

Atkinson PTO scholarships

The Atkinson Elementary PTO is offering \$500 scholarships to two graduating seniors at Dobie High School who attended Atkinson at least two years, one being fourth grade. Applications and requirement information are available through the senior counselor's office at Dobie. The application must be received by Feb. 27, 2015, at noon to be considered.

Knights sell fish dinners

St. Luke's Knights of Columbus will serve fish dinners Fridays, Feb. 20 through March 27, during Lent. Each dinner consists of a breaded USA catfish fried fillet, hush puppies, cole slaw, corn-on-the-cob, french fries, and iced tea or lemonade. Baked fish fillets will be available in limited quantities. St. Luke the Evangelist Parish Social Hall is located on 11011 Hall Road and will serve dinners between 5 and 7 p.m. All money raised will benefit local and community projects. Dine in or take out dinners are \$10 each.

Genealogy group meets

The Parker Williams Genealogy Group will meet Feb. 16, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the library at Scarsdale and Beamer. This group meets the first and third Mondays to discuss genealogy research. Meetings are free and open to anyone interested in tracing family history.

PIP meeting Feb. 17

The Positive Interaction Program will meet Tuesday, Feb. 17, at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria in the staff meeting room on the first floor. Guest speaker will be criminal investigator Todd Harris, who will speak on the subject of burglary and theft.

PIP consists of police and citizens working for safer neighborhoods. For information, call Officer Richard Buitron at 281-218-3900.

Ashley Pointe meets Feb. 17

The Ashley Pointe HOA will meet Tuesday Feb. 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the Sageglen Community Building located at 11610 Sageyork.

Brook to host cheer clinic

The Clear Brook High School cheerleaders will host a cheer clinic Saturday, Feb. 28, from 9 a.m. to noon in the CBHS gymnasium, 4607 FM 2351 in Friendswood. The cost of \$20 includes a snack and shirt. The clinic is for ages 4 through high school (will be separated by age) and will focus on jump technique, cheers/motion placement, dance - proper movement for cheerleading, basic stunting technique and gymnastics. Participants should dress in shorts, T-shirt and tennis shoes, with hair up. Download the registration form at www.brookcheer.weebly.com. Email the form to schamberlain@ccisd.net. For more information, call 832-618-7616.

Carnival vendors sought

Weber Elementary

Weber Elementary, 11955 Blackhawk, will celebrate its annual PTA carnival on Saturday, March 7, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wristbands are \$15 pre-sale (\$12 per sibling) or \$20 on carnival day. A wristband includes all games and rides. Vendors may contact Julie Lam at lamjulie@gmail.com (\$25 per exhibit space).

SBHLL Opening Day

Sagamont-Beverly Hills Little League officials are seeking vendors for the opening day carnival set for Saturday, March 14, at El Franco Lee Park. Those selling crafts, food and merchandise are welcome to host a booth for \$100 each. Those interested are asked to contact league officials at sbhll@hotmail.com.

Cokesbury hosts kid's night

Cokesbury United Methodist Church will hold Parent's Night-Out Kid's Night-In on Friday, Feb. 13, from 6 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$5 per child. Children will have craft time, games and a movie. Food and drink will be provided. The nursery will be available for children ages 4 and under. For information, contact Alison Myers at cokesburychildren@yahoo.com.

Church hosts cooking class

The Gulfhaven Adventist Church, 10716 Sabo Road, will conduct a vegetarian cooking class on Sunday, Feb. 22, from 3 to 5 p.m. This is a free benefit to learn how to prepare healthy dishes and increase health awareness. The dishes will be available to sample, and a video on health will be shown. For information, call 713-944-6912 or 713-562-4580.

Cowboys registration set

The Sagamont Cowboys and Cowgirls will be holding early registration Saturday, Feb. 21, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Cowboy's football field at El Franco Lee Park.

Early registration is open to last year's returning football players and their siblings and all drill and mascot applicants, returning and new. The club will also be accepting contact information from any new football players. A \$100 deposit is due at the time of early registration. For more information contact club President Denny Wranich at 281-785-8353 or club Drill Director Lynn Blanton at 832-423-0139.

\$1 million lawsuit filed against PISD

Student says he was beaten by police officer for swearing

A former South Houston High School student and his parents have filed a \$1 million civil rights lawsuit against the Pasadena Independent School District, alleging that an on-campus police officer used excessive force last May, causing bodily injury and psychological damage.

In the suit, the student, Cesar Suquet, said the incident began in the principal's office at the high school when he was attempting to retrieve his cellular phone that had been confiscated earlier that day. While it was unclear at press time what Suquet had done to get his phone taken away, it is South Houston's policy (which the student's family signed off on) that phones are to be used for instructional purposes only. Confiscated phones may be retrieved on Friday between 2:30 and 3 p.m. after paying a \$15 fine, and this incident took place on a Thursday.

When school officials refused to return the phone, the discussion reportedly got heated, and Suquet was told to leave.

As Suquet, who was a 16-year-old sophomore

at the time of the incident, was being led out of the campus by an assistant principal and PISD police officer Michael Y'Barbo (also named in the lawsuit), he admittedly used profanity directed at the officer.

At that point, the suit contends, Y'Barbo told Suquet he was under arrest and attempted to handcuff him. Suquet, who denies hearing the command, said Y'Barbo then twisted his arm and began to beat him with a metal baton.

The school's surveillance system shows that Suquet was struck 18 times, nine of which while he was already lying on the ground. Suquet was subsequently arrested for disorderly conduct, a charge that was later dropped. Two months later, he was issued a ticket for using abusive language.

Photographs taken by Suquet's parents the night of the incident document cuts, bruises and swelling on the back of the student's arms, legs, elbow and neck. He later went to the hospital to be examined but was not admitted for care.

An internal affairs investigation conducted by

the PISD Police Department cleared Y'Barbo of any wrongdoing.

Suquet's attorney, Mark Montgomery, a Houston Police Department veteran with 25 years on the force, however, disagrees saying the internal affairs investigation confirmed the student did not physically threaten or advance on staff or the officer.

According to PISD records, district police have used nightsticks four times since 2012. Three of the four incidents involved Y'Barbo - just one of 35 officers on the force.

The case has now been handed over to the Harris County District Attorney's office to conduct an independent investigation.

PISD spokeswoman Renea Ivy-Sims said the school district is confident with its own investigation findings but will fully cooperate with the

DA's office.

"We recognize this is a topic of conversation in our community and, for that matter, throughout the country," Ivy-Sims said. "As a result, we understand the public's need for information related to the allegations against the district. However, because of the pending litigation, the district is unable to discuss specifics of the incident that occurred in May 2014. Therefore, at this time, we will confirm that immediately following the incident on May 29, the PISD Police Department conducted an investigation into the incident. The district is confident in the results of the internal investigation. The Harris County District Attorney has launched a separate investigation. We will certainly cooperate completely with them. As always, our primary concern is for the safety and welfare of all PISD students and staff."

Annual cookoff nears capacity

Previous and potential cooks wanting to take part in this year's South Belt Spectacular Cookoff, set to take place at El Franco Lee Park from Thursday, April 30, through Saturday, May 2, are urged to contact organizers as soon as possible, as spaces are already nearly all accounted for.

Cooking teams that participated in last year's event will have first dibs on available spots, and roughly a dozen additional teams are already on a waiting list to fill any spaces not claimed by previous participants.

Prizes will be awarded for best brisket, chicken, pork ribs, chili, beans, chef's choice, showmanship and margaritas. Cooking spots start at \$150 and include eight cooker wristbands and two tickets.

Now in its 19th year, the event raises funds for the annual South Belt Fourth of July fireworks

display. This year marks the first time the event will be officially organized by the newly incorporated South Belt Spectacular Cookoff nonprofit organization.

While evenings at the function are geared more for adults, Saturday afternoon is intended for families, with kids 12 and under being admitted for free with the purchase of an adult ticket. The event will feature several free children's activities. Last year's activities included moonwalks, rock climbing, pony rides, a petting zoo, a train, a clown, face painting and hair braiding.

While no outside alcohol will be allowed for patrons, it will be for sale on the cookoff grounds, along with barbecue sandwiches.

Admission Friday will be \$10. Admission Saturday will be \$5 before 4 p.m. and \$10 after.

For more information, call Linda Arnone at 281-484-4325.

Chamber prepares for banquet



The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual banquet Tuesday, Feb. 24. Guest speaker at the event will be new University of Houston head football coach Tom Herman. Shown above preparing for the event are, left to right, chamber member Kenny Fernandez, chamber Director Sally Mitchell and chamber President Chris Clark. (See related photos page 6A.) Photo by Marie Flickinger

UH's Herman to address chamber

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual installation banquet Tuesday, Feb. 24, at Golfcrest Country Club, located at 2509 Country Club Drive.

The featured speaker at the event will be the new University of Houston head football coach Tom Herman. A member of Mensa International, Herman brings an impressive resume to UH, combining a mixture of intelligence and skill.

In 1997, Herman earned his Bachelor of Science in business administration from California Lutheran, where he was a cum laude graduate. He was a Presidential Scholarship recipient. While at California Lutheran, Herman was an All-Southern California Athletic Conference wide receiver. He earned a Master of Education from the University of Texas, where he served as a graduate assistant coach under the mentorship of Greg Davis. At

his last position as assistant coach at Ohio State, Herman helped lead the team to the 2014 Big Ten championship using two backup quarterbacks, receiving the 2014 Broyles Award for Top Assistant Coach of the Year.

Prior to his time at Ohio State, Herman coached at Iowa State, breathing fresh air into the team's offense, which set several school records.

For the first decade of his career, Herman coached at multiple Texas schools, including Texas Lutheran University, Sam Houston State, Texas State and Rice University, where his offensive squad again set numerous school records.

A reception will begin at 6:15 p.m., with dinner to be served at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$50 each. For information, contact chamber Executive Director Sally Mitchell at 281-481-5516 or info@southbeltchamber.com.

Harris cause of death released

Nearly three months after his death, authorities finally determined that former South Belt resident Gary Harris died of natural causes.

According to the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Harris died from diabetic ketoacidosis. Obesity was listed as a contributing factor. Harris, 22, died unexpectedly Nov. 24 after

collapsing at a family member's house. Harris graduated from Dobie High School in 2011 and played football at the area school.

County spokeswoman Tricia Bentley said Harris' relatively young age played a significant role in why the medical examination took so long.

Beverly Hills man beaten, dies

Houston police are investigating the death of a Beverly Hills man who was found dead in his bed the day following a fight near his home in the 10800 block of Bazin.

Melvin Lee Nelson, 30, was pronounced dead at his house at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 8.

According to police, Nelson had gotten into an altercation with two of his neighbors around midnight Saturday on Southport Drive between Bazin and Eddyrock after the men accused Nelson of breaking into one of their vehicles.

After the brawl, Nelson returned to his home and reportedly told his girlfriend not to call for medical help.

The following day, however, Nelson complained of feeling lightheaded, and his girlfriend's family called for assistance. Upon their arrival, paramedics found Nelson unresponsive and pronounced him dead.

At press time, the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences had yet to determine a cause of death.

While the attackers have reportedly been questioned by police, no charges have been filed. Should an autopsy determine that Nelson's death was a homicide, the incident will be referred to a Harris County grand jury for possible charges.

The mother of Nelson's girlfriend said he described the fight as being particularly brutal, alleging that the two men had repeatedly kicked him in the ribs and head and smashed his head into the concrete.

Nelson and his girlfriend had just had a baby three weeks earlier. He also leaves behind a 7-year-old son.

Anyone with further information is urged to contact the Houston Police Department's Homicide Division at 713-308-3600.

MHSH CEO Asprec promoted

Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital CEO Erin Asprec has been promoted to serve as regional president for the hospital district's South Region.



Erin Asprec

As well as Memorial Hermann's Pearland, Southwest and Sugar Land locations.

"We are thrilled to see Erin take on a greater role at Memorial Hermann," said Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital Director of Physician Resources Rebecca Lilley. "In her new position as regional president of the newly defined South Region at Memorial Hermann, Erin will continue to spearhead efforts to improve clinical outcomes, implement best practices and enhance the patient experience for the residents of the southeast community. While we will miss her smile here on our campus every day, we couldn't be happier to continue our work with her and witness the impact of her leadership across the other hospitals within our system."

Asprec began her current position in March 2010.

The previous six years, she served as the CEO of the Memorial Hermann Heart and Vascular Institute-Texas Medical Center.

Asprec began her career with the Memorial

Hermann Healthcare System in 2002, working as the director of business development and then as the executive liaison to Dan Wolterman, president and CEO of the system.

Under Asprec's leadership, the Memorial Hermann Heart and Vascular Institute moved into a new home in 2008, becoming the first free-standing heart hospital in the area. The institute has also earned a range of prestigious honors from several leading organizations, including Thomson Reuters, the Institute for Healthcare Improvement and the American Heart Association.

