

### Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from FM-1959/Dixie Farm Road to FM-528/NASA Road 1 will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Monday, March 14. Alternate entrance and exit ramps will be closed. The closures are associated with an ongoing construction project to widen the freeway from three to five lanes in each direction and the frontage roads from two to three lanes in each direction.

### Scholarships offered

**Frazier Elementary**  
Frazier Elementary is offering scholarships to seven graduating Dobie seniors who attended Frazier in third and fourth grades. Applications and requirement information are available through the senior counselor's office at Dobie. Applications must be received by noon on Friday, March 11.

**Moore Elementary Student Council**  
The Moore Elementary Student Council will offer four scholarships to graduating seniors at Dobie High School who attended Moore in the fourth grade. Applications are available through the Dobie senior counselor's office and must be returned by Friday, April 1, to be considered.

### Little League begins season

The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League will hold its annual opening ceremonies Friday, March 11, at 7 p.m. The following day on Saturday, March 12, the league will hold its annual parade and carnival.

The year marks the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League's 50th anniversary. The 2016 Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League regular season will begin Monday, March 21, with games scheduled for all age groups. See related story on Page 1B.

### SeAM to hold sale

SeAM Thrift Store, 2006 Houston Blvd. (Highway 3) in South Houston, will hold a Brown Bag Book Sale through Saturday, March 12. Cost is \$5 plus tax per bag. Fill bags with books, records, cassettes, VHS tapes and CDs. The thrift store is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

### PIP meeting March 15

The Positive Interaction Program meets Tuesday, March 15, at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria in the first floor meeting room. Guest speaker will be Assistant County Attorney Douglas Ray, who will speak on the subject of open carry. PIP consists of police and citizens working for safer neighborhoods. For information, call Officer Richard Buitron at 281-218-3900.

### Library seeks book donations

The Friends of Parker Williams Branch Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., is seeking donations of nice condition adult fiction pocket paperbacks and children's books. Items may be dropped off at the front desk of the library.

### Lake of Golfcrest to meet

The Lake of Golfcrest homeowners association will hold its monthly board meeting Monday, March 14, at 7 p.m. at El Franco Lee Community Center, 9500 Hall Road. All homeowners are encouraged to attend.

### Sagemont Civic Club meets

The Sagemont Civic Club will meet on Monday, March 14, at the Sagemont Community Center on Hughes Road from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Discussions on any concern in the neighborhood will be held.

### Easter egg hunt at Post 490

The members of the American Legion Auxiliary-Unit 490 will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 19, at noon. The hunt will be held at the American Legion Hall-Post 490, 11702 Old Galveston Road. All children 12 years old and younger are invited to participate. Children should bring a container for their eggs. Refreshments will be furnished by the auxiliary. For information, call 832-978-2235.

### Dobie Craft Show April 16

The Dobie Spanish Department is currently seeking vendors for its spring craft show to be held at the school on Saturday, April 16, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Booths are \$30 each and include one table and two chairs. Booths with power are available for \$5 extra. Vendors must provide his or her own extension cords. For more information, contact Elizabeth Puente at 832-528-4388 or epuente@pasadenaisd.org.

### Knights hold fish fry

Knights of Columbus Council No. 9201 will sponsor a fundraising fish fry dinner on Friday, March 11, and Friday, March 18, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the St. Luke Catholic Church Social Hall, 11011 Hall Road. The menu includes a breaded catfish fillet, fries, hush puppies, cole slaw, corn on the cob and iced tea or lemonade. Cost is \$10 eat in or take out. Baked fish fillets will be available in limited quantities.

## Council votes against low-income complexes

The proposed construction of four low-income apartment complexes in the South Belt community is likely now a dead issue after Houston City Council declined to approve the developments this past week.

While two of the complexes were not even placed on Council agenda, the remaining two were voted down by council members, including Dwight Boykins, whose District D was to house the projects.

"I stand with the community," Boykins said. "Because of the work that (*Leader* publisher) Marie Flickinger and other community mem-

bers have done, prior to me even becoming a city council member, I oppose these developments."

Proposed developments included Auden Village at the intersection of Fuqua and Monroe (adjacent to the new Dobie ninth-grade center), The Wayfarer on Wayfarer Lane near Windmill Lakes, Kingspoint Manor at the intersection of Hall Road and Kingspoint and the Stonebrook Manor apartments located at the southeast corner of the Gulf Freeway and Kurland Drive near Fuqua.

Stonebrook Manor, located in District E, and Auden Village, located in District D, were not

considered for approval by the city, while The Wayfarer and Kingspoint Manor, both located in District D, were considered but rejected by Council on Tuesday, March 1.

Final approval for tax subsidies from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs is based on a point system, and while it is not necessary for Council to sign off on the developments, the formula is weighted in such a way that makes it extremely difficult to overcome a "Nay" vote.

"The chances of it getting approved are very, very, very slim," Boykins said.

Failure to gain approval from the state can prove quite costly for developers, as each proposal requires a \$90,000 application fee.

A primary concern for opponents is the high concentration of existing low-income apartment complexes already in the area. There are currently at least 10 government-subsidized apartment complexes between Alameda Mall and Dixie Farm Road.

Numerous studies have shown a correlation between subsidized housing and increased crime rate, as well as decreased property values. If ap-

proved, the four proposed complexes would all be located within 2.5 miles of each other.

A second concern is the added burden to area schools. If approved, students living in the proposed complexes would all attend Dobie High School, which is already overcrowded. With approximately 4,000 students, Dobie is by far the most crowded campus in the Pasadena Independent School District.

Despite his opposition to the complexes currently proposed, Boykins said he would be supportive of similar projects if they catered specifically to senior citizens.

"The senior population is increasing, and the cost of upkeep on a house is increasing," Boykins said. "Many seniors would benefit from living in a nice, new place they can afford on their Social Security. That's something I'd support. I'm done with multi-family (complexes) for now."

The *Leader* has also been supportive of subsidized seniors-only complexes in the area, most recently backing the development of the Regency Park Apartments, a 55+ seniors complex located on Southdown Trace Trail near Beltway 8 and Conklin. See related editorial on Page 2A.

### San Jac, Baylor sign contract



San Jacinto College and Baylor University recently signed a transfer agreement to allow students an easy transfer between the two institutions. Pictured above at the ceremony are, left to right, (front row) San Jacinto College Chancellor Brenda Hellyer and Baylor University President and Chancellor Kenneth Starr, (back row) state Sen. Sylvia Garcia, state Rep. Ed Thompson, San Jacinto College Associate Vice Chancellor Catherine O'Brien, state Rep. Gilbert Pena, San Jacinto College Deputy Chancellor and President Laurel Williamson, Baylor University Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education Wes Null and state Sen. Larry Taylor.

Photo by Rob Vanya, San Jacinto College

## SJC, Baylor sign transfer agreement

San Jacinto College and Baylor University announced Monday, Feb. 29, the creation of a formal Baylor Bound transfer agreement that will help students transfer more easily between the two institutions.

San Jacinto College Chancellor Brenda Hellyer and Baylor President and Chancellor Ken Starr signed the partnership agreement during a ceremony at the San Jacinto College Maritime Technology and Training Center on the Maritime Campus, the college's newest campus located along the Port of Houston.

"We are very excited about the possibilities and opportunities this Baylor Bound agreement will have for our students," Hellyer said. "Part of our mission is to provide seamless transfers for our students, while providing an affordable and quality education for students who choose San Jacinto College as their entry point into higher education. This agreement and collaboration fall directly in line with our mission. We appreciate the opportunity and are honored to be a part of the Baylor Bound program."

As one of its goals under the Pro Futuris strategic initiative, Baylor intends to create 10 Baylor Bound partnerships during the next five years. The Baylor-San Jacinto College agreement is the eighth partnership, along with McLennan Community College in Waco, Tyler Junior College in

Tyler, Blinn College in Brenham, Collin College in McKinney, Temple College in Temple, Alamo Colleges in San Antonio and Midland College in Odessa.

Partnerships such as these will help students like Cody Seals, a U.S. Navy Veteran and San Jacinto College sophomore in the Honors program, who plans to transfer to Baylor University this fall to complete his baccalaureate degree in microbiology, en route to becoming a doctor.

"I chose Baylor because they have an extremely prestigious science program and medical school," Seals said. "And I love the challenge that moving on to a school like Baylor can offer me. It was during my time in service that I realized my passion for helping people, so I decided to return to school at San Jacinto College to start on a life sciences degree on a path to becoming a doctor."

Students may declare their intent to transfer to Baylor by submitting the Baylor Bound application prior to enrolling at San Jacinto College or while enrolled as a full-time student. Admission to the program will be determined by Baylor's Office of Admission Services.

Students at San Jacinto College who become part of the Baylor Bound program can choose a plan from 66 majors, all of which are articulated

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## Delgado combats student truancy

By Crystal Saucedo  
Judge Jo Ann Delgado was recently appointed by city and county officials to serve as a member of the Uniform Truancy Policy Committee.



Delgado

Passed in September 2015, House Bill 2398 decriminalized truancy for students and places greater emphasis on preventive measures to be taken by the school districts. Section 25.01916 of this bill requires counties to adopt uniform truancy policies, which are to be implemented by the Uniform Truancy Policy Committee by May 1, 2016.

According to House Bill 2398, the committee will recommend a uniform process for filing truancy cases with truancy courts, administrative procedures, deadlines for processing truancy cases, a local plan with strategies to address truancy with effective prevention and intervention methods, a system for tracking truancy information and any changes to statutes or state agency rules.

Delgado is honored to serve on the committee. "I'm looking forward to working with the many departments that are on this team to assure the success of Houston's youth," Delgado said.

Prior to House Bill 2398, a student was engaging in truant conduct if the student failed to

attend school 10 or more days or parts of days within a six-month period in the same school year or if the student failed to attend school three or more days or parts of days within a four-week period.

House Bill 2398 now considers a student to be engaging in truant conduct if he or she is failing to attend school for 10 or more days or parts of days within a six-month period in the same school year. This new definition of truancy does not include a student failing to attend school three or more days or parts of days within a four-week period."

If a student fails to attend school without an excuse for three days, it is the school's responsibility to issue a warning stating that enrollment may be revoked if more than five unexcused absences occur within one semester. Instead of revoking the student's enrollment, however, the school may opt to issue a behavior improvement plan.

When the school decides to refer a student to the truancy court, the referral must be accompanied by a statement that the school employed truancy prevention measures for the referral to be accepted. A school also cannot refer a student to truancy court if the truant conduct is the result of pregnancy, the child's being in foster care, homelessness or being the principal earner for the student's family.

The Texas Education Agency includes the

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## Police investigate woman's death

Police are investigating the death of a woman who was found dead at her residence in the 11900 block of Bogey Way on Wednesday, March 2, around 8:30 p.m.

Kelli O'Donnell, 28, was pronounced dead at the scene.

While the incident is being investigated as a

possible homicide, her death had not been ruled as such at press time. According to the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, the cause of O'Donnell's death has yet to be determined.

At press time, it was unclear if foul play was involved.

See related obituary on Page 2A.

## Drive-by shooting case still open

The Harris County Sheriff's Office is still investigating the Feb. 14 drive-by shooting in the 11500 block of Gullwood that left one dead and three injured.

The shooting took place around 2 a.m., as a house party was going on at the residence.

According to deputies, at least 17 shots were fired, striking four victims – one in the head, one in the neck, one in the arm and one in the buttocks.

Three of the victims were transported to the hospital by ambulance, while the fourth was taken by private vehicle.

The victim shot in the head, Christian Gonzalez, 19, was later pronounced dead.

The *Leader* has heard from multiple sources the shooting was in retaliation for a gang-related stabbing that previously took place in Pasadena. A second drive-by shooting that took place two days later on Feb. 16 in the 11400 block of Sa-

geman was related to the Gullwood shooting, as one of the surviving victims used to live at the Sagemorgan residence.

Investigators would not confirm additional information, saying they had heard multiple conflicting stories. Investigators did go on the record, however, saying the two shootings were not random, which has been a fear in the community.

In the first shooting, witnesses reported seeing three to four suspects in a silver sedan – possibly a Volkswagen Jetta or an Acura.

In the second shooting, witnesses reported seeing a white Cadillac Escalade EXT pickup truck.

Anyone with information about any of these crimes is urged to contact Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477) or the Homicide Division of the Harris County Sheriff's Office at 713-274-9100.

## Bay Area overpass closed until June

The Texas Department of Transportation began the demolition and reconstruction of the new at-grade intersection at Bay Area Boulevard and I-45 during the weekend of Feb. 26. To facilitate the work, the Bay Area Boulevard overpass will be closed until June 2016.

Motorists traveling south who want to access Bay Area Boulevard east will need to exit NASA Parkway and U-turn, stay on the frontage road and turn right onto Bay Area Boulevard.

Motorists traveling north who want to access Bay Area Boulevard west will need to exit El Dorado and U-turn, stay on the frontage road and turn right to access Bay Area Boulevard.

Motorists traveling east on Bay Area Boulevard to I-45 will detour onto the southbound frontage road to NASA Parkway, U-turn, stay on the frontage road and turn right to access Bay Area Boulevard.

Motorists traveling west on Bay Area Boulevard to I-45 will turn right on the I-45 northbound frontage road and turn right to access Bay Area Boulevard.

Officers will be on site at specific locations to assist with traffic.

Once complete, the I-45 main lanes will go over the Bay Area Boulevard intersection, replacing the current overpass structure and improving mobility and enhancing safety for the traveling public.

The Bay Area Boulevard overpass reconstruction is part of the \$93 million construction project on I-45 from FM 2351 to Medical Center Boulevard. The project will also widen the existing six main lanes to ten.

The entire project is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2018.



## Garbage truck strikes car, flees

A garbage truck reportedly struck a parked vehicle in the 10100 block of Sageaspen in the Sagemeadow subdivision the afternoon of Friday, Feb. 26. The collision forced the vehicle forward about 8 or 10 feet, causing it to strike a truck that was parked in front of it. The garbage truck, which still had a trash can attached to it, fled the scene. Eye witnesses and surveillance footage led to identifying the fleeing vehicle as a garbage truck. The damaged car had multiple pieces of green plastic from the garbage can embedded in its paint following the incident.

Photo submitted

# Publisher's Opinion

## Thanks to Boykins, Martin

South Belt owes a great big thank you to our city council members, Dwight Boykins and Dave Martin. Both of these men have supported the community and are not supporting the approval of additional low income housing into the South Belt community.

Our community has at least 13 of these projects, while others in the city have none.

We understand the need for these facilities, but we are doing our share and then some.

We, as a community, are open to the 55+ for seniors. In fact, we have a need for such facilities.

We do not need additional family complexes. They really tax our schools.

It is difficult for our council members not to give in to developers who have paid \$90,000 for applications for such projects, but our guys did the right thing and we certainly owe them our thanks and appreciation.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!  
 Publisher—Marie Flickinger

## Delgado fights student truancy

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Pasadena Independent School District in Region 4, which also includes Friendswood ISD, Clear Creek ISD, Deer Park ISD and other surrounding school districts.

During the 2014-2015 school year, Region 4 had a cumulative year-end enrollment of 1,214,070.

Region 4 had more than 3,100 incidents of students ages 12 and older with 10 or more unexcused absences.

Parents contributed to more than 1,400 of truancy incidents.

According to the TEA, Pasadena ISD had the most parent-contributed absences, along with the most 10 or more unexcused absences in the region.

For the 2014-2015 school year, Pasadena ISD had more than 300 parent-contributed truancy incidents and more than 1,500 incidents of 10 or more unexcused absences.

## Elected officials share their words

### Waste Placement Advisory

By Council Member Dave Martin

The City of Houston's Solid Waste Management Department (SWMD) would like to remind residents who receive city waste removal services about the proper placement of tree and junk waste. Tree and/or junk waste should be placed adjacent to residents' front curb in a location easily accessible to the collection vehicle between the hours of 6 p.m. the Friday before and 7 a.m. on your scheduled collection day. Residents are also encouraged to be courteous to their neighbors by placing waste for pickup only at the curb and not across the street or in any other location not authorized by city ordinance. Please note that no more than eight cubic yards per residence will be collected on scheduled collection days.

SWMD further reminds residents that accumulated trash attracts rats and other animals and is unsanitary. The Department therefore urges residents

who have missed their monthly junk waste or tree waste collection to take immediate advantage of the city's Neighborhood Depository and Recycling Centers provided free of charge to residents with proper identification.

When a violation of proper waste placement practices, such as illegal dumping, is observed, contact the city's 3-1-1 hotline at 713-837-0311 or the District E office at 832-393-3008.

The Solid Waste Management Department is grateful of its environmentally responsible customers in the City of Houston. For more information, visit [www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste](http://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste) to learn about all of the department's programs and services.

An electronic copy of the full letter drafted by the SWMD on proper waste placement, in both English and Spanish, is available at <http://www.houstontx.gov/council/e/swd-letter.pdf>.

