

Dobie cheer tryout meeting set

A Dobie cheerleader tryout meeting will be held Thursday, Feb. 26, at 6:45 p.m. in the Dobie cafeteria for all students interested in becoming a cheerleader for next year. The meeting is for eighth-graders from Thompson and Beverly Hills and all Dobie students. A candidate must have a parent with them at the meeting to receive paperwork.

St. Luke's Youth sell BBQ

The St. Luke's Catholic Church Youth Ministry, 11011 Hall Road, will hold a barbecue sale Saturday, Feb. 28, from noon until 7 p.m. and on Sunday, March 1, after all Masses in the social hall. A chopped beef sandwich, chips and a drink is \$6. Proceeds will go toward youth summer retreats. For additional information or to donate, contact CJ McCarren in the Office of Youth Ministry at 281-481-4735.

Knights sell fish dinners

Knights of Columbus at St. Luke the Evangelist Church, 11011 Hall Road, will serve fish dinners Fridays through March 27. Dinners consist of breaded USA catfish fried fillet, hush puppies, cole slaw, corn-on-the-cob, fries and iced tea or lemonade. Baked fish fillets will be available in limited quantities. Dinners will be served between 5 and 7 p.m. All money raised will benefit local and community projects. Dine in or take out dinners are \$10 each.

PTO scholarships offered

Atkinson Elementary
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 to be considered.

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

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

Library seeks tutors

Parker Williams Branch Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., is seeking volunteers to help adults new to the United States to improve their ability to read, write and speak English.

The library will host a training session for new volunteer English as a second language tutors on Saturday, Feb. 28, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. After this session, tutors will work with a small group of adults once or twice weekly to help them gain literacy skills for work purposes, to help their children in school, or for numerous other uses.

Second language ability is not required for tutors, and materials including lesson activities are provided. For more information or to register for this workshop, call 281-484-2036.

Kirkwood to meet Feb. 26

The Kirkwood Civic Association will meet Thursday, Feb. 26, at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes, at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are held the last Thursday of the month. For additional information, call Ericka McCutcheon at 281-989-9990.

Genealogy group meets

The Parker Williams Genealogy Group will meet March 2, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the library at Scarsdale and Beamer. Meetings are free and open to anyone interested in tracing family history.

Dobie College Now parent night

The Dobie College Now dual credit program will hold an informational parent night on Tuesday, March 3, at 6 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Juniors and seniors for the 2015-2016 school year are eligible to apply. A representative from San Jacinto College will present information about the program. Dobie staff will also be available to answer Dobie-specific questions. For more information, call Jennifer Johnson or Nancy Carlton at 713-740-0370.

Weber carnival March 7

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

Chamber holds its 31st annual banquet

By James Bolen

Several community leaders and elected officials gathered Tuesday, Feb. 24, as the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce held its 31st annual installation banquet.

Notables in attendance included Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector Mike Sullivan; judges

Jo Ann Delgado and George Risner; City Council members Dwight Boykins and Dave Martin; aides to U.S. Rep. Pete Olson, state Sen. Sylvia Garcia, state Rep. Dennis Paul, Harris County Judge Ed Emmett and Harris County Commissioner El Franco Lee; board members from San Jacinto College and the Clear Brook City and

Sagemeadow municipal utility districts; and representatives from multiple local homeowner groups.

Newly hired University of Houston head football coach Tom Herman served as the featured speaker of the event.

Herman emphasized that life should be approached the same as a football game, saying his mantra was to be "1-0," meaning "you should be proud of winning and ashamed of losing."

"Winners get trophies, not participants. That's how life works," Herman said, jokingly adding, "And winners get the hot wife."

Herman, who said the word "can't" is not allowed to be used in his house, further suggested that individuals should always be competing against two opponents — one's own best self and the demon inside one's self.

The coach described the demon inside one's self as the one who wants to give up or hit the snooze button.

"He's beatable," Herman said. "You can beat him every single time."

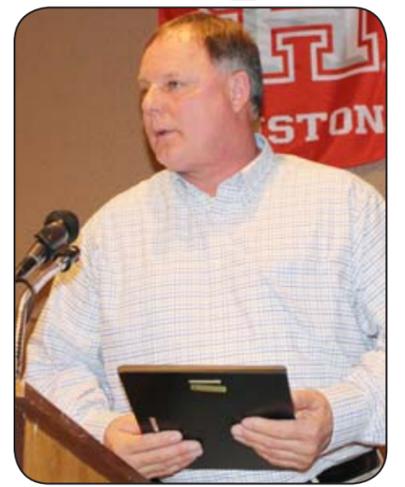
One of the most heartfelt moments of the evening took place when Boykins and Martin presented a special proclamation to local hero Charles Jordan.

The longtime Sagemeadow resident is credited for saving the life of Monica Garza this past March when he selflessly put his body between her and a pair of angry pit bulls that were attacking her as she was jogging along the Blackhawk hike-and-bike trail.

Jordan, who was also bitten during the attack, humbly accepted the proclamation plaque.

"I'm honored — unexpectedly," Jordan said. "But I'm not a hero. I was just at the right place at the right time."

Garza, who was also in attendance, expressed



Dean Baier is shown above accepting the chamber award for volunteer of the year.

her gratitude toward her lifesaver.

"It's because of Charles' act of heroism that I am alive," Garza said. "If he hadn't have showed up, I wouldn't be here today. In times of tragedy, we are surrounded by love."

Following the event, Herman, who was signing autographs for fans, asked Jordan for his signature. "I've never saved anyone's life," the coach said to the surprised resident.

Also honored at the event was Sagemeadow resident Dean Baier.

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"I've never saved anyone's life."



The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet was a huge success Tuesday, Feb. 24. For the first time in the event's 31-year history, many attendees waited after the function to get an autograph from the guest speaker, University of Houston football coach Tom Herman (left). As Sagemeadow resident Charles Jordan (right), who was honored for his heroism at the event, asked for Herman's signature, the coach responded by asking for Jordan's autograph. Jordan initially laughed the request off, before Herman assured him he was serious by saying, "I've never saved anyone's life." Shown with the pair is Monica Garza, who credits Jordan for saving her life last March when she was being attacked by two pit bulls. Jordan is shown complying with Herman's request. See additional photos from the banquet in next week's *Leader*. Photo by Marie Flickinger

Dobie to honor distinguished alumni

The third annual J. Frank Dobie High School Hall of Honor induction ceremony will take place Friday, March 6, at 7 p.m. in the Dobie auditorium. A reception in the school cafeteria will follow.

This year's event will honor five alumni, one fallen hero, one faculty member and one community volunteer.

Distinguished alumni include Bob Mitchell (Class of 1973), president of the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership; Leonard Cherry (Class of 1974), president of Cherry Companies; Randy McEachern (Class of 1974), former University of Texas quarterback; Kevin Sherrington (Class of 1974), sports journalist; and Reed O'Connor (Class of 1983), federal judge on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas.

Airman 1st Class Kyle "Pete" Wells (Class of 1979) will be the lone fallen hero honored at this year's event.

The late Catherine Haney, who served as both a history teacher and Academic Decathlon coach at the high school, will be honored as a distinguished faculty member. She will join fellow Academic Decathlon coach Richard Golenko on the Hall of Honor, as he was part of the school's inaugural class of inductees in 2013.

Leader publisher Marie Flickinger will be honored as this year's community volunteer. Flickinger has also served as president of the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce and San Jacinto College's board of trustees.

An intimate meet and greet for the inductees and their families will precede the induction ceremony.

New allegations raised in Islamic fire

New allegations are being leveled against the homeless man accused of starting the Feb. 13 fire that severely damaged the Quba Islamic Institute at 730 FM 1959/Dixie Farm Road.

During Darryl Ferguson's arraignment on charges of arson Wednesday, Feb. 18, prosecutors suggested the suspect had ulterior motives for starting the blaze that destroyed a 3,000-square-foot prefabricated metal storage building at the Islamic center.

"He told a nearby convenience store clerk that he hated Muslims, they got what they deserved,

and things happen for a reason," prosecutor Tiffany Dupree said at Ferguson's court appearance.

Ferguson had initially told detectives he started the fire merely to stay warm, but it then accidentally spread and became uncontrollable.

At press time, Ferguson had not been charged with a hate crime. The additional charge typically makes punishment more severe but would not in this case because Ferguson, who has a lengthy criminal history with more than 40 arrests, already faces life in prison if convicted of the first-degree felony arson charge.

Higginbotham leads JFD to victory



The Dobie High School Decathlon team qualified for the state meet in San Antonio Feb. 27-28. Pictured above are, left to right, Coach Steven Higginbotham, Jacob Little, Adolfo Gracia, Diego Ramirez, Bill Huynh, Mohammad Shobaki, Gabriel Perez and Jacob Bonavita. Not pictured is Vincent Gonzales. Photo submitted

Oversized load travels Beamer, beltway



A work crew is shown above helping an oversized load maneuver the intersection of Beamer and Beltway 8 Friday, Feb. 20. The load, a steam distillation tower from Valero Energy, had previously traveled north on Beamer and required the crew to move obstructive street lights and power wires. The motorcycle in the photo helps illustrate the massive size of the tower. Photo by Marie Flickinger

Deadline set for cookoff registration

Sunday, March 1, is the deadline for previous cooking teams to pay for a guaranteed spot at this year's South Belt Spectacular Cookoff, set to take place at El Franco Lee Park from Thursday, April 30, through Saturday, May 2.

After the deadline, additional teams may pay to reserve a spot at the event.

At press time, there was already a waiting list of more than a dozen other teams to fill the possible spaces.

Contrary to a story in the Feb. 12 *Leader*,

cooking spots start at \$175, rather than \$150.

Now in its 19th year, the cookoff is organized by the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department. It is the sole fundraiser for the annual South Belt Fourth of July fireworks display. Last year's event also raised thousands of dollars for local youth groups and scholarships.

Organizers are currently seeking additional volunteers to help with the event.

For more information or to reserve a spot, call Linda Arnone at 281-484-4325.

JFD Academic Decathlon heads to state

The Dobie High School Academic Decathlon team will represent the Pasadena Independent School District in the state competition, following several recent wins at the Region 5 tournament.

For the ninth consecutive year, Dobie placed in the top 10 among 28 schools to advance to the state meet in San Antonio, set to take place Feb. 27-28.

The team's coach and former decathlon competitor, Steven Higginbotham, said Dobie's continued success in the program is the product of hard work.

"The team studies for hours each day," he said. "These students work hard and enjoy learning. That sets them at a higher level of success in the competition."

The Academic Decathlon promotes student achievement and learning by challenging students in various academic subjects. Teams are composed of up to nine students who represent different grade point divisions. The group studies decathlon curricula and competes against other schools. There is a series of 10 events including an interview in front of judges, a written essay, speeches, a written comprehensive exam in math, social science, economics, literature, art, music and the Super Quiz.

The overall goal of decathlon is to teach participants the value of teamwork, leadership and time management.

"It takes perseverance and collaboration to compete," Dobie High School senior Diego Ramirez said. "For us, it's like a brotherhood. You promote yourself, your team and you learn along the way."

Dobie senior Jacob Little is the second varsity contestant in Dobie's history to cross the 8,000 mark out of a possible 10,000 points.

"The biggest requirement for success in decathlon competitions is to be dedicated," Little said. "I learned that the hard way. I did not do so well at first, but then I worked hard and pushed myself. As a result, I did well in the end."

PISD racked up 22 medals at regionals with Dobie claiming 14 of them. In 2011, the decathlon team won first place at state and advanced to the national competition. In 1992 and 1996, Dobie took home the championship trophy at the national competition.

"Dobie has a fantastic program and the school's administrative staff provides the students with the support they need to be successful," Pat Sermas, PISD director of advanced academics said. "We wish them all the best at the state competition."

