

# South Belt Ellington Leader

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## Dobie soccer to regional

The Dobie High School varsity boys' soccer team is headed to the Region III tournament for the first time in school history. The Longhorns will take on Westside in a semifinal match April 3 at Deer Park's Abshier Stadium. Match time is 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for students and \$5 for adults and will be available at the gate. See more on Page 1B.

## Area Easter activity

### Easthaven Baptist Church

Easthaven Baptist Church, 13100 Beamer Road at Astoria will hold its annual Easter Egg-Stravaganza Saturday, April 4. Egg hunts will begin at 3 p.m. for toddlers through age 4; 3:30 p.m. for kindergarten through second grade; and 4 p.m. for third through fifth grade. Photos with the Easter Bunny will be available, with storytelling, hot dogs and kite flying (bring your own kites).

### Kirkwood South Christian Church

Kirkwood South Christian Church, 10811 Kirkfair, will hold an Easter egg hunt Saturday, April 11, from 10 a.m. until noon. The community is invited to participate in crafts, egg hunt and refreshments.

### South Belt-Ellington Leader closing

The South Belt-Ellington leader office will be closed Friday, April 10, in observance of Good Friday. Those submitting free items for publication on April 16, should do so by Thursday, April 9. E-mail items to mynews@southbeltleader.com.

### Clear Brook City MUD closing

The offices of Clear Brook City MUD will be closed Friday, April 10, 2009, in observance of the Easter holiday. The office will reopen Monday, April 13, at 8 a.m. To avoid late fees, payments may be left in the drop box located on the drive-through window side of the building.

## MHSE holds blood drive

Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital will hold a blood drive in partnership with the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center, the Blood Center Brazos Valley and the Blood Center East Texas, Thursday, April 9, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria Blvd., CES Classroom 1st Floor. This blood drive is open to the public. To schedule an appointment, contact Jeanie Scott at 281-929-6326. To schedule online go to www.giveblood.org and log in to Digital Donor. Enter the sponsor code: 0701SE01.

## Dobie baseball bingo night

The Dobie Baseball Booster Club will host a bingo fundraiser Saturday, April 4, in the school cafeteria. Doors will open at 6 p.m., and bingo games begin at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased from any baseball player or booster club member. Concessions will also be available. For more information, call Julie Kutra at 281-236-7719 or e-mail jkutra@sbcglobal.net.

## K of C fish fry at St. Luke's

The Knights of Columbus will serve fried catfish dinners at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church on Friday, April 3, from 5 to 7 p.m. at 11011 Hall Road.

Dinners consists of a large catfish fillet, fries, hush puppies, cole slaw, corn on the cob and iced tea. One- and two-piece dinners will be available, dine in or take out. Soft drinks and desserts will be for sale. The public is invited. For information, call 281-484-2127.

## Legion BBQ April 3, 4

American Legion Post 490 will host its barbecue cookoff April 3 and 4. Cooking teams can visit www.legiondist22.com, www.legion490.com and www.tgcbca.org for information, or call Jerry Blaylock at 281-480-0000 or Terry Messinger at 713-539-0163.

## Dobie band parents meet

The Dobie Band Parent Organization will meet Monday, April 6, at 7 p.m. in the band hall. All band parents are urged to attend.

## Cowboys, Cowgirls register

The Sagemont Cowboys and Cowgirls will hold an open registration on Saturday, April 4, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the football field in El Franco Lee Park. This registration is open to anyone interested in football, drill or mascots. A \$50 deposit is required for all football and mascot applicants, and a \$100 deposit is required for all drill applicants. For more information, visit the Web site at www.sagemontcowboys.com.

## Free immunizations April 2

The Houston Fire Department and Blue Cross Blue Shield will offer free childhood immunizations Thursday, April 2, at HFD Station 70 located at 11410 Beamer Road from 4 to 7 p.m.

The service is free. Parents should bring identification and their children's immunization records. For more information, visit www.housfire.org or call 713-495-7900.

# Proposed apartments thought dead; still alive

By James Bolen

The proposed construction of a low-income apartment complex on Dixie Farm Road continues to concern many area residents.

The 148-unit Dixie Gardens would be located between the east side of the College Place subdivision and Lutheran South Academy.

While last week's *Leader* said the project would require the City of Houston's approval, this is only true if the developer, Dixie Gardens Ltd., applies for city funds. At this stage, the developer has yet to apply for assistance from the city, which is rare for such an endeavor.

Donald Sampley of the City of Houston Department of Housing and Community Development told officials from the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce the developer has no prior record of working with the city.

Dixie Gardens Ltd., however, has applied to

## Former resident injured in HFD vehicle crash

Capt. Michael Mayfield, a former longtime Sagemeadow resident, was injured Monday, March 30, when two Houston Fire Department trucks collided at Dunlavy and Westheimer while responding to a call.

Now a Pasadena resident, Mayfield broke his femur in two spots, broke multiple ribs and



Capt. Michael Mayfield

suffered other minor injuries. He had a plate implanted in his wrist and screws installed in his elbow at Ben Taub General Hospital, where he remained in stable condition at press time.

Ten others were injured in the collision, including eight firefighters.

Mayfield is married to Allene Mayfield. Their two sons, Chris and Justin, are both former Dobie students.

# Chamber sets annual casino event for Friday, April 24

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce presents Casino Night 2009.

It will be held April 24 at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer starting at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will use play money to participate in Las Vegas-type entertainment.

For the players, there will be roulette, blackjack, craps and poker, including Texas Hold 'em.

There will be a designated "High Roller"

## Egg hunt, grand opening of EFL community/senior center April 4

The official grand opening ceremony of the new community center at El Franco Lee Park, 9400 Hall Road, will coincide with the park's annual Easter egg hunt Saturday, April 4.

The 10,000-square-foot building cost roughly \$4 million to construct.

The facility will cater to area seniors and local nonprofit groups.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new

State of Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for \$2 million in tax credits.

City Councilman Mike Sullivan, who represents the South Belt area, is staunchly opposed to the development.

"The role of a district council member is to represent his constituents. My opposition to this is a direct result of that responsibility," he said. "Residents and businesses alike have made their views clear on this issue. Simply put, they do not support the project at its current location."

The *Leader* staff was told late Tuesday by city officials the development was a dead issue due to Sullivan's involvement.

However, at press time Wednesday, TDHCA and City of Houston officials acknowledged the state application was still active.

While a lack of city support does hinder such developments, it does not prevent them.

"The City of Houston will not provide financial support to the subject application due to opposition from a district councilmember. That does not necessarily put the project on hold," Sampley said.

A public TDHCA hearing regarding the proposed complex will be held Monday, April 13, at the Houston City Hall Annex at 900 Bagby beginning at 6 p.m. The hearing is only to accept public comment. No decision regarding the developer's application will be made at that time. A final decision regarding the award of tax credits will be made at a July 30 TDHCA board of directors meeting in Austin.

In addition to attending the public hearing, residents opposed to the development can contact local state Sen. Mike Jackson at 713-948-0111 and local state Rep. John Davis at 281-333-1350.

# New PISD South Belt Elementary readying for August opening

By James Bolen

Construction of the new South Belt Elementary School is coming along on schedule. The school is due to open at the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year.

To be located in the Riverstone Ranch subdivision off Blackhawk near Dobie High School, the new facility will serve students who currently attend either Moore or Frazier elementaries. The school's service area includes all streets west of Blackhawk between Sageplum and Riverstone Ranch.

The Pasadena Independent School District will also provide bus service to the new school for students who live in the Sycamore Valley subdivision and the apartment complexes on Dixie Farm Road east of I-45.

Funded by a voter-approved 2004 bond issue, the building's design is nearly identical to PISD's new Richey and Pearl Hall elementaries. Each grade level will have its own pod and common area. Each grade level will also have its own



## Principal Howard oversees school

Future South Belt Elementary Principal Candy Bersen-Howard is shown to the left overseeing the construction of the new school. Located in the Riverstone Ranch subdivision, the elementary school will serve students who currently attend Frazier and Moore. Construction of the new facility is scheduled to be complete this summer, and the school is to open by the 2009-2010 academic year.

Photo by James Bolen

restrooms. A large library will be located in the center of the school.

The school district is currently staffing the new school. Construction is scheduled to be complete by midsummer.

Former South Belt resident Candy Bersen-Howard was appointed principal of the new school by the PISD Board of Trustees last January.

A career PISD employee, Bersen-Howard served as principal of Jensen Elementary from 1999 to 2008. She was assistant principal at Jensen from 1996 to 1998. Prior to this, Bersen-Howard was a music and fifth-grade teacher at Kruse Elementary for a combined 13 years.

"I love this district," she said. "I wouldn't want to work anywhere else."

The new principal received her bachelor's degree in music education from the University of

Houston and her master's in elementary education from the University of Houston-Clear Lake and holds a midmanagement certificate.