Asprec completed her undergraduate studies in chemistry at the University of Texas at Austin in 1994 and later earned a masters in health care administration from St. Louis University.

Asprec is honored by the promotion and feels confident the southeast location will remain in good hands.

"This new opportunity is definitely bitter-sweet," Asprec said. "It has been a true honor and a deep privilege to be able to serve as CEO of Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, and I will never forget the amazing experiences and the people I've met along the way. Our hospital is in great hands. We have a phenomenal leadership and clinical team dedicated to taking great care of our patients and families. I look forward to our continued work in the southeast community."

A replacement CEO at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital is scheduled to be announced before March, hospital officials said.



New father dies after fight

The father of a 3-week-old baby died Sunday, Feb. 8, following a fight the previous night when he was accused of breaking into his neighbor's car near Southport and Bazin. Melvin Lee Nelson, 30, initially refused medical help before being pronounced dead at his home. Any possible criminal charges are pending autopsy results from the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences. Photo submitted

In My Opinion

Singh and family express thanks

Dear Friends and community members,
I woke up this morning with loving memory of Peter (my husband). The over-whelming feeling came over me, telling me we need to do something to honor him and his service in the community. Many of our friends were unable to attend his funeral, and later expressed their desire wanting to contribute something in Peter's memory. My daughters and I, are brainstorming right now to see what we would like to do. Some of Peter's friends have shown desire to have a barbecue event in his honor, so we are trying to see how we can set it up in the near future. Be on the look out for a flyer which will state the date and location of the event. Please come out with your family and friends and support us.

I thought I knew how much Peter was loved by his friends in the community, but I must say I was pleasantly surprised to see the outpouring love expressed by his friends at his funeral service. Peter's real name is Upkar, translated in English means generous. So I was quite familiar with his generous nature. Always ready to help, it didn't matter if it was night or day. He never said no to anyone who came to him asking for help. He always put others needs before his own. I sometime used to tease him, you love your friends more than you love me, which may have been true. Everyone who knew Peter knew how much he loved his daughters, Nisha and Priya (little Peter) and how proud he was of both of them. I have no doubt Nisha and Priya will continue their dad's legacy of helping people.

I would like to thank each and every one of you for coming out to pay your respect on Saturday Jan. 31st, 2015, it meant a lot to me and my family. I am sure Peter was touched by your presence as well. I am sure if could talk he would find something funny to say about each one of us. Peter was only 50 yrs. young, when he was taken away from us and there is no reason in the world that can justify that. Since there is no redo in life for any of us, and since we can't bring him back, we will keep him and his loving memory in our hearts forever. We were all truly blessed to have shared this time with Peter.

Thanking all of you from the bottom of my heart, for the love and support you have shown me and my family during difficult time in our life.

Sonal Singh

Reams: 2016 GOP contenders

It's early but we're already seeking the jockeying around for position among GOP presidential contenders. And before we get too far down this road a word of caution is in order.

Our Constitution lays out the requirements

for Presidents and Vice Presidents (Article II, Section 1): He/she must be a natural born citizen of the United States, at least age 35, and have lived in the US for at least the past 14 years. The stickler is natural born citizen. And while the Constitution itself doesn't define the term, it was common knowledge at the time that "natural born" meant. It was as common to our Founders as the term "marriage" is to us today. But just as we're seeing an effort to redefine "marriage," there's also an effort to redefine "natural born," or, just ignore it altogether.

Although the Constitution doesn't define it, several court cases through the years have and two meanings have emerged. A "natural born citizen" is one born of parents (plural) who were citizens at the time the child (future candidate) was born, or, whose Father was a citizen at the time the future candidate was born. You do NOT have to be born within the United States itself but your parents (or father) must have been a citizen at the time of your birth no matter where that took place. That provision accommodates citizens who were diplomats or in the Armed Forces and overseas at the time of the child's birth.

Barack Obama is NOT a natural born citizen. The birth certificate and records of his father proves he was never a citizen of the US therefore our President was not constitutionally qualified to hold the office. And everyone knew that at the time of his campaign / election but no one had the courage to challenge it. Even the Supreme Court said citizens had no "standing" to challenge it and never heard any such cases. Cowards all. So, Obama got away with violating the Constitution in one of the most important provisions of it. That set a precedent.

Now we have at least three GOP candidates who are also not natural born citizens apparently throwing their hat in the ring - Marco Rubio, Bobby Jindal, and Ted Cruz. No matter which definition you chose, parents (plural) or fathers, none of their fathers were citizens at the time Rubio, Jindal and Cruz were born. It may also be true of Rick Santorum. All are popular with the conservative base. So, is the conservative base and the GOP going to lower themselves down to the Democrat's level of lawlessness and select a non-qualified candidate? Or will they follow the higher standard, the legal standard, and select someone who is constitutionally qualified? Will we be a Nation of Laws or a Nation of Men? If it's the latter, what's to prevent a future President from throwing out the Constitution altogether and becoming a dictator. With so many cowards in office and the Courts, who's to stop it?

Our Constitution, and the character of our people, is what sets us apart from all other nations of the world. It's part of our exceptionalism. The citizenry should demand that it be followed, to the letter, no matter how much we'd like to see our favorite guy or gal become President.

Larry Reams

Traveling naturalist visits schools

The Traveling Naturalist Program was originally started by El Franco Lee 25 years ago to encourage students to learn about nature and the environment.

According to David Matthews, program director of Challenger Seven Park, this program, presented by Harris County Precinct One to pre-K and up, is an educational program that peaks the interest of students' curiosity in the life sciences and helps students to appreciate similarities between animals and humans.

Included in the presentation, the presenters show how animals duplicate the human senses of sight, hearing and taste.

Program presenters often visit on Science Night at the schools, meeting with parents and students to discuss topics of the environment,

animals and their habitats. Matthews said the program has been active in the South Belt area schools. "Since the beginning of this year, we have visited several elementary schools including Meador, Burnett and Frazier," stated Matthews.

The sessions are tailored to be age-appropriate and hold the interest of participants by hands-on interaction with native animals.



The Traveling Naturalist Program, presented by Harris County Precinct 1, brought several reptiles to Frazier Elementary for the students and parents to see. Pictured are, left to right, Christina Hartman with Alyssa Lloyd (fourth-grade student). Photo submitted

Merrell honored with Quasar Award at annual banquet

Dr. Bill Merrell, the George P. Mitchell '40 chair in Marine Sciences at Texas A&M University at Galveston and president of Merrell Historic Properties, Inc., was honored with the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership's 2015 Quasar Award for Exceptional Leadership in Economic Development at its

22nd annual Quasar Award Banquet on Friday, Jan. 16, 2015. The event took place at South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center in League City.

The Quasar Award is presented each year to an outstanding individual who has contributed greatly to the economic wealth and diversity of

the Bay Area Houston region. The Quasar Award was presented to honor Merrell in appreciation and acknowledgment of his tremendous work in storm surge protection and his development of the Ike Dike Concept for a storm surge protection system for the upper Texas Gulf Coast.



Shown are, left to right, Vic Pierson, president, Moody National Bank and 2015 Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership board chair; Quasar Award honoree Dr. Bill Merrell, Texas A&M University at Galveston; Dr. Brenda Hellyer, chancellor, San Jacinto College District and 2014 BAHEP board chair; and Bob Mitchell, BAHEP president. Photo by Brittany Havican

Chris Daniel launches new jury wheel

With the pool of prospective jurors near depletion, Harris County District Clerk Chris Daniel launched a new jury wheel Feb. 2 and created a list that will meet the needs of local trial courts for about four years.

The launching of a new wheel means that those who performed jury service during the past four years may be called again.

Daniel said, "Our Constitution guarantees defendants the right to a jury trial. So to allow our justice system to continue to work, citizens in Harris County are asked to perform jury service about once every four years."

The list of potential jurors for trials at the downtown court complex was down to 11,000. The list for trials in justice of the peace courts was about 100,000.

After people have come in for jury service, their names are struck from the jury wheel-created list of potential jurors. They serve only once until a new jury wheel is launched.

In Harris County, the

names of people to be called for jury service used to be pulled from a large rotating wheel or barrel. The county now uses an electronic system for creating a random list of names to be called in for jury service. The random selection process is still referred to as the "jury wheel."

Names are pulled from two sources: the voter registration list for Harris County and a list of Harris County residents who hold a driver's license or a Department of Public Safety-issued identification card or certificate.

"The selection process is completely random because the aim always is to send impartial juror panels to courts," Daniel said.

About 2.5 million names went into the just-launched jury wheel.

The wheel was previously reconstituted March 28, 2011, and it had 2.4 million names.

Daniel said, "People may not know that if they spell their name differently on a driver's license than they do

on their voter registration, they run the risk of being called in for jury service twice. So if you want to cut down on jury service appearances, spell your name the same way on both documents."

Women who provide their married name on one document, but their maiden name on another may consider

Evelyn Jean Nixon



Evelyn Jean Nixon, 90, longtime South Belt resident, died peacefully on Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2015. She was born in Mounds, Ill., on Nov. 9, 1924, to Marie and Leonard Grootree.

She grew up in San Gabriel, Calif., married a Texan, and has lived in southeast Houston ever since.

Nixon preceded in death by nine brothers and sisters. She loved a good garage sale, football, dollar stores and hot fudge sundaes.

She is survived by her son, Ron Nixon; daughter Linda Daniel; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; five nephews; and three nieces.

A family celebration of life was held to honor Nixon.

Viola Mae McKnight



Viola Mae McKnight, 94, of South Belt, died Saturday, Feb. 7, 2015. She was born on May 12, 1920 in Houston. She was the mother of longtime South Belt resident and businesswoman Dixie King.

McKnight was a homemaker, but then began working at Hobby Airport Limousine Service. She also worked for World Book Encyclopedia as a district manager, and then a manager for Mary Kay Cosmetics. Her joy was her family, her home in Garden Villas, and her many friends. She was a member of the Garden Villas Methodist for more than 60 years. On Sept. 30, 1939, she married Robert Bruce McKnight, who preceded her in death.

She is survived by her

Deaths

three children, Robert James McKnight and wife Linda, Linda L. Henshaw and husband Ronald, and Dixie L. King and husband Terry; her grandchildren, Monica and husband Steven, Sheila, Jason, Amy and husband Dean, Michael, Emily and husband Deric, and Thomas and wife Christina; great-grandchildren Gabrielle, Jacqueline, Tate, Grayson, Blake, Olivia, Luke, Lilly, Tanner, Madison, Camryn and Ellie.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2015, at 10 a.m. at South Park Funeral Home in Pearland.

To send a memorial gift to the family, visit the website at www.southparkfunerals.com.

Howard "Lee" Stoltzman



Howard "Lee" Stoltzman, 76, died Sunday, Feb. 8, 2015.

He was retired from the U.S. Air Force and had worked at Ellington Field as an airplane mechanic for 30 years.

Stoltzman is survived by his wife, Dena Stoltzman; daughter Rhonda Stallbauer; sons Mike Stoltzman, Steven Stoltzman and Randy Howell; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Visitation will be at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, 2015, followed by a funeral service at 12:30 p.m. at Crowder Funeral Home, 111 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster.

Stoltzman will be laid to rest with military honors in Houston National Cemetery at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12.

Louis Ray Jamison

Louis Ray Jamison, 93, died on Thursday, Feb. 5, 2015. He was born on Aug. 14, 1921, in Temple, Texas.

Jamison grew up in Houston (San Jacinto High School) and was a South Belt area resident for 42 years. He was a World War II veteran.

Survivors include his wife of 68 years, Frances Jamison; sons Jamie and John and daughter Debbie and their spouses; eight grandchildren;

and 16 great-grandchildren.

Jamison and his wife had many years to travel. They made trips throughout the United States, Canada, Europe and Australia. Both loved to go on cruises and made numerous visits wherever possible. They were huge fans of Texas A&M and season ticket holders for many years, even traveling to Hawaii to see the Aggies play. Their car automatically would go to College Station for as many events as possible.

Visitation will be at First Presbyterian Church - Pasadena.

Services will be held at First Presbyterian Church - Pasadena, 4647 Preston in Pasadena, on Monday, Feb. 16, at 11 a.m. Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church - Pasadena.

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Elected officials share their words

District E News

By Houston City Council Member Dave Martin

Residents of District E,

You are invited to attend one of two joint Capital Improvement Project (CIP) and Town Hall Meetings scheduled in District E. These meetings encourage residents to participate in the CIP process by contributing questions, comments and suggestions to the respective city department regarding project planning and delivery in the council district. The CIP is a five-year document outlining the city's infrastructure improvement strategy and is organized by priority, project capacity and timing constraints.