In My Opinion

Paul: Current legislation filed

During legislative session we have many deadlines to meet. One of those is the bill filing deadline which falls on March 13th of this year. I meet with stakeholders daily to discuss issues important to house district 129 and how filing legislation may benefit the community. To date, I have filed six separate pieces of legislation and signed on in support of seven of my colleagues' legislation. My staff and I read legislation each day to determine what I might support to benefit our district and Texans everywhere. To learn more about legislation filed please visit the Texas Legislature Online. You may also express your support or opposition to legislation by emailing me at District129.Paul@house.state.tx.us. Thank you for the opportunity to represent you in the Texas House.

State Rep. Dennis Paul

It's a new year, but the same old story...

There is a big difference between doing well and doing good, Mt. Olive Church Lutheran Church appears to be doing well.

In our attempt to prevent them from selling fireworks in our neighborhood, Sageglen took Mt. Olive to court and we've had two appearances before Harris County Judge Caroline Baker. We first saw her just after the 4th of July when she promised to make a decision before the next "fireworks season" in December. We had our second day in court on December 3rd and she promised an answer within a week. We finally receive a decision, and word of our defeat, a few weeks ago in early February.

Our relationship with Mt. Olive began early last year when they needed Sageglen's help to get the cell phone tower approved on their land...and we obliged them. Mt. Olive Church would profit handsomely by leasing some land to the cellular phone company for this cell tower. In return we asked that Mt. Olive not sell fireworks. The idea was that monthly income generated by the cell tower would compensate them for the money made twice a year by selling fireworks...and they agreed. To ensure our support Mt. Olive Church president Ronald Craig Allen signed a contract stating they would not sell fireworks on church property.

Sageglen held an open meeting for everyone in the area to voice their opinion and a few folks were against the project. But our board looked at the big picture and decided the benefits to our residents were greater than the visual pollution in our neighborhood from the huge flag pole and mechanical building on Scarsdale. Our officers and staff took personal time to attend a meeting downtown with Harris County officials to support the project. I personally signed affidavits giving Sageglen's approval...all while Craig Allen was deceiving us.

What Craig Allen failed to disclose is that the church holds two pieces of property and he was cutting a deal on only one of them. While we were honoring the intent of the agreement he was creating loopholes to use against us later. In May of last year he signed an agreement with Don & Lily Tran to sell fireworks for ten years. In August he signed an agreement stating that he would not sell fireworks on church property...he just didn't say which property.

Ronald Craig Allen probably considers himself a shrewd businessman, but I see him as someone willing to deceive his neighbors for money. The slick way he handles laws, loopholes and stretching the truth are the qualities of lawyers and politicians. Maybe he should rethink his vocation, it's not a good way

to conduct church business. I don't know how involved Don and Lily Tran are in the deception but I do know they are a part of the problem and it appears they continue to place profits above the happiness of their neighbors. I doubt Pastor Ledbetter pieced this whole deal together and is just following the lead of others. But it has become obvious to me that all the players have no regrets for their actions however shady they may be. The sale of fireworks is banned all around our area and we don't want to sell them in our neighborhood.

I've read similar stories of greed and deceit from Washington and Wall Street but I didn't expect this from a neighbor. I really don't understand how folks can be so willing to live that way and I feel sorry for them, they should know better.

Sam Weeke
President, Sageglen Community Association

Reams responds to Byrd, Higginbotham

Regarding Constitutional Qualifications for President:

I hardly know where to start with a response to my critics Ms. Byrd and Mr. Higginbotham. Certainly a letter to the editor isn't sufficient space.

Ms. Byrd is an apparent believer of the "living Constitution" concept whereby you can change it to fit the times without going through the process spelled out in the Constitution itself. As I stated in my first letter, Obama's birth in Hawaii is totally irrelevant to the issue. The fact that his father was never a citizen of the US is. And like it or not the "accepted intent of the qualifications" are not as you state but as I stated earlier. There is too much documentation with the Federalist Papers, Vattel's Laws of Nature, and others, far too numerous to list here, to back that up. And, there is no Republican war on women, quiet the contrary. But requiring that the father be a citizen for the child to be a natural born citizen goes back millennia. One hint of that, until our modern era, when a woman married a man she took his last name as did any offspring. If that's a war on women, Barack Obama never lies.

As for Mr. Higginbotham, I invite you to re-read my Letter to the Editor. I did not say "Barack Obama is not a citizen of the United States." When you misquote anyone, accidentally or deliberately, you lose all credibility and your argument goes out the window. My line is the opening sentence, fourth paragraph: Barack Obama is NOT a natural born citizen. And for both these critics a "citizen," a "naturalize citizen," and a "natural born citizen" are three different things, by definition and court rulings. Yet many people use them interchangeably as if they were the same or to fit their agenda. The President and VP MUST be of the natural born variety to qualify. There have been many court cases bouncing all around this issue but the US Supreme Court has never ruled on it and it needs to. It simply lacked the courage to do so in Obama's case for obvious reasons.

I have read Wikipedia and got into a lengthy discussion with Pete Olson regarding the Congressional Research Service definition of natural born. I doubt that either of you have read a minuscule of what I've been through. I prefer the original documents used by our founders when they drafted the Constitution and laid out the requirements. If the editor will print it, here are two references for your pleasure and education:

http://www.newswithviews.com/JBWilliams/williams296.htm
https://publiushuldah.wordpress.com/category/natural-born-citizen/

Be forewarned. There's a lot here and it's not casual reading.

Larry Reams

Moore Science Fair winners



The top six projects from the Moore Elementary Science Fair held on Jan. 23 will go on to represent the school at the Pasadena Independent School District Science Fair on Thursday, March 26. Moore winners are, left to right, (front row) Dylan Nguyen, Connor King, Billy Junkin, (back row) Sabrina Pector, Sophia Martinez and Sydnee Pector.

Photo submitted

Chamber holds annual banquet

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Baier was named the chamber's volunteer of the year.

The director of operations for the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District by trade, Baier serves on the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department.

He is the top organizer and volunteer for the South Belt Spectacular Cookoff.

Baier has been with the fire department for 34 years and currently serves as senior paramedic and vice president on the board of directors.

He has also served as a firefighter, medical chief and assistant fire chief. While he has been active in the cookoff since its inception 19 years ago, this marks the fourth consecutive year he has been tasked with organizing the event. His work is credited with saving the cookoff from flooding in 2013.

Delgado was responsible for the swearing in all of the incoming chamber officers and board members at the function.

Chris Clark will continue

to serve as the organization's president; Marie Flickinger as first vice president; Rebecca Lilley as second vice president; Jonathan Ebizie as third vice president; the Rev. Emory Gadd as secretary; and the Rev. Gordon Berg as treasurer.

This year's board members include Noble Alix, B.J. Garner, Brenda Hellyer, David Matthews, Eli Tankley, Terry Felton, Rosanne Kerr, Derrick McElwee Sr., Jacquelyn Wiess and Kenny Fernandez.

CB students win film award

Clear Brook High School CBTU television students Rachael Acosta, Bradley Lien and Aryn Rodriguez earned a second-place finish for their short film, *Emma*, at the State UIL Young Filmmakers Festival.

Their film was one of three short films to earn top honors of the more than 1,000 entries submitted to this year's contest.

Emma is a five-minute-long film about a teenage girl with an overbearing mother and a dark secret. "Seeing our film at the historic Paramount theater was a dream come true,

and coming in with no expectations and taking home second place was a big surprise," said senior Acosta, who wrote and directed the film.

CBTV teacher David Derr said the film took the students nearly eight months to produce, from scripting to post-production.

"Rachael started writing this film last May and they started production on it in October," said Derr.

"Rachael, Bradley and Aryn have put countless hours in this project and their hard work speaks for itself in

the film. Each of them brought something special to the film; that is the part I am most proud of," Derr added.

Lien, who acted as director of photography on the project, said the film project gave the team a chance to put into practice all they've learned in class.

"We used different equipment on this film and adult actor, it was a learning curve for us, and I am so glad we took on this project," said Lien. The award-winning film can be viewed at <https://vimeo.com/channels/863071>.



Clear Brook High School television students Bradley Lien, Rachel Acosta and Aryn Rodriguez celebrate their second-place finish for their film, *Emma*, at the State UIL Young Filmmakers Festival.

Photo submitted

Olson slams Obama veto on pipeline

On Feb. 24, Rep. Pete Olson, South Belt's congressman, issued the following statement slamming President Barack Obama's veto of legislation to approve the Keystone XL pipeline.

"For 2,349 days President Obama has delayed and refused to make a decision on approving the Keystone XL pipeline," Olson said.

"Today, he said no to the

shovel ready jobs he asked for with his costly stimulus bill when he first took office. He said no strengthening our economy and energy security, and he said no to the labor unions looking for work.

"The president's own State Department has approved this project and it has been exhaustively studied and determined to be safe.

At a time when the

American people are asking their government to end the gridlock and provide solutions to grow jobs and improve our quality of life,

this president has said no.

"Mr. President, the American people expect and - quite frankly - deserve better."

Quilt Guild meets March 3

The Bay Area Quilt Guild will meet Tuesday, March 3, at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Fellowship begins at 6:30 p.m. and the general meeting and program begins at 7 p.m.

This month is the guild's annual auction which is open to the public. Not only will there be fabric, quilts, quilt blocks, and quilting notions to auction, there will also be a number of non-sewing items. A silent auction, grab bags, and a live auction are also scheduled. There is no charge to attend.

The group meets the first Tuesday of each month. For more information, visit the website at <http://www.bayareaquiltguild.org> or call Debby Benson at 713-248-8757.

Israeli Folk Dancing, March-April

Israeli Folk Dancing is a fun way to do cardiovascular exercises while enjoying oneself. The sessions are not built on one another, so if a few are missed, it is easy to catch up quickly. The dances are held at Congregation Shaar Hashalom on Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. March-April 2015 dance dates are March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, and April 6, 13, 20 and 27. Investment in the dances is \$4 per session or \$35 for 10 sessions for CSH members and \$5 per session or \$45 for 10 sessions for nonmembers to cover expenses. Everyone is welcome to join the group - even if never attended before.

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

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

Deaths

Frances Evelyn McClendon



Frances "Evelyn" McClendon, 84, of South Belt, died peacefully on Thursday, Feb. 19, 2015. She was born on April 30, 1930, in Calvert, Texas.

She is preceded in death by her husband, mother, father, sisters and brother.

McClendon is survived by her daughter, Deborah Cook, and children Justin and Megan; daughter Frances Fletcher, her children, Anastasia and husband Dean, and their children, Talynn and Rilea; daughter Alisha and husband Justin, and their sons Coleten, Landen and Brayden; and daughter Ashlea and husband Mark, and their children Justine, Maya and Lyla.

McClendon loved to garden and work with flowers.

The funeral service will be held Thursday, Feb. 26, 2015, at 2 p.m. at Niday-Fairmont Funeral Home in Pasadena.

Louis James Watson Sr.

Louis James Watson Sr., 78, of South Belt, died on Monday, Feb. 16, 2015. He was born Sept. 8, 1936, in New Orleans, La., to Oscar Watson Sr. and Lethal (Johnson) Watson.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brothers Oscar Watson Jr. and Lennel Watson; and sister Ramona White.

Survivors include his wife, Gracie (Thomas); sister Diane Watson; brother the Rev. Preston "Precious" Watson; sisters-in-law Molly Watson and Lucy Watson; children Charmaine D. Watson, Louis James Watson Jr. (Lydia), Broderick T. Watson (Rishay), Travis Watson Sr. (Edily), Aaron L. Watson (Sindia), Sean J. Watson Sr. (Kelli); 12 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Watson was baptized at a young age at Agape Christian Center by the Rev. Wilson Douglas, and united with New Covenant Christian Church in 1997. He lived a hard life as a child, and graduated from Willow Street High School in 1958 in Franklin, La. He served in the U.S. Army from 1958 to 1962 with an honorable discharge.

Watson graduated from Texas Southern University with a degree in pharmacy.

He is also survived by 12 great-grandchildren: Eliza-beth Collier, Brandon Collier, Katelyn Mouser, Joshua Mouser, Ashley Stringfellow, Makenzie Salyer, Erika Wilk-ers, Brianna Wilk-ers, Adelia

public health and professional education.