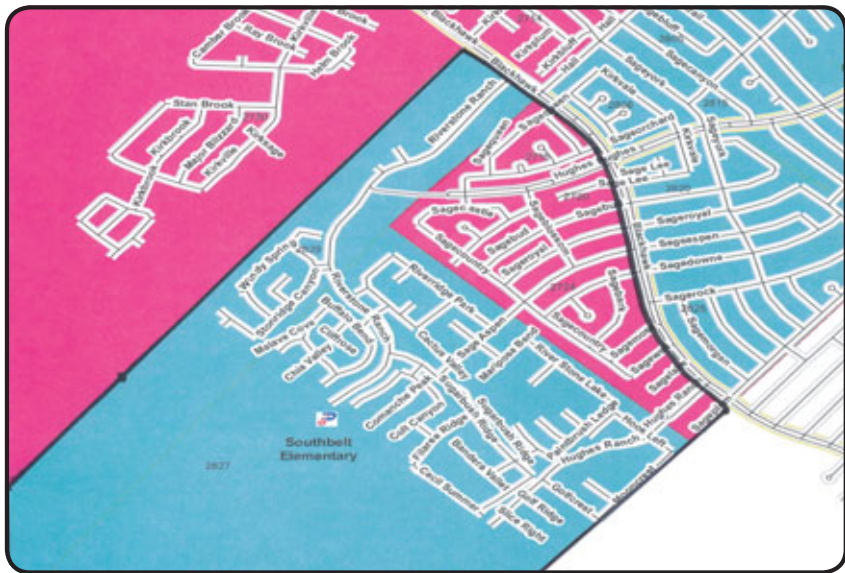
She currently resides in Friendswood with her husband, Joe Howard. The couple have two adult daughters, Melanie and Lauren. Both daughters attended Frazier Elementary and Thompson Intermediate before graduating from Dobie High School.

Melanie went on to attend Oklahoma City University, while Lauren attended the University of Houston. Like their mother, both daughters studied music.

Bersen-Howard is enthusiastic about her new position.

"I'm honored," she said. "After living and raising my children in the South Belt community, it's nice to return home and work in an area that is so important to the life of my family."

## Boundary lines approved by PISD board



The Pasadena Independent School District has released the official boundaries for the new South Belt Elementary School to open the 2009-2010 school year. Students residing within the outlined area above will attend the school. The area includes all streets west of Blackhawk between Sageplum and Riverstone Ranch. Students in the areas shown in pink currently attend Moore. Students in the areas shown in blue currently attend Frazier. Also attending the new school will be students who live in the Sycamore Valley subdivision and the apartment complexes on Dixie Farm Road east of I-45.

# Ellington's 75th Army attempts Guinness record on Saturday

On April 4, the 1st Battle Command Training Brigade, 75th Battle Command Training Division will attempt to profile and showcase the support of Houston communities to America's military. Together, military and their families, community leaders and all military supporters in the area are asked to stand in what they hope will be a record setting event.

Records have been set for the largest human

rainbow formation, largest human flag, largest awareness ribbon, even the world's largest human Christmas tree, but none yet for the largest numerical formation. Since the record has never been set, the more participants the better.

They expect to have a minimum of 600 participants.

All participants will begin registration for the Guinness World Records at 10 a.m. in the parking

lot of the Ellington Field Armed Forces Reserve Center located at 14555 Scholl St. The theme is "History in the Making." An aerial photo is scheduled to be taken at noon.

"The City of Houston has always been a great military supporter," said Army Brig. Gen. Jimmie Jay Wells, commander of the 1st Battle Command Training Brigade (BCTB), 75th Battle Command Training Division (BCTD). Wells

said most people want to show their appreciation more, but just don't know how, and this is an opportunity for community members to meet soldiers and show their support by just standing with them.

Most of the unit members, many with considerable active duty experience, serve as observer controller/trainers with the 75th BCTD

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# Readers' Opinions

# Business Review

## Curves of Houston

Study participants in the single largest women's fitness study ever conducted reported losing a total of two elephants – eight tons – last year.

Based on the preliminary results from the 2008 Curves/Avon Fitness Study, 20,141 participants lost a total of 36,000 pounds – the equivalent of two elephants – during the 30-day study. And Curves of Houston-Sagemont Park is looking for local women to participate in this study as it continues in 2009.

Participants will have access to the workout for 30 days for \$30, and must complete at least 12 workouts over a 30-day period, with a minimum of three workouts per week. Participants will receive pre- and post-fitness evaluations, results that can be tracked and compared, and supervised training.

As an added incentive, each participant who completes a post-fitness evaluation at the end of the study will receive a free gift courtesy of Curves and Avon.

"With so many fitness choices, this is a great, no-obligation way for women to see the actual results they can get in just 30 days at Curves. And if they want to join when the study is over, their \$30 goes toward the purchase of a membership," said Shelia Hall, owner of Curves of Houston-Sagemont Park. "Our goal is to provide women with a proven weight loss program at a price that fits in today's budget."

Hall comments that it is a fun way to start getting in shape for the summer time. And along with the 30 days for \$30 participants will also be able to participate in Free Weight Management class

during the 30 day Fitness Study. The Exercise and Sports Nutrition Laboratory at Texas A&M will continue evaluating the research and analyzing the results.

Preliminary numbers from the initial 2008 Curves/Avon Fitness Study reported 20,141 participants losing approxi-

mately 36,000 pounds (18 tons) and approximately 75,000 inches (21 football fields) in just 30 days.

For information on the study, call Shelia Hall at 713-910-8500, or visit the Houston-Sagemont Park Curves location at 11003 Fuqua St.

For more information, visit [www.curves.com](http://www.curves.com).

## Quilt guild to meet

On Tuesday, April 7, Bay Area Quilt Guild will feature applique artist, Alice Wilhoit, from McKinney, Texas. Wilhoit is known for her original Texas quilt pattern as well as her *Remember When* pattern which features applique and embroidery. Visit [www.alicewilhoit.com](http://www.alicewilhoit.com) for more information about Wilhoit. The guild meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. at Mount Olive Lutheran Church at 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. The public is invited to attend.

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received such an outstanding monetary gift and it is greatly appreciated. But even more than the tables and plants, the generosity of the members of Sagemont Church touched our hearts. We know that you all had other things to do and other places to be on Saturday. However, you took the time to give to our school. On Saturday, we stood in awe at your sweet spirit and hard work. Your actions were a sermon without words for us. Thank you for our awesome outdoor classroom and for ministering to our hearts in such a personal way. May God continue to bless each of you.  
**Darlene Davis**  
Principal, Meador Elementary

## Burrus responds to Reams' letter

It is unfortunate that Mr. Reams begins his would-be apology with a simultaneous ad hominem and straw-man argument against "pseudo-intellectuals." Unfortunately, these days, many on the left and the right frequently use these erroneous forms of argument, but this does not justify Mr. Reams' use of them.

Both ad hominem attacks and straw-man arguments are, of course, logical fallacies (also, I had not been made aware of the apparent fact that possessing logical reasoning skills and/or a cultivated vocabulary had become a contemptible vice).

Contrary to Mr. Reams' claims, I did not miss the point of his initial letter. Certainly, his conclusion would have to be that "Obama has instigated a 'bloodless, Marxist coup.'" Yet, if this was his conclusion, then his argument must at least include the tacit premise that "Obama is a Marxist." This takes the form of a "modus ponens" argument: if the antecedent is "true," then the consequent must be "true," assuming the argument is sound. In it of itself, this is a legitimate kind of inference. My previous letter was intended to demonstrate that Mr. Reams' essential premise was utterly false; therefore, his entire argument disintegrates. As I had endeavored to previously indicate, I did not have to attack any of his other premises (his

24 other points), since this premise fails on its own accord. This stems from the fact that Mr. Reams palpably conflates democratic capitalism with Marxism.

Obama's political philosophy has more in common with the writings of John Rawls than Karl Marx. Marxism is a set of nineteenth century would-be solutions to nineteenth century problems; those who attempted to implement their bastardized forms of it, from Lenin to Castro, failed to recognize this fact. Marxism is concerned with the overthrow of the bourgeoisie and the rise of the proletariat; Rawlsian liberalism is concerned with implementing the two principles of justice as outlined in "A Theory of Justice," and while

prima facie, the two are ostensibly similar, once one recognizes that the first principle is lexically prior to the second, one shall recognize that these two systems are contradictory to one another. All this demonstrates how Mr. Reams' main premise, the antecedent in his primary inference, is patently false.

"Bloodless coup, take two" is an exercise in prevarication: Mr. Reams is attempting to abate my critique by claiming that I only criticized merely one of his 25 points, and that in doing so, I did not provide an adequately exhaustive counterargument. I did not have to respond to every point because it only requires the refutation of this one premise to dismantle his entire argument.  
**Thomas Burrus**

## Church to present tribute

St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta, off Edgebrook, will present *Jesus Rocks*, a tribute to Jesus Christ featuring music from the 50s to the present on Saturday, April 4, at 7 p.m. For information, call 713-946-4006. Admission is free.

## St. Stephen Presbyterian Church

A celebration of Holy Week will be held at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta, off Edgebrook. Events include: Maundy Thursday communion service will be at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 9. On Friday, April 10, Good Friday Choral Cantata will be performed at 7:30 p.m. An Easter celebration will be held Sunday, April 12, at 10:30 a.m. with the flowering of the cross.

## Deaths

### Wilma Aline Black



Wilma Aline Black, 91, died Saturday, March 28, 2009. She and her husband George "Elmer" Black were 30-plus year residents of Eastridge Terrace. They raised a family of four boys and one girl.

She touched the life of hundreds, if not thousands of children and families as she was a nursery mother at Southland Baptist and Gulf Meadows Baptist churches since the mid-1950s.

Black is preceded in death by her husband and

her son, David.

She is survived by sons George Jr., Howard and Larry, as well as daughter Martha Jahn.

Black is also survived by 12 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be conducted by the Rev. Raymond McHenry, Saturday, April 4, at 10 a.m. in the Southpark Funeral Chapel, 1310 N Main St. in Pearland. Visitation will be from 4 until 8 p.m. Friday, April 3, at Southpark Funeral Home.

