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Beltway 8 closures set

At least one inside lane on both the east-bound and westbound Beltway 8 frontage roads from Beamer to South Wayside Drive will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Friday, March 31. The U-turn lanes on the Beltway 8 frontage road at Beamer and at Pearland Parkway will both be closed continuously until midnight, Friday, March 31. Both the Blackhawk exit and Monroe entrance on Beltway 8 will be closed through Saturday, July 8.

The closures are associated with the ongoing project to widen Beltway 8 from Beamer to Highway 288 from two to four lanes in each direction.

Knights hold fish fry

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a fish fry fundraising dinner on Fridays through April 7, 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. The cost is \$10, eat in or take out. Baked fish fillets are available in limited quantities.

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 Friday, March 31. Alternate exit/entrance ramps will be closed.

Gulfhaven opens food bank

Gulfhaven Church, 10716 Sabo Road, is opening a food bank each Wednesday for the first three weeks of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The food pantry will be open the fourth Thursday of the month from 2 to 7 p.m. For those in need of food subsidy, come by on one of the above scheduled days and time. Bring personal documentation to register. For additional information, contact 713-562-4580 or gulfhavenchurch@txsda.org.

Lariaettes hold Spring Show

The Dobie Lariaettes will hold its annual Spring Show from Thursday, April 6, through Saturday, April 8, in the school auditorium from 7 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each.

Moore scholarships available

Moore Elementary Student Council will offer four scholarships to graduating seniors at Dobie High School who attended Moore in fourth grade. Applications are available through the Dobie senior counselor's office and must be returned by Thursday, April 13.

Weber vendors sought

Weber Elementary PTA is seeking vendors for its Spring Carnival set for Saturday, April 22 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fee is \$25 per exhibit space. Bring a set-up (table and chairs) which must fit in the space provided. Anyone interested in renting a space, should contact Kelly Jo Henry at KHENRY@ccisd.net.

Beverly Hills to meet

The Beverly Hills Civic Club will meet Monday, April 10, in the recreation room at Beverly Hills Park, located at 10201 Kingspoint, from 6 to 7 p.m.

KWS meeting scheduled

Kirkwood South Committee will hold a meeting Thursday, March 30, in Judge Jo Ann Delgado's courtroom, 10851 Scarsdale at Beamer, at 7:30 p.m. All Kirkwood South residents are urged to attend.

Vendors market planned

The Guadalupe's Society at Saint Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, 10727 Hartsook St., will have a Vendors Market Sunday, April 9. All community vendors are welcome to sell homemade crafts and jewelry, Avon, Mary Kay, Home Interiors or introduce their business. The fee for an exhibit space is \$20; a table may be provided for an additional \$5. To reserve a space or for more information, call Eva Ornelas at 713-826-1635.

Blackhawk garage sale set

The Blackhawk Homeowners Association is urging residents to clean out their garages and closets so they can take part in the subdivision's community garage sale, scheduled for Saturday, April 1, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. A rain date is scheduled for Saturday, April 8.

Cowboys hold registration

The Sagemont Cowboys and Cowgirls will hold open registration Saturday April 1, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the football field at El Franco Lee Park. Football is open to players ages 5 through 12 as of Aug. 1. Sagemont Cowgirls Drill Team is open to participants ages 5 through 13 as of Aug. 1. A \$100 deposit is due at the time of registration. For more information on football, contact Denny Wranich at 281-785-8353. For more information on Drill and Cheer contact Drill Director Kerri Blanton at 832-423-0139.

Strong winds rip through South Belt

Strong winds ripped through the South Belt area late Friday, March 24, and early Saturday, March 25, causing extensive damage to several area homes and businesses.

The worst of the damage was focused at the intersection of Sagegreen and Sagevale in the Sageglen subdivision, where the storms snapped several trees in half, destroyed fences, tore bricks

off homes (see photo on this page), knocked a chimney off a house and caused a garage to collapse on a vehicle (see photo on Page 6A).

Other significant damage caused by the extreme winds included a snapped metal light pole in the Food Town parking lot at Scarsdale and Beamer and trampoline that flew five blocks and smashed the Sagemeadow subdivision sign on

Blackhawk (see photos on Page 6A).

Despite multiple reports online that attributed the damage to a tornado, the National Weather Service said the local destruction was likely caused by straight-line winds. According to the NWS, winds of 35 mph, with gusts of 45 mph, were recorded.

While the South Belt area also received heavy

rainfall, no significant flooding was reported.

According to the Harris County Flood Control District, the rain gauge at the Beamer Ditch at Hughes Road recorded 2.6 inches of rain.

Several area homes were left without power following the storm.

No injuries were reported, according to Southeast Volunteer Fire Department officials.

Winds destroy Sageglen home



The South Belt community was hit hard by strong storms this past weekend, causing extreme damage to several area homes and businesses. The above residence is at the intersection of Sagegreen and Sagevale in the Sageglen subdivision, where the worst of the damage took place. Despite online reports to the contrary, the damage was not the result of a tornado, according to experts. See additional photos on Page 6A. Photo by James Bolen

Few spots remain for cook-off

At press time, a handful of cooking spots were still available for the annual South Belt Spectacular Cook-off, set to take place Thursday, April 27, through Saturday, April 29, at El Franco Lee Park, located at 9400 Hall Road. (Thursday will

be for cooks only, while Friday and Saturday will be open to the public.) Cooking spots are \$175 for a 40 foot by 40 foot space. For more information or to reserve a spot, contact event organizer Linda Arnone at 281-484-4325.

Deputies respond to area crime

Deputies from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office have kept busy as of late responding to crimes ranging from drug possession to illegal possession of a firearm.

On Wednesday, March 22, a deputy stopped a pedestrian around 1 p.m. for walking in the middle of the road in the 10400 block of Sagevale. The deputy said the man looked nervous as he was being questioned.

A check of the pedestrian's identification determined he was on felony probation for burglary. A subsequent search of the man's backpack revealed a sawed-off, single-shot shotgun.

The suspect, Breon Thornton, 25, was arrested and charged with unlawful carrying of a firearm. Continued on Page 2A

Thornton, who resides in the 10200 block of Sagebluff, told officers he was walking to work at the time of the incident. Residents on Sagevale told deputies they regularly saw him walking up and down the area street.

The following day on Thursday, March 23, deputies made a traffic stop in the 11100 block of Beamer around 6:30 p.m. A subsequent search of the vehicle yielded marijuana, Xanax pills and a pistol. The suspect, Xavier Griffin, 20, was charged with possession of a controlled substance and unlawful carrying of a firearm.

Deputies responded to a shooting in progress Friday, March 24, at Scoreboards Sports Bar & Grill in the 12800 block of Beamer around 1:30

Pasadena ISD names new Dobie APs

Neal Brownlee and Adriana Robinson were named assistant principals for Dobie High School at the Pasadena Independent School District board meeting Tuesday, March 28.

Both administrators are longtime employees of the district.

"I'm super excited to join the team at Dobie," said Brownlee. "I've been an administrator at Pasadena for seven years, and I really loved where I was. It took a special place to pull me away from Kendrick, and Dobie is that place. I can't wait to dive into the experience as a high school administrator."

Brownlee joins the Dobie team most recently from Kendrick Middle School, where he served as assistant principal. He started his career 19

years ago at Pasadena ISD as a special education and physical education teacher at Southmore Intermediate. Brownlee holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Texas at Austin and a master's degree from the University of Houston-Clear Lake, as well as certifications in special education, secondary physical education, secondary history and principal EC-12.

As a 2005 graduate of Dobie, Robinson feels like this position brings her full circle.

"I feel such a range of emotions joining everyone at Dobie," said Robinson. "To be able to come back to my alma mater and serve my community in this capacity is more than I could have imagined."

She joins Dobie most recently from Fred Roberts Middle School, where she served as a peer facilitator. She also began her career at Pasadena ISD, beginning six years ago as a social studies, science and special education teacher at Beverly Hills Intermediate. Robinson holds a Bachelor of Science and a master's degree from the University of Houston-Clear Lake and certifications in special education, generalist and principal EC-12.

Brownlee replaces longtime Dobie assistant principal Donna Branch, who was promoted to assistant athletics director earlier this year, and Robinson replaces Ryan Peel, who was promoted to dean of the Dobie Early College program last year.



Brownlee and Robinson

Fun fest, dog show approaches

The second annual South Belt Family Fun Fest and Strut Your Mutt dog parade will take place Saturday, April 8, at Clear Brook City Park, located at Blackhawk and Scarsdale, from 4 to 8 p.m.

A joint project between the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce and the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District, the event will feature a 1.5- and 3-mile fun run/walk, a dog competition, KidsSafe fingerprinting, a disc jockey, a live band, inflatables, workshops, games, disc golf and more. The event will also feature martial art and reptile demonstrations.

The run/walk will begin at 6 p.m. All participants who complete the course will receive a medal. Entry fee for the run/walk is \$20 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. All children who complete the course will receive a participant wristband.

Early packet pickup and registration for the run/walk will take place Friday, April 7, at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce building, located at 10500 Scarsdale. Event-day packet pickup and registration will take place Saturday, April 8, at the Clear Brook City MUD

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Local Easter egg hunts planned

Multiple Easter egg hunts are scheduled for South Belt youth to enjoy on Saturday, April 8.

Harris County

Harris County officials will hold their annual Easter egg hunt Saturday, April 8, at El Franco Lee Park, 9400 Hall Road, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Now in its 27th year, the event will be hosted by County Commissioner Rodney Ellis, Justice of the Peace Jo Ann Delgado and Constable Chris Diaz. A longtime project of former Commissioner El Franco Lee's, this will mark the first time Ellis has participated in the event.

Children from ages 2 to 10 are eligible to

participate. A winner in each age group will be awarded a prize. Free hot dogs, snow cones and drinks will be available while supplies last.

The actual egg hunt will begin at 2 p.m. Participants must bring their own Easter baskets.

American Legion

The American Legion Post 490, located at 11702 Galveston Road across from Ellington Field, will host an Easter egg hunt Saturday, April 8, from noon to 2:30 p.m.

There will be hot dogs, chips and drinks provided to children ages 1 to 10. Participants must bring their own Easter baskets.

South Houston High School cheerleaders win national competition



South Houston High School cheerleaders were recently named national champions at the Cheer America iNationals in Galveston. Pictured above are, left to right, (standing) Marco Aguilar, Adamari Lopez, JoAnn Jaramillo, Mariah Mancillas, Flower Lopez, Alberto Betancourt, Devin Anderson, Jaslyn Vasquez, Janice Aguirre, Jessalyn Soto, Ishbel Nino and Lita Quintania (kneeling) Julianna Rosales, Gulissa Garcia, Emmily Quiroz (cheer captain) and Viviana Montemayor. Photo submitted

court, Devin Anderson, Jaslyn Vasquez, Janice Aguirre, Jessalyn Soto, Ishbel Nino and Lita Quintania (kneeling) Julianna Rosales, Gulissa Garcia, Emmily Quiroz (cheer captain) and Viviana Montemayor. Photo submitted

In My Opinion

Educators interested in all PISD students

My letter is in regard to recent articles in the *South Belt-Ellington Leader* regarding upcoming elections of Pasadena School District and other positions in the City of Pasadena.

In 2015 A Texas Latino Pac was formed by Democrats to get more Latinos/Latinos to vote for Democratic candidates in elections.

Now it seems they have extended their efforts to take over some local school districts and cities like Pasadena, Texas.

There will be an election of Pasadena School Board Candidates on May 20th.

This Pac Group has announced candidates they chose to run for office in May.

The Pasadena School District has a very good rating among Texas schools. "The mission of Pasadena ISD, the gateway to unlimited opportunity for the youth of our culturally rich community, is to empower students to become accomplished, self-directed, and collaborative citizen-scholars who boldly contribute to an increasingly complex and evolving world by engaging in rigorous curriculum, relevant experiences, and positive relationships while embracing uniqueness of each individual."

The leaders at Pasadena ISD are interested in all students getting the best education afforded any child.

It seems that the Latino Pac is only interested in the Latino race and no other. I don't think their goal is for educating Pasadena student but getting total control of the school.

Schools have enough problems today without some Democratic Political Pac trying to interrupt their programs and achievements.

I hope those in this area who have children or grandchildren attending any of the PISD schools will ignore the recommendations of this Pac Group but go vote for candidates who will do the most for your children.

Remember you have some control of

the school your child attends. Help save your schools.

Sue Sorenson

Muecke remembers Ellington, veterans

Some of you have mentioned being stationed at Ellington. I have now lived 57 years just about 5 miles from the field and yes there is still a bubble.

This year Ellington will turn 100 years old. The local newspaper (www.SouthBeltLeader.com) has a story and history of this field.

When established, who it was named for and all the changes over the years. It is now becoming a major player in the Houston area. We have two other airports but Ellington is turning into a unique facility. I do hope you can pull it up and read it.

Now a veteran. Much recently about those that served and earned the honor of being called a veteran. When you stood, you thought ram rod straight until your training instructor showed you how, raised your right arm and swore to support and defend this great nation and that beautiful Red, White and Blue flag, you became part of our military force. Later, when separated, you became a veteran, one of the highest honors bestowed. Now, where did you serve and how you served.

Some flew fighters and bombers, some on or under the water, and then the fox hole. Also, a God forgotten remote ice cold radar location. Yes, some stayed in the states at some very nice duty stations. But you have to have a supporting force to handle all military duties and/or back up.

I enjoy this posting. Since I did not do electronics, that interests me little just as long as it worked. But it was part of our duties. I would like to ask more to speak up about their duties and where. I bet while sitting there watching the scope you saw some very interesting things show up.

Lets talk about that. Have a great day fellow veterans.

Jim Muecke

Christa Coleman



Christa Coleman, who had been a resident of Waxahachie since about 2008, died suddenly on Sunday, March 19, 2017.

Previously, she was a longtime resident of the South Belt area.

She was born Nov. 28, 1949, in Weissenberg, Germany, adopted by Johnnie Hansford Coleman and Evelyn Watson Coleman on Dec. 7, 1954, and brought to their home in Anniston, Alabama.

She married James W. Peevey on Nov. 25, 1970, in Houston. They had two children James W. Peevey Jr. and Gwen Peevey Haley. Christa was known as Christa Peevey when she worked as a secretary for many years before retiring from the City of Houston.

During her retirement in Waxahachie, she was known as Christa Coleman.

She enjoyed cooking, especially baking, needle-

crafts, crochet, quilting and sewing.

She was always available to give her time to support the needs of her family and many others.

She was active in the Order of Eastern Star.

Christa was a member of Farley Street Baptist Church since her arrival in Waxahachie.

Christa is survived by her husband; children; son-in-law Barry Haley; two grandchildren Austin and Andrew Harrington; two sisters-in-law Carolyn Pevey Gunderon and Idabel Pevey Ryan; and nephews, nieces and other family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her adoptive parents and her adopted brother Johnnie Hansford Coleman Jr., and her stepfather Howard Streich.

Services were held on Monday, March 27, at South Belt Church, 13100 Beamer Road.

Visitation was followed by the funeral service.

Interment was at South Park Cemetery, 1310 Main St., Pearland.

David Wayne Milam

David Wayne Milam of Houston died Sunday, March 26, 2017, surrounded by his family.

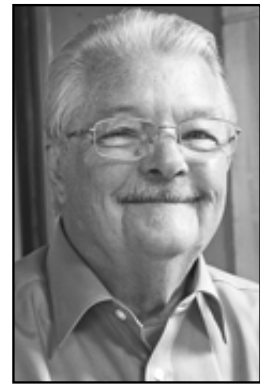
He was born to JD and Valree Milam on Aug. 17, 1954, in Austin.

David and his family

Deaths

George Edward Stanley

George Edward Stanley, 75, of Houston died on March 25, 2017.



He was the embodiment of kindness, humility and compassion, bound inextricably with honesty, integrity, and pride.

He was born in Dubuque, Iowa, on April 4, 1941. He moved to Corpus Christi, with his family as a young boy.

He enjoyed growing up near the ocean, and orchestrating shenanigans in the halls of his alma mater, W. B. Ray High School, with his best friend Tom Sturdivant.

Moving to Houston shortly after graduation, he worked as an ambulance driver and EMT while attending Commonwealth School of Mortuary Science.

