

Dobie head coach hired

Mike Norman, former longtime offensive assistant coach at Pearland High School, is now Dobie's varsity football head coach after gaining official Pasadena ISD board approval April 28. See more on Pages 1B and 2B.

Leader to close May 1

The *Leader* offices will be closed Friday, May 1, for the 19th annual South Belt Spectacular Cookoff (see this page). The *Leader* will resume its normal business hours on Monday, May 4. For information, call *Leader* publisher Marie Flickinger at 281-948-2714.

Lariaette spring show tickets

The J. Frank Dobie Lariaettes and dance department will hold their annual spring show, *Oh the Places We'll Go*, April 30, May 1 and May 2, in the Dobie High School auditorium. Admission is \$10, and tickets can be purchased presale from any Lariaette, or at the door while supplies last. On Saturday, May 2, the Lariaettes will celebrate their 45th anniversary with an alumni reunion luncheon at the Fox & Hound Smokehouse & Tavern, 12802 Gulf Freeway at Fuqua, beginning at 1 p.m. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/LariaettesAlumni.

Boykins holds district meeting

City Council Member Dwight Boykins will hold a meeting with civic members in District D on Thursday, April 30, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. at Sagemont Park Center, 11507 Hughes Road. Neighborhood needs and concerns will be discussed. For more information, contact Rosario Wilson, senior liaison, at 281-389-9690.

Sageglen holds garage sale

Sageglen Community Association will hold a community garage sale on Friday and Saturday, May 1 and May 2.

Park at Fuqua garage sale

Park at Fuqua will hold its community-wide garage sale Saturday, May 2, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fuqua between I-45 and Old Galveston Road. The multifamily sale will feature electronics, furniture, baby items, clothes, household items and much more.

Lemonade fundraiser set

Savannah's 5th annual Lemonade Stand will be held Sunday, May 3, in the Cokesbury United Methodist Church parking lot, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd., from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Every year, Savannah picks a different charity to which all proceeds will be donated. This year she has chosen to support a child for one year through HOLT International. Compassion has moved her to helping children in need. After she reaches her first goal of \$356, she will then donate any remaining funds to the Methodist Children's home.

Savannah will team up with Cokesbury UMC and Ruben Loreto from The Gardens Houston, and a local airbrush artist. The public is invited to come and support her in making a difference in the community.

Support group at Cokesbury

Those who are the husband, wife or partner of a chronically ill/disabled person may join a new support group, Sickness and Health, the last Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Cokesbury United Methodist Church, located at 10030 Scarsdale. Free child care is provided. This month's meeting is set for Thursday, April 30. For information, contact Jennifer Miller at sicknessandhealth@wellspouse.org or 713-724-2360, or visit Well Spouse Association at www.wellspouse.org.

Kirkwood meets April 30

The Kirkwood Civic Association will hold its monthly meeting Thursday, April 30, at the Sagemont Community Center, located at 11507 Hughes Road, at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are held the last Thursday of the month. For more information, call Ericka McCrutchon at 281-989-9990.

Genealogy group meets

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

Cokesbury holds sale

Cokesbury United Methodist Church, 10030 Scarsdale, will hold its Junk in the Trunk Sale Friday, May 1, from 8 a.m. to noon.

Bush sets parent meeting

Laura Bush Elementary will hold a parent informational meeting for the 2015-2016 Kindergarten Dual Language program Wednesday, May 6, at 5:30 p.m. in the school library. This meeting will provide information about the program as well as the process to apply for it. For more information, contact the Dual Language Program manager at 713-740-0928 or email stelletz@pasadenaisd.org.

Local teacher charged with 2 felonies

Former second-grade Laura Bush teacher accused of indecency with a child

A former second-grade teacher at Laura Bush Elementary has been charged with indecency with a child.

Luis Rudolfo Pasos, 43, faces the two felony counts after allegedly taking an up-skirt photo of one female student and fondling another.

Pasos resigned earlier this month when the allegations first came to light.

After the initial victim came forward, her older sister, now 14, said Pasos also acted inappropriately with her when she was previously in his class.

When confronted about the allegations by police in early April, Pasos reportedly attempted to destroy his phone by breaking it in half and throwing it into a storm drain. He later led police to the broken phone, where it was recovered.

Pasos has been with the Pasadena Independent School District since 2006. He is currently being held in the Harris County Jail on a \$300,000 bond.

PISD released the following statement: "These charges are very serious and this behavior will not be tolerated in Pasadena ISD. The

safety and well-being of our students and staff is of paramount importance throughout the District. When a teacher violates the trust of a child, it creates a great challenge for the majority of educators who truly care about the well-being of students. We will continue working together to provide an environment that is safe and secure for children to learn."

The same day Pasos was charged, a female teacher at Southmore Intermediate resigned after being accused of sending an inappropriate photo to a male student on his cell phone.

Car flips at Beamer, Scarsdale



The driver of the red car shown above allegedly ran a red light at Scarsdale and Beamer Thursday, April 23, causing an SUV to strike it, flipping it over. The driver of the car, a visitor to the area, was ticketed, while the driver of the SUV, a South Belt resident, was transported to the hospital with unknown injuries. Shown above assisting with the crash is Southeast Volunteer Fire Department Assistant Chief Jerry Terrell.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

Early voting currently underway

Early voting for the May 9 school board elections is currently underway and will continue through Tuesday, May 5.

In the Pasadena Independent School District election, Positions 5, 6 and 7 are up for grabs. Competing for Position 5 are Larry Savala (incumbent), Kenneth Fernandez and Alvino Gonzalez. Vying for Position 6 are Marshall Kendrick (incumbent) and Lydia Velasquez. Running for the Position 7 seat are Vickie Morgan (incumbent), Erica Davis Rouse and Charles Maricle.

In the Clear Creek Independent School District election, Jay Cunningham and Trent Martin are running for the District 5 position formerly

held by Dee Scott.

Incumbents Page Rander (District 4) and Charles Pond (At-Large Position A) are running unopposed.

PISD early voting will take place at all five district high schools. Voting hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through May 1 and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on May 4-5.

CCISD early voting locations are Clear Brook High School, 4607 FM 2351 in Friendswood; the CCISD - Education Support Center, 2425 E. Main in League City; and Falcon Pass Elementary School, 2465 Falcon Pass. Voting hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Beamer extension work begins May 4

Construction on the project to extend Beamer Road to Bay Area Boulevard is set to begin Monday, May 4, according to Harris County Project Coordinator Larry Allen.

A joint project between Harris County and the Texas Department of Transportation, the \$10.3 million endeavor will extend Beamer roughly one mile from Tall Ships Lane, the street's current dead end in the Heritage Park subdivision, to West Bay Area Boulevard.

This project will be done in addition to a second endeavor that will make improvements on Beamer north of Tall Ships.

That work involves constructing a new two-lane concrete thoroughfare complete with esplanade and new curbs and gutters. It will improve roughly 2.6 miles of Beamer from Dixie Farm Road to Tall Ships.

Allen is hopeful construction on that project will begin once the other phase is complete.

Annual cookoff set to take place

The 19th annual South Belt Spectacular Cookoff will take place April 30 through May 2 at El Franco Lee Park, 9400 Hall Road. Thursday will be for cooks only, Friday evening will be primarily for adults, and Saturday is designed for families, with several free activities planned for children. Contrary to a story in last week's *Lead-*

er, this will be the second year deputies from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office will help patrol the event. A shuttle service will run from Dobie High School, where there will be additional parking. Admission will be \$10 on Friday and \$5 on Saturday before 4 p.m. and \$10 after. Children 12 and under are free.

Aeros & Autos comes to Ellington

The seventh annual Aeros & Autos, featuring the best in airplanes and automobiles, is set to take place at Ellington Airport on Saturday, May 16, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"Aeros & Autos has become one of Houston's most anticipated events with almost 5,000 people attending last year," said Shawn Chittum, Ellington Airport operations supervisor and event organizer. "There is a lot of behind-the-scenes preparation that goes into executing a successful event with so many elements happening at once."

The outdoor event will feature fun for all ages, including air and car shows, kid activities, food, live entertainment, static aircraft displays, food, prizes and more.

Houston's premier speed event, the U.S. half mile will again be held at this year's event. The event is open to all automobiles and motorcycles and will be held on one of the airport's runways. All participants must pre-register for this event at www.usmileracing.com/registration.

Participants of the car show will register on

the morning of the event. Registration is \$30 per car. Cars cannot enter both the U.S. half mile and the auto show. Trophies will be awarded for Best in Class and over 30 other classifications including Best Engine, Best Interior, Best Paint and Best in Show.

Proceeds from this show will benefit the Texas Lions Camp, an organization focused on assisting physically disabled, hearing/vision impaired and diabetic children from the State of Texas; and Lonestar Veterans Association, an organization dedicated to assisting returning veterans and their families in successful transition from the military to civilian world, including career transition and post-traumatic stress disorder support.

The planning team is currently seeking vendors of all types. For more information on becoming a vendor, email aerosandautos@houstontx.gov.

For more information visit www.fly2houston.com/aerosandautos.

Hughes Road project moves forward

Houston City Council recently reapproved the funding for the long-awaited project to repair Hughes Road from Beltway 8 to Sagecanyon (the city limit).

The reauthorization was necessary because the original start date of construction had passed, causing a lapse in the project's insurance coverage.

This was not the first time the project's contract has been met with problems.

The project was originally approved on June 11, 2014, but the Department of Public Works and Engineering canceled the previous contract and rebid the project due to utility relocation issues.

The project consists of the design of approximately 7,200 linear feet of roadway reconstruc-

tion to major thoroughfare standards. The proposed project improvements include a four-lane divided roadway with curbs, sidewalks, street lighting, necessary underground utilities and a new underground drainage system to mitigate street flooding.

Mainline Industries was awarded the contract after being the lowest bidder on the city endeavor. Part of the city's 2015 Capital Improvement Plan, the project is expected to cost \$11.7 million. The contract duration for this project is 500 calendar days.

Despite the delays, Public Works and Engineering Department spokesman Alvin Wright said construction is still scheduled to take place before the end of the city's 2015 fiscal year (July 2015), with a target date sometime in late May.

Residents complain of late solicitors

The *Leader* has recently received numerous complaints about aggressive solicitors coming to houses during late-night hours.

Dozens of residents have reported that salesmen from the security company Vivint have come to their residences between 9:30 and 10:30 p.m. One resident said a solicitor from the company came to her house just before 11 p.m.

