. Jewelry, handbags, wallets, hats, scarves, belts and gloves are welcome. All monies earned and clothing items left will be donated to Southeast Area Ministries and/or local charities. For information, call 281-484-4170.

## Dobie band parents meet

The Dobie Band Parent Organization will meet Monday, May 3, at 7 p.m. in the band hall. All band parents are urged to attend.

## Enrichment program set

Beverly Hills Community Center is now registering for the Summer Enrichment program for ages 6-13 years. For more information, call 713-948-9065.

## Giant yard sale at church

A giant yard sale will be held Saturday, May 1, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Kirkwood South Christian Church, 10811 Kirkfair. The sale includes craft-making items.

## SBASA awards scholarships

The South Belt Area Sports Association is accepting applications for scholarships. The SBASA will award two scholarships (one boy and one girl) to eligible seniors. Students who played sports at El Franco Lee Park at least three years are eligible. Forms are in the school counselors' office and are due back by May 3. For information, e-mail karenconnor9694@sbcglobal.net.

## KS scholarships available

Kirkwood South will offer four graduating seniors from J. Frank Dobie High School who reside in the Kirkwood South subdivision a one-time scholarship of \$500 each. Applications are available at the scholarship coordinator's office at Dobie.

## GAT band car wash May 2

The Thompson Band will hold a car wash May 2, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Kroger at Beltway 8 at Sabo. Proceeds go toward the band's trip to San Antonio. For information, call Debbie Hirsch at Thompson at 713-740-0510 or Liz Beltran at 832-577-1732.

## Dobie choir parents meet

The Dobie Choir Parent Association meets Tuesday, May 4, at 7 p.m. in the choir room. All choir parents are urged to attend to discuss the upcoming pop show and choir banquet.

# City water rate increases to affect many

The City of Houston recently raised water and sewer rates by nearly 30 percent for an average single-family household.

The increase is to be phased in over the next three years. Roughly 12.5 percent of the 27.7 percent increase will take effect June 1. The remaining 15 percent will be phased in every April 1 for three years beginning in 2011.

The bill of an average single-family house-

hold using 6,000 gallons of water a month will jump from \$47 to \$60 after the rate hike is fully implemented. After the initial 12.5 percent increase goes into effect June 1, the bill of an average single-family household using 6,000 gallons of water a month will jump from \$47 to \$53.

Houston City Councilman Mike Sullivan, who represents the South Belt area, was one of three voting against the measure. Also voting against

the proposal were Oliver Pennington and C.O. Bradford.

The move is part of a citywide effort to save money, as it is facing a projected \$140 million shortfall for fiscal 2011 budget.

The increase will also affect the water and sewer rates of most area municipal utility districts.

The Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District owns its water supply and will not be affected by the change, according to the group's president, Jim Bishop.

Both the Sagemeadow and Kirkmont municipal utility districts will conduct meetings next month to discuss how the rate increase will affect them.

## Chamber's annual Casino Night to take place Friday, April 30

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce's annual Casino Night will take place Friday, April 30, at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The yearly event allows attendees to use fake money to gamble in Las Vegas-style games, such as blackjack, Let it Ride, roulette, baccarat, craps and poker, including Texas Hold 'em.

Winners will receive raffle tickets rather than cash, with drawings for prizes being held throughout the evening. Current prizes include a trip for two to Las Vegas with a two-night stay at Caesar's Palace, a barbecue grill from the Black-

hawk H-E-B, a four-person pass to the Kemah Boardwalk, a wireless Hewlett-Packard printer from the Edgebrook Office Depot, a spa treatment from Reflections Medical Spa, a round of golf for four from Golfcrest Country Club and several gift baskets.

Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door and are available at the chamber office, 10500 Scarsdale, the Blackhawk H-E-B, 9828 Blackhawk, and the *South Belt-Ellington Leader*, 11555 Beamer.

For more information, contact chamber Executive Director Sally Mitchell at 281-481-5516.

## Pct. 2 nabs burglary suspect

Deputies from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office arrested a suspect Friday, April 23, for the burglary of a home in the 11400 block of Sagecreek the previous Monday.

At press time, Andy Ramirez, 18, was being held at the Harris County Jail on \$10,000 bond for burglary of a habitation. The arrest came after a five-day investigation, according to Precinct 2 Sgt. Zerick Guinn.

Deputies Parnelli Jones and Vance Britt were dispatched to the original scene Monday, April 19, where a witness said he saw six men leaving the area carrying a TV and other electronics. The men were reportedly walking along the ditch line behind Sagecreek toward the apartment complexes near Beamer.

Multiple residents from the nearby Highland Meadow Village apartments phoned police at roughly the same time to report suspicious men

lifting a TV over the complex's fence.

After interviewing several witnesses, deputies determined that some of the men may have been Dobie students who were skipping school to rob homes.

Through working with the Pasadena Independent School District Police Department and school officials, Guinn said he was able to connect Ramirez, not a Dobie student, to the crime. Three separate witnesses positively identified Ramirez out of a photo lineup.

While Ramirez is not a Dobie student, it is believed his accomplices may be.

Four of the other five suspects were described as black males wearing red Polo-type shirts. The fifth suspect was described as being Puerto Rican or biracial.

Anyone with information on this case is urged to contact Guinn by phone at 281-481-9189.

## Braden to step down from board

After serving nine years on the Pasadena Independent School District board, current Vice President Frank Braden, who once served as Dobie principal, did not file to keep his seat.

Braden retired in 1992 from PISD after serving the district 33 years as a teacher, counselor, director of transportation, secondary school principal, assistant superintendent for secondary schools and area superintendent.

The career educator served in the U.S. Army, and he holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Texas A&M University and a Master of Educa-

tion degree from the University of Houston.

Braden is a past president of the Pasadena Area Retired School Employees and currently serves as legislative chairman. He is an honorary life member in both the Texas and national PTA organizations. Braden has served as chairman of the deacon body of the South Main Baptist Church in 1976 and 1993, as well as Sunday School director and teacher for 35 years.

He has been married for 43 years to his wife Pat, a retired math teacher. The couple have two married daughters, both employed in the field of education.

PISD Superintendent Kirk Lewis said Braden will be missed.

"He has served as a mentor and inspiration to students and peers across the district," Lewis said. "Personally, I will miss his wisdom and the perspective that he has shared while on the board. And, as a district, we are going to miss his keen insight and both his and Pat's involvement in the schools."

Braden will be replaced by Jack Bailey.



## Dobie to perform Epic Proportions



J. Frank Dobie High School Drama Department students are proud to showcase their talent in the upcoming laugh-filled play *Epic Proportions*. Taking place in the 1930s, it revolves around two brothers getting themselves cast as extras in a huge Hollywood film production being shot in the Arizona desert. Benny and Phil, after an outrageous turn of events, star in and direct the movie. This quick-paced comedy takes viewers in every direction from love, to sibling rivalry and to somewhere in between the two. Pictured left to right are Eleanor Poka, Olivia Maslonka and Drake Williams. The show will run April 30, May 1, 3 and 4 at 7 p.m. and May 2 at 3 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre. Tickets are \$4 in advance and \$5 at the door. To purchase tickets, contact Aimee Small or David Crutcher at 713.740.0370 ext. 04173.

Photo by Katie Posey

## South Belt students smile



South Belt Elementary School was recently officially dedicated. Shown above are, left to right, students Ellyssa Armenta, Sara Ottwell and Briana Munoz who are all smiles while attending the event. (See related photo Page 2A.)

Photo by Mark Kramer

# PISD officially dedicates South Belt Elementary

By Mark Kramer  
PISD staff writer

Words of encouragement and the sounds of young voices in song highlighted the official dedication of South Belt Elementary School.

The new campus, located in the Riverstone Ranch subdivision, opened at the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year in August.

"This is an exciting time," said Fred Roberts, Pasadena Independent School District school board president. "When I see these young faces, it gives me great hope for the future. When we open these schools, this is what it is all about – providing a great education for these leaders of tomorrow."

After kindergarten students Megan Rodriguez and Dominic Serna led the pledge of allegiance to the U.S. and Texas flags to start the ceremony, Bondy Intermediate eighth-grade student Jenny Barosh sang *The Star Spangled Banner*.

PISD Superintendent Dr. Kirk Lewis then gave some opening remarks. "This school is a place for children. It is a place for families. It is a source of community pride, and it is a place where new pages of history are being celebrated," he said.

The South Belt Singers performed the *South Belt Rap* and South Belt school song. Both musical numbers were composed by this year's third-

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## Thompson teachers' cars keyed

Seven Thompson Intermediate faculty members had their cars keyed this past week.

All of the vehicles were parked facing away from the school along Sagedowne, and all were scratched across the hood. It is assumed someone walking down the street keyed all of the cars at the same time.

Pasadena Independent School District officials said they are unsure if a student was responsible for the damage, but that they intended to step up foot patrols of the campus.

Anyone with information on this incident is urged to call the PISD Police Department at 713-740-0200.

## Sullivan to host town hall May 11

Council Member Mike Sullivan will host a town hall meeting Tuesday May 11, at San Jacinto College South, 13735 Beamer.

The meeting will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Marie Spence Flickinger Fine Arts Building.

Constituent services have always been a priority to Sullivan. Each year he brings various City of Houston department representatives to the community to address concerns important to his constituents.

Sullivan invites the residents of the South Belt area to this town hall meeting to be heard. "This is an opportunity to get questions answered, bring issues to the city's attention and get informed on upcoming projects," said Sullivan.

Representatives from the Houston Police Department, the Houston Fire Department, the Public Works and Engineering Department, Parks & Recreational Department, and General Services Department have been invited to attend and answer questions on district related issues. An open-mic will be available for a question and answer session after a few brief

remarks by Sullivan.

For more information, contact Sullivan's office at 832-393-3008.

## Weber student struck by car while on bike

A fourth-grade student riding his bike to Weber Elementary had a close brush with danger Tuesday, April 27, when he was struck by a vehicle leaving the area school.

According to police, the child was able to jump from his bike, avoiding serious injury. His bike was not as fortunate, as it was heavily damaged in the collision.

The child was treated by paramedics at the scene and released to attend school, where TAKS tests were being administered.

# Readers' Opinions

## Sageglen Security Committee sign-up

Homeowners in Sageglen, sections 1 thru 4 of the South Belt area, who are interested in re-establishing the Security Committee, please send your name, address (physical/email) and telephone number to Gala D. Mitchell, P.O. Box 34466, Houston, Texas 77234 by May 10, 2010. Individuals with knowledge of harassment, hostile environment, investigations security and safety measures, deed restrictions and bylaws, etc. are needed. Notification of a group meeting for discussion will be sent to those interested in this committee. Please sign-up ASAP. Thanks for your assistance in advance.

Gala D. Mitchell

## Proof of man-made global warming?

Finally proof of man made global warming! And you heard it here first (well second!) According to Eli Kintisch, a reporter for Science, Discover, MIT Technology Review and The New Republic and the author of the new book, "Hack the Planet: Science's Best Hope - or Worst Nightmare - for Averting Climate Catastrophe," global warming may be caused by the cleaning up of our atmosphere. That's right boys and girls by riding our air of pollutants, including aerosols, sulfates and soot we are causing global warming. Mr. Kintisch and other geniuses like him think that we should introduce these pollutants back into the atmosphere in order to engineer the natural cooling effects of volcanic eruptions. I have an idea let's allow businesses to pollute the air without government fines. That would lower our prices, increase employment, and allow business owners greater profits. Everybody wins, including the planet! Breathing may be a little difficult at first, but we'll get used to it.

