

Knights sell fish dinners

Knights of Columbus at St. Luke the Evangelist Church, 11011 Hall Road, will serve fish dinners Fridays through March 27. Dinners consist of breaded USA catfish fried fillet, hush puppies, cole slaw, corn-on-the-cob, fries and iced tea or lemonade.

Baked fish fillets will be available in limited quantities. Dinners will be served between 5 and 7 p.m. All money raised will benefit local and community projects. Dine in or take out dinners are \$10 each.

Frazier offers scholarships

Frazier Elementary is offering scholarships to seven graduating seniors at Dobie High School who attended Frazier in third and fourth grades. Applications and requirement information are available in the Dobie Dual Credit office in Portable 16. Applications must be returned to Nancy Carlton in that office by Friday, March 13, to be considered.

Weber carnival March 7

Weber Elementary School, 11955 Blackhawk Blvd., will celebrate its annual PTA Carnival on Saturday, March 7, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wristbands are \$15 pre-sale (\$12 per sibling) or \$20 on carnival day. A wristband includes all games and rides. Join in on the fun, entertainment and more.

Kirkmont meets March 11

Kirkmont Association Inc. Section 1 Homeowners Association will meet Wednesday, March 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the Kirkmont MUD building at 10102 Blackhawk. Meetings are the second Wednesday of each month and all Kirkmont residents are welcome to attend to share comments or concerns.

Highland Meadow to meet

The monthly meeting of the Highland Meadows HOA will be held on Wednesday, March 11, at 7 p.m. at the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. Homeowners are encouraged to attend. Questions prior to the meeting may be directed to Deniece Reyes with C.I.A. Services Inc. at 713-981-9000 or at deniece.reyes@ciaservices.com.

Police, firemen appreciated

The Rainbow Valley Neighborhood Civic Club invites all law enforcement officers and firefighters who work that area (Rambling Trails, Green Arbor, Overlea and White Clover) to an Appreciation Day on Saturday, March 14, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 10403 White Clover Drive. Food, drinks, music and desserts will be provided. For more information, contact James Gums, civic club president, at 832-867-2762.

PLT celebrates 60 years

Join the fun and celebrate 60 continuous years of entertainment on Thursday, March 12. Pasadena Little Theatre, 4318 Allen-Genoa Road, is the second oldest theater in south Texas, and it is time to party and celebrate its anniversary.

Festivities start at 6 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m., auction, sharing memories, and concluding with the Tony award-winning comedy, *The Odd Couple*, written by Neil Simon and directed at PLT by Carolyn McLeod. Dinner includes appetizers, three entrees including a vegetarian choice, four side dishes, two desserts, coffee, tea or water. Ticket price is \$35 and all tickets may be purchased online at www.pasadenalittletheatre.org. Make reservations now and support the next 60 years at PLT.

Holocaust survivor to speak

Friendswood resident Chaja Vermeer, a child survivor of the Holocaust, will be the guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the senior's group, OK Fellowship, on Thursday, March 12, at 7 p.m. at Christian Temple Church, 9701 Alameda-Genoa Road in Houston in the sanctuary in the main building. This event is open to the public and free of charge. A donation to the Holocaust Museum Houston would be appreciated. For information, call at 281-610-8999.

Clown Ministry event set

The Clown Ministry at Cokesbury United Methodist Church will offer free face painting, balloon animals and popcorn at Bishop Park at the gazebo area on Saturday, March 14, from noon to 3 p.m., weather permitting.

Sagamont Civic Club meets

The Sagamont Civic Club will meet Monday, March 9, at 7 p.m. at the Sagamont Park Community Center located on Hughes Road and the beltway. All Sagamont residents are encouraged to attend to discuss matters of importance to the neighborhood. Nominations for election of a new president will be taken.

Stuchbery hosts health fair

Stuchbery Elementary School will host a free health and wellness fair on Tuesday, March 10, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Vendors will be on-site to offer free information about health and wellness for Stuchbery families and the community.

Former resident lost at sea during kayak trip

A former Dobie student went missing the morning of Saturday, Feb. 28, after his kayak overturned during a fishing trip near South Deer Island, roughly three miles offshore from Galveston Bay.

Alex Gallant, 23, was kayaking with his childhood friend Brandon Curacas, 21, when, according to Curacas, Gallant tipped over into the choppy, 53-degree water and began to panic. In an attempt to save himself, Gallant reported-

ly grabbed onto Curacas' kayak, also tipping it over.

Curacas managed to grab on to a nearby buoy, while Gallant was last seen around 10:30 a.m. drifting away, holding onto his overturned kayak. Curacas was rescued by a good Samaritan around 1 p.m. and taken to a pier, where he was treated for mild hypothermia and released.

The U.S. Coast Guard launched a search for Gallant by helicopter and boat around 4 p.m. Saturday but was forced to suspend its mission around 11 p.m. due to inclement weather. The Coast Guard later resumed its search but halted it

again Monday evening, saying it had exhausted all options.

Both kayaks have been located with the life vests still attached to them.

Gallant, who graduated from Dobie in 2011, is the father of a 4-month-old baby boy. His family and a team of volunteers continued to search for him at press time.

Anyone with information on this incident is asked to contact the U.S. Coast Guard Sector Houston-Galveston Command Center at 281-464-4854 or on the radio at VHF Marine Channel 16.

Water blowout causes flooding



A blowout in a water main near the intersection of Scarsdale and Beamer caused extensive flooding Tuesday, March 3. The blowout was reportedly caused by pressure from a storm sewer line that runs under the main. The damage, which took more than an hour to repair, affected roughly two-thirds of the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District, according to MUD General Manager Chris Clark.

Photo by Dean Baier

Highland Meadow settlement made public

Formerly confidential details involving a settlement in the lawsuit of Haywood Management Services against the Highland Meadow Homeowners Association were recently made public.

In the suit, Haywood alleged its three-year contract was breached in April 2013 when the HOA board voted to relieve the company of its management duties.

Acting on the advice of its legal counsel, the board opted to settle out of court for \$70,000 - \$20,000 of which was paid by its insurance company. According to recently obtained documents, board President Rudy Alafa was the only board member who wished to pursue a trial in the case.

Had the suit gone to trial, the HOA's legal

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Martin holds town hall meeting

Houston City Council Member Dave Martin and several other local representatives spoke about ongoing and future District E projects at a joint Capital Improvement Project (CIP) and town hall meeting Tuesday, March 3.

Held at Space Center Houston, the proposed spaceport at Ellington Airport was a hot topic of the evening. Originally proposed in 2012, the project was approved by City Council in July 2013.

City officials filed for approval to construct the facility with the Federal Aviation Administration earlier this year and expect an answer by June of this year. If approved, the spaceport would be the 10th in the country.

The facility, which would occupy roughly 550 acres on the southeast side of the Ellington site, would be designed for horizontal takeoffs, allowing for the launching of satellites, astronaut training, zero-gravity experiments and space tourism.

Houston Public Works and Engineering Deputy Director Dan Menendez spoke on the ongoing repairs to South Shaver Street and the future repairs to the Arlington Heights and Freeway Manor subdivisions.

Begun in summer 2013, the \$13.5 million South Shaver reconstruction project includes widening the street from four to six lanes, while simultaneously making underground drainage improvements.

Overall completion of the South Shaver reconstruction project is currently targeted for late spring 2015.

Similar drainage and paving projects are scheduled to take place in the Arlington Heights and Freeway Manor subdivisions, with construction set to begin in fiscal years 2017 and 2018, respectively.

Attendees were also reminded of a battery, oil, paint and antifreeze (BOPA) mobile collection event Saturday, March 28, at Ellington Airport/Clear Lake Neighborhood Recycling Center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event is free, open to all city of Houston residents and will be held rain or shine.

Martin further urged those in attendance to utilize the city's 311 helpline with any questions or concerns.

The meeting was filmed to air on HTV Houston TV. The airing date, however, was not known at press time.

Tylka selected SVFD chief, again

Chuck Tylka was recently re-elected by his colleagues to serve another term as chief of the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department.



Chuck Tylka

This will mark the seventh consecutive time Tylka has filled the one-year position.

To be eligible for the position, one must have served a minimum of one year in the SVFD. Candidates can either nominate themselves for the position or can be nominated by a committee of their peers.

Tylka ran unopposed, as did the other three recently elected officers.

Longtime SVFD member Jerry Terrell was elected assistant chief/fire marshal; David Cino was elected second assistant chief/training officer; and Robert Zolan was elected chief medical officer. All four will take office the beginning of March.

Tylka is highly regarded by his fellow SVFD

members.

"I feel like he's been an excellent chief," Terrell said. "He's accomplished a lot. He was a driving force in getting the new fire station, and he's extremely active in progressing the fire department."

The owner/president of AllChem Industries by profession, Tylka also serves on the boards of the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District and the Sage Glen Civic Club.

Volunteers sought

The Southeast Volunteer Fire Department is currently seeking volunteers. Interested parties should be between 18 and 60 years of age. While experience is preferred, it is not necessary, Tylka said.

"No prior training is required, only a strong sense of community and the willingness to sacrifice your time to help and serve," Tylka said.

Volunteers train every Thursday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. and on weekends at SVFD Station No. 1, located at 10510 Scarsdale Blvd.

Prospective volunteers should attend a Thursday training session or visit www.southeastvfd.com or call 281-922-5556 for more information.

Local warrant roundup to begin

The City of Houston's Municipal Courts Department and Houston Police Department (HPD) will be among 300 jurisdictions across the state that will engage in the 2015 Great Texas Warrant Round-Up (WRU), which is set to begin Saturday, March 7. Neighboring jurisdictions joining this statewide initiative as regional participants include Harris, Galveston, Fort Bend and Waller counties.

"We do everything possible to encourage individuals to resolve their court matters well before they become delinquent, but when all else fails, we turn to law enforcement to execute outstanding warrants," said Director and Presiding Judge, Barbara E. Hartle. "Participating in the statewide WRU program simultaneously with other jurisdictions helps bring about greater public awareness, which will hopefully encourage people to resolve their case or cases before they are arrested."

HPD will be assisted by the Texas Attorney General's Fugitive Apprehension Unit to search for individuals with outstanding warrants. Once the Warrant Round-up period begins, HPD and other law enforcement agencies will aggressively target those defendants on the warrant list. Authorities warn that arrests can take place at any location, including the defendant's home, school or workplace.

Additionally, a special task force will focus solely on locating defendants with outstand-

ing warrants whose parked vehicle has been documented multiple times at specific locations through a License Plate Recognition program.

"The License Plate Recognition program has been in force since September of 2011 and has been extremely helpful in allowing us to locate scofflaws," Hartle said.

Houston Municipal Courts offered an amnesty program in November 2014 to encourage individuals to clear delinquent court matters at considerable cost savings. At that time, certain cases in delinquent status were discounted by the dismissal of the Failure to Appear fine. The 2014 amnesty program assisted in clearing more than 9,000 outstanding Municipal Court warrants; however, there will be no amnesty offered during the Warrant Round-Up period. Individuals are being urged to resolve cases to avoid arrest.

Notices are being mailed to all Houston Municipal Court defendants with active warrants. Individuals with warrants in jurisdictions other than the City of Houston should contact those jurisdictions for information about how to clear outstanding warrants. A complete list of participating regional partners can be found at www.houstontx.gov/courts.

For more information about warrants or citations, visit the court's website at www.houstontx.gov/courts or contact the Houston Helpline at 3-1-1 or 713-837-0311, if outside the City of Houston.

Local resident to appear in movie

South Belt resident Annette LaCount will appear in the movie *The Experience*, set to premier Saturday, March 21.



Annette LaCount

To be released by Polymath Concepts, the film's synopsis is "In life, there's a date of birth and a date of death; the dash between the dates is what we call *The Experience*."

LaCount, who plays a guitarist in the movie, said the film closely mirrors her own life. She said she actually missed the deadline to audition for the movie but later convinced its producers she was the right woman for the role.

Originally from the Philippines, LaCount moved to Houston in 1991, settling in Sagemont in 2004. Unlike many other aspiring actresses, LaCount said she never intended to get into the movie industry.

"I never dreamed of it," LaCount said. "I was happy just being a housewife."

Following a divorce after 30 years of marriage, however, LaCount said she reached out to God for direction.

"When I was at my lowest point in my life, I asked God to help me," LaCount said. "That's when everything changed. It was God's plan."

Shortly after that, an agent contacted LaCount about doing some modeling work. Following the encounter, LaCount was soon doing print and commercial shoots for major companies, such as Gatorade and Kroger.

LaCount's agent arranged her first movie role

in July 2011.

"It just exploded from there," LaCount said.

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PISD election candidates choose ballot placement



Candidates running in the May 9 Pasadena Independent School District board election met at the district office Wednesday, March 4, to choose their place on the ballot. Candidates shown above are, left to right, Erica Davis Rouse (Position 7), Chuck Maricle (Position 7),

Marshall Kendrick (Position 6), Vickie Morgan (Position 7), Kenny Fernandez (Position 5), Alvino Gonzalez (Position 5), Lydia Velasquez (Position 6) and Larry Savala (Position 5). Filing for the election ended Friday, Feb. 27. Photo by PISD Superintendent Kirk Lewis

In My Opinion

Dalal: Thanks for the Leader online

Hi, I just wanted to thank you for having your current and past issues online and available for reading.

I am an old South Belt resident (1974-1984) and a Doble grad (1978) and I like reading your paper very much! It brings back many memories for me now that I live in California! Thank you again! Regards, **Dan Dalal**

Alam notes times of kindness

Two days after three young Muslims were shot and killed in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, I had a brief encounter with a lady in the parking lot of San Jacinto College South, where I teach. As a woman who wears hijab (head-covering), I noticeably stand out as a Muslim.

"Please know that you are appreciated," she told me. "Please know that for every hater, there are a hundred who love you." I was deeply touched by her concern and words of kindness.

The next day, the mosque where my children attend Sunday school partially burned down. As with the Chapel Hill shootings, there was an outpouring of compassion and sympathy for the Muslims at Quba Islamic Institute from all parts of the globe. However, numerous comments on Quba's Facebook page were hateful and insulting, but the administration of Quba Islamic Institute chose to respond to such comments calmly, with respect, and even a touch of humor.