Representatives of the company have drawn the ire of several Facebook users, who have voiced their frustrations on the People of Sagemont group page.

Residents say the salesmen are particularly pushy and often visit the same house multiple times after being told "No."

"I understand the need to sell to make a living, but this is the third time this week and the guy will not take 'no' (for an answer)," said Facebook user Keely Burris. "People, there is nothing that needs to be sold door to door. We have Internet. If we want it, we'll buy it. Especially when I've got five signs/stickers on my house that say we are armed with another company."

Facebook user Ginger Drohan Thomas said one worker tried to physically enter her home without permission.

"They are so pushy, he opened our storm door to try and come in," Thomas said. "Luckily my son was home. He said he wanted to see our alarm system, although my son had already told him 'no thanks.'"

Others complained of the workers' personal appearance.

"Do not knock on my door with a long, unkempt ponytail, clothes that look like you've worn them three days in a row, and you look like someone I arrested a little while ago," said Facebook user Cole Griffin. "Do not go for the hard, quick sale attempt when I tell you we have an alarm system and do not want to switch, and I will not slam the door in your face."

PISD board, mayor honor Williams



John Eddie Williams Jr. (second from left) was recently named the Pasadena Independent School District's 2015 Distinguished Alumnus. A 1972 Pasadena High School graduate, Williams is an attorney and managing partner at Williams Kherkher Law Firm. Williams is shown above at a reception held Thursday, April 23, with, left to right, PISD Superintendent Kirk Lewis, PISD board member Fred Roberts, Pasadena Mayor Johnny Isbell and PISD volunteer/Sagemont Church Associate Pastor Emory Gadd.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

Sullivan launches Property Tax Workshops

Workshops to educate residents on ways to combat rising appraisal values

Tax Assessor-Collector Mike Sullivan recently announced a new series of Property Tax Workshops to educate property owners on ways to reduce their tax burden through protesting, exemptions and more.

“Many property owners have already received their appraisal notice from the Harris County Appraisal District (HCAD) and I know

they are very concerned about the rising appraisal values,” said Sullivan. “With new residents moving to our area every year, I’m inviting every homeowner to attend our Property Tax Workshops, which will discuss ways they can reduce their appraisal values through exemptions and protesting their values. I want to ensure taxpayers understand their rights and

are fully prepared before they protest.”

The Property Tax Workshops are open to the public and will discuss how to protest property taxes, learn what exemptions are available and how to apply for a payment plan for delinquent tax bills.

Staff from the tax assessor-collector’s office and the Harris County Appraisal

District will be available to answer questions.

If residents have questions about the Property Tax Workshops, they can call the tax assessor-collector’s office at 713-274-8000 or email tax.office@hctx.net.

The last day to file a property tax protest is June 1, 2015.

For workshop dates and times, see the schedule below.

Date	Time	Location	Address
5/05/2015	9:00 AM	Neighborhood Centers, Inc.: Cleveland Ripley	720 Fairmont Parkway, 77504
5/07/2015	6:00 PM	Trini Mendenhall Community Center	1414 Wirt Road, 77055
5/12/2015	6:30 PM	Lone Star College - Kingwood (Room Pac 125)	20000 Kingwood Drive, 77339
5/13/2015	10:30 AM	Trotter Family YMCA	1331 Augusta Drive, 77057
5/14/2015	6:00 PM	Neighborhood Centers, Inc.: Baker Ripley	6500 Rookin Street, 77074
5/20/2015	6:30PM	Power Center (Green Room)	12401 S Post Oak Road, 77045
5/21/2015	6:00 PM	Neighborhood Centers, Inc.: Ripley House	4410 Navigation Blvd, 77011

Students inducted into paralegal honor society

Twelve San Jacinto College students were recently inducted into the college’s paralegal honor society, Lambda Epsilon Chi (LEX), signifying high levels of academic achievement.

The requirements for LEX induction are stringent. A student must maintain a 3.5 grade point average in paralegal courses and a 3.25 GPA in general courses, demonstrate superior academic performance, and be an active member of San Jacinto College’s paralegal club. In addition, in order to apply for LEX

induction, a student must complete two-thirds of the college’s paralegal program requirement by completing 33 credit hours of legal specialty courses, and nine credit hours of general education courses.

The San Jacinto College program is one of the few community college programs in Texas approved by the American Bar Association. “Maintaining ABA approval indicates our program ranks among the best in the nation,” Ernest Davila, San Jacinto College North campus business and professional department

chair told the inductees. “That means you students being inducted into the LEX paralegal honor society are among the best of the best. So, I encourage you to continue with your education and career goals. Go out and make the college and the community proud of your accomplishments.”

The keynote speaker at the induction ceremony was Pati Limon de Rodriguez, executive director of the Hispanic Bar Association of Houston, and a member of the San Jacinto College paralegal advisory committee. She talked about the

important role paralegals perform in the legal profession. “Paralegals are important because the law governs our entire system of behavior in accounting, finance, and real estate – virtually, every aspect of our day-to-day lives,” she commented.

Rodriguez also stressed the importance of ethics in the legal profession. “In your field of work, you will be constantly faced with ethical dilemmas and will have to formulate decisions that someone has trusted you to make,” she commented. “Remember to maintain these five virtues in all that you do as a paralegal: honesty, respect, responsibility, fairness and compassion.”

Paralegal is a fairly lucrative career field, and one that is predicted to stay strong in coming years. According to the most recent statistics available from the Texas Workforce Commission, the average annual income for paralegals in the Houston area is

Thompson’s Pruneda, Gibson Teachers of the Year

Thompson Intermediate School recently selected Joshua Pruneda as New Teacher of the Year and Gina Gibson as Veteran Teacher of the Year.

Pruneda teaches seventh-grade science. When asked to share a bit about himself with the community, he replied, “As far as my teaching philosophy is concerned, I try to listen to what the kids talk about with one another in their free time. Then I look up whatever it is and find ways to incorporate it into my lessons in order to help them retain knowledge, even if it’s just a simple word association. I’ve found that if you can tie school knowledge into something that THEY find important (like the current bands, TV shows, viners, or whatever) they will listen

more intently to what you have to say. I’ve had more than one student, on separate occasions, tell me that they like having me as a teacher because they can relate to the examples I use in my lessons. This helps me to build strong relationships with my students and makes them WANT to do their best to impress me. I feel like Taylor Mali said it best in his poem, *What Teachers Make*:

“... I make kids work harder than they ever thought they could. I can make a C+ feel like a Congressional Medal of Honor and an A feel like a slap in the face. How dare you waste my time with anything less than your very best ...”

Pruneda added, “I also really want to thank my mentor, Susie Haas, for helping me learn what works best with our students. She has provided me with great resources that are fun and engaging for the students, as well as which lessons may take a little more innovation to get the kids to understand the material.

“My first year would not have gone so smoothly without her here to guide me along the way. All of the faculty/staff family at Thompson Intermediate has really been so welcoming and encouraging throughout this whole year. I truly believe that my input, even as a first-year teacher, has value and is taken seriously. That makes me feel like I’m more than just a sponge, soaking up the wealth of knowledge that already exists here. I feel like a contributing member of the Thompson team.”

Gina Gibson teaches seventh-grade science and is the National Junior Honor Society co-sponsor. When asked to share a bit about



Thompson Intermediate selected Joshua Pruneda (left) as New Teacher of the Year and Gina Gibson as Veteran Teacher of the Year.

herself with the community, she replied, “I always knew that I wanted to teach, and even when my plans changed and I became a stay-at-home mom, I was teaching my own kids, albeit in a different setting. Later I became a teacher at a private school and found myself navigating the waters a first year teach has to face with a classroom full of third-graders who were the only third-graders at that school.

“I later moved up with that same class up through sixth grade, and I learned so much during that time about what it means to be a teacher. When I finally made the move to public education it was like being a brand new teacher all over again, even though I had years of experience under my belt.

“Being here at Thompson has allowed me to find my niche in a place that truly feels like home. Being comfortable where I teach has given me an outlet to become a better teacher and person by helping students push themselves to be their best.

“I have been able to show the kids I teach how much I care about them, and how much I want success for them. I think that is why they are willing to work hard for me. I am willing to hear what my kids have to say, and try to

talk to them in a way that they know their opinions matter. That doesn’t mean that I will always agree or that they will get to have their way, but kids need to feel like they are part of the creative formula. Making them feel included in their learning is the key to motivating them to do well.

“I feel blessed to be a part of our team at Thompson, where I have had a chance to find a place that I can really make a difference in my student’s lives, even if it is just for the year I have to spend with them.”

PISD lists Pre-K Round-Up dates

In an attempt to enroll more eligible children into the pre-kindergarten program, Pasadena Independent School District will hold a Pre-K Round-up May 4-8.

To reach as many eligible families as possible, general

information sessions will be held at each elementary school in PISD. Parents can attend any session, even if it is not held at their home school.

To be eligible, students must be 4 years old on or

before Sept. 1, 2015, and meet additional requirements that will be covered during the meetings.

Each meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. See the chart for dates and elementary school locations:

May 4, 2015	May 5, 2015	May 6, 2015	May 7, 2015	May 8, 2015
Bush	Freeman	Atkinson	Bailey	Red Bluff (2 of 2)
Matthys	Garfield	Fisher	Burnett	
Pomeroy	Golden Acres	Red Bluff (1 of 2)	Frazier	
South Shaver	Jensen	Richey	Gardens	
	Jessup	Sparks	Genoa	
	Kruse	Stuchbery	Mae Smythe	
	L. F. Smith	Young	Meador	
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Girls of all ages find adventure at Girl Scout summer camp

According to a recent study by the Girl Scout Research Institute, More Than S’mores (2014), girls benefit immensely from time spent outdoors. This summer, girls can have the opportunity to build their skills, try new outdoor activities and develop a strong sense of self at one of three Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council (GSSJC) summer resident camps – Camp Agnes Arnold, Camp Misty Meadows and Camp Casa Mare.

Every girl – not just current members of Girl Scouts –in grades 1-12, can spend a week at GSSJC’s resident camps this summer. Sessions begin June 14 and end July 31. Whether it’s horseback riding, canoeing, exploring sculpting or science, backpacking, trying her hand at archery or creating her own personal style, there is an activity to match every girl’s interest and sessions to pique her curiosity. She’ll come back home with new friends, new skills and a lifetime of great memories.

