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AARP sets May meeting

The South Belt AARP will hold its annual picnic for members and guests on Friday, May 8, at 10 a.m. at El Franco Lee Park. Rene Dennis will provide karaoke entertainment.

Orchestra parents to meet

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

Pre-K registration at Weber

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

SJC sets dance concert

San Jac South performing arts season will conclude with the annual spring dance concert, *Momentum*, on May 7 and 8. Performances will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Marie Spence Flickinger Fine Arts Center on South campus. For information, call 281-484-1900, ext. 3563.

Dobie band parents meet

The Dobie Band Parent Organization will meet Monday, May 11, at 7 p.m. in the band hall. All band parents are urged to attend.

SBAST practice changes

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

Lions Club meets May 12

The Houston Space City Lions Club will meet Tuesday, May 12, at 7 p.m. at the Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway. For information, call George Malone at 281-438-7243.

Kindergarten Round Up set

Frazier Elementary will host Kindergarten Round Up on Tuesday, May 19, at 8:30 a.m. in the cafeteria. Families from Frazier and South Belt Elementary are invited to meet Frazier Principal Rhonda Parmer and South Belt Principal Candy Bernsen-Howard. Students will visit a classroom and complete an activity. Parents will learn ways to help prepare a child for kindergarten.

Spring Carnival at Melillo

The Melillo spring carnival will be held Saturday, May 16, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the school. Activities will include several game booths, a rock climbing wall, a dunking booth, a 65-foot inflatable obstacle course, a bungee cord run and other fun activities.

Library events scheduled

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

May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. The library will host a trivia contest, through May 15, for a chance to win a restaurant gift certificate. Entries are at the library.

This year's Big Read book is *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee. Visit www.hcpl.net for more information.

A children's Mother's Day craft is scheduled for Thursday, May 7, at 4 p.m. Free tickets are required.

Movie Madness is Thursday, May 14, at 4 p.m. Call 281-484-2036 for feature title.

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

Judge Emmett to speak

Harris County Judge Ed Emmett will be the speaker at the Tri-County Republican Women's Club during the May 12, regular meeting. The meetings are held at Golfcrest County Club, 2509 Country Club Drive, Pearland. Social time begins at 10:30 a.m. with business and speaker at 11 a.m. Cost is \$12 including lunch. RSVP to 281-484-8083. Visitors are welcome.

Dixie Farm Road work set

The following traffic advisory is for Dixie Farm Road from SH 35 to FM 518. A moving one-lane closure will be in effect. Work will end May 8. Construction for the Dixie Farm Phase 2 project has been initiated, and Pearland City officials encourage the public to obey the work zone speed limits, use patience and caution as the area is a construction zone.

Fun Bunch meets May 14

The Fun Bunch, Senior members of South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, will meet May 14 at Sageglen Community Center, 11610 Sageyork. Guest speaker will be Steve Waldner from Sheltering Arms Senior Services. He will speak on services provided by this organization. All seniors are invited; bring a friend. For information, call LaRue Welch, program chair, at 713-941-0051.

Clear Brook cheerleaders honored



Five Clear Brook senior cheerleaders were recently honored for their past four years of dedication to the high school. Pictured are, left to right, Caithn Scott, Brittany Connors, Hannah Martin (mascot), Brianna Hammond and Codi Land (head cheerleader). Honors were also given to Hammond for winning the Cheer Booster Club Scholarship Award, Land for most spirited and Scott for most dedicated. Submitted photo

Local board elections set for Saturday, May 9

By James Bolen

Voting for local school board elections will take place Saturday, May 9, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Up for grabs are three Pasadena Independent School District board seats, three Clear Creek Independent School District board seats and four San Jacinto College District board seats.

The PISD elections will be held jointly with the San Jacinto College elections.

PISD positions up for election this year are seats currently held by incumbents Fred Roberts, Carmen Orozco and Nelda Sullivan. All seats have three-year terms.

Orozco will retire from her Position 2 seat after serving on the board for 20 years. Vying for her position are Mariselle Quijano-Lerma and Neel McGovern. Sullivan is opposed by Randy Smith and Terry Robinson for her Position 3 seat. Roberts, a South Belt resident who holds the Position 1 seat, is running unopposed.

While normally there would be only three positions on the San Jacinto College board up for vote, a fourth position is up for election to fill the unexpired term of J.D. Bruce, who recently retired after serving 27 years on the board.

Other open seats include those currently held by Dan Mims (Position 6), Wayne Slovacek (Position 7) and Ben Meador (Position 5).

Both Mims and Slovacek are running to retain their six-year positions. Meador is running to fill the unexpired two-year Position 1 seat formerly held by Bruce. In the only contested race, John Moon Jr. and Corey McKay are running to fill Meador's former six-year Position 5 seat. (See Moon . . . Page 2A.)

Local polling locations include Thompson and

Beverly Hills intermediate schools and South Houston High School. Polling places, however, are based on the voters' Harris County voting precinct numbers rather than PISD attendance boundaries.

Residents who live within the San Jacinto College District and the Pearland and Clear Creek independent school districts may vote at the San Jacinto College South campus, Longnecker Administration Building.

CCISD positions up for election are the ones currently held by Stuart J. Stromeyer (District 4), Dee Scott (District 5) and Ralph Parr (At-Large Position A). As in PISD, all seats are three-year terms.

Stromeyer, a South Belt resident who currently serves as president of the board, and Scott, who currently serves as vice president, have both filed to keep their posts.

Beware of online Leader imposter

It has come to the *Leader's* attention that an individual is falsely claiming on an online social networking site to serve on the newspaper's staff.

Maria Lorensen posted on the Web site www.peekyou.com that she was editor of the *South Belt-Ellington Leader*.

Lorensen, however, has never worked for the newspaper, and the *Leader* staff has no knowledge of her. Attempts to reach Lorensen were unsuccessful.

Fraser gains citizenship



Kirkwood South Christian Church pastor, the Rev. David Fraser, became a naturalized U.S. citizen Wednesday, April 22.

Born outside of London, England, Fraser was educated at the University of Exeter and the University of Oxford. He was ordained a minister in England in 1964 and worked as pastor until 1973.

Fraser first visited the United States in 1967 as a visiting pastor at First Baptist Church in Bountiful, Utah.

The pastor developed a fondness for the country.

"I discovered I was an American who had been born in the wrong country."

Fraser worked as a U.K.-based management consultant from 1973 until 1994. He started his own consulting company helping U.S. companies do business in the U.K., requiring him to travel regularly across the Atlantic.

Business brought Fraser to Houston for the first time in 1990. He bought a home in the city in 1991 and in 1994, moved to Houston permanently.

In 1995, Fraser married his wife, Kathy.

Fraser worked as a financial manager for various companies until 2004, when he began at his current position as full-time pastor of Kirkwood South Christian Church.

The pastor began the necessary paperwork for citizenship in January and 15 weeks later was sworn in with another 2,110 individuals at a ceremony Fraser notes took place on San Jacinto Day.

Sullivan to hold meeting May 13

Houston City Councilmember Mike Sullivan will host a town hall meeting Wednesday, May 13, in the Marie Spence Flickinger Building at San Jacinto College South, located at 13735 Beamer. The meeting will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in Room 12170.

Sullivan welcomes the constituents of District E to come to the function and voice their concerns, needs and suggestions for the community.

In the second year of his first term, the councilman wants to keep the lines of communication open with the constituents he represents.

"Constituent services is the driving force of my office," Sullivan said. "The concerns and views of my constituents are very important to me."

The *Leader* has received several phone calls and e-mails the last two weeks in regard to flooding in the South Belt area.

Several projects to alleviate the flood problem in the community have been completed in recent years to little avail. Other projects have been proposed, but not implemented.

Residents who have been affected by area flooding are urged to come to the function and address the issue with city officials, as past meet-

ings have proved effective at getting necessary work done.

Representatives from the City of Houston's Public Works and Engineering Department, Solid Waste Management Department, General Services Department, Parks and Recreation Department, the Houston Police Department and the Houston Fire Department will also be available to answer questions.

For more information, contact Sullivan's office at 832-393-3008, or by e-mail at districte@cityofhouston.net.

Graduations set

The San Jacinto College South campus will hold its graduation at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 9, at the Pasadena Convention Center, 7902 Fairmont Parkway.

Dobie High School will have its commencement at Hofheinz Pavilion on the University of Houston campus Saturday, June 6, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Clear Brook High School's graduation is June 4 at 7 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Stadium, 2305 E. Main St. in League City.

Williams to turn 101 years

Park Manor of South Belt resident Juanita Williams will turn 101 Thursday, May 14. Born in Francis, Okla. in 1908, Williams moved to Houston in 1943.

The centenarian was married to Edward Williams Sr. from 1925 until his death in 1970.

The couple had six children. One child, James, died as an infant.

Their five living children are Margarette Clark, Port Orchard, Wash.; Edward Williams Jr., Houston; Barbara Caldwell, Pasadena; Jon Gary Williams, Lavergne, Tenn.; and Kathy Hamm, Pasadena.

Williams has 17 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

She has been a seamstress, gardener, cook and caregiver. She has also been a lifelong member of the Church of Christ.

Longevity runs in Williams' family, as her mother also lived to be more than 100.



Dobie field trips rescheduled

By James Bolen

Due to growing concerns over the H1N1, formerly referred to as the swine flu, outbreak, the Pasadena Independent School District postponed two separate out-of-state Dobie field trips.

Students from both the Dobie choir and band were scheduled to leave Friday, May 1, for weekend jaunts. The high school's choir was to visit Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla., while the school's band was to visit Washington, D.C.