Frazier staff and students raised a total of \$3,683.27 mostly in spare change. This is the school's eighth year participating in this very

While attending TSU, he pledged Kappa Phi Si.

He met the love of his life, Gracie M. Thomas, in Franklin and married her in 1961. He completed his pharmacy degree in 1975.

Watson worked at Golden Age; Goodyear, Eckerd Drug Store and CVS Pharmacy; he owned and operated Gibbs Pharmacy.

He enjoyed fishing, working on projects, building furniture and other items for his home, teaching the new members class at New Covenant Christian Church along with his wife, Gracie, watching football and basketball games, attending sporting events to support his grandchildren, and coaching youth sports until 2011 when he coached the Sagemont-Beverly Little Minor Cubs.

Watson was a man who believed in stern discipline and instilled those values in his children. He loved telling jokes, scary stories, and stories passed down by his father and grandfather about slavery in Louisiana.

Services were held Saturday, Feb. 21, 2015, at New Covenant Christian Church.

Hazel Marie Fegley Wilkers



Hazel Marie Fegley Wilkers, 97, died peacefully on Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2015, at Baywood Crossing in Pasadena. She was born May 26, 1917, in Kansas City, Mo.

She graduated from Arkansas City Junior College majoring in art and commercial law. She was a member of Richey Street Baptist Church for many years. She was also involved in Girl Scouts as a Senior Girl Scout Leader. Her passion in life was flowers. She worked at Fairbanks Florist for many years.

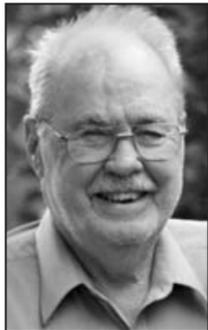
Wilkers is preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Lloyd Donald Wilkers, son, Paul Dial, and wife Carol; grandchildren Tim, Chris, Stephen, Richard, Shannon, Clifford, Audrey and Evan; his great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

The funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, 2015, with visitation prior to the service at 10 a.m., all at Niday Funeral Home-Beamer Chapel. Burial will be at Houston National Cemetery.

Wilkers, Angel Jones, Valerie Jones and Bella Hazel Jones.

A celebration of Wilkers' life will be held Friday, Feb. 27, 2015. A visitation will be at 9 a.m. with the celebration of life at 10 a.m. at Grand View Funeral Home, 8501 Spencer Highway in Pasadena.

Capt. Ray Clifford Dial



Capt. Ray Clifford Dial, 91, former South Belt resident, died on Feb. 23, 2015. He was born on Nov. 28, 1923, in Lamesa, Texas, to B.F. and Dore Dial. He was the only boy in a family of six children.

Dial served in the U.S. Navy during World War II in the Pacific. Afterward, he came home to work on tugboats in the Port of Houston, and also started Manchester Wire Rope. Soon after, he met his wife, Mavis, on the beach in Galveston. They were married for 64 years.

Dial worked for the Port of Houston Authority on the fireboat Capt. Crotty as a marine firefighter and worked his way up to captain. He served on the Capt. Crotty until it was decommissioned and then as captain on the Howard T. Tellepsen until he retired in 1986.

He was an ordained deacon and served his church for many years. He loved fishing, working in his workshop, and repairing and building just about anything. He was skilled in woodworking and welding and various other vocations.

Dial is preceded in death by his parents, sisters Frankie, Erma, Mildred, Lois and Evelyn, and his son, Timothy.

Dial is survived by his wife, Mavis; his children: Debra Roddam and husband Tim, daughter-in-law Debra Dial, son Micah Dial and his son, Paul Dial, and wife Carol; grandchildren Tim, Chris, Stephen, Richard, Shannon, Clifford, Audrey and Evan; his great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

The funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, 2015, with visitation prior to the service at 10 a.m., all at Niday Funeral Home-Beamer Chapel. Burial will be at Houston National Cemetery.

Leader obituary policy

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

Frazier collects Pennies For Patients

Frazier Elementary School recently participated in the Pennies For Patients program for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Leukemia is the most common cancer in children,

adolescents and adults younger than 20 years, and it causes more deaths than any other cancer among this age group. Donations are spent on patient and community services, research,

public health and professional education.

Frazier staff and students raised a total of \$3,683.27 mostly in spare change. This is the school's eighth year participating in this very

important community service project.

Bonnie Murray's third-grade class (pictured) collected the most money and will be treated to lunch sponsored by Olive Garden.



Bonnie Murray's third-grade class members pictured are, left to right, (front row) Kira Goeman, Madeline Tran, Christabel Gonzalez, Ethan Ramos, Laly Mercedes, MacKenna Houston, (second row) Elijah Bustaman-

te, Jet Barker, Ke'Asia Thomas-Miller, Aiyaz Murshed, Alexandra DeLeon, QB Boyd, Murray, (back row) Alberto Ortiz, Michael Mendez, Torrance Johnson, Darius Jones, Mya Bell and Anthony Medina.

Tax-Aide available at Parker Williams Library

Volunteers from AARP Tax-Aide will be at the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., to assist with tax questions and filing tax returns Mondays and Fridays through April 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 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. For more information, visit aarp.org/taxaide.

Carnival vendors sought

Weber Elementary

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. Vendors may contact Julie Lam at lamjulie@gmail.com (\$25 per exhibit space).

SBHLL Opening Day

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.

Melillo Carnival April 10

Melillo Middle School will hold its seventh annual spring carnival on Friday, April 10, from 6 to 8 p.m. Attractions will include a rock wall, bungee trampoline, train, dunking booth, concessions, booths including hairspray paint, face painting, cake walk, silent auction and more. Tickets may be purchased pre-sell beginning March 31 through April 10 and at the event.

Dobie sets 40-year reunion

The J. Frank Dobie Class of 1975 will hold its 40-year reunion Sept. 25-26 at South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center, 2500 S. Shore Blvd. in League City. Tickets are \$85 per person if paid by Aug. 1. Tickets purchased at the door or after Aug. 1 will be \$100 per person. This includes dinner and entertainment for Saturday night. A block of rooms at a special rate will be available. For more information, call Susie Holmes Holt at 281-222-4140, Pam West Saxton at 832-330-8368, or Debbie Green Harrell at 832-818-5028.

Local library events set

Parker Williams Branch

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

On Thursday, Feb. 26, at 11 a.m., a book discussion will be held on *The Good Lord Bird*, by James McBride.

ESL Tutor Training is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 28, from 1 to 4 p.m. For those who enjoy helping others learn important skills, becoming an English as a second language tutor may be the perfect volunteer opportunity. The Parker Williams Branch Library will host a training session to help new volunteers learn about the materials provided by the library and the kinds of activities common in ESL classes.

On Monday, March 2, Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration is set for 4 p.m.

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, speak with Loc Bui.

For more information on these programs, call the Parker Williams Branch Library at 281-484-2036.

Bracewell Branch Library

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

Tuesdays: 10:30 a.m. - Family storytime, followed by a storytime craft and playtime; 4:30 p.m. - Kid's Craft.

Wednesdays: 10:30 a.m. - Baby/toddler storytime, followed by playtime; 2 to 3 p.m. - Computer Basics; 3 to 4:30 p.m. - Kids' Gaming; 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. - Internet Basics; 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. - Basic PowerPoint.

Thursdays: 2 to 3 p.m. - Computer Help; 4 to 5:30 p.m. - Citizenship Class.

Saturdays: 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. - Computacion Basica 1.

Monthly programs: Saturday, March 7, at 2:30 p.m. - Manga/Anime Club; Thursday, March 19, at 6 p.m. - Not Your Mamma's Book Club will discuss *Defending Jacob* by William Landay.

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.

Pasadena ISD hosts annual Spring Chess Exhibition Feb. 7

On Saturday, Feb. 7, Pasadena Independent School District held its fifth annual Spring Chess Exhibition at Beverly Hills Intermediate. Two-hundred-twenty-eight students participated, which by far represents the highest number in the history of Pasadena ISD. Thirty-three campuses (another record) were represented, including five high schools, 10 intermediate schools, eight middle schools, and 10 elementary schools. Thirty of the schools participating were from Pasadena ISD, two were from Pearland ISD, and one was from Deer Park ISD.

All the campus chess coaches and many other adult volunteers came and helped. Campus administrators and central office personnel came to support the students. Bob Bartel ran the high school division, Stacey Barber (BHI principal) allowed the use of her building, and James Early and Leslie Axel, co-directors, took care of all the logistics.

Each student played five games, receiving one point for each win and a half-point

for each draw. The following table shows the top finishers in each of the four divisions.

Division	Place	Name	Campus	Grade	Score		
Elementary (3-4)	1	Dylan Campos	Frazier	4	5.0		
	2	Christian Vega	South Houston	4	4.5		
	(Tie)	3	Rey Aguirre	Frazier	3	4.0	
		3	Bella Cisneros	Frazier	4	4.0	
		3	Gustavo Escamilla	Williams	3	4.0	
	Middle (5-6)	1	Adam Espinoza	Shaw	6	5.0	
		(Tie)	Eduardo Vargas	Shaw	5	5.0	
		(Tie)	2	Collin Cardenas	Milstead	6	4.0
			2	Enrique Escamilla	Queens	6	4.0
			2	Frankie Hernandez	Melillo	6	4.0
Intermediate (7-8)		1	Timmy Phan	BHI	7	5.0	
		2	Sophia Colmenares	Thompson	7	4.5	
		(Tie)	3	Julio Espinoza	Southmore	7	4.0
			3	Victor Falcon	Southmore	7	4.0
			3	Alejandro Garcia	San Jacinto	7	4.0
	High School	1	Michelle Thomas	Dobie	11	5.0	
		2	Hector Carrillo	Pasadena	12	4.0	
		(Tie)	3	John Cruz	CTHS	10	4.0
			3	Lee Hernandez	Pasadena	12	4.0
			3	Derek Nguyen	Dobie	10	4.0
(Tie)		3	Alexis Trevino	Pasadena	12	4.0	
		3	Alice Phan	Dobie	10	3.5	



Elementary top finishers are, left to right, (front row) Bella Cisneros, Frazier; Rey Aguirre, Frazier; (back row) Daniel Rodriguez, Golden Acres; Aiden Espinoza, Golden Acres; Dylan Campos, Frazier; Gustavo Escamilla, Williams; Marcus Kemp, Frazier; and Christian Vega, South Houston.



High school top finishers are, left to right, (front row) Michelle Thomas, Dobie; (back row) Alexis Trevino, Pasadena; Lee Hernandez, Pasadena; Hector Carrillo, Pasadena; John Cruz, CTHS; and Alice Phan, Dobie. Not pictured is Derek Nguyen, Dobie.



Middle school top finishers are, left to right, (front row) Adam Espinoza, Shaw; Eduardo Vargas, Shaw; Nathan Sandoval, Milstead; (second row) Collin Cardenas, Milstead; Frankie Hernandez, Melillo; Michael Cortez, Shaw; Matthew Mendiola, Melillo; (third row) Gilberto Rojas, Shaw; Jonathan Orozco, Shaw; Oscar Lopez, Williams; (back row) Jhancarlos Carpio, Morris; Joshua Turribates, Morris; Cole Weddell, Alexander; Victor Trevino, Shaw; Enrique Escamilla, Queens; Jose Ruiz, Queens; and Morgan Grays, Milstead. Not pictured is Christopher Rosas, Lomax.



Intermediate school top finishers are, left to right, (front row) Victor Vargas, Southmore; Victor Falcon, Southmore; (back row) Timmy Phan, Beverly Hills; Darin Pulido, Beverly Hills; Julio Espinoza, Southmore; and Sophia Colmenares, Thompson. Not pictured is Alejandro Garcia, San Jacinto.

PISD Special Programs hosts annual Parent Engagement Conference

By Reesha J. Brown
Pasadena ISD
Communication Specialist

Hundreds of parents filled the Frank Braden Professional Development Facility-Carmen Orozco Center recently for the annual Parent Engagement Conference.