### Thompson NJHS seeks Pennies for Patients

Thompson Intermediate joins the fight against leukemia and lymphoma by raising money to help find cures for blood cancers. Led by the school's National Junior Honor Society, the campus-wide service project partnering Pennies for Patients program has begun. To contribute or for more information, go to <http://events.ils.org/pages/txg/ThompsonInterSchool>.

### Pearland Republicans meet

The Pearland Area Republican Club will meet on Tuesday, March 15, at the Church of Christ annex, 2217 N. Grand Blvd. in Pearland.

Learn how to gain a better appreciation of how to make the local government work more effectively from guest speaker Ro'Vin Garrett, Brazoria County Tax Assessor-Collector, who will explain the history, purpose and function of the county government.

Free refreshments will be provided. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the meeting begins at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### Free tutoring at St. Luke's

St. Luke's Catholic church, 11011 Hall Road, offers free tutoring on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Education Building, Room 2, for grades K-12 and college. For more information, contact Joe Pavlicek at 281-484-1397.

### Interfaith Care Partners meet March 18

Interfaith Care Partners Ministry group at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, 10727 Hartsok St. (near Almeda 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 end 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 held in the Mother Cabrini Center at the church on Friday, March 18. For more information or to register a loved one, call Interfaith Care Partners at 713-682-5995 or visit the website at [www.interfaithcarepartners.org](http://www.interfaithcarepartners.org).

### Local library events set

Parker Williams Branch

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

Thursday, March 10, at 4:30 p.m. – Hour of Code-HTML. Give school-aged children some exposure to various computer programming languages.

Friday, March 11, at 4 p.m. – Cricut Air Workshop, ages 10 years and up.

Monday, March 14, at 2 p.m. – Disney Conspiracy Theory. Join the group to consider, discuss and debate the innumerable connections between characters within the Disney Universe. Recommended for ages 12 years and older.

Tuesday, March 15, at 3 p.m. – Xbox 360 Just Dance. Burn off some of that Spring Break energy with an X-box 360 Just Dance Party.

Wednesday, March 16, at 3 p.m. – Teen Movie and Craft. Come join the library for the movie *Tomorrowland* while making *Tomorrowland* pins.

Wednesday, March 16, at 6:30 p.m. – Meditation for Everyday Living. Join William Smith, Ret. Army Lt. Colonel and longtime meditator who will present research on how meditation can improve physical, mental and spiritual health.

TaxAide is available Mondays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through April 18. Volunteers from AARP TaxAide will assist with federal income tax preparation, tax questions and filing tax returns. This service is free and is available in the library meeting room on a first-come, first-served basis. Bring a photo-ID, Social Security cards and any other official documentation for oneself and all dependents, a copy of last year's income tax return, W-2 forms from each employer, unemployment compensation statements, and any other necessary forms to help the volunteer complete the return.

Wednesdays – Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.; Thursdays – Toddler Story Time, 10:30 a.m.; Saturdays – Vietnamese Storytime. Classes are at 10 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. For more information on Vietnamese programs, speak with Loc Bui. For more information on all programs, call the library at 281-484-2036.

Bracewell Branch Library

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

Tuesdays – Pre-K Storytime (ages 3-5 years and their parents/caregivers) from 10:30 to 11 a.m.; Storytime Craft from 11 to 11:30 a.m.

Wednesdays – Baby/Toddler Storytime (ages 6-36 months and their parents/caregivers) at 10:30 a.m.; Baby/Toddler Playgroup (ages 6 months to 3 years and their parents/caregivers) at 11 a.m.; Computer Basics at 2 p.m.; Internet Basics at 3:15 p.m.; and Power Point at 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 17 – Not Your Mama's Book Club from 6 to 7:45 p.m. The group will focus on *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith.

Saturday, March 19 – Spanish Computer Class from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Bracewell hours are Sunday and Monday - Closed; Tuesday and 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 Library at 832-393-2580.

# SJC, Baylor join efforts

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through specific MAPS – or Major Academic Planners – that will assist them as they move toward timely degree completion.

More information about these majors and course transfer equivalency between Baylor and San Jac College is available at [baylor.edu/university\\_advisement/in dex.php?id=869884](http://baylor.edu/university_advisement/in dex.php?id=869884).

Students must be enrolled in an approved Associate of Arts (A.A.) or Associate of Science (A.S.) academic program leading to an approved Baylor Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.), Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.) or Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree and refer to Baylor's Major Academic Planner when planning course work.

"We continue to be proud of the Baylor Bound programs as we add more esteemed institutions, such as San Jacinto College, to our growing list of partners," Starr said. "We are deeply grateful for the opportunity to collaborate with San Jacinto College on this important partnership, which expands educational access for students across our great state."

Advisers from both institutions will

help students select courses that satisfy program requirements to allow for a successful transition from San Jacinto College to full-time status at Baylor. San Jacinto College Baylor Bound students will receive information about scholarships for transfer students and special transfer residential experiences. Also, students from San Jacinto College will have access to Baylor's libraries via the Interlibrary Loan Agreement as well as special opportunities to visit the Baylor campus and meet with Baylor representatives.

Baylor and San Jacinto College officials, along with alumni, friends and special guests from across the region, gathered at a reception following the signing to celebrate the historic partnership between the two institutions.

Speakers included Baylor alumna Allison (Tate) Montalvo, a professor of psychology at San Jacinto College, as well as Hellyer and Starr. Texas state Sen. Larry Taylor (District 11), a Baylor alumnus, was also at the signing ceremony, along with state Sen. Sylvia Garcia (District 6) and state representatives Ed Thompson (District 29) and Gilbert Pena (District 144).

## Starr greets O'Brien, Weller



Baylor University President and Chancellor Kenneth Starr (left) is shown above with San Jacinto College Associate Vice Chancellor for Learning Catherine O'Brien and San Jacinto College Honors Program Director Eddie Weller.

Photo by Rob Vanya, San Jacinto College

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Photo by Rob Vanya, San Jacinto College

## San Jacinto College named among top 150 in country

Highlighting the critical importance of improving student success in America's community colleges, the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program has named San Jacinto College as one of the nation's top 150 community colleges. The College is now eligible to compete for the 2017 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence and \$1 million dollars in prize funds, as well as Siemens Technical Scholars Program student scholarships.

"It is such an honor to receive this recognition for a third time," said Dr. Brenda Hellyer, San Jacinto College Chancellor. "Our faculty and staff are doing tremendous work every day to ensure our students complete what they started at San Jacinto College. It is important work that guarantees our students are receiving the assistance they need from student services, and are getting the high quality instruction they expect from our faculty. This recognition is truly a College wide effort, and one that we will continue to pursue to make certain our students graduate with their certificate or associate degree."

The prize, awarded every two years, is the nation's signature recognition of high achievement and performance among America's community colleges, and recognizes institutions for exceptional student outcomes in four areas: student learning, certificate and degree completion, employment and earnings, and access and success for minority and low-income students.

Nearly half of America's college students attend community college, with more than seven million students – youth and adult learners – working toward certificates and degrees in these institutions across the country. "Community colleges have tremendous power to change lives, and their success will increasingly define our nation's economic strength and the potential for social mobility in our country," said Josh Wyner, executive director of the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program. "This competition is designed to spotlight the excellent work being done in

the most effective community colleges, those that best help students obtain meaningful, high-quality education and training for competitive-wage jobs after college. We hope it will raise the bar and provide a roadmap to better student outcomes for community colleges nationwide."

Since 2007, San Jacinto College has experienced a 129 percent increase in the number of credentials awarded to graduates; from 2,682 in 2007, to 6,144 in 2015.

The Aspen Institute identified the top 150 community colleges through an assessment of institutional performance, improvement, and equity on student retention and completion measures. Together, the 150 community colleges eligible to compete for the prize represent the diversity and richness of the entire sector. Ten finalists will be named in Fall 2016. The Aspen Institute will then conduct site visits to each of the finalists and collect additional quantitative data. A distinguished Prize Jury will select a grand prize winner and a few finalists with distinction in early 2017.

San Jacinto College and 149 other community colleges were selected from a national pool of more than 1,000 public two-year colleges using publicly available data on student outcomes in three areas: performance (retention, graduation rates including transfers, and degrees and certificates per 100 full-time equivalent students), improvement (awarded for steady improvement in each performance metric over time), and equity (evidence of strong completion outcomes for minority and low-income students).

A full list of the selected colleges and details on the selection process are available at [aspensprize.org](http://aspensprize.org). The Aspen Prize is funded by the Bank of America Charitable Foundation, Joyce Foundation, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, and Lumina Foundation.

About the Aspen College Excellence Program

The program aims to advance higher education practices, policies, and leadership that significantly improve student outcomes.

Through the Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, the New College Leadership Project, and other initiatives, the College Excellence Program works to improve colleges' understanding and capacity to teach and graduate students, especially the growing population of low-income and minority students on American campuses.

For more information, visit [aspensprize.org/college-excellence](http://aspensprize.org/college-excellence).

## Deaths

### Holly Zedlitz

Holly Zedlitz, 64, of Houston, died on March 5, 2016. She loved to garden and go camping and fishing with her husband. She enjoyed reading, playing solitaire, and watching the Texans. She was a former longtime South Belt resident. She is preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Valerie Hodges, and her sister, Elaine Wieck. Survivors include her husband, Mark

### Kelli Marie O'Donnell

Taylor; daughter Sherry Baker; grandsons Dewon and Darien Baker; sisters Cecile Hedding and Lynette Finger; brother Thomas J. Hodges; as well as numerous other family members and friends. Visitation will be held on Friday, March 11, 2016, from 10 a.m. until noon at Forest Park Lawndale Funeral Home, 6900 Lawndale Street in Houston. The funeral service will commence at noon. A private family burial will follow the services.



Kelli Marie O'Donnell, a South Belt resident, died on Wednesday, March 2, 2016. She was born June 17, 1987, in Honolulu, Hawaii.

O'Donnell loved people and would do anything to help out. Having wanted to be a nurse since she could talk, she fulfilled her dream by graduating from the San Jacinto RN Nursing program in December 2015. Throughout school, she worked as a nurse's aide at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. She loved going the extra mile for her patients. She was also a creative cook, and could come up with wonderful dishes at the drop of a hat.

O'Donnell is survived by her parents, Kirk and Debbie O'Donnell; sister Karri O'Donnell; grandparents Karen Liston and Cathy and Myron Rusley; and numerous other family members.

The funeral service was held on Monday, March 7, 2016, at Crowder Funeral Home in Pearland.

With O'Donnell's love of coral reefs, the family will provide a permanent environmental living legacy that will protect and nurture coral reef. For those who are interested in supporting, a financial donation is welcome, or go to [www.Gofundme.com/6xsvyvgk](http://www.Gofundme.com/6xsvyvgk).

## Student response positive to SJC's Read Across Campus

In conjunction with the National Education Association's Read Across America initiative, San Jacinto College hosted a Read Across Campus event during which free books were available to students.

Approximately 1,200 "leisure" reading books were donated by San Jacinto College faculty and staff for Read Across Campus, a project conceived and coordinated by Bill Raffetto (formerly of San Jac South), provost of the San Jacinto College North campus, the site of the book give-away. The inventory included fiction and nonfiction books of many genres, such as mysteries, romance, western stories, science fiction, historical fiction, fantasy, biographies, and children's books.

"The premise of the national Read Across America initiative is that motivating students to read is an important factor in academic achievement," commented Raffetto. "Our local Read Across Campus event is a way of facilitating that objective. Reading obviously is vital to education and learning, but I also personally enjoy reading just for leisure and adventure. That is why we focused on collecting recreational books, not text or reference books, to offer for free to students. We want to make them lifelong readers."

Dr. Raffetto admits he was not sure if there would be a good turnout for the Read Across Campus project. However, there was a huge turnout, and all the donated books were taken in a short amount of time. "I was pleasantly sur-

prised at the response and the success," he commented. "It's the digital age, and so you never know how people, especially young people, will respond to an event that's all about print products. Students at the event were excited and appreciative, and there already has been a lot of positive feedback."

San Jac College graduate Cassandra Lucio, who works part time at the college while pursuing a baccalaureate degree at the University of Houston, was one of the first to browse through stacks of books during a sneak preview in the provost's office. Lucio has been an avid reader since childhood, and like most of her generation, spends a lot of time on her smartphone and other digital devices. Yet, she prefers print over digital books for recreational reading.

"It may seem crazy to some, but I just like everything about

a print book," she commented. "I like the feel of a paper book in my hands. I even like the smell of older books. Reading print on paper seems easier on my eyes, and I can focus better on the subject matter because digital content is nearly always so busy and distracting."

For leisure reading, Lucio enjoys classic novels. Some of her favorites are Jane Austen's "Pride and Prejudice" and "Northanger Abby." Others are George Orwell's "1984" and "Then There Were None" by Agatha Christie. Lucio is glad San Jacinto College coordinated the Read Across Campus book giveaway. "Some of my generation might not read a lot because they think books have no interest to them," she said. "An event like Read Across Campus can be beneficial because it can help someone discover how interesting and entertaining books can be."



During a "sneak preview," San Jacinto College graduate and employee Cassandra Lucio looked over books that were available to students during the college's Read Across Campus event.

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# Dobie High School announces fourth six-weeks honor roll students

J. Frank Dobie High School recently listed its honor roll for the fourth six-weeks grading period of the 2015-2016 school year. Students earning honor roll status are:

## Ninth grade Honor roll

Alondra Acevedo, Alejandro V. Aguirre, David Patrick Amaya, Hector Ulises Anaya, Alexandra Yoselin Andrade Ortiz, Olivia Graciane Aranda, Josiah Elias Constante Arenas, Aslyn Gesselle Argetorres, Arismendy Aristy, Elyssa Karmen Armenta and Victoria Noemi Ayala.

Valdes, Benito Ivan Garcia, Jennifer Marcia Garcia, Yaleyzy Leslie Garcia, Yareli Garcia, Lucio Ricardo Garza, Olivia Renee Garza, Paulina Garza, Genesis Isela Gaytan, Megan Erin Glass, Darianna Renee Glenn, Angel Isaiiah Gomez and Eduardo Gomez. Destinee Rai Gonzales, Angel Isaiiah Gonzalez, Jonathan Gonzalez, Karina Nicole Gonzalez, Stephanie Nicole Gonzalez, Victoria Lauren Gonzalez, Allison J. Green, Daija Danielle Green, Dernelisa Dacia Green, Karen Anh Green, Keandre Dewayne Green and Keishon D. Groves. Jacqueline M. Guadarrama, Emilio Norberto Guerra-Perez, Gisselle Guerra, Max River Guerra, Bianca Gabriela Guerrero, Jeremy Guerrero, Megan Tien Harris, Abu Hasnat, Thomas Alexandru Henry, Carmen Paola Hernandez Irbau and Daniel Alexander Hernandez.

Lisette Montalvo, Alondra Montelongo, Adrian Cristobal Montez, Azul Itzel Mora Campos, Alejandro Moreno, Kristopher Eugene Morris, Miah Lee Muniz, Briana Alyssa Munoz, Eliana Marissa Munoz, Jade Janae Nanez, Luis Andres Neira and Kayla Janae Newsome. Anh Thu Ngoc Ngo, Jeany Phan Ngo, Judy Ngo, Quoc-Truong George Ngo, Tuyen Mong Nguyen, Aaron Tyler Viet Nguyen, Alan Tuieu Nguyen, Andy Nguyen, Anh Ngoc Tu Nguyen, Bao Tran Nguyen, Dalila Thao Nguyen, Danny Nguyen and Danny Huy Nguyen. Dat Huu Nguyen, Elena Tran Nguyen, Jennifer Ngoc Nguyen, Justin Khang Nguyen, Kennedy Hoa Nguyen, Khanh Mai Nguyen, Michelle K. Nguyen, Natalie Mai Nguyen, Nikki Mai Nguyen, Randy Quang Nguyen, Ronald Tai Nguyen, Tai Tri Nguyen and Thy Doan Anh Nguyen. Tiffany Ngoc Nguyen, Kevin Nunez, Precious Udodirim Oguamanam, Kassandra Mabelin Olvera, Katherine Valeria Orta, Adolf Daniel Ortuno, Melissa Osuna, Sara Christine Ottwell, Laura Palomares, Wendy Marie Pantoja, Cayla Sofia Pena and Dominique Desiree Peralta.

Solis and Giovanni Solis. Jocelyn Solis, Victoria Adeline Solis, Ashley Lynette Sorto, Daniela Zaneta Springs, Paige Carnae Stephens, Gloria De Jesus Suazo Osorio, Lance Logan Tanner, Michaela Cora Taylor, Christian Andres Tijerina, Ariana Kaylee Toran, Adriana Alexis Toro and Fernanda Torres. Alexis Hang Thu Tran, Con Tran, Dinh Phu Tran, Khang Ngoc Tran, Lily Ann Tran, Mary Tran, Patrick Tinh Tran, Taylor Tran, Dominic Nguyen Trinh, Chelsey Elizabeth Urdiales, Clare Aine Vanpelt, Leslie Vargas, Cristian Everardo Vela, Zoe Nicole Vela and Marco Antonio Velazquez. Melissa Vidal, Franklin Villalobos, Serena Michelle Villanueva, Monica Maria Villarreal, Cuong Tien Vu, Hao Nhat Vuong, Alyssa Walker, Ayanna Nate Williams, Kayla Danielle Wilson, Jack Henry Yu and Jaime Yzaguirre.

