

Graduation issue planned

The *Leader's* annual high school special edition will be published Thursday, June 5. It will feature graduation information for Dobie, Clear Brook, South Houston and Clear Horizons Early College high schools and Lutheran South Academy. To place a personalized ad for a graduating senior, call 281-481-5656 or email mynews@southbeltleader.com. The deadline is 3 p.m. Thursday, May 29.

Shred-It event planned

The Harris County Sheriff's Office and Shred-It will hold a document-shredding event Saturday, June 7, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Harris County Courthouse Annex, located at 10851 Scarsdale at Beamer. The event is aimed at preventing identity theft. Residents may bring up to five banker boxes or bags.

Area hit hard by rain

The South Belt was hit hard by storms Monday, May 26, through Wednesday, May 28, receiving nearly 7 inches of rainfall. According to the Harris County Flood Control District, the A120 Beamer ditch at Hughes Road received 6.96 inches of rain, 4.84 inches of which fell on Monday.

Rojas, Soloman benefit set

A benefit for Gabriel Rojas and Jay Solomon will be held Saturday, May 31, at the Clear Brook Meadows Pool, 10400 Grand Brook, beginning at 1 p.m. The two 11-year-old boys were seriously injured April 2 when they were struck by a vehicle while playing basketball. Barbecue plates will sell for \$8. Desserts will also be available. For more information, contact Sylvia Velasquez at cbmactivity@msn.com.

Lady Rams hold dance clinic

The Ellington Lady Rams will hold a fundraiser dance clinic on Saturday, May 31, at the Pasadena Convention Center. Four NFL cheerleaders will teach the class to girls ages 5-18. Registration is available online at www.league lineup.com/alertnews.asp?url=elrams.

Sagemont election May 31

The Sagemont Maintenance Committee election will be held Saturday, May 31, 2014, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Sagemont Recreation Center at 11507 Hughes Road. Absentee votes may be mailed to P.O. Box 34146, Houston, TX 77234. Kenneth Mills and Linda Botkin are up for election.

Kinder roundup at Burnett

Burnett Elementary has scheduled a Kindergarten Roundup for Friday, May 30, at 10:45 a.m. All incoming kindergarteners and their parents are invited to attend.

Lariaettes hold car wash

The Dobie Lariaettes will hold a carwash at McDonald's parking lot on Fuqua on Saturday, May 31. Tickets are \$5 presale, and can be purchased from any current Lariaette. Drive-ups are welcome, and donations are accepted.

Kirkwood to meet

The Kirkwood Civic Club will meet Thursday, May 29, at 7 p.m. at the Sagemont Community Center on Hughes Road near Beltway 8. The meeting will be the first to take place since former president Ralph Robbins left his position three to four years ago. It is hoped the organization can be revived and elect new officers. Subsequent meetings will take place the last Thursday of the month at the same location.

Genealogy group meets

The Parker Williams Genealogy Group will meet June 2, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the computer lab at the library at Beamer and Scarsdale. This meeting will allow attendees to participate in online searches for family history. Several websites will be demonstrated. Meetings are free and open to anyone interested in tracing family history.

CDA to host games party

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas will host a games party Wednesday, June 18, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in St. Luke's Catholic Church Social Hall at 11011 Hall Road.

There will be games, prizes for winners, door prizes, a raffle drawing, prize baskets, and a homemade lunch with dessert and drink. Tickets are \$12 with proceeds benefiting CDA charities and scholarships. Call early as tickets are limited and will not be sold at the door. Call 281-799-5600 or 281-831-5730 for tickets. The public is welcome.

Atkinson offers school supplies

Atkinson PTO will offer pre-packaged school supplies for the 2014-2015 school year. Supplies can be purchased through the school's order form or online. The deadline for order forms is June 13, and online orders are due by July 31. Order online at www.epi-packs.com with the code ATK009. Parents with new students (K-4) may pick up an order form in the front office.

May 27 primary runoff election votes tallied

Paul gives acceptance speech



Dennis Paul (center) narrowly defeated Sheryl Berg for the Republican nomination to fill the state District 129 seat being vacated by longtime Rep. John Davis. Shown above with Paul giving his acceptance speech Tuesday are his wife, Eliza, (right) and 18 year-old daughter, Elizabeth. Photo by Marie Flickinger

The May 27 primary runoff election results have been tallied, with Dennis Paul narrowly edging out Sheryl Berg for the Republican nomination to fill the state District 129 seat being vacated by longtime Rep. John Davis.

A former NASA employee, engineer and small business owner, Paul received 52.3 percent of the vote (4,120 total votes) to Berg's 47.7 percent (3,758 total votes).

During his acceptance speech at his campaign headquarters Tuesday, Paul said he was humbled

and that the victory had been a lifetime dream of his, as he told his wife, Eliza, when they first married he aspired to someday hold an elected office.

Paul told the *Leader* he was eager to serve and intended to work closely with the South Belt community.

Paul further said one of the first things he planned to do following his victory was to join the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce.

Speer resigns from PISD board

By James Bolen

Longtime educator Jerry Ross Speer has resigned from the Pasadena Independent School District's Board of Trustees after serving 14 years.

The move was necessitated because his granddaughter recently took a position as school nurse at Queens Intermediate, and the school district's nepotism policies prohibit him from staying on.

Originally from Oklahoma, Speer has 52 years of education experience.

After graduating from Bowlegs High School in Seminole County (where he will attend his 60th reunion next month), Speer attended the College of the Ozarks, where he played on the football team.

In 1958, Speer joined the U.S. Army, where he served in a cavalry basic training company. While in the Army, he met his wife, Mary (a retired PISD nurse), who was serving as a nurse. The two celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary Tuesday, May 27 – the same day his resignation took effect. Together, the couple have four daughters (all of whom graduated from Sam



Jerry Speer

Rayburn High School), nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Speer, who also serves as a lecturer at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, said it was his time spent in the Army that inspired him to be a teacher.

"It was working with those young men in the Army that pushed me in that direction," Speer said. Following his stint in the Army, Speer returned to school, earning a Bachelor of Science degree from Central University in Edmond, Okla., and a master's degree in administration from the University of Houston-Clear Lake.

Speer briefly worked in the oil fields of Wichita Falls before taking his first teaching position at Bishop Davis High School in Louisville, Ky., in 1962, specializing in math and science.

Speer moved to Houston in 1964 and took a job teaching and coaching at Mount Carmel High School, where he would remain until 1977. He began teaching and coaching at Pasadena High School in 1977, staying for two years. He then transferred to Beverly Hills Intermediate for two years, before returning to Pasadena for one more year.

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San Jacinto College holds graduation

San Jacinto College held its graduation ceremony Saturday, May 10, at Reliant Stadium.

This year marked the first time that all three campuses were combined into one event.

Scott McClelland, president of H-E-B's Houston and Central Market Division, delivered the commencement speech. (See related photo Page 6A.)

McClelland stressed to the roughly 900 graduates in attendance the importance of setting goals and using time wisely to achieve them.

"The truth is that the college experience develops an essential capacity for expanded thought, time management and problem solving," McClelland said. "You've each set a major goal for yourselves, and you've worked to attain it."

McClelland further advised the students to think about how they would like to be remembered later in life.

"Each of us leaves some kind of legacy ... some larger than others," McClelland said. "It's never too early to begin to think about what people will remember you for. We have the power to leave the world a better place. It's in your hands. It's a big world out there, and it's an exciting place. There is a lot of room for each of you to make your mark in it ... whatever you decide that is. I know you are up to the task, and I wish you the best of luck."

San Jacinto College Chancellor Brenda Hellyer was pleased with the event and its new home.

"We continue to increase the number of graduates due to the Student Success Agenda," Hellyer said. "We needed a venue that accommodates our growth, and we were really happy with it."

Pit bulls attack two more women

Two more area women have been attacked by pit bulls in separate incidents that took place Friday, May 23.

The first incident occurred in the St. Luke's church parking lot around 7:30 a.m. while female resident, Terri Hinkle, was walking her puppy on a leash when the much larger, loose dog attacked the smaller animal. Hinkle was then bitten, as she attempted to break the dogs up.

A good Samaritan, who was driving by, witnessed the attack and intervened, hitting the pit bull in the head with a nearby wooden board. See related letter on Page 2A.

The victim's husband, Tim Hinkle, credits the man, Anthony Rodriguez, with saving his wife's life.

"I think that pretty much saved my wife's life and my dog's life," he said.

Two women working in the St. Luke's day center were also attacked. See related letter on Page 6A

Lights on for fallen firefighters

Area residents will honor the four Houston firefighters who died in the line of duty May 31, 2013, by turning on their porch lights on the anniversary of the tragedy.

The blaze, which injured 14 more, was the deadliest in the Houston Fire Department's 118-year history.

Among the fallen was former South Belt resident Robert Bebee. A 1990 Dobie graduate, Bebee dedicated his life to public service, first working as a deputy for the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office, before making the switch to

become an HFD firefighter in August 2001.

The other three firefighters who died in the blaze were Capt. EMT Matthew Renaud, 35, of Station 51; Firefighter EMT Robert Garner, 29, of Station 68; and Probationary Firefighter Anne Sullivan, 24, of Station 68, who just graduated from the academy the previous month.

A Facebook event page has been set up to help spread the word and to share memories of the fallen.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/events/1472463956303492.

Boykins opens local council office

Houston District D Council Member Dwight Boykins recently opened a South Belt-Ellington satellite office, located at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road.



Rosario Wilson

Rosario Wilson will serve as seniors community liaison at the new office. Wilson attended

Sam Houston State University and the University of Houston-Clear Lake, where she received a master's in public school administration. She is a member of the Scarsdale Civic Association and has served as the art show director for the Houston Civic Arts Association. She is also a member of St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church.

Residents from the community are welcome to stop by the new office Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, call Boykins' office at 832-393-3001.

Lyday hosts 4th exchange student

Latest guest is second generation

By James Bolen

Longtime South Belt resident Jo Lyday is currently hosting her fourth German exchange student – the latest of whom is a second-generation guest, as his mother was also an exchange student of the host.

Henry Blume, 17, arrived here last July and has been attending Clear Brook High School, where he is a junior.

His mother, Heike Schröder Blume, was an American student in 1989-90, after her cousin,

Matthias Maruhn, was in 1982-83, and Matthias' younger sister, Miriam Maruhn, was in 1992-93.

All of the students attended Clear Brook, with the exception of Matthias Maruhn, who attended Clear Creek, as Brook was not open yet.

All four played sports and earned letter jackets.

A former professor at San Jacinto College, Lyday has remained close to all of the students over the years and even refers to them as her

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Local teens save drowning baby

By Alexis Lochner

A routine fishing trip near the 61st Street boat ramp at Washington Park in Galveston Sunday, May 25, turned into the rescue of a drowning infant.

According to Galveston police, the incident occurred approximately 20 minutes after the woman driving the car into the water was also involved in a hit-and-run accident.

Four South Belt teens were named heroes by the Galveston chief of police in the incident.

The young men first noticed a car driving on the shore making loud clanging noises as it drove over large rocks, heading for the water. They watched as the car drove into the bayou adjacent to the Gulf and began to sink with a female driver and a baby inside.

Initially, the teens thought the car accidentally went into the water. This incident occurred shortly after the woman, identified as 30-year-old Latonya Kirven, slammed into a parked car, then ran over an elderly man in an angry confrontation.

Dobie graduates Tyler Arcizo and Matthew Guzman and their friends Nathan Reyna and Byron Bledsoe, who recently graduated from Clear Brook, were on the pier around 5:30 p.m. and watched as the car entered the water.

Reyna reported the teens shouted for the woman to get out of the car as it sank. As Arcizo jumped into the water, intending to bring the two

to safety, Reyna yelled at the woman "Hold the baby up. He's underwater, he's underwater!"