George and his family

were longtime South Belt residents. George coached a local youth football team and also served as head of the Bay Area Football League.

He also spent much time as a limousine driver, a job in which he collected a bevy of stories with a lengthy list of celebrities including John Wayne, Joan Crawford, the Grateful Dead and the Beatles.

His passion in life was working as a funeral director.

He was happiest when serving others and helping to make the transition from life to death for family and loved ones more bearable.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Lettie E. Stanley; children Ray L. Beale, Richard L. Beale, Mark E. Stanley and Jennifer J. Stanley; grandchildren Laura A. Boehm, Ray Lucas Beale; great-grandchildren Aurora Jane Boehm and Alida Georgette Boehm; sister and brother-in-law Kathy and Michael Reid, and a host of extended family members.

The celebration of his life will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, April 1, at Brookside Funeral Home. Visitation begins at 1 p.m.

Brenda Lane

Brenda Jo (Smith) Lane, better known as Mimi, 73, of Alvin died Monday, March 27, 2017. She was born Dec. 20, 1943, in Roscoe, Texas to parents William Ellis and Frances Inez (Waters) Smith.

She was preceded in death by her father in 1968; and her mother in 2001.

Brenda is survived by her husband; children Doug Lane and Kathy Windsor and husband Buck; grandchildren Ian Windsor and wife Ashley, Colin Windsor and wife Shannon, Ethan Windsor and wife Stephanie, Dylan Windsor, Grayson Lane and Mikaela Lane; and three great-grandchildren Beckett, Declan, and Rowan Windsor.

Visitation is Thursday, March 30, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Oak Park Chapel, 300 Oak Park Drive, Alvin. Funeral Services will be held at noon on Friday, March 31, at Oak Park Chapel with interment following at Oak Park Cemetery.



Brenda married the love of her life, Jackie Lane, on Aug. 18, 1961 in Kermit, Texas. They moved from Meadows Place to Alvin in 1999 to be close to their children and grandchildren.

The family lived in the South Belt area from the 1970s until the late 1990s.

Brenda retired after 20 years of working for Harris County Flood Control. She then drove special needs children for 15 years for Alvin Independent School District before she retired again three years ago. She loved going deer hunting but gave that up to go on cruises.

She and Jackie made many memories as they traveled. Their love of going on cruises took them many places. Brenda loved her kids, and enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father in 1968; and her mother in 2001.

Brenda is survived by her husband; children Doug Lane and Kathy Windsor and husband Buck; grandchildren Ian Windsor and wife Ashley, Colin Windsor and wife Shannon, Ethan Windsor and wife Stephanie, Dylan Windsor, Grayson Lane and Mikaela Lane; and three great-grandchildren Beckett, Declan, and Rowan Windsor.

Visitation is Thursday, March 30, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Oak Park Chapel, 300 Oak Park Drive, Alvin. Funeral Services will be held at noon on Friday, March 31, at Oak Park Chapel with interment following at Oak Park Cemetery.

Paula Jean Nelson Gerstle



Paula Jean Nelson Gerstle, 69, died on March 27, 2017. She was the beloved wife of Sargent Gerstle for 50 years.

Paula was preceded in death by parents Clarence Edward Nelson Jr. and Elizabeth Louise Baker Nelson and brother Phillip Edward Nelson. She is survived by her husband; children Randa Lea Gerstle Kennon and husband Walter L. Kennon IV, Bethella Rachel Gerstle Kipp and husband William L. Kipp and Theodore Edward Gerstle and wife Ana Y. Fasci; sister Pamela Rachel Nelson Wiley; grandchildren Ashley Kennon, Hannah Kennon, Joseph Kipp, Jonathan Kipp, Joshua Kipp, Jacob Kipp, Kaeley Gerstle, Brook Freeze, Daisy Freeze, Eddie Hernandez, Oscar Fasci, Carlos Hernandez and Raul Hernandez.

The visitation is Friday, March 31, from 10 to 11 a.m.; the funeral service is at 11 a.m. Both services will be held at Gulfhaven Seventh Day Adventist Church, 10716 Sabo Road. Pastor Noel Lazarus officiating.

Leader obituary policy
Obituaries submitted to the *Leader* are published free of charge. They are edited to conform to the *Leader* style.

CCART to meet in April

The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers (CCART) will hold its April meeting on Tuesday, April 11. The meetings are held at the Bay Area Community Center located at 5002 NASA Parkway in Seabrook. The featured speaker will be Susan Kaufman from the Clayton Library with a presentation on Genealogy.

The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. with a social gathering for coffee and cookies.

The business meeting will begin at 10 a.m. All Texas retired school employees from the area are invited. The annual dues are \$45.

SJC sets upcoming events

San Jacinto College has announced its upcoming events.

"Reaching Out" Dance Concert

The San Jacinto College South Campus dance program will host the METdance "Reaching Out" dance concert at 7:30 p.m. on March 31 in the Marie Spence Flickinger Fine Arts Center (building 15).

The dance concert will feature guest artists from METdance previewing excerpts from their new works.

Tickets are \$18 online, \$25 at the door and \$10 with a valid San Jacinto College student ID.

For more information, visit metdance.org.

Community Education Center Events

The San Jacinto College Community Education Center, located at the San

Jacinto College Central campus in room C-1.108, will host a computer workshop for seniors from 9 to 11 a.m. on March 31 that is free and open to the public. To register, email communityeducation@sjcd.edu or call 281-478-2786.

Softball Games

The San Jacinto College softball team will play against Alvin Community College at 2 p.m. on March 31 and against Galveston College at 2 p.m. on April 1 on the South campus softball field. For a full season schedule, visit sanjacsports.com.

Soccer Game

The San Jacinto College soccer team will play against the University of the Incarnate Word at 1 p.m. on April 2 on the South campus soccer field. For a full season schedule, visit sanjacsports.com.

Pharmacy Technician

Information Session
The San Jacinto College pharmacy technician program will host an information session from noon to 1 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. on April 3 in room S-1.251S on the South campus. For questions, email anum.fatima@sjcd.edu or visit www.sanjac.edu/pharmtech.

Organ Concert

An organ concert, featuring Patrick Parker, will be held at 7 p.m. on April 3 in the Monte Blue Music Building (C5) in Corbin Hall on the Central campus. For more information, email geneva.fort@sjcd.edu.

Piano Recital

A piano recital will be held at 7 p.m. on April 6 in the Monte Blue Music Building (C5) in Corbin Hall on the Central campus.

For additional information, email geneva.fort@sjcd.edu.

Fun activities set for April 8

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building, at 11911 Blackhawk, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

The Strut Your Mutt dog parade will begin at 4 p.m. The event will give local dog

lovers a chance to mingle with others, while enjoying a day in the park. Residents may enter their pets in multiple contests, including prettiest dog, ugliest dog, largest dog, smallest dog, best trick, best dog and owner costume, female diva dog and male macho dog. All dogs must be on leashes.

Animal experts will be on site to answer questions and give information about keeping pets happy and healthy.

Pet chipping and other pet-related exhibitions will also be on site. There will be a \$5 per dog registration fee, which includes a participant wristband.

Multiple food trucks and a concession stand will be at the event to provide refreshments.

There will be a \$5 per child fee for a wristband to participate in all games and activities.

All proceeds will benefit the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce Education Outreach Committee, which provides school supplies and uniforms to low-income children.

Those wishing to enter the run/walk and dog competition may register online at www.southbeltcham.com. Advance activity wristbands may also be purchased at the site.

Registration forms for the run/walk and dog competition are also available at the chamber office and the Clear Brook City MUD office. Forms are to be completed and mailed or returned, with payment, to the chamber office.

For more information, call 281-481-5516 or info@southbeltcham.com.

Local library events set

Parker Williams Library

The following events are scheduled for Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. TaxAide is available Mondays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., through Monday, April 17. There will be no tax assistance on Good Friday, April 14. Volunteers from AARP TaxAide will assist with federal income tax preparation, tax questions and filing tax returns at no charge on a first-come, first-served basis. Bring a photo-ID, Social Security card 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 other necessary forms.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program will be at the library on Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through April 8. VITA offers free tax assistance for those earning \$54,000 or less annually, persons with disabilities and taxpayers with limited English vocabulary. IRS-certified volunteers provide free basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing to qualified individuals.

Basic computer classes are offered on Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m. Phone the library for information and registration details, or check the library's home page at www.hcpl.net.

Thursday, March 30, 2 p.m. Book discussion on *The Secret Chord*, by Geraldine Brooks.

Friday, March 31, 5 p.m. Anime club: *Sword Art Online*, rated TV-14, for ages 13 and older.

Monday-Friday, April 3-7, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. STAAR Wars Training Camp. In conjunction with the Dobie High School National Honors Society, the library is offering STAAR Test preparation for grades 3, 4 and 5. Preregistration is required.

Wednesdays, Preschool storytime, 10:30 a.m.

Thursdays, Toddler storytime, 10:30 a.m.

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

For more information on library events, phone the library at 281-484-2036.

Bracewell Branch Library

The following events are scheduled for the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint: Saturday, April 1, 10:30 a.m. Spanish computer class

Saturday, April 1, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. English learning; 12:30 p.m. Lego playtime

Tuesday, April 4, 10:30 a.m. Baby storytime; 10:30 a.m. Toddler playtime

Wednesday, April 5, 10:30 a.m. Toddler storytime; 11:15 a.m. Toddler playtime

Wednesday, April 5, Computer courses: 2 p.m. Computer Basics; 3:15 p.m. Internet Basics; 4:30 p.m. Basic Powerpoint

For more information on these programs, call the library at 832-393-2580. All events are free and open to the public.

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

Dobie Lariaettes bring home top scores



The J. Frank Dobie Lariaettes recently attended the Crowdpleaser's South Houston Showcase Dance Competition on Feb. 25. The Lariaettes competed and brought home several awards including Showcase Elite Officers and Showcase Elite Team. Shown with their awards, from left to right, (front row) Co-Head Social Brittany Gonzales, Executive Social Sylar Rocha, Lt. Jazmin Guerrero, Co-Head Social Gabriela Munoz, Maj. Julia Dasilva, Col. Marissa Krustchinsky, Lt. Col. Alayna Cano, Lt. Adela Alanis, Executive Social Katherine Maslonka, (second row) Corina Banda, Olivia Garza, Aleida Gonzalez, Naya

Cooper, Alexis Sanchez, Marissa Rodgers, Jazalyne Garza, Amanda Davila, Zully Garza, Alexis Chicas, Astrid Silva, Catherine Fuentes, Ni Truong, Maritza Hernandez, Jennifer Cantarero, Xochitl Romero, Karina Gutierrez, Beatriz Hernandez, Maria Pedroza, Natalie Balle, Itzamarie Corral, (back row) Marissa Enriquez, Leah Jen, Gisselle Guerra, Gabriela Ramirez, Lizbet Armenta, Daniela Zuniga, Gabby Gonzalez, Zoe Vela, Sara Cortez, Ally Bellini, Faith Renteria, Bianca Perez, Andy Del Villar, Victoria Gonzalez, Romy Hernandez and Ashley Sorto.

Photo submitted by Lori Alexander

Dobie Lariaettes perform at Spring Show

By Jonathan Chapa

The J. Frank Dobie Lariaettes and dance department will hold its annual Spring Show, *That's What Girls are Made Of* April 6 - 8 at 7 p.m. in the school's auditorium.

The Lariaettes were founded in 1968, the year Dobie High School opened.

The founding team consisted of 52 members.

It was led by Director Peggy Moree and Colonel Judy Sawyer.

The Lariaettes currently consists of 46 members and is under the leadership of Lori Alexander.

This is Alexander's ninth year as the director and her 12th year of teaching.

One of the Lariaettes recent performances was the opportunity given by Joyce

Pennington, the owner/founder of American Dance and Drill Team, to participate in the Super Bowl LI halftime performance this year with Lady Gaga.

The Spring Show is a dance performance that the Dobie High School Lariaettes put on every year in the spring semester.

The show features dances from the Lariaettes, as well as their junior varsity dance team and dance department students.

Also included are some guest performers from around the area.

Chelsea Bohny, assistant director for the Lariaettes, compliments the dedication

all the dancers have put in to make the performances happen.

"The dancers have worked very hard on this show for months, and they are so excited to debut their work," Bohny said.

The theme of the Spring Show is "girls," which is why it is called *That's What Girls are Made Of*, as all the dances and songs have a girl influence.

The Spring show is the team's final performance of the year.

It is a time to relive all the memories, perform contest routines one last time and add class dances along with new productions to the show.

Admission is \$10, and tickets can be purchased from any Lariaette or at the door while supplies last.

Easter egg hunt announced

The American Legion Post 490 will host an Easter Egg Hunt on April 8 from noon to 2:30 p.m.

There will be hot dogs, chips and drinks provided to children ages 1 to 10. Bring your own basket.

The American Legion Post 490 is located at 11702 Galveston Road in Houston, across from Ellington Field.

Leader checks out social media

By Mary Doan

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce will host its second annual Family Fun Festival Saturday, April 8 from 4-8 p.m. at Clear Brook City Park near the intersection of Blackhawk and Scarsdale Blvd.

There will be inflatable games and fun and raffle. (See story Page 1A.)

For more information visit the *South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce* Facebook page or southbeltchamber.com.

Members of the *People of Sagemont* Facebook page rave over the upcoming opening of House of Pies on Fuqua near the Gulf Freeway where the Black-eyed Pea once stood. For additional information visit the *People of Sagemont* Facebook page.

A member of the *South Belt This & That* Facebook page has warned residents to watch out for a group of six boys about 10-13 years

old, bullying and harassing a group of four boys about the age of 8-12 years old at Sagegen Park, 11610 Sageyork Drive. The son of the member had reportedly told her when coming home, there were days that the older boys would force the younger boys to fight one another, and if they refused, the older boys would hurt them.

The boys have also reportedly touched the member's 12-year-old daughter inappropriately and, allegedly, hit her son on the head with roof shingles. The member urges parents to speak to their children who play at this park to make sure they are not being harassed.

For additional information visit the *South Belt This & That* Facebook page.

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Frazier Name That Book team earns second



The Frazier Elementary Name That Book team earned the second place distinction at the Pasadena Independent School District NTB competition on Saturday, March 25. During the competition, students tested their knowledge of 20 different books by correctly matching book quotations to their corresponding book title. Shown with their silver medals are, left to right, Chance Bess, Rubi Martinez, Johnny Carter, Grace Arriola, Kaylie Bui and team coach/librarian Christine Roberts. Photo submitted

LBC Tank Terminals donates \$200,000 to SJC

LBC Tank Terminals Houston has pledged \$200,000 to the San Jacinto College Foundation in support of student scholarships, program equipment and facilities support.

The donation was presented to the San Jacinto College board of trustees on March 6.

"We are proud to be collaborating and partnering with the LBC Tank Terminal Group," said Ruth Keenan, executive director of the San Jacinto College Foundation. "This legacy partnership will directly benefit our College, our students and their families, and the surrounding communities we serve."

When complete, the total value of the partnership will be approximately \$4.3 million. This total includes scholarship, program equipment and facilities support, site development in the form

of prep work for facility expansion, additional parking and docking, and a 16-acre wetlands area improvement plan.

In addition, LBC Tank Terminals Houston is offering internships for San Jacinto College students, job placement, and instructor support for the maritime and industrial technology trades programs.

"This is an investment in our youth, and an important investment to support our industry needs so that we can keep up with the growing workforce demand," said LBC Tank Terminals Regional Business President, Americas, John Grimes. "Education is the foundation for our future. We are proud to partner with San Jacinto College and offer this contribution to do our part in filling the gaps in the workforce

pipeline."

LBC Tank Terminals Houston offers deep water access and connections via road, rail and pipelines to the greater Houston industrial complex and beyond. The terminal handles a wide range of chemicals, petrochemicals, oil products and other liquid products, while offering all ground and sea transport modes. It has three ship docks designed to handle large ships and barges, with a customer focus on providing the safest, most reliable and efficient tank storage and logistical systems.