The postponements were not announced until Thursday, April 30, upsetting many parents who had planned the trips months in advance.

PISD Superintendent Kirk Lewis acted on the advice of state health officials who had cancelled all athletic competitions the previous week.

"I felt it better to err on the safe side," he

said. Both field trips have been rescheduled for after the state-issued health deadline of Monday, May 11.

The choir trip has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 23, to Wednesday, May 27. The band students will now leave Thursday, May 21, and return Monday, May 25.

Similar field trips for Sam Rayburn High School and Bondy Intermediate students were also postponed.

"Please know my caution was only out of concern for the students based on the best information I could get at the time," Lewis said. "When it is all over, we'll certainly evaluate our response to the situation and determine if we could have done anything differently."

PISD reacts to swine flu

By James Bolen

Concerns over the H1N1 outbreak continue to swarm, prompting the temporary closure of one Pasadena Independent School District campus.

The Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services informed PISD officials at roughly 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 1, that a Mathtys Elementary School student has a probable case of the flu strain.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention must verify the student's disease is, in fact, H1N1 before it can be listed as a confirmed case.

As a precautionary measure to keep the virus from spreading, the school district closed the school through Thursday, May 7.

The school district had originally closed the school through Monday, May 18. However, the HCPHES informed PISD at approximately 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 5, that it may reopen the elementary school, as the CDC had changed its

guidelines because the swine flu virus turned out to be milder than initially feared.

In all, 15 school in the Greater Houston area were closed as a result of potential cases. Acting on advice from the CDC, most of the affected schools, however, reopened Wednesday, May 6.

With 61 confirmed cases statewide, Texas is second in the nation only to New York, which has 90 verified cases of the strain. And with two deaths, Texas is the only state to have fatalities related to the disease.

Last week, the Universal Interscholastic League postponed all athletic competitions statewide through Monday, May 11. At press time Wednesday, this was changed to May 7.

As a further precaution, PISD has canceled or postponed all off-campus field trips and activities through May 11, with the exception of elementary field day activities that involve only one campus.

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Readers' Opinions

Gelber's book signing changed

Thank you for your recent article about me and my new novel. Unfortunately, the book signing which was scheduled for May 9 from 12-2 p.m. has been canceled. The bookstore developed unexpected lease issues. Anyone interested in the novel may purchase a signed copy at my office at 150 FM 1959, Houston, TX 77034. More information about the book is available at www.itfuturehope.com. Sincerely, David Gelber, M.D.

Roberts: Which one are you?

On May 09, 2009 the South Belt area will be given the opportunity to stand up and be heard or suffer the consequences. Since 1979 when I moved to the South Belt area I have watched as our little community walked tall and carried a big stick with our voter turn out. We

were respected and feared by those in public office and those in government positions because the South Belt people would show up at Election Day and make our voices heard. Do you believe it is by chance they built San Jacinto College South in our area because we were so easy to get to and centrally located, do you believe there are new public schools in our neighborhood and our existing public schools are well maintained because there is abundance of money to go around in the district, Wrong! The real answer as to why we have what we have is because, you the South Belt resident got off the couch grabbed your spouse and 18-year old children and drove to Beverly Hills Int. (old Dobie) or Thompson Int. on a Saturday and took 15 minutes to vote for what was best for your family, neighbors and our community. Think about it, first comes the people, then the schools, then the churches and in our case a large hospital. You don't have to be a rocket scientist to figure out that let your schools and churches go in your community, the next issues you will be dealing with will be the caliber of

neighbors you are living besides. I don't live in the River Oaks or Notting-ham off Memorial drive, but I live somewhere special, because South Belt people have always voted on election day, I can go to the grocery store at night and be alert but not afraid, I can go let my dog run down at the school yard, or walk with my neighbors safely because on election days the candidates know we, the South Belt residents vote. Rather you're a city council member, school board trustee, college regent, county, state or federal office holder we the voters have either helped put you in office or helped you get defeated. Now with all that being said about the

South Belt voters in the past are you with us and are you willing help keep public office holders aware of the South Belt by voting Saturday May 9, 2009. I believe taking advantage of voting says a lot about a person, if you vote you're the solution and if you're too lazy or make up excuses not to vote you're the problem. So which one are you? Fred Roberts Ps. if you would like to know who I feel are the best candidates for the South Belt for Pasadena School Board and San Jacinto College Board of Regents come to Beverly Hills Int. Saturday May 9, 2009 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and I'll show you.

BHI students' speeches chosen



Three students from Beverly Hills Intermediate placed in the Pasadena Neira Optimist Club for their speeches. Pictured are, left to right, Maria Ferreira placed third in the girls' division, Janie Silva placed second in the girls' division, and RJ Navy placed second in the boys' division.

Gardeners set events

The Harris County Master Gardener Association has set the following upcoming events:

Gardening Series
Louis Mickler, Harris County Master Gardener, will present a program on *Growing Plants from Seeds and Cuttings*. Propagation is a great way to save money by growing your own plants. The program will be held Tuesday, May 12, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Bass Pro Shops, Highway 288. For more information, visit <http://hcmgap2.tamu.edu>.

Master Gardener Lecture Series
Mike Howlett, assistant director of Jessie Jones Park & Nature Center, will present a program on frogs and toads. The series will be held May 20, at 10 a.m. in the Meeting Room at Clear Lake Park, 5001 NASA Parkway in Seabrook. For information, visit <http://hcmgap2.tamu.edu>.

Open Garden Day
The public is invited to tour the gardens maintained by the Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2. Children are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Those who have one-gallon or smaller plastic plant pots and trays can bring them for recycling. Open Garden Day is Monday, May 18, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the Genoa Friendship Garden, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff in Houston. For more information, visit <http://hcmgap2.tamu.edu>.

SJCS hosts health fair



A Student Health and Wellness Fair was held recently at San Jacinto College South, providing free health services and information to the public. Participating organizations from around the Houston area included The Rose breast cancer organization, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Life Gift Organ Donation, and Prevent Blindness of Texas. Students from the San Jacinto College Health Sciences Division also administered screenings for blood pressure, vision and stress levels. Pictured, San Jacinto College nursing student Jeremy Cummings (left) gives Jesse Elizondo of Pearland a blood pressure test.

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Deaths

Apolonio Fuentes



Apolonio Fuentes, 40, of South Belt, died Tuesday, April 28, 2009, in Houston. He was born July 21, 1968, in Victoria, Mexico, to Octavio and Olivia Fuentes. Fuentes is survived by his parents; his wife, Alicia; children Alex and Aissa Fuentes; brothers Daniel and Jesus Fuentes; sisters Esmeralda Reyes, Urbana Montoya, Alicia, Reyna, Raquel and Idalia Fuentes; numerous other relatives; and a host of friends. A Celebration of Life for Fuentes was held Tuesday, May 5, at Fairmont Funeral Home. Burial followed at Forest Lawn Cemetery. Words

Moon answers questions

John Moon Jr.



The following questionnaire was submitted to San Jacinto College board candidate John Moon Jr. The answers are unedited. A second questionnaire was sent to Moon's opponent, Corey McKay, but was unanswered. Questionnaires were not sent to candidates Dan Mims, Wayne Slovacek and Ben Meador, as they are running unopposed. (See related story Page 1A.)

Position 5
NAME: John Moon, Jr.
AGE: 49; **OCCUPATION:** Community Banker
EDUCATION: After I graduated from Sam Rayburn High School, I was proud to enroll at San Jacinto College where I received an excellent educational foundation before transferring to Southern Methodist University and graduating with my BBA from there. I continued my graduate education, graduat-

ing with a MS from The University of Houston Clear Lake. I was licensed as a CPA in 1983.
MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN:
My wife Lori and I have been married for 28 years and we have two sons, John and Donovan.
How long have you lived in the district you wish to represent?
I have been privileged to live in the San Jacinto College district for the majority of my 49 years. As a young man I attended there, and as an adult I taught there and enrolled each of my children there as well.
Why do you want to hold this position?
As a member of the San Jacinto College Board of Trustees, I will ensure that students are provided the best resources to meet their needs for jobs, training, or continuing education. Also, I will see that fiscal responsibility is maintained and that education is tailored to the needs of our 21st-century workforce.
What qualifications do you have to hold this position?
I have experience as a San Jacinto College Adjunct Professor, as a member of the Texas Chiropractic College Board of Regents, and as Chief Financial Officer for a billion-dollar community bank. It has been my privilege to serve the community as a member of Pasadena Neighborhood Network com-

mittee, and the Pasadena Rotary Club. I also have strong community involvement in the Pasadena Chamber, and Economic Alliance for the Port Region.
What specific issues would you address if elected?
I plan to continue San Jacinto College's responsiveness to the communities it serves and continue its plans to help students achieve their dreams by seeking to expand partnerships with professions, industries, continuing education and distance learning programs. Each group has specific needs which change over time and economic circumstances. I will work to ensure that both taxpayers and students are receiving accessible, affordable education for employment and further education.
What changes, if any, would you bring to the board?
I would work to implement the College's standard of success to be sure that the student finishes what they start. This requires a focus on the progress of the student, and this progress is the responsibility of everyone on campus including the board, faculty and staff. The student's success can be measured in a number of ways, whether by their achieving gainful employment or by the furtherance of their education, regardless of if the economy is doing well or struggling.
What is your opinion regarding the state's consideration of funding community colleges based on completion rates?
I am in favor of any changes that increase funding to those Community Colleges that are focused on what they can do to help the students achieve their educational dreams. Completion rates should take into account the diverse goals of students who attend community college as a pathway to career training for employment, certification for industries or as a gateway to further education.