## Ellington's 75th Army strives for Guinness

Continued from Page 1A and understand the stress of deployment and the need to support all members of the armed services. The 75th Division allows company and field-grade officers as well as senior noncommissioned officers a chance to serve as citizen soldiers while earning insurance and retirement benefits offered through the reserve system.

"Our brigade of just over 400 soldiers has historically trained almost 15 times its number annually. We help to prepare military units of all types for deployment worldwide in support of U.S. diplomacy," said Army Lt. Col. Jeff Ragland, deputy operations officer for 1st Brigade.

In 2008, the division trained more than 8,500 soldiers from 78 brigades and is being tasked to provide this type of exemplary battle command training for active component units.

For more information about the 75th Division or The History in the Making Event, contact Capt. Keli Chevalier at 832-380-7105, e-mail questions to [keli.chevalier@usar.army.mil](mailto:keli.chevalier@usar.army.mil) or visit the division's Web site at [www.armyre.serve.army.mil/75th](http://www.armyre.serve.army.mil/75th).

The 75th currently serves as the only U.S. Army Reserve Battle Command Training Division that provides specialized battle command and staff training.

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# So Ho Intermediate named National Model School

South Houston Intermediate School has been named 2009's National Model School by the International Center of Leadership in Education (ICLE).

Under the leadership of Principal Laura Gomez and her staff, South Houston received the award because of their continuing strides in student achievement over the past three years.

"This is a great honor and a tribute to all of the dedication and hard work of the teachers and students at South Houston Intermediate," said Dr. Kirk Lewis, Pasadena Independent School District superintendent.

South Houston Intermediate is the second Pasadena campus to receive the National Model School award. Sam Rayburn High School was honored with the award two years ago.

The award comes on the heels of PISD being named ICLE's National Model School District in May 2009.

The ICLE recognized the district and campuses like South Houston Intermediate for their ongoing efforts to reform the educational program in PISD to reflect higher standards and greater rigor in instruction throughout the system, which is the intent of the district's Expectation Graduation initiative.

# Dobie Economics Club visits Dallas



The J. Frank Dobie Economics Club traveled to the Dallas/Fort Worth area for a spring break field trip. Members visited the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas (11K) where they learned about the purpose and monetary policy of the United States. The club then went to the Federal Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Fort Worth where they actually saw money being printed. Since it was spring break, the bureau had exhibits showing how money was made during the early 20th century and how damaged money can be replaced. The final stop for the Dobie Economics Club was Dealey Plaza and the Sixth Floor Museum (the former Texas School Book Depository) from which shots were fired that assassinated John F. Kennedy. The following Economics Club members are shown on Dealey Plaza and in front of the book depository: left to right, (front row) Jackie Noyola, Anna Garcia, Eric Diaz, (middle row) Nessly Cordova, Adriana Noyola, Mercedes Moore, Coronda Harris, Natalia Soto, Kaitlynn Mubarak, Josie Alvarez, sponsor DiAnn Fernandez, (back row) Daniel Rios, Collin Clark and Anthony Gonzales. *Photo submitted*

# Local issues on May 9 ballot

While Texans will go to the polls on May 9 to decide many local issues, there are no statewide propositions on the ballot that day, according to Secretary of State Hope Andrade.

Rumors - fueled by an e-mail circulating around the state - of a constitutional amendment on the ballot regarding the homestead tax are not accurate, Andrade said.

"Our office has been contacted by many citizens that received or heard of the e-mail," said Andrade. "We want to make sure people have correct information and are prepared to vote on the issues before them. Many cities, school districts and other local entities will be holding important elections, but there are no statewide constitutional amendments on the May 9 bal-

lot." The deadline to register to vote in the May election is Thursday, April 9.

Individuals who need to register to vote may obtain

an application from several county offices, many post offices, libraries, or from the Secretary of State's voter information Web site at [www.VOTEXAS.org](http://www.VOTEXAS.org).

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# Over The Back Fence by Jan

**OMG! ALYSSA TURNED 13!**  
 Alyssa Y. Mata celebrated her 13th birthday Wednesday, April 1, on April Fool's Day. She attends Westbrook Intermediate School and lives in the Sageglen subdivision. Birthday wishes are sent from mommy Marisol and daddy Daniel Mata, papa D. Christian Mata, Ita Elda and Ito Jesse Mata, and Grandma Mary and Grandpa Jaime Baldwin.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY RICKY!**  
 Ricky De La Fuente will blow out six candles this Saturday, April 4. He plays T-ball for SBHLL and is on the Dodgers team. His family is very proud of their little boy. Lots of love, hugs and kisses are sent from mom Yvonne, dad Rene, sister Jaclyn, niece Khloe, brothers Jacob, Rene and Ryan, PoPo Acosta, Grandma Sylvia, Aunt Melly, Uncle David, Aunt Nini, and Uncle Toti.

**SPEEDY RECOVERY WISHES FOR BETH**  
 Best wishes are sent to Beth Williams (Central Ace Hardware), who is recuperating from recent knee surgery. All her friends, family and the staff at the Leader hope she has a speedy recovery.

**SCHOOL DAZE**  
 The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays April 2 through April 8.

**Burnett Elementary**  
 On April 3, Herlinda Chapa and Judy Vazquez celebrate a birthday.

**Frazier Elementary**  
 Blow out the birthday candles for Erica Escamilla April 5.

**Jessup Elementary**  
 Claudia Flores is sent a birthday greeting on April 4. Sharing a birthday April 7 are Lisa Rogers and Marian Rayford.

**Meador Elementary**  
 Birthday wishes for a wonderful day are sent to Mike Gill April 7.

**Stuchbery Elementary**  
 Blow out the birthday candles for Laurie Chmarney April 3. Robin Salinas has a birthday April 8.

**Melillo Middle School**  
 Enjoying a birthday April 5 is Shade Fagbemi. On April 6, Charlotte Anthony celebrates a birthday. Birthday wishes for a wonderful day are sent to Ashley Miller on April 8.

**Morris Middle School**  
 Meghan Norton and Janet White celebrate a birthday April 2. April 4 is the day for a birthday party for Linda Bowers.

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The seminars will provide an opportunity to learn detailed information about the program and the areas of certification offered. Seminar dates and times are as follow:

**Seminar Time and Dates**

**Wednesday, Apr. 8, 2009 at 7 p.m.**  
**Tuesday, Apr. 21, 2009 at 7 p.m.**  
**Saturday, May 2, 2009 at 10 a.m.**

All seminars will be conducted at the Pasadena ISD Administration Building, located at 1515 Cherrybrook Lane in Pasadena, Texas 77502.

For more information, please call:  
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## Inventor to speak at San Jac South

Acclaimed inventor and product development specialist Arthur Venditti will be the keynote speaker at *Product Design and Development: the China Factor*, a free public lecture to be held at San Jacinto South.

The informative meeting will take place April 9 at 10 a.m. in the Kaleidoscope Room of the College's Interactive Learning Center.

Venditti will discuss the product development process, including all of the phases involved in taking an idea from the concept

## Greene takes top honor



On March 7, the United Space Alliance Leadership Association held its annual speech contest for youth in grades 9-12, with "Leadership" as the topic. The first-, second- and third-place winners each received a monetary award, with the first-place winner advancing to the next round on March 28. Pictured is first-place winner Theresa Greene (right) and the USALA youth coordinator, Kristin Leary. Greene is a sophomore at J. Frank Dobie High School and is the daughter of longtime Kirkmont residents Cathy and Henry Greene.

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The South Belt Leader office formally opened at 12007 Beamer Road.

**25 years ago (1984)**  
 Two left-turn signal boxes on Fuqua and Beamer were confusing drivers. Some city traffic officials said two lanes could turn, while others reported only one lane could turn. Police reportedly gave tickets to those turning from the middle lane.

A husband and wife in Scarsdale were charged with possession of a controlled substance after being arrested by Houston police.

Having a constable patrol the unincorporated sections of the South Belt area resulted in the confiscation of \$7,000 in stolen property during the first three weeks.

**20 years ago (1989)**  
 With more than 730 concerned parents and teachers looking on, Clear Creek ISD board members answered the question of Weber sixth-graders attending Webster Intermediate by rejecting proposed administration solutions and leaving the situation at status quo.

An aggravated robbery and an attempted capital murder in the 11001 block of Fuqua left one man wounded in the foot following a holdup and shootout at the Texaco station at Fuqua and Sabo.

**15 years ago (1994)**  
 Dobie graduate C. Mark Chassay, M.D., was one of 50 young medical professionals to receive the American Medical Association/Glaxo Achievement Award and a \$900 grant to attend educational sessions at the AMA National Leadership Conference in San Francisco.

Part of Beamer Road and Scarsdale would be blocked off for the Saturday morning fun run held at San Jacinto College South and sponsored by the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce.

**10 years ago (1999)**  
 The South Belt-Ellington Leader, in an attempt to catch up with modern technology, established an e-mail address for news submissions.

Atkinson Elementary School was recognized as a Title I Distinguished School at the Association for Compensatory Educators of Texas' spring workshop.

**5 years ago (2004)**  
 Senior Department of Defense officials agreed in principle to a plan offered by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, to move 2,300 Army, Navy and Marine Corps Reserve troops from the Old Spanish Trail Reserve Center to Ellington Field, creating a Joint Reserve Base that would allow the military to operate more efficiently and better utilize the base.

