

# South Belt Leader

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## St. Luke's blesses firemen

St. Luke's Catholic Church will celebrate the feast day of St. Florian, patron saint of firefighters, on Saturday, May 2, in conjunction with the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department at its normal 5:30 p.m. Mass. All firefighters and EMS providers are welcome to attend and share in a special blessing held after the mass. The SVFD will have its equipment and members there to receive the special blessing and invite all to share in the occasion.

## Area garage sales set

### Riverstone Ranch

Riverstone Ranch will hold a community garage sale Friday and Saturday, May 1 and May 2, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### Scouts

Cub Scout Pack 773 will hold a garage sale on Saturday, May 2, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 11238 Sagecountry Drive. The Scouts will participate in the Prepared 4 Life Lemonade Day and will sell lemonade at the garage sale. All profits will stay in the community with Pack 773. For information, call Cubmaster Dwayne Bennett at 281-748-1166.

### Sageglen garage sale set

The Sageglen community neighborhood will have a huge garage sale Friday and Saturday, May 1 and May 2. Sales will be held throughout the community.

### Giant garage sale at KSCC

A giant community and church yard sale will be held at Kirkwood South Christian Church on Saturday, May 2, from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Included are a wide variety of stalls, breakfasts, lunches and a moonwalk for kids.

## AL women host event

The American Legion Woman's Auxiliary Unit 490 will host a Night in Paradise Hawaiian Luau Saturday, May 2, at 7 p.m. at 11702 Old Galveston Road. Activities include a costume prize, auction, raffle, food, fun and entertainment. For information, call 281-481-1179.

## Cowboys, Cowgirls register

The Sagemont Cowboys and Cowgirls will hold early registration Saturday, May 2, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the football field at El Franco Lee Park. Registration is open to all players, new and returning. Positions will be awarded on a first come, first served basis.

A \$50 deposit for football players and mascots and a \$100 deposit for drill is due at the time of registration. For information, visit the Web site at [www.sagemontcowboys.com](http://www.sagemontcowboys.com).

## Orchestra parents to meet

The Dobie High School Orchestra Booster Club will hold its next meeting Thursday, May 7, at 7:15 p.m. in the orchestra room. All orchestra parents are encouraged to attend.

## Pre-K registration at Weber

Weber Elementary will hold registration for students entering kindergarten and pre-kindergarten in fall 2009 on Friday, May 8, from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 2:30 p.m. For more information, call 281-284-6300.

## Thompson PTO meets

The Thompson PTO will meet Tuesday, May 5, at 6:45 p.m. at the school. Those who want to be involved in the PTO for 2009-2010 should attend; especially parents of incoming students from Melillo Middle School. PTO officers are also needed for next year.

## SJC sets concert dates

Three performances remain for the 2008-2009 San Jacinto College South performing arts season. The lineup includes the spring choral concert on May 1 and 2, the guitar ensemble on May 5, and the annual spring dance concert, *Momentum*, on May 7 and 8. All performances will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Marie Spence Flickinger Fine Arts Center on the South campus at 13735 Beamer Road. For information, call 281-484-1900, ext. 3563.

## SBAST practice changes

South Belt Area Swim Team practice will now be held at Ashley Pointe Pool on Blackhawk. See [www.sbast.com](http://www.sbast.com) for practice times. Registration is still open; stop by the pool during practice to register a swimmer. There is no parking on Blackhawk. If the parking lot is full, park at Weber Elementary and walk to the pool.

## GAT yearbooks on sale

The Thompson Intermediate yearbook is currently on sale for \$40 cash. Yearbooks will arrive at the school Monday, May 4. See Erica Alvarez in Room 121 for an order form.

## Style show at Hope Village

Hope Village, 15403 Hope Village Road in Friendswood, will host its Zen of Fashion luncheon and fashion show benefiting the Hope Foundation on Thursday, May 7, starting at 11 a.m. Lunch is at 11:30 a.m., and the fashion show will begin at 12:15 p.m. Runway seating is \$50, and general admission is \$40. For information, call 281-400-2011 or e-mail [heather@hope-village.com](mailto:heather@hope-village.com).

# Enough is enough: rains keep coming



The above photograph was taken Saturday, April 25, at roughly 2 p.m. on Beamer in front of Central Ace Hardware. It is unclear how the vehicle came to be in the location. This stretch of Beamer had more than a foot of floodwater Friday evening, which would have nearly submerged the truck. Photo by David Flickinger

By James Bolen

For the second week in a row, the South Belt was hit hard by thunderstorms, causing widespread flooding in the community.

The Harris County Homeland Security & Emergency Management reported roughly 7 inches of rainfall in the area Friday, April 24. Unlike the previous week's storm, Friday's rainfall was somewhat unexpected by government officials. The county did not issue a flash flood warning until 8:53 p.m. — well after area streets began to flood.

Several area homes were flooded twice within six days of one another. Nearly 3 inches of additional rainfall was recorded in the South Belt area Monday, April 27, but most of the community was spared further flooding.

One of the areas hardest hit was in the Kirkwood subdivision near the intersection of Kirkwood and Newton with many homes taking in several inches of floodwater. This is of particular concern to residents in the neighborhood, as the City of Houston Public Works and Engineering Department did extensive work last year to alleviate such problems.

Part of the city's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), the repair work was done to replace and enlarge a collapsed drainage pipe that flows into a tributary of the A-120 ditch that runs down Beamer Road.

However, the repairs, finished in February 2008, were only half-completed, according to Kirkwood resident Wade Hudson, who championed the effort to get the necessary work done. Hudson said he was told by city officials that a second collapsed pipe would also be replaced, but 14 months later, nothing has been done.

Another issue concerning area residents is the current condition of A-120 itself. Over the last several years, the ditch has collected large mounds of silt, debris and vegetation. One drainage port near Hall Road has become completely clogged with roughly 2 feet of dirt and refuse.

The last time the Harris County Flood Control District desilted the concrete-lined ditch was in 2002, according to HCFCD Citizen Service Coordinator Curtis Brom.

### Drivers stranded

As in the previous week, Friday's rains left many area motorists stranded for several hours.

Dozens of attendees at the annual Dobbie Lariettes' spring show were stuck at the high school until roughly 2 a.m. due to high water on Blackhawk.

The storm also left several attendees at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce's annual Casino Night stranded until about 2 a.m.

Sgt. Zerick Guinn of the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office left the Casino Night early to assist stranded individuals. Using a 2.5-ton emergency vehicle, the sergeant was able to rescue several people who had gotten stuck in the high floodwaters.

As with last week's storm, the *Leader* staff received several complaints from area residents of drivers traveling through flooded streets and pushing water into homes that otherwise would not have been affected. Other readers complained of cars driving through their yards to avoid traveling through flooded streets, causing extensive damage to their homes' landscapes.

The *Leader* received other reports of homes that flooded due to backed-up sewage rather than the actual flood itself.

## HFD #70 officers retiring, honored



Pablo Aguirre (left) and Steve Delbello (right) will retire from the Houston Fire Department's Station 70 on Beamer Road Friday, May 1. The pair have a combined 67 plus years on the force. The men have worked together for the last 28 years and have been at the current Station 70 location since it opened its doors in 1985. A retirement dinner will held in the firefighters' honor. Submitted photo

## UIL postpones competitions due to swine flu concerns

The University Interscholastic League has postponed all high school competitions until Monday, May 11, due to the outbreak of swine flu in the state.

The decision, made by UIL Executive Director Charles Breithaupt, came on recommendations from Texas Department of State Health Services Commissioner Dr. David Lakey in consultation with Texas Education Agency Commissioner Robert Scott.

The move suspends all baseball and softball games, as well as regional track championships and musical and academic competitions.

While there are no known cases of the virus in the South Belt area, there are at least 16 statewide. The first known U.S. fatality associated with the disease occurred Monday, April 27, at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston, where a

23-month-old Mexico City boy who fell ill in Brownsville was transported for treatment.

More than 150 have already died from the flu strain in Mexico.

Both Pasadena and Clear Creek independent school districts are following the outbreak closely and have made efforts to contact parents about the virus and its warning signs. The school districts have advised students with flu-like symptoms to stay home and contact a physician.

For more information, visit the school districts' Web sites at [www.pasadenaisd.org](http://www.pasadenaisd.org) and [www.ccisd.net](http://www.ccisd.net) or the UIL at [www.uil.utexas.edu](http://www.uil.utexas.edu).

The *Leader* will also be following the story closely. For updates, visit [www.southbeltleader.com/swineupdate.html](http://www.southbeltleader.com/swineupdate.html).

(See related story on Page 1B.)

## Former Dobie student killed

A former Dobie student was killed in a traffic accident Wednesday, April 22, at Beltway 8 and the Gulf Freeway at about 4:35 p.m.

Nayeli Gonzalez, 17, was a passenger in a Chevrolet Equinox northbound on the Gulf Freeway service road when the vehicle was struck by a Ford F-150 pickup truck traveling east on the Beltway 8 service road.

After colliding with the Ford, the Equinox

struck a traffic pole at the northeast corner of the intersection, and Gonzalez was ejected from the back seat.

She sustained severe head trauma and was transported to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital where she was pronounced dead.

Gonzalez had recently transferred to Pasadena Memorial High School and was an employee at the Blackhawk H-E-B.



## Dean graduates from fire training

Paul Dean, son of Ronnie and Karen Dean, graduated from Houston's Val Jahnke Fire Training Facility on Thursday, April 9, 2009. Paul's father, Ronnie, is a captain at Houston Fire Department's Fire Station 25 and had the honor of pinning his son's badge on him at the graduation ceremony. Paul will soon begin his career at Fire Station 15 in the Heights. The Deans are longtime South Belt residents.

Submitted photo

## Longtime firemen retire

By James Bolen

Two firemen from the Houston Fire Department's Station 70 on Beamer Road will retire Friday, May 1, after serving more than 67 combined years on the force.

Steve Delbello and Pablo Aguirre have worked together for the last 28 years and will now also retire together.

Delbello started with HFD in 1972. He was promoted to engineer/operator in 1977 and began work at Station 70 when it was located at Sagedowne and Sageglen before moving to its current location in 1985.

The fireman has also served for stations 36, 40, 47 and 61. His father started the Manvel Fire Department, where his mother also served as a dispatcher for 50 years. Delbello and his brother, Jimmie, were also members of the Manvel FD, building many of the department's first fire trucks.

When he's not working for the HFD, Delbello continues to volunteer for the Manvel FD, where he has served as chief off and on since 1972 and has remained in the position for the last 20 years. He was nominated for Volunteer Chief of the year in 2008 and was one of 10 finalists.

Delbello was instrumental in forming Brazoria County Emergency Services District 3, which raised Manvel's operating budget from \$58,000 to approximately \$230,000 annually. He has

been married to his wife, Pam, for 28 years. The couple have four children and six grandchildren.

Aguirre started his career in 1979 at Station 52 on Hartsook before transferring to Station 70. He has always ridden as first lineman on the fire truck, as he enjoys being the first crew member to attack a fire.

Throughout his career, Aguirre has maintained the title of station cook, preparing home-cooked meals for his crew members.

Away from the department, Aguirre is a devoted member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and is on its finance committee. For the past 30 years, he has overseen the church's annual bazaar. Aguirre is also a member of The Segundo, an organization that provides scholarships through fundraising for students in his community.

Aguirre is engaged to Emma Clark and has a son, Paul Eric Aguirre.

In addition to fighting area fires, Delbello and Aguirre were once responsible for caring for the station's dalmatian, Beamer.

A retirement dinner in their honor will be held at the station Friday, May 1.

Station 70 Cpt. Charles Salazar will miss the firemen and their hard work.

"They couldn't be more dedicated to the department and the citizens of Houston," he said. "They're going to be hard to replace."

# Readers' Opinions

## Robbins tells about fish found on Fuqua

The fish Dick Manig found in his yard is a Tilapia, a fish native to the Middle East and Africa. Tilapia have been shipped to most of the temperate areas of the world where they are raised in fish farms for the restaurant trade and fish markets. This fish looks to be nearly a year old and is the normal "Market size". Tilapia have escaped into most of our river systems and they have been stocked in several lakes that are used to cool electrical generation plants. Tilapia can't survive temperatures of 50 degrees or less, so this one over-wintered in deeper water or near a "warmer" water discharge such as from the nearby water treatment plant. Brim (actually Bream) is a colloquial term that is used as a catch all name for several members of the sunfish family, the most common one being the Bluegill.