“Few things are as memorable for a girl as going away to camp for the summer and we offer girls an opportunity to enjoy being girls in a safe, social and fun environment,” said Linda Pau, GSSJC outdoor experience director responsible for summer resident camp. “In addition to traditional experiences, girls are enjoying learning new skills, discovering their strengths, earning badges and even certifications.”

This year’s camp sessions include opportunities for girls to earn Basic Sailing certification or become a Counselor in Training. Older girls in grades 6-12 can opt to have a more adventurous camping experience hiking and sight-seeing in the Texas Rocky Mountains or heading out to Burnet and New Braunfels for rock climbing and tubing. Sessions like Harriet Potter, The District Games, Survivor Scenarios and S.H.I.E.L.D. Agents allow girls to dive into the world of their favorite television and movies or book series where they might learn mapping, outdoor survival, crime investigation or forensic science. Short and Sweet two-day sessions offer the first-time camper who might not be ready for a full camp session, a taste of camp life.

There is something for every girl from every background, even those who’d like to take their favorite lady – mom, grandma or an aunt or camp with their family.

Camp Agnes Arnold provides a wide variety of units for summer fun. Campers could spend their night near the water in a fishing village, up near the treetops in tree houses or nestled in the middle of camp in platform tents or cabins.

The blossoming equestrian might enjoy a stay at Camp Misty Meadows, also located near Conroe, Texas. The Robert and Janice McNair Equestrian Center includes four riding arenas and a herd of 40 horses waiting to be ridden, loved, hugged and groomed by summer campers.

The sea breeze is always blowing at Camp Casa Mare. Located on Galveston Bay in Seabrook, campers will enjoy relaxing on porch swings located on the camp’s grounds or sailing on the bay. There are plenty of activities for landlubbers, including fencing, arts and crafts and drama.

Those interested in sending their girl to camp can register one of two ways: online or by submitting a registration form through the mail. Sessions range from \$150 to \$575 depending on activity sessions. Camp placement is done on a first-come, first-served basis. GSSJC encourages campers to register as a Girl Scout before going to camp. The fee is only \$15.

For more information about Girl Scout Resident Camp, visit www.gssjc.org/residentcamp or call 713-292-0300.

Girl Scouts of the USA is the world’s pre-eminent organization for girls, with a membership of more than 3.2 million girls and adults. Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Chartered by GSUSA to provide Girl Scouting locally, Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council is one of the largest Girl Scout councils in the country serving more than 61,000 girls and nearly 18,000 adult members in 26 southeast Texas counties. GSSJC is a United Way affiliate agency.

Crawfish Boil May 3

The ninth annual Brazoria County Young Life Crawfish Boil will be held Sunday, May 3, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Billy’s Pavillion, 4070 Wells Drive (between Bailey Road and Keis Road) in Pearland.

For \$25 AYCE tickets, call 281-997-0200 or email leah@brazoria.younglife.org. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

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J. Frank Dobie Class of 2015

Melillo lists third nine-weeks rolls

Melillo Middle School recently released its honor rolls for the third nine-weeks grading period of the 2014-2015 school year. Students are:

Honor roll
Rafael Argueta, Keegan Ashworth, Kendall Brown, Amy Cao, Ricky Cao, Alani Chapa, Lydia Chicas, Di Dao, Lucinda Davis, Karina Del Villar, Sierra Frost, Timothy Giang, Arianna Golden, Kaylee Goodrum, Shawn Green, Hassan Gutierrez and Hailey Henderson.

Fifth grade
Alexis Henriquez, Andrea Hernandez, David Hernandez, Elijah Hernandez, Katelyn Hernandez, Vinh Hoang, Kendra Hopkins, Pham Jason, Hailey Jolivet, Alexis Kamal, Jaidyn Kelley, Kevin Lewis, Seep Lona, Lexi Martinez and Nataly Mendez.

Sixth grade
Matthew Mendiola, Albert Ngo, Brian Nguyen, Grace Nguyen, Kelly Nguyen, Kim Nguyen, Abigail Ortiz, Isabella Padilla, Jeremiah Palma, Asher Ridge, Adrian Rios, Joseph Rios, Celia Rocha, Mateo Rocha, Vanessa Rocha

and Evan Rodriguez.
Megan Rodriguez, Haley Salinas, Wyatt Sherwood, Metzi Silva, Kielee Snook, Kyle Stokes, Brianna Toro, Nayely Faz Urias, Melanie Velazquez, Emilio Villarreal, Luis Villarreal, Paul Vu, London Wiggins and Faith Williams.

Honor roll
Maliha Akhter, Anna Allen, Maryam Badr, Aliyah Barreiro, Maxine Brown, Jose Cabrera, Renata Cadena, Matthew Campos, Kiana Casco, Ian Cisneros, David Corte, Jacob Cruz and Daniel Dinh.

Sixth grade
Jared Dorantes-Adame, Alexander Garcia, Brissa Garcia, David Gomez, Christopher Hernandez, Chloe Jackson, Vanessa Lam, Jonathan Landers, Chanel Lofton, Cheralyn Lofton and Sandy Lu.

Seventh grade
Erin Maslonka, Kyle McDonald, Janah Naser, Albert Nguyen, Steven Nguyen, Sarah Oba, Hailey Perez, Kevin Pham, Ivan Rivera, Aaron Rodriguez, Gillyanne Spencer, Jose Torres, Michael Vo and Lindsey Vu.

Summer Jobs program applications accepted

The City of Houston Summer Jobs Program is accepting applications online. City departments are opening their doors to provide opportunities for youth to earn while they learn. Most positions are for 32 hours per week, at \$7.25 per hour.

To improve the internship experience and application process, youth can apply for specific opportunities, e.g. City Council intern, pool general office intern, etc. Successful applicants will receive job readiness training, along with a career development plan and a career coach.

Eligible youth are between the ages of 16 and 21 by June 15, and live in the city of Houston. Opportunities are available in a variety of city departments, and applications are currently being accepted online at the SJP website at www.houstontx.gov/summerjobs until May 8. For information, visit the SJP website, email summerjobsprogram@houston.tx.gov, or call 832-393-1688.

Hobby Lions Club to meet

Hobby Airport Lions Club will meet Wednesday, May 6, at noon at the Golden Corral at Fuqua and I-45. For more information, email HobbyAirportLions@gmail.com.

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BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR WALTER

Special birthday wishes are sent to **Walter Trojanowsky** of Sagameadow on his 88th birthday on Thursday, April 30, from wife **Sue**, children **Brenda Reese** and husband **Robert Palmerton**, **Diana Hueter** and husband **Bill**, **Walter Trojanowsky** and wife **Regina**, and **Jackie Trojanowsky**, and from his six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

WELCOME BABY ROGERS!

Anniston Leigh Rogers was born at 11:30 p.m. at The Woman's Hospital of Texas on Wednesday, March 4, 2015, weighing 7 lbs., 5 oz., and stretching 19 1/2 inches in length. Proud parents are **Justin** and **Allison (Vick) Rogers** and big brothers **Gavin** and **Keegan**. Grandparents are **Audrey-Vick Prichard** and **Donny Prichard** of Sagamont and **Mike** and **Linda Rogers** of League City.

SCHOOL DAZE

The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays April 30 through May 6.

Burnett Elementary

Blow out the candles for **Daren Dibble** who celebrates a birthday May 4.

Bush Elementary

Sing a happy birthday song to **Ana Reyes** on May 1. Send a birthday greeting to **Nicole Holguin** on May 3. **Mindy Cook** enjoys a birthday May 4.

Meador Elementary

Best wishes for a happy birthday are sent to **Cathy Taylor** April 30. Send birthday greetings to **Maria Sarmiento** May 2. Light the birthday candles May 4 for **Paulina Rivas-Lopez**.

Moore Elementary

Aracely Buentillo enjoys a birthday May 1. The day for a double birthday party for **Traci Marr** and **Beth Anne Mullen** is May 6.

Stuchbery Elementary

The day for a birthday present is May 3 for **Cheryl Fox**. Best wishes for a happy birthday May 4 to **Maria Orozco**. Special birthday wishes are sent to **Veronica Rodriguez** May 5.

Melillo Middle School

The day for a birthday cake for **Sandra Vann** is May 6.

Beverly Hills Intermediate

Birthday greetings are sent to **Lyndsay Watkins** May 2. Sing a chorus of a birthday song May 5 to **Lindy Pace**.

Thompson Intermediate

Light the candles May 3 for a celebration for **Maria Lopez**. Light the birthday candles May 4 for **Holly Long**.

Dobie High

The day for a birthday cake is April 30 for **Mathew Ortiz**. Blow out the birthday candles May 2 for **Marcia Griffin**. The day for a birth-

day present for **Tanya Morales** is May 3.

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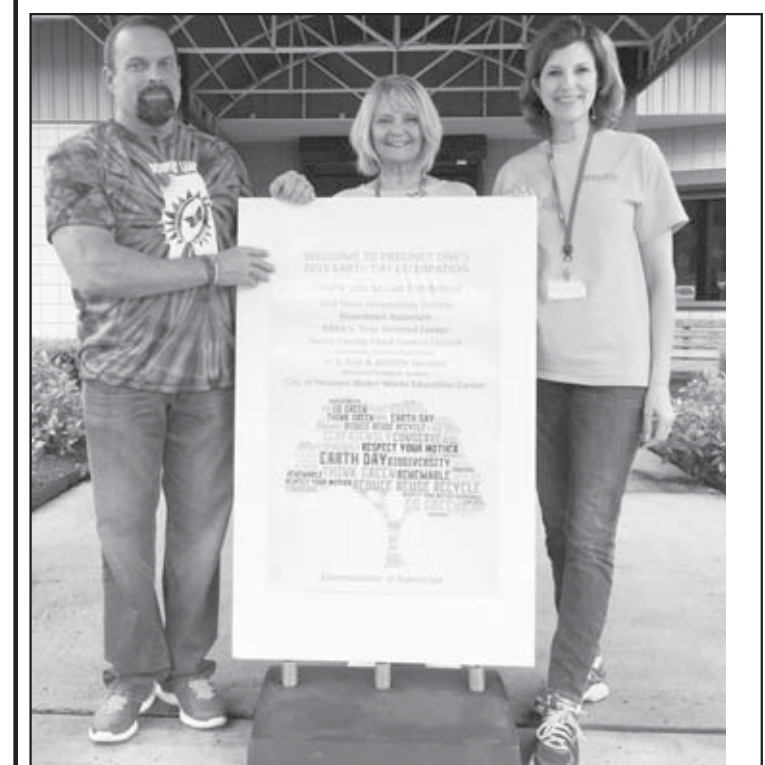
The **Leader** sends happy birthday wishes to its Facebook friends who celebrate a birthday this week:

Thursday, April 30: **Norma Partida**, **Cindy Munoz**, **Diana Guzman**, **Scott Koplin** and **Mathew Ortiz**; Friday, May 1: **Kenneth Zermeno**, **Ladonna Alvarez**, **John Anderson**, **Elizabeth Lastovica**, **Vareck Herrera**, **David Payne**, **Shanna Mounce**, **Clint Simmons** and **Stephanie Sirt**; Saturday, May 2: **Chris Weatherford**, **Douglas Redhun**, **Troy Goffney**, **David Thomas**, **Jeanette Nickell** and **Leslee Outland**; Sunday, May 3: **Craig Pittman**, **Lora Burns-Palmer**, **Keith Richardson**, **Tanya Morales** and **Brandie Ash**; Monday, May 4: **Stacy Vaughn**, **Scott Siscoe** and **Tamara Fisher**; Tuesday, May 5: **Jennifer Bustamante**, **Tori French**, **Alice Wright**, **Pat Becker** and **Amanda Zamora**; and Wednesday, May 6: **Patrick Ermis**, **Roni Gonzales**, **Jennifer Jones**, **Erin Hill** and **Beth Anne Mullen**.

LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS

Email 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.

Chamber celebrates Earth Day



Harris County Precinct 1 celebrated Earth Day 2015 on Wednesday, April 22. Precinct 1 community aide David Matthews is shown above with South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Sally Mitchell (center) and Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital Director of Physician Resources Rebecca Lilley, who assisted with food preparation for Precinct 1 children through the county park program. Photo submitted

PISD celebrates school libraries

April is School Library Month, and the Pasadena Independent School District is joining school districts across the nation in celebrating librarians and the important role library programs play in educating students.

Each campus in the district has a certified librarian who has several responsibilities. Librarians organize large volumes of print material to support learning in all content areas.

They guide students to research topics and support classroom instruction with supplementary reading materials. Librarians also help students access online materials. Additionally, librarians spark an interest in books with engaging reading activities.

"School libraries are classrooms where learning takes place in a unique way every day," Christine Van Hamersveld, Pasadena ISD director of libraries and instructional materials said. "At each campus, librarians teach, guide and empower students to think critically, create and share new knowledge with others, and grow as individuals."

Librarians in the district have seen an increasing number of students utilizing library resources. In 2013-14, Pasadena ISD students collectively visited their school library a total of 1.6 million times to access research databases, check out books and use digital technology. The number of e-books (electronically printed books) downloaded recently increased to 456,591, which is up 41 percent. Last school year, students checked out nearly 3 million books, which is up 3.57 percent since the 2012-13 school year.

"Pasadena ISD librarians guide students in their development as readers, helping them to find that 'just right' book and, over time, become capable readers who read for both pleasure and information," Van Hamersveld said.

The 2015 School Library Month celebration marks the 30th anniversary of the national observance. The first ceremony began on the west steps of the U.S. Capitol on April 1, 1985, and its theme was *Where Learning Never Ends: The School Library Media Center*. Honoring the anniversary, the 2015 theme is *Your School Library Where Learning Never Ends*.

Remember When

35 years ago (1980)

A contract for repairs of fire damage at Burnett Elementary was awarded to Stoner Construction Co. with the low bid of \$235,500.

John Robinson, senior at J. Frank Dobie, set a new state record of 4:04.9 in the mile run at a 23-4A district track meet.

Contracts for the design phase of the improvements

to Turkey Creek were awarded. The design would be for construction on the two waterways to enable them to carry the runoff of the watershed at full development.

Two young male employees of the New Vaudeville Pizza on Hughes Road were instrumental in the apprehension of a Houston man suspected of being responsible for approximately 250 robberies since Christmas.

30 years ago (1985)

Buzzy Kieth was named head football coach at Dobie. He came from El Campo.

Dobie freshman Barbara Myers was in a coma in the intensive care unit at Texas Children's Hospital after being hit by a car driven by an underaged driver. Myers recovered and eventually worked on the *Leader* staff.

The Texas Department of Health ruled water samples taken from the Sagameadow Utility District by an independent lab were safe to drink.

25 years ago (1990)

For the 10th straight year, Dobie's Latin Club swept the competition and won the state championship.

Clear Creek Independent School District was expecting a sharp decline in students at Weber Elementary because of the proximity to the Brio Superfund site.

Weber Elementary also received transfer requests from 13 of its 31 classroom teachers, a 42 percentage rate.

A group of remaining Weber parents called a meeting regarding a lack of commitment by the district in solving the Weber problem.

20 years ago (1995)

The San Jacinto College Board of Regents unanimously accepted the retirement of Chancellor Tom

Sewell.

Two South Belt principals, a J. Frank Dobie assistant principal and a Dobie coach were among 225 Pasadena Independent School District employees who opted to take the district's voluntary exit incentive.

A Sagameadow Park teenager remained in jail after being charged with the stabbing death of Jimmy Dickson, 18, of Green Tee.

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

15 years ago (2000)

A record 26 teams were to compete in the fourth annual South Belt Spectacular Cookoff.

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

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

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

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

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

10 years ago (2005)

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

The search for Austin Childs, Scott Keller and

John Zimmerman wound down. The trio disappeared off the coast of Freeport during a fishing expedition. Childs' family had exhausted every resource in their search.

Sagameadow resident Cathy Massey was named Volunteer of the Year for Shriners Hospital in Galveston.

Early voting was under way for the San Jacinto College Board of Regents.

Dobie senior Kristopher Ritchel won first place in the national Business Professionals of America competition held in Anaheim.

5 years ago (2010)

Former Pasadena Independent School District Director of Fine Arts and longtime music educator Barbara F. Eads died after a battle with cancer.

South Belt resident James "Jimmy" Myron Willprecht died when his plane crashed in a wooded area in Friendswood. Willprecht, 52, was flying alone in his 1973 Bellanca Super Viking when the plane crashed in a field north of the Wilderness Trail subdivision between FM 528 and FM 2351.

1 year ago (2014)

A judge ruled in favor of the Pasadena Independent School District's at-large election process. A group of Hispanic leaders had filed a suit against PISD in September 2012, claiming its lack of single-member voting districts violated federal laws that protect minority voters. The court said, however, that Hispanics, who make up roughly 66 percent of the district's population, still had a voting advantage even in at-large races.

In the trial of Justice of the Peace George Risner against the Harris County Republican Party, a judge ruled that GOP challenger Leonila Olivares-Salazar had one more week to

collect the 250 signatures necessary to appear on the November ballot. The candidate was required to collect the signatures because the original ones submitted, as required by state election law, were determined by Judge Robert Burgess to likely be fraudulent. Burgess, however, ruled that Olivares-Salazar was not responsible for the mishap, as she had hired a third party to circulate the petitions.

Older adults, people with disabilities focus of conference May 7-8

State and national policy makers will gather at the Building Bridges conference to discuss long-term services and support initiatives for older adults and people with disabilities.

Harris County Area Agency on Aging and the Aging and Disability Resource Center will sponsor the conference May 7-8 at the Crowne Plaza, 8686 Kirby Drive.

Dr. Thomas Freeman of Texas Southern University will be the keynote speaker.

Freeman, a distinguished professor of forensics, coaches TSU's debate team and directs the Honors College.

Social workers and affiliated human services professionals will receive six CEUs. Community health workers and psychologists will receive six contact hours.

Register online at bridgesconference.eventbrite.com or call 832-393-4391 for more information.

Israeli Folk Dancing, May-June

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

The dances are held at Congregation Shaar Hashalom on Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. May-June 2015 dance dates are May 4, 11 and 18 (no dancing on Memorial Day, May 25). June dates are 1, 8, 15, 22 and 28. Dances are \$4 per session or \$35 for 10 sessions for CSH members, and \$5 per session or \$45 for 10 sessions for nonmembers, to cover expenses. Everyone is welcome to join the group - even if never attended before. Dancing is an excellent cardiovascular exercise while having fun.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom, located at 16020 El Camino Real in Houston, is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area.

The entire community is invited to attend. For more information, contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or at cs.houston@gmail.com.

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Dobie AFJROTC has successful year at drill competitions

The J. Frank Dobie Air Force JROTC drill teams enjoyed a successful year participating in several competitions during the past school year.

The unit took part in five drill competitions against a wide variety of Air Force, Army, Marine and Navy JROTC units.

The teams spent long hours practicing their routines, and the trophies they brought home are a reward for their efforts. They came together beginning in August and endured the hot weather on the concrete drill pads. Through perseverance, commitment, sweat and dedication, they worked together to hone their tasks chasing per-

fection and catching excellence.

This year, Dobie began its first Armed Drill team and reaped immediate success. The team entered the Battle on the Bayou Military Skills competition in October 2014 against 13 local Army JROTC units. The Dobie team finished with a first-place trophy and the commander, Adam Hawkins, won a gold medal as outstanding armed drill team commander.

The Co-ed Color Guard team had one of its most successful years as the team won trophies at two competitions, and a gold medal at a third this year. Team commander Lorissa Saiz won a gold medal at the Battle on the

Bayou Military Skills Competition in October 2014.

The team participated at the C.E. King High School Salute to Veterans drill competition in November 2014 against 25 Air Force JROTC teams. Dobie had never won a trophy at this competition, but this year would be different. The team finished with a third-place trophy.

In February 2015, the Dobie team took part in the Cleveland High School Drill Team competition against 21 teams (two of which competed at Nationals) and finished with a near perfect score to win the first-place trophy.

The Female Color Guard team had the most successful

year of the drill teams. The team members competed in five events and won four trophies and one silver medal. At the Battle on the Bayou Military Skills Competition in October 2014, they won a second-place trophy and their commander, Haley Schott, won a silver medal as outstanding commander.

The team entered the Cleveland High School Drill Team Competition in February 2015 against 21 teams and finished with a second place trophy.

Two weeks later, the female team participated in the Houston Independent School District Bluebonnet Invitational Drill Competition against more than 30 teams

from all the military branches of JROTC.

Many of these teams competed at various national drill team events. The female team performed superbly finishing with a first-place trophy in the performance phase and second place overall.