Jackelyn Jineith Davila and Kyra Bernae Davis. Andrea Del Villar Martinez, Daniel Michael Delarosa, Graciella Del Rosario Diaz, Allyson Adriana Delgado, Diem Diem, Tuy Thuy Tinh, Natalie Michelle Diosdado, Rodrigo Diosdado, Dejeane Elizabeth Dykes, Miguel Anjel Elizarraras, Henry Lee Ellis and Joel Alfredo Erazo. Alex Jacob Estala, Alfredo Estrada, April Jessitine Estrada, Zachary Taylor Fernandez, Maria Jose Figueroa, Sandra Concepcion Figueroa, Eduardo Francisco Flores, Julian David Flores, Robert Garcia Flores, Karina Frias, Alex Giovanni Fuentes, Michelle Fuentes and Yackeline Galvan. Angelica Garcia Cantu, Gisselle Garcia, Jacquelyne Andrea Garcia, Liberty Bobbie Garcia, Mark Anthony Garcia, Ovidio Jesus Garcia, Klarissa Heidi Garza, Mayela Garza, Jasslyn Gomez Portillo, Jasmín Sarai Gomez Velasquez, Maxine Angelina Gomez and Cyrus R. Gonzales. Jessica Arlette Gonzales, Aleida Darien Gonzalez, Eleazar Ezequiel Gonzalez, Monica Irene Gonzalez, Mahogany Shanté Green, Jazmin Alanna Guerrero, Cassandra America Guevara, Maria Paula Gutierrez, Tina Kim-Thanh Ha, Brandon Thomas Harder and Alena Hay. Jakara D. Henry, Aiana Renee Hernandez, Amanda Nicole Hernandez, Jeremiah Nathaniel Hernandez, Maritza Janeth Hernandez, Ramon Hernandez, Anaraly Vianey Hinojosa, Alice Gia Ho, Lynn Tuyet Ho, David Vie Hoang, Chelsey Jeanni Holman and An Thien Huynh. Alejandro Raymundo Ibarra, Muhammad Fahad Iqbal, Kimberli Izaguirre, Sameria Makkil Garcia, Elizabeth Britney Jasso, Javier Jimenez, Douglas Javier Jones, Jakob Brandon Jones, Cynthia Joselin Juarez, Genesis Alexander Juarez and Issac James Kamasz-Santos.

Tran, Vnam Le Tran, Vicente Trevino, Ann Phung Truong, Steven Truong, Marcelo Jean Tsikis, Luis Eduardo Tufino Berber, Jeremiah Donte Tyler, Joshua Valterra and Leilani Isabel Vargas. Marvin Roberto Villatoro, Nguyen Thanh Vo, Andrew Ryan Vu, Holly Thao Vu, Nhd Xuan Vu, Peter Tien Vu, Cindy Vuong, Johari Amna Weaver, Bryan Anthony Wheatley, Haley Macchell Williams, Sami Lin Yu, Roberto F. Yzaguirre, Monica A. Zabala, Cesar R. Zamora, Stefany Elizabeth Zamora and Stephanie Zarate. **Eleventh grade Honor roll**

Robin E. Acac, Mishelle Lucero Acosta, Eviy Lenir Alvarez Argueta, Janeth Silvia Amador, Ciriath Lashell Amerson, Elijah Noel Argueta, Antonio Armenta, Lizbet Armenta, Oscar Armenta, Mayra Noemi Avila, Samantha Rae Balderaz, Jastyn Celine Balle and Kiera Roshin Banks. Kevin M Barya, Summer Rayne Basham, Lauren Taylor Bell, Austin Joseph Biondo, Allison Marie Bravo, Joseph Dailion Broussard, Joseph Gabriel Bustamante, Marissa Chanel Butler, Shanice Marie Cabral, Kyneddi A'sh'ari Calais, Selena Ernestina Calzada and Victoria Anne Campbell. Jennifer Noemi Cantarero, Nick Simon Carcamo, Braden Elisa Carke, Nanci Carrera, Delana Nicole Carrillo, Ashali Rena Carter, Fabian Eduardo Castillo, Michael Lee Castillo, Andrea Guerra Cavazos, Jordan E. Cervantes, Andrea Chapa, Diana Sarahi Chapa and Vanessa Vianey Chapa. Lizbeth Daniela Chavez Garcia, Isabel Mercedes Chavez, Toneschara Marcey Lorna Clarke, Jarely Florelli Claros, Breanna J. Coleman, Lacedrian Dominique Kaitli Elise Cook, Naya Jamirra Cooper and Nathan Andrew Covarrubias. Renee Elyse Coy, Westley Keshawn Crooms, Alyssa Arianna Cruz, Leslie Michelle Cruz, Chealse Allison Cubos, Trinity Alexis Curry, Jimmy Tuan Dang, Lananh Thi Dang, Courtney Hang-Nga Dao, Julia Anne Dasilva, Amanda Maria Davila, Ajah D. Davis and Jacoby Gerard Davis. Alexia Michell De Alejandro, Adria Alexander Delosantos, Brynn Erin Dempsey, Abear Arsan Diab, Gabriel Anthony Diaz, Vu Huy Dinh, Jay Do, Mary Mytam Doan, Jazmyin Arisa Drumgo, Katrina Danielle Dukes, An Gia Duong, Yovanna V. Elizondo and Ramiro Javier Esparza. Alejandro Flores Parra, Brandon Anthony Flores, Javier Raul Flores, Karen Flores, Leticia Liliana Flores, Monserrat Flores, Amelia April Fuentes, Randy Alexander Fuentes, Emily Gamino, Katherine Anne Gangestad, Desdrrianeja Archangel Gant and Cassandra Alysia Garcia. Gerardo Andres Garcia, Haylee Renee Garcia, Hunter Christian John Garcia, Juan Pablo Garcia, Lesly Garcia, Miguel Ray Garcia, Nadia Lynn Garcia, Jesus Antonio Garibay, Kevin Michael Gartner, Ana Ruby Garza, Cesar Samuel Garza and Jazalyne Sudario Garza. Jacob P. Gilbreath, Amanda Gjerde, Crystal Renee Glover, Rafael Luis Gomes-Siqueira, Brittany Amber Gonzales, Leandra Gabriela Gonzales, Arianna Teresa Gonzalez, Jeremy Wayne Green, Tiffany M. Grigar, Christopher Anthony Gutierrez, Karina Lyzette Gutierrez and Idania Guzman. Cameron Kristian Haynes, Beatriz Hernandez, David Luis Hernandez, Emily Ann Hernandez, Lesley Jasmín Hernandez, Samantha Rae Hill, Andrew L. Hinojosa, Michael Anthony Hinojosa, Eric Vie Hoang, Jazmine Marie Howard, Joe Angel Huerta and Nevé Zacoria Hunter-Taylor. Syed Hassaan Husain, Nicole Thuy Duong Ngoc Huynh, Thanh Cong Huynh, Jasmín Monae James, Dejean Amore Jolivette, Jeanette Desean Jolivette, Amyn Tresa Joseph, Esther Yooim Kim, Michelle Jordyn Kristoff, Stanley Richard Krivik, Marissa N. Krustchinsky and Danny Lam. Robert Anthony Lazo, Helen Thu Le, Sean Dang Le, Steven Le, Tai Thai Le, Cristian Anthony Limas, Emily Jean Lloyd, Valeria Lomas, Samantha Rachelle Lopez, Deandra Mikaylah Lugo, Steven Khang Ly, Jesus Alejandro Macedo, Isaiiah R. Maciel and Jeremy Austin Marcum. Patrick Jonathan Marsh, Marissa Martinez, Monica Diane Martinez, Sara Noemi Martinez, Sebastian Martinez, Sarah Elizabeth Renna Matfeld, Noah Anthony Mejia, Christa Aliza Melchor, Adriana Melissa Melendez, Shelby Nicole Melendez and Briana Kassandra Menendez. Mark Anthony Millis, Alejandro Montejano, Deandre Maurice Moore, Angela Jazmin Morales, Everett Moreno, Francisco Moreno, Hefziba Eloise Moreno, Jennifer Estrella Moreno, Oren Frank Moreno, Isaac David Motel, Gabriela Nichole Munoz and Denise Narvaez.

Xochitl Celeste Navarro, Aimo Nguyen, Antony Anhhko Nguyen, Bao Triet Nguyen, Catherine Ngoc Nguyen, Dat Tien Nguyen, Derek Nguyen, Dorothy Tu-Uyen Nguyen, Huy Thanh Nguyen, Jaclynn Tuyet Nhi Nguyen, Johnathan Long Viet Nguyen and Nathan Truong Nguyen. Phuc Minh Nguyen, Quyen Tranthuy Nguyen, Steven Nguyen, Taylor Quang Nguyen, Thanh Thao Thuan Nguyen, Thao Thi-Phuong Nguyen, Christiana Chikadoinaka Nnabuife, Jocelyn Nunez, Keven Lay Nuon, Donatus Chukwuka Oguamanam and Yazcaira Sofia Ojeda. Ariana Uriah Okhuozagbon, Kimberly Yaneth Orelana, Adam Antonio Padilla, Saugat Pandit, Rebecca Ann Paredes, Alexus Ophelia Perea, Natalie Elisasa Perez, Ruben Robert Perez, Thanhnguyet Trinh Pham, Tin Nhan Pham, Vy Le Nhat Pham and Alice Hong Pham. Steven Phi Pham, Jaysa Octavia Ploucha, Brandon Anthony Ponce, Diego Alejandro Quintanilla Tovar, Hector Jesus Quiroga, Diego Miguel Quiroz, Erika Ogoy Ragasa, Rafael Ramos, Edwing Yolahome Reyes, Michael Angel Reyes, Jacqueline Saray Reyna and Camryn T. Ridge. Ariana Yasmine Rodriguez, Ashley Renee Rodriguez, Jerson Manuel Rodriguez, Lilibeth Rodriguez, David Elizondo Rojas, Hector Daniel Rojas, Christian Rosas, Ashley Margarita Ruiz, Astrid Fabiola Ruiz, Jesus Ruiz, Ariana Salazar, Jesus Salazar and Edwin Alan Saldívar. Devin Nicholas Sanchez, Vianney Hope Sanchez, Luis Felipe Santa, Alfredo Santocoy, Sean Michael Saperstein, Steven Serrano, Arnetta Princess Sessor, Rebecca Lynn Shaffer, Brian William Dewolf Sharpe, Kailah Kaia Shaw, Jordan Gregory Shea and Mireya Renae Sifuentes. Michael Lawrence Slaten, Breasia Elaine Smith, Julian Rene Soto, Nicholas Nathaniel Soto, Lillian Morgan Spigner, Leanna Loan Ta, Debora Tabarez, Andres Arnulfo Tamez, Hailey Nicole Tapia, Adrianna Starshae Thomas, Taja Imani Tillman and Erick Torres. Katherin Damari Torres, Vy Ngoc Yen Tran, Barbara Vy Tran, Danny Diep Tran, Jacklyn Cattien Tran, Johnny Tran, Kelly Mai-Tram Tran, Tracy Truc-Mai Tran, Tram Thi Bich Tran, Tyler D. Tran, Vinaessa-Vy Nhu Tran, Linh Huynh-Phuong Trinh and Luxury Kayuna Triplett. Jennifer Truong, Ni Thai Truong, Gabriel Tristan Arcalás Unica, Destinee Irene Vargas, Jorge Alberto Vazquez, Eden Vega Santibanez, Adrian Samuel Velasquez, Diamonddex Aleandra Velez, Diana Laura Vidal, Brianna Denise Villanueva and Nicholas Anthony Villareal. Abigail Villaseñor, Janet Diem Vo, Lam D. Vo, Justin Vu, Khoá Manh Vu, Tam Vu, Mykhanh Taylor Vuong, John Patrick Walker, Kiara Julia Wells, Grant Alexander Wilhelm, Macy Kate Williams, Jamisson Edwin Wilson, Samaria Sasha Wilson and Natalie Michelle Zaragoza. **Twelfth grade Honor roll**

Elton Duy Long Nguyen, Lilian Thanh Nguyen, Linda Ngoc Nguyen, Martin Anh Vu Nguyen, Mi Hieu Nguyen, Michael Thaohoang Nguyen and Ngoc Bao Nguyen. Phuong Hong Thi Nguyen, Si Tan Nguyen, Tin Nhan Nguyen, Tina Mongduynguyen, Vicky My Nguyen, Thanh Van Nuengvuo, Rebecca Lynn Nickelson, Iyesogie Stephanie Ogbonmwan, Jacqueline V. Orta, Giselle Ailyn Oviado, Alexis Padilla Nunez and Brandon Angel Padilla. Jesus Manuel Paredes, Amy Hasumukh Patel, Michael Leroy Peavy, Marcela Gabriella Pena, Jennifer Stephanie Penate, Andrea Gisel Perez, Ashley Christine Perez, Julissa Perez, Jack Pham, Marcus Thuan Phan, Matthew Thuan Phan, Sandy Bui Phan, Thinh Duc Phan and Vy Hong Phan. Herberth Alejandro Polio Argueta, Kenia Lisette Polio, Dejanisse Ty'Vea Pradia, Natalia Anne Preston, Austin James Pritchett, Faridhe Yamelli Puente, Sara Eliza Ramirez, Godfrey Kareem Ramsay, Enrique Dwayne Retal, Jose Maria Reyes Rivera and Emily Rios. Lesly Iveth Rivera Jovel, Carlita Tauna Roberts, Hilda Paola Rodriguez Garza, Crystal Alexis Rodriguez, Julio Rodriguez, Sanjuana Esperanza Romero Reyes, Loryssa Victoria Saiz, Alina Maya Sanchez, Clarissa Marie Sanchez, Megan Nicole Schuetz and Yenifer Serrano. Naseem Mahrokh Shafaei, Mohammad Maher Shobaki, Victoria Nicole Sluder, Alyssa Celia Solis, Roberto Solis, Neida Nayelli Soto, Michael Alonzo Spiller, Asia Maryam Springs, Laura Katherine Stephens, Mayalen Suarez, Sydney Elizabeth Sweet and Ikea Marie Taylor. Crischelle Ranae Thompson, Jesus M Tijerina, Celine To, Diana Nicole Torres, Ai Thai Trac, Denise Hoang Tram, An Binh Tran, Anna Ha-My Tran, Daniel Hoai-Nam Tran, Elizabeth Baotran Tran, Heidi Dung Tran and Joanne Tran. Vinh Qiang Tran, Vinh Thanh Tran, Mariana Chavez Triana, Nhu Quynh Truong, Kellie Amanda Tyler, Nancy Ezinne Uduka, Abraham Joseph Valente, Ashley Delcarmen Veratudela, Jolissa Lynn Villalobos and Vondaria Anisa Vincent. Anthony Long Vu, Kha-Ai Cao Vu, Rachel Nhi Vu, Rebecca Kim Anh Vu, Van Vu, Craig Davon Wilks, Blake Marcus Wohltoe, Destiny Lynn Williams, Raven Anjell Wilson, Agnes Nicole Yanney, Oscar Zachary Zarate and Roberto Rafael Zavaleta.