Attendees received child development training, information on how to build positive relationships at school and home and tips on ways to enhance communication with children. In addition, parents received information about post-secondary and career opportunities for students. Topics covered were based on a needs assessment conducted earlier in the school year.

"We all came together with a common goal - to ensure students are successful," Gloria Gallegos, Pasadena ISD associate superintendent of special programs said. "Building strong relationships between parents, the district and community organizations is an important part of that process."

Keynote speakers included Dr. Kirk Lewis, superintendent of schools; Dr. Allatia Harris, San Jacinto College vice chancellor of strategic initiatives; Linda Flores Olsen, executive director of the Houston Hispanic Forum; Richard Yoes, Pasadena ISD executive director of Curriculum and Instruction; Brittany Bates and Veronica Zavala, district licensed specialists in school psychology.

The conference was hosted by the district's Special

Programs Department. Organizers credit the success of the event to local community partners and sponsors.

The Jackson Intermediate orchestra provided entertainment during a catered lunch break.

Alvarado appointed

State Rep. Carol Alvarado, D-Houston, was appointed by Speaker of the House Joe Straus as the chairwoman of the House Committee on Urban Affairs, and a member of the House Committee on Special Purpose Districts and the House Committee on Rules and Resolutions.

"I am very proud and honored to be appointed to these great committees. I am eager to get to work on issues that will greatly impact our state, especially urban areas such as Houston," said Alvarado.

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HFD urges citizens to use safety when using heating devices

As the city sees the temperature drop, the Houston Fire Department urges citizens to be careful and follow some simple safety tips when using space heaters, fireplaces and other supplemental heating sources. Any shift away from the exclusive use of central heating presents an increased possibility for fire. Heating devices cause more than 100 fires in the city of Houston each year, resulting in numerous injuries and deaths.

Citizens should always keep in mind that space heaters need space. The Houston Fire Department recommends the following safety tips when using supplemental heating sources:

- Make sure to have a working smoke alarm.
- Never leave children unattended in a room with a space heater - Children knock over space heaters, especially if they are placed on top of wobbly tables or stools and near where the

children play. Children may also stick paper or toys in the grates of the space heaters especially gas space heaters.

- Keep all combustible materials, including yourself at least three feet from the heater.
- Open face heaters should have a screen.
- Provide ventilation to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.

Vented gas-fired heating appliances tips - Central heating units, floor furnaces, recessed wall heaters, and vented space heaters:

- Inspect annually by a qualified service technician.
- Do not use these type units without a proper vent pipe. Vent pipes must exhaust to the outside.
- If the flame is not blue, it is not burning properly. It is producing carbon monoxide, which can't be seen, smelled or tasted. Turn it off.
- Use flexible metal tubing with threaded ends to connect the heater to the gas

valve. There should be a cut-off valve for the heater at the wall. Never use a rubber hose to connect a space heater to the gas valve.

- Use soapy water to check all connections and valves for leaks. Never use a match to test for a gas leak.
- Look for the American Gas Association label and follow the manufacturer's recommendations for proper usage.

Electric Heaters Tips:

- Never overload outlets or breakers.
- Don't use extension cords for the heater. If the cord is hot to the touch, turn off the heater and unplug it.
- Electric heaters permanently installed in the wall or ceiling should have lint and dust removed regularly. Lint and dust will burn.

Fireplace safety from the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA)

According to the NFPA, while fireplaces often conjure up images of warmth and comfort, they also represent a source of home

heating fires. Creosote - a sticky, oily, combustible substance created when wood does not burn completely - rises into the chimney as a liquid and deposits on the chimney walls, and plays a role in nearly one-fourth (23 percent) of all home heating fires each year.

Just like a space heater, keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from a fireplace, and create a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires.

Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room.

- Never leave a fireplace fire unattended, particularly when children are present.
- Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container, and kept at a safe distance from the home.

CHICKEN Club reunion in the works

Members invited to join the festivities March 28

Take a blast to the past and join fellow community members for the first ever CHICKEN Club reunion of Pasadena from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, March 28, at the Dr. Kirk Lewis Career and Technical High School, located at 1348 Genoa Red

Bluff Road.

The CHICKEN Club was a youth drug awareness program that used reverse peer pressure to let children know it was all right to refuse drugs. The acronym stands for Cool, Honest, Intelligent, Clear Headed, Keen, Energetic, and Not interested in drugs.

The CHICKEN Club concept began in the 1970s in Phoenix, Ariz. The first club in southeast Texas launched in the early 1980s.

Membership in the southeast Texas CHICKEN Club spread to more than 25,000 just in the first year and continued to grow thereafter.

Pasadena ISD decided to join forces with local Optimist clubs and implemented the CHICKEN Club program into schools.

Members participated in several activities including group discussions, poster contests, Astros games and the big event, the CHICKEN Club rally, which took place at AstroWorld.

One of the essentials of being a CHICKEN was to wear the official CHICKEN Club T-shirt issued to every student. Those who held on to the shirts are asked to wear them to the reunion.

To RSVP to the reunion, visit www.pasadenaisd.org.

Hernandez files bill to aid STEM majors

Rep. Ana Hernandez filed House Bill 494, expanding eligibility for the Texas Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

(T-STEM) Challenge Scholarship, a program designed to financially support students in critical STEM majors.

"Under current law, students may only participate in the T-STEM scholarship program in their first two years of study. This means that many who would do well in a STEM-aligned four-year degree program may be forced to leave school after just two years due to financial need," said Hernandez.

"The proposed expansion of the T-STEM Scholarship program would help students complete their studies in critical fields, while helping provide for our region's critical labor needs in STEM-related industries."

Harris County has witnessed remarkable growth among energy, health care, and import-export employers in recent years.

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ExxonMobil Retiree Club meeting March 11

ExxonMobil retirees and their guests are invited to attend the Space Center ExxonMobil Retiree Club's quarterly meeting on Wednesday, March 11, at the Bay Area Community Center at 5002 NASA Parkway in Seabrook. Fellowship starts at 10 a.m., followed by a short business meeting, a barbecue lunch (brisket, links, chicken plus sides) and, in honor of Texas History Month, a program by Barbara and Larry Stevens on Texas history.

Please RSVP to Gillian Ford no later than noon on Monday, March 9, at 281-

482-4305. The cost of the luncheon is \$15 for nonmembers and guests and \$10 for club members. (Annual membership dues are \$15.) However, prospective members are entitled to one luncheon at no cost. The club holds four meetings per year, including a December holiday party, as well as a number of excursions by bus. Upcoming excursions are an expert guided birding trip to High Island (one of the world's premier birding destinations) on Wednesday, April 15, and a fun Saturday night at the Liberty Opry on June 13.

Stevenson speaks at NASA Aglow meeting March 12

NASA Aglow meets the second Thursday of every month at Praise Chapel at 9:30 a.m. to worship and learn.

In March, the group welcomes the Rev. Joni Stevenson to speak to them. The public is invited to join this network of Christian women each month.

In addition, Bible studies and a prayer meeting are offered the first Thursday of every month.

Along with traveling to preach in churches and conferences, Stevenson founded

and co-pastors Houston Faith Church with her husband, Charles. She is ordained as a minister through International Convention of Faith Ministries (ICFM) and resides in Houston.

Join NASA Aglow at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 12, for this encouraging message and fun visiting with the warm group of women at lunch afterward at a nearby restaurant.

Praise Chapel is located at 18516 Highway 3 in Webster. For more information, call 281-910-1971.



Over The Back Fence by Alexis

BRAYDEN TURNS 13!

Brayden Espinosa is now officially a teenager! He turns 13 years old Sunday, March 1. Lots of hugs of best wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent from proud grandparents Jennie and Robert Scarberry of South Belt; mom and dad, Jenny (Hayes) and Benny Moreno, and sisters Baylee and Livvy; uncle Tyler Scarberry; aunt Stacey Flowers, uncle Stephen and cousins Kennedy, Owen and Evie; uncle Joey Hayes; and uncle Austin Scarberry, Tiffany, and cousin Jade.

MATT CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY
Best wishes for a great birthday March 3 are sent to Matt Walker from his friends and staff at the Leader.

SCHOOL DAZE

The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Feb. 26 through March 4.

Burnett Elementary

Light the candles for Hugo Pena Feb. 26 for a birthday celebration. Blow out the birthday candles March 2 for Connie Aviles. The day for a party for Vanessa Pina is March 4.

Bush Elementary

On March 4, sing a happy birthday song to Marlynn Beltran.

Meador Elementary

Greetings for a wonderful birthday are sent to Damaris Vargas March 4.

Moore Elementary

Sharing a birthday Feb. 28 are Adriana Ramirez and Priscilla Nguyen-Vu.

Melillo Middle School

The day for a birthday cake for Iver McDonald is March 4.

Beverly Hills Intermediate

Rodney Martin has a birthday Feb. 26. The day for a party for Shay Woodruff is Feb. 28.

Thompson Intermediate

The day for a birthday celebration for Justin Duncan is Feb. 26. March 1 is the day for Katina Kirk to celebrate a birthday. Light the birthday candles March 2 for Cynthia Lozano.

Dobie High

Celebrating a birthday Feb. 27 are Christopher Rojas and Melissa Spretz. David Chollett, Zoila Salazar and Amanda Tetuyev share a birthday Feb. 28. On March 1, birthday wishes are sent to Selene Reyes and Jason Roth. Erin

Thompson is wished a happy birthday March 3. Light the birthday candles for Andria Senegal on March 4.

FACEBOOK FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS

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

Thursday, Feb. 26: Jimi Cebulla, Leah Williamson and Mark West; Friday, Feb. 27: Sarah Tremont, Cindy Banhart, Miguel Villarreal, Jared Layne and Beth Northrup; Saturday, Feb. 28: Jessica Shannon, Rudy Peralez, Kim Brown and James Myers; Sunday, March 1: Jacquie Farrey; Monday, March 2: Sunshine Lane; Tuesday, March 3: Craig Joseph, Kelley Pennington, Mike Chuter, Francesca Cash and Jonathan Herridge; and Wednesday, March 4: Susan Rogers, Vanessa Murillo, Miranda Robertson-Riley, Leslie Lytle, Gigi Childers, Chaunte Harvey, Linda Eckerman, Michael Krafka and Nan Laux.

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PISD Special Ed. Department's Transition Fair helps families prepare for life after high school

Pasadena Independent School District held its annual Transition Fair recently for students involved in the Special Education program.

The annual event attracted nearly 460 attendees including 170 students, parents and representatives from more than 30 local community service providers who packed into the cafeteria at Pasadena High School to raise awareness about options available for students ready to transition to adulthood.

"We often find families are not aware of services available to them," Tamera Walker, the special education specialist and event coordinator said. "This event uplifts families and lets them know they are not alone and there are helpful resources available in their own neighborhood."

Sponsors and vendors put up displays at each table ready to provide information and answer questions about their services. Representatives shared information about educational opportunities, vocational training programs, employment, independent living opportunities, rehabilitation services, recreational options and other resources to help students gain independence. Local agencies, schools and organizations in attendance at the event included Telemundo Houston, ABC Dental, Adaptive Recreation for People with Disabilities, the Department of Assistive and Rehab-

ilitation Services, BBVA Compass, Harris County MHMRA, Harris County Transit (RIDES), Next Step Transition Center, the Social Security Administration, Pasadena Special Olympics, and the University of Houston.

Excitement filled the air at the end of the night during the door prize giveaway. Thanks to several sponsors including Chick-fil-A, Mi Tienda, Taqueria Arandas, Cinemark Movie Theatre, Peter Piper Pizza, and Massage Envy, several lucky students went home that night with fun prizes and brand new iPads.

The event's top sponsor, Shared Resources Credit Union, sent one lucky student home with an LED 32-inch TV.

"I read an article in the paper Monday and decided that our credit union and our philosophy matched perfectly with the Transition Fair and what it meant to the community," Stephanie Salazar, CEO of Shared Resources Credit Union said. "This was very personal to me because of a family member that has autism who is doing fabulous in sixth grade and was told he wouldn't. I am just a true believer that with a community, parents and a loving atmosphere everyone will succeed with the help of each other. That's why we wanted to be part of this."