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San Jac to host free process technology seminar for women

San Jacinto College's process technology department will offer women an opportunity to explore process technology as a career.

Shell Oil will sponsor a free one-day seminar for high school junior or senior females and adult females, scheduled for Wednesday, May 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Female guest speakers from local petrochemical companies will talk about their job experiences and opportunities available to women in process technology.

Participants will tour the college's state-of-the-art pilot plant and also see presentations about process technology equipment and tour a plant.

"There is a large demand in the process technology field for female operators," said Mike Speegle, process technology department chair. "Currently, less than 3 percent of the operations personnel in the processing industry are female. Starting pay could be as high as \$50,000 a year with excellent benefits."

Process technicians operate varied types of equipment, such as pumps, heat exchangers, reactors, compressors, etc. They learn to control an operating unit with computerized equipment and to troubleshoot problems.

Process technology operators can also be involved in procedure writing, quality improvement, teamwork and hazards analysis.

"To be a viable candidate for a job in this highly competitive field, a person will need a two-year associate of science degree in process technology," said Speegle. SJC offers a wide range of process technology degrees.

Class space for the seminar is limited to 50 students. The first five women who enroll in San Jacinto College's two-year process technology program will receive a \$150 gift certificate which can be used at the SJC bookstore.

Lunch and snacks will be provided, and a financial aid counselor will be available. To register or to obtain more information, call 281-476-1872.

San Jacinto College serves more than 24,500 students in over 140 degrees and certificates in university transfer and technical programs.



McKay receives award

Michelle McKay earned a Platinum Award at the ShowStoppers dance competition held recently in Stafford. She was given the Platinum Award for her lyrical solo to *This Is Me*. She also participated in three group dances that received platinum in the lyrical category and gold awards in the contemporary and jazz categories. McKay is the daughter of Randy and Carla McKay of Sagemont and is a freshman at Dobie High School. She has studied dance for 11 years at Kennedy Dance Theatre.

LSA students take top honors at state music competition



Katie Davis
Lutheran South High School choir students Katie Davis and Kristina Kennedy

earned the honor of receiving Division I or "Superior" ratings Friday, April 17, at the TAPPS (Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools) State Music Competition.

To advance to the state competition, students had to earn a Division I rating at the Regional competition.

A Division I rating is the highest mark in this competition at both the state and regional levels.

Students receiving 1's on their solo demonstrate many characteristics such as technical and expressive accuracy, vocal maturity and clarity of voice within their solo song.



Kristina Kennedy
Davis is a junior, and Kennedy is a senior at Lutheran South Academy.

CCISD names teachers of the year

The Clear Creek Independent School District recently announced its teachers of the year. Teachers were chosen for their teaching style and ability to engage children in lessons to help them lead the way in the 21st Century.

"Each of the following teachers exemplifies the wonderful things happening inside our classrooms," said Superintendent Greg Smith.

"It is with great honor that I announce the teachers that have been selected to represent their campus in the search for the Clear Creek Independent School District Elementary Teacher and Secondary Teacher of the Year."

Honored teachers from South Belt attendance schools are:

High School
Donna Taylor, Clear Brook High School; Melissa Reaux, Clear Path High School and

Clear Horizons Early College; and Robert DeJohn, Clear Springs High School.

Intermediate
Tiffany Garcia, Westbrook Intermediate.

Elementary
Diane Schillaci, North Pointe Elementary and Samantha Chaplain, Weber Elementary.

A committee of administrators and community members will now begin the difficult challenge of selecting one elementary teacher and one secondary teacher to represent the district at the regional level, and then possibly move forward in the search for the Texas Teacher of the Year.

PISD, flu plans set

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District officials said the decision was made to limit its students' exposure to those who might have the disease and to prevent the possible spread of the virus from its students to other regions of the country.

The PISD Education Foundation's annual Shining Stars Gala fundraiser that honors the top ten graduating students from each of the district's five high schools has also been postponed.

Originally scheduled to take place Thursday, May 7, the event will now be held Wednesday, June 3.

While the Clear Creek Independent School District has yet to have any suspected cases of H1N1, it, too, has cancelled all field trips outside of the Texas Education Agency's Region IV.

Students displaying flu-like symptoms, especially fever, are urged to call a doctor and the HCPHES at 713-439-6000. For more information on the local impact of H1N1, visit southbeltleader.com/swine-update.html.

Finch graduates



Erik T. Finch, a 1999 Dobie graduate, will graduate from the University of Texas on May 22, 2009, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Asian studies and Korean language. Finch served as a Korean linguist in the U.S. Air Force from 2001 to 2007 and graduated from the Department of Defense Language Institute in Monterey, Calif. He recently accepted a position with the Department of State, Foreign Services Division.

AARP meets

AARP Chapter 199 will meet Friday, May 15, at 10 a.m. at the Bay Area Community Center, in Seabrook.

A nutrition program will be featured.

The public is welcome to attend this free program. Refreshments will be served.

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to Position 3



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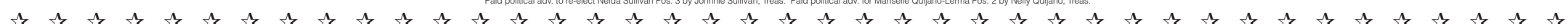
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- Bill Barmore

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BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR JOHN
 Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent on Monday, May 11, to Sports Editor **John Bechtle** from the staff at the **Leader**.
HAPPY 8th BIRTHDAY ALEX!
 Alex Martinez II will turn 8 on Friday, May 8. He is in the second grade at Genoa Elementary. Best wishes are sent from dad Alex, mom Erica and sisters Abigail and Audrey.

SCHOOL DAZE
 The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays May 7 through May 13.

Atkinson Elementary
 Greetings for a happy birthday are sent to **Jessica Slater** May 13.

Burnett Elementary
 On May 7, **Jackie Vanelli** celebrates a birthday. Birthday wishes for a wonderful day are sent to **Janie Stange** on May 8.

Bush Elementary
 On May 12, a happy birthday wish is sent to **Whitney Shook**.

Frazier Elementary
 Blow out the birthday candles for **Dora Flowers** May 10. **Sarah Lyssy** marks a birthday May 13.

Jessup Elementary
Dianne Araujo is sent birthday greetings

on May 9.

Moore Elementary
 A birthday is enjoyed by **Keacey Davis** May 10. **Gail Bailey** has a birthday May 13.

Stuchbery Elementary
 Blow out the birthday candles for **Angela Adams** May 8.

Melillo Middle School
 On May 8, **Guillermina Cancino** enjoys a birthday.

Morris Middle School
 The day for a party for **Consuelo Hagans** is May 10. On May 12, a birthday greeting is sent to **Debbie Tatuaca**.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Tamara Williams has a birthday May 7. Marking a birthday May 9 is **Beverly Nelson**. A double birthday is celebrated by **Alyta Harrell** and **Maria Moreno** on May 10. Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Linda Bray** and **Jessica Newcomb** May 12.

Thompson Intermediate
 Blow out the birthday candles for **Tuyet Vo** May 8. Birthday wishes for a wonderful day are sent to **Sue Evans** May 12. May 13 is the day for a double-layer birthday cake for **Stephanie McGough** and **Todd Taylor**.

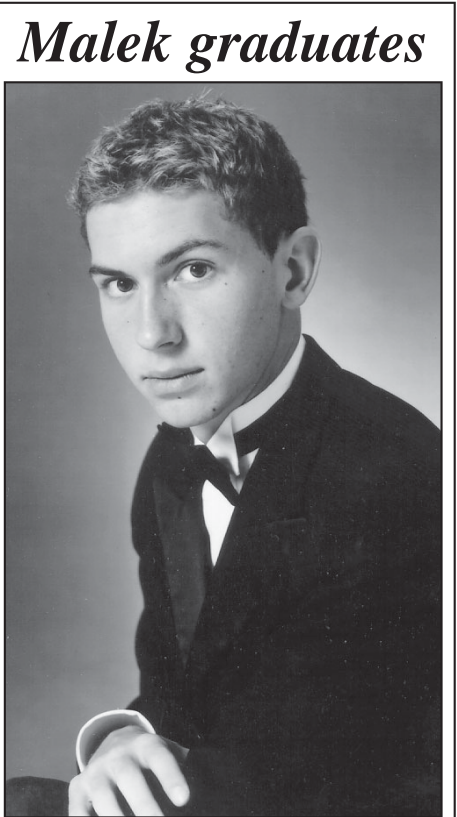
Challenger School
Dina Bonner is wished a happy birthday

May 9. **Annette Hill** enjoys a birthday May 11. **Claudette Lunar** has a birthday May 12.

Dobie High
 Happy birthday wishes are sent to **Jackie Hardwick** May 8. Best wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Jordan Evans** May 9. On May 10, **Kristina Pruneda** enjoys a birthday. Blow out the birthday candles for **Evelia Rocha** May 12. Celebrating a birthday May 13 is **Tina Dvorak**.

HOME RUN CORNER
 Congratulations are sent to **Alec Barosh** of the SBHLL Minor Rangers for hitting his first home run of the season in the game on April 21. His parents, **Jeff** and **Sonja**, and the entire team are very proud of him!
 Congratulations to **Jayden Robinson** of the Machine Pitch Padres, who hit his first inside-the-park home run Saturday, May 2. Best wishes are sent from his family, **Amanda** (mom) and **Brad**, and little brother **Dylan**, his **Nana Kaye** and **Paw Paw Dave Bergeron**, uncles **Matt** and **Josh Bergeron** and aunt **Courtney** and uncle **Joe Gordon**, aunt **Emily Robinson** and all his friends.