Ulvi Baktashi, Corina Gisselle Banda, Vivian A. Banda, Christian Antoine Blackmon, Senia Marili Bonilla, Deon Jady Brown, Johnathan Allen Brown-Klawuhn, Braelynn Jayde Burk, Meloni Camacho, Roberto Elias Campa, Christel Chantel Carpio Momi and Alyssa Lauren Carrico. Iasis Lachelle Carrington, Gerrard Walter Carson, Jadda Marie Carter, Itzel Paola Castaneda Gutierrez, Connor Anthony Caughlin, Elsa Ceballos, Cinthia Jazmin Cervantes, Omar Nicolas Chapa, Preston Van Chung, Erik Cruz Cisneros, Tania Lashaun Collier and Ivan Nicholas Cortez. Sara Elaine Cortez, Angela Leticia Cruz, Carolayn Nataly Cruz, Luis Alberto De Jesus, Isabella Rose De La Garza, Raul Delgado, Celestina Olivia Deluna, Aaron Quoc-Hung Dinh, Kevin Dinh, Jacklynn Le Duong, Katelynn Nguyen Duong, Tiffany Tram Duong and Elizabeth Bettye Early. Osasere Edo-Ewanshi, Maritza Elizalde, Mariela Elizondo, Marissa Danielle Enriquez, Christopher Matthew Escalera, Angela Escamilla, Eric Escobedo, Jonathan Caleb Escobedo, Celine Nicole Espinosa, Destiny Ciara Estes, Emily Joanna Estrada and Monique Jean Fagan. Carlos Enrique Figueroa, Jason Jordy Flores, Joseph Venancio Flores, Kaitlin Denise Flores, Katherine Flores, Rubin Flores, Igra Fnu, Quinn Caleb Gabino, Atziri Galarza, Ana Isabel Gallardo, Stephanie Gallegos, Natasha Rae Gangestad and Jeffrey Estephania Garcia-Salinas. Miranda Teresa Garcia-

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Xochitl Celeste Navarro, Aimo Nguyen, Antony Anhhko Nguyen, Bao Triet Nguyen, Catherine Ngoc Nguyen, Dat Tien Nguyen, Derek Nguyen, Dorothy Tu-Uyen Nguyen, Huy Thanh Nguyen, Jaclynn Tuyet Nhi Nguyen, Johnathan Long Viet Nguyen and Nathan Truong Nguyen. Phuc Minh Nguyen, Quyen Tranthuy Nguyen, Steven Nguyen, Taylor Quang Nguyen, Thanh Thao Thuan Nguyen, Thao Thi-Phuong Nguyen, Christiana Chikadoinaka Nnabuife, Jocelyn Nunez, Keven Lay Nuon, Donatus Chukwuka Oguamanam and Yazcaira Sofia Ojeda. Ariana Uriah Okhuozagbon, Kimberly Yaneth Orelana, Adam Antonio Padilla, Saugat Pandit, Rebecca Ann Paredes, Alexus Ophelia Perea, Natalie Elisasa Perez, Ruben Robert Perez, Thanhnguyet Trinh Pham, Tin Nhan Pham, Vy Le Nhat Pham and Alice Hong Pham. Steven Phi Pham, Jaysa Octavia Ploucha, Brandon Anthony Ponce, Diego Alejandro Quintanilla Tovar, Hector Jesus Quiroga, Diego Miguel Quiroz, Erika Ogoy Ragasa, Rafael Ramos, Edwing Yolahome Reyes, Michael Angel Reyes, Jacqueline Saray Reyna and Camryn T. Ridge. Ariana Yasmine Rodriguez, Ashley Renee Rodriguez, Jerson Manuel Rodriguez, Lilibeth Rodriguez, David Elizondo Rojas, Hector Daniel Rojas, Christian Rosas, Ashley Margarita Ruiz, Astrid Fabiola Ruiz, Jesus Ruiz, Ariana Salazar, Jesus Salazar and Edwin Alan Saldívar. Devin Nicholas Sanchez, Vianney Hope Sanchez, Luis Felipe Santa, Alfredo Santocoy, Sean Michael Saperstein, Steven Serrano, Arnetta Princess Sessor, Rebecca Lynn Shaffer, Brian William Dewolf Sharpe, Kailah Kaia Shaw, Jordan Gregory Shea and Mireya Renae Sifuentes. Michael Lawrence Slaten, Breasia Elaine Smith, Julian Rene Soto, Nicholas Nathaniel Soto, Lillian Morgan Spigner, Leanna Loan Ta, Debora Tabarez, Andres Arnulfo Tamez, Hailey Nicole Tapia, Adrianna Starshae Thomas, Taja Imani Tillman and Erick Torres. Katherin Damari Torres, Vy Ngoc Yen Tran, Barbara Vy Tran, Danny Diep Tran, Jacklyn Cattien Tran, Johnny Tran, Kelly Mai-Tram Tran, Tracy Truc-Mai Tran, Tram Thi Bich Tran, Tyler D. Tran, Vinaessa-Vy Nhu Tran, Linh Huynh-Phuong Trinh and Luxury Kayuna Triplett. Jennifer Truong, Ni Thai Truong, Gabriel Tristan Arcalás Unica, Destinee Irene Vargas, Jorge Alberto Vazquez, Eden Vega Santibanez, Adrian Samuel Velasquez, Diamonddex Aleandra Velez, Diana Laura Vidal, Brianna Denise Villanueva and Nicholas Anthony Villareal. Abigail Villaseñor, Janet Diem Vo, Lam D. Vo, Justin Vu, Khoá Manh Vu, Tam Vu, Mykhanh Taylor Vuong, John Patrick Walker, Kiara Julia Wells, Grant Alexander Wilhelm, Macy Kate Williams, Jamisson Edwin Wilson, Samaria Sasha Wilson and Natalie Michelle Zaragoza. **Twelfth grade Honor roll**

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Ulvi Baktashi, Corina Gisselle Banda, Vivian A. Banda, Christian Antoine Blackmon, Senia Marili Bonilla, Deon Jady Brown, Johnathan Allen Brown-Klawuhn, Braelynn Jayde Burk, Meloni Camacho, Roberto Elias Campa, Christel Chantel Carpio Momi and Alyssa Lauren Carrico. Iasis Lachelle Carrington, Gerrard Walter Carson, Jadda Marie Carter, Itzel Paola Castaneda Gutierrez, Connor Anthony Caughlin, Elsa Ceballos, Cinthia Jazmin Cervantes, Omar Nicolas Chapa, Preston Van Chung, Erik Cruz Cisneros, Tania Lashaun Collier and Ivan Nicholas Cortez. Sara Elaine Cortez, Angela Leticia Cruz, Carolayn Nataly Cruz, Luis Alberto De Jesus, Isabella Rose De La Garza, Raul Delgado, Celestina Olivia Deluna, Aaron Quoc-Hung Dinh, Kevin Dinh, Jacklynn Le Duong, Katelynn Nguyen Duong, Tiffany Tram Duong and Elizabeth Bettye Early. Osasere Edo-Ewanshi, Maritza Elizalde, Mariela Elizondo, Marissa Danielle Enriquez, Christopher Matthew Escalera, Angela Escamilla, Eric Escobedo, Jonathan Caleb Escobedo, Celine Nicole Espinosa, Destiny Ciara Estes, Emily Joanna Estrada and Monique Jean Fagan. Carlos Enrique Figueroa, Jason Jordy Flores, Joseph Venancio Flores, Kaitlin Denise Flores, Katherine Flores, Rubin Flores, Igra Fnu, Quinn Caleb Gabino, Atziri Galarza, Ana Isabel Gallardo, Stephanie Gallegos, Natasha Rae Gangestad and Jeffrey Estephania Garcia-Salinas. Miranda Teresa Garcia-

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## Pasadena ISD celebrates National Nutrition Month

Pass the peas – March is National Nutrition Month and the Pasadena Independent School District is celebrating with educational events and activities that highlight the importance of healthy eating and physical activity.

Sponsored by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, the organization encourages individuals to “Savor the Flavor of Eating Right” and enjoy healthy meals. That’s the theme for this year.

**Cafeteria Calendar Contest**  
The Child Nutrition department encourages campuses to participate in the annual Space Spectacular Fruit and Vegetable contest. Students can design a space-themed fruit or vegetable creation and submit a picture of the artwork. Twelve winners will be selected to have the photos featured in the district’s 2016-17 cafeteria calendar.

The calendar is professionally designed and viewed by more than 30,000 people. First-, second- and third-place winners will be rewarded with a bike. All submissions are due by March 11.

Join the district on Facebook, March 21, to vote for the best creations. To vote, click the like button. The winners of the contest will be determined based on the number of likes.

**VegOut Challenge**  
Child Nutrition officials encourage campuses to participate in VegOut, now underway until the end of March. The VegOut challenge, hosted by Recipe for Success, encourages students and staff to eat 30 vegetables

in 30 days. Participants can track the amount of veggies consumed online or via the VegOut app.

Participants may win prizes at the end of the challenge. The grand prize for classrooms will be Seed to Plate curriculum and the grand prize for individual participants is a trip for two to Deer Lake Lodge and Spa. For more details, visit the VegOut website at <http://vegoutwithrfs.org>.

**It’s Time Texas Challenge**  
Pasadena, “It’s Time” to get healthy with the *It’s Time Texas Community Challenge*.

Presented by H-E-B, the challenge unites and mobilizes community members, schools, businesses, organizations, and public figures to see which communities can demonstrate the greatest commitment to healthy living.

The only statewide competition of its kind, the Community Challenge is designed to provide an easy and fun way for communities to mobilize in celebration of healthy living.

Each school district is encouraged to participate in the challenge by submitting photos of individuals and groups practicing healthy behaviors. Pasadena ISD is currently second place behind Garland ISD in the large school district category, with 425,290 points. Click on the link to find out how to submit pictures and show Texas how Pasadena ISD stays healthy.

The challenge ends March 31. Visit the website for more information at <http://www.itcommunitychallenge.com>.

# Over The Back Fence by Alexis

**EVIE TURNS TWO!**  
Stacey and Stephen Flowers of League City celebrate the second birthday of their daughter, Evelyn “Evie” Faith Flowers, on Friday, March 11. Proud grandparents are Jannie and Robert Scarberry of South Belt and Karen and Mike Flowers of Dickinson. Sharing in the celebration are big sister Kennedy, big brother Owen, aunts Jenny Moreno and Tiffany Scarberry, uncles Benny Moreno, Joseph Hayes, Austin Scarberry and Tyler Scarberry, and cousins Brayden and Baylee Espinosa, Olivia Moreno and Jade Scarberry. Stacey is a 2005 Dobie High School graduate.

**CONGRATS DOBIE COLORGUARDS!**  
Congratulations is sent to director Tyler Scarberry and the Dobie High School Colorguards for bringing home two more trophies from the Texas Colorguard Circuit competition on Saturday, March 5, at Katy High School. Varsity earned a first-place trophy in the Scholastic Regional A White division, and Junior Varsity brought home a third-place trophy in the Novice Blue division. Scarberry is a 2010 Dobie grad and a 2015 University of Houston grad.

**SCHOOL DAZE**  
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays March 10 through March 16.

**Burnett Elementary**  
Light the candles on a double-layer cake for **Hong Doan** and **Maria Ruiz** on March 15.

**Bush Elementary**  
Sing a happy birthday song to **Jayan**

**Fender** March 12. Enjoy a double-layer cake on March 13 with **Lindsey Pelton** and **Minh Vu**. Light the birthday candles for **Maria Martinez** March 16.

**Frazier Elementary**  
Blow out the candles March 13 for **Jill O’Keefe**. Sing a chorus of a birthday song March 15 to **Mirtha Hernandez**. On March 16, **Christine Roberts** celebrates a birthday.

**Meador Elementary**  
March 10 is the day for a cake for **Irma Vega**. Celebrating a birthday March 11 is **Dora Barnett**. March 13 is the day for a cake for **Maria Noyola**. **Myriam Garcia** enjoys a birthday March 14.

**Moore Elementary**  
The day for a party for **Yonia Garcia** is March 11. Celebrate with a birthday cake March 15 for **Esmeralda Munoz**. Special birthday wishes are sent to **Esther Aguilar** on March 16.

**Melillo Middle School**  
Light the birthday candles for **Diane Wheeler** March 10. The day to celebrate with a cake for **Troy Ralls** is March 14.

**Roberts Middle School**  
Marking a birthday March 14 is **Crystal Polo**.

**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
Share in the birthday celebration for **Christina Serna** March 11. Send a birthday greeting March 12 to **Caleb Pickrel**. Enjoy a birthday celebration with **Chris Monita** March 15.

**Thompson Intermediate**  
Light the birthday candles for **Elida Torres** March 12.

**Dobie High**  
Blow out the birthday candles for **Jennifer Haynes** and **Julie Lofaro** on March 10. Shared birthday greetings are sent to **Adrian Amador** and **Sandra Rodriguez** on March 12. Sing a happy birthday song to **Janice Martinez-Castillo** March 13. On March 14, double birthday wishes are sent to **Elizabeth Cross** and **Robert Mcguill**. **Clara Ullman** and **Martha Vega** celebrate a birthday March 16.

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

Thursday, March 10: **Jim Daigle**, **Sheila Dill** and **Kizzy Moore-Christie**; Friday, March 11: **Raquel Loya**, **Michael Martinez**, **Jesus Romero**, **Marcelo DeLeon III** and **Irma Manriquez**; Saturday, March 12: **Debbie Clark**, **Maria Rijoas**, **Debbie Johnson** and **Heather Murphy Burris**; Sunday, March 13: **Matthew Hanks**, **Heidi Delk**, **Shane Terry**, **Samuel Pitts**, **Sharon Jobe**, **Max Hernandez** and **Becky Gilley**; Monday, March 14: **Allison Weatherly**, **Chris Williams**, **Curtis Scope**, **Ron Shafer** and **Angelique Garcia**; Tuesday, March 15: **Teri Posey**, **John Dies**, **Guillermo-Rodriguez**, **Jeanne Cook**, **Christopher Lozano** and **Melissa Robinson**; and Wednesday, March 16: **Brandy Pimental**, **Kelly Cobble**, **Nathan Lewis** and **Nikki Pullin**.

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## Educators invited to job fair at UHCL

University of Houston-Clear Lake’s Spring Teacher Job Fair will feature employment opportunities from local schools and organizations for educators on Tuesday, March 22, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Jobseekers should register at the fair in the university’s Bayou Building, Atrium I and II, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

For more information, call UHCL Career Services at 281-283-2590.

## Master Gardeners list events

Harris County Master Gardeners Association at Precinct 2 will host the following activities free to the public during the month of March:

**Program on ornament plants March 10**  
On Thursday, March 10, HCMGA will present *Ornamental Plant Trials in Harris County*, by Paul Winski, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Agent - Harris County. The program will be from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the Clear Lake Meeting Room, 5001 NASA Pkwy. For more information, call 281-855-5600 or visit [hcmga.tamu.edu](http://hcmga.tamu.edu).

**Open Garden Day March 21**  
HCMGA at Precinct 2 will host Open Garden Day on Monday, March 21, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at Genoa Friendship Garden, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Road. Master gardeners will be available to answer gardening questions. This event is free and open to the public. Plants will be for sale in the greenhouse. For information, visit <https://hcmga.tamu.edu>.

## Singles Dance March 19

The Bay Area Singles Club monthly dance will be held Saturday, March 19, from 7 to 10 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.

## Teen chores, responsibility focus of autism talk

Teach responsibility to teens with autism with the talk *Fostering Independence in Adolescence* from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 12, in the Bayou Building, Garden Room, at University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

During the presentation, student speaker Patti Shoemaker will instruct attendees on identifying appropriate chores for teens with autism, teaching these chores to children and rewarding completion of the chores for continued success. Parents and caretakers of children with autism will benefit from this event. Admission to the presentation is free, open to the public, and will include a complimentary lunch. Free parking is provided in Student Lot D. The informative lecture series is sponsored by Hegwood & Associates, P.C., JSC Federal Credit Union, Jersey Mike’s Subs, Endeavor Behavioral, InKinds, Gulf Coast Educators Federal Credit Union and Susie Bean Gives. For more information, call the Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities at 281-283-3452, or email [autismcenter@uhcl.edu](mailto:autismcenter@uhcl.edu).

## Spring Break closure scheduled at UHCL

University of Houston-Clear Lake will close Friday, March 18, for Spring Break. Classes will not be held the entire week of March 14-18.

The March 18 closure includes Alfred R. Neumann Library and the UHCL Pearl and Campus Library. The libraries

will resume normal hours on Saturday, March 19, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information about the university, visit <http://www.uhcl.edu>.

To report an emergency at the university during the holiday, call the UHCL Police Department at 281-283-2222.

## Dobie Lariaettes excel at Crowdpleaser’s competition

The J. Frank Dobie Lariaettes recently attended the Crowdpleaser’s South Houston Showcase Dance Competition, and they swept

the awards ceremony. Not only were they named Super Division Champions, but they were also awarded the Highest Scoring Team Kick

and Team Pom routines of the entire day – regardless of team size and division.

Then, to top off the night, they were named 1st Run-

ner-Up Grand Champion team of the entire day, across all sizes and divisions.

This was the Lariaettes first team competition of the



Pictured are, left to right, (seated) Lariaette Directors Mysha Corb and Lori Alexander, (front row) Social Executive Kellie Tyer, Social Executive Megan Schuetz, Major Diana Castillo, Lieutenant Marissa Krustchinsky, Captain Macalyn Castro-Cardenas, Colonel Jade Mottu, Lt. Colonel Ikea Taylor, Lieutenant Alayna Cano, President Naseem Shafaei, Social Executive Gabbi Munoz, Social Executive Brittany Gonzalez, (second row) Charish Williams, Raegan Saxton, Fran Monreal, Rachel Vu, Crystal Garza, Emily Le, Marissa Flores, Aliana Aleman, Maya Suarez, Alyssa Lopez, Nicole Yanney, (third row) Christi-

na Saavedra, Esmeralda Ibarra, Laura Stephens, Leslie Garza, Amanda Arambula, Laura Torres, Naya Cooper, Zully Garza, Julia Dasilva, and Alexis Woodruffe, (fourth row) Alexis Sanchez, Ni Truong, Beatriz Hernandez, Karina Gutierrez, Jazzalyne Garza, Astrid Silva, Kate Maslonka, (fifth row) Vi Diep, Alexis Chicas, Marisa Pedroza, Jennifer Cantarero, Xochitl Romero, Catherine Fuentes, Katrina Herazo, Martiza Hernandez, Amanda Davila, Jazmin Guerrero, Aleida Gonzalez, (back row) Marissa Rodgers, Alexis Lopez, Andy Del Villar and Adela Alanis.