## Stromeyer supports Pond in election

Dear Community Members, It is with great honor that I ask for you to support Mr. Charles Pond for the At-Large Position A of the Clear Creek Independent School District Trustee election. This seat is being vacated by Mr. Ralph Parr, a long-time advocate for children. It seems only natural to elect someone with equal passion for education and an established record of putting children first. I have known Mr. Pond for many years from his days of volunteering in the PTA to serving in leadership roles on critical, and at times contentious, citizen committees such as school naming, financial, and bond election. His untiring ability to give his personal time for the betterment of our community is what earned him the Citizen of the Year recognition by the Clear Creek ISD Board of Trustees in 2008. His experience as a parent, volunteer and business leader will bring

a well-rounded perspective to the leadership team of a high performing school district. We need a board member who can see the forest through the trees and assist in the administration in rising above the financial hurdles ahead of that we can sustain the quality of education the more than 37,000 students receive daily. I know Mr. Pond is equipped with those skills for I have seen him at work on many important issues in our school district. Election Day is May 9, 2009, and early voting begins April 27th. Sincerely, **Stuart Stromeyer** CCISD Board President

## Whatever happened to "Just say no"?

In every newspaper of significance, across the Internet and on the airwaves, arguments rage back and forth about the legalization of illicit drugs. Just months ago, the only drug under legalization scrutiny was marijuana. Now, legalization advocates have extended the argument to include cocaine and heroin, drugs that are much more often the target of rehabilitation stays. Arguments in favor of legalization offer such humanitarian benefits as "less drug-related violence," "less illness," "use would still be a public nuisance that could be fined," "drugs would be purer, less contaminated and under controlled distribution." The legalization movement is an utter reversal of Nancy Reagan's message of the 1980s, "Just say no to drugs." At that time, Americans were not willing to throw up their hands and admit defeat. The argument to legalize these drugs is a blatant admission that those who are supposed to treat the addicted or reduce demand have no successful way of doing so. I work at Narconon Arrowhead, a large drug and alcohol rehabilitation and education center in Oklahoma and I do so to give people a chance to live drug

and alcohol-free. I am not willing to throw up my hands and admit defeat. What mother in America thinks that legalizing heroin, cocaine or marijuana is a path to success? I didn't have this attitude with my son when I discovered that he was smoking pot and drinking at the age of 12. It took a little time and some hard work, but I made sure that he learned why to be drug-free. He has been free from any such problems for ten years. Today, I decided to find out for myself whether or not legalizing heroin had any merit. I sought out a Narconon graduate who had been a heroin addict for decades but who is now completely drug and alcohol-free. I asked him what effect heroin, just the drug itself, had created on him and his life. He told me, "If you take away the effect of the illegal acts that made me homeless and put me in jail, the drug itself robbed me of my life. I was anesthetized. I could not feel happiness. I couldn't see that my family was suffering along with me. I didn't see my family for more than a decade and I have just now reunited with my daughter after eleven years. I wouldn't want anyone to go through what I have gone through." Since I've been at Narconon, I have seen people recover from a degraded and debased condition and be restored to vigor, health and enjoyment of life. I see it happen every day. If it's possible to give those who have been addicted to heroin, cocaine, OxyContin, marijuana, methamphetamine or alcohol enjoyable, drug-free lives again, why should we admit defeat? When recovery is possible, it is not necessary to knuckle under to spurious claims that legalization is the only solution. If anyone wants to find out for themselves how Narconon brings about this recovery, they can call us at 1-800-468-6933 or visit our website at [www.stopaddiction.com](http://www.stopaddiction.com). Myself, I will continue to champion a drug-free future for all Americans. Sincerely, **Karen Hadley** Narconon staff member and mother

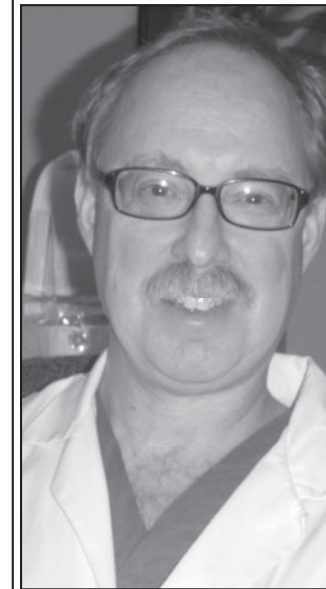
## McGovern runs for PISD board



Neel McGovern, a 28-year resident of Pasadena, recently filed to run for Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees, Position 2.

parents, employees and parents of our district. We have some challenges ahead of us, but I believe with faith, hard work, new visions, employee involvement and teamwork, we can make a huge difference in our district and community," stated McGovern. "I do not have all the solutions to our problems, but I am willing to work in tandem with the board in maintaining a safe, top-notch, quality school district our students, employees and parents of our community expect." McGovern is a business owner in Pasadena (industrial equipment sales) and has been involved with youth sports and homeowners associations in the community for 14 years. He is also involved in Pasadena PeeWee Baseball (purchasing, vice president); City of Pasadena Youth Basketball (coach); Pan Am Little League Baseball (vice president); Pasadena Teenage Baseball Association (president); Oakwood Neighborhood Association (president); Berkshire Homeowners Association (president); and Pasadena Livestock Show & Rodeo (committee volunteer). McGovern has been married to his wife, Tracy, for 22 years, and they have two children.

## Dr. Gelber book signing set



Dr. David Gelber will host a book signing for his new novel, *TTP: Future Hope*. He will be signing his novel at the Tattered Jacket Bookstore, 2450 Main Street in League City, from noon to 2 p.m. Gelber began writing in 2006 and released his first novel in January of this year. He is a senior partner with Coastal Surgical Group which has an office in the South Belt area. Gelber was born in 1958 in upstate New York, the seventh of nine boys. He attended college at Johns Hopkins University and medical school at the University of Rochester School of Medicine, graduating in 1984. His training in general and vascular surgery started at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas and was completed in 1989 at Nassau County Medical Center on Long Island in New York. As a partner in Coastal Surgical Group, he has practiced in the South Belt area for more than 18 years. He has served as chairman of the Department of Surgery and as president of the medical staff at Bayshore Medical Center in Pasadena. He was recently named one of America's Top Docs for 2008 by physician rating service Castle Connolly. Gelber is married with three teenage children, four dogs and 24 birds.

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## Deaths

**Leo John Poche Sr.**  
Leo John Poche Sr., 77, of Alvin, died Tuesday, April 21, 2009, in Houston. He was born Jan. 23, 1932, in Good Hope, La., and was a resident of Alvin for two years. Poche was an electronics instructor for Armo Steel and the Houston Independent School District. He was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Alvin. Poche was a member of the Knights of Columbus



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- Manager in the Aerospace Industry
- Sageant Church Member
- Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering
- Graduate of Prairie View A&M University
- Committed to Family Values, Education & Community

Aligning the budget so that PISD can continue premium education to our children will be my initial primary focus if elected.

**VOTE ON SAT. MAY 9TH**  
7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Please visit [www.pasadenaisd.org](http://www.pasadenaisd.org) for information on early voting and polling places.

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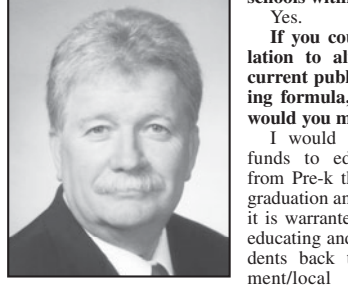
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## PISD candidates respond to Leader questionnaire

The following questionnaires were submitted by the Pasadena Independent School District board candidates. The answers are unedited, and run in the order of ballot position.

**Position 1 Unopposed**  
**Fred Roberts**



**NAME:** Fred Roberts  
**AGE:** 54  
**OCCUPATION:** Insurance Sales/Industrial Corrosion Monitoring  
**EDUCATION:** Pasadena Schools, Ellen McCarter Stewart, SWTSU, N.A.C.E., Insurance Lic., 250 Education CE  
**MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN:** Vicki Roberts (wife), Zach, Sara, Jacob, Jordan (children), Ashley (daughter-in-law)  
**How long have you lived in the district you wish to represent?** 54 years.  
**Why do you want to hold this position?** Commitment to serve.  
**What qualifications do you have to hold this position?** 16 years prior school board trustee, devotion to

serve, concern for community, a Christian.  
**What specific issues would you address if elected?** I will continue to be a conservative steward of the public money and concerned citizen for the welfare of children.  
**If you have children, have they or will they attend schools within the district?** Yes.  
**If you could draft legislation to alter the state's current public school funding formula, what changes would you make?** I would legislate ample funds to educate students from Pre-k thru high school graduation and college where it is warranted. I would turn educating and regulating students back to local government/local citizens, with graduation requirements being set with statewide end-of-course testing standards.

**Position 2**  
**2 candidates**  
**Mariselle Quijano-Lerma**



**NAME:** Mariselle Quijano-Lerma  
**AGE:** 37 years old  
**OCCUPATION:** McDonald's Franchise Owner  
**EDUCATION:** Bachelor of Business Administration - Major in Accounting  
**MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN:** Married to Horacio Lerma & 2 Children (1 Girl - 12 yrs. old & 1 Boy - 8 yrs. old)  
**How long have you lived in the district you wish to represent?** 25 years in District. I am a product of Parkview Intermediate and graduate of Sam Rayburn High School.  
**Why do you want to hold this position?** My business experience is an asset for this position. I deal daily with challenging situations in my business including budget and personnel issues with over 800 employees. I have experience dealing with large budgets. We have a responsibility to share our time and talents. This is time to share my business and life experiences in support of our school district. School board membership needs to embody the diversity of our school district and be reflective of the community it serves. I will ensure that many voices are heard and all options are considered in making administrative decisions. My experience as a parent of a student in the district gives me a perspective on the needs and concerns of parents, teachers, and taxpayers and those who seek to serve them.  
**What qualifications do you have to hold this position?** I have a Business degree from the University of Houston in which I majored in accounting. I am a McDon-

ald's Franchise Owner in Pasadena and the Greater Houston area with 19 locations. I believe that my vast business experience will be a great asset for this position. I am used to working with large budgets and challenging situations. I am very involved in the community:  
Pasadena ISD Education Foundation - Board Member - 4 years  
McDonald's Texas Invitational - Board Member  
Pasadena ISD Future Facilities Planning Committee  
Pasadena ISD - Budget Committee  
Ronald McDonald House of Houston - Advisory Board  
Ronald McDonald House of Galveston - Advisory Board  
HACER (Hispanic American Commitment to Educational Resources) Scholarship Board Member and Judge  
St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church - Parishioner

**What specific issues would you address if elected?** I would like to assist in addressing budgeting constraints and evaluate district programs.  
**If you have children, have they or will they attend schools within the district?** I have a daughter that attends Carter Lomax Middle School. She will attend Bondy next school year.  
**If you could draft legislation to alter the state's current public school funding formula, what changes would you make?** I would like to see provi-

sions for inflationary increases or regional cost of living. Eliminate the ceiling of target revenue. Adjust and fund for regional differences in cost of living. Adjust for inflation such as utility, fuel, transportation, etc. Increase state funding weights for students and extend the rate cap to provide for future flexibility to raise revenue.

**Position 2**  
**3 candidates**  
**Nelda Sullivan**



**NAME:** Nelda R. Sullivan  
**AGE:** 74  
**OCCUPATION:** Business owner (Industrial equipment sales)  
**EDUCATION:** Cleveland High School  
**MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN:** Married, 2 children.  
**How long have you lived in the district you wish to represent?** 28 years, Tracy and I know how important quality schools are to the community and its future.  
**Why do you want to hold this position?** I will be committed in maintaining the safe, quality schools that students, parents and employees need and expect. I also want to strengthen employee involvement, parent involvement and Team work in Pasadena ISD.  
**What qualifications do you have to hold this position?** I'm a proven community and youth sports leader. I care about our children's education and future. I also care about the employees and future as well. We have some challenges ahead of us, but I believe with faith, hard work, new visions, and Team work we will make PISD a greater place to work. I am up for the challenge.  
\*\*\*\*Endorsed by: Pasadena Education Association\*\*\*\*  
**What specific issues would you address if elected?** Safety for our children and employees. We need more involvement from employees and parents. Communication is a must. Delinquent taxes owed to PISD. Give employee incentives for their cost cutting ideas. Classrooms overcrowded. Smarter ways to do business in the district. More competitive pay to keep our employees.  
**If you have children, have they or will they attend schools within the district?** Yes. We have the best employees and facilities in

## Clear Brook Speech & Debate Team focuses on literacy

The Clear Brook Speech and Debate Team recently took a break from competing in order to better serve their community. On Tuesday, April 14, 20 students from Clear Brook High School visited McWhirter Elementary and donated 1,000 books to the library and spent time visiting individual classes and reading to the children, stressing the importance and enjoyment of reading. Clear Brook Speech and Debate has collected more than 2,000 books during the last two years that were donated to several schools including Clear Lake City Elementary, Whitcomb Elementary and, this year, McWhirter Elementary. "All my students found this to be a rewarding experience and one they hope to repeat in the years to come," said Clear Brook Speech and Debate Coach Michael Rutledge. Students began collecting children's book from students and local community members in 2008. The books donated to elementary schools in the community are also for use in classroom libraries.



Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Jessica Cetrone, Kelly Hogg, Raveena Bhalara, Nhi Do, Dinusha Wijesinghe, Madhushree Zope, (middle row) Britany Johnson, Elyssa Klann, Adnan Mohamed, Karl Schaefer, John Fossum, Nathan Tamburello, Sarah Higganbotham, Megan Gardner, Alexa Schnoor, Yaritsa Rosario, (back row) Neil Patel, Eric Stone, Coach Felicia Byrd, Coach Michael Rutledge, Kimberly Maima and Saurabh Limaye.

