

Meningitis shots available

J. Frank Dobie will host a meningitis camp on Friday, April 19, from 9 to 11 a.m. to vaccinate high school seniors and juniors who will be registering for college.

There will be a \$14 charge for the vaccine payable by cash only. A consent form must be completed in advance of receiving the immunization. Consent forms can be picked up at the school and charges paid for before April 19. Call Carol deClercq, R.N., at 713-740-0370 for more information.

Area swim team registers

The South Belt Area Swim Team open registration is available online for returning swimmers through April 12 at www.sbast.org. New swimmer tryouts and registration will be Saturday, April 13, from 9 a.m. to noon. Practice will begin April 22 at Ashley Pointe Pool.

Hats For Hope at Frazier

Frazier Elementary will host its fifth annual Hats For Hope project benefiting M.D. Anderson Cancer Hospital. The school will collect new hats with the tags still attached or monetary donations through May 10. Since cancer patients have weakened immune systems, only hats with the tags attached will be accepted. Help with the making or knitting of hats will be greatly appreciated. Contact Rhonda Jacobs for any questions concerning this project at 713-740-0560 or rjacobs@pasadenaisd.org.

PIP meeting April 16

The Positive Interaction Program will meet Tuesday, April 16, at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, in the staff meeting room on the first floor. Guest speaker will be local law enforcement writer Barbara Schwartz.

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

Junk waste pickup set

Junk waste for most Houston residents south of Fuqua will be picked up Thursday, April 11. Most residents north of Fuqua will have theirs collected the following day. For a detailed map, visit southbeltleader.com.

Melillo holds carnival

Melillo Middle School will hold its fifth annual spring carnival April 12, from 6 to 8 p.m. Attractions will include a rock wall, bungee trampoline, train, dunking booth, concessions, and various booths including hairspray paint, face painting, cake walk, silent auction and more. Tickets may be purchased at the event.

Genealogy group meets

The Parker Williams Genealogy Group will meet Monday, April 15, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Parker Williams Library, Scarsdale and Beamer. Meetings are free and anyone interested in researching family history is invited.

Dobie JROTC car wash set

The Dobie Air Force JROTC unit will host a car wash April 20, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Snowie's, Beamer and Scarsdale. Funds are being raised for the military ball and to help cadets with costs of attending JROTC Leadership School in June. Donations will be accepted the day of the car wash for a minimum of \$5 per vehicle. Tickets will also be pre-sold by cadets. No rain checks for pre-sold tickets.

St. Luke's Ministry Fair

St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road, will hold its annual Stewardship Fair Celebration Saturday, April 20, and Sunday, April 21, after each Mass. Learn about the many service and programs to get involved in the parish and community. Mass celebrations are Saturday at 5:30 p.m., and Sunday at 7:30, 9:15 and 11:15 a.m., and 1 p.m. (Spanish). For information, call 281-481-6816 or email stewardship@stlukesatholic.com.

Perfect attendees sought

Seniors at Dobie High who have not missed any days of school since starting first grade should contact Nancy Carlton at 713-740-0370. The attendance must be documented.

New Covenant hosts festival

New Covenant Christian Church, 10603 Blackhawk, will hold a spring festival and cookoff, open to the public, Saturday, April 13, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children. Anyone interested is welcomed to participate in the cookoff competition. For information, call 281-484-4230.

Baseball seniors honored

On Tuesday, April 16, the seniors of Dobie baseball will be coming into their final home stretch with their teammates as they play their final home game. This is the first graduating class that has been under the leadership of head coach Miguel Torres and assistant coach Jeff Raymer since the beginning of their Dobie years. The 12 graduates will be honored on the Dobie field in a special ceremony following the 4 p.m. game against Alvin. All are invited to attend.

Sagemeadow, Kirkmont hold bond election meetings

The Sagemeadow and Kirkmont municipal utility districts will each hold bond elections Saturday, May 11.

The extra funds are needed to make repairs to the districts' aging water and sewer lines that were damaged by recent droughts.

Voters in the Sagemeadow MUD's bond will decide on a \$15 million proposal, while Kirkmont residents will vote on a \$10 million bond.

The lack of rainfall, particularly in the summer of 2011, caused extensive damage to the MUDs' infrastructure. According to Sagemeadow MUD officials, the cost to repair water line breaks was \$363,923 in 2009, followed by \$392,621 in 2010. That figure spiked to \$716,608 during the 2011 drought when the district had to repair more than 100 water line breaks, before receding to \$450,575 in 2012.

In addition to the repair costs, the breaks caused the MUDs to go over their water allowances from the city of Houston, forcing them to pay penalties.

Sagemeadow MUD President John Elam said the repairs would likely be necessary even had the drought not occurred, noting that many of the district's outdated pipes have deteriorated over time. The majority of the homes in Sagemeadow, which consists of more than 2,000 homes and 20 miles of water lines, were constructed more than 40 years ago – before PVC pipe was available.

With the exception of Section 7, Section 8 and the newly constructed Lake at Golfcrest, all of the district's homes – including those in the Kirkwood South subdivision, which are also serviced by the Sagemeadow MUD – are equipped with what Elam refers to as AC pipe,

which is made from a combination of asbestos and cement.

The later-built homes are all equipped with PVC pipe and will not likely require upgrades.

Both the Sagemeadow and Kirkmont MUDs' current tax rates are relatively low when compared to others in the area. Sagemeadow's existing rate is 49 cents per \$100 valuation, while Kirkmont's is 54 cents. By comparison, the Clear Brook City MUD's current rate is 67 cents per \$100 valuation.

Of Sagemeadow's 49 cents, 20 cents currently goes toward maintenance and operational costs (the maximum allowed), 11 cents goes toward fire expenses, and the remaining 18 cents goes toward existing debt service.

If approved by voters, the bond would incrementally raise the debt service rate from 18 cents to 55 cents over the next seven years. At press time, it was unclear how the Kirkmont bond would affect its tax rates, if approved.

Sagemeadow MUD Assistant Secretary Glenn

Williams said should voters choose to reject the bond issue, rates would likely still increase in order to maintain the current level of service, noting the only other alternative would be to dip into the MUD's reserve funds that are required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

"We don't want to do this," Williams said. "But we have to."

To save money, the two MUDs will hold the May 11 bond elections jointly at the Kirkmont MUD building. Early voting will begin Monday, April 29, and continue through Tuesday, May 7.

Each of the two MUDs will hold town hall meetings next week to discuss the issue with residents. The Kirkmont MUD will hold its hearing Wednesday, April 17, at its office at 10102 Blackhawk, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The Sagemeadow MUD will hold its meeting the following day Thursday, April 18, in the St. Luke's Church social hall, 11011 Hall Road, beginning at 7 p.m.



Bees swarm South Belt

A crew from Casey Apiaries is shown to the left removing a beehive from the grounds of South Belt Elementary School the morning of Wednesday, April 10. While the hive was a cause of concern to both parents and staff, no injuries were reported.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

Crash victim ID'd as area resident

The 28-year-old woman who died in the bizarre car crash Tuesday, April 2, has been identified as South Belt resident Olga Posada, who resided in the Green Arbor Apartments at 10601 Sabo.

According to police, Posada was a passenger in a Toyota 4-Runner. When the male driver got out of the parked vehicle in the 12200 block of the Gulf Freeway near Almeda Mall, Posada reportedly jumped in the driver's seat and asked him to teach her to drive.

Police say she then released the hand brake

and stepped on the accelerator, causing her to strike the wall of a furniture store before crashing into another vehicle.

Posada was pronounced dead at the scene. Her 10-year-old son, who was also in the vehicle, was transported to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital in critical condition.

According to the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Posada died from blunt force injuries. At press time, toxicity results to determine if she was intoxicated at the time of the accident were not available.

April 13 PISD Athletics Hall of Fame banquet sold out

John Bryan, who coached Dobie's boys cross country and track teams to state championships three decades ago, and Gawayn Guy, the running machine behind those Longhorn titles, are among the eight inductees to the Pasadena Independent School District Athletics Hall of Fame. The pair, along with six other former athletes from football, basketball and baseball, will be honored at a gala banquet Saturday, April 13, at Memorial High School.

The high-school careers of the eight inductees blanket nearly a half-century – from Pasadena High football star Mickey Spencer, a 1947 graduate, to Amanda Buffalo, a Pasadena High cross country and track standout who graduated in 1985.

Three other football greats were selected: Randall Kerbow, quarterback of the Pasadena High team that reached the 1958 state championship game; Bob Allen, an all-state halfback for South Houston High in 1964; and Jimmy Johnson, a 1976 Sam Rayburn High graduate who went on to play in the same backfield with Earl Campbell at the University of Texas.

Fritz Connally, who played baseball with Johnson on the 1973 Pasadena All-Star team that won the Colt World Series title, was also picked for induction. A 1976 Pasadena High graduate, Connally excelled in both baseball and basketball in high school. He went on to shatter several hitting records at Baylor before ascending to the major leagues with the Chicago Cubs and Baltimore Orioles.

Connally is one of two new inductees to play professional sports. Kerbow, after quarterbacking the Rice Owls in two bowl games, went on to play for the Houston Oilers and then the Edmon-

ton Eskimos of the Canadian Football League.

Half of the eight inductees earned football letters with four different Southwest Conference teams. In addition to Kerbow at Rice and Johnson at Texas, Spencer earned two letters as a lineman for Texas A&M. Allen played college ball at Texas Tech, where he led the Red Raiders in receiving his senior year.

Spencer, who died in 2010, is expected to be represented at the banquet by his wife Milly. The other seven inductees have indicated they plan to attend.

Bryan coached Dobie to the state cross country title in 1980 and to a state track championship in 1981. Guy, who went on to a standout career at Rice, won three state titles under Bryan's tutelage, one in cross country and two in track.

Last year's inaugural banquet, held at Phillips Field House, honored the Hall of Fame's first 12 inductees. The banquet will be relocated this year to Memorial High to accommodate construction at Phillips.

Included in those construction plans is a 3,600-square-foot Hall of Fame facility to be built on the north side of the basketball arena. Organizers hope to move the banquet back to the field house in 2014 as part of a permanent, on-site ceremony.

Former Houston Oiler Dan Pastorini will serve as master of ceremonies for the event. He will autograph copies of his autobiography, *Taking Flak*, immediately after the banquet.

Those wishing to purchase copies of the book are asked to pay with either cash or check. Pastorini will autograph other items, including programs and posters, free of charge.

The event is now sold out.

Pitchford murder remembered

Publisher's note:

This story continues the series in which the Leader will re-examine unsolved area crimes, particularly homicides. It is hoped by bringing light to these incidents, new information may be gained to help solve them.



Kimberly Pitchford

By Barbara Gibson

It's been four decades since 16-year-old Kimberly Pitchford vanished from the parking lot of J. Frank Dobie High School on Jan. 3, 1973. The shy sophomore had just finished her first driver's ed class that concluded at 6 p.m. and was supposed to call her parents for a ride home, but the call never came. Two days later, her partially clad body was found 30 miles away, floating in a canal beneath a wooden bridge in Brazoria County on County Road 65, in Iowa Colony, Texas. She'd been strangled, and her case remains unsolved.

It was also the first day of school after the Christmas holidays when Pitchford was abduct-

ed and her lifeless body was found in a rural area of Brazoria County, where bodies of other young women had been found in 1971. This raised the question – was her murder the work of a fifth killer to emerge from the shadows, or was she a victim caught in a twisted game of cat and mouse orchestrated by a sole predator to taunt police?

Coincidence or not, Brazoria County Sheriff Robert Gladney didn't play games and whipped his investigative team into a full gallop. Within hours of the discovery of Pitchford's body, Gladney had the crime scene photos, autopsy result, victim clothing and possible suspect reports in hand before walking into the Pitchford home to personally break the news. This was no small feat considering all work was performed manually with real results being achieved more quickly than in an episode of TV's *CSI*. Gladney was certainly a force to be reckoned with.

Investigators from the Brazoria and Harris County sheriff's offices teamed up and divided the interviews of Pitchford's family members, classmates, teachers and other possible witnesses to help piece together what may have happened during the final days of the teen's life that would cause her to cross paths with a killer.

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DEA to hold Take-Back event

The Drug Enforcement Administration has scheduled another National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day, which will take place on Saturday, April 27, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This is an opportunity for those who missed the previous events, or who have subsequently accumulated unwanted, unused prescription drugs, to safely dispose of those medications.

In the four previous Take-Back events, DEA in conjunction with state, local and tribal law enforcement partners have collected more than 2 million pounds (1,018 tons) of prescription medications, which were removed from circulation.

The National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient and responsible means of disposal while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of these medications.

Shortly after DEA's first Take-Back Day event two years ago, Congress passed, and President Barack Obama signed, the Secure and Responsible Drug Disposal Act of 2010, which amended the Controlled Substances Act (CSA), allowing the DEA to develop permanent, ongoing and responsible methods for disposal.

Prior to the passage of the Disposal Act, the CSA provided no legal means for transferring possession of controlled substance medications from users to other individuals for disposal. On

Dec. 21, 2012, DEA published in the Federal Register a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for Disposal of Controlled Substances.