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# Remember When

**40 years ago (1976)**  
The Sagemont Spurs girls’ soccer team from the South Belt area represented the Bay area conference in the State Playoffs in San Antonio.

Sagemont Civic Club voted to spend \$1,000 on various community projects including sponsoring two Little League teams, a scholarship, and a donation to the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department.

**35 years ago (1981)**  
The Sagemont station of the Houston Fire Department received an 18-foot flood rescue boat. The air Gator boat was purchased for approximately \$12,000.

Herbert J. “Bo” Brown told police he heard shots upon arriving home from

his job at approximately 1 a.m. when he discovered his sister Suzanne, 21, holding a gun in their parents bedroom. He told police that both of his parents had been shot by Suzanne, and he wrestled the gun away from her before she went into the kitchen and got a knife with which she began stabbing him. According to police, Bo then shot his sister in self-defense, and she died of chest wounds.

**30 years ago (1986)**  
Mandy Schubert, daughter of Rudy and Jennie Schubert, was selected as deputy corps commander for her senior year, the highest rank ever bestowed on a female cadet in the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets.

A group of fourth-graders at Weber Elementary hoped to change the “rules of war” by convincing state and federal government officials to rejoin the battle to obtain the Alamo flag which was housed in a museum in Mexico City.

**25 years ago (1991)**  
For the first time in seven years, people could actually see construction progress on the extension of Fuqua from Palmhill to State Highway 3-about 400 feet.

Students at Beverly Hills Intermediate School found themselves with a new schedule type that allowed students to take eight courses instead of seven.

**20 years ago (1996)**  
The Environmental Protection Agency began testing Clear Creek for Brio-related toxic chemicals.

A car crashed through the kitchen of Mrs. Eddy Abajue demolishing a table

and chairs at which she had been sitting just minutes earlier.

**15 years ago (2001)**  
Thompson’s academic team advanced to nationals for the ninth consecutive year.

Olympic gold-medalist Christa Williams helped honor the TCB all-stars that won a national title.

Thompson increased security with metal detectors following the discovery of a written threat.

Burnett Elementary students, three fifth-graders and one fourth-grader, were assigned to the district’s guidance center due to a fight. Three of the four involved were carrying weapons.

Department of Public Safety officers solved the mystery of the cause of Drill James (DJ) Purifoy’s death. According to troopers, Purifoy and his friends got into an argument on the ferry and Purifoy walked off the ferry before it left Bolivar, and a motorist from Katy hit him. The driver turned himself in after being identified.

**10 years ago (2006)**  
The city of Houston’s Office of Emergency Management made residents aware of the ability to register for assistance in case of a hurricane evacuation.

The Thompson Intermediate Academic Team defeated the Beverly Hills Academic Team to earn the top place in PISD. The Thompson team advanced to the National Academic League.

A local convenience store on Hughes at Beamer was caught selling alcohol to minors for the second time during a sting coordi-

nated by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

Clear Brook High School presented an alcohol-related simulated traffic accident alongside the campus. Five seniors portrayed victims of a DWI accident in the presentation of *Shattered Dreams*.

**5 years ago (2011)**  
An arrest was made in the fatal shooting of David Davila. Jorge Alaniz, 28, was charged with murder in the 177th Criminal District Court.

Following a two-year investigation, deputies in the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable’s office arrested five suspects in connection with as many as 20 possible local home burglaries. Marcus Dejean, 18; Deron Waines, 18; Tierre Williams, 18; Adrian Lewis, 19; and Jeremy Karnes, 18, were all charged with burglary of a habitation. The suspects were reportedly tied to burglaries in the 8800 block of Chelsea Brook, the 10300 block of Sagevale, the 10300 block of Kirkvale, the 11600 block of Grapewood, the 10100 block of Holly Vine and the 11400 block of Sageking.

**1 year ago (2015)**  
A local restaurant’s decision to deny service to a man because of his facial tattoos drew national media attention. Would-be customer Erik Leighton said he and a friend were escorted by police out of Bombshells Restaurant and Bar, located on the Gulf Freeway at Fuqua, on March 7, as the establishment does not allow patrons to have tattoos on either their face or neck. Frustrated, Leigh-

ton took to social media to air his grievances. Online support for Leighton was overwhelming, with several leaving negative comments on Facebook and Yelp.

Within hours, Bombshells’ Facebook page had been taken down. A representative from Bombshells replied to Leighton on Facebook, saying the tattoo policy is in place to dissuade gang members from going to the restaurant/bar.

Leighton, who has no criminal record, said he is not a gang member.

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# District honors first group of dual-language students, parents on path to graduation

**Reesha Brown**  
*PISD Communications*  
In June, Pasadena Independent School District will witness history as the first group of dual-language students graduate from Pasadena Memorial High School, signifying the end of a 12-year journey.

Pasadena ISD established the dual-language program for both English-speaking and Spanish-speaking students. The goal is for students to become proficient in both languages while helping them excel academically.

The Office of Special Programs hosted a ceremony to honor the 21 seniors



Jacquelyn Trejo talks to students and parents about the benefits of the dual-language program.

and recognize parents for their dedication to the program on March 1.

Parents were presented with certificates and the graduating seniors received patches featuring the program's logo. They will also receive Velasquez Press Bi-literacy Medals, given to students proficient in two or more languages, and green cords to wear at graduation.

"They chose this color because green is the color of money and we are confident that all of our dual-language graduates will become successful professionals in our community," said Suzy Caballero, the district dual-language coordinator.

When students received their patches, they delivered a short speech in both languages about the success of the program.

As an aspiring physician and dual-language senior, Alison Tran, who speaks Vietnamese, Spanish and English, plans to use her trilingual skills to communicate with patients.

"I feel honored to be a guinea pig as part of the first class of dual-language graduates," Tran said. "I think this program will be beneficial for me since I plan to be a doctor in the community and Houston has a majority of Spanish speakers. I think

knowing Spanish will help out the communication both ways and make it easier to handle business."

"The dual-language program has allowed me to build strong relationships with my friends - I would call them my siblings," Lizette Ibarra, a dual language senior said.

Garfield Elementary pioneered the program under the direction of former principal Debbie Barrett. Students started at Garfield and continued together at Millstead, Miller and Memorial. Half of the instruction was in English and the other was in Spanish.

"We visited a lot of school districts in state and out of state, studied research, all of which indicated that students in bilingual and dual-language programs outperform students in every subject," said Gloria Gallegos, associate superintendent of Special Programs. "We wanted that same outcome for our students."

"It took a long time but once it started it took off and now they're graduating," Barrett said.

The ceremony gave faculty members and counselors who have been part of the program since the beginning, an opportunity to reconnect with students -

many of whom had not seen each other in over 10 years - and witness how far they have come.

"They are my babies," said Cherrie Hanson, former Garfield Elementary teacher. "When Allison Tran messaged me and asked me to come to this, I thought, 'wow,' I've known her since second grade. I know you all think these teachers have had an impact on you, but you have had such an impact on me."

A former dual-language



Cherrie Hanson, formerly a teacher at Garfield, reflects on her days as a second grade dual-language teacher.

teacher at Miller Intermediate, Jacquelyn Trejo, whose daughter has started the program at Bush, thanked dual-language coordinators and teachers, as she wiped tears from her face.

"Your drive, your motivation, your dedication to the

program just transformed what ESL and dual language means to me," Trejo said. "You guys are the innovators for that."

The dual-language program has expanded to Bailey, Bush, Fisher, Garfield, and Pomeroy Elementary

Schools and Kendrick Middle. More than 1,500 students have participated in the program.

For more information, visit the program's website at <https://www1.pasadenaisd.org/cms/one.aspx?pa geld=237074>.



Alison Tran and her family enjoy hearing the stories about the old days when she was at Garfield.



Jazely Barrera, dual-language senior, proudly shows off a certificate presented to students and parents involved in the program.

## College faculty and staff recognized

Barbara Schumacher, Betty Woodfill and Imelda Umansor were recently recognized by San Jacinto College for their outstanding service to the institution and higher education.

Schumacher, a professor in the biology department on the Central campus, is this year's Minnie Stevens Piper nominee from San Jacinto College, and also earned one of the college's faculty excellence awards. Since 1958, The Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation has recognized outstanding professors from two- and four-year colleges and universities, both public and private. The Piper Professor Program is one of its biggest recognitions. Nominations are based on submissions by each college or uni-

versity in the state of Texas.

"We are extremely proud of each of our faculty and staff award recipients," said Laurel Williamson, San Jacinto College deputy chancellor and president. "These individuals embody our College mission and values in their interactions with students and colleagues, and they truly represent exemplary teaching and service. These awards are selected by San Jacinto College employees, their peers, which makes this honor even more special. We congratulate each of them, and appreciate their hard work and dedication. They make San Jacinto College the great institution it is, and a place where students succeed every day."

On her nomination appli-

cation, Biology Department Chair Barry Furman stated that Schumacher's dedication to the college is clearly on display through her involvement and engagement in the science department. Most recently, she created a new online, ready-to-teach biology course; is actively involved with judging the Pasadena Independent School District science fair; and engages her students in service learning. "She involves every student, in every one of her classes, every semester in student service learning," Furman said. "One of these service learning activities involves taking her general biology students to Armand Bayou Nature Preserve for field studies culminating in a class project. At the conclusion of the project,

the students return to the preserve to plant native plants."

Woodfill, a writing professor in the college preparatory department, is a faculty excellence award recipient. She envisioned and planned the first annual College Prep Student Leadership Reception in which 10 outstanding college preparatory students from each San Jacinto College campus were recognized. She and her students are actively involved in numerous volunteer and service opportunities, including collecting food for the campus food pantries, participating in Veterans Day events, and encouraging students to work together on various projects. Woodfill is president of the Texas Association of Developmental Education (TADE), and helped San Jacinto College earn the prestigious TADE Curtis Miles Outstanding Established Chapter Award, recognizing excellence in state and regional chapters.

Umansor is a financial aid specialist on the San Jacinto College South campus. Her nomination application noted that, "Imelda not only helps our new and/or continuing students, but she goes the extra mile to help our San Jac Certified students apply and transfer to universities."

Over the last two years, Umansor conducted more than 100 financial aid visits and presentations to high school, dual credit, and incoming students, helping them understand the financial aid application process. She also co-created a Financial Aid Summer Camp which is the first camp ever created for the San Jacinto College financial aid department.

The focus of the camp is to create and foster dreams of obtaining a college education for children in the local community. Its goal is to inspire children to turn their dreams into reality while exposing them to college.

The camp promoted the importance of preparing for college, saving for college, and openly discussed the campers career goals.



Many of the first cohort of dual-language students set to graduate this school year pictured are, left to right, (front row) former Garfield principal Debbie Barrett, Jazely Barrera, Tania Gonzalez, Cindi Palacios, Alison Tran, Lizette Ibarra, Ashley Ali, Memorial Principal Dr. Angela Stallings, (back row) Fernando Duran, Yhaira Perez, Camron Miller, Yolilizty Palacios, Jasmine Rodriguez and Edwin Hernandez.

Photos submitted



Barbara Schumacher, Betty Woodfill and Imelda Umansor are this year's San Jacinto College Minnie Stevens Piper (Schumacher) and Faculty and Staff Excellence Award recipients.

Photo by Andrea Vasquez

## Foundation's Sailing to Success gala May 20

Hundreds of guests are expected to attend the San Jacinto College Foundation Sailing to Success gala, set for Friday, May 20, at the Sylvan Beach Pavilion in La Porte.

This year's gala, co-chaired by Rear Admiral William and Nancy Pickavance, USN (Ret.), and John and Tookie McMahan, will raise money to complete the endowment for the Promise for Their Future scholarship fund. Larry Wilson, San Jacinto College Board of Trustees vice chairman, will emcee

the event, which will feature live music from the Eclipse Band & Orchestra, as well as a live auction and a raffle.

The gala will honor Neil and Eloise West, longtime supporters of San Jacinto College, with the Legacy Award.

"Since opening our doors in 1996, the San Jacinto College Foundation has helped thousands of students to succeed not only in academia, but in life," said Ruth Keenan, San Jacinto College Foundation executive director. "By attending or sponsor-

ing this year's gala, you are directly impacting the lives of our students by helping them to achieve the dream of a college education."

Table sponsorships, which include gala tickets and other recognition, are available at a variety of levels, from \$1,000 to \$100,000. Individual gala tickets can also be purchased for \$250.

Sponsors to date include ASA Dally Structural Engineers, Steve Cowart, Furniture Marketing Group, Inc., Tellepsen, Thompson & Horton, and Susan K. Williams.

Judith Gonzales, scholarship recipient, said about

receiving a San Jacinto College Foundation scholarship, "I am sincerely honored to have been selected as a scholarship recipient. I am a single mother working full-time and attending college has been a financial challenge. This scholarship will help me focus more on my education by alleviating some of the financial burdens I encounter."

The Sylvan Beach Pavilion is located at 1 Sylvan Beach Drive in La Porte. For more information, or to purchase tickets or sponsor the gala, contact the San Jacinto College Foundation at 281-998-6104.

The San Jacinto College Foundation

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## Carnival with Jewish flavor for everybody

Congregation Shaar Hashalom, together with Temple Beth Tikvah, will celebrate Purim with the annual Carnival on Sunday, April 3, starting at 10:30 a.m.

The fundraising event will feature carnival booths, face painting, food, etc., and will take place at Shaar Hashalom, the Conservative synagogue of the Bay Area, at 16020 El Camino Real in Houston. Temple Beth Tikva

is the Reform Synagogue in the Clear Lake area.

The entire community is invited to join in the fun, food and merriment.

A package that includes 60 game tickets and one meal ticket is \$18 if preordered, and \$23 at the door. Ticket packages can be obtained by calling 281-488-5861 weekdays between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., or by email at [csh@shaarhashalom.org](mailto:csh@shaarhashalom.org).

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# PISD students participate in Special Olympics

His smile said it all – Isaac Tijerina, of Turner Elementary, laughed as he enjoyed a round of basketball, bowling and soccer along with other fun games and activities during the Special Olympics Young Athletes and Motor Activity Training Programs at Rayburn High School on March 3 and 4.



Fernando Perez, Rayburn JROTC student, shares a laugh with Angela Delosantos, a Genoa student. Photo submitted

Little did Isaac know, along with hundreds of other students in the district who participated in the two-day event – they were developing motor skills and hand-eye coordination while learning skills that will help them socially and academically.

“I think this is a really good experience for them,” Lynette Tijerina, Isaac’s mother, said. “They learn and have fun. The best part is they do not even realize they are learning, but they are.” Both events were hosted by the Special Olympics of Texas and the district’s Adapted Physical Education (APE) department.

The Young Athletes Program is designed to introduce children, age two to seven, to the world of physical activity. The program uses physical activities to help students develop fundamental motor tracking and eye-hand coordination.

The focus of the Motor Activities Training Program is on participation rather than competition. Emphasis is placed on helping students achieve personal bests and allows for adapted equipment and physical assistance. “A major benefit of the program is it builds self-confidence in the child because they’re always told what they can’t do,” Renee Klovenski, Special Olympics program director, said. “In Special Olympics, we show students different ways so they’re always a success. These experiences transition into school work, family, community and jobs as they get older.”

Not only did the events seem to benefit students in the Special Olympics program, but Rayburn JROTC volunteers also seemed to enjoy working with the students.

“I love doing this and I enjoy helping out,” said Fernando Perez, a Rayburn JROTC student. Isaac’s mother and hundreds of parents like her watched their children enjoying the day from the stands. Parents were invited to participate in the day’s activities because the Special Olympics is also in the business of building relationships with families. “The most important thing for us is improving the lives of the students, but also unifying the families,” Klovenski said. “We give them the support they need or guide them so they find the support they need to help their child be successful.” For families interested in learning more about the Special Olympics, visit the website (<http://www.specialolympicstexas.org/>).

# Clear Brook student Payra wins President’s Volunteer Service Award

Syamantak Payra, a sophomore at Clear Brook High School, was recently awarded the President’s Volunteer Service Award by local certifying organization Houston Public Media, on behalf of President Barack Obama.

The award recognizes Americans of all ages who have volunteered a significant amount of time to serve their community. Payra received the Gold Award – the highest level award in the teen category – by logging more than 100 volunteer service hours in 2015 for conducting free spelling workshops for more than 250 spellers in the community. At a special ceremony at Houston Public Media attended by his family and teachers, associate vice president and general manager Lisa Trapani Shumate, presented Payra with a certificate, pin, medallion, and a congratulatory letter from the president.

Payra is a two-time co-champion of the Houston Public Media Spelling Bee, which qualified him to advance to the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. In 2013, Payra emerged as a Scripps finalist, achieving seventh place, and in 2014 he made it to the semifinal round.

His workshops were conducted at Clear Creek Independent School District, Pasadena ISD and the Friendswood Public Library. One of Payra’s workshops, a 2.5 hour class at the Friendswood Public Library, was made into a DVD, assigned a call number, and is now in circulation for checkout. It is also available for the public on YouTube.



