

Valentine Love Lines

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Chamber banquet Feb. 24

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual banquet Tuesday, Feb. 24, at Golferest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Drive in Pearland. The featured speaker at the event will be the new University of Houston head football coach, Tom Herman. As assistant coach at Ohio State, Herman helped lead the team to the 2014 Big Ten championship, receiving the 2014 Broyles Award for Top Assistant Coach of the Year.

A reception will begin at 6:15 p.m., with dinner to be served at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$50 each. For more information, contact chamber Executive Director Sally Mitchell at 281-481-5516 or info@southbeltchamber.com.

Auditions set at San Jac

San Jacinto College Central Theatre and Film Department will hold open public auditions for *Beauty and the Beast*, a family musical based on the Disney animated film. The first auditions took place Jan. 20-21 for the adult roles and the child role of Chip.

The second set of auditions are set for Wednesday, Feb. 11, and Thursday, Feb. 12, at 6 p.m., and will cast children ages 5 to 15 for the children's chorus (boys and girls).

All auditions will take place in Slocomb Auditorium located at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena. Rehearsals will begin Feb. 16 for the children's chorus. For more information, visit sanjac.edu.

Financial Aid Night at Dobie

Dobie High School will host its Financial Aid Night for Dobie juniors and seniors and their parents on Thursday, Feb. 5. Due to bad weather on Jan. 22, the Financial Aid Night had to be rescheduled. Information on the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) will be given. All students who plan to attend college need to fill out the FAFSA for colleges to offer the student a financial package. Schools also use this to determine scholarships. Junior parents are invited to find out what will be needed when the child is a senior. For more information about the meeting, call Nancy Carlton at 713-740-0370.

Atkinson PTO scholarships

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

CCART to meet Feb. 10

The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers (CCART) will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 10. Meetings are held at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway in Seabrook. Olive Riker from the Butler Longhorn Museum will be the featured speaker. The meeting starts at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and cookies, with the business meeting beginning at 10 a.m., followed by the program. This month is also the Valentine luncheon, so members are asked to bring a dish to share. All Texas retired school employees from the area are invited.

Kirkmont meets Feb. 11

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

SBHLL invites vendors

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

Brook to host cheer clinic

The Clear Brook High School cheerleaders will host a cheer clinic Saturday, Feb. 28, from 9 a.m. to noon in the CBHS gymnasium, 4607 FM 2351 in Friendswood. The cost of \$20 includes a snack and shirt. The clinic is for ages 4 through high school (will be separated by age) and will focus on jump technique, cheers/motion placement, dance - proper movement for cheerleading, basic stunting technique and gymnastics. Participants should dress in shorts, T-shirt and tennis shoes, with hair up.

Download the registration form at www.brookcheer.weebly.com. Email the form to schamberlain@ccisd.net. For more information, call 832-618-7616.

Dobie names 2015 Hall of Honor inductees

Four graduates from J. Frank Dobie High School's formative years are among eight individuals selected for induction this year in the school's Hall of Honor.

Among the five Longhorn alumni selected for induction are three members of the Class of 1974: Leonard Cherry, president of a demolition and recycling company that bears his name; Randy McEachern, who quarterbacked the Texas Longhorns to the Southwest Conference title in 1977; and Kevin Sherrington, longtime sports writer for the Dallas Morning News and one of the nation's most respected sports columnists.

Also chosen for induction are Bob Mitchell, Class of 1973, president of the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership; and Judge Reed O'Connor, Class of 1983, of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas.

A sixth Dobie graduate, Kyle "Pete" Wells, Class of 1979, will be inducted among the Hall of Honor's "Fallen Heroes," a section of the Hall of Honor display reserved for military personnel and civilian first-responders who lost their lives in the line of duty.

Wells was one of 12 Air Force servicemen killed in a plane crash off the coast of the Philippines in 1981.

The inductee list also includes one former

faculty member, long-time history teacher Catherine Haney; and one community volunteer, Marie Flickinger, publisher of the *South Belt-Ellington Leader*, a staunch supporter of Dobie activities since Flickinger co-founded the newspaper nearly four decades ago.

Haney, who taught at Dobie for 34 years, died last October.

A ceremony to honor the eight new inductees will be held Friday, March 6, at 7 p.m. in the Dobie auditorium. A reception in the school cafeteria will follow.

The new inductees bring to 30 the number of alumni, former faculty members and community volunteers to be selected for the Hall of Honor since it was unveiled in 2013.

Haney will join two previous faculty Hall of Honor members: the late Scott Talton, who coached the Longhorns to 500 victories as head basketball coach over three decades, and Richard Golenko, who teamed up with Haney to coach Dobie to the national championship in Academic Decathlon in 1992.

Flickinger will become the fourth community volunteer to be inducted into the Hall of Honor. Inducted previously were the Rev. Emory Gadd, associate pastor and longtime youth counselor at Sagemont Church; Gilbert Aguilar, a volunteer

aide and mentor at the school; and Ron Williams, Class of 1971, CEO of Central Ace Hardware and a longtime supporter of Dobie activities.

Inductees:

Bob Mitchell, Class of 1973



Bob Mitchell

A well-known figure in South Belt business and youth sports circles for many years, Bob Mitchell now ranks as a leader in economic development on a regional and national scope through his position as president of the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership (BAHEP).

Mitchell joined BAHEP in 2000 to oversee the statewide implementation of the Space Alliance Technology Outreach Program. Due to his leadership and highly successful program management, he was increasingly asked in 2006 to represent the BAHEP president in many initiatives and social functions. In 2007 he was assigned responsibility for BAHEP's day-to-day operations, and, in the fall of that year, was named president-elect of the organization. He assumed the presidency on Jan. 1, 2008.

BAHEP is a member-driven organization which includes 265 businesses and government

entities, including NASA Johnson Space Center, Harris and Galveston counties, the Houston Airport System, the Port of Houston Authority and 14 cities within the Bay Area Houston Region.

Mitchell has extensive experience both in economic development and manufacturing management. He spent more than two decades as a highly successful executive in both for-profit and not-for-profit enterprises in the Houston region and has consistently demonstrated his ability to develop, manage and implement a strategic plan for international companies.

Key elements of his work experience were gained during 15 years at Grumman Aerospace Corporation. As an executive, he directed all production, engineering and material operations for the Houston facility of this Fortune 500 company. Mitchell's background also includes serving as vice president and general manager for two international subsea companies, Unitech and ASEP.

Mitchell believes in giving back to the community and has actively donated his time in numerous capacities. Recognizing his work and partnerships on behalf of NASA Johnson Space Center, his many contractor companies and the Houston Airport System, Gov. Rick Perry appointed Mitchell to his Aerospace and Aviation Advisory Committee.

Mitchell and his wife, the former Brenda
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Car crashes at Sabo, beltway



Longtime South Belt resident David Fuson snapped the above photo around 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 3, near the intersection of Sabo and Beltway 8. It appears the driver was traveling south on Sabo, lost control of the vehicle and struck three barriers, before coming to a stop on two wheels. Fuson said an ambulance responded to the incident but left without transporting the driver.
Photo by David Fuson

Annual cookoff set for May 1-2

The 19th annual South Belt Spectacular Cookoff is set to take place Thursday, April 30, through Saturday, May 2, at El Franco Lee Park, located at 9400 Hall Road. Thursday will be for cooks only. The event is the sole fundraiser for the annual South Belt July 4 fireworks display.

While the cookoff will still be run primarily by the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department, this year marks the first time the event will be officially organized by the newly incorporated South Belt Spectacular Cookoff nonprofit organization.

Cooking teams that participated in last year's event will have first dibs on available spots. Other

potential teams are urged to contact organizers as soon as possible, as a waiting list of other cooks is already developing.

While evenings at the function are geared more for adults, Saturday afternoon is intended for families, with kids 12 and under being admitted for free with the purchase of an adult ticket.

The event will feature several free children's activities. Last year's activities included moonwalks, rock climbing, pony rides, a petting zoo, a train, a clown, face painting and hair braiding.

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

Suspects wanted for home invasion

The Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office is searching for two suspects wanted for their alleged role in a home invasion early Wednesday, Feb. 4, in the 9900 block of Sagecourt.

According to Precinct 2 Sgt. Robert Sanchez, the two men went to the residence, which was occupied by a woman and her daughter at the time of the robbery, around 8:30 a.m. with pistols drawn and demanding money. During the incident, the suspects also demanded jewelry from the woman.

The resident said she did not recognize either

of the crooks, but she suspects her house was targeted because her family owns a car dealership and might have cash on hand.

The suspects are described as a white male with a medium-thin build and a short Hispanic male with a heavy build.

Both suspects were reportedly wearing all black.

Anyone with any information on this case is urged to contact the Precinct 2 office at 281-481-9189 or Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

Leader newspaper begins 40th year

This week marks the beginning of the *Leader's* 40th year of publication.

Originally called the *South Belt Press*, the first edition of the paper appeared on newsstands in 1976.

Begun by housewives Marie Flickinger and

Bobby Griffin, the newspaper initially focused on youth sports.

Later dubbed the *South Belt Leader*, the paper soon branched out and began to cover other pieces of local interest, such as flooding, civic groups, road construction and the Brio Super-

fund site.

In 1987, the newspaper changed its name to the *South Belt-Ellington Leader*. In 1998, Griffin sold her interest to Flickinger and her son Davy, who had worked in the company's print shop since he was 16.

Griffin continues to work part time for the paper, and Davy Flickinger now serves as president of the company.

In honor of its 40th year in print, the *Leader*

will run nostalgic photos and stories throughout the coming year.

The newspaper is currently seeking suggestions from longtime residents and readers about potential story ideas.

The paper is particularly interested in stories pertaining to the current adult status of children who grew up in the South Belt community.

Potential story ideas may be submitted to mynews@southbeltleader.com.

South Belt highlights remembered for 2014

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Oct. 9

A new novel loosely based on the Brio Superfund site was released, sparking a renewed interest in the subject and garnering national attention. As its title suggests, René Steinke's *Friendswood: A Novel* is set in Friendswood, rather than the immediate South Belt. Now a New York resident, Steinke grew up in Friendswood. While she was not directly affected by the Brio crisis, she reportedly had friends who were.

Mike Perry, the son of Bobby Perry of Perry & Sons Market & Grille, died from injuries incurred during a traffic accident in the 10400 block of White Clover Oct. 6. Perry initially walked home after the accident but died from his injuries the following day.

Oct. 16

Harris and Galveston county officials held a groundbreaking ceremony Oct. 9 for the new South Belt Stormwater Detention Basin, a massive project aimed at reducing area flooding. Formerly known as the Mud Gully Stormwater Detention Basin, the 174-acre site will be located near the intersection of Beamer and Dixie Farm Road in the area that once housed the South Bend subdivision. Soil sampling conducted by both Harris County and the Brio Site Task Force have determined the once-hazardous site is now safe. Once complete, the pond will hold up to 1,250 acre/feet or 407 million gallons of stormwater.

Oct. 23

A suspected murder-suicide took place early Oct. 19 in the 9500 block of Garden Bridge. According to police, Maribel Cruz, 43, was killed

in her home, and investigators believed her husband, Raul Cruz, 44, fatally shot her before turning the gun on himself. The two were discovered at roughly 7 a.m. Both were longtime South Belt residents. Maribel Cruz's two daughters, ages 15 and 19, were at home at the time of the shooting.

Longtime Dobie teacher Cathy Haney died Oct. 22 after a long battle with illness. Haney taught history for 34 years at Dobie and also served as department head. She additionally served as a coach on Dobie's Academic Decathlon team for nine years, earning a national championship in 1992. Haney also organized the Trailmixers, a group of former Dobie staff members who kept in touch via email and met for lunch each month. Before arriving at Dobie, Haney also taught at South Houston and Miller intermediate schools.

Oct. 30

Nelly Quijano was presented the Pasadena Independent School District's 2014 Distinguished Citizen of the Year award at a ceremony Oct. 27. As a philanthropist and owner/operator of 27 McDonald's restaurants throughout the Greater Houston area, Quijano had impacted the lives of many students in the Pasadena community. She was heavily involved in the McDonald's Texas Invitational Basketball Tournament and is the mother of Mariselle Quijano-Lerma, who currently serves as president of the PISD board of trustees.

The Lone Star Flight Museum unveiled the master plan for its new state-of-the-art, 130,000-square-foot facility at a press confer-

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False alarm clears Stuchbery



Stuchbery Elementary was briefly evacuated Friday, Jan. 30, after the smell of smoke was detected in a classroom. Multiple units from the Houston Fire Department are shown above responding to the incident. Students were allowed to return to class after it was determined the odor was coming from a broken fluorescent light ballast. School officials sent an email to parents notifying them of the incident.
Photo by James Bolen

Remembering 2014 . . .

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ence hosted by Houston Mayor Annise Parker Oct. 27 at Ellington Airport. The museum will feature interactive, educational exhibits focusing on aviation history, science, technology, and more allowing visitors to explore and experience the history of Texas' aviation heritage. Highlights include a flight academy, aviation learning center and hangars full of vintage aircraft. The museum was originally located in Galveston but suffered extensive damage during Hurricane Ike. The \$35 million facility is expected to open in 2016.