Perhaps the most amazing thing these Muslims did (which was not mentioned in the Feb. 26 report in the *South Belt-Ellington Leader*) was forgive Darryl Ferguson, the man responsible for the fire. They also sent a request to the Harris County District Attorney's office that they drop all charges against him.

This example of forgiveness and mercy is central to the teachings of Islam and the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). It is the same message taught by other prophets of God, such as Joseph, Jacob and Jesus (peace and blessings upon them all), all of whom are revered in Islam.

I know there are common assumptions that Muslims "worship a black box in the desert" and "kiss the ground multiple times a day." When I hear such thoughts, all I can do is

laugh outright, because they go completely against the Oneness of God that is the basis of Islam.

As an educator, I encourage my students to think critically and form their own opinions through research and proper evaluation of their sources. Though I am in awe by the overwhelming show of love and solidarity for the Muslim community, I encourage readers to go one step further and learn about this faith called Islam. Don't mistake the perceived actions of some to be representative of an entire faith. Put simply, don't blindly buy into what the media feeds you. **Sadaf Alam**

Tapper says time to move on

Re: "In My Opinion" column letter by Larry Reams discussing President Obama's constitutional qualifications for president.

With all the problems our country is faced with these days, why are we still debating the qualifications of a president who was elected in 2008, re-elected in 2012, and will leave office in January 2017?

Whether you like it or not, these are the facts. Get over it and move on! Thank you for letting me express my opinion. **Heidi C. Tapper**

Garza extends thanks to chamber, community

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to you and the South Belt Chamber of Commerce for inviting me and Charles Jordan, along with our spouses, to your banquet. As I approach my one year anniversary on Thursday, March 5th, it was nice to see Charles publicly recognized for his selfless act of heroism when he stepped in to save me from impending death while being attacked by 2 vicious pit bulls during my morning jog. I am thankful to live in such a great community and am proud we come together as one during times of tragedy. I am back to enjoying my passion of running and recently won 3rd place in my age group at a 10k race in Kemah. I plan to start the reconstructive surgery process in the near future to help rebuild my right leg and, in turn, hope to gain confidence when wearing shorts or skirts. Thank you again for all your love and support throughout the year! I hope my story inspires others that you, too, can overcome tragedy and persevere. **Monica Garza**

Elected officials share their words

Taylor files Priority Windstorm Bill

Recently, Sen. Larry Taylor, R-Friendswood, filed SB 750, the second of three bills, to ensure coastal residents have access, affordability and availability to windstorm insurance coverage. Rep. Greg Bonnen, R-Friendswood, has filed the companion legislation, HB 1875, in the Texas House.

The legislation provides much needed relief to public school districts that pay higher than average premiums for windstorm and hail insurance coverage by authorizing a finance allotment to cover the financial expenditure.

"Public school districts along the coast have struggled to provide adequate wind and hail coverage at an affordable price," Taylor said. "The Texas school finance system strives to equalize every district, yet the schools in my district are unfairly

impacted by this financial burden. Geography should not be a hindrance to educating our students, but instead recognized as a value added characteristic of the great state of Texas."

"Windstorm Insurance is a disproportionately large expense for coastal-area school districts. Unfortunately, our schools are paying hundreds of thousands or even millions of dollars in coverage premiums for their campuses," Bonnen said. "This legislation will allow our schools to focus their resources on providing a quality education for students."

"Dickinson ISD spends over \$1 million in windstorm insurance premiums, and that only covers approximately 60 percent of our buildings," Dickinson ISD Superintendent Vicki Mims said. "We cannot afford to cover all

campuses, so a catastrophic event such as a major hurricane would be devastating to the district. A state allotment as proposed in this bill would allow us to put that \$1 million back into the classrooms and into the education of our students."

"Clear Creek ISD spends \$2.5 million more per year than a similar sized school district located north of the Gulf Coast. Despite the exponential higher cost in insurance, it only provides coverage of \$40 million for our \$1.2 billion of assets," Clear Creek ISD Superintendent Greg Smith said. "If this legislation is passed, it will allow coastal school districts to put more money into instruction such as hiring teachers to reduce classroom sizes, give teacher pay raises to offset health insurance increases, and/or improve instructional resources."

The Odd Couple opens at PLT

Friday, March 13, is opening night for *The Odd Couple* by Neil Simon at Pasadena Little Theatre, 4318 Allen-Genoa Road. The show runs weekends through March 29. This comedy is directed by Carolyn McLeod and is the sixth show in PLT's 60th Diamond season.

Showtimes are 8 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays, and Thursdays, March 26 and 3 p.m. Sundays. Ticket prices are \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors and students. Thursday, March 26, is a special priced admit-two-for-\$15 show. Call 713-941-1758 for reservations or reserve online at www.pasadenalittletheatre.org. Credit cards are accepted.

The Odd Couple won three Tony Awards for Best Actor (Walter Matthau), Best Author (Neil Simon) and Best Director (Mike Nichols) when it premiered on Broadway in 1965. It has enjoyed many revivals on stage, and from 1970 to 1975

it was an award-winning TV show starring Jack Klugman and Tony Randall, and is currently enjoying a revival on CBS starring Matthew Perry and Thomas Lennon.

The popularity centers on two mismatched roommates: the neat, uptight Felix Ungar and the slovenly, easygoing Oscar Madison. "Can two divorced men share an apartment without driving each other crazy?" Make reservations now and prepare to have a laugh-filled evening.



Left to right, Jeff Luchsinger, Darwin Barnes, Jevin Luchsinger, Bruce Blifford and Mike Cedro attempt to get Felix out of the bathroom in a scene from *The Odd Couple*, directed by Carolyn McLeod and written by Neil Simon, opening March 13 at Pasadena Little Theatre, 4318 Allen-Genoa Road. Running weekends through March 29, showtimes are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday. Make reservations at www.pasadenalittletheatre.org or call 713-941-1758.

Jump Rope for Heart at Moore

Jump Rope for Heart was a huge success at Moore Elementary where students, parents and staff participated in jumping rope, dancing and several contests. Special appearances were made by local "celebrities." All proceeds from the jump benefit the American Heart Association. *Photos submitted*



Ronnie Carker participates in the dance contest with daughter, Mackensy Carker, and Mia Hernandez.



Third-grader John Moya takes his turn at jumping.



Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Doble Varsity Cheerleaders Hannah Brady, Alexis Corpus, Tia Joseph (lead cheerleader), Samantha DeLaCruz, Adriana Resendez, Johnnea Blevins, Alyssa Murillo, Julia Lohse, (back row) Richard the Mighty Moore Hawk, "Louie" Jonathan Diaz and "Lucy" Tahlia Nicholson, Little Caesar, Cody the Coyote from San Jacinto College, Buddy the Dog from It's Pizza, and H-E-Buddy from H-E-B.

Auditions set at Harbour Playhouse

Open auditions for the Academy Award-winning play *The Heiress* will be held March 9 and 10 at the Bay Area Harbour Playhouse at 7 p.m.

Director Bennie Nipper will be looking for six women and three men for the drama written by Ruth and Augustus Goetz. The show will run weekends, April 24 through May 17, at the theater located at 3802 Highway 3 in Dickinson. Performances will be Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

For more information, call 281-337-7469 or visit the website at www.harbourtheater.com.

Book donations requested

Friends of Parker Williams Library is currently requesting donations for the library. Recent fiction, nonfiction, children's books and DVDs and CDs can be donated at 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.

Dobie sets 40-year reunion

The J. Frank Dobie Class of 1975 will hold its 40-year reunion Sept. 25-26 at South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center, 2500 S. Shore Blvd. in League City. Tickets are \$85 per person if paid by Aug. 1.

Tickets purchased at the door or after Aug. 1 will be \$100 per person. This includes dinner and entertainment for Saturday night. A block of rooms at a special rate will be available.

For more information, call Susie Holmes Holt at 281-222-4140, Pam West Saxton at 832-330-8368, or Debbie Green Harrell at 832-818-5028.

Israeli Folk Dancing, March-April

Israeli Folk Dancing is a fun way to do cardiovascular exercises while enjoying oneself. The sessions are not built on one another, so if a few are missed, it is easy to catch up quickly. The dances are held at Congregation Shaar Hashalom on Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. March-April 2015 dance dates are March 9, 16, 23 and 30, and April 6, 13, 20 and 27. Investment in the dances is \$4 per session or \$35 for 10 sessions for CSH members and \$5 per session or \$45 for 10 sessions for nonmembers to cover expenses. Everyone is welcome to join the group—even if never attended before.

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

The entire community is invited to attend. For more information, contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or at cs@shaarhashalom.org.

Local actress ...

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The *Experience* will be LaCount's eighth movie or short film to date.

In addition to modeling and acting, LaCount is also a composer, a guitarist, a freelance writer and a poet. She is the author of a children's book titled *The Adventure of Cate R. Pillar*. She has written several other children's books and poems that she also hopes to soon publish.

The *Experience* will premier at 12:30 p.m. at the AMC Theatre First Colony 24, located at 3301 Town Center in Sugar Land. The original venue of 250 seats sold out and had to be moved to a 400-seat theater. Approximately 100 tickets remained available at press time. Only those with presale tickets will be guaranteed a seat.

For more information, visit www.polymathconcepts.com.

Deaths

Richard Fernandez Sr.



Richard Fernandez Sr., 71, died unexpectedly while on vacation in San Jaun, Puerto Rico, on Thursday, Feb. 19, 2015.

He is preceded in death by his father, Eusebio Trevino Fernandez, and mother Ascencion Pantoja Fernandez.

Fernandez is survived by his wife of 51 years, DiAnn Lee Smith Fernandez; children: son Richard Fernandez Jr. and wife Carol Ferguson Fernandez, daughter Sharin Nicole Fernandez Hunt and husband Jason Lee Hunt, and son Kenneth Scott Fernandez and wife Kasie Schilhab Fernandez; grandchildren: Kristen Scott Hernandez, Kristen Michelle Fernandez, Lauren Elisabeth Fernandez, Joshua Alexander Garza, Kaden Hooks Fernandez, Kenzie DiAna Fernandez, Rodell D. Duff, Lexie Rae Schilhab, Mara Lee Hunt and Cayman Alyse Hunt. He is also survived by sisters and brothers-in-law Amparo and Alex Arroyos, Norma and Joe Guerrero, Angie Gonzales; and brother Eusebio Fernandez Jr. and wife Molly; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law Donna and Mike Langston and Carolyn and David Smith; and numerous, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Fernandez was born on June 11, 1943, in Houston, Texas, graduating from Jeff Davis High School in 1961. He then went on to further his education at the University of Houston. He was active in the Civil Air Patrol where he met his wife, DiAnn Lee Smith, and married in 1963. During this time he began his passion as a steamship agent within the Port of Houston. For over five decades he was devoted to the maritime industry working for numerous businesses in the Gulf Coast area. In 2000, he decided to take his knowledge and expertise to open his own agency, North American Shipping Agencies, which has two locations in Houston and Corpus Christi.

Another pastime of Fernandez was his devotion to his family and community. In 1973, Fernandez and his wife moved their family to the Kirkwood/Sagemont area where he was an active coach, mentor and sponsor to many teams for his children, grandchildren, and less fortunate children in the community.

The funeral service was held Tuesday, March 3, 2015, at Freeway Baptist Church. Interment followed at South Park Cemetery in Pearland.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Mr. Richard Fernandez Memorial Fund c/o Wells Fargo Bank, where proceeds will provide scholarships for area students pursuing maritime education.

Those honored to serve as pallbearers were Fred Davis, Zeke Menchaca, Scott Siscoe, Steve Gutierrez, JD Molina and Mike Walker.

Mary Louise Lint



Mary Louise Lint, 86, of South Belt, died on Monday, Feb. 23, 2015, at Southeast Memorial Hospital.

She was born on May 20, 1928, in Massena, Iowa, the daughter of the late Addie Dill and Lucius Wells and adopted daughter of the late Rowena Lavina and Harold Hays Higdon. She was married Dec. 14, 1946, to the late Charles E. Lint.

Lint is preceded in death by her parents and adoptive parents, four brothers and her husband.

Survivors include four daughters, Sherry Munn (Butch) and Bobbi Williams (Billy) of Houston, Janie Amendt (Dennis) of Somerset, Wis., and Vicki Houk of Missoula, Mont.; one sister, Norma Lee Rosel of Osage, Iowa; one brother, Jack Knight (Violet) of Atlantic, Iowa; 15 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and her first great-great-grandchild is due July 27, 2015, making five generations; many nieces, nephews; and other family members and friends.

Lint was a Brownie and Girl Scout Leader in Vinton, Iowa, a member of the American Legion Women's Auxiliary Post 94 in Stephenville, Mont., and she was employed by IGA Grocery in Perryville, Mo. She was an avid fishing assistant throughout her 54-year marriage. She was also a member of Easthaven Baptist Church.

A memorial service was held Wednesday, March 4, 2015, at Niday Funeral Home - Beamer Chapel, with Steve Coleman from Easthaven Baptist Church officiating.

William "Roy" Birkhead

William "Roy" Birkhead, 87, died Thursday, Feb. 26, 2015. He was born on Aug.



13, 1927, in Frederick, Okla., the son of the late William Roy Sr. and Pearl Birkhead. He is also preceded in death by his first wife, Loyce Stigler Birkhead; sister Irene Bryant and brother-in-law, Bill Bryant; sister Sally Lovell Rinehart Guinn, and brothers-in-law Joe Rinehart and George Guinn; and brother Herbert Birkhead and sister-in-law Eugenia Birkhead.

Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Mary Ann Birkhead of Huntsville; daughter Susan Morrow and husband Bob of Dallas; son Bobby Birkhead and wife Janice of Friendswood; and daughter Sherri Cowan and husband Trey of Spring, Texas; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Clara Crumby, and husband Kenneth of Williamsburg, Va.

After graduating from Victory High School, Birkhead joined the U.S. Navy in June 1945. He was honorably discharged with the rank of first class seaman at the end of World War II.

He attended Oklahoma Baptist University where he received a degree in accounting. After working in the industry for a few years, he decided to pursue a career in education and administration. Roy, Loyce and their two children, Susan and Bobby, moved to Pasadena, Texas, where they both taught school until Loyce died from cancer.

Roy and Mary Ann met on a date arranged by friends and married in 1965. He continued his work as an elementary school teacher and later became a principal. He served as principal at South Belt's Stuchbery Elementary.