Collin Cooper brought his

son, Mark, a Rayburn High School junior, to the fair to see what all the buzz was about. After talking to representatives, he realized he was

in the right place. "This event has helped us out with finding out about the transition between high school and the real world,"

Cooper said. "I didn't know that all these programs even existed. They are incredible and it makes a world of difference for my family."



The Special Ed. Department presents a certificate of appreciation to top sponsor Shared Resources Credit Union. Pictured: CEO Stephanie Salazar, Jennifer McDaniel, Erica Alonso, Pasadena ISD special education specialist Tamera Walker, and Jennifer Key.



Pasadena ISD Special Education Department team members Tamera Walker, Mary McCorvey, Joshua Castro, Nikki Fontenot, Julie Reed, Reba Brown, Tracey Balusek, Erika Francis, Kathryn Higginbotham-Jones and Michael Kaemmer.



Collin Cooper (right) brought his son Mark, a Rayburn High School junior, to the Transition Fair. Cooper said his experience was "eye opening" and will be beneficial for his family.



Telemundo Houston representatives Sarai Ramirez and Scott Pena receive a certificate from Transition Fair coordinator Tamera Walker for supporting the event.

Hernandez appointed to key house committees

On Feb. 4, House Speaker Joe Straus appointed state Rep. Ana Hernandez to the House Committee on Pensions and the House Committee on Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence. The Committee on Pensions oversees the state's public retirement funds and other select retirement systems – including the Teacher Retirement System and Houston Firefighters Retirement Fund.

The Committee on Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence studies issues related to civil law and several state agencies associated with Texas' court systems.

In reaction to her committee appointments, Hernandez stated, "I am pleased by my committee assignments for this session. With the possibility of legislation being introduced to address the Houston Firefighters Retirement Fund, I look forward to working with my colleagues on retirement policy in Pensions. As an attorney, I am excited to have the opportunity to work on matters of Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence this session. I look forward to working with my colleagues on both committees to create positive change in District 143 and Texas."

Gardeners set March events

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

Perennial, Pepper, Tomato and Herb Sale

On Saturday, March 7, Princt 2, the Harris County Master Gardeners Perennial, Pepper, Tomato and Herb Sale will be held at Campbell Hall, Pasadena Fairgrounds, 7600 Red Bluff in Pasadena. Preview of Perennials will be presented by Heidi Sheesley, owner of Treeseach Farms, at 8 a.m. Sale hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. If it's sold at our sale, it grows in this area. For more information, visit https://hcmga.tamu.edu.

Open Garden Day March 16

Harris County Master Gardeners at Princt 2 will host Open Garden Day on Monday, March 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.

Horticulturist presents Texas Superstars

On Wednesday, March 18, Paul Winski, Harris County Extension Agent - Horticulture, will present an educational program on Texas Superstars at 10 a.m. in the meeting room at Clear Lake Park, 5001 NASA Parkway in Seabrook. This is a Harris County Master Gardeners at Princt 2 event. For more information, visit https://hcmga.tamu.edu.

Hobby Lions Club to meet

Hobby Airport Lions Club will meet Wednesday, March 4, at noon at the Golden Corral at Fuqua and I-45. For more information, email HobbyAirportLions@gmail.com.

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35 years ago (1980)
The Sageglen Community Association received approval of a 10 percent loan from First City Bank, Alameda Genoa, for construction of a swimming pool and tennis courts for its residents.

Projected plans for a 41.63-acre development to include a five story bank building, office buildings, shopping facilities, a restaurant, a movie theater and apartments were announced. The project, Southpoint, was planned for the I-45 and Fuqua intersection.

Houston City Councilman Frank Mancuso announced the South Belt area within the Houston city limits would be getting water service from piped-in surface water instead of wells.

30 years ago (1985)
Five-year growth rate figures for Texas two-year colleges showed the South campus of San Jacinto College with the largest percentage of any two-year college in Texas.

Pasadena Independent School District had 19 undisclosed schools that showed a small amount of asbestos.

Home prices in the South Belt finally stabilized after experiencing the largest drop in price in 1983 of any of the 17 neighborhoods surveyed by the University of Houston study.

The Pearland YMCA changed its name to the Pearland-South Belt YMCA in an effort to improve its local appeal.

25 years ago (1990)
The proposed \$100 million Pasadena Independent School District bond was facing intense resistance from taxpayers. The PISD board scheduled area meetings to explain their viewpoints on the bond.

Dobie students were collecting receipts from Apple Tree stores. The chain prom-

ised to donate a new computer for each \$70,000 in receipts the students collected.

Two Weber Elementary teachers were granted transfers by the Clear Creek Independent School District citing their proximity to Brio as the reason.

For the first time in several years, two Dobie students qualified for state-level debate competition in the Texas Forensic Association. Senior John Dies earned a spot in oration, and senior Mike Scheschuk would compete in foreign extemporaneous speaking.

20 years ago (1995)
J. Frank Dobie's Decathlon team placed second in the state large-school competition.

Clear Creek Independent School District board of trustees accepted the resignation of Superintendent Ronald McLeod. McLeod agreed to stay on until his contract ended in July.

J. Frank Dobie junior Marty Blair won first place in the trail event at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce hired Sherry Trainer as its new executive director.

15 years ago (2000)
Jerry Speer submitted his resignation as principal of J. Frank Dobie High School for the end of the school year. Speer sought an elected position on the board. A nationwide search was held for his replacement.

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San Jacinto College, Harrison was the first individual in the chamber's history to receive the honor twice.

1 year ago (2014)
A newborn baby boy was found in a dumpster by a maintenance worker at the Reserve at Windmill Lakes apartment complex in the 9900 block of Windmill Lakes Boulevard. The child, who still had his umbilical cord attached, was only about 4 or 5 hours old when he was found. The mother, a 16-year-old student at South Houston High School, reportedly didn't know she was pregnant until she had the child in her aunt's bathtub. She said she cut the umbilical cord herself but thought the infant was born dead, prompting her to dispose of him in the dumpster. No charges were immediately filed.

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Campbell Family Practice announced plans to construct a new facility on a two-acre site at Resource Parkway and Highland Meadow.

10 years ago (2005)
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2015 CCISD Livestock Show and Auction a success

When the final 'sold' held at the West Agriculture Barn, attracted a crowd of proud parents, district administrators and community partners. For the second year in a row, the Grand Champion Steer was raised by Kara Belt, a sophomore at Clear Lake High School. Listed at right are the top 10 buyers and the top student winners - Grand Champions, Reserve Grand Champions, and Best of Shows.



2015 CCISD Livestock Show and Auction winners of the Reserve Champion Steer was Clear Brook HS student Kirby Morrison. Pictured are, left to right, buyers Robin and Derek Holk, Morrison and her father, Skip Morrison.

CCISD 2015 Livestock Show and Auction					
Grand Champions:					
Student	School	Division	Buyer	Price	
Kara Belt	CLHS	Steers	Maxim Group	\$29,000	
Madison Rylant	CBHS	Swine	Norman Frede Chevrolet	\$8,000	
Kennedy Walker	CSHS	Lambs	Diamond Hydraulics	\$6,800	
Kayla Byrd	CCHS	Goats	Opus Bistro	\$5,550	
Grace Garcia	CCHS	Turkeys	PBK	\$4,500	
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Richard Moffett	CFHS	Market Rabbits	League City Boat, RV Storage	\$3,500	
Best of Show:					
Student	School	Division	Buyer	Price	
Blake Speed	CCHS	Ag Mechanics	Floyd's Seafood & Steakhouse	\$14,000	
Shelbi Magnus	CBHS	Floral Design	Engle Family	\$1,000	
Amanda Miller	CBHS	Horticulture	Shawna & Joel Sallee	\$1,000	
Julia Tomkies	CSHS	Visual Arts	Home Town Bank	\$1,600	
Shelbi Magnus	CBHS	Food Science	Engle Family	\$1,000	
Reserve Grand Champions:					
Student	School	Division	Buyer	Price	
Kirby Morrison	CBHS	Steers	Holk Family	\$5,000	
Shelbi Magnus	CBHS	Swine	Floyd's Seafood & Steakhouse	\$2,850	
Rebecca Low	CCHS	Lambs	Frost Bank/Ryan O'Hara	\$2,000	
Peter Bowling	CSHS	Goats	Esteban's Cafe and Cantina	\$2,200	
Rebecca Low	CCHS	Turkeys	PBK	\$2,700	
Garrett Gouldin	CFHS	Broilers	Clear Lake Body Shop	\$3,500	
			South Belt Wrecker	\$3,500	
McKenna Zinke	CSHS	Market Rabbits	Coastal Bay Insurance Agency	\$2,100	

Frazier chess team excels



Frazier Elementary School's chess team participated in the Pasadena Independent School District Chess Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 7. Left to right, taking the top spot was Dylan Campos, and tying for third place were Marcus Kemp, Rey Aguirre and Bella Cisneros. This was Campos' fourth first-place win in district play since joining the team. The entire team, led by Frazier science teacher Pat Singletary, did a great job representing the school. Photo submitted



2015 CCISD Livestock Show and Auction winners for the Grand Champion Swine was Clear Brook HS student Madison Rylant (right). Shown with Rylant are, left to right, Colton Powell, Norman Frede, and Joan McKinney of Norman Frede Chevrolet.



2015 CCISD Livestock Show and Auction winner for the Reserve Champion Swine was Clear Brook High School student Shelbi Magnus. Left to right, Magnus is shown with buyer Brett Floyd of Floyd's Seafood and Steakhouse, and his twin sons, Justin and Brandon.

Teen Court in session at PISD's Career and Technical High School

By Reesha J. Brown
Pasadena ISD
Communication Specialist

Court is now in session at the Dr. Kirk Lewis Career and Technical High School. On Wednesday, Feb. 11, the school held its inaugural Teen Court jury trials, the first of its kind in the Pasadena area.

Offered at only 52 schools in Texas, Teen Court provides students involved in the school's law enforcement program with experience acting as jurors, attorneys and judges in a legal environment, handling real-life cases involving their peers.

Students undergo a rigorous selection process to be considered for the program. A committee reviews the students' grades, disciplinary records and interviews them before making a selection.

"There is value in the experience students in this program are gaining," Shawn Mulligan, former attorney and law instructor, said. "This has been a dream of mine for about five years, and I am happy that it has become a reality."

The district has joined forces with Pasadena and Houston municipal courts for this unique experience in

which students handle a range of cases for teens who have received citations for minor offenses.

Teen court works with Judges Lester Rorick and Jose Cantu to prosecute or defend offenders. Students are responsible for determining the sentences of the defendants. Defendants can be sentenced to serve jury duty on one or several cases and/or eight to 40 hours of community service.

"We started talking about this opportunity three months ago after Mulligan presented the idea," Rorick said. "I think this a magnificent program for young people interested in criminal justice."

The law enforcement and Teen Court programs are designed to promote an interest in the criminal justice profession while simultaneously helping juvenile defendants receive the help they need to avoid future offenses. Students receive college-level coursework and are tasked with studying the Texas Rules of Evidence and the state's penal code. In addition, students receive extensive training through their participation in mock trials, tactical practice sessions with simulated ammunition, crime scene investigations and field trips to the Harris County Jail and local municipal courts.

"I feel like this program is preparing us for the future," CTHS senior Tianna Hawthorne said. "We have the chance to learn from volunteer attorneys so when we get out into the real world, we will have seen what it's like to work in a courtroom. I'm very glad this program is in Pasadena, and I'm glad to be a part of it."



Clear Brook HS student Amanda Miller (left), won Best of Show - Horticulture at the 2015 CCISD Livestock Show and Auction. Shown with Miller are, left to right, buyers Shawna Sallee, Anabelle Sallee and Joel Sallee.



Clear Brook HS student Shelbi Magnus won Best of Show - Food Science at the 2015 CCISD Livestock Show and Auction. Her project was purchased by the Engle family.