Kirven appeared to resist the rescue by Arcizo, using her hands and legs to scratch and fight with him, while trying to hang onto the infant and push the baby under the water. "I was struggling with the woman to get the baby from her, but she wouldn't give him up. She kept pulling him from me and putting him under water," said Arcizo.

Finally, he was able to get hold of the baby and hand the infant up to his friends who were on the pier.

Kirven and her 6-month-old infant were taken away by ambulance.

Contrary to initial news reports, Kirven was fully clothed when she drove her car into the water. After the rescue of her infant, she remained in the water until police arrived, then started swimming and began taking her clothes off in the bayou.

Reyna and Arcizo reported the woman appeared to be high on drugs. Guzman filmed part of the incident on his cell phone, while the other three assisted in the rescue. Although the teens do not have lifesaving certificates, Reyna was on the swim team at Brook. The men acted, utilizing lifeguarding techniques, having one jump in for the rescue, while the others assisted on the pier.

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Blume visits from Germany



Longtime South Belt resident Jo Lyday is currently hosting her fourth German exchange student. All of the students are related to each other, and the latest student, Henry Blume (pictured to the left with Lyday), is a second-generation student, as his mother, Heike Schröder Blume, was an exchange student in 1989-90. A junior at Clear Brook High School, Henry Blume will return to his native country next month after having spent the last year here. Lyday plans to return with him for a three-week visit.

Photo submitted

In My Opinion

Pit bull attacks; good Samaritan

About 7:25 a.m. May 23, I witnessed a woman and two dogs on the parking lot of St. Luke's on Hall Road. I thought the dogs were jumping around playing, upon closer inspection it was a dog attack.

Pulled my car in the ditch got a piece of board and helped stop attack. By this time woman's dog on ground bleeding with apparent broken leg and the woman bitten on hand. Called 911 Harris County ambulance and Sheriff showed up in about ten minutes woman treated on scene her dog taken away by ambulance.

The attacking dog stood across street after it was ran off looking on with a menacing frown. The attacking dog headed down sage canyon about 3 minutes before police arrived.

These dog attacks in the south east area seems to be more prevalent. Maybe stiffer fines and strict enforcement of leash laws will get the message across.

Man's best friend is a private matter. Keep your dogs behind a fence or on a leash in the public space.

Anthony Rodriguez

Publisher's note: Anthony, thanks for your letter. The husband of the woman who was attacked had contacted me, hoping to find you. He was very grateful for your assistance, and knows the incident would have been much worse if you had not intervened. I did forward your email to him. Please see the story on Page 1A for an additional pit bull incident.

You are correct, there have been too many similar incidents in the last couple of months.

The *Leader* will start attempting to get some additional attention to this issue. On the behalf of the community, thank you for getting involved.

Already there is some enforcement of leash laws on the hike and bike trail. We need more help now from city officials.

This is the second time a "good Samaritan" stranger has stepped in to help a woman being attacked.

—Marie Flickinger

Free ballroom dancing set

The public is welcome to free ballroom dancing every Tuesday afternoon in the new facility in Hometown Heroes Park, 2105 South Dickinson in League City, from 1 to 3 p.m. All dancers participate at their own level of ability for fun to music played by Neva Schroder. Meanwhile, Eileen Bauerlein, a qualified instructor, will assist individuals as they learn new steps. For more information, call 281-554-1180.

Dobie sets 30-year reunion

The J. Frank Dobie Class of 1984 30-year reunion will be at Nassau Bay Hilton on Friday, June 20, from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. For information, contact <http://www.reunionscoop.com/pass14/passworddobie84.asp> and enter password HS84 or Class Act at 713-780-0020.

Speer retires from PISD board

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He began teaching and coaching at Pasadena High School in 1977, staying for two years. He then transferred to Beverly Hills Intermediate for two years, before returning to Pasadena for one more year.

In 1982, Speer took over as assistant principal at Dobie High School — a position he would hold for four years. Speer was appointed as principal of Dobie in 1986 and remained in that position until 2000.

Following his retirement from Dobie, Speer was elected to serve on the PISD board, where he remained for 14 years.

Speer said his time spent at Dobie was the pinnacle of his career. "My 18 years at Dobie High School and the things we accomplished are the highlight of my educational career," Speer said. "Those were great years."

Speer is particularly proud of the 1996 Dobie Academic Decathlon team that won the national tournament.

"When they called our name (as being the winner), I jumped up in the air," Speer said. "I was so thrilled and excited. I jumped up and busted a blood vessel in my eye. I was seeing floaters for weeks. It was the most exhilarating moment."

Other Dobie highlights for Speer include the 1999 football team that lost to Katy in the third round of semifinal playoffs in the Astrodome, and the 1995 softball team, coached by Rhonda Foster, that won the state championship without the help of star player Christa Williams, who was preparing for the 1996 Olympics. They also won state in 1997 with the help of Williams.

During his tenure on the school board, Speer is most proud of the increase in test scores among minority students. "Most people don't realize PISD is 82 percent Hispanic," Speer said. "What we've done to keep our head above water is tremendous."

Speer is also proud of the facility upgrades, including the construction of three new high school campuses, that took place while he served on the board.

While Speer is happy for his granddaughter being hired by the school district, he is saddened he now has to step down.

"I've thoroughly enjoyed my 37 years with the Pasadena Independent School District," Speer said. "I've especially enjoyed the last 14 years on the school board. I'm very glad for my granddaughter, but I regretfully have to resign from the board."

Seagull saved from fish hook



Marie and Odie Asscherick, longtime South Belt residents and sea turtle patrollers, noticed a seagull in trouble while walking along West Galveston Beach on Tuesday, May 20. Marie managed to get over the 2- to 3-foot pile of sargassum and gather the gull which had impaled itself on a fish hook with a bait fish attached. As the couple were more than a mile from their car, Odie got to wait and get one-on-one with the injured seagull while Marie walked back to get the car. She finally made it back and took over holding the gull while Odie drove to Campeche Bird & Animal Hospital on Stuart Road. Later in the day after completing their beach patrol, the couple called to check on the gull, finding out the hook was removed and the gull had been released back into the wild.

Photo by Odie Asscherick

CCISD projects lower tax bond rate

When voters went to the polls last May, seven out of 10 voters approved a tax rate increase of 11.25 cents to fund \$367 million in bond projects. As a result of favorable interest rates and conservative financial planning, the maximum tax rate increase is projected to be 8.5 cents, 2.75 cents less than authorized by voters.

"This 2.75 cent savings on the tax rate represents a substantial positive impact for the taxpayers of Clear Creek ISD," said Paul McLarty, deputy superintendent of business services.

The school board adopted a variable-rate plan to finance \$150 million of the first \$200 million bond sale last December at an average rate of 1.31 per-

cent. The remaining \$50 million was placed at a fixed rate of 3.4 percent.

The combination of the very low variable rate debt combined with better than expected fixed rate debt provided the district with an estimated \$51 million in interest rate savings through the life of the bonds.

CCISD is consistently watching the interest market and refinances debt at lower rates no different than people do on their own homes.

Over the last 10 years, these efforts have led to

\$35.8 million in interest savings of previous bonds.

In related bond news, the Clear Creek Independent School District broke ground on the Clear Lake High School rebuild project on Saturday, May 17, with projected completion in January 2017. Hundreds of families, alumni, and faculty toured the 1970s building one last time and enjoyed a food-fair hosted by Clear Lake High School clubs.

Groundbreaking for the McWhirter Elementary rebuild will be held on Thursday, May 29 at 5:30 p.m.

Protest deadline June 2 for residential property

Most homeowners who believe there is an error in the market value set by the appraisal district have until Monday, June 2, to protest the value of their property.

A green protest form was included in the property value notice the Harris County Appraisal District (HCAD) sent to each homeowner in April; however, a Notice of Protest form may be downloaded from the district's web site at www.head.org.

There are two ways to find the form on HCAD's home page. It can be found from the top tool bar under Forms > General Information, or from the light blue column on the left in the "Most Requested Forms" box. The Notice of Protest form number is 41-44.

Instructions for filing are located in the upper left corner of the Notice of Protest form. Protests may be filed online, brought to HCAD's office at 13013 Northwest Freeway, or mailed to P.O. Box 922004, Houston, TX 77292-2004, but must be postmarked by June 2.

Sands Stiefer, chief appraiser, encouraged property owners to use HCAD's online iFile system to submit their protest. The chief appraiser noted that unique iFile numbers are printed on the face of the 2014 value notices near the property account number. Without this number, the iFile system cannot be used for filing a protest for security reasons.

Homeowners who file a protest through the Internet using iFile may also have an opportunity to settle the value online with HCAD's iSettle system. If a settlement through the online system isn't possible, the homeowner will be scheduled for a hearing with the Appraisal Review Board.

A video explaining how to file an online protest and

use the residential iSettle system is available on the district's website at www.head.org.

Questions concerning iSettle may be directed to isettle@head.org.

"Texas law requires that property be appraised at its Jan. 1 market value," Stiefer said. "The purpose of the appraisal is to allocate the tax burden fairly among all owners of taxable property. The actual amount of tax due is determined by the tax rate set in the fall by the governing body of each jurisdiction such as county, city, school district or MUD. The appraisal district has no involvement in the rate setting process."

Business personal property and some real property accounts will have later protest deadlines. If a later deadline applies to a particular account, the property owner will be mailed an official HCAD value notice on which the later protest deadline will be listed.

To have questions an-

Margaret L. Farkas



Margaret Lorraine Farkas, 86, of South Belt, died on Friday, Thursday, May 22, 2014. She was born May 19, 1928, in St. Louis, Mo., to Carl and Mary Gordon. She was preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Mary Gordon, and her first husband and father of her children, Elias Joseph Farkas, who died in 1971.

Farkas graduated with a Bachelor of Science in nursing from Washington University in St. Louis in 1949. Her nursing career began in Missouri and continued when she and her husband moved to Texas. Later in her career, Farkas worked as a school nurse in the Pasadena Independent School District.

She taught adult Sunday School classes for more than 40 years at Park Place Baptist Church in Houston and then at Sagemont Church after moving to the South Belt area in the 1970s. She was also a faithful participant in Bible Study Fellowship. She took part in mission trips with her husband, Charles Martin, also a member of Sagemont Church traveling to Mexico, Romania and Venezuela.

Farkas is survived by her husband of 23 years, Charles E. Martin; her daughters and their spouses, Debbie and David Burns of Conroe, Texas; Janet and Robert Kelly of Arlington, Texas, and Laura Miller and Rocky Johnson of New Caney; her grandchildren, Amy Burns, Lori Burns, Andelicia Kelly Winstead, Rhianna Kelly, Jodi Miller Bellamy, Rocky Johnson II, and Karli Johnson; three great-grandsons who brought her much joy: Elliott Kelly Winters, Aiden Bellamy and Camden Winstead.

A celebration of Farkas' life will be held Friday, May 30, at 11 a.m. with visitation at 10 a.m. Both will be held at Niday Funeral Home, 12440 Beamer. For information, visit www.nidayfunerals.com.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

John "Jack" Kiel



John "Jack" Kiel, 72, of South Belt, died on Friday, April 25, 2014. He was born in 1942 in Chicago, Ill. He attended St. Francis DeSales High School, and worked as a quality controller at Wisconsin Steel Mill and an inspector at Pullman Standard Rail Road.

In 1981, Kiel moved to Houston and worked at Green River Pipe Yard. In 1983, he relocated to Peachtree City, Ga., and worked as a warehouse manager at Sprint Installation.

In 1990, he moved back to Houston, retiring from Moore Supplies. Kiel was a devoted family man. He enjoyed golfing, bowling, watching sports with his many grandchildren. He took pride in watching his grandchildren playing sports.

He was an avid John Wayne and Clint Eastwood fan, and was interested in weather science.