Then there is this... "Kevin Trenberth and John Fasullo, climate scientists at the National Centre for Atmospheric Research in Colorado, say only about half of the heat believed to have built up in the Earth in recent years can be accounted for. New instruments are needed to locate and monitor this missing heat, they say, which could be storing up trouble for the future." I had to quote the line from the guardian.co.uk website because I could not think of a funnier way to say it.

Yes scientists "believe" that there is twice the amount of heat out there than they can measure and if they had better instruments they could find it. In the article the scientist actually say that they think the heat is hiding at the bottom of

the ocean. I took science in school and although I went to public school so take that into account I remember something about scientific method including measurable proof and repeated experimentation coming up with the same result in order for something to be scientifically true or something like that. I also remember something about warm water rising to the top and cold water sinking to the bottom, but let us not talk about that at all. I guess if you have to hide a bunch of heat somewhere the bottom of the ocean would be perfect. Who is going to look down there?

On a related note, a religious cleric in Iran says that the reason that Iran is experiencing more earthquakes is that women are wearing more provocative clothing and leading our youth astray, causing adultery, and promiscuous sex. What? That's crazy. I thought that global warming caused earthquakes, derailed our youth and caused adultery and promiscuous sex. Somebody please help me.

George Valtarasos

## Knights of Columbus thank community

The Knights of Columbus Monsignor Alfred Ray Council 9201 would like to take this opportunity to thank the South Belt community for their support of our weekly Lenten Fish Fry dinners. We served 2455 dinners during the six week period. Of the 2455 dinners, 974 included two pieces of fish, that's a total of 3429 catfish filets (9 to 11 oz. filets of USA raised catfish) that we prepared.

There were times that some of our customers had to wait several minutes to get their freshly cooked dinners and we apologize for the inconvenience. We attempt to provide freshly cooked fish and french fries to everyone.

Many people have asked us if we prepare the fish, coleslaw, tarter and cocktail sauces ourselves. The catfish coating is our own recipe of a mixture of cornmeal and various spices and the fish is cooked in peanut oil. The coleslaw mix comes from Sam's and we make our own dressing. We prepare the coleslaw on Thursday morning and refrigerate it overnight so the coleslaw has time to age. The tarter sauce and cocktail sauces are our own recipes. The corn is cooked in buttered water with some sugar added.

Again, we thank the South Belt community; Marie Flickinger, owner of the South Belt-Ellington Leader, and the many volunteers who donate their time and enable us to provide over \$10,000 in scholarships and social services.

Dominic Cantalamessa  
Grand Knight Council 9201

# South Belt Singers perform at dedication



The South Belt Singers perform their school song during the dedication of the new South Belt Elementary School. Shown are, left to right, (front row) Ruben Flores, Delilah Nguyen, Julianna Espinosa, Joshua Bickers, Sara Otwell, Alyssa Armenta, Brianna Munoz, Adela Alanis (hidden), Sara Lewis (hidden), Krystan Rodriguez, Isabella DeLaGarza, (second row) Hallie Nelms, Jacob Efir, Jasheem Alfred, Nahum Ruiz,

Shaniah Humphrey, Jacki Mendoza, Celine Espinosa, Uyi Ewansiha, (third row) Stephanie Martinez, Riannon Byers, Rebecca Byers, Karissa Cook, Faith Johnson, Jacqueline Arrington, Kianna Groves, Alexa Rivas, Hailey Spencer, (back row) Shielene Vargas, Ty Critchfield, Zariah Walker, Keishon Groves, Clarissas Arredondo, Shannon Bickers, Adriana Toro, Elizabeth Shelley and Jeremy Tajonera.

Continued From Page 1A fourth-grade music students, with the assistance of director Cora Bigwood and accompanist Joy Tuneberg.

South Belt-Ellington Leader newspaper publisher Marie Flickinger and Roberts shared some remarks and both encouraged continued community and parental involvement of the school.

South Belt Elementary principal Candy Howard closed the ceremony by praising her staff and thanking the community and district administration for their support.

"I have a great staff and a great team of teachers," she said. "When I see the smiling faces of these children every day, it's what I live for. I have the greatest job in the world."

Tours of the school followed the official ceremony. Classrooms on campus are equipped with the newest technology, including digital learning tools such as Promethean Boards.

Rapid growth in the South Belt area and the construction of the Riverstone Ranch subdivision enhanced the community and led to the need for a new elementary school. In response to the need, PISD voters approved the construction of the school as part of a 2004 bond referendum.

## Death

### Donna Simerly Outland



Donna Simerly Outland, 52, died on Tuesday, April 20, 2010, from a sudden illness. She was a longtime South Belt resident.

She was preceded in death by her father, Joe Simerly Sr.

Outland is survived by her mother, Betty Simerly; four daughters, Alicia and husband Johnny Mathis II, Jennifer and husband Derek Melcrum, and Melissa and Brandy; 10 grandchildren,

Carolyn and Johnny III Mathis, Chyenne Outland, Taylor and McKinzie Melcrum, Michael, Chase, Mysterie, Shawney and the late Jessie Outland; two brothers, Joe Simerly Jr. of Alvin and Clate Simerly of Houston. Outland was a Dobie High

School graduate and attended Beverly Hills Intermediate and Genoa Elementary. She played in the Sagemont Softball League.

A funeral was held Saturday, April 24, at Rosewood Funeral Home. Burial followed in Humble, Texas.

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# Thompson holds 9th annual Great Science Food Fight

G. A. Thompson Intermediate students recently participated in the school's ninth annual Great Science Food Fight.

Nine years ago, a Thompson student was discovered to be living out of his family's car. One of the science teachers contacted a major Houston area shelter and was told that the family could not go there since they had a car.

The Bridge Women's Shelter in Pasadena opened their door to this family. The impact of generosity spearheaded Thompson's desire to begin supporting this organization.

The food collected in this year's drive went to The Bridge Women's Shelter.

The Bridge serves more than 20,000 people each year through a 24-hour crisis hotline, emergency shelter, long-term supportive housing, casework, support groups, children's services and community education. The Bridge serves more than 118,000 meals a year to women in need.

The food fight was a competition between grade levels to see which grade could collect the most canned food items, and it lasted for two weeks. Students who donated received extra credit in their science class.

This year Thompson students collected a grand total of 2,324 cans. The seventh-grade class at Thompson took first place with a total

of 1,653 cans, and the eighth-grade was close behind with 671 cans. These seventh-grade students will receive a movie day in their science class for beating the eighth-graders.

With so many people affected by today's economic issues, students learned a valuable lesson on being societal contributors and giving back to their community. The teachers and administrators at Thompson feel this is an important life lesson.

The food drive is sponsored yearly by the G. A. Thompson Science Department teachers including Felicia Petit, Martha Weatherford, Carol Waters, Susie Haas, Jennifer Guerrero and Holly Bailey.



Thompson seventh-grade students who donated the most items to help The Bridge women's shelter in Pasadena were, pictured left to right, Damien Molina, Jai Jones and John Rico from Susie Haas' class. Photo by Carol Waters

## Young volunteer helps clean Beamer

Unexpected inclement weather on the morning of April 10 did not keep South Belt resident Alex Lewis from helping clean Beamer Road between Scarsdale and Beltway 8. Lewis, a sophomore at Dobie High School, made the decision to help the community after reading the article in the March 25 edition of the *Leader* announcing the event. Stirred by this opportunity to clean up the community, Lewis sacrificed his free time on Saturday morning and took to the streets with several other residents in an effort to reduce litter in South Belt.



Photo submitted

# Dobie Lariaettes win top awards at Showtime Nationals in Galveston

The J. Frank Dobie Lariaettes competed for the final time this year at Showtime Nationals in Galveston held recently.

After two days of competition, awards were given out, and the girls did an outstanding job. Their hard work this semester paid off with the team's best performances of the season.

The 2009-2010 J. Frank Dobie Lariaette military officers, Col. Ivette Armenta, Lt. Col. Libby Garza, Capt. Aimee Cessna and Lt. Tristana Guyote, were named large team National Champions

for their Officer Hip Hop. They were also first runners-up to National Champion for both their Officer Lyrical and Officer Jazz.

The lyrical ensemble to *One Moment More* - choreographed in memory of and dedicated to Gabby Romero - was named first runner-up to National Champion Large Ensemble out of all the large ensembles at the competition, regardless of team size. This is the first time Lyrical Ensemble has placed, but the girls' hard work paid off.

Senior Nicolette Baade was named a runner-up to

National Grand Champion for her lyrical duet. Her partner even danced in a soft cast, as she had torn ligaments in her arm at the beginning of the week.

Finally, the team placed in all four team routines and were named High School Large Team National Champions for Jazz, Modern and Hip Hop. They were second runner-up in Team Pom.

The competition routines, along with many new ones, will be performed at the Dobie Lariaette Spring Show to be held May 6-8 in the Dobie auditorium.



Lariaette officers, left to right, Lt. Tristana Guyote, Lt. Col. Libby Garza, Col. Ivette Armenta and Capt. Aimee Cessna display the trophies they earned recently at the Showtime Nationals in Galveston.



The 2009-2010 J. Frank Dobie Lariaettes proudly show off the trophies and awards they received at the Showtime Nationals in Galveston recently. Pictured are, left to right, (first row) President Cassandra Murray, Spirit Leader Linda Mindiola, Capt. Aimee Cessna, Col. Ivette Armenta, Lt. Col. Libby Garza, Lt. Tristana Guyote, Party Girl Ashley Cantu, Nicolette Baade, Inventory Megan Barker, (middle row) Donna Hernandez, Secretary Adriana Gutierrez, Jeannette Cruz, Alyssa Loreda, Lisa Scott, Aracely Perez, Elise

Harper, Crystal Cabriales, Chaplain Senia Rubio, Deseray Figueroa, Sandra Gonzalez, Katia Ceja, Tessa Andrade, Asia Allen, (back row) Shanay LaCour, Sandy Nemons, Jontay Warner, Joanna Garza, Angie Guevara, Tram To, Bri Harper, Alaina Burns, Karena Duran, Paige Cavazos, Caitlin Woods, Camilla Contreras, Feliss Goree, Tiana Wilson, Kayla Smith, Clarissa Vega, Katlyn Hoggard, Desiree Harvey, Blanca Garza, Tori Gomez, Cassandra Velasquez, Shante McGill and Rachel Moore. Photo submitted

# Clear Creek Education Foundation's 4th annual Galaxy of Stars Fashion Show features CCISD student models

The Clear Creek Education Foundation's fourth annual Galaxy of Stars Fashion Show will be held on Sunday, May 16, at 4:30 p.m. at the Hilton Houston NASA Clear Lake. The event is being produced by nationally known fashion show producer Lenny Matuszewski Jr.