These regulations would implement the Secure and Responsible Drug Disposal Act of 2010 by expanding the options available to collect controlled substances from ultimate users for purposes of disposal to include: Take-Back events, mail-back programs and collection receptacle locations.

However, until these regulations become permanent, the DEA will continue to hold Take-Back Days.

Several area law enforcement agencies are taking part in the event. There are roughly 35 Take-Back locations in the Greater Houston area. The locations closest to the South Belt are the Houston Police Department Southeast Station, 8300 Mykawa; the Houston Police Department Clear Lake Station, 2855 Bay Area Blvd.; the Stella Roberts Recycling Center, 5800 Magnolia in Pearland (Brazoria County Precinct 3 Constable's office); Houston Police Department Eastside Station, 7525 Sherman; and the Summit Alternative School, 1838 E. Sam Houston Parkway South in Pasadena (Pasadena Police Department).

For more information or a complete listing of drop-off sites, visit www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html.



Seeing double?

Residents near the corner of Santa Monica and Caribbean are curious as to why the home shown to the left currently has two fire hydrants in its yard. According to city officials, the work is part of the ongoing Kingspoint water main replacement project. Due to be complete later this month, the project cost roughly \$2.8 million. While the Leader staff assumes the original hydrant will be removed, it was unable to confirm this at press time.

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Reader's Opinion

Politicians and Let's Go Out on a Date

Has anyone ever noticed the similarities between individuals campaigning for a Senate or a Congressional seat, and your first date? If you stop and think about it, there are a great number of similarities, for example, both tend to be on their best behavior, both in the case of a gentleman, will open the car door for you, he will make a concerted effort to try and tell you what he thinks that you want to hear.

If your first date is over dinner, he will be on his best behavior, and the conversation will be light, and in all probability somewhat entertaining. He will try his best to be polite, and he will give you an opportunity to express yourself, and he will make you feel that he genuinely wants to hear absolutely everything that you might have to say.

If the relationship begins to blossom, you will start feeling comfortable being around him, and it will appear from his reactions that he is genuinely interested in your welfare, and all that you have to say on any particular subject. As time goes on, and you have given yourself to him, you will begin to notice a subtle change taking place in him. He will become less attentive, more involved with himself, and or his friends, and you will no longer be what you thought you were, what he made you believe that you were, which is the most important person in his life.

How different are politicians that are running for either the Senate, Congress, or for that matter any and all political positions, they too will do their absolute best to try and make you feel special, they too will try and make you believe that they share your exact ideals, when it comes to any and all political views, be it a Democratic candidate or a Republican candidate, they will do whatever they have to do, to win your vote. They start off giving speeches where ever they can, they have house warming events to create a following, they have volunteers that start drives to collect money for their campaigns, and throughout all of this time, they do their best to try and convince you, that they share your exact values, and that they will, if elected honor their oath of office, and support any and all programs that they know you agree with.

The reality become blatantly clear, that once elected they no longer have a real need of you or your vote, not until the next election, and not a single one of the 535

Members of Congress has honored their oath of office, and many like Senator John McCain, Senator Jeff Flake cross party lines, to vote with what they perceive to be the party in power.

One has to wonder why Senator Marco Rubio, Senator Rand Paul, Senator Lindsay Graham would vote to confirm the newest members to Obama's dysfunctional Cabinet. Why would any one of them vote to confirm Jack Lew, Chuck Hagel, John Brennan or John Kerry, not a single one of them is worthy or for that matter trustworthy to be in a key Cabinet position, then again nor is Barack Hussein Obama.

Those Republican Senator's had no reason to vote for their confirmation, they would have better served their constituents by simply having voted present, instead of in the affirmative. This is where the parallel of your first date becomes evident, once these Senator's and Congressmen feel totally comfortable with you, and you have given yourself to them by having voted for them, notice how things change?

Similar to marriage, on average over 50% of them end in divorce, too bad that we can't divorce many of our elected Congressional Representatives. Over time, they imbed themselves as has Senator Diane Feinstein, Senator John McCain, Senator Chuck Schumer, Senator Lindsay Graham, the list goes on and on and on and once again, not a single Members of Congress has the come forward to honor their oath of office, they are all doing the absolute best to impress the usurper and could care less what happens to the citizen's that gave them their elitist lifestyle.

It is too bad that we the people cannot hold them accountable for not having honored their oath of office and like a divorce, we ten become somewhat tainted and tend to be less willing to trust. The difference between a divorce is that the damage is somewhat limited to those two parties, their children and some of their friends, but when it comes to Members of Congress, our country is at stake along with the future wellbeing of our children when we have all been fooled by those that we elect to higher office.

There is no doubt that million's upon million's of American's have all been fooled by those that we elected to higher office and having been fooled by them, I fear that we have lost our country, and there now seems absolutely not a single thing that anyone of us can do to change the direction where our country is being taken. **A.C. Volper**

Dobie JROTC rocketry team wins!



The Dobie High School Air Force JROTC's rocketry team competed in the Tiger Paw Rocketry Challenge recently at Wharton High School. A total of 14 schools competed. Dobie was able to walk away with a first-place trophy in the long duration steamer launch category. Pictured are, left to right, cadets Gabby Caceres, Isaiah Munoz, Lorissa Saiz, Luke McDonald, Adam Hawkins and Michael Noschese.

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Servant Savior Presbyterian opens

Servant Savior Presbyterian Church, 11303 Hughes Road, will hold its grand opening celebration and open house on Sunday, April 14, from 3 to 5 p.m.

The dedication ceremony will begin at 3:30 p.m. See www.servantsavior.org for additional information. The public is welcome.

Larriette Spring Show set

The J. Frank Dobie Larriettes will be holding their annual spring show April 25, 26 and 27 in the school auditorium. The show begins at 7 p.m. each night.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from any Larriette or at the door.

PW Library events set

The following events are set for the Parker Williams Library, April 11 through April 17.

AARP tax preparation assistance is available on Mondays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Help is provided at no charge on a first come, first served basis.

Movie Madness is scheduled for Thursday, April 11, at 4 p.m. This family-friendly film is rated PG. Contact the library at 281-484-2036 for the exact title.

On Saturday, April 13, two finance programs will be presented - Getting Fiscally Fit at 1 p.m., and College Planning at 2 p.m.

Preschool storytime is at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, and toddler storytime is at 10:30 a.m. Thursday.

Cokesbury seeks crafters, vendors

Cokesbury United Methodist Church is seeking crafters and vendors to participate in its upcoming Spring Fling Craft Fair on May 3 and 4.

This unique event will feature vendor booths as well as free classes in various art and craft media.

Vendors interested in booth or teaching opportunities should email events@cumchouston.org for more details. A nominal booth fee of \$25 per vendor will apply.

Women's club holds luncheon

The Southeast Christian Women's Club will hold its quarterly luncheon and shopping event Thursday, April 18, at Golfcrest Country Club in Pearland from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to join in on the shopping fun, make new friends, and enjoy the luncheon with area Christian women. Guest speaker will be Joy Miller, whose topic will be Times in Our Lives When We Make Choices: Some Good, Some Regrets. Miller is a real estate broker and consultant in the Clear Lake area and a gifted artist. Doors will open at 9:30 a.m. when guests can shop and network with area vendors who feature home décor, clothing, fashion accessories, jewelry, health and beauty, and business and professional services. Lunch will be served at 11:15 and the event ends at 1:30 p.m. Guests can register for free door prizes at sign-in. The cost of the luncheon is \$16 which includes the networking/shopping event and lunch. For reservations, call 281-482-6067.

Dobie Band hosts annual car show

The Dobie Longhorn Band will hold its third annual car show on Saturday, April 20, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Beverly Hills Intermediate, 11111 Beamer Road. Registration to enter the car show is from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Cars/motorcycles entry fee is \$25. The first 50 entrants will receive a goodie bag and T-shirt. Vendor slots are also available for \$25.

Contact the J. Frank Dobie Band Parent Organization at JFDBand@gmail.com for more information. Register and pay online at dobielonghornband.com.

The community is asked to attend and support the Dobie Longhorn Band.

NARFE meetings set

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Gulf Freeway Chapter 941 will meet Tuesday, April 16, at 2 p.m. at the El Franco Lee Senior Community Center, 9500 Hall Road. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call Roy at 713-734-1461.

San Jac holds job fair

San Jacinto College invites all jobseekers to participate in the annual career fair Tuesday, April 16. This event, sponsored by the Career and Employment Center, will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom at the San Jacinto College Central campus.

Visitors are encouraged to dress professionally and bring copies of résumés, as many will have the chance to network with employers from a variety of industries. More than 50 employers, from both the private sector and government, are scheduled to attend. For information, call 281-476-1805.

Bears of the Month for March



Beverly Hills Intermediate School Bears of the Month for March are, left to right, (front row) Delana Carrillo, Celeste Covarrubias, (middle row) Nyomi Carrington, Deishawn Davis, Amanda Hernandez, Adilee Perez, (back row) Sean Bayne, Aaron Sanchez, Albert Perez, Jordan Marcum and John'te Horace. Not pictured is Josiah Knight. Students of BHI strive to achieve positive characteristics to guide them throughout their lives. The characteristic for March was adaptability. March

Bears of the Month were selected by their academic teams as best representing this characteristic. Students receive a special Bear paw-print pin and a Bear of the Month T-shirt to wear. Team compassion - Covarrubias and Knight; Team initiative - Davis and Horace; Team trustworthiness - Hernandez and Marcum; Team courage - Adilee Perez and Sanchez; Team honesty - Carrillo and Bayne; and Team responsibility - Carrington and Albert Perez.

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Guest Editorials

TWC should get credit it deserves

By Bob Mitchell, President, Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership

Texas has become the envy of every state in the nation as its low unemployment rates and business-friendly environment attract more businesses, more jobs, and highly qualified people to fill those jobs.

The Texas Workforce Commission is the state agency charged with overseeing and providing workforce development services to employers and job seekers of Texas. It does so in the Houston-Galveston region in partnership with the Gulf Coast Workforce Board-Workforce Solutions, neither of which gets the credit it deserves.

One example of their great work can be found in the success of the Workforce Solutions Aerospace Transition Center here in Bay Area Houston. The cancellation of NASA's Constellation and Space Shuttle programs a few years ago dramatically affected Houston's Johnson Space Center. It had been known for several years that the Space Shuttle Program would conclude with the build-out of the International Space Station.

Nearly a year before the first layoffs were anticipated, the TWC was already on the ground in Bay Area Houston setting up temporary transition centers to help the aerospace workers who were deemed to be most at risk.

Then, conditions went from bad to worse when the Constellation Program was cancelled. As a result of the changes, JSC and its more than 50 aerospace contractors reduced their ranks from 18,000 civil service and contract workers to 14,500 workers, cutting 3,500 jobs. Approximately 800 of the workers who were laid off were retirement eligible, and they did so. However, that still left about 2,700 people looking for a new way forward.

Bay Area Houston business leaders, the

Gulf Coast Workforce Board-Workforce Solutions and the Texas Workforce Commission worked together to develop a multi-phased strategy to help the displaced workers. Transitional activities included the board's opening its new Aerospace Transition Center to provide assistance for the aerospace workforce; developing an innovative virtual (LinkedIn) network; opening a collaborative website to connect NASA and contractor human resources communication efforts; and ongoing consultation with local and national NASA-led human resources committees.

The leadership engagement approach resulted in securing an over \$5 million National Emergency Grant (NEG) to fund the transition center and retrain aerospace professionals through local colleges. Transitional activities also included employment workshops for more than 3,000 participants as well as financial assistance programs. An impressive collaboration resulted in multiple job fairs where many companies made on-the-spot job offers.

The Aerospace Transition Center's multi-prong, collaborative approach, coupled with the innovative use of web-based systems, undoubtedly proved to be highly successful. Through the untiring and very effective efforts of the Gulf Coast Workforce Board - Workforce Solutions and the Texas Workforce Commission, the Aerospace Transition Center, and business leaders from multiple industry sectors, many hundreds of affected aerospace professionals put their skills to work in new industries, benefiting both, as well as the region, in many ways. The people and businesses of this state are fortunate to have the Texas Workforce Commission looking out for their best interests.

The Need for Choice in Texas Quality Education Options for all Texas Students

By James Golsan, policy analyst for the Center for Education

Meaningful reform in Texas education has been hard to come by lately. Since dramatic, progressive changes to our education code in the mid-1990s that brought open-enrollment charter schools to the state, we have subsequently settled for tinkering around the edges of questions like "How do we deliver high quality education to all Texas students?"

From a legislative perspective, Texas tends to be conservative with a small "c." We can be slow to change in major policy areas like education, even when there is a great need for change. For our state, that need is present. We have a 26 percent dropout rate. 17 percent of our Hispanic students read proficiently; 42 percent of our Anglo students do. Clearly we are not meeting the needs of all Texas students.

If you are well off in Texas, you have access to a high quality education for your child if you want it. You can afford to live in a neighborhood with a good public school. If that school does not suit your child's needs, you can send them to one of the state's many excellent private schools.

Poorer Texans do not have those options at their disposal. If there is not a charter school in their area (or if that charter school is at capacity), they are, for the most part, bound by geography. Their child must attend the public school they live closest to, whether that school is best suited to the needs of that child.