After working in education for more than 30 years, Birkhead retired from Pasadena ISD and they moved to Elkins Lake in Huntsville, Texas. Their retirement included travel, golf and church activities.

A service was held Monday, March 2, 2015, in the chapel at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville. Birkhead was laid to rest in Houston National Cemetery. Memorial condolences may be made to the family at www.shmf.com.

Leader obituary policy

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

Highland Meadow lawsuit ...

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A gag order in the settlement required all parties involved to remain silent regarding the details of the case.

Through a diligent search, however, former Board President Mike Davis, who chaired the HOA when Haywood's contract was in question, was able to obtain the secretive details. Davis initially searched through

court records to no avail, but had better luck after contacting CIA Services, the company hired to replace Haywood.

At Davis's request, CIA surprisingly released minutes from the legal hearings with the executive sessions undetected, making the information public.

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Dobie attends FFA Day at the Capitol



Dobie High School FFA attends FFA Day at the Capitol and meets Sen. Larry Taylor during National FFA Week. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Erica Anthony, Sen. Taylor, Halie Medina, Dobie advisor Schuyler Morris, (second row) Garrett Chollett, Cecilia Torres, Sarah Guzman, Autum Yates, (third row) Andrew DeHoyas, Sabrina Brantner, Abby Armenta, Dillon Jackson, (back row) Kennedy Hold, Zach Copeland and Jasmine Palma. *Photo submitted*

Beverly Hills releases 4th 6-weeks honor rolls

Beverly Hills Intermediate School recently announced its fourth six-weeks honor rolls for 2014-2015. Students earning status are:

Honor roll Seventh grade

Nathaly Yasmin Acosta, Abigail Camila Aguilar, Angel Antonio Aguilar, Michelle Isabel Aguilar, Yair Almaguer, Destiny Marie Alvarez, Tamecia Nicole Anderson, Blase Chukwuebuka Tai-le Anoruo, Melissa Sade Arredondo, Alberto Arriaga and Allen Miguel Barrera. Ethan Efrain Basaldua, Eduardo Benavides, Alyssa Mercedes Bernal, Marshall Arthur Bradley, Jesse Manuel Bustamante, Sadie Rae Capuchino, Gemari Calford Carson, Envi Marie Cathcart, Angela R. Chapa, Courtney Van Chung, Brenna E. Cook and Zion Lovelle Crawford. Ethan Andres Cristancho, Dontavion Demond Crosby, Bianca Gabrielle Cruz, America Geraldine Cruz-Castro, Victoria Thien-Nga Dao, Purba Angela Daria, Aubrey Lynn Davis, Darius Jamar Davis, Darian Jay Delgado, Charisma Rendel Denoon and Gabriela Jamin Dorantes. Alejandro Julian Duenez, Kay Duong, Stephanie Judith Flores, Lilliana Nikole Fonseca, Viviana Frias, Alexa Michelle Garcia, Tomas Oziel Garcia, Nayeli Garibay, Artemio Guadalupe Garza, Brianna Lynette Gomez, Vivian Nicole Gonzalez, Gabrielle Gutierrez and Amy Guzman. Emilly Guzman, Leah Kim Ha, Hailey Danielle Henry, Alina Isabel Herazo, Joselin Paola Hernandez Corrales, Athena Tuyet Ninh Ho, Kennedy Bao Ho, Tiffany Thanh Hoang, Katelynxuan Thi Huynh, Vivian Quynh Huynh, Jessica Adaobi Ibe and Reginald Jawan Jefferson. Tasmeha Jahan Kazi, Michelle Alexandra Kelley,

Maliyah Latrice Laird, Phat Minh Lam, Hannah May Lazo, Phuong-Thu Mai Le, Edgar David Limon, Jeremiah Forsyth Little, Joseph Nathan Lopez, Tin Chanh Ly, David Marban, Jorge E. Martinez Islas and Anisa Marie Martinez. Aralyn Alexis Martinez, Isaac Martinez, Raylene Martinez, Sarah Maryum, Jacob Alexander McKenzie, Elizabeth Diana Mendoza, Erick Severo Montes, Madisyn Danielle Munoz, Joshua Ray Nanny, Ashley Nguyen, Bao Thien Nguyen and Cindy Ngoc Nguyen.

Daisy Thuy Tram Nguyen, Danny Thanh Nguyen, Donna Ngoc Nguyen, Elna Tu Thanh Nguyen, Han Nguyen, Jacob Buu Nguyen, Jennifer Han Nguyen, Jessica Tien Nguyen, Johnny Quang Nguyen, Tan Ba Nguyen, Thanh Trung Nguyen, Jasmine Irene Olivares and Bryan Uriel Orozco. Phillip Daniel Ortega, Bethanny Itzel Otero, Oscar D. Padilla, Omar Alejandro Paradadi, Maria Fernanda Peredo-Aguilar, Gerardo Perez, Sophia Giselle Perez, Yanelly Danayara Perez, Abraham Dang Pham, Timmy Thanh-Tu Phan, Kiandra Kamille Porter and Ruben Ramirez. Kiareliz Daylee Ramos, Emily Jazmin Reyes, Jose Alberto Reyes, Ambar Argentina Robles, Ariel Christina Robles, Miracle Joyce Rollins, Leonardo Salas, Marissa Y. Salazar, Cecilia Marie Salinas, Julian Ramiro Sanchez, Marquice Trevion Scott and Omar Malik Shahariar. Corbin Zane Sherwood, Jabari Kyjuan Simon, Ariel Justine Stabler, Vincent Quang Ta, Charlyze Aurora Tamayo, Chassity Lanell Texada, Minh Hoang To, Angela Denise Torres, James Adam Torres, Alexander Vu Tran, Benjamin Vu Tran, Charlie Kha Tran and Simon Toan Tran.

Ashley Joanne Tsikis, Sarah Micaela Tyler, Amaode Uchendu, Oscar Ricky Valladares, Yazmin Guadalupe Vasquez, Victor Yariel Vazquez Viera, Paul Anthony Villarreal, Vanessa Yvette Villarreal, Jessica Ngoc-Anh Vu, Kenny Phi Vuong and Kimberly Renee Wilkerson.

**Honor roll
Eighth grade**

Alondra Acevedo, Erik Aguirre, Hector Ulises Anaya, Adrius Sincere Anderson, Itzel Sarai Arango, Josiah Elias Constante Arenas, Arismendi Aristy, Javier Armenta, Natalie Armenta, Ashley Nikole Baez, Senia Marili Bonilla, Monica R. Borri and Alexandra Elva Brookland. Ramiro Buentello, Roberto Elias Campa, Ricardo Garza Canales, Alyssa Lauren Carrico, Gerrard Walter Carson, Jadda Marie Carter, Brenda Mallely Cavazos, Cynthia Jazmin Cervantes, Preston Van Chung, Jovann Xavier Cisneros, Cynthia Angel Cotton and Giselle Andrea Cuellar. Cynthia Avery Delgadillo, Raul Delgado, Yousef Arsan Diab, Kevin Dinh, Jose Roberto Diosdado, Jacklynn Le Duong, Katelynn Nguyen Duong, Maritza Elizalde, Mariela Elizondo, Eric Escobedo, Jonathan Caleb Escobedo, Destiny Ciara Estes and Alyssa Monique Estrada. Hiram Isaias Flores, Kaitlin Denise Flores, Katherine Flores, Richard Adrian Fructus Castro, Ana Isabel Gallardo, Kevin Emilio Galvan, Micah Britton Gamble, Natasha Rae Gangstad, Jeimmy Estephania Garcia Salinas, David Garcia, Jael Anahi Garcia and Jaydon H. Garcia. Jordan Alexander Garcia, Krystalyn Rae Garcia, Paulina Garza, Angel Isaiiah Gomez, Daniela Lizeeth Gonzalez, Gabriel Gonzalez, Jeremiah Dishon Gray, Daija Danielle Green, Karen Anh Green, Carlos Guerra, Asia Monae Hailey, Megan Tien Harris and Sofia Raquel Hernandez. Sebastian Hinojosa, Brian Khang Hoang, John Hoang, Bao Thanh Huynh, Trina Huynh, Ronald David Ingram, Lacie Elizabeth Johnson, Joshua Elmer Kay, Hannah Mae Lancaster, Nhi Catherine Tu Doan Le, Thompson Le,

Humberto Leal and Nicholas Dustrius Lewis. Samantha Lyn Leyva, Ricardo Ivan Lima, Lauryn Michelle Locksey, Nicolas Miguel Luna, Austin Luu, Nairda Nico Macedo, Kathy Mai, Jorge Luis Marquez, Alessandra Jeanneth Marroquin Figueroa, Kayla Nicole Martinez, Zoe Martinez and Krystal T. Mattox-Allison. Lisette Montalvo, Alondra Montelongo, Adrian Cristobal Montez, Gerardo Montoya, Alejandro Moreno, Jade Jananez, Anh Thu Ngoc Ngo, Judy Ngo, Elena Tran Nguyen, Jennifer Ngoc Nguyen, Kennedy Hoa Nguyen, Khanh Mai Nguyen, Michelle Kim Nguyen and Nikki M. Nguyen. Brandon Lee Norman, Emmanuel Nwafeka Nwuli, Manuel Christopher Olivarez, Katherine Valeria Orta, Fernando Ortega, Joseph Anthony Ortega, Wendy Marie Pantoja, Angelica Parrish, Alexandra G. Perez, Scarlett Perez, Rachel Pham, Trang Thuy Pham and Khoi Kevin Phan. Jazmin Gabriella Pina, Hugo Alexis Posadas, Darin

Manny Pulido, Alexa Reyes, Hugo Cesar Rios, Jesus Axel Rodriguez Marquez, Bryanna Danielle Rodriguez, Gabriela Fernanda Rodriguez, Natalie Rodriguez, Jaime Rubio, Daniel Ladon Alexander Saiz and Valeria Berenice Salazar. Yarenic Salinascano, Karceem Andres Salomon, Angelina Rebecca Sanchez, Gabriel Alfonso Sanchez, Adrian Jose Santos Gomez, Michael Anthony Sartor, Heidi Sabrina Saucedo, Patrick D. Sears, Neema Mohamad Shafaci and Kyana Raegan Shannon. Kalista Lanae Smith, Jocelyn Solis, Paige Carnae Stephens, Ty'via Dandrea Taulton, Michaela Cora Taylor, Christian Andres Tjerina, Fernanda Torres, Dinh Phu Tran, Lily Ann Tran and Taylor Tran. Dominic Nguyen Trinh, Yesenia Valdez, Clare Aine Vanpelt, Leslie Vargas, Tanner Davidmichael Vega, Melissa Vidal, Serena Michelle Villanueva, Monica Maria Villarreal, Alyssa Walker, Unity Anastasia Yvancez and Jaime Yzaguirre.

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Book Character Day at Atkinson



Atkinson had the privilege of enjoying Dr. Karen Hickman, deputy superintendent of academic achievement - Pasadena Independent School District, reading to third-graders in Brenda Mendoza's classroom.

Atkinson Elementary recently held Book Character Day at the school. Staff and students were invited to dress up in costume for the event.

At right, third-grader Emily Reyes from Brenda Mendoza's class enjoyed a visit from her little sister, Rubi Reyes, during Character Day at Atkinson Elementary. *Photos submitted*



The paraprofessionals at Atkinson Elementary also dressed up for Book Character Day. Shown are, left to right, Theresa Salazar, Abby Guerra, Marissa Ayala, Claudia Giron Trevino, Veronica Andrade, Emily Doran and Norma Delarosa.

Malfaro gives statement on Community Schools bills filed

Louis Malfaro, president of the 65,000-member Texas branch of the American Federation of Teachers,

commented on House Bills 1891 and 1892, filed Feb. 25 to establish a Community Schools model:

"We applaud the filing of two bipartisan bills today - House Bills 1891 and 1892 by Reps. Eddie Rodriguez

and Marsha Farney - which will encourage local Community School initiatives to marshal the resources and support struggling schools need to succeed. These bills offer a proven alternative to the sanctions schemes that punish but fail to improve low-performing schools.

"Community Schools are a significant shift in how we think about schools and the way we educate children. Services provided at these schools reflect the specific needs identified by parents, teachers, and community stakeholders and may include: academic programs like tutoring, enrichment activities, early college start programs; medical services like vision, dental, nutrition and mental health; and programs for parents like adult education, ESL classes, housing assistance and job training.

"In Texas, where more than 60 percent of public school students are economically disadvantaged, creating new Community Schools is an imperative.

"Efforts to label schools as failures in hopes of shaming or browbeating students, parents and teachers into producing better results have failed.

"Assigning a bad grade to

a school may serve to stigmatize the people who attend or work there but does absolutely nothing to address the underlying challenges.

"This Community Schools legislation would authorize funding for campus-level coordination of external resources, services and community providers. The legislation also would reform the current system of accountability by making the Community Schools model a preferred strategy for schools that are struggling academically.

"Research consistently shows that students who attend Community Schools have improved academic performance and increased motivation.

"Punitive sanctions like reconstitution - the wholesale removal of faculty and staff at a campus - have been shown to have no positive effects on achievement and instead end up disrupting entire communities."

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Moore shows Texas Pride

Students and staff at Moore Elementary showed their Texas pride and support for the Houston Rodeo on Friday, Feb. 27. *Photos submitted*



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Melissa Martinez, Samantha Salazar, Emeli Salazar and Natalie Hernandez.



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HAPPY 1ST BIRTHDAY, EVIE!
Stacey and Stephen Flowers of Dickinson celebrate the first birthday of their daughter, Evelyn "Evie" Faith Flowers on March 11. Proud grandparents are Jannie and Robert Scarberry of South Belt and Karen and Mike Flowers of Dickinson. Sharing in the celebration are big sister Kennedy and big brother Owen. Stacey is a 2005 Dobie High School graduate.