Additionally, funding sources are identified for all proposed projects. For more information about the CIP projects for District E, please visit the CIP home page at <http://www.houstontx.gov/cip/>

CIP-Home-Page.

More details will follow in the coming weeks. Until then, please mark the following dates on your calendar.

Kingwood

Thursday, February 19
Kingwood Community Center
4102 Rustic Woods Drive
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Clear Lake

Tuesday, March 3
Space Center Houston
1601 NASA Parkway
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

As always, you can contact my office by emailing districte@houstontx.gov or by calling 832-393-3008 should you have further questions. We look forward to seeing you there.

District D News

By Houston City Council Member Dwight A. Boykins

Dear Neighbors,

For the past year, I have had the great honor of representing you as your District D City Council Member and together we have accomplished a number of great things for this historic District and made significant progress.

As many of you remember, I pledged to focus on improving the quality of life for residents of District D through addressing weeded lots, illegal dumping, crime, abandoned buildings; opening satellite offices throughout the district; improving the condition of streets and drainages; and assisting seniors with minor home repairs at no cost. Throughout 2014, I upheld those promises and helped to improve the quality of life for residents throughout the district.

Our work is not yet complete. In 2015, my office will focus on phase two of my Second Chance Program, which will provide career and first time home-buying opportunities for individuals including those without a college degree and non-violent ex-felons.

My service to the people of District D has been the greatest honor. I want to thank you for putting your faith and trust in me.

I have enjoyed working with all constituents within the district - from Third Ward, to Museum District, to Sunnyside, to Southpark, to Southbelt Ellington and all points in between - to hear your concerns and share in your joys. We have accomplished a lot in 2014 and our future will be even brighter in 2015.

Tax-Aide available at Parker Williams Library

Volunteers from AARP Tax-Aide will be at the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., to assist with tax questions and filing tax returns Mondays and Fridays through April 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This service will be available in the library meeting room on a first-come, first-served basis. Bring Social Security cards or other official documentation for oneself and all dependents, copy of last year's income tax return, W-2 forms from each employer, unemployment compensation statements, and other necessary forms to help the volunteer complete the return. For more information, visit aarp.org/taxaide.

Local library events set

Parker Williams Branch

The following events are scheduled this week at the Parker Williams Branch Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.

On Thursday, Feb. 12, at 4 p.m. the library will host a Valentine craft time. Make a heart paper chain, paper firecracker or a Valentine's card.

Make a piggy bank during the Chinese New Year craft on Thursday, Feb. 19, at 4 p.m.

Wednesdays - Preschool storytime is at 10:30 a.m.

Thursdays - Toddler storytime is at 10:30 a.m.

Saturdays - Vietnamese Storytime: Level 2 begins at 10 a.m., Level 1 begins at 11:15 a.m., and Level 3 begins at 2:30 p.m. For more information on these programs, speak with Loc Bui.

For more information on these programs, call the library at 281-484-2036.

Bracewell Branch Library

The following events are scheduled for February at the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint Road.

Tuesdays: 10:30 a.m. - Family storytime, followed by a storytime-themed craft at 11 a.m.; 4:30 p.m. - Kid's Craft.

Wednesdays: 10:30 a.m. - Toddler storytime, followed by toddler playtime at 11 a.m.; 2 p.m. - Computer Basics; 3:15 p.m. - Internet Basics; 4:30 p.m. - Intro to MS PowerPoint.

Thursdays: 2 p.m. - Computer Help Session; 5 p.m. - Citizenship Class; 6 p.m. - ESL Beginners; and 7 p.m. - ESL Advanced.

Saturdays: 10:30 a.m. - Computation Basica 1; noon - ESL Beginners; and 1 p.m. - ESL Advanced.

Thursday, Feb. 19, at 6 p.m. - Not Your Mama's Book Club will discuss *The Casual Vacancy* by J.K. Rowling.

Bracewell hours are Sunday and Monday - Closed; Tuesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday noon to 8 p.m., Friday 1 to 5 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information on programs, call the Bracewell Branch Library at 832-393-2580.

Thanks Mike Lenderman and Tom Lewis from Home Depot for your "Over the Top" assistance with our project. Words will never express our appreciation. Thank You!

The De Los Santos Family

Frazier students advance to district



Frazier third- and fourth-grade students recently participated in the school's annual science fair. The winners will advance to the district science fair in March. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Madeline Tran - third place, Nathan Lind - fifth place, Martin Martinez - honorable mention,

Kaitlyn Webb - honorable mention, Ezekiel Arriaga - honorable mention, (back row) Jacob Reyna - fourth place, Travis Webb - honorable mention, Chris Soza - sixth place, Emma Gonzalez - second place, and Fernando Hernandez - first place. Photo submitted

Clear Brook debate attends Texas City tournament

Clear Brook High School Debaters flexed their muscles again on Jan. 30-31 at Texas City High School during their annual qualifying tournament for the Texas Forensic Association.

Coming off a two-week stride of closing out the semifinal bracket in Lincoln Douglas debate, Brook LD debaters once again found themselves to be the top five ranked debaters at the end of the fourth preliminary round.

As the meet closed out in the final rounds, varsity member Suketh Subramanya walked away with the second-place finish while novice LD competitor Heena Papatia took home second place in her division. Fellow teammates Dhiren Wijesinghe, Keion Rasti, Rakesh Vijayakumar and Gabe Rivera all achieved octofinalist or quarterfinalist ranks, and by

advancing to the quarterfinal round, sophomore member Wijesinghe achieved his state qualification, making him the 10th member of the team to rise to this level.

While overall placement by the LD contingent was impressive, so were the multitude of speaker awards that were also earned. Rivera was awarded the first-place speaker award for LD debate, and Vijayakumar took home the third-place speaker award. Novice member Papatia walked away with the second-place speaker award in her division.

The other mainstay of Brook debater expertise, public forum (PF) debate, saw its own share of victories.

Varsity members/team Elizabeth Isabell and Matt Garcia fought their way to the third-place finish against a team from Houston Lamar

High School, while the newly formed team of Ryan Williams and Hannah Alsbrook advanced to the quarterfinal bracket, picking up 2 state points.



Clear Brook High School Speech and Debate team members pictured are, left to right, Elizabeth Isabell, Ryan Williams and Matt Garcia.

The biggest upset in PF occurred in the novice division where members Raiyan Hamilton and Vashti Singh,

who were competing for their first time together, were the only 4-0 team after preliminary rounds and ended up placing first overall. In addition to placing first, Singh was awarded the first-place speaker award for novice PF debate, while her partner Hamilton took home the third-place speaker award.

In addition to successfully competing in debate rounds, members Wijesinghe, Williams and Rasti also excelled in their extemporaneous speaking rounds.

Wijesinghe and Williams both placed fourth in foreign and domestic extemporaneous speaking, respectively, while Rasti was excited to leave Texas City with the first-place trophy for foreign extemporaneous speaking. By placing first, Rasti now has his second qualification for the Texas Forensic Association State Tournament to be held in El Paso in March. He is the third member of the team this year to have at least two qualifications.

All total, the team now has 14 individual qualifications with 10 members who will attend the state tournament.

Atkinson celebrates 100 days of school



Atkinson Elementary School recently had its annual 100 Days of School Parade. A few of the first-graders who participated in the parade are, left to right, (front row) Benjamin Briones, Yalciry Portales, Eduardo Martinez, (back row) Nathan Rodriguez, Jordan Galloway, Audry Volper, Nathalia Andrade and Victoria Gomez.

Photo submitted



Pictured with awards won at the Texas City High School meet are Clear Brook High School Speech and Debate team members, left to right, (front row) Raiyan Hamilton, Adarsh Suresh, Vashti Singh, Lizna Lakhani, Heena Papatia, (back row) Dhiren Wijesinghe, Rakesh Vijayakumar, Hannah Alsbrook, Keion Rasti, Suketh Subramanya, Gabe Rivera and Anish Antony.

Photo submitted

Duck Dynasty's Miss Kay visits South Belt

Miss Kay (Kay Robertson), from the hit television series *Duck Dynasty*, recently visited South Belt. While in the area, she donated her book, *D is for Duck Calls*, to the Stuchbery Elementary library and visited at Sagemont Church.



Kay Robertson (Miss Kay) gives her book, *D is for Duck Calls*, to the Stuchbery Elementary School library. Pictured are, left to right, Sharon Brantly (former second-grade teacher and childhood friend of Robertson), Marsha Fischer (former librarian), Robertson, Carolyn Waller (Stuchbery principal) and Lauren Nalepa (present librarian).

Photos submitted

Sullivan launches One Sticker Program

Now only one sticker for auto registration and inspection

Harris County is gearing up for a new Texas Two Step. Beginning March 1, 2015, the state will no longer issue vehicle inspection stickers and will move to a Two Steps, One Sticker program.

Under the new system, Texas vehicle owners will need to pass inspection prior to renewing their registration. The familiar blue-bordered

1, 2015, all you will need to do is make sure you already have a valid passing vehicle inspection before you renew your registration in our office, online or by mail."

When vehicle owners renew their registration, the system will verify whether the vehicle has a valid inspection. It's recommended to bring the hard copy of the

vehicle inspection report when renewing your registration. Without a passing inspection, the vehicle will not be eligible for registration renewal.

During the second year of the program, beginning March 1, 2016, vehicles' inspection and registration expiration dates will align to the date that is on the registration sticker.

Once the expiration dates are aligned in that second year, there will be a convenient 90-day window to pass inspection first and then renew the registration before the end of the month listed on the sticker.

"When the Two Steps, One Sticker program is fully implemented, Harris County residents will appreciate having just one sticker in the corner of their windshield and only one expiration date to worry about," said Whitney Brewster, TxDMV executive director. "And because a passing vehicle inspection will be a requirement to renew a registration, more vehicle owners will comply with inspection requirements leading to safer

and more environmentally sound cars on Texas roads."

The implementation of Two Steps, One Sticker is a result of House Bill 2305 which passed during the 83rd Legislative Session in 2013. The program is a joint effort by the TxDMV, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, in collaboration with the 254 county tax assessor-collectors' offices which process vehicle registrations and vehicle inspection stations across the state.

For more information, visit the website at www.TwoStepsOneSticker.com.

The Harris County Tax Office Automobile Division performs more than 4.5 million automobile transactions in Harris County each year.

It also works closely with the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles to register motor vehicles, collect registration and title fees and distributes them to the proper entities. Learn more about the automobile services division by visiting www.hctax.net.

NOTICE OF DESTRUCTION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION RECORDS

Special Education records which have been collected by the Pasadena Independent School District related to the identification, evaluation, educational placement or the provision of special education in the district must be maintained under state and federal laws for a period of five years after special education services have ended for the student. A special education student's services end when the student is no longer eligible for services, graduates or completes his or her educational program at age 21, or moves from the district.

State law prohibits the destruction of any record if the subject matter of the record is known by the custodian to be in litigation, if it is subject to a pending Open Records Request, if there is no outstanding request to inspect the record under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, or if the record is subject to a pending audit or state granting agency.

This notification is to inform parents or adult students of PISD's intent to destroy the special education records of students who received special education services in the past, and it has been five years since their most recent service has ended. Specifically any remaining special education records prior to 2009.

These records will be destroyed in accordance with state law unless the parent or adult student notifies the school district otherwise. For further information contact:

Custodian of Records: Special Education Department
1515 Cherrybrook Lane
Pasadena, Texas 77502
Phone (713) 740-0213

NOTIFICACIÓN DE DESTRUCCIÓN DE ARCHIVOS DE EDUCACIÓN ESPECIAL

Los archivos de Educación Especial que han sido acumulados por el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Pasadena referentes a la identificación, evaluación, colocación educativa o de provisión de educación especial en el distrito deben mantenerse bajo leyes estatales como federales por un periodo de cinco años después de que dichos servicios de educación especiales hayan terminado para el estudiante. Los servicios de educación especial terminan cuando el estudiante ya no sea elegible para servicios, se gradué o complete su programa educacional a la edad de 21 años o se mude del distrito.

La ley estatal prohíbe la destrucción de cualquier archivo si es sabido que el asunto del archivo está en litigación, si es sujeto a un solicitud de archivos, si no hay una petición pendiente para revisar el archivo bajo el acta de Los Derechos Educativos de Familia y Acta Privada, o si el archivo es sujeto a un revisión pendiente o de una agencia estatal.

Esta notificación es para informar a padres o a estudiantes adultos del intento del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Pasadena para destruir los archivos de educación especial de los estudiantes que en el pasado han recibido servicios de educación especial cuyos servicios más recientes recibidos terminaron hace más de cinco años. Específicamente cualquier archivo de educación especial que quedó antes de 2009. Estos archivos serán destruidos de acuerdo con la ley estatal a menos que el padre o estudiante adulto notifique al distrito escolar de otra manera.