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**MONSTERS VS. ALIENS 3D (PG)** (10:00 @ \$8), 12:15, 2:45, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15, 12:30

**BATTLE FOR TERRA (PG)** (10:40 @ \$5), 12:55, 3:20, 5:25, 7:45, 9:45, 12:00

**GHOSTS OF GIRLFRIENDS PAST (PG-13)** (10:15, 11:50 @ \$5), 12:50, 2:15, 3:15, 4:50, 5:50, 7:15, 8:15, 9:50, 10:50, 12:35

**X-MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE (PG-13)** (10:00, 10:35, 11:05, 11:35 @ \$5), 12:05, 12:35, 1:05, 1:35, 2:05, 2:35, 3:05, 3:35, 4:05, 4:35, 5:05, 5:35, 6:05, 6:35, 7:05, 7:35, 8:05, 8:35, 9:05, 9:35, 10:05, 10:35, 11:05, 11:30, 11:55, 12:25, 12:55

**FIGHTING (PG-13)** (10:10, 11:30 @ \$5), 12:40, 1:55, 3:10, 4:25, 5:55, 7:20, 8:20, 9:55, 10:55, 12:40

**OBSESSED (PG-13)** (10:25, 11:20 @ \$5), 12:20, 1:20, 2:25, 3:25, 4:20, 5:20, 6:20, 7:25, 8:25, 9:20, 10:20, 11:20, 12:15, 12:55

**OBSESSED (PG-13)** (10:25 @ \$5), 1:20, 4:20, 7:25, 10:20, 12:55

**THE SOLOIST (PG-13)** (10:55 @ \$5), 1:30, 4:40, 7:50, 10:30

**EARTH (G)** (10:30 @ \$5), 12:45, 2:55, 5:10, 7:30, 9:40, 11:55

**17 AGAIN (PG-13)** (11:25 @ \$5), 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:25, 10:25, 11:50

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**STATE OF PLAY (PG-13)** (10:20 @ \$5), 1:15, 4:15, 7:10, 10:00, 12:45

**DRAGONBALL: EVOLUTION (PG)** (11:15 @ \$5), 3:55, 6:15

**HANNAH MONTANA: THE MOVIE (G)** (10:05, 11:10 @ \$5), 12:30, 1:45, 2:50, 4:10, 5:15, 6:30

**OBSERVE AND REPORT (R)** (10:20 @ \$5), 12:25, 12:50

**FAST & FURIOUS (PG-13)** (10:45 @ \$5), 1:10, 3:45, 6:10, 7:40, 8:45, 10:10, 11:15, 12:45

**THE HAUNTING IN CONNECTICUT (PG-13)** 8:50, 11:00

**MONSTERS VS. ALIENS (PG)** (10:45 @ \$5), 1:00, 3:40

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**KNOWING (PG-13)** 5:55, 8:40

**AMC SELECT**

**AMERICAN VIOLET (PG-13)** (11:00 @ \$5), 2:10, 5:10, 7:55, 10:45

**SUNSHINE CLEANING (R)** 1:25

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## BHI Bears of the Month named for March



Several students were chosen as Bears of the Month at Beverly Hills Intermediate for the month of March. These students were chosen by their team of teachers for being positive role models, working hard in class and having a good attitude. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Brian

Williams, Miriam Castaneda, Valeria Leal, Ray Rodriguez, Aimee Perez, (back row) Destiny Earl, Tre' Jacques, Scott Marsella, Gerardo Almonte Vera, Brianna Guevara and Stephanie Orozco. Not pictured is Blake Wilcox.

Photo submitted

## Bush releases third nine-weeks rolls

Bush Elementary recently announced its honor, merit and perfect attendance rolls for the third nine-weeks grading period. Students named are as follows:

**Kindergarten**  
**Perfect attendance**  
 Christopher Acevedo, Kelly Aguilera, Jason Aleman, Forrest Anciso, Madeleine Bui, Danneth Claros, Valerie Codina, Karen Corral, Bianca Espinal and Marilyn Espino.  
 Amanda Flores, Abigail Garro, Alejandro Garza, Hannah Herrera, Devanny Ibarra, Kevet Iraheta, Andrea Leon, Jocelyn Leon, Abel Limachi and Norma Moreno.  
 Miranda Nunez, Isaac Nunez, Xavier Olivarez, Keqwon Palm, Lauren Robinson, Anthony Rodas, Humberto Rodriguez, Kevin Salamanca and Alberto Salas.  
 Dariana Salinas, Daniel Serrano, Amari Singleton, Kaleighe Sommerfelt, Msethel Thomas, Lili Tran, Vincent Tran, Emily Tran and Nathan Vo.

**First grade**  
**Honor roll**  
 Jason Brooks, Brianna Chandler, Osayi Edigin, Arriana Farrington, Daniela Fraga, Issac Martinez, Raylene Martinez, Taiya Mitchell, Leena Mohamad and Oscar Montes.  
 Madisyn Munoz, Danny Nguyen, Tristan Pozo, Michaela Resendez, Zaria Ross, Jose Sanchez, Eli Sandoval, Corbin Sherwood, Johnny To, Ahimir Trainor and Jessica Vu.

**Merit roll**  
 Abigail Aguilera, Chyna Akins, Quintavina Baylor, Carla Canales, Azucena Estrada, Artemio Garza, Ariana Guillen, Sebastian Gutierrez and Olaff Hernandez.  
 Joselin Hernandez, Jesse Herrera, Jessica Ibe, Chloe King, Taylor Levias, Jacob McKenzie, Hunter Ramos, Kendrick Thomas, Josselyn Torres and Trinity Vela.

**Perfect attendance**  
 Chyna Akins, Jayleen Alvarez, Xavier Bazile, Jorlette Bernandez, Marshall Bradley, Brianna Chandler, Makalib Chaney, Christian Davis, Yureida De La Cruz and Juan Elizarraras.  
 Arriana Farrington, Sebastian Flores, Daniela Fraga, Yair Garcia, Geovanny Garcia, Andrea Garibay, Jonathan Hernandez, Frida Herrera, Jesse Herrera and Jessica Ibe.

Isaac Martinez, Raylene Martinez, Shantel McNeal, Nevaeh Mendez, Jonathan Morales, Alondra Moya, Madisyn Munoz, Sashiana Munoz, Johnny Nguyen and Cindy Nguyen.

Solomon Nguyen, Kaylie Morales, Elide Olvera, Gerardo Perez, Zion Pineda, Tristan Pozo, Hunter Ramos, Jose Reyes, Emily Reyes, Jose Rodriguez and Baldeemar Rodriguez.  
 Carlos Rodriguez, Jonathan Roque, Zaria Ross, Julio Rubio, Kiara Sanchez, Jose Sanchez, Elissa Soto, Kendrick Thomas, Johnny To, Josselyn Torres and Terence Tutt.

**Second grade**  
**Honor roll**  
 Itzel Arango, Josiah Constante, Vanessa Delacruz, Katelynn Duong, Adrian Faz, Daniela Figueroa, Ian Flores, Emily French, Omar Galvan, Brian Garcia, John Hoang and Thompson Le.  
 Erick Lopez, Adrian Montez, Rachael Phan, Kalista Smith, Jocelyn Solis, Ty'via Taulton, Michaela Taylor, Dominic Trinn and Unity Yvanez.

**Merit roll**  
 Shea Alfonso, Gabriel Barrera, Nathan Bernardez, Abigail Billingsly, Jennifer Chu, Kalena Davis, Makayla Lemons, Trinity Lynch, Zoe Martinez, Bianca Perez, Joana Serna and Johnny White.  
**Perfect attendance**  
 Alondra Acevedo, Blase Anoruo, Guadalupe Benavides, Nathan Bernardez, Amanda Carbalaj, Jasmine Carpenter, Jennifer Chu, Kevin Corral, Jeleasa Crawford and Kalena Davis.

Vanessa Delacruz, Dang Doan, Jacklynn Duong, Brittany Duran, Ariel Evans, Michael Galvan, Omar Galvan, Brian Garcia, Jennifer Garcia, Jennifer Gomez and Adrian Gonzalez.  
 Jacob Haas Sanchez, Thompson Le, Erick Lopez, Zoe Martinez, Edwin Martinez, Mario Mendez, Cassidy Merritt, Zeontee Miller, Sergio Munoz, Manuel Olivarez, Bianca Perez and Hugo Posadas.

Gimenea Quintanilla, Sidney Robertson, Angel Rodriguez, Melissa Salas, Saul Salas, Kevin Saldana, Victoria Sanchez, Caitlyn Sepeda, Joanna Serna, Jocelyn Solis, Michaela Taylor, Jannylea Webb, Keaira Wells and Brenhisia Williams.  
**Third grade**  
**Honor roll**  
 Reena Benitez, Cauchtemoc Cornejo, Allyson Diaz, Morgan Dugas, Cassandra Esquivel, Richard Garza, Diana Guerrero, Jazmin Guerrero, Cassandra Guevara, Danny Hernandez, Jacob Hinojosa and Mya Johnson.

Douglas Jones, Natalie Longoria, Alexis Lopez, Vianey Martinez, Brittney

Mejia, Emily Mesa, Matthew Morales, Jenny Nguyen, Angela Nguyen, Relencia Owens and Jazmin Palm.  
 Anthony Ramirez, Jessica Richardson, Gardenia Rivas, Enrique Rivera, Jason Sabal, Adrian Tamez, Son Tran, Jason Valdez, Roxanne Valdez, Annete Vela and Haley Yates.

**Merit roll**  
 Bailie Ankenbruck, Tatiana Chacon, Lizett Contreras, Jeanna Cooper, Natalie Diosdado, Alfredo Estrada, Dominic Guerra-V, John'te Horace and Kalin Horn.  
 Hana Mohamad, Jacob Negrete, Ramon Ortega, Michelle Pozo, Jordan Russell, Laquavious Thomas and Michelle Tran.

**Perfect attendance**  
 Larry Aguirre, Jonathan Alvarez-G, Ricky Castillo, Lorena Castro, Lizett Contreras, Trevon Cossey, Trevor Dean, Zoe Devora, Morgan Dugas, Miguel Elizarraras and Adilene Flores.  
 Catherine Fuentes, Alyssa

Gallardo, Gustavo Garcia, Angeles Garcia, Andres Garro, Richard Garza, Edgar Gonzalez, Clinton Ibe, Douglas Jones, Vianey Martinez and Dominik Mitchell.  
 Matthew Morales, Jorge Moreno, Carlos Moreno, Noah Munoz, Jacob Negrete, Anthony Nguyen, Jenny Nguyen, Ramon Ortega, Isaiha Ortiz, Ryan Pair, Rachel Pair and Jazmin Palm.  
 Gabryel Patterson, Marcos Perez, Angel Perez, John Phan, Khoi Phan, Tam Phan, Jose Pozo, Margarita Reyes, Jessica Richardson, Gardenia Rivas, Enrique Rivera, Jason Sabal and Jonathan Saldana.

Anela Saucedo, Roberto Serrano, Laquinnia Skairs, Samuel Starks, Justin Thomas, Dominique Torres, Michelle Tran, Jason Valdez, Roxanne Valdez, Ayline Vela, Annette Vela, Melanie Velasquez, Andy Yanez and Alberto Ysaguirre.  
**Fourth grade**  
**Honor roll**  
 Miranda Carrizales, Jarely

Claros, Hananh Dang, Andres Garcia, Steven Nguyen, Huy Tran, Jacklyn Tran, Jennifer Truong, Kathrina Villanueva and Justin Vu.  
**Merit roll**  
 Blanca Cordova, Helena Cosme, Jimmy Dang, Terrilyn Davis, Samantha Dominguez, Kory Hubbard, Brianna Lara, Lizbeth Ozuna, Alice Phan, Clinton Ugochuku and Diana Vidal.  
**Perfect attendance**  
 Oxmar Adame, Damola Adamoh, Miranda Carrizales, Jocelyn Chavez, Jarely Claros, Brian Cooper, Ashley Cordova, Helena Cosme, Alexis Cossey, Alia Crawford, Jimmy Dang, Terrilyn Davis and Dominick Davis.  
 Krystal Delacruz, Tuan Do, Samantha Dominguez, Yovanna Elizondo, David Espinal, Luis Flores, Andres Garcia, Celenia Garcia, Jazmyn Gomez, Ezri Gonzalez, Javen Hedgeman, Nia Herman and Edna Herrera.  
 Andrew Hinojosa, Kory

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## PLT closes season with *Guys and Dolls*

*Guys and Dolls*, music and lyrics by Frank Loesser and book by Joe Swerling and Abe Burrows, is the final show of Pasadena Little Theatre's 54th season. This musical is directed by Mary K. Isaacs with musical direction by Judie Valentine.

Friday, May 1, is opening night with shows running four weekends through May 24. Showtimes are 8 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Thursday, May 21, with matinees at 3 p.m. on Sundays. Pasadena Little Theatre is located at 4318 Allen-Genoa Road.