Clear Brook High School sophomore Syamantak Payra (center), was recently awarded the President’s Volunteer Service Award. Payra stands with his mother, Sanjukta Ghose (left), and his father, Pramatha Payra. Photo by Derek Stokely, Houston Public Media

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# Frazier celebrates Dr. Seuss’ Birthday

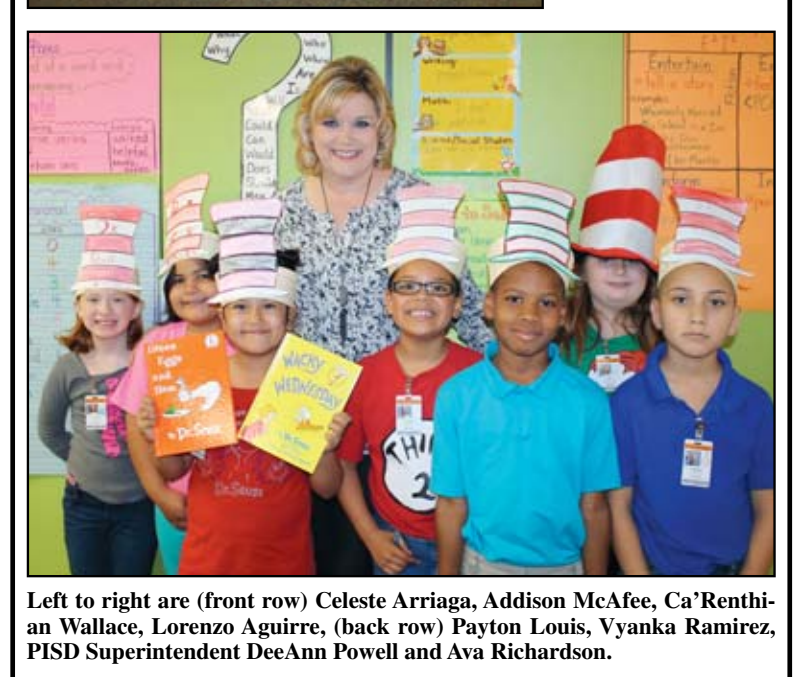


Frazier Elementary students celebrated Dr. Seuss’ Birthday on Wednesday, March 2, with numerous activities. The day’s events included wearing Dr. Seuss shirts/hats, enjoying guest readers, and participating in a read-a-thon. Frazier students read a total of 31,652 minutes which surpassed the school-wide goal of 20,000 minutes.

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# AARP 199 meets March 18

AARP Webster Area Chapter 199 will meet at 10 a.m. Friday, March 18, at Bay Area Community Center, 5002 E. NASA Parkway in Seabrook (the large building with a blue roof inside Clear Lake Park on the north side of NASA Parkway). Everyone is invited to come to the meeting and to enjoy coffee, cookies and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before the meeting starts at 10 a.m. Each month, the group has entertainment or a speaker on various topics of interest to seniors. Every two months the group has a potluck lunch.

Speaker for Friday, March 18, will be John Cobarruvias who will present a program on *How to Select a Low Cost Electricity Provider*. He is an AARP chapter member and spoke to the group last year on the impact of home insurance reform. He is invited back by popular demand. The March 18 meeting is also a potluck lunch so members and visitors are asked to bring a dish to share. The group also organizes day trips by bus to local area points of interest at minimal cost. The next day trip will be on March 16 to the Bryan Museum and the movie, *The Great Storm*, in Galveston. Lunch will be at Shrimp ‘N Stuff. The following day trip will be on May 12 to Humble for a pontoon boat ride on Spring Creek and San Jacinto River, and a visit to the Humble Historical Museum. Lunch will be at The Potato Patch. For those who are interested in joining the group, annual dues are \$6 per year/per person. However, one must be a member of national AARP to join any local chapter. For more information, contact Liz Shepperd at 281-486-7770 or [Qeshepperd@yahoo.com](mailto:Qeshepperd@yahoo.com).

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# SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

## Despite semifinal loss, Dobie basketball makes memories

By John Bechtle  
Sports Editor

Its improbable run to the Class 6A Region III Final Four boys' basketball tournament ended by one of Calipari's future stars, the Dobie varsity squad knows what has been done, and what can be.

University of Kentucky signee De'Aaron Fox led Cypress Lakes with 40 points as the Spartans outscored the Longhorns 13-4 down the stretch, eventually taking a 79-70 victory in the second of two Region III semifinal games March 4, at the Campbell Center.

Sam Houston, which defeated Alief Taylor in

the first semifinal, went on to beat Cy-Lakes in the regional championship game. Fox, who had back-to-back 40 point games in the playoffs, was held to 24 in that one.

As for Dobie's game versus Fox and the Spartans, certainly head coach Kevin Cross, his staff and players would have loved to have won the game and advanced, but it simply wasn't to be.

Dealing with Fox's greatness on both ends of the floor was tough enough, but the Spartans' Charles Williams also burned the Longhorns with four 3-pointers in the game.

Dobie played nearly the

entire game from behind, holding just one lead at 66-65. But with the game tied at 66-66, Dobie missed a pair of free throws.

Over the final four minutes and change, the Longhorns turned the ball over twice and Fox, in turn, made a pair of acrobatic maneuvers on the offensive end for baskets that few can duplicate.

"I told our guys that (Fox) is going to make some shots that you haven't seen other players make, and he did," Cross said.

"Fox made a couple of ridiculous shots in the offensive end that you just can't defend. There is no defense for that, but

we knew that going into the game. Their No. 1 (Williams) also hit four 3-pointers, so that hurt.

But we missed eight free throws, and we shot the free throws much better in our three wins. Usually,

when you don't make your free throws, it comes back to haunt you. The game came down to three

or four key possessions, and they made more runs. It's tough to see a run like that come to an end, but

we had a great run, and a great season. We got on a run, believed we could keep the run going, and

did for three rounds. It would've been nice to win two more and move on to  
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At left, Dobie's Jonathan Cooper dribbles between his legs while working against Cy-Lakes' star De'Aaron Fox during the second half of the Spartans' 79-70 regional semifinal victory over the Longhorns March 4, at the Campbell Center. A nationally recognized recruit, Fox is headed to the University of Kentucky after his 40 points helped lead the Spartans past Dobie. Cooper, meanwhile, had 18 of his 23 points in the second half as he and the Longhorns stayed close late in the game. The contest was knotted at 66-66 with 4 minutes, 35 seconds remaining before Fox and the Spartans began to pull away. Sam Houston then defeated Cy-Lakes in the Region III championship game March 5, advancing to state. Cooper, a junior, will be one of five key returnees next season as the Longhorns begin anew.  
Photo by John Bechtle

## JFD boys' soccer nears title

The Dobie varsity boys' soccer team could very well be in line for a playoff run to match the excitement created by the school's boys' basketball team.

With a 6-0 win over Alvin March 8, the Longhorns moved to 12-0-2 in the boys' soccer standings in District 22-6A, all but guaranteeing a second straight league title.

With 38 points, Dobie

can take another step toward that title by taking down Sam Rayburn Saturday, March 12, at Veterans Stadium. Match time is noon.

Dobie then concludes its regular season Monday, March 14, against Memorial. That game is set for noon at Memorial Stadium.

The situation is not as clear for the Dobie varsity girls' soccer team. The lo-

cals first lost a 2-1 game to Dawson March 4, and then lost 1-0 to Alvin March 8.

So the Lady Longhorns have games against Sam Rayburn and Memorial, both at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena, to close out the regular season.

Alvin, Dawson and Pearland have already qualified for the playoffs, while Dobie is waging a two-team battle with Pasadena for the fourth and final playoff seed.

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The league will officially celebrate its 50th anniversary with the arrival of opening ceremonies Friday, March 11, continuing through March 12.

Since that 1966 debut season, the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League has been the home for players who later developed themselves into

professional and collegiate players, and has also sent some of the nation's finest competitive teams to both state and Southwest Regional competition.

The league also sent a pair of Pony/Colt baseball teams to world series competition in the late 1980s.

In 1983, 1985 and 1992, the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League sent teams to the state tournament in the 12-year-old division.

Each time, those teams won the Texas crown and advanced to regional play. SBHLL was the home little league for future professional players

Steve Cummings, Shane Nance, Ryan Long, John Scheschuk, Mike Evans, Nathan Mitchell and the like.

Today, 50 years into its existence, SBHLL remains one of the nation's most successful little league entities based on both individual and team success.

And the plan is for that success to continue. While past managers, coaches and players are invited to attend along with past league presidents, etc., opening ceremonies is also about the present.

The 2016 SBHLL regular season is poised to be

one of the most exciting in recent memory.

Opening night ceremonies are Friday, March 11, at 7 p.m.

There, those heroes from the past as well as today and tomorrow's stars and future stars will be briefly recognized.

The league's parade and carnival follow Saturday, March 12, as the South Belt community is invited to partake in all of the fun designed for families.

The 2016 SBHLL regular season is set to begin Monday, March 21, with games contested in all age group divisions.

## Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League Opening Weekend Schedule

**Friday, March 11:** Opening ceremonies at the league's facility at El Franco Lee Park as SBHLL celebrates its 50th year in action. The past, present and future will all be recognized as managers, coaches and players take to the field for the 7 p.m. ceremony. Those planning to attend should arrive as early as possible due to the volume of attendees expected.

**Saturday, March 12:** The league's annual parade, beginning at 9 a.m., will line up at San Jacinto College's South campus and wind up at El Franco Lee Park. The parade finish will then signal the start of the carnival. The carnival will include fun for the entire family, complete with fun games, food vendors, craft vendors and more.

**Monday, March 21:** 2016 regular season games begin.

## Baseball, softball will navigate SB

First the weather, and then a little spring break action.

Baseball and softball teams, including those from Clear Brook and Dobie, will have to be patient over the next 10 days or so as things play out.

And March 14-18 is spring break for both districts, with games also slated to be played.

Perhaps the Dobie varsity baseball team, owner of a perfect 4-0 record for the consolation championship at the Pasadena ISD Invitational, is catching a break.

## SBASA welcomes applicants

The South Belt Area Sports Association is again looking for deserving class of 2016 high school seniors who would like to vie for the group's annual scholarship awards.

Each year, the association presents \$500 schol-

With a bye in the schedule, the Longhorns aren't slated to play until March 11, against the Pasadena Eagles at Maguire Field in Pasadena.

The Longhorns, currently 0-2 in District 22-6A action, should be in the clear moving forward where the weather is concerned.

Ditto for the Clear Brook Wolverines, who are set to compete in Texas City ISD's Oldest Tournament in Baseball March 10-12, at Robinson Stadium in Texas City.

The Wolverines will

then open District 24-6A play Tuesday, March 15, in a special 1 p.m. start, hosting Clear Creek at Wolverine Field.

Whereas the baseball teams may survive both the weather and the spring break holiday, softball could present challenges.

However, local school district leaders played it smart March 7 ahead of the predicted rain, bumping the schedule ahead a day.

Dobie, which has now scored 52 runs in its last three games, handed South Houston a 16-1 defeat at

the Pasadena ISD complex in a game that ended after three innings.

Meanwhile, Clear Brook evened its District 24-6A record at 1-1, downing Dickinson 12-1 on the road March 7.

Nicole Petty pitched four innings for the win, and she also drove in four runs offensively.

Brook now faces Clear Lake March 11 and Clear Springs March 15, both at home in 6:45 p.m. games.

**Dobie gets offensive**  
Easily scoring double-digit runs for the third  
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ships to be applied toward collegiate academic costs to one deserving male and one deserving female student.

Eligibility requirements for the South Belt Area Sports Association:

The student must have completed a minimum of three seasons in any of the six youth sports leagues supported by the SBASA, including the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League, South Belt Girls' Softball Association, Sagemont Cowboys, South Belt Senior League Baseball (Pony/Colt), the South Belt Youth Soccer Club or the Southbelt Dolphins.

Eligible candidates must be satisfactory in both attendance and academic standing and should also have exhibited good citizenship, character and community involvement to date.

The scholarship may be used to defer costs in the

approved areas, including tuition, fees, books or miscellaneous expenses.

The selection will be made by the SBASA committee. Financial need will be considered in the selection process.

The applications must be completed and returned to the Dobie or Clear Brook counseling offices by April 22, 2016.

The recipient must enroll in a minimum of 12 class hours at an accredited institution, including a four-year college or technical/vocational school.

The funds will be distributed to the chosen candidates once registration and other appropriate receipts are provided to the committee for approval.

Applicants should also submit a copy of their transcript and a senior portrait with the application.

Questions should be directed to Rich Newell, president of South Belt Area Sports Association,

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# Soccer teams still looking to close out season with wins

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Dobie will take on last-place Sam Rayburn Saturday, March 12, at Veterans Stadium.

The regular season concludes Monday, March 14, as Dobie faces Memorial, also at Veterans. Both matches involving Dobie will begin at 10 a.m., due to spring break.

## Dobie boys smell title

Depending on the outcome of the March 11 game between Memorial and Manvel, Dobie could find itself in possession of that coveted league title without playing another match.

Still, the focus is on taking care of business.

"These guys know what to do," Dobie head coach Justo Manrique said.

"You're always a bit concerned with spring break and so forth, but we have been on these guys, making sure they realize that we have to close this thing out strong."

In that 6-0 win over Alvin, Dobie obviously scored plenty of goals to ensure its 12th win of the district season.

But Manrique also lamented the fact that at least three potential scores were not converted. When the playoffs come in the next 10 days, those opportunities must be maximized.

Dobie also has to make it past Sam Rayburn stand-out player Sabino Lozano, who will be away from the team while pursuing possible collegiate playing

opportunities. He'll return for the Memorial finale, but getting past the Texans first is the goal.

"I've had that kid as my center-mid for like 60 games or so since I have been here, and he makes a difference," Manrique said.

"When he's not on the field, there is something that is just different. But we'll make it through it, and hopefully we can close this thing out."

In the end, Dobie is likely to win its second straight district title, and could do so while going unbeaten in both seasons.

There was a lot of excitement created on the basketball court, and these soccer players deserve some of that, too.



The Lady Longhorns' Karina Gonzalez hopes her team can hold off Pasadena and earn a playoff spot out of District 22-6A.

## Dobie baseball sweeps Pasadena ISD tourney

Perhaps getting hot at precisely the right time, the Dobie varsity baseball team is looking for a smoother road in 22-6A play after sweeping four wins at the Pasadena ISD tournament.

Dobie went into the March 3-5 on a bit of a slide with losses to Pearland and Manvel in district play, but the team is back on track heading into a March 11, game against Pasadena, following the string of wins.

The Longhorns began the Pasadena ISD tournament March 3, with a 7-5 victory over Mayde Creek as Cody Murray got the win on the mound, with Jacob Salas earning the save.

Jesse Paredes, a key cog in the Longhorns' offense, drove in three runs, and Euro Diaz scored three runs in the win.

Later in the day, the Longhorns defeated future District 22-6A foe Beaumont West Brook 5-3.

Julian Flores was the winning pitcher, and Paredes doubled and drove in a run.

Tyler Myers, like Paredes a three-year starter, scored a pair of runs.

On March 4, the Longhorns closed out pool play with a 6-1 victory over Lutheran South. Jesus Tijerina went the route for the Longhorns on the mound,

allowing just two hits.

Paredes again paced the offense with two hits, including a two-run double. Myers also doubled in the

game.

Playing Houston Reagan for the consolation title March 5, Dobie emerged as 5-0 victors.

Salas threw a complete-game shutout, covering seven innings with nine strikeouts.

Myers had two hits and

two RBIs, and Luis Salazar smacked a two-run double. Jeremy Green had two hits, and Jacob Izaguirre had an RBI.

## Lady Longhorns face big games

Continued from Page 1B straight game, the Lady Longhorns needed just 2 1/3 innings to defeat South Houston 16-1 at the PISD complex.

Once again, the top of the lineup did a great bit of damage. Lead-off hitter Yvonne Whaley was 3 for 3 with three runs scored, and Alyssa Corpus had a pair of hits and scored three times.

Taylor Pleasants' two hits played out for two runs scored and three runs driven in, and Marissa Longoria had two hits and two RBIs.

Winning pitcher Michelle Kristoff, continuing her solid offensive season, homered and drove in a pair of runs.

The Lady Longhorns had previously punished Pasadena 20-0 March 4, earning a 22-6A win.

Whaley (4), Corpus (3) and Pleasants (3) combined for 10 hits, and Deja Gaines homered in the game as the Lady Longhorns had plenty of offense.

Now, Dobie, 3-1 in league play, faces back-to-

back big-time games with playoff implications.

The Lady Longhorns will play at Dawson March 11, and then will host Alvin March 12, at the PISD complex in a special 11:30 a.m. start.

Dawson and Alvin join Dobie as three of what is likely to be five teams vying for the playoffs come late April.

Pearland currently sits in first place, with Alvin second. Dobie, Dawson and Memorial are among those battling their way back toward the top.

Obviously, getting wins in the first half of league play will aid Dobie in its efforts.