Para más información por favor de comunicarse con:
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Girl Scouts begin selling cookies at locations across southeast Texas

Girl Scouts from the San Jacinto Council will begin selling Girl Scout Cookies in front of retail locations across southeast Texas beginning Friday, Feb. 20, as part of the Girl Scout Cookie Program.

The program is the largest girl-led business in the world and teaches girls essential skills to succeed personally and professionally.

For two weeks in January, Girl Scouts took pre-orders and now customers can purchase their favorite varieties, including Thin Mints, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Caramel deLites, Shortbread, Lemonades, Peanut Butter Patties, Thanks-A-Lot or Cranberry Citrus Crisps, before or after they've picked up their household items. Packages cost \$4 each.

When customers stop by a cookie booth to purchase a package of Girl Scout Cookies, they are helping to teach girls five skills - decision making, goal setting, money management, business ethics and people skills.

New to the cookie lineup is a gluten-free chocolate chip peanut butter oatmeal cookie called Trios.

The bite-size cookies are made with real chocolate chips, real peanut butter and certified gluten-free whole grain oats and will retail for \$5 per package.

Packages of Trios have to be ordered directly from the baker through a girl who is taking orders digitally.

Customers looking to purchase packages of Trios are encouraged to ask troops selling cookies at booths about this option.

Every penny, after paying the baker, stays with the local council and is reinvested into girl programming and activities for girls.

Girls use their portion of the proceeds earned to attend summer camp and complete service projects to better their communities and more.

Girl Scouts will be filling orders through March 29, the last day of the Cookie Program.

To locate a girl in the area, contact the Cookie Hotline at 1-888-GS-COOKIE.

To locate a cookie booth in the area, download the Cookie Finder app from iTunes or Google Play.



Robertson (center) also visited with the staff at Sagemont Church. Pictured with Robertson are Emory Gadd (left), associate pastor at Sagemont Church, and Sharon Brantly, retired Stuchbery Elementary School teacher and childhood friend of Robertson.

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Stuchbery names spelling bee winners



The winners of this year's Stuchbery Spelling Bee are, left to right, Bianca Amaya – runner-up, and Jasmine Tran – champion. Photo submitted

Hobby Lions Club to meet

Hobby Airport Lions Club will meet Wednesday, Feb. 18, at noon at the Golden Corral at Fuqua and I-45. For more information, email HobbyAirportLions@gmail.com.

NARFE meets Feb. 17

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Gulf Freeway Chapter 941 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. at the El Franco Lee Senior Community Center, 9500 Hall Road.

This month's meeting will be held on Feb. 17. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call Roy at 713-734-1461.

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DEAN CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY
Dean Baier, longtime South Belt resident and director of operations at Clear Brook City MUD, is wished a happy birthday Feb. 16 from friends and the Leader staff. He serves as a paramedic and volunteer firefighter for Harris County Southeast Fire Department and is currently busy chairing the South Belt Spectacular Cookoff.

HAPPY 7TH BIRTHDAY, JADE!
Special happy birthday wishes are sent to Jade Scarberry who turns 7 years old Wednesday, Feb. 18. Hugs and kisses are sent to her from dad Austin and his fiancé, Tiffany, mom Nicole, grandma Jannie and grandpa Robert Scarberry of South Belt; aunts Jenny Espinosa and Stacey Flowers; uncles Stephen Flowers, Joey Hayes, Tyler Scarberry and Benny Moreno; and cousins Brayden and Baylee Espinosa, Livvy Moreno, and Kennedy, Owen and Evie Flowers. Jade's parents are both Dobie High School graduates.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Feb. 12 through Feb. 18.

Atkinson Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles for Ludivina Perez Feb. 17.

Burnett Elementary
Maritza Acosta enjoys a birthday Feb. 15.

Bush Elementary
On Feb. 15, sing a happy birthday song to

Chynna Prenzler.
Frazier Elementary
Maria Rodriguez has a birthday Feb. 16.

Meador Elementary
Light the birthday candles for Erika Nava Feb. 12. Greetings for a wonderful birthday are sent to Yolanda Arebalo Feb. 13.

Moore Elementary
The day for a party for Tom Durr is Feb. 15. Wishes for a happy birthday are sent to Ashley Evans Feb. 18.

South Belt Elementary
Celebrating a birthday Feb. 12 is Melissa Cerda.

Stuchbery Elementary
Jean Banda enjoys a birthday Feb. 12.

Melillo Middle School
Sharing a birthday on Feb. 12 are Alma Paredes and Michelle Rush. Enjoying a double-layer cake on Feb. 14 are Gabrielle Weber and Natalie Young. Blow out the birthday candles for Maria Montenegro on Feb. 17.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Light the birthday candles Feb. 14 for Beatriz Amezcua.

Thompson Intermediate
Casillia DeSorbo and Toby Lavergne mark a birthday Feb. 13.

Dobie High
Blow out the birthday candles for Steve Long and Elizabeth Garza Feb. 12. On Feb. 13, Holly Peel enjoys a birthday. Light the birthday candles for Venus Watson Feb. 15. On Feb. 16, Elizabeth Puente marks a birth-

day. Double birthday wishes are sent to Jeri Joslin and Se'brina Roy Feb. 17.

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

Thursday, Feb. 12: Greg Banhart, C.J. Jareo III, Chris Smith, Melinda Poplawski, Cynthia Tavera, Clyde Jones, Lisa Jones, Jacqueline Preston, Alex Lerma and Robert Barbosa; Friday, Feb. 13: Celeste Beaty, Trisha Waguespack, Cristi Skerrett and Randy Harms; Saturday, Feb. 14: Cathi Brockman and Jon Baker; Sunday, Feb. 15: Mark Wilson, Laura Allison, Gene Cearnal and Kelley Huebner; Monday, Feb. 16: Yvonne Rojas, Linda Soria, Danielle Cunningham, Mary Nell Dees, Rhonda Stallbaumer, Sharla Fuits and Lisa Fernandez; Tuesday, Feb. 17: CaShaune Murphy, Jeannie Nelson, Monica Gonzales, Dawn Armstrong, Jeri Joslin, Donn Reichelt, Russell Janacek and Susan Slater; and Wednesday, Feb. 18: Sonja Britt, Jason Jaeger, Leslie Barr, Sterling Washington, Rose Pena, Tianne Bernal, LeRoy Peters, Shana Kiser, Daer Platt, Valerie Chavez and Troy Taormina.

LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS
Email birthday, anniversary, vacation, congratulations, etc., to mynews@southbeltleader.com with OTBF in the subject line. Items must be submitted by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

Dynamic Women set quarterly luncheon

With all of the negativity in the world news today, it is refreshing to meet someone with a positive outlook on life. *How to Live Positive in a Negative World* will be the speaker's topic at the quarterly Dynamic Women luncheon and networking event on Thursday, Feb. 26.

The luncheon will be held at Golfcrest Country Club from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Shaaron Rowland, a grandmother of six who says she knows how to have fun, will be the featured guest speaker. "Life is short - enjoy!" Rowland says. Doors will open at 10 a.m.

Bay Area Singles Dance set

The Bay Area Singles Club monthly dance will be held Saturday, Feb. 21, from 7 to 10:30 p.m. at the VFW Lodge, Post 6378, at 5204 Highway 3 in Dickinson. Bring party snacks to share. Cost is \$7 for members and \$9 for nonmembers. For more information, call 409-948-1156 or 281-484-4762.

Gardeners host fruit, tree sale

The Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 fruit and citrus tree sale will be held Saturday, Feb. 14, at Campbell Hall, Pasadena Fairgrounds, 7600 Red Bluff in Pasadena.

Plant Preview will be by Heidi Sheesley, owner of Treesearch Farms, at 8 a.m. Sale hours 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. If it's sold at this sale, it grows in this area. For details, visit <https://hcmga.tamu.edu>.

Care Partners meet Feb. 20

Interfaith Care Partners Ministry group at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, 10727 Hartsook St. (near Alameda Mall), a gathering for persons with Alzheimer's, dementia or memory loss, meets the third Friday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Gatherings consist of a continental breakfast, arts and crafts, exercises, entertainment, a singalong, a devotional break, lunch, and ends with a game.

Those who have a family member or know of someone with these challenges, are welcome to attend. All services are provided free of charge. An initial interview must be conducted by Interfaith Care Partners staff to welcome new participants into this program.

The next gathering will be in the Mother Cabrini Center at the church on Friday, Feb. 20. For more information, call Interfaith Care Partners at 713-682-5995 or visit the website at www.interfaithcarepartners.org.



Giovanni Nunez and his mother, Orlanda Nunez



Mackensy Carker and Mia Hernandez

Community Night at Moore

This year, Community Night at Moore Elementary was centered around math. Students and parents were able to learn and play several games that enhanced math skills.

At left are Ricardo Reyna (father), Daniel Garcia, Shannen Reyna (mother), Celina Garcia and Cecilia Reyna.

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Remember When

35 years ago (1980)
Scarsdale resident Charles Snyder was in good condition after being hit head-on in his car just south of the Beamer-Choate Road intersection. Questions surrounding school taxes were being asked of the Pasadena Inde-

30 years ago (1985)
San Jacinto College was concerned that it could lose \$3.5 million in funding because of the state financial crisis. Harris County Precinct 1 Commissioner El Franco Lee announced he planned to take over maintenance of a portion of Hall Road, even though that part was within city limits.

25 years ago (1990)
The winning slogan for the South Belt area was chosen. It was "Still Believing in Excellence," which used the first letters S-B-E for South Belt-Ellington. The slogan was submitted by Sagemeadow resident Larry Elender.

10 years ago (2005)
Sixteen-year-old Melissa Mata died as a result of a multi-vehicle accident on Beamer at the Beltway.

1 year ago (2014)
A South Belt resident was found dead in the parking lot of a strip center in the 10900 block of Scarsdale. Juan Martinez, 59, was pronounced dead at the scene. His death was determined to be the result of cardiovascular problems. Martinez was

selected to perform with the all-state band at the Texas Music Educators Association convention.

Southeast Area Ministries annual report stated the ministry assisted more than 7,000 persons the previous year.

A Galveston County deputy constable working a security job at Frankie Carter Randolph Park shot a suicidal man. The man had fired a shotgun once then put the barrel to his mouth. The constable ordered him to drop the weapon and fired a warning shot before shooting the suspect in the leg.

15 years ago (2000)
A newborn was abandoned at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. She was named Danielle Martin - after hospital CEO Dan Martin. Longhorn cheerleaders finished fifth in the United Cheerleading Association national finals held in Disney World.

10 years ago (2005)
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The San Jacinto College South music department hosted jazz musician Maynard Ferguson for a performance.

A new business in a strip center on Hughes at Beamer raised questions. The windows were blacked out, a camera monitored the front door, and only select persons were admitted after ringing a doorbell. The business was later found to be an illegal gambling establishment with eight-liner machines and was closed after a raid.

1 year ago (2014)
A South Belt resident was found dead in the parking lot of a strip center in the 10900 block of Scarsdale. Juan Martinez, 59, was pronounced dead at the scene. His death was determined to be the result of cardiovascular problems. Martinez was

reportedly walking from his home in the 11600 block of Chickwood to a dialysis center on Scarsdale for treatment at the time of his collapse.

5 years ago (2010)
Jim Phillips was named the new head football coach at Dobie High School. The move came just two weeks after newly appointed Derek Fitzhenry resigned from the position before even starting.

A man was arrested after fatally shooting his estranged wife and her 15-year-old daughter at the Summer Cove apartments on FM 1959 at Gulfstream. Police say Jaime Piero Cole, 39, came to the apartment around 7:30 p.m. to drop off his 2-year-old and 10-year-old sons. Upon his arrival, Cole and his wife, Melissa Dawn Cole, 31, got into an argument. At some point, the fight escalated and turned violent. When Melissa Cole's 15-year-old daughter tried to intervene, Jaime Cole pulled out a gun and opened fire. Both were struck multiple times and were pronounced dead at the scene. Jaime Cole left his 10-year-old son at the scene but fled with the toddler. An Amber Alert was issued, and the pair were spotted at a Wal-Mart in Wharton County. Police say Cole was trying to buy ammunition. A state trooper took Cole into custody. He was charged with capital murder. Cole's sons were unharmed, as was a second juvenile female at the residence at the time of the shootings.

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Pictured are, left to right, Jettie Tromza, training specialist, American Heart Association; Rupert Jaso, assistant principal, Clear Creek High School; Debbie Fuchs, assistant athletic director, CCISD; Mike Bowman, Hunt & Hunt, Ltd.; Leanne Bowman, Hunt & Hunt, Ltd.; and Scott Bockart, assistant superintendent for CCISD secondary schools. Photo submitted

Clear Creek Independent School District was fortunate to receive 15 CPR Hands Only training kits. Due to a new law, CPR/AED techniques are now being used that do not require mouth to mouth resuscitation.