Set in New York City, this romantic comedy includes music such as *Luck Be a Lady*, *Sit Down You're Rockin' the Boat*, and *A Bushel and a Peck*. The cast of characters such as Sarah Brown, the mission doll, Sky Masterson, slick and high rolling gambler, Adelaide, the forever engaged nightclub performer, and her fiancé, Nathan Detroit who desperately seeks a spot for his floating craps game.

Mignon Bryant, Tim Raeke, David Hamm, George Blystone, Rick Peeples, Brittany Roberts, Mike Geiger, Joel Rodriguez, Forest Bryant, Lindsay Chancery, Ruben



Shown, left to right, Forrest Isaacs, Bill Edwards, Joel Delane and David Blystone appear in *Guys and Dolls* by Loesser, Swerling and Burrows which opens May 1 at Pasadena Little Theatre. This production runs weekends through May 24 with showtimes of 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. on Sunday. Edwards and Isaacs are South Belt residents.

Velasquez, Katie Reed, Bill Edwards, Ron Drumm, Debbie Broadhead, Angela Verhelst, Christina LaCount, Shirley Chambers, Aaron Patterson, John Jermain, Rodney Jermain


and Monica Marcha.  
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**Over The Back Fence** by Jan

**IT'S A BOY!**  
Aidan Michael De La Rosa was born April 15, 2009, at 4:50 a.m. weighing in at 5 lbs., 6 oz., and stretching 19 inches long. Welcoming him home are proud parents Kristin and Fernando De La Rosa, big brother Jacob De La Rosa, Gran and Pop, Rose and Larry Konzelman, aunt Kimmie and uncle Mike, Kim and 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 TURNS 6!**  
Jacob De La Rosa will turn 6 years old on May 1. Lots of love and birthday wishes are sent to him from his parents, Kristin and Fernando De La Rosa, baby brother Aidan De La Rosa, Gran and Pop, Rose and Larry Konzelman, aunt Kimmie and uncle Mike, Kim and 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 kindergarten at Frazier Elementary and plays on the T-Ball Reds for SBHLL.

**SCHOOL DAZE**  
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays April 30 through May 6.  
**Bush Elementary**  
On May 3, a happy birthday wish is sent to Nicole Taylor.  
**Frazier Elementary**  
Blow out the birthday candles for Barbara Walton May 5.  
**Jessup Elementary**  
Gloria J. Guillory is sent birthday greetings on April 30.  
**Meador Elementary**  
Cathy Taylor celebrates a birthday April 30. May 4 is the day for a birthday party for Paulina Perez.  
**Moore Elementary**  
A double birthday is enjoyed by Beth Anne Mullen and Traci Marr May 6.  
**Stuchbery Elementary**  
Blow out the birthday candles for Cheryl Fox May 3. Birthday wishes for a wonderful day are sent to Maria Orozco May 4. Veronica Rodriguez enjoys a birthday May 5. May 6 is the day for a cake for Paula Francis.

**Melillo Middle School**  
On May 6, Sandra Vann marks a birthday. **Morris Middle School**  
Sergio Castillo enjoys a birthday April 30. The day for a party for Janet Perry is May 6. **Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to Bridget McGinty and Kimberly Urie May 3. **Thompson Intermediate**  
Blow out the birthday candles for Mike Tuneberg May 1. The day for a birthday cake for Federico Cabrera is May 6. **Dobie High**  
Happy birthday wishes are sent to Alice McCoy April 30. Birthday wishes are sent to Dyana Ashcraft and Jeanee Wells on May 1. Marcia Griffin and Marguerite Smith share a birthday May 2. May 3 is the day for a birthday party for Tanya Morales. 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 with OTBF in the subject line. Items must be submitted by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

**Melillo names 3rd 9-weeks honor, merit rolls**

Melillo Middle School recently released its honor and merit rolls for the third nine-weeks grading period.

Students named are as follows:

**Fifth grade Honor roll**  
Daniel Alvarez, Cristian Ascencio, Jaylon Bolden, Jacqueline Bui, Camilla Buschburg, Kara Campos, Mandy Cao, Katie Carnish, Andrea Cedeno, Brandon Chung, Kevin Cortez, David Cruz, Jose Duarte, Alejandro Flores and Leslie Garcia.  
Justin Gee, David Gonzalez, Eliana Gonzalez, Vanessa Gonzalez, Myles Harris, Kallie Hart, Drayton Heinrich, Shelby Henderer, Erika Hernandez, Michelle Hoang, Sarathany In, Brady Jacobs, Bobby Le, Sarah Loftin and Orlando Logan.  
Julia Lohse, Nohelani Lopez, Evan Mauk, Marisa Mendieta, Jade Mottu, Isaiah Munoz, Martin Nguyen, Tin Nguyen, Desiree Ortiz, Servando Ortiz, Jesus Paredes, Marcela Pena, Ashley Perez, Faridhe Puente, Anthony Quirzo and Carlos Rivas.  
Lesdy Rivera, Marcus Rull, Megan Schuetz, Naseem Shafaei, McKenna Simecek, Alyssa Solis, Laura Stephens, Damien Tilly, David Torres, Vinh Tran, Mariana Triana, Javier Vasquez, Hugo Velarde, Lorez Walker and Raven Wilson.

**Merit roll**  
Jessica Bustamente, Zoe Cortez, Melissa Cruz, Alyssa Cumpian, Nicole Cypert, Ashley Devveza, Hung Dinh, Alex Dosal, Jennifer Flores, Joslyn Gallien, Aileen Garcia, Crystal Garza, Andrew Ghanysyam and Tyler Giron.  
Holly Gonzales, Stephanie Goudeau, Leann Guerrero, Pernell Hamilton, Jacob Izaguirre, Autumn LeFever, Marissa Longoria, Eric Mauk, Mirna Murillo, Summer Naser, Tiffany Ngo, Elton Nguyen, Rebecca Nickelson and Brandon Padilla.  
Julissa Perez, Jonathan Rajan, Sergio Reyes, Julian Rivera, Mateo Rivera, Samantha Schwartz, Mayalen Suarez, Elizabeth Tran, Kimmigan Tran, Diana Tufino, Abraham Valencia, Anthony Vu and Rachel Vu.

**Sixth grade Honor roll**  
Savannah Amaro, Jacklin Andrade, Alisha Angeles, Yenlynn Banh, Kyara Bellini, Carli Blue, Zachary Blue, Celeste Briones, Alyssa Castillo, Greyson Chisholm, Everest Cox, John DeLaRosa, Tiffany Garcia, Rachel Glass and Anna Goodman.  
Kiara Hart, Carolina Herrera, Jessie Huynh, Jordan Jimenez, Rheyana Johnson, Tia Joseph, Daniel Kim, Alexander Martinez, Isamar Martinez, Israel Martinez, Luke McDonald, Valerie Mendoza, Joseph Mercado and Mason Miller.  
Madison Minter, George Molina, Catherine Nguyen, Dona Nguyen, Giaan Nguyen, Julie Nguyen, Lisa Nguyen, Taylor Nguyen, Amalia Perla, Caxton Petri, Hoaihuong Pham, Linh Pham, Nhi Pham, Roberto Pineda, Celina Rabe and Francisco Rangel.  
Adriana Resendez, Vanessa Rojas, Tyler Ryan, Jonathan Shaw, Langston Swinton, Chelsea Tajonera, Lauren Taylor, Andrea Tran, Jenny Tran, Michelle Tran, Jalynn Villanueva, Jonathon Wood-

all, Shelby Yocum and Angelica Zuniga.  
**Merit roll**  
Xavier Brown, Tommy Cao, Danielle Cisneros, Valerie Colunga, Jaime Coney, Sara Cook, Alexis Corpus, Christopher Dufresne, Stacy Edokpa, Orlando Escamilla, Kasey Fooks, Marco Garza and Jeremiah Guteirrez.  
Kaylee Hicks, Nicholas Jagdeo, Desiree Johnson, Terrian Little, Ty Lozano, Sabrina Mata, Maria Mejia Ortiz, Hilda Melgar, Johnny Ngo, Tran Nguyen, Alan Pham, Kayla Posey and Joshua Rodriguez.  
Lester Rodriguez, Yesenia Rodriguez, Issa Rojas, Alexis Saldivar, Tyler Scott, Shawn Small, Kara Anne Synder, Samson Tamijani, Jeffrey Tyer, Angelica Vasquez, Richard Vega, Edward Velazquez and Valerie Vo.

**Optimist citizenship winners**



Andrew Logan (left) and Fariha Ghazi (right) were selected by their teachers to represent the third- and fourth-grade students at Stuchbery Elementary for the annual Optimist citizenship award ceremony. Both of them strive to do their best; they exhibit leadership qualities and are kind and thoughtful to others. Pictured with the award winners is bilingual first-grade teacher Linda Escamilla, who the staff and students feel is a true asset to Stuchbery with her positive attitude and willingness to see the best in everyone. Logan is a third-grade student in Felicia Sharp's class, and Ghazi is a fourth-grade student in Lauren Nalepa's class.

**Bush names honor rolls**

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Hubbard, Ctaly Lara, Hector Lopez, Jeremy Marcum, Sebastian Martinez, Isaiah McClain, Heather Mireles, Alice Phan, David Rodriguez, Ariana Salinas, Arlene Salisbury and Elisa Sandoval.  
Sean Saperstein, Kyle Saunders, Breon Simmons, Huy Tran, Jennifer Truong, Diana Vidal, Kathrina Villanueva, Marc Villarreal, Justin Vu, Audrey Wandji, Coran Williams and Natalie Zaragoza.

**PISD to hold meetings**  
Two informational meetings will be held by the Pasadena Independent School District on May 4, to seek public comment on the needs and uses of Title I, II, III and IV federal funds. The purpose is to discuss how PISD uses funds received under the Title I, II, III and IV programs of the Elementary and Secondary Act of 1965.  
Title funds are designed to provide supplemental support to improve the district's elementary and secondary educational programs. Two meetings are scheduled, one at 8:30 a.m. and one at 6 p.m. They will be held in the administration building, 1515 Cherrybrook. For information, call 713-740-0225.

**Remember When**

**30 years ago (1979)**  
Tina Jones, daughter of Geraldine and Theodore Jones, was named Beauty Queen of the Junior Miss Division at the Strawberry Festival.  
Groundbreaking ceremonies were held for the new Texas Commerce Bank, South Belt.  
**25 years ago (1984)**  
Members of the Scarsdale Civic Association agreed to establish a Scarsdale crime hot line.  
Pasadena Jaycees named Ron Shafer, a fourth-grade teacher at Frazier Elementary School, Teacher of the Year.  
**20 years ago (1989)**  
Four former employees of companies that operated at the Brio Superfund toxic waste site acknowledged the dumping of waste materials from the site onto nearby fields which are now an area sandpit.  
South Belt resident Robert Alcalá, 23, was severely injured in a motorcycle accident near Windmill Lakes Apartments that left him paralyzed from the shoulders down.  
**15 years ago (1994)**  
Drive-by shootings occurred in Sageglen and Kirkmont subdivisions the same night.  
After a year and a half of operation, the Parker Williams Library on Scarsdale at Beamer received its sign.  
**10 years ago (1999)**  
At the state Junior Classical League Convention, Dobie High School's Latin Club finished in second place, behind Clear Brook High School's Latin Club.  
A warrant sweep conducted by the office of Constable Gary Freeman resulted in 31 arrests and cleared a total of 89 warrants.  
According to city officials, construction of two motels that residents believed were connected with sexually oriented businesses would not be halted by city officials. Approximately 200 residents including church members, civic leaders and parents of children attended a meeting at the Christian Temple on Alameda Genoa, which followed a recent protest march in front of one of the motel sites then under construction.  
The third annual South Belt Cookoff netted approximately \$4,000 for the July Fourth fireworks and provided festivities for many area residents.  
**5 years ago (2004)**  
Pasadena Independent School District's future facilities committee was considering the construction of a sixth high school west of Highway 3 to accommodate increasing enrollment.  
Blues Brothers Barbecue won top overall honors at the eighth annual South Belt Barbecue Cookoff held at El Franco Lee Park.  
The South Belt-Elington Chamber of Commerce announced a benefit program for their members which would pool their electricity usage to obtain the best pricing and contract terms.  
The Clear Creek Independent School District canceled its board of trustees election because the two open positions were unopposed.  
Dan Martin, CEO of Memorial Herman Southeast Hospital changed positions and would assume the vice president of community initiatives job.  
**1 year ago (2008)**  
Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's deputies made two arrests in one day in which they recovered merchandise and possessions that had been stolen. A deputy was patrolling the 10800 block of Sagegreen when he spotted a vehicle being driven with its lights off. The driver sped off and eventually wrecked the vehicle on Meadowhacked and then took off on foot. The car turned out to be stolen and contained several hundreds of dollars worth of hair and nail products.  
The owners of two stores later positively identified the stolen merchandise. Long Nguyen, 36, was arrested and charged with evading in a stolen vehicle, possession of stolen goods and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.  
Later that morning, two motor vehicles within a block of each other were burglarized. One vehicle, a Ford Expedition in the 8900 block of Kirkmont, had electronics taken from it. The second vehicle, a Comcast Cable van in the 9900 block of Kirkwren, had tools taken from it. Deputies were dispatched to the scene where a neighbor notified them that a possible suspect might be at a house on Kirkwren. The deputies found Joshua Marshall, 21, in the back yard highly intoxicated. He then told deputies where the stolen items had been stashed. The suspect was arrested and charged with felony theft.  
Sagemont Church announced its plan to invest roughly \$25 million in a renovation and beautification project. Designs called for a new sanctuary, an educational space, extensive landscaping and a 170-foot cross to be erected on the church grounds. In all, the renovations would provide 115,000 square feet of new building space.  
The Washington Mutual bank in the 10900 block of Scarsdale was robbed. A man entered the bank and handed the teller on duty a note saying to give him money and not to set off any silent alarms. He subsequently showed the teller a handgun. The teller handed the man a bag with an undisclosed amount of money. The man then fled in a plum-colored, four-door sedan that was waiting for him in front of the bank. No immediate arrests were made.