It is an unfair system, but one we could reform rapidly. Just because Texas has few school choice options does not mean we could not add many more for Texas students this session. There are signs of progress. Texas has a hard-cap of 215 open-enrollment charter schools, which has left more than 100,000 Texas students on wait lists to attend those schools. Multiple bills

have been brought forward to raise that cap, and are showing strong signs of movement within the Legislature.

Also encouraging is a push to reform Texas' "parent-trigger" law. Parent-trigger laws are mechanisms by which parents may band together and vote to reconstitute a failing public school into a public charter. Our current law states that a school must fail for six consecutive years before a trigger may be considered. Shortening that period to 2 or 3 years - which some of our lawmakers are currently attempting to do - would make it a much more effective tool for parents seeking to make meaningful changes at their school in time for it to affect their child.

But we must not stop with public school reform. Texas has no private school choice whatsoever. No education scholarships - either of the state-driven variety or those given through businesses who are granted a tax credit to fund education scholarships - exist here for our lower and middle income families. There are no scholarships for our special needs students, despite the rousing successes seen with such scholarships in other states, such as Florida's McKay Scholarship program.

At the end of the day, school choice is about leveling the playing field so every student gets a fair shot. Every student must include our most vulnerable populations, namely our lower income families and families supporting special needs students. In the coming weeks, the Texas Legislature will consider a number of choice bills that could change the lives of thousands of Texas students and set them on a path toward a brighter future. We, as a state, need meaningful change in our education system now. Every Texas student deserves an equal chance for a great education. Now is the time to give it to them.

Olson presents awards to vets

Rep. Pete Olson recently attended a presentation of the French Legion of Honor to 15 World War II veterans, (13 attended). Each veteran received his or her medal as thanks for service on the battlefield during World War II and for his or her public service after leaving the military. The Legion of Honor was established by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802 and is similar to the United States Medal of Honor. Shown below, Olson congratulates recipients of the Legion of Honor from the French Consul General at a ceremony at Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base. Photos submitted



Former Army Air Force Capt. Ralph Miller piloted a Martin B-26B Marauder "Flack Bait" during World War II.



Johanna Butte served as an American nurse during combat operations in France. While other female World War II veterans have received the Legion of Honor, the consulate here says it is not common.

Meador Elementary releases 3rd 9-weeks honor, merit rolls

Meador Elementary recently announced its honor and merit rolls for the third nine-weeks grading period of the 2012-2013 school year. Students earning status are:

First grade Honor roll

Chris De La Rosa, Giselle Enriquez, Alayna Garcia, Trynity Garza, Noelani Gonzalez, Jasmine Hernandez, Lania Hill, Mahir Hogue, Natali Iglesias and Michael Jaime.

Princess Johnson, Yulissa Oliva, Saryyah Pickens, Braden Pirkel, Sophia Posey, Arianna Ramos, Efrain Ruiz, Ariana Torres, Henry Valadez and McKenzie White.

Merit roll

Christian Alonzo, Liya Bermudez, Arianna Borrego,

Third grade Honor roll

Angie Fernandez, Alondra Gonzalez, Arlett Gonzalez, Nidia Gonzalez, Dylan Jackson and Arick Lastik.

Alejandro Lopez, Jazlyn Maldonado, Mateo Mena, Serenity Monsivais, Kyndahl Sinnette, Malaika Tapela and Evante Williams.

Second grade Honor roll

Ireti Ackawande, Landen Adame, Issac Ali, Alex Ayala, Xavier Bernal, Alex Carroll, Juan Delgado, Andrew Do, Fabian Martinez, Jacob Mikulski, Claire Ramirez, Marcelo Saucedo, Luis Torres and Denise Tran.

Merit roll

Theresa Burchfield, Isaac Dao, Mark Penaloza, Antonio Ramirez, Dimmie Robinson, Nya Sandford, Isaac Thompson and Ariana Walls.

Fourth grade Honor roll

Hussiel Arias, Emily Carlos, Andrew Chapa, Andrea Gonzalez, Chris Goudeau, Damarcus Groves, Edwin Moreno, Tjasa Murray, Angel Oliva, Trinity Reed and Jose Torres.

Merit roll

Douglas Blythe, Demetria Delgado, Victoria Ho, Ariana Martin, Kaili Ochoa, Patrick Ortega and Angeles Pache.

Fifth grade Honor roll

Elizabeth Bui, Alaysia Foster, Jocelyn Ramsahai and Trinity Ramsahai.

Merit roll

Jackie Blondet, Jackson D'cruze, Natalie Garza, Daisy Gonzalez, Darren Groves, Humaira Hoque, Juan Rodriguez and Chris Walker.

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Kimberly Pitchford murder continues to be unsolved . . .

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According to her father, Elmer Pitchford, now in his 70s, the family filed a missing person report when she failed to call or arrive home that evening. Kim was prompt in letting them know her whereabouts and knew to get permission before changing her plans.

After speaking with the teen's best friend, Karen Fram, the family learned that Kim had borrowed money from her for lunch that day and was upset over her boyfriend, Jimmie Maddox, being in jail.

Maddox, now 57, was just 17 when he joined the U.S. Army in 1972 and was home on leave since the Christmas holiday. According to Maddox, he and two of his male friends had met Kimberly and her friends at the Trampoline, a popular teen hangout located on Kleckley Drive across from Alameda Mall, on Dec. 31, 1972, to celebrate New Year's.

Before midnight, Maddox's friend, Ray, drove everyone to Kimberly's house in the 8500 block of Wynlea where they all hung out and visited. Maddox and his friends, Ray and Phil, began wandering down the street and were arrested by police for breaking into cars. Ray and Phil were released on Jan. 2, but Maddox was detained for being AWOL.

"I never saw Kimberly since that night," said Maddox. "I didn't even get to go to her funeral. She was a sweetheart, and I've often wondered what might have happened between us because I was definitely going to contact her after I was discharged from the Army."

According to Maddox, Kimberly was a straight-laced young woman who spoke highly of her family and had no reason to run away. "I was the wild one and wasn't even allowed to smoke if I wanted to be around her," Maddox said.

The puppy love was mutual, and according to teachers, Kim was visibly upset during her sixth-period class as well as the D-Hall she attended prior to driver's ed. Maddox was unaware that Kim was worried about him.

Two of the last classmates to see Kim alive were Russell Sones and Jimmy Hester - now both 56. According to Sones, he was Kim's driving partner. "Mr. Arthur Clark was our instructor, and I didn't really know Kim that well, mostly just in passing. I was real shy back then and didn't notice if Kim seemed upset or not because I was focused on driving. She sat in the back seat while I drove and then we'd switch. We drove through the nearby neighborhood and parked along the side of the high school facing the baseball field. When we got out of the car, I didn't notice which way she went,"

said Sones. Hester had been waiting the entire hour in the school's doorway facing the parking lot for his class to start at 6 p.m. "I remember seeing Russell get out of the car, but I didn't see Kim. I knew who she was, but I didn't know her personally," said Hester. "I don't recall seeing anything out of the ordinary."

It was as if Kimberly vanished into thin air before her body was found off a rural road in Brazoria County.

Law enforcement worked tirelessly on her case for several months and conducted dozens of interviews and ran down every lead that came their way, to no avail.

Today, Brazoria County Investigator Chris Anderson is assigned to her case and reviews it on occasion with a fresh set of eyes hoping to catch a glimpse of some overlooked detail that might help solve the case. Anderson has been with the sheriff's office for 21 years, 11 of which as a criminal investigator. "The initial investigation was thorough, and I want to work this case to completion," said Anderson.

But serial flasher and former psych patient Edward Harold Bell, now 73, says he's responsible for the murder of Pitchford and has contended since 1998 that he is the clever killer that eluded police and now says he murdered at least 11 young women in the early 1970s.

Bell is serving a 70-year sentence for the Aug. 28, 1978, murder of Larry Dickens, 26, who literally caught Bell with his pants down flashing neighborhood girls in Pasadena and took away his car keys to prevent his escape. When Dickens refused to give Bell his keys, Bell put on his pants and reached for his .22 automatic pistol under the seat and fired a warning shot into the air and threatened Dickens to return his keys. Dickens refused again and was shot repeatedly and staggered to his driveway with Bell still in pursuit of his keys. After Dickens relinquished the keys, Bell went back to his truck, grabbed his rifle, and returned to fire a final fatal shot into Dickens' head.

For Bell's claim to be within the realm of possibilities, one must ponder the likelihood of a seasoned sexual serial killer regressing seven years later to acts of exposure in front of children.

This question was posed to former FBI profiler Mark Young, who is now in private practice with YoungTex International. "It generally follows that a sexually motivated serial killer continues with that type of behavior. There may be gaps between offenses due to many factors such as incarceration, old age, police activity, avail-

ability of victims while the offender is on the prowl, employment elsewhere, family intervention, or many other variables," said Young. "We have rarely, if ever, seen a prolific offender, completely change and become a noticeably lesser offender or, as you questioned, to go from the serial killing of many young female victims to only exposure and masturbation in front of children."

Bell has yet to provide any details on the unsolved cases that weren't already published in old newspaper reports.

The victim's family members and investigators with the Brazoria County Sheriff's Office urge anyone with information about the suspect or suspects to contact Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS (8477). Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$5,000 for any information submitted that leads to the filing of felony charges or arrest in this case. All tipsters remain anonymous.

Although Pitchford's case appears to be an isolated incident, she was in fact the 12th young woman to be murdered in the surrounding area of Houston since June of 1971 and the third victim abducted from the South Belt area. The series of murders spans four counties and are collectively known as the "Mysteries of I-45."

Colette Wilson, 13, vanished on June 17, 1971, from the intersection of County Road 99 and Highway 6 in Brazoria County. Her skeletal remains were found Nov. 24, 1971, 40 miles away, near Highway 6 and Clay Road, at the Addicks Reservoir adjacent to the Spring Branch subdivision. A second set of remains belonging to Gloria Gonzales, 19, was also found. Gonzales, a bookkeeper, lived in the 2000 block of Jacquelyn Street in northwest Houston and had been missing since Oct. 28. Wilson died from a blow to the head, and Gonzales had been strangled.

Brenda Jones, 14, a resident of Galveston, disappeared on July 1, 1971, after she walked to the hospital to visit a relative. Her nude and bound body was found floating in Galveston Bay near Pelican Island the following day. Jones had been strangled.

Rhonda Johnson of Webster and Sharon Shaw of Nassau Bay, both 14, were last seen on Aug. 4, 1971. It was reported that the pair hitchhiked to Galveston to visit a surf shop; however, their bodies were found in a ditch near the intersection of Bay Area Boulevard and Red Bluff, 10 minutes from Shaw's home in the 1500 block of NASA Road 1. The headless body of an unidentified teen male was also found in the same area on Sept. 1, 1971.

Adele Crabtree, 16, a runaway from Ohio living

in Houston, was last seen trying to hitchhike a ride to work on Nov. 2, 1971. Her body was found the following day in Conroe and had been shot twice by a shotgun.

Linda Faye Sutherlin, 21, a bartender, was last seen at 12:30 a.m., Nov. 4, 1971, on Telephone Road. Her body was found in a ditch near the intersection of FM 518 and CR 89 in Pearland on Nov. 7. She'd been beaten, strangled and shot multiple times by a shotgun.

Alison Craven, 13, was last seen at her apartment located on Kingspoint near Alameda Mall on Nov. 9, 1971. Her partial remains were found on Jan. 29, 1972, in a field near her apartment with the remaining half being found on Feb. 25, 1972, in a field 4 miles away from Sutherlin's body in Pearland. The Craven family also owned a home on Eddyrock located a couple of blocks from Dobie High School.

Debbie Ackerman and Maria Johnson, both 15 and students at Ball High School in Galveston, vanished after going to an area mall on Nov. 15, 1971. Their partially nude bodies were found in Turners Bayou in Texas City on November 17th. Both victims had been bound and shot.

Margaret Jo Ann Knighten, 15, was last seen the evening of Oct. 20, 1972, leaving her parents' home in Pasadena. Her partially clad body was found on Oct. 23 dumped near a construction site in Pasadena, and she had sustained more than 50 stab wounds. Until April of 1972, Knighten lived within 2 miles of Kimberly Pitchford's home.

Despite Pitchford's close proximity to the abduction and/or dumpsites of Linda Faye Sutherlin, Alison Craven and Colette Wilson, no links were publicly made since Sutherlin and Wilson's killer was dead and Craven's killer had already confessed and was in custody prior to Pitchford's death.

News reports of the series of murders went nationwide and prompted Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby to contribute \$8,000 toward a reward fund. Multiple law enforcement agencies joined forces and between April and June of 1972 police had arrested and obtained confessions from four different men that solved a majority of the cases.

Harry Andrew Lanham Jr., 25, a Houston wrecker driver, confessed on April 15, 1972, that he was present when Linda Sutherlin was murdered but pointed to Anthony Michael Knoppa, 22, as being the triggerman. Lanham made a second statement on June 9, 1972, implicating himself and was also charged with the murders of Colette Wilson and Gloria Gonzales.

Henry Doyle Shufflin

Jr., 22, a Vietnam Veteran and son of a U.S. Air Force master sergeant, confessed on May 2, 1972, to the murder of Alison Craven.