San Jacinto College offers training for new and incumbent workers in maritime and industrial technology. The San Jacinto College maritime program offers training for working mariners to update their USCG certifications,

the only associate degree program in maritime transportation in Texas for those who are new to the industry and an associate degree for cargo handling/logistics that is transferable to Texas Southern University and the University of Houston College of Technology. Introduction to ships and shipping courses are included in the college's business administration associate degree, transferable to Texas A&M University in Galveston.

Industrial technology training at San Jacinto College prepares students to earn an industry certification, and a certificate or associate degree in a variety of fields including welding, electrical technology, construction management, process technology, nondestructive testing and more.

Moore releases honor, merit, perfect attendance

The following honor roll, merit roll and perfect attendance have been released for Moore Elementary for the third nine weeks.

Honor Roll
Third Grade
 Piper Battarbee, Andy Bustos, Kevin Chau, Jaslynn Chavez, Grant Garcia, Morgan Hill, Donovan Luu, Peyton Lynn, Leo Martinez, Jayden Nguyen and Anthony Nguyen.

Fourth Grade
 Kristin Do, Anneliese Goodrum, Riley Nguyen To, Dillon Steve, Julian Valencia and Jordi Zamudio.

Merit Roll
Third Grade
 Henry Armenta, Londyn August, Ethan Garay, Angel Gonzales, Anson Huynh, Ava Macias, Tristan Mouton, Matthew Muniz, Jathan Obregon, Thalia Oddo, Alex Ruiz, Melanie Sanchez, Kian Ton, Aidan Veita and Zoey Vuong.

Fourth Grade
 Khnum Amos, Leonel Hernandez, Joseph Le, Ryan Nguyen, Tahllon Provost, Caitlyn Tran, Philip Tran, Vivian Tran and Emma Zamora.

Perfect Attendance
Pre-K
 Gabriela Cortez Amaya, Brandon Nguyen, Katelyn Pham, Jason Tan, Miguel Valencia Alfaro and Mason Vu.

Kindergarten
 Brandon Bustos, Brianna Bustos, Natalee Dent, Anna Estrada, Caden Hill, Khloe Lanham, Emmitt Larry, Rahul Marroquin, Maximo Martinez and Jesse Martinez.

Maddox Martinez, Hiba Mateen, Robert Mendoza, Jose Meza, Isabella Munoz, Kate Nguyen, Marcus Olivari, Izai Ron Cancio, Camila Salomon, Valerie Sanchez, Hailey Silva, Natalie Tran, Long Tran and Travis Tran.

First Grade
 Lilah Aguayo, Khalia Allen, Benjamin Arbing, Samuel Barajas, Naomi Burton, Trinity Dang, Edgar Gar-

cia-Cuevas, Alfredo Gonzalez, Aiden Ly, Emmery Lynn, Kobe Magana, Leah Moreno, Evan Orozco, Jacob Phan, Torny Provost, Cesar Salinas, Henry Ta, Maxwell Torres, Ethan Tran and Israel Yanez Gutierrez.

Second Grade
 Isabella Alvarez, Kobe Arredondo, Hadassah Burgett, Nicholas Cantu, Natalie De Paz, Linkin Dinh, Natalie Elkins, Adrian Estrada, Alyssa Gutierrez, Keira Hammond, Eddie Harris, Angela Huiit, Christian Jasso, Michael Johnson, Esther Le, Jordan Le, Ruby Lovo, Jorge Martinez, Miah Martinez, Nevaeh McZeal, Charleston Nash, Yamileth Rames, Ireland Riley, Christopher Rubio, Samantha Salazar, Sophia Saucedo, Taylen Sayles Gallo, Jennifer Tan, Marlee Tillman, Ly Dinh Tran and Noah Wilhoite.

Third Grade
 Londyn August, Katelynn Binns, Nathaly Bonilla, Brian Bui, Anddy Bustos, Julissa Cantu, Nicholas De La Rosa, Jordan De Robles, Kevin Do, Cooper Estes, Amanda Fernandez Boujourne, Ethan Garay and Alejandro Herandez.

Anson Huynh, Eli Jackson, Sebastian Jasso, Alejandro Jimenez Herandez, Maazin Khan, David Le, Keenan Llanes, Marissa Lugo, Peyton Lynn and Danyah Mills.

Kamila Murguia, Andrew Nguyen, Anthony Nguyen, Jayden Nguyen, Thalia Oddo, Kai Okonkwoonah, Jevonne Perez, Jezreel Rames, Yvette Ramos, Luke Riley, Tyson Riley, Josiah Romero-Love, Michael Ruiz, Melanie Sanchez, Erik Santillanes, Juliet Silva, An To, Kian Ton, Jaiden Torres, Bladimir Tovar and Zoey Vuong.

Fourth Grade
 Khnum Amos, Kalel Arredondo, Erandi Barrera, Joselyn Benitez, Rhiannon Cazares, Paris Cervantes, Victor Chapa, Aden Chavez, Covan

Chavez, Esaias Compton, Alexis Davis, Kristin Do, Cesar Flores, Jose Flores, Valeria Garcia Cuevas, Anneliese Goodrum, Annalise Gutierrez, Emmaly Gutierrez, Tripp Harris, Leonel Hernandez, Madison Hill, Nia Jackson,

Jorge Jasso and Zain Khan. Kayla Lam, Xavier Lara, Joseph Le, Pablo Lopez, Bobby Maldonado, Brissa Marroquin, Joshua Medina, Charles Nash, Riley Nguyen To, Alan Nguyen, Jacky Nguyn, Ryan Nguyen,

Giovanni Nunez, Isaac Pena-Do, Timothy Pham, Tahllon Provost, Tariq Riley, Jael Rivera, Dillon Steve, Skyler Stoves, Jacob Tagle, Nathaniel Torres, Caitlyn Tran, Vivian Tran and Maria Valdez-Colvin.

Dobie NHS help at PW Library



Shown are Dobie High School National Honor Society members Jacklyn Tran (left) and Jarely Claros who volunteered at Parker Williams Branch Library on Saturday, March 18. Photo by Ann Abernathy

Dobie NHS students volunteer at Parker Williams Library

National Honor Society students from Dobie High School volunteered their time during their spring break at Parker Williams Branch Library located at the northwest corner of Scarsdale and Beamer.

Periodically, the library conducts a count of its patrons noting the time of visits and whether adult or child.

The NHS students were stationed near the entrance of the library and recorded visits by the public using counters and a spreadsheet.

Membership in the National Honor Society has become recognized nationally as one of the highest honors that can be bestowed upon a high school student. Membership carries with it a responsibility and should be considered the beginning of an obligation, not merely the successful culmination of an effort to achieve recognition and honor.

Members are selected from the 11th and 12th grades. The grading period immediately preceding the induction is the qualifying period, during which stu-

dents must average at a minimum a 4.50 on the weighted grade-point system. Then, an over-all average, beginning with the ninth grade, must be at least 4.50, also on the weighted grade-point system. Students are then selected by a faculty committee on the basis of character, scholarship, leadership and service.

Lachee Payne and Jennifer Bland are the sponsors of NHS at Dobie High School. NHS member Mary Doan coordinated the library customer count.

Dobie announces HOSA state qualifiers

Dobie Health Occupation Students of America members competed in the Texas HOSA Area 6 Spring Leadership Conference Feb. 10 and 11. Those competing and placing are, left to right, Esther Kim, second place HOSA bowl team; Leanna Ta, second place HOSA bowl team; Kevin Phan, second place HOSA bowl team; Kimberly Bui, second place CPR/First Aid team; Kelly Tran, second place CPR/First Aid team; and Taylor Nguyen, third place Nursing Assisting. Not pictured, but moving on to state competition as well, are Maxine Gomez, third place Medical Reading; Vy Pham, first place Dental Terminology; Jessica Vu, third place CPR/First Aid team; Kennedy Ho, third place CPR/First Aid team; and Thanh Huynh, second place HOSA bowl team.



Photo by Taylor Nguyen

Dobie advances to HOSA state

Dobie High School students participating at the Health Occupation Students of America Area 6 Spring Conference will compete at the State in Corpus Christi, March 31 through April 2.

HOSA is an international student organization recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Health Science Education Division of Association for Career and Technical Education. The organization's mission is to promote career opportunities in the health care industry and increase the delivery of equality health care to all people.

Dobie has five teachers who are part of HOSA. One is Cheryl Sanders, RN, a world health research teacher.

"We will have 11 students competing at the State Conference in Corpus Christi. Our HOSA Bowl team has competed for three years and placed 4th last year at state," Sanders said.

The HOSA Bowl Team that

placed 2nd in Area includes Kevin Phan, Thanh Huynh, Leanna Ta, and newest member Esther Kim who joined this year replaced Mandy Cao who graduated last year. This is their third year to compete as a HOSA Bowl team.

The 11 students competing at State Conference will begin with a multiple choice test on Friday and then the top 10 competitors will move to the skills competition on April 1.

Taylor Nguyen, nursing assisting competitor placed first in Online Testing, and third at Area competition. Nguyen is a senior and has been working with student volunteers to hone his nursing assisting skills for the last three months.

Jessica Vu and Kennedy Ho, freshman team for CPR/first aid, placed third in Online Testing and third in Area, respectively. Vy Pham, dental terminology competitor placed first in Area. Pham is a 12th-grade student that competed for her first time and

placed first in online testing. Maxine Gomez, medical reading competitor who is a junior, placed first in Area last year and third in Area this year. Gomez is also the President of Dobie's HOSA student organization. Gomez will compete on April 2 with a multiple choice test and write an essay to be used as a tie breaker, if necessary.

Kimberly Bui and Kelly Tran, placed second in CPR/first aid. Tran is a senior, who competed in HOSA CPR/first aid for two years. Bui is a junior, who worked to learn the skills required to be Tran's teammate in the competition.

"We are working hard to prepare for this weekend's State HOSA Conference. I am very hopeful that we will have some Longhorns moving on," Sanders said.

The top three teams at State advance to the International HOSA Conference in Orlando June 21-24 at the Disney Coronado Resort.

Roberts Middle School announces honor, attendance rolls

The following honor roll and perfect attendance have been released for Fred Roberts Middle School for the third nine weeks.

Honor Roll
Fifth Grade
 Imaad Ali, Carlos Amaya Vargas, Kailynn Andino, Hamza Arif, Leobardo Aviles, Angelo Baluyut, Houston Banda, Mohannad Bataineh, Daniel-Alexander Bonilla, Tiana Bradley, Austin Buchner, Alan Bui, Rebecca Cabello, Carolina Cantarero, Jorge Camacho, Aiden Carranza, Ricardo Cordova, Kaitlyn Corona, Amyiah Cotton, Emma Cruz and Lisa Curiel.

Yalat De Luna, Alan Dodin, Arath Dodin, Roderick Drumgo, Princess Edogaiwerie, Devin Fitzhenry, Hugo Flores, Katya Flores, Carlos Funez, Natalia Gamez, Aranzazu Garcia, Emily Garcia, Leticia Garcia, Mauricio Gloria, Miranda Gonzalez Garza, Alana Goree and Izmael Guzman.

Ayesha Hasan, Earl Haymond, Abdallah Helal, Emily Hernandez, Rodrigo Hernandez, Xally Hernandez, Afam Iyegbu, Anna Le, Jonathan Le, Uyen Le, Sameer Lodhi, Ximena

Lopez and Jennifer Ly, Vincent Mac, Ariel Martinez, Gisette Martinez, Trinity Maxwell, Edward Medina, Giovanni Mendoza, Frida Mejia, Abraham Mercado, Adrian Monita, Jazzylyn Moya, Victoria Ngo, John Nguyen, Peter Nguyen, Terry Nguyen and Tuyet Nguyen.

Anastasia Odom, Alex Olivares, Mariana Perales, Mariana Ramos, Katie Ramirez, Kimberly Rivera, Yair Rivera, Kiana Rodriguez, Gustavo Salinas, Dominick Sanchez, Alyson Schwausch, Allisyn Sockwell, Anna Serpas, Maddisyn Sockwell, Alex Soloya and Oscar Sosa.

Yecenia Tamez, Hermynie Taylor, Layla Torres, Michael Tran, Mai Anh Truong, Jayden Valdez, Julius Valdez, Jeneby Varela, Laisha Villarreal, Teresa Vu, Derek West, Giselle Wittenberg and Zuriyah Zavala.

Sixth Grade
 Belen Abeja, Brittini Aguilar, Elkin Alfaro, David Alvarado, Keauno Andrade, Madison Arcizo, Miguel Armenta, Angel Arroyo, Rabab Asif, Angel Balderas, Elias Banda, Honesty Brooks and Destini Brown.

Arely Carrillo, Joel Cazares, Kyra Cervantes,

Eduardo Cruz, Joanna Davila, Andrew Do, Derrick Doss, Yoali Enriquez, Phoenix Fielden, Ma Figueroa, Iveth Flores, Lyzbeth Flores and Kaylee Frank.

Rafael Galan, Noah Gaytan, Sophia Garay, Angel Garcia, Haley Garza, Cameron Gilbert, Gabriella Gomez, Jacob Gonzales, Julianna Gonzales, Brianna Gonzalez, Leonardo Gonzalez, Victoria Gonzalez, Mahir Hoque and Ryan Humphrey.

Thalia Le, Daniel Licerio, Madeline Lopez, Grecia Lopez Serna, Justin Mai, Kimberly Mai, Yair Martinez, Lluvia Martinez Martinez, Tashjae Mccann, Reanna Mewsreen, Cindy Medina, Paula Mendoza, Aldo Morales, Mario Moreno, Monica Munoz and Javoris Myles.

Angel Nguyen, Bao Nguyen, Isabela Nunez, Raymond Olsen, Janice Padilla, Cayla Patterson, Omni Parris, Adrita Rahman, Diana Reyes, Mariah Rodriguez, Marissa Rojas, Adrian Sanchez, Grace Serrano, Damian Solis, Christian Torres, Hao Tran, Sherbano Vajlani, Rye Williamson and Aaron

Woodard.

Perfect Attendance
Fifth Grade
 Vanessa Alvarez Chavez, Carlos Amaya Vargas, Andres Andrade, Aliah Aragon, Arias, Hamza Arif, Kevin Ayala, Angelo Baluyut, Enrique Banda, Katelyn Banks, Damian Benavidez, James Betties, Daniel-Alexander Bonilla, Kevin Bradley, Tiana Bradley, Rebecca Cabello, Marlene Carbajal, Aiden Carranza, Alex Carrillo, Marco Chaidze Jr. and Christopher Contreras.

Kaisley Cordero, Ricardo Cordova III, Niki Corona, Mariah Costello, Hazael Cruz, Aaliyah Davis, Jurnee Davis, Rodrigo De Leon III, Alan Dodin, Arath Dodin, Princess Edogaiwerie, Datorion Fairfa, Devin Fitzhenry, Hugo Flores, Katya Flores, Kelly Flores and Natalia Gamez.

Humberto Gaona Jr., Jonathan Garces Jr., Eliud Garcia, Isaac Garcia, Mariana Garcia, Diana Gomez Chicas, Flor Gomez Chicas, Miranda Gonzalez Garza, Alana Goree Izmael Guzman, Alyssa Hernandez, Emily Hernandez, Nathan Hernandez, Rodrigo Hernandez and Aaron Huynh.

Daniel Ibarra, Afam Iyegbu, James Jackson Jr., Anthony Johnson, Anna Le, Jonathan Le, Uyen Le, Joel Lopez Jr., Jennifer Ly, Vincent Mac, Jazzmine Marquez, Ariel Martinez, Diego Martinez, Danial Masoom and Celae Maziqoe.

Giovanni Mendoza, Abraham Mercado, Shauna Miles, Adrian Monita, Anh Nguyen, John Nguyen, Peter Nguyen, Terry Nguyen, Zachary Nwosu, Alex Olivares, Sabino Ortiz, Mariana Perales, Kevin Pino, Iris Premanand and Savion Premanand.

Muhammad Qureshi, Adam Ray Jr., Randy Reyes Chicas, Kimberly Rivera, Zoe Rivera, Juan Rodriguez, Kiana Rodriguez, Jylissa Sanchez, Daniel Santiago, Daniel Saravia, Alyson Schwausch, Tyvion Scott, Isabel Segovia, Emmanuel Serna, Evelyn Sifuentes and Christopher Silva.