SIBLINGS SHARE A BIRTHDAY
Special birthday hugs are sent to Robert "Austin" Scarberry (2007 Dobie grad) on Saturday, March 7, from his daughter, Jade. Austin is in the U.S. Coast Guard in St. Louis. His sister, Jenny (Hayes) Moreno (1997 Dobie grad), also has a birthday March 7. Hugs and kisses are sent from husband Benny and children Brayden, Baylee and Livvy. Best wishes for a great birthday are sent to both from proud parents Jannie and Robert Scarberry of South Belt; brother Joey Hayes (2000 Dobie grad); sister Stacey (Hayes) Flowers (2005 Dobie grad), husband Stephen and children Kennedy, Owen and Evie; and brother Tyler Scarberry (2010 Dobie grad), a University of Houston student.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DIDDY!
Diddy Clark celebrates her birthday Monday, March 9. Best wishes are sent for a wonderful day from her family, friends and co-workers at the Leader.

ONE MORE FOR GRANDPA ROBERT!
Robert Scarberry, former longtime Dobie auto collision repair teacher, celebrates his birthday Monday, March 9. Birthday wishes are sent from wife Jannie; children Jenny (Hayes) Moreno and husband Benny, Joey Hayes, Stacey (Hayes) Flowers and husband Stephen, Austin Scarberry and Tyler Scarberry; and grandchildren

Brayden, Baylee, Livvy, Jade, Kennedy, Owen and Evie.
DOTTIE SENT GOOD WISHES
Dottie Cantalamessa celebrates her birthday Tuesday, March 10. Her family, friends and the Leader staff send her best wishes.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays March 5 through March 11.

Atkinson Elementary
Special birthday greetings are sent to Dana Hoang March 7.

Burnett Elementary
Sing a special birthday song to Jael Penn March 7.

Frazier Elementary
Three cheers for Heather Ramirez, Angela Reichel and Vanessa Rodriguez who share a birthday March 7.

Meador Elementary
March 8 is the day for a cake for Melissa Alanis. Celebrating a birthday March 11 is Dora Barnett.

Moore Elementary
Paula Carter enjoys a birthday March 5. The day for a party for Yonia Garcia is March 11.

Stuchbery Elementary
Special birthday wishes are sent to Melissa Cardenas on March 6.

Melillo Middle School
The day for a cake for Lydia Meadows is March 5. Light the birthday candles for Diane Wheeler March 10.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Blow out the birthday candles March 5 on a double-layer cake for Elizabeth Ferguson and Brenda Martinez Paniagua. Share in the birthday celebration for Christina

Serna March 11.
Thompson Intermediate
Light the birthday candles March 5 for Amanda Ogden.

Dobie High
Send a birthday greeting March 5 to Angela Kresse. Light the birthday candles March 6 for Patricia Cain. Heather Adams enjoys a birthday March 7. Helen Duclos is wished a happy birthday March 8. Blow out the birthday candles for Jennifer Haynes March 10.

FACEBOOK FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS

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

Thursday, March 5: Laura Arnett, Marty Pendleton, Karen Gonzalez, Amy Tisnado, Chris Lively, Mary Granger and Camille Maloney; Friday, March 6: Keith Kirby and Cydrice McMillian; Saturday, March 7: Amber McMurrough, Susan Metzger and Christopher Kennard; Sunday, March 8: Diana Vela, Matt Anderson, Pat Freyaldenhoven, Michelle Fuller and Mark Solis; Monday, March 9: Sheri Akanji, Cheryl Stell, Rudy Rivera, Leah Lister, Lance Botkin, Susan Zientek, Monte Long and Bo Richards; Tuesday, March 10: Jim Daigle, Sheila Dill and Kizzy Moore-Christie; and Wednesday, March 11: Raquel Loya, Michael Martinez, Jesus Romero, Marcelo DeLeon III and Irma Maniriquiz.

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Dobie DECA students advance to nationals

Members of Dobie's DECA organization recently competed at the state conference in Dallas with several members placing in their events.

State finalists who placed first in their events and who will attend the

International Career Development Conference (ICDC) in Orlando included Ana Martinez who competed in the Retail Merchandising Series event, and Evelyn Llanas who competed in the Quick Serve Restaurant Management Series event.

Runner-ups who placed second in their events included Luis Garay - Entrepreneurship, Eduardo Rivera in Quick Serve Restaurant Management Series, and Leann Guerrero in Human Resource Management Series.

DECA is an organization that prepares students to become leaders in the fields of marketing, entrepreneurship, finance, hospitality and tourism, and business management.

More than 3,000 students from high schools all across Texas attended the state conference. These competitions test the students' general knowledge of a selected occupational area through a rigorous written exam. They are also tested on their ability to think on their feet to strategize a solution for a business in their selected occupational area through a series of role plays where students present their idea to a judge who scores them based on their ability to problem solve, make decisions, and present an idea in a professional manner.

Many of these judges represent businesses in the community helping to judge the DECA events they can relate to. Furthermore, some events are sponsored by businesses or

institutions for higher education that offer scholarships to finalists such as Men's Wearhouse and UH Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management.

"I am very proud of these DECA members. They took the time to prepare for these competitions and have represented Dobie so well. It's a great feeling for these students to be rewarded for their efforts that are so often overlooked in traditional classrooms. DECA is just one way students can extend their knowledge beyond the classroom and make sense of what they have been learning up to this point," stated DECA advisor Toby Castro.

Both Martinez and Llanas will participate with more than 17,000 DECA students, advisors, businesspersons, and alumni in Orlando in late April. Their previous scores are tossed out, and they will have the opportunity to take another written exam and will perform two additional role plays at ICDC.



Participants included, left to right, (front row) Eduardo Rivera, Evelyn Llanas, Ana Martinez, Luis Garay, (middle row) Ana Ortiz, Richard Vega, Joseph Mercado, Jesse Escalante, (back row) Marina Allen, Leanna Guerrero, Raul Carranza, Juan Reyes and Jose Nuncio. *Photos submitted*

Remember When

35 years ago (1980)
The Harris County Flood Control District questioned plans regarding a 133-acre development at Fuqua and the Gulf Freeway. The city had already given preliminary plans to that development.

County Commissioner Tom Bass and Houston City Councilman Frank Mancuso met with Sagemont residents to discuss area flooding concerns.

The Leader began a six-week series on teen pregnancies prompted by a previous

article on alleged abortions. Gulf Palms residents were working to permanently halt the construction of a nuclear facility.

One 17-year-old and two juveniles were picked up by Houston Police for allegedly discharging firearms on Sage-willow Street.

25 years ago (1990)
Based on a report from then-Congressman Jack Brooks' office, it was discovered that there was a vinyl chloride contamination in the aquifer adjacent to South-bend, near the Brio superfund site.

20 years ago (1995)
Leader publisher Marie Flickinger was sworn in as the first female regent at the San Jacinto College System.

Parents and children praised the Clear Creek Independent School District's magnet science school.

J. Frank Dobie cheerleaders traveled from a competition at Grand Prairie High School to cheer the basketball team, which was playing a semifinal game at Hofheinz Pavilion.

15 years ago (2000)
Residents of Sagemont Park asked local, county and state officials to help them keep the sound barrier wall up along Beltway 8 to protect them from the traffic noise. The Texas Department of Transportation originally built the wall.

Two of Dobie High School's three former principals were vying for the same Position 4 seat on the Pasadena Independent School District's board of trustees. Jerry Speer and Frank Braden both filed for the position to be vacated by Tom Sullivan.

Democratic candidates for retiring Judge Howard Wayland's seat were to speak at a South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce luncheon. O'Reilly Auto Parts on

Beamer was robbed by two males matching the description of area assault suspects.

10 years ago (2005)
Morris Fifth-Grade Center student Catarina Johnson met former President George H.W. Bush as a result of her efforts in raising more than \$1,000 for the Bush-Clinton Tsunami Relief Fund.

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce was finalizing details for its first-ever Fun Fest fundraiser.

Construction was under way on a new 100,000-square-foot professional building adjacent to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital.

Arrests were expected in the murder-for-hire case of Luan Cong Pham, 18, who was killed in his home by two acquaintances as he slept on the couch.

CCISD officials were shocked to learn that the League City City Council had voted 4-3 against providing necessary infrastructure improvements which would lead the way to a fourth high school. The four city council members voting no said they felt no responsibility to provide services to a new school which would be built in a location not of their choosing. CCISD had already spent \$800,000 preparing the land on Palomino Lane for the school.

The mother of a 1-year-old toddler revived him with CPR after he fell into the family swimming pool on Sageglen.

5 years ago (2010)
Frazier Elementary School's Rhonda Parmer and Beverly Hills Intermediate School's Alyta Harrell were named the Pasadena Independent School District's Region 4 Principals of the Year. Region 4 began the Principal of the Year program in 2001, allowing each district in the area to select an elementary and secondary principal of the

year.

Longtime Houston Police Department Sgt. Gregory Gillespie retired after serving more than 34 years on the force, 25 of which were spent in the South Belt area. Gillespie said he intended to spend the first year of his retirement traveling with his wife, who was also retiring.

1 year ago (2014)
Dobie High School held its second annual Hall of Honor induction ceremony. Distinguished alumni inducted included Malcolm Jacobson (Class of 1980), an expert in the field of alternative energy; Reginald Godbolt (Class of 1987), a career military man; Robert Flores (Class of 1988), a national sports broadcaster; and Trevor Cobl (Class of 1989), a former NFL football player. Fallen heroes honored included Jerry Stowe (Class of 1971), a Houston police officer; Robert Bebee (Class of 1990), a Houston firefighter; and Danny Frye (Class of 1978), a member of the U.S. Coast Guard. Former Dobie basketball coach Scott Talton was the lone faculty member to be honored. Central Ace Hardware CEO Ron Williams was honored at the event as a community volunteer.

Dobie student Chazz Jenkins, 18, was pronounced dead in the 12800 block of Gotham. Former Dobie student Jeremiah James Pipkins, 17, was charged with manslaughter for his role in the shooting. According to police, the two men, along with two others, were sitting in a parked car in the cul-de-sac when Pipkins, a backseat passenger, pulled out a pistol, unloaded it and passed it around the vehicle for the others to see. When the gun made it back around to Pipkins, he attempted to reload the weapon, but it went off, striking Jenkins, a front passenger, in the back.

A South Belt woman was severely injured March 5 when she was mauled by two pit bulls while jogging on the hike-and-bike trail near Blackhawk. Monica Garza suffered lacerations over her entire body. Garza's father, Jeff Mack, credits Sagemont resident, Charles Jordan, with saving his daughter's life. When Jordan heard the attack taking place behind his Sagemont home, he jumped on top of Garza to prevent the dogs from getting to her. Jordan, himself, was bitten on the lip and suffered multiple scratches and bites.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom Passover 2nd Seder

"Passover has a message for the conscience and the heart of all mankind. For what does it commemorate? It commemorates the deliverance of a people from degrading slavery, from most foul and cruel tyranny. And so, it is our protest against unrighteousness, whether individual or national." -Morris Joseph (19th century British Rabbi).

Join Congregation Shaar Hashalom for a lively community Second-night Passover Seder on Saturday, April 4, 2015, 15 Nissan 5775 at 6 p.m. Share in a kosher Passover dinner and experience the thrilling Afikoman Scavenger Hunt.

The Seder will be led by Shaar Hashalom Rabbi Stuart Federow and will take place at Congregation Shaar Hashalom, located at 16020 El Camino Real in Houston. Shaar Hashalom is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area.

Investment in this tradition is: CSH members - \$27 for adult and \$11 for a child between 3 and 12 years old; nonmembers - \$36 for adult and \$13 for a child between 3 and 12 years old (2 and younger attend free). One does not have to be Jewish to attend the Seder.

Reserve a place by March 25 at the CSH office. After this date the ticket price will be \$36 for a member adult and \$45 for a nonmember adult. Payment, made and sent to Congregation Shaar Hashalom, serves as the registration.

For information, contact Shaar Hashalom at 281-488-5861 (office hours Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.), or at csh@shaarhashalom.org, or visit www.shaarhashalom.org.

CCART to meet March 10

The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, March 10. Meetings are held at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway in Seabrook. Matt Crowder, speaking on funeral preplanning, and Dallas Mullins, outlining AMBA member benefits, will be our guest speakers.

The meeting starts at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and cookies, with the business meeting beginning at 10 a.m., followed by the program. All Texas retired school employees from the area are invited.

Lions Club meeting set

The Houston Space City Lions Club will meet Tuesday, March 10, at 7 p.m. at the Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway. For information, call George Malone at 281-438-7243.

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Plans announced for fall opening of South Houston HS Hall of History

In the fall of 1957, Dwight Eisenhower was in the White House and Elvis Presley was atop the rock 'n' roll charts. Houston had no major league sports teams. And no one had ever heard of NASA, Fidel Castro, hula hoops or the Beatles.

In October of 1957, South Houston High School opened its doors to students whose families had moved into the globs of subdivision housing on Pasadena's mushrooming south side and along a post-war transportation marvel, the Gulf Freeway.

That bit of suburban bliss has dramatically changed over the past half-century. But now school officials, in partnership with South Houston alumni, have unveiled plans to preserve the academic and social heritage of South Houston High and surrounding communities in a unique campus museum.

South Houston High's new Hall of History represents the final phase of an initiative to capture and preserve the school's rich past, one that extends from the "Wonder Years" of the late 1950s and 1960s, to the "Junkyard Dogs" era in the 1970s, to the "Big Red Express" traditions that emerged in the 1980s and hold true today.

Primary funding for the museum has been provided by Bob Allen, a 1965 South Houston graduate and the Trojans' first all-state football player. A member of the Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame and South Houston's

Hall of Honor, Allen was a standout player at Texas Tech before entering into a successful business career.

Set to open on Oct. 16 - South Houston High's 2015 homecoming day - the Hall of History will permanently exhibit dozens of vintage photographs and memorabilia donated by Trojan alumni and former faculty members. "I don't know of another high school heritage project that compares to this in scope or scale," said Dr. Steve Fullen, South Houston's principal.

"Our Hall of Honor programs have been an enormous source of pride for our school and has had a profound impact on our student body and faculty. This promises to be the crown jewel of our preservation efforts."

Donations of memorabilia from all eras are now being accepted. For the convenience of alumni who wish to donate items, a drop-off time has been established for Fridays, between 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., any school day through the end of the school year.

Those wishing to donate are asked to contact Al Carter, Class of 1970 and Pasadena ISD's alumni development coordinator, at ahcarter@pasadenaisd.org.