As a unit, the teams contributed to winning the second-place overall trophy at the Battle on the Bayou Military Skills competition in October 2014, improving over their third-place finish the year before.

In addition to the drill team trophies, the Dobie JROTC won trophies in orienteering, tug-of-war, physical fitness, obstacle course, and rock wall climbing.



Female Color Guard team members hold trophies won at the Battle on the Bayou Competition at Cleveland High School, and the HISD Bluebonnet Competition. Members pictured are, left to right, Miranda DeHoyos, Right Rifle Guard; Haley Schott, U.S. Flag; Jennifer Gutierrez, Texas Flag; and Desiree Quijas, Left Rifle Guard.



Members of the Co-ed Color Guard team hold trophies from competitions earned at C.E. King High School and Cleveland High School. Members pictured are, left to right, James Quijas, Right Rifle Guard; Lorissa Saiz, U.S. Flag; Luke McDonald, Texas Flag; and Jacob De La Garza, Left Rifle Guard.



The Armed Drill team holds the first-place trophy won at the Battle on the Bayou Competition. Members pictured are, left to right, Joshua Dolmos, Jesus Macedo, Raymond Saddler, Perla Zuniga, Adam Hawkins (Outstanding Armed Drill Commander), Devon Bustamante and Thomas Hawkins.

GLO education website one-stop shop for Texas teachers, parents

Commissioner George P. Bush recently unveiled the redesigned and streamlined Texas General Land Office education website at www.txglo.org/education.

A former schoolteacher, Bush is making education a top priority at the General Land Office. This website is the first of its kind in the GLO's storied history, bringing all of the agency's educational resources together in one place for teachers and students. This site will also be the home of future GLO educational lesson plans, activities and other offerings.

The purpose of the GLO education website redesign – the second of the GLO websites to be redesigned – is to streamline access to information and lesson plans provided by the GLO for use by Texas educators and parents.

"I am committed to

improving the quality of GLO service by utilizing the latest technology, coding techniques and design to effectively communicate to all Texans, including parents and teachers," Bush said. "Over the next few months, all GLO websites will be consolidated, redesigned and relaunched to be responsive across platforms and easier to navigate. The new GLO edu-

cation website will help educators and parents access valuable lesson plans that can help make educational topics come alive for children across the Lone Star State."

The GLO has developed lesson plans focused on Texas history and coastal stewardship that directly support Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) requirements:

Texas History Lesson Plans – Our GLO educators and archivists have crafted historical lesson plans for Texas teachers and students. Relevant TEKS references are included with every lesson plan, along with supplemental files and information as needed.

Coastal Stewardship Lesson Plans – The purpose of these lesson plans is to edu-

cate children (ages 5 to 14; grades K through 8) about coastal issues in a way that is fun and challenging. There are six lessons, each with a specific message to help students broaden their knowledge of marine debris and coastal issues.

Highlights:

- The website features a responsive, mobile-friendly layout
- PDF-based files that are easy to download, distribute and print
- Consolidation of all GLO educational materials into one easy-to-navigate online location
- Overview descriptions of lesson plans and supporting documents that detail topics covered

The GLO has long played a key role in education across Texas. The Texas Constitution of 1876 set aside half of Texas' remaining public lands to establish a Permanent School Fund (PSF), to help finance public schools.

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These lands generate revenues primarily through oil and gas revenues, but also through land sales and leases for surface uses.

The interest earned on the PSF investments is distributed by the State Board of Education to every school district in Texas on a per-pupil basis. In short, the GLO turns Texas' vast natural mineral resources into textbooks for Texas' future leaders.

Follow the Texas General Land Office on Facebook at <http://www.txglo.org/facebook>, or on Twitter at www.txglo.org/twitter, or YouTube at www.txglo.org/youtube.

Moore Elementary School lists third nine-weeks rolls

Moore Elementary recently released its honor and merit rolls for the third nine-weeks grading period of the 2014-2015 school year. Students earning status are:

Honor roll

Second grade
Eduardo Cuevas, Kristin Do, Anneliese Goodrum, Kayla Lam, Ilijah Limon, Ryan Nguyen, Riley Nguyen-To, Herli Barahona, Jordi Zamudio, Hunter Stacey, Dillon Steve, Cruz Torres, Thomas Young, Caitlyn Tran

and Vivian Tran.

Merit roll

Julian Ruiz, Victor Chapa, Malia Martinez, Tahllon Provost, Jose Flores, Valeria Garcia, Pablo Lopez, Philip Tran, Sophia Ho, Emma Zamora and Kaden Mai.

Honor roll

Third grade
Viviana Acosta, Sabrina Pector, Hannah Zamora, Eric Huynh, Cindy Nguyen, Arianna Rivera, Daniel Mendez, Gael Ramos and Kenton Thai.

Merit roll

Nancy Bazaldua, Tyler Nguyen, Julia Hernandez, An Huynh, Joshua Lopez, Esteban Garibay and Audrey Paredes.

Honor roll

Fourth grade
Hannah Carte, Camren Fowler, Vaneli Gonzalez, Connor King, Evan Kruschinsky, Olivia Lugo, Ann Nguyen, Jade To Nguyen and Ainsley Willis.

Merit roll

Katherine Alvarez, Christian Cantu, Shelby Carte, Mariana Cuevas, Sean Lopez, Ivan Lopez, Landon Nguyen, Sydnee Pector, Linh Phan, Sieryn Rocha and Kate Wang.

SE Business Women to meet May 14

South East Express Network of the American Business Women's Association will welcome Karen Baker Blum as she presents *The Power of the Informal Women's Network*, on Thursday, May 14, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Golden Corral (private meeting room), 9115 Broadway (518) in Pearland. The \$20 fee covers the meal and meeting. For reservations, contact Patrice Thurston at 203-559-6124 or patricethurston@americanenpower.com.

Baker Blum was raised in a family of high performance salespeople. She considers herself blessed to have

received her people skills and "go-getter" gifts from both "nature and nurture." A professional salesperson for 24 years, she is a graduate of Sandler Sales Institute, SPIN Selling and Tom Hopkins, as well as Team Management and Leadership Program at Landmark Education. She has both a bachelor's and master's degree in coaching and training from Sage University and is currently engaged in her doctoral program to create three female millionaires.

For more information, see the SEEN website at www.SEEN-ABWA.org. Business women and men throughout the community are invited.

Thompson teachers relax before STAAR



Retired teachers, Felicia Petit and Martha Weatherford, joined current Thompson Intermediate School teachers Carol Waters, Mandy Ogden, Susie Haas, Holly Long, Angela Ruggeri and Deborah Hirsch, for some relaxation time at Brazos Bend State Park before STAAR testing began. Among the many activities

they do, hiking, playing trivia games by the camp fire, and going to the George Observatory are their favorites. The Thompson science department began this tradition more than five years ago. Pictured are, left to right, Petit, Waters, Weatherford, Ogden, Haas, Long, Ruggeri and Hirsch.

Photo submitted

Coskeys celebrate golden anniversary



Norman and Erma Coskey celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 15, 2015, at The Gardens, Houston. The couple married on March 15, 1965, at Grace United Methodist Church in the Heights, where they met. They have a daughter, Diana Gilbert, and two grandsons, Riley and Russell, of Houston, who attend school in the Pasadena Independent School District. Erma is wearing the same wedding dress in both photos. The couple has lived in Rainbow Valley for more than 20 years.



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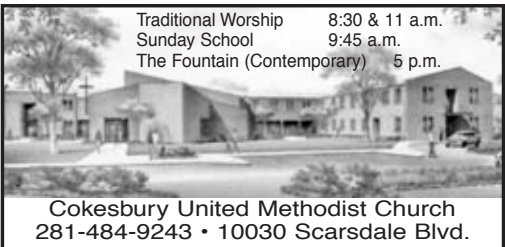
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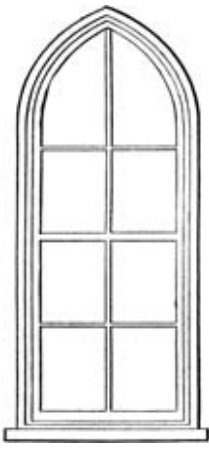


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Leader reflects on past 39 years

Tori Saltsman Mask moved to the South Belt area in 1972 and was a 1988 Dobie graduate who maintains the South Belt Houston Digital Archive online, featuring photos and stories from The Leader in its first two decades. The following is from Tori:

In 1974 I was turning four years old, still working on the training wheels of my bike along the sidewalk, and my whole world was at 10210 Kirkdale. Mom and Dad had bought the house as it was built and we planted a little tree in the backyard that I recall trying to watch from the

center bedroom's back window, to see if I could spot it getting bigger before my eyes. (There it is, behind me on the slide, just a little spindly thing.)

Dad took a photo of the street looking down the curve toward Beamer 40 years ago. And just in the foreground, a little out of focus, is the little tree planted in the front yard, too.

We moved into a larger place that could accommodate our family of three plus my mom's parents in 1975, over on Sageville which is where I stayed until graduating from Dobie and leaving home for

college. Both my parents and my own family now live 1,000 miles away

in Colorado. Funny how the further away from home you get, the more nostalgic you can become.

So a few years ago I began searching around online to see if I could look up photos from my little corner

of Houston from back in the day. There was almost nothing to find.

In late 2013, now 18 months ago, I had the good fortune of meeting Marie Flickinger who was so very generous with the Leader's store of wonderful photographs used in the early days of the paper. I started adding them online at <http://southbelthouston.blogspot.com/> and christened it the South Belt Houston Digital Archive. I've returned since that first trip four more times, and the discoveries just keep on coming.

Today, I'm proud to report, any Google image search of "vintage South Belt Houston" will produce hundreds of photographs and newspaper scans for those who want to remember.

Back in 1974, you could easily see Dobie over the fence across the street and as far as the eye could see straight down Kirkdale until it turned. The trees were too new to obscure much of any sight line.

Forty years on, and, like so much growth that happens when we aren't paying attention, Kirkdale is a lovely shade-lined, immaculately kept street that barely resembles its wide-open early days. But if you squint a little, you can still see a generation of kids, now with children and grandchildren of their own, who remember this little corner as a sacred piece of childhood.

And that little spindly tree that my four year old self was taller than? You can see her from the front street now, towering over the backyard. And that barely visible tuft of a tree from the street photo That's it now in the front.