Nov. 6
Voters approved the Pasadena Independent School District's \$175.5 million bond issue to provide three replacement campuses, three new campuses, program-based campus additions and renovations and new technology. According to Harris County reports, 74 percent of voters were in favor of the measure.

In the race to fill the state District 129 seat being vacated by longtime Rep. John Davis, Republican Dennis Paul easily defeated Democrat John Gay. Paul received 68 percent of the vote to Gay's 32 percent.

In the contest for the U.S. House District 22 seat, incumbent Pete Olson will maintain his position, handily defeating Democrat Frank Briscoe and Libertarian candidate Rob Lapham. Olson received 67 percent of the vote, while Briscoe received 32 percent and Lapham received 1.9 percent.

Thousands flocked to Grace Community Church Nov. 2 for its I Stand Sunday event to protest Mayor Annise Parker's now-with-

drawn plan to subpoena the sermons of local pastors who opposed the controversial Houston Equal Rights Ordinance (HERO). Estimates place the crowd at between 6,000 and 7,000, with tens of thousands more watching a live stream of the event online. Guest speakers included former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, Alan and Phil Robertson of Duck Dynasty, Fox News Radio host Todd Starnes, Family Research Council President Tony Perkins and the Rev. Ed Young of Second Baptist Church Houston. Video presentations from conservative politicians such as Rick Santorum and Ted Cruz were also shown. The ordinance, aimed at curbing discrimination against gay and transgender residents, was signed into law by Parker, who is openly gay, last May.

A motorcyclist was killed in an accident Nov. 1 in the 9000 block of Fuqua at Clearwood Crossing. Raul Aguirre, 19, was pronounced dead at the scene. According to police, Aguirre was traveling west on Fuqua at a high rate of speed when an eastbound truck turned in front of him, making a left-hand turn north near Clearwood Crossing. Aguirre struck the vehicle head on and died on impact. The driver of the truck, a 23-year-old woman, was questioned and released without charges. Police said alcohol was not a factor in the accident.

Dog attack victim and avid runner Monica Garza returned to the track, participating in the Pearland Area Running Club's annual 10K Monster Dash in Silverlake. Family and friends gathered at the finish line to cheer Garza on as she

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Melillo Spelling Bee winners



The Melillo Middle School campus spelling bee was held on Thursday, Dec. 18, 2014. This year's winner is Lexi Martinez, a fifth-grader representing Jacqueline Carmona's homeroom. First runner-up is Drake Escobedo, a sixth-grader representing Michelle Rush's homeroom. Martinez will compete in the district spelling bee on Tuesday, Feb. 24, at Sam Rayburn High School auditorium. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Escobedo (runner-up); Martinez (winner); (back row) Diane Wheeler, principal; Chris Bui, assistant principal; and Melissa Garza, assistant principal. Photo submitted

Applications being accepted for HPD Citizens' Police Academy class

Want to be in the know? Then become one of the newest Houston police ambassadors!

The Houston Police Department Citizens' Police Academy is currently accepting applications for the spring 2015 class, March 5 through May 7.

The Houston Citizens' Police Academy graduated its first class on Aug. 3, 1989, under Chief Lee P. Brown. The overall objective of the academy is to provide citizens with sound and accurate information about the Houston Police Department and

the criminal justice process. Therefore, citizens are able to make informative decisions when issues or matters involve the police department or police activity.

It is the police department's hope that participants in the Citizens' Police Academy will become ambassadors and share their experiences with family, friends, co-workers, and community. The greatest hope is to further strengthen and improve the relationship between the police department and the community.

Classes are free and will

be held from 6 to 9 p.m. every Thursday, March 5 through May 7 (10 weeks). The Citizens' Police Academy is a 33-hour block of instruction. The first day of class is orientation and the last day is graduation.

Classes will be held at the Houston Police Department Training Academy, 17000 Aldine Westfield Road (some sessions are held at various HPD locations such as Hobby Airport and Mounted Patrol).

For more information, visit http://www.houstontx.gov/police/vip/vip_hcpa.htm or call 713-308-3200.

Local library events set

Parker Williams Branch

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

Movie Time for Adults will present *Double Indemnity* on Thursday, Feb. 5, at 2 p.m.; at 4 p.m., *Movie Madness* will present *Because of Winn Dixie*; Also at 4 p.m. the library will host *What is MOOC?* - Those who are looking to increase their knowledge can take free online classes from major universities across the United States.

On Monday, Feb. 9, at 4 p.m. the library will host Scavenger Hunt. Learn about the legacy of famous black Americans with this fun scavenger hunt.

Mondays and Fridays, Feb. 2 through April 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., volunteers from AARP Tax-Aide will assist with tax questions and filing tax returns. This service will be available in the library meeting room on a first-come, first-served basis. Bring Social Security cards or other official documentation for oneself and all dependents, copy of last year's income tax return, W-2 forms from each employer, unemployment compensation statements, and other necessary forms to help the volunteer complete the return.

Computer Classes offered in February will be: Files & Folders I on Feb. 6, Files and Folders II on Feb. 11, Files and Folders III on Feb. 18, and Files and Folders IV on Feb. 20. All classes will be held from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Registration is required.

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

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

Bracewell Branch Library

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

February events:

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

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

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

Every Saturday: 10:30 a.m. - Computacion Basica 1; noon - ESL Beginners; and 1 p.m. - ESL Advanced.

Saturday, Feb. 7, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. - Manga/Anime Club.
Thursday, Feb. 19, at 6 p.m. - Not Your Mama's Book Club will discuss *The Casual Vacancy* by J.K. Rowling.

Bracewell hours are Sunday and Monday - Closed; Tuesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday noon to 8 p.m., Friday 1 to 5 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information on programs, call the Bracewell Branch Library at 832-393-2580.

Stuchbery collects box tops

Stuchbery Elementary is currently collecting box tops for its Box Tops for Education fundraiser. Winning classes from every grade level will get to throw a pie at their teacher. If 15,000 box tops are collected, then the principals will draw from the winning classes to have them throw a pie at Principal Carolyn Waller and Assistant Principal Kris Wallis. If students turn in 50 box tops at one time, they will get a prize. The contest runs through Feb. 13.

Charter school registering now for Aug. 2015

The Beta Foundation received notice on Aug. 20, 2014, that the Beta Academy open enrollment charter school was approved, with no objections, Sept. 19, 2014, by the State Board of Education and is now considered awarded.

Beta Academy will open in August 2015 an independent open enrollment charter school at 9701 Alameda Genoa Road.

Beta Academy will serve grades K-6 with an additional grade opened each year thereafter. Sixth-grade scholars enrolling in August 2015 will be a part of Beta Academy's first graduating class.

The vision of Beta Academy is to develop scholars and leaders who can contribute competitively on a community, national, and international level.

The fundamental mission and purpose of Beta Academy is to create a school with an environment of hope that not only nurtures but challenges students to become successful academically and in life. It exists to help families find the best educational fit for their children.

Applications are currently available at the campus for pick up. Open Enrollment period continues through Feb. 6. To learn more about Beta Academy, contact the school office at 832-331-2460. The website launch for betaacademy.org is set for February.

Deaths

Fred J. Kmiecik



Fred J. Kmiecik, 85, died on Jan. 28, 2015. He was born on Aug. 8, 1929, in New Waverly, Texas. He was a South Belt resident.

Kmiecik was baptized into the Catholic faith and attended St. Joseph's grade school in Walker County. When his father, Frank P. Kmiecik, and his mother, Mary Gregory Kmiecik, moved to Houston during World War II, he attended Stonewall Jackson Junior High. Kmiecik then graduated with honors from St. Thomas High School in 1946.

He was a manager with the A.C. Horn Paint Company from 1945 through 1957. He served in the U.S. Army from 1951 to 1953 in Hersfeld, Germany. He was a member of the "Circle C" Constabulary and the 7th Army, "7 Steps to Hell," 14th ACR, Armored Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Battalion, Tank Company.

Kmiecik disassembled and reassembled every piece of Army equipment issued to include the M-4 Sherman, M-26 Pershing and the M-46 Patton battle tanks. After separation from the Army, he attended South Texas Junior College in 1954.

Kmiecik joined Texas Petrochemical Co. in 1957, and retired in 1997 after working as an operator and machinist for 40 years. He was a 1978 graduate of the Texas A&M Fire Academy. He was also a 40-year member of St. Francis Cabrini Catholic Church in Houston.

Kmiecik was a 30-year dues paying member of OCAW, Oil Chemical and Atomic Workers Union local 227. He was also a VFW member.

Kmiecik is survived by his wife of 57 years, Fonzie Lorraine Kmiecik; sons Stanley Thomas Kmiecik and David Paul Kmiecik; granddaughters Emily, Riley, Caroline, Taylor and Tyler Kmiecik; and daughters-in-law Wendy and Tammy.

Funeral services were held Monday, Feb. 2, 2015, at 12:30 p.m. at South Park Funeral Home in Pearland.

Marjorie Henderson



Marjorie "Margie" Frances (Butcher) Henderson, 63, died on Jan. 29, 2015, after an extended battle with cancer. She was born on Feb. 1, 1951, in Houston.

She graduated from both Milby High School and the University of Houston where she majored in education and

was a member of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority. It was at the University of Houston where she met her husband of 38 years. Henderson was voted both Queen of the Winter Festival and was voted one of 10 most beautiful at Milby High School, as well as a Kappa Alpha Rose at the University of Houston.

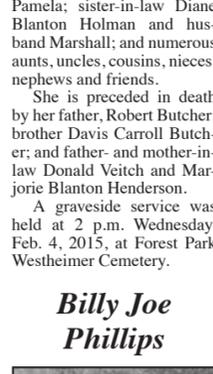
She taught kindergarten for 11 years at Nottingham Elementary School in the Spring Branch Independent School District, she was the acting first lady of Texas on Dec. 21, 1991, and she was a member of the Texas Senate Ladies Club. She enjoyed the love and company of her family, friends, her puppy, Copper, a good book, and summer trips to Lake LBJ in the Texas Hill Country.

Henderson is survived by her husband, Donald Blanton Henderson; son Donald Lee Henderson and wife Megan; her mother, Frances Butcher; brother Robert Thomas Butcher and wife Cherita, longtime South Belt residents; brother Lester Kyle Butcher; brother Joseph Michael Butcher and wife Pamela; sister-in-law Diane Blanton Holman and husband Marshall; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

She is preceded in death by her father, Robert Butcher; brother Davis Carroll Butcher; and father- and mother-in-law Donald Veitch and Marjorie Blanton Henderson.

A graveside service was held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2015, at Forest Park Westheimer Cemetery.

Billy Joe Phillips



Billy Joe Phillips, 76, died on Jan. 28, 2015, in Webster, Texas. He was a 40-year South Belt resident.

Phillips is survived by his daughters, Deborah Ruth Phillips DiGiulio, Cathleen Gaye Phillips Zuber and Tammy Gale Phillips; sons-in-law Justin Gerald DiGiulio and James Edward Zuber Jr.; grandchildren Jacquelyn Ruth DiGiulio, Justin Gerald DiGiulio II, Joshua James Edward Zuber and Melissa Ann Zuber; great-grandson Kenneth Calvin Smith III; sister Renee Burage; brother Jimmy Phillips; and aunt Beulah Kirby.

Phillips was a family man. He loved to watch old western movies. He enjoyed laughing and making others laugh, telling jokes and watching comedians. Ever since he was 4 years old he enjoyed taking things apart and putting them back together.

He never met a stranger and helped everyone that needed help without expecting anything in return. He was a hard worker and proud to have been still employed at Crosby Mechanical Services working on diesel trucks. He loved fresh vegetables; especially tomatoes and peaches.

The funeral service was held at Forest Lawn Funeral Home on Monday, Feb. 2, 2015, with a burial following.

Reyes F. Garcia



Reyes F. Garcia, 91, died on Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2015. He was born on Jan. 6, 1924, in Victoria, Texas.

Garcia, a South Belt resident since 1990, is survived by his wife, Mary F. Garcia; sons Eddie Garcia and wife Janice P. Garcia and Charles James Garcia and wife Lynn Garcia; daughter Monica Huggins; four grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Details of the funeral service will be on the Forest Park East Funeral Home website at www.dignitymemorial.com/forest-park-east-funeral-home.

Leader obituary policy

Obituaries submitted to the *Leader* are published free of charge. There must be a South Belt connection. Obituaries are edited to conform to the *Leader* style.

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Aguilar at PISD Science Fair



Angel Aguilar from Beverly Hills Intermediate School discusses his project *When Sparks Fly* with a judge in the physics room. Aguilar took second place in his category, won a special trophy for Best Real-World Application, and will move on to the Science and Engineering Fair of Houston in February. Photo submitted

St. Luke's sells fish dinners

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

Vendors sought for Weber Elementary carnival

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



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2015 J. Frank Dobie Hall of Honor inductees named

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Moreno, Class of 1974, have three grown sons, all Dobie graduates. Mitchell's participation in South Belt sports was highlighted by his involvement as coach of all-star championship teams in the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League. He later served as president of the Dobie Diamond Club, the school's baseball booster club.

Leonard Cherry, Class of 1974



Leonard Cherry

What goes up, must come down – and no one knows that better than Leonard Cherry, the head of one of the nation's most prominent recycling and demolition companies.