High school juniors from across the school district submitted applications to be considered as student models for this fun-filled evening. Forty seven individuals were selected from the four comprehensive high schools, the alternative academic campus, Clear View and the early college high school, Clear Horizons. Joining these "Stars of the Sea" on the runway will be CCISD representatives and community leaders.

Students from Clear Brook High School who were selected to participate are: Angelica Bandayrel, Brittany Berry, Layne Haley, Tra-

cy Ly, Missy Mata, Melissa Medina, Taylor Melton and Kealy Roberson

Tickets are \$100 per person and can be purchased online at the Clear Creek Education Foundation's Web site at [www.clearcreekeducationfoundation.org](http://www.clearcreekeducationfoundation.org) or by calling Clear Creek Education Foundation Coordinator Angela Jenkins at 281-284-0031.

The Clear Creek Education Foundation, established in 1992, is composed of business and community leaders, all of whom volunteer to raise funds to support the academic achievement of all students.

The foundation raises funds for the following distinct initiatives: award monetary grants to teachers so they can implement innovative educational programs in their individual classrooms; fund career exploration and technology labs for intermediate schools to assist students in exploring the endless

possibilities before them in a hands-on, interactive environment; reimburse the fees

of teachers who achieve National Board Certification, a rigorous and acclaimed certi-

fication; and support students attending the Clear Horizon's Early College High School

campus by providing funds for students' college-level books.



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## Library holds citizenship classes

Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., will offer citizenship classes beginning May 4.

The free classes will be from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. each Tuesday. Registration is required. The classes will be cancelled if fewer than 15 people sign up.

To register, pick up a form at the reference desk. The library is located at Scarsdale and Beamer Road.

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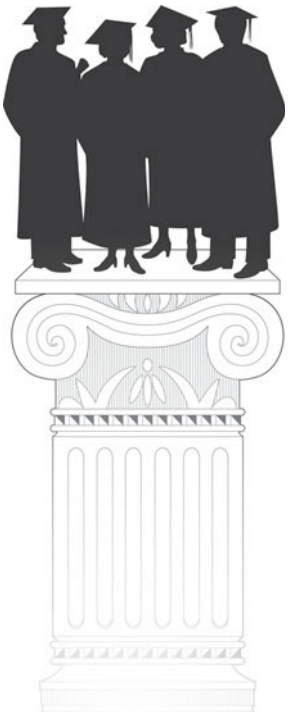
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# Red Door presents 'Lil Red Ridin' in da Hood

Red Door Theatre Company will present 'Lil Red Ridin' in da Hood on Friday, April 30, Saturday, May 1, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, May 2, at 3:30 p.m. Seating is not reserved. The production is adapted by Mark Tanner with original music by South Belt resident Josh Jordan, and lyrics by Jordan, Claire Kelly, Tylar Leigh and Hayley Smith.

'Lil Red Ridin' in da Hood is the story of a girl rap group, The Hoodies, struggling to make it in today's tough, fast-paced music industry.

As Regina Redson and her friends Joy Yellowstone and Billie Blustead struggle to learn the ropes of the music industry they are confronted

with a dark, menacing force, Maurice "Wolfey" Wolfson who is a legendary record producer and founder of Bigg 'N Badd Records. Can Hunter Carrington, the girls' new representation, help them with contractual problems or will The Hoodies be performing for Wolfey until they reach retirement age? Will their new video send them to stardom? Find out...

Admission for adults is \$15, 13 and under is \$10, students w/valid ID is \$10, and adults 55 and over is \$10. The Red Door is located at 4513 Red Bluff Road, Pasadena.

For information call 281-542-0500, visit [www.thereddoortheatrecompany.com](http://www.thereddoortheatrecompany.com).



South Belt residents Claire Kelly, Hayley Smith and Tylar Leigh as The Hoodies in Red Door Theatre's production of 'Lil Red Ridin' in da Hood. Photo submitted

# Over The Back Fence by Jan

**GUESS WHO JUST TURNED 30?** Jordan Gause will celebrate his 30th birthday on Thursday, April 29, with a party given by his friends and family who say they are proud of all his accomplishments.

**JACOB TURNS 7!** Jacob De La Rosa will turn 7 years old on Saturday, May 1. Lots of love and birthday wishes are sent to him from his mom and dad, Kristin and Fernando De La Rosa, brother Aidan, Gran and Pop, Rose and Larry Kozelman, Aunt Kimmie and Uncle Mike Frazee, Aunt Allison and Uncle Cody Reynolds, Grandma and Papo, Hilda and Fernando De La Rosa, Aunt Lizet Martinez, and cousins Matthew, Lauren and Zachary Frazee, Avery Reynolds and Nikki Martinez. Jacob is in first grade at Frazier Elementary and plays in the SBHLL for the T-Ball Cardinals.

**SCHOOL DAZE**  
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays April 29 through May 5.

**Atkinson Elementary**  
Greetings for a happy birthday are sent to Katie Bass May 2.

**Frazier Elementary**  
Meredith Rives is sent birthday greetings April 29. Blow out the birthday candles for Barbara Walton May 5.

**Jessup Elementary**  
Special birthday wishes are sent to Gloria Guillory April 30.

**Meador Elementary**  
A birthday celebration is set for Cathy Taylor April 30. The day for a birthday cake for Paulina Rivas-Lopez is May 4.

**Stuchbery Elementary**  
Celebrating a birthday May 3 is Cheryl Fox. The day for a party for Maria Orozco is May 4. Enjoying a birthday May 5 is Veronica Rodriguez.

**Meillilo Middle School**  
On April 29, Paul Bennett marks a birthday.

**Morris Middle School**  
Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to Roland Garza April 29. Blow out the

birthday candles on a double-layer cake for Sergio Castillo and Leticia Rodriguez April 30.

**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
Kimberly Urie is wished a happy birthday May 3.

**Thompson Intermediate**  
Special birthday greetings are sent to Melissa Taylor April 29.

**Dobie High**  
A birthday is celebrated by Alice McCoy April 30. On May 1, Dyana Ashcraft and Jeanee Wells share a birthday. Double birthday wishes are sent to Marcia Griffin and Marguerite Smith May 2. The day for a party for Tanya Morales is May 3. Special birthday greetings are sent to Vanessa Canales May 4. On May 5, Debra Kersman has a birthday.

**LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS**  
E-mail birthday, anniversary, vacation, congratulations, etc., to [mynews@southbeltleader.com](mailto:mynews@southbeltleader.com) with OTBF in the subject line. Items must be submitted by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

## South Belt Elementary names third 9-weeks rolls

South Belt Elementary recently released its honor, merit, perfect attendance, etc. rolls for the third nine-weeks grading period. Students earning status are:

**Kindergarten**  
**Math Whiz Award**  
Saniah Adams, Cesar Aguilar, Isabella Arnevas, Alana Arrington, Keegan Ashworth, Ava Ayala, Jayden Balderaz, Andre Barrientos, Dillon Barron, Rhiannon Barron, Aaron Bagazo, Aqib Bhatti and Christa Bralley.

Brittany Burleigh, Madison Cai, Gabriella Campo, Makenzie Castillo, Brandon Cates, Izabella Cavazos, Alyssa Chapman, Matthew Collins, Angel Coreas, Di Dao, Brianna Demmi, Jaxon Efrid, Gerardo Flores, Cameron Galloway and Angelina Garcia.

Stephen Garcia, Vincent Gonzales, Emily Gonzalez, Xavier Gutierrez, Eric Guyote, Alaina Hampton, Katelyn Hernandez, Leslie Hernandez, Natalie Hernandez, Niklas Hernandez, Jasmine Hickman and Elijah Hobbs.

Akira Jack, Isaac Jaimes, Khamryn Kelley, Anh Ky, Kevin Lewis, Jocelyn Limon, Caidence Martin, Adrian Martinez, Cory on Matthew, Diego Melchor, Matthew Mendiola, Katelyn Mendoza and Marcus Momie.

Karme Murguia, Xavier Musquiz, Mohammed Naqvi, Han Nguyen, Kelly Nguyen, Nathalia Norton, Monisa Nova, Sydney Olivier, Jeremiah Palma, Keith Parker, Tyson Puryear, Joshua Rajah, Alexandria Ramos and Jaedon Reichelt.

Amelia Resendez, Sydney Robinson, Joe Rodriguez, Megan Rodriguez, Ryan Saxton, Kennedy Scimmons, Kal Self, Dominic Serna, Kielee Snook, Brianna Toro, Diego Torrez, Shamori Walker, Zaire Walker, Abby Whitley and (Bernard) Malik Williams.

**Perfect attendance**  
Keegan Ashworth, Ava Ayala, Jayden Balderaz, Andre Barrientos, Rhiannon Barron, Brittany Burleigh, Madison Cai, Di Dao, Emily Gonzalez, Katelyn Hernandez, Niklas Hernandez and Isaac Jaimes.

Khamryn Kelley, Anh Ky, Javier McCoy, Diego Melchor, Matthew Mendiola, Katelyn Mendoza, Britney Ngo, Kelly Nguyen, Tyler Nguyen, Nathalia Norton, Monisa Nova, Justin Paniagua and Keith Parker.

Justin Rhoden, Sydney Robinson, Jose Rodriguez, Ryan Saxton, Kennedy Scimmons, Dominic Serna, Brianna Toro, Fernando Villarreal, Luis Villarreal, Abby Whitley and (Bernard) Malik Williams.

**Language Art Star**  
Saniah Adams, Alexy Alvarado, Cesar Aguilar, Isabella Arnevas, Alana Arrington, Keegan Ashworth, Ava Ayala, Jayden Balderaz, Andre Barrientos, Rhiannon Barron, Aqib Bhatti and Christa Bralley.

Bhatti, Brittany Burleigh and Madison Cai.

**Good Citizen**  
Jayden Balderaz, Gabriella Campo, Makenzie Castillo, Brandon Cates, Izabella Cavazos, Angel Coreas, Cameron Galloway, Vincent Gonzales, Akira Jack, Han Nguyen, Kelly Nguyen, Colby Reed, Jaedon Reichelt, Taylor Roque and Luis Villarreal.

**First grade Honor roll**  
Breleana Anderson, Mary Baez, Kaitlyn Bess, Maxine Brown, Kamron Byrd, Matthew Campos, Luke Castillo, Devyn Cook, Jade De Robles, Laura Diaz, Nicole Embrey, Jacob Flores, Alonso Garza and Rayven Gavin.

Megan Godeke, Wesley Godwin, Lazarus Gonzalez, Valerie Gonzalez, Lily Gutierrez, Jordan Hayes, Thomas Herrera, Savanna Herring, Anissa Howard, Jonathan Jeary, Reagan Jones, Brooklynn Lathan and Albert Lazo.

Victoria Lazo, Jose Martinez, Erin Maslonka, Albert Nguyen, Alexis Nguyen, Duy Nguyen, Jake Perez, Morgan Pytka, Kyle Redmon, Madison Resendez, Austin Rhoden, Ryan Roppolo and Isaac Salazar.

Brandon Salinas, Christian Sauter, Lillian Simons, Arianna Soza, Elliot Spiller, Marquise Terry, Alyssa Toro, Kimberly Vargas, Michael Vo, Jhonas Washington, Alise Williams and Bella Woernley.