Kiel was preceded in death by parents, Daniel and Gertrude Kiel; brother Donald Kiel; son Timothy Kiel; and granddaughter Elizabeth Kiel.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Marilyn Katherine Kiel; brother Thomas Kiel of Chicago; children Katherine Ann Kiel, Karen and husband Lou Roesch, Michael Kiel of Houston, Thomas and wife Beth Kiel of Atlanta, and Amanda and husband Darrel Kirkpatrick of Houston; grandchildren Alicia and Braelinn Kiel, Carrie, Jonathan and Colleen Gobert, Aaron Tristan, Danny and Jessica Kiel, Seth Barber, and Adam and Brady Kiel; great-grandchildren Kalli and Jacob Gobert; nephews Jeffery, David and wife Gina Kiel; great-nephew Spencer; and great-niece Sydney Kiel.

The funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 29, 2014, at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church.

Betty Rosen



Betty Rosen, 63, of South Belt, died on Friday, May 23, 2014, after a long struggle with dermatomyositis and associated breathing problems. She was born on Dec. 7, 1950, in Orange, Texas.

Rosen was known for always having a smile and a kind word, a flower in her hair, and always having her diet caffeine-free Dr Pepper!

She is survived by her husband of 40 years, Dave; daughter Carmen Mosholder, her husband, Sam, and children Britney, Jacob and Katarose; daughter Mary Barriornuevo and sons Gabriel and Joshua; son Michael, wife Carissa, and children Catelyn and Brayden.

Rosen loved to share her love for Jesus Christ and the Gospel message with anyone she met. She loved bright colors and the family requests that everyone wear them in her honor to the visitation at Niday Funeral Home, 12440 Beamer Road in Houston, on Thursday, May 29, 2014, from 6 to 8 p.m., and also to the funeral on Friday, May 30, at Sagemont Church, 11300 South Sam Houston Parkway East, at 2 p.m.

Graveside service will immediately follow at Forest Lawn Cemetery at 8701 Alameda Genoa Road.

Rene De La Garza



Rene "Coach" De La Garza, 52, former 15-year South Belt resident, died peacefully on Sunday, May 25, 2014, after a long battle with myasthenia gravis. He was born Oct. 14, 1961.

De La Garza is preceded in death by his mother, Teresa De La Garza.

He is survived by his wife, Hope; sons Julian, Adrian and Daniel; daughters Nina and Catherina; grandchildren Dylan, Jady and Taylor; sisters Norma and Nydia; brother Robert and father Jose.

De La Garza was a machinist for 20 years in the oil industry. He was a baseball player, coach and big fan of the game. He coached for Sagemont Little League.

Visitation will be held at SouthPark Funeral Home and Cemetery in Pearland on Thursday, May 29, 2014, at 4 p.m., with a rosary at 7 p.m.

Funeral services will be held at St. Luke's Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road, at 11 a.m. Friday, May 30.

Interment will follow at SouthPark Cemetery and a luncheon will be served in the St. Luke's Church Social Hall after the services.

To express condolences to the family, visit www.southparkfunerals.com.

Meteorologist Yanez visits Moore



At left: Anthony Yanez and Gabriela Campo

Channel 2 Meteorologist Anthony Yanez visited Moore Elementary to talk to third- and fourth-graders about weather and about his career as a meteorologist. He was also interviewed by Gabriela Campo of the Moore Mighty Hawk News Team.



Pictured are, left to right, Emma Tsikis, Dixie Thompson, Randy Howard, Kathy Young, Leah Laredo, Yanez, Ashley Evans, Jennifer Christen, Romy Graham, Maury Klann and Darlene Marzouk. Photos submitted

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Lung screening may benefit heavy smokers

The Lung Cancer Screening Program at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital helps individuals who are at high risk for lung cancer receive a diagnosis and treatment plan at an early stage when the disease is more treatable and curable.

"After two decades of research and advocacy, the United States Preventive Services Task Force issued its final recommendation approving low-dose CT lung screenings for those at high risk of developing lung cancer," said Oncology Nurse Navigator Krystie Fenton at Memorial Hermann Southeast. "This recommendation sets the stage for both public and private insurance coverage of lung cancer screening and is expected to save tens of thousands of lives."

smoking. Even if you have smoked for decades, stopping now can reduce your risk of developing lung cancer," said Fenton. "As with other types of cancer, early detection increases a patient's chance of survival."

Unfortunately, lung cancer is difficult to detect in its earliest stages and often is not discovered until it has spread to other tissues or organs. The Lung Cancer Screening Program at Memorial Hermann Southeast strives to detect lung nodules and potential lung cancer early, allowing for a greater chance of being treated and cured.

Screenings at Memorial Hermann Southeast are offered to current or former smokers 55 years of age or older who have smoked the equivalent of one pack of cigarettes a day, and individuals with exposures or family history that increases their risk.

Individuals who are interested in a lung screening may call Memorial Hermann Southeast at 281-929-4200 or visit <http://www.memorialhermann.org/locations/cancer-center-southeast/>.

Armenta family initiated into 4th Degree Knights of Columbus



From the Monsignor Alfred Raye Council 9201 of the St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, four members of the Armenta family were initiated into the Knights of Columbus highest order and celebrated at a very rare occasion in Knights of Columbus history. On Saturday, May 10, the Armentas joined the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus. Clemente Sr., a deaconate candidate from the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston in his second year of studies, together with his three sons, Andres, Sergio and Clemente Jr., all accomplished their 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degrees, joining the K. of C. May 2013, before advancing into this 4th Degree very rare family accomplishment. One-hundred-eighty-five candidates were initiated along with four other members of Council 9201, Joseph Sedita, Jesse Longoria, Humberto Naguit and Raul Soto, who also received their 4th Degree Honors. Pictured are, left to right, Andres Armenta, Clemente Armenta Jr., Grand Knight Jose Peña, Clemente Armenta Sr. and Sergio Armenta. Photo submitted

PTK chapter turns heads at international conference

The San Jacinto College South Campus Alpha Gamma Zeta chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) International Honor Society received several awards at the PTK international conference in Orlando, Fla.

Member Zahra Shihabuddin received an International Distinguished Member award; Alpha Gamma Zeta Vice President of Leadership Stefan Balciunas received a 2014 Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team Bronze Scholar Award, which includes a \$1,000 scholarship from the Coca-Cola Foundation; and the chapter itself received the Most Distinguished Chapter Project award for its *SJC LIFE Passport* project and a 2013-2014 Top 100 PTK Chapters award.

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Pictured are, left to right, Damien Tello, Nedra Johnson, Stefan Balciunas and Zahra Shihabuddin. Photo submitted

Lung cancer typically does not cause symptoms in its early stages. The cancer is often advanced when symptoms do occur. Symptoms such as persistent cough, coughing up blood, wheezing or shortness of breath, recurrent pneumonia or bronchitis, chest pain, hoarseness, weight loss and loss of appetite, bloody or rust-colored spit or phlegm, and fever without a known cause may also be signs of many other lung problems.

Up to 90 percent of all lung cancers are thought to result from smoking. In addition to cigarette smoking, daily cigar smoking greatly increases risk. Nonsmokers who are frequently exposed to secondhand smoke also face an increased risk. Other risk factors include: exposure to asbestos, radon, or ionizing radiation; lung scarring from chronic infections; and, family history of lung cancer.

"The most significant risk factor for lung cancer is

Companies share hiring demands in supply chain and logistics at San Jac symposium

It's no secret that Houston is a hub for global product distribution, and with that, companies like Crane Worldwide Logistics look for the right people to fill the positions in supply chain management and logistics.

San Jacinto College recently hosted the seventh annual International Business, Logistics and Supply Chain Symposium to discuss the issues that are facing Houston companies in hiring for supply chain and logistics workers. The event featured keynote speaker Josh Jungwirth, regional vice president for

Crane Worldwide Logistics' Houston Region, where he shared the industry's immediate demands that have resulted in the increase of the company's workforce to 240 employees, up from 180 in 2012.

"Industry in this city is growing very very quickly. Employment projections are high," said Jungwirth. "Supply chain management is a learned skill. It is critical to have employees who can come into the company with training and some experience related to purchasing and supply chain management. What I would like to see is more practical

courses on moving cargo in addition to the customer side in purchasing and supply chain management."

A recent Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals survey revealed increasing employment opportunities in logistics, transportation, inventory management, cargo and freight, and demand planning. That is why San Jac is playing a key role in the development of curriculum that will serve as a national model for supply chain management programs. The college is a part of a consortium of colleges working on a Trade

Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) grant program, funded through the Department of Labor. Program goals include developing curriculum, enrolling 3,000 or more students into credit-bearing supply chain management

certificate programs at any of the consortium schools.

"The only way we are going to have a workforce that is ready to meet this demand is by working collectively with two-year and four-year higher education institutions and with our industry stakeholders," said Margaret Kidd, project director of the TAACCCT grant, as well as the TAACCCT chair for the transportation curriculum design committee and co-chair of the national academic advisory board. "Supply chain management touches all of us in many different ways

from entry-level positions to management positions, planning, warehousing, and strategic planning.

"For Houston and our country to remain competitive in the market, we have to train the workforce."

John Moseley, senior director of trade development for the Port of Houston Authority also presented at the symposium, where the following scholarships were announced: The Daniel M. Cassler Inter-

national Business and Logistics Scholarship; the Channelview Ministry Team International Business and Logistics Scholarship; the International Community Builders International Business, Maritime and Logistics Scholarship; and the Robert Morgan Jr. International Business, Maritime and Logistics Scholarship. Applications for these scholarships will be available in fall 2014 at <https://sjcd.academicworks.com>.

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Lyday hosts 2nd generation student

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children. She has known Henry Blume his whole life, and he affectionately refers to her as Oma Jo or Grandmother Jo. Blume's younger brother is even named J.T. after Lyday's late husband, who died four years ago.

Heike Schröder Blume and Matthias Maruhn flew to the U.S. to console Jo following his death.

The two families visit each other every couple of years in their respective countries.

"Our connection to their family has been very important," Jo Lyday said. "It has brought us great joy."

The Lydays actually lived in Berlin for two years in the early '90s, where J.T. coached Matthias Maruhn's American football team, leading them to a national championship.

Having taught a special class on World War II at South Houston High School, J.T. Lyday always had a keen interest in German culture.

Henry Blume has adjusted well, speaking fluent English and participating in multiple extracurricular activities. He was on the swim team the fall semester and the water polo team this spring, requiring Lyday to wake at 5 a.m. to drive him to school, as he does not have his own vehicle.

Blume's favorite classes are astronomy and U.S. history, which he said gives him a different perspective than he received from German courses, particularly in relation to World War II.

"My picture of Americans has changed," Blume said.

This sentiment is echoed by Lyday.

"It's difficult to imagine fighting a war with people you love who still live there," Lyday said.

German schools do not accept credits from American schools, which will cause Blume to lose a year when he returns home, as he will enroll with a younger class.

"They all lost a year," Lyday said. "But they all felt they gained from the experience."

Unlike here, German schools don't have homework. Blume, however, said the courses are much more difficult.

Blume maintains contact with his German friends and family through Skype and Facebook. The exchanges give Blume a chance to speak in his native tongue of German, which he said is interesting, as the dialog in his head is now English - a language he barely knew before his arrival.

The student said he prefers the weather here to that of Germany, which he described as being rainy and dreary. He also describes the people here as being warmer and more friendly.

During his time in Houston, Blume said he had developed a taste for Texas barbecue. He, however, joked it was difficult to adjust to the

higher drinking age of 21.

Blume further said it was difficult to adjust to how spread out the Greater-Houston area is, particularly since the city has minimal public transportation.

In his spare time, Blume likes to draw and often attends the Houston Grand Opera with Lyday.

Following high school, Blume said he plans to attend a university, where he will study economics and physics. He is currently unsure if it will be a German or English school.

He said he dreams of someday being a movie director but wants to have a college degree to fall back on.

Blume will return to Germany next month. Lyday plans to return with him for a three-week visit.