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.



Malek graduates
 Gail and David Malek, 35-year South Belt area residents, announce the graduation of their son, **Lonnie Ray Malek**. Malek will graduate from Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering on May 9, 2009. He plans to move to Fort Worth, Texas, to work for **Oncor**. Both sets of grandparents, **Ken** and **Verona Malek** of Rockport and **Don** and **Carol Lowry** of Houston, will attend graduation. His brother, **Darin Malek**, and his fiancée, **Allison Cox**, will also attend. Malek attended Bay Area Christian and Sagemont Church.

BHI releases fifth six-weeks rolls

Beverly Hills Intermediate recently released its honor rolls for the fifth six-weeks grading period. Students named are as follows:

Honor roll
Seventh grade
 Rene Max Aguirre, Deanna Marie Alanis, Maria Isabel Alarcon, Eliza Selena Alvarado, Benjamin Dean Arnett, Carolina Sanmiguel Avila, Liliana Azar, Abner Mike Baerga, Valerie Alena Baez, Zechariah Isaac Baez, Destinye Ayesha Barnes-Hall, Corey Bouleris, Zachary Thomas Bright, Briana Yolanda Brown, Peter Dinh Bui, Pablo Canales, Maria Guadalupe Cardenas, Victor Manuel Castillo, Angel Cervantes, Roslynn Abigail Charles, Alexandra Guadalupe Cirlos and Eric Daniel Cortes.

Anthony Dang, Judy Nga Dang, Jeremiah R. Deleon, Javier Delgado, Sergio Diosdado, Scott Ryan Dornak, Russell Glenn Dyess, Edgar Alejandro Escalera, Ricky Ted Flores, Stephanie Alicia Galaviz, Roberto Miguel Gallegos and Cassandra Marie Garcia.

Joslyn Rene Garcia, Evelin Cristina Garmendzereales, Nicholas Rohan Ghansyam, Hannah Celeste Graham, Cristian Giovanni Guerrero, Sofia Alejandra Guerrero, Brianna Guevara, Mikaela Guevara and Ramon Arturo Gutierrez.

Amy Denise Hallaron, Audrey Alexandra Hernandez, Leslie Marie Hernandez, Alexis Nicholle Hicks, Autumn Renee Johnson, Emmi Trang Kieu, Kassandra Lara, Gina Le, John An Le, Lauren Alexis Lozano, Destiny Nicole Luna and Jenny Ly. Levi Keelin Marshall, Marlene Martinez, Andrew Medrano, Diana Laura Menchaca, Riley Ann Miller, Jonathan Nicolas Mitchell, Mohamad Osama Mohamad, Yvonne Marie Molina, Luis Angel Mora, Christopher Andrew Morgan, Chantse Manuel Morris and Chayse Martin Morris.

Geraldine Navarrete, Amber Autumn Nguyen, Anh Thu Cindy Nguyen, Jennifer Nguyen, Kenny Nguyen, Thao Mai Nguyen, Lucia Nieto, Shelby Keith Nunez, Jasmine Osorio, Alejandro Cruz Pack, Aimee Gabriela Perez, Eduardo Adrian Perez and Hong Thixuan Pham.

Lesley Summer Preza, Edward Rene Ramirez, Jonathan Isaac Rivera, Sabin Rese Rocha, Breanna Ashley Roddy, Rodolfo Vicente Rodolfo, Gabriela J. Romero, Yadira Ruiz, Steven Sanchez, Emily Nicole Sargent and Bethany Marrie Sauseda.

Christopher Craton Shotwell, Layton Robert Wayne Smith, Rosalva Elizabeth Solis, Bandur Tessa Somdah, Lorena Belle Stover, Ernest Martin Thumann, Luynda Tieu, Anh Tran, Bryan Huy Phong Tran and Diana Thuy Duong Tran.

Emily Phuong Tran, Jennifer Gia Bui Trinh, Sabrina Paige Troxlar, Bianca Michelle Valerio, Cristian Vargas, Ilse Alejandro Vielma, Greer Ethan Vincent, Jonathan Ngoc Vu, Brian Mbugua Williams and Ytzel Yzaguire.

Eighth grade
 Oluchi Chinonyerem Aaronchukwunyer, Allyson E. Abrom, Frida Janeth Aguirre, Ivette Alejandra Alba, Analia Victoria Alcoba, Hector Alonso, Mason Patrick Ankenbruck, Jessica Carina Armenta, Jacquelyne Marie Baade, Jennifer E. Bardales and Ronnie Gene Barnes.

Skyler Roxanne Barrera, Rhianna Raquel Barrientos, Angelica Michelle Benavides, Cody Edwin Bennett, Sobia My Bhatti, Clyde Eugene Blackwell, Krystal Marie Brewer, Nancy Buenrostro, Amber Nicole Cadena and Kevin Thomas Carnish.

Miriam Yvonne Castaneda, Melina Ceja, Thelma Chavez, Marlene Ann Cisneros, Cody G. Collins, Alberto Cruz, Christopher Cruz, Travis Pham Dao, Raven Elizabeth Davis, Phuc Nguyen Duc Dinh, Alberto Joel Dorantes and Michael Quoc Thang Du.

Noah West Escamilla, Emily Grace Espinoza, Jennifer Claribel Estrada, Maria Eugenia Ferreira, Andrew Joseph Flores, Jovani Flores, David Eduardo Fraga, Jennifer Elizabeth Galvan, Jason Vy Giang, Lisa Renee Gill and Giovanni Paolo Gonzalez.

Martin Gonzalez, Rebecca Michelle Guerra, Johnathon Dylan Guzman, Kayla Renee Helm, Osaka Heng, Devin Lorin Hernandez, Jasmine Hernandez, Marcy Lee Higginbotham, Rosaura Delpilar Hilario, An Gia Ho and Aleeyah Anjeanique Holland.

James Lynn Hubbs, Nantiporn Kate Inchun, Anna Lynne Ingalls, Jesmi Jacob, Sidney Joseph Jacques, Jacqueline Jaramillo, Vanessa Guadalupe Jimenez, Paige Mackenzie Jones, Yashamika Marie Jones, Jose Juan Juarez and Sabrina Juarez.

Ira Michelle Lanza, Aaron Chaise Lariviere, Valeria Leal, Michelle Elizabeth Lee, Kody Alan Lefever, Alyssa Marie Lerma, Roger Omar Lizama, Brianna Nicole Lopez, Carlos Eduardo Lopez, Mariana Edith Lopez and Kimberly Oanh Luu.

Anthony Nelson Machado, Giordano Ivan Maldonado, Gloria Esmeralda Mancía, Scott Earl Marsella, Karina Martinez, Luz Marina Martinez, Anthony Cameron McBride, Cristyan Medina, Erick Alexander Mejia and Synthia Mejia.

Sarah Marie Merrill, Damien Michael Miller, Brittany Lee Montross, Brooke Ashley Montross, Cynthia Moreno, Syeda Siddra Naqvi, Kortney Marie Neely, Alexa Dac Nguyen, Duy Ngoc Nguyen, Linda Hoai Nguyen and Mike Ngocthanh Nguyen.

Phillip Phi Nguyen, Quynh Anhminh Nguyen, Thao Tran Phuong Nguyen, Elizabeth Renee Olmos, Edwin Eduardo Padilla Hernandez, Cassidy Lily Peng, Brittany Renee Peralez, Katherine Lauren Perrone, Rebecca Linn Peters and Jennifer Vy Pham.

Keith Nam Pham, Tracie Phan, Patrick Jermaine Preston, Teryn Jehyt Price, Angel Brewer Redmon, Manuel Alexander Reyna, Tyler Renee Reyna, Carlos Lamont Rice, Edwardo Rios and Deanellys Rivera.

Ashley Marie Rodriguez, Janluca Rodriguez, Priscilla Marie Rosas, Edward Demarcus Roy, Kimberly Ruiz, Zeariel Elizabeth Rule, Amanda Danielle Salazar, Benjamin Desi Salazar, Abigail Salinas and Andres Manuel Sanchez.

James Thomas Sturdevant, Brenda Samantha Tamez, Brandon Deon Terrell, Erika R. Tijerina, Zachary Matthew Trahan, Andrew Le Tran, Christina Tuong-Nhi Tran, Michael Tran, Nghia Trung Tran and Ngocque Thi Tran.

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Denny Hoang Vu, Vanessa Tuyetvan Vu, Ariel Bree Walker, Shondrell Christine-meyon Wallace, Lauren Ashley Wilkerson, Jonathan Brandon Zapata and Naomi Marie Zaragoza.

Remember When

30 years ago (1979)
 A 22-year-old Scarsdale resident was found shot to death in his apartment on Algonquin.

Parents residing in the Gulf Palms area appeared before the Pasadena Independent School District board of trustees to protest the board's decision on a boundary line change.

25 years ago (1984)
 The seventh-grade orchestra at Beverly Hills Intermediate School won the sweepstakes award at the UIL orchestra contest.

Jill Miller, a 1980 Dobie High School graduate, won the title of Miss Galveston and would compete in the Miss Texas-USA Pageant.

20 years ago (1989)
 E.J. Ritchey, Thompson Intermediate's principal, was honored with a retirement reception given by the teachers and staff of the school. Ritchey had been principal at Thompson for 15 years.

Friendswood homeowners and city officials reacted with caution concerning alleged illegal off-site dumping of hazardous materials from the Brio refining site in an area across from Sun Meadow Country Club.