Eight South Belt elementary schools in the Pasadena Independent School District scored 90 or better on the third-grade reading section of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Academic Skills test.

**1 year ago (2008)**  
 The widening of Dixie Farm Road from Beamer to FM-518 was running ahead of schedule, according to Victor Vann, construction manager for the Texas Department of Transportation. Originally projected to be complete by January 2009, the project was thought to possibly be finished as early as November.

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce scheduled its annual Casino Night at The Gardens on April 25.

The Pasadena Independent School District incorporated several new technologies into its classrooms to help students learn both efficiently and safely.

The South Belt Spectacular Cookoff was set for April 17-19. The event would once again be held at Tom Bass I Park due to construction at El Franco Lee Park. The 12th annual event would be the only fundraiser for the Fourth of July fireworks at El Franco Lee Park.

Fred Roberts, who was seeking the GOP nomination for state representative, District 144, filed both civil actions and legal complaints against his opponent, Ken Legler, for the release of Roberts' Social Security number in a direct mail piece that was believed to have been mailed to more than 5,000 households.

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## Writers League meets

Linda Switzer will be the guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the Bay Area Writers League on Thursday, April 2, at Barnes and Noble at Bay Area Boulevard and the Gulf Freeway in Webster.

Member networking begins at 7 p.m., followed by a general meeting and speaker presentation at 7:30 p.m. The meeting is free and open to the public.

Linda Switzer is a proud native Texan whose first book, *Hit Du Jour*, was published October 2008.

Currently, she is a part-time adjunct professor in the Writing Center at Houston Community College South East.

Prior to turning her attention to teaching and writing, Switzer was a litigation attorney and mediator.

In addition to her recently published book, Switzer has another novel in the works and is compiling several short stories she is writing for a teens book that she expects to have ready for publication by late fall or early spring 2010.

Switzer has three grown children and eight grandchildren who provide her with a constant stream of ideas and wells of pride and joy.

Switzer was not only born in Texas, she was educated in Texas. Her doctorate of jurisprudence was earned at the University of Houston, her master's degree at the now Texas A & M in Commerce, and bachelor's degree in psychology at the University of Texas at Dallas.

The writers league is a nonprofit organization developed in 1987 to support Bay Area writers through information, peer critique, workshops, conferences, contests and publishing opportunities. For more information, visit [www.bawl.org](http://www.bawl.org).

## Stuchbery students 'Rock the TAKS'



Stuchbery Elementary recently held its TAKS pep rally with the theme 'Rock the TAKS.' Students in Angie Adams' kindergarten class pictured are, left to right, (front row) Adams, Brianna Davis, Jose Tolentino, Miranda Rull, Mikayla Lagos, Jonavon Wade, David Perez, Brooke Albin, (back row) Luke Morales, Thao Lam, Drellyn Brown, Marissa McAnally, Alex Bravo, Jullina Gutierrez, Aaron Rodriguez, Deaira Jackson, Joshua Farley and Ariana Xayadeth.

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## Stuchbery principals 'rock'



Pictured are Stuchbery Elementary Principal Jackie Salisbury (left) and Assistant Principal Carolyn Waller, dressed up to 'Rock the TAKS' during the TAKS pep rally.

## Hutchison announces \$1.5 million for Ike

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX), Texas' senior senator, recently announced that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency has awarded \$1,560,647 to reimburse the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for the collection and proper handling of hazardous materials during Hurricane Ike.

"The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality performed a tremendous service to our state in the aftermath of Hurricane Ike by safely recovering and disposing of potentially hazardous materials that had been washed away by the storm surge," said Hutchison. "I'm pleased that FEMA is taking steps to reimburse organizations that stepped forward in our time of need to help communities along the Gulf Coast recover from this devastating storm."

During the hurricane, approximately 5,000 containers were washed into the inner tidal zone and identified for recovery and

disposal. Containing potentially dangerous materials, the drums were recovered and disposed of safely. FEMA, as part of its ongoing mission to the state of Texas, assumed 100 percent of the project costs to Texas. The obligated funds are a portion of \$602 million in total public assistance disaster funds sent to the state since September 2008.

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## Barras, Shoultz to marry



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### PISD issues warning

The Pasadena Independent School District is informing parents of a company claiming to be endorsed by the district to help seniors apply for college aid.

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## Frazier participates in Olympiad



Eleven Frazier fourth-graders were selected to participate in Pasadena Independent School District's annual Olympiad on March 12 at Phillips Gym. Olympiad is a demonstration of physical education skills involving 600 students from 34 elementary schools across the district. The Frazier students will perform a kickboxing routine and a line dance. Pictured are, left to right (front row) Robert Lazo, Trey Prater, Evan Hausler, DeJean Jolivet, Juan Izaguirre, Jeantrel Jolivet, (back row) Gabriela Munoz, Taylor Garcia, Rebecca Shaffer, Vianney Sanchez and Abby Armenta.

## San Jacinto College hosts reception for veterans

San Jacinto College will host a reception at each of its three campuses for veterans and their families on Tuesday, April 7, 2009, from 6 to 8 p.m.

The event will introduce veterans, their families and friends to the services available to them at San Jacinto College. Representatives from financial aid, counseling, advising and student services will be on hand to answer

questions and speak about the college.

"We're honored to open our doors to the veterans of our community," said Dr. Bill Raffetto, vice president for enrollment services. "We invite anyone who has served to visit one of our campuses with their family to learn more about what San Jacinto College has to offer."

The reception will take place simultaneously on each

campus. The event will be held at the Central campus in the Kaleidoscope Room of the Interactive Learning Center, located at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena.

The South campus reception will be held in the lobby of the student center, located at 13735 Beamer Road.

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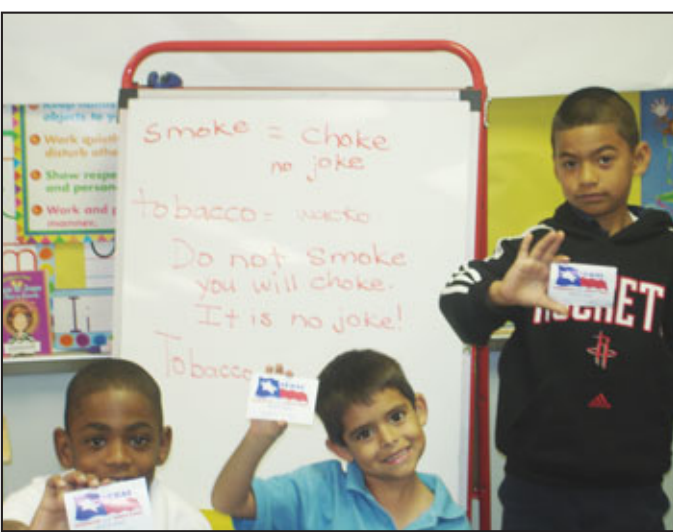
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### Tobacco-free week observed at Frazier



Frazier first-graders, left to right, Kelvin Gardner, A.J. Corpus and Mario Barajas display pledge cards received recently after signing up and pledging to not use tobacco. The wallet-size Student Tobacco Pledge Cards were distributed to elementary school students in the Pasadena Independent School District during the week of March 26 through March 31 in observance of Texas Tobacco-Free Kids Day. The event was held in conjunction with the 12th annual national Kick Butts Day sponsored by the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids. Students pictured are in Kym Quiroz's class.

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## AARP to meet April 17

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# SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

## Soccer's "Final Four" - Dobie boys still dancing

More than 40 years since the school opened, Dobie's athletic programs are still making history.

The school's boys' soccer team outlasted Clear Lake 3-2 in a shootout, beating the Falcons in a regional quarterfinal matchup March 31 in Pearland. With the win comes the program's first-ever berth in the regional tournament.

The Longhorns, who earlier this season won the District 22-5A title, will face

District 20-5A champion Westside in the semifinals April 3 at Deer Park's Abshier Stadium. Game time is 5:30 p.m.

The two teams met during a round-robin event in nondistrict play, finishing in a tie.

The other semifinal game pits Katy against Clements at 7:30 p.m. The semifinal winners will vie for a berth in the state tournament April 4 at 1:30 p.m.

Katy is a third-place

team out of its 17-5A district. Westside (20-5A), Dobie (22-5A) and Clements (23-5A) all won district championships.

With only four teams remaining in the hunt for the Region III chase, Dobie head coach Jesse Saavedra is conceding nothing.

Clear Lake, a regional semifinalist in 2008, has been vanquished.

"To me, that was the big one (Clear Lake)," Saavedra said. "Our guys did a terrific job."

"Now, any of the four teams can advance. We've come this far, so we aren't planning on letting this go."

"We have played Westside and know we can compete with them. They have a different style than ours, so

we have to be able to play our game. I am confident we will come out to play and be ready to go."

The state tournament is April 9-11 in Georgetown. The Class 5A semifinals are April 10, and the championship match is April 11. Dobie is two wins from that invitation.

**Lake falls as Dobie rolls**  
Omar Arrequin scored Dobie's winner on the sixth shootout try, giving Dobie the victory in sudden death.

Dobie had led 2-0 through the first series of five tries, but Clear Lake scored on its final two to force a tie.

As the sixth round came around, the first team to score and force a miss was declared champion.

As he has been all season, freshman goalkeeper Jose Balvaneda was brilliant, stopping four of Clear Lake's six shootout attempts.

The two teams played 80 minutes of regulation and two more 10-minute sessions of overtime, winding up tied at 1-1.