Overall, Blume is fond of the time he has spent in the country.

"Looking back, I'm grateful I made the decision (to come)," Blume said. "It's just an awesome experience to barely know a language and not know the environment. It's been a great experience."

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Thompson dance team performs

Thompson's dance team, under the direction of Katina Kirk, performed at the Dobie Lariaette Spring Show held recently. The girls worked on jazz, lyrical, high kick, and hip hop dances for numerous hours to perfect their routines. The team also hosted the Spring Showcase at Thompson on May 20.



Thompson dance team members pictured are, left to right, (front row) Emmerson Snyder, Julissa Davila, Reyna Nering, Valerie Sahagun, (middle row) Azalie Amaro, Maritza Hernandez, Vi Diep, Icelande Robinson, Jackie Mendoza, (back row) Maria Pedroza, Kennedy Southall, Marissa Rodgers, Haley Williams and Sydney Bonner. Photos submitted



Dance team members pictured are, left to right, (front row) Alexis Law, Andrea Orrego, Sarah Lewis, (middle row) Andrea Del Villar, Reagan Razo, Kimberly Hernandez-Balboa, Abigail Renteria, (back row) Madison Caballero, Kayla Promise, Jazmin Tabarez, Hannah Klugh, Anaya Thomas and Chelsey Keener. Photos submitted

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We Love you - Dad and Mom

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Sam L. Williams
We are proud of you. You are a great student. We love you!
Jessica, Chloé, Norma and Rex

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J. Frank Dobie Class of 2014

Moore scholarship winners named



Dobie High School students and former Moore Elementary students, left to right, Deanna Alanis and Amber Nguyen, were recently awarded scholarships by Moore. Alanis was awarded the Mr. Cliff Swearingen Scholarship, and plans to attend the University of North Texas. Nguyen was awarded the Gerald Davis Scholarship and plans to attend the University of Texas-Austin. Others not pictured are Alexis Hicks, who was awarded the Moore Scholarship and plans to attend the University of Houston-Main Campus; and Brianna Guevara, who was awarded the Moore Scholarship and plans to attend the University of Texas at San Antonio.

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Hobby Lions Club to meet

Hobby Airport Lions Club will meet Wednesday, June 4, at noon at the Golden Corral at Fuqua and I-45. For more information, email HobbyAirportLions@gmail.com.

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RELAX ON YOUR DAY, SARAH

Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to retired Dobie High School math teacher and cheerleading sponsor Sarah Young on Wednesday, June 4, from Dobie Class of 2005 cheerleader Stacey (Hayes) Flowers, family and all her former Dobie cheerleaders.

MATT CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY

Matt Griesmyer celebrates his birthday Wednesday, June 4. Best wishes are sent to Matt from his former co-workers at the Leader.

HUNTER CELEBRATES 7TH BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday wishes are sent to Hunter Samuel Stacey who turns 7 years old Friday, May 30, from parents Steve and Samantha Stacey and brother Luke, who say he is growing up to be a wonderful young man and big brother. Mom and dad say they are so proud of Hunter and want him to keep up his good work, and that they love him to the moon and back!

SCHOOL DAZE

The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays May 29 through June 4.

Atkinson Elementary

Light the birthday candles for Shaun Bright May 29. Birthday greetings are sent to Jose Wong June 4.

Burnett Elementary

The day for a party for Eric Snell is June 1.

Enjoying a birthday June 3 is Dora Galvan.

Frazier Elementary

May 30 is the day for a cake for Emma Cruz.

Meador Elementary

Light the birthday candles June 1 for Maria Ramirez. Sing a birthday song to Jennifer Marquez on June 4.

South Belt Elementary

A double birthday is celebrated May 29 for Viridiana Escalante-Barron and Amie Mikeska. Blow out the birthday candles June 4 for Guadalupe Ramirez.

Stuchbery Elementary

A birthday greeting is sent to Jessica Casas May 29. Nola Garcia marks a birthday May 31. A birthday greeting is sent to Emily Bass June 2. June 3 is the day of a birthday celebration for Sharon Woodruff.

Melillo Middle School

Celebrating a double birthday May 30 are Claire Murdoch and Judith Tamez. Sing a birthday song to Melissa Garza on June 2.

Beverly Hills Intermediate

Blow out the birthday candles for Ilene McKinney June 2.

Thompson Intermediate

A birthday greeting is sent to Holly Bailey May 29.

Dobie High

Light the candles May 29 on a double-layer birthday cake for Johanna Abedinzadeh and Flor Portillo-De Mata. May 30 is the day for a double party for Kathy Eads and

Teresa Hand. Blow out the birthday candles for Brad Rampp June 2. Sing a birthday song June 3 to Robert Pfeister. A double birthday is marked by Ferdinand Labua and Gilbert Deleon June 4.

FACEBOOK FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS

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

Thursday, May 29: Rauk Sanchez, Casey Ables, Dave Farrell, Cheryl Wyatt, Diana Balinas, Jessica Casas and Amanda Nguyen; Friday, May 30: Misty Benefield, Albert Conger, Laura Stanford, Tanya Cole, Sonia Giron-Alvarez, Sandy Zeigler and Stacey Brewer; Saturday, May 31: Gabi Hernandez, Sharon Rushing and Eddie Carlton; Sunday, June 1: Shawn Mims, Carroll McCullough, Richard Philpott, Lauren Lozano, Telly Arnold, Joseph Niscavits, Kerrie Ann Laminack and Karen Osborn; Monday, June 2: Elizabeth Paredes-Trevino, Tiffany Shoel, Buck Stevens, Linda Miller, Melissa Garza and Justin Hilliar; and Tuesday, June 3: Sasha Divine, Richard Lelsz, Elbert Giron Sr., Susan Arnold and Jennifer Medina.

LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS

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

Simpson visits with Landry



Four-year-old Christiane Simpson (right) recently visited with Troy Landry at the grand opening of the new H-E-B in Pearland. Landry is the star of the TV reality show *Swamp People* that airs on the History Channel. He is currently featured in the new H-E-B commercial advertising crawfish. Simpson is the daughter of Raphael and Mary Simpson of Riverstone Ranch. She is in Pre-K at Moore Elementary. Landry also autographed Simpson's shirt.

Lariaettes earn awards at banquet



The J. Frank Dobie Lariaettes held their end-of-the-year Mother/Daughter Banquet on Sunday, May 18, at the Monument Inn restaurant in La Porte. The Lariaette officers and social committee members were named for the 2014-2015 school year.

Pictured at left are, left to right, (front row) Lt. Macalyn Castro-Cardenas; Maj. Ikea Taylor; Col. Jade Mottu; Lt. Col. Amalia Perla; Capt. Diana Castillo; (back row) Executive Kellie Tyer; Executive Megan Schuetz; President Cybelle Cerda; and Executive Nassem Shafai.

The Lariaettes also voted on 13 different awards. Awards were given to, left to right, (bottom photo, front row) Emmi Kieu, Most Outstanding



Lyrical Dancer and Lariaette of the Year; Abby Pedroza, Most Outstanding Jazz Dancer; Cybelle Cerda, Most Valuable Social Committee Member; (back row) Alyssa Lopez, Most Improved; Jade Mottu, Outstanding Sophomore; Amalia Perla, Outstanding Junior; Marlene Martinez, Most Valuable Military Officer; Geraldine Navarrete, Most Outstanding Showmanship; Rebecca Villegas, Outstanding Senior; Ikea Taylor, Most Dedicated; Kellie Tyer, Miss Congeniality; and Lauren Pettey, Miss High Kick.

Photos submitted

Remember When

35 years ago (1979)

Members of the SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) team, the Houston Police Department, Harris County Organized Crime Unit, the Canine Unit and Harris County Sheriff's Department officers took part in the raid of a Sagemeadow home. The law enforcement group was attempting to serve a warrant

for murder on two males who had been living in the house.

Ronald C. Lemon, president of Republic State Bank, announced the 15th anniversary of the bank.

30 years ago (1984)

Out of Dobie High School's senior class of 460, Mark Chassay and Darren Lajaunie tied for top honors with identical 4.54 grade point averages on a four-point system. This was the first time a tie occurred in the school's history.

25 years ago (1989)

Four area youths died in one weekend: Joseph Cantalamesa, 26; Grace Marie Torres, 7; Scott Stiefel, 18; and Ray Williamson, 18.

Harris County Flood Control Director Jim Green agreed to a reassignment from flood chief to a subordinated job as a liaison to community groups and the federal government.

20 years ago (1994)

The bid to build direct connectors from the Gulf Freeway to the beltway and from the beltway to the Gulf Freeway was accepted. The connectors would not, however, feed into the South Belt area, which angered local residents.

The Brio Task Force made an official request to change the site remedy to containment.

15 years ago (1999)

Three men died in two incidents in 42 hours along the Gulf Freeway. Two were murdered; the third committed suicide.

Cokesbury United Methodist Church pastor Allison Cambre was named to fill the vacancy on the Clear Creek Independent School District board of trustees.

10 years ago (2004)

A press release from the Pasadena Independent School District boasted improved TAKS (Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills) tests. The information from PISD was contrary to an article in a recent Houston Chronicle.

Former National Football League Assistant Coach Tommy Kaiser was named J. Frank Dobie's new head coach and campus athletic director.

Academic Decathlon coaches Richard Golenko from Dobie and Jane Golenko from Pasadena High retired.

The annual South Belt 4th of July parade would honor members of the U. S. military.

5 years ago (2009)

Nicholas "Nick" Crawford was killed in a house fire in the 11600 block of Sageglen. Crawford, 27, was a former Dobie student and had recently moved back into the Woodmeadow home where his parents resided.

Dr. Brenda Lang Hellyer became the new chancellor of San Jacinto College. She replaced Dr. Bill Lindemann who retired after 12 years with the college, six of those as chancellor.

In an effort to alleviate overcrowding at the South Point and Fuqua park and rides, METRO officials reached an agreement with Fishing Tackle Unlimited at Fuqua and the Gulf Freeway, which allowed commuters to utilize its parking lot to carpool and vanpool. The arrangement allowed METRO the use of 100 parking spaces at the facility.

A great horned owl was

released back into the wild at the wetlands at El Franco Lee Park following a 10-day rehabilitation to heal an injury the bird received earlier in the month after getting stuck in a soccer goal net at the park. Great horned owls are the largest of the American "eared" owls and are only exceeded in size by the great gray owl. The birds are known to live in and around swamp and wetland areas throughout North America.

1 year ago (2013)

Longtime South Belt resident and U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Fernando "Nando" Flores died after crashing his vehicle on Edwards Air Force Base in California. According to police, Flores, a 2005 Dobie graduate, lost control of his car and struck a utility pole, killing him on impact. Born on Independence Day, Flores followed in his grandfather's footsteps by joining the Air Force in January 2009. During his Air Force tenure, Flores did two tours overseas, serving in Saudi Arabia and Abu Dhabi.

The Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees voted to name the district's new central swimming facility for the late Dennis L. Shippey, whose career as swimming and diving coach at Dobie High School spanned nearly three decades. Trustees also named Daniel Hoppie the new principal at Morris Middle School. Hoppie had previously served as assistant principal at Thompson Intermediate.

The Harris County Toll Road Authority announced plans to widen portions of Beltway 8 from Highway 288 to the Gulf Freeway. Some stretches of the road

are two lanes in each direction, while other parts are four lanes in each direction. The project would require widening the entire corridor to four main lanes in each direction. Work on the two-year project, which was projected to cost \$200 million, would begin in early 2014.

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Bay Area Rotary Clubs honor CCISD teachers

The Rotary Clubs of League City, Seabrook and Space Center honored Clear Creek Independent School District's 44 campus teachers of the year at a luncheon on Monday, May 19, 2014.

They also announced the 2014 Elementary and Secondary Teacher of the Year at the luncheon.