15 years ago (1994)
 At a state track meet, Dobie High School athletes Nathan Frazier, Alisha Broussard and Cecily Carrier received medals. Frazier placed second in the high jump, Broussard placed first in the triple jump, and Carrier placed second in the triple jump.

San Jacinto College South held its first International Festival.

10 years ago (1999)
 The annual Southeast Economic Development South Belt business of the year award was presented to Sam's Club.

Roger Davis, the only representative from South Belt to have been elected to

the Clear Creek Independent School District Board of Trustees, resigned to accept employment in the Dallas area.

Plans were under way for the annual July Fourth parade which would take place July 3 since the holiday was on a Sunday.

Mayor Lee Brown was scheduled to address issues of local concern at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce luncheon to be held at San Jacinto College South. Brown was to address improvements scheduled for Ellington and Hobby airfields, updates on construction projects scheduled for the area as well as the possibility of a convention center to be located in Clear Lake.

5 years ago (2004)
 The Pasadena Independent School District was to start aggressively enforcing a policy regarding out-of-district students attending its schools.

Early voting was under way in the PISD and Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District elections.

Houston councilmember for District E, Addie Wiseman, announced three town hall meetings regarding the May 15 citywide special election that would allow the city to opt out of and replace the current pension plan for employees.

South Belt Boy Scouts were collecting torn and faded flags to retire at their annual flag retirement ceremony.

The PISD board approved a 2.75 percent salary increase for its police officers so as to be more competitive with neighboring police agencies.

1 year ago (2008)
 A story in the May 1 *Leader* regarding the enforcement of speed zones on the Sagemeadow portion of Blackhawk prompted action by local authorities, with both the constable's

office and the sheriff's department beefing up patrols along the area street. A common complaint was that the street should have a higher speed limit than 30 mph since it had become a major thoroughfare. The average vehicle speed on the street was 32.26 mph.

Another common complaint was allowing vehicles to park on Blackhawk, thus impeding the flow of traffic.

The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston announced its intention to close Mount Carmel High School at the end of the 2007-2008 school year.

A driver was killed in a single-vehicle accident on Friday, May 2, at the intersection of I-45 and Beltway 8. Gregorio DeJesus, 38, was traveling at a high rate of speed on the northbound service road at roughly 2:45 a.m. when he lost control of his vehicle and struck a bridge support. DeJesus' car, a brand new Corvette, subsequently landed on its roof and caught fire, trapping the driver inside. Witnesses tried to come to the driver's aid, but heat from the flames kept them at bay. DeJesus, a Friendswood resident, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Two men were arrested on Tuesday, May 6, by deputies from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's Office, following a string of incidents that occurred on Scarsdale. The constable's office received a call around 1 a.m. from a woman who said two men had banged on her vehicle and tried to enter it in the 12000 block of Scarsdale. Deputies spotted two males at the service station at Scarsdale and I-45 who fit the woman's description. While questioning the men, a second complainant approached the deputies and said that the suspects had attempted to rob him earlier in the eve-

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BHI inducts National Junior Honor Society members



Beverly Hills Intermediate School recently held its induction of new members into the National Junior Honor Society. The 2008-2009 officers helped with the induction. The 2009-2010 Beverly Hills Intermediate Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society new members pictured are, left to right, (front row) Courtney Gonzales, Savannah Montoya, Cassandra Garcia, Eric Cortes, Alexandra Cirlos, Naasiha Buksh, Rosalva Solis, Yadira Ruiz, John Le, Ironesha Brewer, Erin Blackwell, Hong Pham, Sabin Rocha, Amber Nguyen, (middle row) Lourdes Zavaleta, Yvonne Molina, Nicholas Ghansyam, Jennifer Trinh, Ytzel Yzaguirre, Riley Miller, Nicole Mendoza, Marlene

Martinez, Bethany Sauseda, Gina Le, Eliza Selena Alvarado, Gabriela Romero, Aimee Perez, Mai Thao Nguyen, Deanna Alanis, Sofia Guerrero, Mikaela Guevara, (back row) Javier Delgado, Mohamad Mohamad, Angel Cervantes, Ernest Thumann, Roslynn Charles, Tessa Bandur Somdah, Peter Bui, Cheyenne Simpson, Lauren Lozano, Destinye Barnes-Hall, Autumn Johnson, Amy Hallaron, Edward Ramirez, Daisha Hagan, Christopher Morgan, Maria Alarcon, Cristian Guerrero and Brianna Guevara. Not pictured is Chanse Morris.

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Alliance to host \$5 billion ABC Power Breakfast May 19

Local businesses, buffeted by declining revenue and tight credit, will benefit by attending the perennial ABC Power Breakfast event hosted by Economic Alliance, Bay Port Region. Representatives with more than \$5 billion in buying power will be on hand to discuss contracting opportunities.

On May 19, the power breakfast meeting will feature procurement and supply chain executives from local businesses that have significant budgets to spend on a range of business needs from supplies, equipment, services and more. Company executives from UT MD Anderson Cancer Center, British Petroleum, TOTAL Petrochemicals, Lee College and the City of Deer Park will be on hand to discuss how to become a supplier to their respective companies.

The combined buying power of this panel for this event exceeds \$5 billion.

Each company represented has its own unique and sometime Byzantine way of selecting vendors to support its business. These ways include RFPs, RFQs, RFIs, proposals, LOIs, and even familiarity with Procuri@. Even more, minority businesses will learn about contracting opportunities with the MD Anderson Cancer Center, a state-funded organization, which is required by law to invite participation of historically underutilized businesses. MD Anderson

spends nearly \$1 billion locally on third-party contractors.

John Moon from Crosby State Bank will be the featured speaker and provide insights into the local banking environment and the Texas economic climate. Moon has been a business leader in the local market for more than 15 years.

There will be plenty of opportunity to network and establish valuable contacts with other business owners and panelists. If interested in exhibiting, tables are available on a limited basis. Last year more than 100 participants attended.

The event is being held at the Galena Park Independent School District administration building from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. The event is free for members and \$15 for nonmembers. Breakfast is included.

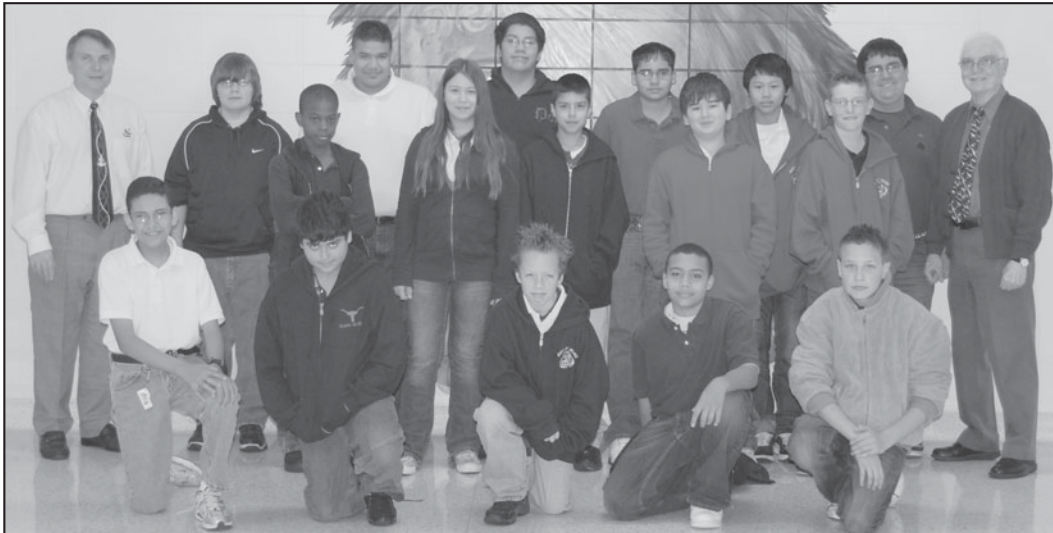
The Economic Alliance,

Houston Port Region is a nonprofit organization created in 1985 to provide professional economic development services on behalf of 16 communities surrounding the 25-mile Houston Ship Channel.

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Register for the ABC Power Breakfast now at the Economic Alliance Web site <http://www.allianceportregion.com/events/events.aspx> or by calling Marisela Cantu at the Economic Alliance at 281-867-1112 ext 13. Register early as space is limited.

BHI students enjoy Chess Club



Pictured below are, front to back, (left side of the table) Vincent Gutierrez, Adrian Jimenez, (right side of table) Priscilla Keller and teacher Lawrence Moscarelli.

Submitted photos



Teachers Joseph Fee and Lawrence Moscarelli have enjoyed starting a chess club at Beverly Hills Intermediate. Anyone is welcome to join the fun. The students enjoy the time as well as learn reasoning and deductive skills. Members of the Beverly Hills Intermediate Chess Club pictured are, left to right, (front row) Corey Bouleris, Giovanni Alanis, Greer Vincent, Daniel Murillo, Phillip Graham, (middle row) O'dell Evans, Priscilla Keller, Daniel Lind, Vincent Gutierrez, Ben Arnett, (back row) Fee, Joseph Fee, VJ Corona, Javier Carranza, Adrian Jimenez, Kevin Nguyen, Alejandro Pack, and Moscarelli.

NJHS officers honored



Beverly Hills Intermediate recently held its induction ceremony for new members in the National Junior Honor Society, with the 2008-2009 officers helping with the induction. Officers and honorees pictured are, left to right, Sidra Naqvi, president; Nqocque Tran, vice-president; Brenda Tamez, secretary; Cassidy Peng, treasurer; and Tyler Reyna, service hours award winner.



Happy 10th Birthday, Britney Cubos!