Cherry serves as president of Cherry Companies, a firm started by his father, Carl Cherry, 64 years ago. What began as a house-moving business has since, under Cherry's leadership, expanded to include large-scale demolition work and construction waste recycling. The company now employs more than 250 people and produces annual revenue of more than \$125 million.

The firm's demolition projects have included the Crowne Plaza Hotel, the Methodist Hospital Favrot Towers, Macy's in Houston, the Astrodome ramp towers and the Grand Casino in Biloxi, Miss. Still, the company has developed equal stature for its recycling efforts and services, most of which involve concrete and asphalt waste from demolition projects.

Cherry got his start working for his father – tearing down houses by hand to claim the wood as a recycled product. After serving as a member of the Houston Fire Department, Cherry, along with his three brothers, rejoined the family business and guided the firm to new frontiers of financial success. He also introduced the recycling of concrete, steel, asphalt, tires and shingles, as well as, providing stabilized ma-

terials for new construction projects. The recycling divisions of the company now exceed that of the demolition in work and profit.

Cherry is a past member of the board of directors of the Houston Contractors Association. He also served as president of the National Demolition Association. In 2009, he was named Entrepreneur of the Year (Construction and Industrial Services) by the Ernst & Young accounting firm and is currently serving his second term on the board of directors for the Construction & Demolition Recycling Association (CDRA).

Randy McEachern, Class of 1974



Randy McEachern

Dobie's first sports hero turned out to be far more than just a neighborhood phenom. Randy McEachern, who led the Longhorns out of sports obscurity with a district title in just their fifth season of varsity play, did much the same while quarterbacking the Texas Longhorns during one of the most fabled seasons in UT history.

McEachern was an unknown fourth-string quarterback for UT until one day in 1977 when he shot to national sports prominence in one of the most famous games in UT history. The Longhorns were set to play Oklahoma in a battle of undefeated teams. The Longhorns had not beaten OU in six previous meetings. UT's top quarterback was hurt going into the game and the first two backups were both injured early in the contest.

McEachern, a spindly-built junior who wasn't even on the depth chart, came in and led UT to a stunning 13-6 victory. He remained at the helm as the Longhorns continued unbeaten through the regular season and as his backfield mate, Earl Campbell, stormed to the Heisman Trophy.

McEachern was voted a team captain his senior year and helped lead UT to a Sun

Bowl victory over Maryland. He still holds several UT passing records, including co-ownership of the school mark for touchdown passes in a game – four – a record originally set by Clyde Littlefield 62 years earlier.

He was later inducted into Longhorn Hall of Honor, and this spring, will be inducted into the Pasadena Independent School District Athletics Hall of Fame.

It was McEachern who first put Dobie on the Houston-area sports map. He led the Longhorns to the 1973 district football title, the school's first significant achievement in athletics. He was named the district's offensive MVP and also Mr. J. Frank Dobie.

He graduated from UT with a finance degree and became a partner in an investment company which was later sold to Morgan Keegan and then to Raymond James, now the umbrella firm for his bond management endeavors. He and wife Jenna, a former UT cheerleader, are members of the UT Chancellor's Council.

Kevin Sherrington, Class of 1974



Kevin Sherrington

One of the nation's premier sports journalists, Kevin Sherrington has served as sports columnist for the Dallas Morning News since 2000. A Morning News sports writer since 1985, Sherrington has been a primary contributor to a star-studded staff regarded as one of the best in the country. The Morning News sports section has earned Top 10 national honors each of the past 32 years.

Sherrington, a 1979 University of Houston graduate, worked at the Pasadena Citizen, the Galveston Daily News, the Beaumont Enterprise and the Houston Post before joining the Morning News.

He is currently one-third of a columnist lineup that also includes nationally known commentators Tim

Cowlishaw and Rick Goselin. Sherrington has covered a wide range of events, including eight Olympics, six Super Bowls, five World Series, two Masters, seven college football title games, two heavyweight championship boxing matches, the Daytona 500, the Indianapolis 500, the World Cup, two Stanley Cup Finals, two NBA finals and 24 Texas-OU games.

Sherrington has had his work published in Best American Sports Writing and Best American Newspaper Writing. He has twice been named one of the Top 10 sports columnists in the U.S. He has won numerous national awards for columns, feature writing and enterprise reporting.

He was twice voted Texas SportsWriter of the Year by his peers. He is the recipient of three Texas Headliner Awards, three Dallas Press Club awards and numerous local, state and regional awards. Sherrington is also well-known for his commentary on radio and TV, most notably on Fox Sports Southwest.

Reed O'Connor, Class of 1983



Reed O'Connor

Since 2007, the Hon. Reed O'Connor has served as a federal judge on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas. He was nominated by President George W. Bush and confirmed by the Senate that same year.

O'Connor received his bachelor of science degree from the University of Houston in 1986 and his J.D. in 1989 from the South Texas College of Law, where he finished second in his class and was a member of the South Texas Law Review. In between those two degrees, he taught middle school in Sugar Land.

He worked in private practice for Vinson & Elkins from 1989 to 1994, when he was hired as an assistant district attorney for Tarrant County. From 1998 to 2003, he served as an assistant U.S. attorney for the Northern District in the Fort Worth Division.

From 2003 to 2007, O'Connor worked for the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary in Washington, advising Utah Sen. Orrin Hatch, then chairman of the committee, on various criminal and constitutional policy issues.

The Department of Justice detailed O'Connor again in 2005 to serve as chief counsel to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Citi-

Boykins assists seniors with home repairs

Houston City Councilman Dwight Boykins, District D, has an ongoing program for seniors, 65 years or older, who own their own home in District D.

If homeowners qualify, their repairs will be done for free up to \$500. Anyone wanting to apply should go to the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road, and speak to Rosario

zenship, where he served as chief counsel to Texas Sen. John Cornyn.

Kyle Wells, Class of 1979 (fallen hero)



Kyle Wells

Airman 1st Class Kyle "Pete" Wells was one of 22 military members from three countries killed on Feb. 26, 1981, in the crash of an Air Force transport plane off the coast of the Philippines.

The crash claimed the lives of 12 Air Force personnel, four Army service members and six military personnel from Australia and the Philippines. One Air Force serviceman survived the crash.

The C-130 was on a mission to transport a multinational Special Forces team from Naval Air Station Cubi Point in the Philippines. An hour into the flight, the plane went down in Subic Bay, exploded in flames and sank in 250 feet of water.

Wells's body was not recovered. A memorial marker bearing his name is located at Houston National Cemetery.

Catherine Haney, faculty



Catherine Haney

Cathy Haney loved history. And during her 34-year association with Dobie, she didn't just teach it. She made it.

Haney joined the Dobie faculty in 1970, the school's third year of existence. She retired in 2004 as one of the school's most revered teachers. Indeed, her "learning lab" extended all the way to the Rose Garden of the White House, where, in 1992, Haney and the Academic Decathlon team she helped coach were greeted by President George H.W. Bush after winning the first of Dobie's two Academic Decathlon national championships.

She served as head of Dobie's social studies department from 1978 until her retirement. Over that span, Haney supervised 82 different teachers and taught on two Dobie campuses. A member of the Architectural Committee for the "new" Dobie, she delayed retirement for a year to allow her to teach on the campus she helped design.

At the old Dobie campus, she represented a kind of academic superstructure that brought distinction and honor to the school and the community.

Haney organized and moderated the annual faculty-student Prep Bowl match. She co-sponsored the Academic Quiz Bowl and the Texaco Star Academic Challenge. Moreover, she coached the Longhorns' Academic Decathlon team for nine years. In 1992, co-coaching with Richard Golenko, she helped guide Dobie to the national title.

She stepped down from the Academic Decathlon after 1992 but continued to help tutor team members until her retirement from teaching. Golenko, who coached the Longhorns to another national title in 1996, was inducted into the Dobie Hall of Honor two years ago.

Even after her retirement, Haney remained deeply involved in Dobie-related activities. She helped organize the Trailmixers, a group of former Dobie administrators, teachers and staff members who meet each month for lunch. She compiled and distributed a monthly newsletter for the group.

She was a driving force behind Pasadena Area Retired School Employees (PARSE) projects.

The news of her death on Oct. 22, 2014, was met with great sadness by hundreds of her former students and colleagues across PISD.

A San Antonio native, Haney earned her bachelor's degree in English from the University of Texas at Austin in 1964 and her master's degree in history from the University of Houston in 1993. She taught at South Houston Intermediate and Miller Intermediate before joining the Dobie staff in 1970.

Marie Flickinger, community volunteer

It's difficult to imagine what campus life at Dobie would be like without the *South Belt-Ellington Leader* – and without the

efforts of the newspaper's co-founder and publisher, Marie Flickinger.

In 1976, eight years after Dobie opened, Flickinger teamed up with neighbor Bobby Griffin to launch what was then the *South Belt Press*, a publication that gave the local community its name and would



Marie Flickinger

soon provide Dobie – and its feeder campuses – a public voice unique among PISD high schools.

Dobie's many achievements in athletics and academics, student organization news – the comings and goings, the highs and lows, the cheers and the tears – have been dutifully recorded and promoted in the pages of the *Leader* over a period that now spans nearly 40 graduating classes.

Although her two sons have long since graduated from the school, Flickinger's interest in all-things-Dobie has never waned. Indeed, her concern for quality education led her, in 1995, to seek a seat

on the board of trustees for San Jacinto College. She became the first woman elected to the board and later served as board president. This year will mark the start of her third decade as a trustee.

The Marie Spence Flickinger Fine Arts Building on San Jacinto College South is named in her honor.

Flickinger's role in the development of the South Belt area is unrivaled. She has championed numerous causes, including waste contamination that led to remedial action at the Brio Superfund Site and drainage issues that had led to severe flooding issues in many South Belt neighborhoods.

Through her newspaper – and her graphics and printing business – she has coordinated Christmas drives for needy families and taken the lead in organizing annual Fourth of July activities, including an annual parade and fireworks

display. She served as founding president of the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce. Twice she was selected to participate on mayoral transition committees for the City of Houston. She has served on the numerous superintendent advisory boards and search committees for PISD. She is a recipient of the Rotary Club's prestigious Paul Harris Award.

Flickinger has also maintained a high profile at the state level. A past chair of the Community College Association of Texas Board of Trustees, she currently serves as chair of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Community and Technical College Leadership Council.

In 2013, Flickinger earned the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) M. Dale Ensign Trustee Leadership Award as the national community college trustee of the year.

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

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

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AARP 199 meets Feb. 13

AARP Webster Area Chapter 199 will meet Friday, Feb. 13, at 10 a.m. at Bay Area Community Center, 5002 E. NASA Parkway in Seabrook (the large building with a blue roof inside Clear Lake Park on the north side of NASA Parkway).

Everyone is invited to come to the meeting, and to enjoy coffee, cookies and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before the meeting starts at 10 a.m.

February meeting speakers will be Mary and Roger Demeny, who will present a program on *Kitchen Gardening*. Mary is a Galveston County Master Gardener and will present pictures and advice on growing things in a yard that can be used in tasty recipes.

Every month, the group has different speakers to discuss various topics of interest to seniors. Every two months they have a potluck lunch. They also organize day trips by bus to local area points of interest at minimal cost. The next day trip will be Thursday, Feb. 26, to the Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston Museum of Natural Science, and Burke Baker Planetarium.

For those who are interested in joining the group, annual dues are \$6 per year/per person. However, one must be a member of national AARP to join any local chapter.

For more information, contact Quin Shepperd at 281-486-7770 or Qeshepperd@yahoo.com.

Film, speaker series presents *The Tale of Princess Kaguya*

Enjoy a screening of *The Tale of Princess Kaguya*, presented by the University of Houston-Clear Lake Office of Student Life, Saturday, Feb. 14, at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. in the university's Student Services and Classroom Building Lecture Hall, 2700 Bay Area Blvd. Follow the tale of a mysterious baby girl who is found by a childless bamboo cutter inside of a bamboo shoot in this hand-drawn, family-friendly film. Tickets are \$4, or free for families with any UHCL identification. For more information, contact the Office of Student Life at 281-283-2560 or visit <http://www.uhcl.edu/movies>.

Over The Back Fence by Alexis

HAPPY 30TH BIRTHDAY, JAMESON!

Sgt. Jameson Charles Barron, U.S. Marine grad and 10-year veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, is wished a happy birthday from wife **Lezley Guzman Barron** (Dobie 2003 grad); children **Izabel, Evan, and Elijah**; parents **Steve and Liz Barron**; and sister **Vanessa**. While serving 10 years in the USMC, Sgt. Barron instructed martial arts as a black belt, served four years in presidential security for President George W. Bush and served as chief accident investigator in Japan. He moved back to the Sagemont area and currently works in the oil and gas industry and coaches Little League baseball for SBHLL.

LIVVY CELEBRATES TWO YEARS!