Sahalley Silva, Allisyn Sockwell, Christopher Tillison, Layla Torres, Leonardo Torres, Christopher Tovar, Helen Tovar, Michael Tran, Mai Truong, Murisa Turrubiates, Bladimir Vazquez, Alfredo Venegas Jr., Laisha Villarreal, Benjamin Vo, Teresa Vu,

Linh Vuong, Derek West, Kayorie Wright and Mary Young.

Sixth Grade
 Belen Abeja, Ali Abutair, Mario Aguilar, Elkin Alfaro Ranyia Allen, Alyssa Alvarado, Alyssa Anderson, Daniel Andrade, Keauno Andrade, Leonel Araiza, Jose Arevalo, Miguel Armenta, Allison Arreola, Rabab Asif Angel Balderas, Jonathan Banegas, Adrian Barboza, Eduardo Beltran and Destini Brown.

Ailani Canales, Jordyn Canales, Joel Cazares, Kayla Coleman, Kentrayl Coleman, Felix Corona III, Sara Cruz, Joanna Davila, Andrew Do, Alaiya Doyle, Nam Duong, Yoali Enriquez, Ivan Escudra, Adrian Figueroa, Ma Figueroa, Iveth Flores and Lyzbeth Flores.

Rafael Galan Jr., Jeremy Galan, Haley Garcia, Aldo Garza, Haley Garza, Noah Gaytan, Erik Gomez, Julianna Gonzales, Brianna Gonzalez, Brian Gutierrez, Elizabeth Gutierrez, Angelisa Hernandez, Elizabeth Hernandez, Gilbert Hernandez, Nailea Hernandez, Mahir Hoque, Gloria Immaculate and Eric Johnson II.

Rayyan Khan, Kareemah Kothiya, Kennedy Lewis,

Alberto Lezama Garcia, Daniel Licerio, Grecia Lopez Serna, Hector Lopez, Salet Lovo, Brandon Ly, Christian Ly, Justin Mai, Victor Marchante, Joshua Marquez, Lluvia Martinez Martinez, Kristin Martinez, Natalia Martinez, Yair Martinez and Tashjae Mccann.

Cindy Medina, Elizabeth Mejia, Nabil Miramontes, Michael Montemayor

Benedetto, Aldo Morales, Melody Nabi, Bao Nguyen, Bryan Nguyen, Luis Nieves, Isabela Nunez, Raymond Olsen, Anthony Orellana, Samuel Pineda Jr., Ivan Quilantan and Siarra Quintero.

Jacob Raines, Andrew Ramirez, Brian Ramos, Felicity Resendez, Diana Reyes, Javier Rodriguez, Jordy Rodriguez, Monica

Rodriguez, Jessica Rohmfeld, Rafael Rojas, Emerson Sarabia, Eduardo Sepulveda, Vianey Silva, Kendon Smith and Carrick Steans Jr.

Christian Torres, Martin Tran, Johana Turcios, Sherbano Vajlani, Francisco Valdez III, Liliana Vargas, Andrew Vela, Guillermo Velasquez, Yesenia Villatoro-Rivera, Ainsley Willis and Gabriella Zepeda.

The Rothko Chapel has the same reverence for Tandler's skills on the piano.

"In his previous Rothko performances, Adam responded to the Chapel environment by sharing an ambitious program of exquisitely understated music -- works that provoke, challenge, thrill, and ultimately move the listener," public programs and community engagement director Ashley Clemmer said.

"The performances fused musical programming with the physical space to create sonic clearings for reflection."

For information, visit rothko Chapel.org or call 713-524-9839.

Melillo names 3rd nine weeks honor roll

The following honor roll has been released for Melillo Middle School for the third nine weeks.

Fifth Grade

Aaron Aguilar, Maricela Aguilar, Jacob Aguirre, Chelsea Akinloye, Cassius Arredondo, Ezekiel Arriaga, Shaira Balanta, Mya Bell, Jeimy Cabrera, Jill Canales, Irene Castillo, Xavier Chapa, Dominick Chavez, Camryn Collins, Heli Contreras, Tyler Dang, Di Dao, Julissa Duarte and Vivian Duong.

McKlaus Erick Garcia, Dylan Erickson, Zoe Espinoza, Madison Fedler-Martinez, Jesus Gamez, Titus Giang, Surjurnee Givens-Fontenot, Lydia Golenko, Micah Gonzalez, Mary Grace Pelekanyo, Joshua Gracia, Antonio Hernandez, Jazmin Hernandez, Julia Hernandez, Tyler Hudgens, An Huynh and Eric Huynh.

Makayla Johnson, Shalini Johnson, Avery Jones, Colten Keys, Sebastian King, Quynh Ky, Laura Landers, Seth Lara, Emily Lazo, Dennis Le, Rachael Le, Tommy Le, Jordan Leahman, Joshua Lopez, Aidan Maldonado and Ashley Martinez.

Joseph Martinez, Olivia McMahan, Darrianny Mercedes, Adrian Miles, Roselynn Molina, Michael Montano, Cindy Ni, Quock-An Ngo, Kaillee Nguyen, M-An Nguyen, Taylor Nguyen, Troy Nguyen, Jacqueline Oba and Victoria Ortiz-Ramirez.

Abigail Panza, Audrey Paredes, Alton Parker, Ariana Perez, Belle Perridon, Sophia Posey, Gabriel Presiado, Jay-den Rangel, Eduardo Reynero, Daniel Rodriguez, Jeovany Rodriguez, Maddox Rodri-guez, Jacob Romero, Kaylee Ruiz, Emily Salinas, Jorge Salinas, Aliyah Sanchez, Zeta Sanchez and Jacklyn Santos.

Madelyn Sepulveda, Malcolm Sherwood, Nicolas Soto, Jasmine Stewart, Kenton Thai, Y Tran, Nkeonyelu Uzomah, Vivica Valencia, Julissa Vega, Walter Velasquez, Juliana Vo, Hallie Vu, Iveen Vu, Kim Vu, Mathew Vu, Trang Vu, Stephen Wiggins and Alana Zambrano.

Sixth Grade

Alexis Acosta, Valerie Akinloye, Mia Alexander, Alize Alvarez, Emelin Andrade, Josiah Aranda, Sidney Armstrong, Jorge Arredondo,

Luke Auzenne, Janelle Barreiro, Ethan Bishop, Prima Burgett, Jade Cabrera, Dylan Campos, Kaitlyn Campos, Kaleb Campos, Aidan Cerdillo, Bella Cisneros, Jason Coats, Victoria Couchman, Amy Cruz, Sarah Cruz, Colin Dang and Hieu Dang.

Raul Diaz, Jenny Do, Nicolas Edmondson, Sulak Emilee, Andrea Espinosa, Leslie Espinoza, Evan Fraustro, Ashlee Garcia, Jasmin Garcia, Noah Garcia, Gabriela Garza, Victoria Garza, Marcus Gomez, David Gonzalez, Alexa Gonzalez, Jiselle Gonzalez, Jasmine Gutierrez and David Guzman.

Fernando Hernandez, Eleanne Herrera, Russel Horton, Chance Hurd, Daisy Irwin, Edgar Jimenez, Adrianna Johnson, Ian Johnson, Justice Johnson, William Junkin, Marcus Kemp, Bianca Kinder, Connor King, Evan Kruschinsky, Mauricio Leal, Alyssa Lloyd, Santiago Lopez, Ky'jha Love, Madison Lugo, Emily Martinez and Eyanna Martinez.

Melissa Martinez, Sophia Martinez, Aryana Mejorado, Danielle Mendiola, Felipe Miranda, Connor Mohwinkel, Madelyne Montes, Anthony Morin, Isela Munoz, Demah Naser, Anthony New-some, Ann Nguyen, Daniel Nguyen, Dylan Nguyen, Huyhoang Nguyen, Landon Nguyen, Steven Nguyen, Vivian Nguyen, Nicole Olazaba, Dominic Ortiz, Nathan Pavalonis, Bella Perez, Erin Perez and Jaden Pham.

Thu Pham, Phan Phung, Elizabeth Pineda, Nicolas Ponce, Jacob Reyna, Marvin Rivas, Ezequiel Rivera, Phil Rivera, Styrn Rocha, Yariel Rodriguez, Jacob Roppolo, Emily Rosa-Velasquez, Emily Salazar, Leyla Salazar, Evelyn Sanchez, Christian Schmidt, Serena Segura, Mable Self, Leah Selwyn-West, Jakob Serna, Kennedy Thai, Yvonne Thai and Dang Thomas.

Maria Tipton, Irene Torres, Madeline Torres, Jasmine Tran, Johnny Tran, Camden Turner, Christian Vega, Vianca Valencia, Mia Vazquez Garcia, Cardin Vo, Kaylee Vo, Phu Vu, Tatiana Walker, Kaitlyn Webb, Travis Webb, Maria Wence, Jacob White, Evelyn Wheeler, Jacob Yount, Aubrey Zambrano and Antony Zavala.

Shaar Hashalom hosts open discussions

Congregation Shaar Hashalom's own Rabbi Stuart Federow will host free, open to the public, weekly discussions.

The sessions are held every second Thursday of the month at Victor's Restaurant, located at 1425 NASA Parkway (next to the "space" McDonald's), from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Anyone can join the dis-

cussion and bring questions, thoughts and opinions to share with all those present.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom, 16020 El Camino Real, is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area.

The community is invited to attend.

For more information, contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or email csh@shaarhashalom.org.

Free self-defense offered

The American Society of Karate is offering free one-hour self-defense and martial arts courses for teens and adults (ages 13-80) at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes, on Fridays through May 26, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, email Michael.Alonzo@ASKKarate.com or call 281-788-5930.

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BIRTHDAY WISHES TO JUDY
Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent March 30 from friends and the *Leader* staff to **Judy Harrison** who is on staff at San Jacinto College and chair of the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce Education Outreach Committee which is involved in the annual South Belt Family Fun Fest in April.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays March 30 through April 5.

Atkinson Elementary
Special birthday greetings are sent to **Isaac Rodriguez** April 3.

Burnett Elementary
Judy Vazquez marks a day of celebration for her birthday on April 3.

Frazier Elementary
Greetings for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Felicia Olivares** April 5.

Moore Elementary
On March 31, **Cheryl Ivens** celebrates a special birthday.

South Belt Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles April 1 for

Amy Rojas.
Stuchbery Elementary
Carlos Torres enjoys a fool-proof birthday April 1. Birthday wishes are sent to **Laurie Chmarney** April 3.

Roberts Middle School
Enjoying a birthday March 31 is **Maribel De La Fuentes.**

Thompson Intermediate
Light the trick birthday candles for **Melissa Allen** on April 1.

Dobie High
Enjoy a slice of a triple-layer cake March 30 with **Bertilda Hollin, Nghiep Nguyen** and **Leslie Siegler-Keton.** Send a birthday greeting April 1 to **Johnetta Roy.**

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

Thursday, March 30: **Marilynn Kiel, John Berlitz, Gina Escobar, Michelle Matzahn, Walter Luna and Kristin Baxter;** Friday, March 31: **Sabita Harnamji, Beth McDonald, Marsha Flournoy, Ami**

Havivy, Sabine Jones, Eric Schwab, Gilbert Marlowe, Cheryl Padora, Eliza Gillock, Gloria Bustamante and Sandy Cline; Saturday, April 1: **Sharon Lay, Carol Baccaro, Charlie Heaton and Natasha Logan;** Sunday, April 2: **Raven Brooks, Minerva Segovia, Stephen Hooper, Mona Valerio, Suzette Corona, Yvette Cheatwood, Cathy White, Edward Gish and Lisa Bourque;** Monday, April 3: **Erika Saavedra, Lillian Lee, Aimee Salazar-Arroyo, Maria Keim and Sharon Rhoads;** Tuesday, April 4: **Debbie Pitre, Monika Sandridge, Jenn Copeland, Wendy Banh Nguyen, Travis Doe, Katie Burns and Jared Fredricksen;** and Wednesday, April 5: **Chris Gehringer, Davis Borsché, Jennifer Smith, Teri Polluck, Debbie Trelue, Cindy Russell and Don Adam.**

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

Parker Williams Library hosts Daughters of the Republic

Parker Williams Branch Library at 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. offers free programs of interest to the community. On March 4, the Bluebonnet Branch Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas presented a program at Parker Williams on what it was like to live in Texas before, during, and after the establishment of the Republic of Texas. The audience was allowed to touch clothing and other items that settlers made and used. Presenters were DRT members Lydia Dozler and Patti Pierce Johnson. Dozler is also a member of Friends of Parker Williams Branch Library. Dozler is shown below in a period outfit with bonnet and apron holding a chamber pot.



Shown above, left to right, Alana Ali, granddaughter of Lydia Dozler and mother to Aaryan Ali and Waleed Ali, wears a period outfit which complements Waleed's attire.



Shown right, member of audience Felicia Elliott (left) with Patti Pierce Johnson, one of the DRT presenters. Articles of clothing from the era were displayed on the wall.



Remember When

40 years ago (1977)
Marvin Jerry Heckert of Pasadena was sentenced to life in prison for the murder of Anne Barker Loftis, a South Belt resident.

The Sagemont Spurs soccer organization ended its season with two Texas state championships, the Red Carpet Girls, ages 8 and 9 and the 6- and 7-year-old Flexitall Gasket Spurs.

35 years ago (1982)
Three juveniles, each of whom attended the Houston Independent School District, were arrested in connection with several assaults to South Belt area youngsters who were walking home from school. A 15-year-old Dobie student had been previously arrested which led to the arrest of the other three.

A company owned by state Rep. Randy Pennington filed suit against political opponent Bob Graham and others to stop the allegedly pending publication of misleading information about the company and Pennington.

Paramedics from Houston Fire Department Station 70 delivered a baby girl during one of the 25 calls for service during the week.

30 years ago (1987)
Dobie High School's production of *Volpone* was ranked first at a district competition. John Ivy and Mike Wisbrock were named to the district all-star cast, and Danelle Blanco and Leslie Morris received honorable mention.

The Clear Creek Independent School District Board of Trustees approved plans for an employee recognition program, the purchase of six 71-passenger school buses and summer school plans.

25 years ago (1992)
The body of Richard Dean Voiska, a South Belt resident, was found at 11:30 a.m. in the bushes beside a dentist's office at 10126 Thernon near Alameda Mall. There were no significant wounds found on the body, but there was some blood on his face and head.

Longtime Weber Elementary School principal Charles Winsor and approximately 53 of the school's present and former staff members filed a lawsuit against the Southbend developers and various chemical companies.

20 years ago (1997)
Scott Duncan Williams, 17, died while awaiting a heart transplant. He had battled heart problems all his life.

Clear Creek's school board named Clear Brook High School principal Sandra Mossman one of three cluster directors. A cluster director is responsible for a high school and all of its feeder schools.

15 years ago (2002)
Two of three court cases had conclusions that sup-

ported the J. Frank Dobie Academic Decathlon Team. The cases stemmed from a competition in which one Dobie student's scores were not included in the final totals, costing Dobie the state championship.

Three South Belt residents broke into portable buildings at Dobie High School and stole numerous televisions, VCRs, computers and other items. Unfortunately for the burglars, they left a trail of stolen property from the buildings to the back yard of one of those involved.

10 years ago (2007)
Controversy brewed over the Pasadena Independent School District school hours. PISD Superintendent Kirk Lewis said the changes were necessary to save money on bus usage. Teachers Yen Rabe and Charlotte Manning argued that making high schoolers start their day earlier was a bad idea since many students have night jobs, and many take care of younger siblings in the morning hours.

The proposal to charge local sports groups park usage fees was rejected thanks to the efforts of local advocates and City Councilmember Addie Wiseman.

1 year ago (2016)
Approximately 200 business and community leaders, as well as numerous elected officials, gathered March 30 at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce held its 32nd annual installation banquet. Newly elected Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner was the featured speaker at the event.

Atkinson, South Belt, South Houston and Turner elementary schools were named Honor Roll schools for the 2015 school year by the Educational Results Partnership and the Institute for Productivity in Education. The Honor Roll is a national program that highlights student achievements, particularly among economically disadvantaged school communities.

New Directions singles meet

New Directions, a group of singles, ages 50 and older, gets together the first and third Monday monthly at the Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Parkway, at 6 p.m. The events include potluck dinner and a meeting which may have guest speakers with group activities. For information, call Margarita at 832-715-9658.