SJC paralegal graduates highly desirable employees

Nearly 40 percent of paralegals at the Harris County District Attorney's office are graduates of San Jacinto College's paralegal program, which is significant given the esteem and desirability of a DA's office paralegal position.

Ernest Davila, business and professional department chair at the North campus, says the Harris County DA's office is widely regarded as one of the premier paralegal workplaces in the region. "The starting pay for paralegals at the DA's office ranks among the best," Davila commented. "Also, the medical benefits are excellent, and DA paralegals get plenty of court and trial experience, which is a great addition to a resumé. The fact that such a high percentage of the paralegals at the DA's office are San Jacinto College graduates is also significant because there are at least 10 paralegal training programs in the Houston region."

In addition to working at San Jacinto College, Davila is also a practicing attorney, and has had considerable work experience at the DA's office.

Scott Durfee, chief of the DA's office general litigation division, says the DA's office does not give preferential consideration to San Jacinto College students when hiring paralegals. "But the fact is that the San Jacinto College paralegal graduates we have hired are some of the best employees we have at the district attorney's office," Durfee commented. "They are prepared for and enthusiastic about the work we do, and we trust them to be able to handle anything we throw at them. Although each applicant for a paralegal position is evaluated on his or her own merits, we do look favorably upon San Jacinto College graduates because they have developed the skills we need from our paralegals. In short, we like them because they are ready to hit the ground running."

The enthusiasm and work ethic described by Durfee is personified by San Jacinto College graduate Nicole Mercado, who earned a paralegal associate degree from San Jacinto College in 2013 and was hired by the DA's office shortly afterward. "I love what I do at the DA's office, and being a paralegal in criminal law has not only become my career, but also my passion," commented Mercado.

Mercado has long been attracted to law. "I have always been intrigued by law, and a friend of mine who went through the San Jacinto College program recommended it to me," she remarked. "Choosing paralegal and San Jacinto College were the best decisions I've ever made. My favorite part of the job is anything involving trial. It's always a thrill for me to assist however I can when a prosecutor is in trial, particularly in voir dire (the process of selecting a jury)."

Mercado is particularly thankful for the practical, hands-on experience she gained as an intern through San Jacinto College paralegal program. "I interned with a civil litigation firm, and I certainly feel like that practical experience made me a better paralegal," she said.

According to the most recent statistics available from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), the median annual salary of paralegals is \$46,680 (\$22.44 per hour). The BLS predicts that nationwide, the paralegal profession is expected to grow by 18 percent from 2010 to 2020.

Graduates of San Jacinto College's paralegal program generally have no problem finding jobs. During recent years, the job placement rate for paralegal graduates has ranged from 90 to 95 percent.

San Jacinto College offers a two-year paralegal associate degree program at the North campus, as well as distance learning paralegal courses that are available online. The college's paralegal program is one of only a handful in Texas approved by the American Bar Association.

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Leader reflects on first 39 years serving South Belt

In honor of the *Leader's* upcoming 40th anniversary, (Feb. 5, 2016) the paper will run nostalgic photos throughout the year, with these then-and-now pictures being the fourth in the series.

Harris County Flood Control is building a 100-acre storm detention facility where the old Southbend subdivision was once located. The two retention lakes will hold a constant level of water except during heavy rains. It is expected to have islands,

hiking trails and nature exhibits. The joint Harris and Galveston County project will take hundreds of homes out of the 100-year flood plain. For perspective, the holding pond off Blackhawk is 30 acres. The land for the holding pond was thoroughly tested

multiple times and contains no contamination. Shown left are Southbend homes boarded up before the entire subdivision was demolished in the early 1990s. This is a good local example of turning a lemon into lemonade.

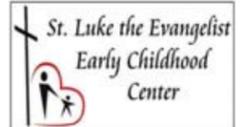
Photo by Marie Flickinger



Meador celebrates Chinese New Year



Pre-K students at Meador Elementary School paraded up and down the halls in celebration of the Chinese New Year. Students from other grade levels came out of their rooms and lined the halls to watch the parade. Many of the pre-K students chose to dress in native costume. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Kathleen Tran, Jenny Lam, Vivian Cai, Kahlan Tran, Carden Huynh, (back row) pre-K aide Shirley Hawley, Jathan Vu, Tina Tran, Jennie Mancuso, Arshia Khan, Cathy Nguyen and pre-K teacher Jennifer Marquez. Photo submitted



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State champs outgun JFD



Fast-paced, get up and down the floor basketball was the theme of the night as Dobie's varsity boys' team tussled with defending state champion North Shore Feb. 24, at Pasadena Memorial in a bidistrict playoff matchup. On this play, Dobie's Royce Hunter (with ball) gets past North Shore's Meke Egbule (22) only to have University of Texas signee Kerwin Roach (23) waiting in transition. The Horns got within single digits late in the fourth quarter before North Shore closed out a 79-57 win. For more, see Page 6B. Photo by John Bechtel

Lady Longhorns slap Manvel

Clearly, the Dobie varsity softball program did not take kindly to missing the playoffs for the first time in school history in 2014. There are those who are paying the price now. This year's squad put its second straight whipping on a 22-6A opponent, run-ruling Manvel 10-1 Feb. 24 in Manvel.

Perhaps the weather has yet to warm up enough for some spring sports teams, but Dobie's bats are sizzling. After outscoring opponents 42-21 in four wins at the Bryan/College Station tournament, the Lady Longhorns wasted little time taking care of Manvel.

Senior Emily Wolfe slammed a 2-run homer in the top of the first inning, which proved to be enough run support for Oiler baseball tops JFD 10-1.

Little went well for the Dobie varsity baseball team Feb. 24 in a frigid 22-6A opener as Pearland ripped the locals 13-1 at Dobie.

Pearland scored two in the second inning and added four more in the fifth as insurance, with Dobie's defense not at its best in the season opener.

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Soccer playoff picture develops

Can the Dobie varsity boys' soccer team keep up its momentum and cap things off with the District 22-6A championship sooner than later? Will the Clear Brook varsity boys' team or the Dobie Lady Longhorns be able to squeeze into the playoff field with late pushes? Those are just two of the questions hanging over a bunch of key games as the high school soccer season enters the final push to the postseason.

JFD boys rolling
 With a 10-point lead heading into a huge game at Veterans Stadium against Pasadena Feb. 27, at 6 p.m., the Dobie varsity boys' team is on a roll. At 13-1 overall, the Longhorns have put together a terrific regular season to this point.

What can get in the way? **Continued on Page 6B**

San Jac hits lull after strong start

Nothing truly has been gained or lost in the big picture, but there has to be a sense of "Where do we go from here?" hovering over the San Jacinto College women's softball team these days. Since opening the season with eight wins in 12 overall games, the Coyotes have gone just 4-7 over their next 11 outings.

San Jacinto split a pair against host McLennan Feb. 20 in Waco and then lost three of five at the Temple College tournament. Thus, after a strong 8-4 run, the locals have experienced a bit of a lull and sit 12-11 overall.

It's simply been hard to put everything together of late. With the exception of 5-1 wins over Labette Community College and Butler College at the Temple tournament, the team's pitching has been inconsistent.

San Jacinto's bats, sizzling to start the season during that early run, have been inconsistent. **Continued on Page 3B**

JFD softball to host tourney games

The Dobie varsity softball team will play six games on its home field as part of the Haynie Softball Invitational, which is technically hosted by Pearland.

The Lady Longhorns, coming off a string of six games at the Bryan/College Station tournament, including four wins, will play two games each day at Dobie beginning Feb. 26 and running through Feb. 28.

Montgomery, Lutheran South and Friendswood, led by former Dobie star Christa Williams, will be in competition at Dobie. Other tournament host sites include Pearland, Dawson and Manvel high schools.

Participating schools include Baytown Sterling, Calhoun, C.E. King, Columbia, Corpus Christi Carroll, Cy-Fair, Dawson, Deer Park, Dobie, Dulles, Flower Mound, George Ranch, Katy, Kingwood, L.D. Bell, Lutheran South, Manvel, Montgomery, Oak Ridge, Pasadena Memorial and Pearland.

Dobie opened the regular season with an impressive 11-5 victory over state-ranked Pearland Feb. 17 and were shut out twice in Bryan. However, the Lady Longhorns won the other four games while outscoring their opponents by a combined 42-21.

The Lady Longhorns lost, 7-0, to state ranked Lucas Lovejoy in the tournament opener Feb. 19, but then bounced back with four straight wins. In a 13-1 victory over Temple, several Dobie players played big roles offensively.

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Haynie Spirit Tournament

Feb. 26 - Dobie vs. Montgomery, 9 a.m.; Dobie vs. Friendswood, 3 p.m.

Feb. 27 - Dobie vs. Columbia, 1 p.m.; Dobie vs. C.C. Carroll, 3 p.m.

Feb. 28 - Dobie vs. C.E. King, 9 a.m.; Dobie vs. George Ranch, 11 a.m.

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Sports news, notes

Diamond Club to meet

The Dobie Diamond Club, the school's official baseball booster organization, will host its monthly meeting Wednesday, March 4, at 7 p.m., in the school's annex near the weight room. Parents of all Longhorn baseball players are encouraged to return, and players are welcome as well. In-season spring plans will be discussed during the meeting. For more information, direct email to dobiediamondclub@gmail.com.

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 Krewes 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 Krewes 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 St. 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, 36 to 59 and 60 and older. Register online at www.tinyurl.com/CRAZYKrewes2015. 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@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 \$90 per player, while it will be \$100 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 \$110 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. 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 spring 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.

PISD Hall of Fame tickets selling

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

State Free Throw Shooting

Windsor takes fourth after winning district

At right, Hayden Windsor made enough free throws to earn the honor of representing the Pearland area in the Elks National Hoop Shoot contest. From there, he won the Gulf Coast district contest in Galveston and later traveled to Dallas for the state competition, placing fourth. Hayden is the son of Dobie High School graduate Jason Windsor and his wife Amanda, who is a mathematics instructor in Pasadena ISD. Hayden's grandparents are longtime Sagemont residents Susan and Paul (Dobie class of 1972) Windsor. His younger brother, Hudson, was also at each of the competitions to cheer him on.



De La Garza takes second in FT match

At right, Emily De La Garza, a member of the South Belt-based Lady Cobras youth basketball team, shows off her hardware after placing second in the City of Pasadena Youth Basketball League's free throw shooting contest.



Lajaunie tennis is April 24-26

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

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

Lajaunie began his tennis playing career at Dobie High School and graduated co-valedictorian in 1984.

The Lajaunie family have been members of BARC since 2009.

Lajaunie lost his battle with melanoma May 3, 2011.

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

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

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

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

All players will receive a tournament T-shirt and goody bag, and enjoy a complimentary Saturday morning breakfast snack.

A complimentary lunch, donated by the Lajaunie family, will also be available for players and spectators.

Lajaunie fund volunteers are still seeking donors as well as silent auction items.

April 24th will serve up the tournament and silent auction with the BARC

scholarship awards dinner at the racquet club.

There will be four camp scholarships and two college scholarships awarded to BARC junior tennis players.

The Dobie recipients will be awarded their scholarships in May at the school.

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

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

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

The silent auction will begin at April 24, at 4 p.m. and conclude April 25, at 4 p.m. Auction items included this year, an autographed bag from former New York Yankees and Houston Astros pitcher Andy Pettitte, an autographed football from former Dallas Cowboy linebacker Dat Nguyen and much more.

Both donations and sponsors are currently being sought. The Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund is a nonprofit corporation, and all donations are tax deductible.

Donations may now be made via the website with a credit card or by check or money order to: Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund, 3106 Mossy Elm Court, Houston, Texas 77059.

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

Meals on Wheels golf headed to Southwyck

The annual Meals on Wheels Golf Tournament is set for March 21, at Southwyck Golf Club in Pearland.

The event will feature a 1:30 p.m. start and include 18 holes of four-player scramble action.

Entry fee is \$85 per player or \$340 per foursome. Hole sponsorships are available for \$100 apiece.