These techniques can be taught in about 30 minutes, making training safe and efficient. CCISD can now easily provide this training to staff and students thanks to the American Heart Association

and generous donor Mike Bowman of Hunt & Hunt Ltd. Three of Bowman's children graduated from CCISD.

Clear Creek ISD is the first district in Texas to receive such a large donation of the Hands Only CPR training kits. "We now have the proper equipment to teach students the Hands Only course and to teach them this important skill," said Debbie Fuchs, assistant athletic director for CCISD. "Once

trained, our students could save a life."

The kits contain curriculum, mannequins, and training videos.

The district held a training session in mid-January with the help of the American Heart Association for all secondary P.E. teachers and high school athletic trainers in CCISD.

Prior to this new law, CPR was taught only in health education classes.

SJC showcases health/wellness clinic at open house Feb. 24

San Jacinto College will host an open house to showcase a new health/wellness clinic, an on-campus facility that provides a variety of medical and wellness services for students and employees of the college.

The open house will take place in the clinic on Tuesday, Feb. 24, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The clinic is located on the North campus, 5800 Uvalde Road, in the Burleson Classroom Building in Room 150.

There will be live demonstrations of health screenings, medical exams, and minor medical procedures. Light refreshments will be served, and people are encouraged to come and go as their schedules permit.

The clinic provides services to San Jacinto College

students and employees only, and is not open to the general public.

"The purpose of the open house is to allow people in the community to get a first-hand view of some of the valuable educational training our students can receive now that the college has a fully functional clinic," commented Rhonda Bell, North campus health science department chair. "Our allied health students have access to high-tech, advanced simulated equipment, which enables them to receive very lifelike training. At the new clinic, students can supplement the excellent simulated training and get an introduction to working with people."

Some of the services provided at the clinic include minor first aid treatment,

smoking cessation training, and various health screenings, such as blood pressure and diabetes. The clinic also occasionally serves as a "holding" station for some patients treated by members of the college's unique First Responders Organization (FRO). San Jacinto College is the first community college in Texas to offer a student-operated FRO, in which certified students provide on-campus emergency medical care to any faculty, staff, students, or visitors who are injured or become ill while on campus, and who may need ambulance transport for more advanced treatment.

For more information about San Jacinto College, call 281-998-6150, visit sanjac.edu or follow on Facebook and Twitter.

West, Holbrook engaged



Mike and Mary West of South Belt announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Francesca Marie, to Johnathan Henry Holbrook, son of Jan and Vaughn Holbrook of Crosby, Texas. The bride-to-be is a fourth-grade teacher for the Pasadena Independent School District. The prospective groom is a financial analyst for a national mortgage firm. They are both graduates of Sam Houston State University. The couple are planning a March wedding in League City.

Bay Area Chorus of Greater Houston presents *Unity* concert

The Bay Area Chorus of Greater Houston announces the fifth concert of its 50th concert season, *Look To The Future*, at First United Methodist Church of Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, on Sunday, Feb. 22, at 4 p.m.

Continuing to honor some of the past BAC directors during its 50th anniversary season, the BAC presents Rob Seible, BAC director from 1988 to 1995, as guest conductor during this concert.

Guest choirs performing at this concert include:

VOX - The Rob Seible Singers under the direction of Rob Seible, and the Concert Choir of San Jacinto College Central under the direction of Dr. Paul Busseberg.

The Bay Area Chorus, under the direction of new artistic director, Milton Pullen, will sing: Howard Hansen's *One Hundred and Fiftieth Psalm*; Brahms' *Create in Me*; Mark Wilberg's *Shenandoah*; and Pullen's arrangement of *Amazing Grace*, among other pieces. Seible will conduct the final number of the concert with the combined choirs in Beethoven's *Hallelujah* from the *Mount of Olives*.

Seible, the founder and artistic director of VOX - The Rob Seible Singers, continues to inspire the success

of the group he created in 2007 to explore vocal artistic expression. From selecting the music and organizing the concert schedule to masterfully directing each work, Seible infuses his passion for innovative concepts of ensemble performance.

Currently choirmaster at Bering Memorial United Methodist Church, Seible recently retired as choral director of the esteemed Houston High School for the Performing and Visual Arts after 34 years in public education.

In addition, Seible is serving as an adjunct faculty member for Houston Grand Opera's High School Voice Program and summer vocal camps, and continues at HSPVA as adjunct faculty coach.

Seible is also chorus master/assistant conductor for the Gilbert and Sullivan Society of Houston's summer productions. Seible served for many years on the faculty of TUTS/Humphrey's School of Musical Theater, as director of the Bay Area Chorus (1988 to 1995), and musical director for the Galveston Island Outdoor Musicals.

One of Houston's oldest nonprofit choral groups, the Bay Area Chorus has brought

heartfelt performances to Houston and the Texas Gulf Coast since the spring of 1965.

Read more about the Bay Area Chorus on the BAC Website at www.bayareachorus.org or www.facebook.com/BayAreaChorus.

Tickets are available online or from any BAC member singer.

Thompson art students excel at HLS&R



Several Thompson Intermediate School art students won awards at the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Art Contest. Winners are, left to right, Randy Nguyen (eighth grade), Isabella Torres (eighth grade), Jordan Velasquez (seventh grade),

Vi Nguyen (eighth grade), Priscilla Ramirez (seventh grade), Lauren Schwausch (eighth grade), Melody Le (eighth grade), John Velarde (eighth grade), Tony Tran (eighth grade). Not pictured is Annye Mendoza (seventh grade). Photo submitted

CCCT to present *The Dixie Swim Club*

Clear Creek Community Theatre will present *The Dixie Swim Club* by Jesse Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wooten, March 13-29.

Five Southern women, whose friendships began many years ago on their college swim team, set aside a long weekend every August to recharge those relationships. Free from husbands, kids and jobs, they meet at the same beach cottage on North Carolina's Outer

Banks to catch up, laugh and meddle in each other's lives.

The Dixie Swim Club focuses on four of those weekends and spans a period of thirty-three years. As their lives unfold and the years pass, these women increasingly rely on one another, through advice and raucous repartee, to get through the challenges (men, sex, marriage, parenting, divorce, and aging) that life flings at them. *The Dixie Swim Club* is a hilarious and touching comedy about friendships that last forever.

Director Jeff Coletta was drawn to this show because he was impressed by the ensemble. "There are no stars in this script. I really liked the characters and I think the audience will find them engaging, interesting and enjoyable. These are characters that you will remember after the play is over."

Coletta has greatly enjoyed bringing the show to

life. "I have seen the show, so I know what the finished product is 'supposed' to look like. What I am thrilled about is watching it come together. Seeing my talented friends take the words in the script and create three dimensional characters out of them!" Coletta added, "A challenge for the cast is making sure the humor is heard as well as the more poignant lines. This show is very, very funny, but not at the expense of its characters."

The Dixie Swim Club opens Friday, March 13, and runs through Sunday, March 29. Performances are 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and 2:30 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are \$13 to \$15 and may be purchased online at www.clearcreekcommunitytheatre.com or at the box office at 281-335-5228.

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8:00 p.m. - Servicio de Oración con cenizas

Leader reflects on first 39 years serving South Belt

In honor of the *Leader's* upcoming 40th anniversary, (Feb. 5, 2016) the paper will run nostalgic photos throughout the year, with these then-and-now pictures being the first in the series.

South Belt Chamber, then and now . . .



The left photo, taken in 1995, shows a proposed site of the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce office (where the Scarsdale AutoZone is currently located). The building was eventually built in the 10500 block of Scarsdale (right photo). Shown in the left photo are, left to right, then-director of the chamber Sherry Trainer, then-president Thomas Woodruff and chamber board member Chris Clark, who now serves as the organization's president. Founded in 1984, the chamber office was initially located at the *Leader* office on Beamer. Once it outgrew the location, *Leader* publisher Marie Flickinger, who served as the chamber's first president, brokered a "fantastic" deal with Billy Burge of Ayrshire Corporation, the company responsible for developing most of the South Belt area.

Photos by Marie Flickinger



Baby's first Christmas



Left to right, Ryan, Zoey and Destiny Hutchison celebrated Zoey's first Christmas December 2014 in Houston. Photo submitted

Families hold Ugly Sweater Contest



The Beyer and Davis families of Kirkmont held an Ugly Sweater Contest on Christmas Eve 2014.

At left, Mindy Davis Hommann (Dobie class of 1994) was the the winner of the Ugly Sweater Contest.

At right, Pam Davis (Dobie class of 1992) and Bryan McElvogue wear "continuous" ugly sweaters.

Photos submitted



Larry Davis shows off his ugly sweater.



Beyer/Davis family members pictured are, left to right, (front row, floor) Katie Norton, Zach Brown, Nathan Brown, Evelyn Luper, Charles Beyer, Ethan Beyer, Chris Beyer, (second row, kneeling) Ren Maddox, Kaylee Beyer, Ella McElvogue, Marci Maddox, Nancy Beyer, Elle Luper, Paula Beyer, Addison Beyer, Brianna Beyer, Rachael Beyer, Jacob Davis, Larry Davis, Hannah Davis, (third row, standing) Diana Davis, Larry Davis, Nathan Brown, Colleen Dean, Lance Dean, Joe Dean, Sarah Morgan, Emily Morgan, (back row) Grant Beyer, Jimmy Beyer, Christy Beyer, Andrew Norton, Bryce McElvogue, Pamela McElvogue, Bryan McElvogue, Brittney Maddox, Anne Beyer, Meredith Brown, David Beyer, Mckenzie Maddox, Ben Beyer, Lisha Luper, Lee Luper, Rusty Beyer, Lance Dean, Jim Morgan, Veronica Morgan, Ron Homann, Mindy Homann, Aleena Velasco and Jamie Lewis.

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Mindy Davis and Ron Hommann pose in the photo booth.



Marci Davis (Dobie class of 1988) and Ren Maddox in the photo booth.

NASA's Year of the Dwarves: Exploration of Ceres and Pluto

The Lunar and Planetary Institute (LPI) invites all inquisitive adults to attend a special presentation by Dr. Paul Schenk of the Lunar and Planetary Institute. This free public presentation on Feb. 26 will preview two historic encounters by two NASA missions visiting the dwarf planets Ceres and Pluto over the next several months.

This year marks the first exploration ever of two dwarf planets, Ceres and Pluto. Schenk will provide a preview

of two unprecedented missions, Dawn and New Horizons, as they explore the inner and outer solar system, and will share the top questions scientists hope to answer with the data they gather this spring and summer.

Schenk is a staff scientist at the Lunar and Planetary Institute in Houston. He specializes in impact craters and other features on icy satellites from Jupiter to Neptune, and in 3-D imaging, which he uses to measure topography and cre-

ate really amazing views. Schenk is currently assisting the New Horizons team plan Pluto encounter observations for July 2015 and was a participant in the Dawn mission to Vesta in 2011.

The presentation begins at 7:30 p.m. and will be followed by a light reception and opportunity to meet Schenk. Registration is not required. LPI is located in the USRA building at 3600 Bay Area Blvd. in Clear Lake; the entrance is located on Middlebrook Drive.

For information, call Andrew Shaner at 281-486-2163.

Tips, advice to make mealtime better for those with autism

Learn how to lessen mealtime stress when the Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities welcomes Conrad Hillman, clinical coordinator for the center, to present *Taking the Fight out of Feeding: Managing Problems at Mealtimes* on Saturday, Feb. 21, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The event will take place in the University of Houston-Clear Lake's Student Services and Classroom Building, Lecture Hall, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

The session is part of the ongoing Center for Autism

and Developmental Disabilities Speaker Series intended for caregivers, educators and family members of those with autism or other developmental disabilities.

A question-and-answer period and light refreshments will follow each session. Hegwood & Associates, P.C., JSC Federal Credit Union, Susie Bean, and Including Kids sponsor the series.

For more information or to reserve a space, call the Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities at 281-283-3437 or visit http://hsh.uhcl.edu/CADD.

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Hoops race down to the wire

Averting disaster with a big fourth-quarter run, the Dobie varsity boys' basketball team remains in the hunt for the playoffs.

Trailing winless Alvin in the fourth quarter Feb. 10 at Phillips Field House, the Longhorns rallied for a 59-51 victory behind 15 points from Royce Hunter and 12 more from Justin Turner.

The win improved Dobie to 8-6 in the District 22-6A standings, which is currently fifth. However, the final week of the playoff chase should be a thrill.

With two games to be played for all teams with the exception of Pearland and 22-6A champion Dawson, there are four teams pushing for the final three spots.

Manvel and South Houston are currently tied for second at 10-4. Manvel finishes with games against South Houston and Pearland, while South Houston

will face Manvel and then close with winless Alvin. Pearland, at 9-6, has a bye Feb. 13, before finishing its regular season at Manvel Feb. 17.