We love you very much and are so proud of you! Have a great day!

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Dobie 10th-grade Future Farmers of America student Tabitha Troxlar fared well at the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo, taking home seventh in class in the Dark Crossbred division.

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Dobie 11th-grade Future Farmers of America student Austin Abbott (second from right) won Breed Champion in the Berkshire class. Dobie had not had a Grand Champion in breed since 1987. Abbott named his hog "Chief" after his late grandfather who served as chief master sergeant for the Texas Air National Guard. Pictured with Abbott are, left to right, his father, Andy Abbott, his mother, Leanna Abbott, and Dobie FFA instructor Don Williams.

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Dobie 11th-grade Future Farmers of America student Mike Raney also performed well at the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo, winning second in class in the Poland China division.

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Austin Abbott placed 61st in Poultry. Pictured are, left to right, Juston Edwards, Abbott and Ryan Divin.

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Dobie 11th-grade Future Farmers of America student Mike Raney excelled at the recent Houston Livestock Show, scoring fifth in class in the Poland China division.

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Dobie 10th-grade Future Farmers of America student Janna Rex (right) took home a fourth in class ribbon in the Yorkshire division. She is shown above with her mother, Cathy Rex.

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Chris Jackson took eighth in class for Angus Steer at the Houston Livestock Show. Pictured are, left to right, Chris' father, Robert Jackson, and Chris. Chris also placed 12th in class at the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo.

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SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

Swine flu panic eases; UIL resumes athletics

Deem it the swine flu scare or simply a case of cabin fever, many workout-wear high school athletes are about to feel better.

The University Interscholastic League, citing concerns over ramifications of the outbreak of swine flu in Texas, immediately halted all interscholastic activities April 29.

Holding true to its plan to get back to action May 7, the UIL, the state's official governing body for public school interscholastic activities, has delivered.

The following is a breakdown of updated scheduling information concerning the South Belt area's high schools, Clear Brook and Dobie.

Regional track back on
Perhaps the biggest news coming from the UIL's sur-

prising announcement April 29 was that officials had elected to cancel each of the state's four regional track and field meets.

Yet having a chance of a lifetime to compete for a berth at the state meet taken away didn't sit well with athletes or coaches.

In short, the UIL has now reset each of the meets. The Region III meet, which will include athletes from Clear Brook and Dobie, will be held May 15-16 at Turner Stadium in Humble.

The usual stipulations will apply. The top two regional qualifiers in each event will advance to the state meet, which has been reset to June 5-6 at Mike A. Myers Stadium in Humble.

By the time the Region III meet is held, most of the competitors will have gone

a full month without the feel of a live competition, but at least the meet is back on.

"The decision to suspend competition was not a decision we took lightly," said UIL Executive Director Dr. Charles Breithaupt in a statement.

"Much effort and consideration was given to resur-recting the regional track meets and to change the dates for the state meet.

"With the cooperation of our regional sites and the University of Texas, we are now able to hold the regional and state track meets as we had originally intended."

The *Leader*, in its May 14 edition, will have a report on how Clear Brook and Dobie athletes are preparing for the big meet in Spring.

Softball playoffs arrive
Many of the state's high school softball programs played 30 games or more this season.

Yet as the state playoffs are eligible to begin May 11, it's a new beginning for each of the qualifiers. At this point, each of the 32 teams in the Class 5A division essentially stand at 0-0.

Clear Brook, which captured the District 23-5A title with a win over Alvin back on April 25, is set to take on fourth-place Fort Bend Austin of District 23-5A.

The Lady Wolverines will take on Austin in a one-game playoff May 12 at Manvel High School. First pitch in the postseason rematch from 2008 is set for 7 p.m.

Dobie, the second-place team in District 22-5A, will

also be in a one-game playoff against North Shore, the third-place unit from 21-5A.

The Lady Longhorns will battle North Shore May 12 at Clear Lake High School, beginning at 7 p.m.

Dobie defeated North Shore 13-2 at a tournament in February, but Lady Longhorns' head coach Robin Rackley has all but forgotten about that game.

"Everybody is 0-0, and you have to be ready to play," Rackley said.

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Third baseman Bridgette Begle (right) of the Clear Brook varsity softball team is just one of the area athletes smiling at the prospect of being able to return to competition.

Photo by Al Carter



Bidistrict softball playoffs
Clear Brook vs. Fort Bend Austin
Tuesday, May 12, 7 p.m., Dawson High School

Dobie vs. North Shore
Tuesday, May 12, 7 p.m., Clear Lake High School

Spring football still on at CB

Undeterred by postponements or cancellations because of swine flu concerns, the annual spring football workouts got under way on many high school campuses May 4.

The Clear Brook program is one of the many looking to get a head start on the 2009 season by putting in some extra work over the next few weeks.

Meanwhile, Dobie head coach Bobby Cotton made a difficult decision to cancel spring workouts. He pointed to the swine flu issue as playing a part in his move.

"We had the swine flu

deal to contend with, but the big thing is the fact that now the baseball and track and field seasons are running longer.

"We have quite a few athletes taking part in those other sports. That's great, but it would have been difficult to get continuity going in football workouts."

Clear Brook is hoping to build on the momentum created in 2008 when the varsity team won the District 24-5A and eventually delivered wins in two playoff games en route to the regional quarterfinals.

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Untimely slump ends SJC softball season at regional

The San Jacinto College softball team simply picked the worst time of the season to struggle.

The Coyotes were eliminated with a 1-2 record at the Region XIV tournament May 1-3, scoring just six runs in the three games. Top-seeded Blinn went undefeated to win the event, earning a berth at nationals.

The team's offense could not deliver the key hit in run-scoring chances throughout the tournament.

Sophomore pitching ace Kelsey McClain struggled in her outing against Paris in a 9-0 loss, and the defense didn't execute well in an 11-2 defeat against host Navarro.

Throw in a stomach virus that kept two key players out of the lineup against Navarro, and it just wasn't meant to be for the Coyotes.

Despite the disappointment of seeing her team's season come to an end, head coach Kelly Saenz was upbeat after the team returned to the South Belt area.

"We had another great season, going 43-19," Saenz said. "Kelsey McClain set a few pitching records, and Courtney Pettit set a new home run record and another offensive record."

Saenz said she was pleased with the Coyotes' effort during the tournament. The locals simply

could not catch a positive break.

In San Jacinto's lone win, 4-3 against Texarkana,

the team trailed 3-0 before Courtney Oliphant tied the game in the fourth inning with a double. Pettit's RBI

double in the seventh inning plated Jessica Davis with the game winner.

In the other two games, both losses, San Jacinto was outscored 20-2.

"We came ready to play but just couldn't get anything going," Saenz said.

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Freshman Jessica Davis (left), who pitched two innings in San Jacinto's loss to Paris, will return in 2010 as the team's most experienced pitcher.

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Redmon to lead Brook girls' basketball

Lifetime Humble resident Blair Redmon has been named the girls' athletics coordinator and varsity girls' basketball coach at Clear Brook High School.

Redmon, who for the past two seasons has been the varsity girls' head coach at Humble High School, succeeds Sherman Chew, who was released from his duties after two seasons.

For Redmon, the opportunity to guide what she has long felt is a "dominant powerhouse" in the girls' hoops game was enough for her.

"I have always felt like Clear Brook is one of those jobs where when you see it come open, you have to take a shot at it," Redmon said.

"I paid attention to the Clear Brook program when

I was younger, and when I played at Humble, our first game was always against them.

"Pam Crawford (former Lady Wolverines' head coach) did a great job. Obviously, I'm looking forward to seeing Brook be great again."

She played for the Lady Wildcats and graduated in 2000. Prior to the 2006-2007 season, Redmon became the head girls' coach at the school.

Things were just fine at Humble, but then Clear Brook's dual position became available.

"I love Humble," she said. "My entire family is from here."

"This move really had nothing to do with being happy at Humble. I have

been treated exceptionally well, and we have a great program.

"I just wanted to have the opportunity to lead a program I have always admired. This is something I had to make a run at."

First impression
Redmon spent a full day at Clear Brook May 6 handling various administrative issues before returning to her duties at Humble High School.

As for this school year, it is still unclear at when Redmon will be released at Humble and therefore be allowed to come to Brook full time.

Obviously, she's eager to hit the ground running, to begin her career as a Lady Wolverine.

"I do want to get there

and have a chance to address our players before they leave for the summer break," Redmon said.

"It's important for the kids to understand our expectations heading into the summer. That way, when we return in August it will

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Panola, Juengel to regional

The Panola College Ponies, including former Clear Brook infielder Matt Juengel, will play in the Region XIV baseball tournament May 9-12 in Brenham.

Co-champion of the East division, Panola will vie for a national berth against the likes of San Jacinto College and Texarkana.

JFD's Court headed to Tyler JC volleyball



Dobie High School volleyball player Kylie Court (seated center) will continue her education and athletic career at Tyler Junior College after signing a letter of intent with the Apaches. Those at the signing included, left to right, (seated) Linda Court-Rasberry (mother), Ken Court (father), (back row) Donna Branch (Dobie

assistant principal), Tom Rasberry (stepfather), Beverly Matson (grandmother), George Matson (grandfather), Janice Hudson (club coach), Mo Hickman (Dobie varsity assistant coach), Joe Sabatell (Dobie varsity head coach) and Steve Jamall (Dobie principal). Not pictured is Kaitlyn Court, Court's sister.