Irving Garza gave Dobie a 1-0 lead with roughly 15 minutes remaining in the game on a direct kick from about 30 yards out.

But a breakdown on the ensuing series by Dobie allowed Clear Lake to tie the score, 1-1, just 30 seconds later.

With their season on the brink time in overtime, the Longhorns would not fold. Instead, the group insisted on winning.

"I'm so proud of this team, but really they have answered the challenge all season," Saavedra said.

"Some of these other

programs we have faced (Fort Bend Austin and Clear Lake) have players who come from huge youth programs.

"This is a credit to our guys and their development (including the South Belt Youth Soccer Club)."

At regionals, Saavedra said he hopes the Longhorn nation of fans makes another strong showing.

The team was cheered by its largest fan base of the season against Clear Lake. It made a difference.

"Our guys have always believed they could win," Saavedra said. "Right now, they are proving they can."

**Regional tournament notes:** Tickets for the regional tournament are \$4 for students and \$5 for adults.

Two-day tournament passes will be available for \$9. All tickets will be sold at the gate. Dobie is the home team against Westside.

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Walter Anoruo, a junior midfielder for Dobie, applauded his team's victorious effort in the area playoffs against Fort Bend Austin. A goal by senior Chris Torres in the 53rd minute guided the Longhorns to the win at Alvin. Photo by John Bechtel

## Lake girls trip Brook

Defending Region III champion Clear Lake took another step toward a repeat, downing Clear Brook 2-1 in the regional girls soccer quarterfinals March 31 at Veteran's Stadium in League City.

Clear Lake defeated Clear Brook twice in district play this season, and then took a 2-0 lead over the Lady Wolverines in the quarterfinals before finishing out a 2-1 victory.

Clear Brook finished the season at 9-8-4 after claiming two playoff victories in the region.

See more soccer Page 6B

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Dobie came into the Pasadena game still stinging from a 7-4 loss at La Porte March 25.

With the help of a crucial La Porte error by Bulldogs' outfielder Kendrick Perkins, the Longhorns led 4-0 after half an inning.

But La Porte stormed back, eventually winning 7-4. Perkins helped out with a game-tying two-run homer in the fourth inning.

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## Priest hurls Dobie past Pasadena 3-1

Right-hander Cody Priest went the distance, striking out nine as Dobie's varsity baseball team slipped past Pasadena 3-1 March 31 at Maguire Field.

The Longhorns (10-6, 3-2) scored single runs in the first, third and fourth innings to build a 3-0 lead. The Eagles scored their run in the sixth inning, and Priest pitched around a brief jam in the seventh to close out the win.

"It wasn't pretty, but we'll take it," Dobie head coach Roy Grant said. "We're still not coming up with the timely hits to be able to put teams away easi-

er. We had a couple of more chances against Pasadena to score runs and couldn't do it. Certainly in our two losses, we had opportunities that we missed."

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## Regional quarterfinal playoff results

Dobie boys 2, Clear Lake 1 (SO)

Clear Lake girls 2, Clear Brook 1

## Area round playoff results - March 27

Dobie boys 2, Fort Bend Austin 1

Fort Bend Austin 3, Dobie girls 1

Clear Brook girls 1, Deer Park 0

## San Jac slips up; Blinn next

Now midway through the Region 14 softball race, San Jacinto College is seeking a fresh start.

The Coyotes, now 29-10 overall and 11-5 in conference action, are coming off a doubleheader loss at Paris March 30, and now the locals need to bounce back against first-place Blinn.

San Jacinto hosted the Lady Bucs April 1 after press time. For both teams, the two games represented a chance to make a statement.

Blinn is looking to lock up the No. 1 overall seed heading into the regional tournament April 30 through May 2. San Jacinto, still within striking distance, isn't ready to give in.

Had she felt the urge, San Jacinto College head coach Kelly Saenz could have blamed Mother Nature for the twinbill loss at Paris.

The two teams were supposed to get together March 28, but rain prevented that.

The Coyotes went on to Northeast Texas Community College in Mount Pleasant March 29, then stayed an extra night before returning to Paris March 30.

The players missed classes and, along the way, missed a chance to keep what had been a six-game winning streak alive.

A day after sweeping Northeast Texas 10-1 and 2-1, San Jacinto fell 4-0 and 5-4 to Paris.

In the first-game loss, San Jacinto collected just two hits. Jean Fusilier, Courtney Pettit and Destiny Blanchard all homered for the Coyotes in the second

game, but a five-run inning for Paris secured the win.

Blinn, meanwhile, swept four games against Northeast Texas and Paris, entering the set with San Jacinto at 9-3.

"We just have to come back and be consistent,"

said Saenz, now three wins shy of No. 200 in her career at San Jacinto College.

"This race is going to go down to the wire. We have already seen that you have to come out ready to play every game. Against Paris, not doing that cost us."

## Upcoming SJC games

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## Brook wins sixth straight

## Dobie tied for second after Pearland loss

Midway through the district softball races, the playoff hopes for Clear Brook and Dobie are looking good.

Problem is, the current state of affairs is only good enough for one of those teams.

Clear Brook, winners of six straight games, is in position to make a big statement in District 24-5A.

The Lady Wolverines, tied with Clear Creek and Dickinson for first place at 6-1, will face both of those teams in back-to-back games April 3 and April 7.

In the 24-5A opener, Clear Brook fell to Clear Creek but has since played terrifically well.

Clear Brook pounded Clear Springs 11-0 in five innings March 25 and then downed Alvin 3-2 with Emma Napoli getting the win in the circle.

In Pasadena, Dobie mounted a late comeback but fell short in a 4-3 loss to first-place Pearland (7-0).

Now, the Lady Longhorns (5-2) are set to take on the other two 5-2 teams, including Memorial April 3

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Senior JoJo Krienitz pitched well for Dobie March 31 against Pearland but took a tough loss after the Lady Oilers sneaked away with a 4-3 win at the Pasadena ISD sports complex. The Lady Longhorns are in a three-way tie for second place.

## Prestigious Texas Relays invites Brook, Dobie

The 82nd running of the Clyde Litterfield Texas Relays April 3-4 in Austin will include several local standouts.

The Clear Brook and Dobie varsity girls' teams are among the dozens from across the state that will have members in attendance.

The Lady Wolverines and Lady Longhorns will have both relay teams and individuals involved in the mix.

The two local schools will join dozens from Region III and the rest of

the state in the Division II field.

Sprinters Nicolette Bell of Clear Brook and Dobie's Kiara Harris will be in the running in the 100-meter dash.

The Lady Longhorns will also have Chili Montgomery taking part in the high jump. Shadae Shepherd, a junior from Dobie, is entered in the long jump.

Both schools will send 4x100-meter relay teams to Austin. Clear Brook will be represented by sophomore Randi Askew, freshman Desiree Scott and juniors Bell,

Taylor Smith and Taylor Ramsey. The team's alternate is Ramsey.

Dobie's 4x100-meter squad will include freshman Charity Knight and juniors Monique Anderson, Montgomery and Harris. The Lady Longhorns' alternates are sophomore Tiers Franks and Shepherd.

Knight, Anderson, Montgomery and Harris will also represent Dobie in the 4x200-meter relay. Again, Franks and Shepherd will be alternates.

In the 4x400-meter relay, Clear Brook will send Scott

and Ramsey along with freshman Quanisha Holmes and senior Laura Bradt. The team's alternates are seniors Davina Chambliss and Adonica Chambliss.

The competition in the respective divisions is daunting. In the 4x100 relay, 83 teams have qualified. Another 56 have qualified for the 4x200-meter relay, and 96 have posted efforts worthy of an invitation in the 4x400-meter event.

In the individual events, more than two dozen athletes have been invited in many of the events.

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## Sports news, notes

### SBAST to register swimmers

South Belt Area Swim Team registration will be held in front of Beverly Hills Intermediate April 7-9, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Registration forms are available at [www.sbast.com](http://www.sbast.com) and can be filled out online prior to printing. The forms will also be available at registration. Practices times and location information are also listed on the Web site. The swim season runs from the middle of May through the end of June.

### SBHLL player openings

The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League has five openings for players in the PeeWee division. Children who will be 9 years old by April 30, 2009, are eligible to play. Parents should contact player agent Randall Smith at [Rsmith77525@aol.com](mailto:Rsmith77525@aol.com) to have their child placed on a team. The openings will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.

### SBHLL board openings

The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League has several league roles available for candidates. The league is seeking a major/minor division player agent, T-ball division player agent, a machine pitch division field maintenance director and junior/senior division concession stand director. Those wishing to apply should contact league president Cindy Munoz at [sbhll@hotmail.com](mailto:sbhll@hotmail.com).

### PISD Quick Start tennis

The Pasadena Independent School District will host its sixth annual tennis program for all third-through sixth-grade students in the PISD system. The Quick Start tennis program is an exciting play format for young students interested in learning more about tennis. The program is designed to bring kids into the game by utilizing specialized equipment, shorter court dimensions and modified scoring, all tailored to age and size. All interested players may contact their physical education teacher at their respective school for registration forms. The cost is \$30, which includes a tennis racket, program T-shirt, water bottle and four instructional lessons. The Quick Start kickoff and packet pickup will be held Saturday, April 4, from 1 to 2:30 p.m., at Phillips Field House, located at 22906 Dabney. Lesson dates will be April 5, April 19, April 26 and May 3 from 1 to 2 p.m. Lessons will be conducted at Dobie High School and Beverly Hills Intermediate in an effort to accommodate students in the South Belt area.