Then there is Dobie, which closes with a road game at Sam Rayburn Feb. 13 before hosting Memorial Feb. 17.

Two wins for Dobie

will, at worst, put the team in a playoff for fourth place against Pearland.

Two Dobie wins in combination with a Pearland loss will advance Dobie. Sam Rayburn is 7-7 but has been eliminated from playoff contention by virtue of two losses to Pearland.

District 22-6A Standings

Varsity Boys' Basketball

(As of Feb. 11)

Teams	W	L
Dawson	14	1
Manvel	10	4
South Houston	10	4
Pearland	9	6
Dobie	8	6
Rayburn	7	7
Memorial	4	10
Pasadena	2	12
Alvin	0	14

JFD girls draw elite North Shore

At 10-6 and seeded fourth in District 22-6A at the completion of the regular season, the Dobie varsity girls' basketball team has reached the postseason for a second straight time.

Now, the challenge gets much tougher, courtesy of a first-round bidistrict playoff matchup against state-ranked North Shore.

The Lady Mustangs, standing 29-2 overall and undefeated in District 21-6A, enter the postseason as one of the clear favorites to win the Region III crown.

Where does that leave Dobie? Head coach Shane Brown said it's about playing your best basketball at the right time.

"We're not shaking our heads at the fact that we are playing North Shore," Brown said.

"We controlled our destiny this season and this is where we are. On any given night, any team can beat another team regardless of record or status."

Brown added that he was once an assistant coach at Rice University when the team advanced to the NCAA tournament as a No. 13 seed but then proceeded to defeat fourth seeded UC-Santa Barbara in that opening round in Santa Barbara.

At right, Dobie head coach Shane Brown (left) knows guards Mykayla Scott (33) and Jade Giron (11) will need to lead the way in the playoffs against North Shore.

"North Shore is North Shore, but we have confidence in our abilities and know that anything can happen."

"We reached one of our goals of making the playoffs and now we want to take it farther."

Bidistrict girls' basketball

Dobie vs. North Shore

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SJC softball winners of eight of 12

Winners of eight of 12 overall games to start the 2015 season, the San Jacinto College softball team is now hoping to enjoy some home cooking.

The locals will host Iowa Western and Wallace State over a two-day span at the San Jacinto College Invitational Feb. 14-15 at Coyote Field.

Iowa Western has yet to play a game this season and will therefore be looking to get off to a

great start in Texas. Wallace State, which entered the season ranked seventh

nationally in the National Junior College Athletic Association poll, has won

five of its last six games en route to a 10-6 start.

With San Jacinto off to an 8-4 start of its own through a pair of tournament appearances, the action should be intense in the South Belt area.

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San Jacinto Invitational

Saturday, Feb. 14

SJC vs. Iowa Western, 10 a.m.
SJC vs. Wallace State, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 15

SJC vs. Wallace State, 12:15 p.m.
SJC vs. Iowa Western, 4:45 p.m.

Netters Vargas, Tran capture mixed doubles

In what could be their final appearance together as a mixed doubles team, Dobie's Ruben Vargas and Theresa Tran made it memorable.

The pair won the mixed doubles A division championship at the Franklin/Kramer Pasadena ISD tournament, cruising to a 6-2, 6-0 victory in the finals. The Longhorn pair also scored wins over

Lady Longhorns open against Pearland

In its quest to get back to the postseason, the Dobie varsity softball team is going to get an early chance to gain momentum in District 22-6A.

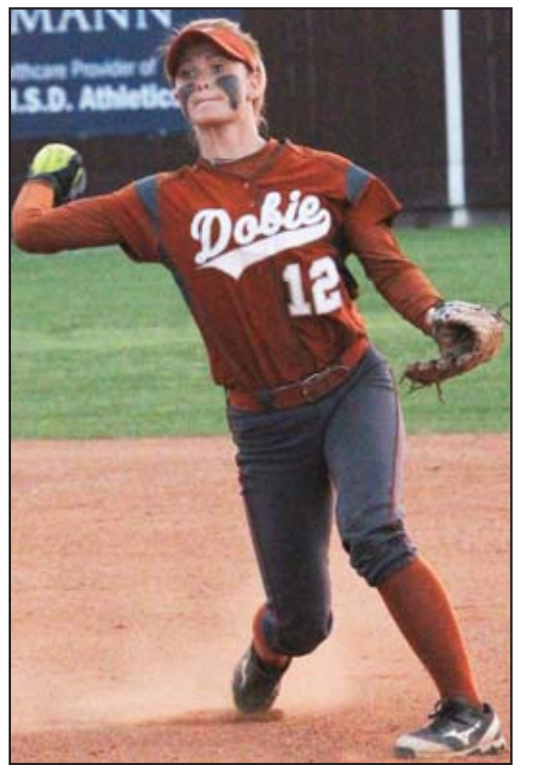
The Lady Longhorns will open the 2015 regular season Tuesday, Feb. 17, facing state-ranked Pearland in a 6:30 p.m. contest at the Pasadena ISD Sports Complex.

The locals have not had a great deal of success against the Lady Oilers in recent seasons - Pearland defeated Dobie twice in league play

a season ago. But each season presents new opportunities, and Dobie is ready to go.

The Lady Longhorns' offense will be led by four-year starter Emily Wolfe, third baseman Suzy Soza and first baseman Sady Olguin. Head coach Robin Rackley said the performance of others could give Dobie one of its top offensive teams in a while.

Pitchers Michelle Kristoff and Alyssa Corpus are vying for time in the circle.



Four-year starter Emily Wolfe will lead Dobie into the 2015 season opener against Pearland Tuesday, Feb. 17, at the Pasadena ISD Sports Complex. Game time is 6:30 p.m. Dobie, which missed the postseason in 2014, is looking to get off to a great start in league play against the state's preseason No. 2 ranked team in Class 6A.

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PISD sets intermediate track

Local fans will get an early chance to see the Beverly Hills and Thompson intermediate track and field teams go head-to-head locally before the official start of the Pasadena ISD season.

The Bears' boys' and girls' teams will compete in a dual meet against Thompson Tuesday, Feb. 17, at Dobie High School. The action is slated to begin at 4:30 p.m.

The remainder of the PISD intermediate track and field schedule will include each of the district's 10 schools.

There will be three regular season boys' and girls' meets held at Auxiliary Stadium in Pasadena before qualifiers meet for the championships.

Tuesday, Feb. 17
<i>Thompson vs. Beverly Hills, Dobie, 4:30 p.m.</i>
Wednesday, Feb. 25
<i>Girls' competition, Auxiliary Stadium, 4:30 p.m.</i>
Thursday, Feb. 26
<i>Boys' competition, Auxiliary Stadium, 4:30 p.m.</i>
Wednesday, March 4
<i>Girls' competition, Auxiliary Stadium, 4:30 p.m.</i>
Thursday, March 5
<i>Boys' competition, Auxiliary Stadium, 4:30 p.m.</i>
Wednesday, March 11
<i>Girls' competition, Auxiliary Stadium, 4:30 p.m.</i>
Thursday, March 12
<i>Boys' competition, Auxiliary Stadium, 4:30 p.m.</i>
Tuesday and Wednesday, March 24-25
<i>Boys'/girls' district championships, Auxiliary, 4:30 p.m.</i>

PISD Intermediate Basketball

Girls' Final Standings

Eighth-Grade Light

Teams	W	L
Bondy	9	0
Thompson	8	1
Queens	6	3
Jackson	5	4
South Houston	4	4 (1 tie)
San Jacinto	4	5
Park View	3	5 (1 tie)
Southmore	3	6
Beverly Hills	2	7
Miller	0	9

Weekly Scores

Queens 21, Beverly Hills 18
 Bondy 41, San Jacinto 4
 Thompson 52, Jackson 26
 South Houston 33, Southmore 14
 Park View 25, Miller 23

Seventh-Grade Light

Teams	W	L
Beverly Hills	9	0
Bondy	8	1
Queens	7	2
Thompson	6	3
Park View	4	5
Southmore	4	5
South Houston	3	6
Jackson	2	7
San Jacinto	1	8
Miller	1	8

Weekly Scores

Beverly Hills 40, Queens 17
 Bondy 28, San Jacinto 10
 Thompson 31, Jackson 12
 Southmore 21, South Houston 12
 Miller 23, Park View 17

Eighth-Grade Dark

Teams	W	L
Bondy	9	0
Southmore	8	1
Jackson	7	2
Queens	6	3
Thompson	4	5
South Houston	4	5
Beverly Hills	2	7
Miller	2	7
Park View	2	7
San Jacinto	0	9

Weekly Scores

Queens 20, Beverly Hills 10
 Bondy 52, San Jacinto 5
 Jackson 26, Thompson 17
 Southmore 28, South Houston 12
 Park View 22, Miller 21

Seventh-Grade Dark

Teams	W	L
Bondy	8	1
Southmore	8	1
Beverly Hills	8	1
Jackson	4	5
San Jacinto	4	5
Thompson	4	5
Queens	3	6
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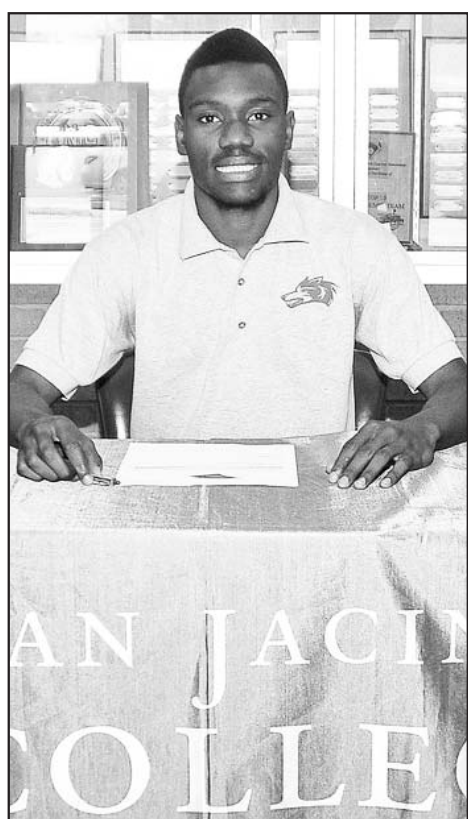
Weekly Scores

Beverly Hills 27, Queens 3
 Bondy 36, San Jacinto 12
 Thompson 29, Jackson 14
 Southmore 19, South Houston 8
 Park View 21, Miller 7

CSBA golf is April 13

The annual Keep Kids in School Golf Tournament, benefiting Communities in Schools-Bay Area, is coming to Bay Oaks Country Club April 13. Communities In Schools-Bay Area's program keeps students on a path of success through graduation and beyond. The program serves the Clear Creek and Dickinson school districts. Underwriting, sponsorships and team registration information is available at hillaryg.csba.org.

SJC's Moore to UIW



San Jacinto College men's soccer player O'Neal Moore has signed a letter of intent to continue his education and studies at the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio. Moore, a sophomore forward, finished the 2014 season with four goals and five assists for 13 points. A year prior, he received all-region honors and was part of the team that set a new school record by finishing the season third in the nation with an overall 20-2-0 record at the National Junior College Athletic Association national tournament. Moore plans to study sports management when he begins at UIW this fall.

Team Storm 12U takes second at February Shootout

Team Storm reached the championship game and took second place at the Big League Dreams February Shootout in League City. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Xavier Lerma, Mario Irachete, Matthew Garcia, Northberto Ramirez Jr., (middle row) Xavier Tellez Lopez, Kyle Redmond, Aaron Longoria, Mauricio Jasso, Luke Giron, (back row) coaches Elbert Giron and Craig Redmond. Not pictured are Cameron Jauregui and Adealaja Sanni. The team went 4-1-1 overall in the United States Specialty Sports Association event, the first of the season for the locals.



San Jac's Gyorio decides on pro ranks

San Jacinto College men's soccer alumnus, Mozesh "Mozzi" Gyorio recently signed to play professionally with the United Soccer League's Pro Austin Aztex.

Until signing with the Aztex, the 25-year-old Canada native had been playing as a midfielder for the North American Soccer League's Minnesota United FC.

His rise to professional soccer began at San Jacinto College in 2008, when he helped the team finish as the national runner up.

That year, Gyorio received a National Junior College Athletic Association honorable mention All-American, NJCAA All-region, National Soccer Coaches Association of America second-team All-region, and was the San Jacinto College Offensive Most Valuable Player.

In 2009, he played for the Houston Dynamo Academy, adding seven goals and six assists to his record.

That same year, Gyorio represented Canada in the Francophone games held in Lebanon, earning him a spot on the Canadian U-20 National Team roster.

In 2010, he was signed by the NASL's FC Tampa Bay, scoring four goals in 43 matches.

After two seasons, he went overseas to England and played for Fleetwood

Town from the English League Two.