Library seeks donations

The Friends of Parker Williams Branch Library, 10851 Scarsdale, is seeking donations of gently used fiction and nonfiction books. There is a particular need for adult soft-backs (pocketbooks) and all children's books. CDs and DVDs are also being sought.

Dobie 40th reunion set

The Dobie High School Class of 1977 will hold a two-day event, starting Friday evening, Sept. 15, with a mixer at South Shore Harbour from 6 - 10 p.m. The Saturday night event is from 7 p.m. to midnight, Sept. 16, at the Green Event Center, 2000 W. Parkwood Ave. in Friendswood. For more information, visit www.jfrankdo bie1977.com or www.facebook.com/jfd1977.

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Early College high school celebrates 10 years

For the last decade, Clear Horizons Early College High School has steadily raised the bar for early college high schools in Texas.

This year CHECHS is celebrating 10 years of educational excellence made possible through a partnership between Clear Creek Independent School District (CCISD) and San Jacinto College. The first of the College's four early college high school programs, CHECHS is housed on the San Jacinto College South Campus. This allows for CHECHS students to simultaneously attend college courses while completing high school diploma curriculum requirements. As a result, the students graduate high school with a diploma and an associate of arts degree.

"As San Jacinto College's first early college high school, Clear Horizons was an opportunity for a partnership that would yield a very different high school experience for incoming CCISD ninth graders," said Dr. Pamela Campbell, San Jacinto College associate vice chancellor for student success partnerships. "Both the College and CCISD are now

able to claim top high school and college graduates who are pursuing further education at nationally renowned public, private and military institutions across the United States. This initial experience paved the way for the seven additional early college high schools that will be part of the San Jacinto College district in 2017."

In fall 2007, CHECHS opened its doors to more than 100 students during its first, ground-breaking semester. In May 2011, CHECHS saw its first graduating class of 81 students with 66 earning an associate degree. Over the years, the school has been regionally and nationally recognized.

Clear Horizons ECHS isn't an ordinary high school, according to Dr. Greg Smith, CCISD Superintendent of Schools. "Students don't come here to be mediocre—they come here to be amazing," he said. "They are not only accountable to Clear Creek Independent School District but also to San Jacinto College. CHECHS is about partnerships and collaboration, and its students are great examples of the wonderful things that happen

when excellence and opportunity join together to ensure student success."

In 2012, U.S. News & World Report ranked CHECHS the 34th Best High School in the state of Texas and 48th in the nation among charter schools. In 2014, CHECHS was named one of Houston's best public high schools. To date, CHECHS has graduated 442 high school seniors, with some of them continuing to prestigious institutions such as Johns Hopkins University, Rice University and the United States Military Academy at West Point. CHECHS students are also among National Merit and Bill and Melinda Gates Millennium Scholarship recipients. The class of 2016 saw the largest graduating class, 83 seniors, who completed a total of 10,056 service-learning hours.

Alumna Melody Clay, from the original graduating class, says that CHECHS was instrumental in preparing her for college. "CHECHS helped me see what the academic expectations would be once I entered a university setting," said Clay. "My teachers showed me that col-

lege wasn't just an option but a possibility for me. After I graduated, I went to the Colorado School of Mines and earned a degree in civil engineering. I worked in Houston for a few years designing utilities and working on construction projects all over the city. Now I'm back in Colorado pursuing my master's degree in underground construction and tunneling and working part time designing utility tunnels throughout the state of Colorado."

Alumnus Vinh-Son Nguyen, CHECHS class of 2013, is in his first year of medical school at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UT Health San Antonio). Upon graduating from CHECHS, Nguyen was one of 20 students accepted into the inaugural class of the Facilitated Acceptance to Medical Education (FAME) program at the UT School of Medicine in San Antonio. The rigorous seven-year medical program allows students to graduate as physicians with a B.S./M.D. dual degree. "CHECHS allowed me to find my professional identity early on, especially through

an internship with NASA. It encouraged me to explore more internships and continue to develop personally and professionally. Last semester I interned at the House of Representatives Committee on Space, Science and Technology in Washington, D.C., and it was a life-changing experience. I attribute all of my success to CHECHS."

Choosing to attend CHECHS is a decision that CHECHS principal Dr. Brett Lemley, says isn't taken lightly. "Our students choose to come to CHECHS and engage in our very rigorous curriculum, taking all advanced-level high school courses in conjunction with college-level courses," he said. "Our priority is to build individual relationships with each student in order to know how we can best support them. The result is a culture of inclusion and support in a family-like atmosphere that fuels our success and continuous improvement."

Current CHECHS seniors Leni Varghensi, Vy Tran and Paola Zerpa say that while attending CHECHS does afford a more rigorous academic experience, an advantage when it comes to college

applications, there are other advantages students don't realize until they're in the program. "For one thing, you're encouraged to focus on and explore a career path," said Zerpa. "You can't graduate and not have a plan because we graduate high school with an associate degree."

Tran added that because CHECHS isn't the stereotypical high school experience, students actually gain more freedom than some may think. "I like the fact that we have a lot more freedom than regular high school students because we're on a college campus," she said. "CHECHS really allows you to become your own person and not just be an average high school student."

Varghensi emphasized that the student population is probably the most diverse in the district. "I wouldn't be friends with most of the people I'm friends with now if I had continued to go to a regular high school," she said. "I've been exposed to countless different experiences and people of different genders, ethnicities, cultures, etc. You name it, and you can probably find it at CHECHS."

CHECHS celebrates 10 years



Clear Horizons Early College High School seniors, left to right, Vy Tran, Paola Zerpa and Leni Varghensi celebrate the school's 10-year anniversary, making a "10" with their hands. Photo by Andrea Vasquez

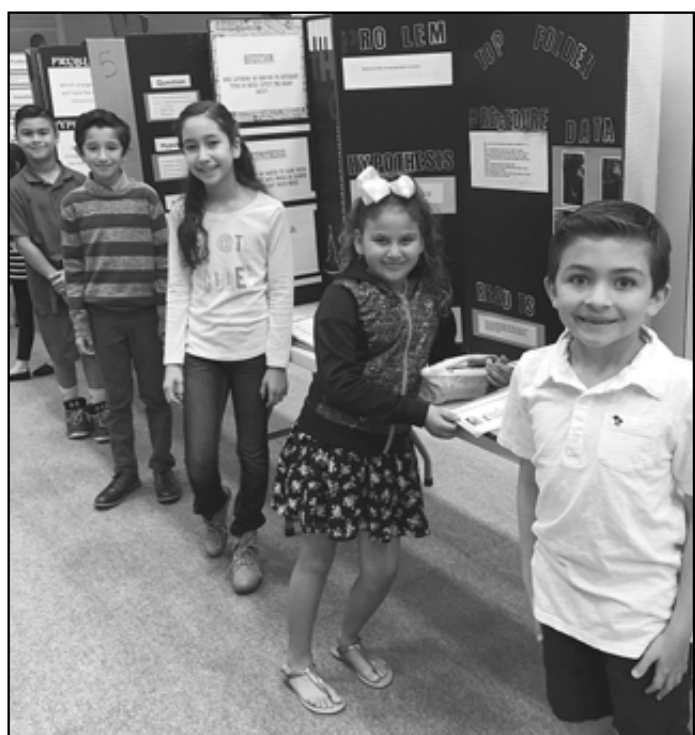
Stuchbery participates in PISD Olympiad



Stuchbery Elementary participated in the Pasadena ISD Olympiad. Shown are, left to right, (first row) Victoria Galvan, Jenny Trinh, Vivian Nguyen, Joelle Jagdeo, Mckenzie Bonner, Bella Sanchez, Andrea Garcia, Ayla Albert, Gerry Labastida, (second row) Susan Brady (coach), Shyla Marcano, Kevin Albert (coach), (third row) Dr. Rhonda Parmer (associate superintendent) and Pam Tevis (elementary health and wellness coordinator). Not pictured is Adriel Cruz. Photo submitted

South Belt Elementary students compete in Science Fair

Third- and fourth-graders from South Belt Elementary participated in the Pasadena ISD District Science Fair on March 21 at Phillips Gym.



Showing off their science boards are, left to right, Noah Villareal, silver medal third-grader; Daniel Soto, gold medal third-grader; Sural Alcora, silver medal third-grader; Jakeida Cervantes, silver medal third-grader; and Sebastian Sanders, gold medal fourth-grader. Photos by Amber Morris



With the PISD superintendent, Dr. DeeAnn Powell, left to right are Sebastian Sanders, Daniel Soto, Noah Villareal, Sural Alcora and Jakeida Cervantes.

Atkinson names science winners



Atkinson Elementary named its top students who participated in the campus Science Fair on Feb. 2. The students represented Atkinson at the district level Science Fair on Tuesday, March 21. Left to right (front row) Xander Schrijn, fourth-grader; Sarah Trinh, fourth-grader; Miranda Medel, third-grader; (back row) Patrick Medel, fourth-grader; and Joseph Perrone, fourth-grader. Photo by Karen O'Connor

Atkinson Elementary names honor, merit, principal's list

The following honor roll, merit roll and principal's list have been released for Atkinson Elementary for the third nine weeks.

Honor Roll
Third Grade
 Yaretzi Arredondo and Miranda Medel.

Fourth Grade
 Jacqueline Gonzalez, Thien Pham, Lizbeth Serrano, Sarah Trinh and Jazlynn Urban.

Merit Roll
Third Grade
 Guillermo Fernandez, Alana Marroquin, Edgar Orozco and Yuliana Zambrano.

Fourth Grade
 Thomas Castelan, Elaine Nguyen, Jamare Philbert, Jaden Quiroz, Bianka Rubio,

Andres Tolentino and Samantha Truong.

Principal's List
Kindergarten
 Noah Adams, Ashley Dominguez, Hailey Estrada, David Garcia, Taylor Hines, Johan Oviedo, Jaime Palomino, Dahlia Reyes, Kristen Tran and Lyric Turner.

First Grade
 Chloe Bizzarri, Alondra Cruz, Andrea Gomez, Danny Gonzalez, Veronica Madrid, Diego Marban, Vianna Nguyen, Susan Plata, Harsh Rana, Genesis Rosales, Skylar Spears, Thomas Wilkerson and David Zelaya.

Second Grade
 Vianka Alanis, Danae Cooksey, Ruben Flores,

Jimena Gutierrez, Jorge Jimenez, Molly Mata, Seven Nguyen, Ismael Rodriguez, Alayna Roman, Emily Salinas, Noah Serna and Kevin Zelaya.

Third Grade
 Diana Armenta, Zarrean Barrientez, Thien Cao, Guillermo Fernandez, Haylee Gomez, Mark Mata, Mehreen Mir, Emiliano Rivera, Dylan Salinas, Bao Vu and Tia Williams.

Fourth Grade
 Nataly Baez, Julio Guerrero, Jose Hernandez, Tiana Hernandez, Hailey Lazo, Mia Lozano, Anadeli Marban, Leyla Martinez, Dylan Nguyen, Diana Pena, Evalynn Ramos, Xander Schrijn, Cardin Tran and Yuriana Zollocoffer.

Meador Elementary announces honor, merit rolls

The following honor roll and merit roll have been released for Meador Elementary for the third nine weeks.

Honor Roll
First Grade
 Liam Adame, Melody Arellano, Musa Bahar, Angie Barragan, Rachel BenSmith, Gissele Cardiel, Mario Cardona, Adrianna Castillo, Shaan Castillo, Angelique Cervantes, Sophia Chirinos, Jose Cortez and Brooke Davis.

Christopher Diaz, Megan Do, Genesi Dominguez, Ariana Espinoza, Emily Espinoza, Alana Fanseca, Gabriel Garcia and Frida Gomez.

Luis Gomez, Ra'Naiya Guichard, Allison Guillen, Renee Guy, Abigail Hairston, Cayden Hamed, Alexis Hernandez, Melodie Hernandez, Jani Izaguirre, Dylan Jimenez, Kaitlynn Lanza, Yogenis Linares, Anthony Maldonado, Karely Maldonado, Derreion Malone, Jennie

Mancuso, Donovan Mandani, Maia Martinez, Seyed Martinez, Travis McGee, Johnnie Medina, Mariany Mendez and Julianna Mikulski.

Anna Nguyen, Antwon Olezene, Liliana Olivarez, Arabell Perez, Janelle Ramos, Alex Rodriguez, Alyssa Rodriguez and Ishmael Rodriguez.

Joseph Rodriguez, Mariana Salazar, Ian Sanchez, Azari Schells, Alexander Tiscareno, Amalia Torres, Maurice Ty, Alexander Vargas, Anel Villareal, James Waters and Emilio Zavala.

Second Grade
 Isreal Aguilar, Janisleidis Aguilar, Brooke Anderson, Schneider Araujo, Sophia Breigheith, Diana Campazuno, Jannie Cardenas, Jessica Cardenas, Robert Castillo, Estrella Cortes, Samantha Cristancho, Isabella Diaz, Jonathan Diaz, Jordan Dunn, Matthew Espinoza, Andres

Garcia, Kaelynn Garcia, Abraham Guillen, Maliah Jackson and Kennedy Jones.

Emily Kegresse, Mattisen Love, Ethen Maldonado, Amy McCoy, Elijah Metz, Jillian Mikulski, Ashley Moreno, Devin Moreno and Tristen Murua

Tasneem Rasheed, Emma Rocha, Fidencio Rodriguez, Kayla Rosette, Daniella Salamanca, Krystal Silva, Jaedon Sinclair, Isabella Snedecor, Brianna Thompson and Daniella Thompson

Miriam Torres, Alan Vallejo, Felipe Villa, Julian Villasenor and Auri Young.

Third Grade
 Leonela Aguila, Hussai Arias, Minh Nguyen and Keyla Zeledon.

Fourth Grade
 Bryan Anderson, Yaeishya Ciudad, Bethany Espinoza, Anysia Hagler, Cindy Su and Anthony Zeledon.

Merit Roll

Third Grade
 Keving Argueta, Julian Calderon, Leroy Carter, Josselyn Delgado, Anthony Dominguez, Ava Gonzalez, Nelson Mendez, Blaze Murua, Rachel Rivera, Oliver Saavedra, Aidsa Vazquez and Anijah Wahsington.

Fourth Grade
 Alek Saldana, Michael Traylor and Michelle Zarate.

HCAD unveils upgraded app

Harris County Appraisal District unveiled its upgraded iPhone app on March 28 that provides information and services to property owners.

The new app allows property owners to file a homestead exemption or an over-65 exemption, retrieve an iFile number or look up district phone numbers or directions to the HCAD offices.

"The new app has much more functionality than our previous homestead exemption app," said Roland Altinger, chief appraiser.

"This upgrade is another example of how we are continuing to make it easier and more convenient for property owners to work with the appraisal district," Altinger said.

The district has improved the exemption process in the new app by enabling the app to offer property owners an over-65 exemption, prior year exemptions and a percentage of ownership if several individuals own a property jointly.

The new app now has more information available for the property owner on the status of their exemption application.

The district also has added a new bar code scanner in the app to verify the property owner's identity and address.

State tax laws require the name and address on the driver's license to match the property address in HCAD's computer system in order to grant the property owner an exemption.

A Texas driver's license is required for the exemptions and for retrieval of an iFile number, which is needed to file a protest.