CSBA golf set for April 13

The annual Keep Kids in School Golf Tournament, benefiting Communities in Schools-Bay Area, is coming to Bay Oaks Country Club April 13. Communities in Schools-Bay Area's program keeps students on a

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

All proceeds from the tournament go directly to the purchase and delivery of nutritious meals for the most needy in the community.

For information and registration details, call Jim Higgins at 281-389-7493.

Intermediate track ongoing

The first Pasadena ISD intermediate level track and field meet for boys is set for Thursday, Feb. 26, at Auxiliary Stadium in Pasadena. Start time is

4:30 p.m. The next round of girls' (March 4) and boys' (March 5) have also been set. All meets begin at 4:30 p.m. at Auxiliary.

Clear Brook bowlers stand out, again

At right, the Clear Brook varsity boys' bowling team got a great individual effort from three competitors, including, left to right, Anthony Propeck, D.J. Casas and Vinny Thibodeaux. With 65 total bowlers in the mix, the Brook trio went 1-2-3 in the final individual standings and now are headed to regionals. Propeck averaged 207 this season and went on to win his second consecutive district championship. As a team, the Wolverines were able to claim the Southeast District championship for the first time in school history. Propeck, Casas and Thibodeaux are now headed to individual regional competition.



Clear Brook's varsity boys' bowling team came away with the school's first-ever Southeast District team championship this season with the help of outstanding performances from a number of players. Those team members included, left to

right, (front row) Vinny Thibodeaux, Anthony Propeck, (middle row) Chris Flores, Blake Lewis, Davor Hernandez, D.J. Casas, (back row) Bradley Jackson, Tahj Bell, Danny King, Taylor Love, Dario Vaccaro and Jimmy Nam.



At right, the Clear Brook varsity girls' bowling team is headed to regionals after placing fourth overall as a team at the Southeast District championships. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Kat Delgado, Ida Etemadi, (back row) Andi Ellis, Hallie Dusseau, Kasandra Razo and Ellysa Manriquez. Not pictured are Victoria Sandoval and Danielle Lee.

Brown Relays draw area's top tracksters

Standout junior Justice Henderson again paced her Dobie varsity girls' track and field team at the Brown Relays Feb. 20 at Auxiliary Stadium. Henderson won the long jump for a second straight week and placed second in both the 100- and 200-meter dashes. Henderson was also involved in the Lady Longhorns' 4x200-meter relay team that placed second. The conditions were poor at the meet, with wind speeds affecting each event throughout both sessions. That didn't stop Henderson.

In the field portion of the meet, Henderson was easily the winner of the long jump, reaching 18 feet, 10 3/4 inches for the win. Summer Creek's Justice Edwards, also a junior, was second at 17'8 3/4". Goose Creek Memorial junior Kennedy Hudson went head-to-head with Henderson in the sprints, with Hudson winning twice. Hudson (12.30 seconds) edged Henderson (12.60) at the tape in the 100-meter dash, and Hudson (25.45) also held off Henderson (second at

25.85) in the 200-meter dash. Summer Creek came up big in the relays, winning the 4x100, 4x200 and 4x400-meter events for 60 team points. Dobie also ran well in the 4x100 and 4x200 events. In the 4x200-meter relay, the Lady Longhorns were second to Summer Creek's 1 minute, 43.29 seconds. Rayionna Green, Henderson, Jade Giron and Camille Singleton combined in the 4x200-meter relay event at 1:45.27. Dobie's Arshae Harris, Giron, Green and Nia Herman represented Dobie

in the 4x100-meter relay, which was fourth at 52.87. As for the Dobie boys, there were also several standouts. Chris Washington was third for a bronze medal in the triple jump (41'6"), and Jeremy Davis was fifth in the shot put (43'7"). Davis, a sophomore, also took sixth in the 110-meter hurdles (16.69), and Keion Patterson placed fifth in the discus as his best throw went 116'6". At 20'9 1/2," the Longhorns' Derrick Matthews was seventh in the long jump.

Lady Horn softball wins four at Bryan tourney

Continued from Page 1B ley had three hits and scored three runs, and Marissa Longoria, Deja Gaines and Emily Wolfe had a pair of hits. Whaley, Longoria and Gaines also drove in a pair of runs. Michelle Kristoff pitched the first three innings for the win, and Alyssa Corpus finished off the five-inning game. Moving on to Huntsville, Dobie built an 11-0 lead and went on to win 12-6 as Wolfe smacked a 3-run homer. Jasmine Myers had three runs driven in, and Allison Bravo doubled while driving in three runs. Dobie then scored five

runs in the fifth inning to defeat Clear Falls 9-7. Longoria, Wolfe and Whaley had two hits each, and Longoria led the way with four RBIs. Kristoff threw the first four innings, and Corpus earned the win after working the fifth inning in the circle. Suzy Soza cleared the

bases with a grand slam as Dobie again came from behind to bounce Midland 8-7. Whaley drove in Bravo in the long fourth inning to give the Lady Longhorns the victory. The offensive punch came to an end in Dobie's tournament finale as Mag-

olia West's Krista Jacobs threw a no-hitter, leaving Dobie at 5-2 overall. Then came the big win over Manvel Feb. 24. Not only are the Lady Longhorns 2-0 to start District 22-6A action this season, but they have defeated state-ranked Pearland and also handled Manvel, two

clear playoff hopefuls this season. Those two teams have had their way with Dobie on the softball field in recent years, but not this time around. In its last five wins, Dobie has scored 38 runs and given up just 15. The season is already a bunch of fun at Dobie.

SJC softballers look to rebound after losses

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There's no reason to panic. The Region XIV portion of the schedule has yet to begin. But that time is drawing ever so close, so San Jacinto wants to get back into a winning groove soon.

San Jacinto will next make an appearance at the Region XIV Crossover Tournament in Longview Feb. 27 through March 1. From there, it's on to conference play the rest of the way for San Jacinto.

The team will play two games at Alvin March 4 and two more at Lamar State in Port Arthur March 7, before returning home to Coyote Field for just the second time this season – a March 11 twin bill against rival Blinn.

A season ago, San Jacinto got hot at the right time and put things together nicely, advancing to nationals for the second time in program history.

So Saenz and her players know how to go about getting things done.

It's all about going out and producing the desired results at the proper time of the season.



Bridget Stein has pitched well at times for the San Jacinto College team, but the team has struggled to put all phases of the game together during a 4-7 slide.



With 12 seasons and more than 400 career wins on her resume, San Jacinto College head softball coach Kelly Saenz knows there is plenty of time for her team to get things going again.

LSA baseball's Williams picks ETBU



Lutheran South Academy varsity baseball player Jacob Williams (center) will continue his education and playing career at East Texas Baptist University in Marshall, Texas, after signing a letter of intent with the Tigers. Williams, a first baseman, also chipped in off the mound for the Pioneers over his first three seasons. Those with Williams at the signing included, left to right, LSA varsity baseball head coach Aaron Schneider (standing), Darrin Williams (father), Andrea Tidwell (mother) and Steven Tidwell (stepfather).

Brook, Dobie baseball headed to La Porte

The Clear Brook and Dobie varsity baseball teams will go head-to-head during the three-day David Anzaldua Memorial Baseball Tournament, to be held in La Porte Feb. 26-28.

Games will be played at La Porte, Deer Park and Clear Lake high schools, but neither Brook nor Dobie will be in action at Clear Lake.

On Feb. 26, Brook will play a pair of games in La Porte, while Dobie is at Deer Park's home field.

The following day – Feb. 27 – Dobie shifts to La Porte while Brook plays at Deer Park.

Dobie hosts PISD play
The annual Pasadena ISD tournament will once again feature Dobie as a host site March 5 through March 7.

The Wolverines will host Beaumont West Brook March 5 in a 10 a.m. game, then return to face St. John's at 4 p.m.

On March 6, Dobie takes on Katy Taylor at 1 p.m. March 7 trophy play will be determined.

Brook/CCISD games
Like Dobie, Clear Brook will be a host site for the annual Clear Creek ISD tournament.

Clear Brook track kicks things into high gear

Clear Brook's varsity girls' and boys' track and field teams were in fine form at a pair of events Feb. 20.

The Lady Wolverines were in the mix for the championship at the Oiler Invitational in Pearland, while the Clear Brook boys attended the Brown Relays at Auxiliary Stadium in Pasadena.

Smiths lead CB girls
As has often been the case over the past several seasons, the Smith twins – Raygen and Maygen – were heavily involved as the team competed at the Oiler Relays in Pearland.

Raygen Smith absorbed a rare defeat in the 100-meter hurdles but came back to win at the 300-meter distance later in the meet.

Clear Falls' freshman Briana Garcia edged Smith for the top spot in the 100-meter hurdles, winning at 16.19 seconds, with Smith in at 16.35.

Raygen Smith then delivered a time of 46.45 in the 300-meter hurdles, winning the gold medal.

Falls' junior Rachel Boller placed second at 46.54, with Garcia next at 47.37.

As usual, the Lady Wolverines also came through in a big way in the relays, piling up huge team points along the way.

Brook won the 4x400-meter relay at 4 minutes, 3.22 seconds, easily beating second place Richmond Foster and others.

The Lady Wolverines' foursome included Kalia Hendrix, Chelsea Joseph and Maygen and Raygen Smith.

Fort Bend Bush won the 4x200-meter relay in a time of 1:41.90, with Clear Brook second at 1:42.49.

Pearland was the top team in the 4x100-meter dash (50.58), with Bush second.

Clear Brook's time of 51.30 was third-best as Breanna Byrd, Hendrix, Jamaris Stephen and Maygen Smith represented the Lady Wolverines in both events.

Pearland pole vaulter Raquel Porter won for the second straight week after clearing the 10 foot, 6 inch mark, and Clear Brook's Hannah Schillaci was next, second at 10'0".

In the long jump, Raygen Smith's top leap of 16'7 1/2 was sixth, and Stephen placed 15th overall at 14'8 1/2".

Byrd triple jumped her way to sixth place (34'6") in that event, and shot put specialist Aliyah Phillips-Sanfillippo was 10th (31'0").

Brook boys excel
Junior Brandon Taylor gave the Clear Brook boys' team an early lift at the Brown Relays, winning the 100-meter dash at 10.91.

Bailey Bunde scored a win for the Wolverines in the field events as his high jump of 6'0" on fewest tries was the meet's best.

In the 110-meter hurdles, the Wolverines' Bunde wound up eighth at 16:53 after making his way to the finals.

Freshman Mark Milton came up with a big win in the 200-meter dash, scoring a time of 21.94 for the top spot. And,

Bunde placed eighth in the 300-meter hurdles with a solid effort of 47.53.

In the discus, the Wolverines' Jacob Barksdale finished just out of the medal hunt as his top throw of 122'2" was fourth.

The long jump was fruitful for the Clear Brook boys, as well.

Milton was second in the event at 21'6 3/4", with Barksdale third (21'5 1/2").

The Wolverines' Barksdale won the triple jump easily at 43'7 1/2", while Milton narrowly missed a medal in the same event as he wound up fourth at 41'4 1/2".

Jared Roberson, one of the region's top pole vaulters, won the meet championship after clearing 12'0".