**At right, Dobie catcher Allison Bravo is just one of several players getting hot offensively for a team that is getting ready to go against a couple of likely playoff contenders on back-to-back days. Dobie plays at Dawson March 11, then hosts Alvin March 12, at the PISD complex.**

Photo by John Bechtle



## Girls' T&F

# BHI, GAT chase Bondy at PISD meet

Bondy led the way in both girls' divisions at the second of three regular-season Pasadena ISD intermediate track and field meets, but the Thompson and Beverly Hills teams weren't far behind March 2.

In the eighth-grade division, Bondy coasted to the overall team championship with 238 points, and Beverly Hills' 108 points were second. Thompson scored 68 points for third place in a top-heavy leader board.

As for the seventh-graders, Bondy posted 155 points for the team win, with Thompson second at 96 and Beverly Hills third with 80.

The final PISD regular-season meets played out March 9-10, after press time, at Auxiliary Stadium.

After a spring break "break", the PISD District Championship Meet is set for March 22-23, also at Auxiliary.

**BHI 8s are second**  
The Lady Bears' eighth-grade team went on to finish second in the eighth-grade standings.

Big points came early in the 100-meter dash, with three Lady Bears scoring in the event.

At 13.88, Breanna Boutte was second, with Italy Bossett third in a time of 13.92. Fifth place went to the Lady Bears' Ivy Lewis at 14.05.

Lewis was even better in the 200-meter dash, as her clocking of 29.04 was third-best in the event for a bronze medal.

Moving to the longer distances, the Lady Bears continued to score.

Martinez was second in the 800-meter run. Zoe Hernandez placed in the 400-meter dash at 1:10.55, with Martinez fourth in a time of 1:11.56.

Martinez kept up her great effort in the 1,600-meter run, coming in at 6:15.02 for third place.

Beverly Hills also scored well in the two hurdling events. In the shorter event, the 100-meter hurdles, Taiya Mitchell placed second in a time of 17.90.

Vanessa Villarreal then matched Mitchell's second-place performance, this time in the 300-meter hurdles, with her fine time of 55.98.

The Lady Bears also gathered key points in the various relays.

In the 4x100-meter event, the school came to the finish line at 57.45 with Lewis, Boutte, Avyon Armington and Bossett making up the foursome.

At 2:02.67, the Lady Bears were third in the 4x200-meter relay, with Madison McClelland, Allie Parker, Sophia Perez and Bossett teaming.

Hernandez, McClelland, Mitchell and Perez also represented Beverly Hills in the 4x400-meter relay, where the group's time of 5:01.44 was good enough for second place.

Osayi Edigin won a bronze medal for herself and the Lady Bears, grabbing third place in the discus at 62'0".

**Third for GAT 8s**  
The Lady Lions were third in a very competitive eighth-grade division.

Annette Eonne was a standout for the Lady Lions, winning the 100-me-

ter dash at 13.35.

Ashley Lam also won an individual event, championing the long jump with a total of 13'2" in the final standings. Teammate Felicity Soto was fifth at 12'6".

In the triple jump, Lam also scored a medal, winning a bronze for third place at 27'3", with Eonne fifth at 26'7".

Eonne was part of the mix in the 4x100-meter relay as the Lady Lions placed second at 57.04. The group also included Ivana Williams, Maya Scott and Lam.

Fifth place went to the Lady Lions in the 4x200-meter relay in a time of 2:03.44. That team included Williams, Lam, Scott and Eonne.

The Lady Lions also wound up fifth in the 4x400-meter relay as Lexania Rodriguez, Williams, Miranda Serrano and Soto combined for a time of 5:09.20.

Mikayla Gutierrez placed second in the discus at 63'0" as she qualified for the district finals.

In the pole vault, the Lady Lions' Alexis Bela cleared 5'5" for fifth place in the event.

Hailey Schwerdtfeger placed fourth in the shot put event, getting her best throw to the 26'10" mark.

**GAT 7 girls second**  
While Bondy was the clear leader throughout the afternoon in both divisions, Thompson's seventh-grade team was second after a great 96-point effort.

Raven Finister was an individual champion for the Lady Lions as she won the 300-meter hurdles in a time of 56.24, with

teammate Diarra Hypolite third for a bronze medal at 57.84.

In the 100-meter dash, the Lady Lions' Janya Yeilding produced a third-place finish with her time of 14.42, and teammate Jordin Ridge was fourth at 14.50.

Unfortunately disqualified in the 4x100-meter relay, the Lady Lions stepped things up for a second-place finish in the 4x200-meter event.

There, Finister was joined by Ambreon Jones, Castaneda and Dajah Thomas-Smith in a time of 4:51.25.

Grace Castaneda placed third for a bronze medal in the 400-meter dash with a clocking of 1:11.78, and the Lady Lions' Desiree Miller was sixth at 1:14.38.

At 4:51.25, the Lady Lions claimed the runner-up spot in the 4x400-meter relay, with Finister joining Jones, Castaneda and Thomas-Smith.

In other events, Ridge's time of 30.50 was fifth in the 200-meter dash, with teammate Janelle Mooney sixth in a time of 30.76.

Mooney was a few spots better in the high jump, clearing 4'2" for third place in the event.

Andrionay Lee performed exceptionally well in the discus, eventually winning a silver medal for second place as her best throw went 62'2".

She also placed third in the shot put with a top throw of 25'7", and teammate Marissa Soto was in on the action, taking fourth at 25'1".

At 20:16, Kenya Horton placed fourth in the 100-meter hurdles.

## BHI 7s finish third

Right behind Thompson in the seventh-grade chase was Beverly Hills with 80 points.

In the individual events, the Lady Bears got it going quickly as Fre'Daiza Tucker and Breana Haywood went 1-2 in the 100-meter dash.

Tucker won with a time of 13.51, and Haywood came across the finish line at 14.10.

Lesley Cruz was another winner for the Lady Bears. She easily won the 800-meter run, coming to the finish line in a time of 2:35.69.

Not to be outdone, Beverly Hills' Amari Singleton led the way in the 1,600-meter run, finishing at 6:12.38, beating the second-place finisher by more than nine seconds.

The Lady Bears also claimed victory in the 4x100-meter relay, taking top honors at 56.65 with Yessenia Pena, Haywood, Tucker and Janya Hunt making up the foursome for the locals.

Beverly Hills ultimately grabbed third place in the 4x200-meter relay as Hunt, Haywood, Marshay Thomas and Tucker combined for a time of 2:01.97.

Shifting to the 4x400-meter relay, the Lady Bears placed sixth in a time of 5:14.13, with Hunt, Amya Ray, Lauren Robinson and Pena forming the team.

In the shot put, Precious Oko's toss of 58'10" allowed her to score a bronze medal for third place.

Triple jumper Devin Richard reached the 22'6" mark for fifth.



Dobie's Zithlaly Medrano (10) battles with a Manvel player during the Lady Mavericks' 2-1 win March 4.

Photos by Nick Tamayo

## Thompson 7s win another boys' crown

The Thompson seventh-grade boys' track team is emerging as the one to beat at the Pasadena ISD intermediate track and field championships later this month.

The Lions claimed their second straight team win of the season March 3, at Auxiliary Stadium, coralling 145.5 points to hold off second-place San Jacinto (122.5). Beverly Hills was third with 108 points.

In the eighth-grade division, San Jacinto was the team champion with 121 points, and Beverly Hills second with 75. Thompson's 39 points placed it eighth among 10 teams.

**Lion 7s win again**  
With strength in both talent and numbers, the Lions began delivering the big points right out of the gate.

Sprinter Razmon Williams was third in the 100-meter dash at 12.40, with teammate Tristen Soria fifth at 12.59.

The Lions' first victory in the individual running events came in the 200-meter dash as Darius Hale's time of 25.63 was tops, with teammate Williams fourth at 26.17.

Tairon Randall made his way to a gold medal as he won the 100-meter hurdles in a time of 16.25 seconds.

Scoring eight more points for the Lions, Randall finished the 300-meter hurdles at 48.05 for second place, while teammate Fidel Rueda was sixth at 50.49.

Thompson placed third in the first of three relays, the 4x100-meter event. There, Hale, Jonathan Salinas, Soria and Wil-

liams teamed to clock in at 50.65.

The Lions then beat Beverly Hills to the finish line in the 4x200-meter event.

Thompson's winning time was 1:46.25 as Hale, Soria, Braden Gant and Jacob Perez represented the Lions.

Jared Dorantes was the champion of the discus event with a great throw of 91'11". Austin Rhoden, meanwhile, was third at 86'8", with Josue Vasquez fifth at 80'11".

Kenny Tillmon was second (35'6") and Dorantes third (35'3 1/4") in the shot put.

The final event of the meet, the 4x400-meter relay, saw the Lions take third place at 4:18.26 as Jean, Jonathan Salinas, Jared Tate and Perez formed the team.

At 15'3 1/2", Williams placed third in the long jump.

Moving to the triple jump, Perez (31'10") was second for eight points, with Gant third at 30'10". Salinas went to the 29'8 1/2" mark for sixth place.

At 1:06.32, Jonathan Jean placed sixth in the 400-meter run for the Lions.

In the high jump, Jeremiah Ballard's best leap of 4'9" was sixth in the event.

**BHI 7s are third**  
Like the Lions, the Bears started putting up key points early on in the running events.

Keon Thompson championed the 100-meter dash with his clocking of 11.88, and Zachary Almazan was third in the 400-meter dash as he came to the finish line at 1:04.33.

## Clear Brook, Dobie track and field begin preparation as districts near

With district championship meets now roughly a month away, high school track and field teams are looking to kick things into high gear over the next couple of weeks.

In doing so, the Dobie varsity girls ran at the Hanna Relays at Dickinson High School, while the Clear Brook varsity boys competed in Santa Fe. Dobie's varsity boys were at the Clear Lake Invitational, all on March 4.

**Dobie girls at DHS**  
Senior multi-event standout Justice Henderson led the way for Dobie at the Hanna Invitational at Dickinson's Sam Vitanza Stadium.

Henderson won the long jump with a leap of 18 feet, 5 inches, giving the team its lone win.

Ladajyah Cook, taking part in the high jump, claimed a bronze medal for third place with a leap of 5 feet.

Henderson just missed a medal in the 100-meter dash as her time of 12.41 seconds placed her fourth overall.

At 25.87, Camille Singleton, a junior, was fourth in the 200-meter dash, and the Lady Longhorns' best relay finish came in the 4x100-meter event at 48.90, with Henderson, Jade Giron, Camryn Ridge and Cook representing Dobie.

In the discus event, the Lady Longhorns' Victoria Onozie placed eighth at 101'3", and teammate Jamesetta Seals was ninth at 95'9".

Ridge competed well in the pole vault, getting over the 8'6" mark for 13th place.

**Santa Fe hosts Brook**  
The Clear Brook varsity boys' track squad was in the mix at the Reggie Crosby Invitational in Santa Fe.

As usual, field event

## Sports news, notes

### Dolphins continue sign ups

The Southbelt Dolphins of the Bay Area Football League will accept registration for cheer/drill/mascot members (age 4 through 13 as of Aug. 1, 2016) beginning March 12, at the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League facility at El Franco Lee Park, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Additional registration dates will include March 24, April 22 and May 26, all at Armadillo Lanes on Fuqua, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. For additional information, direct email to Tiffany Scimmons at SBDDrill@yahoo.com.

In addition, the Dolphins will begin accepting returning player registration Saturday, March 12, at El Franco Lee Park, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the baseball fields.

Those age 5 to 6 (as of Aug. 1, 2016) and weighing up to 100 lbs. are eligible for peewee division play. Any children age 4 by Sept. 1, 2016, are also eligible.

Those age 7 and weighing up to 130 lbs. and those age 8 and weighing up to 90 lbs. are eligible for freshman division play.

Those age 8 to 9 and weighing up to 140 lbs. are eligible for sophomore division play, and those age 10 and weighing up to 150 lbs. or age 11 and weighing up to 155 lbs. are eligible for junior division play.

Those age 11 to 12 and weighing up to 170 lbs. are eligible for senior division play. New players are also welcome, and formal registration for those players is April 2, at Blackhawk Park.

The Bay Area Football League will be hosting periodic registration dates for each of the teams in the league, including the Dolphins, the Sagemont Cowboys and Ellington Rams of the South Belt area.

While the time is now for registration, the preseason begins in July, and the regular season gets going in August. The Dolphins play their home games at Blackhawk Park.

For additional information, contact Dolphins' athletic director Raoul Garcia at 281-818-7880.

The same four athletes came up with another win in the event, clearing 4'10" for the victory.

Paul Newman was easily the best in the shot put event as his best throw of 37'1" was tops.

At 83'4", Newman was fourth in the discus event.

From a relay standpoint, the Bears were also very good.

The locals won the 4x100-meter relay at 50.31 as Thompson teamed with Tyler Harris, Trevion Williams and Chezhiah Lynch.

Thompson, Harris and Lynch then teamed with Marqualyn Anthony in the 4x200-meter relay for second place at 1:46.33, good for 16 team points.

Beverly Hills landed 16 more points in the 4x400-meter dash, taking second to San Jacinto.

In the final relay, the Bears came to the line at 4:13.75, with Almazan, Da'Ryues Nicholson, Lynch and Barragan forming the team.

In the 100-meter hurdles, Barragan was third for a bronze medal in a time of 16.77. Barragan then repeated his third-place effort at the 300-meter distance as he came in at 48.46.

Also, Damien Garcia placed fifth in the 3,200-meter run at 9:15.68.

**Bear 8s take second**  
The Bears' eighth-grade team did what it could to catch eventual winner San Jacinto.

Twenty big points came the Bears' way in the 4x100-meter relay as Simon Tran, Danny Nguyen, Deon Blacknell and Don-tavion Crosby authored a victory of 48.21.

Fourth place in the 800-meter run went to the Lions' Christian Temores in a time of 2:24.13.

In the 4x200-meter relay, the Lions claimed fourth as Eric Aguirre, Bryce Shea, Johnson and Temores formed the team.

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# Lady Longhorn trio honored among 22-6A hoops elite

As expected, key players from District 22-6A champion Manvel, runner-up Dawson and third-place Pearlland bagged key awards as the respective varsity girls' basketball coaches met to cast their all-district honors.

Dawson's Maddie Powers was crowned the league's overall Most Valuable Player, and teammate Katherine Darden was the Defensive Player of the Year. Cierra Lane of Pearlland was the Offensive Player

of the Year, while McKinzie Green of Manvel was the Newcomer of the Year. The league's top honors rightfully went to players from the top three programs in the standings as Manvel, Dawson and Pearlland combined to go 36-6 in District 22-6A play. Justin Walker, who led Alvin to fourth place at 10-6, landed Coach of the Year honors. Dobie, which went 8-8 for fifth place, has plenty

of reasons to be excited about next season. First-team pick Jade Giron, the team's starting point guard for three seasons, will return. Taja Tillman, a two-year letterwinner, will also return after making the 22-

6A second team this season. Dobie's key loss will be Gabby Jones, a post player who was named to the 22-6A first team as a senior. And then there's the competition. Each of the four playoff teams from

this season will be exiting for other leagues when realignment comes next school year, leaving the door open for Dobie. Melany Menjivar, Alexis Oses, Tillman and Kiara Wells made the all-academic team from Dobie.

## 22-6A Varsity Girls Hoops All-District Selections

**Most Valuable Player**  
*Maddie Powers, Dawson, Sr.*

**Offensive Player of the Year**  
*Cierra Lane, Pearlland, Jr.*

**Defensive Player of the Year**  
*Katherine Darden, Dawson, Sr.*

**Newcomer of the Year**  
*McKinzie Green, Manvel, Fr.*

**Coach of the Year**  
*Justin Walker, Alvin*

**First Team Selections**  
*Maddie Powers, Dawson, Sr.*  
*Cierra Lane, Pearlland, Jr.*  
*Katherine Darden, Dawson, Sr.*  
*McKinzie Green, Manvel, Fr.*  
*Imani Wiley, Manvel, Sr.*  
*Ally Caudill, Manvel, Sr.*  
*D'isreal Cardona, Pasadena, Sr.*  
*Raquiesha Saleem, South Houston, Sr.*

*Molly Huerta, Memorial, Sr.*  
*Jade Giron, Dobie, Jr.*  
*Gabby Jones, Dobie, Sr.*  
*Jayda Rhodes, Alvin, Soph.*  
*Macy Braswell, Pearlland, Fr.*  
*Liz Davis, Dawson, Jr.*

**Second Team Selections**  
*Faith Cattouse, Rayburn, Soph.*  
*Taja Tillman, Dobie, Jr.*  
*Denver Young, Alvin, Sr.*  
*Natalie Miller, Alvin, Soph.*  
*Ravae Payne, Pearlland, Jr.*  
*Marissa Hart, Pearlland, Soph.*  
*Jada Rogers, Pearlland, Jr.*  
*Ivy Smith, Dawson, Sr.*  
*Lauren Taylor, Manvel, Sr.*  
*Alexis Williams, Manvel, Sr.*



Above, third-year starter Jade Giron (11) made the 22-6A varsity girls' basketball first team after leading the Lady Longhorns in scoring. At right, second-year starter Gabby Jones was also named to the first team this season. Giron and Jones helped Dobie place fifth this season.