We are so fortunate that the little paper that could, The South Belt Press, started documenting

the passage of our years in 1976! And I'm so very thankful it has the opportunity to celebrate its 40th birthday right around the bend.

Here's to many, many more years together. Much love, Tori Saltsman Mask P.S. And kudos to the Kirkdale

neighbor across the street who came out today to make sure I wasn't casing the houses while I was taking pictures!



The above photo shows how the 10200 block of Kirkdale looked in 1974, while the below photo shows how the area street looks today.



A young Mask, then-Saltsman, is shown above peddling down Kirkdale in 1974. The same two houses are shown below as they appear today. The facility in the background in the above photo between the two homes (indicated by the white arrow) is the former Dobie High School, which is now Beverly Hills Intermediate.



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SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

Oiler ex Norman named Dobie's next head football coach

By John Bechtle
Sports Editor

The state championship ring says it all. Mike Norman has been to the mountaintop in the big time Texas High School football.

Now, the former long-time Pearland High School football assistant coach is switching allegiances. He's a Dobie Longhorn, having gained official Pasadena ISD board approval April 28. Norman now wants to show the Longhorns how to get to the mountaintop.

After 21 years as an assistant to Pearland High

School varsity football head coach Tony Heath, Norman has earned his first chance to lead a big-time Class 6A program.

"I previously played and coached at North Shore and have admired Dobie from afar for many years," Norman said.

"Dobie has a long tradition of success. I'm excited about this opportunity and ready for the challenge.

"It's just an awesome feeling to be here at Dobie and to start working with these young players and some of the coaches we have."

Dobie High School principal Franklin Moses, who headed the coaching search, is obviously thrilled to have Norman on board and wearing the burnt orange.

"I certainly believe Mike Norman is a man of outstanding character, and he understands and knows the logistics of how to build and maintain an upper-level program," Moses said. "And I think the state championship ring (Nor-

man was Pearland's quarterbacks coach in 2010 when the Oilers won the Class 5A Division I state championship) speaks volumes about what he is capable of building."

Moses and the Dobie hiring committee also placed a high priority on finding the right person not only to develop further but to build upon the link between Dobie personnel and its primary feeder schools – Beverly

Hills and Thompson intermediates.

"His plan for the intermediate schools and how those relationships and teachings transform to Dobie is something we were definitely looking for," Moses said. "I think when you look at the Pearland program, you can see a similar feeder system within their intermediates. They've had a lot of success with the plan in place, and we welcome that as well."

In terms of "what happens right now," Norman has elected to bypass the upcoming spring football workout period (May 4 through May 28) and instead will focus over the next several weeks on meeting and evaluating players, installing work-out and game-time plans with current Dobie coaches as well as filling out his coaching staff – if necessary.

It's also too early to determine what, if any, staff changes will be made.

However, former Dobie defensive coordinator Lance Dale, who told the *Leader* he did interview for the head coaching job, is headed to Dickinson High School, where he will join head coach John Snelson's staff.

Norman had hoped to bring a defensive coordinator with him from Pearland High School, but that individual elected to remain with the Oilers. Interviews for the open positions began April 29.

While skipping the spring workout period, the Longhorns will be eligible to hit the field a week early in August for preseason workouts. Those will begin Aug. 3.

That known, Norman will not let these next five weeks or so prior to the summertime pass idly.

"Our program here at Dobie will be up-tempo both in on- and off-field workouts," Norman said. "It'll be about excitement and enthusiasm but also

discipline and taking care to achieve. We're going of the little things that to work hard during our make big things easier

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All-Time Dobie FB Coaches

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At left, Dobie first baseman Sady Olguin is one of just two players who were in the starting lineup in 2013 during Dobie's last playoff appearance. Meanwhile, the Lady Longhorns' first round playoff opponent this time around – Baytown Sterling – has now advanced to the postseason 10 straight seasons. The winner of this series will take on either Clear Springs or Kempner in the area round May 7-9.

Photo by John Bechtle

Dobie softball draws Sterling matchup

By John Bechtle
Sports Editor

Dobie is set to take on Baytown Sterling in what looks to be one of the most evenly matched opening round playoff series in the

Region III varsity softball ranks.

Despite a 6-3 loss to Memorial to end the regular season, Dobie ended the regular season with a 20-7 overall record, com-

plete with 12 wins in 16 district games.

Sterling, conversely, defeated La Porte 8-5 April 27 in a game that decided second place, leaving the Lady Rangers at 21-7

overall and 9-3 in league play. One of Sterling's 20 wins back in March came over Dobie in a tight 3-2 contest.

But the nearly identical overall records just may be where the similarities end.

Simply put, Sterling enters the race to the Region III title with quite a bit more postseason experience.

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Big event is May 1-2

Tracksters move to regionals

Several area meet champions are among the Clear Brook and Dobie athletes who are now headed to the Region III track and field meet May 1-2 at Alief ISD's Crump Stadium.

Athletes from Clear Brook and the other District 24-6A schools went up against those from District 23-6A at the area level April 24 at Fort Bend Austin High School. Meanwhile, Dobie's athletes and others from District 22-6A went head-to-head with those from District 21-6A.

Any athletes or relay teams which finished first through fourth at the area

level are now headed to the Region III meet.

CB boys move on
Three area round champions are among those from the Clear Brook boys' team headed to regionals.

Brandon Taylor blazed his way to the top spot in the 100-meter dash, clocking in at 10.97 seconds for the gold medal.

Pole vaulter Jared Roberson, one of the area's best, lived up to his billing, winning the area crown after clearing 14 feet.

The Wolverines also took the victory in the 4x100-meter relay, claiming a time of 41.84 as Taylor, Mark Milton, Jared

Ackerman and Cuatarus Quarles combined in the event.

Milton, a freshman, is also on his way to regionals in the 200-meter dash after clocking in at 22.13 for second place.

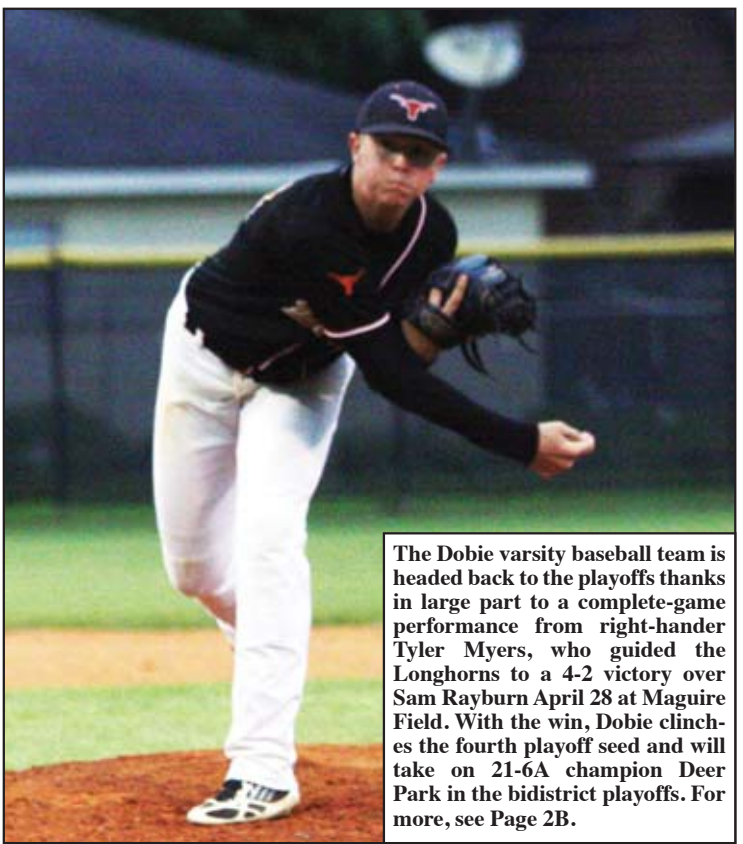
In the triple jump, Luke Barksdale earned his invitation to regionals as he was third with a top effort of 43'4 1/2".

Milton placed sixth in the long jump at 20'6 3/4", while Barksdale was eighth (20'3"). High jumper Aidan Cupples was eighth at 5'8".

CB girls advance
As expected a couple of Clear Brook girls' relay

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JFD baseball – are playoffs near?



The Dobie varsity baseball team is headed back to the playoffs thanks in large part to a complete-game performance from right-hander Tyler Myers, who guided the Longhorns to a 4-2 victory over Sam Rayburn April 28 at Maguire Field. With the win, Dobie clinches the fourth playoff seed and will take on 21-6A champion Deer Park in the bidistrict playoffs. For more, see Page 2B.

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Myers pitches Dobie past Sam Rayburn, gets Longhorns back into playoffs

Twenty-five years ago this spring, Dobie and Deer Park went head-to-head for the Region III varsity baseball championship.

Then, Deer Park prevailed with pitching wins coming from Andy Pettitte and Jay Vaught. The Deer went on to the state final that season.

This time around, Dobie is set to meet Deer Park in the first round of the playoffs.

The Deer are the undefeated champions of District 21-6A, while Dobie locked up the fourth playoff seed April 28 courtesy of a 4-2 win over Sam Rayburn at Maguire Field.

Dobie, now 9-6 overall in league play, has one remaining regular season game to play against Memorial before turning its attention to Deer Park.

The Deer defeated Dobie 4-0 at the David Anzaldúa Memorial Tournament at La Porte in the second game of the season for both teams.

Longhorn head coach Miguel Torres said he will

likely meet with Deer Park head coach Chris Rupp and perhaps other officials from both school districts as soon as May 3 to discuss the bidistrict playoff matchup that is slated to begin May 7-9.

"Against any playoff opponent, you have to go out and play quality baseball, limit your defensive mistakes and lapses and deliver situationally with the bat," Torres said.

"In the playoffs, scoring chances are magnified, and you have to do the little things to score runs.

"Putting the ball in play with runners in scoring position and moving runners with less than two outs in big spots is always big in baseball.

"We know the playoffs come with a higher intensity of baseball."

A season ago, Dobie made good of many of its opportunities en route to the District 22-5A crown, the school's first since 1994. The team also gained a big lift from senior leadership.

This season, simply put,

has not gone as smoothly. Top returning pitcher Jesse Paredes has been unable to pitch for a good portion of the season, and the offense has not been as prolific.

However, Dobie is back in the postseason. A big reason for that has been the performance of junior Tyler Myers on the mound.