Olivia "Livvy" Moreno celebrates her second birthday Thursday, Feb. 5. Wishing Livvy a wonderful birthday with lots of love, hugs and kisses are her parents, **Benny and Jenny (Hayes) Moreno** of Spring; big brother **Brayden**; big sister **Baylee**; proud grandparents **Robert and Jannie Scarberry** of South Belt, **Mike and Doris Hayes** of Ada, Okla., and **Rosie Martinez and Benny Moreno** of Houston; aunt **Stacey (Hayes) Flowers**; uncles **Joey Hayes, Austin Scarberry** and **Tyler Scarberry**; and cousins **Kennedy, Owen and Evie Flowers**; and **Jade Scarberry**. Mom Jenny is a 1997 Dobie High grad.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DANA!

Dana Lizik enjoys a birthday Friday, Feb. 6. Special birthday wishes are sent to Dana from her family, friends and former co-workers at the *Leader*.

DOUBLE BIRTHDAY WISHES

Bobby and Kenneth Griffin send birthday wishes to two family members Feb. 8. Grandson **Kenney Griffin**, son of **Angela and David Griffin** of Plain City, Utah, turns 24. On that same day, son-in-law **Jim Giles** of Kirkwood South celebrates a birthday. His wife, **Tracy**, and children **Aaron, Cody and Kristen**, join in sending birthday wishes.

ONE MORE FOR CHRIS!

Chris Clark celebrates a birthday Feb. 10.

Happy birthday greetings are sent to Chris from wife **Mary**, and "baby" **Wynstn**. Special birthday wishes are sent from the *Leader*, and a big thank-you for all he does for the South Belt-Ellington Chamber and the community.

SCHOOL DAZE

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

Burnett Elementary

On Feb. 7, **Keonne Alvis** enjoys a birthday.

Bush Elementary

On Feb. 5, sing a happy birthday song to **Ixida Quintero**. Light the birthday candles Feb. 6 for **Melanie Resendez**.

Frazier Elementary

Gerri Watkins celebrates a birthday Feb. 6. Blow out the birthday candles on Feb. 7 for **Evelyn Baldauf**.

Meador Elementary

Feb. 5 is the day for **Felipe Saucedo** to celebrate a birthday. Blow out the birthday candles for **Maria Gonzalez** Feb. 8. **Sandra Richey** is sent birthday greetings on Feb. 10.

Moore Elementary

Enjoying a birthday Feb. 6 is **Angelica Perez**.

South Belt Elementary

Celebrating a birthday Feb. 9 is **Mary Gonzalez**.

Stuchbery Elementary

Wendy Almaguer celebrates a birthday Feb. 6. **Lisa Leos** is wished a happy birthday Feb. 10. The day for a party for **Celia Espinoza** is Feb. 11.

Melillo Middle School

Blow out the birthday candles on Feb. 5 for **Erin Cuba**. The day for a cake for **Patricia Goodman** is Feb. 7. **Dawn Tomlinson** celebrates a birthday Feb. 9.

Beverly Hills Intermediate

Light the birthday candles Feb. 8 for **Maria Umanzor**. Feb. 10 is the day for a cake for **Tina Garza**. **Ronnie Thomas** celebrates a birthday Feb. 11.

Thompson Intermediate

Mark Varian enjoys a birthday Feb. 5. On Feb. 8, **Erin Richardson** is sent a birthday greeting. The day for a party for **Bill Kirchner** is Feb. 10.

Dobie High

On Feb. 5, **Roy Grant, Nichole Kemp, James Sciandra** and **Michael Vanessen** share a birthday. **Laura Aguayo** is wished a happy birthday Feb. 7. Three cheers for a happy birthday go out to **Derek Beckham, Francisca Garza** and **Ammie Jimenez** on Feb. 8. Celebrating a birthday Feb. 9 are **Kelli Brown, Marissa Alexander** and **Richard Ortega**. Triple birthday wishes are sent to **Lori Carte, Christopher Cisneros, Deborah Cortez** and **Helen Torocco** Feb. 10. **Cecily Haley** and **Cathleen McKinney** enjoy a double birthday Feb. 11.

FACEBOOK FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS

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

Thursday, Feb. 5: **Chris Crow** and **James Kelso**; Friday, Feb. 6: **Brian Pugh, Dana Lizik, Ken Mesecher, JoAnn Camp, Raymond Campos, Farah Kamal, Chasity Napper** and **Lisa Jackson**; Saturday, Feb. 7: **Lori McBride, Paula Barnett** and **Mayve Rodriguez**; Sunday, Feb. 8: **Angela Boike, Amy Gabbard, Kim Scott, Sonal Patel, Mark Stanley** and **Betty Shiflett**; Monday, Feb. 9: **Erica Rodriguez, Amanda Bergeron, Tracy Matthew, Anita Nickelson** and **Tammy Schweigert**; Tuesday, Feb. 10: **Kathy Ramirez, Morgan Wingo, Angie Baucum, Jesse Chavez, Efrain Padua, Christina Parasco** and **Mike Huffman**; and Wednesday, Feb. 11: **Cesar Ramirez, Ron Martinez** and **Jennifer Zanders**.

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finished the race with an official time of 1:03:40. Charles Jordan, whom Garza credits for saving her life, and his wife Sharon were also in attendance. Garza was attacked by two pit bulls on March 5 while jogging on the hike and bike trail near Blackhawk. She suffered 52 lacerations in the attack and has since undergone multiple surgeries and hundreds of hours of physical therapy.

A shooting that took place Oct. 29 in the 10800 block of Sagemeadow sent the victim to the hospital in critical condition. According to police, the 33-year-old male victim was returning home with a friend around 11 p.m. when he was approached in his driveway by an unknown male, who shot him several times. A witness said the shooter then fled the scene in a vehicle driven by a second person who was waiting on Hall Road. There was no known motive in the case, but police said narcotics were found at the scene. The victim was expected to survive. No immediate arrests were made.

Nov. 13

The house of longtime

South Belt residents Anthony and Terry Schillaci, located in the 11400 block of Blackhawk, was destroyed by fire Nov. 9. According to South-east Volunteer Fire Department Chief Chuck Tylka, the blaze started in the home's garage before spreading to the rest of the residence. Emergency efforts were hampered by multiple explosions taking place in the garage. Tylka said the blasts were likely caused by ammunition and propane tanks. Investigators from the Harris County Fire Marshal's Office determined the blaze was accidental in nature. No one was injured.

Nov. 20

A suspect was arrested late Nov. 12 after police said he was attempting to burglarize the Macy's at Alameda Mall after the store was closed. According to police, the suspect set off an alarm around 10:45 p.m. He had reportedly been inside the store before it closed, then hid and waited for employees to leave. Once alone, the suspect loaded up on merchandise but was unable to find a way out of the store. Police responded to the incident by releasing a K-9 unit into the store. The dog

found the suspect hiding in a clothing rack and bit him on the leg. The suspect was subsequently apprehended and charged with burglary and theft.

Nov. 27

Longtime area veterinarian James Hanchey died Nov. 24 after a battle with illness. Hanchey had operated the Sagemont Animal Hospital for nearly 40 years. Hanchey suffered a stroke the previous July, leaving him unable to perform his work duties.

Former South Belt resident Gary Harris died Nov. 24 of unknown causes. At press time, Harris' cause of death was still pending, according to the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences. Harris, 22, graduated from Dobie High School in 2011 and played football at the area school.

Longtime South Belt resident and San Jacinto College professor John Bolen retired after serving 44 years at the area school. While he began his San Jac tenure at the college's Central campus, he spent the majority of his career teaching at the school's South campus. He was one of only three remaining pro-

fessors (along with Jerry Tate and Marylou Robbins) who had been at the South campus since its opening in 1979. He initially taught journalism, before switching to government in 1989. Throughout the '70s and '80s, Bolen was also active in youth sports, coaching baseball for the Sagemont Beverly Hills Little League, football for the Sagemont Cowboys and basketball for the Pasadena Recreational Sports League.

Dec. 4

Emory Gadd, associate pastor at Sagemont Church, was recognized at the church's annual staff Christmas party Tuesday, Dec. 2, for his 35 years of service. A longtime South Belt resident, Gadd has actually been a member of Sagemont Church for 44 years.

Dec. 11

San Jacinto College Library Director Rich McKay began a project to preserve the *South Belt-Ellington Leader* archives. The project will be done jointly with the University of North Texas, as part of the Denton school's Portal to Texas History Digital Newspaper Program. The archived issues are to be saved in digital form. The

project is similar to a previous San Jac endeavor that attempted to archive the newspaper in a microfilm format. The microfilm project, begun roughly eight years ago, successfully archived the first five years of the area newspaper, from 1976 to 1981. The digitization project will pick up where the previous one left off, beginning with the years of 1981 and 1982. Assuming everything goes as planned, McKay intends to then follow up by digitizing the remaining years.

Dec. 18

The Kirkmont Section 1 Homeowners Association held an election at its annual meeting Dec. 10, with current board members Adam Mejia and Gina Shoemaker both running unopposed and retaining their positions. New board member Maria Trevino also ran unopposed and was successful in her bid for the position formerly held by Cesar Salinas, who stepped down the previous June.

Dec. 25

The *Leader's* 32nd annual Christmas program was a huge success, providing assistance to roughly 70 area families in need.

Handel's Water Music presented by Mercury

Be enchanted by Handel's *Water Music* and selections from Mendelssohn and Schubert as Mercury, a Houston-based orchestral group, takes the stage on Saturday, Feb. 7, at 8 p.m. at the University of Houston-Clear Lake's Bayou Theater, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

Tickets can be purchased for \$12 in advance in the Office of Student Life, and \$15 at the door, with discounts available. For information, contact Andrew Reiterberger, associate director of Student Life, at 281-283-2560 or visit <http://www.uhcl.edu/cultural arts>.

Fresh fruits, vegetables at UHCL market

Enjoy fruits and vegetables from local farmers and vendors as the University of Houston-Clear Lake's Office of Intercultural Student Services hosts the farmers market Monday, Feb. 9, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the university's Bayou Building, Atrium II, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

Farmers will be on-site with local fruits, vegetables and other homemade food items such as tamales, breads and candies. Vendors will also be present with a selection of jewelry and clothing items, various home sales products and more. For more information about the farmers market, contact ISS at 281-281-2575 or visit <http://www.uhcl.edu/iiss>.

Chili cook-off welcomes taste-testers, judges

The University of Houston-Clear Lake Office of Student Life will host the 2015 Chili Cook-Off Saturday, April 11, from noon to 4 p.m. in the university's Student Services and Classroom Building North Lawn.

Teams comprising UHCL students, faculty, staff and alumni work tirelessly to develop a winning chili recipe in hopes of taking home first place. The annual Chili Cook-Off is the Office of Student Life's longest standing tradition and allows all who attend to cast a vote for some of the "best chili" awards. Tasting kits are available for \$5, or \$4 for those with UHCL identification. For more information, contact the Office of Student Life at 281-283-2560 or visit <http://www.uhcl.edu/chili cookoff>.

Lions Club meets

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

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35 years ago (1980)

The Houston Fire Department Arson Division followed up on several leads on a fire that severely damaged the fifth-grade area of Burnett Elementary.

In spite of negative information presented by the 60 Minutes and 20/20 television shows, the chairman

of the drive to establish a South Belt area PDAP (Palmer Drug Abuse Program) Center said he still felt the program had a lot to offer.

30 years ago (1985)

Bridge railings for two reconstructed bridges and one for reconstruction over the Beamer Road ditch were being modified because of complaints the railings obstructed the view of traffic to the right.

25 years ago (1990)

As testimony wrapped up in the Slaughter v. Monsanto trial, two of the last witnesses said documents were altered and Monsanto "cooked the books" relating to the Brio site.

Thompson Intermediate School faculty began an intense crisis information seminar to help recognize symptoms of drug use.

Judge Howard Wayland opened the doors to his new courtroom at the county annex on Scarsdale and Beamer.

20 years ago (1995)

Houston Police stepped up patrols in Scarsdale after the subdivision withdrew from the South Belt Security Alliance.

The Harris County District Attorney's office was conducting an investigation about alleged fraud charges with regard to the San Jacinto College regents election.

Twenty-three additional street lights were approved for the Sagemont subdivision.

Kevin Blenham designed the logo that would be used at the Texas Academic Decathlon state finals.

15 years ago (2000)

Final Brio remediation began. The Brio Site Task Force began removing the underground pipelines.

Gail Totman, 51-year-old Beverly Hills resident, was murdered after arriving home and being confronted by an unknown suspect(s) as she got out of her car.

The *Leader* began its 25th year. Davy Flickinger was named president of the *South Belt Leader*.

10 years ago (2005)

Local law enforcement officers kept busy working several home burglaries in Woodmeadow as well as a purse snatching in the Randall's parking lot on Fuqua. Deputies from Constable Gary Freeman's office conducted a warrant sweep and arrested 50 individuals, which cleared 105 warrants.

After a pause, construction on the new H-E-B store on Blackhawk resumed. The store opened October 26, 2005.

Dobie 40-year reunion Sept. 25-26

The J. Frank Dobie Class of 1975 will hold its 40-year reunion Sept. 25-26 at South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center, 2500 S. Shore Blvd. in League City.

The agenda is tentatively: Friday, Sept. 25: 7 p.m. - Meet and Greet in bar area of resort.