Dobie's Taja Tillman (10) will return for her third varsity season in 2016-2017 after being named to the District 22-6A second team this season. Tillman will now get a chance to test her elite defensive skills against the likes of Deer Park, La Porte and Beaumont West Brook next season.

Photos by John Bechtle

## San Jacinto College women just miss basketball nationals

It was bad news, good news for the San Jacinto College women's basketball team at the National Junior College Athletic Association's Region XIV tournament, held March 1-5, at Angelina College in Lufkin.

The bad news? No. 4 seed San Jacinto lost to second seeded Blinn College, 61-44, in the championship game.

The good news? The team ended the season as regional runner-up, which is the farthest any women's basketball team has ever advanced in the history of the college.

San Jac finished the season with a 22-11 overall record. The highlight of its tournament run was in the semifinal round, when SJC eliminated the tournament's No. 1 seed, Trinity Valley Community College, by a 57-52 count.

After the disappointing loss to Blinn, San Jac first-year head coach Mike Madrid shared some bittersweet comments.

"It's frustrating, and losing the regional championship game is obviously not how we wanted to end the season," he said.

"However, I told the players to step back and look at the body of work over the entire season.

"They made history, and have every reason to

be proud. It's an accomplishment just to make it to the regional championship game.

"They worked extremely hard all year, and we are all proud of their efforts."

At the conclusion of the tournament, the team learned that sophomore guard Vanessa Jones and sophomore wing Kristel Reid were named to the all-conference team based on their consistent contributions through the tournament.

"Vanessa and Kristel certainly deserve the recognition," Madrid said. "They played well in the tournament, and they both demonstrated great leadership all season long."

At right, San Jacinto's Kristel Reid (with ball) was named to the Region XIV all-tournament team after helping the women's basketball team reach the postseason tournament championship game for the first time ever. Unfortunately for the locals, Blinn advanced to nationals with a 61-44 victory. Reid, who had nine points and five rebounds in the final, looks to get past Blinn's Panina Faumui (34).

Photo by Rob Vanya

Reid was the top scorer for San Jacinto in the final game, with nine points. She also grabbed five rebounds.

Jones also had a good overall game, scoring seven points, with six rebounds and a blocked shot.

Freshman wing Ariona Gill made key contributions, with eight points, five rebounds, and a pair of blocks to go with two

steals. For information about San Jacinto College basketball, visit sanjacsports.com.



# CALENDAR

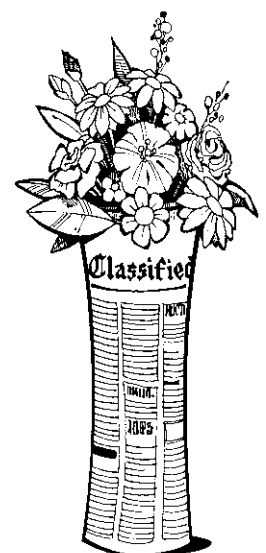
**THURSDAY, MARCH 10**  
7 a.m.  
**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.  
9:30 a.m.  
**NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse** - 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.  
10 a.m.  
**Harris County Master Gardeners** - presents *Ornamental Plant Trials in Harris County* by Paul Winski, Texas A&M Agrilife extension service agent, at the Clear Lake Park meeting room, 5001 NASA Parkway, Seabrook, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Free. For details, call 281-855-5600 or visit <https://hcmga.tamu.edu>.  
10 a.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Bridge games weekdays, 10 a.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark Rd. For lessons, contact instructor Dr. Dave Glandorf at [drlandorf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:drlandorf@sbcglobal.net) or 281-488-6318. Cost is \$6/game or \$15/lesson. For information, call the club at 281-480-1911.  
11:30 a.m.  
**ABWA - Southeast Express Network** - American Business Women's Association-South meets monthly on the second Thursday, Spring Creek Barbeque, 9005 Broadway (FM 518), Pearland. Lunch is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (\$20). Includes networking with professional business women and guest speaker. Women of all ages/occupations invited. Bring business cards. Reservations appreciated. Visit [www.seen-abwa.org](http://www.seen-abwa.org).  
Noon  
**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.  
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](http://www.hapsonline.org) for a list of all services.  
7 p.m.  
**Congregation Shaar Hashalom's** - Rabbi Stuart Federow hosts free discussions on Judaism and religion in general, open to the public, second Thursdays of the month, at Victor's 1425 NASA Pkwy. (next to "space" McDonald's). Congregation Shaar Hashalom is the Conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. For information, contact the Synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or at [csh@shaarhashalom.org](mailto:csh@shaarhashalom.org).  
7 p.m.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Women's Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, at the First Presbyterian Church (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.  
8:30 p.m.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 11**  
7 a.m.  
**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" each Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.  
10 a.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Bridge games weekdays, 10

a.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark Rd. For lessons, contact instructor Dr. Dave Glandorf at [drlandorf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:drlandorf@sbcglobal.net) or 281-488-6318. Cost is \$6/game or \$15/lesson. For information, call the club at 281-480-1911.  
Noon  
**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.  
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., room 215, First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.  
7 p.m.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., (Hwy 35), Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 12**  
7:30 a.m.  
**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.  
10 a.m.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., (Hwy. 35), Pearland. For 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.  
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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. For information, call 713-856-1611.  
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## MONDAY, MARCH 14

**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.

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**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.

**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon at 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.

**Houston Area Parkinson Society** - Free exercise and speech therapy from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit [www.hapsonline.org](http://www.hapsonline.org) for a complete list of services offered. For adults with Parkinson's disease only.

**Scrabble Club #511** - Meets Mondays at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua, 6 p.m. Come and improve crossword game playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for information.

**Mended Hearts Cardiac Support Group** - A national organization dedicated to inspiring hope in heart disease patients and their families, meets the second Monday of each month at the Clear Lake Heart Towers auditorium, 495 Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. A free meal begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by a speaker. For information, call 281-538-4648.

**Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting** - meets Mondays at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland. Enter door next to recycling bins. For information, call 713-865-3668 or visit [www.oahouston.org](http://www.oahouston.org).

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

**Sagamont Civic Club** - Meetings are held the second Monday of every month, 7 p.m., Sagamont Park Recreation Center, 11507 Hughes Road.

**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 Biel at 281-474-3430 or Diana Kawalec at 281-334-1033.

**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - New AA meeting, Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery Program, open meeting meets every Monday, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Education Building, 11011 Hall Road, 77089. Call Russell Garcia at 832-483-6715 for information.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 15

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

**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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**Rotary Club of Pearland** - Meets weekly, Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Drive, Pearland. Lunch is served for \$15. Variety of interesting speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or visit [nailx@texasclitizensbank.com](http://nailx@texasclitizensbank.com).

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**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.

**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.

**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 information, call Gary at 281-993-8335.

**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, 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 information, call 281-286-2525.

**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.

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**Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club** - meets on the first and third Wednesday of the month, 11:30 a.m., Bravos Mexican Restaurant, 10906 Fuqua. December may be an exception. For information, call Monica Montoya at 281-794-5531.

**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon at 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.

**Hometown Heroes Park** - invites dancers to the Hump Day Dance to practice ballroom dance rhythms from 1 to 3:30 p.m. every Wednesday, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. Eileen Bauerlein is available to assist those needing help learning dance moves. For details, call the park office at 281-554-1180 or Neva Schroder at 832-864-2721.

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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](http://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](http://www.bayareaturningpoint.com) for information. 24-hour crisis hotline is 281-286-2525.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 17

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**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](http://www.hapsonline.org) for a list of all services.

**Texas German Society, South Belt (SE) Chapter** - A social group interested in the culture, music, heritage and language of German immigrants in Texas. Meets monthly on the third Thursday, 6 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visitors welcome. Call 281-481-1238 for information.

**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Women's Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland. First Presbyterian Church (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. at First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, room 208. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

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# Region III semifinal run complete, JFD hoops eyes future

Continued from Page 1B state, but it didn't happen." For the record, Cy-Lakes was playing in its third straight Region III Final Four, having lost in the semifinals both years. In 2014, the Spartans lost a 3-point game to eventual state champion North Shore. A season ago, Fox and the Spartans were handed a tough 2-point loss by

eventual state finalist Clear Lake. Dobie, meanwhile, was playing in its first Region III Final Four since the 1994-95 campaign. Lakes led nearly the entire game, but Dobie's Jonathan Cooper, one of three starters set to return next season, helped the Longhorns stay close in the second half. The Spartans were up

38-29 at the break, but Cooper scored the Longhorns' first seven points of the third quarter as the locals pushed back. With 3:16 left in the third, the Longhorns cut the Spartans' lead to 47-46, but couldn't quite get over the hump. Cooper finished with 12 points in the third quarter and then drained two 3-pointers in the early por-

tion of the fourth, winding up with 18 of his 23 points in the second half. In certain sequences, Cooper and Fox went one-on-one. Down the stretch, the Spartans simply held on. "Jonathan was great for us," Cross said. "He's a competitive guy. "I know of one 3-pointer Fox hit where Jonathan was right in his face and

the ball still went in. "Jonathan was a little upset about it, but he guarded him as well as you can. He was basically inside Fox's jersey defensively, and the kid still made the shot." Dobie senior Tyler Giron, playing in his final game as a three-year letterman, scored 15 points, making 3 of 4 3-point tries. Royce Hunter, Dobie's leading scorer for much of the season, was held to 10 points on 3 of 11 shooting from the field. Referencing Cross' free throw concerns, the Longhorns made nine of 17 from the charity stripe. Aside from Giron, the Longhorns will also lose power forward Jason Lester as well as Travores Gilbert, a second team all-district selection. Gilbert and Lester, like Giron, were three-year lettermen. "These guys will remember this for the rest of their lives, that they were on a Dobie team that made it to the regional semifinals for the first time in a long time," Cross said.

"And it was great to see the support from the school, the district and the community. "Just great to see that excitement for Dobie boys' basketball. We'll be back. These returnees now know what it takes, and the new guys will see that, too. "Our junior varsity team went 17-6, and the sophomore team was 22-0. We have some guys coming up who can help.

It should be fun next year to see what we can do." The 2015-2016 season also marked the first time ever since the University Interscholastic League began qualifying four teams from each district for the playoffs that a pair of No. 4 seeds made the Final Four. Alief Taylor was a No. 4 seed out of District 23-6A, and Dobie had to win its final three regular season games simply to

ensure its entry into the tournament. Yet once the Longhorns got there, they believed they could win. In the end they won three big playoff games en route to that 23-13 finish. "We came a long way back from 1-4 in district play, but once we got on a roll we were hard to handle," Cross said. "It's hard because sometimes you know the competition will change some. Stay tuned.

just doesn't happen for you. This year, these guys maximized their opportunities and made some big plays in some big games. It was great to see." Next season is a long way off, but no doubt Cross and his staff are pleased about the direction of the program. And with Deer Park, La Porte and West Brook entering 22-6A, the competition will change some. Stay tuned.

At right, the Region III semifinal loss marked the end of the line for several Dobie varsity basketball senior boys, including Jason Lester (24), Tyler Giron (32) and Trey Kelly (30). The three players were exceptional in the game against the Spartans, but the Longhorns came up just a bit shy in a 79-70 loss. Lester was a two-year starter, Giron a three-year starter and Williams a big contributor this season. Another senior, Travores Gilbert, also finished his playing career at Dobie as a two-year starter. The Longhorns, who finished fourth in the 22-6A standings this season, wound up at 23-13 overall after advancing to the Region III Final Four for the first time since the 1994-95 season. Playoff wins included those over North Shore, Alief Elsik and Hightower. Photos by John Bechtle



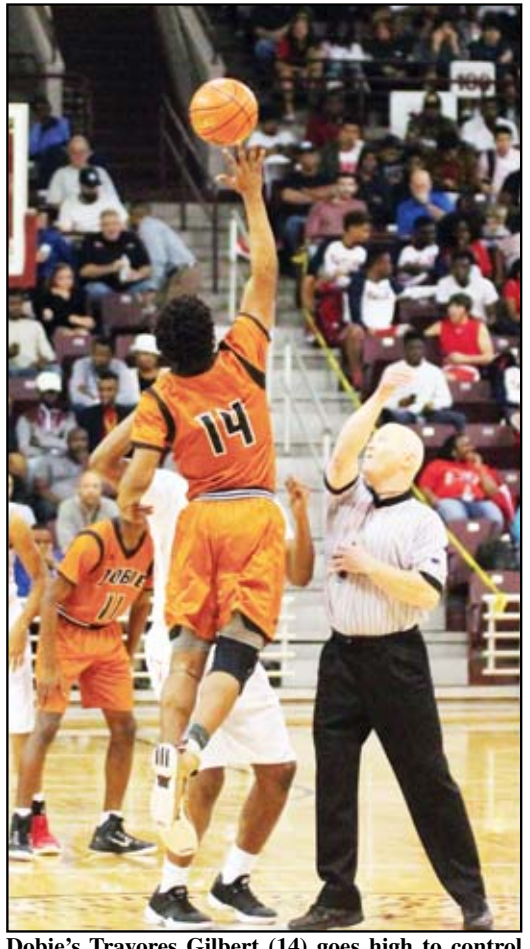
At right, the Longhorns' Royce Hunter (with ball) launches a 3-pointer from the right side in the first half of Dobie's Region III battle against Cy-Lakes. Giron, playing his final game at Dobie, wound up with 18 points as part of a terrific effort against the Spartans. Defending on the play for Cy-Lakes is Charles Williams (far left) and De'Aaron Fox (5).



Seemingly guarded by most of the Dobie defensive unit, Cy-Lakes' De'Aaron Fox (5) fires up a 3-pointer from the top of the key in the second half of the Spartans' 79-70 victory over the Longhorns. Those in on the play for the Longhorns include, left to right, Jason Lester, Joshua Cooper, Tyler Giron and Royce Hunter. Fox had a game-high 40 points in the regional semifinal win.



The Longhorns' Royce Hunter (with ball) helped key a second-half rally that saw the locals tie their regional semifinal game against Cy-Lakes at 66-66 with just over four minutes to play. Cy Lakes went on to win the game but then lost the Region III title game to Sam Houston by an 83-77 count.



Dobie's Travores Gilbert (14) goes high to control the opening tip against the Cy-Lakes Spartans in the Region III semifinals March 4, at the Campbell Center. Playing in his final game with the Longhorns, Gilbert had five points and nine rebounds.

## Dobie junior varsity baseball unbeaten at Pearland



The Dobie junior varsity baseball team continued its strong season, going undefeated at the Pearland ISD Invitational with a 4-0 mark. The Horns dropped Friendswood 8-4 and then outlasted Clear Lake 15-13. Dobie beat La Porte 8-5 and then sent Galveston Ball back to the island with a 7-4 win. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Isaiah Vasquez, Jacob Sulak, (second row) Jonathan Acosta, Quinn Gabino, Daniel Ortega, DeJuan Dixon, (third row) Zack Frias, Mario Rodriguez, Aaron Perea, Wayne Lominac, Michael Villarreal, David Zermeño, Roy Guerrero, Seth Gutierrez, Isaac Santos, head coach Stephen Sutton, (back row) Andrew Hinojosa, Camryn Davis, Owen Castillo and Evan Hausler.

## Tracksters hitting midseason stride

Continued from Page 2B La Porte's 142 points were second, with the Longhorns third with 93 points. Dobie's lone victory came in the 100-meter dash as JurCory Shelvin was first at 11.47. In the same event, Mark Brent placed fifth at 11.93, and A.J. Owens' time of 12.23 was 11th. Dedrick Simpson, a University of Texas-El Paso football signee, was second in the shot put with a throw of 44'10". Daniel Williams also had a big meet for the Longhorns. His triple jump of 42'7" was second, and he was third in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 15.97. Jacoby Davis cleared 6'0" for second in the high jump, and Earl Newton posted a time of 42.99 in the 300-meter hurdles for third place. The three respective relays also paid dividends for Dobie with a second and two third-place finishes. In the 4x100, Brent, Ke'montre Lowe, Mor-

ris and Owens teamed for second place at 44.011. In the 4x200-meter event, Jeremiah Hernandez, Morris, Lowe and Segdrick Romar were able to deliver a third-place time of 1:33.59. Davis, Romar, Williams and Hernandez represented Dobie in the 4x400-meter relay, where the Longhorns' time of 3:38.462 was also third. Elsewhere, Romar's time of 23.40 was fourth in the 200-meter dash, and Davis was eighth in the 400-meter dash at 56.14, with Christian Penolozza 11th at 56.70. At 38'9", Newton placed fifth in the triple jump. Newton was eighth in the 110-meter hurdles with a clocking of 18.56, and Lowe (18'5") and Penolozza (18'4 1/2") were eighth and 10th, respectively, in the long jump. So thus far, the Wolverines and Longhorns have enjoyed solid seasons. The Wolverines have been trying to get some athletes healthy, and have also tinkered with the relays in anticipation of the District

24-6A championships, well and should be able to now about a month away. Dobie has competed

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