**HOME RUN CORNER**  
The Leader staff reminds parents to submit congratulations for their slugger's achievements for publication in Over The Back Fence. E-mail mynews@southbeltleader.com with OTBF in the subject line. Items must be submitted by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

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# PISD board candidates answer questionnaires

**Continued from Page 2A**  
I have served on the Board of Trustees of Bayshore Medical Center over ten years, holding the position for president 9 years. My business experience is most valuable in working with the school district.

**What specific issues would you address if elected?**  
School financing is the biggest challenge the school community faces today. Once some resolution is reached on this issue, there are many other areas to be addressed such as setting goals to continue to provide the very best education possible to meet the needs of every student. Work toward an enhanced program to provide additional enrichment programs for our gifted and talented students in addition to providing specialized areas of training for those students in our technical programs.

**If you have children, have they or will they attend schools within the district?**  
My three children are graduates of PISD. Some of my grandchildren attended PISD. My great-grandson is a PISD student. A daughter-in-law is a PISD teacher.

**If you could draft legislation to alter the state's current public school funding formula, what changes would you make?**  
Equitable Funding and no unfunded mandates.



**Terry Robinson**  
Position 3  
NAME: Terry G. Robinson  
AGE: 44  
OCCUPATION: Project Manager/Safety Manager  
EDUCATION: Attended Richey Elementary, Jackson

that will solidify their future. This includes putting the focus back on what is best for our children and taking care of the educators that we trust to educate them. I will work tirelessly to achieve this goal.

**What qualifications do you have to hold this position?**  
I have been a part of the school district as a police officer and as a teacher/coach for many years. I'm a product of PISD and I have children that attend schools here. I care very much for PISD, its kids and employees. This is why I have made a commitment to help turn our district around. I will not have all the answers to the problems we will face but I will do the very best to my ability to solve issues, be communicative, listen to employees and community and help solve the issues facing our district.

**What specific issues would you address if elected?**  
I will see to it that we maximize every dollar our district receives from state funding. I will focus on the expenditures that will allow our KIDS to get the most for their education to solidify their futures. I will demand there be accountability and transparency on all matters addressed by the board in an open forum. I will focus on funding that will make our district competitive to keep our current educators in the district and attract new ones. I will close the gap of communication that will allow more input from the teachers, employees, parents and the community.

**Why do you want to hold this position?**  
I believe that a school board must be responsive and receptive to parents, staff, students and the community at large, encouraging an open dialog. The board must take input from all groups and weigh all the facts before making a decision. A Board member is a trustee of the community that elects him or her. That Trustee must be accessible and willing to collaborate with all members of the community. Anyone that comes before the board has the right to be heard, not just to speak. A school board member must build public understanding, support and participation.

My efforts as a board member would center on serving all of the children in the community; one child is no more important than another. We are a diverse community and have to celebrate that diversity. Our schools are here to serve the educational needs of all the children. All stakeholders; parents, all district personnel Certified, Classified, and Management, as well as students must be partners in this endeavor if we are to be successful.

**What qualifications do you have to hold this position?**

I have the management skills that would allow me to see the big picture and suggest improvements as needed.

**What specific issues would you address if elected?**  
If elected I would address the following:  
1. PISD budget  
2. Exploring options to increase revenue in the district  
3. Ensuring that the district keeps pace with the most up-to-date materials, equipment and strategies.  
4. Explore and implement programs that focus on student retention from K-12.  
5. Create an avenue that allows better communication between the board and community.

**If you have children, have they or will they attend schools within the district?**  
I have 2 children: a daughter at Frazier Elementary and a son entering the district in the 2009-2010 school year.

**If you could draft legislation to alter the state's current public school funding formula, what changes would you make?**  
The legislation in place capped funding at the 2005-2006 level allowing only ~4% of our tax dollars to remain in the district. We need the state legislature to increase percentage of tax dollars that remain in the district. This will help alleviate the deficit we're currently facing and also help protect against further budget/staff reductions.

## Legler bill passes

On Tuesday, the Texas House of Representatives passed House Bill 1257 by Rep. Ken Legler. HB 1257, also known as the Business Parity Act, is Legler's first bill to be passed by the Texas House.

"Helping the taxpayer is one of my highest priorities this session," stated Legler. "This is my first bill to be voted by the House, and I consider it one of the most important bills filed this session."

HB 1257 would give businesses with \$5 million in annual revenue that sustained damage in a declared disaster area the option to pay their property taxes in quarterly installments, instead of paying the entire amount on January 31. Under current law, owners of a residence homestead already have this option, so this legislation would be affording small business owners the same opportunity.

"After the damage that the Pasadena/South Belt area and the Texas Gulf Coast sustained, small business owners should be able to focus on rebuilding quickly which leads to faster recovery for the area," stated Legler.

HB 1257 will be referred to the Texas Senate for passage before being sent to Gov. Rick Perry's office for his signature.

Legler's office is located in the Capitol Extension, E2.304; phone, 512-463-0460. To reach him, e-mail District144.Legler@house.state.tx.us or visit his Web site, http://www.house.state.tx.us/members/dist144/legler.

**Randy Smith**  
Position 3



NAME: Randy Smith  
AGE: 36  
OCCUPATION: Manager - Aerospace Industry  
EDUCATION: Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering  
MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN: 2 children  
How long have you lived in the district? 6 years

## Library events scheduled

The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library:

Play games on game day at the library on Thursday, April 30, at 4 p.m.

May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. The library will hold a trivia contest, through May 15, for a chance to win a gift certificate to a local restaurant.

Investigate ancestries and family histories when the genealogy discussion group meets Monday, May 4, at 2 p.m. A children's Mother's Day craft is scheduled for Thursday, May 7, at 4 p.m. Free tickets are required.

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



## Kirk, Hale marry

Erin Kirk and Aaron Hale were united in marriage on April 4, 2009, during an intimate wedding held at Sam Houston Park in Houston. The bride is the daughter of Larry and Connie Kirk of Alvin. She is a 1996 graduate of Alvin High School and is a senior account executive for the Houston Press. The groom is a longtime South Belt resident and the son of J.R. and the late Nelda Hale of Sageglen. He is a 1993 graduate of Clear Brook High School and is currently employed as a project manager for Satterfield & Pontikes. After a honeymoon in St. Thomas, the couple reside in Pearland.

## SJCS dancers pay tribute to Ike victims at concert

The dance department at San Jacinto College South campus will present the spring concert *Momentum* with a tribute to the victims of Hurricane Ike.

The event will be held at 7:30 p.m., May 7-8, at the Marie Spence Flickinger Fine Arts Center. It will feature a variety of modern dance performances choreographed by students, faculty members, and guest artist Lisa Nicks from Kathy Dunn Hamrick Dance Company in Austin.

Two of the nine dances will pay tribute to the victims of Hurricane Ike with the movements of clashing water and wind and the emotional effects on its victims.

"I'm very proud of this group of performers and choreographers" said Dr. Patty Haselbarth, dance program coordinator at San Jacinto College South. "They have trained hard every day in preparation for this concert. But the art form is not complete until it is shared with an audience."

Haselbarth said three of the dances were performed at the recent American College Dance Festival, one of which is a student-choreographed piece by Randi Hall of Pearland that depicts two

daughters and their struggle within a broken home.

"There are a lot of great choreographers at this college, which sometimes, is underestimated," Hall said. "Some really great pieces come out of San Jacinto College each semester."

Other student choreographers set to debut their work are Christi Carrington of Houston, Tiffany Espinoza of Pasadena, Clarissa Hooper of Friendswood, Seth McPhail of Houston and Christa Smith of Pasadena.

San Jacinto College dance faculty members Crista Burley McLaughlin and Stephanie Rodriguez will also showcase choreography. Performers will dance to music by Molossus, Corynorhinus, Hans Zimmer, James Newton Howard, Gabrielle Roth, Eric Whitacre, Adele Mundi, Sigur Ros, Nitin Sawney, Apocalyptica and Kenna. Tickets to *Momentum* are \$3. For information, call 281-484-1900, ext. 3264.



The dance department at San Jacinto College South campus will present *Momentum* May 7 and 8. Shown above is Clarissa Hooper preparing for the event.



Shown, left to right, Kandace Kent, Francesca Kozar, Seth McPhail, and Tiffany Espinoza lift Clarissa Hooper during rehearsal for the upcoming San Jacinto South spring dance concert. Photos by Jeannie Peng-Armas

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 Photo by Army Sgt. First Class and Houston fireman Earnest Kirchner

**SJCC's A Streetcar Named Desire extended**

San Jacinto College Central's department of theater and film's presentation of *A Streetcar Named Desire* will be held Saturday, May 2, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 3, at 2:30 p.m. at the Powell Arena Theatre.  
 The college was unable to hold a performance on its second scheduled weekend (April 24-25) due to a medical emergency.  
 The play portrays the mental and emotional demise of a determined, yet fragile, repressed and delicate Southern lady born to a once-wealthy family of Mississippi planters. Her impoverished, tragic downfall in the squalid, cramped and tawdry one bedroom French Quarter apartment of her married sister and animalistic brother-in-law graphically illustrates the savage, brutal forces prevalent in modern society.  
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After Hurricane Ike and the beginning of a rough new year, Atkinson Elementary held its first school fundraiser (World's Finest Chocolates). Even with all the turmoil and confusion, the students, teachers, staff and parents rose to the occasion and did a fantastic job.

The funds raised by the Parent Teacher Organization go to supporting school functions and making sure the students are provided with incentives to encourage them to constantly strive to do their best, and rewards to help them celebrate their accomplishments.

The following students were awarded an MP3 player: Sarah Cundiff, Theodore Randle III, Noah Ford, Erasmo Carlos, Jacob Garcia, Ashali Carter, Destini Brown-Miles, Karina Gutierrez and Aaron Sanchez.  
 Students who raised \$700



Thirteen classroom teachers who raised \$500 in profit got 10 percent of their class profit back to spend on educational materials for their classrooms. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Tulu Sarkar, Na'Tashia Henderson, Melissa Gutierrez, Esther Janis, Melanie Zelenka, (middle row) Makeda Francis, Gina Cantrell, JoNell Lamothe, Cherie Cundiff, Joy Eddleman, (back row) Cheryl Meyer, Nanette Presley and Lauren White.

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# SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

## UIL: swine flu concern suspends prep sports

Acting on the recommendation of state health and education officials, the

University Interscholastic League on April 29 suspended all interscholastic

competition until May 11 due to swine flu concerns.

In a press release e-mailed April 29 just after noon to media outlets and school districts, the UIL announced the immediate stoppage of activities.

"The health and safety of our student activity participants is of the utmost

importance," UIL Executive Director Dr. Charles Breithaupt said.

"Taking every possible precaution to prevent the further spreading of this disease is an important contribution to the welfare of our great state, and altering the

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### Softballers put on hold

The Clear Brook and Dobie varsity softball teams certainly won't be lacking momentum or confidence entering the Class 5A state playoffs May 11.

The two teams, both coming off area round-playoff appearances in 2008, are aiming to go much further this season.

And why not? The Lady Wolverines went 25-9 overall, and the Lady Longhorns have won seven consecutive games to improve to 24-9 during the regular season. The teams had equal 12-2 district records.

Clear Brook enters the 32-team Region III tournament as the District 24-5A champion.

The Lady Wolverines earned the distinction of being the first group in program history to win a district title since Clear Brook jumped to the Class 5A ranks prior to the 1998-99 school year.

Alvin, the defending state champion, was knocked out of the playoffs.

The 24-5A race came down to the final game, and the Lady Wolverines finished off Alvin 5-0 on the road to win the 24-5A crown.

Emma Napoli pitched a shutout, and Michelle Svehla added a two-run triple and made a diving catch in the outfield to end an Alvin rally.

In the finale, the Lady Wolverines were forced to shift the game back to Alvin due to wet field conditions at Clear Brook.

Alvin, the defending state champion, was knocked out of the playoffs.