Gyorio came back to the United States to play in NASL in the 2014 spring and fall seasons with Minnesota United FC and helped them claim the first and second place in consecutive regular seasons, while also reaching the NASL semifinals in one occasion.

"It was an honor to work with 'Mozzi' as an assistant coach during my first year at San Jacinto College," said SJC men's soccer head coach Ian Spooner.

"He has made the most of his abilities and opportunities due to his work ethic and desire to be the best player on the field every day."

To date, Gyorio is one of 10 former San Jacinto College soccer players to go on to play professionally.

Other soccer alumni include Roy Hernandez (F.C. Excelsior), Cyprian Hedrick (Sporting Kansas City), Francisco Calvo (CS Herediano), Dane Richards (New York Red Bulls), Kieron Bernard (Orlando City), Carlos Villa (CSD Municipal), Ryan Maxwell (New England Revolution), Brandon Durden (River Plate Puerto Rico), and Ken Hoerner (Houston Dynamo reserves).

For more information on the soccer program, visit sanjacsports.com.

Austin Aztex ink former SJC standout



Mozesh "Mozzi" Gyorio spent the 2008 season with the San Jacinto College men's soccer program, earning numerous national and regional honors. He has since played professionally at other stops and will now join the Austin Aztex of the United Soccer Leagues.

Strong-starting San Jacinto softball to host tourney

Continued from Page 1B
 Now fresh off that dazzling offensive performance in Atmore, Ala., the San Jacinto College softball team is finally ready to play at home.

At 8-4 overall through the first two weeks of the regular season, San Jacinto will now face Iowa Western and Wallace State Feb. 14-15, on the college's South campus.

For Iowa Western and Wallace State, the goal is plain - figure out a way to slow down the San Jacinto offense.

In particular, San Jacinto's Carah Nunez and Brigitte Gauvin are on fire.

San Jacinto lost its opening two games at Wallace State but rallied for wins in four of its final five games.

Along the way, Nunez was perhaps the tournament's top offensive player.

Going 9 for 20 at the plate with 10 runs driven in, Nunez was a handful for opposing pitchers.

She mixed in a homer and four doubles, while Gauvin also performed very well at the plate.

Gauvin was 2 for 3 with a 2-run homer during a 9-3 win over Gulf Coast State College. Nunez was 2 for 3 in the game with a double and 4 runs driven in. Brittany Woods also had three hits in the game.

In an 8-7 victory over Mississippi Gulf Coast, Nunez, Jasmine Cerda, Gauvin, Jordin Woodward and Tiffany Jacobek all had two hits as Katy Potter earned the win in the circle.

Bridget Stein was terrific in pitching San Jacinto to a 6-1 win over Faulkner State. Woodward had three hits, and Nunez, Cerda and Jaime Henk all added a pair of hits.

Despite a sloppy 18-0 loss to nationally ranked Chattanooga State, San Jacinto rebounded for a nine-inning, 8-6 victory over Georgia Perimeter.

In that win, Nunez and Gauvin combined for four hits and five runs driven in. Stein got the win for the locals to cap off a 4-3 showing at the event.

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The San Jacinto College softball team will look to continue what has been a solid start to the 2015 season when the college hosts its annual San Jacinto College Invitational Feb. 14-15 at the South campus. Members of the team include, left to right, (front row) Tiffany Jacobek, Carah Nunez, Jamie Henk, Danielle Joosten, (middle row) Elizabeth Garcia, Bridget Stein, Katy Potter, Ashley Gallant, SJC mascot, J.J. Cerda, Gabriela Gonzalez, Kelsey Huff, Kayla Deselle, (back row) Carol Raabe, Brigitte Gauvin, Brittany Woods, Jordin Woodward and Alyssia Torres. Photo by Andrea Vasquez, SJC marketing

Dobie netters excel at F/K event

Continued from Page 1B just a scrappy player who finds a way to get every ball back across. It's been fun to watch them compete together."

Moreno said Vargas is now expected to focus on boys' singles the rest of the spring season - his final with the Longhorns.

With Vargas planning to change draws, Moreno said he is likely to pair Tran with Luis Cebreja.

Elsewhere in the Franklin/Kramer event, Dobie's Julie Nguyen and Richard Nguyen advanced to the

consolation finals before being defeated.

In the girls' B doubles bracket, Lady Longhorns Ashley Deveza and Karen Neira made the finals of the main draw.

Deveza and Neira bounced teams from Elsie, Cinco Ranch and Magnolia West before losing a tough three-setter to Clear Falls, 7-6 (7-3), 4-6, (4-10 super tiebreaker).

Hellen Le and Jacklyn Tran reached the consolation final before falling, 8-6, to Dawson.

Bao Nguyen, a sopho-

more, was the Longhorns' top performing singles player. Nguyen made his way to the boys' B singles consolation final before he lost 8-4.

Moreno is gearing up to take as many as 32 players to Corpus Christi Feb. 20-21 for the annual Spring Fling Invitational.

Dobie will, of course, play tennis for two days but will also have the chance to have some fun as a group.

"We've been making this trip as long as I've been here," said Moreno,

now in his 16th year. "The kids have always enjoyed it."

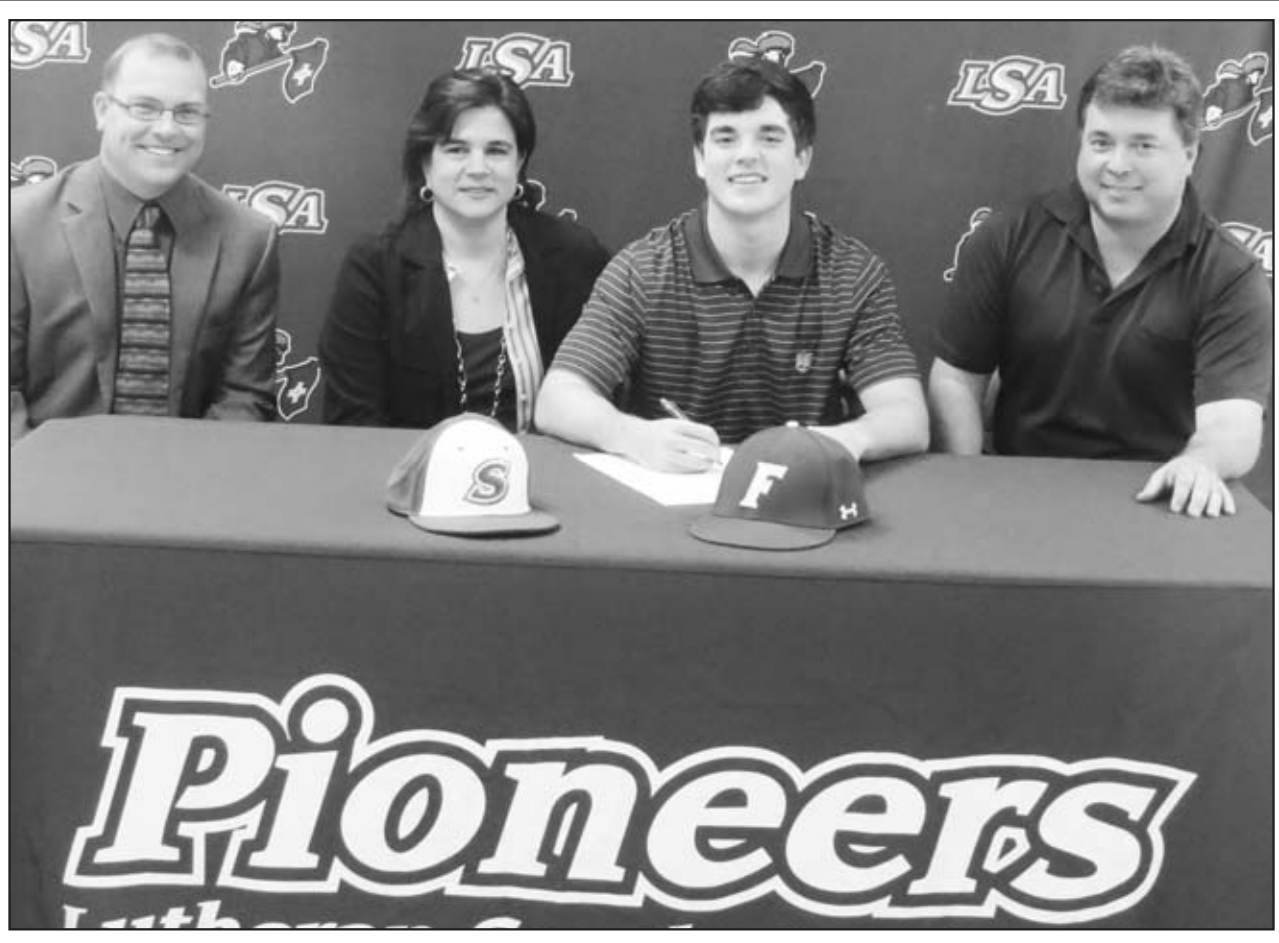
"The spring season flies by, and this is just a great opportunity to spend some time together as a team."

At right, Dobie's Ashley Deveza (left) and Karen Neira made their way to the finals of the girls' B doubles at the Franklin/Kramer tennis tournament before taking second place behind Clear Falls.



Lutheran South Academy baseballer McDonald picks Concordia-Wis.

At right, Lutheran South Academy varsity baseball standout Evan McDonald (third from left) will continue his education and playing career at Concordia University-Wisconsin in Mequon, Wis., after signing a letter of intent. Heading into his senior season at LSA, McDonald has been an all-around player, helping the Pioneers on the mound, in the outfield and at third base. Last season, McDonald was 7-0 on the mound with a 1.80 earned run average and two saves. Those with McDonald at the signing included, from left, LSA varsity baseball head coach Aaron Schneider, Elenora McDonald (mother) and James McDonald (father).



Sports news, notes

Rising Star track sign-up

The Rising Stars Track Club, the area's longtime youth track and field team, is accepting registration now through the end of February. The team practices each Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the Dobie High School track from 5 to 7 p.m., as well as Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Sundays from 3 to 6 p.m. Those interested may register at any of the practice sessions. The team, which competes in both Amateur Athletic Union and USA Track and Field competitions, will begin its season in April.

CRAZY Krewe fun runs March 7

Tired of running on flat ground? Try the only Houston Bay Area run that includes a sprint up and over the NASA bypass. The public is invited to register for the 7K Fun Run or a 3K Walk. This is a family-friendly event with free activities, food, and entertainment. Serving the community for 11 years by increasing drug and alcohol awareness and decreasing risks to youth, the Bay Area Alliance for Youth and Families is now planning its fifth annual CRAZY Krewe event. The alliance is perhaps best known for its Medication Take Back events, having collected nearly 8,500 pounds of unused and expired medications for disposal since 2010. But this time, it's all about running for a good cause. The event is set for Saturday, March 7. Home base is Clear View High School, located at 400 S. Walnut St. in Webster. Registration is \$25 per person or \$75 for a family four pack, if registered by Feb. 27. All of the action starts March 7, at 8 a.m. The timed race will award the top three male and female finishers in elementary, intermediate and high school as well as ages 19 to 35, 26 to 59 and 60 and older. Register online at www.tinyurl.com/CRAZYKrewe2015. For more information, call 281-284-0370.

Baseball United seeks players

Baseball United Clubs will host tryouts for the upcoming 2015 Nations Baseball season throughout February. Players will be required to pass a series of skills drills prior to the tryout, which will be held at the Clear Lake Dad's Club. Those in the 7-under division may register free of charge. There are openings in the 6-under through 14-under divisions. There are three team levels, including select, premiere and elite. For more information, call Terrance Small at 832-212-3543. Families may also direct email to Small at coach@nightmareamateursports.com.

South Belt Youth Soccer Club

Online registration is ongoing in the South Belt Youth Soccer Club as officials prepare for the upcoming spring season. Players in the Under 5 through Under 8 (ages 4, 5, 6, 7) divisions may register for \$75 per player, while it will be \$85 for players in the Under 9 and Under 10 (ages 8, 9). Those in the U-11 and older (ages 10 to 18) may register for \$95 per player. The registration fee in the U-5 through U-8 divisions includes a uniform, while the uniform cost is extra in the older divisions. Forms of payment include credit and debit cards only. No cash or checks will be accepted. A late fee of \$15 will be assessed after Feb. 15. To register or to learn more about the league, visit www.southbelt.soccer.org.

Stampede 12-U seeks players

The Texas Stampede, a 12-under select baseball team in the South Belt area, is seeking a few players for its upcoming spring and summer season. The Stampede compete primarily in United States Specialty Sports Association events, usually up to three per month in the Houston and surrounding areas. Officials charge families only for the cost of field rental and tournament fees, etc. There are no monthly dues. For more information, call Pete Rodriguez at 713-540-1257 or Mike Escobedo 281-758-9440.