Anthony Michael Knoppa Jr., 24, a Vietnam veteran, confessed on June 6, 1972, to being present when Linda Sutherlin was murdered but claimed Lanham was the triggerman.

Michael Lloyd Self, 25, a gas station attendant and a volunteer firefighter, confessed on June 9, 1972, to the murders of Rhonda Johnson and Sharon Shaw.

All four men claimed the statements were false and were the result of coercion by law enforcement. Shufflin was under psychiatric care and stated he was easily pressured. Self claimed that Donald Ray Morris, the Webster police chief, held a gun to his head and demanded that he confess. Morris was arrested years later moonlighting as a bank robber.

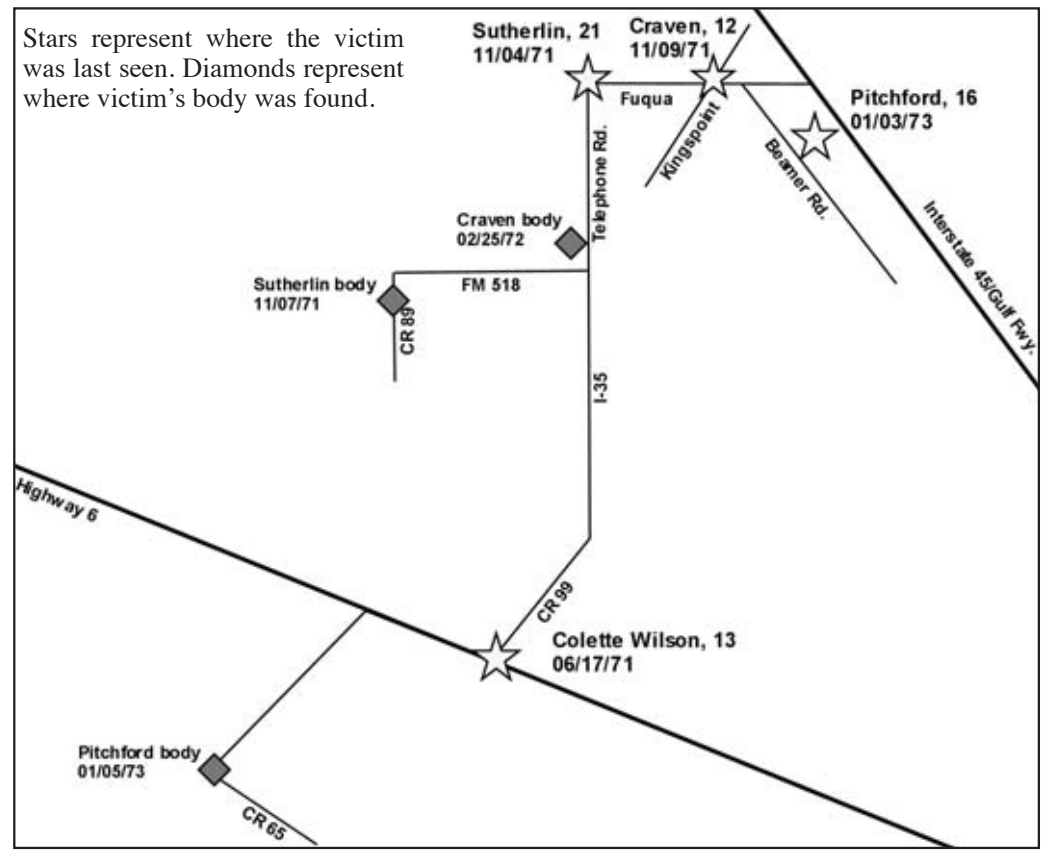
Lanham and Knoppa were tried separately, but at the same time in Brazoria County in October of 1972, which gained national media attention. Both men took the stand in their own defense with Lanham stating that Brazoria County officials had made a deal with him to protect his wife in exchange for his turning state evidence on Knoppa. It was also his understanding that the second statement he signed on June 9, which implicated himself, was just a formality that couldn't be used against him. Lanham stated that the authorities had shafted him with lies.

When Knoppa took the stand he testified that the entire statement he signed on June 6 was false, and he had written it while being coached by law enforcement after he'd been beaten. He further claimed that he'd been told that he might be shot "while trying to escape." An ominous statement that would come true, but not for Knoppa.

The jury didn't buy their stories, and on Oct. 20, 1972, the jury came back with a guilty verdict for both defendants, with Lanham receiving 25 years and Knoppa receiving 50. Law enforcement had succeeded in getting two of the worst killers off the streets, but by that same evening, 15-year-old Knighten vanished after she left her family's home in Pasadena. Her mutilated body was found three days later.

After the trial, Lanham was transferred to the Harris County jail to await trial for the murders of Colette Wilson and Gloria Gonzales. Montgomery County officials were also in line having dropped charges against their suspect for Adele Crabtree's murder as a result of Lanham's confession. But on Dec. 30, 1972, Lanham was shot and killed by authorities while trying to escape with two other convicts.

Four days later on Jan. 3, 1973, Kimberly Pitchford disappeared.



Majority of 2013 school bond for aging facilities, student safety

One of the goals of the Clear Creek Independent School District Strategic Plan is to provide learning environments that are physically safe and emotionally secure for all students, faculty and staff.

More than 73 percent, or \$269 million, of the proposed \$367 million CCISD bond proposal is to improve existing and aging schools, replace life safety items such as fire alarm systems, mitigate existing security deficiencies, replace air conditioning units and install energy management systems so classrooms are cool in the summer and warm in the winter, and expand existing schools to relieve overcrowding.

Under the 2013 CCISD bond, Clear Brook High School would have a secure entrance. Currently, Clear Brook High School does not have controlled access through the main doors.

At many other CCISD schools, side doors are left open to allow students to

move from portable classrooms to the main campus for restrooms, cafeteria and other classrooms.

Under the 2013 bond proposal, portable buildings would be removed at Greene Elementary, Seabrook Intermediate, Creekside Intermediate and Clear Brook High School and replaced with permanent and secure classroom additions.

Security fencing would be placed around the temporary classrooms at Clear Lake Intermediate, and the temporary classrooms would be removed at Brookside Intermediate.

McWhirter Elementary in Webster is one of the oldest schools in CCISD. It is actually two schools combined, Webster Elementary, built in 1957, and Webster Primary, built in 1971. In addition to 72 exterior doors, elementary students walk outside between the two buildings.

CCISD sought and received voter approval in

2004 and 2007 primarily to improve or expand existing schools.

Registered voters will have the opportunity to vote on the 2013 CCISD bond proposal May 11, 2013. For more information, visit www.ccisd.net/2013bond.

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Dobie JROTC receives donation



At a recent ceremony, Johnny White, State Farm Insurance agent, presented to the J. Frank Dobie Air Force JROTC (Unit TX-20104) a donation of \$400 to use toward supporting the program. White has been a State Farm Insurance agent for more than 37 years in League City and fully supports the military and the future young leaders of America. Pictured are, left to right, Maj. Alfonso

Viera, Cadet Alberto Dorantes, Cadet Ezequiel Ramirez, Cadet Vivian Prado, White, and SMSgt. Everett Valdez. White personally presented the check to Prado who is in her first year of JROTC. Prado's mother (not pictured) works for State Farm Insurance and nominated Dobie's JROTC program for consideration of a monetary award. Photo submitted

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South Belt Elementary releases third 9-weeks rolls

South Belt Elementary recently announced its rolls and awards for the third nine-weeks grading period of 2012-2013. Students earning status are:

Kindergarten
Math Whiz
 Evangeline Adam, Lorena Adams, Avri Akin, Jonathan Alexander, Nathan Borjas, Nathan Bui, Aiden Carrillo, Chloe Carrizal, Andrew Castillo, Chase Chambers, Michael Collins, Ava Cosse, Gyzelle Delgado, De'Mario Dize and Vvyv Do.

Lyalya Flores, Michala Garcia, Brianna Garza, Yazmine Gonzalez, Dhelayla Hernandez, Emily Hernandez, Damian Ingle, Jake Joslin, Heidy Kamh, Maher Kothiya, Jacob Lam, Joshua Lastik, Nathan Le, Keyavieah Lewis and Priscilla Martinez.

Kenedy Massie, Julian Melchor, Melanie Mireles, Vanessa Moreno, Ava Ojeda, Hope Ortiz, Caleb Padilla, Josiah Pena, Krystal Pryor, Madison Puente, Dominic Ram, Lilli Ramirez, Abrianna Reynolds, Justin Salazar and Jordan Scimmons.

Language Art Star
 Evangeline Adam, Lorena Adams, Avri Akin, Jonathan Alexander, Owen Barr, Nathan Borjas, Nathan Bui, Chloe Carrizal, Andrew Castillo, Chase Chambers, Michael Collins, Ava Cosse, Gyzelle Delgado, Vvyv Do and Michala Garcia.

Brianna Garza, Yazmine Gonzalez, Dhelayla Hernandez, Emily Hernandez, Jake Joslin, Heidy Kamh, Maher Kothiya, Jacob Lam, Joshua Lastik, Nathan Le, Keyavieah Lewis, Priscilla Martinez, Kenedy Massie, Melanie Mireles and Vanessa Moreno.

Perfect attendance
 Aaron Aguilar, Adrian Anderson, Jill Canales, Angel Cavazos, Di Dao, Jacob Dunlap, Vivian Duong, Zoe Espinosa, Lydia Golenko, Kara Hungaski, Quynh Ky, Kyla Lobo and Mayte Marfil.

Michael Montano, An Ngo, Kailee Nguyen, Ayah Palomares, Trinity Parker, Malcolm Sherwood, Celissa Steans, Laila Torres and Jaidan Wright.

Good Citizen
 Alaina Delcambre, Haylee Denney, Jacob Dunlap, Torie Fox, Antonio Hernandez, Santos Magana, Ayah Palomares, Victoria Ramirez, Deshawn Rice and Gustavo Salinas.

Principal's Award
 Cienna Adam, Aaron Aguilar, Jacob Aguirre,

Zermeno.
Perfect attendance
 Jonathan Alexander, Emad Awad, Owen Barr, Nathan Bui, Ava Cosse, Brianna Garza, Emily Hernandez, Jacob Lam, Keyavieah Lewis, Kenedy Massie, Julianne Pham, Lilli Ramirez, Jordan Scimmons, Olivia Tamez, Ian Torres, Isis Vazquez, Isiah Vivier, Megan Vu, Kayson Weaver and Jeremiah Wright.

Good Citizen
 Jonathan Alexander, Aiden Carrillo, Gyzelle Delgado, Jeremiah Gutierrez, Yohanni Houston, Heidy Kamh, Julianne Pham, Aubrey Reynolds and Theo Washington.

First grade Honor roll
 Cienna Adam, Ronin Arocha, Nevaeh Bou, Angel Cavazos, Austin Corwin, Amyiah Cotton, Di Dao, Vivian Duong, Zoe Espinosa, Mcklaus Garcia, Ariana Garza, Devin Garza, Lydia Golenko, Antonio Hernandez and Kara Hungaski.

Aidan Johnson, Makayla Johnson, Megan Johnson, Avery Jones, Quynh Ky, Rachael Le, Reem Massoud, Madeline Medina, Roselynn Molina, Michael Montano, An Ngo, Kailee Nguyen, Joseph Ortiz-Ramirez and Victoria Ortiz-Ramirez.

Merit roll
 Adrian Anderson, Jawad Arif, Jacob Dunlap, Torie Fox, Q'elli Gonzales, Aileen Munoz, Trinity Parker, Melania Salazar, Thalia Tabarez and Hannah White.

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 Aaron Aguilar, Adrian Anderson, Jill Canales, Angel Cavazos, Di Dao, Jacob Dunlap, Vivian Duong, Zoe Espinosa, Lydia Golenko, Kara Hungaski, Quynh Ky, Kyla Lobo and Mayte Marfil.

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 Zoe Espinosa, Torie Fox, Mcklaus Garcia, Ariana Garza, Devin Garza, Lydia Golenko, Q'elli Gonzalez, Antonio Hernandez, Marcus Jack, Aidan Johnson, Makayla Johnson, Megan Johnson, Avery Jones, Quynh Ky, Rachael Le and Kyla Lobo.

Mayte Marfil, Reem Massoud, Hailey Mendiola, Roselynn Molina, Michael Montano, Aileen Munoz, Abriana Neco, An Ngo, Kailee Nguyen, Joseph Ortiz-Ramirez, Victoria Ortiz-Ramirez, Ayah Palomares and Jacqueline Peralta.

Second grade Honor roll
 Mia Alexander, Michael Alvarez, Leanna Ancira, Gabriella Arredondo, Rabab Asif, Jeremiah Badley, Saad Bhatti, Jelesia Brackett, Kaitlyn Campos, Thomas Cook, Victoria Couchman, Colin Dang, Jenny Do, Adison Galloway and Noah Garcia.

Noah Gaytan, Kaiden Hills, Ian Johnson, Justice Johnson, Kareemah Kothiya, Ivann Longoria, Eyanna Martinez, Tevin Massie, Danielle Mendiola, Connor Mohwinkel, Melody Nabi, Miles Reed, Ryan Nguyen and Dominic Ortiz.