"We'll be glad to arrange alternative drop-off times, or even pickup times, if the person lives in the immediate area," Carter said. "We would like for all alumni, or family members who come into possession of items related to



South Houston Principal Dr. Steve Fullen (white shirt) helps remove the template for the lettering on the entrance to the school's Hall of History, set to open at homecoming, Oct. 16, 2015. Fullen is flanked by assistant principals Bradley Luster and Richard Stallings.

South Houston High School, to take stock of what you have and consider donating it to the museum."

Items could include wearing apparel, sports gear, old photos related to high school events, pennants, stickers, rings, pins, souvenirs, programs, ribbons - and, of course, old yearbooks.

"We are always interested in old yearbooks," Carter said. "Some of the older ones are somewhat rare. Plus, we are constantly coming across books that are in better shape than the ones we have. And surplus yearbooks enable us, from time to time, to sell books to raise money for the Hall of History."

Efforts to decorate and stock the museum are already well underway.

Bauer Graphics in Pasadena is providing assistance on wall designs that will present a wrap-around timeline of SHHS history and how it relates to news events of each era. Funds provided by Allen have allowed for the purchase of a dozen glass display cases.

A 900-square foot work room adjacent to the Hall of Honor in the entrance corridor has been set aside for the project. The Hall of History will include conference facilities for small-group meetings and three computer stations that will enable alumni and students to conduct research and scan historical materials ranging from yearbooks to old school newspapers.

The Hall of History is the current repository for all Pasadena ISD yearbooks.

The collection, which dates back to 1939, is about 90 percent complete.

Plans are to cover the museum walls with nostalgic images, including dozens of vintage photographs, most of them taken from South Houston yearbooks.

"Archival material is quite scarce," Carter said. "But using modern photo-editing techniques, we have been able to scan many of the best photos and make display prints that are close, in quality, to glossy originals."

The high quality of some shots has enabled us to make poster and canvas enlargements that will allow the visitor to enjoy a vivid look at what campus life was like from the late 1950s all the way up to 2010."

The Hall of History will cap a preservation project that began with the school's 50th anniversary celebration in 2007. Out of that event, an Alumni Hall of Honor was established in 2011, followed by a Teacher and Staff Hall of Honor in 2013. Since then, 73 alumni and 23 teachers have been inducted and honored with plaques that line the walls along the corridor.

"Much of the impetus for the Hall of History came from the efforts of the library staff at Pasadena High to preserve that school's heritage, which is now approaching the 100-year mark," Carter said. "We wanted to take that approach a step farther by setting aside a large space and dedicating the entire area to a museum, one that connects directly to our heritage displays in the Hall of Honor."

All donated items will be

tagged and cataloged. Although all items may not be displayed at all times, Carter said, all will be securely stored in an adjacent space.

"We've already had several teachers bring their students to the Hall of Honor displays as part of class discussions and projects related to South Houston's past - and our alumni and the general public have also shown a strong interest," Fullen said.

"We expect that the Hall of History will heighten that interest even more and lock in place an appreciation of our school's special place in the history of our community."



South Houston students take a stroll to the cafeteria in 1961. In the front are Dwane Sample, Judy Reid and Lynda Lane, all Class of 1962.



Members of the Janettes anxiously cheer on their Trojan football team in a 1966 contest. The 1966 season marked the drill team's debut.

Milstead MS students take top honors



Milstead Middle School students Raja Waleed Ali (left) and Trent Daley (right) were awarded second- and first-place ribbons for their science projects at the Pasadena Independent School District Middle School Science Fair 2015 on Monday, Feb. 23. This event was held at the Braden/Orozco Center on Beltway 8.

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Lariaette officers excel at first competition

The J. Frank Dobie Lariaette officers recently competed for the first time this season at the Crowdpleasers Jr./Sr. Showcase at Pearland High School.

The squad did an out-

standing job for their first contest of the year, walking away with numerous awards including: Best in Crowdpleasers Jr./Sr. Showcase at Pearland High School.

Best in Class Officer Lyrical; second Runner-Up Best in Class Officer Jazz; a Crowdpleaser's Award for Outstanding Crowd Appeal for their Officer Hip Hop; an Artistic Achievement Award

for their Officer Hip Hop for outstanding artistry in this style of dance; and, they were named to the Elite Circle of Officers, being selected as one of the Top 5 officer groups of the entire day.



The J. Frank Dobie Lariaette officers show off their plaques and trophies from the Crowdpleasers Jr./Sr. Showcase at Pearland High School. Pictured with their awards are, left to right, Diana Castillo (captain), Ikea Taylor (major), Jade Motu (colonel), Amalia Perla (lieutenant colonel), and Macalyn Castro-Cardenas (lieutenant).

Photo submitted



Two of South Houston High's earliest graduates, Billie Shirley Murphy, Class of 1960, and Genia Long Ripley, Class of 1962, offer their contributions to the new SHHS Hall of History. Murphy donated a flute she played in the first Trojan Marching Band. Ripley donated the letter jacket and letter sweater earned by her late husband, Billy Ripley, who played on the Trojans' first football, basketball and baseball teams.

Clear Creek ISD crowns 2015 spelling bee champions

After a ferocious spelling bee that lasted 23 rounds and three-and-a-half hours, Clear Creek Independent School District has a new champion speller. Brookside Intermediate's Naomi Ayub won first place on Feb. 21, 2015.

The CCISD Spelling Bee took place at Mossman Elementary School

with students representing every elementary and intermediate school in the district, a total of 36 campuses.

The final eight spellers competed until the champion and runner-up were crowned. Naomi Ayub, an eighth-grader, placed first after correctly spelling *precautionary* and *venerable* in the final round.

Wedgeood Elementary School's Carissa Moore, a fourth-grader, is the 2015 runner-up.

Naomi Ayub will advance to the Houston Public Media Spelling Bee which will be televised live March 28, 2015. The Houston Public Media Spelling Bee is the qualifying bee for 42 Texas counties for the

Scripps National Spelling Bee, the nation's long-standing educational promotion since 1925.

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To view photos of the CCISD Spelling Bee go to <http://clearcreekisd.smugmug.com/CCISD-Photos/20142015-School-Year-Photos/District-Spelling-Bee/>.

Clear Creek ISD spelling bee champs are, left to right runner-up Carissa Moore, fourth-grader at Wedgewood Elementary; and winner Naomi Ayub, eighth-grader at Brookside Intermediate.



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Annual Chamber event a special evening



The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce held its 31st annual installation banquet Tuesday, Feb. 24. Newly hired University of Houston head football coach Tom Herman served as the featured speaker of the event. Harris County Precinct 2, Place 1 Justice of the Peace Jo Ann Delgado was responsible for the swearing in of all the incoming chamber officers and board members at the function. Chris Clark will continue to serve as the organization's president; Marie Flickinger as first vice president; Rebecca Lilley as second vice president; Jonathan Ebizie as third vice president; the Rev. Emory Gadd as secretary; and the Rev. Gordon Berg as treasurer.

Left to right, (front) Tom Herman and Justice of the Peace Jo Ann Delgado, (rear) Emory Gadd, who served as master of ceremonies



Left to right, Houston City Council Members Dwight Boykins and Dave Martin, Charles Jordan and Monica Garza



Left to right, Harris County Tax Assessor Mike Sullivan, Dr. B. J. Garner and Justice of the Peace George Risner



Left to right, Pat and Gordon Berg of Action Ministries, Judy Harrison of San Jacinto College, Rebecca Lilley, second vice president at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, and her son Trent.



Left to right, Dr. Allatia Harris, vice president at San Jacinto College, Carol Wilson, wife of San Jac board member Larry Wilson and Dan Mims, San Jac board chair.



Photo left, chamber board members Emory Gadd of Sagemont Church and Eli Tanksley of Clear Brook Realtors.

Photo right Cindy Chavez and Harris County chief deputy for Constable Chris Diaz, Jerry Luman

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Dobie boys' soccer closing in on championship; girls need wins

A 2-1 victory over South Houston March 3 at Veterans Stadium has the Dobie varsity boys' soccer team a step closer to winning the District 22-6A.

In fact, the way this team has played up to now, it's a matter of when the title comes. There is no if.

With four games remaining on their schedule, the Longhorns are 10-2-0, which also comes with a seven-point lead over second-place Memorial (33 for Dobie, 26 for Me-

morial). Three points are awarded for wins, zero for losses and one for ties).

The Mavericks, defeated by Dobie 2-1 in the first round, have played 13 games and will face the Longhorns in the 22-6A finale later this month.

Dobie head coach Justin Manrique set the magic number at 37 points for the Longhorns not long ago.

Since that time, Dobie played Pasadena to a 2-2 tie but lost the shootout for

just one point in the standings. Then came the 2-1 win over South Houston, which landed the locals three more points.

Dobie's benefit, aside from being unbeaten to this point in the season, is that the other teams have not been able to make up much ground on the Long-

horns.

The situation is not nearly as nice for Dobie's Lady Longhorns, who are chasing four teams above them for a playoff spot.

It will be difficult to catch first-place Pearland (33), and Memorial is in second place with 30 points.

Dawson and Alvin are tied for third with 28 points, with Dobie at 24.

Simply put, the Lady Longhorns have their playoff destiny in their own hands.

Beginning with a Friday, March 6, match against Dawson, the Lady Longhorns will also face

Alvin and Memorial among their final four opponents.

Winning will solve everything at this point, but that's easier said than done.

Dobie has thus far lost twice to Pearland and once each to Alvin and Memorial. The locals beat

Dawson in a shootout after playing to a scoreless tie in regulation.

"It starts with winning Friday," Dobie head coach Bryan McDonald said.

"From there, things can get hectic. At this stage every team is very close. Results have shown that. Our plan is simple, we

have to show up and play our game.

"We feel like we had a couple games where we didn't show up. Now we

have to claw our way in (to the playoff mix) because of that. It's completely in our hands now."

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Event is March 28 Longhorns boosters to host bingo night

The Dobie Diamond Club, the official booster organization of the school's baseball program, is making final preparations for the annual spring bingo night.

Baseball players are currently offering presale tickets for the Saturday, March 28 event, which will feature 10 games of bingo.

Tickets are \$20 each, before and at the door.

Doors will open for the event at the school cafeteria at 5 p.m., and the bingo games will run from 6 to 9 p.m.

Game payouts are \$100 each, with the exception of the fifth game (\$250) and the 10th game (\$500).

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Sophomore Michelle Kristoff earned three of Dobie's four wins in the Pearland ISD Haynie Invitational as the Lady Longhorns went 4-2 overall. The team is now 10-5 overall this season with only District 22-6A games remaining on the regular season schedule.

Photo by John Bechtle

Hot bats, steady pitching key JFD

A unique combination has mixed to help the Dobie varsity girls' softball team get off to its best start in several seasons, and head coach Robin Rackley has enjoyed it.

Three senior leaders - Emily Wolfe, Suzy Soza and Sady Olquin have more than shown the way to victory often through 15 games.

Two sophomore pitchers - Michelle Kristoff and Alyssa Corpus - have pitched exceptionally well

at times and have at other times held the opposition at bay long enough for the Dobie offense to engage.

Three other sophomores and at least one freshman have contributed greatly on offense and defense as well, leading to where the team sits now.

Despite a 3-2 loss at Baytown Sterling March 3, Dobie is 10-5 through 15 games.

At 2-0 in District 22-6A with wins having already come over Pearland and

Manvel, the Lady Longhorns have a chance to do some real damage within league play in the coming weeks.

Last year's playoff miss was the first in school history, and it's proved to be an aberration. This program is back among the best.

Before the setback against Baytown Sterling, Dobie had won four of six overall games at the Pearland ISD Haynie

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Paredes pitches JFD past Manvel

There are those who will chuckle at the notion, but the Dobie varsity baseball team simply dodged a bullet.

Junior standout Jesse Paredes went six innings, and the offense came up

with three big six-inning runs as the Longhorns downed Manvel 5-2 March 3 at Manvel.

It's only one win in a long 16-game District 22-6A schedule, but it was definitely needed after

a 13-1 loss to Pearland a week earlier.

Now the Longhorns can have a little fun during the upcoming Pasadena ISD tournament, played out at Dobie and several other district sites March 5-7.

It all starts at 10 a.m. for

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Team now 15-12 SJC softballers open XIV play

The time to make another run at the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I Women's Softball World Series has come, and the San Jacinto College squad is ready for the challenge.

Sophomore pitcher Bridget Stein had three wins, and sophomore slugger Bridgette Gauvin had a grand slam as San Jacinto won three of four

games at the Region XIV Crossover Tournament in Beaumont.

Carah Nunez, the team's leading home run hitter a season ago, also went deep.

At 15-12, San Jacinto will now spend the rest of the season contesting teams within Region XIV save for a twin bill against national power LSU-Eunice.

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Brook boys win at CF

Scoring five gold-medal performances along the way, Clear Brook's varsity boys' team landed the team championship at the Clear Falls Knight Relays Feb. 27 in League City.

Jared Roberson (pole vault), Luke Barksdale (long jump), Mark Milton (200-meter dash), Brandon Taylor (100-meter dash) and the 4x100-meter relay team earned gold medals as the Wolverines eventually rounded up 87 points to edge out second-place Barbers Hill (80 points).

Roberson, one of the

region's top competitors in his specialty, cleared the bar at 13 feet to claim gold in the pole vault.

Barksdale's win also came in the field events as he led the way in the long jump at 21 feet, 3 inches.

Taylor blazed his way to the win in the 100-meter dash at 11.105, and Milton's 200-meter dash victory came at 22.210.

Taylor and Milton were joined by Cuatarus Quarles and Jarrett Smith as the Wolverines were first (43.540) to the finish line in the 4x100-meter relay.

Elsewhere, Braelon Hill got in on the fun along with Milton, Quarles and Taylor as Clear Brook ran second in the 4x200-meter relay.

Milton's leap of 43'8" in the triple jump was good enough for a bronze medal, and he also placed sixth in the long jump (18'3 1/4").

At 43'6 1/4", Barksdale trailed Milton in the triple jump but was nonetheless fourth.

Davis leads JFD

Jacoby Davis was second in the high jump after clearing 5'8" as he scored seven of Dobie's 12 points at the meet.

Derrick Matthews' best of 20' 2 1/2 in the long jump was fourth.

The Lady Wolverines were scheduled to compete in the Texas State High School Relays on the Texas State University campus in Waco, but the event was canceled due to inclement weather.