**Merit roll**  
Breleana Anderson, Gianni Anderson, Ayanna Brooks, Brandon Bui, Luke Castilla, Bruce Chavez, Jacob Flores, Megan Godeke, Wesley Godwin, Savanna Herring, Reagan Jones, Kyle Redmon, Blake Roque, Christian Sauter, Lily

Simons, Alyssa Toro and Marco Torres.

**Perfect attendance**  
Cheyenne Alexander, Joseph Allen, Gianni Anderson, Zariah Aguilar, Mary Baez, Kaitlyn Bess, Jasmine Bethely, Brandon Bui, Kamron Byrd, Taylor Calamaco, Matthew Campos, Luke Castillo and Devyn Cook.

Ricky De La Fuente, Jade DeRobles, Laura Diaz, Alex Enriquez, Alonso Garza, Wesley Godwin, Clayton Goforth, Lazarus Gonzalez, Desmond Gourrier, Jeremy Gutierrez, Lily Gutierrez, Carl Harris and Jordan Hayes.

Savanna Herring, Jonathan Jeary, Nyana Johnson, Michia Jones, Reagan Jones, Yazmine Lackey, Victoria Lazo, Alex Lopez, Jose Martinez, Erin Maslonka, Kenneth Merritt, Taurean Millien, Robert Montano and Avry Munoz.

Albert Nguyen, Alexis Nguyen, Duy Nguyen, Morgan Pytka, Madison Resendez, Austin Rhoden, Ryan Roppolo, Brandon Salinas, Christian Sauter, Marquise Terry, Alyssa Toro, Marco Torres, Daqari Tuckson, Kimberly Vargas and Michael Vo.

**Good Citizen**  
Kaitlyn Bess, Ayanna Brook, Dominec Cruz, Jade De Robles, Nicole Embrey, Jacob Flores, Megan Godeke, Desmond Gourrier, Jeremy Gutierrez and Lily Gutierrez.

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bing death of Jimmy Dickson, 18, of Green Tee.

The newly constructed Parker Williams Library on the campus of San Jacinto College South received the quarterly Community Improvement Award from the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce.

**10 years ago (2000)**  
A record of 26 teams were to compete in the fourth annual South Belt Spectacular Cookoff.

Stuchbery had 104 years of experience retiring at the end of the school year when Gladys Scheidt, Frances Fuller, Carolyn Frailey and Barbara Charba retired.

Constable Gary Freeman incorporated new computer technology, which resulted in the arrest of 16 criminals since January.

The Bulgier family donated a monument for two firefighting victims, Lewis Mayo and Kimberly Smith of Fire Station 76.

Atkinson observed its 30-year anniversary with an open house celebration.

St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church announced its project to raise \$2 million in funds for a long-awaited church building.

**5 years ago (2005)**  
The ninth annual barbecue cookoff held at El Franco Lee Park was believed to be the most successful to that date. Forty-two teams participated, and nearly \$9,000 was raised for the annual Fourth of July fireworks celebration.

The search for Austin Childs, Scott Keller and John Zimmerman wound down. The trio disappeared

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# SJC Central performs Dance Is... April 29

San Jacinto College Central is set to present the 33rd annual spring dance concert, *Dance Is...* featuring the department's favorite styles from the Fox Television series *So You Think You Can Dance*.

*Dance Is...* will feature three performances. Two performances will be on Thursday, April 29, including a matinee show at 11:30 a.m. and an evening show at 7:30 p.m. The final performance will be on Friday, April 30, at 7:30 p.m.

All performances will be held in Slocomb Auditorium, located in the Fine Arts building at SJC Central campus at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena. The show will run approximately two hours with

a 15-minute intermission. All dance routines are originals choreographed by Sageglen resident Sandi Morgan, SJC physical education professor and dance instructor; five guest artists, all of whom are professional dancers and former SJC students; and 10 SJC student choreographers.

The featured dance styles will include contemporary, jazz, hip-hop, lyrical, Broadway, ballroom and disco.

The spring dance concert, which usually draws crowds of 200 to 300 per show, also serves to create awareness of SJC's dance programs.

"We get lots of parental support, and we advertise to area high schools as a recruiting tool - hoping to get more dancers in the future.

Our goal with our audiences is to expose them to dance as an art form and to have them develop an aesthetic appreciation of dance - but also to show them that it is a great live entertainment experience," Morgan said.

The 11:30 a.m. matinee will be free for everyone to attend. Doors open for evening performances at 7 p.m., and admission is \$5. The ticket cost qualifies as a tax-deductible donation to the SJC Foundation dance scholarship.

Tickets will be sold at the door on a first come, first served basis. Reservations are available only for groups of 10 or more.

There will be around 60 SJC students participating in the show, all enrolled in the dance/physical education classes taught by Morgan. The concert is also open to students who have an interest in dance and/or performance.

Two of the pieces to be performed are very personal for Morgan. Students from all five of her dance classes produced one piece under her direction titled *What is Dance?*. The students were involved in all aspects of the production, "including writing a script, recording their speaking parts, and selecting their own movements to a Vivaldi concerto all the while describing and depicting the world of dance," said Morgan.

The other piece is titled *Don't Stop Believing* and features the music of Journey. Morgan said, "This piece is for us all to never stop believing that we can all have an impact on making the world a better place. That we are all humans, people ... not black or white, not skinny or chubby, not old or young. We are simply people - and we can change the way we look at the world one person at a time by believing it."

For more information about SJC, visit [www.sanjac.edu](http://www.sanjac.edu) or call 281-998-6150.

## Taylor, Boeger marry

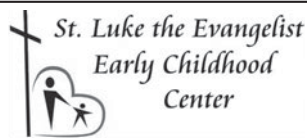


Catherine Michelle Taylor and John Reed Boeger were united in marriage at an outdoor double-ring ceremony on Saturday, March 6, at A&M Gardens in Azle, Texas. The bride was escorted by her father, Don Taylor, while *Ava Maria* by Beyonce was played. Parents of the bride are Don and Mary Taylor of Lake Dallas, Texas, formerly of Clear Lake. She is the granddaughter of Opal Eddy and of Beverley Taylor from Fort Worth. The groom is the son of longtime Sageglen residents John and Sharon Boeger, and his grandmother, Tex Reed, resides in Burkburnett, Texas. The maid of honor was Katie Hanna from San Antonio, and the bridesmaids were Jennifer Whalen of Bloomington, Ind., Cassandra Ragan of Houston, and Rachel Brody from Washington, D.C. Best man was Frank Chapa, a Sageglen resident, and groomsmen were Ryan Rupert of Anchorage, Alaska, Eric Looney of Houston, Justin Kaderka, former Sageglen resident now living in Boston, Mass., and Andrew Hurd of Galveston. The bride and groom were 2002 graduates of Clear Brook High School. The bride graduated in 2006 from Texas State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education. She is employed by the Anchorage School District and is working on her master's at the University of Alaska in Anchorage. The groom graduated from the University of Texas in Austin where he was a member of the Longhorn Marching Band. In 2007 he received a Bachelor of Science in petroleum engineering and is currently employed as a petroleum engineer for BP Exploration (Alaska). After a honeymoon at Montego Bay in the Bahamas, the couple resides in Anchorage with their dog, Shellie.

## Allenbergs celebrate golden anniversary



Sandra and Aubrey Allenberg will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, May 15. The couple were married on May 15, 1960. Originally from New Orleans, they have been residents of Sagemont for 34 years. Sandra retired from Farmers Insurance, and Aubrey retired from Foley's and from Macy's department stores. They have two sons, Cary of Clute, Texas, and Sean, who resides in Friendswood.



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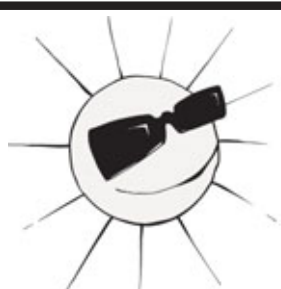
There will be a procession of flowers every evening and a crowning on Mother's Day. Refreshments will be served each day.

Make plans to bring the entire family to honor Mother Mary weekdays from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

### Hobby Lions Club to meet

Hobby Airport Lions Club will meet Wednesday, May 5, at noon at the Golden Corral at Fuqua and I-45.

For more information, e-mail [HobbyAirportLions@gmail.com](mailto:HobbyAirportLions@gmail.com).



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## Final-game heroics lift Brook, Dobie

The 2010 high school softball playoffs don't officially get under way until April 29, but the Clear Brook and Dobie teams have already engaged in playoff-like battles entering the post-season.

Clear Brook will enter the postseason as the District 24-5A champions after beating second-place Alvin in back-to-back games to

achieve the feat.

Heading into action April 23 at Alvin, the Lady Wolverines needed to beat Alvin in the regular-season finale to force a tie atop the standings. Brook got that done with a 4-2 win, and then went one better with a thrilling 7-4 victory over the Yellowjackets April 24 in Alvin.

The 24-5A championship

has paved the way for Clear Brook to take on Fort Bend Travis, the fourth-place team out of District 23-5A, in the bidistrict round.

Brook has what it wanted, and Dobie also finished its regular season on a roll after beating Pearland 3-2 in extra innings April 23 at the Pasadena ISD sports complex.

Needing a win to en-

sure at least a third-place seed, Dobie was able to take a bigger step, one that changed the standings.

While handing 22-5A champion Pearland (13-1) its first loss of the district season, Dobie (11-3) also took over sole possession of second place after Deer Park (10-4) was felled by Memorial.

The Lady Longhorns are

now set to take on North Shore, which placed third. **Continued on Page 3B**



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Having shown the umpire the ball, Clear Brook catcher Molly Fichtner (right) exults after tagging out Alvin's Raven Keeler during the second inning of the District 24-5A championship game Saturday at Alvin. Fichtner took a throw from Clear Brook left fielder Taylor Nickell as Keeler raced toward home plate from second

base. The big defensive play allowed Clear Brook to down Alvin 7-4, snagging the outright title and the No. 1 seed heading into the playoffs. Brook had defeated Alvin 4-2 April 23 to set up the showdown. Next up for the Lady Wolverines is a one-game playoff April 30 against Fort Bend Travis.

Photo by Al Carter

## Baseball teams still hold playoff hopes

Having trailed the playoff contenders all season long, the Clear Brook and Dobie varsity baseball teams have now given themselves a fighting chance to advance to the postseason.

It will take great skill and perhaps a little luck to achieve the dream, but at least there's a chance.

But while the Wolverines host Clear Springs April 30 and then travel to Al-

vin May 1, Clear Lake has to play at first-place Brazoswood April 30 and then

hosts second-place Clear Creek May 1. All of the **Continued on Page 6B**



Senior Aaron Kutra has put on a show of power over the second half of district play that has Dobie tied for a playoff spot. Kutra homered twice against Pasadena April 23, driving in five runs along the way.