Playing for the second time during district play at Alvin, the Lady Wolver-

ines did not disappoint their fans.

Senior pitcher JoJo Krienitz was the star in the time during district play at Alvin, the Lady Wolver-

### When softball playoffs start May 11...



District 24-5A champion Clear Brook, including junior shortstop Stephanie Gonzalez (above) will now have more time to celebrate winning the league title that came after a 5-0 win over Alvin April 24. Dobie, meanwhile, will enter the playoffs as the No. 2 seed in District 22-5A after winding up 12-2 in the league after a seven-game winning streak extended with a 4-0 win over Pearland April 25. Both Clear Brook

and Dobie, which won bidistrict playoff series a season ago, know that any one of the 32 teams in the Region III playoffs can advance to state. Dobie shortstop Chelsea Morgan (above) is clear about her team's goal during the 2009 postseason, which will now begin no sooner than May 11.

### Bidistrict softball playoffs

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### SJC softball at regionals



Defending Region 14 champion San Jacinto College, including first baseman Courtney Pettit (above), is seeded third heading into the 2009 tournament April 30-May 2 at Navarro College in Corsicana, Texas. The Coyotes, who finished third during the regular season, will take on No. 6 seed Texarkana April 30 in the opening game of the tournament. The winner will face second-seeded Paris May 1. The double-elimination tournament also includes top-seed Blinn along with Galveston and Navarro. The Region 14 winner will advance to the National Junior College Athletic Association's tournament May 14-16 in St. George, Utah. See story on Page 6B. *Photo by John Bechtle*

### UIL cancels track regionals

The University Interscholastic League has canceled regional high school track and field competitions statewide.

Having suspended all UIL-sanctioned events effective immediately until May 11 due to the swine flu scare, officials were forced to act quickly with regard to several events such as the regional meets.

Thus, the Region III track and field meet set for May 1-2 is off.

In a release e-mailed to media outlets and school districts April 29, the UIL stated the Texas state track and field meet will still be held in Austin but will be expanded to three days.

The top four qualifiers from each region based on fastest times in running events and the top five distances in the field events will be invited to state.

In essence, 16 competitors in the respective events will be invited to state. On May 14, a series of semi-final competitions will be held at state in each classification. The state finals will be contested with the top eight involved May 15-16.

### Dobie's Craft picks Galveston College volleyball



Dobie High School volleyball player Courtney Craft (seated third from left) will continue her education and athletic career at Galveston College after signing a letter of intent with the Whitecaps. Those at the signing included, left to right, (seated) Kristin Craft (sister), Lori Craft (mother), Joe Craft (father), (back row) Norman McIntyre (family friend), Donna Branch (Dobie assistant principal), Todd Porter (club volleyball coach), Jeff Pearce (Galveston head coach), Sam Perez (Craft's boyfriend), Mo Hickman (Dobie varsity assistant coach), Joe Sabatello (Dobie varsity head coach) and Steve Jamail (Dobie principal). Not pictured is Craft's sister, Amanda Craft.

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Dobie vs. North Shore

UIL will allow resumption of play May 11

\*Bidistrict certification deadline is May 16

\*Area playoff certification is May 19

\*One-game playoffs only

## Yankees attend Astros Day



The T-ball division Yankees of the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League attended the Houston Astros' Field Day April 19 at Minute Maid Park. The Yankees and members of other youth league teams had the opportunity to walk the playing field during the day. Members of the Yankees are, left to right, (front row) Noah Ortega, Trystan Zitron, Brayden Tryer, Gabriel Padua, (middle row) Kyle Redmon, JC Solis, Christopher Pineda, Haven Valdez, Joshua Carter, Alex Lopez, (back row) coaches Jason Carter, Craig Redmon and Carlos Padua.

Submitted photo

## Sports news, notes

### Dobie faculty/student tennis

The Dobie High School faculty/student tennis tournament will be held Wednesday, May 6, at 3 p.m. The annual event will feature members of Dobie's faculty teaming with Longhorns' varsity tennis players in doubles matches. The public is invited to attend the event.

### Thompson athletics physicals

Current Dixie Melillo Middle School sixth-grade students and Thompson's sixth- through eighth-grade students who are planning to compete in athletics are urged to get their 2009-2010 physicals completed Tuesday, May 5, at the campuses. The physicals will cost \$20 per student. Physicians from a local health care facility will host a morning session at Melillo and an afternoon session at Thompson Intermediate. Parents are encouraged to turn in the required funds to their respective school office and to obtain a physical form prior to the day of the physicals.

### Dobie football car wash

Members of the Dobie High School football program will host a car wash fundraiser Saturday, May 2, at the Kroger grocery store located at Sabo and Beltway 8. The event will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monies raised will go toward offsetting costs involved in the support of the program.

### Ellington Rams registration

The Ellington Rams of the Bay Area Football League will host registration for football players and members of the drill team, cheerleading and mascot squads Saturday, May 2, at Wilson Park, located at 200 Gilpin Street. The session will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The program is in special need of boys age 11 to 13 to help defend the Rams' 2008 Super Bowl title. Girls age 5 to 13 are needed to continue the Lady Rams' success in cheer and drill competitions. For more information, call team president Travis Watson at 281-902-7457 or visit [www.leaguelineup.com/elrams](http://www.leaguelineup.com/elrams).

### SBYSA scholarship offer

Eligible Dobie High School class of 2009 seniors are encouraged to apply for the South Belt Youth Sports Association's annual scholarship. Seniors who have previously completed a minimum of three full competition seasons in any of the six community sports leagues supported by the SBYSA are eligible to apply. The association's leagues of reference include the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League, South Belt Girls Softball Association, South Belt Pony/Colt Baseball League (senior league), South Belt Youth Soccer Club, Sagemont Cowboys and Southbelt Dolphins. Dobie seniors may obtain the scholarship applications in the school's counselor's office. The \$500 scholarship may be used only to defer expenses in the following areas: tuition, fees, books or miscellaneous expenses associated with obtaining a college education at an accredited two-year college, four-year college or a technical/vocational school. All applications must be completed and received in the counselor's office by May 1, 2009. For more information, visit the Dobie counselors' office.

## Sports Calendar

The University Interscholastic League has suspended all scholastic activities until May 11 due to concerns surrounding the swine flu outbreak in Texas. See story Page 1B. In future issues, the *Leader* staff will provide readers with the latest, up-to-date information surrounding the situation. Visit [www.southbeltleader.com/swineupdate.html](http://www.southbeltleader.com/swineupdate.html) for more information.

# Longhorns' baseball needs big win; Brook still has hope

The University Interscholastic League's decision to suspend all athletic events until May 11 has sidetracked the Clear Brook and Dobie varsity baseball programs.

The two teams are in the mix for the playoffs, and exercising patience in these times is not easy to do.

Where Dobie is concerned, the team twice took the field without completing a game and has not played in a while.

Since a 7-5 loss to La

Porte April 21, the Longhorns have been idle. On April 24, the Longhorns led Pasadena 3-0 after one inning at Maguire Field when heavy rains ended play.

Move ahead to April 27. Just 30 minutes prior to the intended start of its game versus Sam Rayburn, Dobie was again halted by rain.

The UIL has stated that the season will resume, but a make-up schedule has not been considered yet. When the season does continue, Clear Brook and Dobie still

have work to do.

Dobie head coach Roy Grant will rest easier should his Longhorns finally play and subsequently defeat Sam Rayburn. The Longhorns currently hold a two-game edge over the Texans and will qualify for the playoffs with a victory.

That's the good part. The bad part is the Longhorns will have missed more than three weeks in competition.

Certainly every team will be affected by the layoff, but prospective teams such

as Dobie have more at stake whereas others that are already eliminated from play-off consideration may fold their respective tents early.

### Brook has hope

Unlike Dobie, the Clear Brook team has been less affected by rain. Instead, TAKS testing has sidelined the district's teams.

The Wolverines are battling Clear Lake for the fourth and final playoff spot in the District 24-5A standings.

With just two games re-

maining to be played, Brazoswood, Alvin and Clear Creek have made the playoffs.

Clear Brook is 6-6 after a big win over Galveston Ball April 24. Clear Lake is also 6-6, but has lost twice this season in district play to Clear Brook.

Between the two teams, Clear Brook seems to have the advantage. The team hosts Clear Springs (3-9) and then finishes the regu-

lar season at home against Alvin. Clear Lake, meanwhile, hosts Brazoswood (11-1) and then plays at Clear Creek.

Should things remain the same and Brook and Lake finish in a tie, the Wolverines will move on to the playoffs as the fourth seeded team in District 24-5.

First, though, the season must be allowed to continue. Right now, May 11 seems a long way off.

### District 24-5A Standings Varsity Baseball

(As of April 28)

Team	W	L
Alvin	11	1
Brazoswood	11	1
Clear Creek	10	2
Clear Brook	6	6
Clear Lake	6	6
Galveston Ball	4	8
Clear Springs	1	11
Dickinson	0	12

### District 22-5A Standings Varsity Baseball

(As of April 28)

Team	W	L
La Porte	10	1
Pearland	8	3
Dobie	7	4
Deer Park	6	5
Sam Rayburn	5	6
South Houston	4	7
Memorial	3	8
Pasadena	0	11

### PISD intermediate boys' track

## Bears' 7s finish unbeaten season; 8s second

### Thompson places fourth, ninth

Completing an unbeaten season, Beverly Hills Intermediate's seventh-grade boys' track and field team captured the Pasadena Independent School District's team title April 23-24 at Auxiliary Stadium.

The 10 schools competed in the field events April 23 and then returned to finish the meet with the running event finals April 24.

The Bears compiled 190 1/3 points, running away with the team title. Second-place Queens had 84 points.

The school's eighth-grade team put up a great battle, but took second place with 104 points while champion Bondy delivered 139.

Thompson's season came to a close as the eighth-grade team took fourth place with 75 points. The seventh-grade group was ninth, scoring 10 points.

#### BHI 7s true champions

With wins in 11 of the events, the Bears' seventh-grade boys' team left little doubt as to which school would walk away with the district championship.

The Bears swept the 4x100-, 4x200- and 4x400-meter relays.

Jaylon Johnson (400- and 800-meter run) and Juan Tolentino (100- and 300-meter hurdles) helped out in a big way with dual golds.

Deshawn Jones (200-meter dash), Martin Cruz (dis-

cus), Robert Sanchez (shot put) and Jessy Cedeno (triple jump) also went home with gold medals.

Setting the tone early, the Bears won the 4x100-meter relay in a time of 48.78 seconds as Jacoby Lewis and Giovanni Wade teamed with Carneiz Gant and Jones.

Johnson picked up the first of his two titles in the 800-meter run, winning at two minutes, 19.37 seconds.

Tolentino then answered the challenge in the 100-meter hurdles, hitting the finish line first at 16.64 in a tight finish.

Johnson, Tolentino, Lewis and Wade got together in the 4x200-meter relay for a time of 1:45.51 as the Bears again claimed the win.

Johnson then went on to win the 400-meter dash with a terrific time of 1:00.27.

In the 300-meter hurdles, a time of 45.29 gave Tolentino another close win.

Jones (first at 24.04) and Gant (second at 25.33) were the top two finishers in the 200-meter dash.

The Bears' victory in the 4x400-meter relay came in a time of 4:02.93 as Victor Castillo, Jones, Gant and Josh Sutton formed the team.

At 4 feet, 10 inches, Sutton was fourth in the high jump on the first day of the meet.

Behind Cruz's top throw of 97 feet, 10 1/2 inches for

the gold medal, the Bears went 1-3 as Malcolm Jones' effort of 96-0 earned a bronze medal.

Sanchez's title in the shot put came with a throw of 42 feet. Cruz's best throw of 38-7 3/4 was fourth, and Kendrick Allen (37-7) was fifth.

A member of two of the winning relay squads, Lewis claimed a silver medal for his 16-7 3/4 leap in the long jump. Jones (16-1 1/2) was sixth.

The Bears, as they did all season, scored well in the triple jump with a 1-2-3 take.

Cedeno (37-7 1/2) was first, followed by Daryl Edwards (35-11 1/2) and Lewis (35-5).

#### Bear 8s wind up second

After a two-day standoff with eventual champion Bondy, the Bears' eighth-grade boys' team was second.

The locals began the meet with a win, taking the 4x100-meter relay in a time of 47.92 as Reggie Branch, Patrick Hurst, Donte Morris and Jamie Parker teamed to edge Bondy.

Parker returned for an individual win in the 100-meter dash.

His time of 11.89 clipped Thompson's Cosie Cameron (11.90) at the finish line. Kraig Warren was fifth for the Bears at 12.41.

Beverly Hills also won the 4x200-meter relay as Branch, Hurst, Morris and Parker put together a time of 1:40.89.

At 45-9, the Bears' Charles Sanders was the district titlist in the shot put with a heave of

45-9. In the long jump, Parker scored eight points for the Bears as he went 17-7 1/2. In the triple jump, Hurst cleared 36-0 for third place and bronze medal.

But Bondy took a step toward the team championship by winning the 4x400-meter relay.