"The new app lets the property owner scan their driver's license and if the identification matches, it will provide an iFile number

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South Belt community struck by strong storms, destructive winds

Trampoline goes for a ride



The above photo from Elizabeth Eckols was the talk of Facebook. Eckols said the trampoline had traveled roughly five blocks down Blackhawk before striking the Sagemeadow sign. *Photo by Elizabeth Eckols*

Tree branch snaps



Winds caused a large tree limb to snap at a residence in the Sageglen subdivision, narrowly avoiding the home. Despite reports to the contrary, the damage was likely not caused by a tornado. *Photo by Ann Abernathy*

Garage collapses on car



A neighbor comes to assess the damage of a collapsed garage at the home of George and Kathy Ericksen at 11607 Sagevale at Sagegreen. The damage was featured in a Channel 2 news report. *Photo by James Bolen*

Awning torn from store



Strong winds ripped the awning off the Dry Clean Super Center in the 11200 block of Scarsdale. Several other neighboring businesses also suffered the brunt of the storm. *Photo by Alexis Lochner*

Roof ripped from home



A roof was torn from a house at the corner of Sagegreen and Sagevale in the Sageglen subdivision, the intersection where the most significant damage was reported. *Photo James Bolen*

Tree snapped in half



Strong winds snapped a tree in half at the Kwik Kar Lube Center & Ocean Wash in the 11200 block of Scarsdale. Multiple other nearby businesses also suffered extensive damage. *Photo by James Bolen*

Light pole snaps in two



A steel light pole was snapped in half in the Food Town parking lot at Scarsdale and Beamer. *Photo by James Bolen*

First winds, then rains strike South Belt

Beamer Ditch reaches peak



The Beamer Ditch nearly overflowed the afternoon of Wednesday, March 29. An electrical worker is shown above responding to a call near the intersection of Hall Road and Beamer, as the water rises to its peak behind him. *Photo by David Flickinger*

Hall, Sagewillow underwater



As much of the South Belt community was recovering from wind damage suffered the previous weekend, the area was struck by a second storm at press time Wednesday, March 29, causing widespread flooding. The Hall Road area was hit particularly hard by the flooding. Above, the intersection of Sagewillow and Hall Road is shown underwater. One Sagewillow resident said it was the worst the street had flooded in several years. *Photo by David Flickinger*

New HCAD app available

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 "Since we get thousands of requests for iFile numbers each year in April and May when people are filing their protests, this will be a tremendous time saver for the property owner and the district." The new HCAD app is available to download for free through the Apple App Store, but it requires an iPhone 4 or beyond or an iPad 3 or beyond. The district is also working on an Android app that it expects to roll out in a few weeks.

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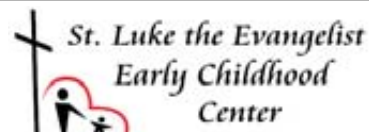
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JFD boys' soccer to areas against Bucs; Dobie girls fall

It's on to the area varsity boys' soccer playoff round for the Dobie squad, where the Longhorns will meet District 21-6A runner-up Brazoswood in the second round.

The match is set for Friday, March 31, at Dickinson ISD's Sam Vitanza Stadium, on the campus of Dickinson High School. Match time is 7 p.m.

While the Longhorn boys have advanced to the area playoff round for a third straight season, the 2017 campaign has come to an end for the Lady Longhorns' varsity team.

Atascocita, which is now 19-1-1 this season, shut out the Lady Long-

horns 2-0 March 24, at Galena Park ISD Stadium. Atascocita's Jazmin Grant made it 1-0 four minutes into the match after taking a feed from teammate Natalie Kees.

With 21 minutes remaining, Grant fed Kees with a pass, who made it 2-0 and secured the win for the Lady Eagles.

Elsewhere in the bidistrict girls' playoff round, 22-6A champion Deer Park advanced, but second-place La Porte and fourth-place Beaumont West Brook were both defeated.

In boys' action, the 22-6A slate has been wiped clean as well, with the exception of Dobie. And the

Longhorns certainly plan to keep their momentum going.

Up next is a tricky Brazoswood team, which finished second in District 21-6A action and actually hung a 3-2 defeat on then nationally-ranked Alief Elsik Feb. 14. Elsik won the March 11 rematch 4-1.

Dobie head coach Justin Manrique said the first area of focus is dealing with Brazoswood's overall size advantage.

The Bucs also have the ability to execute long throw-ins, with both of their bidistrict goals against Clear Creek coming after long throw-ins. "Brazoswood was run-

ner-up in a very good soccer district, and they beat a nationally-ranked team along the way," Manrique said.

"They are really good in the air, and you have to be aware of every throw-in. They like to quickly turn plays into corner kicks, and they are very good on

the ground.

"Our edge is that we have had success and we have an expectation to win. At this point in the season every team is good, so we have to be ready from the opening whistle."

The Dobie/Brazoswood winner will face either Alief Taylor or North

Shore in the regional quarterfinals. In 2016, Dobie defeated Taylor in the area round and then lost to North Shore in the quarters.

Manrique doesn't want his team looking ahead to the third round but knows it's only natural. For now, **Continued on Page 6B**

Area Playoff Round
Dobie boys' soccer vs. Brazoswood Bucs
Friday, March 31, 7 p.m.
Sam Vitanza Stadium, Dickinson H.S.



Dobie's Michelle Kristoff was in several tough situations against Memorial in a key District 22-6A contest March 28 at the Pasadena ISD Sports Complex, but came up big when it mattered most. The senior

got the final two outs of the game while leaving the potential tying run stranded at second base. Dobie thus walked away with a 6-5 win and sole possession of second place in the standings.

Lady Longhorns outlast Mavs

By John Bechtle
Sports Editor

The heated rivalry continues, and right now the Dobie varsity softball team is holding bragging rights over the Memorial Lady Mavericks.

Trailing for much of the game, Dobie rallied

for four runs in the top of the sixth inning, highlighted by Taylor Pleasants' based-loaded triple, eventually leading to a 6-5 victory March 28 at the Pasadena ISD Sports Complex.

Pleasants went on to score on the relay throw due to an error, giving the Lady Longhorns a 6-4 lead. Memorial scored

once in the bottom of the seventh and had the potential tying run at second base with one out.

But Dobie's Michelle Kristoff came up big when it mattered most, striking out Hannah Garcia and getting a fly ball to center field from Victoria Garivey to end the game. The win leaves Dobie

(6-1 in District 22-6A play) in sole possession of second place with the second half of league play set to begin March 31.

Deer Park is currently atop the standings at 7-0 and seems primed to go unbeaten after running the table the first go-around.

So Dobie has secured second place for now, thanks to some late-game heroics.

Early on, there was nothing but missed opportunities on the scoresheet for Dobie.

The locals loaded the bases in the top of the first inning with no outs, but **Continued on Page 6B**

San Jacinto College softball winner of nine straight games

With nine straight wins and a 12-2 Region XIV record, things are going very well for the San Jacinto College softball team at the moment.

And with a slew of home games coming up for the now 15th nationally ranked team, it could be a very special run over the next several weeks.

With a nonconference sweep of Neosho County March 22 to go with a pair of Region XIV sweeps of Coastal Bend and Laredo, San Jacinto College is certainly playing its best softball of the season.

Standout sophomore pitcher Niki Gonzalez picked up the wins in five of those six wins, getting

her to a nation-best of 22 for the season.

Gonzalez is also within two wins of tying the San Jac program record for career wins, which is at 51 now but seems destined to be smashed.

In all honesty, San Jac was supposed to take care of business against the likes of Coastal Bend and Laredo. There are tougher

opponents that lie ahead, but San Jac is passing the test at every turn.

San Jac 9 Coastal Bend 0

Mackenzie Kotrla smacked three doubles, scored two runs and drove in two more to pace a 9-0 victory against Coastal Bend in the March 24 opener at Beeville. **Continued on Page 3B**

Coyotes at South campus

San Jacinto hosts Alvin

Friday, March 31, 2 p.m., 2 games

San Jacinto hosts Galveston

Saturday, April 1, 2 p.m., 2 games

Brook's Azore is 24-6A MVP



Clear Brook senior forward David Azore (22) was named the District 24-6A Most Valuable Player this season, capping a brilliant career with the Wolverines. The district's Newcomer of the Year as a sophomore, Azore was the league's Offensive Player of the Year as a junior before taking the top prize this season. He also became the Wolverines' all-time leading scorer this season. For more on the 24-6A all-district boys' basketball selections, see Page 2B. *Photo by John Bechtle*

Sports news, notes

SB Dolphins set registration

The Southbelt Dolphins of the Bay Area Football League has set upcoming registration dates for the 2017 season, with practices starting in July.

The registration dates include April 22, May 20, and June 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sagemont Community Center. Games begin in August, and the regular season runs into November.

Dobie softball sets April 8 wash

The Dobie High School softball program will host a fundraising car wash Saturday, April 8, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the school. Pre-event wash tickets are \$5 and can be purchased from any softball player. Tickets must be presented at the time of wash. There will also be snacks available for purchase during the event.

Dobie VB sets youth training

Dobie varsity volleyball head coach and staff members will host a series of youth training sessions for current fifth- and sixth-grade students. The sessions will be held on Wednesdays from 5 to 7 p.m., including April 19, April 26, May 3, May 10, May 17 and May 24.

Staff members will provide training in all phases of the game, including serving, setting, passing, hitting, blocking, etc. Team offensive and defensive concepts will be covered. Pasadena ISD does not provide medical insurance to students for these types of events, so parents will be responsible for providing their own insurance.

For additional information, call Sexton at 832-509-7269 or direct email to her at dgutierrez2@pasadenaisd.org.

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Wolverines' Azore scores Most Valuable Player nod

Following a thrilling District 24-6A varsity boys' basketball season, the league's respective head coaches gathered to honor its top players, with those from Dickinson and Clear Brook taking center stage.

The Wolverines' David Azore, the school's all-time leading scorer and University of Texas-Arlington commit, capped his fine career by being named the league's overall Most Valuable Player.

It all started for Azore as a sophomore at the varsity level as he was chosen as the district's Newcomer

of the Year. As a junior, Azore took things a step farther, garnering Offensive Player of the Year accolades within 24-6A.

As a senior, Azore helped the Wolverines finish third in a very tough alignment.

While Brook was eliminated in the first round of the playoffs, Azore had long-established his legacy with the Wolverines.

Another three-year starter, Onix Little, was also selected as a 24-6A first-teamer this season.

A member of the school's varsity football

program that went three rounds into the playoffs, Little arrived on the basketball court later than usual but was nonetheless impressive enough with his play to gain the notice of the league's coaches.

Still another three-year varsity letterman, guard Caleb Lang was named to the 24-6A second team, rounding out the honorees for the Wolverines.

Elsewhere within the district, Clear Lake's Ajanni Sanni, who played his freshman season on the varsity level at Pearlland before spending the past two seasons with the Fal-

cons, was named the 24-6A Offensive Player of the Year.

Jarian Spells, the Defensive Player of the Year, joined Newcomer of the Year Tramon Mark in leading Dickinson to the District 24-6A championship this season, with Mark averaging nearly 25 points per game.

Jason Wilson, who guided the Gators to that league championship, was the easy choice for Coach of the Year in 24-6A.

Savion Flagg of Alvin, a Texas A&M University signee, joined Clear Creek's Nick Shipley as

unanimous selections on the District 24-6A first team.

As for the second team, Christian Waller of Clear Springs and Friendswood's Tanner Bandini were unanimous picks.

Looking ahead to 2017-2018, Sanni's Clear Lake team could very well battle Mark and Dickinson for the championship.

With a total of four players who were three-year lettermen, Clear Brook figures to be in re-load mode under head coach Christian Thompson, but the Wolverines should bounce back fine.

- Varsity Boys' Hoops**
- All-District 24-6A Selections**
- Most Valuable Player**
David Azore, Clear Brook, Sr.
- Offensive Player/Year**
Ajare Sanni, Clear Lake, Jr.
- Defensive Player/Year**
Jarian Spells, Dickinson, Sr.
- Newcomer/Year**
Tramon Mark, Dickinson, Fr.
- Coach/Year**
Jason Wilson, Dickinson

First Team Selections

- Savion Flagg, Alvin, Sr.*
- Nick Shipley, Clear Creek, Sr.*
- Alex Dehoyos, Friendswood, Jr.*
- Onix Little, Clear Brook, Sr.*
- Grannon Long, Clear Springs, Sr.*
- Riley Abercrombie, Clear Lake, Jr.*
- Griffin Schneider, Friendswood, Sr.*
- Zaid Harris, Clear Lake, Jr.*

Second Team Selections

- Christian Waller, Clear Springs, Jr.*
- Jaylon Simpson, Dickinson, Sr.*
- Caleb Lang, Clear Brook, Sr.*
- Taylor Vessel, Clear Falls, Sr.*
- Julian Legrant, Clear Springs, Sr.*
- Jalen White, Clear Springs, Fr.*
- Byron Staten, Dickinson, Jr.*
- Taylor Bandini, Friendswood, Jr.*
- Daniel Green, Alvin, Sr.*
- D.J. Moss, Alvin, Sr.*



Above, Brook's Caleb Lang, like Azore a three-year varsity letterman within the program, was named to the 24-6A second team after a sold final season.

At left, what a career it was for Clear Brook varsity boys' basketball player David Azore. He was the 24-6A Newcomer of the Year as a sophomore and the Offensive Player of the Year as a junior. This past season, Azore capped his run with the Wolverines by being named the 24-6A Most Valuable Player.



The Wolverines' Onix Little (20) arrived late this season after finishing his duties with the varsity football team but was still named to the 24-6A first team.

Photos by John Bechtel

Sports Calendar

SOCCKER

Friday, March 31
Area playoffs

- Dobie varsity boys vs. Brazoswood, Dickinson, 7:00
- Thompson 7th boys at Park View, 5:00
- Thompson 8th boys at Park View, 6:00
- Thompson 7th girls host Park View, 5:00
- Thompson 8th girls host Park View, 6:00
- Beverly Hills 7th boys at South Houston, 5:00
- Beverly Hills 8th boys at South Houston, 6:00
- Beverly Hills 7th girls host South Houston, 5:00
- Beverly Hills 8th girls host South Houston, 6:00

SOFTBALL

Friday, March 31

- Dobie varsity at West Brook, 7:00
- Dobie JV at West Brook, 5:00

TRACK AND FIELD

Thursday, March 30

- Dobie JV girls at pre-district meet, TBA

Friday, March 31

- Dobie varsity girls at Rockhold Relays, Baytown, TBA

BASEBALL

Thursday, March 30

- Brook varsity hosts Friendswood, 7:00
- Brook JV at Friendswood, 7:00
- Brook sophomores at Friendswood, 4:30

Friday, March 31

- Dobie varsity at La Porte, 7:00

Saturday, April 1

- Brook varsity at Friendswood, 1:00
- Brook JV hosts Friendswood, 2:00
- Brook sophomores host Friendswood, 11 a.m.

Tuesday, April 4

- Dobie varsity hosts Memorial, Dobie, 4:00

Friday, April 7

- Dobie varsity hosts West Brook, Dobie, 4:00
- Brook varsity at Clear Lake, 7:00
- Brook JV hosts Clear Lake, 7:00
- Brook sophomores host Clear Lake, 4:30

TENNIS

Friday, March 31 and Saturday, April 1

- Dobie varsity at Beachcomber Classic, Galv., TBA

San Jac basketball drops quarterfinal

33 wins. Two losses. In the end, it wasn't good enough for the San Jacinto College men's basketball team to claim a National Junior College Athletic Association Division I national championship.

A second-round win over Connors State put the Ravens in the national quarterfinals, just three wins away from a possible fifth championship for the program.

But a bigger and certainly physical Southwest Florida State squad brought the locals' title hopes to an end, scoring a 98-82 win in that quarterfinal round.

In a game that was never really close, SWFS jumped out to a 36-21 lead and was in front 46-32 at the break.

The Ravens played their opponent even for much of the second half, but it simply was not enough.

Corey Davis scored 20 points to lead the way for the Ravens, and sophomore teammate Jordan Duffy chipped in with 18. Both played their final game with San Jacinto College.

Davis was named to the NJCAA Division I Men's Basketball All-Tournament team following the conclusion of the event March 25 at the Hutchinson Events Center.

Host Hutchinson (Kan.) wound up pocketing its third national championship, topping Eastern Florida 84-58 in the March 25 championship game.

By Amanda Fenwick
SJC Marketing

Five San Jacinto College men's basketball players earned Region XIV postseason honors, and head coach Scott Gernander was named the

Region XIV Coach of the Year.

First-team all-Region XIV went to Davis (Lafayette

High School) and Duffy

(Upper Marlboro, Maryland/James M. Bennett High School).

Tay Hardy (Natchitoches, Louisiana/Lakeview High School) was named to the all-Region second team, and James Kirksey (Chester, Pennsylvania/Chester High School/Clarendon College) and Kabir Mohammed (Lagos, Nigeria/National Christian Academy) earned honorable mention honors.

Duffy led the team in scoring, averaging more than 19 points per game, a mark that ranked him 35th nationally prior to the national tournament.