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## Region III track and field coming May 3-4

The Region III varsity track and field meet is set for Monday and Tuesday, May 3-4 at Turner Stadium in Spring as athletes from high school programs across the Houston area make their bid to reach the state meet, coming in mid-May. The Dobie High School girls' program has high hopes, particularly in the relays. The Lady Longhorns' 4x100-meter and 4x200-meter relays teams, made up of (from left in photo) Kiara Harris, Monique Anderson, Charity Knight and Chili Montgomery, will be looking to advance. The Dobie and Clear Brook programs will have athletes competing in a variety of events at regionals. In all, Harris, Anderson and Knight will compete in three events at regionals. For more about those athletes, see story and pictures on Page 6B.



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## Ferraro, Aeros a match



Dobie High School graduate Andrew Ferraro (right) had the honor of presenting Houston Aeros defenseman Max Noreau with an award recognizing his second team American Hockey League all-star status this season. Noreau had 56 points in 76 games for the Aeros this season. Ferraro, a 1995 Dobie graduate, covers the Aeros as a reporter for the Houston Chronicle. The Aeros have completed the 2010 season and are looking forward to the future with Noreau playing a key role.

## Intermediate track and field

# Beverly Hills sweeps second PISD boys' competitions

Beverly Hills Intermediate's eighth-grade boys' track and field team rolled to an easy win at the second district competition April 22 at Auxiliary Stadium.

Meanwhile, the Bears' seventh-grade team withstood a late push from Thompson to win the seventh-grade crown.

**BHI 8s coast**

The Bears' eighth-grade team posted 169 team points to run away with top team honors.

Beverly Hills earned a quick 20 points, winning the 4x100-meter relay in a time of 47.88 as Mario Ramirez and Jessy Cedeno teamed with Carneze Gant and Jovanni Wade.

Jaylon Johnson helped his team with a win in the 800-meter run, coming through with a time of 2 minutes, 16 seconds to earn a gold medal.

The points kept coming for the Bears in the 100-meter hurdles. Cedeno's time of 16.53 was best, and teammate Marlon Jackson was fourth at 17.42.

In the second relay of the meet, the 4x200, the Bears again delivered a victory at 1:41.91 with Victor Castillo, Ben Scott, Johnson and Shawn Avella combining for the effort.

Beverly Hills dominated the 200-meter dash, taking three of the top five positions. Gant was the winner in a time of 24.51, just edging teammate Scott, who was second at 24.73. Wade's

time of 25.06 was fifth.

In the 4x400-meter relay, the Bears scored 20 more points with a win as Cedeno, Gant, Ramirez and Castillo had a time of 3:56.93.

The Bears also scored well in the field events. Martin Cruz was the champion of the discus after a throw of 121 feet, 8 3/4 inches.

Teammate Robert Sanchez was the top competitor in the shot put as his throw of 42-1 1/2 was easily best in the event. In the triple jump, Cedeno's leap of 36-7 gave him first place, and Wade's effort of 35-5 was third.

The Bears scored key points in other events as well. In the 100-meter dash, Scott's time of 11.84 was third. Johnson, taking part in the 400-meter dash, earned a time of 59.17 for second place.

Big points came for the Bears in the 300-meter hurdles. At 46.09, Keith Albright was second, and teammates Jackson (46.59) and Ramirez (47.40) were third and fourth, respectively.

Malcolm Jones chipped in for Beverly Hills, taking sixth in the long jump with a leap of 16-5 1/2.

**BHI 7s outlast Thompson**

The Bears' seventh-grade team engaged in a two-team battle with Thompson for the team title. In the end, the Bears had just enough to hold off the Lions, scoring 146 points to 128 for the Lions.

In the first event, the

Bears won the 4x100-meter relay in a time of 49.32 as Darius Simmons, Maurice McMorris, Joe Gonzalez and Chris Washington formed the team.

The Bears earned key points in the 100-meter hurdles, with Thomas Bui taking the win in a time of 15.96 and Carlos Gonzalez third at 17.21. Caleb Irvington (17.70) was fifth.

Beverly Hills came through with another victory in the relays, this one the 4x200 in a time of 1:44.48 as Joe Gonzalez, McMorris, Simmons and Washington made up the team.

In the 4x400-meter relay, the Bears claimed the win in a time of 4:02.37 as Simmons, Robert Andrade, McMorris and Joe Gonzalez teamed.

In the shot put, the Bears took the top two spots as Maurice Hightower's throw of 39-81 was tops, and teammate Allen Flores was second at 37-8.

Beverly Hills scored points in other events that eventually allowed the team to take first place overall.

In the 100-meter dash, David Eldridge's time of 12.41 was third best, and Washington was sixth at 12.75.

The Bears claimed three of the top six spots in the 400-meter dash, including Bui Errington (fourth at 1:02.99), Andrade (fifth at 1:03.66) and Quinton Boling (sixth at 1:04.25).

Rudolph Jimenez placed

third in the 1,600-meter run as he finished at 5:45.78.

McKay Sumlin's jump of 5-0 was second-best in the high jump, and Joe Gonzalez was second in the triple jump at 34-3.

In the discus, the Bears' Shakim Anthony placed second with a throw of 95-11 1/4, and Kevin McDonald (82-4 3/4) was fifth. Teammate Allen Flores (76-4) was sixth.

Long jump competitors Simmons (14-5) and Rashawn Taylor (14-4) were fifth and sixth, respectively.

**Thompson 7s second**

The Lions were exceptional at the seventh-grade level, taking second-place team honors.

Gerron Hall, Darian Smith, Keion and Jimmy Nevarez claimed first-place honors in separate events, and numerous other Lions contributed to the team effort.

Hall's time of 48.53 gave him the championship in the 300-meter hurdles, and the Lions' Jacob Lara was sixth in a time of 52.19.

Smith was the winner of the high jump as he was the lone competitor to clear 5-2.

Patterson won the discus with an effort of 114-7 1/4, and he was third in the shot put at 34-9.

The Lions went 1-2 in the pole vault, where Nevarez was the winner at 8-5, and teammate Patterson's effort of 8-0 was second.

Thompson's 4x100-me-

ter relay team was second in a time of 49.89 as Xavier Dotson, Darian Smith, Patterson and Hall formed the team.

In the 800-meter run, the Lions came up big as Robert Saenz had a time of 2:31.43 for third place, and Jacob Cardenas was fourth at 2:31.51.

Second place went to Smith in the 100-hurdles as he put up a time of 16.07.

Thompson placed fifth in the 4x200-meter relay with a time of 1:50.96 as Julian Coronado, Ty Lozano, Cedric Horton and Dotson teamed in the event.

At the 4x400-meter distance, Thompson was fourth at 4:20.58 as Coronado, Smith, Lozano and Hall made up the group.

Dotson came back in the 200-meter dash to place sixth at 26.53. Cardenas (5:45.78) and Saenz (5:51.52) were fifth and sixth, respectively, in the 1,600-meter run.

Lozano (84-11 1/2) was fourth in the discus competition, and D'Andre Jackson placed second as he cleared 15-3 1/4 in the long jump.

Jesus Garcia placed fourth in the shot put with a toss of 34-4. Teammates Nevarez (30-7) and Son Nguyen (28-4) were third and sixth, respectively, in the triple jump.

**Lions' 8s are seventh**

While Beverly Hills ruled the eighth-grade division, the Thompson Lions

were seventh overall after scoring 31 points.

The Lions took home fifth place in the 4x200-meter relay as Ahmad Neal, Carlos Amaro, Terrence Chevalier and Joe Lopez combined for a time of 1:45.27.

The same four competitors represented the Lions in the 4x400-meter relay event, taking fourth in a

time of 4:07.43.

Thompson also fared well in the field events. Douchane Sells' throw of 40-4 1/2 was second, and teammate Rommel Garcia was second in the discus after a throw of 108-3 1/4.

In the high jump, the Lions' Jesse Jackson placed fourth after clearing the 5-2 mark.

## Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League Standings

As of April 28 on league Web site

Junior/Senior Division			
Team	W	L	T
Yankees	6	1	0
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Braves	4	2	0
Cardinals	3	4	0
Diamond Backs	2	4	0
Red Sox	1	4	0
Rangers	1	6	0

Major Division			
Team	W	L	T
Astros	9	1	1
Cardinals	8	2	1
Blue Jays	7	3	2
Diamond Backs	6	3	1
Braves	5	7	1
Red Sox	4	7	2
Yankees	2	10	0
Rangers	2	10	0

Minor Division			
Team	W	L	T
Diamond Backs	11	0	0
Braves	8	2	0
Rangers	7	2	1
Astros	6	4	1
Blue Jays	4	5	1
Cubs	3	5	3
Phillies	4	7	0
Cardinals	2	6	2
Yankees	2	8	1
Red Sox	1	9	1

## Sports news. notes

### Select soccer tryouts set

Three select youth soccer teams in the South Belt area will host tryout sessions to fill team vacancies for the upcoming season. The South Belt Select 00B Just-4-Kicks U-11 boys' EDDOA division team and the South Belt Select 00B Pumas U-11 boys' Super Blue/Blue division team will host tryouts May 3-5 from 6 to 8 p.m. at El Franco Lee Park. The South Belt Select 97G U-14 girls' EDDOA division team will host tryouts June 7-9 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at El Franco Lee Park. Players are asked to arrive 20 minutes prior to the workouts, to wear proper attire and to bring an inflated soccer ball and plenty of water. For more information, direct e-mail to David Mai at DavidMMai@yahoo.com or call Mai at 832-212-1898.

### Dobie baseball to elect board

The Dobie High School baseball booster club will hold elections for the 2010-2011 school year on Wednesday, May 5, in the athletics field house media room. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. Parents of all Longhorn players currently in the program are encouraged to attend. The board is responsible for all 2010-2011 activities.

### JFD senior picnic/powder puff

Plans for Dobie High School's senior powder puff and picnic event to celebrate upcoming graduation are ongoing. The date for the powder puff/picnic event has been tentatively set for Thursday, June 3, at El Franco Lee Park. The public is invited to attend the senior powder puff game from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on the Sagemont Cowboys game field near the back of the park. Tickets are \$3 each for the game, but only seniors are allowed to attend the picnic that follows from 3 to 6 p.m. Organizers are still seeking donations of food and big-ticket prizes as well as funds for commemorative T-shirts. Those wishing to assist may call volunteer coordinators Alicia Gonzales at 281-630-5176 or Jessica Cordero at 832-275-3188.

### SBGSA sets Mother's Day tourney

The South Belt Girls Softball Association is now accepting team entries for a Mother's Day weekend tournament to be held Friday, May 7, through Sunday, May 9, at the league facility at El Franco Lee Park. Organizers will also host a bake sale and a raffle. Vendors are needed, and raffle items are also being accepted. To register a team, sign up for a booth or donate raffle items, call Alicia Gonzales at 281-481-5835 or Yvette Rodriguez at 832-528-6391. Tournament fees are \$100. Teams are guaranteed four games, including two pool games and two bracket games. The event is double-elimination, meaning teams may lose twice before being excluded.

### SBHLL movie night

The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League will sponsor Movie in the Park Night Friday, May 7, at the league's facility at El Franco Lee Park. The featured movie, *Sandlot*, will start at 8 p.m. Those in attendance are encouraged to bring chairs, sleeping bags and Snuggles while enjoying a free movie under the stars with family and friends. The concession stand will be open, selling popcorn, nachos, hot chocolate and much more. No outside food will be allowed. This event will be cancelled in case of rain.