Saturday, Sept. 26 (6 to 11:30 p.m.):

• 6 p.m. - Check in and Social Hour • 6:45 p.m. - Dinner buffet begins

Tickets are \$85 per person if paid by Aug. 1. Tickets purchased at the door or after Aug. 1 will be \$100 per person. This includes dinner and entertainment for Saturday night. There will be a cash bar available. Dress is business/casual. A block of rooms will be available at a rate of \$104 plus tax per night for Friday and Saturday night. When making reservations, let the resort know that you will be attending the Dobie reunion to get the special rate.

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

Beverly Hills Intermediate celebrates 50 years of excellence



Beverly Hills Intermediate staff stop for a photo. Pictured are, left to right, Jami Smith, counselor; Stacey Barber, principal; Ashley Collier, teacher; Adriana Robinson, teacher; Gary Warner, teacher. A proud BHI alumna, the reunion reminded Robinson of her days as a student. "I am so incredibly proud to work here. Ms. [Stephanie] Wright established my expectations here as a student and to be part of that now as a teacher is a privilege and a blessing."

The South Belt community, former students and staff gathered Friday, Jan. 16, 2015, to celebrate the five decades since Beverly Hills Intermediate School opened. It was an ideal time for attendees to reminisce, share jokes and celebrate the legacy of Beverly Hills. As a video of the school's history played in the cafeteria, attendees embraced, swapped stories and thumbed through old yearbooks and photo albums in the lobby. *Photos submitted*

At right, Edna Salinas browses through yearbooks.



Gardeners set February events

The Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 recently scheduled its events for the month of February. Events include:

Fruit and citrus tree sale Feb. 14

The Precinct 2, Harris County Master Gardener fruit and citrus tree sale will be held Saturday, Feb. 14, at Campbell Hall, Pasadena Fairgrounds, 7600 Red Bluff in Pasadena. Plant Preview will be by Heidi Sheesley, owner of Treeseach Farms, at 8 a.m. Sale hours 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. If it's sold at this sale, it grows in this area. For details, visit <https://hcmga.tamu.edu>.

Open Garden Day Feb. 16

Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 will host Open Garden Day on Monday, Feb. 16, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at Genoa Friendship Garden, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Road. Master gardeners will be available to answer gardening questions. The event is free and children are welcome. For more information, visit <https://hcmga.tamu.edu>.

Program on tomatoes and peppers

On Wednesday, Feb. 18, Skip Richter, Harris County extension agent - horticulture, will present an education program, *Tomatoes and Peppers*, at 10 a.m. in the meeting room at Clear Lake Park, 5001 NASA Parkway in Seabrook. This Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 event is free. For more information, visit <https://hcmga.tamu.edu>.



Beverly Hills Intermediate Principal Stacey Barber (right) and former principal Stephanie Wright share a warm embrace.



It's a family affair for teacher Sharon Boeger (left) and Debbie Cook. All three of Cook's children and grandchildren attended Beverly Hills Intermediate.



Beverly Hills Intermediate eighth-grade teacher Janis McKinney looks for old pictures of friends she once worked with.



Frederick Olivares; Ben Portis, former head football coach; and Mathew Bergeron, swap stories about the old days.

Hammond, Martinez to wed



Jack and Kelley Hammond of Gary, Texas, formerly of South Belt, announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Brianna Lenee Hammond, to Joseph Martin Martinez, son of Laura and Richard Martinez of Pasadena. The bride-to-be is a 2009 graduate of Clear Brook High School. She was born and raised in the South Belt area. The prospective groom is a 2009 Pasadena Memorial High School graduate. The couple is planning a mid-March wedding in Friendswood.

Bayside Lions Club to host pancake breakfast Feb. 14

There will be food, fun and fellowship at the Bayside Lions Club Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, Feb. 14, from 8 to 11 a.m.

located at Bacliff Volunteer Fire Department, 600 Grand Ave. in Bacliff. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/baysidelions.roar.

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The group will serve pancakes and sausage with choice of juice, hot chocolate or coffee. Cost is \$6. Free eye screening is available with purchase of a pancake breakfast. The breakfast will be

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PISD establishes agreement with area university nursing programs

Pasadena Independent School District announced

the signing of an agreement which establishes a partnership with the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston and the University of Texas Arlington for a school-based student nursing clinical rotation.

Starting this fall, nursing students from each university, under the supervision of licensed school nurses at various Pasadena ISD schools, will enter the campuses as student nurses for a community health clinical rotation.

The nursing students are required in their undergraduate and graduate programs to acquire a number of clinical

hours in several rotations such as pediatrics, surgical/medical and community health services. As a public school district Pasadena ISD qualifies as a community health services rotation.

"This rotation program gives student nurses a look at the disparity within our district that our economically disadvantaged residents face with access to health care and how it impacts the educational process," said April Weisedel, PISD nurse specialist. "The nursing students will also be trained as vision/hearing screeners and for some of them this rotation may transition into jobs with the district."

The nursing students in this rotation are in their final semester of college and are fully trained in HIPAA privacy. They will shadow a licensed nurse at the school where they are placed, to observe best practices and learn about state mandates as they relate to nursing in public schools.

"It is such a pleasure to establish partnerships with other educational institutions," says Darla Massey-Jones, PISD executive director of administrative services. "We are very excited to be a part of their education and help them become more aware of the facets involved in school nursing."

UHCL welcomes community to physics lecture series

Discover more about physics and research being conducted in the field during the University of Houston-Clear Lake February Physics Speaker Series events hosted by the School of Science and Computer Engineering and the Physics program.

- Feb. 7 - *Modeling Formation and Stability of Magnetic Towers* with speaker Martin Huarte-Espinosa, high performance computing specialist at the Center for Advanced Computing and Data Systems at the University of Houston;

- Feb. 12 - *Supersymmetry at the Large Hadron Collider* with speaker UHCL assistant professor of physics Van Mayes;

- Feb. 19 - *Developing a Standard Model of Galaxy Evolution* with speaker UHCL lecturer in physics Walter Thompson;

- Feb. 26 - *Obtaining Asteroid and Comet Samples at Little or No Cost* with NASA Johnson Space Center space scientist Mike Zolensky.

All lectures are held at 7 p.m. in the university's

Bayou Building, Room 2236, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

Attendees can earn continuing education certificates through this series.

The cost is \$15 per individual seminar, \$40 for any three seminars, or \$99 for the entire series.

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For more information, contact the Center for Educational Programs at 281-283-3530 or visit the physics program website at <http://www.uhcl.edu/physics>.

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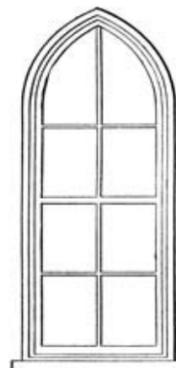


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A Maricle New Year



The Maricle family enjoys New Year's Day in Nassau, Bahamas, riding Segways along the beach. Pictured are, left to right, Charles Maricle, Chuck Maricle and Xia Yang. Photo submitted

Family celebrates first Christmas in America



The Huynh family welcomed family for their first Christmas holiday in America in December 2014. Photos submitted



A Huynh family picture with Santa was taken at Baybrook Mall. Pictured are, left to right, Andy Huynh, son Brandon, and wife Tuyen. The couple have been married for three years.



Pictured are, left to right, (front) Kathy Ho, Brandon Huynh, (back row) Andy Huynh, Annie Ho, Tuyen Ho Huynh and Andy's parents, Nhung Lam and Hiep Huynh.



Family members pictured are, left to right, (front row) Huy Nguyen, Nguyen Ho, Annie Ho, Bryant Ho, Brandon Huynh, Tuyen Ho Huynh, Andy Huynh, (back row) Thuy Ho, Khai Ho, Kathy Ho, Le Ho, Nghia Nguyen, Noi Nguyen, Hiep Ha, Nhung Lam, Trang Nguyen, Hiep Huynh. Hiep Huynh and Nhung Lam are Andy Huynh's parents, and the hosts of the party. Noi Nguyen is Tuyen's mother, and her children, each person with last name Ho, are her family members.

Steel band, choir premiere a highlight of San Jac concerts

The premiere performance of noted steel band composer Phil Hawkins' *The Four Seasons* will be a highlight of upcoming concerts at San Jacinto College.

All concerts are free and open to the public. Unless otherwise noted, the Central campus concerts will take place in the Dr. Monte Blue Music Building, 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena.

Central campus concerts

Monday, Feb. 9, at 7 p.m., an Expo concert will showcase student musicians performing a wide range of selections in various musical styles. The concert will feature group and solo performances by every departmental ensemble, including the brass ensemble, orchestra, woodwind ensemble, choral groups, jazz ensemble, piano, jazz combo, steel band, and wind ensemble.

Tuesday, Feb. 17, at 7 p.m., a faculty concert will feature music professor Jeremy Garcia on guitar, accompanied by guest artists Irma La Paloma (vocals), and Chris Howard (percussion). Garcia will perform original flamenco compositions, as well as classical selections by Albéniz, Barrios, and Tarrega.

Thursday, March 5, at 7 p.m., a jazz concert will feature the student jazz combo and the larger jazz ensemble, which will perform various styles of jazz, including swing, blues, Latin, and funk selections. A highlight of the concert will be a performance by guest artist Dan Haerle, renowned pianist, composer, and educator.

Haerle teaches jazz piano and improvisation online and at the Dallas School of Music. He conducts jazz clinics around the world, and has authored numerous jazz instructional materials.

He has recorded several albums with his trio and quartet, featuring original compositions as well as jazz standards. Haerle will be accompanied by San Jacinto College music professors Eric Late, Michael Mizma, James Metcalfe, and Jeffrey

Adams. Friday, March 27, at 7 p.m., a concert at the Central Campus Slocumb Auditorium will feature the premiere performance of renowned steel band composer Phil Hawkins' *The Four Seasons*. Student musicians with the Central campus steel band, and members of the Central campus choirs will collaborate in the concert. Another guest artist

at the concert will be Hawkins' wife, Michelle Hawkins. Phil Hawkins is an accomplished jazz drummer, and one of the leading innovators of music for the steel band. Michelle Hawkins is an award-winning choral director and music educator. Her West Valley College group, Synchronicity, was named Best Vocal Jazz Group by *Downbeat* magazine.

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Courses starting this spring include Sterile Compounding and IV Certification, available Feb. 27, 28 and March 7 at the San Jacinto College South campus; Leadership in Health Care - Middle Manager, scheduled from March 30 to May 21 at the South campus; and Electrocardio-

graph (EKG) Technician Training, scheduled from Feb. 6 to May 15, or March 26 to May 21 at the Central campus.

The Sterile Compounding and IV Certification course offers 16 hours of self study and is designed to train pharmacy technicians and pharmacists on the topic of sterile product preparation and aseptic technique, including USP.

The Leadership in Health Care - Middle Manager course is designed for midlevel lead-

ers and teaches leaders how to utilize competency assessment tools, discuss the cycles of leadership development, and analyze and compare the four models of leadership.

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SBHLL's Juniors to try-out

Players who have registered to compete in the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League's junior division (ages 13 to 16) will try out for team placement on Saturday, Feb. 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the league's facility at El Franco Lee Park.

There is still time to for players to register either online or in person at the tryouts. Those wishing to register online may do so at www.eteamz.com/sbhll or by visiting the league's Facebook page at Sagemont Beverly Hills.

As for the rest of the league, opening night is March 13, with the annual carnival to follow March 14.

Dobie swimmers off to regionals

The 2014-2015 swimming season will continue for a select group of Dobie varsity swimmers who have qualified for regionals.

Overall, the Dobie boys placed fourth and the Lady Longhorns were fifth at the District 22-6A competition Jan. 30 at the Pearland Recreation Center and Natorium.

As expected, Dobie's Kevin Nguyen was a standout at the meet, qualifying for regionals in two individual events as well

as a pair of relays. Nguyen won the 100-yard freestyle event and was second in the 200-yard individual medley.

Dobie also punched their ticket for regionals in the 200-yard freestyle relay and the 400-yard freestyle relay, with Nguyen leading the way.

At the 200 distance, Dobie placed third at district as Nguyen was joined by Tin Nguyen, Josh Woernley and Samuel Parker.

The same four swimmers

Trojans take down Dobie

Needing a win to solidify its playoff hopes, South Houston never let the game get to overtime against Dobie this time.

Beaten 63-62 in extra time the first go-around, South Houston turned the tables on the Longhorns Feb. 3 at Dobie, trailing just once early on in a 70-58 victory.

While the Trojans, now 9-4 in league play, have greatly enhanced their

postseason chances with only a handful of games to go, Dobie has to get back to work.

The Longhorns, who fell to 7-5 in 22-6A action with four games to play, still hold the fourth and final playoff seed. But the team's grip is slipping.

Pearland scored an easy victory over winless Alvin Feb. 3 and stands at 7-6 with three games left.

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Dobie's Jason Lester (24) and several of his teammates had tough nights offensively while dealing with South Houston's zone defense, which included Kendle Hicks (14) during the Trojans' win.

District 22-6A Standings Varsity Boys' Basketball

(As of Feb. 4)

Teams	W	L
Dawson	12	1
Manvel	9	3
South Houston	9	4
Dobie	7	5
Pearland	7	6
Rayburn	6	6
Memorial	4	9
Pasadena	2	10
Alvin	0	12

Franklin/Kramer tennis Feb. 6

Players from 37 different varsity tennis programs. Nine locations, including the resurfaced Harry Taylor Tennis Center at Strawberry Park.