Amanda Corbett is a sec-

ond-grade teacher at Landolt Elementary. In her tenure as a teacher, she has realized the value of relationships, not just with her students, but with her fellow teachers and parents.

Corbett views her classroom as a community, recognizing every child has a talent and finds opportunities to put those talents to

work. Dave Derr is the Audio Visual Production teacher at Clear Brook High School. Derr is recognized in Texas as one of the best film and production teachers. Just this year, he led his students to the South by Southwest Film festival where the Clear Brook High School film and production team

was ranked among the top 25 filmmakers in short documentaries. A short film by another student qualified her as a state finalist in the first ever ULL film competition. Other Clear Creek ISD 2014 finalists were Kelsey Bierman of Mossman Elementary, Erika Montgomery of Ed White Elementary, Dr. Amber Rhodes of Clear

Springs High School, and Jessica Slaughter of Seabrook Intermediate.

Both Derr and Corbett will now move forward to the regional, and hopefully state, selection process for Texas Teacher of the Year. They also received \$1,000 from the Rotary Clubs of League City, Seabrook and Space Center.



Left to right are 2013 CCISD Secondary Teacher of the Year (and 2013 Region 4 TOY Finalist) Betty McCulloch, 2014 CCISD Secondary Teacher of the Year Dave Derr, and Superintendent Dr. Greg Smith.



2014 CCISD Elementary Teacher of the Year Amanda Corbett, 2013 Texas Teacher of the Year (and 2013 CCISD Teacher of the Year) Jillian Howard, and Superintendent Dr. Greg Smith. Photos submitted

Houston Public Library visits Frazier



Representatives from the Houston Public Library recently visited Frazier Elementary to promote its summer reading program. Librarians from the Bracewell branch talked with parents visiting the book fair and talent show about library card sign-up and summer reading events. Pictured are, left to right, Phoenix Mobley, Christine Roberts (Frazier librarian), Diane Doyen and Hope Rodriguez (Bracewell librarians), and NK Uzomah. Photo submitted

Police, firefighters at cheerleader car wash



The Dobie cheerleaders recently held a car wash, and several police officers and firefighters pitched in to help. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Tyra Adams, Ashley McDonald, Hannah Brady, Alyssa Murillo, (second row) Julie Lohse, Houston Police Department Officer Joe Alanis, Adela Alanis, Trinity Curry, Reagan Razo, Jazmine Howard, (back row) Ashley Hicks, Savanna McCormack, Adriana Murillo and Thalia Nicholson. Photos submitted



The Dobie cheerleaders and helpers from the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department at a recent car wash are, left to right, (front row) Thalia Nicholson, Megan Cook, Alexis Corpus, (second row) Adela Alanis, Jazmine Howard, Johnea Blevins, Ryan Sosa, Angelica Cantu, Trinity Curry, Ashley Hicks, Regan Razo, (third row) Genesis Juarez, firefighter Chris Smith, firefighter Justin Gibbs, (back row) Samantha De La Cruz, Hannah Brady, Ashley McDonald, Savanna McCormack, Tyra Adams, and (back row) Julia Lohse.

Harris County Master Gardeners set June events

Green Thumb Lectures
The Harris County Master Gardeners' Green Thumb Lecture Series topic for June will be *Herbs - Garden to Table*. Dates and locations for the free talk are:

- June 10, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room at Clear Lake Park, 5001 NASA Parkway in Seabrook.
- June 17, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Recipe for Success, 4400 Yupon in Houston.
- June 19, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Tracy Gee Community

Center, 3599 Westcenter in Houston.

- June 21, 10 a.m. to noon at Maude Marks Library, 1815 Westgreen Blvd. in Katy.

For more information on these and other activities or to ask a gardening question, call Ask-a-Master Gardener at 281-855-5600. Information is also available by clicking "like" on facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/HarrisCountyMasterGardeners>.

Museum participates in Blue Star Museums program

The San Jacinto Museum of History Association recently announced its participation in the Blue Star Museums program in 2014, offering free entrance to all active duty military personnel, including National Guard and Reserve, and their families from Memorial Day through Labor Day, 2014.

The museum will give qualifying personnel free access to the *Texas Forever!* The Battle of San Jacinto movie; the nearly 500-foot elevator ride to the observation deck atop the San Jacinto Monument with views of the historic battleground of San Jacinto and many square miles of surrounding area; and the museum's Making a Mark. Leaving a Legacy special exhibit.

The museum and its attractions are open daily year-round 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. - including Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and nearly all holidays. All attractions are wheel-

chair accessible.

Blue Star Museums is a collaboration among the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and more than 2,000 museums in all 50 states, to offer free admission to the nation's 1.4 million active duty military personnel and their families from Memorial Day through Labor Day. The program provides families an opportunity to enjoy the nation's cultural heritage and learn more about their new communities after completing a military move.

Beyond these attractions there is plenty to do free on the grounds of the monument: the San Jacinto Museum's permanent gallery exhibiting books to bayonets, swords to sketches; parking; the San Jacinto Battleground; picnic tables, grills and water faucets; and the 1,210-foot long marsh trail and boardwalk that provides views of the native prairie, tidal marsh

and bottomland forest as it appeared at the time of the historic 1836 Battle of San Jacinto.

The San Jacinto Museum of History Association is a nonprofit organization which manages and operates all aspects of the San Jacinto Museum, which is housed in

the San Jacinto Monument on the grounds of the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site. More than 30,000 students visit the museum each year on field trips.

The San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site attracts more than 1.5 million people to the park annually.

The San Jacinto Monument and battlegrounds complex is located at One Monument Circle, La Porte, TX 77571-9585; contact 281-479-2421; or visit sanjacinto-museum.org for more information.

NOTE: The Battleship Texas attraction is not included in this offer.

Morris wins first place

Morris Middle School won first place in the Middle School category at the fourth annual Pasadena Independent School District's Name That Book Competition held at Parkview Intermediate on Saturday, May 17. A total of 13 teams competed in this category. The teams read a selected 22 books from a list. At the contest, a quote is presented and the teams have to declare which book the quote is from. This year, the Morris team did not miss a single quote. Pictured at left are Ariel Robles and Ariana Martinez.



Winners pictured are, left to right, Ariana Martinez, Alexander Tran, Johnny Lam, Elias Montez, Cheryl Patrick, Benjamin Tran, Tina Jimenez, Cadie Masterson, and Ariel Robles. Photos submitted

AARP Driver Safety Program at hospital

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Clear Horizons ECHS receives National Student Council Award

Clear Horizons Early College High School (CHECHS) student council was recently awarded a 2014 National Gold Council of Excellence Award by the National Association of Student Councils (NASC).

The NASC promotes and provides leadership development opportunities to prepare and empower students to serve their schools and communities. NASC is a program of the National Association of Secondary School Principals, sponsoring the National Honor Society and the National Junior Honor Society, which recognizes outstanding middle and high school students who demonstrate excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

"I am so proud of our student council!" said Dr. Brett Lemley, CHECHS principal.

"The students have put in an immense amount of work this year, and are continually looking for ways to help our school and our community. When a group of students can come together and accomplish such amazing things, it helps bring a school together—especially one as small as ours."

To meet the requirements for the NASC National Council of Excellence Award, a student council must demonstrate that it meets a variety of criteria; those named to the Gold level have successfully met a greater number of criterion. In addition to basic requirements such as a written constitution, regular meetings, a democratic election process, and membership in NASC, schools that qualify for the award demonstrate such things as leadership training for council members, teacher/staff appreciation activities, student recognition programs, school and community service projects, spirit activities, goal setting, financial planning, and active participation in their state and national student council associations.

"Student council is an organization that values and aims to give back to the school and the community," said Son Dinh, CHECHS student council executive president. "This year, our motto was 'Step up and take action.' Our student council only consisted of 65 members, and though we were competing against councils across the nation with hundreds of members, we surpassed those limits with dedication, motivation, and teamwork. This year we were involved with over 35 school and community projects and garnered over 500 service hours. Clear Horizons is a school that surpasses boundaries, and our student council is the epitome of what the school stands for."

Established in 2007 as a partnership between Clear Creek ISD and San Jacinto College, CHECHS students can simultaneously earn a high school diploma and an associate degree or up to two years of credit toward a bachelor's degree tuition free. This year, 73 seniors will graduate with an associate degree three weeks before they receive their high school diplomas.

The *Houston Chronicle* recently named CCISD as Houston's best public school district and CHECHS as one of the best high schools in Houston. *U.S. News & World Report* also recently named CHECHS as one of the nation's best high schools, ranking 31st in Texas and 214 in the nation.



The Clear Horizons Early College High School was recently awarded a 2014 National Gold Council of Excellence Award by the National Association of Student Councils (NASC). Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Zeba Momin; Seemeen Ali; Leah Gentry, executive vice-president; Son Quyen Dinh, executive president; Nishtha Sharma; Sidney Jenkins, ninth-grade class president; Celia Tran, 11th-grade class secretary; Isabel Pen, 11th-grade class vice-president; Celeste Tanega, 11th-grade class president; Ella Robertson, 10th-grade class secretary; Alexas Higgins, 10th-grade class secretary; Meghan Bhakta, Gira Patel, Sarina Patel, (second row) Valerie Kahlich, advisor; Mina El-

hidoust, executive secretary; Pooja Patel, 12th-grade class secretary; Ruqayyah Shaik; Jamie Cochran; Monia Nazemi; Brittany Nelson; Daisy Tran; Trish Huynh; Vy Tran, ninth grade class vice-president; Iris Delcid, (third row) Christopher Cha; Maria Abraham; Marina Motina; Shamina Momin; Jamie Francois; Colton Trout; Sidney Bell; Jinu James; Karalyne Martinez; Sarah Momin; Katie Vinson, (back row) Steven Diep, 12th-grade class president; Danny Tran; Nirav Patel; Shreena Bhakta; Patrick Ma; Steven Gravis, 12th-grade vice-president; Amber Hua; Rama Imad; Maha Ali; Zavi Ali; and Briana Guajardo.

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Sullivan earns degree



Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector Mike Sullivan, recently received a Bachelor of Science degree in political science from UH-Downtown. Sullivan previously served as city councilman for the South Belt area. Shown above are, left to right, University of Houston-Downtown President Bill Flores, University of Houston System Regent Paula Mendoza and Sullivan.

Photo submitted

Pit bull attacks continue in area

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The attacking dog, now in quarantine, has reportedly been a nuisance in the area before, Hinkle said.

Both the woman and the injured puppy were taken for emergency care but are in stable condition.

Later that day, a second woman was attacked while walking her dog in the Sagemont subdivision.

As in the first incident, the loose pit bull originally

attacked the other dog before biting the owner, as she attempted to separate the animals.

Again, both the owner and other dog received emergency care but were not seriously injured.

The two incidents come just a couple months after the March 5 pit bull attack on the South Belt hike and bike trail that nearly killed victim, Monica Garza.

In that incident, Garza was also saved by a good Samaritan, Charles Jordan, a Sagemont resident who broke up the attack.

Teens save baby

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Arthur Arcizo, Tyler's father, said he was very concerned for the teens' safety, since the water is 20 or more feet deep at that point but is very proud of them for their brave effort.

The baby was taken to UTMB and the mother is in Galveston County jail. Kirven has prior convictions for drug possession and now faces new charges of driving while intoxicated with a child in the vehicle and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and is being held on bonds totaling \$160,000.

The elderly injured victim of the hit-and-run, identified as Matt Grey, is hospitalized in critical condition. Police say Kirven and Grey share a child.

After the incident, the teens were taken to the Galveston police station to give information to assist with the investigation, and police took some of

the youths' videos for evidence. The *Leader* was given two different videos of the incident.

In a public statement, Galveston Police Chief Henry Porretto recognized the four young men for their bravery.

"I would like to commend the bystanders that risked their own safety to enter the water and rescue the child and attempt to rescue the driver. Their actions were truly heroic," Porretto said.