### Cowgirls to host clinic

The Sagemont Cowgirl Drill Team will host a drill/dance clinic May 17 through 21 in Dobie's dance room from 5:30 to 8 p.m. For \$50, participants will learn a dance routine, receive a camp T-shirt and a nightly dinner. On Friday, May 21, at 7:15 p.m. family and friends are invited to see the team perform. For reservations or information, e-mail the Cowgirl drill director at traci@sagemontcowboys.com.

### SBASA awards scholarships

The South Belt Area Sports Association is now accepting applications for the SBASA Scholarships. The SBASA will award two scholarships (one boy and one girl) to eligible seniors. Students who played sports at El Franco Lee Park for at least three years are eligible. Forms are available in the school counselors' office and are due back by May 3, 2010. For more information, e-mail karenconnor9694@sbcglobal.net.

# Lady Bears take eighth-grade PISD crown

The Pasadena Independent School District's intermediate track and field schedule reached the midway point as the district's 10 girls' programs were in action April 21 at Auxiliary Stadium.

Overall, Beverly Hills performed very well, winning the eighth-grade team title with 134 points and earning third place at the seventh-grade level with 87 points.

Thompson's seventh-grade team was fifth after posting 53 points, but the Lady Lions' eighth-grade team struggled with three points overall.

**Lady Bears' 8s win**

The Lady Bears' eighth-grade team held off Bondy to win the overall team crown by a margin of eight points.

Beverly Hills took an early advantage by winning the 4x100-meter relay to open the meet as Roslyn Charles, Marquette Johnson, Lourdes Zavaleta and Yvonne Molina combined for a time of 56.34 seconds.

Kaneesha Williams earned the win in the 100-meter dash in a time of 13.59, and Zavaleta's time of 13.62 was second.

The Lady Bears also won the 4x200-meter relay in a time of 1:59.24 as Williams, Molina and Johnson were joined by Emily Sargent.

In the 800-meter run, Beverly Hills' Amber Nguyen placed third in a time of 2:54.46.

In the 100-meter hurdles, Ironesha Brewer scored a point as she was sixth at 19.91.

At the 400-meter distance, Sargent (1:09.18) and Nguyen (1:10.78) were

third and fourth, respectively.

Kayla Dokhani (57.03) and Maria Alarcon (57.26) were fifth and sixth in the 300-meter hurdles.

In the 200-meter dash, Zavaleta's time of 28.97 was second-best, and teammate Williams was fourth at 29.53.

The Lady Bears scored key points in the 1,600-meter run as Mikaela Guevara was second in a time of 6:19.52, and Brianna Guevara placed fourth at 6:21.54.

In the 4x400-meter relay, the Lady Bears lost a photo finish to San Jacinto (4:40.64) and took second in a time of 4:40.67. The Lady Bears' team included Molina, Sargent, Brianna Guevara and Johnson.

Mikaela Guevara cleared 4 feet, 4 inches for second place in the high jump.

Tessa Somdah was second with a throw of 28-5 1/2. Imani Fernandez placed sixth in the long jump at 12-6. Nguyen placed fourth at 28-7 in the triple jump.

**BHI 7s are third**

With 87 points, the Beverly Hills' seventh-grade team was third overall.

The Lady Bears started the meet by taking third in the 4x100-meter relay as Mikayla Garry, Alona Turner, Mary Hawkins and Tyreesha Williams combined for a time of 56.62.

A victory was also claimed by Beverly Hills in the 4x200-meter relay as the same four competitors earned a time of 1:58.08.

Williams was good for a third victory as she claimed the 200-meter dash at 27.55. Sandy Olguin's time of 30.17 was good enough

for sixth place.

In the 800-meter run, the Lady Bears scored key points as Erica Romero's time of 2:52.28 was second, and teammate Deseray Cabrales was sixth at 2:57.74.

Tina Nguyen's time of 20.09 placed her second in the 100-meter hurdles.

In the 400-meter dash, the Lady Bears' Jackie Oden-Peace was fourth in a time of 1:10.09, and teammate Garry was fifth at 1:11.54.

The Lady Bears' 4x400-meter relay team was second in a time of 4:40.09 as Clarissa Moreno, Erica Romero, Kianna Zermeno and Oden-Peace teamed.

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## Clear Brook swimmer signs



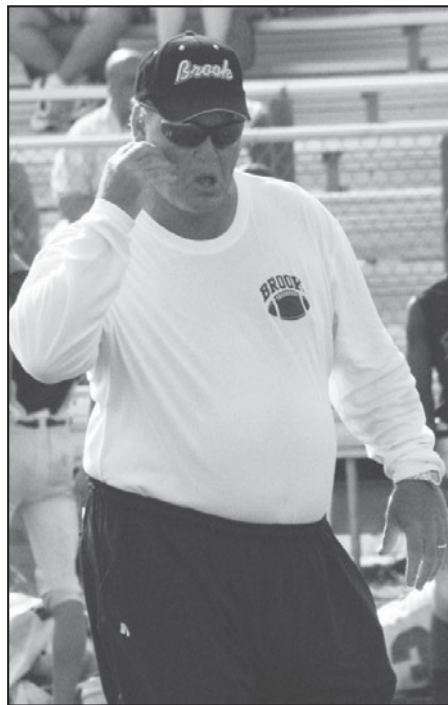
Clear Brook High School swimmer Molly Freeman (seated) will continue her education and athletic career at the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio after inking a letter of intent. Those with her at the signing included, left to right (standing) Raynel Freeman (mother), Jake Freeman (brother) and Ron Freeman (father). Freeman, a four-year varsity swimmer and a 2009-2010 academic All-American, has also excelled for her club program, Houston Cougar Aquatic Sports.

## Sports calendar

BASEBALL	
Friday, April 30	Clear Brook varsity at Clear Springs, 7:30 Dobie varsity hosts Memorial, Dobie, 4:00 Clear Brook JV hosts Clear Springs, 7:00 Clear Brook sophomores at Clear Springs, 4:30 Dobie JV at Pearland, 7:00 Dobie sophomores at Pearland, 4:30
Saturday, May 1	Clear Brook varsity at Alvin, 1:00 Clear Brook JV hosts Alvin, 1:00 Clear Brook sophomores host Alvin, 11 a.m.
TRACK AND FIELD	
Monday, May 3 and Tuesday, May 4	Dobie varsity boys, girls, Region III champs., Humble, TBA Brook varsity boys, girls, Region III champs., Humble, TBA
SOFTBALL	
Friday, April 30	(Bidistrict series) Dobie varsity hosts N.Shore, PISD complex, 7:00 Brook varsity vs. Travis, Pearland H.S., 7:00
Saturday, May 1	(Bidistrict series) Dobie varsity at North Shore, 11 a.m. Dobie varsity at North Shore, 1 p.m. (if needed)

## Spring FB starts May 3

At right, Clear Brook High School varsity football coach Paul Lanier (shown) is set to lead his program into spring workouts, which begin Monday, May 3. The Wolverines will practice Mondays through Wednesdays and scrimmage most Thursdays. Clear Brook's varsity spring game is set for Tuesday, May 25, at Veteran's Memorial Stadium in Pasadena. Game time is 6 p.m. At Dobie, first-year head coach Jim Phillips is also ready for spring workouts that begin May 3. Like Brook, the Longhorns will practice three days a week and scrimmage on Thursdays. Dobie's varsity spring game is Thursday, May 27, at 6 p.m.



Pee Wee Division			
Team	W	L	T
Astros	9	2	0
Diamond Backs	7	2	0
Cubs	6	2	0
Phillies	5	4	1
Blue Jays	4	4	1
Tigers	3	5	0
Rangers	1	8	1
Yankees	0	8	1

Machine Pitch Division			
Team	W	L	T
Mets	9	1	1
Cardinals	8	2	1
Red Sox	6	4	0
Braves	6	4	1
Cubs	5	5	0
Rangers	5	5	0
Blue Jays	5	6	0
Diamond Backs	3	7	0
Astros	2	6	2
Yankees	0	9	1

T-Ball Division			
Team	W	L	T
Reds	10	0	0
Diamond Backs	8	1	1
Yankees	8	2	0
Phillies	7	2	1
Cubs	6	4	0
Red Sox	5	4	1
Astros	5	5	0
Braves	4	5	0
Blue Jays	4	6	0
Cardinals	3	7	0
White Sox	2	6	1
Rangers	2	7	0
Mets	2	8	0
Tigers	0	9	0

# Confidence-loaded Clear Brook, Dobie softball teams to playoffs

**Continued from Page 1B** in the District 21-5A standings. The first game of the best-of-three set is Friday, April 30 at the Pasadena ISD sports complex. Game time is 7 p.m.

The second and third game, if needed, will be played at North Shore High School on Saturday, May 1. The second game will begin at 11 a.m., and the third if needed game will begin at 1 p.m.

In the 2009 bidistrict round, a veteran Dobie team ousted North Shore 10-0 in a one-game scenario.

Although the rosters of both teams have changed greatly, Dobie head coach Robin Rackley knows that when the playoffs start, her

team has to be at its best.

"North Shore has always been a scrappy team," Rackley said. "This is the playoffs, and you have to come ready to play. We'll be ready to go."

Dobie is attempting to advance to the area round, where either District 23-5A champion Elkins or Clear Lake (fourth place in District 24-5A) awaits.

But based on the way the Lady Longhorns closed the regular season against Pearlland, Rackley doesn't have to be concerned about her team's focus.

**Dobie drops P-land**  
Looking to hand 22-5A champion Pearlland its first loss of the district season, the Lady Longhorns showed

a fighting spirit. Pearlland started No. 2 pitcher Brook DuBois in the circle, and the Lady Longhorns wasted little time in taking the lead.

In the bottom of the second inning, Faith Roberts smacked a one-out double and later scored on a single by Christina Diaz.

The Lady Longhorns left the bases loaded in the inning, but chased DuBois from the game as ace pitcher Jessica Bowden entered the game.

Dobie starting pitcher Shannon O'Connor was also solid throughout the game. The Lady Oilers had a runner at third base with one out in the top of the third inning, but O'Connor

induced a pop out to shortstop for the second out and then got a fly ball to left field to end the threat.

Pearland took the lead in the top of the fourth inning as Jaclyn Bechtle socked a two-run homer to left field.

Bowden held that lead until the bottom of the sixth inning, but the Lady Horns rallied to tie the game.

Chelsie Morgan led off the frame with a single and went to second base on a sacrifice bunt by Ariel Morgan. Roberts then singled to right field to tie the game.

In extra innings, Dobie came through in the bottom of the eighth for the victory. Sophomore Jenna Medina singled to shortstop for the game-winner as the

Lady Longhorns ended the regular season with a victory over Pearlland for the second straight year.

Minutes later, Dobie learned that Deer Park had fallen against Memorial, lifting the Lady Horns into the No. 2 seed.

"This was a very big win for us, especially going into the playoffs," Rackley said. "Our kids fought all the way and played a great game. Shannon was terrific pitching-wise, and we got some big hits. That's what you have to do in the playoffs, too."