Davis was second at 17.2 points per game heading into the national tournament, and also led the team in 3-point shooting, averaging 46 percent from long range.

Hardy and Mohammed averaged 13 and 10.9 points per game, respectively, while Mohammed was the team's top rebounder at 8.4 per game.

Kirksey owned marks of 9 points and 6.3 rebounds per game. He and Davis were the only two players to start in all 33 games.

San Jac was making its 21st overall national tournament appearance and the second trip to Hutchinson under Gernander, who guided the 2015 team to the national tournament.

San Jacinto College last won the men's basketball national title in 1986 when the team went undefeated with a 37-0 record.

San Jac has won four national titles (1968, 1983, 1984, and 1986), and was the national runner-up on four different occasions (1967, 1977, 1997, and 2003).



San Jacinto's Tay Hardy (12) goes to the basket against Braydon Powell (33) of Connors State for two of his 19 points off the bench as the Ravens routed Connors 115-77 in the second round of the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I Men's Basketball Championship. SJC was eliminated in the quarterfinals.

Area sports, news

Lajaunie tennis coming

The 2017 Darren Lajaunie Memorial Tennis Tournament will now be held at the Harry Taylor Tennis Center in Pasadena formerly known as Strawberry Park, April 28-30. The DLTSF will continue to award college scholarships to the seniors on the Dobie High School tennis team, in addition to qualifying members of the Harry Taylor Tennis Center.

The Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund volunteers are finalizing plans for its 6th annual memorial tennis tournament, set to make its first appearance at the Harry Taylor Tennis Center.

Darren Lajaunie began his tennis career playing tennis at Dobie High School and graduated co-valedictorian in 1984. Members of the Dobie tennis team will be awarded entry fees to play in the tournament in his honor.

Lajaunie lost his battle with melanoma May 3, 2011. This scholarship fund and tournament is a way to honor his memory by helping junior tennis players enjoy tennis and assist with their education in college.

He was an electrical engineer graduate from the University of Texas in Austin, and a pillar of the community while working at the Johnson Space Center. Lajaunie was also dedicated and passionate for his favorite pastime of playing tennis.

All players will receive a tournament T-shirt, a luggage tag and enjoy a complimentary opening morning breakfast snack.

A free lunch will also be available for players and spectators, donated by the Lajaunie family. The Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund volunteers are busy seeking donors and silent auction items.

Opening ceremonies, including a scholarship awards dinner and silent auction, will be held Friday, April 28. There will be several camp scholarships as well as two college scholarships awarded to HTTC junior tennis players. Dinner tickets are now on sale and are \$15.

Opening night special activities this year include HTTC hosting a complimentary cardio tennis clinic for adults, and a children's clinic full of fun tennis games for ages 12 and under. There will also be plenty of giveaway prizes.

Tickets may be purchased at the HTTC or on the DLTSF website at present. In May, the Dobie recipients will be awarded their scholarships at the school. Entry fee for the tournament is: \$35 for singles; \$22.50 per player for doubles. Players may also register at www.settee.com. Registration deadline is April 14.

The tournament will begin Saturday, April 29, at 8 a.m. and finish the next afternoon, with trophy presentations at the conclusion of each division of play.

Silent auction items this year include an autographed tournament T-shirt from the band Los Lobos, an autographed polo shirt from retired race car driver Mario Andretti and current Indy race car driver Marco Andretti (grandson), an autographed picture from the Houston Rockets, dance lessons from the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Clear Lake and much more.

The Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund website at www.DLTennisScholarships.com includes pictures from last year's tournament and information on this year's tournament, sponsorship opportunities, scholarship details and more.

Those who would like to donate may also do so on the website. The Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund is a nonprofit corporation, and all donations are tax deductible.

Donations may now be made via the website with a credit card or one may mail a check or money order to: Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund, 3106 Mossy Elm Court, Houston, Texas, 77059, or contact Camille Lajaunie, committee chairperson at cjlajau nie@gmail.com with any questions.

July 31 through Aug. 4 SBYSC/TetraBrazil to offer youth camp; players ages 8 through 16 are eligible

With five World Cups to their name, Brazil stands alone as the most decorated soccer nation. This summer, aspiring American players will have the opportunity to learn the secrets of their amazing success directly from more than a dozen Brazilian coaches who will spend 10 weeks traveling around the country and sharing their knowledge.

TetraBrazil, the most popular Brazilian soccer coaching program in the United States, has been invited to host one of their exclusive youth training camps in the South Belt area.

The South Belt Youth Soccer Club has teamed up with TetraBrazil to host the TetraBrazil Soccer Camp July 31 through August 4 at the South Belt Youth Soccer Club's facility at El Franco Lee Park.

The camp will run Monday through Friday, and each child will be coached by a member of TetraBrazil's elite team of soccer coaches trained to work within these programs.

TetraBrazil is a part of Challenger Sports which will host more than 3,500 soccer programs this year and will coach more than 200,000 players between the ages of 3 and 19.

TetraBrazil provides day camps, team camps and high school camps to youth players of all ages.

The unique TetraBrazil curriculum contains more than merely techniques and tactics.

Each member of the TetraBrazil coaching staff will bring an authentic taste of the flair, passion and creativity of Brazilian soccer to the camps.

In addition to learning advanced footwork, new skills and the most effective moves used by top Brazilian players, campers will warm up to samba music, learn Portuguese phrases and discover what it is like to grow up and play soccer in a country where the game is treated like a religion.

Each camper will receive a free TetraBrazil soccer camp T-shirt and

soccer ball, a Brazilian soccer poster and camp certificate.

In addition, any child who registers online at www.challengersports.com at least 45 days prior to camp will receive a genuine TetraBrazil soccer replica jersey.

The South Belt Youth Soccer Club is offering TetraBrazil soccer camp sessions for the following groups:

Ages 8 to 11 - Half Day Camp (9 a.m. to noon) \$162.

Ages 12 to 16 - Half Day Camp (9 a.m. to noon) \$162.

Teams are also welcome to attend and receive a week of focused Brazilian instruction to prepare them for the fall season.

Space is limited, and parents are encouraged to register their children online in advance to avoid missing out.

For additional information and to register, visit www.challengersports.com.

For more information about TetraBrazil or the Challenger Sports program, call Mike Rees at 512-416-7706, or direct email to Rees at mrees@challengersports.com

TetraBrazil is a division of Challenger Sports, a corporation registered in Kansas, which provides camps, clinics, tours, tournaments, team trainers, uniforms and equipment to soccer clubs in each state and throughout Canada.

In addition to coaching youth players Challenger will also run hundreds of free parent/coach soccer clinics throughout the country in partnership with the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

Challenger Sports is the only soccer camp that has been accredited by The American Camping Association, which is the national camp accreditation body in the United States and verifies that a camp has complied with at least 300 standards for health, safety, and program quality, recognized by courts of law and government regulators.

Hot San Jacinto College softball team returns home



Continued from Page 1B

Taylor McHenry and Riley Bullen also had two hits and two runs batted in. All of that was plenty of run support for Gonzalez, who went five innings for the win.

San Jac 7 Coastal Bend 5

In the second game, San Jacinto trailed 5-2 but picked up the pace with four runs in the sixth inning en route to a 7-5 victory.

Kaitlin Kerl homered and Dani Damian, Bullen and Deleon all had two hits apiece to support the offense. Gonzalez, who came into the game in relief and went the final 3 1/3 innings, earned the win.

San Jac 9 Laredo 0

With four runs in the third inning and four in the fourth inning, San Jacinto came up with plenty of offense to bounce Laredo 9-0 in a March 25 doubleheader opener.

Gonzalez went the five innings, striking out eight in getting the victory.

SJC's Missy Hernandez, Damian, Kotrla and Shelbi Doherty all had two hits for the winners.

San Jac 5 Laredo 0

Kotrla stayed hot at the plate with two more doubles, and Bullen drove in three runs as San Jacinto ran its winning streak to nine with a 5-0 win over Laredo.

Gonzalez allowed just two hits over seven innings, getting career win No. 49 along the way.

San Jacinto also played well in a nonconference doubleheader against Neosho County, which came March 22, after press time.

Dani Damian led the way offensively, homering in both games as San Jacinto went on to sweep Neosho 11-1 and 4-3.

San Jac 11 Neosho 1

In the first game, San Jac scored a quick 11-1 win by run-rule over five innings as Missy Hernandez had two hits and drove in four. Damian homered and drove in three runs for the locals, who scored all of their 11 runs between the second and third innings.

Gonzalez pitched the five innings for San Jacinto, allowing just four hits while striking out nine.

San Jac 4 Neosho 3

Damian homered and drove in a pair as San Jacinto scored early and went on to down Neosho 4-3. Mackenzie Kotrla, Shelbi Doherty and Kaitlin Kerl doubled for the winners.

Katlin Rivera got the start in the circle for the locals and went four innings to earn the win. Natalie Hoyt worked the final three frames to notch the save.

Now it's home for two big conference doubleheaders against Alvin and Galveston.

After a road trip to Louisiana to take on LSU-Eunice, which at 32-8 is ranked fourth in the current National Junior College Athletic Association's Division II poll, then it's back to conference play with more home games. Perhaps SJC can keep the wins coming.

At present, San Jacinto is in a two-team race with Blinn at the top of the Region XIV South Zone standings.

At 12-2, San Jacinto is right at the top along with Blinn, which is 9-1. Lamar State Port Arthur is 8-4, with other teams farther behind.

JFD's Singleton, Brook boys' track team compete at Rice Invitational

The Victor Lopez Classic, hosted March 24-25 at Rice University, served as a measuring stick of sorts as high school athletes went against the best of the best in many of the events.

While the rest of her team competed at the Pasadena City Meet at South Houston High School, Dobie's Camille Singleton was in the mix at Rice University, facing stiff competition in the 200- and 400-meter events.

Singleton, certainly one of the top competitors in both events in the Region III ranks, was third in the 200-meter preliminary rounds at 24.62 seconds.

Advancing to the final, Singleton came in at 24.84 for fifth place in the event. At the 400-meter distance, Singleton's time of 58.45 was ninth, just a slot out of the final.

Brook boys at Rice

Clear Brook varsity boys' track and field head coach Aaron Troyer took his team

to the Victor Lopez event, hoping to gauge just where some of his athletes are in terms of preparation for the 24-6A Championships, coming in mid-April.

The Wolverines were well-represented in many of the events.

The team's top finish was delivered by John'te Horace, who soared to the 43 feet, 9 1/2 inches mark for ninth place in the triple jump.

In the same event, the Wolverines' Wesley Barton was 22nd at 38'8 1/4."

Teammates Cormae Cupples (7 minutes, 28.82 seconds) and Sebastian Koran (7:28.90) ran in tandem for much of the 2,000-meter steeplechase, placing 11th and 12th, respectively.

The Wolverines also stood out in the 4x800-meter relay, taking 13th place overall.

In the 100-meter dash preliminaries, Jarrett Smith clocked in at 11.62 for 24th place, with teammate Barton 39th at 11.88. Jaizac Garcia

was 53rd at 12.19.

Kenneth Pree was 18th in the long jump with his best effort at 20' 8 1/2," and Horace was 25th in the same event following a leap of 19'10 3/4."

Brook's top finisher in the 200-meter dash was Loranzo Thompson, in at 23.40 for 33rd place. Braelon Hill was at 23.50 for 36th place, with Garcia's time of 24.38 placing him 59th.

Elsewhere in the meet

of the Wolverines, a time of 16.04 placed Caleb Nettles 23rd in the 110-meter hurdles, with teammate Brieson Moore just a spot back, 24th at 16.05.

At 16.66, Corey Fairer of Clear Brook was 31st.

A throw of 121'1" placed Jake Allison 26th in the discus, and Nettles (43.00) and Fairer (43.89) were 37th and 43rd, respectively, in the 300-meter hurdles.

In the 800-meter run, the

Wolverines' William Mouton placed 33rd with a time of 2:05.03, and George Burrell came up with a time of 2:10.61 for 58th.

Austin Kanjirathinga of Clear Brook was 40th in the 3,200-meter run with a time of 9:46.06, with his brother, Eric Kanjirathinga 46th at 9:54.81. Eric Kanjirathinga also competed in the 1,500-meter event, placing 65th in a time of 4:40.53. Mouton's time of 53.33

placed him 45th overall in the 400-meter dash.

Upcoming action

Most of the high school programs across the region have just one remaining meet scheduled prior to the arrival of district competitions.

The Clear Brook varsity boys' and girls' teams, as well as Dobie's varsity boys' and girls' teams, will be in action at the Baytown Rockhold Relays Friday, March 31, beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Then it's on to district competition.

The District 24-6A Championships will be held April 10 and April 12 at Challenger Stadium in Webster.

The District 22-6A Championships are set for April 11 and April 13, at Auxiliary Stadium in Pasadena.

At the district level, the top four finishing individuals and teams in each event will qualify for area round competition.

Thompson Lions		
2017 Boys' Soccer Schedule		
Date	Opponent	Time
March 31	at Park View	5/6 p.m.
April 4	at Jackson	5/6 p.m.
April 11	Queens	5/6 p.m.
April 18	at Bondy	5/6 p.m.
April 25	Miller	5/6 p.m.
May 3-5	PISD tourn.	TBA
*7th Grade Matches played first		

BHI Bears		
2017 Boys' Soccer Schedule		
Date	Opponent	Time
March 31	at South Houston	5/6 p.m.
April 4	San Jacinto	5/6 p.m.
April 11	at Park View	5/6 p.m.
April 18	Southmore	5/6 p.m.
April 25	Queens	5/6 p.m.
May 3-5	PISD tourn.	TBA
*7th Grade Matches played first		

Dobie tracksters take city meet by storm

Dobie proved to be the pride of Pasadena ISD, winning the City Track and Field Meet at South Houston High School, which served as one of the primary events leading up to the District 22-6A Championships in mid-April.

Even with standout athlete Camille Singleton competing at Rice University, the Lady Longhorns had just enough steam to win top team honors in the meet with 204 points. South Houston pushed Dobie all the way, and wound up second at 192.

The Trojans flipped things in the boys' division, winning first place at 167.3 points, just 1.3 points better than second-place Dobie.

Dobie girls win

There were many big-time contributors as the Lady Longhorns scored the team title at South Houston.

In the discus, it boiled down to teammates Victoria Onozie and Jamesetta Seals of Dobie, with Onozie's top throw of 101 feet winning, and Seals second at 96 feet, 1 inch."

Onozie and Seals were in contention for the win in the shot put, but South Houston's Karen Galvan won at 31'6 1/2." Meanwhile, Onozie (31'5 1/2") was second, with Seals third at 30'9."

Erin Flemming of Dobie led the way in the long jump, clearing 16'1 1/2" for the win, with Henry third at 14'9 1/4."

At 5'0," Cook kept the wins coming as she was the champion of the high jump, and teammate Camryn Ridge was second in the pole vault after clearing 7'6."

Dobie's Leslie Perez (13 minutes, 18 seconds) won the 3,200-meter run, edging the event's other competitor, Leslie Marban of South Houston (13:50).

In the 800-meter run, the Lady Longhorns' Atziri Galarza came up with a time of 2:36.60 for the win, and Dobie also performed exceptionally well in the 100-meter dash.

At 12.76, Ridge won the sprint event, with Henry third in a time of 13.17. Dobie's Rachel Smith was sixth at 13.53 in the same event.

The Lady Longhorns went head-to-head with South Houston in the 4x200-meter dash. In that event, Cook, Ridge, Flemming and Jade Giron came to the finish line at 1:33.50 for the victory.

Dobie also scored 20 points for the win in the 4x400-meter relay. There, Flemming, Cook and Giron teamed with Brasia Garza for

the winning time of 4:22.07.

South Houston paced the 4x100-meter relay in a time of 51.04, and the Lady Longhorns came in at 51.54 for second place behind the efforts of Smith, Ridge, Henry and Flemming.

Giron was the leader of the pack in the 200-meter dash with a winning time of 26.60. Cook was second in a time of 27.71, with Henry in at 29.97 for sixth place.

At 1:05.16, Garza was second overall in the 400-meter dash, and Galarza (6:05.37) and Perez (6:12.00) went 2-3 in the 1,600-meter run.

SoHo edges JFD boys

The boys' division championship was not decided until the final event of the meet had been completed.