The Bears were second in a time of 3:57.39 as Branch, Hurst and Morris teamed with Darion Wood.

Beverly Hills was able to take second place overall as athletes gained key points in the other events.

At 17.27, Tucker placed fourth in the 100-meter hurdles. Noah Escamilla gained one point by placing sixth in the 200-meter dash in a time of 25.83.

In the 1,600-meter run, the Bears' Adrian Flores was sixth in a time of 5:26.73.

In the pole vault, Rudy Ventura went over the 8-foot mark for sixth place and one point.

Aaron Gonzalez's throw of 105-7 gave him fourth place in the discus event.

#### Lions 8s place fourth

Thompson's eighth-grade boys' team placed fourth with a good, all-around effort.

Cosie Cameron was one of the Lions' two gold medal winners as he was the champion in the 200-meter dash in a time of 24.14.

Andre Timmons won the high jump after clearing 5-6 in fewer attempts than Jason Silva (second) of Jackson,

who made the same height.

A time of 15.97 gave Jonathan Jones second place in the 100-meter hurdles after he challenged for the gold before taking a silver medal.

Cameron went stride for stride with Beverly Hills' Jamie Parker in the 100-meter dash.

Parker won at the tape with a time of 11.89, and Cameron's time of 11.90 was second.

Thompson placed second in the 4x200-meter relay in a time of 1:42.48 as Jontra Wade, Terrence Jefferson, Andre Timmons and Cameron grouped for the effort.

The Lions picked up some big points in other events as well.

In the 4x100-meter relay, the Lions' foursome of Jontra Wade, Andre Timmons, Terrence Jefferson and Jones earned a time of 49.23 for fifth place. Jones was sixth in the discus event with a throw of 94-0.

At 17-4 3/4, Cameron placed fourth in the triple jump. In a time of 45.19, Joseph Cooper was fourth for the Lions in the 300-meter hurdles.

#### Lions 7s are ninth

Thompson's seventh-grade team scored 10 points, finishing eighth in the meet.

Rommel Garcia's throw of 97-8 was good enough for the silver medal.

Jesse Tate's time of 1:03.07 gave him sixth place in the 400-meter dash.

### PISD intermediate girls' track

## BHI teams earn 2, 3 spots at championships

### Lady Lions capture fifth, sixth

The Pasadena Independent School District's intermediate school track and field championships were held April 23-24 at Auxiliary Stadium as athletes from Beverly Hills and Thompson excelled.

The Lady Bears were second among the seventh-grade teams and third in the eighth-grade standings.

Bondy won the seventh-grade title with 123 points. Beverly Hills had 108 points, and Thompson's 64 points was fifth.

At the eighth-grade level, Bondy again put up 123 points. Beverly Hills was third with 83 points. Thompson scored 42 points for sixth place.

**Lady Bears 8s are second**

Beverly Hills eighth-grade girls' team wound up second with 83 points for second place.

Kyerra Simmons was a district champion for the Lady Bears, winning the 100-meter dash in a time of 13.59.

Simmons won a second gold medal, shattering her previous best and going 15-10 1/2 to win the long jump.

Teammate Kate Inchun's effort of 13-5 1/4 was good enough for fifth place and also a season-best for her.

Triple jumper Brooke Wells had a previous best of 25-6 in the triple jump but soared to 28-10 1/2 in the event for second place and a silver medal.

In the 200-meter dash,

Simmons' time of 28.79 was fourth-best.

Oranna Trockle, one of the district's top hurdlers throughout the season, took second place at the 100-meter distance in a time of 18.61.

In the 300-meter event, Trockle gained revenge as she was the champion in a time of 54.07, her best time of the season.

Second place went to the Lady Bears in the 4x200-meter relay in a time of 1:58.77. The locals were supported by Debbie Auguiste, Modesta Ugo, Inchun and Simmons.

The team also was second in the 4x400-meter relay (4:43.22), posting a season-best effort as Mika Jones, Trockle, Melina Ceja and Ugo grouped.

In the 4x100-meter relay, the Lady Bears placed sixth in a time of 56.97 as Oluchi Aaron, Auguiste, Ugo and Inchun represented the team.

In the 800-meter run, Ceja was fourth in a time of 2:48.02, posting her best time of the season.

At the 400-meter distance, Jones' time of 1:10.78 placed her sixth for a point.

#### BHI 7s take second

Bondy finished strong to win the seventh-grade girls' title, but the Lady Bears were runners-up with 104 points.

The Lady Bears cheered a gold-medal performance in the 4x200-meter relay as

Emily Sargent, Alea Williams, Lourdes Zavaleta and Tatiana Trowler teamed for a time of 2:00.07.

Kelsey Manuel was an individual champion in the 300-meter hurdles, crossing the finish line in a time of 54.46 for the title.

Teammate Maria Alarcon placed fourth in a time of 57.53.

Beverly Hills also won the gold medal in the 4x400-meter relay at 4:48.76 as Williams, Sargent, Amber Nguyen and Marquette Johnson formed the team.

The 800-meter run was a standout for the Lady Bears. Alarcon placed second at 2:50.33 for her finest time of the season.

Teammate Nguyen was fifth at 2:52.04. Nguyen was also fifth in the triple jump as she leapt to the 26-3 mark.

In the 100-meter hurdles, a time of 19.80 placed Manuel of Beverly Hills fifth for two points.

A 2-3-4 finish for the Lady Bears in the 400-meter dash brought big points.

Manuel's time of 1:09.07 was second, followed by Johnson (third at 1:10.83) and Sargent (fourth at 1:11.32).

In the shot put, Valerie Baez was outstanding, winning second place with a throw of 27-3 1/2. Teammate Stephanie Buenrostro was fifth at 25-7.

Audrey Hernandez scored a point for her team, taking sixth place in the 800-meter run in a time of

2:57.41. It was her top time of the season.

Williams (29.85) and Trowler (29.96) placed fifth and sixth, respectively, in the 200-meter dash.

Beverly Hills scored points in the 1,600-meter run. Mikaela Guevara was fourth for four points at 6:32.32 for her fastest time of the season.

Brianna Guevara also came through with her season-best, taking fifth in a time of 6:32.59.

Fifth place at 4-0 went to Mikaela Guevara in the high jump.

#### Lions 7s are fifth

With 64 points, the Lady Lions' seventh-grade team ended the season with a five-place showing at the championships.

Aimee Mar captured a district title for the Lady Lions, winning the 800-meter run in a time of 2:46.13. Mar was also sixth in the 400-meter run in a time of 1:11.36.

Lauren Brown was also a champion for the Lady Bears. With a season-high, Brown went 14-5 1/2 for the gold medal.

Destinee Smith snared a bronze medal in the 300-meter hurdles, going in at 57.19.

The Lady Lions ran well in the 100-meter dash. Lauren Brown (14.16) was third for the bronze medal. Smith was fourth in a time of 14.19.

Brown also got a bronze medal for her third place finish of 29.23 in the 200-

meter dash. It was her season-best time.

Thompson was fifth in the 4x100-meter relay event as Smith, Karessa Whitley, Brown and Maria Flores made up the group that clocked in at 58.45.

In the 100-meter hurdles, the Lady Lions' Lynsi Crawford placed sixth with her time of 19.81.

In the 4x400-meter relay, the Lady Lions placed fifth in a time of 5:05.28. The group included Shalyn Scott, Flores, Lisa Brooks and Christina Oliveira.

Thompson did well in the high jump. Smith placed second, clearing 4-2 in fewest tries. Teammate Kimberly Hubenak was third at the same height for a bronze medal.

#### Thompson 8s sixth

The Lady Lions were sixth in the eighth-grade standings with 42 points.

Samantha Green ran hard to the finish line, taking the gold medal in the 100-meter hurdles in a time of 18.54.

In the 100-meter dash, Essence Gilbert earned a silver medal for second place in a time of 13.65.

Fourth place went to Thompson in the 4x100-meter relay as Kamilie Harris and Jasmine Hubley teamed with Samantha Green and Essence Gilbert for a time of 56.61.

Thompson's 4x200-meter relay group put up a time of 2:03.16 for fifth place as Harris, Hubley, Green and Gilbert were part of the team.

## Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League Standings

### Junior/Senior Division

Team	W	L	T
Braves	9	2	0
Astros	9	2	0
Red Sox	6	5	0
Yankees	4	5	1
Rangers	2	8	0
Cardinals	1	9	1

### Major Division

Team	W	L	T
Astros	9	0	1
Tigers	8	2	1
Red Sox	7	3	0
Indians	7	4	0
Yankees	6	4	0
Rangers	4	6	0
Cardinals	4</		

# Wolverine soccer players earn all-24-5A nominations

Clear Brook senior forward Oliver Mercado (left) was one of the Wolverines' leading scorers this season, helping him to a 22-4A first-team berth among the all-district selections.

Photo by John Bechtle



## Horns' varsity netters end memorable season

The fall team tennis season brought a Region III first-round victory and a berth in the quarterfinals. Now this spring, several Dobie varsity tennis players have landed all-district honors. And their leader, Manuel Moreno Jr., has been named coach of the year. It's part of what has been a memorable season for players in the 2008-2009 program at Dobie. In the fall, Dobie overcame an 0-2 start in district play to make the 22-5A tournament final. Despite a 10-9 loss to Memorial, the Longhorns advanced to the Region III tournament. There, the team downed Baytown Sterling 10-9, giving Moreno his first-ever regional team win at Dobie. This spring, during a season that is designed to enhance the individual abilities of the respective players, Dobie has again excelled. Dobie's first-team picks included a mixed doubles and girls' doubles team. A pair of girls' singles players were named to the second team after playing well at district.

## All-District 22-5A Spring Tennis Selections

**First Team Girls' Doubles**  
Yen Le/Allison Wells  
Dobie  
Cori Chamblee/Madysyn Williams  
Deer Park

**First Team Girls' Singles**  
Leah Smith, Memorial  
Tricia Francis, Memorial

**First Team Boys' Doubles**  
Kyle Osborn/Max Sosa  
Pearland  
Jason Cox/Sean McFerrin  
Deer Park

**First Team Boys' Singles**  
C.J. Martin, Memorial  
Jake Stamps, La Porte

**First Team Mixed Doubles**  
Jisha Jose/Andy Peng  
Dobie  
Bart Sasam/Vicki Tran  
Pearland

**Coach of the Year**  
Manuel Moreno, Dobie

**Second Team – Dobie**  
**Girls' Singles**  
Nirali Desai  
Shelly Tran

## Second Team Selections – Clear Brook

Hailey Noffsinger, Sr. – Chandler Duke, Fr.  
Kate Schladenhauffer Jr. – Brittany Hankinson, Sr.

## Bash 10-under captures third



The Bash, a 10-under team representing the South Belt Girls Softball Association, placed third at the Lady 'Stros Spring-Ding tournament at El Franco Lee Park. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Celeste Ontiveros, Kendall Gothard, Danielle Ibarra, Ellyssa Manriquez, Diana Adame, (middle row) Jacquelyne Garcia, Allison Bravo, Zoey Johnson, Mya Garcia, Dulce Hernandez, (back row) coaches Chris Manriquez and Tim Donelson. Not pictured are Hayley Garcia and coach Cesar Garcia. Submitted photo

## 24-5A Boys' Soccer Honors

**Offensive Player/Year**  
Dylan Dement, Clear Lake (Sr.)

**Co-Defensive Player/Year**  
Cesar Castro, Dickinson (Jr.)  
Jordan Bowler, Brazoswood (Sr.)  
Ryan Gillis, Brazoswood (Sr.)

**Goalkeeper/Year**  
Jordan Tyrna, Clear Lake (Jr.)

**Coach of the Year**  
Chris Cobb, Clear Creek

## First Team Selections Forwards

Matt Kearns, Clear Lake (Sr.)  
Oliver Mercado, Clear Brook (Sr.)  
Adrian Lopez, Clear Creek (Jr.)  
Khary Alexcee, Clear Springs (Jr.)  
Manuel Cruz, Brazoswood (Sr.)  
Carlos Rabago, Ball (Jr.)

**Midfielders**  
Mark Gendi, Clear Brook (Jr.)  
Oscar Duran, Clear Springs (Jr.)  
Miguel Hernandez, Brazoswood (Sr.)  
Kyle White, Brazoswood (Soph.)  
Edgar Chacon, Dickinson (Sr.)  
Zachary Metzler, Alvin (Soph.)  
Oscar Jasso, Dickinson (Sr.)

## Defenders

Robert Schneider, Clear Lake (Sr.)  
Calum Walsh, Clear Lake (Sr.)  
Dylan Schauder, Clear Lake (Jr.)  
Rich Melendez, Clear Lake (Jr.)  
Zach Arend, Clear Brook (Sr.)  
Seena Monjazeab, Clear Brook (Sr.)  
Austin Baptiste, Clear Creek (Sr.)  
Omar Gama, Clear Creek (Sr.)  
Erik Gillis, Brazoswood (Jr.)  
Cody Tippit, Alvin (Soph.)

## Goalkeepers

David Macias, Ball, (Sr.)