**Brook closes out Alvin**  
Like Dobie, the Clear Brook program will enter the playoffs with plenty of confidence after the two-

game sweep over Alvin. Perhaps Clear Brook head coach Ashley Pillow's best-known trait is her willingness to be bold.

Instead of settling for tie-breaking coin flips and other off-the-field posturing, Pillow prefers to let her team take care of business. The situation presented itself against Alvin, and Pillow brazenly went for it all.

The Lady Wolverines dumped Alvin 4-2 April 23 to force a tie atop the 24-5A standings at 12-2.

At that point, Pillow could have accepted a coin and simply flipped a coin against Alvin's Carla Newsom for playoff seeding. That wasn't enough, Pillow and her players

decided. Instead, the two teams played a 15th and deciding game for the outright crown. Clear Brook came away with a 7-4 victory as there were many heroes.

"Brandi Holaday held down their hitters and did a great job with some assistance from Emma Napoli," Pillow said of the title game.

Big hits came from Bridgette Begle, Michelle Svehla, who both tripled, as well as Molly Fichtner and others.

"It was a total team effort all-around hitting-wise," Pillow said.

"We also made some great plays defensively that were total momentum killers for Alvin. Molly Fich-

ner picked off a runner at second base for the third out of a big inning for Alvin."

The championship is nice for Clear Brook, which has now won two straight 24-5A crowns.

"The girls fought for what they wanted and didn't back down," Pillow said. "They are an outstanding group of young ladies all around. I couldn't be more proud to be their coach. This year's title was definitely the sweetest since we had to overcome such adversity, having to beat Alvin twice in a row."

But now Pillow understands that one little slip up can be costly.

In a coin flip, Fort Bend Travis won the right to play a one-game, winner-take-all bidistrict round against Clear Brook.

A season ago, with

University Interscholastic League officials scrambling to get the playoff games completed following the swine flu scare, Brook lost a 1-0 game to Fort Bend Austin and saw its season close.

Now, with the team's lineup stacked with seniors who have poured so much into the team's run of success, Brook wants more.

"We are now starting our playoff journey, and these seniors want to go out with a bang," Pillow said. "We are looking to make a huge dent in the playoffs and they would love nothing more than to graduate in Austin (at the state tournament)."

In the area round, the Clear Brook/Travis winner will meet the Deer Park/Baytown Sterling series winner.

## Roberts leads Dobie's offense in big win

Faith Roberts led the way for Dobie against Pearlland April 23 as she and her teammates came through with a thrilling 3-2 victory at the Pasadena ISD sports complex. Roberts' lead-off double in the bottom of the second inning, and her RBI single tied the game in the bottom of the sixth inning. The Lady Longhorns won the game in the bottom of the eighth on an infield single by Jenna Medina.

Photo by John Bechtle



## Bischof, Brook down Alvin, win title

Lady Wolverines' first baseman Katie Bischof wheels and fires back to first base after fielding a sacrifice bunt April 24 against Alvin. Bischof recorded the out with a throw to Stephanie Gonzalez, and Clear Brook went on to defeat the Yellowjackets 7-4 to win the District 24-5A championship. The Lady Wolverines had beaten Alvin 4-2 April 23 to force an extra game for the league championship.

Photo by Al Carter



Dobie head coach Robin Rackley (left) heads back to her spot in the first base coaches box after an in-game conference in the bottom of the second inning with several of her players, including Christina Diaz (center) and Kellen Gomez. Diaz had singled in a run in the inning to give the Lady Longhorns a 1-0 lead over Pearlland, and the two teams battled it out for eight innings before the Lady Longhorns came away with a huge 3-2 win.

Photo by John Bechtle

## District 24-5A Standings Varsity Softball

(As of April 24)

Teams	W	L
Clear Brook	13	2
Alvin	12	3
Brazoswood	10	4
Clear Lake	8	8
Clear Creek	7	7
Clear Springs	5	9
Dickinson	3	11
Galveston Ball	0	14

Note: Clear Brook played Alvin in a 24-5A title game, with Brook winning 7-4.

## District 22-5A Standings Varsity Softball

(As of April 24)

Teams	W	L
Pearland	13	1
Dobie	11	3
Deer Park	10	4
Memorial	7	7
La Porte	7	7
Sam Rayburn	4	10
South Houston	2	12
Pasadena	1	13

## Bidistrict softball playoff round

### Dobie vs. North Shore (Best of three series)

Game 1: Friday, April 30, PISD complex, 7 p.m.

Game 2: Saturday, May 1, North Shore, 11 a.m.

Game 3 (if necessary) to follow game 2 at 1 p.m.

### Clear Brook vs. F.B. Travis

Friday, April 30, Pearland High School, 7 p.m.

## CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, APRIL 29

**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.

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

**Al-Anon** - Meets every Thursday from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. For information, call 281-487-8787.

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

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

**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, APRIL 30

**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.

**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.

**Moving Forward Women's Adult Children Anonymous** - The ACA group meets Fridays at noon at the Up The Street Club in Webster, 508 Nasa Parkway, in room 4. ACA is a 12-step program of

hope, healing and recovery for people who grew up in alcoholic or dysfunctional homes. For more information, call 281-286-1431.

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

### SATURDAY, MAY 1

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

### SUNDAY, MAY 2

**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.

**Bay Area Chorus** - The Bay Area Chorus is a combination of two choirs, the Bay Area Mixed Chorus and Bay Area Women's Chorus, that serve the Houston-Galveston Bay area with choral music. There are more than 100 volunteer singers participating this season. A performance will be held Sunday, May 2, at 4 p.m. at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 18220 Upper Bay Road in Nassau Bay. Guests will be PVAMU Chamber Singers, A. Jan Taylor, director. Tickets are \$10 in advance. At-the-door prices are \$15 for adults and \$12 for students or seniors ages 65 and over. Group rates are available. Tickets can be ordered by phone at 281-326-1286, by e-mail at info@bayareachorus.org or purchased on line at www.bayareachorus.org. Tickets will also be sold at the door beginning 30 minutes prior to the performance.

**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, MAY 3

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**New Directions Singles Club** - The New Directions Singles Club has moved its time and location from St. Paul's Catholic Church, Nassau Bay, to Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 West NASA Parkway in Webster. Meetings are held every Monday evening beginning at 6:30 p.m. This organization was created as a social support outlet for 50+ widowed, divorced and never married individuals. In addition to the regular meeting, a potluck dinner is held on the first and third Mondays. Call 713-340-2354 for information.

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

**Grief Support Group** - "Friends Helping Friends" meets every Monday from 7 to 8:15 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehab Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Those who have lost a spouse or other loved one are invited to participate. For information, call Betty Flynn at 281-474-3430 or Diana Kawalec at 281-334-1033.

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At left, Clear Brook varsity softball teammates celebrate winning the District 24-5A title after beating Alvin 7-4 April 24 at Alvin. The victory gave the Lady Wolverines (13-2) the No. 1 seed in the playoffs, while Alvin (12-3) accepted the No. 2 slot. Clear Brook defeated Alvin twice in consecutive games to win the crown outright. Those taking part in the victory party included, from left, Meghan Reyes, Brandi Holaday, Katie Bischof (22), Bridgette Begle and Stephanie Gonzalez.

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**TUESDAY, MAY 4**  
7 a.m.  
**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.

11:30 a.m.  
**Local NARFE Meeting** - The National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 1321, meets the first Tuesday of each month in the Clear Lake Community Center, 5001 NASA Parkway. A meal will be available for \$6. For more information, call Bob Mitchell at 281-333-2881.

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

1 p.m.  
**Trailmixers** - Meets the first Tuesday of the month at the Luby's Cafeteria on Fuqua. Former and current employees of J. Frank Dobbie High School are welcome for lunch and conversation.

**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. For information, call 713-472-0565.

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

6:30 p.m.  
**Clear Lake Toastmasters Club** - Meets at the Clear Lake Church of Christ, 938 El Dorado Blvd. Call Jerry Tate at 281-481-5417 for information.

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

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

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 713-204-2481.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 5**  
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.

11:30 a.m.  
**Hobby Airport Lions Club** - meets at 11:30 a.m. on the first and third Wednesday of the month. Meetings are held at the Golden Corral at Fuqua and I-45. E-mail [HobbyAirportLions@gmail.com](mailto:HobbyAirportLions@gmail.com) for more information.

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.

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

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

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

7 p.m.  
**Survivors of Suicide Support Group** - The Southeast Houston group meets the first and third Wednesday 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 information on registration or to obtain a physical address for a location, call 713-533-4500 or visit [www.crisishotline.org](http://www.crisishotline.org).

**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.bayareaturningpoint.com](http://www.bayareaturningpoint.com). BAPT is located at 210 S. Walnut off NASA Parkway between Interstate 45 South and Highway 3. The 24-hour crisis hotline is 281-286-2525.

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# State track and field hopefuls ready as Region III meet on horizon

## May 14-15 state meet berths at stake

It's time for the very best of the best at the district level to give it a try at the regional level.

At stake is a chance to compete at the state track and field meet, set for May 14-15 in Austin.

First up for those across the Houston area is the Region III meet, set for Monday and Tuesday, May 3-4, at Turner Stadium in Spring.

The goal is simple. The first- and second-place finishers in each event will qualify for the state meet. Let the games begin.

There is a sizeable contingent of athletes from Clear Brook and Dobie high schools who are set to take regionals by storm.

**Wolverines all set**

The Clear Brook Wolverines will be represented by several athletes who have a legitimate shot to final at regionals, thereby giving themselves a chance at advancing to state.

Many track and field coaches point out that at this level, the first goal is to make it to the finals (eight competitors).

After that, anything is possible when it comes down to one race, one leap or one throw away from moving on to the next level.

Perhaps the Lady Wolverines' biggest standout is Danielle Epps, who is eligible to compete in three events at regionals.

Epps won both the 100-meter (12.46 seconds) and 200-meter (25.67) dashes at the district level. She is also a key member of the Lady Wolverines' 4x100-meter relay team that will be competing at regionals.

The 4x100-meter relay will be hotly-contested, but with a time of 48.55 posted at district, Epps and her teammates, including Randi Askew, Quanisha Holmes and Taylor Smith, have to like their chances.

Other hopefuls for the Clear Brook girls at regionals include the school's 4x400-meter relay team, which made its way to the next level by placing second at district.

The Brook 4x400-meter relay team is made up of Desiree Scott, Erika Washington, Constance Jacob and Asia Jones. The team's time at district was 4 minutes, 6.41 seconds.

Holmes will also compete alongside Epps in the 200-meter dash, and Smith is one of the qualifiers in the 300-meter hurdles.

The Lady Wolverines' Washington is also in the

mix in the long jump after winning the event at the district competition.

Among the Wolverines' boys' competitors, Javis Roberts, Nick Taylor and Cameron Newson are several of the individual hopefuls.

Newson was second in the 100-meter dash at district, and he is also part of the school's 4x100-meter relay team that put together a time of 41.99 at district.

That team also includes Paul Algood, Harold Malveaux and Nick Taylor.

Taylor will take part in the 200-meter dash at regionals after winning at district.

Roberts, who qualified for regionals in the 110- and 300-meter hurdles in 2009, is back for a second try at state.