A solid starter at shortstop for the Longhorns a season ago, Myers has elevated his game in 2015.

The team's lead-off hitter, Myers has also become the pitching staff ace. His effort against Rayburn in the clincher was an example of that.

Pitching in frigid and windy conditions, Myers struck out just one Texan through four innings yet fanned five over the final three innings. He struck out the side in the sixth inning as Dobie led 3-1.

"Tyler did get stronger as the game went on and was still pumping it in there at 84 to 85 miles per hour late in the game," Torres said.

"He did a better job of

locating his pitches as the game went on, and as a staff we did a better job of calling pitches better as to what was working for him. "Really, that's what Tyler has done for us all season. Even in games where he has taken the loss, he's kept us right there and given us a chance to win. He's just done a terrific job."

Dobie scored a run in

the top of the first inning as Luis Salazar walked with one out and advanced to second on an error.

After a fielder's choice, Marcos Martinez made it 1-0 with a single to left field.

A Rayburn error, one of five in the game for the Texans, allowed Dobie to make it 2-0 in the top of the fourth.

Dobie senior catcher

Mason Miller helped keep the Texans off the scoreboard in the fourth by gunning down a runner trying to steal to end the frame, but Rayburn made it 2-1 in the fifth with a two-out

rally. Salazar beat out an infield hit for a 3-1 Dobie lead in the sixth, and Euro Diaz had an RBI single in the top of the seventh for a 4-1 lead.

Myers pitched around a throwing error in the seventh to earn the win and subsequently get Dobie back to the postseason. Now it may be up to Myers to handle things

against Deer Park. That'll be up to Torres and Rupp to decide the playoff setup, but Myers sure looks up to the task after getting Dobie to the playoffs.

Friday, May 1 Games of Note

Dobie hosts Memorial, 4 p.m.

Pearland at Manvel, 7 p.m.

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District 22-6A Varsity Baseball (As of April 29)

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*Dawson	11	5
*Dobie	9	6
Manvel	7	8
Memorial	7	8
Pasadena	3	12
Sam Rayburn	2	13
South Houston	2	13

*Will occupy top four playoff seeds



With regular shortstop Tyler Myers on the mound, Dobie freshman Matthew Morales (above) started at the position and flawlessly handled seven chances against Sam Rayburn. Dobie went on to win the game 4-2 April 28 at Maguire Field in Pasadena, sending Dobie back to the playoffs. The Longhorns close the regular season May 1, hosting Memorial at Maguire Field at 4 p.m.



Mike Norman (center) visited with Pasadena ISD Director of Athletics Rodney Chant (left) and Dobie High School principal Franklin Moses after gaining board approval to become the Longhorns' next varsity football head coach.

Norman welcomes Dobie chance

Continued from Page 1B athletic period over these next five weeks or so, and also instill how important the summer will be.

"We can't work on football specific things in the summer strength and conditioning session, but that doesn't mean that it's not important to be here and to be developing.

"Every day is an evaluation, and every day a player has a chance to make a move on the depth chart. We're going to hit the ground running."

Norman had several discussions with Dobie personnel leading up to his official hiring.

He's aware that the varsity offensive line will need to undergo a massive overhaul as 2015 graduation will mean the end of the line for several all-district performers.

And without placing pressure on the player, he's heard of the potential that current Thompson eighth-grade star running back Kris Morris possesses and what that could

mean for the Dobie varsity program possibly during the 2015 season and certainly beyond.

Along those lines, it must be noted that the Sam Rayburn High School varsity staff started a freshman at running back last season - Stanley Hackett - and Hackett responded with a 900-yard season with eight touchdowns for an eventual 0-10 team.

"The big drawback to not having spring football is not being able to get started early with some of those offensive line candidates and seeing what we have and where we need to head," Norman said.

"As for (Morris), it certainly parallels a situation we had at Pearland many years ago when we were trying to get to the playoffs for the first time in years and brought in Anthony Evans as a freshman running back.

"We made the playoffs that first year and the rest took care of itself.

"That's not to say we need any one player be-

come an Anthony Evans. First of all, Dobie was not 2-8 at the varsity level last season.

"But we're certainly aware of some of the talent coming into the Dobie program and welcome it with a lot of excitement."

Dobie figures to enter 2015 with a solid defense in place at the varsity level. There are vacancies on the offensive side, though, and Norman is ready to get to work.

He knows the Longhorns have struggled to beat the Pearlands and the Manvels of the world in recent years.

It's certainly one of many reasons he was brought in.

"A great tradition has been established here, and I believe we can take it to another level," Norman said.

"It's about being on the same page and getting everyone to buy in and to be pushing and pulling in the same direction.

It's exciting to be here at Dobie High School."

Track athletes head to regionals

Continued from Page 1B teams are off to regionals after a strong showing at Fort Bend Austin.

The 4x100-meter squad of Jamaris Stephen, Breanna Byrd, Maygen Smith and Kalia Hendrix won the area crown after getting to the finish line at 47.30.

In the 4x200-meter event, the Lady Wolverines edged their way into the next round after a time of 1:42.22 placed them fourth.

Several individuals will represent the Lady Wolverines at the Region IIIs as well, headed by Maygen Smith.

At 2:17.26, Smith was the winner of the 800-meter run, and her time of 57.85 placed her third in the 400-meter run.

Hendrix championed the 200-meter dash at 24.88 with a terrific sprint to the finish line.

Hannah Schillaci, a pole vaulter, will head to regionals after a second-place effort of 10'6" in the event.

Raygen Smith, twice

a state competitor in the hurdles but battling an injury this season, missed out on a chance to advance in the 300-meter event for a third straight season.

Her 46.18 clocking this time around was fifth-best.

Instead, Smith is still in the mix in the 100-meter hurdles after her time of 15.15 was fourth at the area meet.

Stephen was seventh in the 100-meter dash at 13.07, and Byrd's leap of 34.9" in the triple jump was eighth.

Dobie narrowly misses

Competing in arguably the toughest area meet - one in which the Port Arthur Memorial boys' 4x200-meter relay squad set a national record (1:23.84), several athletes from Dobie narrowly missed on advancing.

Those who are now off to regionals include Jeremy Davis, whose time of 15.64 was fourth in the 110-meter hurdles.

Also, the Lady Longhorns' 4x400-meter relay team of Daisia Morris, Ca-

mille Singleton, Rayiona Green and Jade Giron will also move on to regionals after a time of 3:57.02 was third at areas.

Several athletes from Dobie were fifth at areas, missing regionals by a single placing.

Jeremy Davis had a great throw of 46'1 1/2 in the shot put, which was fifth. Also fifth was discus thrower Keion Patterson with a heave of 143'3".

In the 4x200-meter relay, the Lady Longhorns were fifth at 1:42.79. That group included Morris, Green, Singleton and Giron.

In the long jump, Giron was seventh at 16'5". She also joined Green, Morris and Singleton for a sixth-place finish (49/46) in the 4x100-meter relay.

Dobie's 4x100-meter relay team of Derrick Matthews, Reginald Cole, Devante Tucker and Jacurly Shelton in the boys' division was eighth at 43.45.

The Class 6A state track and field meet is May 15-16 in Austin.

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At right, the Dobie varsity softball outfield of, from left, Alexa Munoz, Yvonne Whaley and Allison Bravo will be taking part in the playoffs for the first time as they guide the Lady Longhorns into action against the Baytown Sterling Lady Rangers April 30 and May 1. If necessary, a third game to decide the series championship will be played May 2. Dobie will host the first game April 30 at the Pasadena ISD Sports Complex, and the remaining two games are set to be played at Sterling High School in Baytown. All games will begin at 7 p.m. The series winner will face either District 24-6A champion Clear Springs or Kempner in the area playoff round.

Photo by John Bechtle



Bidistrict softball playoffs

Lady Horns to take on Sterling

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Despite being drubbed in two games by Pearland a season ago in the opening round of the playoffs, Sterling advanced as the No. 3 seed out of District 21-5A.

Meanwhile, Dobie missed the playoffs for the first time in school history in 2014.

Essentially, just two Dobie starters have seen the field in the playoffs.

In 2013 when Dobie lost 13-3 in the first round against eventual

state champion Deer Park, only current seniors Emily Wolfe and Sady Olguin were in the starting lineup for Dobie.

"For us, it's about some of our senior leaders stepping up and leading the way," Dobie head coach Robin Rackley said.

"When you look at us, we have (Allison) Bravo, (Yasmine) Myers, (Michelle) Kristoff, (Alexa) Munoz and (Yvonne) Whaley. None of those players have ever dealt with this atmosphere of the playoffs.

"Hopefully we can get through the first couple of

innings of that first game, settle our nerves and get down to playing our brand of softball."

At least in the opener, Dobie is likely to match Kristoff in the circle against Sterling's Nikki Gonzalez.

It was Gonzalez who surrendered six hits and no earned runs in that March victory over Dobie. Gonzalez also helped Sterling get past La Porte for second place.

"(Gonzalez) has a nice change-up that she features, and we are going to have to adjust to it," Rackley said.

"We've been doing better lately with our situational hitting, and that usually plays big in the playoffs.

"Baytown has a good program and they know how to do what they do best. We have to be able to do what we do better."

And, of course, Rackley hopes to avoid the potential elephant in the room.

In three of Dobie's four district losses, either errors or plays not being made that could have been made on the defensive side of things have played big in defeat. It just can't happen now.

"It's usually that first error that really makes a big difference in the playoffs," Rackley said.

"We can't let those plays hurt us like they have. We've already seen what happens when you don't make the plays you're supposed to make."

The Dobie/Sterling winner will face either District 24-6A champion Clear Springs or Kempner in the area round of the playoffs May 7-9.

It's not something Dobie is currently concerned with.

"It's about Baytown Sterling right now," Rackley said.

"It's one game at a time, one inning at a time. That's all we can do at this point."

San Jacinto baseball to host benefit game

The San Jacinto College baseball team will help raise funds for Angel Flight South Central, an organization that helps breast cancer patients, at the sixth annual Play Pink game on Saturday, May 2.

San Jacinto College will face off against conference rival Blinn College for a double header, with the first game starting at 4 p.m., at John Ray Harrison Field on the North campus.

"The Play Pink events in past years were successful, and we hope the community will once again come out to support this worthy cause, while enjoying some good baseball

action," commented head coach Tom Arrington.

Assistant coach Jimmy Durham lost his wife, Michele, to breast cancer 11 years ago.