## Second Team – Brook

Kyle Allen, midfielder (Jr.)  
Landon Sikes, defender (Soph.)  
Jack DeVillez, defender (Sr.)  
Andrew Sokol, goalkeeper (Jr.)

## 24-5A Girls' Soccer Honors

**Most Valuable Player**  
Kara Hoffman, Clear Lake (Sr.)

**Offensive Player/Year**  
Beth Stratton, Clear Brook (Soph.)

**Co-Defensive Player/Year**  
Akua Sencherey, Brazoswood (Sr.)

**Newcomer/Year**  
McKenzie Kahan, Clear Brook (Fr.)

**Goalkeeper/Year**  
Alison Adam, Brazoswood (Jr.)

## Coach of the Year

Andy Gaworecki, Clear Lake

## First Team Selections Forwards

Alex Arlitt, Clear Lake (Soph.)  
Brittney Wade, Clear Lake (Soph.)  
Shelby McDaniel, Clear Springs (Fr.)  
Kristen Johnson, Clear Springs (Soph.)  
Elizabeth Ford, Ball (Sr.)  
Sara Fish, Brazoswood (Sr.)

## Midfielders

Theresa Halle, Clear Lake (Sr.)  
Alyssa Van Baalen, Clear Lake (Jr.)  
Corin Alcazar, Clear Brook (Soph.)  
Sarah Marie Wood, Clear Springs (Soph.)  
Alyssa Hill, Clear Creek (Jr.)  
Ariana Molina, Alvin (Jr.)  
Sean Finnegan, Ball (Soph.)  
Gabby Watson, Brazoswood (Soph.)  
Robin Bradley, Dickinson (Soph.)

## Defenders

Kelly Peterson, Clear Lake (Jr.)  
Sara Eguren, Clear Brook (Jr.)  
Haley Sullivan, Clear Brook (Jr.)  
Kristi Leonard, Clear Creek (Fr.)  
Emily Roosevelt, Alvin (Jr.)  
Kelsi Welsh, Brazoswood (Sr.)  
Kati Betancourt, Dickinson (Fr.)

## Goalkeepers

Jamie Simmons, Clear Brook (Fr.)  
Jordan Oliver, Clear Springs (Fr.)

# CALENDAR

**THURSDAY, APRIL 30**  
7 a.m.  
**AA Meeting** – "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.

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

6:30 p.m.  
**St. Luke's Catholic Church** – Free tutoring for all ages is available Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Education Building at St. Luke the Evangelist Church, 11011 Hall Road. For information, call 281-484-1397 or e-mail joe\_pavlicek@yahoo.com.

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

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

**FRIDAY, MAY 1**  
7 a.m.  
**AA Meeting** – "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.

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

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**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.

8 p.m.  
**Pasadena Little Theatre** – Opening night for Pasadena Little Theatre's *Guys and Dolls* by Frank Loesser, Joe Swerling and Abe Burrows at 8 p.m. at 4318 Allen-Genoa Road. The show runs through May 24. Showtimes are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.

and Sundays at 3 p.m. One Thursday show will be at 8 p.m. on May 21. Mary K. Isaacs and Judie Valentine are the directors. Reservations can be made online at pasadenalittletheatre.org or by calling 713-941-1758.

**SATURDAY, MAY 2**  
6 p.m.  
**Frontier Squares** – Meets to square dance at the NASA Gilruth Center on Space Center. Refreshments provided. For more information, contact Gina Sherman at 281-554-5675 or George Wieland at 281-286-5682, or visit www.frontiersquares.com.

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

7 p.m.  
**Pasadena Little Theatre** – Audition for *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie will be held at Pasadena Little Theatre, 4318 Allen-Genoa Road, beginning at 7 p.m. The show runs June 26 through July 12 and is directed by Mal Morley. Eight men and three women are required. Auditions will include cold readings from the script. Address questions to mmorley@swbell.net or visit the Web site at pasadenalittletheatre.org.

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

**MONDAY, 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.

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

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

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

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

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**St. Luke's Catholic Church** - Free tutoring for all ages is available Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Education Building at St. Luke the Evangelist Church, 11011 Hall Road. For information, call 281-484-1397 or e-mail joe\_pavlicek@yahoo.com.

**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 6**  
7 a.m.  
**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.

**Active Living Every Day** - Seniors Active Living Every Day is a free class that is held every Wednesday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the EFL Community Center, 9500 Hall Road. During the 20-week course, individuals will learn how to get and stay physically active, live healthier, build confidence, overcome obstacles and stay motivated in ways that work for each person. Classes are practical and personalized, including a study guide, a free step counter, field trips and fun. For more information, call the El Franco Lee Community Center at 281-464-9708.

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

**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 for more information.

**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.

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

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

**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.

**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. BACP 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.

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

**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.

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**Diabetes Support Group** - A support group for young adults with diabetes. All subjects are open for discussion: new technologies, research advances, fears, phobias, dating and other personal matters. Meets the first Thursday of each month at 1315 St. Joseph Parkway #1705, Medical Place One. Contact Dan Steiner, CDE, at 713-756-8536 for more information.

**The Bay Area Writers League** - Meets the first Thursday of each month at Barnes and Noble at Bay Area Boulevard and the Gulf Freeway. Newcomers are welcome.

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FOUND CHIHUAHUA. Older, black fur, white chest. Found Sat., Apr. 18 at St. Luke's during storm. Call 281-481-2300.

FOUND BORDER COLLIE. Mature black/brown male mixed border collie. Has purple collar but no name on it. Please call 281-481-0126.

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### Request for Competitive Sealed Proposals

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Two (2) sets of proposal documents will be issued to qualified General Contractors upon deposit of One Hundred (\$100.00) dollars for each set of documents, with check made payable to the San Jacinto College District. The deposit will be refunded upon return of the documents in good condition. Documents will be available on 04/28/09. All Plans and Specifications will be distributed by Ridgway's Inc. through the "Plan Well" system.

Under the provisions of Texas Education Code Sec. 44.039, The San Jacinto College District will select a contractor to provide construction services as described in this Request for Competitive Sealed Proposals. This selection, in the opinion of the District will offer the best value for the district based upon the selection criteria as described in the Instructions to Offerors. A pre-proposal meeting is scheduled for all interested general contractors at 2:00 Tuesday, 05/05/09, to be held in the Central Campus ILC 8060 Spencer Highway Pasadena, TX. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all Proposals and/or to waive any informalities in the Competitive Sealed Proposal Process.

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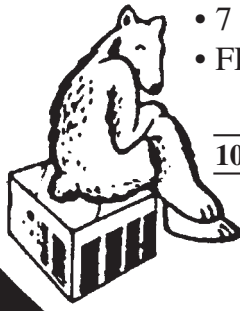
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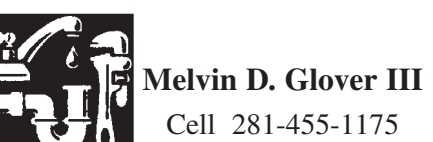
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# Clear Brook, Dobie eye softball playoffs

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 get the victory. The Lady Longhorns helped themselves with stellar defensive play, including diving grabs by Amy Gallant, Amanda Nguyen and Nicole Andrade.  
 Offensively, Dobie struck against Pearland with four runs in the top of the eighth inning. Gallant singled and then alertly moved up to second base on a foul sacrifice fly by Gomez.  
 Nguyen reached on a bunt single, and Andrade and Chelsea D'Ambrosio handled the rest.  
 "That win was a big, big one for our team," Dobie coach Robin Rackley said.  
 "Not only did it keep our momentum going in terms of victories, but it also let us know that if we battle, we can hang in there with anybody and come away with a win."  
 "Against Pearland, every player on my team did something to help us win. That's what you need in the playoffs. Starting with North Shore, we have to

keep playing our game. We have been able to come up with the key hits, and JoJo has kept us in every game by making key pitches when she needs them. Defensively, we have to keep playing catch."  
 Starting over  
 Clear Brook's players are obviously pleased with the district title. Dobie, conversely, is ecstatic about ending Pearland's 16-game winning streak.  
 Yet everything starts anew in the playoffs.  
 When the University Interscholastic League approves the start of play again, both Clear Brook and Dobie will be confident.  
 Clear Brook swept Fort Bend Austin in the bidistrict round in 2008, and Dobie had little trouble with North Shore when the two programs were previously a part of District 22-5A.  
 "This region is very tough," Rackley said. "So many teams are capable of winning the region."  
 "We feel like we are one of those teams."



Clear Brook junior Stephanie Gonzalez pitched well in the bidistrict playoffs last season against Fort Bend Austin as the Lady Wolverines swept the series. This time around, Gonzalez will need to play a big role again when the playoffs do come. Photo by Al Carter



San Jacinto College South softball coach Kelly Saenz won her 200th career game with the Coyotes earlier this season. But now that her team is back at regionals, Saenz would consider trading some of those wins for a return trip to nationals in May. Photo by John Bechtel

# SJC softball to regionals

The San Jacinto College South softball team, defending its 2008 title, will open play at the 2009 Region XIV tournament as the No. 3 seed.  
 The three-day event is set to play out April 30-May 2 on the campus of Navarro College in Corsicana, Texas.  
 San Jac (42-17, 23-9) will face six seed Texarkana at noon April 30 to open this year's conference tournament.  
 Blinn is the top seed, and Paris Junior College is the No. 2 seed. Rounding out the tournament are fourth-seed Galveston College and fifth-seed Navarro.  
 The Coyotes are looking for their second-straight conference championship after taking the tournament title last year and advancing to the national tournament for the first time in school history.  
 At nationals, the squad finished fourth in the field with a 3-2 mark.  
 San Jacinto is led this season by sophomores Kelsey McClain in the circle and Courtney Pettit at the plate.  
 McClain owns a 1.03 ERA and has set the school record for wins in a season at 30. Pettit is hitting .448, including a school record 14 home runs and 10 doubles.  
 Blinn and Paris are both ranked in the National Junior College Athletic Association poll, while San Jacinto is not after finishing the season 3-3 in its final three series.  
 However, the Coyotes have defeated Blinn in three of four games this season entering the postseason tournament.  
 San Jacinto College head coach Kelly Saenz, who earlier this season won her 200th career game with the program, will rely on a tal-

ented mix of freshmen and sophomores in the tournament.  
 Four of the team's starters, including power-hitting catcher Jean Fusilier, are freshmen.  
 The national tournament is May 14-16 in St. George, Utah.

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# UIL interscholastics to hold until May 11

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 The following is a run-down of how the UIL plans to proceed with interscholastic activities beginning May 11.  
 Academic State Meet: The UIL Academic State Meet, originally scheduled for May 7-9, will be rescheduled at a later date.  
 The Conference 4A and 5A One-Act Play competition

will continue as previously scheduled on May 15-16.  
 All other conferences competing in One-Act Play will be rescheduled. A schedule of the Academic State Meet, including One-Act Play, will be posted on the UIL Web site ([www.uil.utexas.edu](http://www.uil.utexas.edu)) once finalized.  
 Texas State Wind Ensemble Festival: The festival, originally scheduled for

May 9, has been canceled. The UIL staff will consult with the 16 participating schools to determine whether or not to reschedule the event at a later date.  
 Regional track meets: All UIL regional track meets originally scheduled for May 1-2, have been canceled.  
 The state track and field meet will be extended to a three-day format to include semifinal heats. The meet is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 14-16.  
 Semifinal qualifiers will be based on the district track meet results. Each region will be represented at the state meet by the top four performances in each event for all conferences.  
 Hand-held times will be converted to fully automatic times as defined by the National Federation of State High School Association rules.  
 A revised track and field state meet schedule will be posted on the UIL Web site no later than Friday, May 1.  
 Qualifiers to the state track and field meet will be posted on the UIL Web site on May 6.  
 Golf state tournament: The UIL golf state tournament will take place at the previously scheduled times beginning May 11.  
 Tennis state tournament: The UIL tennis state tournament will take place at the previously scheduled times beginning May 11.  
 Baseball and softball: No interschool games will take place until May 11 for softball or baseball.  
 In baseball, districts will have until May 19 to complete the regular season. The bidistrict playoff round will begin May 23 and may be one game or best-of-three series. The area round, limited to one game, will be May 26. The regional quarterfinal certification deadline is May 30 and may be either one game or a best of three series. The Leader will update further series.

For softball, the deadline for bidistrict certification is May 16.  
 Teams may play one game or a three-game series. The area round deadline is May 19 and must be one game only.  
 UIL officials have approved practices for teams on campus. Spring football will be allowed to begin as scheduled May 4.

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**Spring football comes May 4**

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 Clear Brook and Dobie will both begin workouts at the upper levels May 4. The freshman workouts will start May 11.  
 The Wolverines are coming off a terrific 2008 season in which the team won the District 24-5A title and proceeded to win a pair of playoff games.  
 But head coach Paul Lanier, set to begin his third season, must fill several vacancies left by 2008 seniors.  
 At Dobie, third-year head coach Bobby Cotton is looking to get the Longhorns back on track after a 4-5 season, including a 3-4 run in District 22-5A.

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