Supak a hall of famer



Cathy Supak, the longtime girls' athletics trainer at Clear Brook High School, has added the title of hall of famer to her resume. As part of an outreach program involving Clear Creek ISD and Houston Methodist Orthopedics and Sports Medicine at St. John Hospital, Supak has been at Brook since 1992 and has earned many honors along the way. See more on Page 2B.

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Sports news, notes

SBAST coaches sought

The South Belt Area Swim Team is looking for interested coaches to assist during the 2015 season. An application can be found at www.sbast.org, and those completed applications may then be emailed to christina_shaffer@att.net by March 13. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, possess previous swimming or coaching experience and have certification in life-guard/CPR/AED and water safety training. Candidates are required to be available to the team April 19 through June 30 for practices, meets and other team activities.

PISD Hall of Fame tickets selling

Tickets for the fourth annual Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame Banquet are now on sale at the school district's athletics ticket office. Six new inductees will be honored at the April 11 banquet with former University of Texas head football coach David McWilliams set to serve as guest master of ceremonies. Tickets for the banquet are \$50 each. Table sponsorships are also available at various donation levels. Table sponsors and inductees will gather at a reception in the Hall of Fame Museum just before the banquet, which starts at 6 p.m. at Phillips Field House. The museum is located on the north end of the gym. McWilliams will take part in a ceremony that will include the induction of two former Pasadena ISD football standouts who played for UT during McWilliams' 16-year stint as a Longhorns' assistant coach. McWilliams was a UT defensive assistant coach during the college careers of both Steve Oxley and Randy McEachern.

Oxley, a 1969 Rayburn graduate, played in the offensive line for the Longhorns from 1970 to 1972 under Darrell Royal. McEachern, a 1974 Dobie graduate, played quarterback for UT in 1977 and 1978 under Fred Akers.

Other former Pasadena ISD athletes set for induction are David Webb, Pasadena High Class of 1959, a four-sport standout who later played football at Lamar; Jeff Wylie, Pasadena High Class of 1987, who went on to star in the high jump at Baylor; and Kyla Hall Holas, South Houston High Class of 1990, who enjoyed an All-American softball career as a pitcher for Southwestern Louisiana.

Also selected for induction is the late Scott Talton, who coached Dobie's boys' basketball team to 500 victories, four district titles and 15 playoff appearances over a 27-year career.

Individuals or groups interested in sponsoring a banquet table are asked to contact Cindy Parmer, director of community relations for the Pasadena ISD, at 713-740-0288, or by email at cparmer@pasadenaisd.org.

Information on sponsorship tables for the 2015 banquet can also be found at <http://tiny.cc/po1esx>.

The athletics ticket office is located on the east side of the Phillips Field House complex at 2906 Dabney in Pasadena. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

CSBA golf set for April 13

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

Meals on Wheels golf

The annual Meals on Wheels Golf Tournament is set for March 21, at Southwyck Golf Club in Pearland. The event will feature a 1:30 p.m. start and include 18 holes of four-player scramble action. Entry fee is \$85 per player or \$340 per foursome. Hole sponsorships are available for \$100 apiece.

Trophies will be awarded to the winning teams, and there will also be door prizes up for grabs.

All proceeds from the tournament go directly to the purchase and delivery of nutritious meals for the most needy in the community. For information and registration details, call Jim Higgins at 281-389-7493.

Lajaunie tennis takes shape

The Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund, in conjunction with the Bay Area Racquet Club in Houston, will host the Fourth Annual Darren Lajaunie Memorial Tennis Tournament Friday through Sunday, April 24-26.

The Bay Area Racquet Club is located on Kings Park Lane, off NASA Parkway.

Lajaunie began his tennis playing career at Dobie High School and graduated co-valedictorian in 1984. The Lajaunie family have been members of BARC since 2009. Lajaunie lost his battle with melanoma May 3, 2011.

This scholarship fund and tournament is a way to honor Lajaunie's memory by helping junior tennis players enjoy tennis and assist with their education in college.

Preparations continue for the tournament, which will award members of the Bay Area Racquet Club junior tennis players camp and college scholarships.

Once again this year, college scholarships will be awarded to two tennis playing seniors (one boy and one girl) from Dobie High School.

Members of the Dobie tennis program will also be awarded entry fees to play in the tournament.

All players will receive a tournament T-shirt and goody bag, and enjoy a complimentary Saturday morning breakfast snack. A complimentary lunch, donated by the Lajaunie family, will also be available for players and spectators.

Lajaunie fund volunteers are still seeking donors as well as silent auction items. April 24th will serve up the tournament and silent auction with the BARC scholarship awards dinner at the racquet club. There will be four camp scholarships and two college scholarships awarded to BARC junior tennis players. The Dobie recipients will be awarded their scholarships in May at the school.

Dinner tickets will go on sale April 1. The menu for the evening includes a grilled chicken breast, either Cajun spiced or marinated herb rub with a salad, grilled corn with a fixin's bar, lemonade or ice tea and bread. Dessert and tournament water have also been donated.

Dinner tickets are \$15 a person for adults and \$12 for children 10 and under.

Tickets may be purchased at the Bay Area Racquet Club or on the DLTSF website - www.DLTennisScholarships.com.

The silent auction will begin at 4 p.m. and conclude April 25, at 4 p.m. Auction items include...

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Clear Creek ISD Invitational Baseball

Thursday, March 5-7, at Brook

March 5 - Hebron vs. North Shore, 3 p.m.;

Brook vs. Hebron, 5:30 p.m.

March 6 - Brook vs. Nederland, 12:30 p.m.;

Pearland vs. Nederland, 3 p.m.; Brook vs. Pearland, 5:30 p.m.

March 7 - Brook vs. Memorial West, 9 a.m.;

Victoria West vs. Alvin, 11:30 a.m.; Brook vs. Alvin, 2 p.m.

Pasadena ISD Invitational Baseball

Thursday, March 5-7, at Dobie

March 5 - Dobie vs. Beaumont West Brook, 10 a.m., Sam Rayburn vs. St. John's, 1 p.m.;

Dobie vs. St. John's, 4 p.m.

March 6 - Dobie vs. Katy Taylor, 1 p.m.,

Beaumont West Brook vs. St. John's, 4 p.m.

March 7 - Dobie vs. TBA at Dobie. Opponent depends on outcome of pool play games.

Other pool play games March 5-6 at Memorial, South Houston and Maguire Field.

Bondy Int. girls dominate; Thompson, BHI start well

Bondy simply dominated the competition at the first Pasadena ISD intermediate girls' track and field meet, with both Thompson and Beverly Hills faring well Feb. 25 at Auxiliary Stadium.

In the eighth-grade division, the Patriots cruised to the overall team win with 227 points. Thompson was second but well off the pace with 148 points. Beverly Hills managed 35 for fourth place.

It was much of the same in the seventh-grade division, where Bondy's 222.63 points led the way by a wide margin. Again, Thompson's 78.63 points were good enough for second, and Beverly Hills had 41 for fifth place.

GAT 8s are second
The Lady Lions' eighth-grade team put together a great effort for second place.

The locals particularly excelled on the track, with a pair of wins right out of the gate.

Rachel Smith held off teammate Nyah Earl for the win in the 100-meter dash. In a 1-2 finish, Smith won at 13.49 seconds, edging Earl's time of 13.73.

Moving to the 200-meter distance, a Thompson athlete was at the forefront as Sha'kira Carlisle's time of 29.73 topped the rest of the field.

Thompson also scored relay wins in the 4x100- and 4x200-meter events, scoring 40 team points in all.

In the 4x100-meter event, Earl, Carlisle, Tonya Montgomery and Smith teamed for the easy win at 54.11, besting second-place Bondy's time of 56.16.

The same four teammates helped Thompson to a dominating win at the 4x200 distance. At 2:00.00, the Lady Lions beat second-place South Houston (2:05.00) to the tape.

And then there was Thompson's Taylor Pleasants, who dominated the field events for the Lady Lions while winning three individual golds.

At 4 feet, Pleasants was the champion of the high jump for Thompson, and teammate Mia Muniz's best effort of 3'6" was fourth.

Shifting to the triple jump, Pleasants was the clear winner at 30'1". Her other field event win came in the shot put as a top throw of 30'2" was the district's best by 3'.

Megan Glass was a silver medalist in the 800-meter run with a time of 2 minutes, 52.06 seconds, with Bondy's Lauren Rodriguez winning at

2:46.00. Glass returned for the 1,600-meter run, narrowly missing a medal in that event as well. Still, Glass clocked in at 6:43.22 for fourth place.

Thompson's 4x400-meter relay team challenged Bondy but wound up second. Bondy's winning time was 4:56.06, with Thompson next at 5:00.00 behind the effort of Melody Le, Khalia Moore, Montgomery and Taylor Pleasants.

In other events, Thompson's Le was sixth in the 400-meter dash at 1:14.02. Monique Fagan, a 100-meter hurdler for the Lady Lions, took fifth with a time of 20.45.

Asia Muniz wound up fourth in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 58.86, and teammate Monique Durham's time of 59.39 was fifth.

Keishon Groves was fifth in the discus throw as her best effort was 60'6".

BHI 8s take fourth
With Bondy and Thompson grabbing many of the available points, Beverly Hills was fourth in the eighth-grade division with 35.

Cynthia Cervantes was a big winner for her team, capturing first place in the discus at 68'10 1/2".

Alexis Shaw scored a medal for Beverly Hills in the 100-meter hurdles as she was third in a time of 20.25.

At 2:53.50, the Lady Bears' Natalie Armenta was fourth in the 800-meter run.

The Lady Bears' 4x100-meter relay team of Keneisha James, Alana Ortega, Angelica Ortiz and Shaw placed sixth in a time of 1:00.00.

The same four athletes represented Beverly Hills in the 4x200-meter event, with another sixth-place finish coming at 2:16.40.

Beverly Hills scored fifth place in the 4x400-meter relay in a time of 5:26.47 with Mayte Zuniga, Ortiz, Armenta and James running the respective laps.

A throw of 25'8" landed Beverly Hills' Cynthia Cervantes third place and a bronze medal in the shot put as she ended the meet with a pair of medals.

GAT 7s place second
With just one overall win in the seventh-grade division, Thompson used a true team effort to place second.

Hailey Schwerdtfeger won the shot put while going head-to-head with teammate Nia Dixon.

In the end, Schwerdtfeger's throw of 25'5" won the event, with Dixon second at 25'0". Thompson's Lauren Deramus was sixth at 22'2".

Dixon also wound up second in the discus at 57'3", while Bondy's Maria Pena crushed the competition with a top throw of 76'5".

The event started out with a big bang as two Lady Lions duelled with Miller's Jorlette Bernardz in the 100-meter dash. Bernardz wound up with the victory at 13.76, but Thompson's Amour Bryant placed second at 13.99, with Annette Eonne third at 14.01.

The Lady Lions also scored well in the triple jump, with Eonne taking third place and a bronze medal with a leap of 23'6". Teammate Hallie Nelms was fourth at 22'4".

Nelms may have missed a medal in the triple jump, but she took a silver for second place in the long jump at 11'10". High jumper Alexys Velazquez tied for third place in the event at 3'10".

Kayla Hall was fourth in the 100-meter hurdles at 20.60, and teammate Carrie Cubos delivered a time of 1:04.12 in the 300-meter hurdles for fifth place.

In the 4x400-meter relay, the Lady Lions took third place in a time of 5:16.00. That foursome consisted of Mo Nai Vallery, Cubos, Seleste Martinez and Danielle Colunga.

BHI 7s compete well
Debuting as a team in the seventh-grade division, the Beverly Hills Lady Bears put together 41 points.

Avyon Armington scored a quick bronze medal for third place in the 200-meter dash at 30.22. In the same event, Italy Bossett was sixth at 32.19.

Beverly Hills teammates went 3-4 in the 400-meter dash. There, Taiya Mitchell (1:15.66) earned the third-place bronze medal while the Lady Bears' Madison McClelland was fourth 1:16.00.

Mitchell won a silver medal in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 19.21, and Charlyze Tamayo was sixth (21.44) in the same event.

Vanessa Villarreal, a 300-meter hurdler for Beverly Hills, placed fourth at 1:03.15.

The Lady Bears were fifth in the 4x400-meter relay as McClelland, Tamayo, Sophia Perez and Allie Parker combined for a time of 5:24.20.

In other events, Breanna Boue was sixth in the 100-meter dash in a time of 14.58. Zoe Hernandez came up with a sixth-place finish in the 1,600-meter run at 6:44.88.

Dobie baseball gets past Mavericks

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The Longhorns, who have now won three straight games after going 0-4 to open the season.

The Longhorns played without a couple of key players in the season-opening loss to Pearland by a 13-1 count. No excuses

were made, just loss taken. To open the La Porte tournament, Dobie lost to Deer Park 4-0 and then fell 5-2 to Barbers Hill.

The string of playoff opponents continued from the Longhorns as they lost a 6-1 game to Texas Association of Private and

Parochial Schools power Lutheran South. The bats then came alive as the Longhorns won their first game of the season, smashing their way past La Porte, 13-5.

Dobie closed out the tournament with a 5-3 victory over Clear Brook.

Most importantly, the Longhorns have taken down a playoff threat by beating Manvel.

At 1-1 now in District 22-6A action, the Longhorns have a break in league play before facing Pasadena March 13, at Maguire Field, at 7 p.m.

Supak makes SWATA hall of fame

Cathy Supak, the long-time head girls' athletic trainer at Clear Brook High School, is officially a hall of famer.

The Southwest Athletic Trainers Association has chosen Supak along with Dr. Steve Simpson, Pamela Rast and the late David

Gish. Supak arrived at Clear Brook High School in 1992 as part of an outreach program with Hous-

ton Methodist Orthopedics and Sports Medicine at St. John Hospital.

She was appointed by then Gov. Rick Perry to the Texas Advisory Board of Athletic Trainers in 2013 and has served as president of the Texas State Athletic Trainers' Association and Greater Houston Athletic Trainers' Society.

In 2014, Supak was inducted into the Greater Houston Athletic Trainers Society's Athletic Training Hall of Honor and given the Logan Wood Award for Meritorious Service.

She has also been honored with the National Athletic Trainers' Association Service Award, Southwest Athletic Trainers' Association Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award and Athletic Training Distinguished Alumni of the Year by Texas State University.