Merit roll
 Sidney Armstrong, Abdel Asasfeh, Kaleb Campos, Swazi Gurnell, Jasmine Gutierrez, Jacob Hernandez, Rayyan Khan, Javier McCoy, Alena Morin, Anthony Morin, Steven Nguyen, Jace Smith, Ava Soza, Caden Spiller, Alexis Stewart and Chayla Walker.

Perfect attendance
 Mia Alexander, Leanna Ancira, Devon Anderson, Abdel Asasfeh, Rabab Asif, Bailey Benedict, Aidan Cedillo, Thomas Cook, Victoria Couchman, Cecilia Dale, Lizette Fonseca, Michael Gaynor, Swazi Gurnell and Jasmine Gutierrez.

Eric Guyote, Kaiden Hills, Ian Johnson, Caleb Loreno, Eyanna Martinez, Tevin Massie, Celeste McBride, Javier McCoy, Nathan Mena, Connor Mohwinkel, Alena Morin, Anthony Morin, Ryan Nguyen, Tyler Nguyen and Dominic Ortiz.

Good Citizen
 Michelle Blanchard, Alyssa Chapman, Matthew Collins, Christian Medina, Xavier Musquiz, Jeremiah Palma, Briana Toro, Camden Turner, Brianna Vasquez and London Wiggins.

Principal's Award
 Nadine Ahmed, Kemi Star Alade, Reid Allen, Abraham Amaro-Diaz, Geovanni Anguana, Jorge Arredondo, Zaynab Asafteh, Keegan Ashworth, Ava Ayala, Gael Barrera, Andre Barrientos, Dillon Barron, Jasmine

Kendon Smith, Chayla Walker, Kyle Wallace and Lorelei Winnek.

Good Citizen
 Victoria Couchman, Lizette Fonseca, Eric Guyote, Cedrick Johnson, Nathan Mena, Alena Morin, Cy Ojeda, Manuel Rodriguez, Ava Soza and Lorelei Winnek.

Principal's Award
 Mia Alexander, Ranyia Allen, Michael Alvarez, Leanna Ancira, Deson Anderson, Sidney Armstrong, Gabby Arredondo, Rabab Asif, Saad Bhatti, Jelesia Brackett, Jeremiah Bradley, Andrew Cabrales, Chance Cadena and Kaitlyn Campos.

Merit roll
 Jacquie Giron, Jamorion Gray, Swazi Gurnell, Eric Guyote, Jah Jon Hawkins, Emma Hernandez, Jacob Hernandez, Maddy Hernandez, Cameron Ingle, Cedrick Johnson, Ian Johnson, Justice Johnson, Rayyan Khan and Kareemah Kothiya.

Fourth grade Honor roll
 Megan Godeke, Vanessa Lam, Jose Martinez, Janah Naser, Alberly Nguyen, Duy Nguyen, Jacob Perez, Elliot Spiller, Lili Tran and Alise Williams.

Merit roll
 Matthew Campos, Emily Gonzalez, Karisa Hernandez, Reagan Jones, Victoria Lazo, Alexis Nguyen, Trishita Nguyen, Morgan Pytka, Ryan Roppolo, Arianna Soza, Michael Vo, Bella Woernley and Enlai Yui.

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Garcia, Alonso Garza, Rayven Gavin, Luke Giron, Wesley Godwin, Clayton Goforth, Emily Gonzalez, Jeremy Gutierrez, Jordan Hayes, Savanna Herring, Vanessa Lam, Victoria Lazo, Adrian Lopez, Alex Lopez and Taurean Millien.

Good Citizen
 Megan Godeke, Thomas Herrera, Sandy Ho, Readan Jones, Jose Martinez, Austin Rhoden, Mia Sommier, Marco Torres, Nate Wallace and Alise Williams.

Principal's Award
 Lylah Arredondo, Kaitlyn Bess, Ayanna Brooks, Kamron Byrd, Heaven Cadena, Matthew Campos, Devyn Cook, Leah Dehoyes, Laura Diaz, Raven Finister, Jacob Flores, AJ Garcia, Alonso Garza and Megan Godeke.

Merit roll
 Kristene Mena, Taurean Millien, Albert Nguyen, Alexis Nguyen, Trishita Nguyen, Justin Padilla, Wanda Palomo, Jasmine Peralta, Jacob Perez, Christian Perkins, Mary Pham, Morgan Pytka, Danae Ram and Marc Ramirez.

Perfect attendance
 Cheyenne Alexander, Leah Dehoyes, Isaac Espinoza, AJ

Richardson, Kovar engaged



Tim and Diana Richardson of Friendswood (former longtime residents of Sagemeadow) and Paul and Anna Kovar of Fayetteville, Texas, announce the upcoming marriage of their children, Katy Renee Richardson and Andrew John Kovar. The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of James and Frances Beard of Moscow, Texas, and Barbara (JoAnn) Richardson and the late John "Jack" Richardson of Houston. She is an administrative assistant in the Avionic Systems Division at NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston. The prospective groom is the grandson of Frank and Mary Rainosek of Austin, Texas, and the late Robert E. and Bernice Kovar of Fayetteville. He is employed as an instrumentation and electrical technician at Solvay Chemicals in Houston. The couple are planning a late-April wedding at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church in Houston.

Paralegal honor society inducts new members

Seventeen San Jacinto College students were recently inducted into the college's paralegal honor society, Lambda Epsilon Chi (LEX), signifying high levels of academic achievement. The requirements for LEX induction are stringent. A student must maintain a 3.5 grade point average, demonstrate superior academic performance, and be an active member of San

Jacinto College's paralegal club. In addition, in order to apply for LEX induction, a student must complete two-thirds of the college's paralegal program requirement by completing 30 credit hours of legal specialty courses, and nine credit hours of general education courses. The *Paralegal News* website ranks San Jacinto College's paralegal program among the top 100 in

North America. The program is approved by the American Bar Association, and has earned exemplary status by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. "This program has a reputation for quality and high standards, and it is with great honor that we congratulate these inductees because they represent the best of the best," commented Dr. Richard Bailey, San

Jacinto College North interim provost. The keynote speaker at the induction ceremony was Brenda Melton of Pearland, who graduated from San Jacinto College's paralegal program as a LEX member in 2012. "I dreamed for years about returning to school, and chose San Jacinto College because I heard that the paralegal program was ABA approved," she commented.

Melton talked about sacrifices she made in order to attend college. Since she was not able to qualify for financial aid, she worked her way through college. "I had struggles and low points, and more than once I thought about quitting school," she remarked. "But I decided that rather than complain, I would keep a never-give-up attitude. I applied myself to school-work and made it. If I can do it, anyone can. I know first hand about the value of the San Jacinto College paralegal program, because I will start my job as a paralegal next week."



The San Jacinto College 2013 paralegal honor society inductees include, left to right, (front row) Karina Vasquez, Emina Bozek, Linda Sanchez, Medina James, Marissa Montenegro, Michelle Meuhlen, (back row) Albert Villatoro, Tanya Payne, Holly Doty, Patricia Navar, Shaun Kirby, Miriam Hawn-Schoen and Mariah Groves. Photo by Rob Vanya

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Blind 9/11 survivor, author to visit San Jacinto College

Michael Hingson, No. 1 *New York Times* best-selling author, will recount for San Jacinto College students on April 15 and 16 his powerful and inspiring story about how he and his guide dog helped others survive and escape to safety from the 78th floor of Tower One of the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001.

Blind at birth, Hingson's story is one of perseverance, fearlessness and determination. When he was a boy, his parents refused to limit his abilities, so his father taught him to do math in his head, and his mother taught him to read Braille. "I even shocked my neighbors by riding my bicycle alone through the streets of Palmdale, Calif., which can be as commonplace for any blind person who learns the proper techniques available to blind people, as seeing is to people with eyesight," said Hingson.

He later earned the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America, and as a college student at the University of California at Irvine, became a campus radio personality, and graduated with a master's degree in physics.

In the late 1970s, Hingson began his successful career in sales and management work for a high-tech company in Massachusetts. Later, after starting and then selling his own successful computer company, Hingson opened a facility in 1999 for a Fortune 500 company in a suite on the 78th floor of Tower One of the World Trade Center.

On Sept. 11, 2001, Hingson and his guide dog, Roselle, had just arrived when American Airlines Flight 11 crashed into their building. They survived the initial impact, and after descending 78 flights of stairs, Hingson and Roselle were just 100 yards away from Tower Two when it collapsed. He tells his story of ultimate trust and the extraordinary human-animal bond in his *New York Times* bestseller, *Thunder Dog: The True Story of a Blind Man, His Dog, and the Triumph of Trust*.

In 2008, he formed the Michael Hingson Group, Inc., to engage in international motivational speaking tours about teamwork, trust, and corporate consulting for inclusion and diversity training. That same year he was appointed a National Ambassador for the Braille Literacy Campaign of the National Federation of the Blind.

Dobie College Now enrolls

The Dobie College Now program is taking applications for the dual credit program for next school year. Current ninth-, 10th- and 11th-grade students interested in earning college hours while in high school should apply. Students must maintain at least a 3.0 GPA and willing to participate in Friday activities on the Dobie campus. Two college classes must be taken each semester. Students can attend summer classes as well. Students will also have the opportunity for field trips to area colleges and universities. Activities will include learning styles, personality profiles, organizing a data notebook, college exploration, and more. For information, call Dobie at 713-740-0370 to speak to Jennifer Johnson or Nancy Carlton.

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Arevalo donates to residents



Clear Brook High School senior Jennifer Arevalo (in bunny costume) gives a hug to Friendswood Health Care Center resident Oleta Wood. Photo submitted

Clear Brook High School senior Jennifer Arevalo is a member of the PALS group. For the past two years, she has volunteered at Friendswood Health Care Center where she has visited the residents regularly, played games, done manicures, danced at monthly dances, decorated for Christmas, helped with scrapbooking and crafts, participated in all the big parties and events, and dyed Easter eggs.

This year, Arevalo wanted to do more. She volunteered to earn money to buy an Easter Bunny costume that she wore to the center's annual Easter egg hunt and party. Afterward, she donated the costume to the center.

Arevalo plans to attend college to study physical therapy.

SJC has two-day accounting course for small business

San Jacinto College will offer a course in accounting

for small business on April 13 and 20 to teach participants the framework to evaluate the financial health and success of a business.

This course, scheduled from 8 to 11:30 a.m. each day at the Central campus, will serve as a practical introduction to basic accounting concepts and primary financial statements. By learning basic accounting knowledge and skills, small business owners will be better able to evaluate new opportunities, manage current operations, ensure timely and accurate tax compliance, and attract new partners or investors.

The course outline includes balance sheet - assets/liabilities, income statement-revenue/expenses, cash flow, loans, credit, receivables and payables, service business issues, LIFO/FIFO, capitalization and depreciation, income versus cash flow, taxes/liquidation, and analyzing the business.

Accounting for small business is offered through

the Continuing and Professional Development division at San Jacinto College.

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To register, call 281-542-2061 or email david.lewis@sjcd.edu.

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SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

Second-half goals lead Dobie boys back to Region III final four

With unfinished business still to be handled, the Dobie varsity boys' soccer team is headed back to the Region III final four for the third time in five years.

Star strikers Carlos Ibarra and Jonathan Palma scored second half goals, and the defense produced its third straight playoff shutout as the Longhorns ousted North Shore 2-0 in the regional quarterfinals April 9 at Deer Park's Abshier Stadium.

Mavs top Dobie 3-1; loss tightens 22-5A

The Memorial Mavericks have won just two district games in the 22-5A varsity baseball race, yet that hasn't kept the team from being a thorn in Dobie's side.

Memorial's 3-1 win April 9 at Mavericks' Field has dealt a huge blow to the Longhorns' overall plan this season.

Already chasing unbeaten Alvin as well as second-place Pearland and third-

place Manvel, the Longhorns now find themselves needing to defeat Sam Rayburn April 23 to hang on to the fourth and final playoff seed within the league.

In the first round of district play, Memorial took Dobie down to the wire before the Longhorns won the game in the bottom of the seventh inning. Things have now changed a bit.

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Vasquez also to regionals Horns' golfer Arnett wins 22-5A tourney

Dobie junior golfer Ben Arnett has won his first District 22-5A postseason tournament title, grabbing top medalist honors at Evergreen Pointe Golf Club in Baytown.

Arnett fired a 73 over the first 18 holes to lead the way and then closed with a second-day 68 for a (-3) total of 141.

Pearland's A and B teams finished first and second, respectively, in the team standings. Dobie was fifth with Zac Bright, Kevin Carnish, Roger Lizama, Marcus Hernandez and Brandon Patterson joining Arnett on the links.

Arnett is now headed to the Region III tournament April 17-18 at Eagle Pointe Golf Club in Mont Belvieu. He is looking to erase the disappointment of a disqualification at regionals a season ago.

The standout golfer has verbally committed to play golf at the University of Houston following his high school graduation.

Jackie Vasquez will also represent Dobie at the regional tournament, set for April 15-16 at Eagle Pointe. Vasquez was the second overall medalist at the District 22-5A event.