The teens have received nationwide publicity. The story appeared Wednesday on the national *Fox and Friends* show. Other national programs are seeking out the teens.

Publisher's note: A copy of two videos taken by the teens during the event can be seen on the *Leader's* website, www.southbeltleader.com. Caution should be used in viewing the videos due to language and emotional content.

Kirkmont HOA to meet

Kirkmont Association Inc. Section 1 Homeowners Association will meet Wednesday, June 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the Kirkmont MUD building at 10102 Blackhawk. Meetings are the second Wednesday of each month. All Kirkmont residents are invited.

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Melillo students earn UIL art awards



Students from Melillo Middle School competed at the UIL Jr. VASE art event at Plummer Middle School in Houston on Saturday, May 3. Students were to create an original artwork prior to the event and take that artwork to be judged individually. They were interviewed on why they chose their ideas and the art elements, techniques and skills used to complete the piece. All nine of these first-time sixth-grade participants brought home

an award, earning a total of seven Superior ratings and two Excellent ratings. These students did an outstanding job and worked hard to represent Melillo well. (Students were from Courtney Tekell and Jessica Borden's art classes.) Showing their artwork are, left to right, (front row) Trang Vu, Isaiah Trevino, Elaine Lien, Xitlali Martinez, (back row) Kobe Thompson, Kristy Morales, Jordan Velasquez, Nancy Flores and Bailey Dang.

Photo submitted

Hellyer greets McClelland



San Jacinto College held its graduation ceremony Saturday, May 10, at Reliant (NRG) Stadium. The event marked the first time since the college was a single campus that all graduating students attended the same function. San Jacinto College Chancellor Brenda Hellyer is shown above at the event with H-E-B Houston Division President Scott McClelland, who delivered the commencement speech. See related story Page 1A.

Boykins opens office



Fulfilling a campaign promise, Houston District D Council Member Dwight Boykins opened a South Belt satellite office at the Sagemont Community Center on Hughes Road near Beltway 8. Boykins is pictured above at the opening on Friday, May 23, standing with Rosario Wilson, who was recently named seniors community liaison at the new office. Shown above in the doorway is Stephanie Johnson, who serves as recreation assistant at the facility. The office is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

Summer events at San Jacinto College

Summer classes
San Jacinto College summer classes begin June 2, 2014. Registration remains open until June 1, with payment due on the day of registration for any summer 2014 classes. For details, visit www.sanjac.edu/academic calendar-dates.

Houston Spanish and Flamenco Festival 2014
The San Jacinto College South campus, 13735 Beamer Road in Houston, will host the 2014 Houston Spanish and Flamenco Festival May 27 to May 31 at the Flickinger Fine Arts Center. This event will feature flamenco music, song, and dance workshops for adults and children throughout the week. For information and to buy tickets, visit hsfestival.com.

Women's basketball tryouts
Unsigned Senior Day is open to female basketball players who have not committed to any college and who want to play college basketball this fall. Players will get a chance to play in at least two games and be

evaluated by several college coaches. The event will be held Saturday, May 31, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the San Jacinto College North campus Nichols Gym, 5900 Uvalde Road in Houston. The cost for participation is \$25 per player.

Softball tryouts
The San Jacinto College softball team will hold tryouts for the 2014-15 season on Saturday, May 31, 2014. Tryouts will take place at the softball field on the San Jacinto College South campus, 13735 Beamer Road, beginning at 1 p.m. Questions about the tryout should be directed to Assistant Coach Kelsey McClain.

June summer camps at San Jacinto College
Looking for something fun for the kiddos this summer? Look no further! San Jacinto College will host a variety of fun and enriching summer camps for kids of all ages at each of its three campuses. There is something for every interest from athletics and career exploration, to music and STEM (science,

technology, engineering and math), and everything in between.

Camp prices vary, depending on the camp. Some scholarships are even available to those who qualify to help with camp tuition.

The following are the summer camps for June 2014:

- EnergyVenture at the Central and South campuses - June 9-13, June 16-20, and June 23-27
- San Jacinto College North Basketball Camp at the North campus - June 9-13
- The Kids Write Olympics at the Central campus - June 9-13
- Softball Summer Camp at the South campus - June 9-10
- KidSpot: One Week Summer Musical Theatre Camp for Youth at the Central campus - June 9-13 or June 16-20
- Elementary Piano Camp at the Central campus - June 9-12
- San Jacinto College Junior Golf Clinic at the Central campus - June 9-11
- Middle/High School

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- Middle/High School Strings Camp at the Central campus - June 9-12
- San Jac Gator Baseball Camp at the North campus - June 10-13
- Staying Alive, health care camp, at the Central campus - June 15-20
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Athleticism, depth show as Dobie football closes out spring drills

It's easy to be optimistic in May, but it's hard to blame Dobie varsity football head coach Jim Phillips for being excited about his team's possibilities come August and beyond.

His Longhorns – minus as many as a half dozen standout starters – dazzled a standing-room-only audience at the annual Orange vs. White spring game May 23, at Dobie.

Phillips scheduled the game to be played during the school's megalunch period to allow for maximum student body involvement.

For those seeking to get an early look at the 2014 varsity squad moving forward, there was plenty to see.

"I was absolutely excited to see some of the guys perform like they did today," Phillips said. "We have a chance to be pretty good this season. We have a lot of athleticism, and with some of those starters out for all or most of the spring, we were able to see that we have depth at a lot of spots."

Looking ahead
Phillips and his staff burst onto the scene in 2010, leading the Longhorns to the District 22-5A championship and an 8-2 overall record in Phillips' debut season.

Since that time, the

Longhorns have not matched that eight-win total nor won a playoff game.

For 2014, things don't figure to be any easier. Previous District 22-5A

powers Pearland and Manvel will be joined by current Class 4A big shot Dawson in the new District 22-6A. Dobie must also handle the likes of Alvin, Memorial and South

Houston. And Phillips has lined up Deer Park (season opener) and Clear Springs as nondistrict opponents.

But as the players now look toward the summer, where individual training

sessions will be as important as ever to the success of the 2014 Dobie team, Phillips is undeterred. In fact, he welcomes the competition.

"You get better by playing better competition," he said. "And they have to play us, and we're going to be pretty hard to handle."

As Phillips looked back on the spring, he was pleased with what he saw

at nearly all positions on the field.

Things could change due to injury or other things not related to foot-

ball, but here's a rundown of Phillips' thinking today.

Quarterback
Senior returning starting quarterback Joe Gonzalez was great in the spring and will enter the 2014 regular season as the starter.

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Senior Joe Gonzalez remains Dobie's starting quarterback, but junior Tyler Giron (10 with ball) has earned playing time after a solid spring season, highlighted by a terrific showing in the annual spring game. Also in on this play is receiver Brandyn Ginyard (16) and White team defensive back Michael Mendez (left). Maurice Hightower (46), a defensive end on the White team for

the spring game, is at far right. Dobie, 5-6 overall last season, will be looking to make a splash when the 2014 regular season arrives. Fall workouts will open Monday, Aug. 11, at 3 p.m. For more Dobie football news, see Page 6B.

Photo by John Bechtle

SJC softball tryouts are May 31

The San Jacinto College softball team will hold tryouts for the 2014-15 season on Saturday, May 31.

Tryouts will take place at the softball field on the San Jacinto College South campus, beginning at 1 p.m.

Questions about the tryout should be directed to assistant coach Kelsey McClain at kelsey.mcclain@sjcd.edu.

San Jac (41-24) finished fifth at the 2014 National Junior College Athletic

Association's Division I softball national championship.

This was the second trip

in school history to the national tournament for the team under head coach Kelly Saenz.

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Sagemont-Beverly Hills all-star 9s to open District 15 tourney June 5

The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League's 9-year-old all-star team has been constructed, and now the battle to win the Texas District 15 tournament will soon begin.

The locals will be joined by Pearland Maroon, Pearland White, East End and host Friendswood at the tournament.

Play opens June 4 with the respective Pearland teams going against one another in the 6 p.m.

opener at Renwick Park in Friendswood.

East End will take on Friendswood in the other first-round game, which will begin at 8 p.m.

Sagemont-Beverly Hills, which earned a first-round bye, will face the winner of the Pearland Maroon/Pearland White clash in a winner's bracket contest.

The double-elimination tournament is slated to run through June 9, weather

permitting.

Sagemont's 9-year-old all-star roster includes Stewart Carse (Orioles) Nicholas David (Rays), Sebastian Delgado (Yankees) Raymond Felton (Orioles), Noah Gaytan (Rays), Rogelio Gonzalez (A's), Christian Ibarra (Astros), Jose Loza (BlueJays), Adrian Marrufo (BlueJays), Alex Rivera (BlueJays) and Fabian Rodriguez (Rays).

The SBHLL manager is

Mario Rodriguez, and his assistant coach is Rick Villanueva.

The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League season is complete, with the exception of senior and big league division play.

Other age group all-star selections from the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League as well as District 15 tournament brackets will appear in the *Leader* as soon as they are available.

Three-time champ heads JFD faculty tennis

Dobie High School faculty member Yvette Giron emerged as the big winner as the school's varsity tennis team hosted its annual faculty/tennis tournament May 20.

Giron, whose son, Tyler, and daughter, Jade, are standout athletes at Dobie, grabbed the headlines this time.

For the third time in four tournaments, Giron was part of the winning

doubles duo in the advanced division.

For 2014, Giron teamed with sophomore Luis Cabreja, a varsity team player, to beat faculty member Robert Pheister and JFD varsity girls' tennis player Ashley Deveza in the Burnt Orange and White Division final, 6-2.

Once again, the event was a huge success. Dobie varsity tennis coach Manuel Moreno Jr. and his student-athletes played host to 30 overall teams, and the courtside stands were packed with fans offering encouragement.

"Thank you, again, teachers and staff members, for all that you do for our tennis players and all our student-athletes," Moreno said in a staff email. "And a special thanks to our leader, Mr. Franklin Moses, for allowing us to put on this fun

tournament each year."

KHOU Channel 11 (CBS) meteorologist Chita Johnson and former Texas A&M University and Dallas Cowboys linebacker Dat Nguyen had committed to play but were last-minute withdrawals due to other commitments.

Overall, the 2014 event was again exciting for everyone involved. For tournament, results see Page 3B.



Dobie varsity tennis player Hai Ho (left) high-fives her doubles partner, JFD principal Franklin Moses, during the 2014 faculty/student tennis tournament May 20, at

the school. The pair eventually placed third in the Burnt Orange/White division. For more on the tournament, including results, see Page 3B.

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Sports news, notes

BHI to host Speed camp

Students age 8 to 15 are invited to attend Beverly Hills Intermediate's five-week Speed Camp beginning in June. Camp instructors will focus on agility, directionality, differentially, muscle strength and muscle endurance during the sessions that will run Mondays through Thursdays from June 9 through July 11; June 9-12, June 16-19, June 23-26, June 30-July 3 and July 8-11. Each session will run from 10 a.m. to noon. The cost of the camp is \$70 cash only. Participants are asked to arrive on time daily and to wear proper workout attire. Registration forms may be obtained and fees may be collected in the Beverly Hills Intermediate front office until the final day of school. In-person registration will be held 15 minutes prior to the start of the first session on June 9. For additional information, call Coach Ben Portis at 713-740-0420 or 713-299-0251.

Hoops camp at Beverly Hills

Beverly Hills Intermediate basketball coaches will also host the 2014 Battlin' Bears youth basketball camp June 9-12, from 1 to 3 p.m., at the school. Students age 8 to 15 are eligible to attend the camp, which is \$20 cash only per participant. Coaching staff members will focus on each of the fundamentals of the game, including shooting, dribbling, defense, rebounding and more. For additional information, call Coach Ben Portis at 713-740-0420 or 713-299-0251.