### Brook football to golf

The Clear Brook High School football booster club will host a fundraiser golf tournament April 4 at Evergreen Pointe Golf Club in Baytown. The tournament, which features an 8 a.m. shotgun start, will include foursomes competing for top honors. Individual players may register for \$100. Proceeds from the tournament will go toward costs associated with the Wolverines' football program. For more information, call Wayne Priestly, booster club vice president, at 832-443-7725.

### Ellington Rams to register

The Ellington Rams of the Bay Area Football League will host registration for returning football players and all drill, cheerleading and mascot candidates April 4 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at South Houston High School, 3820 South Shaver. All children registering must bring a copy of their birth certificate to the session.

### Southbelt Dolphins to register

The Southbelt Dolphins of the Bay Area Football League will host mandatory registration for returning football players and all drill, cheerleading and mascot candidates April 4 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Blackhawk Park. All children registering must bring a copy of their birth certificate to the session. There will be a \$50 deposit due at the time of registration. First-year players may also register.

### SJC women's hoops tryouts

The San Jacinto College women's basketball team will host tryouts for the 2009-10 team April 18. Two tryout sessions will be conducted, the first at 10 a.m. and the second at 2 p.m. The sessions are limited to 25 players combined. Tryouts will take place at Nichols Gymnasium located on the North campus at 5800 Uvalde Road in Houston. There is a \$20 processing fee for the tryouts. Players interested in trying out for the team should call 281-998-6150, extension 7675 or 7107 to reserve a spot, and they must also complete a recruiting questionnaire online at [www.sanjacsports.com](http://www.sanjacsports.com).

### SJC men's hoops tryouts

The San Jacinto College men's basketball team will host open tryouts for the 2009-10 team April 25, beginning at 11 a.m., at Anders Gymnasium, 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena. Anyone interested in trying out for the team can register the day of the tryouts. Questions about the tryouts should be directed to head coach Scott Gernander at 281-476-1847 or assistant coach Scott Horstman at 281-476-1849. There is a \$20 processing fee per player for the tryouts.

### Dobie baseball booster bingo

The Dobie Baseball Booster Club will host a bingo fundraiser Saturday, April 4, in the school cafeteria. The doors will open at 6 p.m. and the bingo games begin at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased from any baseball player or booster club member. Concessions will also be available. For more information, call Julie Kutra at 281-236-7719 or direct e-mail to [jkutra@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jkutra@sbcglobal.net).

### SBHLL board meeting

The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League will host its monthly board meeting April 8 at 7 p.m. at the El Franco Lee Community Center inside El Franco Lee Park. The public is invited to attend.

### Brook/Dobie spring football

The Clear Brook and Dobie High School football programs will open spring workouts May 4 and conclude later in the month. The Wolverines, who will work out Mondays through Wednesdays and then scrimmage on Thursdays, will host their spring game May 28 at District Stadium. Dobie's freshmen will begin workouts May 11.

# Brook softball on top in 24-5A; Lady Horns second

Continued from Page 1B and against Deer Park April 7. Both games will be played at the PISD sports complex beginning at 6:30 p.m.

### Brook controls destiny

With seven games remaining in the district race, each win and loss is magnified. Clear Brook won't secure the title with wins over Clear Creek and Dickinson but can certainly fortify its chances.

Freshman Katie Bischof doubled home a run, and Michelle Svehla drove in Molly Fichtner after a lead-off triple as Clear Brook edged Alvin.

Svehla also threw out the potential tying run at the plate, and freshman Erin Begle had three hits.

"These girls took the game in their hands and made it happen," Clear Brook head coach Ashley Pillow said of the win.

"I couldn't be more proud of the heart they showed. They are amazing kids. Now, we are set to get back at Clear Creek for beating us in the first round."

After facing Clear Creek and Dickinson, Clear Brook will take on Brazoswood, which is currently fourth.

The Lady Wolverines are in a great position to make the playoffs, but the team wants more after missing out on the district title by one game last season. Starting with Clear Creek, Brook has its chance.

**Pearland trips Dobie**  
Playoff series, season openers or important dis-

trict games. It doesn't matter the situation, but it just seems as though Pearland has Dobie's number.

Pearland won the playoff series against Dobie in 2006 and 2007 and beat the Lady Longhorns in regular season openers in 2007 and 2008.

Now, the Lady Oilers have struck the first blow in 22-5A play.

Megan Coronado's RBI

single in the top of the sixth inning wound up being the difference-maker this time around.

Dobie took a 1-0 lead in the fourth inning after Amanda Nguyen singled to second base, stole second base and scored on an RBI single to center field by Kellen Gomez.

But Gomez was stranded at second base as Pearland

reliever Jessica Bowden retired the next three Dobie hitters in order.

The Lady Longhorns' failure to add more runs proved to be costly in the top of the fifth as Pearland rallied.

Sara Clements walked against Dobie's JoJo Krienitz to open the inning and went to second base on a sacrifice. With one out,

Coronado walked, and Jensen Tydelski singled to the pitcher's circle to load the bases.

That's when things got tricky for Dobie. Bowden, a left-handed hitter, slashed a sinking liner down the left field line. Dobie's Shelby Senegal got a late break on the ball and could not make a play. The ball bounced past her for a two-base error as Clements and Coronado scored to give Pearland a 2-1 lead.

Krienitz then hit Brittany Marcet with a pitch, and Brooke DuBois followed with an RBI groundout for a 3-1 Pearland lead.

Coronado's RBI single after a two-base error in the sixth inning gave the Lady Oilers enough breathing room at 4-1 to hold off Dobie.

Getting just two hits through the first five innings against Pearland's starter DuBois and then Bowden, the Lady Longhorns fought back.

With one out, Nguyen got her second infield hit of the game and then went to second base on a single to left field by Tessa Wells. One out later, Nicole Andrade smacked a double to the gap in left-center field, plating Nguyen and Wells. Bowden issued a walk to Christina Diaz but then came back to retire Ariel Morgan on a ground out to third base.

In the seventh, Bowden set Dobie down 1-2-3, earning the win in relief.

After the frustrating loss, Dobie head coach Robin Rackley pointed to the basics.

"We have to play catch and do the right things in the right situations," Rackley said. "We stranded runners at second base with no outs twice. Defensively, two or three bad breaks cost us runs."

Offensively, the Lady Longhorns sent just 17 hitters, two over the minimum, in the first five innings.

"They (DuBois and Bowden) weren't throwing anything that we haven't seen before," Rackley said. "We were playing Pearland, and I think we were pressing, maybe trying a little

too hard in a couple of situations."

Now, the Lady Longhorns are in a big position to control their positioning in the district.

Starting with Memorial April 3 and continuing April 9 against Deer Park, the Lady Longhorns will likely shape their playoff seeding.

"It's one game at a time for us," Rackley said.

"We'll worry about Deer Park when the time comes. I'm confident we are going to come back against Memorial this time. Their left-hander (Shannon Millman) was tough, but we have made some adjustments. I think the outcome will be different this time."



Junior second baseman Amanda Nguyen had two of Dobie's five hits and scored two runs, but the Lady Longhorns dropped a close 4-3 decision to Pearland March 31 at the Pasadena Independent School District sports complex.

## District 22-5A Standings Varsity Softball

(As of April 1)

Teams	W	L
Pearland	7	0
Dobie	5	2
Memorial	5	2
Deer Park	5	2
Sam Rayburn	3	4
La Porte	2	5
South Houston	1	6
Pasadena	0	7

## District 24-5A Standings Varsity Softball

(As of April 1)

Teams	W	L
Clear Brook	6	1
Clear Creek	6	1
Dickinson	6	1
Brazoswood	4	3
Alvin	3	4
Clear Lake	2	5
Clear Springs	1	6
Galveston Ball	0	7

## 6-under Stingers' winners

The 6-under South Belt Stingers played in the March To Victory softball tournament hosted by the South Belt Girls Softball Association, going undefeated to take first place in the tournament. The Stingers have enjoyed great success this year, putting together a 29-0 record at this point. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Micaela Jimenez, Aliyah Barajas, Lexie Manriquez, Aliana Cortez, (back row) coach Les Wincher, Sophia Colmenares, Camryn Wincher, Sydney Franco, Samantha Ortiz, Mckenzie Ermis, coach David Cortez and coach Cheryl Franco.

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## 8-under Aces softball is second

The 8-under South Belt Aces, representing the South Belt Girls Softball Association, placed second in the 8-under SBGSA March to Victory tournament. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Marissa Enriquez, Brianna Leon, Raylene Martinez, Victoria Pallos, Mikaela Garcia, (back row) Arissa Contreras, Deana Zuniga, Viviana Martinez, Holly Baker, Alexis Hernandez and head coach Jimmy A. Martinez. Not pictured are assistant coaches Debra Martinez and Javier Leon.