It must mean that it's time for the prestigious Franklin/Kramer Pasadena ISD Spring Tennis Invitational, set for all day Feb. 6.

Named in honor of Jerry Franklin, the longtime varsity tennis coach at Sam Rayburn High School

as well as Bobby Kramer, who helped make the Dobie tennis program what it is today, the event continues to be one of the most anticipated of the spring season.

"It's always special to me because it was the first tournament I ever won (boys' doubles) as a high school player," said Dobie head coach Manuel Moreno Jr., who competed at O'Connell High School in Galveston.

Girls' A singles & Girls' A doubles at Dobie, 8:30 a.m.

Dobie High School is one of the nine host sites along with Clear Brook, Dawson and Friendswood in the 18-team Kramer division.

The 19-team Franklin division will include ac-

tion at the Harry Taylor Tennis Center at Strawberry Park, Memorial and South Houston high schools as well as Deer Park's North and South campuses.

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San Jacinto College softball wins four of five to open '15

Playing the game its own tried and true way plus adding a wrinkle or two worked out just fine for the San Jacinto College softball team at the season-opening Whitecap Invitational in Galveston.

Hitting .361 as a team and stealing 13 bases to boot, San Jacinto produced wins in four of its five games over two days

on the island Jan. 30-31. Included in the mix was a 9-1 laughter over defending national champion and perhaps new Region XIV rival Angelina.

Overall, San Jacinto pitchers and the team's defense combined to allow just eight runs total.

Tournament host Galveston did its part with a 5-0 record, including its

win over Angelina, but San Jacinto clearly made its own statement.

"I was very happy with the way we started the season," San Jacinto College head coach Kelly Saenz said.

"We stole 13 bases, which is unheard of for us. But we took advantage of some of the chances we had and got going on the

basepaths." Out of the gate with five games in three days, San Jacinto is now preparing to step things up a notch.

The team will make a trip to Atmore, Ala., where it will be in the field at the Wallace State Invitational.

There, San Jacinto will play seven games over a three-day span, including

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District champion Dobie, Brook open scrimmages



Dobie, the defending 22-6A champion, is ready to open its 2015 preseason as Tyler Myers (left) and other key returnees lead the way. The Longhorns will scrimmage Monday, Feb. 9, against Westside at Maguire Field in Pasadena. The action begins at 6 p.m. Clear Brook hosts La Porte Feb. 9 at 4 p.m. See more on Page 3B.

NS's Gutierrez gets Dobie VB gig

Dawn Gutierrez, the longtime varsity girls' volleyball head coach at North Shore High School, has accepted the same role at Dobie.

Gutierrez first interviewed for the job earlier in January and then landed the job Jan. 30. She takes over for Joe Sabatell, who retired from coaching after the 2014 season.

Gutierrez told the Leader she was to meet the JFD players Feb. 4. In a brief email to Leader Sports Editor John Bechtel, Gutierrez said she is "extremely excited to get started," and that the energy level will be turned way up in offseason workouts.

Dobie missed the post-season in 2014, the first time the Lady Longhorns' program had been excluded from the playoffs since the early 1980s, following Donna Branch and Sabatell, who held the role after Branch for 10 seasons.

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JFD swimmers headed to regionals Feb. 6

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 mers joined forces in the 400-relay as the Longhorns were fourth overall.

The Dobie boys' 200-yard medley relay team, composed of Daniel Shaffer, James Castaneda, Ralph Lopez and David Cruz, is also off to regionals after taking fourth at district.

Tin Nguyen and Woerley came through in a big way in individual events as well.

Tin Nguyen was third in the boys' 100-yard backstroke and fourth in the boys' 100-yard butterfly, both regional-qualifying effort.

Woerley's individual regional berths came in the 200-yard freestyle (second) and the 500-yard freestyle, where he was

fourth. As for the Lady Longhorns, two of the team's relay squads are headed to regionals based on finish at district.

In the 200-yard medley relay, the Lady Longhorns were fourth as Rebecca Shaffer and Summer Naser were joined by Vanessa Gonzalez and Madison Caballero.

Naser was in on the action in the 400-yard freestyle relay as she and teammates Lisa Luna, Maria Mejia Ortiz and Jenna Rodriguez combined to place fourth.

Individually, Gonzalez and Caballero will also compete at regionals.

Gonzalez was fifth in both the 100- and 200-yard freestyle events, and Caballero was fifth in the

100-yard butterfly.

The Region VI meet, which includes Dobie, will be held Friday and Saturday, Feb. 5-6 at the Pearl and Natatorium. The finals are Feb. 6.

Brook basketball Wolverines get first win; girls round out season

The Clear Brook varsity boys' basketball team has snapped its winless streak in District 24-6A action.

Spencer Schneider had 23 points and David Azore added 20 more as the Wolverines defeated Dickinson 67-57 Jan. 30, picking up that elusive first win in league play.

Moving ahead to Feb. 3, the Wolverines fell 73-52 at Clear Lake as the Falcons kept pace with first-place Clear Creek in

the standings. Despite the loss, Azore had 16 points, with Cesar Calimeno chipping in with 15.

The Clear Brook varsity girls' team, now 1-11 this season, has two games remaining in league play.

The Lady Wolverines got 12 points from Nakayla Bell at home Feb. 3, but the third-place Clear Lake Falcons came away with a 61-39 victory in the 24-6A game.

Dobie softball club to sell BBQ Feb. 14

The Dobie softball booster club will sell barbecue plates during a series of high school scrimmages, set to take place Feb. 14, at El Franco Lee Park.

Two meat, two sides plates will be sold for \$8 each, and a chopped beef sandwich combination with chips and a beverage will be sold for \$6 each.

Dobie softball players are selling both plate and combo tickets prior to the event, and those who wish

may also call booster club president Aaron Longoria for pre-event meal sales at 713-478-0078.

On the day of the event, the barbecue will be available after 10:15 a.m.

Host Dobie will be joined at the scrimmage by Elkins, Waller, Clear Springs, C.E. King and Friendswood.

The varsity softball game action will begin at 9 a.m. and will continue throughout much of the afternoon.

22-6A softball pair earn state rankings

Pearland, which will face Dobie in the varsity softball season opener Feb. 17 at the Pasadena ISD complex, is rather highly thought of entering play.

The Lady Oilers, who reached the Region III semifinals a season ago before losing to Bellaire, is preseason ranked No.

2 in the Class 6A poll, according to the Texas Girls' Coaches Association.

Defending 5A state champion Deer Park, heads the initial Class 6A poll for 2015 at No. 1.

Alvin, also one of the state's premiere programs and a foe of Dobie in 22-6A, sits at No. 8 in the 6A poll.



Dobie varsity softball catcher Marissa Longoria and her teammates began scrimmage play Feb. 3 and will continue to prepare for the regular season with three more scrimmages prior to the Feb. 17 District 22-6A opener against Pearland.



San Jacinto College assistant coach Kelsey McClain, who works with the team's pitching staff, had to be happy with the opening-weekend results after two pitchers allowed just six earned runs over five games at the Whitecap Invitational in Galveston.

SJC softball goes 4-1 on island

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 a Feb. 8 early-morning matchup against preseason No. 4 nationally ranked Chattanooga State.

Saenz acknowledged the locals will need to dip deeper into its resources of pitching to cover this event.

Sophomore returnees Bridget Stein and Katy Potter handled the duties in the circle in Galveston.

Beyond that, San Jacinto simply wants to keep doing what it does best – swing the sticks well and play good, solid defense.

Angelina earned the preseason No. 1 ranking after winning the 2014 national crown and welcoming back several of the players who made that possible.

son opener.

The offense erupted for four first-inning runs, and Stein controlled things from there in a 9-1 win. Over six innings, Stein allowed one unearned run on three hits with five strikeouts.

Carah Nunez, one of the team's top returning offensive threats, was 3 for 3 with four runs driven in. Gabby Gonzalez, a freshman newcomer, was 2 for 3 with 3 RBIs.

The Jan. 30 nightcap against the University of Houston-Victoria did not go as well. The SJC bats went silent in a 3-1 loss as Potter absorbed the loss despite pitching well.

The team's offensive leader was another freshman Brittany Woods, who had a solo homer and a double in the win.

Playing three games Jan. 31, San Jacinto went undefeated. Rose State fell

6-3 as Potter got the win, allowing two earned runs and six hits.

Nunez and Gonzalez were back at it for the locals, combining for four hits in the victory.

Stein then blanked Killyssa Torres on four hits as Killyssa had a double among her three hits.

In a 7-1 win over Ranger, Stein threw five innings in relief as San Jacinto closed out the tournament on a high note.

"We just didn't hit against UH-V, but sometimes that happens in this game," Saenz said.

"Great opening weekend for us otherwise, so we'll just keep working and try to get better every day."

As for Angelina, the Roadrunners went 3-2 in the event. As mentioned, host Galveston went 5-0 in the event to kick off its season.

PISD Intermediate Basketball

Boys' Final Standings

Eighth-Grade Light

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

Weekly Scores

Thompson 48, Jackson 30
 Beverly Hills 63, Queens 14
 San Jacinto 47, Bondy 39
 South Houston 41, Southmore 37
 Miller 56, Park View 23

Seventh-Grade Light

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

Weekly Scores

San Jacinto 51, Bondy 45
 Beverly Hills 38, Queens 19
 Jackson 31, Thompson 30
 Southmore 41, South Houston 19
 Park View 58, Miller 24

Eighth-Grade Dark

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

Weekly Scores

Beverly Hills 47, Queens 33
 San Jacinto 42, Bondy 34
 Jackson 46, Thompson 44
 Southmore 30, South Houston 25
 Miller 26, Park View 15

Seventh-Grade Dark

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

Weekly Scores

Thompson 50, Jackson 28
 Beverly Hills 31, Queens 13
 San Jacinto 30, Bondy 17
 South Houston 27, Southmore 21
 Park View 33, Miller 31

PISD Intermediate Basketball

Girls' Standings As Of Feb. 1

Eighth-Grade Light

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

Weekly Scores

Queens 36, San Jacinto 20
 Thompson 46, Beverly Hills 12
 Bondy 30, South Houston 12
 Jackson 26, Miller 21
 Park View 24, Southmore 19

Seventh-Grade Light

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

Weekly Scores

Queens 24, San Jacinto 11
 Beverly Hills 41, Thompson 21
 Bondy 31, South Houston 9
 Jackson 22, Miller 6
 Park View 26, Southmore 10

Eighth-Grade Dark

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

Weekly Scores

Queens 22, San Jacinto 4
 Thompson 25, Beverly Hills 13
 Bondy 35, South Houston 12
 Jackson 39, Miller 10
 Southmore 26, Park View 11

Seventh-Grade Dark

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

Weekly Scores

San Jacinto 18, Queens 13
 Beverly Hills 33, Thompson 17
 Bondy 29, South Houston 8
 Jackson 18, Miller 12
 Southmore 22, Park View 10

Lady Longhorn track team expects to be off and running

Hoping to build upon what was an exceptional 2014 season, the Dobie varsity girls' track and field team will be off and running at the Feb. 13 season opener – the Jim Kethan Relays in Deer Park.

Boosted largely by the success of each of the team's relay foursomes as well as 400-meter standout Camille Singleton, the Lady Longhorns were able to finish second in the 22-5A championships a season ago.

For 2015, head coach Tina Knight-Gray has quite a few athletes returning, including 22-5A long jump champion Justice Henderson and relay member Daisia Morris.

In all, Knight-Gray said she has just over 70 athletes aiming for a spot in the program.

"With two returning juniors (Jade Giron, Henderson) and two returning sophomores (Morris, Singleton) that competed at the regional meet, I feel that we are in a perfect position to compete at the varsity level with other schools (in the 22-6A mix)," Knight-Gray said.

"I know that Dawson coming into the picture will make our district a little bit more interesting since they were at the Class 4A state meet last year, but as always, we will be up for the challenge." Now, the season is set to go.

At right, Dobie varsity girls' track and field relay members Jade Giron (left) and Justice Henderson (right) return along with Daisia Morris to give the team a great shot at success once more after a terrific 2014 season. The Lady Longhorns won the 4x100- and 4x200-meter relays at the District 22-5A championships a season ago. Henderson and Giron were members of both relay squads, and Henderson was the district's long jump champion as well. Key relay member Jayla Jolivet has graduated, but the Lady Longhorns also welcome back relay member Morris as well as District 22-5A 400-meter champion Camille Singleton. Second as a team in 2014 to Pearland, Dobie is looking to turn the tables this season. It all starts Feb. 13 as Dobie attends the Jim Kethan Relays at Deer Park High School.



Dobie, Clear Brook get preseason underway – opening day quickly approaching

The preseason scrimmage schedule starts Feb. 9 for high school baseball programs across the area. As usual, there are high expectations both at Dobie and Clear Brook.

Dobie is coming off a district championship season that unfortunately included a first-round play-off loss to Channelview.

At Clear Brook, an experienced Wolverine team placed second in the 24-5A mix in 2014 but now must contend with a loaded district lineup that includes newcomer Friendswood.