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Practice-weary teams ready to compete; action resumes May 11 for baseball, softball programs

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Rackley, surely just like many of her peers, is concerned that momentum gained from a strong regular-season finish can be wiped away following a delay like this. But Dobie,

which swept its opponents in the second half of district play en route to a seven-game winning streak, will simply move on.

"One bad inning can be a disaster at this point," Rackley said. "We just have to

play clean. We have to play catch on defense and come up with the timely hits on offense."

After the UIL's latest announcement that the certification deadlines have changed, teams may catch

a break in the area round. In the area round, a best of three series is now an option.

"Our kids are ready to go. All you can do is prepare to be at your best."

The *Leader* will continue to update the latest scheduling moves, including possible area-round playoff games, at www.southbeltleader.com/swineupdate.html.

Baseball is a go, too

When the stoppage came April 29, the state's baseball teams were still involved in the regular season.

Those games will now be completed beginning May 7.

The deadline for district seasons to be completed is now May 12. The bidistrict playoffs must be completed by May 16.

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

Alvin, Brazoswood and Clear Creek have secured their respective playoff berths. The final spot will go to either Clear Brook or Clear Lake.

Right now, both teams are 6-6. The Wolverines finish with home games against Clear Springs and against Alvin.

Clear Lake, meanwhile, hosts Brazoswood and then plays at Clear Creek. If Brook and Lake finish the season in a tie, the Wolverines will advance, having beaten the Falcons in two prior meetings.

Dobie's situation is easy: Beat Sam Rayburn and move on to the playoffs.

But the Longhorns do not want to simply ease into the playoffs through the back door. Instead, the team still has a legitimate chance to finish second.

Currently, La Porte has a two-game lead over Pearland and will claim the 22-

5A crown with one win in its final two games. Second-place Pearland is trying to hold off Dobie.

After playing Sam Rayburn and then facing Pasadena, the Longhorns will play at Pearland to end the

regular season.

It hasn't been the greatest of circumstances for any of the athletes, but at least the UIL and other outside facility directors have worked together to get athletics and other UIL-sanctioned acti-

ivities back in the mix.

After a dull layoff, the excitement will resume May 7

and beyond. See updates at www.southbeltleader.com/swineupdate.html.

Harris wins SBHLL baseball raffle



Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League player Brandon Harris (second from left) will throw out the first pitch prior to the Houston Astros' May 10th game against the San Diego Padres. Harris won the opportunity after his name was plucked from a drawing as part of a SBHLL fundraising raffle. The raffle also included four premium tickets for the game. Funds raised during the raffle will go toward purchasing needed equipment within the league. Those with Harris during a winner's ceremony included, left to right, Marie Flickinger (South Belt-Ellington Leader owner/publisher), Delaina Harris (Harris' mother) and Cindy Munoz (SBHLL president).

District 22-5A Standings Varsity Baseball

(As of May 10)

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

District 24-5A Standings Varsity Baseball

(As of May 10)

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

Up-to-date sports restarts (Varsity sports only)

Region III track and field

May 15-16: At Turner Stadium, Humble

Clear Brook baseball

CB hosts Clear Springs, TBA

CB hosts Alvin, TBA

Dobie baseball

May 8: JFD vs. Rayburn, Maguire, 4:00

May 9: JFD vs Pasadena, Maguire, noon

May 12: JFD at Pearland, 7:00

See softball playoff schedule on Page 1B

San Jacinto College out at regionals

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Top-seeded Blinn dominated the regional tournament and will advance to nationals. But San Jacinto has shown to be a full-time player for the title.

"Seeing what happened at regionals this year just shows how tough our conference is," Saenz said.

"Blinn came ready to play all season and won the tournament, but we beat them three out of four games during the regular season."

"Paris was also very good this year. And Galveston had a good season. Our region has to be one of the toughest around."

Looking back, Saenz has to be proud of what the 2009 team accomplished. When pre-season workouts began, 19 players were involved. Just a few games into the regular season, that number had dwindled to 14.

Cecily Gomez and Megan Knippa suffered injuries early in the season and missed much of the year. A couple of other players exited the program for various reasons.

But the Coyotes boldly moved forward. For most of the season, Saenz went with a lineup that included Pettit at first base, Haley Sandoval at second base, Rae Cassel at shortstop and Oliphant at third base.

In the outfield, Cheyenne Parent was in left field with Sierra Gale in center field and Krystal Plummer in

right field.

Jean Fusilier handled most of the catching work, while Kelsey McClain and Jessica Davis pitched.

Along the way, each of the players excelled.

McClain, who earlier this season signed a letter of intent to continue her playing career at McNeese State University, set a single season record for pitching victories with 30.

Pettit, a Deer Park native who played at the University of Virginia as a freshman in 2008 and then came to San Jacinto College this season, also excelled.

Pettit set single-season records for home runs with 14 and for doubles with 19. She has signed to play at the University of Houston-Victoria next season.

McClain and Pettit both earned first team, All-Region XIV honors. Cassel, a freshman from Deer Park High School, and Oliphant, a freshman from Spring High School, were Region XIV second-team picks.

"Overall, we had another great season," said Saenz, who collected her 200th career victory as the Coyotes' head coach earlier this season.

"Only one team goes to nationals. Last year we were that team. We are on the right track here. We'll just move ahead and get ready for the 2010 season."

As Saenz looks ahead, she has to decide how to proceed without McClain,

Pettit, Plummer, Gale and Parent.

The base of the team will include Davis as the team's most experienced pitcher. Sandoval, Cassel and Oliphant will pace the infielders, and Fusilier will be back behind the plate.

Saenz is looking forward to seeing Knippa, a former Alvin High School standout, back in the outfield.

As of right now, Saenz has inked 10 incoming freshmen, including a pair of pitchers, two catchers and two outfielders. She deems each of the signees capable of making an immediate impact.

"Jessica Davis had a good year for us pitching-wise," Saenz said. "I expect her to step up and be a leader for us. Several of the other freshmen who contributed so much this season should also play very well."

"We've been able to put together some good seasons here, and I expect us to keep doing that. The conference is always going to be tough, but we are going to battle to put ourselves in position to win every year."

Spring FB gets going

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Now a new season is in the distance. The preparation begins now.

Clear Brook is working out each Monday through Wednesday and then scrimmaging on Thursdays. Friday is a scheduled off day.

The Wolverines are slated to play their spring game May 28.

For Lanier, the Wolverines' progression from 2008 to 2009 has to start now.

"This is such an important time of the year because you can basically go at your own pace and do some teaching," Lanier said. "At the same time, there is so much to do. This is also a great time for trying new things. Some things will work, and others won't."

For Dobie, things will start a week earlier - Aug. 3 - this summer.

The Longhorns host Manvel in a scrimmage Aug. 15 and then scrimmage at Elkins High School Aug. 20.

Swim lessons are slated

Staff members of the Sageglen pool will offer swimming lessons during two morning sessions.

Available dates include June 9 to June 19, June 23 to July 3 and July 7 to July 17. For more information or to register, call 281-660-6669.

6-under Stingers stay on a roll in Friendswood



The 6-under South Belt Stingers competed in the Friendswood all-star tournament, where they went undefeated throughout the tournament to win first place. In doing so, the Stingers improved their overall record to 42-1. Members of the team are, left to

right, (front row) Sydney Franco, Alaina Cortez, Aliyah Barajas, Lexie Manriquez, (middle row) McKenzie Ermis, Camryn Wincher, Sophia Colmenares, Samantha Ortiz, (back row) coaches David Cortez, Les Wincher and Cheryl Franco.

10-under select Eclipse second at Alvin baseball



The Texas Eclipse, a 10-under AA division select baseball team made up of players and coaches from the South Belt area, won second place at the Alvin May Day Classic. The Eclipse defeated one of the top-rated AA teams in the area before falling to the County Line Renegades 8-5 in the title game. Members of the

team are, left to right, (front row) Euro Diaz, Jerick Paquinto, Nate Blain, James Barr, Devin Sanchez, (middle row) Beto Quiroga, Tyler Redmon, AJ Martinez, Louis Adams, Stephen Alvarado, Alex Gonzalez, (back row) coaches Alberto Quiroga, Joe Martinez, Jay Paquinto, Euro Diaz and David Gonzalez.

SBHLL senior league sign-up

The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League will host senior division registration Thursday, May 7, from 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, May 9, from noon to 4 p.m.

The session will be held at the concession stand at El Franco Lee Park at the SBHLL facility. Each player registering will need to bring a birth certificate and three proofs of residency. Cost is \$75, payable by cash or credit card. Players age 15 and 16 on or before April 30, 2009, are eligible to compete.

Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League Standings

Junior/Senior Division			
Team	W	L	T
Braves	10	2	0
Astros	9	2	1
Red Sox	8	5	0
Yankees	5	5	2
Rangers	2	10	0
Cardinals	1	11	1

Major Division			
Team	W	L	T
Astros	12	0	1
Tigers	10	2	1
Red Sox	8	4	0
Indians	7	5	0
Yankees	7	6	0
Rangers	7	6	0
Cardinals	5	8	0
Pirates	5	8	0
Braves	2	11	0
Padres	0	13	0

Minor Division			
Team	W	L	T
Rangers	11	1	0
Tigers	9	2	0
Cardinals	9	3	0
Red Sox	7	4	0
Braves	5	7	0
Pirates	5	7	0
Indians	5	7	0
Astros	1	10	0
Yankees	0	11	0

Pee Wee Division			
Team	W	L	T
Indians	12	0	1
Rangers	10	2	1
Tigers	8	4	1
Yankees	7	6	0
Pirates	6	4	3
Padres	6	7	0
Astros	4	8	0
Braves	3	9	1
Red Sox	2	8	2
Cardinals	1	11	1

Machine Pitch Division			
Team	W	L	T
Tigers	9	0	0
Padres	9	1	0
Pirates	8	2	0
Red Sox	4	6	1
Yankees	4	6	0
Braves	2	9	0
Rangers	2	7	2
Astros	1	8	1

T-Ball Division			
Team	W	L	T
Rangers	9	2	0
Dodgers	7	2	0
Reds	6	2	0
Giants	6	2	0
xCardinals	6	3	0
Brewers	4	3	0
Red Sox	4	4	0
Padres	4	5	0
Braves	3	5	1
Tigers	3	6	0
Yankees	5	4	1
Astros	2	4	1
Indians	0	8	1
Pirates	0	9	0

Sports Calendar

SOFTBALL

Tuesday, May 12

Clear Brook vs. Fort Bend Austin, Dawson H.S., 7:00

(Bidistrict playoff game)

Dobie vs. North Shore, Clear Lake H.S., 7:00

(Bidistrict playoff game)

BASEBALL

Friday, May 8

Dobie varsity vs. Sam Rayburn, Maguire, 4:00

Clear Brook varsity hosts Clear Springs, TBA

Saturday, May 9

Dobie varsity vs. Pasadena, Maguire, noon

Tuesday, May 12

Clear Brook varsity hosts Alvin, TBA

Dobie varsity at Pearland, 7:00

TRACK AND FIELD

Friday, May 15

Dobie at Region III meet, Humble, 3:00

Clear Brook at Region III meet, Humble, 3:00

Saturday, May 16

Dobie at Region III meet, Humble, 3:00

Clear Brook at Region III meet, Humble, 3:00

Lutheran South's Kenyon wins state

For the second year in a row, Lutheran South Academy sophomore tennis player Stuart Kenyon (right) won the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools Class 4A boys' singles state title. Kenyon hasn't lost a match in two years of play. Also qualifying to play in the state tennis tournament was junior Anthony Ngo, who placed fourth at district. Sophomore Denissa Gonzalez took fourth at district but lost in the semifinals at the state tournament.

Submitted photo



Bondy edges Beverly Hills, captures first-ever PISD Cup award

PISD Cup

Final Intermediate Standings

Bondy	199
Beverly Hills	193.5
San Jacinto	182.5
Queens	152
Thompson	135
Miller	129.5
Southmore	127.25
Park View	91.5
South Houston	79.25
Jackson	48.75

Sports included: football, volleyball, basketball, cross country and track and field.

Bragging rights for the 2008-2009 athletic season among Pasadena Independent School District intermediate schools goes to the Bondy Patriots.

The Patriots edged Beverly Hills and San Jacinto to win the first-ever PISD Cup. The award recognizes achievement in both boys' and girls' programs in football, basketball, volleyball, cross country and track and field.

PISD assistant athletic director Rodney Chant, who designed the program along with head AD Mike Stephens, was thrilled with the way the race played out this season.

Seven of the district's schools tallied more than 125 points in the program, making the chase for the crown extremely competitive.

"The purpose of the program is to build rivalries between the schools, develop total athletic programs and increase the support athletic programs have between the boys and girls," Chant said.

"There is not one sport that is more important than the other. There is not one grade level that is more important than the other. Every team's results counted in the end."

Certainly, Chant believes the program will continue to

enhance rivalries and build spirit.

"Coaches saw their programs start to develop a sense of pride," he said.

"The athletic administration wants all intermediate programs – both boys and girls – to be successful in

PISD. Success at the intermediate level only builds success in our high school programs."

The PISD Cup standings at the high school level are due to be finalized once the baseball, softball and track and field seasons conclude.

CB girls' hoops tabs Redmon

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be easier to get off to a fast start in the offseason."

What's your style?
Redmon said players and fans alike can expect to see an up-tempo style when the Lady Wolverines take the court.

"My teams run the floor in a faster style, and we are going to press when the other team has the ball," Redmon said.

"We'll apply pressure from baseline to baseline and try to score off turnovers."

From what I know about some of the Brook athletes, they should be able to adapt well. I'm excited about this

opportunity."

AC role transition
As for Redmon's new role as girls' athletic coordinator, she plans to ease into the assignment.

"I want to take my time to get to know our coaches and to move into this role as smoothly as possible," Redmon said.

"From what I know, we have some outstanding coaches and outstanding people."

"For the first year, though, I think it's important to learn and get a feel for things. My job at this point is to simply provide support and to be as helpful as possible to the staff."

A new beginning

Having appreciated Clear Brook basketball from afar for so long, Redmon is excited to become part of the tradition. Crawford won or shared six straight district titles at Clear Brook at one point.

This past season, the Lady Wolverines missed the playoffs for the first time this decade. Programs like Clear Creek, Clear Lake and Crawford's team at Clear Springs jumped to the forefront.

"We'll be back," Redmon said. "I have seen Clear Brook be a dominant powerhouse. That's obviously our goal."



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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MAY 7

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

Al-Anon - Meets Thursday at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 111. For information, call 281-487-8787.

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

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 8

AA Meeting – See Thursday, May 7

Free Line Dance Class – The Friendswood Senior Citizen Program offers free line dancing classes at 416 Morningside. All area senior citizens, 55 or older, are invited. For more information, call 281-482-8441.

AARP – The American Association of Retired Persons meets the second Friday of each month at the community center at El Franco Lee Park on Hall Road.

Moving Forward Women's Adult Children Anonymous – Meets at the Up The Street Club in Webster, 508 Nasa Parkway, in room 4. ACA is a 12-step program for people who grew up in alcoholic or dysfunctional homes. For more information, call 281-286-1431.

SUNDAY, MAY 10

Alcoholics Anonymous – See Thursday May 7.

MONDAY, MAY 11

AA Meeting – See Thursday, May 7.

Free Walking Classes – for plus size women are held Mondays and Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at the Sagemont

Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road. Let's move together. Registration required. For more information, call Beatrice at 281-922-2343.

Free Exercise Class – Low impact aerobic classes at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes. Registration required. For information, call 281-922-2343.

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

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

Sagemont Civic Club – Meetings are held the second Monday of every month at 7 p.m. in the building adjacent to the Parker Williams Library located on Scarsdale and Beamer.

TUESDAY, MAY 12

AA Meeting – See Thursday, May 7.

CCART – The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers meets the second Tuesday of each month, September through May. They are held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 Nasa Parkway in Seabrook near the Landolt Pavilion. All Texas retired school employees from all surrounding school districts are welcome to attend this organization. Annual dues are \$35.

American Begonia Society – Meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Pasadena Town Square Community Room. For more information, call 713-946-4237 or 713-941-7158.

Tri-County Republican Women – Meets at Golfcrest Country Club. A luncheon is available for \$15 with advance reservations by the Friday before the meeting. For reservations, call Laura Morgan at 281-484-8083.

Free Exercise Class – See Monday, May 11.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) – Meets at

Sagemont Center, 11507 Hughes. For information, call Erma Coskey at 713-946-6049.

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous – See Tuesday, May 12.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

AA Meeting – See Thursday, May 7.

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

Young at Heart Club – Meets the second and fourth week of each month at Covenant United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Lots of activities, trips, etc. Call Nellie Galney at 713-991-3517 for more information.

Free Walking Classes – See Monday, May 11.

Free Exercise Class – See Monday, May 11.

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

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

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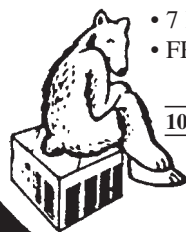
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Arrington was named the Region XIV South coach of the year, and nine players have been named to the all-conference team.

The team, 39-9 overall, dominated the Region XIV South standings. Ranked second nationally, the Gators will enter the conference tournament May 9-12 as the top seed.

Pitcher Tommy Collier, catcher Gregg Alcazar and outfielder Deric Hawkins were unanimous selections to the all-conference team.

Joining them are pitcher Jacob Cowan, shortstop Ryan Burnaman and infielders Danny Hernandez, Devin Shines and Ryan Still. Jeff Abt was selected as the utility player for the all-conference team.

Collier, a freshman right-handed pitcher from Cy-Fair High School, is 11-1 on the year with a 3.03 ERA.

Alcazar, a sophomore from Galveston O'Connell High School, is hitting .343 on the season with four home runs and 12 doubles.

Hawkins is a freshman center fielder. He is hitting .384 on the year with 28 extra base hits. Hawkins ranks seventh in the country in homers with 17.

Cowan, a sophomore right-handed pitcher from Roswell, Ga., is 4-0 on the season with a 1.99 ERA and 59 strikeouts.

Burnaman, the Gators' shortstop, is hitting .385 this season with 11 homers and 60 RBIs. He is a freshman from Dulles High School.

Hernandez finds himself on the all-conference team for the second-straight season. He leads the region with a .362 batting average and has 11 home runs and 15 doubles. He hails from Temple, Texas.

Shines, a first baseman from Austin Westwood High School, is hitting .364 with 42 RBIs.

Still is hitting .390 and has a team-leading 41 walks. The second baseman is from Houston's Westside High

School. Abt has eight home runs from this season and is hitting .341 overall.



Nine San Jacinto College baseball players were named to the Region XIV South all-conference team after the Gators snagged the title with a 24-3 record, including 39-9 overall. The honorees included, left to right, (front row) Deric Hawkins, Gregg Alcazar, (back row) Jacob Cowan, Devin Shines, Ryan Still, Jeff Abt, Ryan Burnaman, Danny Hernandez and Tommy Collier.
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