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## Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League Weekly Standings

### Junior/Senior Division

Team	W	L	T
Braves	4	0	0
Astros	4	0	0
Red Sox	2	3	0
Cardinals	1	2	1
Yankees	1	3	1
Rangers	0	4	0

### Major Division

Team	W	L	T
Tigers	4	0	1
Astros	3	0	1
Indians	3	1	0
Yankees	2	1	0
Rangers	2	2	0
Red Sox	2	3	0
Cardinals	2	3	0
Pirates	1	3	0
Braves	0	3	0
Padres	0	3	0

### Minor Division

Team	W	L	T
Rangers	5	0	0
Red Sox	2	1	0
Tigers	2	1	0
Cardinals	3	2	0
Braves	2	2	0
Indians	2	2	0
Pirates	1	2	0
Astros	0	3	0
Yankees	0	4	0

### PeeWee Division

Team	W	L	T
Indians	3	0	0
Yankees	3	0	1
Rangers	3	0	1
Tigers	3	1	1
Astros	2	2	0
Pirates	2	1	2
Padres	1	3	0
Braves	1	3	1
Cardinals	0	4	0
Red Sox	0	4	0

### Machine Pitch Division

Team	W	L	T
Tigers	4	0	0
Pirates	4	0	0
Red Sox	2	2	0
Yankees	2	2	0
Padres	1	1	0
Rangers	1	3	0
Braves	0	3	0
Astros	0	3	0

### T-Ball Division

Team	W	L	T
Red Sox	4	0	0
Rangers	4	0	0
Brewers	2	0	0
Reds	3	1	0
Dodgers	3	1	0
Cardinals	2	2	0
Yankees	2	2	0
Giants	1	2	0
Braves	1	1	1
Astros	1	2	0
Tigers	1	3	0
Padres	1	3	0
Indians	0	3	1
Pirates	0	5	0

# Dobie baseball stands at 3-2 in District 22-5A; CB slips to 2-3 in 24-5A

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That loss, Dobie's second after two wins to begin the season, stung.

Grant was happy to see the Longhorns come back and beat winless Pasadena.

Sophomore catcher Justin Eckols opened the game with a double, and Joseph Gutierrez reached, putting

runners at first and third for the Longhorns right out of the gate.

Andrew Williams, the courtesy runner for Eckols, eventually scored on a double steal as Dobie led 1-0. But with Gutierrez at second base, Dobie could not increase its lead.

Eckols started another

rally for the Longhorns in the third as he walked. Williams, the courtesy runner again, stole second base and went to third on a passed ball.

Derrick Murray put Dobie up 2-0 as he dropped a single into short right field just beyond the reach of the Pasadena first baseman.

The Longhorns scored their final run in the fourth inning as Quinton Edwards led off with a double and eventually scored on a bas-

es loaded walk by Eckols. From there, Priest handled the rest.

At 3-2, Dobie is just a game behind co-leaders La Porte and Pearland. The other side of the coin? The Longhorns are tied for second with Sam Rayburn and South Houston.

Up next for Dobie is an April 3 game at Maguire Field against Sam Rayburn. Game time is 7 p.m. Dobie then takes on Pearland April 7 and Memorial April 9,

both at Dobie High School at 4 p.m.

Right now, Grant is focused on Sam Rayburn. The Texans handed the Longhorns a key loss last season that contributed to the locals missing the playoffs.

"I think Sam Rayburn is one of those programs that realistically has a pretty solid history," Grant said. "They have always been a tough, steady team. They're going to battle you and play pretty consistent baseball."

As for the consistency, Grant would like to see more from his team. The defense has played very well at times and has overall been solid.

Priest and Daniel Sawyer, the projected starter against Sam Rayburn, have combined to pitch each inning of district play.

Dobie's bats, however, have not produced runs with much consistency. In five games, Dobie has scored 17 runs and allowed

12. That ratio must improve in a positive manner if the Longhorns are to remain in the title hunt in 22-5A.

**Brook splits pair**  
The Clear Brook Wolverines are losing a bit of ground to the leaders in the 24-5A standings.

At 2-3 overall after a 4-2 loss to Galveston Ball March 31, the Wolverines are still in the mix. But, the team's habit thus far of winning one, losing one, winning one, losing one, etc., has to be halted.

Head coach Russell Ferrell's team pulled an amazing escape job March 27 against Clear Lake.

Trailing 9-2 entering the fifth inning, Clear Brook scored two runs in the fifth, four runs in the sixth and two more in the seventh inning to steal the win 10-9.

The win was big in that

it allowed the Wolverines to improve to 2-2. But the loss to Galveston Ball, a game in which the Wolverines got just three hits, sent the team backwards once more.

Alvin leads the district at 5-0. Clear Creek and Brazoswood share the second spot at 4-1. The Wolverines also trail Clear Lake in the playoff chase.

## District 24-5A Standings Varsity Baseball

(As of April 1)

Teams	W	L
Alvin	5	0
Clear Creek	4	1
Brazoswood	4	1
Clear Lake	3	2
Clear Brook	2	3
Galveston Ball	2	3
Dickinson	0	5
Clear Springs	0	5

## Baylor, Griffin exit NCAAs

Former Clear Brook High School basketball star Kelli Griffin saw her sophomore season ended as her Baylor University Lady Bears were bounced from the NCAA tournament.

The Lady Bears (29-6) shot poorly from the field in losing to eventual Raleigh Regional champion Louisville 56-39 in the Sweet 16.

Griffin previously had 21 points, including the game-

winner with 0.5 second remaining as Baylor survived the second round.

Three of the team's top four scorers, including Jessica Morrow, Jhasmin Player and Rachel Allison, are seniors and have completed their eligibility.

But things still look bright in Waco for Griffin and the Lady Bears, who will welcome 2008-2009 Gatorade Texas High School Player

of the Year Brittney Griner this fall.

Griner, a 6-foot-8-inch post player from Nimitz High School in Houston, led her team to the Class 5A state final this season. Nimitz went 37-2 this season.

Griffin finished her sophomore season with a burst, snatching the starting point guard role in the latter portion of the season and excelling in the post season.

## Sports Calendar

### TENNIS

Thursday, April 2

Dobie varsity hosts St. John's, Dobie, 3:30

Friday, April 3

Dobie JV at Galveston tourn., all day

Wednesday, April 8

Dobie varsity at 22-5A tourn., Strawberry, TBA

Thursday, April 9

Dobie varsity at 22-5A tourn., Strawberry, TBA

### SOFTBALL

Friday, April 3

Clear Brook varsity hosts Clear Creek, 7:00

Dobie varsity hosts Memorial, PISD complex, 6:30

Clear Brook JV hosts Clear Creek, 5:30

Dobie JV hosts Memorial, PISD complex, 5:00

Wednesday, April 1

San Jacinto College hosts Blinn (2), 2:00/4:00

Sunday, April 5

San Jacinto College hosts Lon Morris (2), 11 a.m./1 p.m.

Tuesday, April 7

Clear Brook varsity at Dickinson, 7:00

Dobie varsity hosts South Houston, PISD complex, 6:30

Clear Brook JV at Dickinson, 5:30

Dobie JV hosts South Houston, PISD complex, 5:00

Thursday, April 9

Clear Brook varsity at Brazoswood, 7:30

Dobie varsity hosts Deer Park, PISD complex, 6:30

Clear Brook JV at Brazoswood, 6:00

Dobie JV hosts Deer Park, PISD complex, 5:00

### TRACK AND FIELD

Friday, April 3

Clear Brook varsity girls at Texas Relays, Austin, all day

Dobie varsity girls at Texas Relays, Austin, all day

Saturday, April 4

Clear Brook varsity girls at Texas Relays, Austin, all day

Dobie varsity girls at Texas Relays, Austin, all day

Wednesday, April 8

PISD intermediate girls' meet, Auxiliary, 4:30

Thursday, April 9

PISD intermediate boys' meet, Auxiliary, 4:30

### BASEBALL

Friday, April 3

Clear Brook varsity at Clear Springs, 7:30

Dobie varsity hosts Sam Rayburn, Maguire, 7:00

Clear Brook JV hosts Clear Springs, 7:00

Clear Brook sophomores host Clear Springs, 4:30

Dobie sophomores host Sam Rayburn, Dobie, 4:00

Saturday, April 4

Dobie JV hosts Sam Rayburn, Dobie, noon

Monday, April 6

Clear Brook JV hosts Alvin, 7:00

Clear Brook sophomores host Alvin, 4:30

Tuesday, April 7

Clear Brook varsity at Alvin, 7:30

Dobie varsity hosts Pearland, Dobie, 4:00

Dobie JV at Pearland, 7:00

Dobie sophomores at Pearland, 4:30

Thursday, April 9

Dobie varsity hosts Memorial, Dobie, 4:00

Clear Brook varsity hosts Clear Creek, 7:30

Clear Brook JV at Clear Creek, 7:00

Dobie JV at Memorial, 4:00

Clear Brook sophomores at Clear Creek, 4:30



Joseph Gutierrez (above) and the Dobie Longhorns will play two games at Dobie, including an April 7 contest against Pearland and an April 9 game against Memorial. Both will begin at 4 p.m.



Al Gonzalez is just one of the Dobie varsity baseball players looking to jump-start the team's offense as a set of crucial games comes around beginning April 3.

## Brook-ex Juengel lifts No. 10 Panola

Matt Juengel, a 2008 Clear Brook High School graduate, is on a torrid pace at the plate for the Panola Ponies baseball team.

Juengel struggled a bit through his senior season at Clear Brook while coming back from an injury, but he has delivered time and time again as a college freshman.

Panola, ranked 10th in the latest National Junior College Athletic Association poll, is atop of the eastern division of Region 14.

The Ponies have several standout players, and Juengel is leading the way.

At .484, Juengel is eighth in the nation in batting average. Juengel's 11 home runs tie him for fifth and his 42 runs batted in place tied 11th nationally.

Juengel had also played in fewer games (26) than many of the other leaders in the nation.

A three-year starter at Clear Brook, Juengel was the Newcomer of the Year

in 2006 and also had a solid junior season.