The SWATA honors and awards will be presented in Houston July 16-18 at SWATA's annual meeting.

The SWATA Hall of Fame, which is the highest honor a member of District VI may receive, was developed for the purpose of honoring members of District VI whose dedicated service, past achievements, and professional contributions have furthered the advancement of the SWATA and the athletic training profession.

Candidates must be a seasoned athletic trainer; be a Certified or Associate member in good standing; be or have been a member of District VI, working, retired, or deceased; elected, appointed, or volunteered service or significant contributions to the SWATA.



Cathy Supak (far right), the head girls' athletic trainer at Clear Brook High School, has helped many athletes return to action from both minor and major injuries over the years. In this instance, Lady Wolverine varsity soccer player Patty Stratton is helped to the sideline by Supak and student trainer Cameron Supak, who is her son.

Photo by Janice Sokol

Pasadena ISD track/field under way

Thompson eighth-grade boys rule

If opening day is a sign of things to come, the Thompson Lions' eighth-grade track and field team is in business.

The team roared to an easy win in the Pasadena ISD's first intermediate track and field meet of the season, Feb. 26 at Auxiliary Stadium in Pasadena.

Thompson pulled together 165 team points for first place, with Bondy second with 89. Beverly Hills' 82 points was fourth-best.

San Jacinto won the seventh-grade division with 115, followed by Beverly Hills with 94. Thompson was third with 85.

GAT 8s coast
In all, the Lions took wins in seventh individual events and were first to the finish line in two of the three relays. It was simply a dominating performance.

Team titles are commonly won due to relay success. That was certainly the case for Thompson, which scored 48 of its 165 in the relays.

The Lions' first win came in the 4x100-meter relay as Keandre Green, Kris Morris, Alex Hernandez and Jace Young blazed their way to a win in 48.21 seconds.

Thompson cruised to another win in the 4x400-meter relay. There, Trevor Hondros, Jonathan Nuncio, Sebastian Goana and Hernandez went on to win at 4 minutes, 12.32 seconds.

The team was also fourth for eight points in the 4x200-meter relay as Green, Morris, Phabian Jobe and Caleb Exum combined for a time of 1:50.07.

Individually, the Lions had plenty of help as well. Morris raced to the win in the 200-meter dash at 24.86 for 10 points.

Teammate Treshawn Heggwood's time of 26.99 was good for third place.

Giovanni Solis kept the wins coming for the Lions in the 800-meter run, taking the win by three full seconds at 2:25.00.

Turning to the pole vault, Solis gained a silver medal as he cleared 8 feet. Teammate Hondros was fifth at 7'6".

At 47.66, Jonathan Moreno scored another 10 points for the Lions while winning the 300-meter hurdles.

David Amaya challenged for the top spot in the 100-meter hurdles before winding up second at 17.07.

But Amaya got the last laugh, winning the high jump by three inches with a championship leap of 5 feet, 4 inches.

And Amaya wasn't done. He also was the gold medalist in the long jump after making his way to the 16'11" mark. Morris cleared 15'1 1/2" for fourth place in the event.

Hondros medaled in the 400-meter dash after taking third at 1:02.94.

Moreno became a double gold-medal winner as he took the top spot in the triple jump, coming in at 36'5".

As for the weight event, Deon Brown was the district's best in the shot put with a top throw of 42'11". Teammate Jayro Salamanca was fifth at 38'2".

Brown wound up fifth in the discus throw as his best heave went to the 93'10 1/2" mark.

In the 100-meter dash, Young came in at 12.68 for fourth place.

BHI takes fourth
Success in the relays also proved beneficial for the Beverly Hills' eighth-grade team, which scored 82 points for fourth place.

In all, the Bears scored first, second and third-

place finishes in the respective relays.

The Bears' win and 20 team points came in the 4x200-meter relay as Luis Vasquez, Hector Anaya, Rolando Palacios and Joseph Ortega combined for a time of 1:45.91.

In the 4x100-meter relay, the Bears scored another 16 points as Vasquez, Palacios, DeAngelo Ramirez and Joseph Ortega represented the Bears with a time of 49.28.

Third place came the Bears' way in the 4x400-meter relay at 4:21.16. In that one the Bears' team was made up of Vasquez, Anaya, Ortega and Dayleon Eaglin.

Johnny White was a bronze medalist for third place in the 300-meter hurdles in a time of 48.53.

The same honor came to Raul Delgado after he cleared 5'0" for third place in the high jump.

The Bears also performed well in the triple jump. Ortega went to the 36'0" mark for second place, and teammate Josiah Arenas placed third with an effort of 33'8".

In other events, Kameron Lane was fifth in the 100-meter dash at 12.76, and Arenas was fourth at 27.01 in the 200-meter dash. Arenas placed fifth in the long jump with a best of 14'9 1/2".

At 1:03.57, Anaya scored a point for sixth place in the 400-meter dash.

Bears' sevens are second
The Bears' team debut at the seventh-grade level went well with a second-place finish.

DeMarcus Carathers starred for the Bears in the meet, winning three individual events for 30 points.

Carathers championed the 200-meter dash with a time of 27.03.

In the 100-meter hur-

dles, Carathers was the district's best as he was first to the finish line in a time of 16.34.

At 5'2", Carathers high jumped his way to a third individual gold medal, while no other athlete won more than one gold.

Despite being disqualified in one relay, the Bears were second in two others.

In the 4x100-meter relay, Simon Tran teamed with Danny Nguyen, Deon Blacknell and Christian Cleckley for second place at 52.32.

The team was also second in the 4x400-meter relay behind the effort of the same four athletes, who combined to produce a time of 4:32.12.

Cleckley stepped up with a big win in the triple jump, scoring a distance of 32'7" for the win.

Theodore Randle placed second in the 100-meter dash for the Bears, earning a time of 12.02. Cleckley's time of 12.65 was sixth-best.

Darion Brisby-Powell was fourth in the 400-meter dash at 1:07.39.

Tomas Garcia also took fourth place for Beverly Hills, this time in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 6:18.56.

In the long jump, a distance of 14'0" placed Danny Nguyen fifth.

At 78'1", the Bears' Jason Brooks was fifth.

Lion 7s are third
Thompson's 85 points in its seventh-grade debut was good for third place as several athletes stood out.

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San Jacinto College men's basketball, ranked 12th, is top seed at regionals

The San Jacinto College men's basketball team is headed to the 2015 Region XIV basketball tournament beginning Thursday, March 5, as the top seed, earning a bye, and will face either Lamar State - Port Arthur or Jacksonville College at 1 p.m. The Region XIV basketball tournament will take place at the Curtis Carroll Field House on the former Lon Morris College campus, located at 531 W. Pine Street in Jacksonville, Texas. Four San Jac (26-4, 17-2) sophomore players av-

erage double-digit points, led by Willie Mangum (Western Nebraska Community College transfer). Mangum averages 20.4 points, a mark that ranks 25th in the nation. Donte Thomas (Washington D.C.) is second on the team with a 12.5 points per game average, followed by Michael Carrey (Lamar Consolidated High School) 11.6 ppg, and Javonlean Hedgeman (Pearland High School) at 10.1 ppg. The winner of the Region XIV tournament earns a berth in the National Junior College Athletic Association national championship March 16-21 in Hutchinson, Kan. San Jacinto College has made 19 national tournament appearances, the last

coming in 2006. The Region XIV tournament runs through Saturday, March 7. San Jacinto is currently ranked 12th nationally as part of a strong season to date. The National Junior College Athletic Association Division I Men's Basketball Championship is set to be played March 16-21 at the Hutchinson Sports Arena in Hutchinson, Kan. For more information, including a complete schedule of games, visit the Jacksonville College website (www.jacksonville-college.edu). For information about the San Jacinto College men's basketball team or other programs, visit sanjacsports.com.

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cluded this year, an autographed bag from former New York Yankees and Houston Astros pitcher Andy Pettitte; an autographed football from former Dallas Cowboy linebacker Dat Nguyen and much more. There's also Fred Astaire Dance Studio lessons for two in the silent auction list.

Both donations and sponsors are currently being sought. 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 by check or money order to: Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund, 3106 Mossy Elm Court, Houston, Texas 77059.

Direct email to Camille Lajaunie, committee chairperson at cjlajaunie@gmail.com with any questions.

Rising Star track sign-up

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

Youth basketball clinic

There will be a free Spring Break Basketball Skills Training Clinic held at the Sagemont Community Center.

LaQuita Thompson of Xtreme Heat Sports Management, in conjunction with Basketball and Beyond Youth Development Organization, will offer three days of free skills training to first- through 12th-grade players during spring break.

Skills concepts will include: drills to improve ball handling; shooting tips, strategies and drills; combination drills for 1-on-1, 2-on-2 and 3-on-3. Training dates are March 17 as well as March 19-20.

Those currently in the first through seventh grades may attend from noon to 2 p.m., while eighth- through 12th-grade students may attend from 2 to 4 p.m.

The Sagemont Community Center is located at 11507 Hughes Road. Sessions are limited to 25 players. Pre-registration is preferred. Those interested may register at www.bbido.org.

For more information, call Angela LeBlanc-Ernest at 713-408-0837 or Thompson at 832-407-1082.

Crow, longtime South Belt resident, picks SFA football



Connor Crow (seated center), a longtime South Belt area resident, will continue his education and football playing career at Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches after signing a letter of intent with the Lumberjacks. Those with Crow at the signing included, left to right, (seated) Galynn Crow (mother), Chris Crow (father), (standing) Bay Area Christian School coaching staff members Les Rainey, Brett Sewell, Jason Atwell, Don Hamilton, Terrance Davis, Tim Sharer and Darwin Pennyne. Connor Crow became one of the most recognized place-kickers in the Houston area during his time with the Broncos, ranking No. 10 nationally by Chris Sailer Kicking for the class of

2015. During his playing career at BACS, he was a three-time all-state and all-district selection as well as a three-time all-district linebacker/safety. Crow was a 2014 finalist for Offensive Player of the Year per the Houston Touchdown Club and is a two-time all-state academic team selection. During his senior year, Crow kicked 57- and 47-yard field goals in the state semifinal game and had a 45.6-yard punting average for the season. He has also been a three-time all-district baseball player for the Broncos in addition to running the 300-meter hurdles for the boys' track and field team.

SJC softball earns three wins

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For San Jacinto, eighth at the 2014 national tournament, it's time to put up or shut up.

Sophomore pitchers Stein and Katy Potter have been the respective starters and will be for much of the

rest of the way.

Offensively, Gauvin and Nunez will be asked to do what they do - produce runs. Freshmen Brittany Woods and Gabby Gonzalez are also off to fine starts offensively.

This much is clear. San

Jacinto was supposed to open the Region XIV regular season March 5 after press time at Alvin.

That doubleheader was canceled due to poor weather forecast for March 5. Those games will be made up April 15.

Jackson leads Dobie's AD girls' basketball selections

Several Dobie varsity girls' basketball players earned honors as the District 22-6A head coaches announced their postseason award winners and honorees. Dobie senior post Patrice Jackson was the first-team pick, while Lady Longhorn sophomores Audrey Wandji and Jade Giron made the second team. Five players - Kristy Christmas, Kiara Hart, Audrey Wandji, Georgette Wandji and Bella Villareal - were All-Academic Team picks.

San Jac hoops off to regionals

The San Jacinto College women's basketball team is headed to the 2015 Region XIV basketball tournament as the fourth seed after finishing the season with a 22-8 overall record.

The Region XIV basketball tournament will be held at the Curtis Carroll Field House on the former Lon Morris College campus, located at 531 W. Pine Street in Jacksonville, Texas.

San Jac, ranked 17th in

the latest National Junior College Athletic Association Division I Women's Basketball poll, faced fifth seed Angelina College March 4 after press time.

Five San Jac players have double-digit scoring marks this season, led by sophomore sensation Kendra Howard.

Howard, a NJCAA all-star and all-conference and region player a year ago, averages 15.8 points per game.

The Region XIV tour-

nament runs through Saturday, March 7.

The tournament winner advances to the NJCAA national championship March 16-21 in Salina, Kan.

For more information, including a complete schedule of Region XIV tournament games, visit the Jacksonville College website.

For information about the San Jacinto College men's basketball team, visit sanjacsports.com.

JFD girls fourth at Falls T&F

The Dobie varsity girls' track and field team managed a fourth-place finish at the Clear Falls Knight Relays Feb. 27 in chilly conditions.

The host Lady Knights edged out Clear Creek for the team championship, tallying 72 points to 68 for the Lady Wildcats. Dobie was fourth with 57 points.

Junior Justice Henderson was the top-scoring individual athlete at the meet, collecting 25 points.

Henderson scored a victory in the long jump with a top leap of 18 feet, 2 1/4 inches for 10 points.

She was also part of the Lady Longhorns' winning 4x200-meter relay squad along with Jade Giron, Rayiona Green and Camille Singleton.

Dobie's victory came in a time of 1 minute, 46.128 seconds.

Henderson's other points came in the 200-meter dash, where she was third

(25.990) and the 100-meter dash, where she was fourth (12.532).

The Lady Longhorns continued what has already been a successful season in the relays, also grabbing second at the 4x400-meter distance.

In that one, Giron, Green, Daisa Morris and Singleton combined to post a time of 4:10.465.

Morris also scored in the 400-meter dash after taking sixth at 1:02.831.

Player of the Year
Jordan Hosey, Manvel, Sr.

Offensive Player of the Year
Jasmine Butler, Pearland, Sr.

Defensive Player of the Year
Jordan Hosey, Manvel, Sr.

Newcomer of the Year
Emer Nichols, Pearland, Soph.

Coach of the Year
Bryan Harris, Manvel

First Team Selections
Jordan Hosey, Manvel, Sr.
Jasmine Butler, Pearland, Sr.
Ameiya Jackson, Manvel, Sr.
Emer Nichols, Pearland, Soph.
Patrice Jackson, Dobie, Sr.
Samantha Govella, Alvin, Sr.
Raquiesha Saleem, South Houston, Jr.
Maddie Powers, Dawson, Jr.
Kat Darden, Pearland, Jr.
Alize Washington, Sam Rayburn, Jr.
Ravae Payne, Memorial, Soph.
D'isreal Cardona, Pasadena, Jr.