Can JFD repeat?
Call it luck. Call it once-in-a-lifetime. Say Dobie enjoyed more than its fair share of good fortune last season en route

to the District 22-5A varsity baseball title.

If one asks Dobie head coach Miguel Torres or any of his assistant coaches and players, much of the same is expected in 2015.

It's all about expecting to be one of the premier programs in the Houston area on an annual basis.

The preseason work toward the 2015 began long before the first official day of workouts. Dobie knows it has something to prove beginning with the Feb. 24 season and District 22-6A opener against defending Region III champion Pearland.

"Since I became head coach, I wanted to establish an expectation of not only making the playoffs

every season but being one of the best programs in the area," Torres said.

"There are those that can say last year we got lucky, but there is no luck. Your situation is created by hard work.

"We fell short of our goal with the playoff loss (to Channelview in extra innings), but we're ready to bounce back and get back out there."

Until proved otherwise, last season's four playoff teams from 22-5A figure heavily into the mix in the newly created 22-6A. Newcomer Dawson did not make the playoffs last

season in Class 4A and will thus enter the season as a bit of an unknown, at least early on.

As for Dobie, the key pieces are well established. Junior Jesse Paredes, the Newcomer of the Year in the district in 2014, is back as the staff ace. He also figures to play at first base when he's not pitching.

The Longhorns also welcome back two standout players on the left side of the infield, including third baseman Isaiah Myers and shortstop Tyler Myers.

Both will be relied on

to provide outstanding defense and added pop to a lineup that now needs more of it.

Behind the plate, Adrian Rivera is back, and left fielder Eric Garza will return to his spot in left field.

Beyond that, the vacancy sign has been posted.

Torres said there are numerous solid candidates to join Garza in the outfield.

As many as four players are vying for time at second base, and the Longhorns will need a first baseman for when Paredes pitches.

The mound? Dobie finished second to Pearland in last season's junior varsity standings. Michael Mora, Jacob Limas, Kaelon Woods and Arthur Pedraza all contributed greatly on that team.

Now, some or all of those players will get their chance.

If Dobie's plan works out to its specs, Paredes will start the opener against Pearland and also likely be available for Dobie's following district game March 3 at Manvel.

That leaves the La Porte and Pasadena ISD tournaments for others to show their mettle. Torres and his staff will also rely

on players' performances in intrasquad games, weather permitting.

Really, this preseason is not unlike any other. Opportunities to start for the Dobie Longhorns are there for the taking.

But be advised, this team is going places, and the top performers will play. That's how district championships are won.

Brook begins anew

There are a few returnees in the mix, but not many as Clear Brook looks to move on from last year's run to the bidistrict playoffs.

In 2014, a senior-laden team excelled down the stretch, beating

Brazoswood on the final day of the regular season to secure second place in the District 24-5A standings.

Two tight losses to Fort Bend Travis ended the season for Clear Brook. Head coach Gene Flores, now entering his fifth season, welcomes a large number of former sub-varsity players into the mix for 2015.

A dozen players from the 2014 roster are eligible to return, including Tywon Mackey, Kyle Shipp, Jacob Chapman, Cody

Williams, Brett Farroux and Alex Massie.

As is the case in most roster reloading scenarios, Flores will use the La Porte ISD and Clear Creek ISD tournaments as well as intrasquad scrimmages to decide just who fits where.

With Friendswood entering the 24-6A field for this season, the race figures to be as tough as ever before.

Like always, the Wolverines hope to battle down to the wire with the playoffs within reach.



Jesse Paredes, the Newcomer of the Year in District 22-5A a season ago, has earned the role as Dobie's No. 1 starter and will likely be on the bump for the opener Feb. 24 against Pearland. Beyond that, several top junior varsity pitchers from 2014 are in the mix to join the varsity staff.

Dobie High School Varsity baseball schedule		
Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 9	Westside scrimm. (Maguire)	6 p.m.
Feb. 13	at Bay, Sterling scrimm.	4 p.m.
Feb. 16	Galena Park scrimm. (Dobie)	3 p.m.
Feb. 20	at North Shore scrimm.	4 p.m.
Feb. 24	*Pearland (Dobie)	3 p.m.
Feb. 26-28	at La Porte tournament	TBA
March 3	*at Manvel	7 p.m.
March 5-7	at Pasadena ISD tourn.	TBA
March 9	at Elkins	7 p.m.
March 13	*Pasadena (Maguire)	7 p.m.
March 17	*at South Houston (H.S.)	noon
March 19	*Dawson (Dobie)	noon
March 24	*at Alvin	7 p.m.
March 27	*Sam Rayburn (Maguire)	7 p.m.
March 31	*at Memorial (H.S.)	4 p.m.
April 2	*at Pearland	7 p.m.
April 7	*Manvel (Dobie)	4 p.m.
April 14	*Pasadena (Maguire)	7 p.m.
April 17	*South Houston (Dobie)	4 p.m.
April 21	*at Dawson	7 p.m.
April 24	*Alvin (Dobie)	4 p.m.
May 1	*Memorial (Dobie)	4 p.m.

* District 22-6A games

Brook High School Varsity baseball schedule		
Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 9	La Porte scrimm.	4 p.m.
Feb. 13	at Pas. Memorial scrimm.	3 p.m.
Feb. 17	Santa Fe scrimm.	4 p.m.
Feb. 20	at Manvel scrimm.	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 26-28	at La Porte tourn.	TBA
March 5-7	at Clear Creek tourn.	TBA
March 12-14	at Texas City tourn.	TBA
March 17	*at Clear Creek	1 p.m.
March 20	*Dickinson	1 p.m.
March 21	*Clear Lake	1 p.m.
March 24	*at Clear Springs	6:30 p.m.
March 27	*Clear Falls	6:30 p.m.
April 1	*at Brazoswood	7 p.m.
April 2	*Friendswood	6:30 p.m.
April 7	*Clear Creek	6:30 p.m.
April 10	*at Dickinson	6:30 p.m.
April 14	*at Clear Lake	6:30 p.m.
April 17	*Clear Springs	6:30 p.m.
April 24	*Brazoswood	6:30 p.m.
April 28	*at Friendswood	6:30 p.m.

* District 24-6A games

SJC's Tournament of Champions to recognize talented alumni

The San Jacinto College baseball team will kick off its 2015 season with a bang.

The college will host the Tournament of Champions Feb. 6 through Feb. 8, which will feature 10 of the best community college baseball teams in the nation.

Games in the tournament will take place at three different locations – John Ray Harrison Field at the San Jacinto College North campus, Baytown Sterling High School, and Constellation Field, home of the Sugar Land Skeeters.

The main event of the Tournament of Champions will be Legends Night on Friday, Feb. 6, during which former San Jacinto College baseball players will be recognized for their contributions.

The Legends event will take place at San Jacinto College's home diamond, located on the North campus.

The first pitch against New Mexico Junior College is scheduled for 7 p.m. The

Legends ceremony will be held just prior to the game at 6:30 p.m.

Professional players who are scheduled to attend the pregame recognition ceremony include Jesse Crain (Chicago White Sox), Matt Albers (free agent), Brandon Belt (San Francisco Giants), Brandon Hicks (free agent), Nick Stavinoha (Sugar Land Skeeters), and Lucas Luetge (Seattle Mariners).

"The San Jacinto College baseball program has a lengthy tradition of excellence," commented head coach Tom Arrington, who begins his 14th season at the helm of the program.

"The program has a reputation around the nation for sending players to the professional ranks, many who emerge as some of the most elite in the game.

Fans who come out for the Legends Game and pregame ceremony will have a unique opportunity to see some of the best student-athletes ever produced by San Jacinto College and,

indeed, some of the best to come out of any college.

"We are proud of these men who personify what great foundations in athletics and academics are available at San Jacinto College, and we hope many from the community can come out to show their support and appreciation."

Members of the San Jacinto College board of trustees, San Jacinto College Chancellor Dr. Brenda Hellyer, members of the San Jacinto College Foundation board of directors, along with former San Jacinto College coaches and members of the John Ray Harrison family are scheduled to attend the ceremony.

Frank Nadolney, former chairman of the San Jacinto College Foundation board of directors, will throw out the ceremonial first pitch.

The Tournament of Champions schedule is as follows:

Seven games will be played on Friday, Feb. 6. Two games will be played

simultaneously at two locations, with both games starting at 9 a.m.

One game will be played at San Jacinto College, featuring New Mexico versus Louisiana State University-Eunice.

The other game will be played at Baytown Sterling High School, featuring Pensacola State College versus Howard College. The same format will be used for two games that will start at noon.

A game at San Jacinto College will feature Odessa College versus Grayson College. A game at Sterling will feature Howard versus Navarro College. The same format will also be used for two games that will start at 3 p.m.

A game at San Jacinto College will feature Pensacola College versus Eunice. A game at Sterling will feature Blinn College versus Baton Rouge Community College.

The final game on Feb. 6 will be the Legends Game at San Jacinto College, fea-

turing New Mexico and San Jacinto College, with the pregame ceremony starting at 6:30 p.m., and the first pitch scheduled for 7 p.m.

Seven games will be played on Saturday, Feb. 7. The first game will start at 9 a.m. at Constellation Field in Sugar Land, and will feature Blinn versus Eunice.

Two games will be played simultaneously at two locations, with both games starting at noon.

One game will be played at San Jacinto College, featuring Baton Rouge versus Odessa.

The other game will be played at Constellation Field, featuring Howard versus San Jacinto College.

The same format will be used for two games that will start at 3 p.m.

One game will be played at San Jacinto College, featuring Baton Rouge versus Grayson. The other game will be played at Constellation Field, featuring New Mexico versus Navarro.

The same format will also be used for two games

that will start at 6 p.m. One game will be played at San Jacinto College, featuring Grayson versus Blinn. The other game will be played at Constellation Field, featuring San Jacinto College versus Pensacola.

Six games will be played on Sunday, Feb. 8. The first game will start at 9 a.m. at Constellation Field, and will feature Grayson versus Pensacola.

Two games will be played simultaneously at two locations, with both games starting at noon.

One game will be played at San Jacinto College, featuring Odessa versus Navarro. The other game will be played at Constellation Field, featuring Eunice versus Howard.

The same format will be used for two games that will start at 3 p.m. One game will be played at San Jacinto College, featuring Navarro versus Blinn.

The other game will be played at Constellation Field, featuring Baton Rouge versus New Mexico.

The final game of the tournament will be played at Constellation Field at 6 p.m., featuring San Jacinto College versus Odessa.

There may be a small admission charge (which is yet to be determined) for games played at San Jacinto College and at Sterling High School.

Admission charge for all games played at Constellation Field will be \$10 for adults (no charge for children 5 and younger).

The first home conference game for San Jacinto College will be on Friday, Feb. 20, a double header against Wharton County Junior College at 1 p.m.

All San Jacinto College home games are played at John Ray Harrison Field, 5800 Uvalde Road in Houston.

Non-Tournament of Champions games are free and open to the public.

For more information about the San Jacinto College baseball program or other athletic programs, visit sanjacsports.com.

Sports news, notes

Rising Star track sign-up

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

CRAZY Krewe fun runs March 7

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

Baseball United seeks players

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

South Belt Youth Soccer Club

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

Stampede 12-U seeks players

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

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5
7 a.m.

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

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

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

Diabetes Support Group – A support group for young adults with Type 1 diabetes. All subjects are open for discussion: new technologies, research advances, fears, phobias, dating and other personal matters. Meets the first Thursday of each month (or the second Thursday if that day is a holiday) at various restaurants in the area. Contact Dan Steiner, CDE, at 713-922-9677 for more information.

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

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

Alateen – Provides support for teenage children, friends and family members of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, room 208. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

The Bay Area Writers League – Meets the first Thursday of each month, Barnes and Noble, Bay Area Blvd. and the Gulf Freeway, 7 p.m. Newcomers welcome.

Pasadena Little Theatre – Special two-for-one performance of *Driving Miss Daisy*, a comedy by Alfred Uhry, at 8 p.m., Pasadena Little Theatre, 4318 Allen-Genoa Road. Director is Julie Owen. Buy one ticket for \$15 and get one free. For reservations, call 713-941-1758 or visit www.pasadenalittletheatre.org. Credit cards accepted.

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6
7 a.m.

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

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

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

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

Pasadena Little Theatre – Production of *Driving Miss Daisy*, a comedy by Alfred Uhry, at 8 p.m., 4318 Allen-Genoa Road. Performances are weekends through Feb. 8. Friday and Saturday performances are at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. One special-priced Admit Two for \$15 is Thursday, Feb. 5, at 8 p.m. Director is Julie Owen. For reservations, call 713-941-1758 or visit www.pasadenalittletheatre.org. Credit cards accepted.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7
7:30 a.m.

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

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

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

Pasadena Little Theatre – Production of *Driving Miss Daisy*, a comedy by Alfred Uhry, at 8 p.m., 4318 Allen-Genoa Road. Performances are weekends through Feb. 8. Friday and Saturday performances are at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. One special-priced Admit Two for \$15 is Thursday, Feb. 5, at 8 p.m. Director is Julie Owen. For reservations, call 713-941-1758 or visit www.pasadenalittletheatre.org. Credit cards accepted.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8
2 p.m.