Brook boys' hoops camp

Clear Brook High School varsity boys' basketball head coach Christian Thompson and his staff will host the 2014 Wolverines' youth camp June 16-20 at the school. Participants will receive instruction in all phases of the game, including shooting, rebounding, passing, free throw shooting, defense and more. Students entering kindergarten through the fifth grade as of the 2014-2015 school year will attend from 9 a.m. to noon each day. Those entering the sixth through ninth grades as of the 2014-2015 school year will attend from 1 to 4 p.m. Cost is \$100 per participant, which also includes a camp T-shirt and basketball. Participants may register 30 minutes prior to the start of each respective session June 16.

Lady Rams' dance clinic

The Ellington Lady Rams will host a youth dance clinic, Saturday, May 31, at the Pasadena Convention Fairgrounds, 7902 Fairmont Parkway. The clinic will feature instruction from four former National Football League cheerleaders. The event, which will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., is \$60 per child, which includes a clinic T-shirt. Those registering should also bring a sack lunch, water bottle and a small blanket. Online registration is available at www.leaguelineup.com/elrams. For more information, direct email to Maria Quiroga at mariaquiroga1019@gmail.com.

Wolverine youth soccer camp

Clear Brook High School varsity soccer coaches Jeff Brewer and Chris Stromeyer will host a youth soccer skills and drills camp for boys and girls June 9-12 at the school. Children entering kindergarten through the ninth grade as of the 2014-2015 school year are eligible to attend. Cost of the camp is \$60, and families should also plan to bring water, cleats, shinguards and sunblock. The event will run from 8 to 10 a.m. each day. For more information, direct email to Brewer at jbrewer@ccisd.net or to Stromeyer at cstromey@ccisd.net.

Brook youth softball camp

Clear Brook varsity softball head coach Noah Cardenas and his staff will host a youth camp June 23-26, from 9 a.m. to noon each day at the school. Students age 6 through those entering the ninth-grade as of the 2014-2015 school year are eligible to attend. Instruction in all phases of the game, including, hitting, baserunning, fielding, pitching, catching and more will be included. Former Lady Wolverine players and Division I collegiate standouts Molly Fichtner and Bridgette Begle will join Cardenas as instructors during the camp. Registration is \$100 before June 15, and \$110 thereafter. Direct email to Cardenas at ncardena@ccisd.net for any questions or to obtain a registration form.

SoHo football/hoops camp

South Houston High School varsity football head coach Dwayne Lane and varsity boys' basketball head coach Patrick McCoy will host the school's first-ever Trojan Football/Basketball Camp, reserved for boys and girls of elementary school age through incoming freshmen as of the 2014-2015 school year. The camp will run Aug. 4-7, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each day. Each camper will participate in two days of the football camp and two of the basketball camp. The early registration fee is \$30. Forms and payment must be postmarked or dropped off at school by June 30. All campers will receive a basketball, a camp T-shirt. Camp will include fundamental stations, games, lectures, competitions. Forms are available by visiting the online information at www.pasadenaisd.org/pmhms>SoHoBasketball.com.

Brook volleyball camp

Clear Brook High School varsity volleyball head coach Meredith Thompson and her staff will host the 2014 Lady Wolverines youth camp July 28-31 at the school. Those wishing to attend may access and print the registration form at clearbrookvolleyball.org. For any assistance, direct email to Thompson at mthomp1@ccisd.net.

Dobie boys' hoops camp

Dobie varsity boys' basketball head coach Kevin Cross and his staff will host the 2014 Longhorns' youth camp June 23 through June 26, from 4 to 6 p.m. each day at the school. The camp is open to those entering the sixth through ninth grades as of the 2014-2015 school year. Participants will be instructed in all phases of the game, including form shooting, rebounding, passing, dribbling, defense and more. Cost of the camp is \$50 per student, which includes a camp T-shirt. For more information, direct email to Cross at kcross@pasadenaisd.org.

Storm Baseball fundraiser

The Storm Baseball 11-year old select baseball team will host a garage sale and barbecue sandwich fundraiser Friday and Saturday, June 6 and 7 at 9907 Sagedowne. The garage sale will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day, while the \$6 sandwich combinations (sandwich, chips and a soft drink) will be held June 7, from noon to 3 p.m.

Dobie's Caballero, Childs choose Marietta College football program

At right, Dobie varsity football player Kevin Caballero (seated center) will continue his education and playing career at Marietta College in Marietta, Ohio, after signing a letter of intent with the Pioneers. Those with Caballero at the signing included, left to right, (seated) Alicia Caballero (mother), Erin Caballero (sister), (standing) Andrew Bravo (baseball teammate), Damian Molina (baseball teammate), Victoria Maldonado (girlfriend), Madison Caballero (sister), Jacob Mendoza (baseball teammate) and Marcos Martinez (baseball teammate). Caballero was also a member of Dobie's 2014 District 22-5A varsity baseball championship team.

Photos by Savana Velasquez



At right, Dobie varsity football player Darien Childs (seated center) will join Dobie teammate Kevin Caballero at Marietta College in Marietta, Ohio. Those with Childs at the signing included, left to right, (seated) Wendy Childs (mother), Darick Childs (father) (standing) Bernadette Marsh (Dobie counselor), Devin Childs (brother), Deandre Childs (brother), Jim Phillips (Dobie varsity football head coach), David Chollett (Dobie varsity boys track and field head coach) and Carey Sink (Dobie assistant principal and former Dobie varsity football defensive coordinator).

Photos by Savana Velasquez



Series-bound Fichtner to headline CB camp

Clear Brook High School graduate Molly Fichtner, will close out her collegiate career with an appearance in the NCAA Division I Softball College World Series before coming home.

Fichtner, a senior catcher for the University of Alabama Crimson Tide, will appear at Clear Brook's Lady Wolverine Youth Softball Camp June 23-26 at the school.

Prior to that, Fichtner hopes to cap her standout collegiate career with a national championship.

The Tide will take on Oklahoma, also 50-11, in a first-round series game Thursday, May 29, at 8:30 p.m. The game will air on ESPN2.

Fichtner has simply enjoyed a spectacular senior season. She was named to the Capital One Academic All-American first team this season after posting a

perfect 4.0 grade point average. Athletically, Ficht-



SJC women's hoops slates youth events

San Jacinto College will host a pair of basketball activities in the next three months at the Nichols gym, located on the North campus at 5800 Uvalde Road, in Houston.

The college's FUNDamental Basketball Camp is open to boys and girls ages 5 to 12. During the weeklong event, campers will learn the fundamentals of the game.

The camp will be held from June 9 through June 13, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

The cost is \$80 per camper, and includes lunch, camp T-shirt and motivational speeches.

The Elite Basketball Camp is open to boys and girls ages 13 to 18.

The weeklong camp is geared for more advanced basketball players

ner was both a second team National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-South Region selection as well as a second team All-Southeastern Conference pick.

This postseason, Fichtner has hit 438 over the five games with seven hits in 16 at-bats. She's also walked four times. For more on the Brook youth camp, see notice at left.

Dobie's Silva picks Tabor College Bluejays



Dobie varsity football player Nick Silva (seated center) will continue his education and playing career at Tabor College in Hillsboro, Kan., after signing a letter of intent with the Bluejays. Those with Silva at the signing included, left to right, (seated) Ozy

Castillo (friend), Antonio Beltran (friend), (standing) Carey Sink (Dobie assistant principal), Jim Phillips (Dobie varsity football head coach), Tony Cantu (Dobie teammate) and Eddie Rivera (Dobie teammate).

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CB's Al-Amin heads to Ole Miss

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At right, Clear Brook High School track and field star Furqani Al-Amin (seated right) will continue her education and athletic career at the University of Mississippi in Oxford, Miss., after signing a letter of intent with the Rebels. Al-Amin was a regional qualifier in the discus and shot put this season. Those with her at the signing included, left to right, Clear Brook coaches Kayla Kautz (seated) and TiAndre' Sanders and Clear Brook assistant principal Jimmy Grier.

For information or to register, direct email to San Jacinto College women's basketball head coach Brenita Williams-Jackson at brenita.williams@sjcd.edu, or call 281-459-7675.

For more information about the San Jacinto College women's basketball program, visit www.sanjacsports.com.



Dobie faculty/student tennis tourney a smashing success

Steve Jamail Dobie Pride Division

- 1st – Stephanie Patrisso & Albert Luu
- 2nd – Kieu Nguyen & Taylor Nguyen
- 3rd – Angela Garza & Tommy Le
- 4th – Sandra Rodriguez & Justin Gee

Consolation champs – Jessica Casteel & Juan Melesio

Burnt Orange Division

- 1st – Gilbert DeLeon & Kim Dinh
- 2nd – Diane Bareth & Flavio Castillo
- 3rd – Erin Thompson & John Le
- 4th – Jason Roth & Betram Nguyen

White Division

- 1st – Tamara Williams & Brian Williams
- 2nd – Jennifer Haynes & Tony Ly
- 3rd – Larry Davis & Mandy Cao
- 4th – Norman McIntyre & Lada Heng

Consolation champs – Camille Lajaunie & Levi Marshall

Burnt Orange & White Division

- 1st – Yvette Giron & Luis Cabreja
- 2nd – Robert Pheister & Ashley Deveza
- 3rd – Franklin Moses & Hai Ho
- 4th – Michael Van Essen & Theresa Tran

Consolation champs – Ashley McAllister & Michael Duron



Above, Dobie High School faculty member Doug Eger (right) plays a forehand winner down the line as faculty opponent Trevor Parker defends at the net. Eger's doubles partner was Karen Niera (left).

Below, Dobie High School graduate and current Pasadena High School tennis coach Ashley McAllister prepares to serve during first-round play. McAllister and her partner, Michael Duron, rallied to win the consolation award in the Burnt Orange/White Division.

At left, Dobie High School varsity tennis player Betram Nguyen smiles as she sends a lob back over the net during first round action at the JFD faculty/student tennis tournament at the school. Nguyen and her partner, Jason Roth, finished fourth in the Burnt Orange Division after finishing strong.



Jessica Casteel, a Dobie High School faculty member, walked away with a trophy as she and her doubles partner, Longhorn varsity tennis player Juan Melesio, won the consolation championship in the Steve Jamail Dobie Pride Division.

Photos by John Bechtle
Leader Sports Editor



Norman McIntyre (left), who specializes in textbook administration at Dobie, celebrates a winning point with his doubles partner, Lada Heng. The two wound up placing fourth in the White Division.

At left, Linda Puckett, a faculty member at Dobie, was rewarded for hanging tough during a long afternoon of play as she and her partner, Dobie varsity tennis player Ruben Vargas, advanced to the consolation division final. There, Puckett and Vargas, Dobie's No. 1 boys' singles player, were defeated by Dobie graduate Ashley McAllister and JFD varsity tennis player Michael Duron, 6-5 (5-4 in tie-breaker).



At right, Jordan Evans, a Dobie faculty member, showed his tennis skills during the action at the school. A trophy winner in previous years, Evans came away empty-handed this season despite playing well.

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THURSDAY, MAY 29

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 drop in.
Noon
Houston Area Parkinson Society – Free water exercise from noon to 1 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.
7 p.m.
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 at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Room 212. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
8:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous – Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays from 8 to 9 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.
FRIDAY, MAY 30
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.
Noon
Moving Forward Women's Adult Children Anonymous – The ACA group meets Fridays at

noon at the Up The Street Club in Webster, 508 Nasa Parkway, in room 4. ACA is a 12-step program of hope, healing and recovery for people who grew up in alcoholic or dysfunctional homes. For more information, call 281-286-1431.
6 p.m.
Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish speaking) – Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 6 p.m. in Room 215 at the First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
6:30 p.m.
Bay Area Genealogical Society – Meets the last Friday of each month at University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook Drive in Clear Lake. Coffee and socializing is at 6:30 and the meeting begins at 7 p.m. For more information, visit www.TxBayAreaGen.org.
SATURDAY, MAY 31
7:30 a.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous – "Breakfast with Bill" each Saturday at 7:30 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Cornell Conference Room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
11 a.m.
Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English) – For persons whose lives are affected by someone who is addicted. Each Saturday morning at 11 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Cornell Conference Room #111. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
6 p.m.
Frontier Squares – Meets to square dance at the Westminster Academy at 670 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Refreshments provided. For more information, contact Gina Sherman at 281-554-5675 or visit www.frontiersquares.com.
7:30 p.m.

Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting – Saturdays 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Open discussion. Memorial Hermann Prevention and Recovery PARC, 2245 N. Main St., Suite 2, Pearland 77581. (Located on Hwy 35, just north of Broadway). The group's primary purpose is to abstain from compulsive overeating and to carry the message of recovery to those who still suffer. Call 713-865-1611 for information, or just drop in.
SUNDAY, JUNE 1
2 p.m.
Grief Support Group – For any adult who has lost a loved one. Meets every Sunday, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas from 2 to 3:15 p.m. at First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. For more information, call 281-487-8787.
5:30 p.m.
Celebrate Recovery – A faith-based 12-Step Program meets every Sunday evening at 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel of the Educational Building at Life Church in Houston at 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for more information or to RSVP for child care.
6:30 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – For persons who are trying to overcome drug addiction. Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Fellowship Hall 4. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
7 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous – Candlelight Meeting Sunday at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Cornell Conference Room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous – Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Sundays and Tuesdays from 8 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.

MONDAY, JUNE 2

9 a.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society – Free exercise and speech therapy from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.
10 a.m.
Al-Anon Deer Park – Mondays 10 to 11 a.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409 454-5720 for information, or just drop in.
11:30 a.m.
Overeaters Anonymous Deer Park – 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409 454-5720 for information, or just drop in.
2 p.m.
Genealogy Group – The Parker Williams Genealogy Group meets from 2 to 4 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month at the Parker Williams Library, Beamer at Scarsdale. The public is invited to attend.
6 p.m.
Scrabble Club #511 – Meets every Monday at IHOP at 11222 Fuqua at 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 up meets on the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W NASA Parkway in Webster. There are many other activities throughout the month. For further information, call Bambi at 281-795-4514 or Mary at 281-337-2589.

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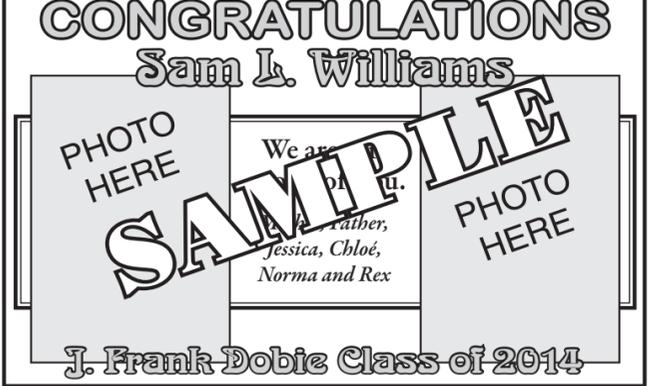
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MONDAY, JUNE 2
7 p.m.
Friends Helping Friends Grief Support Group – The grief support group "Friends Helping Friends" meets every Monday at Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Time is 7 - 8:15 p.m. in the staff meeting room. Anyone who has lost a loved one is welcome to attend. The meetings are free. For information, call Betty Bielat at 281-474-3430 or Diana Kawalec at 281-334-1033.

TUESDAY, JUNE 3
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.

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.

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.

Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum – Exhibits include dioramas, an old-time kitchen and a turn-of-the-century doctor's office. Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. 204 S. Main. For information, call 713-472-0565.

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.

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

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.

11:30 a.m.
Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club – meets at 11:30 a.m. on the first and third Wednesday of the month. Meetings are held at the Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway (Fuqua and I-45). For information, call Monica Montoya at 281-794-5531.

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

services offered.

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

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

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

7 p.m.
Survivors of Suicide Support Group – The Southeast Houston group meets the first and third Wednesday of each month. The group offers support and coping skills in a non-threatening environment to adult individuals who have lost a loved one to suicide. For information on registration or to obtain a physical address for a location, call 713-533-4500 or visit www.crisishotline.org.

Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center – Confidential domestic violence support group for women meets every week. For information, call 281-338-7600 or visit www.bayareaturningpoint.com. BAPT is located at 210 S. Walnut off NASA Parkway between Interstate 45 South and Highway 3. The 24-hour crisis hotline is 281-286-2525.

THURSDAY, JUNE 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.

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

6:30 p.m.
Diabetes Support Group – A support group for young adults with diabetes. All subjects are open for discussion: new technologies, research advances, fears, phobias, dating and other personal matters. Meets the first Thursday of each month at 1315 St. Joseph Parkway #1705, Medical Place One. Contact Dan Steiner, CDE, at 713-922-9677 for more information.

7 p.m.
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.

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

8:30 p.m.
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San Jacinto volleyball players sign letters of intent to four-year institutions

San Jacinto College sophomores Keili Harrison, Jacie Pullig, Chandler Bacon, Haley Dibbern, Chyla Thomas, and Alex Hackett; and freshman Elisa Woinowsky, have signed national letters of intent to continue their education and volleyball careers at four-year institutions.

The seven signings are the most in a single season under SJC volleyball head coach Sharon Nelson's leadership.

"I am very proud of this group of ladies," said Nelson, who completed her 12th year at San Jacinto College.

"Each one of them worked diligently to be successful in the classroom and on the court, and their efforts paid off. Even though we did not qualify for the national tournament this year, it is gratifying to see so many of our players recognized and rewarded for their ef-

orts." Harrison, a 5-foot-9-inch setter from Columbus High School, is headed to national powerhouse Baylor University.

Harrison averaged 6.74 assists per set in 2013 and was fourth on the San Jac squad in digs with 186 overall.

She was a second-team all-conference selection. As a freshman, Harrison averaged 4.81 assists and 1.28 digs per set.

Pullig (Deer Park High School) will take her talents to Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls. The 5-foot-7-inch libero/defensive specialist/setter was named to the all-conference second team after averaging 3.03 assists and 2.69 digs per set in 2013.

As a freshman, Pullig was fourth in the squad in digs per set with a 2.32 average.

Bacon and Dibbern will play next season for the

Panthers of Prairie View A&M University.

For her two-year San Jac career, Dibbern, a 6-foot middle blocker from Bay City High School averaged 1.13 kills and 0.52 blocks per set. She also owned a .204 hitting percentage.

Bacon was second on the team last season in digs per set with a 3.15 average.

The 5-foot-2-inch defensive specialist from Morton Ranch High School was also fourth on the team as a freshman in digs, with a 2.41 per set mark.

The University of Houston Cougars will add 6-foot-4-inch middle blocker Chyla Thomas to their roster next season.

Thomas played one season at San Jac, leading the squad in blocks with a 1.19 per set average. She also averaged 1.18 kills per set, hitting .271.

At 5 feet, 2 inches,

Hackett (Little Cypress-Mauriceville/Little Cypress Mauriceville High School), a defensive specialist, will play next season at Mississippi College.

She averaged 1.68 digs per set (42 total) this season, and 1.25 (15 total) as a freshman.

Woinowsky, a first-team all-conference selection, will head north to Chicago State University, joining Julia Menhart, who transferred there last season from San Jacinto College.

The 5-foot-10-inch freshman from Berlin, Germany, led the team in kills per set at 3.26 and was also the team's service ace leader with 47 total. She was second on the team in digs per set at 3.53.

San Jac finished 2013 ranked 13th in the country with a 22-10 overall record, and five players earned all-conference honors.



Seven players from the 2013-2014 San Jacinto College volleyball team have signed letters of intent to attend four-year institutions beginning this fall. Those signees included, left to right, (seated) Chyla Thomas, Chandler Bacon, Alex Hackett, Jacie Pullig, (standing) San Jacinto College volleyball head coach

Sharon Nelson, Lea Lieb, Elisa Woinowsky, Haley Dibbern, Keili Harrison and San Jacinto College volleyball assistant coach Jeff Pearce. The seven signees represent the most in a single season under the guidance of Nelson, who has been the team's head coach for 12 seasons.

Dobie football eyes Aug. 11 start as spring practice season come to a close

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But junior-to-be Tyler Giron also played his way into the equation during the spring.

While the veteran Gonzalez brings a great deal of varsity experience, excellent running skills and more physical presence to the position, Giron is skilled in the passing game.

Phillips told the Leader that he met with the two

players following the spring game, and that both have been told they will play, with Giron perhaps entering games every third series.

Not only is the move likely to make the Longhorns more dangerous and unpredictable for 2014, but it will also get Giron some varsity experience looking ahead to 2015.

With two of Dobie's

three primary starters at running back set to graduate, Rashaad Randall is the lone holdover after a solid junior campaign.

For 2014, the rugged-running Randall is likely to be joined by Ulanis Betts, a transfer from Pearlman High School, as well as A.J. Owens.

To win more games, Dobie simply has to be able to threaten the op-

position with the passing game. Along those lines, Dobie could look to returning starter Darius Simmons as well as Tristan Lopez and Kaelon Woods, who caught a touchdown in the spring game.

At slot receiver, the Longhorns could be particularly dangerous with speedsters Chris Washington and Jaylon Bolden to go with Derrick Matthews, who has made the shift over to offense after playing at defensive back last season.

Offensive line

Phillips said he has as many as 10 offensive linemen he and his staff feel can be counted on for 2014.

Center Tony Cantu is the team's returner at center, and Xavier Rodriguez is also back from last season. Among some of the others, Phillips pointed to progress shown by Dixie Wooten, Xavier Brown, Jacob Salinas and Nathan Flores.

Defensive front

Defensive tackle Chandler Tisby, the 2013 De-

fensive Newcomer of the Year in District 22-5A, missed the spring game with a sore shoulder. He will anchor things up front for Dobie.

Defensive coordinator Lance Dale also looks for big things from Xavier Dotson and Dalvin Sterling, who both played exceptionally well deep into 2013 before injuries ended their season.

Maurice Hightower stepped up big when those two went down and will again be counted on heavily.

Samuel Hart and Bradley Cook will also get plenty of snaps, and Kendrick Hicks, Gerald Onyekewere and Xzavion Kelly showed talent in the spring and should also figure into the mix.

Linebacker

With the Longhorns shifting to a 3-4 defense full time, the linebacking position should be a deep one for the team.

Keion Patterson is a returning all-district starter on the inside, and seniors-to-be Joshua Hicks, Carlos Gonzalez and Jimmy

Neveraz also figure to get plenty of action.

On the outside, Quinton Bolling is a standout, and junior-to-be Dedrick Simpson and Jonathan Webb will be asked to star as well. Craig Wilks will be counted on as well, according to Dale.

Secondary

Senior-to-be Ryan Williams missed the spring game but is expected to perform as one of the best cornerbacks in the Houston area. Phillips said Williams, an all-district returnee, is drawing interest

from colleges all over the country.

Aside from Williams, though, Dale and his staff will count on several first-time contributors. Darius Hypolite is a returning letterman in the secondary, and Dale is looking for players such as Rolando Rocha, James Frazier, Gage Meyers and Juwan Bracey to deliver when called upon.

Special teams

Punter Jose Villalta is back as the team's punter, and Chris Salinas is the place kicker.



Dobie slot receiver Chris Washington, a returning starter from 2013, breaks Westley Crooms' tackling attempt en route to a big gain during the spring game. In the background is JFD starting quarterback Joe Gonzalez.

Photos by John Bechtel



Dobie graduate Kevin McDonald (left), who was part of the officiating crew during the Longhorns' annual spring game, shares a laugh with Dobie High School principal Franklin Moses (center) and longtime varsity football team statistician Emory Gadd during a break in the action.

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