Dobie senior post player Patrice Jackson (21), a first-team all-district performer this season, guards Pearland's Jasmine Butler, who was named the league's Offensive Player of the Year. As for the second team, Dobie sophomores Audrey Wandji and Jade Giron were named to the second team, as voted on by the 22-6A varsity basketball head coaches. Photo by John Bechtle

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MARCH 5
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, 2245 N. Main (building next to pawn shop). For information, call 713-856-1611.
4 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free water exercise for individuals with Parkinson's disease, 4 to 5 p.m., Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital Clear Lake, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Call 713-313-1652 or visit www.hapsonline.org for a list of all services.
6:30 p.m.
Diabetes Support Group - A support group for young adults with Type 1 diabetes. All subjects are open for discussion: new technologies, research advances, fears, phobias, dating and other personal matters. Meets the first Thursday of each month (or the second Thursday if that day is a holiday) at various restaurants in the area. Contact Dan Steiner, CDE, at 713-922-9677 for more information.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Women's Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518) at the First Presbyterian Church in the youth building on the Westminster side. For information, call 713-856-1611.
Al-Anon (English Speaking) - Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Room 215. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
Alateen - Provides support for teenage children, friends and family members of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, room 208. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
The Bay Area Writers League - Meets the first Thursday

of each month, Barnes and Noble, Bay Area Blvd. and the Gulf Freeway. 7 p.m. Newcomers welcome.
8:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.
FRIDAY, MARCH 6
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - West End Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, Shepherd of the Heart United Methodist Church, 12005 County Road 39, Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.
6 p.m.
Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish) - Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 6 p.m., room 215, First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., (Hwy 35), in building next to pawn shop. For more information, call 713-856-1611.
SATURDAY, MARCH 7
7:30 a.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - "Breakfast with Bill", Saturdays, 7:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
8 a.m.
Harris County Master Gardeners - Perennial, pepper, tomato and herb sale at Campbell Hall, Pasadena Fairgrounds, 7600 Red Bluff, Pasadena. Preview of peren-

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10 a.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., (Hwy 35), in building next to pawn shop. For more information, call 713-856-1611.
11 a.m.
Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English) - For persons whose lives are affected by an addict. Saturdays, 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
SUNDAY, MARCH 8
2 p.m.
Grief Support Group - For any adult who has lost a loved one. Meets Sundays, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas, 2 to 3:15 p.m., First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. For information, call 281-487-8787.
3 p.m.
Scleroderma Support Group Meeting - Do you have scleroderma or know someone with scleroderma? This is a rare illness that is caused by overproduction of collagen. Join support group meetings the second Sunday of each month from 3 to 5 p.m. at Pasadena Bayshore Hospital, 4000 Spencer Hwy., Pasadena. Bring a friend. Contact Jacob Davila, group leader, at 281-706-6232, or email jdvila@scleroderma.org.
5:30 p.m.
Celebrate Recovery - A faith-based 12-Step Program, Sundays, 5:30 p.m., Chapel of the Educational Building at Life Church in Houston, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for information or to RSVP for child care.
6:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Candlelight Meeting, Sunday, 6:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-

487-8787, or just drop in.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous NA meets Sundays, 7 p.m., 2245 N. Main St., Pearland (building next to pawn shop). For more information, call 713-856-1611.
8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.
MONDAY, MARCH 9
10 a.m.
Al-Anon Deer Park - Mondays 10 to 11 a.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for information, or just drop in.
11:30 a.m.
Overeaters Anonymous Deer Park - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for information, or just drop in.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon at 2245 N. Main (building next to pawn shop). For more information, call 713-856-1611.
3:30 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered. For adults with Parkinson's disease only.
6 p.m.
Scrabble Club #511 - Meets Mondays at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua, 6 p.m. Come and improve crossword game playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for more information.
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CALENDAR

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MONDAY, MARCH 9
6:30 p.m.
Mended Hearts Cardiac Support Group - A national organization dedicated to inspiring hope in heart disease patients and their families, meets the second Monday of each month at the Clear Lake Heart Towers auditorium, 495 Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. A free meal begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by a speaker. For more information, call 281-538-4648.
6:30 p.m.
Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting - meets Mondays at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway (FM 518). Enter door closest to recycling bins. For more information, call 713-865-3668 or visit www.oahouston.org.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), First Presbyterian Church in the youth building on the Westminster side. For more information, call 713-856-1611.
7 p.m.
Sagemont Civic Club - Meetings are held the second Monday of every month, 7 p.m., Sagemont Park Recreation Center, 11507 Hughes Road.
Friends Helping Friends Grief Support Group - Group meets Mondays, Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster, 7 to 8:15 p.m., in the staff meeting room. Anyone who has lost a loved one is welcome. Free. For information, call Betty Bielat at 281-474-3430 or Diana Kawalec at 281-334-1033.

TUESDAY, MARCH 10
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Tuesday through Friday at 7 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, in the Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.
9:30 a.m.
CCART - The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers meets the second Tuesday of each month, Sept. through May, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Bay Area Community Center, 5002 Nasa Parkway in Seabrook near Landolt Pavilion. Texas retired school employees from surrounding school districts welcome to attend and join. Annual dues are \$35.
9:30 a.m.
Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include dioramas, an old-time kitchen and a turn-of-the-century doctor's office. Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For information, call 713-472-0565.
10:30 a.m.
Tri-County Republican Women - General meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month, except June and July, Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Drive, Pearland. Lunch available for \$15. Must have exact cash or make checks payable to Golfcrest Country Club. For reservations, call Laura Morgan at 281-484-8083.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon, at 2245 N. Main (building next to pawn shop). For more information, call 713-856-1611.
Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets weekly, Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Drive, Pearland. Lunch is served for \$15. Variety of interesting speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or visit nalix@texascitizensbank.com.
1 p.m.
Ballroom Dance Practice - Tuesdays, Hometown Heroes Park, League City. Come and enjoy free ballroom dancing, 1 to 3 p.m., on a beautiful 3,630 sq. ft. floating hardwood floor. Dancers practice to a large variety of ballroom music. Instructor available to assist people with new moves. Everyone is welcome! For questions, call 281-254-1180. 1001 East League City Pkwy.
1:30 p.m.
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - TOPS #1530 meets at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road, at 1:30 p.m. For information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713.
6 p.m.
Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish) - Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 6 p.m., First United Methodist Church, room 215, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.


6:30 p.m.
Harris County Master Gardeners - The Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 offers free evening gardening lectures the second Tuesday of each month at the Clear Lake meeting room (lakeside) at 5001 NASA Parkway. Programs will be held at 6:30 p.m. Visit the website for a list of topics and location at https://hcmga.tamu.edu or call 281-855-5600.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518) at the First Presbyterian Church in the youth building on the Westminster side. For information, call 713-856-1611.
Houston Space City Lions Club - Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m., Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway. For information, call George Malone at 281-438-7243.
8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, in the Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or drop in.
9:30 a.m.
Young at Heart Club - Meets the second and fourth week of each month (except November and December) at Covenant United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Lots of activities, trips, etc. Call Nellie Galney at 713-991-3517 for more information.
11:30 a.m.
American Business Women's Association Bay Area Vision Chapter - Now meets at Perry's Steakhouse & Grille, 487 Bay Area Blvd., on the second Wednesday of every month. For more information or to R.S.V.P., call Lorilyn Wynn at 281-388-5202.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon at 2245 N. Main (next to pawn shop). For information, call 713-856-1611.
6 p.m.
Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish) - Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 6 p.m., First United Methodist Church, room 215, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787, or sdrop in.
6 p.m.
Alzheimer's Support Group - The free group meets the second Wednesday of each month at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. For more information, call Steven Williams at 281-929-4199 or 713-266-6400.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, meets at 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518) at the First Presbyterian Church in the youth building on the Westminster side. For more information, call 713-856-1611.
Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center - Confidential domestic violence support group for women, 7 p.m., 210 S. Walnut off NASA Pkwy, between I-45 South and Highway 3. Call 281-338-7600 or visit www.bayareaturningpoint.com for information. 24-hour crisis hotline is 281-286-2525.
Bay Area New Democrats - Meet at the Clear Lake Court House at 1020 W. NASA Pkwy., Suite 204. For more information, visit www.bayareanewdemocrats.org.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.
9:30 a.m.
NASA Aglow Community LightHouse - Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 a.m., Praise Chapel, 18516 Highway 3 in Webster. Public welcome and encouraged to bring others. For information, call 281-910-1971.
11:30 a.m.
ABWA - Southeast Express Network - American Business Women's Association-South meets the second Thursday of each month, Golden Corral, 9115 Broadway, Pearland. Lunch is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$20 and includes networking with professional business women, lunch and guest speaker. Women of all ages and occupations are invited. Bring plenty of business cards. Reservations appreciated. Visit www.seen-abwa.org.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, 2245 N. Main (building next to pawn shop). For information, call 713-856-1611.
4 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free water exercise for individuals with Parkinson's disease, 4 to 5 p.m., Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital Clear Lake, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Call 713-313-1652 or visit www.hapsonline.org for a list of all services.
6 p.m.
Pasadena Little Theatre - 60th Anniversary Celebration at Pasadena Little Theatre, 4318 Allen-Genoa Road. Dinner, auctions and a premier performance of Neil Simon's *The Odd Couple*, directed by Carolyn McLeod. Tickets are \$35 and may be purchased online at www.pasadenalittletheatre.org. The fun starts at 6 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Women's Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518) at the First Presbyterian Church in the youth building on the Westminster side. For information, call 713-856-1611.
Al-Anon (English Speaking) - Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, room 215. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
Alateen - Provides support for teenage children, friends and family members of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday at 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, room 208. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
8:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.

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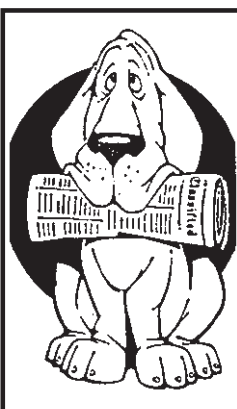
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Dobie's Malyn Nunez (17) has left opposing players standing still in their tracks her entire career with more than 50 goals to her credit, and she hopes to lead the Lady Longhorns through one last push to the playoffs.



Propeck, Lady Wolverines steal show at regional bowling

Above, the Lady Wolverines' varsity team stole the show at regionals, putting together their finest performance of the season to qualify for the state meet. Third at regionals, the team will now move on to the state competition later this month. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Andi Ellis, Ida Etemudi, Kat Delgado, Ellyssa Manriquez, coach Roxanne Casas, Cassandra Razo, Hallie Dusseau, (back row) coach Charles Smoot, coach Cecil Rutherford and Danielle Lee.

At right, Clear Brook High School bowler Anthony Propeck is headed to the state championships for the second season in a row after placing third with a 205 average at the regional competition. The state finals will be held March 29 in Fort Worth.



22-6A Varsity Boys' Soccer Standings

Through March 4 matches

Teams	W	L	T	Pts.
Dobie	10	0	2	33
Memorial	6	3	4	26
Pasadena	5	2	5	23
Dawson	6	4	3	22
Sam Rayburn	5	5	2	18
South Houston	3	6	4	15
Manvel	3	5	4	14
Alvin	3	9	0	9
Pearland	2	9	2	8

22-6A Varsity Girls' Soccer Standings

Through March 4 matches

Teams	W	L	T	Pts.
Pearland	10	1	2	33
Memorial	9	2	2	30
Dawson	8	2	3	28
Alvin	8	2	2	28
Dobie	7	3	2	24
South Houston	4	7	1	14
Pasadena	3	8	1	10
Manvel	1	11	0	3
Sam Rayburn	0	12	0	0

Lions' track runs well

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As for Cumpian, his leap of 35'8" in the triple jump was the district's best.

Shannon Hayes was third in the 100-meter dash (12.32), and Adrian Johnson (12.48) was fifth.

In the 4x200-meter relay, the Lions were third at 1:57.03 as Jose Segovia, Jaylen Gonzalez, Jonathan Mendez and Jordan Veal-

squez represented the Lions. Thompson's 4x400-meter relay team of Segovia, Gonzalez, Velasquez and Gardner was also third at 4:32.99.

The Lions scored well in the discus as Alejandro Pulido was third overall at 80'8".

Teammate Jesse Mitchell's best throw of 80'6" was good enough for fourth place.



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Lady Horns' softball out to quick 10-5 start

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Dobie's games were played at Lady Longhorn Field on the school campus, a first-ever occasion for a regular season game.

Dobie first defeated Montgomery 2-1 in a morning game in which the temperature struggled to reach 40 degrees.

The Lady Longhorns led Friendswood 3-0 in an afternoon game Feb. 26 before eventually falling 7-4.

The locals then trailed Columbia 3-2 but rallied for an 8-4 victory.

Corpus Christi Carroll defeated Dobie 7-4 before two more wins came to close out the tournament.

Dobie plated nine runs in the first inning en route to a 13-3 victory over C.E. King. Wolfe, Marissa Longoria, Munoz, Soza and Yasmine Myers had RBI hits in the frame, and Corpus earned the pitching win.

In a 7-2 victory over George Ranch, Olguin came through with an RBI double, and freshman Yvonne Whaley had three hits in the game to help the easy win.

PISD powerlifters make regionals



Three powerlifters from Pasadena ISD, including two from Dobie, will compete in the Texas High School Powerlifting Association's Region 4 competition March 7 at Katy Taylor High School. Those competitors along with their coaches include, left to right, (front row) Germain Zuniga (Sam Rayburn), Nathaniel Flores (Dobie), (back row) Sam Rayburn coach Tom McCullough, Jessena Luna (Dobie) and Dobie coach Kenneth Foster. Zuniga is ranked first in his weight class entering regionals, with Dobie's Young Truong (not pictured) ranked second.

JFD soccer tops 22-6A, looks to close out deal

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Dobie boys roll

For the Dobie boys, it's simple. Keep a good thing going.

"I am extremely proud of this team for how they play, how they practice and for the values they share," Manrique said.

"With the exception of two clear starters and one contributor, all of the players were in the program last year, primarily with the varsity.

"We have come a very long way from the first training session we had in August of 2013.

"This is all a result of many hours of dedication and sacrifice.

"I'm blessed to be at Dobie and blessed for having the chance to coach these kids.

"We have four match balls (left in the regular season). Hopefully we take advantage of the first one (against Dawson)."



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