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in 2009 before losing. In 2011, the Longhorns lost a heartbreaking sudden death shootout to Strake Jesuit.

This time, the Longhorns are hoping to be the team

that advances to the state tournament.

Playing against a stiff wind in the first half versus North Shore, the Longhorns held their own en route to

a scoreless tie. Ibarra hit the left goal post with a first-half shot, and goalkeeper Rigoberto Fuentes thwarted a pair of Mustang scoring chances in the

final four minutes of the half.

In the second half, that same wind may have helped Dobie.

Just 35 seconds into

play, Ibarra got behind the North Shore defense and scored off a deflection for a 1-0 lead.

With just over 25 minutes remaining, Palma bumped the lead to 2-0 as he sent one into the net after the ball escaped the Mustang keeper.

Fuentes, who posted his third playoff shutout, was forced to make a couple of more big saves down the stretch, but the Longhorns held on for the win.

Ibarra and Palma, the lone holdovers from the 2011 regional championship team, have proved to be a tough duo to stop.

In turn, the Longhorns' defense has taken its game to another level.

Now it's time to finish the deal in the final four, starting with Elsik.

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Saturday, April 13, 1:30 p.m.

Dobie freshman goalkeeper Rigoberto Fuentes goes high to defend a shot during the second half of the Longhorns' 2-0 regional quarterfinal victory over North Shore April 9 at Deer Park's Abshier Stadium. This shot bounced off the football goalpost and was out of bounds, but Fuentes made several other great saves.

Photo by Gary Williams



CB's Supak gets governor's appointment

Gov. Rick Perry has appointed Cathy Supak, ATC, LAT of the CHRISTUS St. John Hospital Sports Medicine Center, to the Advisory Board of Athletic Trainers.

Supak, a board-certified and licensed athletic trainer, is the primary athletic trainer for Clear Brook High School's female athletics.

The Advisory Board of Athletic Trainers is a Texas state board that serves as the licensing and regulatory authority of athletic trainers in Texas.

As a board member, Supak will help carry out the board's purpose of protecting public health, safety, and welfare by establishing and enforcing qualifications and standards of practice for licensed athletic trainers.

Supak is serving a six-year term that expires in January 2019.

"This appointment is a once-in-a-lifetime honor, and I am humbled by the duty it entails," Supak says.

"It's something I wanted to do to give back to my peers."

Texas first licensed ath-

letic trainers in 1971. Supak's father, John H. Pomeroy, was a member of the House of Representatives at the time and voted to pass the law into effect.

Now, more than 40 years later, Supak serves on the board that the legislation created.

Supak is now in her 28th year as an athletic trainer.

She has been at CHRISTUS St. John Hospital's Athletic Training Program since 1993.

"Our responsibility is the prevention, assessment and care of emergency, acute and chronic athletic injuries," she says.

"We see athletes from the moment of injury usually through all the treatment and get them back on the field from start to finish. That's the best part of the job. It's very rewarding."

Supak's appointment to the state advisory board is a point of pride for CHRISTUS St. John Hospital, says CHRISTUS St. John Hospital CEO Tom Permetti.

"Cathy's appointment is a great example of the dedication she brings to

her profession and to the CHRISTUS St. John Hospital Sports Medicine Center," says Permetti.

"Her devotion to her

profession and to the athletes she serves continues to bring recognition to our Athletic Training Program,

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Longtime Clear Brook High School female athletics trainer Cathy Supak has been appointed to the state's Advisory Board of Athletic Trainers.

Vargas, Dobie big winners at 22-5As

Dobie boys' singles player Ruben Vargas slaps a forehand return during early round action at the District 22-5A varsity tennis championships April 5-6 at the Strawberry Park Tennis Center in Pasadena. Already slated to be one of the Longhorns' top returning players next season, Vargas made a big splash by winning the boys' singles bracket. Overall, the Longhorns had their way for the most part, winning championships in three divisions and reaching the finals in another. Dobie is thus sending a large contingent of players to the Region III tournament April 16-17 at Deer Park High School. For more tennis news, see Page 2B.

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JFD netters control action at District 22-5A championships

Dobie's storybook season on the tennis courts added another chapter as the team's players controlled the action at the District 22-5A spring championships April 5-6 at Strawberry Park.

The Longhorns won championships in three of the five brackets and will send girls' doubles and mixed doubles teams to regionals as well after second-place finishes.

"Winning three of the titles and sending another couple of doubles teams says a lot about this group of seniors," Dobie head coach Manuel Moreno Jr. said.

"We had the top-seeded players in those three brackets, but you still have to go out there and perform. The pressure was on our kids to uphold their seeding, and they did."

In the end, Dobie also won the overall boys' and girls' team titles, with Moreno bringing home Coach of the Year honors.

Nine players in a variety of divisions will now move on to the Region III tournament April 16-17 at Deer Park High School's South campus.

Fifteen of Dobie's 16 competitors at the district tournament placed either first, second or third.

"It's the most players we have sent to regionals in my time here at the school," Moreno said. "The kids really turned in a great effort during the two days."

Sophomore Ruben Vargas was the champion in boys' singles after taking down Pearland's Justin Quintanilla 6-1, 6-3.

"Ruben just played a great tournament," Moreno said. "He's really stepped up his game lately and deserves to be champion."

Dobie senior Kevin Nguyen closed out his high school career by finishing third in the boys' singles bracket.

Dobie also got the job done in boys' doubles as Austin Tran and Dylan Nguyen held up their top seeding by defeating Alvin 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

Tran and Nguyen led the final set 3-0 before Alvin recovered to tie things at 3-3. At that point, Dobie

dominated.

"Dylan and Austin really turned it on in the last three games," Moreno said.

"It was a tough match. We knew the Alvin kids were talented. To our credit, our kids came up big when they had to."

Again, Dobie also captured third place in the event as Christian Avitia and Cuong Nguyen combined for a great effort over the two days.

The Longhorns also came up big in the mixed doubles combination.

Osaka Heng and Phillip Nguyen were the top-seeded duo entering play, and they also held up their end of the bargain, beating teammates Kim Dinh and John Le for the champion-

ship by a score of 6-1, 6-2.

"We felt like we had the two best mixed doubles teams in the district," Moreno said. "Kim and John

were seeded third but came up with a big win over the No. 2 seeds. It was another great two days for our kids."

In girls' doubles, Dobie

will have the pair of Ivette Alba and Vanessa Vu at regionals after a second-place finish.

The Lady Longhorns'

team of Lada Heng and Theresa Tran finished third.

Dobie will not send any player to regionals in girls' singles, but Moreno was nonetheless pleased with the way Betram Nguyen competed while eventually finishing third.

"Betram's game has blossomed over the past several months, and she played a great tournament for us," Moreno said.

"She went out and gave it everything she had. She was a little upset that she didn't beat (Memorial's Astrid Torres) in the semifinals. It was 7-5 in the first set before Torres won 6-1 in the second set."

Torres wound up second after losing 6-2, 6-2 to Pear-

land's Tya Tilson.

Now it's on to regionals. Coaches involved in the tournament will meet Monday, April 15, to decide seedings.

As successful as Dobie was at the District 22-5A tournament, everyone involved knows the next step will be a tough one.

"It's really the luck of the draw," Moreno said. "As district champions in three divisions, we will play the runner-up from another district in the first round."

"That said, there are so many very talented players out there from state-ranked programs. It would be great for us to win a couple of matches and extend the season. Beyond that, we should be proud of the season we

have had. It's just been terrific."

At regionals, Vargas will be involved in boys' singles that are slated to begin at 8:30 a.m.

The boys' doubles, which will include Tran and Nguyen, will begin at 11 a.m. The girls' doubles, which will include Alba and Vu, will start at 12:15 p.m. Moreno said the mixed doubles will be played two matches at a time, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

"It should be a lot of fun," Moreno said. "It's great to have 15 kids bring home medals from district, and now a lot of those players get the chance to compete against the best of the best at the regional tournament."

District 22-5A Tennis Championships April 5-6, Strawberry Park

Boys' singles champion – Ruben Vargas, Dobie; second place – Justin Quintanilla, Pearland; third place – Kevin Nguyen, Dobie.

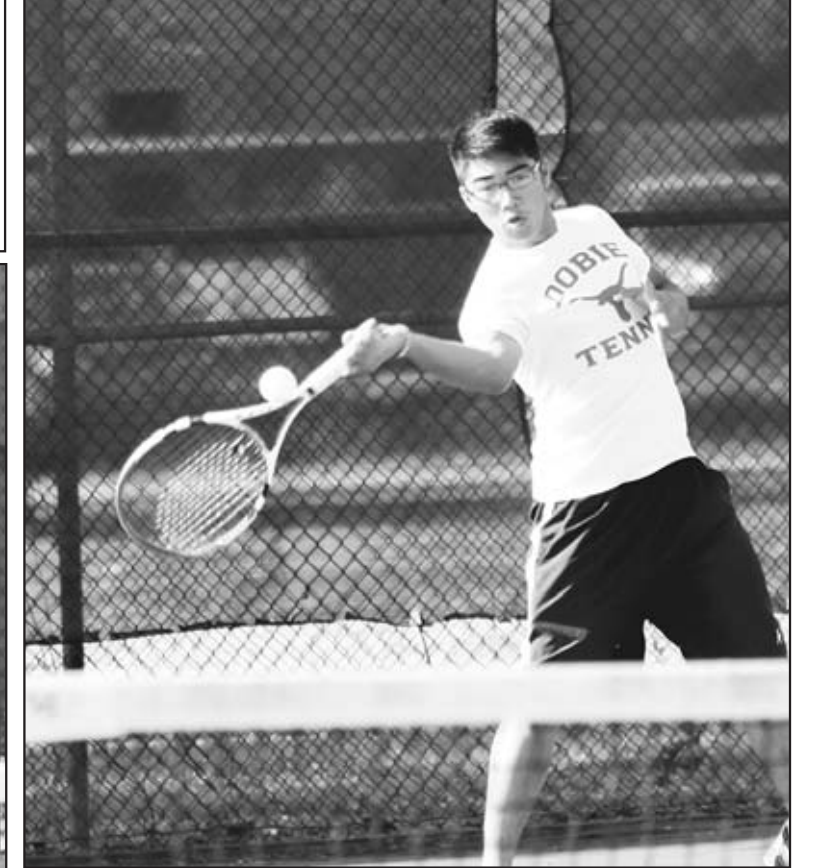
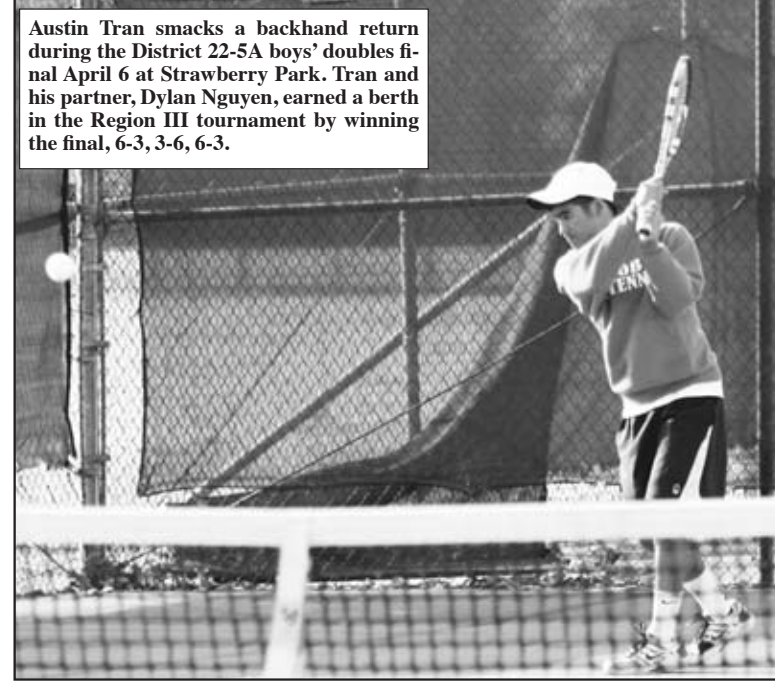
Girls' singles champion – Tya Tilson, Pearland; second place – Astrid Torres, Memorial; third place – Betram Nguyen, Dobie.

Boys' doubles champions – Austin Tran/Dylan Nguyen, Dobie; second place – Koontz/Mullins, Alvin; Christian Avitia/Cuong Nguyen.

Girls' doubles champions – Nguyen/Pyland, Pearland; second place – Ivette Alba, Vanessa Vu, Dobie; third place – Lada Heng/Theresa Tran, Dobie.

Mixed doubles champions – Phillip Nguyen/Osaka Heng, Dobie; second place – John Le/Kim Dinh, Dobie; third place Bolter/Fontineau, Pearland.

Austin Tran smacks a backhand return during the District 22-5A boys' doubles final April 6 at Strawberry Park. Tran and his partner, Dylan Nguyen, earned a berth in the Region III tournament by winning the final, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.



John Le, shown swatting a forehand return, is also headed to the Region III tennis tournament after he and his mixed doubles partner, Kim Dinh, finished second at the 22-5A tournament.