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

Scleroderma Support Group Meeting – Do you have scleroderma or know someone with scleroderma? This is a rare illness that is caused by overproduction of collagen. Join support group meetings the second Sunday of each month from 3 to 5 p.m. at Pasadena Bayshore Hospital, 4000 Spencer Hwy., Pasadena. Bring a friend. Contact Jacob Davila, group leader, at 281-706-6232, or email jdavila@scleroderma.org.

Pasadena Little Theatre – Closing performance of *Driving*

Miss Daisy, a comedy by Alfred Uhry, at 3 p.m., Pasadena Little Theatre, 4318 Allen-Genoa Road. Director is Julie Owen. For reservations, call 713-941-1758 or visit www.pasadenalittletheatre.org. Credit cards accepted.

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

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

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

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9
10 a.m.

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

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

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

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Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered. For adults with Parkinson's disease only.
 6 p.m.
Scrabble Club #511 - Meets Mondays at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua, 6 p.m. Come and improve crossword game playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for more information.
 6:30 p.m.
Mended Hearts Cardiac Support Group - A national organization dedicated to inspiring hope in heart disease patients and their families, meets the second Monday of each month at the Clear Lake Heart Towers auditorium, 495 Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. A free meal begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by a speaker. For more information, call 281-538-4648.
 6:30 p.m.
Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting - meets Mondays at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway (FM 518). Enter door closest to recycling bins. For more information, call 713-865-3668 or visit www.oahouston.org.
 7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), First Presbyterian Church in the youth building on the Westminster side. For more information, call 713-856-1611.
 7 p.m.
Sagemont Civic Club - Meetings are held the second Monday of every month, 7 p.m., Sagemont Park Recreation Center, 11507 Hughes Road.
Friends Helping Friends Grief Support Group - Group meets Mondays, Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster, 7 to 8:15 p.m., in the staff meeting room. Anyone who has lost a loved one is welcome. Free. For information, call Betty Bielat at 281-474-3430 or Diana Kawalec at 281-334-1033.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10
 7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Tuesday through Friday at 7 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, in the Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.
 9:30 a.m.
CCART - The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers meets the second Tuesday of each month, Sept. through May, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Bay Area Community Center, 5002 Nasa Parkway in Seabrook near Landolt Pavilion. Texas retired school employees from surrounding school districts welcome to attend and join. Annual dues are \$35.
 9:30 a.m.
Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include dioramas, an old-time kitchen and a turn-of-the-century doctor's office. Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For information, call 713-472-0565.
 10:30 a.m.
Tri-County Republican Women - General meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month, except June and July, Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Drive, Pearland. Lunch available for \$15. Must have exact cash or make checks payable to Golfcrest Country Club. For reservations, call Laura Morgan at 281-484-8083.
 Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon, at 2245 N. Main (building next to pawn shop). For more information, call 713-856-1611.
Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets weekly, Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Drive, Pearland. Lunch is served for \$15. Variety of interesting speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or visit nallx@texascitizensbank.com.
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TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - TOPS #1530 meets at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road, at 1:30 p.m. For information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713.
 6 p.m.
Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish) - Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 6 p.m., First United Methodist Church, room 215, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.
 6:30 p.m.
Harris County Master Gardeners - The Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 offers free evening gardening lectures the second Tuesday of each month at the Clear Lake meeting room (lakeside) at 5001 Nasa Parkway. Programs will be held at 6:30 p.m. Visit the website for a list of topics and location at <https://hcmga.tamu.edu> or call 281-855-5600.
 7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518) at the First Presbyterian Church in the youth building on the Westminster side. For information, call 713-856-1611.
Houston Space City Lions Club - Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m., Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway. For information, call George Malone at 281-438-7243.
 8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11
 7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, in the Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or drop in.
 9:30 a.m.
Young at Heart Club - Meets the second and fourth week of each month (except November and December) at Covenant United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Lots of activities, trips, etc. Call Nellie Galney at 713-991-3517 for more information.
 11:30 a.m.
American Business Women's Association Bay Area Vision Chapter - Now meets at Perry's Steakhouse & Grille, 487 Bay Area Blvd., on the second Wednesday of every month. For more information or to RSVP, call Lorilyn Wynn at 281-388-5202.
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Alzheimer's Support Group - The free group meets the second Wednesday of each month at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. For more information, call Steven Williams at 281-929-4199 or 713-266-6400.
 7 p.m.
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Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center - Confidential domestic violence support group for women, 7 p.m., 210 S. Walnut off NASA Pkwy, between I-45 South and Highway 3. Call 281-338-7600 or visit www.bayareaturningpoint.com for information. 24-hour crisis hotline is 281-286-2525.
Bay Area New Democrats - Meet at the Clear Lake Court House at 1020 W. NASA Pkwy., Suite 204. For more information, visit www.bayareanewdemocrats.org.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12
 7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.
 9:30 a.m.
NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse - Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 a.m., Praise Chapel, 18516 Highway 3 in Webster. Public welcome and encouraged to bring others. For information, call 281-910-1971.
 11:30 a.m.
ABWA - Southeast Express Network - American Business Women's Association-South meets the second Thursday of each month, Golden Corral, 9115 Broadway, Pearland. Lunch is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$20 and includes networking with professional business women, lunch and guest speaker. Women of all ages and occupations are invited. Bring plenty of business cards. Reservations appreciated. Visit www.seen-abwa.org.
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Dobie soccer's Urrutia decides on Northern Illinois



Dobie varsity boys' soccer standout Nixon Vladimar Urrutia (seated center) will continue his education and playing career at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Ill., after signing a letter of intent with the Huskies. Those with Urrutia at the signing included, left to right, (seated) Maria Oliva (mother),

Kevin Roque (cousin), (standing) Steve Long (Dobie counselor), Dulce Morales (girlfriend), Mike Van Essen (Dobie assistant principal) and Justo Manrique (Dobie varsity boys' soccer head coach). Urrutia is a three-year varsity starter for the Longhorns.

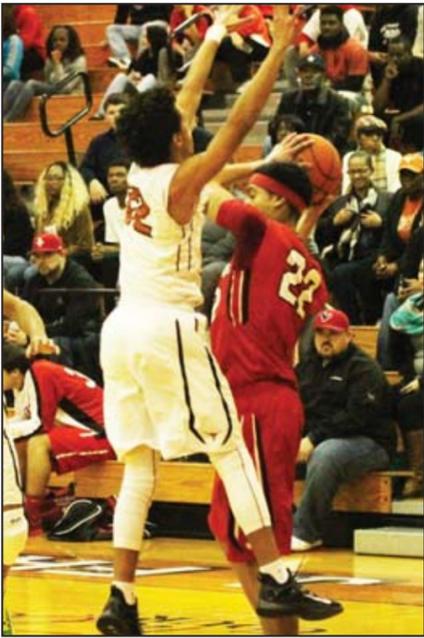
Lions' seventh-grade boys' Dark team wins PISD tourney



Thompson Intermediate's seventh-grade boys' Dark division basketball team captured the Pasadena ISD regular-season tournament championship after defeating Beverly Hills in the title game. The Lions scored big wins over Miller and South Houston in the tournament. According to Lions' coaches, Jartis Solomon led the way on offense with help from Robert Villanueva and Jesse Mitchell. Thompson's smothering defense was guided

by D.J. Vigne, Zachary Willett and Giambi Boyd. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Colby Mooror, Jartis Soloman, Justin Tran, D.J. Vigne, Jesse Mitchell, Albert Jones, (back row) Robert Villanueva, Zach Willett, Adrian Johnson, Kendyll Hubert, Jonathan Mendez, Daniel Lazcano, Cristian Rangel, Jaylen Gomez, Giambi Boyd and coach Daniel Sawyer.

SoHo bests Dobie in huge district basketball action



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Sam Rayburn, which defeated Memorial the same night, is even at 6-6 but seemingly has the most difficult stretch of games remaining.

Like it or not, South Houston has been a thorn in Dobie's side over the last several seasons.

This time around, the Trojans controlled the action, and their destiny, nearly from the start.

Dobie's Tyler Giron (12) pressures South Houston's Nick Hernandez (22) during the first half of the Trojans' 70-52 win over the Longhorns Feb. 3 at Dobie.

Photo by John Bechtle

Dobie had a 9-8 lead late in the first quarter of an otherwise sloppy game before the Trojans scored the final four points to lead 12-9 after eight minutes.

The game stayed close throughout much of the second quarter.

Dobie's Royce Hunter drained a 3-pointer to get Dobie within 21-20 with a minute, 14 seconds before halftime, but the Trojans bounced back with consecutive threes of their own from Jacoby Rogers and Daniel Johnson to stretch the halftime lead to 27-20.

The second half, quite simply, belonged to the Trojans.

Dobie got within five points twice in the quarter, yet each time South Houston answered.

Almost three minutes into the final quarter, Dobie's Justin Turner sank a 3-pointer to pull his team to within 47-42, but back came South Houston.

Dobie never got any closer, and instead of possessing the ball and killing clock, the Trojans continually attacked the

basket in transition down the stretch.

South Houston's game plan seemed simple. They didn't want Jason Lester, Dobie's leading scorer and best threat inside, to beat them. Lester didn't. He had 5 points total after a rough night down on the block.

The other factor was South Houston's athleticism throughout the contest.

South Houston created second and third chances with rugged rebounding inside.

Dobie, meanwhile, settled for threes and jumpers for a good portion of the night.

The bottom line is the 22-6A race has gotten interesting, at least where third and fourth place is concerned. Dawson and Manvel will advance. South Houston's chances now appear very good.

Dobie now travels to Dawson Feb. 6 for a huge game but then closes with Rayburn, Alvin and Memorial in that order.

Stay tuned for a wild finish to what has been a great race already.

Late-game magic lifts Dobie soccer

For as long as it lasts, the Dobie varsity boys' and girls' soccer programs will take all of the late-game magic they can get.

The Longhorn boys remain on top of the District 22-6A standings with 14 points thanks to a couple of tight wins over South Houston and Dawson.

At 4-0-1 in league play now, the Longhorns are ahead of second-place Memorial (11 points), with Pasadena, Sam Rayburn and South Houston all tied with nine points.

Dobie head coach Justo Manrique insists he's not happy with his team pushing its luck late in games, yet it's hard to argue with the results.

"We keep coming up with these epic wins, and you can't have long-term success like that," said Manrique, who said changes in the team's alignment on the field are in the offing.

Just days ago, the team learned that leading scorer Edwin Gomez is out for the season after suffering multiple knee ligament injuries in a game earlier this season.

Initially, it was thought that Gomez would be able to return at some point, but no such luck.

"We're still reeling a little bit from Edwin's loss," Manrique said. "We'll make some adjustments as we go and keep this thing going."

Against South Houston, Dobie got goals from Alexis Saldivar, Nixon Melgar and Sabino Lozano in a 3-2 victory Jan. 30.

Fast forward to Feb. 3, where the Longhorns found themselves down 2-0 and again 3-1 before rallying to win.

Lozano had a goal and an assist, and Saldivar, Nixon Urrutia and Sergio Quintanilla (eventual game-winner) netted goals.

The Dobie girls, despite sitting in fourth place in a top-heavy 22-6A race, are playing good soccer.

The team landed a 3-0 victory over South Houston Jan. 30, then downed Dawson in a shootout for 2 points in the standings after the two teams had played to a scoreless tie in regulation.

Pearland, Memorial and Alvin are tied atop the District 22-6A field with 12 points, while Dobie is just a point behind.

The Dobie teams still have first-round games remaining against Alvin, Sam Rayburn and Memorial before the second half of play starts.

In the boys' race, Dobie and Memorial appear headed for a collision for the top spot in the standings — as long as Dobie keeps winning.

"Yes, we just have to keep winning games," Manrique said. "That's always what it's about."

Franklin/Kramer invite to deliver area's netters

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The tournament will run just one day — Feb. 6. Moreno said the action will begin at each location at 8:30 a.m.

It's a tournament at which the Dobie players have had plenty of success in the past, and it could continue this season.

As usual, the Longhorns have stood out in doubles play early on this spring. Dobie handed Friendswood a 4-3 defeat Jan. 29, with Lady Longhorns Lada Heng and Hai Ho winning a 12-10 tie-

breaker to decide the outcome.

Dobie also got victories from mixed doubles players Ruben Vargas and Theresa Tran as well as boys' doubles teams Luis Cabeja and Bao Nguyen and Flavio Castillo and Albert Luu.

Vargas and Tran, who scored a big win over Deer Park in the area championships during the team tennis portion of the schedule, have simply been playing terrific tennis together.

The same goes for the other aforementioned duos, so Moreno feels like Dobie can have its name at the top at some point during this tournament.

"Our kids have the same chance to have some success as any of the others," Moreno said.

"We always seem to thrive and even hinge some of our success on doubles, and this year hasn't been any different. I just want our kids to compete hard and give themselves a chance to win in an event like this."



At left, the Dobie girls' doubles team of Hai Ho (left) and Lada Heng scored a huge tiebreaker win to help the program defeat Friendswood in a doubles-only clash. Now, the two are hoping to transfer their strong play to the courts at the annual Franklin/Kramer Pasadena ISD Spring Tennis Invitational.

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