This time around, Roberts is looking to be at his best after winning the 110s at district (15.22) and placing second in the 300s (39.22).

Elsewhere, Duane Stewart has qualified for region-

als in the triple jump.

**Dobie boys on the move**

The group isn't large among the regional qualifiers for the Dobie boys, but that doesn't mean there isn't plenty of expectation.

The school's 4x100-meter relay team is on the way to the meet after taking second at the district level.

At 43.59, the Longhorns were able to capture second place at the district meet.

Next up, the Dobie foursome that includes Chris Garcia, Andrew Robinson, Devonte Boyd and Maurice Poullard will take part at regionals.

Dobie boys' coach David Chollett is sticking to his longtime philosophy as the Longhorns go against the best.

"The first goal is to make the finals, and from there anything can happen," Chollett said.

"You just have to put yourselves in a position to be great, and it can happen. This is for a shot at state, so you want to be at your best and see what happens."

Another boys' athlete who is looking to be at his best is 22-5A triple jump champion Kristian Washington. At regionals in 2009, Washington was dealing with shin splints and was not 100 percent healthy. He's ready to go now and is aiming at closing out his senior season with a berth at state.

Washington jumped at 47 feet, 8 1/4 inches at district to win, but he believes he can do much better.

"This is what you train for," Washington said. "I'm healthy, I feel good and I'm confident. It only takes one jump, and I feel like I can do it. Getting to state is the goal for me."

Two others from Dobie, Irving Garza in the 800-meter run, and Nick Galicia in the 1,600-meter run, will also join the regional field.

Garza was third at district in his event while Galicia was fourth, but both advanced after others ahead of them dropped out for various reasons.

**Lady Longhorns believe**

Facing the possible end of an era, the Lady Longhorns are intent on keeping their season going entering the regional meet.

When coach Tina Knight-Gray took over the Dobie program four years ago, two of her top incom-

ing athletes included Kiara Harris and Chili Montgomery, who came to the school via Beverly Hills Intermediate.

Fast forward four seasons, and Harris and Montgomery are about to graduate, and they have unfinished business on the track.

The two longtime teammates will be joined by senior Monique Anderson and sophomore Charity Knight to make up Dobie's 4x100- and 4x200-meter relay teams at regionals.

Harris is also eligible to take part in the 100-meter dash, and Anderson (200-meter dash) and Knight (long jump) have also qualified for individual events at regionals. In short, there should be plenty of excitement at the meet.

Harris, who academically is set to graduate in the top 5 percentile at Dobie, has said her track and field career will end when regionals or state ends.

The talented senior, who was also a three-year varsity volleyball starter, will focus on her academics at the University of Texas this fall. She plans to study in the pediatric nursing field.

Montgomery has yet to decide where she will attend college, but her track and field career may also end as she will attend college in hopes of becoming a doctor.

"We have been together a long time," Harris said. "We know that whether it's here or at state, this is the

end. We just want to be at our best."

Knight-Gray isn't ready for the season to end. She remembers the day athletes like Harris and Montgomery came into the program four springs ago, helping her get off to a good start in her coaching career.

Anderson, who had been living in Chicago, came to Dobie midway through her freshman year. For the past three years, the three seniors have made up Dobie's two sprint relays.

Knight, another former star from Beverly Hills Intermediate, has given the team a boost.

"We've worked well together," Montgomery said. "It's not something we always talk about (when a

new members comes in), but we just go out there and run as fast as we can and believe that our exchanges will be good."

Anderson, who is leaning toward attending Prairie View A&M to run track, may be joined in college by another Lady Horns' regional qualifier, Ashley Johnson.

At 38-2, Johnson won the shot put title at the district level and is looking to move on to state.

"It's been a pleasure having these terrific ladies in my program," Knight-Gray said. "They are like daughters to me. None of us wants to think about this being the end. Hopefully, we can finish strong and give ourselves a shot at state."

seconds for second place. The foursome includes, left to right, Chris Garcia, Andrew Robinson, Devonte Boyd and Maurice Poullard.



Senior Irving Garza is now slated to compete in the 800-meter run at the Region III meet after another competitor from District 22-5A elected not to compete. At district, Garza was third as he completed the event in a time of 2 minutes, 2.55 seconds.

Like Garza, Dobie's Nick Galicia was not among the top two finishers to automatically qualify out of district, but he will be in the Region III meet in the 1,600-meter run after two others stepped aside for various reasons. At district, Galicia's time was 4:46.55.

The Longhorns' varsity boys' track and field team will be cheering on the 4x100-meter relay squad at regionals. At district, the group came up with a time of 43.59

## Intermediates compete in track and field

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Malyn Nunez (4-2) and Hawkins (4-0) were third and sixth, respectively, in the high jump.

**Lions' 7s are fifth**

The Lady Lions' seventh-grade team finished in the middle of the pack after scoring 53 points.

Emily Wolfe won a gold medal for the Lady Lions, taking the 100-meter hurdles at 19.42.

In the 4x100-meter relay to open the competition, the Lady Lions were second at 56.52 for 16 points as Valerie Colunga and Tia Joseph teamed with DeSha Harrison and Wolfe.

Wolfe (13.86) and Colunga (13.90) were third and fourth, respectively, in the 100-meter dash.

In the 400-meter dash, Colunga's time of 1:10.03 was third-best. Monica

Ploucha was fourth in the 200-meter dash as she posted a time of 29.30. Chelsea Johnson (21-9) was sixth in the shot put event.

The Lady Lions' Kristin Scholwinski was third for six team points as she cleared 12-10 in the long jump.

**Thompson 8s compete**

Thompson's eighth-grade team had trouble getting competitors in the top

six places to earn points. In the end, the team scored three points.

The Lady Lions' 4x100-meter relay team scored two points for placing sixth in the event with a time of 57.52. The team was made up of Maria Flores, Destiny Blockmon, Melissa Joseph and Karessa Whitely.

Blockmon earned another point as her time of 14.02 was sixth-best.

# For Dobie, Brook baseball teams, playoffs may ride on final game efforts

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various possibilities remain open, but the reality is simple. Teams that want to reach the playoffs need to win.

**Dobie now tied**

What is known: Pearland is the District 22-5A champion, and La Porte has locked down the No. 2 seed.

South Houston, thanks to a big win over Memorial April 26, is 8-5 with one game remaining and has the third seed secured for the playoffs.

But while South Houston's win took away an available playoff spot, Deer Park's 9-7 loss to Pearland April 26 has opened the door for Dobie.

Dobie and Deer Park are now both 6-7 and have beaten one another once each. In other words, the Longhorns and Deer are even-steven.

Because Deer Park closes the regular season against a Memorial team that is 3-10, the Longhorns will likely have to beat first-place Pearland at home April 30 (4 p.m.) to remain in the mix.

The best scenario involves Dobie beating Pearland and Deer Park losing to Memorial. At the very least, the Longhorns would no doubt love to have the chance to take on Deer Park in a one-game playoff to determine the final playoff berth.

"We've been taking it one game at a time since we had the 2-5 start in the first half of district play," Dobie head coach Miguel Torres said.

"Then we hit a tough spot with losses to La Porte and Deer Park, but now we're right there again. It's good to have the chance, but it's

also tough on the nerves."

**Horns hang tough**

With two senior starters on the mound and four more in the field, the Longhorns will lose a great deal of talent when the season comes to an end.

Obviously, those seniors don't want to see the end come too soon.

Senior first baseman Aaron Kutra was the star

as the Longhorns downed Pasadena 12-4 April 23 at Maguire Field.

Kutra blasted two- and three-run homers and drove in five runs as Dobie was able to keep its playoff hopes alive.

The following day against Sam Rayburn, senior left fielder Deron Waines went to work at helping his team beat Sam Rayburn.

Sam Rayburn made five errors in the field and also had a runner thrown out trying to steal. The Texans had two other scenarios in which poor baserunning led to crucial outs, and starting pitcher Saldivar Santos balked twice, allowing Dobie runners to advance.

Still, the Texans led 3-2 after three innings after Carlos Andrade smacked a solo homer to right field.

But Dobie was able to go ahead for good in the top of the fourth inning thanks to some key hits and some Rayburn miscues.

Kutra reached first base on an error at second base and advanced to second base after Aris Adame was

With the loser destined to be sent home for the playoffs, neither team was sharp defensively.

The Longhorns committed three errors in the field but got solid pitching from another senior, Austin Abbott.

Meanwhile, the Texans saved one of their poorest performances of the season for the big stages.

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Waines, who had already come through with an RBI single in the second inning, plated Kutra for a 3-3 tie. One out later, a balk by Saldivar put runners at second and third for Dobie, and Marcelo Martinez got Adame home with a ground ball to second base.

The game remained at 4-3 until the top of the seventh as Dobie opened things up.

Zack Long reached on an error to start the inning, but then Saldivar struck out Edward Peabody and Joseph Gutierrez.

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**Brook still in the mix**

With two games to go in the District 24-5A regular season, Clear Brook is another one of the area teams still in the mix for a playoff spot.

Brazoswood is in first place and is headed to the postseason. Ditto for Clear Creek, which is second.

Alvin, currently 8-4 with two games remaining, needs one more victory or a Clear Lake or Clear Brook loss to assure a playoff berth.

As for Brook and Lake, the two teams are headed down the stretch with what is likely the fourth playoff seed on the line.

Last season, the Wolverines came from behind in the second half of district play to grab a playoff berth.

Standing at 3-5 with six games to play, the Wolverines won five of their final six games to overtake Clear Lake for the fourth spot. Brook then went on to advance to the area round of the playoffs.

Obviously, the Wolverines would like to see a similar scenario play out this

season.

Because of TAKS testing, teams within District 24-5A will close out the regular season with back-to-back games April 30 and May 1.

On April 30, Clear Brook will host Clear Springs at 7:30 p.m. On May 1, the Wolverines end the regular season at Alvin. Game time is 1 p.m.

At this time, Clear Lake (7-5) is one game in front of Clear Brook with two to play. However, because Lake finishes the season against the first- and second-place teams in the district, the Wolverines are hoping for some help.

If the Falcons can win two games in a row, Clear Brook will be eliminated. However, the locals are still banking on that not happening.

Clear Brook should be able to get past Clear Springs at home April 30, and a win over Alvin the following day would be special.

As is the case with Dobie and others in District 22-5A,

there remains a host of possibilities in the 24-5A race with the season approaching its final days.

Funny how all of the hard work done in early February can boil down to a game or two in April and May.



Dobie's Deron Waines checks in at second base after his three-run double gave the Longhorns a big lead against Sam Rayburn April 24 at Maguire Field. Waines had three hits and drove in five runs as the Longhorns remained in playoff contention with an 8-3 victory over the Texans.

District 22-5A Standings		
Varsity Baseball		
(As of April 28)		
Teams	W	L
Pearland	12	1
La Porte	11	2
South Houston	8	5
Deer Park	6	7
Dobie	6	7
Sam Rayburn	5	8
Memorial	3	10
Pasadena	2	11

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Alvin	8	4
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Clear Brook	6	6
Galveston Ball	3	9
Clear Springs	3	9
Dickinson	0	12

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