At right, Dobie's Dylan Nguyen steps into a backhand return as he and his boys' doubles partner, Austin Tran, came home with the 22-5A championship during the spring tennis tournament April 6 at Strawberry Park. Nguyen and Tran are now headed to the Region III championships April 15-16 at Deer Park High School's south campus.



Dobie's Betram Nguyen wound up third overall in the girls' singles draw after reaching the semifinals. She later won a third-place match.



The Lady Longhorns' Kim Dinh warms up prior to the start of the 22-5A mixed doubles final April 6 at Strawberry Park. Dinh and partner John Le lost the final but later advanced to regionals as the second-place team.



Seeded No. 1 in the tournament prior to play, Dobie's Phillip Nguyen (left) and Osaka Heng lived up to their billing, winning the District 22-5A title in the mixed doubles division during play April 6 at Strawberry Park. Nguyen and Heng, who will now head to regionals, defeated Dobie teammates in the final.



At left, Longhorns' head coach Manuel Moreno Jr. (right) and longtime team supporter Howard Ranft survey the scene during the District 22-5A spring tennis final round April 6 at Strawberry Park. Ranft, a South Belt resident, is a frequent faculty substitute who can be seen sitting alongside the Dobie courts. His wife, Linda, is also a team supporter.



At right, Vanessa Vu (left) and Ivette Alba of Dobie are headed to the Region III tournament after placing second in girls' doubles at the District 22-5A championships. In the final, Vu and Alba lost to Nguyen and Pyland of Pearland.

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John Bechtle
Sports Editor

South Belt sports events, activities

Lajaunie tennis coming April 27-28 at Bay Area Racquet Club

The Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund along with the Bay Area Racquet Club in Houston will host the second annual Darren Lajaunie Memorial Tennis Tournament Saturday and Sunday, April 27-28. The Bay Area Racquet Club is located on Kings Park Lane, off NASA Road 1.

Board members and volunteers are busy seeking sponsors for the tournament, which will award members of the Bay Area Racquet Club junior tennis players camp and college scholarships. This year, college scholarships will be awarded to two tennis-playing seniors (one boy and one girl) at J. Frank Dobie High School.

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

This scholarship fund and tournament is a way to honor his memory by helping junior tennis players enjoy tennis and assist with their education in college. Last year, 115 tennis players braved the heat to participate in the tournament as more than \$12,000 was raised to help support the scholarship fund.

Again this year, players will receive a tournament T-shirt and goodie bag and enjoy refreshments and lunch. Tournament organizers have thus far put together an exciting assortment of silent auction items, including a one-week stay at the John Newcombe Tennis Ranch in New Braunfels, a Craig Biggio autographed baseball, a USTA Rafael Nadal prize pack and a variety of gift cards and gift baskets.

The awards dinner will include musical entertainment, and the silent auction winners in addition to the camp and scholarship winners from BARC will be announced. The winners of the Dobie college scholarships will be awarded in May at Dobie High School.

The Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund set up a website at www.DLtennisscholarships.com with pictures from last year's tournament and information on sponsorships, scholarships and this year's tournament.

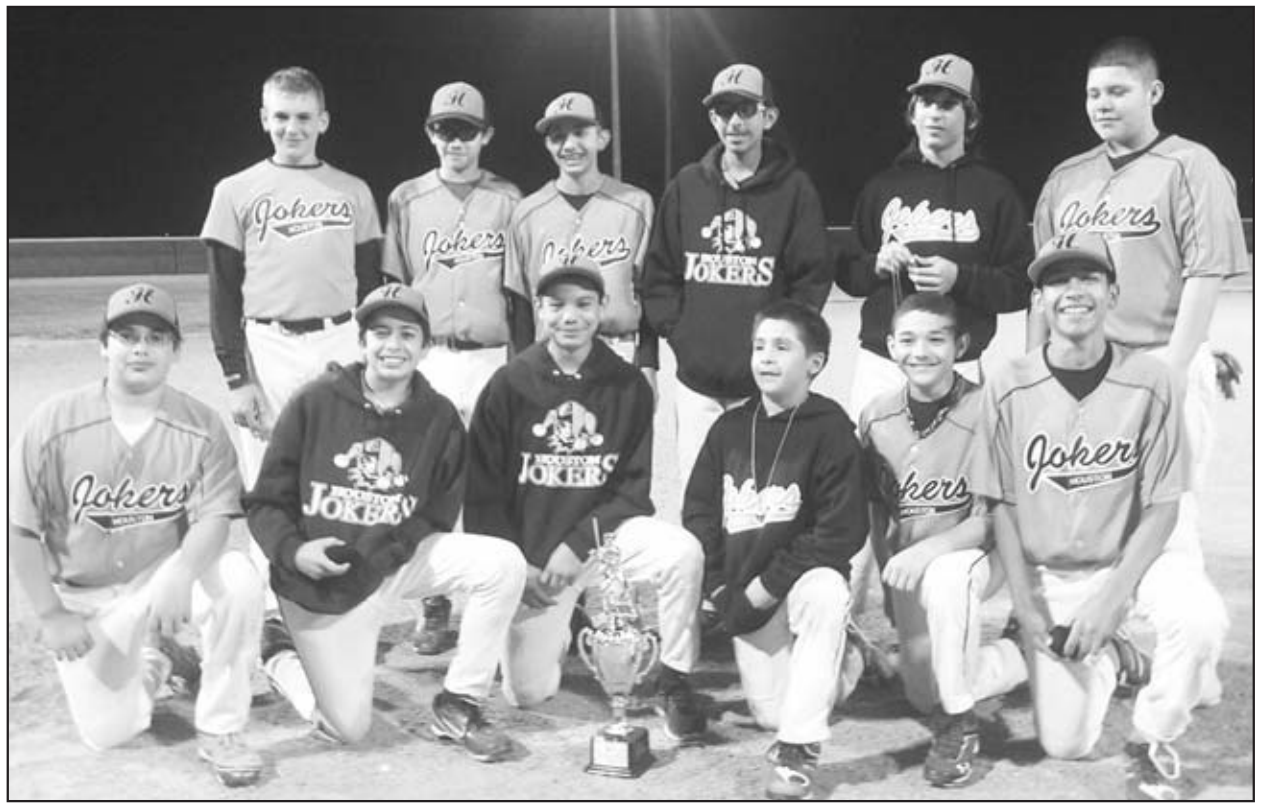
Donations and sponsors are welcome. The fund is a nonprofit corporation, and all donations are tax deductible. Donors may send a check or money order to: Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund, 3106 Mossy Elm Court, Houston, TX 77059 or contact Camille Lajaunie, committee chairperson, at cjlajaunie@gmail.com with any questions about the events.

South Belt Area Swim Team Sharks sign up

The South Belt Area Swim Team Sharks are still hosting both online and in-person registration and tryouts as the 2013 season approaches. Returning Sharks swimmers may register online from now through April 12 at www.sbast.org.

First-time participants may register and attend a team tryout Saturday, April 13, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Ashley Pointe pool. The team's first practice is April 22 at the Ashley Pointe pool.

13U Houston Jokers take second at Global NIT



The Houston Jokers' 13-under select baseball team took second place in the April 6-7 United States Specialty Sports Association's Global NIT tournament in Texas City. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Mattias Gallo, Joey Espinosa, Jonathan Acosta, Hector Martinez, Hunter Guerrero, Julian Flores, (back

row) John Griffin, Arthur Galvan, Ricky Gonzales, Andres Padilla, Noah Ashworth and Andrew Hinojosa. Not pictured is manager Ricky Gonzales and coaches Lupe Galvan and Carlos Gallo.

District 22-5A Standings Varsity Baseball

(As of April 10)

Teams	W	L
Alvin	9	0
Pearland	8	1
Manvel	6	3
Dobie	5	4
Sam Rayburn	3	6
Memorial	2	7
Pasadena	2	7
South Houston	1	8

Playoff race tightens JFD baseball now 5-4; loss to Memorial hurts

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The loss to Memorial has complicated the District 22-5A race for Dobie. Sam Rayburn held an advantage over the Longhorns a season ago, so the locals are no doubt looking to pay back a debt.

Dobie run-rules SoHo
The Longhorns kept rolling against Pasadena ISD competition, dumping South Houston 13-3 over five innings April 5 for a second straight run-rule victory over the Trojans.

South Houston scored in the top of the first inning against Dobie starter Michael Munoz.

Sammy Gomez reached on an infield single and scored on a double by Nathaniel Martinez as the Trojans jumped ahead 1-0.

The lead, however, was short-lived as the Longhorns scored four runs in the bottom half of the frame and kept adding on throughout the action.

Jose Cabreja lined a single to left field off South Houston starter Alberto Castillo with one out and advanced to third base on a single to left field by Ruben Guevara.

On the play, South Houston committed a throwing error, allowing Cabreja to

race home, tying the game at 1-1.

Castillo retired Tyler Baumann on a pop-up for the second out, but the Longhorns strung together three more hits as Munoz, Jose Lopez and Aaron Gonzalez all had RBI singles.

Travarus Ansley had an RBI triple in the bottom of the second inning, and Guevara scored Ansley with a ringing double to left field. The score was 6-1 and getting no better for the Trojans.

Guevara, a transfer student from South Houston High School in the offseason, had four hits in the game.

JFD baseball boosters host bingo

The Dobie High School baseball program has slated a pair of exciting events as the regular season nears an end.

The program's booster club will host its annual bingo night at the school Saturday, April 13, in the cafeteria.

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m., and a series of 10 bingo games will be played from 6 to 10 p.m. Refreshments and snacks will be available for purchase.

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Dobie's Ben Arnett shows off his District 22-5A varsity boys' golf tournament championship trophy.

Dobie golf pair to regionals

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The top three finishers in the individual medalist division as well as the top two teams advance to the state tournament later this month. Arnett's teammates

will not play at regionals, but that won't keep Arnett from believing he can reach the state meet. As a sophomore, his first-round score had him in contention before the disqualification.

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Lady Horn softball now stands at 6-5

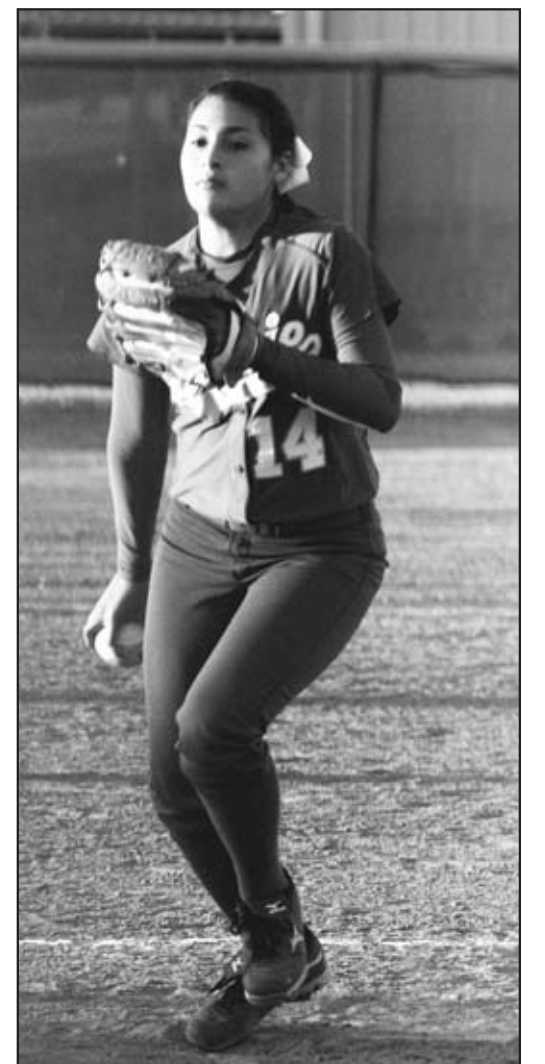
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Dobie jumped out to a 2-1 lead after an inning before Alvin scored three runs in the third inning and two more in the fourth to take the victory.

With just three games remaining in the regular season, Dobie will qualify for the playoffs.

Pearland is in front with Manvel second. Alvin is currently third with the Lady Longhorns fourth.

Primarily because the rest of the district, including Memorial, South Houston, Sam Rayburn and Pasadena, have struggled in league play, there isn't much of a chance for Dobie to enhance its standing.

However, the Lady Longhorns finish the regular season at Pearland April 19 and could certainly grab plenty of playoff momentum with a win over the first-place team.



Junior pitcher Stephanie Buenrostro and her Lady Longhorn teammates find themselves in fourth place as the regular season nears a close.



Michael Munoz was the winning pitcher as Dobie defeated South Houston by run rule April 5 at Dobie. The Longhorns fell behind 1-0 but then scored five in their half of the first inning before pulling away for a 13-3 victory. After topping Memorial, the Longhorns are 6-3 for fourth place in 22-5A.

Dobie's Wolfe lands scholarship

Dobie High School's Tyler Wolfe and Samantha Lang of Sam Rayburn High School have been named recipients of Pasadena ISD athletics hall of fame scholarships for 2013.