Clear Falls' freshman Briana Garcia edged Smith for the top spot in the 100-meter hurdles, winning at 16.19 seconds, with Smith in at 16.35.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26
7 a.m.
AA Meeting – "Breakfast With Bill" each Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, 2245 N. Main (building next to pawn shop). For information, call 713-856-1611.
4 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society – Free water exercise for individuals with Parkinson's disease, 4 to 5 p.m., Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital Clear Lake, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Call 713-313-1652 or visit www.hapsonline.org for a list of all services.
6:30 p.m.
Kirkwood Civic Association meets at the Sagemont Park and Recreation Center on Hughes Road. For more information call Ericka McCrutchon at 281-989-9990.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Women's Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518) at the First Presbyterian Church in the youth building on the Westminster side. For information, call 713-856-1611.
Al-Anon (English Speaking) – Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, room 215. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
Alateen – Provides support for teenage children, friends and family members of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, room 208. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
8:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous – Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27
7 a.m.
AA Meeting – "Breakfast With Bill" each Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – West End Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, Shepherd of the Heart United Methodist Church, 12005 County Road 39, Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.
6 p.m.
Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish) – Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 6 p.m., room 215, First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
6:30 p.m.
Bay Area Genealogical Society – Meets the last Friday of each month at University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook Drive in Clear Lake. Coffee and socializing is at 6:30 and the meeting begins at 7 p.m. For more information, visit www.TxBayAreaGen.org.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., (Hwy 35), in building next to pawn shop. For more information, call 713-856-1611.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28
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.
9 a.m.
Prayer Breakfast at Peace Lutheran Church – Pasadena Police Chief Mike Thaler discusses the use of prayer in his work and personal life. Enjoy a free breakfast and listen to music and Chief Thaler Feb. 28 at 9 a.m. at Peace Lutheran, 6435 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, south of the intersec-

tion of Fairmont and Space Center.
10 a.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., (Hwy 35), in building next to pawn shop. For more information, call 713-856-1611.
11 a.m.
Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English) – For persons whose lives are affected by an addict. Saturdays, 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
SUNDAY, MARCH 1
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.
5:30 p.m.
Celebrate Recovery – A faith-based 12-Step Program, Sundays, 5:30 p.m., Chapel of the Educational Building at Life Church in Houston, 9900 Almeda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for information or to RSVP for child care.
6:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous – Candlelight Meeting, Sunday, 6:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous NA meets Sundays, 7 p.m., 2245 N. Main St., Pearland (building next to pawn shop). For more information, call 713-856-1611.
8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous – Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.
MONDAY, MARCH 2

9 a.m.
Young Life's Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser – The 11th annual Young Life Brazoria County Golf Tournament will be held March 2 at 9 a.m. (shotgun start) at the Golfcrest Golf Course. For more information, call 281-997-0200 or email leah@brazoria.younglife.org. Sponsorship opportunities are available.
10 a.m.
Al-Anon Deer Park – Monday, 10 to 11 a.m., Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P. St., Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall, back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for information.
11:30 a.m.
Overeaters Anonymous Deer Park – 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for information, or just drop in.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon at 2245 N. Main (building next to pawn shop). For more information, call 713-856-1611.
2 p.m.
Genealogy Group – Parker Williams Genealogy Group meets from 2 to 4 p.m. on first and third Mondays of each month at the Parker Williams Library, Beamer at Scardead. Public is invited. For information, email Liz Hicks at eeroort@usa.net.
3:30 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society – Free exercise and speech therapy from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered. For adults with Parkinson's disease only.
6 p.m.
Scrabble Club #511 – Meets Mondays at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua, 6 p.m. Come and improve crossword game playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for more information.
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MONDAY, MARCH 2
6:30 p.m.
New Directions Singles - Group for ages 55 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner, 6:30 p.m., at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Parkway, Webster. Many activities throughout the month. For more information, call Bambi at 281-795-4514 or Mary at 281-337-2589.

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.

Friends Helping Friends Grief Support Group - Group meets Mondays, Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster, 7 to 8:15 p.m., in the staff meeting room. Anyone who has lost a loved one is welcome. Free. For information, call Betty Bielat at 281-474-3430 or Diana Kawalec at 281-334-1033.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3
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.
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.

11:30 a.m.
Local NARFE Meeting - The National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 1321, meets the first Tuesday of each month in the Clear Lake Community Center, 5001 NASA Parkway. A meal will be available for \$6. For more information, call Bob Mitchell at 281-333-2881.

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Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets weekly, Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Drive, Pearland. Lunch is served for \$15. Variety of interesting speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or visit nax@texascitizensbank.com.

1 p.m.
Trailmixers - Meets the first Tuesday of the month at the Luby's Cafeteria on Fuqua. Former and current employees of J. Frank Dobie High School are welcome for lunch and conversation.

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1:30 p.m.
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - TOPS #1530 meets at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road, at 1:30 p.m. For information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713.

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

6:30 p.m.
Bay Area Quilt Guild - Meets the first Tuesday of each month at Mount Olive Lutheran Church located at 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Fellowship begins at 6:30 p.m. and the general meeting and program begin at 7 p.m. This month is our annual auction which is open to the public. There are great bargains of fabric, quilts, quilt blocks, and quilting notions to auction, and a number of non-sewing items in the auction. Come see what is being auctioned and help with the annual fundraiser! There is a silent auction, grab bags, and a live auction. No charge to attend. For more information, visit <http://www.bayareaquiltguild.org/> or call Debby Benson at 713-248-8757.

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.

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4
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.

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

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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.

Alzheimer's Support Group - The free group meets the first Wednesday of each month in the third floor classrooms 3 and 4 of Bayshore Medical Center, 4000 Spencer Hwy. in Pasadena. For more information, call 713-944-4782 or 713-266-6400.

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

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

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.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.

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

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

6:30 p.m.
Diabetes Support Group - A support group for young adults with Type 1 diabetes. All subjects are open for discussion: new technologies, research advances, fears, phobias, dating and other personal matters. Meets the first Thursday of each month (or the second Thursday if that day is a holiday) at various restaurants in the area. Contact Dan Steiner, CDE, at 713-922-9677 for more information.

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

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

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

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

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

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Dobie's late push not enough against NS

A strong start combined with a furious finish by North Shore proved to be too much for the Dobie varsity boys' basketball team to overcome in the bidistrict playoffs.

In the end, defending Class 5A state champion North Shore advanced to play Clear Creek in the area round after taking down Dobie 79-57 Feb. 24, at Pasadena Memorial High School.

Senior Dustin Turner, who had a game-high 31 points in the game, scored on a drive with 4 minutes, 52 seconds to play.

The basket got the Longhorns within single digits, 64-55, for the first time since the game's opening minutes.

There were those in the Dobie crowd on their feet at that point, but it didn't last.

North Shore's Kerwin Roach, headed for the University of Texas men's basketball program after his career with the Mustangs is over, led a late

surge to ensure the win. Roach hit four of six free throws and drove to the hoop for a layup while Dobie came up empty on four straight possessions.

A rousing dunk from Roach with just over three minutes to play put North Shore up 17 at that point.

The outcome on paper will look like an easy win. Perhaps the North Shore faithful will brag as much, but Dobie pushed back all night long despite being outsize at nearly every position on the floor.

North Shore ran out to a 6-0 lead, forcing an early Longhorns' timeout with just 1:30 gone in the game.

North Shore extended its edge to 28-14 at the end of a period, but Dobie still pushed on.

The Longhorns closed to within 36-26 with two minutes left in the first half before the Mustangs went on a 6-2 run to enter halftime up 42-28.

North Shore appeared to have the game put away in the third before Turner and Tyler Giron (14

points) led the Longhorns back into the mix.

It sure got interesting for a few minutes, but Roach stepped back into the fray and made sure North Shore stayed alive in the hunt for a second straight state crown.

The season is done for Dobie, but it was not without its great moments. Turner developed into one of the most dynamic players in the 22-6A ranks, and others played well. Now, it's a look toward 2015-2016.



Dobie senior guard Justin Turner (1), who had 63 points over two games to close out his career with the Longhorns, came up with 31 against North Shore in the bidistrict playoffs. Dobie, the fourth seed out of District 22-6A, ended its season at 17-17 overall.

Lady Wolverines host softball tourney

Lady Wolverine Field at Clear Brook High School is one of five host sites as the annual Clear Creek ISD Invitational plays out over what could be three chilly days Feb. 26-28.

Brook will open the event by facing Episcopal Thursday, Feb. 26, at 10 a.m. The locals return to

the field at 6 p.m., taking on North Shore.

Moving on to Friday, Feb. 27, Brook hosts South Houston at 10 a.m., then plays Vidor at 4 p.m.

On the final day of the event, Saturday, Feb. 28, Brook is slated to play Danbury at 10 a.m. before completing the tourna-

ment with a 2 p.m. game against Nederland.

There are a host of games also scheduled for Clear Creek, Clear Falls, Clear Lake and Clear Springs high schools.

The 20-team event includes Angleton, Barbers Hill, Brook, Corpus Christi Calallen, Creek, Dick-

inson, Falls, Goose Creek Memorial, Lake, Springs, Danbury, Episcopal, Flour Bluff, Kingwood Park, La Porte, Nederland, Port Neches-Groves, South Houston, Texas City and Vidor.

This will be Clear Brook's first and only tournament appearance.

JFD boys' soccer simply rolling along

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Well, now that grades have been finalized for the period and the key players are still on the field, it's not a question of "what" can stop the Longhorns, but instead "who."

Pasadena, a defending Region III finalist, is next up. And with 21 points (two-plus wins) separating the two teams, the Eagles almost have to defeat Dobie Feb. 27, for themselves and for the rest of the district.

With 21 points and five-games left, Pasadena can achieve a maximum of 15 points the rest of the way for a possible 36. Dobie already has 29. Get the drift?

Dobie head coach Justo Manrique admits to having peeked at the playoff bracket and its possibilities.

The District 21-6A race has become a mess of teams fighting for the four spots. Manrique said it's nearly impossible to detect the Longhorns' first round playoff foe.

He listed Clements as

a second-round possibility, provided Dobie is also there.

For now, Manrique prefers to focus on the here and now.

This Dobie team has figured out how to score goals in a variety of ways and from an assortment of talented players.

Defensively, Manrique said his team has rarely been scored against without the benefit of a foul or penalty.

"The guys just find ways to win," Manrique said. "We haven't really blown anyone out, and most of our wins have come by only one goal."

"But from a talent standpoint, this group is as good as any of the best one or two I've been around."

Dobie girls need wins
The Lady Longhorns stayed in the midst of the 22-6A race with a 5-0 victory Feb. 20 at Manvel. The team had a bye in the schedule Feb. 24.

The biggest issue facing the Lady Longhorns is that the four teams at the top have been stringing to-

gether the wins.

Pearland is still the 22-6A leader with 30 points, while Memorial has made a push of late and has surged into second place with 25 points.

Manvel and Dawson are also ahead of Dobie, both with 24 points.

That leaves Dobie with 18 points and needing flat out wins to catch up in the standings.

Dobie still has games remaining against each of the contenders with the exception of Pearland. That means the Lady Longhorns can control a great deal of their own destiny.

CB boys are fourth
It's a tight race in the 24-6A boys' field, where Clear Falls and Friendswood have jumped to the front.

The Knights have won six of eight league games to this point for 18 points, and Friendswood is right there, 5-2-1 for 16 points.

That has left the rest of the league pushing for the final two playoff spots at present.

Lions' eighth-Light boys' basketball caps stellar season

At right, Thompson's eighth-grade Light division boys' basketball team capped a memorable season, going 14-2 overall (9-0 in district regular season in addition to Pasadena ISD tournament crown). In the district tournament, the Lions beat Bondy in the semifinals, 52-37, and then topped Beverly Hills in the title game, 48-34. David Amaya and Phabion Jobe were the leading scorers for much of the season, and Kris Morris, Lunzell Houston and Deon Brown did the dirty work on the backboards. Houston and Kaleb Monroe were defensive specialists along the way as the Lions forced nearly 20 steals per game. "It was a great year, and these boys were fun to coach," said Lions' coach Robert Boyes. "They were a very businesslike, close-knit group." Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Brown, Jobe, Amaya, Monroe, (back row) Houston, Morris, Julius Wells and Boyes.



Dobie's Escobar chooses St. Thomas women's soccer



Dobie varsity girls' soccer player Mariah Escobar (seated) will continue her education and playing career at St. Thomas University after signing a letter of intent. Those with her at the signing included, left to right, Jorge Escobar (brother) Lauren Escobar (sister) Jessica Arredondo (aunt) Stephanie

Escobar (mother) Cameron Escobar (brother) Jorge Escobar (father). Mariah Escobar also played varsity volleyball at Dobie. She will miss her entire senior soccer season with a knee injury but was previously the Most Valuable Player in District 22-5A.

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Jesus Eguia (22) is just one of several players who have stepped up as a scoring option for the Dobie varsity boys' soccer team, which leads the District 22-6A race by a wide margin with six games remaining.