Lady Rockets 11-12s start hot in City of Pasadena basketball



The Lady Rockets' 11-12-year-old basketball team is off to a hot 3-0 start in the City of Pasadena Youth Basketball League this season as each player has contributed to the team's success. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Jordan Tran, Koko Wooley, Krystal Benitez, Vanessa Lam, Alyssa Garza, Nayelli Melendez, (back row) head coach David Lam, Ashley Lam, Krystin Nelson, Kayla Prince, Marylin Moon, Mia Prince, Jennifer Lopez and assistant coach Rodrigo Benitez.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

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

NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse - Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 a.m., Praise Chapel, 18516 Highway 3 in Webster. Public welcome and encouraged to bring others. For information, call 281-910-1971.

ABWA - Southeast Express Network - American Business Women's Association-South meets the second Thursday of each month, Golden Corral, 9115 Broadway, Pearland. Lunch is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$20 and includes networking with professional business women, lunch and guest speaker. Women of all ages and occupations are invited. Bring plenty of business cards. Reservations appreciated. Visit www.seen-abwa.org.

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

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

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Women's Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518) at the First Presbyterian Church in the youth building on the Westminster side. For information, call 713-856-1611.

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

Alateen - Provides support for teenage children, friends and family members of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday at 7

p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, room 208. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

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

Harris County Master Gardeners - Precinct 2, Harris County Master Gardener Fruit and Citrus Tree Sale at Campbell Hall, Pasadena Fairgrounds, 7600 Red Bluff, Pasadena. Plant preview by Heidi Sheesley, owner of Treesearch Farms, at 8 a.m. Sale hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. If it's sold at this sale, it grows in this area. For more details, visit <https://hcmga.tamu.edu>.

10 a.m.

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

11 a.m.

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

2 p.m.

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

5:30 p.m.

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

6:30 p.m.

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

7 p.m.

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

8 p.m.

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

8:30 a.m.

Harris County Master Gardeners - Open Garden Day, with Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at the Genoa Friendship Garden, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff

Road. Master Gardeners will be available to answer gardening questions. Children are welcome. For details, visit <https://hcmga.tamu.edu>.

10 a.m.

Al-Anon Deer Park - Mondays 10 to 11 a.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for information, or just drop in.

10:30 a.m.

Seniors and Law Enforcement Together - SALT holds monthly meetings, 10:30 a.m., Madison Jobe Senior Citizens Center, 1700 East Thomas St. in Pasadena, third Monday of each month. No meeting in December. January meeting is on the second Monday. Meetings teach seniors how to avoid identity theft, scams, fraud, etc. Police officers and sheriffs may be in attendance. Free. Refreshments served. Meetings start timely and are one hour or less. For information, call 713-477-0175.

11:30 a.m.

Overeaters Anonymous Deer Park - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for information, or just drop in.

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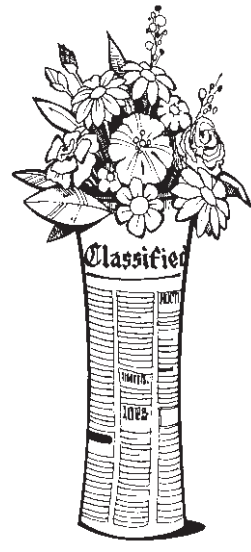
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Genealogy Group - The Parker Williams Genealogy Group meets from 2 to 4 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month at the Parker Williams Library, Beamer at Scarsdale. The public is invited to attend. For information, email Liz Hicks at eroottrot@usa.net.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16
6 p.m.
Scrabble Club #511 - Meets Mondays at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua, 6 p.m. Come and improve crossword game playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for more information.
6:30 p.m.
New Directions Singles - Group for ages 55 and up meets on the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W NASA Parkway in Webster. There are many other activities throughout the month. For further information, call Bambi at 281-795-4514 or Mary at 281-337-2589.
6:30 p.m.
Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting - meets Mondays at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway (FM 518). Enter door closest to recycling bins. For more information, call 713-865-3668 or visit www.oahouston.org.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), First Presbyterian Church in the youth building on the Westminster side. For more information, call 713-856-1611.
7 p.m.
Friends Helping Friends Grief Support Group - Group meets Mondays, Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster, 7 to 8:15 p.m., in the staff meeting room. Anyone who has lost a loved one is welcome. Free. For information, call Betty Bielat at 281-474-3430 or Diana Kawalec at 281-334-1033.
7:30 p.m.
The Clear Lake Gem and Mineral Society - Meets the third week of the month at Clear Lake Park Bldg., 5001 NASA Parkway, Seabrook. Guests welcome. Presenters explore a variety of subjects such as fossils, planetary geology, mineralogy, lapidary, jewelry making, rock, fossil and mineral collecting. Field trips to various collecting sites throughout Texas and surrounding states. All interested persons welcome to attend. Door prizes. Free parking. For more information, visit www.clgms.org.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, in the Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or drop in.
9:30 a.m.
Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include dioramas, an old-time kitchen and a turn-of-the-century doctor's office. Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For information, call 713-472-0565.
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2 p.m.
The National Active and Retired Federal Employees - NARFE Chapter 941 meets the third Tuesday of each month, 2 p.m., El Franco Lee Park Community Center, 9500 Hall Road. Visitors welcome. For additional information, call Roy at 713-734-1461.
6 p.m.
Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish) - Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 6 p.m., First United Methodist Church, room 215, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.
6:30 p.m.
Breast Cancer Support Group - Meets the third Tuesday of every month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the lobby of the Clear Lake Regional Breast Diagnostic Center, 200 Medical Center Blvd., Suite 106, Webster. For more information call 281-526-6840.
Pearland Area Republican's Club - meets the third Tuesday of the month (except December, June and July) at the Pearland Church of Christ Annex, 2217 N. Grand Blvd. in Pearland. For more information, call 281-485-4140 or 281-485-1431.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518) at the First Presbyterian Church in the youth building on the Westminster side. For information, call 713-856-1611.
Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center - Weekly sexual assault support group offers a confidential self-help support group for victim/survivors of rape and sexual abuse. To attend or for more information, call 281-286-2525.

7 p.m.
Positive Interaction Program - meets the third Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m., at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria, in the staff meeting room, first floor. Bring a friend and work together to make PIP the best in the city. PIP consists of police and citizens working together to make neighborhoods safer. For information, call Officer Richard Buitron at 281-218-3900.

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, in the Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or drop in.
10 a.m.
Harris County Master Gardeners - The Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 presents an educational program on tomatoes and peppers, a lecture by horticulturalist Skip Richter, of the Harris County Extension office, at the Clear Lake Park meeting room, 5001 NASA Parkway, Seabrook. For details, visit <https://hcmga.tamu.edu>.
11:30 a.m.
Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club - meets on the first and third Wednesday of the month, 11:30 a.m., Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway (Fuqua and I-45). December may be an exception. For information, call Monica Montoya at 281-794-5531.
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Survivors of Suicide Support Group - The Southeast Houston group meets twice each month. The group offers support and coping skills in a non-threatening environment to adult individuals who have lost a loved one to suicide. For information on registration or to obtain a physical address for a location, call 713-533-4500 or visit www.crisishotline.org.
Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center - Confidential domestic violence support group for women, 7 p.m., 210 S. Walnut off NASA Pkwy. between I-45 South and Highway 3. Call 281-338-7600 or visit www.bayareaturningpoint.com for information. 24-hour crisis hotline is 281-286-2525.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19
7 a.m.
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4 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free water exercise for individuals with Parkinson's disease, 4 to 5 p.m., Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital Clear Lake, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Call 713-313-1652 or visit www.hapsonline.org for a list of all services.
6 p.m.
Texas German Society, South Belt (SE) Chapter - A social group interested in the culture, music, heritage and language of German immigrants in Texas. Meetings are on the third Thursday of each month, 6 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visitors are welcome. Call 281-481-1238 for information.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Women's Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), First Presbyterian Church in the youth building on the Westminster side. For information, call 713-856-1611.
AI-Anon (English Speaking) - Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, room 215. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
Alateen - Provides support for teenage children, friends and family members of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, room 208. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
8:30 p.m.
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At left, Clear Brook's Collin Gray (left) is joined by Dobie's Kevin Nguyen after the duo competed in the 100-yard freestyle event at regionals. Gray was eighth overall, with Nguyen taking fifth. At right, Dobie head coach Brad Nguyen (left) is joined by, from left, Kevin Nguyen, Samuel Parker, Tin Nguyen and Josh Woernley. The four boys' swimmers made their way to the regional finals in their respective events Feb. 6 at the Pearland Recreation Center and Natatorium. Kevin Nguyen also set the school record in the 200-yard individual medley while placing fourth, and he was joined by Tin Nguyen, Parker and Woernley in lowering the school record time in the 200-freestyle relay.



Dobie swimmers find success at regional championships; records set

A couple of school records were set as a select group of Dobie High School swimmers completed their 2014-2015 season at the Region VI championships Feb. 6 at the Pearland Recreation Center and Natatorium.

Kevin Nguyen, who ended his career as one of the school's best-ever swimmers, set the school record in the 200-yard individual medley while placing fourth, and his fifth-place finish in the 100-yard freestyle left him .06 of a second short of another school record.

Nguyen was also in on the action along with Tin Nguyen, Joshua Woernley and Samuel Parker as the relay squad lowered the school record during the preliminaries.

That foursome reached the final but was flagged for a disqualification. The same

four athletes teamed in the 400-yard freestyle relay for a 10th overall finish at regionals.

Tin Nguyen was 15th overall in the 100-yard flystroke, and the Dobie girls also came up big in the preliminaries.

The 200-yard medley relay team of Elissa Cruz, Lisa Luna, Jenna Rodriguez and Maria Mejia delivered their best time of the season in the prelims.

Vanessa Gonzalez rose two spots in the seedings with a great effort in the 200-yard freestyle, and Madison Caballero scored the best time of her season in the 100-yard flystroke.

Gonzalez, Summer Naser, Rebecca Shaffer and Caballero also competed in the 400-yard freestyle relay at regionals.

Varsity soccer races begin taking shape in District 22-6A ranks

As the midway point of soccer races nears, Dobie the District 22-6A varsity is well spoken for.

The Dobie boys, who faced Sam Rayburn Feb. 11, after press time, are the team to beat at the moment in the 22-6A standings.

At 5-0-1 for 17 points in the standings, Dobie leads the way. Pasadena is second at 4-1-2 for 15 points.

After a 2-0 loss to Manvel Feb. 10, Memorial (4-2-1 for 10 points) has slipped to third place.

As for Dobie, the Longhorns simply keep winning. In a 5-0 victory Feb. 6, at Alvin, the Longhorns got two goals each from Josue Villalta and Jonathan Montalvo.

Dobie closes out the first half of 22-6A action by facing Memorial Feb. 14, in the second game of a Dobie/Memorial double-header.

Meanwhile, the Lady

Dobie's Lauren Escobar heads the ball forward during the first half of the team's easy win over Rayburn Feb. 12. To this point, Dobie is 4-2-1 for fourth place in the standings with one more first round game.

Longhorns are hanging on to the fourth playoff seed at present.

Brisyeda Castaneda had

two early goals and Malyn Nunez added her 51st career goal as Dobie went on to blast Sam Rayburn 7-0

Feb. 10 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.

Pearland is unbeaten at 6-0 to lead the 22-6A

girls' standings, and Alvin has also rolled out to a 6-1 start, with Dawson third at 5-2-1. Those three teams

also possess district wins Feb. 14 matchup.

As expected, the 22-6A

varsity soccer races are as

competitive as ever, and

ing to pass Dobie during a

Dobie is in the mix.



Brisyeda Castaneda (6) helped the Dobie varsity girls' soccer team quickly take down Sam Rayburn 7-0 Feb. 10 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Castaneda had two first-half goals as the Lady Longhorns led 3-0 at half on the way to an easy win. Up next is a huge game against Memorial Feb. 14, at Veterans, at 10 a.m.

Wolverine boys to take on Falls

It's early, but the Clear Brook varsity boys' soccer team will play for a chance to take over the top spot in District 24-6A.

The Wolverines began district action with a loss to Clear Creek but have since won two and tied another for a 2-1-1 mark, tied for second with Friendswood.

Brook defeated Dick-

inson and then came up with a big 2-0 shutout win over Clear Lake as leading scorer Hamid Mizyed and Kyle Ripstein netted goals.

The Wolverines then played Clear Springs to a tie Feb. 10.

Next up, Clear Brook will take on district leader Clear Falls Feb. 14 at Clear Brook. Match time is 10 a.m.

Saturday Soccer!

Dobie girls vs. Memorial, 10 a.m.
Dobie boys vs. Memorial, noon
Both at Veteran Stadium - Feb. 14
Brook boys vs. Clear Falls, 10 a.m.
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