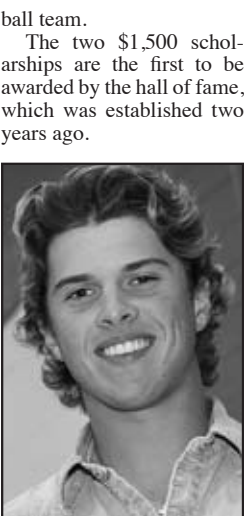
The two seniors will be recognized at the hall of fame banquet on April 13 at Pasadena Memorial High School.

Assisting in the presentation that night will be Dan Pastorini, star quarterback for the Houston Oilers during the 1970s.

Lang will leave Sam Rayburn in June with varsity letters in both volleyball and golf.

She earned an invitation to the Region III varsity girls' golf tournament after excelling at the District 22-5A championships.

Wolfe, a two-time football letterman at quarterback for the Longhorns, is now in his second season with the Dobie varsity base-



Tyler Wolfe

ball team. The two \$1,500 scholarships are the first to be awarded by the hall of fame, which was established two years ago.

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Set for induction are Pasadena High's Mickey Spencer (Class of 1947), Randall Kerbow (1959), Fritz Connally (1976) and Amanda Buffalo (1985); South Houston High's Bob Allen (1965); Sam Rayburn High's Jimmy Johnson (1976); and Dobie's Gawayn Guy (1981).

Former Dobie track and cross country coach John Bryan will also be inducted.

Pastorini will be available for autographs after the banquet and copies of his autobiography, *Taking Flak*, will be on sale.

Those wishing to buy a copy of Pastorini's book are asked to do so with cash or check.

availability, call the PISD ticket office at 713-740-0841 or the district's communications office at 713-740-0186.

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NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse - meets the second Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at the Lighthouse Fellowship of Friends, 144 Park Avenue in League City. The public is welcome and encouraged to bring others to the interdenominational meeting.

ABWA - Southeast Express Network - American Business Women's Association-South meets on the second Thursday of each month at MiMi's Cafe in the Pearland Town Center, 11200 Broadway Street, #1600. Lunch is from 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 are appreciated. Contact Monica Perez at mlynperez2002@yahoo.com for reservations, or visit the Web site at www.seen-abwa.org.

Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free water exercise from noon to 1 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.

Alcoholics Anonymous - Sunday, Thursday and Friday at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Fellowship Hall 4. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? AA meetings

are held Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays from 8 to 9 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

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SATURDAY, APRIL 13

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Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English) - For persons whose lives are affected by someone who is addicted. Each Saturday morning at 11 a.m. at First United Methodist Church,

Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Cornell Conference Room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

Frontier Squares - Meets to square dance at the Westminster Academy at 670 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Refreshments provided. For more information, contact Gina Sherman at 281-554-5675 or visit www.frontiersquares.com.

Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting - Saturdays 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Open discussion. Memorial Hermann Prevention and Recovery PARC, 2245 N. Main St., Suite 2, Pearland 77581. (Located on Hwy 35, just north of Broadway). The group's primary purpose is to abstain from compulsive overeating and to carry the message of recovery to those who still suffer. Call 713 865-1611 for information, or just drop in.

SUNDAY, APRIL 14
Grief Support Group - For any adult who has lost a loved one. Meets every Sunday, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas from 2 to 3:15 p.m. at First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. For more information, call 281-487-8787.

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

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - For persons who are trying to overcome drug addiction. Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Cornell Conference Room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

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MONDAY, APRIL 15
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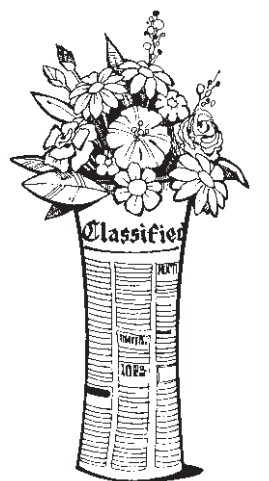
Al-Anon Deer Park - Mondays 10 to 11 a.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409 454-5720 for information, or just drop in.

Seniors and Law Enforcement Together - SALT holds monthly meetings at 10:30 a.m. at Madison Jobe Senior Citizens Center, 1700 East Thomas St. in Pasadena, on the third Monday of each month except December. The meetings teach seniors how to avoid identity theft, scams, fraud, etc. Police officers and sheriffs are normally in attendance. There is no charge to attend, and refreshments are served. Meetings start on time and last one hour or less. For more information, call the center at 713-477-0175.

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MONDAY, APRIL 15 (cont'd)

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

7 p.m.
Grief Support Group - "Friends Helping Friends" meets every Monday from 7 to 8:15 p.m. at Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Those who have lost a spouse or other loved one are invited to participate. For information, call Betty Flynn at 281-474-3430 or Diana Kawalec at 281-334-1033.

7:30 p.m.
The Clear Lake Gem and Mineral Society - Meets the third week of each month at the Clear Lake Park Building, 5001 NASA Parkway in Seabrook. Guests are welcome. Presenters for the educational program explore a variety of subjects such as fossils, planetary geology, mineralogy, lapidary, jewelry making, rock, fossil and mineral collecting, and field trips to various collecting sites throughout Texas and surrounding states. All persons with an interest in these topics are welcome to attend. Door prizes. Free parking. For more information, visit www.clgms.org.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

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.

11 a.m.
The Bay Area Military Officers' Wives - hold monthly luncheon meetings on the third Tuesday of each month. Meetings are held at Bay Oaks Country Club from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Active duty or retired officers' wives are eligible. For information, call Wendy Peters at 281-333-3115.

1 p.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 from 1 to 5 p.m. 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For information, call 713-472-0565.

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.

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

2 p.m.
The National Active and Retired Federal Employees - NARFE Chapter 941 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. at the El Franco Lee Park Community Center, 9500 Hall Road, in Houston. Visitors are welcome. For additional information, call Roy at 713-734-1461.

6 p.m.
Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish speaking) - Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 6 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 232. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

6:30 p.m.
Breast Cancer Support Group - Meets the third Tuesday of every month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the lobby of the Clear Lake Regional Breast Diagnostic Center, 200 Medical Center Blvd., Suite 106, in Webster. For more information call 281-526-6840.

Pearland Area Republican's Club - meets the third Tuesday of the month at the Pearland Church of Christ Annex, 2217 N. Grand Blvd. in Pearland. For more information, call 281-485-4140 or 281-485-1431.

7 p.m.
Positive Interaction Program - meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria, in the staff meeting room 1st floor. Bring a friend or neighbor and work together to make PIP the best in the city. PIP consists of police and citizens working together to help make neighborhoods safer. For more information, call Officer Richard Buitron at 281-218-3900.

Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center - Weekly sexual assault support group offers a confidential self-help support group for victim/survivors of rape and sexual abuse. To attend or for more information, call 281-286-2525.

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

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.

10 a.m.
Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish speaking) - Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Wednesday at 10 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 232. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

11:30 a.m.
Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club - meets at 11:30 a.m. on the first and third Wednesday of the month. Meetings are held at the Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway (Fuqua and I-45). For information, call Monica Montoya at 281-794-5531.

4 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise held from 4 to 5 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Pearland, 3005 Pearland Parkway, Pearland. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.

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Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish speaking) - Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 6 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 232. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

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Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center - Domestic violence support group for male survivors meets each Wednesday at 210 S. Walnut off NASA Parkway. Call 281-338-7600 for information. Participants may join at any time as this is an open group.

7 p.m.
Survivors of Suicide Support Group - The Southeast Houston group meets the first and third Wednesday of each month. The group offers support and coping skills in a non-threatening environment to adult individuals who have lost a loved one to suicide. For information on registration or to obtain a physical address for a location, call 713-533-4500 or visit www.crisishotline.org.

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Texas German Society, South Belt (Southeast) Chapter - A social group interested in the culture, music, heritage and language of the immigrants in early German settlements in Texas. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visitors are welcome. Call 281-481-1238 for more information.

6:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Sunday, Thursday and Friday at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Fellowship Hall 4. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

8:30 p.m.
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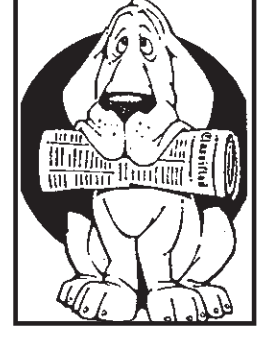
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Dobie soccer reaches Region III soccer semifinals

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Having been in this position twice before, Dobie head coach Jesse Saavedra

acknowledges the road to state from here will only get tougher. Elsik, Dobie's regional semifinal opponent,

was ranked No. 1 in the state for much of the regular season before losing two straight games in district

play. Since then, the Rams have gotten back on track with three playoff wins. Seven Lakes presents challenges for any team on the defensive end with 6-foot-6-inch goalkeeper Michael Nelson manning the nets. Nelson has signed to play at Southern Methodist University.

Deer Park, the 22-5A champion from last season, eventually reached the regional tournament. Back once more, Saavedra believes this year's team may be even better.

"Hey, our chances are as good as anybody's," he said. "Every team has a reason why they think they can win. It's not going to be easy. We're going to give it our best shot."

At the end of the day, Saavedra hopes the experience Ibarra and Palma bring to the Region III tournament makes the difference. Thus far in the playoffs, the Longhorns have played like a team that belongs among the elite. Oftentimes, their opponents have struggled in the bigger games to this point.

"It's just a different atmosphere in the playoffs," Saavedra said. "I feel like we have been better from an overall talent standpoint, but you still have to go out and win games. From now on, it's going to be tougher and tougher. Every team left belongs."

NS goes down Tied at halftime, the Longhorns got the two big goals from Ibarra and Palma for the win over North Shore. Fuentes, with plenty of help from his defense, earned his third playoff shutout. Saavedra credits the



Dobie's Carlos Ibarra battles Anthony Ciancone of Clear Brook (7) for control of the ball during the second half of the Longhorns' 3-0 area round playoff win at Alvin ISD's Memorial Stadium. Ibarra scored one of Dobie's three goals in the win. Photo by Gary Williams



Senior Adrian Trancozo blasts a pass upfield during the Longhorns' regional quarterfinal 3-0 victory over North Shore April 9 at Deer Park ISD's Abshier Field. Photo by Gary Williams

Longhorns' defense for providing Fuentes with plenty of help yet also saluted the first-year player. "Berto is a freshman, who, at the beginning of the season, I figured would be our goalkeeper on the junior varsity team," Saavedra said.

"You always want experience at the position, and he just didn't have that when he got here. But we had some lineup changes for various reasons, and Berto has stepped up and

done a great job. He's been a gift. He doesn't get peppered with shot attempts like some other keepers around, but he has just done a great job. He's certainly been everything we could have asked for."

Dobie blanks Brook The much-anticipated neighborhood matchup went all Dobie's way in a 3-0 area round playoff decision April 5 at Alvin ISD's Memorial Stadium. Palma, Ibarra and Jaimes netted goals for Dobie, which allowed just three shots on goal to Clear Brook.

"The back six (Edgar Gomez, Kevin Padilla, Josue Villalta, Nixon Urrutia, Marvin Solis and Fuentes) earned their second shutout of the playoffs," Saavedra added. "We played an overall solid game and came away with the win."

Sixteen seniors highlight Dobie's roster, and Saavedra has stated before that this might be Dobie's last big chance for a regional crown, at least in the near future. In addition to Palma and Ibarra, Raul Bustos, Edwin Padilla and Gerardo Martinez were also on the 2011 regional roster. Now, he hopes it all comes to fruition. "Nobody cares what you do during nondistrict play and so forth, and the rankings don't mean much," Saavedra noted. "Last year we were nationally ranked and then



Members of the Dobie varsity boys' soccer team and its support staff were joyful after knocking off North Shore to reach the Region III final four tournament. Members of the team are, left to right, Nixon Urrutia, Bryant Gonzalez, Ezequiel Ramirez (manager), Kevin Padilla Hernandez, Rigoberto Fuentes, Gerardo Martinez, Kevin Roque, Jeffrey Tyer (student trainer), (middle

row) Michael Abston (manager), Marvin Solis, Edgar Gomez, David Jaimes, Raul Bustos, Dahn Huynh, Adrian Trancozo, Shelby Nunez, Julian Bautista, Josue Villalta, (back row) Eduardo Feria, Blake Wilcox, David Mena, Ronis Cruz, Ivan Medina, Josue Villalta and Carlos Ibarra. Dobie is now 19-3-3. Photo by Gary Williams

SJC soccer players to play abroad



Three members of the San Jacinto College soccer team will play for the United Soccer League's Premier Development League this summer. Midfielder Jose Seoane (left) will play for the Austin Aztex, which finished second in the mid-South Division in 2012. Two new members to the 2013 team, Joao Monteiro (center) and Ian Barbosa (right), will also play PDL soccer for the Laredo Heat, which finished first in the mid-South Division in 2012. Monteiro and Barbosa signed on to play for San Jacinto College in the fall. Both attended Colégio e Curso Ícaro in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil. The USL Premier Development League is the professional development league of the United States, Canada, and Bermuda, forming part of the American Soccer Pyramid. It is currently the top-level men's amateur soccer competition in the United States and has 62 teams competing in four conferences, split into nine regional divisions. The PDL season runs during the summer months, with the player pool drawn mainly from elite National Collegiate Athletic Association college soccer players seeking to continue playing high-level soccer during their summer break, while still maintaining their college eligibility. SJC marketing photo

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