Slowed by an injury as a senior, Juengel signed with Panola Junior College, a member of Region 14 along with San Jacinto College, Alvin Community College, Blinn College and others.

At the end of the regular season, the top four teams from the eastern division will play in the Region 14 tournament along with the top four squads from the southern division. The winner will advance to nationals.

Because of his strong play this season, Juengel has drawn strong interest from Division I four-year programs.

He may be enticed to make the jump to the National Collegiate Athletic Association ranks after this season.

Junior college recruits cannot sign letters of intent with four-year Division I universities and colleges until later this month.

## District 22-5A Standings Varsity Baseball

(As of April 1)

Teams	W	L
La Porte	4	1
Pearland	4	1
Sam Rayburn	3	2
Dobie	3	2
South Houston	3	2
Deer Park	2	3
Memorial	1	4
Pasadena	0	5

## San Jac soccer tryouts April 17-19



San Jacinto College men's soccer coach David Santesteban will host a tryout for 2008 high school graduates and upcoming 2009 high school graduates April 17-18 at the South campus. The April 17 session will begin at 3:30 p.m., and the April 18 session will begin at 10 a.m. There will be a third session April 19 for those who advance to the final pool. Players should come ready to compete on the soccer field and bring their own water, soccer attire (white T-shirt, etc.). For serious inquiries, call Santesteban at 281-922-3475.

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## CALENDAR

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

7 a.m.

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

Noon

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

6:30 p.m.

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

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

7 p.m.

**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.

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

7 a.m.

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

10 a.m.

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

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

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## CALENDAR

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SATURDAY, APRIL 4

6 p.m.

**Frontier Squares** - Meets to square dance at the NASA Gilruth Center on Space Center. Refreshments provided. For more information, contact Gina Sherman at 281-554-5675 or George Wieland at 281-286-5682, or visit [www.frontiersquares.com](http://www.frontiersquares.com).

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

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.

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, APRIL 6

7 a.m.

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

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**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.

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**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.

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

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

**Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - Exhibits include dioramas, an old-time kitchen and a turn-of-the-century doctor's office. Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. 204 S. Main. For information, call 713-472-0565.

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

**Houston Area Parkinson Society** - Free water therapy from 5 to 6 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit [www.hapsonline.org](http://www.hapsonline.org) for a complete list of services offered.

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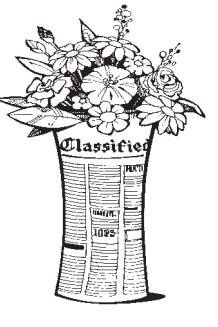
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# High school soccer playoffs: what a run it has been at CB, JFD

## Continued from Page 1B CB girls win epic

In one of the best games of the entire playoff season, Clear Brook's varsity girls' team came through with an epic win over Deer Park.

The two teams played 80 minutes of regulation soccer and two more 10-minute overtime periods without a goal being scored.

Then came the shootout. After the first five-shot shootout session, the two teams were tied. After nine shots per team, the tie was still in place.

Shelby Balmer missed for Deer Park, giving the Lady Wolverines a chance to steal the win with a goal. That's when Clear Brook head coach Rhonda Berry-Gomez went against the grain.

Seeking another scoring option, Berry-Gomez picked freshman goalkeeper Jamie Simmons.

Using some of her knowledge as the player in charge of stopping shots, Simmons pushed the ball past Deer Park netminder Lara Johnson for the victory.

It was a great win for Clear Brook, which knocked out the District 22-5A champions from Deer Park. Best yet, it gave the Lady Wolverines a chance to take on 24-5A champion Clear Lake.

## Austin tops Lady Horns

Two goals over a 2-minute, 20-second span midway through the first half allowed Fort Bend Austin's girls to eliminate Dobie 2-1 March 24 in Alvin.

The task seemed daunting for Dobie from the start. Austin entered the game unbeaten at 21-0-2 and had captured the District 23-5A crown with a 17-0-1 mark.

But the Lady Longhorns stayed close in the opening minutes, keeping Austin at bay in its own end. While Dobie mounted little in terms of offense, the score was 0-0 through 14 minutes. Then Austin struck.

Kelsey Zamora scored the first of her two goals on a feed from Brenda Salazar in the 25th minute. In the 27th minute, Salazar scored an unassisted goal to give the Lady Bulldogs a 2-0 advantage.

The score stayed the same until midway through the second half. Zamora got her second goal, and Dobie's Chelsea DeLeon scored for the locals.

That's the way Dobie's season ended. The team finished 14-8-1 overall, making its way to the area round of the playoffs for the second straight season.

The Lady Longhorns have advanced to the playoffs in four of the past five seasons, including each of the past three under head coach Kersten Mullan.

The loss was tough for the entire Dobie team, and

particularly for the seven seniors, including Brittany Barrett, Lindsey Eikenburg, Jacqueline Galvan, Sofia Mata, Melissa Rayos, Stephanie Ruiz and Beatrice Soto.

"Despite the tough loss,

I am so proud of what the girls accomplished this year," Mullan said.

"Fort Bend Austin was probably the best team we had seen all year, and I think we held our own. It was tough because Austin

had a deep bench, where I, on the other hand, expect most of my players to play 80 minutes.

"I think that's why we hung with them for the first 25 minutes or so, and then struggled to finish the half,

but we came after them again in the second half, and I have no complaints about the way the team went out."

As for the exiting seniors, Mullan said there isn't enough space in newspaper columns to contain her thoughts.

Eikenburg and Soto were on board when Mullan took the job prior to the 2007 season. Mata transferred to Dobie from South Houston prior to the 2008 campaign.

The other four seniors played key roles both on and off the field.

"Their leadership is undeniable, and they are certainly leaving big shoes to fill," Mullan said.

"Bea (Soto) is truly one of the most unbelievable kids I have ever met in my career as both a teacher and a coach. Lindsey has grown so much over the last four (three with me) seasons and probably had the best year she's ever had, which makes me very proud.

"Sofia (Mata) was my transfer last year from South Houston, but she is definitely Dobie at heart.

"The other seniors kept us laughing, cheered us on and played when they were called on to play. They will all be missed."

And with that another season closed for the Dobie Lady Longhorns, but it was another great one. Mullan, will return 13 players from this year's playoff roster in 2010.



Playing in her final high school game, Dobie goalkeeper Beatrice Soto (blue jersey and gloves) went high to knock away a Fort Bend Austin shot attempt during the first half of the teams' area round playoff game at

Alvin. Others involved in this sequence included, from left, Austin's Melinda McClure, Dobie's Yancy Moreno, Austin's Sydney Jones, Dobie's Lindsey Eikenburg and Austin's Fabiana Cirino.



The Dobie Longhorns' varsity soccer team had plenty to celebrate after beating Fort Bend Austin 2-1 in the area round of the state playoffs March 24 at Alvin. After the game, many of the team's players mobbed head

coach Jesse Saavedra. Dobie went on to play District 24-5A champion Clear Lake in the regional quarterfinals March 27 at The Rig in Pearland.

struck again. Nasser placed a throw-in right on Torres' head, who beat Thomas in the 53rd minute for the go-ahead goal.

"I always tell him (Nasser) to look for me down there," Torres said. "He put it right where it needed to be and I was able to score."

Dobie head coach Jesse Saavedra credited his team's willingness to do the little things and an overwhelm-

ing desire to win as keys to the outcome.

"Gibrian Vargas did a great job of shutting down their leading scorer," Saavedra said. "On the defensive end and at the midfield, we did a great job of winning free balls. Offensively, we were able to take advantage of a couple of scoring chances."

Anoruo, who has done a great job of guiding Dobie's

defensive effort all season along with Irving Garza, Vargas and others, said the team's focus was true the entire 80 minutes.

"I think we did a good job of flowing with their offense on our end and keeping them in front of us.

"It was a great win for us. We kept up the pressure and did the things we had to do to get the win. It's been a lot of fun."



Defender Yancy Moreno (15) of Dobie was able to hold off Fort Bend Austin's Missi Carpenter on this exchange, but a short time later the Bulldogs scored a pair of goals over a 2 minute, 20 second span to take a 2-0 lead. Austin, unbeaten at 21-0-2 entering the game, went on to beat Dobie 3-1 in the area playoff round in Alvin.



Dobie's Gilberto Tzintzun (right) beats Fort Bend Austin's Noah Quintana to the ball deep in Austin territory during the first half of the Longhorns' 2-1 area round playoff win March 24 at Alvin. Tzintzun didn't score in the game but kept up the pressure on the Bulldogs' defense throughout the game. Photos by John Bechtle



Above, Dobie senior midfielder Salim Nasser assisted on both of the Longhorns' goals in a 2-1 area playoff round victory over Fort Bend Austin at Alvin High School March 24. On this play, Nasser placed a perfect throw-in on the head of Chris Torres, who nudged in the eventual game-winner in the 53rd minute.



Above right, Ashlyn Leighton, a junior midfielder, will return for a fourth season at the varsity level in 2010 and will be expected to lead another solid team. Through her first three seasons, Leighton has helped the Lady Longhorns advance to the playoffs each season, including twice to the area round.

At right, Dobie goalkeeper Beatrice Soto (blue jersey) and defender Lindsey Eikenburg (16) played in their final games as Lady Longhorns during Fort Bend Austin's 3-1 victory in the area round of the playoffs March 24 in Alvin. Both players have meant much to the Dobie program. Soto started in the nets at the varsity level during each of her four seasons, while Eikenburg has been a three-year starter under the guidance of head coach Kersten Mullan.

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