When it was over, host South Houston had held off the Longhorns for the team win by the slimmest of margins.

Despite not getting the team win, the Longhorns had to be pleased with their effort in multiple events.

Jeremy Davis came up with wins in the shot put, discus and the 110-meter hurdles in his first appearance of the season in that latter event.

Davis threw the discus 147'0" to win easily, while teammate Brandon Flores

was sixth at 114'5."

In the shot put event, Davis' best throw of 49'6" was also good enough for the win by a wide margin. Dobie sophomore Devon Brown was fourth with a throw of 41'2 3/4," and fellow sophomore Devin Childs was sixth with a throw of 40'7."

Having rounded into shape for the 110 hurdles, Davis led the way to a top-three sweep for the Longhorns.

Going head-to-head with talented teammate Daniel Williams, Davis was able to score the win at 15.37, just ahead of Williams' second-place time of 15.41. Dobie's Mason Douglas placed third at 15.65.

Earl Newton stepped up big in the 300-meter hurdles to lead the Longhorns to another 1-2-3 sweep.

Newton's time of 42.34 just edged teammate Douglas, who was second at 42.38.

At 42.59, Williams was third.

In the 200-meter dash, the Longhorns' Segdrick Romar was the winner in a time of 23.50, with teammate Kion Hooks third in a time of 23.90.

Jacoby Davis showed the way for the Longhorns in the 400-meter dash, taking third at 53.40. Dobie's Mike Nwoololo was fifth at 54.47, and

sixth place went to Dobie's Alford Sears (55.14).

Elsewhere, the Longhorns' Ke'montre Lowe-Ali was second in the long jump with a top effort of 20'0," while Jacoby Davis was fourth in the triple jump at 40'5."

Jacoby Davis was also front and center in the high jump, clearing 5'10" for third place in the event.

Dobie claimed the top spot in the 4x200-meter relay with a time of 1:33.50. That foursome included Mark Brent, Jase Young, Romar and Lowe-Ali.

In other events, the Longhorns' Jacob Salas placed sixth with a time of 11:05.50 in the 3,200-meter run, and a time of 2:07.72 placed Salas fifth in the 800-meter run.

At 44.62, the Longhorns were third in the 4x100-meter relay as that group included Brent, Jase Young, Romar and Lowe-Ali.

Dobie's Jordy Reyes clocked in at 5:00.43 for fifth place in the boys' 1,600-meter run. And the Longhorns' 4x400-meter relay squad of Williams, Douglas, Jacoby Davis and Lowe-Ali placed third at 3:37.90.

South Houston and Dobie will likely both face a challenge from La Porte and Deer Park at district.

Thompson Lady Lions		
2017 Soccer Schedule		
Date	Opponent	Time
March 30	Park View	5/6 p.m.
April 3	Jackson	5/6 p.m.
April 10	at Queens	5/6 p.m.
April 17	Bondy	5/6 p.m.
April 24	at Miller	5/6 p.m.
April 26-28	PISD tourn.	TBA
*7th Grade Matches played first		

BHI Lady Bears		
2017 Soccer Schedule		
Date	Opponent	Time
March 30	South Houston	5/6 p.m.
April 3	at San Jacinto	5/6 p.m.
April 10	Park View	5/6 p.m.
April 17	at Southmore	5/6 p.m.
April 24	at Queens	5/6 p.m.
April 26-28	PISD tourn.	TBA
*7th Grade Matches played first		

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MARCH 30
7 a.m.

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

Clear Lake Bridge Club - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.

Noon

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.

6 - 8 p.m.

CrossRoads UMC - Invites everyone to the Thursday night service beginning with a light meal and fellowship at 6 p.m. followed by a praise, worship and prayer service at 7 p.m. at 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Afterward both pastors lead a Bible study in English and Spanish. Everyone is welcome.

6:30 p.m.

Kirkwood Civic Association meets at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd. For details, call Ericka McCrutchon at 281-989-9990.

Well Spouse Support Group - meets the last Thursday at CrossRoads UMC, 10030 Scarsdale, with the spouse of a chronically ill/disabled person, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Childcare is free. No meetings in Nov. or Dec. For details, contact Jennifer Miller at houstonwellspouse@gmail.com or 713-724-2360, or visit <http://www.wellspouse.org>.

7 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Women's Group, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-856-1611.

Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? Meets Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 to 8 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-306-4366 or 713-480-4166.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31
7 a.m.

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

10 a.m.

Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.

Noon

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

6:30 p.m.

Bay Area Genealogical Society - Meets monthly, the last Friday, at University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook Dr., Clear Lake. Coffee and socializing prior to 7 p.m. meeting. No meeting in Nov. or Dec. For details, visit www.TxBayAreaGen.org.

7 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. Call 713-856-1611.

8 p.m.

Serenity Now Al-Anon Group - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 8 to 9 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share, learn Al-Anon principles, that they are not alone, and discover choices available. For details, call 281-484-9243.

SATURDAY, APRIL 1
7:30 a.m.

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

10 a.m.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.

11 a.m.

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

1 p.m.

Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.

8 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.

SUNDAY, APRIL 2
1 p.m.

Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.

2 p.m.

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

5:30 p.m.

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

7 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA meets Sundays, 7 p.m., 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.

Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? Meets Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 - 8 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-306-4366 or 713-480-4166.

8 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous - meeting at CrossRoads UMC

on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.

MONDAY, APRIL 3
10 a.m.

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

Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.

11:30 a.m.

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

Noon

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.

2 p.m.

Genealogy Group - Parker Williams Genealogy Group meets from 2 to 4 p.m. on first and third Monday at the Parker Williams Library, Beamer at Scarsdale. Public is invited. For details, email Liz Hicks at erootrot@usa.net.

3:15 p.m.

Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy for adults with Parkinson's 3:15 to 4:45 p.m., Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for details.

6 p.m.

New Directions Singles - Age 50 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner with activities and/or guest speakers at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Pkwy. For details, call Margarita at 832-715-9658.

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6:30 p.m.
ESL at CrossRoads UMC - Academic ESL classes meet Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. No fee to attend. Call Cris at 832-724-4296 to register. 10030 Scarsdale Blvd.
Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting - Monday at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway, Pearland. Use door near recycling bins. For details, call 713-865-3668 or visit www.oahouston.org. 7 p.m.
Survivors of Suicide Support Group - gives coping skills in a non-threatening environment to adults who have lost a loved one to suicide. For details email LynneAnnH@yahoo.com or visit www.crisishotline.org.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-856-1611. 7:30 p.m.
Congregation Shaar Hashalom - Israeli Folk Dancing on Monday, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., 16020 El Camino Real, 77062. \$4/session or \$35/10 sessions for CSH members and \$5/session or \$45/10 session for nonmembers. Everyone is welcome. For information, contact 281-488-5861 or csh@shaarhashalom.org.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Education Bldg., 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For details, call Russell at 832-483-6715.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.
9:30 a.m.
Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For details, call 713-472-0565.
10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.
11:30 a.m.
Local NARFE Meeting - National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 1321, meets the first Tuesday at Clear Lake Community Center, 5001 NASA Pkwy. Lunch is \$6. For information, call Bob Mitchell at 281-333-2881.

Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch is \$15. Variety of speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or email nalix@texascitizensbank.com.
1 p.m.
Trailmixers - Meets the first Tuesday at Luby's, 11595 Fuqua. Former and current employees of J. Frank Dobie High School are welcome.
1:30 p.m.
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - #1530 meets at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd., 1:30 p.m. For information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713.
2 p.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class - Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details or classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or call 281-488-6318.
6:30 p.m.
Bay Area Quilt Guild - Meets the first Tuesday, Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Fellowship is at 6:30 p.m.; meeting/program begins at 7 p.m. Visit www.Facebook.com/BayAreaQuiltGuild.

7 p.m.
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5
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AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.
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Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.

11:30 a.m.
Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club - meets monthly, first and third Wednesday, noon, Golden Corral, 4021 Spencer Hwy., Pasadena. December may be an exception. For information, call Monica Montoya at 281-794-5531.
11:30 a.m.
American Business Women's Association Bay Area Vision Chapter - Meets at Bon Appetit Cafe, 18027 Point Lookout Dr., 77058, monthly, first Wednesday, noon to 1:30 p.m. Professional speaker often present. For details, contact Christie O'Rear at christieorear@gmail.com.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
1 p.m.
Hometown Heroes Park - has free Hump Day Dance to practice ballroom dance, 1 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. League City nonresidents must purchase activity card. Help is available to assist learning dance moves. For details, call Neva Schroder at 417-838-2204.

6:30 p.m.
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Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention - Call 281-286-2525 (24-hour crisis hotline) for confidential domestic violence/sexual abuse support group for women. Visit www.bayareaturningpoint.org for information.
8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.
THURSDAY, APRIL 6
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.
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The Bay Area Writers League - Meets the first Thursday monthly, Barnes and Noble, 1029 W. Bay Area Blvd., 7 p.m. Newcomers welcome.
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Contest Categories: (Please Circle)

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Smallest Dog	Diva Dog	Macho Dog
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I assume all risks in participating in the Strut Your Mutt event. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts and in consideration of accepting my entry, I and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release the Clear Brook City MUD and the South Belt- Ellington Chamber of Commerce, all event volunteers and all sponsors, their representatives, employees and successors from any claims and liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in this event or carelessness of the persons named in the waiver. Further, I grant all of the foregoing the right to use any photographs, motion pictures, recordings or any other record of this event for legitimate purposes.

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Lady Longhorns win; second place secured as 22-6A midway stop

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Garcia came up with some magic of her own, getting a pair of strikeouts and a ground ball to first base to get out of the inning unscathed. Dobie then got a lead-off triple from Yvonne Whaley in the top of the third inning, only to see Garcia escape once more. This time, Garcia induced a pair of pop-ups and then got a strikeout as the Lady Longhorns came away frustrated. Memorial then struck for the first runs of the game in the bottom of the third to take a 2-0 lead, all with two outs. Reagan Gallagher reached on a throwing error with two outs and stole second base. Garcia then rocked Dobie with a long two-run homer to left-center field, putting Memorial on the scoreboard first. Dobie then wasted little time in getting back in the game. With one out in the top of the fourth, Alyssa Corpus sent a double to the wall in center field. Allison Bravo then doubled to center field, making it 2-1. Whaley doubled to left-center, tying the game as courtesy runner Danielle Colunga scored. A pair of walks proved costly to Kristoff and Dobie to start the bottom of the fourth for Memorial. With two on and no outs, Maricruz Martinez rocked a two-run double to left-center field, giving Memorial a 4-2 lead. It stayed that way until the sixth, when Dobie ultimately rallied to win the game.

Corpus led off the sixth with a walk and moved to second base on a sacrifice by Bravo. Alyssa Ortega reached base on a miscue before Whaley walked to load the bases, still with two outs. A fielder's choice earned the second out of the frame for Garcia, but she couldn't get out of trouble this time. Pleasants sent a 1-1 pitch into right-center field, with Gallagher diving but not making the grab. The ball bounced away from Gallagher as the Lady Longhorns circled the bases. Memorial possibly had a play on Pleasants at the plate but could not execute the relay throws as Pleasants slid head-first into home, bringing the Dobie crowd alive. Kristoff retired Memorial 1-2-3 in the bottom of the sixth and escaped the Lady Mavs' last-ditch rally in the seventh, giving the Lady Longhorns one of their most gratifying wins of the season. With a two-run double and a three-run triple in her last two District 22-6A games, Pleasants has done her fair share of damage at the most important time of the season. Rackley said Memorial certainly appeared to pitch around Pleasants three other times in the game. She drew a walk in each of her first three at-bats before the game-changing triple. That's just fine with Rackley. "They walked Whaley there in the sixth and had to pitch to Pleasants," Rackley said. "That was a little surprising to me, but if that's how it works out, that's fine with me."

As for her team's ability to fight back for the win in a game it trailed much of the way in, Rackley was equally pleased. While the team's record (11-10 overall) is not what was expected, at least at this point in the season, perhaps this win over Memorial will provide a big boost. "The one thing about this team is that they all will fight from the first inning to the end and never give up," Rackley said. We have struggled on and off, particularly offensively, since the first weekend of the season after the Bryan tournament. We have had some injuries and have had to make some adjustments in the lineup, but we still have been inconsistent. "We've had maybe two or three players consistently hitting this season (Whaley has had more than 10 multi-hit games), but haven't put it all together. Maybe this kind of a win can get us started." For now, Memorial is in third place, but there's little doubt the Lady Mavs are looking forward to a rematch on the final day of the regular season. Dobie has several winnable games upcoming before closing against three playoff contenders, all in a row. The fun continues.

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Manrique hopes his team can capitalize on against Brazoswood, but had enough defense to get the victory. "Every team is defending for its playoff life at this time of the year," Manrique said. "We had some chances to probably score a couple more goals, but just didn't put them in. "But Goose Creek Memorial gave us a tough game, and we did come out on top. We're still playing." Yes, Dobie is in the Region III round of 16 for a second straight season, but this team wants more than just another win.

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Dobie senior first baseman Alyssa Corpus played a big role in two big run-scoring innings as the Lady Longhorns handed Memorial a 6-5 defeat March 28 at the Pasadena ISD Sports Complex. Corpus doubled and scored in the third inning and walked during a four-run sixth inning.
Photo by John Bechtle

Longhorn boys move on; Atascocita blanks girls

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the Brazoswood Bucs are of utmost thinking. "I think those high expectations are big," Manrique said. "Only about 10 of our guys were at the playoff games last year, and we have a lot of new guys. But the expectations are there. We just have to go out there and get it done." Manrique is looking forward to better weather in the area round. Playing on the road in the first round against Goose Creek Memorial on a grass field, the Longhorns were certainly challenged yet still came up with a 2-0 win to advance.

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Dobie's Evan Hausler (6) and his teammates will look to get back on track during a game at La Porte March 31 before returning home to Dobie High School April 4 to face Memorial in a game that will close out the first half of district play.
Photo by John Bechtle

Local baseballers slip

Deer Park may wind up being the class act of the District 22-6A varsity baseball race, but beyond that, it very well may turn into a battle to the end for the other playoff spots. Count Dobie as one of those teams pushing for one of those playoff spots. At 3-2 following an 11-0 loss at Deer Park March 28, the Longhorns now have important games at La Porte and at home against Memorial to close out the first half of league play. Deer Park improved to 5-0 in District 22-6A action with its win over Dobie. Peyton Sherlin got the start for Deer Park and tossed a five-hit shut-out over six innings. The game was halted in the bottom of the sixth inning by run-rule. Dobie's Jeremy Green had two of the Longhorns' five hits in the contest. **Dobie 5 Pasadena 3** Diaz again came through in all phases of the game, leading the Longhorns to a 5-3 victory over the Pasadena Eagles March 24, at Maguire

Field. Already the leading hitter in District 22-6A, Diaz had three more hits, including a home run. On the mound, the left-hander made a bid for a complete game, but Dobie's Julian Flores was summoned to get the final out for the save. Dobie led 3-0 after two frames and took a 5-0 lead into the bottom of the sixth inning, but the Eagles made things interesting in the late stages of play. David Amaya also drove in a pair for the Longhorns, and Isaiah Vasquez doubled and scored twice. **Up next** Dobie is on the road again March 31, taking on La Porte in a 7 p.m. game at Bulldog Field. The Longhorns will then close out the first half of District 22-6A action, hosting Memorial Tuesday, April 4, at Dobie. First pitch is at 4 p.m. **Clear Brook 16 Clear Creek 14** Yes, the final score is correct. In a game in which the two teams combined for 30 runs and 36 hits, Clear Brook outlasted Clear Creek March 24, at

Clear Creek. The Wolverines scored seven runs in the fifth inning but still needed two runs in the top of the seventh inning to hold off the Wildcats for the win. Jerick Paquinto was the offensive hero for the Wolverines, getting four hits in the game and driving in a career-high seven runs. Reggie McCallister also had three hits for the Wolverines as they moved to 2-2 in District 24-6A action. The Wolverines' next home-and-home series comes against the Friendswood Mustangs. The Wolverines will host Friendswood Thursday, March 30, at 7 p.m. The two teams will meet again Saturday, April 1, at 1 p.m. Friendswood is 1-3 to this point.



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