At the time, Durham was on the baseball coaching staff at New Mexico Junior College in Hobbs, N.M.

While Michele was being treated in Houston, the couple used the services of Angel Flight South Central (formerly Grace Flight of America) to fly Michele to and from New Mexico and Houston free of charge.

Angel Flight South Central provides free air

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Warrior 12U wins older division softball crown



The South Belt Warriors 12-under softball team played in a 14-16U age division at the Trophy Hunt Softball Invitational at El Franco Lee Park April 26, winning first place after a brilliant run of play that included an undefeated record. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Matthew Nuncio (team's No.

1 fan), Jaelyn Nuncio, (middle row) Leslie Longoria, Celeste Salazar, Karisa Hernandez, (back row) Marisa Soto, Felicity Soto, Kaitlynn Rubio, Taylor East, Ale Perez, Ashley Garcia and Jennifer Lopez. Not pictured are coaches Charlie Salazar and Nick Garcia, Larry Soto and Rene Hernandez.

Dobie soccer's Romero headed to St. Thomas University

Dobie High School varsity girls' soccer player Erica Romero (seated) is set to continue her education and playing career at St. Thomas University in Houston after signing a letter of intent. Those with Romero at the signing included, left to right, Geydi Bonilla (sister), Jose Romero (father), and Cinthya Bonilla-Tamez (sister). A four-year varsity performer for the Lady Longhorns, Romero helped the locals to playoff efforts in three of the four seasons. At St. Thomas, Romero will remain a teammate of current Dobie player Maria Escobar.



CALENDAR

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, 2245 N. Main (building next to pawn shop). For information, call 713-856-1611.

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

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

Kirkwood Civic Association meets at the Sagemont Park and Recreation Center on Hughes Road. For more information call Ericka McCutcheon at 281-989-9990.

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

1611.

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

Alateen – Provides support for teenage children, friends and family members of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, room 208. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

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

FRIDAY, MAY 1

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Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – West End Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, Shepherd of the Heart United Methodist Church, 12005 County Road 39, Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.

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

7 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., (Hwy 35), in building next to pawn shop. For more information, call 713-856-1611.

SATURDAY, MAY 2

Alcoholics Anonymous – "Breakfast with Bill", Saturdays, 7:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., (Hwy 35), in building next to pawn shop. For more information, call 713-856-1611.

Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English) – For persons whose lives are affected by an addict. Saturdays, 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

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

SUNDAY, MAY 3

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

2 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

MONDAY, MAY 4

Al-Anon Deer Park – Monday, 10 to 11 a.m., Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P. St., Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall, back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for information.

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

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Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon at 2245 N. Main (building next to pawn shop). For more information, call 713-856-1611.
2 p.m.
Genealogy Group - Parker Williams Genealogy Group meets from 2 to 4 p.m. on first and third Mondays of each month at the Parker Williams Library, Beamer at Scarsdale. Public is invited. For information, email Liz Hicks at erootrot@usa.net.
3:30 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered. For adults with Parkinson's disease only.
6 p.m.
Scrabble Club #511 - Meets Mondays at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua, 6 p.m. Come and improve crossword game playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for more information.
6:30 p.m.
New Directions Singles - Group for ages 55 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner, 6:30 p.m., at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Parkway, Webster. The dinner may include guest speakers and/or group activities. For more information, call Bambi at 281-482-7143 or 281-795-4514.
6:30 p.m.
Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting - meets Mondays at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway (FM 518). Enter door closest to recycling bins. For more information, call 713-865-3668 or visit www.oahouston.org.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), First Presbyterian Church in the youth building on the Westminster side. For more information, call 713-856-1611.
Friends Helping Friends Grief Support Group - Group meets Mondays, Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster, 7 to 8:15 p.m., in the staff meeting room. Anyone who has lost a loved one is welcome. Free. For information, call Betty Bielat at 281-474-3430 or Diana Kawalec at 281-334-1033.

TUESDAY, MAY 5
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Tuesday through Friday at 7 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, in the Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.
9:30 a.m.
Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include dioramas, an old-time kitchen and a turn-of-the-century doctor's office. Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For information, call 713-472-0565.
10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Bridge games weekdays, 10 a.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark Rd. For lessons or for the 2 p.m. Thursday conventions class, contact Dr. Dave Glandorf, bridge instructor, at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or 281-488-6318. Cost is \$6 per game or \$15 per lesson. For more information, call the club at 281-486-1911.
11:30 a.m.
Local NARFE Meeting - The National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 1321, meets the first Tuesday of each month in the Clear Lake Community Center, 5001 NASA Parkway. A meal will be available for \$6. For more information, call Bob Mitchell at 281-333-2881.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon, at 2245 N. Main (building next to pawn shop). For more information, call 713-856-1611.
Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets weekly, Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Drive, Pearland. Lunch is served for \$15. Variety of interesting speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or visit nalix@texascitizensbank.com.
1 p.m.
Trailmixers - Meets the first Tuesday of the month at the Luby's Cafeteria on Fuqua. Former and current employees of J. Frank Dobie High School are welcome for lunch and conversation.
Ballroom Dance Practice - Tuesdays, Hometown Heroes Park, League City. Come and enjoy free ballroom dancing, 1 to 3 p.m., on a beautiful 3,630 sq. ft. floating hardwood floor. Dancers practice to a large variety of ballroom music. Instructor available to assist people with new moves. Everyone is welcome! For questions, call 281-554-1180. 1001 East League City Pkwy.
1:30 p.m.
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - TOPS #1530 meets at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road, at 1:30 p.m. For information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713.
6 p.m.
Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish) - Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 6 p.m., First United Methodist Church, room 215, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.
6:30 p.m.
Bay Area Quilt Guild - Meets the first Tuesday of each month at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church located at 10310 Scarsdale Blvd., Houston. Fellowship begins at 6:30 p.m. Meeting and program begin at 7 p.m. Come for a good time and a chance to see some quilts. Guests welcome.
7 p.m.
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11:30 a.m.
Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club - meets on the first and third Wednesday of the month, 11:30 a.m., Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway (Fuqua and I-45). December may be an exception. For information, call Monica Montoya at 281-794-5531.
Noon
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Alzheimer's Support Group - The free group meets the first Wednesday of each month in the third floor classrooms 3 and 4 of Bayshore Medical Center, 4000 Spencer Hwy. in Pasadena. For more information, call 713-944-4782 or 713-266-6400.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, meets at 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518) at the First Presbyterian Church in the youth building on the Westminster side. For more information, call 713-856-1611.
Survivors of Suicide Support Group - The Southeast Houston group meets twice each month. The group offers support and coping skills in a non-threatening environment to adult individuals who have lost a loved one to suicide. For information on registration or to obtain a physical address for a location, call 713-533-4500 or visit www.crisishotline.org.
Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center - Confidential domestic violence support group for women, 7 p.m., 210 S. Walnut off NASA Pkwy. between I-45 South and Highway 3. Call 281-338-7600 or visit www.bayarea-turningpoint.com for information. 24-hour crisis hotline is 281-286-2525.

THURSDAY, MAY 7
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.
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6:30 p.m.
Diabetes Support Group - A support group for young adults with Type 1 diabetes. All subjects are open for discussion: new technologies, research advances, fears, phobias, dating and other personal matters. Meets the first Thursday of each month (or the second Thursday if that day is a holiday) at various restaurants in the area. Contact Dan Steiner, CDE, at 713-922-9677 for more information.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Women's Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518) at the First Presbyterian Church in the youth building on the Westminster side. For information, call 713-856-1611.
Al-Anon (English Speaking) - Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Room 215. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
Alateen - Provides support for teenage children, friends and family members of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, room 208. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
The Bay Area Writers League - Meets the first Thursday of each month, Barnes and Noble, Bay Area Blvd. and the Gulf Freeway. 7 p.m. Newcomers welcome.
8:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.

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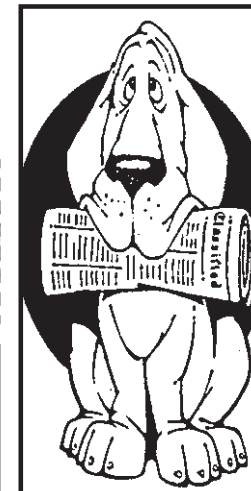
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Varsity offensive linemen celebrate fantastic season



The Dobie High School varsity football offensive linemen were praised highly at the annual banquet held Saturday, April 18. This is said by many to have been one of the best offensive lines to come through Dobie in decades, and the players earned the accolades to prove it. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) senior Nathaniel Flores, first team all district pick and Dobie co-Offensive Lineman of the Year; senior Jacob Salinas, honorable mention all district offensive tackle; assistant offensive line coach Ste-

phen Sutton; senior Tony Cantu, first team all district center and Dobie co-Offensive Lineman of the Year; junior Vincent Gutierrez; senior Johnathan Woodall; (back row) senior Collyn Davis, Dobie Longhorn of the Year; senior Xavier "Havi" Rodriguez, second team all district offensive tackle; and senior Juan Pedraza. Not pictured are senior Xavier Brown; second team all district guard; and head offensive line coach James Freeman.

JFD baseball to host annual banquet May 2

The Dobie High School baseball program is set to host its annual banquet Saturday, May 2, in the school cafeteria.

Diamond Club officials will have presale tickets available Thursday, April 30, from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the school concession stand. Presale tickets are

\$15, and the cost will be \$20 at the door the evening of the event.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and the banquet will begin at 6 p.m.

The final day of the regular season for all teams is May 2. The varsity baseball team has qualified for the playoffs, which will

begin May 7-9.

Dobie varsity baseball head coach Miguel Torres and his staff will recognize the various teams and

SBAST Sharks registering

South Belt Area Swim Team officials are still accepting registration and offering tryouts to youths

players in the Longhorn program, and select members could win annual awards. For more information, call 281-620-9721.

Those wishing to join the Sharks may visit the Ashley Pointe pool from 5:30 to 7 p.m. each evening.

For more information about the Sharks or the team's league, visit the official web site at www.sbast.org.

San Jac baseball...

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Angel Flight South Central also has a ground crew that drives patients to and from the local airports in their communities to hospitals.

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not be far from their mother.

"(Angel Flight) literally helped keep our family together," said Durham, who is now in his 10th season as an assistant coach at San Jacinto College.

"They allowed the entire family to be together at least some of the time and gave our children an opportunity to be with their mother."

All money raised from donations at the May 2 game will go directly to Angel Flight South Central.

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